

## 61662 APPEAL



(photos KL Collection)

We hadn't intended to fit No 61662's new smokebox to the saddle just yet as there is still a considerable amount of drilling and cutting required but when the chance to 'borrow' a heavy duty forklift free of charge came up it was too good an opportunity to miss. Thanks to our friends at the nearby Knaphill Nursey Centre we have been able to trial fit the smokebox which has made the front of the loco look much more visitor friendly whilst some of the smaller but less visible tasks as carried out.



After the lift, a number of bolts were fitted to make to the structure secure and further work will take place on the smokebox as the weather allows. Other jobs completed this month include putting together a wooden former which will be used to make a pattern for the smokebox ring and drawing up detailed plans for the smokebox door straps and hinges.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November we were visited by a reporter from the Woking News & Mail who fortunately turned out to be a former railwayman. He took a great interest in our project and his article appeared in the paper the following week. This provided us with a good bit of free publicity and can be read at :

<http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/railway-enthusiasts-steam-ahead-rebuilding-8938771>

A big thanks to everyone who made donations this month, we know this is not always easy on the run up to Christmas but every penny received is very much appreciated and all will be spent on the locomotive. If you would like to help, please visit <http://www.engine61662appeal.co.uk/help.html> Thank You.