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Well, we've made it! After a long wait and some chewed fingernails, the Fund finally became a charitable Trust on 29th January, 2010.

Our new name is **The 82045 Steam Locomotive Trust**, but the aims and objectives are just the same: to keep up (we hope) the cracking pace of the project and ensure that the Riddles Class 3 tank is back in the land of the living just as soon as possible.

The most obvious advantage conferred by our new status is that we can now claim Gift Aid of 28 pence for every pound donated by a UK taxpayer on or after 29th January. This is irrespective of whether the donation is a lump sum or comes in the form of a monthly standing order instalment. You will find a Gift Aid declaration at the end of this Newsletter, so if you pay income tax and are agreeable to our claiming Gift Aid on your contribution, please fill this in and return it to Barbara.

We are now legally obliged to hold an Annual General Meeting, and the first AGM will take place on **Saturday 10th April at 11.00 a.m.** in the upstairs Library at Kidderminster Railway Museum. Please make a note of this date in your diary: we will be delighted to see you (and any friends who might be interested), and the meeting promises to be an interesting one, with plenty to talk about.

REVIEW OF 2009 PROBLEMS WITH BANK AND ROYAL MAIL

If you read Chris's article in the latest issue of *SVR News*, you will know about the gremlins that afflicted us – through no fault of our own – last year. We are pleased to report that the problem with Barclays has now been resolved, with the bank agreeing to credit us with a total of £650-00 to offset our losses caused by the mistake they made. We have decided to accept this offer, and are glad to be able to draw a line under the matter.

Royal Mail are a different proposition, and despite our best efforts and the welcome intervention of the local MP, it appears that there is no mechanism to recompense us for the consequences of the rogue postman's failure to deliver the mail in Chris's part of Cheshire - wonderfully timed, as it was in the immediate aftermath of our huge promotional efforts during *Tornado's* visit to the SVR. We have decided that it's no use crying over spilt milk any longer and that we'd be better fixing our attention on the future, so again we are going to draw – this time with some reluctance – a line under this nasty affair.

ENGINEERING

Since publication of Newsletter No.11, three horizontal stretchers and the brake cylinder support stretcher have been bolted into the frames. The awful January weather did its best to keep us at home, but not for long. The front and rear buffer beams and corner brackets have been removed for completion of outstanding drilling and are now refitted.

One of the vertical stretchers has been fitted and work is well advanced on the front and rear radial arm support stretchers and also the strengthening arrangements for the inside of the buffer beams, which take the drawbar forces. We have the profiled steel for the two stretchers which support the centre castings for the pony trucks, although there is quite a lot of fabrication work involved here to complete these components.



In the coming months we will be looking towards casting the firebox support bracket, hornblocks and horn guides. We have the patterns ready and waiting for these items thanks to the excellent work of Brian Oldford. Once the hornblocks and guides are fitted to the frames there will be the flexible stretchers, which attach to same, to think about. That will just leave the smokebox saddle fabrication to undertake before a monumental riveting session appears on the horizon. In this connection, we are considering approaching the SVR to quote for the work. If acceptable, we would thus save a great deal of time, as doing the job ourselves would involve a quite lengthy, piecemeal operation, and we hope to have the frame assembly completed by the end of this year.

Looking a little further ahead we can begin to turn our thoughts towards wheels and in this respect another new build project have been in touch to provide us with some information on prices for casting new steam locomotive driving wheels. It seems unlikely that there will be much change to be had from approx. £10,000 per wheel. There will be the cost of tyres, crankpins, axles and all relevant machining and fitting to add on to this, so some serious fund-raising is just around the corner!

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Our membership is increasing steadily and numbered 214 at the time of writing this (February 8th). Consequently, our twice-yearly Newsletter is becoming expensive to print and post (postage costs are set to rise again shortly). It is far better that we spend our precious funds on **82045** and would like therefore to send our newsletter to as many members as possible electronically. It is appreciated that not everyone is able to accept the Newsletter in this way and they will continue to receive a paper version. If you are happy to accept a paperless newsletter, please send a brief confirmation to barbara.massau@ntlworld.com. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SPRING RAFFLE 2010

Once again we are holding our spring raffle with a brilliant **1st prize of a 32 mile footplate ride on the SVR**, hopefully with Tony and Chris (sadly, it won't be on 82045 – YET!!). Other prizes include 1st and 3rd class tickets for travel on the SVR, and we are most grateful to General Manager Nick Ralls for donating these prizes.



Last years` winner John Shaw is shown climbing onto the footplate.

Two books of tickets are enclosed, have a flutter yourself or sell to friends. More books are available from Barbara, just send an SAE please.

*All monies and ticket stubs to be returned to Barbara **BEFORE 15TH MAY 2010**. The draw will take place at the SVR Members' and Shareholders' weekend on 23rd May 2010.*

SALES and EXHIBITION STANDS

Many members will know that at SVR Galas we are usually to be found in the machine shop at Bridgnorth, it is a bit dull and oily but warm. This year (5-7th March) we will also have a stand under the canopy at Kidderminster Station and for this we are grateful to Stationmaster Geoff Smith who has been most supportive. 82045 member John Gupwell will be looking after our new stand and will be ably assisted by Mathew Strong. We wish them well!

We are also casting our net a little further and visiting other railways. Barbara and Tony went to the Churnet Valley on 6/7th February, and visits are planned to the West Somerset Railway and the Midland Railway Centre before ending the spring Gala circuit back home at the SVR.

We have a new range of products this year: mugs, pictures, key rings, fridge magnets, lapel badges, mouse mats, coasters and a new T-shirt – all quality items and bearing the image of **82045** by railway artist Jonathan Clay. Please come and visit us and support your locomotive.

SVR MUSIC WEEK 3rd- 7th May 2010

A week of musical evenings is being organised in the week leading to the 1960's Weekend. These evenings are to take place at Kidderminster and we have been asked if we would like to help. Volunteers will be required to act as ticket sellers, ushers and general assistance on one or even two evenings. It is anticipated that 200/300 tickets will be available for each evening at a cost of £10 each and the organisation "hosting" the evening only have to pay for the acts/band etc. The balance may all be donated to **82045**. Details are sketchy at present but we need to know if we can field a team of at least six people for one or two nights. If you can possibly help, please contact Barbara as soon as possible: 01625 820584, barbara.massau@ntlworld.com. This is too good an opportunity to miss, please help if you can.

PUBLICITY

Confirmation of our charitable status has meant that we can at last produce some new promotional literature. The new leaflet is at the printers at the time of writing (5,000 copies are on order), and an appeal insert flyer is also ready for printing. Look out for at least two articles about **82045** in the hobby press over the coming months, as well as some concerted fund-raising initiatives.

AND FINALLY Don't forget:

- to return the **Gift Aid** declaration and **raffle ticket stubs** to Mrs B Massau, 4 Southfield, Prestbury, Macclesfield Cheshire SK10 4XF (*If you have already completed a Gift Aid form for 82045- no need to repeat*).
- the **AGM** on **Saturday 10th April** at 11.00 a.m.

Tony and Barbara Massau, Chris Proudfoot

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