

ENGINE 61662 APPEAL



(Main photo www.colourrail.com)



Practical work since Christmas has concentrated on cleaning up the smokebox door ready for fitting new hinge straps, handles and re-painting. Our short term aim is to acquire a buffer beam and a smokebox and then we can re-create the front end of the locomotive as seen in the photo above. Thanks to our visit to the scrapyards at Doncaster we already have a set of LNER buffers and a set of British Railways Eastern Region locomotive headlamps were subsequently acquired at Auction. Donations towards the new smokebox would be greatly appreciated.

Our big news this month is that new Member Sean Margerison has very kindly set up a Twitter Account for us to take the project into the 21st Century. Hopefully Twitter will enable us to connect with greater numbers of people and help to increase our membership. Sean has excellent credentials for the job being a life-long Manchester United fan and a volunteer at the East Anglian Railway Museum at Chappel & Wakes Colne Station. (the smokebox door currently carries a 30E Colchester shedplate by the way) Sean's grandfather worked in the BR offices at Liverpool Street Station and would have seen No 61662 in action on the GE line many times during his career.

The new Twitter Account can be found at <https://twitter.com/Engine61662> please follow the page to keep abreast of all the latest news. If you have football or steam related items or photos that Sean may be able to use on the page, please email them to him at sean.margerison@hotmail.co.uk

Last but not least, we have acquired more than 100 Railway Books covering a wide range of topics and these are to be sold off at Bargain Prices to help the Appeal. Some prices are starting as low as £1 plus postage. The list is too long to include in our Newsletter but if you would like some interesting reading, please email Ken at ken.livermore@btinternet.com or send an s.a.e. to Engine 61662 Appeal, 4 Porchfield Close, Earley, Reading, Berks, RG6 5YZ Thank you.