



7819 HINTON MANOR

History

7819 Hinton Manor was built at the GWR workshops at Swindon in 1939, the last of a batch of 20 locomotives designed by C. B. Collett for intermediate passenger duties on lines with a lighter axle load limit. A further 10 were built in early BR days.

From 1943 7819 was based at sheds on the lines of the former Cambrian Railway until being withdrawn at the end of 1965 from Shrewsbury shed, her home base for that final year.

7819 was sold to Woodhams Brothers at Barry, moving there in early 1966.

Preservation

She was rescued in 1973 by the Hinton Manor Fund who moved her to Bewdley, in company with 4141, 4930 and 5164 and restored her, returning her to traffic in 1977.

7819 became a popular loco on the Severn Valley and, when the opportunity arose, she became a main line loco again, at the head of steam specials, visiting Devon, South Wales and her perceived home territory of the Cambrian Coast.

At the end of 1994 7819 was withdrawn and placed into store awaiting a heavy overhaul.

In 2003 at an EGM of the Hinton Manor Fund, the loco was placed into the hands of the **SVR Rolling Stock Trust**. Initially the loco was cosmetically restored and is now on display at the McArthur Glen shopping complex in Swindon.

The Future

It is now time to consider the future plans for the loco and, to that end, a "Friends of 7819 Hinton Manor" group is to be set up and a fund commenced in memory of the late Ray Tranter who was one of the original instigators of Hinton Manor Fund and, as an SVR employee, always held the loco as one of his favourites.

Anyone who is interested, please fill in and return the form below. Please note, this is only an initial interest step and no financial commitment is yet involved, although offers of intent will be welcome.

To: "Friends of Hinton Manor," c/o Jack Bond, Arley Station, Arley, Near Bewdley, DY12 3NF



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