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Sponsorship Pack

Thu 25th, Fri 26th, Sat 27th & Sun 28th July 2024



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Wirksworth Station, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4FB

About the event

The Class 14

The Class 14 diesel hydraulic locomotives were built in 1964/5 by British Railways Western Region at Swindon Works as part of their diesel modernisation programme. Numbered *D9500 to D9555*, the 50 ton locomotives were powered by a '650' horse power Paxman 6YJXL 'Ventura' engine coupled to a hydraulic transmission. The class represented the final class of railway locomotives built by Swindon Works which had first started building steam locomotives for the Great Western Railway in 1843.

With a top speed of 40 mph, the class was built to replace the numerous tank engines on the Western Region, being designed for short trip workings where periodic shunting around the station yard would be required between fast dashes along the mainline. When built, initial allocations were on the Western Region at London's Old Oak Common, Bristol Bath Road, Cardiff Canton and Landore (Swansea), with some from these depots often being out-stationed at depots such as Gloucester, Severn Tunnel Junction, Radyr, Aberdare, Neath and Newport.

As work on British Railways dried up for the class, larger industrial organisations snapped them up including British Steel, East Midlands ironstone quarries, National Coal Board plus oil refineries.



60 Years Celebration

The EVR is home to two preserved examples of the class - D9525 and D9537. D9525 arrived in 2022 with a seized power unit and volunteers are working hard to completely overhaul the engine and bring the locomotive in to service for the enjoyment of passengers (at the time of writing). D9537, on the other hand, initially visited the EVR for a Diesel Gala briefly in March 2017 before making the move permanent and returning in 2018. It has given many hours of sterling service since then and indeed, this event will mark 10 years of operation in preservation at both the EVR and formerly the East Lancashire Railway

Following on from the iconic event held in 2014 at the East Lancashire Railway to celebrate 50 years since the class were introduced, the EVR is planning to celebrate the class reaching their diamond jubilee. It is planned for the weekend to feature several members of the class operating together to especially include locomotives which were not operational at the time of the 2014 event. It is also planned to be a 'swan-song' for D9537 which is due to be withdrawn at the end of the event for overhaul works to commence.

It promises to be a spectacular event!

Packages

Bronze Sponsorship

- Small colour advert in the event programme
- Small advert on the event's web page with same artwork
- 6 complementary tickets for the event to be used any day Thu-Sun

£500

Silver Sponsorship

- Medium colour advert in the event programme
- Medium advert on the event's web page with same artwork
- 10 persons to visit on the Wednesday Corporate Day for a ride from Wirksworth to Duffield and return with a complementary tea or coffee for each person

£1000

Gold Sponsorship

- Large colour advert in the event programme
- Large advert on the event's web page with same artwork
- 10 persons to visit on the Wednesday Corporate Day for a three-course meal in our Derbyshire Countryman dining car served during the journey between Wirksworth and Duffield

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