

## Membership Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle required class of membership*

Membership Type	1 Year	5 Years
<b>Junior</b> (aged 5-18 – date of birth must be supplied)	£8	£35
<b>Adult</b> (aged 19-59)	£20	£90
<b>Partners</b> (2 adults)	£32	£145
<b>Family</b> (2 adults + 2 children aged 5-18)	£36	£157
<b>Senior Members</b> (over 60)	£15	£52
<b>Senior Partners</b> (2 adults over 60)	£26	£100
<b>Optional Donation</b>		

Date of Birth if under-19 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick this box to receive occasional emails from the Friends about future events*

**Please return to:**

**Membership Secretary  
 Friends Of Vintage Trains  
 670 Warwick Road  
 Tyseley, Birmingham B11 2HL**

*Cheques should be made payable to:  
**VINTAGE TRAINS SOCIETY***

(note that this is the former name of the Friends and cheques should be made payable to this account)



*Friends meet-up at the SS Great Britain*



*Meet one of the teams  
 Some members of the Thursday night volunteer team at Tyseley*

Why not check out the Vintage Trains website for all the latest information, including any forthcoming railtours:

**[www.vintagetrains.co.uk](http://www.vintagetrains.co.uk)**

## Friends of Vintage Trains

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*7029 Clun Castle  
 at Stratford-upon-Avon  
 (Photograph © Al Wallace)*

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## About the Friends of Vintage Trains

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The Friends of Vintage Trains is a voluntary organisation that provides support to the operating subsidiaries of the Vintage Trains Trust:

- \* Vintage Trains Limited, which runs steam and diesel trains on the national railway network.
- \* Tyseley Locomotive Works which is the base for Vintage Trains where heritage railway locomotives and coaches are restored and maintained to main line standard.

The Friends is an active supporters group which provides volunteer support assisting with events, restoration, stewarding on trains and fund raising. Indeed it would be impossible to operate the trains without this dedicated band of volunteers.

Funds raised by the Friends are donated to restoration and site projects and used for the benefit of members of the Friends by, for example, offering social events to the members.



Above and far right  
Volunteers undertake a variety of tasks

### Membership

Why not consider becoming a member of the Friends of Vintage Trains? For a small annual subscription you would play a part in a growing heritage railway organisation providing leisure activities and nostalgic days out to the public using the main line rail network. You will also enjoy a number of membership benefits, too, such as discounted admission to the public event days at Tyseley, and members' concessionary rates on the *Shakespeare Express*.

### Vintage Trains Limited

Vintage Trains Limited (VTL) is the operating company for the collection of locomotives kept at Tyseley Locomotive Works by the Vintage Trains Trust. This includes a large collection of express steam engines, smaller tank engines and diesels, which may run on the main line from time to time.

Engines from the collection plus guest locomotives are used to haul steam and diesel excursions on the national mainline railway network to places of interest, making an excellent day out for families and railway enthusiasts alike.

VTL have used the following engines, amongst others, to haul its mainline tours:-

#### Tyseley Collection:

- GWR 4-6-0 Castle Class 7029 "*Clun Castle*"
- GWR 4-6-0 Castle Class 4073 "*Defiant*"
- GWR 4-6-0 Castle Class 5043 "*Earl of Mount Edgcumbe*"
- GWR 4-6-0 Hall Class 4965 "*Road Ashton Hall*"
- GWR 57xx 9600 Pannier Tank
- LMS Jubilee Class 4-6-0 5593 "*Kolhapur*"

#### Guest Locomotives have included:

- LMS 4-6-2 'Princess Coronation' class 6233 "*Duchess of Sutherland*"
- LMS Jubilee Class 5596 "*Bahamas*"

- BR Standard Class 8 4-6-2 "*Duke of Gloucester*"
- GWR 4-6-0 Hall class 5972 "*Olton Hall*"
- LNER 4-6-2 A4 class 4464 "*Bittern*"
- BR 4-6-2 70000 "*Britannia*"

### Excursions

Excursion programmes run throughout the year and feature a regular summer steam train service which runs on selected Sundays from mid-July through to early September, between Birmingham and Stratford-upon-Avon. This programme is known as the *Shakespeare Express* and has been running every year since 1998. It has appeal to families and is an affordable way of enjoying mainline steam.



The company has restored its own train of coaches for use on the *Shakespeare Express* and for other main line excursions and has a continual coach improvement programme.

VTL can provide complete trains (engine and coaches) for private charter and corporate bookings. From time to time engines and/or coaches (optionally fully stewarded) are hired to other tour companies.

We hope you will join us on the *Shakespeare Express*, and some (or all!) of our excursions from our programme of days out using steam, diesel and electric engines to haul the trains.