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Dear 563 Supporter,

Work continues to progress at a good pace at the Flour Mill. Since our last T3 Times, there has been a reorganisation of the works, both small Prairies have left the workshop allowing the 563s frames to take their place alongside the boiler and Severn Valley Railway 14xx.

This is a huge milestone for us and a testament to our supporters, without your generous donations and monthly standing orders it's no exaggeration to say that we would not have been able to reach this point. Of course, further progress is dependent on the continued success of our fundraising efforts; to finish 563 we still need to raise around a further £200,000. Any donations large or small will be gratefully appreciated to help us reach this target. With the frames inside the workshop, the Flour Mill staff are busy working to prepare the valve gear ready for refitting to the frames.



Paint

A start has also been made on painting the frames, this means we need to confirm the paint colour for the final livery application, which of course means deciding which livery to paint it!

A poll of supporters several years ago decided in favour of painting 563 in 'Drummond' era livery, as was also applied in the 1948 restoration.

The question of paint is a hotly debated subject, Tony Filby from the NRM Paint Studio offered the following comment about Drummond Green after repainting LSWR M7 245 in 2001:

During research work, we discovered that the colours were described "as a green like young grass in spring", boarded with purple-brown and a double white line with black inset.

It seems that the paint shop at Nine Elms works mixed its own paint from ingredients brought in, and that as each batch was prepared a sample of the colour was taken for Drummonds inspection. He would then approve the colour before it was applied. There are records referring to heated arguments between Drummond and his paint shop foreman regarding some of the samples presented. The foreman offering his resignation on more than one occasion, only to be told don't be stupid your work is fine but you are colour blind where the chocolate is concerned!

Out of all the chaos I would doubt if any two engines were turned out the same colour.

The NRM painted LSWR M7 245 in BS225 Light Brunswick Green, a colour generally accepted to be close to Drummond Green, with Purple Brown matched to HRMS livery samples. Having obtained this specification, we will compare BS225 to the samples in HMRS Livery Register no. 3 LSWR and Southern before we determine which is the most appropriate shade to proceed with. Both of these shades seem darker than the livery it was painted in 1948. Establishing exactly what shade of green 563 was painted in 1948 is difficult, it had a bare metal repaint in 1961, and the limited colour photos we hold of 563 between 1948-60 show a huge degree of variation depending on the film used, lighting conditions and how polished the paint was. Of course, it's somewhat subjective what colour "young grass in spring" is!

Naturally, it's not as simple as 'just' painting the locomotive in Drummond livery, there are of course several possible variations, we'll give a breakdown of these in a future issue.



Tender

We have received a few more donations and supporters for our Tender Club, although more donations and members of the Club will always be welcomed. Our plan remains to bring this down to the Norden Road and Rail interchange in October to enable this to be stripped ahead of transporting to Herston Works in the new year.



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From the Archives - 1948 preservation and restoration: What do we know?

Following on from the previous issue and a successful visit to the NRM, we thought it worth recapping what we know about the preservation and restoration of 563 carried out at Eastleigh Works in preparation for the locomotive's appearance at Waterloo 100 celebrations in 1948.

Following the locomotive's withdrawal from traffic in August 1945, Tony Sedgwick's records 563 as being on Eastleigh Sheds "Shop Road" until 24th August 1947, when the locomotive was shunted over to the Locomotive works. It then returned to the shed on 15th January 1948 where it was towed to sidings between Romsey and Kimbridge junction, known as Awbridge Sidings by Bulleid Q1, C23. From here it was to await breaking up at Ditton.

Fate seemingly intervened, Macleod and Turbet were asked by GM to pick a suitable Adams 4-4-0 to be displayed as part of a collection of vintage rolling stock at Waterloo 100, as Bradley states:

"At this eleventh hour, Southern Officialdom realised that all Adams and Tenders suitable for the Waterloo centenary celebrations would vanish forever if rapid action was not taken, so a visit to Kimbridge Junction was hastily arranged to view the residents and choose the most suitable candidate for the exhibition."

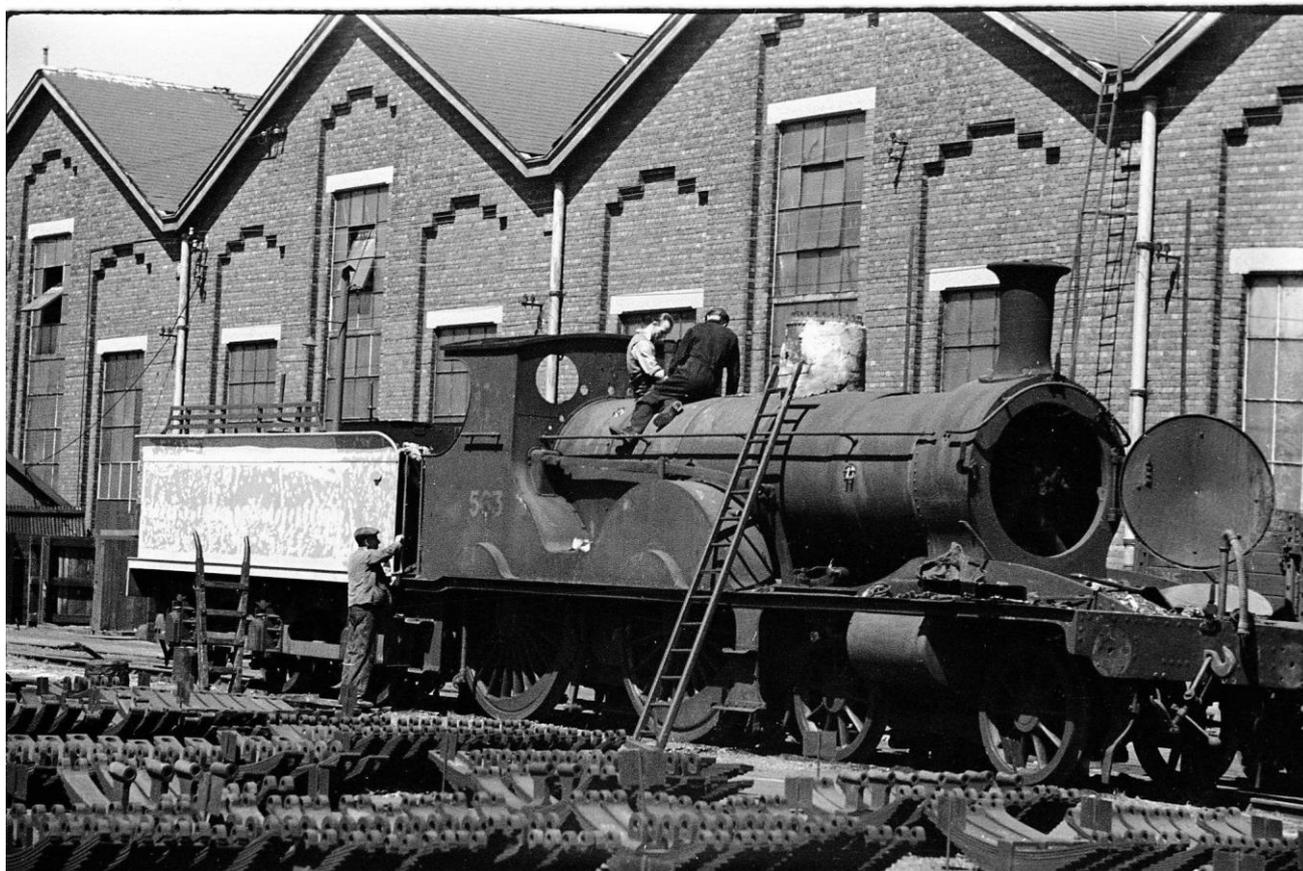
This visit took place on 4th May by AB MacLeod, Turbett, Townroe and Painter Foreman Miller, it was agreed to select 563 for preservation. 563 was taken from Kimbridge Junction to Eastleigh on 17th May 1948, where it was restored to partial Adams condition. 563 was sent to Micheldever on 7th June 1948 for official photographs; quite a turnaround!

The following alterations were made, the engine only needing to "be complete externally"; Adams Chimney Fabricated, 2 cast number plates made and fitted to the cab sides, 2 whistles fitted and pipework replaced and repainted into LSWR livery based on a photograph of No.561.

At present, we don't possess any primary sources from Eastleigh outlining what was done to 563, although we do know that she was given a re-tube, allowing it to travel under its own steam at 60psi, rather than being restored for static display. This suggests that the patchwork quilt of firebox repairs were carried out before preservation during wartime service.

Remarkably, the locomotive was only assessed less than 35 days before the start of Waterloo 100 celebrations, 14th-25th June, and 563 was only in the works for 20 days. It appeared to have been a last-minute affair and a quick turnaround!

The preservation of 563 does raise several questions; why did 563 languish around Eastleigh works for two and a half years before being taken to Kimbridge Junction? Why was the restoration of 563 so last minute, is Bradley's 'hastily arranged visit' poetic license, or were 563, and all of the remaining Adams 4-4-0s, on the brink of being scrapped before this intervention? It would be interesting to know when their visit was sanctioned in the 4 months that 563 was at Kimbridge and to see the correspondence between the General Manager and MacLeod and Turbet.



563 at Eastleigh Works during the 1948 overhaul: S C Townroe Collection

Legacies

In common with many other charities, the Swanage Railway Trust invites its supporters to consider leaving a bequest to the Trust in their will. The 563 Locomotive Group is part of the Trust, so we'd like to take this opportunity to invite our supporters to consider this as another way to help secure the long-term future of 563 in steam. The Trust's legacy information pack can be found on our website at <https://www.swanagerailwaytrust.org/giving> or by writing to The Legacies Officer, Swanage Railway Trust, Station House, Swanage, DORSET, BH19 1HB. We also have some T3 specific wording prepared to assist supporters who would like to remember the locomotive in this way – please contact the 563 team at 563locomotivegroup@swanagerailway.co.uk or by post to the 563 Locomotive Group at the Station House address above.



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