



No. 61662 near Colchester in September

(Photo courtesy Rail Archive Stephenson)

Last month's newsletter announcing our plans to rebuild the LNER 'Manchester United' steam locomotive has generated a huge wave of interest in the project and more than 4,000 hits have been recorded on our 61662 website. We have been very fortunate in gaining the support of Rail Archive Stephenson who have given us access to a good number of excellent quality photographs of the locomotive in service - including the evocative picture above showing No. 61662 near Colchester on a Clacton to Liverpool Street express in September 1958. Earlier that very summer, I was lucky to 'cab' the original No. 61662 at Colchester shed whilst on a school cycling holiday to the Youth Hostel at Maldon !

One or two small surviving parts of the loco have come to light making our project technically a re-build rather than a new-build ... so if you are aware of the existence of anything further from No. 61662 please let us know as soon as possible. We will be featuring progress to date in next month's Newsletter but in the meantime, please support the project with a small donation if you can. Please make cheques or orders payable to Engine 61662 Appeal and send them to : **Engine 61662 Appeal, PO Box 185, Audenshaw, Manchester, M34 0BE**. The website is available to view at : www.engine61662appeal.co.uk