

61662 NEWS UPDATE No. 14 – FEBRUARY 2013



TENDER ACQUIRED FOR No. 61662

We are delighted to say that, thanks to the very generous contributions made by our Members and friends, the funds have been raised to purchase an original LNER Tender for our 'Manchester United locomotive. A meeting was held at Doncaster on Friday 8th February when we put down a 25% deposit on the tender with the balance of the purchase price to be paid when it is collected. Apologies for the poor quality of the above photo but the weather on the day was pretty bad. It does however provide a much clearer view than before and shows that much of the scrap and debris has now been cleared away in readiness for the planned move.

Arrangements are being made with Andrew Goodman of Moveright International to pick up the tender and take it to their yard in the Midlands to be re-assembled with its wheelsets. It will then be delivered to us at the Mizens Railway in March. When the tender is united with the B17 cab unit already at the Mizens it will provide our supporters with an excellent visual demonstration of the good progress being made with our 'Engine 61662 Appeal' new build project.

Although the purchase price is now in the bank, we still urgently need funds to cover movement costs for the tender from Doncaster to the Mizens Railway. The move will definitely take place but at the moment we are relying on the generosity of one of our Members who has underwritten the cost with an interest free loan. This does need to be repaid and of course we will need additional funds for restoration work. Thanks once again to everyone who has contributed for their overwhelming support. Please keep those donations coming in as the tender is now well within our grasp and every penny will count towards a successful outcome.