

A Victorian Day at Colne Valley Railway - Oct 2008



Dressed for the part Class 3 entered the world of the Victorians. And it started with the not unfamiliar activity of shopping! The marquee was full of stalls selling foods, sweets, trinkets ... and conkers! Everyone, including the boys, managed to fill their bags with lots of interesting things.



The Victorians might have wondered at The Fat Controller and his men but Class 3 had some fun! Then it was on to see some strange hospital equipment such as inhalers, bedpans and splints!



Some very well dressed ladies allowed Class 3 into a room where they could admire beautiful hats and dresses and try on some jewellery and fur shawls and muffs. There was time to do some ironing and rug beating and the boys had a turn at pouring the tea!





Then it was time to catch the royal train and meet Queen Victoria herself! The steam train pulls in while Class 3 watch from the footbridge. Once on the train everyone had to remember not to speak unless spoken to! So it was very quiet until the bagpipes started playing and the train started to move off! The seats were like armchairs and very comfortable!



Great excitement when Queen Victoria and her entourage passed down the train and stopped to speak. One of them was carrying a stick (called a teacher's friend!) behind his back.



There was the opportunity to see the postal train and help with sorting some of the post.





Now it's time for school! And again everyone must be silent and boys must remove their caps. The lesson takes place in one of the railway carriages.



Time to make some noise at The Old Tyme Music Hall. Lots of old songs to sing with other school groups and then Mrs Larner leads Class 3 in a couple of songs. A time to dance and then a time to laugh with the help of Punch and Judy!





Goodbye Colne Valley and thanks for a great Victorian day!