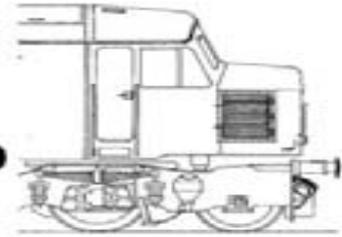


# Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group



## PLEASE HELP US TO MAINTAIN 45149 IN FULL OPERATIONAL CONDITION



45149 was originally numbered D135, built at Crewe works and entering traffic in December 1961 painted in lined BR green livery with small yellow warning panels. Initially allocated to Derby shed, it was transferred to Cricklewood in June 1964 and Toton from May 1966 where it spent much of its time on Midland Main Line duties.

When electrically heated coaches were introduced to the St Pancras – Sheffield services D135 became the penultimate of 50 class 45s to have the steam heating boiler replaced with a Brush Electric Train Heat auxiliary generator. By now painted in standard BR blue livery, it emerged from works during January 1975 carrying the TOPS number 45149.

During its next overhaul in 1979, 45149 lost its original headcode boxes in favour of a flush front end and sealed beam headlights and it continued to work Midland line expresses until HSTs were introduced to the route in 1982. The class 45/1s then found new work on Trans Pennine duties until this too was lost in 1987, this time to Sprinter DMUs.

45149 ended its days allocated to Tinsley depot and carrying the unofficial name 'Phaeton'. It was withdrawn on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1987 with a traction motor defect and spent long periods of storage at Cricklewood and Leicester before being offered for sale in 1993. It was purchased by Pete Waterman and moved firstly to Heysham and then Crewe Heritage Centre for restoration. However no work was carried out on the locomotive before it was reoffered for sale in 1996. It was then purchased by the Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group and moved to the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway in April 1997.

The locomotive has been comprehensively restored since then, including overhaul of the power unit and electrical machines, repairs to under floor equipment and traction motors, extensive cab refurbishment and bodywork repairs. The power unit was reinstalled in the locomotive in 2008 and started for the first time in April 2011. The loco ran under its own power for the first time the following year and was launched into service in 2013. To maintain the loco in operational condition, funds urgently need to be raised for the purchase of spares and other materials.

**Please help by joining the group and purchasing shares in the locomotive (see form overleaf).**

**SHARE APPLICATION FORM: CLASS 45**

You can become a member of the group and contribute towards the restoration and maintenance of the locomotive by purchasing shares. Each share costs £250 and they can be purchased by one of two methods:

- (i) A monthly Direct Debit to the **Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group 45149 Fund**. The minimum monthly contribution is £5 and larger contributions can be made in £5 blocks, e.g. £10, £15 etc. When contributions reach a total of £250 this will be converted into a full share in the locomotive and you will receive a certificate. Please use the Direct Debit form below.

**Please note: if you stop your Direct Debit before you reach a total of £250 you will not receive a share in the locomotive and your contributions will be treated as a donation to the restoration fund.**

- (ii) A lump sum of £250 by cheque made payable to **Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group 45149 Fund**. Each £250 will purchase a full share in the locomotive and you will receive a certificate.

All cheques/Direct Debit forms should be forwarded to **Chris Taylor, Chairman, CMDG, 6 Hillfield Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3JE**

Please write your name and address on all correspondence.

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**Direct Debit Form**

To: The Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Plc

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Bank sort code number \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Bank account number \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month commencing \_\_\_\_\_

and until further notice to: Leeds Building Society.

Please pay all credits to: Leeds Building Society, 105 Albion Street, Leeds, LS1 5AS  
Bank sort code 08-61-19, Bank account number 84010440

The Direct Debit must be dated prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month to ensure the group receives the payment monthly

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_