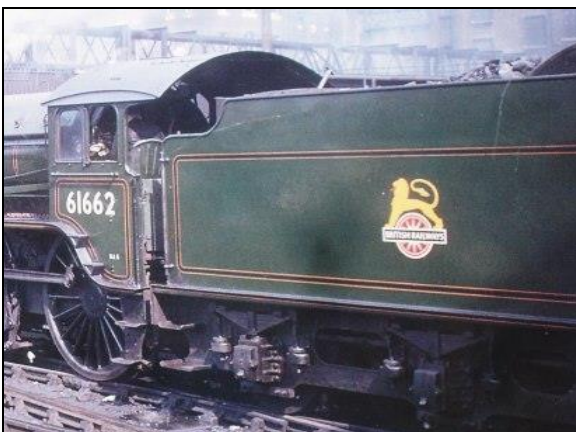




Continued good progress has been made with the rear of No. 61662's Tender including restoring the buffer beam, tender footplating and coupling hook. A temporary worksplate from an LNER B1 has been fitted - this looks the part and will suffice until a replacement No. 61662 plate can be made. We have obtained a quote from a professional company to line out the Tender and cab in BR orange & black and this amounts to £439 plus vat. The lining will greatly enhance the appearance of the tender and will help us to attract new members to move the project forward so if you can help with a small donation it will be greatly appreciated.



And now a question for you all ! Once the tender has been lined out we are going to fit a British Railways steam locomotive Crest to complete the job. The 'Footballers' carried both the old crest (left photo) and the new one (right photo) at various stages of their BR service careers but which design do you prefer ? If you would like to vote on this, please let me know by email to engine61662@btinternet.com or by text or phone to 07990 575 103. We will be very interested to know everyone's opinion on this but please note that only NBLPG members and 61662 Shareholders votes will be counted towards the final decision.