

THE WARRIOR

The Newsletter from the LMS-Patriot Project

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Frame Plates to be Cut to Shape by Corus

By David Bradshaw, Chairman

Excitement is mounting with the expected delivery of the new 'Patriot' frame plates to Corus Steel at the end of November. As reported in the last edition of 'The Warrior', the frame plates measuring 39 feet x 4 feet x 28mm were ordered from Corus at the beginning of October. The next stage is to have them cut to size, a job also likely to be undertaken by Corus to minimise the risk of handling damage. Accountability for accuracy will then sit firmly with the manufacturer of the plate. New drawings are currently being prepared for this from original LMS drawings which were produced by Derby Works in the early 1930s.

Our Engineering and Marketing Directors will be visiting the NRM at York shortly to seek out detailed drawings of, in particular, the frame components – dragboxes front and rear and the frame stretchers as well as other drawings for other key items.

These will be used to make patterns which will then be used for casting new components for the 'The Unknown Warrior'.

Following advice from our Engineering Director and the Llangollen Railway CME, we have abandoned the proposal to utilise hornguides and axle boxes from 8F no 48518 as the cost of removal coupled with the risk of damaging the component and the frames had the potential of costing more than casting new. The LMS-Patriot Project still hopes to re-use the existing pony wheelset and plans to acquire another wheelset for use with the new 'Patriot'.

Thank you for your support in 2008, and I wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2009.



LMS-Patriot Project supporter & member Jim Perkins who was an apprentice at Derby and later worked at Etches Park, Toton and Colwick, kindly sent this photo of 45543 'Home Guard' seen at Derby Midland station on a LCGB railtour "The Midland Limited".

'Home Guard' was built in March 1934 and withdrawn from BR service in November 1962.

Membership Matters

By Richard Sant, Company Secretary

Eighty people have now joined the LMS–Patriot Company, which represents a huge stride towards the original goal of 100 by the first Annual General Meeting which will be held in 2009. Clearly the recruitment drive will not stop when the century is reached! The intention is always to reply to letters within a week and emails within 24 hours but there will be times such as a recent visit to cover the birth of our first grandchild when normal service is suspended. All existing donors have recently received a form letter asking them to consider joining the company as members and members have had a corresponding letter asking them to become donors. As we manage the administration on a shoe string, a wing and a prayer – it has been quite an undertaking trying to put the appropriate letters in the right envelopes, and if I've got this wrong with any of you ...please accept my apologies. Once the 100th member is enrolled I'll analyse where you all live and report the results in the next "Warrior" This will give us a guide to our demographics.

Future Event & Talks

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

- Stafford Model Rail Exhibition (provisional)
7th – 8th February 2009
- Steel, Steam & Stars 11, Llangollen
18th – 26th April 2009
- Eastleigh Works Open Day (provisional)
22nd–24th May 2009

Dates are also being arranged for a series of presentations about the LMS–Patriot Project. If you would like to hear about the project and you are able to invite an audience to your event, we would be happy to attend. Please get in touch with us.

The first confirmed presentation will be to the Stafford Railway Society on 2nd March 2009.

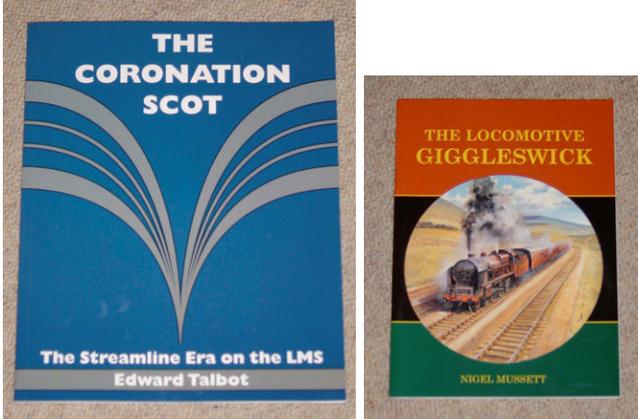
Fundraising Update & Gift Aid

The LMS–Patriot Project has now raised over £40,000. This will be further boosted by our first Gift Aid application to HMRC. All UK taxpayers who make a donation should complete a Gift Aid form (available on our website or from our Stafford postal address) which enables The LMS–Patriot Project to claim an extra 28p from the Government for every £1 donated. So it's worth taking the time to complete a Gift Aid form with your donation. Thank you for your donation or regular contribution.

Patriot Project Gifts

The LMS–Patriot Project is pleased to offer Patriot souvenirs, polo shirts, books, exclusive Jonathan Clay signed prints, mouse mats and mug mats to you our members. These make superb gifts, and with Christmas nearly upon us, why not buy something from the list on the next page in support of the project. Please send all orders to:

The LMS–Patriot Company, PO Box 3118, Hixon Stafford, ST16 9JL, and enclose a cheque made payable to "The LMS–Patriot Co. Ltd." Postage & Packing with all orders is £1.50. Please add £1.50 to your Order Total. To ensure delivery for Christmas, please order by December 15th or sooner.

	<p>LMS-Patriot Project Polo Shirt - 45551 THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR Available in sizes Small, Medium, & Large. (Please state required size) £14.99</p>
	<p>LMS - The best way! Mouse Mat £3.99</p> <p>LMS Mug Mat £1.99</p>
	<p>45548 'Lytham St Annes' Key Ring £1.50 5519 'Lady Godiva' Key Ring £1.50</p> <p>45548 'Lytham St Annes' Fridge Magnet £1.50 5519 'Lady Godiva' Fridge Magnet £1.50</p>
	<p>The Coronation Scot - The Streamline Era on the LMS by Edward Talbot. Paperback - 102 pages. £14.99</p> <p>The Locomotive Giggleswick by Nigel Mussett LMS Patriot Class No. 5538 Paperback - 56 pages. £6.99</p>
	<p>45548 'Lytham St Annes' A3 size Jonathan Clay print signed by the artist. £25.00 Supplied in a card tube for protection.</p>

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Steve Blackburn Joins Project

The LMS–Patriot Project is pleased to announce that Steve Blackburn has joined the LMS–Patriot Project as a Director.

Steve will be responsible for Engineering Quality Management & Procedures – a vital job for mainline running.

Steve is a Trustee of the Railway Age, Crewe and is best known for helping to organise the hugely successful Crewe Works Open Days. Steve worked at Crewe Works, starting in the late 60s and is an LMS man through and through and is warmly welcomed to the LMS Patriot Project.

Corporate Sponsorship

The LMS–Patriot Project is proud to be associated with Cambrian Transport Ltd. – our first commercial sponsor.

If your Company or organisation would like to be involved with the LMS–Patriot Project, please contact us to discuss commercial opportunities and sponsorship.

We will soon be announcing our next commercial sponsor with some exciting plans for 2009!

LMS–Patriot Project Seeks Treasurer

The LMS–Patriot Company Ltd. is seeking to recruit a volunteer Treasurer who's a Chartered Accountant with experience of charity work, book keeping and current financial legislation. If you think you may be suitable for this position, please contact us.