



Our photo this month shows No. 61662 ‘ Manchester United’ on up express passing Stratford Station in east London on 14th March 1958. Although in grimy condition typical of the period, the loco appears to be running well with no visible steam leaks. However, there is an ominous ‘BR Modernisation’ sign in the background and by Christmas 1959 No. 61662 would be out of service. We now have the opportunity to make amends for this misdemeanour and with your help this fine loco will be rebuilt for all to enjoy.

Our appeal for funds to purchase the LNER Group Standard Tender at Doncaster has been featured in the railway press this month and several additional donations and promises of support have been received. Time is running out though and we need to complete the purchase of the tender by the end of January. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are able to make a contribution to this appeal. All donations, however small will be greatly appreciated and should be made payable to Engine 61662 Appeal and sent to the address at the end of this Newsletter.



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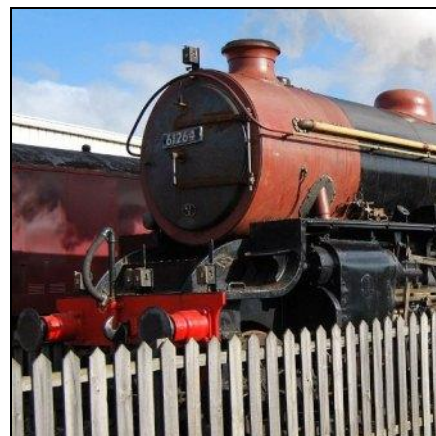


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Eagle eyed readers last month may have noticed that the smokebox and dome cover of B1 No. 61264 (in our front page photo) carried fresh coats of red oxide primer. This is because both items had been replaced during the locomotive’s heavy overhaul. Although deemed unsuitable for further main line use, both items are still in a very presentable condition and both have been acquired by one of our very enthusiastic members for display purposes. With this gentleman’s kind permission, they will make excellent patterns for us when we manufacture the new smokebox and dome cover for No. 61662.