

Inside Motion

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News and information for staff, volunteers and supporters of the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways

Santa specials a sell-out

Santa trains on both railways were a great success again this year, with 18 services running on the Welsh Highland and eight on the FR packed with smiling faces in the run-up to Christmas.

Numbers were swelled by editorial mentions in local and national media, including pieces in The Daily Mail and Hello! Magazine.

Thanks go to all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make this one of the highlights of the year, not just for the railways, but for hundreds of adults and children from across the UK.

Steve Biddick, his partner Jeannine and nine year old Matilda even flew in from Hong Kong to ride on one of the FR specials.



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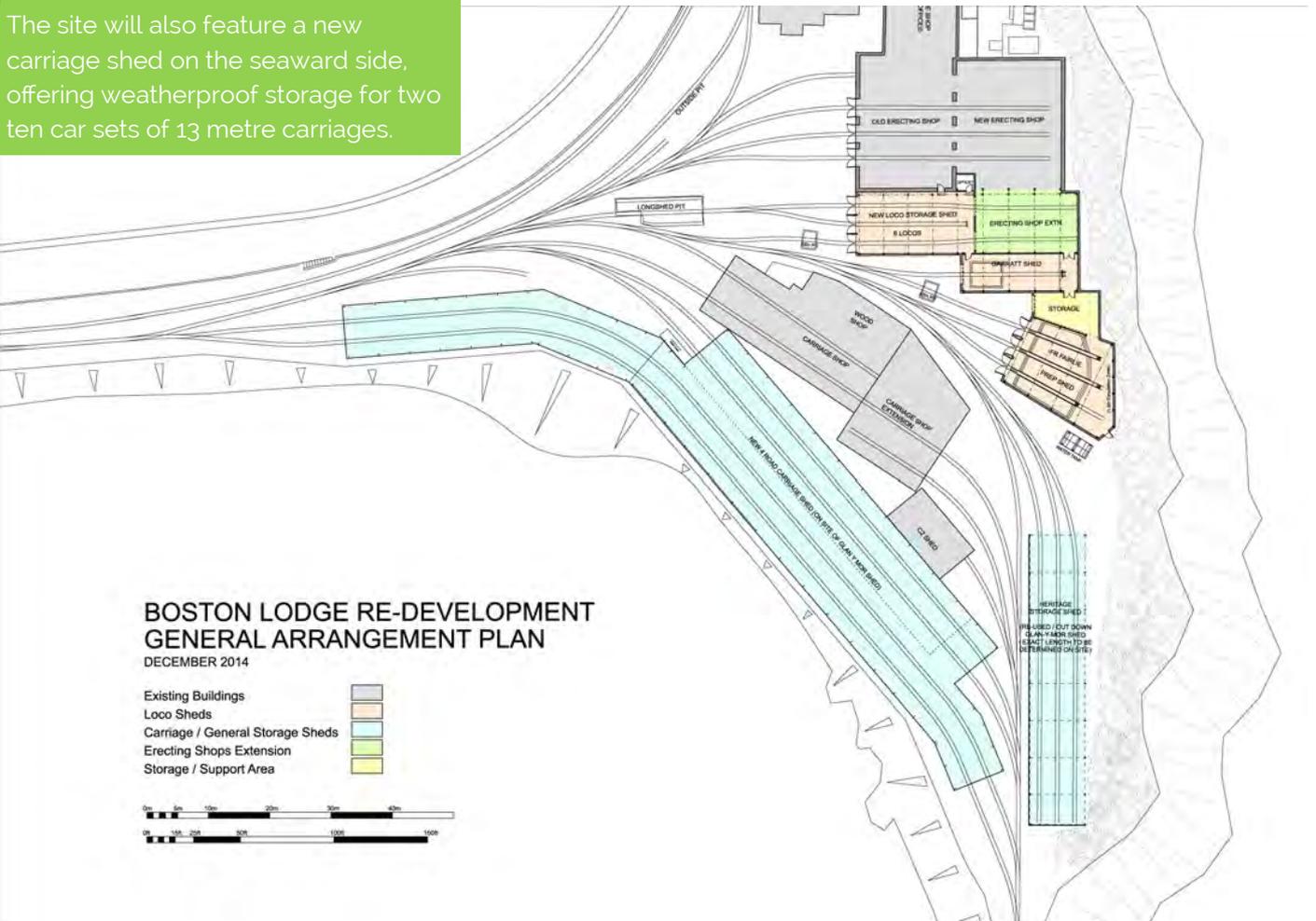
New look for Boston Lodge

Boston Lodge - the oldest operating railway workshop in the world - is set for a major upgrade.

For the first time, it will be possible to store all locomotives - Garratts included - under cover and under cover loco preparation will become the norm.

The site will also feature a new carriage shed on the seaward side, offering weatherproof storage for two ten car sets of 13 metre carriages.

Ralph Blisborough



Hostel news

The lounge of the hostel has gone a bright shade of Magnolia duly applied by John Peduzzi as have the eating areas in Mod 1 and 2. All the walls have been whitewashed and hopefully two two seater sofas have been acquired for the Lounge. They are not new but extremely comfortable and with some throws on them will make the place more comfortable.

The usual winter tidy up is on going ready for January. Please note that January and first week in February we only have Module 4 and 6 open for general use as the Network Rail Apprentices take up Mod 1, 2 and 3 so if you are planning a visit please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Also the weekend of the 14th/15th February due to one of the 'bashes' and ROWG working party week the Hostel is already very nearly full! Again if you are planning to come this weekend please book ASAP but I am afraid we will have a few disappointed people.

Can I take this moment to remind everyone the email address to book accommodation is hostel@fwhr.com.

On a more personal note I will be this year again directing the Criccieth Starlight Players Panto which also involves quite a few FR/WHR staff.



Peter Weston plays Dracula and as usual has painted all the back cloths, Dan May plays the baddy, Dan Evans is the Musical Director, Jo Vincent plays Griselda the bar maid and as usual has a hand in the costumes and helping me light the show. Oliver Bennett is Backstage scaring the curtains into submission.

The show is on the 22nd - 24th January:

Dracula - A panto with teeth.

If you're about, come and 'taste' the fun.

Ben Rosen

New webcams on the way

The first of a new generation of webcams has gone live. The camera faces down the platform from the Tan y Bwlch signal box. Other new cameras will follow early in the New Year. The cameras can be found at www.festrail.co.uk/webcam.htm

