



# LNWR GEORGE THE FIFTH STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST

NEWSLETTER NUMBER TWO FROM THE LNWR GEORGE THE FIFTH STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TRUST

The first newsletter in June set out how the Trust was set up, how the decision was taken to build a George and how we literally 'set out our stall' at Railfest in York to get the ball rolling.

This newsletter tells how we have been energetically building on this base seeking to achieve the right balance between:

- Promotion of the project
- Achieving the thorough modern understanding of our locomotive necessary to achieve the potential for main line as well as preserved railway operation
- The nitty-gritty of actually cutting metal so that progress is there for all to see

## PROMOTION OF THE PROJECT

In September we had a presence at the Llangollen Railway Gala ( Is Llangollen the new-build capital of the UK? ), in October we were present at Loughborough for the Great Central Railway Gala and at Tyseley for the Open Day and in November we did a presentation for U3A (University of the Third Age) science and technology group and were present at the LNWR Society annual luncheon event at Crewe.

We have also been promoting the project through our own website ([www.lnwrgeorgetrust.org.uk/](http://www.lnwrgeorgetrust.org.uk/)) and in particular via the associated blog and tweets produced by Grant Regan and the linked facebook produced by Tom Mainprize, all of which are updated regularly with progress, as is the new-build steam site, [newbuildsteam.com/](http://newbuildsteam.com/) . The fruits of this promotional activity are:

- More money in the pot – we passed into the realm of four figures a couple of months ago and importantly the number of monthly subscribers is rising steadily as people are 'getting off the fence'. The number of 'Friends' now stands at around one hundred and fifty.

More capable activists to enable us to spread the work load. In particular I would like to mention Tom Mainprize and Chris Northedge. Tom, a student at uni in Nottingham, has a surprisingly in depth practical experience of steam locomotives and has provided us with a network of valuable similar youthful contacts in the steam preservation movement –very relevant to a locomotive which is intended to run for the next hundred years! Chris is the new editor of the Journal of the London & North Western Railway Society and an active volunteer at Quainton.

## TIMPROVED ENGINEERING UNDERSTANDING

Anybody seeking to build a new steam locomotive in the twenty first century for operation on the main rail network will rapidly become aware that the project will be subject to scrutiny through modern engineering eyes; so we have been very busy doing our homework bringing together past knowledge and experience with modern modes of scrutiny. This has meant close attention to issues related to the Joy valve gear and the significance of the centre bearing and adequate strength within the frames. So we have studied most carefully the accident reports relating to Joy valve gear failures and in particular that at Betley Road (on the approach to Crewe from the South) which occurred very early in LMS days. Although the locomotive involved was a 'Prince of Wales' the upshot was a redesign of the connecting rod with new big end, jack link and little end, and a copy of the drawings for this has been acquired from NRM and a subsequent discussion with Tyseley proved very helpful. We have also given some thought to possible use of vampire software (as the A1 trust has done with their P2 project) to help evaluate the characteristics of the George (its riding as a 'railway vehicle'). Input data forms have been obtained but no decision has been taken as yet.

## MAKING SOMETHING HAPPEN

Every project has to start somewhere and we are focusing for the moment on the smokebox door, and in particular on the outer smokebox door. The reason for this is that it is an achievable distinctive and emotive feature which is distinctively LNWR. We have been in close touch Ted Talbot on matters of authenticity and it is our intention to have the traditional small wheel at the centre of the door (operated by its own special spanner) in true LNWR style. Originally it was hoped to have placed the contract for this by now (and reported it in this newsletter). Suffice to say we are now close but specifications and contracts etc. Everything has to be done properly!

## THE WAY AHEAD

- We are aware that the smokebox door is something of a symbolic project, but be assured we are involved in more substantive items –very possibly the plates for the front part of the frames will come next.
- We wish to turn as many as possible of the 'Friends' into active financial supporters. Do please give serious thought to this. We have already produced an attractive new leaflet for our fundraising, thanks to the skills of our printer Richard Meanley.
- We are also working on a legacies leaflet for the Trust which we can distribute to wills and probate solicitors in LNWR territory. Do please let us know if you would like a copy.
- We would like to move as soon as possible to the point of raising five figures, which will enable us to plug into matched funding and give a real fillip to the progress of the project.
- So, in short, along with everybody else, PLEASE REMEMBER GEORGE THIS CHRISTMAS!

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM ALL AT THE 'GEORGE' PROJECT'S 'MISSION CONTROL'.

Paul Hibberd, Trustee  
4 December 2012

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