



Following last month's 'new' photograph of No. 61662, Mike Morant has very kindly sent in another superb photo of the locomotive from his own collection of original negatives. This shows 'Manchester United' running as LNER No. 2862 on a down local passenger train near Hatfield in 1938. The loco was only just over a year old at this time as it was rolled out of the Works for the first time in January 1937.

Not a great deal of practical work has been carried out on the tender this month due to my 'holiday' in the Pyrenees but our fund raisers and researchers have continued with the task in hand. We are very pleased to say that the full cost of lining-out the cab and tender and applying the British Railways Crest has now been raised. We have asked Gerald Whittaker to carry out the work and a start will be made asap.

In the meantime, Malcolm Peakman has investigated No 61662's BR overhaul dates and made an interesting discovery. 'Manchester United' ran with tender No 2862 from new until it was overhauled at Gorton in May 1951. After the overhaul it emerged from Gorton Works coupled to LNER Group Standard Tender No 2867 – which had previously run with locomotive No 61667 'Bradford'. No 61662 then retained this tender.

For the record, No 61662's overhaul dates during the British Railways era were as follows :

Darlington – Casual Heavy Repair 11th July 1949 until 22nd Sept 1949 (Painted BR Green)

Gorton – General Repair 2nd May 1951 until 30th June 1951 (Tender swap with 61667)

Doncaster – General Repair 6th November 1956 until 11th December 1956 (last overhaul)



Finally this month, NBLPG Member Peter Wood has very kindly offered to make us a replica No 2862 tender plate. A copy of the original LNER drawing has been sourced and a similar tender plate has been borrowed from another member so Peter can make the replica plate as authentic as possible.