

Vintage SPIRIT

60 YEARS OF STRADBALLY STEAM

A CELEBRATORY RALLY
IN IRELAND

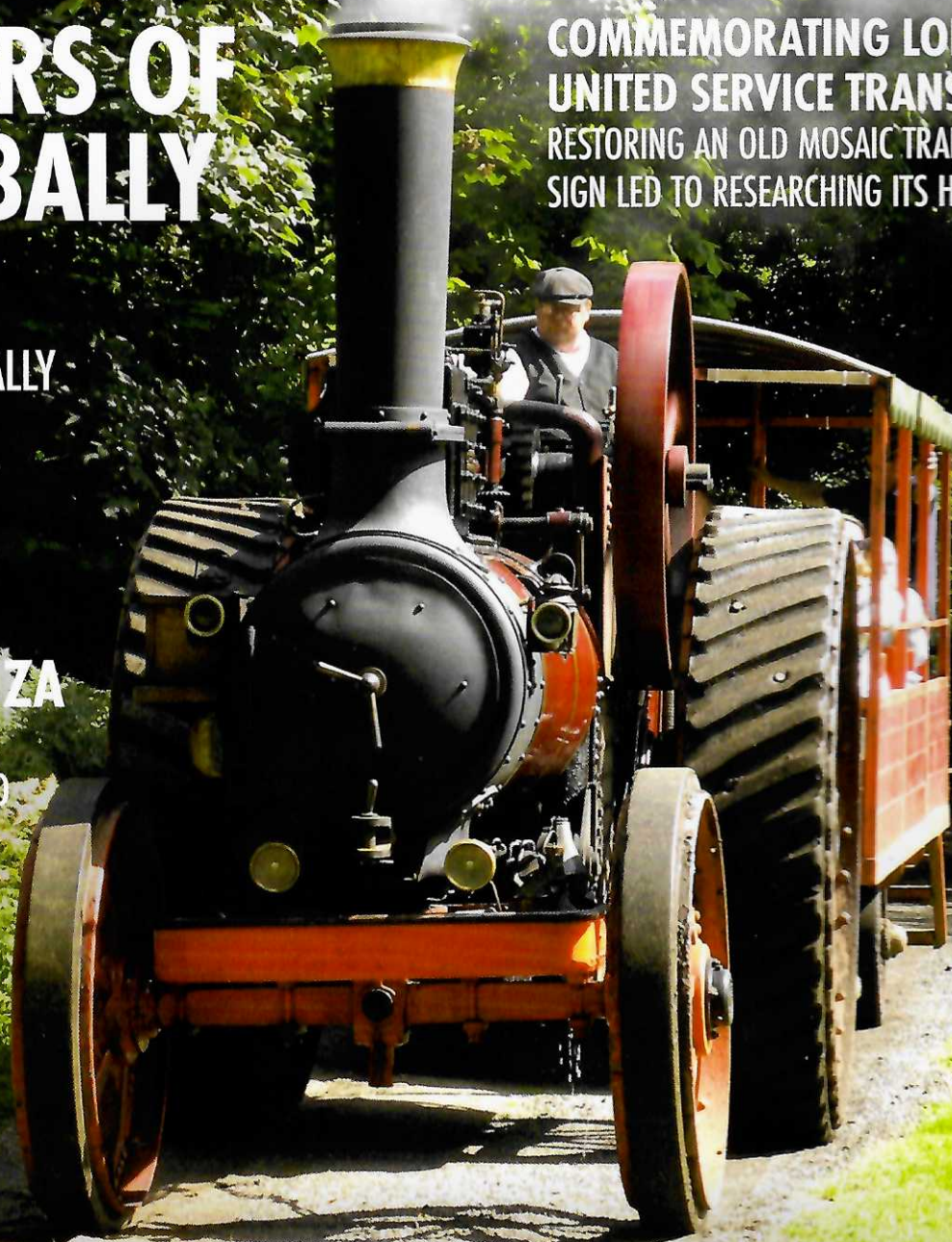
BRIGHT & COLOURFUL EXTRAVAGANZA

HOLLYCOMBE'S GREAT
FAIRGROUND WEEKEND

A DAY WITH THREE JAMESES

WOOD FIRING A
GARRETT TRACTOR

COMMEMORATING LONDON'S
UNITED SERVICE TRANSPORT
RESTORING AN OLD MOSAIC TRANSPORT
SIGN LED TO RESEARCHING ITS HISTORY



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WHAT IS LEFT OF...
ISLE OF WIGHT RAILWAYS PART 1
A RAILWAY ADVENTURE ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

CHEDDLETON
A FLINT MILL WITH ITS
ROOTS IN THE MIDDLE AGES



On 28th July 2024, the Stately Trains Vintage Train in Bolton Abbey Station behind Austerity 0-6-0ST No.68067. The newly out-shopped Great Eastern Railway No.8 is behind the locomotive, followed by Queen Victoria's saloon, Great North of Scotland Railway No.34, Great Eastern Railway No.37, Great Eastern Railway No.14, and bringing up the rear the London & North Western Railway Directors' Saloon No.5318.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The evenings are drawing in and August Bank Holiday will be over by the time you read this and the fascinating Marks & Spencers advert where they grow King cherries on dwarf trees in poly tunnels has ceased which means the cherry trees in South Africa will be in flower soon.

With the cherry blossom comes The Cherry Blossom Festival at Sandstone Estates. This will be on the weekend of 14th to 16th November. Springtime will have arrived and the trees won't be in poly tunnels.

Your admission ticket will allow you to ride on all trains, the oxen carts, vintage vehicles that are given rides but not the vintage 'Classic Flyers' planes that will be visiting. You can fly in them at what I found a very reasonable additional cost.

After a period of six months consolidation, not only within the estate but also in the infrastructure in the area, visitors can look forward to the best environment to date.

Like many places, the estate has spent a lot of money installing a solar power system. It has also built several new coaches for the 2ft gauge railway that weaves its way for many miles around the estate. The railway is used as an integral part of the farm most of its life though diesel locomotives would be used then.



Seb's Railway is a separate complete loop where your train can be hauled by one or more of a big collection of beautiful small locomotives. The machines in the shed behind are just a few of those awaiting restoration.

The so called 'children's railway', which is usually full of adults, Seb's Railway, will probably have received some new coaches by the time you visit and they will take you around a beautiful separate narrow gauge track, allowing you greatly improved views of the wildlife in the park thanks to improvements in the security fencing.

During your visit you will find something going on from the beginning of the day to the end and you are free to move about wherever you choose, remembering of course that moving machinery can be very dangerous so be aware of what is around you at all times.

Don't forget to look inside the building at the vast array of static exhibits. There

are thousands of items to see so be sure you have good walking shoes/boots.

Enquire at the office to see if there are things you didn't know about and don't forget to enjoy the stalls providing food and drinks to enjoy in the sunshine.

You will need all the time available to take in everything on show at The Cherry Blossom Festival so you will sleep well on the flight home, back to winter.

You could of course stay down south for longer! How about a safari? Whatever you do I am sure you will have a great time. For further information contact daver@sandstone.co.za

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