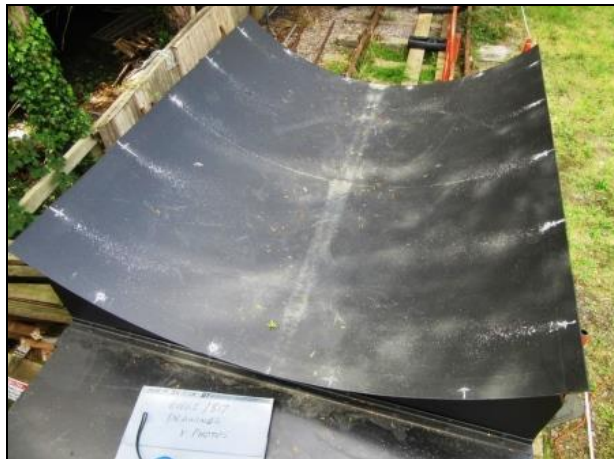




61662 APPEAL

(photos KL Collection)

The delivery date for No 61662's new smokebox has been provisionally set for 28th September and a good deal of effort has gone into drilling and preparing the footplating and the saddle in the past few weeks. This has given the footplate parts much greater strength and now that the dummy front end frames have been painted and fitted into place, the whole assembly is starting to look like the front end of a 'Footballer'.



Once the smokebox arrives we will need to primer it inside and out and make a start on drilling the dozens of rivet holes that will be required. A colleague of mine who is working on the new Standard Class 3 Tank at Bridgnorth told me that he'd drilled out 92 holes in No 82045's smokebox last week – we'll have a similar number to drill on No 61662's but we look forward to having that problem !