

The Warrior

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‘The Unknown Warrior’ exhibited as centrepiece display at Warley Model Railway Show 2013

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Remembrance weekend at Llangollen

'The Unknown Warrior' was decorated with poppies for the Remembrance period between 9th and 11th November. The new 'Patriot' was seen by visitors and LMS-Patriot Project Members as part of the Remembrance weekend events at the Llangollen Railway. A two minute silence was also observed on 11th November when Llangollen Railway engineering staff stopped work at 11am to commemorate all those who gave their lives in the Great War and subsequent wars.

'The Unknown Warrior' was decorated with poppy wreaths and garlands to recreate the 'Rugby Patriot' (5500/45500 'Patriot') which was decorated with poppies for Remembrance Sunday (Armistice Day) every year at Rugby until the early 1960s when 45500 was withdrawn from British Railways service.

Photos: Andrew Laws



Members' Day

The date for our next Members' Day has been confirmed for Saturday 19th July 2014, at the Llangollen Railway. If there is enough demand from you, our ever increasing Membership, we will run a second day on Sunday 20th July (but only if the Saturday fills up).

Please note that this weekend falls after the annual Llangollen Eisteddfod, so there shouldn't be any problems with hotel bookings and parking.

‘The Unknown Warrior’ wheeled at Llangollen



On Wednesday 20th November the frames complete with cab and smokebox were wheeled out of the workshop at Llangollen on a couple of workshop trollies.

These were positioned in the yard with a rail crane at the smoke box end. A road crane was positioned at the cab end. Following arrival of the Alleys road trailer, the driving wheels were craned onto the trailer and positioned at the correct spacing. The locomotive was then lifted off the trollies and the trailer moved underneath and the frames lowered down onto the wheelsets and wooden axleboxes. The front end of the loco is very heavy at the moment hence the large wooden packing under the bogie mounting casting. The whole operation took about 4 hours in a combination of heavy rain, hail stones, wind and occasional sunshine! The ‘The Unknown Warrior’ left Llangollen at 4.30pm and went down the A5, M54, M6, M5 and M42 to Studley where it stayed overnight inside Alleys yard. The next morning ‘The Unknown Warrior’ left Studley for the National Memorial Arboretum.

Photos: David Wilcock

National Memorial Arboretum Visit

'The Unknown Warrior' made its first public appearance away from its Llangollen construction base when the partially completed locomotive visited the National Memorial Arboretum on Thursday 21st November. The new Patriot was en route to the NEC for the Warley Model Railway Exhibition and stopped by the National Memorial Arboretum, at Alrewas near Lichfield.

'The Unknown Warrior' was dedicated in a short ceremony by Salvation Army and railway chaplain, Nigel Tansley where invited guests, local dignitaries and members of the Warley Model Railway Club and Members of The LMS-Patriot Project were present to witness this historic occasion. David Bradshaw, Chairman of the LMS-Patriot Project was also presented with a plaque by Rodney Hodge, from the Birmingham Branch of the Submariners' Association.

The event was filmed by ITV Central who aired a short news item about the NMA visit on the Thursday evening. This was excellent for publicity for both The LMS-Patriot Project and the Warley organisers, who had produced a banner which was displayed on the driving wheels of the loco.

Just after 3pm 'The Unknown Warrior' departed the NMA and was transported by Allelys to the NEC, Birmingham where it stayed overnight in the NEC car park before entering Hall 5 the next morning at 6am.



'The Unknown Warrior' is seen arriving at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Photo: Andrew Laws



Members of The LMS-Patriot Project Team, and Allelys Heavy Haulage staff at The National Memorial Arboretum on 21st November.

Photo: Bob Sweet

Warley National Model Railway Exhibition

As many of you will have seen 'The Unknown Warrior' was exhibited as the centrepiece locomotive display at the Warley National Model Railway Exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham on the 23rd and 24th November.

'The Unknown Warrior' was the first partially completed standard gauge new build locomotive to be displayed at the Warley exhibition which in previous years has displayed narrow gauge or other standard gauge smaller steam locomotives.

Thousands of visitors flocked to the two-day model railway exhibition to see the prominently displayed Fowler designed locomotive on display – the last of which was seen in 1963. Collection buckets were positioned around the locomotive, and thousands of pounds were raised towards the outside cylinders thanks to the generosity of the Warley visitors.

On the Saturday of the show, a collection of 18 original Patriot nameplates were displayed by the cab end of 'The Unknown Warrior'. One of these plates 'PRIVATE W. WOOD V.C.' was brought to the NEC by Graham Wood, whose



Mike O'Connor from Heritage Painting, skilfully hand painting the 4551 numbering on the BR lined green side of 'The Unknown Warrior'.
Photo: Craig Tiley/Railway Modeller

grandfather had received the Victoria Cross after serving in the Great War. The name was carried by 'Patriot' no. 5536/45536, to honour Private Wood who was a

cleaner, fireman and then driver for the L.N.W.R and then L.M.S and who returned to the employ of the railways after surviving the Great War.

The previous day had seen the two cab sides of 'The Unknown Warrior' painted L.M.S crimson lake and BR green by specialist painting contractors Heritage Painting. Signwriter and coachpainter, Mike O'Connor, did a demonstration of cabside lining and hand painted the numbers – 5551 on the L.M.S side and 4551 on the BR side.

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David Bradshaw with Graham Wood, grandson of Private W. Wood V.C.

Photo: Craig Tiley/Railway Modeller

A display of 'Patriot' models of four different gauges was displayed next to the LMS-Patriot Project sales stand including two Bachmann models of 'The Unknown Warrior' which will be produced by Bachmann initially for The LMS-Patriot Project in a few years' time.

The Warley show has helped to raise around £15,000 which will be used to cast the two outside cylinders next year. Fundraising for



Andrew Laws is seen with LNWR Heritage founder, Pete Waterman, whose Crewe based Company is building the new boiler for 'The Unknown Warrior'. *Photo: Bob Sweet*



Kevin West, Dave Owen, David Bradshaw and Steve Blackburn.

Photo: Craig Tiley/Railway Modeller

the boiler continues with £75,000 raised already through the boiler loan scheme.

After being displayed at the NEC, 'The Unknown Warrior' was taken to Tyseley Locomotive Works for the axleboxes to be fitted to the driving wheels.

A big thank you to our Warley suppliers and sponsors: Llangollen Railway Engineering, Tyseley Locomotive Works,

South Devon Railway Engineering, LNWR Heritage, Boro Foundry, Bromborough Paints, R.D. Moore, Allelys Heavy Haulage, Harco Engineering, Procast, Newton Replicas, Micron Alloy Castings, Fastlok Engineering, Premier Patterns, KB West Design Services, Bachmann, Owen Springs, Morris Lubricants, Kirklees Light Railway, Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, Heritage Painting and Oakwood Visuals.

1000th Member signs up at Warley

Another momentous achievement occurred on the Sunday of the Warley Exhibition, when the 1000th Member signed up to join the Project. Paul Gittins was the lucky Member who received a Colin Wright Limited Edition Print of 'The Unknown Warrior' at Llangollen. 128 other Members were also signed up at the special Warley rate of £10 for the first years' membership.

The 1000th Member to join - Paul Gittins is seen receiving a limited edition print from LMS-Patriot Project Chairman David Bradshaw

Photo: Craig Tiley/Railway Modeller

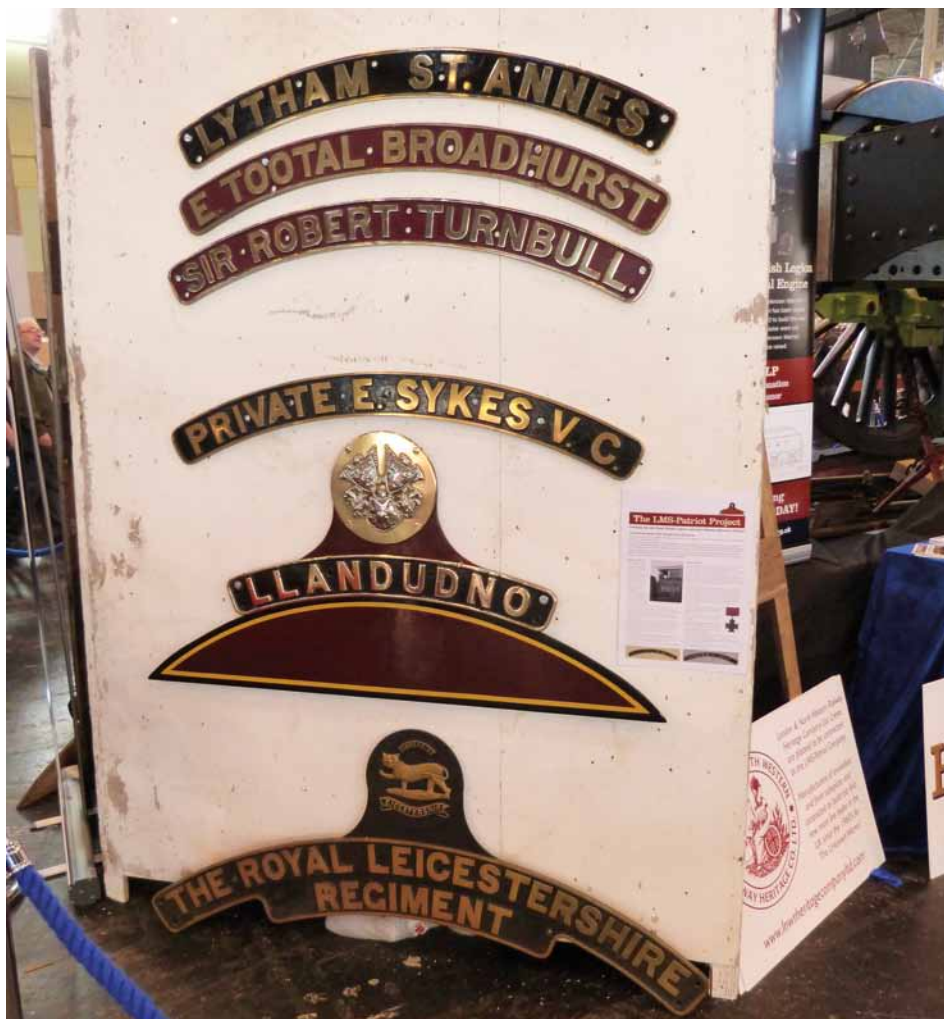


What next for 'The Unknown Warrior'?

'The Unknown Warrior' is currently at Tyseley Locomotive Works where the axleboxes are being fitted. The second inside cylinder casting will be machined during January then the rolling chassis will return to Llangollen around the end of January ready for the inside cylinder to be replaced.

The outside motion brackets will be machined and the outside cylinders due to be cast and fitted during 2014. The bogie assembly will also take place at some point at Tyseley Locomotive Works. All the parts for this have been sourced, apart from the second bogie wheelset, which should be delivered in 2014 from an 8F. Construction of the copper firebox is also due to begin at LNWR Heritage Ltd. at Crewe.

A big thank you to our volunteer painting team including: David Hughes, Tom Peacock, Mike Dunn, Godfrey Hall, John Sandiford, David Hancox, Andrew Laws, Kevin West, Gavin Shell, Robert Wells and Marc Titley, and to all the staff at Llangollen and Tyseley Loco Works, Allelys Heavy Haulage and Squires Tools who helped make the NMA and NEC visits possible during November, and to Andrew Kennedy (Oakwood Visuals) for tirelessly filming the progress, and to all of you, our members and donors, for contributing to The LMS-Patriot Project.



A collection of original Patriot nameplates were displayed alongside No. 4551 at the Warley Model Railway Exhibition, among them were: 45548 Lytham St. Annes, 45534 E. Tootal Broadhurst, 45540 Sir Robert Turnbull, 45537 Private E. Sykes V.C., 45520 Llandudno and 45503 The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Photo: Pete Sikes

Raffle Winners

The 2013 Annual Fundraising Raffle was drawn on the Sunday of the Warley Exhibition, by Warley Show Chairman, Paul Jones.

The winners are:

First Prize - £250 cash: R. Brown

Second Prize - £100 cash: C. Clift

And three prizes of £50 each:

Phil Smart, Ms L. Lock, M. Parkes

Donated items

Thanks to Members and supporters including Beverley King, Colin Cromwell, Len Clarke, Alan Cluley, Ron Winfindale, Mr. Willis and the many others who have donated model railway items and railwayana to the Project. The sales of these directly help building your engine 'The Unknown Warrior'.

Please contact our **Stafford Office on 01785 244156** or **Sales Director, Neil Kinsey on 01773 832538**, if you would like to donate any model railway items, car and bus models, railwayana, railway books, or DVDs. Please note that magazines are rather heavy and bulky for the Project to transport and store but can be donated to your local Heritage Railway.

Recycle for Charity

Between the period 1st July and 30th September 2013, £141.45 has been raised for The LMS-Patriot Project through Recycle4charity recycling programme. Please keep recycling your printer inkjets, mobile phones and laser/toner cartridges in the special Recycle4charity envelopes which we provide to new Members and which are available from our sales stand. Alternatively please bring any of these items to our various events around the country, or if you have a large number of items, you can request a prepaid recycling envelope but please do not post these to us.



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