

HELP US RESTORE BR STANDARD CLASS 9F No. 92207 'Morning Star'

Photo: Ivo Peters – courtesy Julian Peters

When 92220 'Evening Star' hauled the last Pines Express in 1962, no one could have foreseen that a 9F might again steam on Somerset & Dorset metals. We now have that opportunity to make the dream come to fruition and for the Trust to see its own BR Standard Class 9F 2-10-0 locomotive steam at Midsomer Norton.

92207 'Morning Star' spent just over 5 years working for British Railways before its untimely withdrawal from service. Purchased in 1986 by Keith Bottomley, she left Barry Scrapyard and has been under steady restoration since then. Now as a running chassis, Keith offered her for sale to the Trust for £150,000.

Included in the sale was the boiler and 80% of the parts required to complete the restoration to working order. It is estimated that the total cost to restore the locomotive will be in the region of £500,000, which will include the fabrication of a new tender and the overhaul of the boiler, both of which will cost over £130,000 and £200,000 respectively.

YOU CAN HELP US RETURN 92207 TO STEAM IN 2029.

Keith continues to lead the restoration of the engine, with the support of Barrie Papworth, the Trust CME. Both men have successfully restored a 9F to steam before, 92212, which ran for many years on the Mid Hants Railway. Keith and Barrie have now gathered an expert team of engineers who are busy fabricating and assembling the myriad of parts that make up the locomotive. To support this, the Trust have also devised a clear and achievable plan to return 92207 to steam in 2029, the first time in 65 years.

We have the team. We have the experience. We have the target. We have the plan.

All we now need is YOU!

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR TODAY !

LITTLE & OFTEN. As with the best firing techniques, feeding the engine through regular supply of fuel when and where it is needed, the same applies for monthly donations. With many contributing small monthly amounts, we can achieve the objective of returning 92207 to steam in 2029, the first time in 65 years.

To help contribute and join our growing supporter base, visit www.sdjr.co.uk and select the donation option you wish, or complete and return the form overleaf.

At just £2.50 per week, you can become a

Entry Member £10 per month

In recognition of your support:

- Your name will appear on our Roll of Honour at Midsomer Norton
- Receive via email our regular communication of the 'Slow & Dirty' – our progress reports on 92207.

For the price of a Pint or a cup of coffee per week, you can become a

Core Member £20 per month

In addition to Entry benefits, Core members will:

- Have priority invitation and access to exclusive fundraising opportunities such as your name inscribed on the engine and the purchase of limited-edition merchandise.
- A seat on the inaugural train behind 92207 at Midsomer Norton

Gold Member £50 per month

In addition to Core benefits, Gold members will:

- An additional seat to invite a guest to join the inaugural train at Midsomer Norton.

Platinum Member £100 per month

In addition to Gold benefits, Platinum members will:

- Have the opportunity to Drive and Fire the engine at Midsomer Norton.

* Member benefits require a minimum donation period of contributions over a 24-month period to be eligible.

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Get on-board with
Morning Star
No. 92207



THE SOMERSET & DORSET'S 9F
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Monthly Donor Form

Don't delay.
Get on-board today!

Please complete all sections of the form below, including signing the Gift Aid declaration, and either post to: Malcolm Barton, Finance Director, Midsomer Norton Station, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton. BA3 2EY or scan this completed form and email to fundraising@sdjr.co.uk

If you are eligible for Gift Aid, for every £20 donation, we receive a further £5.00 back from HMRC (25%), which means your donation becomes £25 per month. Combined, this significantly helps support the restoration of 92207 and expediting our desire to return her to steam by 2029.

To the Manager: Bank/Building Society

Address:

Post Code:

Please pay:

HSBC Bath Branch

Sort Code: 40-09-19

Account No. 21865706

Account Name: Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

Payment Reference: DON/92207/ (Please insert your name in capitals after 92207)

Please credit the Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust with the sum of (please circle desired amount)

£10 £20 £50 £100 or the sum of £ per month. (Please insert a figure above £100. Note £10 is our minimum monthly donation)

Date of Monthly payment:

Name of Account to be debited:

Sort Code: Account Number:

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I want to **Gift Aid** any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to the Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. **Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.**

Title: Forename(s): Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

Signed: Date:

We will only use your name and address details to claim back Gift Aid annually and to inform you of progress on 92207's restoration. Our Privacy Policy can be found online at www.sdjrc.co.uk

To make a one-off donation or to enquire about offering a legacy to the Trust, please visit our website or contact Malcolm Barton, Finance Director, fundraising@sdjr.co.uk

Thank you for your support and valuable contribution !