



*Foxcote Manor tackles Berwyn Bank with ease – Barbara Fuller*

# Foxcote 50

## New Firebox Appeal

It is 50 years since that momentous day in January 1975 when 7822 Foxcote Manor was rescued from Barry Scrapyard and made a triumphant return to Oswestry. Fundraising and restoration began immediately, she finally steamed again in 1988, a proud achievement.

Mechanically, Foxcote has retained her reputation as a strong and popular member of the class, however the boiler has become increasingly unreliable. This is not unexpected, we are now on our fifth boiler overhaul in preservation, very few engines can claim the same!

Now is the right time to replace the copper firebox. We have the copper plate, 80% of which has been donated. We need to re-stay the boiler and change the doorplate anyway. We have an expert contractor, a volunteer engineering team to control costs, and an income from our tender. Fitting a new firebox now will see the boiler made good for generations to come, once again steaming up and down the country, this time in green!

All that said, we don't have quite enough, close, but we're not quite there. Please consider a monthly subscription or one-off donation to Foxcote, big or small, your generosity will make a huge difference, returning Foxcote to steam sooner rather than later.

Some example prices:

£5 – buys a steel stay

£7.50 – buys a steel stay with stay nut

£10 – buy and fit a rivet

£20 – buy a copper stay

£40 – labour to fit a stay (average)

£50 – drill a tube hole

Donations of at least the membership price (currently £25, subject to change) are automatically entitled to membership of the Foxcote Manor Society and will receive newsletters detailing our progress.

Foxcote Manor Society is a registered charity, No.1053410

In the event of over subscription, excess monies will be used for future maintenance of Foxcote Manor.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO: **Foxcote 50, 29 Avington Close, TILEHURST, Reading, Berkshire. RG31 5LW**

I wish to donate the by standing order each month and/or I wish to make a one-off donation (delete as appropriate)

Name: (Block Capitals) .....

Address:.....

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..... Postcode:.....

E-Mail Address:.....

Cheques may be made out to “Foxcote 7822 Club” or payments made directly to our account, Sort Code: **20 – 24 – 09** Account Number: **20288527**, please include your name as the reference.

**Gift Aid Declaration:** If possible, please tick the box and sign so we can claim gift aid. I confirm that I pay an amount equal to or greater than these donations in income and/or capital gains tax.

Signed..... Date.....

Data Protection Act Foxcote Manor Society is registered under the Data Protection Act. We do not pass personal data to any other organisations but would wish to keep you informed of the Society’s activities. If you do not wish to receive this information, please tick the box.

# STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To ..... Bank / Building Society

Address .....

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Account Name .....

Sort Code \_ \_ \_ Account Number .....

On ..... day of ..... (month) ..... (year)

Please pay the sum of £ .....

Amount in words .....

and thereafter make like payments on the ..... day of each succeeding month until further notice to: "Foxcote 7822 Club", Barclays Bank plc, Winsford Branch, Cheshire. Account Number: **20288527** Sort Code: **20 - 24 - 09**

Signed ..... Date .....

Telephone: .....