

1363

Christmas Draw 2008



Now that 5322 has entered traffic, we are turning our attention to 1363. For more years than we care to remember, we have been wanting to commence restoration of 1363 and shortly work will begin on the dismantling of the locomotive in preparation.

Withdrawn from Laira in November 1962 and purchased by the Society in 1964, 1363 ran during the 1960's and 1970's at Totnes, Bodmin and Didcot finally being withdrawn from traffic pending a full overhaul at the very end of the 1970's. As such the last mechanical overhaul was in BR days in 1958 when it received a Heavy General at Swindon and so it will be receiving its first full overhaul in preservation. It will be necessary to replace part of the engine main frame as well as the rear drag box and 1363 will also need a new ash pan.

The coal bunker was damaged just before withdrawal – indeed this ‘war’ damage almost certainly saved it and will need to be replaced and we know that the saddle tank also needs to be replaced.

Already we have just under £10,000 in the restoration fund, including some donations which had been held in escrow for 1363 for many years, as well as contributions which have been made to the restoration this year as a result of a couple of photographers charters organised by Phil Neale.

We hope you will agree that 1363 has been out of action for far too long and support us with this year's Christmas Draw which is being devoted to getting its restoration under way. The draw will be held at Didcot at 2.30 pm on Saturday 3rd January.

1363 will be a very useful addition to the working fleet giving Didcot a further small locomotive to work the Branch; when it was operational 1363 was a popular locomotive amongst crews and we look forward to that happening again. As usual, donations will also be most welcome and we are also attaching a Banker's Order form for those who feel that they may like or be able to provide regular monthly support to this restoration. At this stage we anticipate that the restoration will cost in the region of £60/65,000.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Richard Croucher'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Croucher
Appeal Co-ordinator 1363 Fund

If you wish to assist the Great Western Society to restore No. 1363, please fill in the relevant parts of this form and return this whole sheet with any payments to: Richard Croucher, Chairman, Great Western Society Limited, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7NJ, to arrive by WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2008 AT THE LATEST

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I enclose counterfoils for Christmas draw tickets, together with a payment of £ (£1 per ticket).

Please send me additional books of draw tickets (10 tickets per book)

Cash donation

I would like to contribute to the Great Western Society 1363 Restoration Project by making a donation of:

£ * (Please insert amount)

I enclose a total payment of

Please make cheques and postal orders payable to:
GWS Locomotive Department (1363 Fund) – Account No. 21416486

Your details (to be completed by all respondents)

Name: GWS Membership No:

Address:

..... Date:

Bankers Order (complete this section if you would like to make a regular contribution to the Fund)

To The Manager Bank plc
(Your Bank)

Full Bank Address
(Block capitals please)

..... Sort Code No.

Please pay to National Westminster Bank plc, 131 Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks RG5 3XZ, Sort Code No 54-30-33, for the credit of GWS Locomotive Department (1363 Fund) (Account No. 21416486)

the sum of £ (.....)
(amount in figures) (amount in words)

on (date)

and thereafter at monthly intervals until (date)

Signed Account No. Date

This Banker's Order is in addition to any other standing instruction in favour of the Great Western Society

Gift Aid declaration

Please treat all my donations to the Great Western Society Limited on and after this date as Gift Aid donations. I confirm that I have paid an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax which can be reclaimed on my donation (25p for every £1 you give).

Signed:

Donor's Full Name:

Address:

GWS Membership No (if applicable): Date:

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