

61662 APPEAL



(photos KL Collection / Mizens Rly)



Poor weather has prevented us from doing much outside work on No 61662 recently but our resident engineer, Ian Rough has been busy in the workshop making us a superb set of smokebox door straps and hinges. These have now been trial fitted and, as seen above, really look the business ! A 30E Colchester shed plate was added for the occasion as this was the original ‘Manchester United’ locomotive’s last working depot before being transferred to Stratford for withdrawal. We are looking forward to fitting the smokebox door to the smokebox as soon as the new ring can be made.

In the meantime, our hosts the Mizens Railway have seen plenty of activity on the run up to Christmas with the commencement of their Santa Special trains. This year they are being run on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. On 9<sup>th</sup> November the Mizens achieved a wonderful publicity coup by appearing on ITV’s ‘This Morning’ breakfast programme. Gerald Dare, Glenn Sizmur and Stationmaster Nigel Ridgeon are pictured above in the studio with programme hosts Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby. The resultant Instagram clip generated more than 40,000 views and can be seen at : <https://www.instagram.com/p/BMlogTsg2RL>