

# The Warrior

THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE LMS-PATRIOT PROJECT

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## Patriot Front End revealed for the first time since 1963

The front of a Patriot was seen for the first time since 1963 when 45551 'The Unknown Warrior' was photographed for a fundraising photoshoot at the Llangollen Railway Works at the end of July. As you will have no doubt seen, this iconic shot adorned the front cover of *Steam Railway* magazine (Issue 418, published on 16th August) and came about as part of a general appeal to raise £150,000 to complete the bottom end. A new fundraising leaflet was also inserted in every copy of *Steam Railway* magazine.

The smoke box had been finished at LNWR Heritage at Crewe on 29th May and transported to the Llangollen Railway in time for Members' Day on 15th June (see separate report). The painting was undertaken by Patriot Project and Llangollen Railway Members including Godfrey Hall and John Sandiford. The paint generously sponsored and supplied by Bromborough Paints.



Photo by Keith Langston

The paint for 'The Unknown Warrior' has been kindly supplied by  
[bromboroughpaints.co.uk](http://bromboroughpaints.co.uk)



# Engineering Update

- The driving wheelsets are have been completed by South Devon Railway Engineering and were delivered to Tyseley Loco Works on the 3rd July – the same day that a well-known blue LNER A4 Pacific was making all the headlines! The driving wheelsets are at Tyseley for tyre turning, wheel balancing and axleboxes will be fitted prior to transporting to Llangollen for fitting to the frames (see photo top right).
- The plates for the front Bogie plates have been cut, shotblasted, painted and delivered to Tyseley Loco Works. All other bogie items have now been ordered with machining progressing well (see photo bottom right).
- Motion brackets and motion girders will now be cast – patterns for the motion brackets have been made and the castings ordered.
- Much of the running plate steelwork has now been fitted to the engine. This includes the cab steps and front steps (see photo bottom right, opposite page).
- The second Fowler tender that we purchased from the East Lancs Railway has had the frames sandblasted and are currently under assessment for refurbishment. A quotation has been received from Dave Owen at the Llangollen Railway Works for rebuilding. The VAB have passed the ex Barry Fowler tender wheelsets as fit for reuse.
- Final assembly of the frames is underway at Llangollen. The VAB on its recent visit expressed satisfaction with the quality of Llangollen Railway's engineering work with the assembly of the frames.
- New drawings for the cab are nearly complete, and await agreement on the gauging issues for mainline running.



Completed driving wheelsets at SDR on 2nd July,

*Photo by Richard Elliott*



The newly cut bogie frame plates at Morgans UK Ltd, Tyseley.

*Photo by Oakwood Visuals*





Driving wheelsets seen at Strensham Services on the M5 en route to Tyseley Loco Works on 3rd July.

*Photo by Andrew Laws*



The front end of 'The Unknown Warrior' is seen at the Llangollen Railway Works on 24th July.

*Photo by Gavin Shell*

## ALAN SAVAGE

We regret to announce the passing of Alan Savage of Kidlington, Oxford. Alan contacted us in the early stages of the project to inform us that he had a number of full size Patriot drawings in his possession. I believe that he had acquired these from Euston in the early sixties with a view to making a model of a Baby Scot. These proved to be extremely useful to the project which at that time had to rely on drawings kindly provided by the Bahamas Society, these were A4 documents which had to be enlarged to A0 with the consequent loss of clarity, leaving some critical measurements very difficult to decipher. Alan's drawings, which included the two frame arrangement drawings, inside and outside cylinders and inside and outside motion proved to be invaluable to the project. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife who passed the sad news on to me.

David Bradshaw



# Members' Day Report

The third Members' Day was held at the Llangollen Railway on Saturday 15th June. The Directors and Management team would like to thank all of you who attended and helped to make it a resounding success. Around 190 of you attended and enjoyed a tour around the Works to see progress with 'The Unknown Warrior' and two round trips to Carrog hauled by 'Black 5' 44806. We had originally hoped to have the brand new driving wheelsets on display at Llangollen, but these had been delayed at the SDR waiting for the six crank pins to be machined and fitted. But we were able to display the smokebox which had been completed at LNWR Heritage, Crewe shortly before Members' Day, much to the surprise and delight of many Members.

We received £1175 in direct donations with thanks going to C. Tasker, A. Briddon, S. Ruffell, J. Ritchie, J. Dench and C. Shell for these.

A further £113.40 was taken in our collection boxes, £254 from on train raffles and £1190 from the sales stand all of which goes towards building your engine, 'The Unknown Warrior'. We also signed up three new Members during the day.

Thanks also goes to the members who donated goods on the day for us to sell to raise more funds. This is a valued source of income and we encourage further donations of quality saleable items, especially model railway related goods of any gauge which are popular sellers.

We received this email from Members Gerry and Chrissie Brown. The Members' Day report will have hopefully answered their question:

*"We are just back from our tour encompassing Worcestershire, Llangollen, Warwickshire and Lincolnshire! Llangollen was definitely the highlight, with the Severn Valley Railway a close second. Not only did we get to hear about developments, we also began to feel like part of a great project and that our views were valued. We also got to meet and chat to lots of similarly-minded enthusiasts. Do we get to know how much profit the day raised? Thanks for everything".*

Gerry & Chrissie Brown



Member Alan Crossfeld brought his superb 5" gauge of 45505 'The Royal Army Ordnance Corps' for display during Members' Day.



Members viewing progress with the frames assembly inside the Llangollen Railway Works.





Stanier 'Black 5' No. 44806 is seen at Llangollen station with the specially produced PATRIOT headboard which it carried during Members' Day. All photos with this article by John Stretton

## Stafford Administration Office Opens

**With the increasing Membership, the Project has decided to rent a small office in Stafford in the local voluntary sector HQ, where we normally have our Board meetings to cope with the growing administration.**

It is planned to be cost neutral, as making rent payments for the first time will be offset by using a team of volunteers rather than paying Claire George, our Administrator for a considerable amount of work on membership administration. That itself will be aided by the work being done by Steve Wood, who has developed a new database management system which means

it will be accessed and used by the volunteers from the office rather than the older system solely on Claire's home PC.

Claire will remain with the Project as Financial Administrator with reduced hours, with Neil Collinson as Treasurer. We will also use a franking machine to cut our postal charges. This office is not expected to be a permanent base as the local Councils are planning a new home for the local charities, which could mean we move again in the future. So for the time being we are maintaining the PO Box address as usual.



There is a new phone number on 01785 244156, with a backup answerphone, as we will staff the office 10am-4pm Monday-Friday. The move will happen from Monday 2nd September, and Member Shirley Dunn is becoming the volunteer Office Manager. Enormous thanks already to all the new volunteers as we expand the administration team.

# Annual General Meeting

This years' AGM will take place on Saturday 2nd November at the Strutt Centre, Belper, in Derbyshire. Belper is situated within easy access of Derby, just off the A6 and also has an hourly train service with local East Midlands Trains from Nottingham via Derby to Matlock calling at Belper along the Derwent Valley Line. Invitations and accounts will be posted out in due course to you.

## Remembrance Weekend and Fish & Chip Special at Llangollen

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November we are inviting all Members to Llangollen to see 'The Unknown Warrior' before it goes for display at the Warley Model Railway Exhibition on 23rd/24th November at the NEC, near Birmingham. It is planned to dress the loco with poppies for Remembrance weekend, as Rugby shed used to do with Patriot number 45500 for Remembrance Day. We will be organising informal tours around the Works from 12.00 noon each day, and our sales stand will be on platform 1 during the weekend.

On the Saturday evening we are also running a special steam hauled fish'n' chip fundraising special. This will leave Llangollen station at 6.30pm with one round trip to Carrog. The fish'n'chips will be served shortly after departure from Llangollen. A booking form is enclosed with this issue of the Warrior. I hope you will be able to support the fundraising fish'n'chip special.



The Llangollen Railway are also running Remembrance trains over this weekend with three trains running each day from Llangollen at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Tickets for these services can be bought on the day at the Llangollen Railway.

## Model Railway Items Wanted

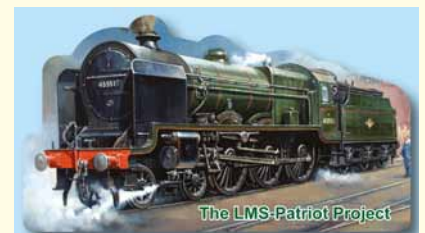
If you have any unwanted model railway items or you are looking to thin down your collection, we are still looking for good quality items to sell. We have already raised significant sums that go directly to help building 'The Unknown Warrior' and with Warley rapidly approaching, we need more items to sell.

If you have any items to donate, and you are happy to clear your shelves or dispose of unwanted items that have been lying around, please contact **Neil Kinsey** (01773 832538) or **Gavin Shell** (07875 975688).

Thank you to all Members who have donated items already.

## New Sales Items

We now have new fridge magnets available to buy from our sales stand, priced at £2 each featuring 45551 in lined BR Black by Jonathan Clay, 45551 in BR Green by Colin Wright and the LMS crimson lake and BR green 'The Unknown Warrior' nameplate and splasher logos featuring the Royal British Legion crest.





# Colin Wright Limited Edition Prints

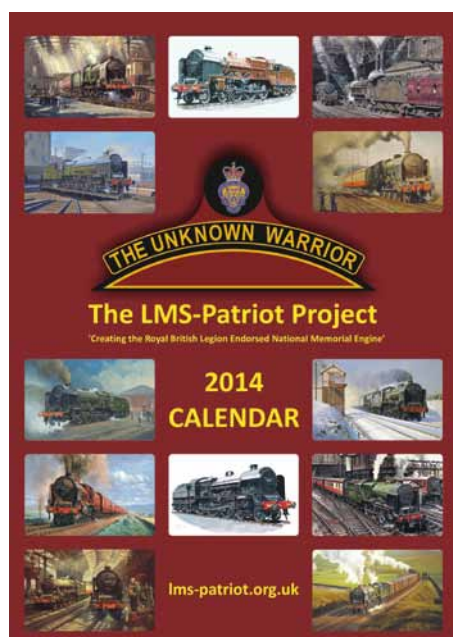
The superb limited edition print of 45551 'The Unknown Warrior' at Llangollen by Derbyshire artist, Colin Wright is still available priced £55 + £4.95 P&P. The fine art print measures 27.5" x 22" (700mm x 560mm) and is hand signed by our Chairman and the artist, Colin Wright.

Supplied in a large diameter protective card tube, the print can be ordered via our website:

[www.lms-patriot.org.uk/prints.html](http://www.lms-patriot.org.uk/prints.html)



## 2014 Fundraising Calendar



The Unknown Warrior 2014 fundraising calendar is selling well, so please be quick if you would like to order a copy for yourself or for Birthday and Christmas presents. Priced at only £8, the superb A3 size calendar features 12 different Patriot paintings by renowned Railway Artists including Philip D. Hawkins, John Austin, Jonathan Clay, Colin Wright, Craig Tiley and G.S. Cooper.

The calendar can be bought directly from our sales stand or via our website: [www.lms-patriot.org.uk/warrior\\_items.html](http://www.lms-patriot.org.uk/warrior_items.html) and is supplied in a protective card envelope.

# Future events

Please keep a note of the following events and dates for your diary:

### Pontypool & Blaenavon Steam Gala

Saturday 14th September - Sunday 15th September  
Furnace Sidings Station

### NRM Shildon 9th Annual Steam Gala

Saturday 21st September - Sunday 22nd September, NRM, Shildon

### Severn Valley Railway Autumn Steam Gala

Friday 20th September - Sunday 22nd September, Bewdley Station

### Great Central Railway Autumn Steam Gala

Thursday 3rd October - Sunday 6th October  
Loughborough Station (GCR)

### KWVR Autumn Spectacular Steam Gala

Friday 11th October - Sunday 13th October, Oxenhope Station

### Mid-Hants Railway Autumn Steam Gala

Friday 25th October - Sunday 27th October, Ropley Station

### AGM

Saturday 2nd November  
Strutt Centre at Belper, Derbyshire

### Llangollen Railway Remembrance Weekend

Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th November, Llangollen Station

### Fish & Chip Fundraising Special

Saturday 9th November  
Llangollen (see booking form included with this issue)

### Warley National Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th November, NEC, near Birmingham

If you are interested in becoming a Member of our volunteer Sales Team, please contact: **Gavin Shell (07875 975688)** or **Neil Kinsey (01773 832538)**.



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