



# GOLDEN VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY

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(2ft gauge)

## STUCK FOR A GIFT??

(Or treat yourself!)

### Footplate experience days

on “JOAN” (TDA Civil No 1, formerly “PEARL 2”)\*



Built	1997
Cylinders	5½” x 7½”
Maximum Tractive effort at 85% BP	2,000 lbs
Brakes	Air, single pipe automatic.

Driving Wheels	16”
Boiler pressure	160 psi
Weight (working)	6 tons
Valve gear	Bagnall Price (slide valves)

The day is planned for one participant nominally, at a price of £200, with an option for friend as an extra participant for an extra £40. These prices INCLUDE a year’s membership of the Golden Valley Light Railway Association (a prerequisite for insurance cover) lunch and hot drinks at intervals.

\* Prop: E. & P. Draper

The day starts at 08:00 and finishes at 16:00 (or other times to suit the participant(s)). Our routine takes the participant(s) through the whole normal day for a GVLR fireman and driver. The following is a typical day's schedule, assuming a 08:00 start.

08:00 – 08:45	Induction, safety brief (with hot drink), draw loco out of shed, check boiler, light fire.
08:45 – 12:00 (approx)	Steam raising, loco cleaning and preparation, learning to drive a Diesel loco and using this for a preliminary road learning trip, lunch.
12:15 - 15:30	Light steam engine trip on the whole main line, followed by trips with coaches, with gradually increasing train weight on our steeply graded line. Expect a total of 5 – 6 return trips.
15:30 - 16:00	Dispose loco, wash up, presentation of certificate(s).

Guests accompanying the participants are welcome to enjoy all the facilities on site (note that normal GVLR passenger trains will not be running, and MRT standard gauge passenger trains may also not be running although we do share some footplate experience dates – see published timetables, and MRT fares are not included). Participants' guests may ride in the second GVLR passenger train driven by the participant, so long as the instructor is satisfied with the skill level achieved.

The GVLR footplate experience can be booked for anyone between 21 – 75 years of age inclusive. Unfortunately it is not suitable for disabled persons. We ask that health declaration and membership forms are signed, completed and returned, and the fee is paid before any booking is confirmed.

You will need to be physically fit enough to participate and stand the pace and length of working day. The course involves standing for long periods of time, a hot environment and the operation of working equipment. However, the instructor will be on hand at all times to help out.

We recommend that overalls and suitable footwear should be worn (ideally steel toe capped boots or shoes). GVLR and MRT cannot be held responsible for any clothing that is burnt, stained or damaged during the day. Please do not wear clothes made of synthetic materials.

Four weeks notice is preferred, to ensure that a volunteer crew is available.

GVLR & MRT reserve the right to alter, curtail or cancel the booking without notice, but will only do so if absolutely necessary. In the event of cancellation by us, full refunds will be offered. Once your course is confirmed, should there be a need for you to cancel or amend your course date, there will be an administration charge of £10.00. If you do not attend on the confirmed day without 48 hours notification, then no refund is available. We look forward to welcoming you to the GVLR and we are confident you will enjoy your Footplate Experience day.

Booking forms can be downloaded from the GVLR website or are available by post. Please phone 01773 856 888, and ask for GVLR footplate booking form to receive one in the post, and phone anyway before posting it to us to check date availability. Note: No other Midland Railway, Butterley bookings are available by these methods.

Available dates in 2010: (all are Fridays except where indicated).

~~23/4/10~~, ~~30/4/10~~, 14/5/10, 11/6/10, Wed 23/6/10, 9/7/10, 16/7/10, 24/9/10, ~~8/10/10~~

# GVLRA Footplate Experience Days Booking Form 2010.

Applicant's name & address, day, evening, mobile phone and email.

May we contact participant(s) direct? Y / N

First participant name

Second participant name

Address

Phone

email

1 or 2 participants (delete as applicable)

Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> choice date and alternatives (all Fridays except where indicated).

23/4/10	X	9/7/10	
30/4/10	X	16/7/10	
14/5/10		24/9/10	
11/6/10		8/10/10	Reserved
Wed 23/6/10			

Lunch is normally an all day breakfast plus dessert. If this is contrary to your preferences, all the other items on the buffet menu (including vegetarian options) are normally available and can be supplied upon request. Tea and coffee are freely available throughout the day, alternatives are available upon request, and plenty of liquids should be taken due to the heat in the cab.

Please indicate here any special food or drink requirements:

Local overnight accommodation is usually available at Premier Inn, Ripley, Derbyshire, or Travelodge, Alfreton, but this is NOT included in the course fee or arrangements we make.

Please make cheque (£200 1 participant, £240 2 participants) payable to:

"MRT Narrow Gauge shed fund – coach" and post to GVLRA, c/o Midland Railway, Butterley Station, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3QZ.