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Frame Plates Cut for New Patriot

By Andrew Laws, Marketing Director

A momentous day for the Project occurred when the frame plates for 45551 'The Unknown Warrior' were cut at the end of March. Corus Steel supplied the steel for the frames and these were cut at their Cradley Heath Plate Processing Centre, in the West Midlands, using computer controlled automated plasma cutting equipment.

This was a historic day for the Project, as it meant the new 'Patriot' could proudly claim its' identity - of 45551. This number chosen being the last Patriot built.

The LMS-Patriot Project would like to thank Iain Perks, Outside Sales Manager at Corus Steel, and the team at Cradley Heath for the superb job they did in cutting and handling the frames.

The event was recorded by Andrew Kennedy from the Oakwood Visuals, whose Oakwood Video Library Company produces a wide variety of railway and transport related DVDs.

Andrew will be producing a documentary of the creation of 'The Unknown Warrior' and clips from this will be soon be available on our website.

Engineering Update

By David Bradshaw, Chairman

Following the cutting of the frame plates, these were drilled and machined at the beginning of June by Boro Foundry at Lye, who incidentally recently carried out the same operation on the frames of 82045 - which is being assembled at Bridgnorth. This was THE most critical part of the whole process, as the frames form the backbone of any locomotive and our aim is to get these right FIRST time. Over 300 holes on each plate have been drilled. Fred James, who has been involved in the recent Locomotive Monograph and Profile publications, kindly agreed to review the frame drawings, which were used for the cutting and drilling.

These were prepared by Pete Rich, who also undertook the drawings for the GWS Saint and County projects.



We would like to thank Pete Rich for the excellent drawings which he produced and for Fred James for his help. After the frame plates were cut, they were transported by lorry to the nearby Boro Foundry for machining and drilling.

The new drawings were transferred from the existing paper based version to a CAD (Computer Aided Design) format which will prove extremely useful in the future as we draw up the frame stretchers and drag box.

Quotes have also been requested for the dragbox (drawn by Fred James) and the front and rear buffer beams (drawn by Pete Rich), so that when the frame plates are drilled we will be able to get on with their assembly fairly quickly. The newly drilled frame plates are expected to be delivered to the Llangollen Railway Works by the end of June.

I Will, Will You?

By Neil Kinsey, Patriot Project Member/Supporter

Neil Kinsey, an active supporter of the Project, whom some of you may have seen with his wife Karen helping on our Sales Stand around the country, has recently drawn up a Will for the benefit the LMS–Patriot Project. Neil used the services of a solicitor – SGC Solicitors – to draw up the will. Richard Cliff from SGC Solicitors has kindly made this service available to other Members at a discounted rate. Neil says, “It’s not a subject that is easily or readily discussed but if you are thinking about leaving a legacy to a charity, it is worth considering how the LMS–Patriot Project could benefit. My experience has proven that creating a legacy is an easy and straightforward experience.”

Richard Cliff, from SGC writes: “I am pleased to be able to write a short note about leaving a gift to a charity which may be of interest to other members of The LMS–Patriot Project. I would be pleased to offer at a discounted rate, the services of this firm in preparing Wills for members who wish to leave a legacy or gifts to the LMS–Patriot Project. I was thinking that a simple family Will would be in the order of £50 + VAT for a single Will and £90 + VAT for a couple. This type of discount may encourage more people to make Wills who like to leave legacies to the charity and therefore aid the Project in the future.

Membership Matters

By Richard Sant, Company Secretary

Thank you to the 160 members who have now joined us since the scheme started in late July 2008. Those of you who came to the Llangollen gala in April will have noticed that we have now got a new LMS red leaflet which contains the Royal British Legion's endorsement of our project and which has itself been sponsored by the Stafford Railway Building Society – which has its roots in Stafford based engine men from the LNWR in the 1870s!

We encourage all members to become donors and all donors to become members...and so this will continue to be one of our main fund raising methods. At the end of March 102 of the membership at that time (127) were also donors. At the same time there were 42 regular monthly donors with more in the pipeline to process and more again since the start of April. Please note that while we deal with your donor forms straight away, there can be delays with your bank for up to 2 months. At the end of March there had been 56 donors who have not moved on to become members.

It is important to note that gifts to charities are exempt from inheritance tax and capital gains tax. It is also important that with a legacy you identify both the amount that is to be left to the charity and the precise name of the charity. To this end it is sometimes useful to not only refer to the charity's full name, but also possibly it's registered address and registered charity number.

A person making a legacy can also specify the purpose to which the gift is to be made, however such a declaration is usually a wish and is not a legally binding obligation.

In some cases people would prefer to leave a share of their Residuary Estate to the charity, in which case it is important to identify the specific share in question.”

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Patriot Facts

45508 carried a stove pipe chimney which was an oddity amongst the 52 strong class.

45509 was not a popular engine and many crews didn't relish the chance of having a great shift, when rostered with this engine!

Future Events

We will be attending the following events in 2009 with our exhibition and sales stand:

- The Chasewater Rly. 50th Anniversary Gala
20th–21st June
- Tyseley Loco Works Open Day
27th–28th June
- DRS Carlisle Kingmoor Open Day
11th July
- Midland Railway Centre Works Open Day
29th–31st August
- Llangollen Autumn Steam Gala
11th–13th September
- Warley National Model Railway Exhibition
22nd–24th November

If you would like to volunteer at any of these events by helping out on the Sales Stand, please contact us. A big thanks to Bob Morgan for erecting the marquee we used at Llangollen. Thanks also to Les, Andy, Neil, Karen, Kevin, David and John H-T, who helped out at Llangollen. And thanks to Member, John Barrowdale for manning the stand at Eastleigh Works Open day last month.

Steel, Steam and Stars 11

A big thank you to everybody who supported us at the recent Steel, Steam and Stars 11 Gala at the Llangollen Railway. This was a hugely successful 9 day event and the Betton Grange Society put on a great show. Thanks to Will, Quentin and the team for pulling out all the stops yet again!

The highlight of the gala was the newly restored Rebuilt 'Royal Scot' number 6100, looking outstanding in LMS Crimson Lake livery. As you will have read elsewhere, 6100 had been steamed at the Crewe Heritage Centre after a lengthy and expensive overhaul at Southall. A visit to the West Somerset Railway followed during March, so that the 'Scot' could represent the LMS at the WSR Spring Steam Gala. 'Royal Scot' then returned briefly to Crewe before being taken to Llangollen for its starring role in the SSS2 Gala which ran from 18th – 26th April.

Even in rebuilt form, the Royal Scots were very similar to the Patriots from the running boards down, with both designs sharing 6' 9" driving wheels. The obvious difference being the Stanier taper boiler, which all the Royal Scots received upon rebuilding. The rebuilt 'Patriots' were almost identical to the rebuilt 'Scots'. 18 Patriots were rebuilt, and all were cut up, as were all the unrebuilt 'Patriots'.

'Royal Scot' Returns to Steam



6100 'Royal Scot' is seen at Bishops Lydeard on the West Somerset Railway, on 27th March 2009, before working the 3pm service to Minehead. Note that the tender had yet to receive 'LMS' lettering. Photo by Andrew Laws

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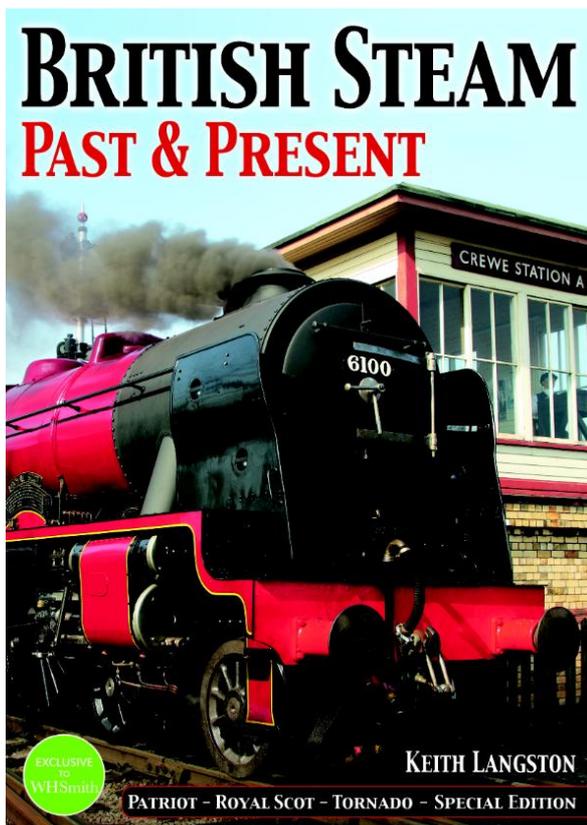
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British Steam Past & Present by Keith Langston

LMS enthusiast and author, Keith Langston, has just published the third volume of his popular series of steam books – ‘British Steam Past and Present’. The latest volume features ‘Patriots’, ‘Royal Scots’ and ‘Tornado’. Available from most branches of WHSmiths or directly from the LMS-Patriot project, priced £7.99, ‘British Steam Past and Present’ has 132 pages of superb colour and black & white photos, including some that were supplied by ourselves. Keith has also included an article on ‘The Unknown Warrior’ with additional information from David Bradshaw. The book also brings the new build scene up to date with some superb photos of ‘Tornado’ and other photos of Peppercorn A1s from the archive. We also have copies of Keith’s earlier book ‘Made in Crewe’ available for £6.99.