



Many thanks to all those who have responded to our call and donated books and other items for our Sales Stand at the forthcoming West Somerset Gala, our first day there has been confirmed as Friday 28th March with other dates to be arranged if sufficient volunteers come forward. We have been given a good site on the platform at Minehead station so if you are in the area and free on the day, why not come along to say hello.

We've had some good publicity via our facebook page recently and this has attracted almost 500 followers at the time of writing. If you're able to access facebook but have not yet 'liked' our page, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/Engine61662ManchesterUnited> and put a tick in the box, it will boost our following and help to encourage our team. We've also started to receive donations via facebook and you will see a new box on the page for this purpose.

Donations in general have been a bit slow to recover from the Christmas period and whilst we are keeping up with repayments for the Tender's crane hire and transport costs, it makes it more difficult for us to move forward without a little cash in hand. If you've thought about joining us, buying a Share or two in No. 61662 or making a small donation, please contact us asap as every penny helps.

Work goes on in the background of course and we have been identifying and obtaining the various drawings we will need to construct the new locomotive. Many of these are held at the National Railway Museum and others in the NBL Archives at the University of Glasgow. Even drawings cost money of course so please support us if you can. Our webmaster, Dave Fox has been busy keeping our 61662 website up to date and we are rapidly approaching 15,000 'hits' so there is plenty of ongoing interest in our project around the globe. Please visit us at : <http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk> for the latest news and information.

This month's photograph is from the Rail Archive Stephenson collection and shows No 61662 'Manchester United' passing Nottingham Arkwright Street station with a Nottingham Victoria to Leicester Central train in the early 1950's. An evocative sight and we would love to re-create something similar one day !