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'The Unknown Warrior' Gets Fowler Tender



The tender that will be used with 'The Unknown Warrior' is seen outside for the first time in many years at Barry on May 4th.

By Andrew Laws, Marketing Director

A ceremony was held at Barry on 4th May hosted by John Buxton, Chairman of the Cambrian Group. Representatives from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the GWS, MHR, and the Patriot Project heard Mr Buxton outlining plans for the 'Barry 10' collection including the Fowler tender that has been earmarked for use with 'The Unknown Warrior'.

Cambrian Transport are the new operators of the Barry Island Railway, and will be setting up a steam centre, a railway engineering and restoration facility and also a training academy. Cambrian Transport have taken possession of the Fowler tender from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will restore it to mainline condition on behalf of the LMS-Patriot Project. The tender is believed to have entered Woodhams scrapyard behind 2-6-0 'Crab' number 42859. A new tender tank will be built, as the original is badly corroded, having been exposed to the sea air at Barry since arriving in 1967.

Although stored under cover for a number of years in the ex-EWS wagon works at Barry, and prior to that at Bute Road Station in Cardiff and also a bus depot in Barry, the tender has had all the brass bearings stolen and five of the six axle box casings are

damaged. The new tender tank will have an increased water capacity and a reduced coal space. The original capacity was only 3500 gallons of water, but this will be increased for mainline running. The Avon Valley Railway have offered assistance with casting new axle boxes for the tender, and two buffers are also needed. An LMS-Patriot Project supporter has also pledged £10,000 towards the restoration costs. This generous donation will enable the restoration to start soon. Cambrian Transport is planning to set up a rail training academy at Barry for apprentices to work on various railway related projects. The Fowler tender restoration will be one of the first projects that Cambrian tackles at their Barry facilities. Speaking on behalf of the LMS-Patriot Project, Richard Sant, Company Secretary thanked Rhodri Traherne and the Vale of Glamorgan Council and also John Buxton, who has been negotiating with the Council for over 10 years, to find suitable new homes for the 'Barry 10' collection. It is hoped that 'The Unknown Warrior' will one day visit Barry, in recognition that its tender was sourced and restored at the famous South Wales town.

Engineering Update

By David Bradshaw, Chairman

The dragbox is now installed in the frames at Llangollen. The bogie bolster pattern has been completed at the Boro Foundry, who also drilled the frame plates for 'The Unknown Warrior' last year. The completed pattern has now moved to the foundry to be cast. Machining of the finished casting will take place within the next four weeks.

A visit to Wroughton in Wiltshire took place at the beginning of June, where all the patterns belonging to Swindon Historic Castings had been stored. This visit has yielded the pattern for the steam manifold and the Ross pop safety valves for 'The Unknown Warrior',

and will save the project around £10,000 in pattern making fees. The patterns are now safely in dry storage.

Our CAD designer, Kevin West, recently visited West Coast Railways at Carnforth, where he was able to view the hornguides on Jubilees 'Galatea', and 'Leander' and also on 'Scots Guardsman'. This will allow us to produce the necessary drawings for 'The Unknown Warrior'. Kevin is also working on drawings for four of the five frame stretchers and these are nearly completed. These are the next items to be ordered for the frames.

Bogie bolster pattern made by master pattern maker Eddie Mocroft, at the Boro Foundry.



Rowsley Enginemen's Reunion

By John Hastings-Thomson, Member and Supporter

On Wednesday 12th May I was privileged to spend the day talking to ex drivers and fireman at the ex-railwaymen's reunion held at Rowsley (Peak Rail) Derbyshire. The event had been organised by Mel Thorley, who himself saw every single 'Patriot'.

Andrew Kennedy (from Oakwood Visuals) and myself spent the day conducting filmed interviews with eight wonderful characters from Stockport Edgeley (2), Crewe North (2), plus one each from Bristol Barrow Road, Worcester, Saltley and Longsight – credit is due to Mel for plucking these interesting souls from their reunion.

We were given a valuable insight into railwaymen's views of the Patriots, warts and all. They all seemed delighted about the Patriot Project and wished it well. The Patriots seem to have been regarded with some affection although the class were not without their faults. The Interviews will form part of a DVD on the project being compiled by Andrew for release in due course.

Motive power for the event was provided by the recently restored 8F 8624 in its controversial red livery. Many of the participants in the reunion enjoyed footplate rides and there was a high demand for places!

Recycle for Cash

We have signed up to the Recycle for Charity scheme and will receive cash for mobile phones and printer inkjet cartridges when these are recycled. Only certain types of inkjet can be recycled for cash – Dell, Canon, Lexmark, and Hewlett-Packard. We cannot accept Epson inkjets for recycling. If you have any used inkjet cartridges, please save these and drop them off at any of the events that are listed on page 7. If you have several for recycling, please contact us and we can arrange for a Freepost recycling bag to be sent to you. Please don't post your used inkjets to us as we have Freepost bags, which you can also collect from any of the events we attend.

Patriot Facts

Most of the Patriots were built at Crewe Locomotive Works. 40 of the 52 were in fact built at Crewe.

10 Patriots never received names including 45551. Although this had been allocated the name 'Rothesay', but this name was never fitted.

18 Patriots were rebuilt with a Stanier 2A taper boiler, rendering them almost identical in appearance and performance with the 'Royal Scot' class which had also been rebuilt since they were originally built.

Membership Matters

By Richard Sant, Company Secretary

Membership is now over 400, and we are preparing to enter the third year of the membership scheme. The standard letters have been rewritten to take this into account. It is particularly encouraging that virtually all members are maintaining their membership although we automatically write to you after 2 months just in case you have been unaware of the original reminder.

I'm particularly impressed by those members who reuse their renewal slip by folding it origami fashion and then putting it as the visible address in a window envelope. I'm told it was designed to be reused, but am slightly sceptical about that!

As you know we are trying to keep postage costs under control by emailing this Newsletter to you, and following some concerns from members who use a dial up connection, rather than broadband, I do assure you that they are quite small files. If unsure then please let us know on the member's ansaphone (01889 271058) and a hardcopy will be posted to you.

All emails on membership will be answered within 24 hours and letters within a week. Please note it can be quite a long time for a letter you might have written a few days ago to filter through the system to the Post Office Box: it may arrive the day after I've emptied it for that week. So the week starts from the day of collection.

The Corwen Patriot Gala

Many of you will have visited the three day 'Corwen Patriot Gala' which took place over the 23rd – 25th April. The Gala was jointly staged between The Llangollen Railway and The LMS-Patriot Project to raise funds and awareness for the extension from Carrog to Corwen as well as for 'The Unknown Warrior'. The Llangollen Railway has recently had the final objection against the extension withdrawn, and it's now very much the green light, if funding from the Welsh Assembly and local authority is forthcoming. On the first day of the Gala a special train, sponsored by Steam Railway magazine, ran non-stop from Llangollen to Carrog. 'The Corwen' express departed Llangollen at 11am hauled by newly restored BR Standard 2-6-4T number 80072 and visiting guest engine, Stanier 'Mogul' number 42968. On arrival at Carrog around 40 people embarked on a walk along the trackbed to Corwen – a distance of around 3 miles, effectively becoming the first passengers to arrive in the town for the first time in 46 years! The Gala was well attended and the visiting engine, 42968 was a popular choice for the Gala, given that

most events this year have a GWR flavour!

The LMS-Patriot Project had its sales stand on platform 1 at Llangollen station and volunteers from the Project were also in the Works to show visitors the progress of 'The Unknown Warrior'. The newly fitted dragbox could be seen fitted to the frames. The LMS-Patriot Project had a successful weekend and received some significant donations from a couple of Members who visited the Gala. We would like to express our thanks to Mr Briddon and to Mr Collins who made extremely generous donations, which will enable some of the stretchers, the smoke deflectors and some of the cab to be funded. We also collected Gift Aid from ticket sales and with other donations will enable us to allocate around £1000 to the building of the cab. It is planned that this will go on display at Crewe Heritage Centre, although this probably won't happen until at least 2011, as the priority at the moment is very much reaching the rolling chassis stage. Thanks to everybody who supported us over the three days, and to the Board of the Llangollen Railway for allowing us to stage a joint Gala.

Member Colin Hughes played the pipe tune 'The Unknown Warrior' at the 'Corwen Patriot Gala'. This was recorded by Andrew Kennedy for use in the documentary that is being made about the Project.



Fawley Hill Visit - 4th July

The LMS-Patriot Project is organising a visit to Fawley Hill on Sunday 4th July. Fawley Hill is the estate and private railway museum of Sir William McAlpine, who has built up a large collection of artifacts including a working 0-6-0 saddle tank engine – number 31, which was built by Hudswell Clark in 1931 and used by the McAlpine Company until being ‘rescued’ by Sir William. The LMS-Patriot Project has a number of tickets which are being offered to LMS-Patriot Project Members on a first come, first served basis at £11 each. If you are interested in going to Fawley, which is near Henley–

on-Thames, please email lms-patriot@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 0117 9247406 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and number of tickets required. Fawley Hill organiser, and Patriot Project Marketing and Publicity Director, Andrew Laws, will then contact you to see if you have been successful in your application for tickets.

Fawley Hill is only open a few days a year to groups and societies by invitation only, so this is a rare opportunity to visit the superb collection that Sir William has built up since 1964.

New Sales Items

The LMS-Patriot Project now has some superb items for sale, produced exclusively for the Project by Rothbury Giftware, best known for their fine art greetings cards. The new items feature the artwork of Philip D. Hawkins GRA, who has kindly allowed three of his fantastic fine art ‘Patriot’ images to be used by Rothbury who are producing ceramic mugs, coasters, place mats, mouse mats and chopping boards, featuring each of the three ‘Patriot’ images. These are 5532 ‘Illustrious’ in LMS Crimson Lake livery from a painting called ‘Shap Attack’, 45509 ‘The Derbyshire Yeomanry’ at New Street in 1957, and 45511 ‘Isle of Man’ double heading with a ‘Royal Scot’ in a scene called ‘Heading South’.

The prices are as follows:

Ceramic Mugs: £6 each + £1.95 P&P

Coasters: (11.5cm x 9cm) £2.50 + £1.50 P&P

Place Mats: (24cm x 19cm) £5 + £2.75 P&P

Mouse Mats: (24cm x 19cm) £6 + £1.50 P&P

Chopping Boards: (29cm x 22cm) £13 + £3.95 P&P
(made from shatterproof toughened glass in the UK)

Please send your order with cheque or Postal Order, to: ‘The LMS-Patriot Co. Ltd.’

PO Box 3118, Hixon, Stafford, ST16 9JL.

Please state which design you require on each item.

5532 ‘Illustrious’ – Shap Attack



45509 ‘The Derbyshire Yeomanry’ – New Street



45511 ‘Isle of Man’ – Heading South



Colin Wright Produces New Oil Painting of 'The Unknown Warrior'

Transport artist and Associate Member of the Guild of Railway Artists, Colin Wright, is producing a fine art oil painting of 45551 'The Unknown Warrior'. The painting, seen in progress in the below photo during May, shows the newly built Patriot 'The Unknown Warrior' in steam on shed at Llangollen, outside the works where she is currently under construction. Limited Edition prints are being sold to raise funds for the construction of 'The Unknown Warrior' and £5 from each sale will also be donated to *The Royal British Legion*, who are endorsing the Project. 500 signed Limited Edition prints, are available priced £59.95 including postage and packaging. We are sure that this print will sell out rapidly, and we have already started taking advance orders.

The painting was first displayed at 'The Corwen Patriot Gala' at Llangollen in April when Colin brought it down from his Derbyshire home for the 3 day Gala. The painting was really well received and Colin chatted to many supporters about his work.

If you would like to pre-order your copy, please send a cheque or Postal Order for £59.95, to: 'The LMS-Patriot Co. Ltd.'

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The prints are printed on high quality artist's paper and will be sent out flat mounted between protective artists mounting board.

Order yours today and help build 'The Unknown Warrior'!



2010 Events

We will be attending the following events in 2010 with our sales stand:

- National Armed Forces Day, Cardiff
Saturday 26th June
- Tyseley Loco Works Open Day
Sunday 27th June
- Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Steam Gala
31st July – 1st August
- Wolverton Works Open Day
14th – 15th August
- Midland Railway Centre
28th – 30th August
- Llangollen GWR 175 Gala
11th – 13th September
- Wirksworth Model Railway Exhibition
16th – 17th October
- Llangollen Remembrance Festival
6th – 7th November
- Churnet Valley Railway Steam Gala
13th November
- Warley National Model Railway Exhibition
NEC, Birmingham
20th – 21st November

The events listed above are manned by volunteers who give up a day or two over a weekend to help out at the Galas that we attend. The aim of these events is to raise awareness of the Project, sign up new Donors and Members, as well as generating sales income for the Project. Please get in touch if you would like to help out at any of the events listed above. Also if you would like to hold an event to raise funds and awareness of the Project in your local area, please also get in touch.

Appeal for eBay Items

Our eBay site has now raised over £1000. This will go directly to help building 'The Unknown Warrior'.

If you have any unwanted Railway Books, DVDs, model railway items or railwayana, we would be very happy to accept these so that we can sell them on our eBay site, or at the Galas that we attend with our sales stand.

Unfortunately we are not able to accept magazines because of the weight involved. Please contact us if you would like to donate something – see contact info on page 8. Alternatively if you have your own eBay account, you can list your own items on eBay and nominate 'The LMS-Patriot Project' as your chosen charity via MissionFish, to which a percentage of the final selling price can be donated.

Thank you to those who have already donated items including John Barrowdale, Colin Hughes, Colin Cromwell, David Hancox, and Elaine and Vivien Smith who donated a superb Gauge 1 Model of an LMS 4-6-2 Duchess.

The income from donated items is an excellent way of boosting the Project's funds.

2nd AGM

The 2nd LMS-Patriot Company AGM will be held on Sunday 14th November at Crewe Heritage Centre. This is Remembrance Sunday. The Trustees have decided to hold the AGM in a different location every year to give Members who live in different parts of the country the chance to attend an AGM. We will be sending out invitations and the Agenda nearer the time. The AGM will be held in the afternoon to give Members a chance to attend Remembrance services and events on the Sunday morning. Hopefully we will get an even bigger attendance at the 2nd AGM at Crewe Heritage Centre this year.

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