

The best way of giving is to take out a regular "Gift Aid" subscription, paying by Banker's Order. The charitable status of 7029 Clun Castle Limited allows us to reclaim tax on your donation increasing its value by 20%. Fill in the form below and return it to us at the address given in the form below.

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 following as Gift Aid donations (*Delete as appropriate)

- * the enclosed donation to the Castle appeal of £.....
- * all donations I make to the Castle appeal from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise

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

Banker's Order
To (please insert name and address of your Bank):.....
Please pay to the account: 63378683 of 7029 Clun Castle Limited (Castle Appeal) at
Barclays Bank Plc, 150 The Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 4AZ. OUP Sort Code: 20-48-08

the sum of £.....* on the first day of(on the receipt hereof if later)

and each month thereafter on the same day for a period of* years (or earlier notice).

Signed..... Dated.....20.....
Name and Address:

Postcode:..... My account number:..... Sort Code:

**Complete as applicable depending on how much you wish to give and how long.*

Please complete the form and send it to:
The Castle Appeal Secretary, 7029 Clun Castle Ltd, 670 Warwick Road, Birmingham, B11 2HL.

If you wish to give a single donation to the appeal, fill in the top section of the form only. Enclose a cheque for the donated amount with the declaration. If you wish to give regular donations to the appeal, fill in the top section of the form and also the Banker's Order. Include the name and address of your bank, also the sort code and your account number.

Amount: Due to the administrative time required to process them, can we suggest that single Gift Aid donations are for amounts of £50 or over and regular giving is for the equivalent of not less than £5 per month or more.

- 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



CASTLES FOR THE FUTURE

Help keep GWR Castles on the Mainline.

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The Great Western Castle class locomotive is one of the all time favourites. The Tyseley collection is lucky to have three of them.

"Clun Castle" was built in 1950 and entered service at Newton Abbot in Devon working prestigious trains such as the "Cornish Riviera Express". Modified in the late 1950s with a high superheat boiler and improved draughting with double chimney, she was chosen for a special fast run from Plymouth to Bristol in 1964, the Indian Summer for GWR Castles. 7029 secured the fastest point to point timing on the difficult runs over the Devon hills and achieved a speed of 96 mph, a record for steam traction over that route which remains unbeaten.

That journey ensured her preservation as the founder of the Tyseley collection and since then she has travelled widely over the GWR routes and elsewhere: from Kings Cross to Leeds, Newcastle, up the Settle and Carlisle and the Welsh Borders. For the 150th anniversary of the GWR, she returned to the Devon banks, running over her famous route and also into Cornwall crossing Brunel's masterpiece, the Saltash Bridge. She hauled the last steam trains over the Western Region from Paddington, the last train from Birmingham Snow Hill and Moor Street stations, the 1972 "Return to Steam train and inaugurated the "Shakespeare Express".

"Defiant" was completed at Swindon 1939 and allocated to Old Oak Common shed for main line express work to Birmingham and the West Country. She was transferred to Cardiff in 1941 to haul the 'Red Dragon' and 'South Wales Pullman', spending the rest of her commercial life in Wales and ending up in Barry scrap yard.

Rescued for the Tyseley collection, she was rebuilt in 18 months using a Government Community Programme and re-entered service in 1987 to run main line excursions on the London routes again. 5080 settled into being the key locomotive for Tyseley's widely acclaimed engine driving courses enjoyed by well over 10,000 participants. Defiant has also performed widely on heritage railways and now awaits an overhaul.

"Earl of Mount Edgcumbe" was renowned as one of the best of the GWR Castles. She hauled the then world's fastest regular train the 'Cheltenham Flyer' and was often recorded running at speed into the very high 90mphs. 5043 too ended her days at Barry scrap yard and originally joined the Tyseley collection as a source of spare parts. The Tyseley trustees hadn't the heart to follow this through so, after a painstaking rebuild to as new condition, she emerged from Tyseley in steam once again for the main line in 2008.

All these engines are part of the Tyseley Collection owned by 7029 Clun Castle Limited, registered charity no. 505793. The trustees wish to secure the future of the three Castles in operating order and have launched a public appeal to provide financial help and sponsorship to ensure the three engines are properly looked after for the long term.

The trustees have commissioned Tyseley Locomotive Works to undertake the necessary repairs to 'Clun Castle' so that it can return to hauling express trains over the national network, including the 'Shakespeare Express'. The fund will also be used to ensure 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' can continue to operate over the main line and, if sufficient moneys are raised, to undertake a similar overhaul to 'Defiant'.

Whilst no one can guarantee the future, the trustees intend that the 'Shakespeare Express' steam dining train from Birmingham to Stratford, currently running twice daily on summer Sundays, will continue for the long term. The planned re-connection of Birmingham Moor Street station to the network and the development of a rail centre at Stratford, are enhancements which will add to the prospects for the 'Shakespeare Express'.

Vintage Trains also operates a wide range of day excursions with dining cars. Each of the three Castles, once restored will have opportunities to haul these trains at speeds of up to 75mph to a variety of popular tourist destinations. With the permission of Network Rail, even the mouth watering prospect of the re-enactment of the famous 1964 express to Plymouth may be possible, perhaps climbing Hemmerdon, Dainton and Lickey banks

'CLUN CASTLE' SPONSORSHIP HOW YOU CAN HELP

In return for sponsorship and donations, the trustees are offering benefits to subscribers to see the restoration work at first hand and to experience the thrill of riding at speed on the main line behind a GWR Castle.



Some examples of necessary components and their costs

Boiler tubes: £35 each
Superheater flues: £550 each
Superheater elements: £600 each
Crown stays (fitted): £150 each
Steam pipes: £12,000
Smokebox door ring: £1,500
New front tubeplate: £5,000
New driving wheel tyres: £2,000 each

**Estimated total repair costs;
£250,000**

STEEL

For each donation aggregating £1,000 within a three year period from the launch of the appeal; Admission to the Trust's Tyseley premises when ordinarily open to the public and invitations to periodic Sponsor days to view the restoration work, a periodic newsletter describing restoration progress, an invitation to the commissioning of "Clun Castle" and one free ticket for our "Shakespeare Express" excursion train when purchasing an adult return on the same train at any time during such three year period.

You may either make a single payment of £1,000 or 36 monthly instalments of £30 to secure the above benefits

BRASS

For each donation aggregating £2,000, all the benefits set out in 'Steel' above plus two complimentary tickets for the first "Shakespeare Express" train hauled by "Clun Castle".

You may either make a single payment of £2,000 or 36 monthly instalments of £60 to secure the above benefits

COPPER

For each donation aggregating £5,000, all the benefits set out in 'Steel' and 'Brass' above plus the opportunity of a 2 hour course at our Tyseley depot to drive "Clun Castle" and 1 free seat ticket for a whole day excursion train hauled by "Clun Castle".

You may either make a single payment of £5,000 or 36 monthly instalments of £140 to secure the above benefits.