



JANUARY - JUNE 2010
EXCURSION PROGRAMME





First Great Western

To mark the 175th anniversary of the 1835 founding of the Great Western Railway, 2010 will see Vintage Trains working in close partnership with Swindon based franchised train operating company First Great Western, the current custodian of passenger services over the bulk of the surviving routes of the former Great Western Railway.

Everyone involved with Vintage Trains Limited and Tyseley Locomotive Works is delighted to have been given the chance to use our stud of proven GWR steam locos to mark this important anniversary. Out of this partnership we have developed plans for a number of high profile and highly appropriate steam hauled workings that will not only pay homage to the heritage, the achievements and the hardware of both the GWR and the steam era Western Region which followed it, but will also provide a suitable platform upon which to sample the everyday GWR legacy that continues into the 21st Century with First Great Western.

This programme covers the period from January to June 2010. Our trains will feature **Premier Dining** in our former British Rail Mk 1 Pullman's, with seats at tables for four persons and a limited number of tables for two persons, **First Class**, also with seats at tables for four and two persons and additionally in our six-seater First Class Compartments and **Standard Class** with seating at tables for four persons. ALL SEATS ARE INDIVIDUALLY RESERVED unless otherwise stated.

Bookings can be made by telephone - **0121 708 4960 - Mon-Fri 0930-1630 answer phone outside of this period** using your credit or debit card (a £1.50 charge will be made for credit card bookings), or by post with cheques made payable to 'Vintage Trains Ltd'. Tickets, final information and confirmed timings are mailed out to you AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE FINAL TIMINGS FROM NETWORK RAIL; normally about ten days before a tour is scheduled to depart.

Our full programme can be viewed on our web-site : www.vintagetrains.co.uk

2010 Dining Improvements:

Over the winter months we will be making many improvements to our on-board catering facilities, enabling us to provide a much improved Premier Dining service with more menus specializing in seasonal and locally sourced fresh meat and vegetables and a choice of a Full English Breakfast or a lighter Continental Breakfast including freshly baked Croissants and Pastries. As always, we will do our utmost to accommodate special dietary requirements, so please make sure to notify our staff at the time of booking.

As the season progresses we also anticipate enhanced catering provision becoming available to our non Premier passengers, with the option of a Continental Breakfast and an afternoon High Tea for our First Class passengers (reservable for an additional charge at the time of booking) and the on-train purchase of Breakfast Rolls in the mornings and a Soup/Sandwich combination in the afternoons for our Standard Class passengers.

We always appreciate your suggestions or comments, so please submit them to;
ben@vintagetrains.co.uk



Vintage Trains are proud to announce that on all of our VINTAGE TRAINS GWR 175TH ANNIVERSARY OPERATIONS we will be supporting the 'Railway Children' UK charity. Founded in 1996 to work towards the relief of children and young persons under 25 years of age who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, anywhere in the world and in particular those who are living on the streets, Railway Children fund raising teams will be travelling on all trains raising awareness of their mission and holding an 'on-train' raffle.

Read more about their work at www.railwaychildren.org.uk

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 'THE GREAT WESTERN INCURSION'



Two Great Western thoroughbreds in the form of No's 4965 'Rood Ashton Hall' and 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' provide the power for this winter incursion into the heart of the old Great Western Railway.

Our destinations for the day are the former railway town of Swindon, the spiritual home of the Great Western Railway and the present day HQ of franchised train operator First Great Western, and Didcot the home of the Great Western Society and its impressive world class collection of GWR locomotives, carriages and artefacts housed in and around the original GWR engine shed complex that is Didcot Railway Centre. Together these two destinations will provide you with your fill of factory designer outlet shopping and Great Western heritage, in the form of the Swindon Designer Outlet in the former railway workshops (where all VT ticket holders receive 'an extra 10% discount card' upon presenting their tickets to the information desk) and its next door neighbour, STEAM, the museum of the Great Western Railway, and for visitors remaining with us for the sprint down Brunel's Great Western Main Line to Didcot, the collection of the Great Western Society.

Commencing from Vintage Trains home base at Tyseley Warwick Road the train runs via Birmingham Snow Hill (pu), Smethwick Galton Bridge (pu), Worcester, Cheltenham and Kemble through to Swindon and Oxfordshire's centre of GWR excellence, Didcot.

Standard Class : £59

First Class : £75

Premier Dining £130

Includes a full English breakfast and a traditional 3-course roast dinner.
Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK: £424

SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 'THE DORIC OLYMPIAN'



Starting diesel hauled from Birmingham New Street behind one of Tyseley's hard working Class 47's, our train picks up at Wolverhampton and Stafford en route to Crewe, birthplace of the LMS icon that is LMS Princess Class Pacific No 6201 'Princess Elizabeth', the loco that will be taking over the train for our run south from Crewe and over the southern section of the WCML through to the capital.

After what we hope will be an exhilarating trip UP to London, the train terminates at Kensington Olympia for easy tube connections into the city and our return departure station of London Euston.

Having been specifically designed to operate between London Euston and Glasgow Central over the West Coast Main Line, this is a rare and not to be missed opportunity to sample the delights of an LMS Princess out of Euston Station the LMS's London terminus, up the notorious Camden Bank and DOWN the West Coast Main Line. At Crewe our diesel takes over for our return to the Midlands.

From; Birmingham New St (pu) - Wolverhampton (pu) - Stafford (pu) – Crewe (pu)

Standard Class : £75

First Class : £109

Premier Dining £149

Includes a full English breakfast and a traditional 3-course roast dinner.
Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

**First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK:
£600**

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 'THE EQUINOX EXPLORER'



© Andrew Bell

The Equinox Explorer says goodbye to winter and hello to spring and provides something just a little bit different in the form of an evening of night time mainline GWR steam action. Come along and see for yourself how night time running accentuates the sights, sounds and smells of Swindon built 4-6-0 Hall Class loco No 4965 Rood Ashton Hall as it takes us on our circular tour of the East Midlands.

If you are looking for a great value for money Friday night out with a difference, then bring some friends, book a first class compartment and look no further. End your week by leaving work at the normal time, indulging in an evening of exciting main line steam action and still keep the rest of the weekend free.

Taking the tried and tested circuit from Tyseley Warwick Road via Water Orton, Nuneaton, Leicester, Sheet Stores Jn, Stenson Jn, Tamworth, Water Orton and back to Tyseley Warwick Road, the train will pick up and set down at Tyseley Warwick Road and Coleshill Parkway with a leg stretch stop at Leicester.

Standard Class : £35

First Class : £49

Premier Dining £69

Includes a 3-course dinner.

Tables for two in First class and Premier Dining: £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

**First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK:
£250**

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 'THE MOONRAKER'



Nothing to do with James Bond, The Moonraker takes 5043 on a market day trip to the walled Wiltshire cathedral city of Salisbury, a Moonraker being the colloquial term for people (and maybe locomotives too?) born and bred in the county of Wiltshire.

Once boasting adjacent stations from both the GWR and the London and South Western Railway (LSWR), Salisbury now sits at the interchange between the South West Main Line from London Waterloo to Exeter and the cross country route between Bath/Bristol and Southampton/Eastleigh. Our train starts from Solihull and picks up at Dorridge, Warwick Parkway and Banbury before passing through Oxford, Didcot, Reading and Basingstoke for a high speed gallop along the old LSWR main line and our entrance to the city through the curving Fisherton Tunnel.

Upon arrival there will be ample time to explore this historic city, whether it be a visit to the impressive cathedral with its 400 ft spire, a browse through the Saturday market, hitting the many varied shops and pubs, dropping into the Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum or maybe even catching the direct bus link to the nearby pre-historic ancient monument that is Stonehenge.

From; Solihull (pu) – Dorridge (pu), Warwick Parkway (pu), Banbury (pu)

Standard Class : £69

First Class : £99

Premier Dining £140

Includes a full English breakfast and a traditional 3-course roast dinner.

Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK: £564



FRIDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 'BRISTOLIAN POSITIONING MOVES'

A VINTAGE TRAINS GWR 175TH ANNIVERSARY OPERATION
IN ASSOCIATION WITH

First  **Great Western**



As demand is expected to be high for our historic GWR175th 'BRISTOLIAN' non-stop steam hauled workings between Paddington and Bristol, Vintage Trains and First Great Western are extending the opportunity for everyone to participate in the weekend's anniversary commemorations by providing the chance to join both the outward and return steam hauled coaching stock positioning moves between the West Midlands and the London area, steam hauled one-way by GWR Castle Class Loco - 5043 - 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'

Whilst these are one-way only steam hauled trains on the days preceding and following the April 17th 'BRISTOLIAN', they are complemented and made all the more accessible by outward or return travel on scheduled timetabled services, tickets for which are available for an additional 'advantageous' fare through Vintage Trains. Please ask for more details at the time of booking.

Friday 16th April

From Solihull(pu), Dorridge(pu), Warwick Parkway(pu), Banbury(pu), Oxford(pu) and Slough(sd)

Sunday 18th April

From Slough(pu), Oxford(sd), Banbury(sd), Warwick Parkway(sd), Dorridge(sd) and Solihull(sd)

Standard Class : £35

First Class : £49

Premier Dining £69

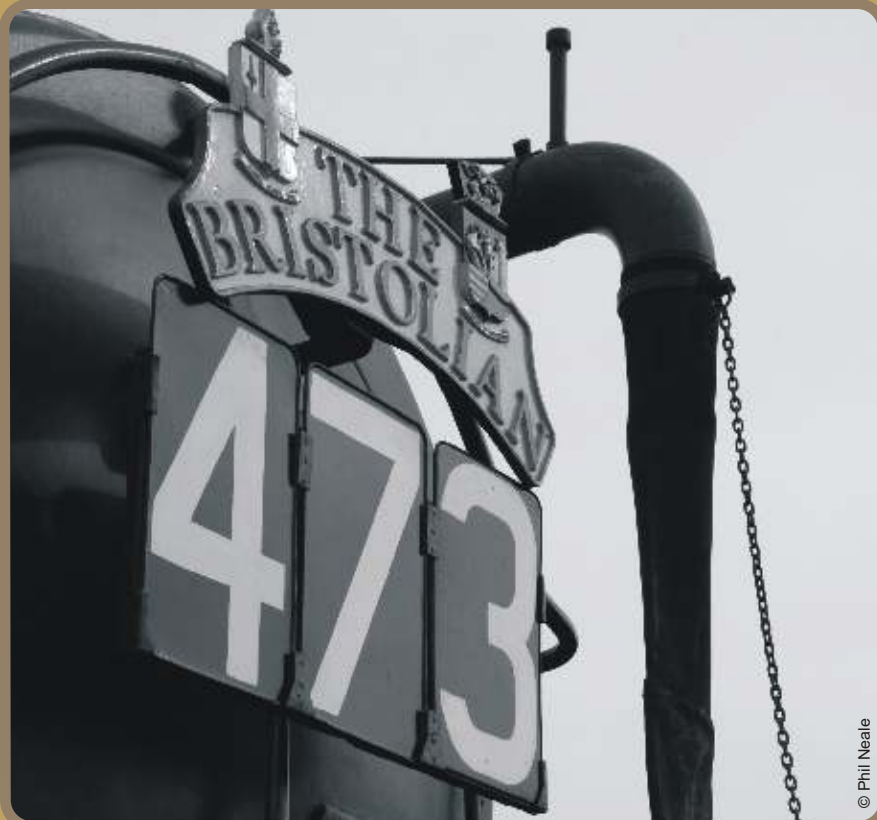
Friday 16th April include a 3-course dinner - Sunday 18th April includes a Sunday Brunch.
Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)



SATURDAY 17TH APRIL - 'THE BRISTOLIAN'

A VINTAGE TRAINS GWR 175TH ANNIVERSARY OPERATION
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

First Great Western



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What better way to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Great Western Railway and its achievements than by reuniting a genuine thoroughbred GWR performer with the route and the train on which it turned in some of its most impressive performances? The Bristolian will see 1936 built GWR Castle Class loco and Bristolian regular No 5043 Earl of Mount Edgcumbe work the first non-stop steam hauled express passenger service between the cities of London and Bristol since the early 1960's. Whilst current regulations do not allow an attempt at beating the 98mph recorded speed that 5043 achieved during its June 3rd 1958 Bristolian run, provision of a specially adapted vehicle will ensure that water stops will not be required en route and in so doing deliver a pair of steam hauled runs along the length of Brunel's billiard table railway between London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads, the likes of which has not been seen for almost 50 years.



To maximise the availability of travel opportunities on this very special anniversary working, all tickets will be for return journeys where one leg only of the journey is a non stop steam hauled run between Paddington and Bristol or vice-versa with No 5043, and the opposite leg is formed of a First Great Western High Speed Train set specially allocated to run in exclusive support of the steam hauled service.

A special FGW High Speed Train will operate an exclusive transfer service from Plymouth to London Paddington calling at Newton Abbot (pu), Exeter (pu), Tiverton Parkway (pu), Taunton (pu) and Bristol Temple Meads, enabling passengers from the West of England to make the cross platform interchange at Paddington on to the steam hauled departure to Bristol. Passengers will be able to use their exclusive 'The Bristolian' GWR175 anniversary tickets that day on available timetabled FGW services (only) to travel from their nearest station to connect into this HST service, provided that they are travelling from stations that are west of Evesham, Swindon and Bedwyn (inclusive).

Following the departure of the steam hauled train from London, the FGW High Speed Train will subsequently depart Paddington for Bristol to arrive shortly after the steam hauled arrival. This HST service will enable passengers from the London & Thames Valley area to join the return steam hauled working back from Bristol. Passengers joining the HST service from London will be able to use their their exclusive 'The Bristolian' GWR175 anniversary tickets that day on available timetabled FGW services (only) to travel from their nearest station to connect into this HST service, provided that they are travelling from stations that are east of Evesham, Swindon and Bedwyn (inclusive), excluding the Salisbury to Brighton line.

West of England passengers alighting from the steam hauled train at Bristol will then be able to rejoin the special FGW High Speed Train for a speedy journey back to Taunton, Tiverton Parkway, Exeter, Newton Abbot and Plymouth, using timetabled FGW services only to return to their original departure station (where different). Passengers who connected via Bristol, will alight at Bristol and use connecting FGW services from there.

Passengers returning to London on the steam train will be able to use available timetabled FGW services to return from Paddington to their original departure station.

The steam hauled legs will work outwards via Chippenham and Bath and return via Bristol Parkway and Badminton, just as the Bristolian did in steam days.

Fares – all return journeys with steam in one direction only:

Passengers will need to confirm which FGW station they will be travelling from and where they will connect into or join the exclusive HST at the time of booking, to enable tickets to be suitably endorsed.

FROM THE WEST OF ENGLAND

For passengers travelling from Plymouth, Newton Abbot, Exeter, Tiverton Parkway, Taunton and Bristol TM on the exclusive FGW HST (including passengers connecting into that train from stations west of Evesham, Swindon and Bedwyn inclusive) and joining the steam departure from London.

Standard Class: £150

Premier Dining £225

Including:

A full English breakfast onboard the special FGW Train

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A Vintage Trains traditional 3-course roast lunch

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A FGW High Tea onboard the special FGW Train.

Tables for two in Vintage Trains Premier Dining: £15 per person extra

FROM LONDON

For passengers travelling from London Paddington on the exclusive FGW HST (including passengers connecting into that train from stations east of Evesham, Swindon and Bedwyn inclusive, but excluding the Salisbury-Brighton line), and joining the steam departure from Bristol.

Standard Class: £125

Premier Dining £200

Including:

A FGW cold platter lunch onboard the special FGW train

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A Vintage Trains traditional 3-course roast dinner

Tables for two in Vintage Trains Premier Dining: £15 per person extra

SATURDAY 1ST MAY 'THE BELTANE EXPRESS'



Beltane is the anglicised spelling of the Gaelic festival, which traditionally takes place on the first day of May and which for the Celts, marked the beginning of the pastoral summer season when livestock was delivered to the summer pastures and mountain grazing lands. Appropriately enough therefore 'The Beltane Express' will provide a similar service, delivering directly to a May day festival with a difference, this being in the form of "The Main Event", the Great Western Society's GWR 175 festival, being held at their Didcot Railway Centre HQ.

Traveling outwards with No's 4965 'Rood Ashton Hall' and 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' at the helm, this train delivers both locos to Didcot to enable their participation in the Great Western Society's activities before the train is worked home. For those who prefer not to travel through to Didcot, there will also be a stop at Oxford to enable the retail and cultural delights of the 'city of spires' to be sampled at your leisure.

This is truly a train that will provide something for everyone and all with the added bonus of authentic travel behind a combination of two of the most famous GWR locos currently working on the mainline.

From Solihull (pu) – Dorridge (pu), Warwick Parkway (pu), Banbury (pu), Oxford (sd).

Standard Class : £60

First Class : £75

Premier Dining £110

Includes a includes a full English breakfast and a 3-course dinner.
Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK: £534



SATURDAY 15TH MAY - 'THE CORNISHMAN'

A VINTAGE TRAINS GWR 175TH ANNIVERSARY OPERATION
IN ASSOCIATION WITH

First Great Western



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The Cornishman originated in 1952 as a British Rail Western Region service from Wolverhampton Low Level and Birmingham Snow Hill to Plymouth and Penzance via Stratford-upon-Avon, Cheltenham and Bristol. Fifty eight years later despite the closure of Stratford to Cheltenham as a through route, it is still possible to run from Birmingham Snow Hill to Plymouth using motive power from the steam/diesel transition years of the 1960's.

For the Birmingham Snow Hill to Bristol Temple Meads outward and return segments of this journey our train will be in the hands of one of Tyseley's stalwart Class 47 diesels, before handing over at Bristol Temple Meads to more 'native' motive power in the form of the iconic thoroughbred pairing of GWR Castle class loco No 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe' and Hall class '4965 'Rood Ashton Hall'. Join us for the spectacle of double headed GW steam over the Somerset levels, up and over Whiteball Summit and onwards into Devon for the glorious sea-wall section between Exeter and Newton Abbot followed by the final mountain climbing section known as 'the Devon Banks'. At Plymouth there will be a short break for the turning and servicing of locos and stock, before we retrace our steps back northwards, attacking the Devon banks from the south and returning to Bristol for Class 47 diesel haulage back to the West Midlands.

From Birmingham Snow Hill (pu) – Smethwick Galton Bridge (pu), Worcester Shrub Hill (pu), Cheltenham Spa (pu) Bristol Temple Meads (pu)

Standard Class : £95

First Class : £140

Premier Dining £180

Includes a full English breakfast and a traditional 3-course roast dinner.

Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK: £750

Add-on fares for connecting travel on FGW services to/from Worcester, Cheltenham and Bristol are available - enquire at time of booking

SATURDAY 29TH MAY 'THE BRITANNIA BANKER'



We didn't really need another excuse to make a return to Swindon and Didcot in GWR175 year, but having the continued use of Britannia pacific No 70013 Oliver Cromwell when coupled to the relatively recent main line return of our plucky 57xx GWR pannier tank No 9600 and the presence of the main line 1 in 37 Lickey incline just a few miles down the road, made the temptation just too great!

Combining all of these into a single train was a chance not to be missed, so please join us on The Britannia Banker and share in a run through Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire taking Oliver Cromwell the NRM's flagship loco on a day trip to Swindon and Didcot coupled with the added spectacle of a Pannier tank banker up and over the Lickey incline. The pannier tank will then remain attached to perform a top and tail manoeuvre returning us from Saltley to Tyseley Warwick Road platform.

From Tyseley Warwick Road(pu), Birmingham Snow Hill(pu)* Smethwick Galton Bridge(pu)* Stourbridge Jn(pu)* and Worcester Shrub Hill(pu)*

Standard Class : £75

First Class : £109

Premier Dining £149

Includes a full English breakfast and a traditional 3-course roast dinner.
Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK: £618

***Passengers from these stations will be able to return to them from Tyseley main line station on timetabled service trains inclusive of their Vintage Trains ticket.**

Please note that there is a 10 minute walk from Tyseley Warwick Road to Tyseley main line station.



SATURDAY 19TH JUNE – 'THE RED DRAGON'

**A VINTAGE TRAINS GWR 175TH ANNIVERSARY OPERATION
IN ASSOCIATION WITH**

First Great Western

This train recreates the halcyon days of the British Railways Standard Class 7 Britannia Pacific locomotives working named Western Region trains on the South Wales main line and features an authentic connecting service direct from the West Midlands through to Didcot and return, hauled by Great Western 4-6-0 Hall No 4965 'Rood Ashton Hall'.

Upon our arrival at Didcot 'Rood Ashton Hall' will be removed for turning and servicing at the Great Western Society's Didcot Railway Centre and National Railway Museum owned Britannia Pacific No 70013 'Oliver Cromwell' will take over the train for the high speed dash along Brunel's race track railway through Swindon and then on to the Badminton (South Wales direct) line, Bristol Parkway and through the Severn Tunnel.

Arriving in The Principality from deep beneath the River Severn, we will pass through Newport, Cardiff, Bridgend and Port Talbot before our first passenger stop and final destination, Swansea. Join us for a high mileage day of exhilarating Great Western/Western Region steam action on The Red Dragon.

From Birmingham Snow Hill (pu), Dorridge (pu), Warwick Parkway (pu), Banbury (pu), Oxford (pu), Didcot (pu)

Standard Class : £85

First Class : £120

Premier Dining £165

Includes a full English breakfast and a traditional 3-course roast dinner.
Tables for two in 1st class and Premier Dining : £10 per table (£5 per person extra)

First Class Compartment of six seats in our new Mk1 FK: £684

Add-on fares for connecting travel on FGW services to/from Banbury, Oxford and Didcot are available - enquire at time of booking

'GWR 175 OPEN DAY - TYSELEY'

SATURDAY 26TH JUNE & SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

As part of our year long celebrations, we will be holding our annual Summer open day with particular focus on 175 years of the Great Western Railway.

As well as a line up of many of Tyseley's resident Great Western 4-6-0's and tank locomotives, we hope to have several guest engines, including Britannia Class 4-6-2 No. 70013, which will be representing the work this class of loco performed on the Western Region during the 1950's & 60's. Hopefully there will be one or two surprise guests as well.

Alongside the usual train rides on the museum's demonstration line, turntable demonstrations and locomotive cavalcades, there will also be the opportunity to meet and talk with members of the team from Tyseley Locomotive Works and Vintage Trains, and to view current restoration work being undertaken inside our workshop.

The event will also mark the launch of a major initiative to complete the overhaul and return to the main line of our flagship locomotive 7029 "Clun Castle".

Please check our website for more details;

www.vintagetrains.co.uk



EVERY SUNDAY FROM 4TH JULY - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2010

The 'Shakespeare Express' operates every Sunday from 4th July to 12th September between Birmingham Snow Hill, Birmingham Moor Street and Stratford-upon-Avon. Trains may also be joined at Tyseley and Henley-in-Arden. Standard Class fares remain unchanged from 2009! The pre-booked adult standard return fare is £17.50, child (5-15) £10 - An adult single is £10 & child £5; Surely the best value fare for main line steam travel in the country, especially travelling at up to 75mph!

ADULT STANDARD CLASS RETURN JUST £17.50 (PRE-BOOKED)

ADULT STANDARD CLASS SINGLE ONLY £10

FAMILY TICKET £39

(2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT & 3 CHILDREN - PRE BOOKED)

CHILDREN (5-15) £10 RETURN, £5 SINGLE.

PREMIER CLASS

Enjoy a 3-course Sunday Lunch in Premier Class - £47.50 adults and £37.50 children (5-15), inclusive of fares. Lunch is served on departure from Stratford (Train B) and is completed on the return from Birmingham(Train C).

The Premier Class return fare is £30, Child (5-15) £20, with breakfast an additional £11.50 and High Tea an additional £15.00. Premier Class breakfast is available on Train A from Birmingham whilst High Tea is available on Train D from Stratford.

ALL PREMIER CLASS DINING MUST BE PRE-BOOKED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE DAY OF TRAVEL

*****STANDARD CLASS AFTERNOON RETURN SPECIALS*****

Travel on Train B from Stratford (return on Train C) or Train C from Birmingham (return on Train D).
One child FREE with every Adult or £10 off a Family Ticket! - MUST BE PRE-BOOKED.

www.shakespeareexpress.com

Connections into Train B from London (Marylebone), High Wycombe and Banbury and to and from Stratford-upon-Avon are available with Chiltern Railways, tickets for which are available for an additional charge and bookable through Vintage Trains. Please ask for more details at the time of booking!

BOOKING FORM

EXCURSION TITLE: _____

EXCURSION DATE: _____

JOINING STATION: _____

TITLE: _____ INITIAL(S): _____ SURNAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ CONTACT TEL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SEATS REQUIRED: _____

CLASS (STD, FIRST, PREMIER): _____

PRICE PER SEAT: _____

TOTAL: £ _____

For Premier Class dining, please telephone Vintage Trains for availability and reservations
BEFORE completing this form.

SPECIAL REQUESTS OR _____

OPTIONAL EXTRAS: _____

PAYMENT METHOD - CHEQUE: CASH: CREDIT/DEBIT CARD:

PLEASE NOTE: There is a £1.50 charge for Credit Card Bookings - Sorry, we are unable to accept AMEX or DINERS cards

CARD NUMBER: _____

SECURITY NUMBER (last 3 digits on reverse of card): _____

START DATE: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

ISSUE NUMBER: (SWITCH & SOLO ONLY): _____

SIGNED: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

COACH: _____ SEAT NUMBER(S): _____

VINTAGE TRAINS LTD, 670 WARWICK ROAD, TYSELEY, BIRMINGHAM, B11 2HL
TEL: 0121 708 4960 - Bookings are only accepted under Vintage Trains Ltd's
standard conditions of bookings and travel. A summary of which is overleaf.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Juniors & Child reduced fares (age 5-15 years) are available on some Vintage Trains excursions - please check individual trains for details. Juniors must travel with an adult. Children under 5 may travel free and should not occupy a seat. Only one child per adult qualifies for these concessions.

Customers are reminded that as from 1st July 2007 UK government legislation came into effect prohibiting smoking in public places. Areas designated '**NO SMOKING**' include **ALL CARRIAGES ON ALL TRAINS AS WELL AS ALL RAILWAY PLATFORMS AND PREMISES.**

We regret that Dogs are not allowed on any train except for specially trained dogs for the disabled.

FREE CAR PARKING is available for trains that start or finish at our Warwick Road platform, which is located within the Tyseley Locomotive Works Visitor Centre site. If you are travelling by service train to Tyseley main line station, allow 10 minutes to walk to Warwick Road platform.

WM Travel bus route 37 operates a frequent service between Birmingham City Centre (Corporation Street) and Solihull station - alight at the Warwick Road / Tyseley Hill Road stop.

BOOKING INFORMATION

TO MAKE A BOOKING OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, TELEPHONE;

0121 708 4960

(MON-FRI 09:30-16:30)

ANSWERPHONE OUTSIDE THESE TIMES

OR FILL IN THE BOOKING FORM AND POST TO;

VINTAGE TRAINS LIMITED

670 Warwick Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2HL

For more information on these and other Vintage Trains excursions visit our website;

www.vintagetrains.co.uk

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF BOOKING & TRAVEL

The following is a summary of the standard conditions of booking and travel for Vintage Trains Ltd.

Copies of the full conditions may be obtained on application to the company.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the locomotive, rolling stock, route and timings will run as advertised, but the company reserves the right to alter these at any time and shall not incur any liability to any person who has bought, or contracted to buy a ticket, or tickets, as a result of any such change. On the day of the train, again, all reasonable efforts, within the control of the company, will be made to ensure that the train runs as planned, but it cannot accept any responsibility for delays, mishaps, alterations or curtailment of the tour from situations outside of the company's control. The Company cannot accept any responsibility for events or circumstances under the control of third parties and are required only to return passengers to the station at which they joined. Making a firm booking constitutes your acceptance of the company's standard conditions. Please note that refunds will only be made in the event of a cancellation by Vintage Trains Ltd. VTL reserves the right to charge an administration fee of £5.00 for any alteration to details of travel requested by the client subsequent to the original booking. VTL reserves the right to refuse access to, or remove from the train, any person or persons who are considered to be using inappropriate behaviour, affecting the safety of the train and its passengers, spoiling the enjoyment of other passengers on the train, or failing to comply with any reasonable requests made by a member of the train staff.

All trains are operated by West Coast Railway Company, apart from HSTs operated by First Greater Western Limited

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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-tyring. At that time 7029 had to take a back seat whilst we were working on the overhaul of 5043 "Earl of Mount Edgcombe". 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 claims 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 claims, 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