

6880 Betton Grange

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**Building the 81st Grange for the 21st Century**

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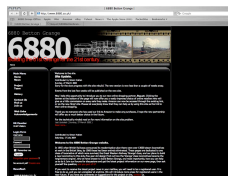
**Welcome.**

This is the first issue of our new look newsletter. We hope you like it.

The next issue is due for publication at the end of June, and if you have any comments on the look, content or project, or if you have anything that would make a good article, please contact us on the address below.

**Website News.**

Apologies to any of our web-site users. Techni-



cal problems have meant the site has not been able to be updated in the last couple of months. We are almost

ready to roll out a re-freshed version with more news, photos and some exciting new content.

Please check us out at [www.6880.co.uk](http://www.6880.co.uk), and bookmark us so all your news and info is only one click away.

**Monthly Income.**



We are pleased to announce our monthly income is now above £700. Thank you to all our members and donators. Check the article on page 2 to see how you can help more.

**Boiler agreement.**

We are awaiting the finished agreement from the Vale of Glamorgan Council for signing. Once this is complete it is hoped that Willington Hall could be moved to Llangollen as early as June. We will bring you a full report in the next issue.

**Working weekends.**

Upcoming weekends we are organising working parties at Llangollen.

21 - 22 May

18 - 19 June

9 - 10 July

You are welcome to come along and join in, or simply meet the team to view progress.

## A new 'Grange' takes shape

The weekend of 8-9th April saw the arrival of the frames for 6880 into the shed at Llangollen.

Stored at Pentrefelin since their arrival it is only now that sufficient room inside the shed has become available for the erection of the frames to take place, and until now this has meant that we have had to concentrate on producing some of the smaller frame components and other fittings. With the frames now inside the shed it will be possible to get down to the main task of putting them together.



The movement of the frames into the shed meant that 6880 had to be 'turned' for the first time, although we did use an unconventional turn table to do it!



Now the main components are in their own place we can begin the mammoth task of preparing each separate frame component, building a jig, accurately aligning the whole lot and finally riveting each piece together.



If you fancy helping out or simply want to view progress of 6880 you will be made very welcome. We are available on our advertised weekends, and by appointment for other dates.

*Photos by Will Naylor*

# The next stages...

*While not set in stone, there are too many outside influences, financial considerations, and good old spanners that can get dropped in the works, this is a summary of our plans for the remainder of this year.*

## Frame construction

As already reported in this issue, with the frames safely inside the shed at Llangollen we are now able to continue the design and construction of a jig to enable the frames to be erected. This is a large part of our activities for the foreseeable future, and some of this work will be contracted to the Workshops. Some of the work requires precision engineering, and some is just plain hard labour, but we will soon start to see the results of all our efforts.

## Cab

A key milestone this year is the construction of the cab,

and we have set a deadline for the Crewe Open Day. The steel for the sides has been ordered, a new cab-side window frame to match an original donated to us has been ordered, along with the castings for the two front windows. We aim to be able to use the finished cab, fully lined out with number-plates attached, as a key display, housing promotional material at Llangollen when it is completed.

## Smaller parts

We have already started construction of some of the smaller fittings for 6880, the steel for building the splashers has already been purchased, rolled to the correct

profile, and two have been made. Construction of these parts will continue but a priority will be given to the frames and cab-sides.

## Sponsored parts list

As we have already had offers for the sponsorship of several items for 6880, the cab-sides being the latest offer, we intend to publish a list of items for sponsorship, along with its cost. This may be tied with the idea of dividing some areas of the project into separate mini-projects. It is yet to be decided how to promote such a scheme, and we are looking at ways that such sponsorship could be recorded. It is a tried and tested method for other

groups, and we would welcome suggestions if you have any. We are looking at ideas such as a cab mounted plaque, or even if names could be mounted in the wooden cab floor. A list of items is being prepared, and we will publish it shortly.

## Clothing

The first of our planned range of 'branded' items has been introduced and will soon be available on the web-site. Items include fleeces, polo shirts and baseball caps. Please contact us for more information.



## Events

The following events will be attended by our 'roadshow'. Come along and meet us at: Llangollen Steam Gala, 4th-5th June. Crewe Works Open Day, September 9-11th.

## Buying online can help us raise funds

As part of our fund-raising we recently introduced a scheme to link to online retailer Amazon.co.uk. Christmas trading has helped us to earn 'a little extra', and we are now pleased to launch a wider range of products and services that can help us earn a small percentage of the transaction.

Our new affiliates partner is **buy.at**, and you can make your purchases a little further by either clicking the links on our web-site at [www.6880.co.uk](http://www.6880.co.uk), or by going directly to our shop at [www.buy.at/6880BettonGrange](http://www.buy.at/6880BettonGrange).

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## Signed copy of 6880 Betton Grange

Existing members should have now received their copy of Craig's drawing. If you have not yet got your copy please contact us. For non-members there is a limited number available at £27.50, inc. postage. Cheques should be made payable to The Betton Grange Society and addressed to: The Betton Grange Society, 4 Bryntirion Terrace, Llangollen, Denbighshire, LL20 8LP

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Comments, ideas or contribution to either the newsletter or web-site, use either the address below, or e-mail;

**web@6880.co.uk**

The newsletter is available free to members and donators. If you want a copy for your club, society or could help us to promote the project, let me know.

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