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ENGINE 61662 APPEAL

(photos KL Collection)



The new buffer beam for No 61662 is now safely on site at the Mizens Railway and work is already in hand to assemble the buffers and get it painted ready for display. The beam is 8 feet 7 inches long by 18 inches deep and has been cut from 1 inch thick steel. As you can imagine it is pretty heavy and Nathan and Glenn did well to move it by hand !

NBL Member Ian Rough is seen below reaming out eight 1 inch holes to take the bolts for the buffers and once this work has been completed we can mount the unit on the second plinth that we have built at the opposite end of the track from the cab and tender. Fund raising for the set of main frames that will fill in the void between the two sections is ongoing and all donations towards these will be very gratefully received.



In other news, we are delighted to announce that Peter Wood of Edinburgh has won our Auction for the Wayne Rooney shirt and the signed Manchester United football. Interest in the Auction was high and Peter's winning bids for the two items were £160 and £60 respectively. Even better from our point of view was that on learning of his win, Peter very generously upped his bids to total £250. Thank you all for your interest in this and thanks especially to Manchester United FC for very kindly donating the prizes.

On the Social Media front, our Facebook Page continues to attract more 'Likes' and the Engine 61662 Twitter Account, set up for us recently by Sean Margerison is making good headway. More than 100 'Followers' have now signed up and if you would like to access the page it can be found at : <https://twitter.com/Engine61662>