



‘61662 Appeal’ Webmaster Dave Fox proudly shows off our latest acquisition, a full size solid brass ‘Manchester United’ nameplate, complete with football and club colours on the splasher, which we were fortunate to obtain from Solent Railwayana during February. This made up in part for a disappointment we suffered earlier in the month when Moveright International visited the yard at Doncaster but returned to base without collecting any of our parts or equipment. A quote has been obtained from a local crane hire company to lift the tender and we are now awaiting a new date for the move. The hire of a crane was not included in our original estimate and if this proves necessary I’m afraid it will make a serious dent in our movement budget so further donations towards the cost of the move would be greatly welcomed.

In the meantime, work continues on preparing new track for the Tender at the Mizens Railway and as seen below, engineer Ian Rough has been busy with his mini JCB. We are setting up the rails in a quiet corner at the Mizens so restoration work on the Tender can take place without interfering with the normal operation of the Railway. All track parts are now in hand (including genuine LNER rail chairs) and we should be able to complete the work in the next few weeks. Volunteers are always needed to help so if you can get to Woking and are free on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, please give Ken a call on 01189 864 706.



Other 61662 news this month is that Dave has updated the website to include a News Section and has added an interview with yours truly that took place at Old Trafford during last year’s sponsored bike ride. We have now received more than 8,500 hits on the site and Dave is preparing some statistics to show where the interest is coming from. His initial investigations show that we have had visitors from more than 35 different countries so far – quite probably a reflection of Manchester United FC’s worldwide fan base ! If you’d like to check out progress on the website, please go to www.engine61662appeal.co.uk