

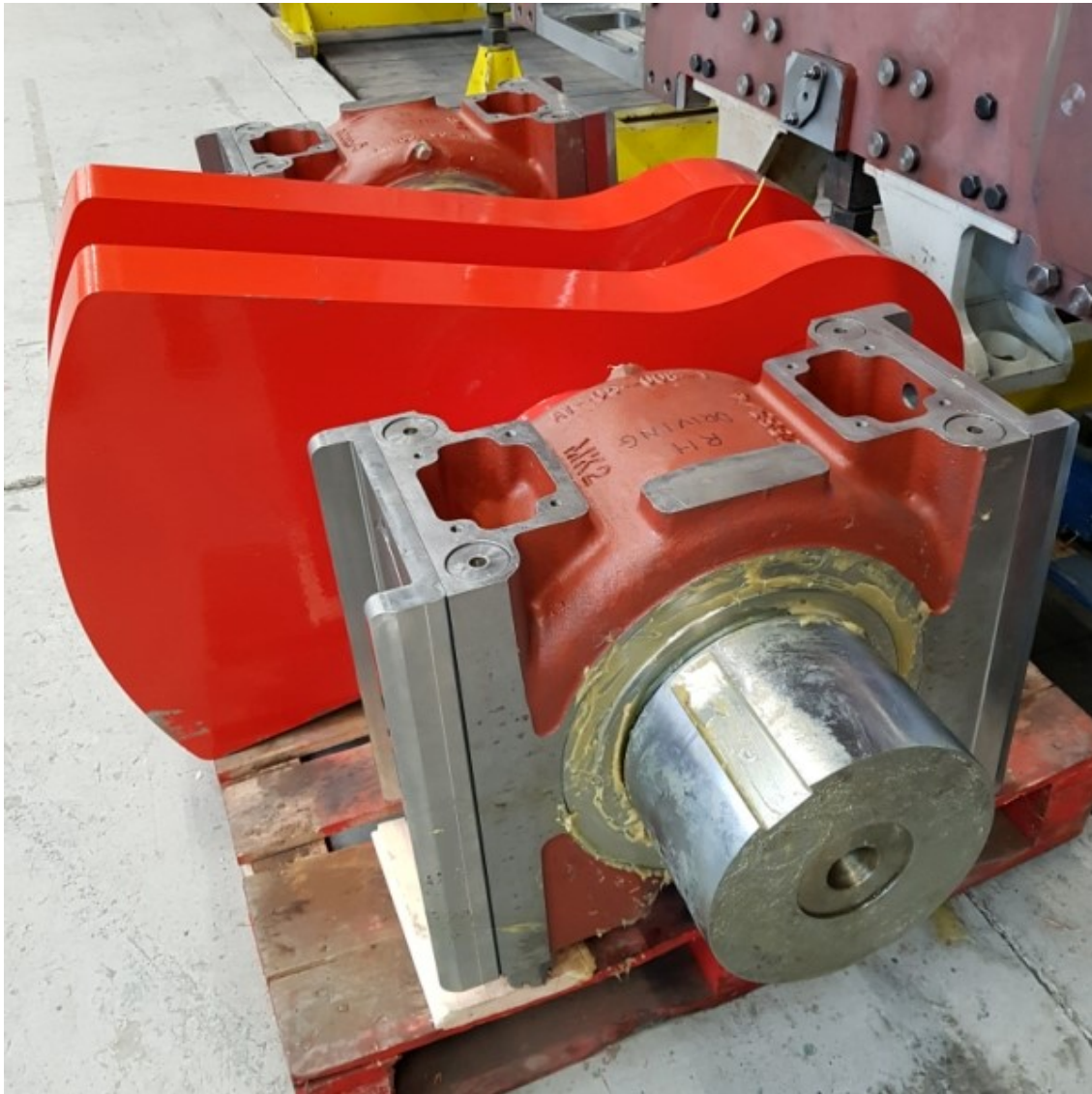
THE MIKADO MESSENGER



2007 PRINCE OF WALES
Building Britain's Most Powerful Steam Locomotive

Welcome to edition No. 41 of *The Mikado Messenger*. The *Messenger* aims to provide a regular bulletin of news about the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*.

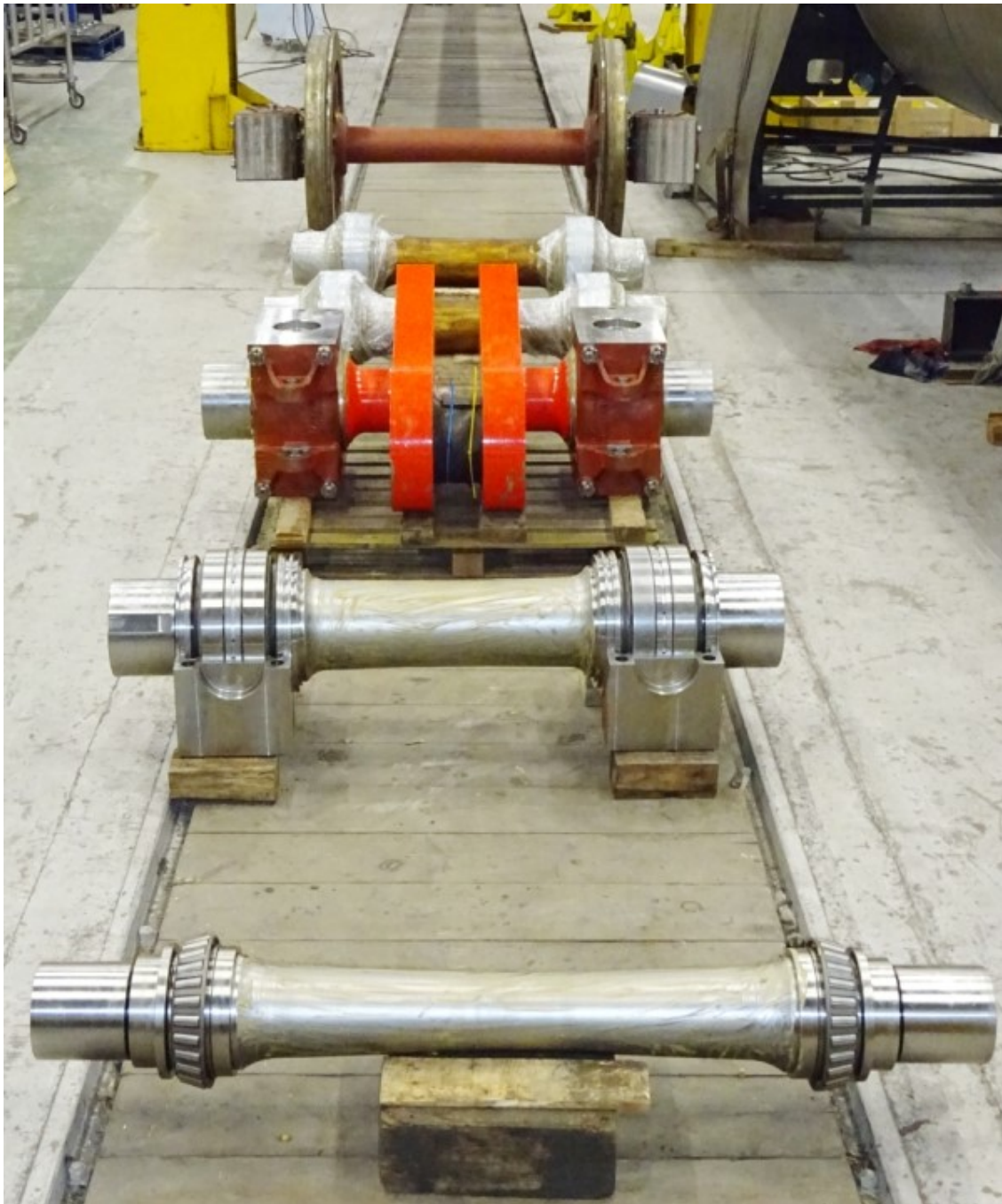
The big news this month is that the Cylinder Club has reached its target. The Trust launched The Cylinder Club to raise £100,000 from 100 supporters each donating £1,000 to pay for the redesign and manufacture of the new steam locomotive's cylinder block in October 2017 and reached its target two months early. This coincides with the money spent to-date passing the £1.6m mark - 30% of the estimated £5m total. The funding of the cylinder block will help to ensure that the project remains on schedule for completion in 2021 and enable the team to complete the wheelsets, continue the boiler procurement, order the cylinder block, design & order the first motion parts, continue to progress work on the tender and commence the electrical design during 2018.



The crank axle, now fitted with its roller bearings - Mandy Grant

We are now starting to make significant progress with the wheeling of No. 2007. All the engine axles, along with their bearings (already fitted), axle boxes and wheels have now been delivered to South Devon Railway Engineering to start the wheelset assembly.

The wheeling of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* was delayed due to the mis-machining of the keyways on the plain axles which rendered them as scrap, the need to replace the plain axles (at the supplier's cost) with a five month lead time and the consequential loss of our booked slots with other suppliers involved in the wheeling process.



The various axles ready to be shipped to SDR(E) - *David Elliott*



The wheels are loaded for transport to Devon - *David Elliott*



Jordan Durham from Middlesbrough College re-assembles an air pump - *David Elliott*

P2 FUNDRAISING

Pledges towards building No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* have passed £2.8m less than four years after the frames were rolled at British Steel's plant in Scunthorpe. Public interest in seeing a new Gresley class P2 become a reality sooner rather than later remains high and over 840 people have already signed up to the 'P2 for the price of a pint of beer per week' (£10 per month or more) covenant scheme since its

launch in March 2014. The average monthly donation is now around £17.40 per covenantor (including Gift Aid) and the projected monthly income for our P2 project from the monthly covenant scheme is now running at 105% of that of *Tornado* - a remarkable achievement in such a short period of time and all thanks to the generosity of our supporters. What is even more striking is that only 27% of A1 covenantors (36% of P2 covenantors) are regular donors to both locomotives, meaning that the overwhelming majority of the funds are being given by new supporters of the Trust.

In addition to this core scheme, funds have been raised through The Founders Club (over 360 people have donated £1,000 each - target 100 people, now closed), The Boiler Club (148 people have pledged £2,000 each to fund the boiler - target of 300 people - meaning over half of the £600,000 target now pledged), The Mikado Club (185 people have pledged £1,000 each - initial target 160 extended to 200 to wheel the tender in addition to the engine), The Cylinder Club (only launched at our last convention but has just reached its 100 members target) and Dedicated Donations (over £225,000 from existing supporters sponsoring a variety of components). The Gresley Society Trust has also sponsored the locomotive's distinctive front-end for which we are most grateful.

We are delighted with the level of support that the project to build Britain's most powerful steam locomotive has received since its launch. This means over £1.5m (over 30% of the total required) converted into metal, over £1.8m (over 36%) raised and more than £2.8m (over 56%) pledged.

We are now hopeful that we will have completed the rolling chassis for No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in winter 2018 and we remain on-track for completion of the new locomotive in 2021. However, to maintain this rate of progress we need to continue to raise more than £700,000 per year, which given the nature of the regular donation scheme becomes more challenging as each year passes.

We would encourage all our supporters who haven't yet contributed to this exciting project to help us to meet these deadlines by becoming a monthly 'P2 for the price of a pint of beer a week' covenantor, joining The Boiler Club, subscribing to The Mikado Club or taking out a Dedicated Donation. It's time to get on-board!

For more information on how you can help to build Britain's most powerful steam locomotive visit www.p2steam.com, email enquiries@p2steam.com or call 01325 460163.

AN AUDIENCE WITH THE *PRINCE OF WALES*

We will be holding a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. Each presentation will feature key Trust personnel including Mark Allatt and David Elliott and will cover the background to the project, progress to-date, future plans and details of how to get involved. We would encourage you to attend one of these Roadshows and bring along some friends and family members who would be interested in hearing about the project. The two hour presentation will run from 11:00hrs to 13:00hrs on each of the days listed below and are open to existing supporters and interested members of the public:

NEW ROADSHOW DATES FOR 2018:

- Saturday 7th April 2018 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington
- Saturday 19th May 2018 - Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield
- Saturday 9th June 2018 - Glasgow - venue to be confirmed
- Saturday 8th September 2018 - Derby Conference Centre, Derby
- Saturday 3rd November 2018 - Manchester - venue to be confirmed
- Saturday 8th December 2018 - Hilton Leeds City Hotel, Leeds.

For more information on the P2 roadshows visit www.p2steam.com, email enquiries@p2steam.com or call [01325 460163](tel:01325460163).

PRESENTATIONS

If any railway society - or indeed other interested group - would like a presentation on the project they should contact us by email enquiries@p2steam.com

EASYFUNDRAISING

Now is the time of year when many people start thinking about booking a summer holiday. Why not help the Trust at the same time by doing your online searches through EasyFundRaising, painlessly raising cash for The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust every time you spend online? You can find details of how to do this [here](#).

VOLUNTEER

As ever we are looking for more volunteers. It takes a lot of people to both keep *Tornado* on the main line and also to build *Prince of Wales*. There is always so much more that we can achieve with the right volunteers with the right skills and can-do attitude. Please email enquiries@p2steam.com if you think you can help.

For more information on the project to build Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* please visit www.p2steam.com, email enquiries@p2steam.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

TRAVEL WITH *TORNADO*

For more information on *Tornado's* tours and where you can see her, click [here](#).

The Trust respectfully requests that anyone wanting to see *Tornado* follows the rules of the railway and only goes where permitted.

OPEN DAYS AT DARLINGTON

We hold public open days at Darlington Locomotive Works on the third Saturday of every month. During April through to September we are open 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs, October through to March, we are open 11:00hrs - 15:30hrs.



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