

I'm delighted to say that the East Lancs Railway have very kindly agreed to let us take our 61662 Appeal Publicity Stand to their Bury Bolton Street Station on Wednesday 14th August. Any offers of assistance to help to distribute leaflets etc would be gratefully received or please feel free to just come along and say hello. We are expecting to be on Platform 3 or 4 and look forward to meeting Members and visitors alike.



We have recently been very fortunate to obtain one of the brand new Hornby Railways 'Limited Edition' 00 Gauge Models of LNER B17 4-6-0 No. 61662 'Manchester United' in British Railways Brunswick Green livery with weathered finish. This superb model has been produced by Hornby using new tooling and is currently only available via the Hornby Magazine where it retails for £127-99p. The model is fitted with an 8-pin DCC decoder socket in the tender and provision has been made for those wishing to install DCC sound. It comes complete with a signed and numbered 'Certificate of Authentication' from Hornby.

We're pleased to say that everyone who makes a donation of £10 or more towards our Engine 61662 Appeal this summer will be entered into a draw to win this superb model which would grace any enthusiast's collection. All existing 61662 Shareholders will also be entered for the draw. Funds are urgently needed to repay road haulage costs for the tender and to move the restoration forward so please support us if you can.



A start has been made on applying some protective paint to the front of the Tender and the inside of the cab and this was the result of our efforts on 18th July. We are scraping and sanding by hand at the moment but sandblasting will take place as soon as sufficient funds are available. Once the cab windows are back in place we will be able to display some photos of No. 61662 in service, in the meantime we have mounted some replica items to ensure that visitors know which locomotive we are planning to build ..