

# THE WARRIOR

The Newsletter of the LMS-Patriot Project

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## Welcome to the Patriot Project Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter from the LMS-Patriot Project. Our aim is keep you up-to-date with the LMS-Patriot Project - the first LMS new build steam locomotive. As you can imagine there's lots going on behind the scenes. 'The Warrior' will be produced quarterly, to provide a report on our progress and what's going on in the months ahead.

We welcome contributions in the form of articles, anecdotes, and photographs. If you have anything you would like to share with the Project and other members, please send these in.

*Andrew Laws, Editor*

## Patriot Frame Plates Ordered

*By David Bradshaw, Chairman*

I'm pleased to announce that the frame plates for 45551 'THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR' have now been ordered, signifying the start of the Project's construction phase, and the existence of the first new 4-6-0 steam locomotive to be built in the UK since the 1950s.

The Patriot frames were over 38 feet in length and were made of one and one sixteenth inch wide steel plate. After reviewing the materials used for Class 5's and Jubilees which ranged from one inch to an inch and an eighth we have opted to play safe and go for the latter (the metric equivalent of which is 28mm) which was used on the last class 5's and some of the BR Standard designs. Over specifying will ensure that no objections are raised by the VAB when it comes to certifying the loco as fit for main line running. It does mean that any components such as the drag box, frame stretchers etc will have to be made fractionally



*Watercolour by Jonathan Clay.*

narrower to fit between the frames. We have identified the appropriate grade of steel required and this will form part of the overall specification.

The preferred supplier for the frame plates is Corus Steel who were responsible for the frames of 'Tornado' and 82045. Having secured the frame plates we will then seek a separate quote for cutting to size. It is likely that this too will be undertaken by Corus as there are clear technical and quality advantages to doing it this way.

*"The new Patriot frames will be on display in Spring 2009 at Llangollen."*

It is expected that erection of the frames will commence in early 2009 and they will be on display at the 'Betton Grange' sponsored 'Steam, Steel and Stars II' gala at Llangollen on the 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

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## Fundraising Update

Fundraising for the new Patriot began in earnest when the project was officially launched at the Llangollen Patriot Gala in April 2008. Since then, over £30,000 has been raised towards the initial target of £48,000 for the Frames. This is a tremendous response. The rate of progress of the new Patriot will be determined by the rate of fundraising. We are well on target with the Frames – the first new major component that has been ordered.

The Patriot Project Directors would like to thank everybody who has made a donation, and urge anybody who is thinking about making a donation or regular contribution to do so now. UK taxpayers should also complete and return a Gift Aid form, that is available on our website [www.lms-patriot.org.uk](http://www.lms-patriot.org.uk), or request one by writing to the PO Box address listed below.

## Membership Matters

*By Richard Sant, Company Secretary*

There has also been a tremendous response from our supporters who have applied to join the company as members of the LMS–Patriot Project. Numbers have now reached 30, and we will hope to meet you at Future Events listed below.

Emails sent to the address below and marked membership will be answered within 24 hours and letters within the week.

## Future Events

We will be attending the following Galas with our sales and exhibition stand:

- Llangollen Autum Steam Gala, 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008
- Steel, Steam & Stars 11, Llangollen, 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## Tender Restoration

Outline agreement has also been reached with Cambrian Transport Ltd., the project's first commercial sponsor, to overhaul the ex-Barry scrap yard Fowler tender that has been earmarked for use with 45551 'The Unknown Warrior'. The tender, currently in secure storage at Barry, will be restored by a team led by John Buxton, Managing Director of Cambrian Transport Ltd., using trainee apprentices and local skills in a joint scheme involving the Vale of Glamorgan Council and John's engineering company. A new Fowler design tender body will be built, as the original is badly corroded from the time spent in the open sea air at Barry.



*A Fowler tender has been earmarked for the LMS–Patriot Project. This is in secure, dry storage at Barry.*

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