

# THE WARRIOR

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## The Royal British Legion Dedicate Frames

*By Andrew Laws, Marketing Director*

The frame plates for 45551 'The Unknown Warrior' were dedicated in a ceremony on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the Llangollen Railway Works, involving members of The Royal British Legion from Llangollen and North Wales. The ceremony included speeches by Jim Ritchie, Chairman of the Llangollen Railway,

Kevin Forbes from the North Wales British Legion, and Richard Sant, LMS-Patriot Project Company Secretary. During the ceremony, Royal British Legion Member, Bob Davidson broke a bottle over the frames to dedicate the frames and the start of their assembly at Llangollen. A bugler also played the Last Post as poppy petals rained down over the

frames. 'The Unknown Warrior' nameplate was unveiled from behind a Union flag, revealing the newly added 1970s Legion crest in recognition of the Legion's endorsement of the Project and the aim of creating the new National Memorial Engine, dedicated to all fallen servicemen and women. The Legion is asking for 'The Unknown Warrior' to be completed by 2018 - The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice.

*Legion Members at the Frame Dedication Ceremony. Photo by Bob Sweet.*



## Engineering Update

*By David Bradshaw, Chairman*

The front buffer beam assembly is now complete and bolted to the frames which have been aligned and squared up.

The dragbox components have been manufactured as a kit of parts and assembly has now commenced.

The bogie bolster drawings are now complete and the contract for its manufacture has been placed with

pattern maker Eddie Mocroft and the Boro Foundry in Lye for the casting and machining.

Next on the list are the drawings for the stretchers which will also be steel castings.

The search goes on for detail drawings which are proving elusive though commonality of some parts such as the horn guides will allow us to use surviving Jubilees to measure these items in situ.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** - Please return all raffle ticket stubs and cheques as soon as possible, as the draw takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Llangollen. A big thank you to Members who have already returned these.

## First LMS-Patriot Company AGM

*By Richard Sant, Company Secretary*

The inaugural AGM took place at Llangollen Station on 8 November. There were 17 members in attendance and the whole Board. Apologies were received from 38 Members. David Bradshaw welcomed us all and hoped those present had the chance to see the frames, in the workshop. The accounts were presented to the Members (Income received by the Company in 2008-09 was £55,496. Main items of expenditure were engine build items of £16,610. Brought forward to the current year was £27,466. The income figure includes money collected for the Company, before it was incorporated, by John Buxton (Cambrian Transport Ltd – thanks, John).

The other major item of expenditure was Trustees expenses for attending to Company business. After advice from HMRC these were donated back to the Company through Gift Aid (which added 25% to their value).

The members agreed to the resolution to establish that the directors retire in rotation after a three years term of office.

A full set of the financial reports is available from the PO Box address (see back page) or by email on request.

As a matter of interest we had chosen the November date as the culmination to a week at Llangollen which started with the frames dedication ceremony on 2 November, the Exhibition during the week and Remembrance Sunday as the AGM itself with 2 special trains on the railway. Several members sent their regrets for not being able to attend as they were involved in Legion activities at home, while a Member who did attend felt we should always have the AGM to coincide with Remembrance Sunday: as befitting the "Unknown Warrior" as the national railway memorial engine.

The Board will have to agree the date of next years meeting but would be very pleased to take your views into account. Please write in/email with those views.



*The original 45551 – the last 'Patriot' built. Seen at London Euston platform 7. Note that this loco was fitted with a Fowler high sided tender which gave extra coal capacity. Photo by Martin Welch.*

## Membership Matters

*By Richard Sant, Company Secretary*

We now have 275 members, and the renewals are also in full swing. The membership scheme started in August last year and a few reminders have been sent out to those members in arrears for two months. This means that Claire (our Administrator) and I are dealing with approximately 30 letters a week, which is great. I occupy a table at a local hostelry to open the post and deal with basic membership records before taking cheques to the bank. At the moment I empty the PO Box twice a week (Monday and Thursday) and I know from the dates on your letters that it can take more or less a week from you writing to us, and me collecting the letter, taking it home and you receiving a reply. Please be patient. The recent industrial action has had some effect but it seems mainly to cause delays to that week period. Email issues are usually acknowledged the same day.



## Photo Feature – Royal British Legion Ceremony



*Members of the North Wales Royal British Legion, including local Llangollen Member Bob Davidson, who took part in the Frame Dedication ceremony at the Llangollen Railway Works on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.*



*'The Unknown Warrior' nameplate with newly unveiled Royal British Legion 1970s style crest. Seen on the newly fitted front buffer beam at the Llangollen Railway Works on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.*

*Photos by Keith Langston.*

## Patriot Sales List

The following items are available to buy from our Mail Order Dept. Please send orders as soon as possible to receive in time for Christmas. Please post to Stafford PO BOX address (on back page), and include a cheque made payable to: The LMS-Patriot Company Ltd.

LMS-Patriot Project Burgundy Polo Shirts (S, M, L, XL, XXL) £15 + £2 P&P

LMS-Patriot Project Burgundy Fleece (S, M, L, XL) Premium quality 100% Polyester £29.99 + £3 P&P

Philip Hawkins' Mugs made exclusively for The LMS-Patriot Project by Rothbury Publishing £6 + £2 P&P  
Choose from 3 designs: New Street, Heading South and Shap Attack.

LMS Maroon Mug with Gold effect 'LMS' writing and text £5 + £2 P&P

Rothbury Christmas Cards (Pack of 4 Cards and Envelopes) £4 + £1.50 P&P

Choose from Heading South (Patriot/Royal Scot), Ivatt in the Snow, Western Blizzard (Castle), Winter Steam

Jonathan Clay Cards £1.50 each + 75p P&P

5519 'Lady Godiva', 45548 'Lytham St. Annes', 45596 'Bahamas', 5690 'Leander', 46115 'Scots Guardsman', 4422, 48151, 6229 'Duchess of Hamilton'

Coronation Scot by Edward Talbot £15 + £2.50 P&P

The L.N.W.R. Eight Coupled Goods Engines by Edward Talbot. £25 + £3.50 P&P

From Dean to Churchward by Glyn Williams with Photos by Robert Brookman. £18 + £2 P&P

British Steam Past & Present Volume 3 bookazine by K.Langston. £7.99 + £2 P&P

Made in Crewe bookazine by K.Langston. £6.99 + £2 P&P

British Steam Preserved bookazine by K.Langston. £7.99 + £2 P&P

British Steam Power and the Glory bookazine by K.Langston. £7.99 + £2 P&P

*The original 5551 carrying LMS lined black livery. This loco was never named in LMS/BR days.  
Photo by Martin Welch.*





## 2010 Events

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

- Crewe Model Railway Exhibition  
Crewe Heritage Centre  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Great Central Railway Winter Steam Gala  
29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Stafford Railway Circle Model Railway Show  
Stafford County Showground  
6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Churnet Valley Railway Steam Gala  
Cheddleton  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Steam Gala  
31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August
- Warley National Model Railway Exhibition  
NEC, Birmingham  
20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010

If you would like to volunteer at any of these events by helping out on the Sales Stand, please contact us. Thanks very much to the Sales Support Team: Neil and Karen Kinsey, John Hastings-Thomson, David Hancox, and John Lancaster who helped out at recent events.

## Thank you to Newland House School, Twickenham

The staff and pupils of Newland House have donated a splendid £358.18 to the Patriot Project.

The school supports the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal every year and the pupils were interested to hear from their Headmaster, Derrick Ott, of our plan to build a new National Memorial Engine. They decided to donate the proceeds from their 'Day of World Languages' (held in June) to the Patriot Project.

On the day, children were greeted, on arrival at school and at the beginning and end of every lesson. In languages as diverse as Russian and Swahili, were offered Chinese and Italian food at lunchtime and 'taster lessons' in Hungarian, Arabic, Greek, Catalan, German and Welsh (to name but a few).

## Patriot Remembrance Exhibition

Those of you who visited Llangollen Station during the Remembrance period, or for our AGM, will have seen the Remembrance exhibition that we staged in the Robertson Suite. The exhibition told the story of The Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, war memorial engines, Remembrance, as well as Project updates and video footage filmed by Andrew Kennedy from Oakwood Visuals. 18 year old Vicky Thomas exhibited her photos of poppies and war memorials photographed at the National Memorial Arboretum. Some of Vicky's work, as seen in the exhibition, is seen below.



The pupils paid £1 each to come to school wearing clothing appropriate to their choice of language instead of school uniform and the day was a great success.

We thank the Headmaster, the staff and all the pupils for their generous donation and look forward to the day when they, and we, see 'The Unknown Warrior' in steam.

## The LMS–Patriot Company Limited

Building the New Royal British Legion Endorsed National Memorial Engine – ‘The Unknown Warrior’

**Company Registered in England and Wales No.:** 6502248

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### Board of Directors and Trustees

**Chairman:** David Bradshaw

**Company Secretary:** Richard Sant

**Director:** Andrew Laws (Marketing, Publicity and Events)

**Director:** Kevin Finnerty (Governance and Archive)

**Director:** Steve Blackburn (Engineering and Quality Management)

**Director:** Richard Sant (Membership and Donations)

### Project Support

**Administrator:** Claire George

**Engineering Design Team:** Peter Rich, Fred James, Kevin West, Derrick Baker

**Documentary Video:** Andrew Kennedy/Oakwood Visuals

**Sales Support:** Les Green, Neil and Karen Kinsey, John Hastings–Thomson, John Barrowdale, David Hancox, John Lancaster

### Locomotive

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**Tender Restoration:** John Buxton/Cambrian Transport Ltd.

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