

THE MIKADO MESSENGER



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

Welcome to edition No. 22 of The Mikado Messenger. The Messenger aims to provide a regular bulletin of news about the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*.

One of the most exciting developments at Darlington Locomotive Works has been the arrival of two apprentices from Virgin Trains, something which would have been difficult during the construction of *Tornado* due to the slower progress of construction. We are delighted to have Michael and Simon working with us.

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WHEELSETS

Timsons Engineering at Kettering are nearing completion of machining of axlebox and cannonbox components. The first axle components have arrived in the UK from South Africa in the form of proof machined forgings for the crank axle stubs, and machining is underway.





SMOKEBOX

Work continues with on the smokebox preparation and trial fitting of the smoke lifting screens including forming the beading for their leading edges. The chimney casting is being machined by North View Engineering Solutions in Darlington.

FRAMES

Mick Robinson has completed the permanent assembly of the frame stays and coupled hornblocks to the frames bringing the total number of driven bolts used in assembling the frames up to around 700. Meanwhile Ian Matthews is progressing completion of the footplating at the front of the engine.

APPRENTICES AT DARLINGTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Virgin Trains are supplying several pairs of hands to help with the construction of No. 2007. London-based pair and Virgin Trains apprentices, Michael Olley and Simon Nadolny, both 23, have been working in Darlington alongside P2SLC engineers as part of a sponsored opportunity to gain experience in different depots.

Simon, who is from Doncaster, said: “We’ve been getting down to basics, bending metal and hammering nuts and bolts into place, helping to install three large fabricated frame stays and assembling the smokebox lifting sheets. It’s been a real privilege and I’m proud to have played a small part in creating what will be the UK’s most powerful steam engine.”





FUNDRAISING

Public interest in seeing a new Gresley class P2 become a reality sooner rather than later is high and 770 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 a year ago. 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 (over 100 people have pledged £2,000 each - target of 300 people), The Mikado Club (80 people have pledged £1,000 each - target 160 people/£200,000), Dedicated Donations (over £175,000 from existing supporters sponsoring a variety of components) and the sponsorship of the locomotive's distinctive front-end by The Gresley Society Trust. This means that the project has already received pledges of 44% (including Gift Aid) of the £5m needed to complete the new locomotive by 2021.

We are delighted with the level of support that the project to build Britain's most powerful steam locomotive has received since its launch. Thanks to our supporters' continued generosity, well over £2m has now been donated or pledged which has been converted into over one third of the new locomotive being now in existence by weight 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 in excess of £700,000 per year, which given the nature of the regular donation scheme becomes more challenging as each year passes.

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.

THE MIKADO CLUB

WE WANT EIGHT AND WE WON'T WAIT - £200,000 appeal launched to wheel No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* by the autumn.

On 29th March we announced a new £200,000 appeal to wheel No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* by autumn 2016. When achieved, it will be the first time for over 70 years that one of this iconic class of locomotives has stood on its wheels - the last original Gresley class P2 No. 2003 *Lord President* was rebuilt into an ungainly Thompson class A2/2 Pacific in December 1944.

Following the success of The Founders Club (to get the project to the point of cutting the frames) and The Boiler Club (to fund the construction of the boiler), the Trust has decided to establish The Mikado Club to raise an estimated £200,000 required to wheel No. 2007 during 2016.

If the project to complete No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in 2021 is to remain on schedule the engine needs to be wheeled this year. The Trust has therefore set itself the challenge of raising £200,000 through The Mikado Club from 160 supporters each donating £1,000 (plus Gift Aid) to the project in up to eight payments of £125 by standing order. This estimate excludes the components already ordered or delivered such as wheels, tyres, axles, bearings and cannon boxes some of which are still available to sponsor as Dedicated Donations.

In return for supporting this appeal, special benefits for members of The Mikado Club include:

- Reserved seat on one of No. 2007's first main line train
- Reasonable access to No. 2007
- Opportunity to purchase an exclusive Mikado Club badge
- Opportunity to join one of the teams building No. 2007
- First choice of other components to sponsor
- Special limited edition version (signed/numbered) of Stephen Bainbridge's new painting of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* at Darlington station
- Special Mikado Club day with *Tornado*.

We are confident that we will have completed the rolling chassis for No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* in early 2017 having reached 50% of our target for The Mikado Club. We would encourage those of you who haven't yet contributed to this exciting project to help us to meet these deadlines by becoming a member of The Mikado Club. It's time to get on board!

To become a member of The Mikado Club, email enquiries@p2steam.com, call 01325 460163 or visit www.p2steam.com for more information.

THE BOILER CLUB

It is our desire to leave No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* debt free upon completion and therefore our aim is to raise at least £600,000 for The Boiler Club from 300 supporters each donating £2,000 to the project (in up to 40 payments of £50 by standing order).

Special benefits for members of The Boiler Club:

- Opportunity to buy a ticket (seat already reserved) on one of No. 2007's first main line train
- Reasonable access to No. 2007
- Opportunity to purchase an exclusive Boiler Club badge
- Opportunity to join one of the teams building No. 2007
- First choice of other components to sponsor
- Special limited edition version (signed/numbered) of the first official painting of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* with No. 60163 *Tornado*
- Special Boiler Club day with *Tornado*

For more information on how you can help to build Britain's most powerful steam locomotive [visit our website](#), [email us](#) or call 01325 460163.

P2 BOILER CLUB EXCLUSIVE BADGES

P2 BOILER CLUB EXCLUSIVE BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BUY!

To purchase your badge please send a cheque for £5 made payable to The P2 Steam Locomotive Company to The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, Darlington Locomotive Works, Hopetown Lane, Darlington DL3 6RQ

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DEDICATED DONATIONS

Since its launch in 2014, 236 individual components have been sponsored as part of the Dedicated Donations Scheme, this is in addition to many of the smokebox components which have been sponsored directly by The Gresley Society Trust.

If you would like to sponsor a component on No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, please contact dedicated.donations@p2steam.com

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

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.



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