

PLEASE HELP TO RETURN 7029 CLUN CASTLE TO THE MAIN LINE

Dear Customer,

2010 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Great Western Railway and the company has become an enduring legend over those 175 years. It has now been almost 45 years since the Great Western's last express passenger engine was withdrawn from traffic by British Railways. That engine, 7029 "Clun Castle" has gone on to become something of a legend itself. Following on from 6000's trial runs in 1971, 7029 was the first locomotive to haul a passenger train on BR following BR's retraction of the infamous "steam ban". It went on to haul many memorable special trains during the '70's and '80's and was one of the very few reliable performers that saved the day on the programme of excursions to celebrate the GW 150th anniversary 25 years ago. During the early '90's 7029 was a fundamental part of Tyseley's ground breaking "Drive a Loco" courses where literally hundreds of eager customers discovered how it felt to drive a GWR Castle Class locomotive.

However all good things come to an end, 7029's boiler became due for overhaul in 2002 and its wheels need re-tying. At that time 7029 had to take a back seat whilst we were working on the overhaul of 5043 "Earl of Mount Edgcumbe". Now that 5043 is restored to working order, we have started the overhaul of 7029, and we are concentrating on the overhaul of the tender and the renewal of old copper pipes on the loco. The restoration fund has been running for a little while and funds exist to complete the work in hand, hopefully by this Summer.

Last year we appealed to you all for funds to help in returning 4965 to the main line in time for its 80th birthday. The response from you was amazing. 4965 very obviously retains the affection of many of you and your generosity significantly helped in achieving our goal during November last year, just 12 months from 4965's last run. Our goal for this year is to raise the money to procure all of the materials necessary to complete 7029's overhaul, such as tyres, boiler tubes, stays etc., and this will be a huge boost to the project. Obviously not all of you will wish to help but if you do feel able to help us in the task of returning 7029 to the main line, we would be, as always, most grateful for your help.

Please do help if you are able to. 5043 has already proved what a properly repaired double chimney Castle is capable of. Just imagine what we could do with two of them!

Thank you

Bob Meanley
Tyseley Locomotive Works

The charitable status of 7029 Clun Castle Limited allows us to reclaim tax on your donation increasing its value by 20%.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

To: 7029 Clun Castle Limited Registered Charity No: 505793

From: Name.....

Address.....

I would like 7029 Clun Castle Limited to treat the enclosed donation of £.....
as a Gift Aid donation towards the restoration of 7029 - 'Clun Castle'.

Signed..... Dated.....20.....

Please make cheques payable to 7029 Clun Castle Ltd.

Please return this completed form along with your donation to;

7029 - Clun Castle Appeal Fund, 670 Warwick Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2HL.

Gift Aid Notes

1. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give) if you sign the Gift Aid declaration.
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity, or ask your tax office for leaflet IR65.
6. Please notify the charity if you change your name or address.

Thank you