



A 'new' photograph of No. 61662 'Manchester United' has come to light courtesy of Rail Photoprints. It was taken by Chris Davies at Colchester shed in February 1959 and shows the loco in stored condition at the back of the shed. We know that No 61662 was not actually withdrawn from service until December 1959 so hopefully it still had one last working summer ahead of it. The photo does show that the tender still carries the old style 'Lion & Wheel' BR crest which brings us neatly to last month's vote. Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to send in a vote on this issue, very appropriately the result was overwhelmingly in favour of the old style crest. We are almost at our target for the lining but some funds are still needed so we can bring in Gerald Whittaker & Co to complete the lining out and fit the crest.

On the practical front, our weekly work party had a minor set-back during the first week of August when we discovered that some uninvited visitors had been up in the cab at the weekend and worst of all, had opened the coal doors to get through to the coal space. We were concerned that our security was compromised as many of our spares were stored in the tender so some time and effort had to be spent putting in a temporary wooden bulkhead to prevent further access. We will need to construct a more permanent fixture as soon as possible.

The Mizens Railway has always provided a very secure home for our project but following the incident we felt that we needed to clearly identify which areas the public should not enter for their own safety. New warning signs have been fitted to the cab and some temporary fencing has been put in place around our working area to prevent uninvited access. Our stored parts have been securely sheeted over to protect them from the elements and hopefully we can now get back to some restoration work without further ado.



By the way, Rail Photoprints have amassed a wonderful selection of locomotive and railway views on their website at <http://railphotoprints.zenfolio.com> – it's well worth checking out if you have a spare moment.