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PRESS RELEASE - LNWR 'COAL TANK' 0-6-2T No. 1054's ANNIVERSARY

The LNWR 'Coal Tank' celebrates its 125th Anniversary in September 2013 having emerged from Crewe Works in September 1888 as the 250th example of a class which eventually totalled 300.

2013 also marks the 50th year in which it has been in the possession of the National Trust as the very first standard gauge steam loco to be saved for preservation as a result of a public appeal and also the 40th year in which it has been in the care of the Bahamas Locomotive Society (BLS)

2013 Events to celebrate 'Coal Tank 125' (CT125)

14/15 September – Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway

1054 returns to its old LNWR South Wales haunts for the first time since 1958 in September to participate in the Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway's Gala. It is hoped that it will be on display in Abergavenny for a short time during its road journey to there

20/21 September – Locomotion, the National Railway Museum at Shildon

The following weekend 1054 makes a first visit to the North East when it will be in operation at Shildon's 9th Annual Steam Gala.

19/20 October – Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

CT125 rounds off in style on the KWVR on 19/20 October when the engine will be hauling a series of special trains with vintage stock.

Arrangements are being made for the BLS to be presented with the Institute of Mechanical Engineer's prestigious Engineering Heritage Award. This award was established to celebrate excellence in mechanical engineering and increase public awareness of the engineering profession both past and present.

The BLS is anxious to hear from all surviving donors to Max Dunn's original appeal - there were 318 in total – in order that they can be invited to join in the celebrations on 19 October. Please contact John Hillier for further information – jrh@johnhillier.co.uk or 01572 747706.

Discounted tickets will be available on CT125 trains and passengers will be able to travel in the L&Y 'Club Car' on selected trains hosted by Peter Skellon, BLS Archivist and author of "Bashers, Gadgets and Mourners", the Award winning book recounting the Life and Times of the LNWR Coal Tanks.

Full details of all these events can be found on the BLS web site, www.bahamas45596.co.uk.

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