

THE MIKADO MESSENGER



Welcome to edition No.26 of *The Mikado Messenger*. The Messenger aims to provide a regular bulletin of news about the construction of No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*.

AN AUDIENCE WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust recently announced that it will be holding a series of presentations on the project to build new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* along the route of the East Coast Main Line from London to Edinburgh and all the way to Aberdeen during 2017. Each presentation will feature key Trust personnel including Mark Allatt (Chairman) and David Elliott (Director of Engineering) 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:

- Saturday 18th February 2017 - The Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough
- Saturday 18th March 2017 - Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery, Doncaster
- Saturday 22nd April 2017 - York Railway Institute, York
- Saturday 13th May 2017 - Darlington Locomotive Works, Darlington
- Saturday 17th June 2017 - Newcastle Mining Institute, Newcastle
- Saturday 1st July 2017 - Edinburgh Jury's Inn, Edinburgh
- Saturday 14th October 2017 - Dundee Heritage Trust Discovery Point, Dundee
- Saturday 25th November 2017 - Aberdeen Jury's Inn, Aberdeen.



An illustration of the incredible progress made to date, No 2007 as she is now -
Mandy Grant

Public interest in seeing a new Gresley class P2 become a reality sooner rather than later is high and 790 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 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 (well over 110 people have pledged £2,000 each - target of 300 people), The Mikado Club (105 people have pledged £1,000 each - target 160 people/£200,000), Dedicated Donations (over £180,000 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 almost 50% (including Gift Aid) of the £5m needed to complete the new locomotive by 2021.

Mark Allatt, chairman, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, commented, "The past three years have seen dramatic progress toward our aim of completing new Gresley class P2 No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* by 2021. No. 2007 is already at the stage *Tornado* was eight years into the project. We are holding a series of free roadshow presentations in 2017, starting in London at the London Transport Museum, to promote the £5m project and at each we will cover the background to the project, our progress to-date, future plans and details of how to get involved. These presentations are open to anyone interested in the project and we are encouraging our existing supporters to bring along interested family and friends."

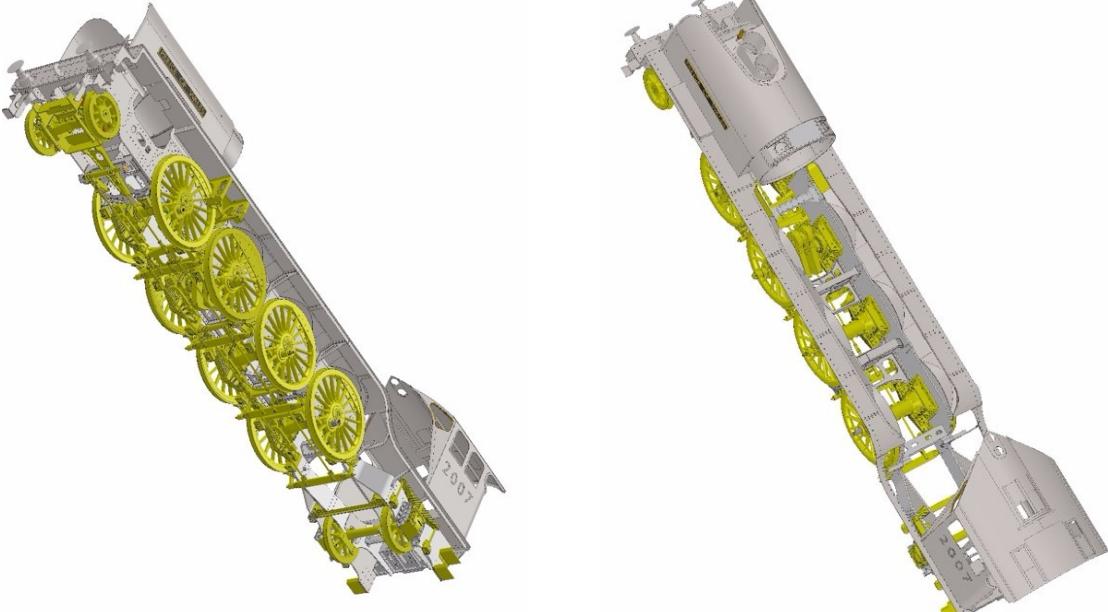
The first Roadshow, held at The London Transport Museum on Saturday 14th January was

a huge success, with around 50 attendees. We welcomed three new covenantors on the day along with some of our current covenantors deciding to increase their monthly contribution to the project. Following on from the show we have received a number of donations and requests for covenantor packs.



TARGETS FOR 2017

- Completion of wheelsets and fitting to frames
 - Finish cab and smokebox
- Complete design, make and fit outside motion brackets
 - Finish re-design and fabricate pony truck frame
- Make and fit spring hanger brackets and spring gear
 - Make and fit brake linkage
 - Boiler procurement
- Complete design for valve gear
- Place order for cylinder block.



We will need to raise £500,000 in 2017 in order to complete the work listed above.

THE MIKADO CLUB

WE WANT EIGHT AND WE WON'T WAIT - £200,000 appeal launched to wheel No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* by Spring 2017.

On 29th March we announced a new £200,000 appeal to wheel No. 2007 *Prince of Wales* by Spring 2017. 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 2017.

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 Spring 2017 having reached almost 70% 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). We currently have over 100 supporters signed up to The Boiler Club.

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 & MIKADO CLUB EXCLUSIVE BADGES

P2 BOILER CLUB & MIKADO CLUB EXCLUSIVE BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BUY!
These badges are only available to Boiler Club or Mikado Club members.

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

DEDICATED DONATIONS

Since its launch in 2014, 294 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.

The Christmas campaign was successful with 35 components being sponsored, totaling almost £7,000 plus gift aid.

Some components available to sponsor are:

- Cartazzi hornblock trailing casting £600.00
- Various wheel spokes £600.00
- Various cladding sheets £400.00 - £600.00
- Washout door escutcheon front RH upper £70.00
- Firebox lower hand rail knob rear LH £75.00

Along with many more!

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

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.

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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