4247 Limited

Newsletter – January 2025

Dear Shareholder

A belated best wishes to you all for a happy & healthy 2025.

4247 Overhaul

Progress on the overhaul of 4247 is going well as those attending the Annual General Meeting will have witnessed, since then major work has been completed in the firebox with lap seams being copper welded & a fine job done by the copper welder of which only a handful remain in the country. All the small tubes are now fitted in the barrel & the large flue tubes are on site & being prepared to be fitted shortly thus making the boiler ready for its first out of frames testing. All copper stays are in & riveted. All the new boiler cladding is on site, rolled and are now being painted. The tanks & cab are assembled & painted ready to fit. One side now has all the rods fitted back on. A fair number of smaller parts have been refurbished & fitted back on. The bunker is now water tight & a number of primer coats applied.

Contacting you by email

A small number of you will receive this newsletter by digital means as we have asked for your permission to do so. It is a lot easier, cost effective & saving on manual labour than to send post out. It also allows us to get news to you much more quickly, which might prove very useful in the coming months as we hope to let all shareholders know when 4247 is expected to start running in at the East Somerset Railway and she is expected to enter service with the Dartmouth Steam Railway. We are likely to get 14 days, notice or less of these events taking place, so a few days less passing the news onto you could be very useful for any of you hoping to attend either of them.
Please consider helping us by letting us know your email address so we can continue to go with the times. Just send an email to Martin & Neil email addresses.
martin.betts@ntlworld.com / janet.powles479@btinternet.com saying something like "I approve the use of my email address for all future correspondence from 4247 Limited".
Should you change your mind at any time in the future then you can simply advise us that you are withdrawing this permission.

4247 Livery

The Board's proposed livery for 4247 received postal votes for it to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting, however the majority of shareholders attending the meeting were disappointed that other options were not on the voting form sent out, so voted for a second vote to be held with all options included. The Board recognised the importance of this issue to the shareholders and agreed to arrange a second vote.

The results are as follows:-

Option 1	61 votes from 5 shareholders.	Green with "Great Western"
Option 2	42 votes from 6 shareholders.	Green with GWR circular monogram.
Option 3	12 votes from 3 shareholders.	Green GWR.
Option 4	No votes	Black GWR.
Option 5	110 votes from 33 shareholders.	Black with "British Railways".
Option 6	1 vote from 1 shareholder.	Black early BR motif
Option 7	No votes	Black later BR motif
Option 8	11 votes from 5 shareholders.	Black with "Great Western"
Option 9	1 vote from 1 shareholder	Hogwarts Express Crimson !

Option 5 was the most popular, so this is the livery that has won the vote and will be applied during the overhaul at Cranmore. Thank you to everyone who took the time to register their vote

Thank you as always for your support of 4247. We hope that the overhaul is completed successfully in the coming months and that many of you will have the opportunity to see her back in steam in 2025

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Neil Powles/Martin Betts