

Locomotive Workshop News

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FINISHING TOUCHES

FURTHER WORK

We are currently making arrangements with Mc Gain Contracts to put the floor into the Workshop. With the excellent response to the Appeal, this can be done properly now - had the Appeal not been so successful we would have had to cut this expenditure severely, or even axe it! The process of moving everything into the new building will follow - more of that in future Newsletters.

COVENANTS

I would just remind everyone who indicated that they would covenant their donation, to return the form as soon as they get it (after signing, of course!). I hope to send off the first claim just after the New Year.

CERTIFICATES

The Certificates for "buy-a-brick" donations have now all been posted out, except for a small number for which I had insufficient address details, or the name or address was hard to read! If you have not received your Certificate, and you would still like to have a proper acknowledgement of your donation, please contact the Appeal Office.

DONATED RAILWAYANA

The response to the sale of these was quick, to say the least. The Appeal's phone didn't stop for several evenings after the last bulletin went out, and most of the donated artefacts, plus more donated since, are sold.

A few items are left, and a few more have appeared. A station nameboard station sign has become available, of approx. 1930 vintage. This is a Great Southern bilingual sign from Muine Bheag / Bagenalstown (Co. Carlow). This is a rare type of relic, but one which would look very good on your garage wall (as it did on its former owner's...). We would suggest a price of £200. I still have the cast iron letters "PORTADOWN" off the old signal cabin which controlled entrance to the "Derry Road", and some Signalmen's Journal books from both Portadown and Warrenpoint signal cabins.

A large quantity of tickets is available for sale at prices varying from £2 - £10 each. There are some mint condition County Donegal examples, many rare ones included, and GNR, LMS(NCC) and UTA. At bargain basement level, we have a lot of late 1960s NIR examples. These are now becoming less common than they were comparatively recently.

PHONE 01846 670702 AFTER 8 PM
ANY EVENING for further details.

EPILOGUE ...

At this point, with the Workshop built, the Workshop Newsletter will wind down, but the work goes on. Track gangs are needed, along with all sorts of other hands-on-deck at Whitehead Site. Our Site Officer, Dermot Mackie, will be very pleased to welcome anyone who can come along to the Site, even for one day.

It has become apparent from the collection and sale of railway artefacts that there are a number of members who are interested in looking out for various types of items, from headed notepaper and luggage labels to station seats and platform barrows.

The Appeal has gathered a list of several dozen members who have expressed an interest in various items, or items from specific railway companies or areas. On a casual basis, Wand when something you are interested in buying falls into our hands we will drop you a line if you would be seriously interested in buying it. If anyone would like to be added to this list, please drop a line to the Appeal address stating what sort of items interest you. You may hear from me by return, or you may not hear a word for 10 years! I will simply hold your name on a list just in case your item comes to my attention somewhere. First come (or highest bidder), first served, if there's a clash of interests!

The Society would be especially grateful to anyone who would consider donating railway artefacts of any sort, or who knows of any possible source of same.

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