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The Bahamas Locomotive Society is pleased to announce that the contract for 45596 "Bahamas" to be overhauled at Tyseley Locomotive Works was signed on Thursday 31 October. It is anticipated that the 'Jubilee' 4-6-0, the overhaul for which has attracted Heritage Lottery Fund support, will reach TLW by the end of November.

The HLF Grant of £776k also includes the restoration of LMS Riding Van 8761 and its external restoration – at Shildon by Rail Restorations North East Ltd. - is well advanced. Once it has been returned to Ingrow BLS members will convert it to an Exhibition and Learning Centre.

The return of the coach to Ingrow will enable the BLS to recruit the HLF-funded Audience Development Co-ordinator. This role is also being supported by both the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway and the Vintage Carriages Trust. Details of the job, for which applications are invited by 27 December 2013, can be found on www.bahamas45596.co.uk or from jrh@johnhillier.co.uk.

The CT125 weekend held on 19/20 October to celebrate LNWR 0-6-2T No. 1054's 125th Anniversary was deemed to be very successful. Amongst many distinguished guests were BLS Patrons Sir Bill and Lady McAlpine, leading figures from the NRM, the National Trust and the HLF, Andrew Dow (representing the SLS), Roger Bell (ex Railway Preservation Society and ARPS) plus the LNWR Society, and original donors to the engine's Appeal Fund in 1960. During the event Professor Isobel Pollock presented the Institution of Mechanical Engineers 'Engineering Heritage Award' to the locomotive.

Amongst many comments received after the event, Steve Davies MBE, ex Director of the NRM, wrote as follows:- *"Of all the preservation groups on the scene I think it fair to say that the Bahamas Locomotive Society punches most above its weight. The 'Coal Tank' is a spectacular job and the Lottery Grant to restore 45596 was a sparkling achievement. The BLS is like a 'Tardis'. Looks small on the outside but huge once you step inside!!!"*

As the BLS enters another very exciting phase we look forward to welcoming new members to 'enter the Tardis'! Membership details can be found on the BLS website.

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