

61662 NEWS UPDATE No. 9 – SEPTEMBER 2012



Despite taking almost 3 weeks off for the sponsored bike ride, the volunteer team working at the Mizens Railway have made some good progress on the ‘Manchester United’ rebuild. Re-construction of the replica cab is now at an advanced stage with the roof back in place and our original set of LNER window frames have been professionally re-glazed ready for fitting. Perhaps the most significant news this month though, is our latest acquisition, an original smokebox door from a similar, B1 Class locomotive. Now fitted with a replacement 61662 smokebox number and an original 30A shedcode, it looks just the part and will give us a good sense of identity as work continues. The project also has an (almost !) insatiable appetite for funding to buy additional parts, drawings and patterns etc etc so if you are not able to come along to the Mizens, please consider making a small donation to help us move forward.

Last month’s feature on the various names carried by the LNER ‘Footballer’ Class locomotives resulted in a fair number of questions about which clubs had an engine named after them – and which ones didn’t. We’ve put together the list below which hopefully shows all 25 clubs that were included in the LNER naming programme. There are probably a few surprises but you need to keep in mind that the names were intended to honour the top English Association Football clubs of the 1930’s in the LNER’s area of operations. Both the Newcastle United and the Manchester City locomotives were re-named to non-footballer types in LNER days and neither of the names came to be perpetuated in the British Railways steam era which ran from 1948 to 1968. Quite interestingly, in 1937, approval was given by the LNER Board for the construction of six additional engines for the Scottish area. In the event, they were never actually built but they would have almost certainly carried the names of Scottish Football Clubs !

LOCOMOTIVE NAME	LNDR NUMBER	BR NUMBER	LOCOMOTIVE NAME	LNDR NUMBER (s)	BR NUMBER
ARSENAL	2848	61648	LIVERPOOL	2864	61664
BARNESLEY	2869	61669	MANCHESTER CITY	2870 & 2871	NONE
BRADFORD	2867	61667	MANCHESTER UNITED	2862	61662
BRADFORD CITY	2868	61668	MIDDLESBOROUGH	2855	61655
DARLINGTON	2852	61652	NEWCASTLE UNITED	2858	NONE
DERBY COUNTY	2851	61651	NORWICH CITY	2859 & 2839	61639
DONCASTER ROVERS	2857	61657	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	2866	61666
EVERTON	2863	61663	SHEFFIELD UNITED	2849	61649
GRIMSBY TOWN	2850	61650	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	2861	61661
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	2853	61653	SUNDERLAND	2854	61654
HULL CITY	2860	61660	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	2870 & 2830	61630
LEEDS UNITED	2856	61656	WEST HAM UNITED	2872	61672
LEICESTER CITY	2865	61665			