

SHARE APPLICATION

To: The Company Secretary, 45163 Ltd

1. I hereby apply for £10.00 Premium Shares (*Share allocation will be in multiples of 50*) and agree to abide by the company rules. I am over 18 years of age.

2. Either: I have completed the Bankers Order form below for monthly payments of £..... making a total of £.....

Or: I have completed the Bankers Order form below for monthly payments of £..... until instruction is countermanded in writing.

Or: I prefer to pay £..... as a lump sum and enclose my cheque payable to 45163 Ltd herewith.
(Please delete whichever does not apply)

Name

Address

.....Postcode.....

Signature.....Date...../...../.....

BANKERS ORDER

To: The Manager.....Bank plc (Sort Code : :)

Bank Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Please pay the following:- (*Delete as necessary*)

Either:

i) £500.00 by monthly installments of £..... on the 1st day of each month

Or:

ii) £..... on the 1st day of each month until further instructions are received in writing from me.

Payments should commence on 1st20..... to 45163 Ltd at Midland Bank plc., (Sortcode 40-12-03) Acc. No. 81228293

Signed..... Account number.....

Your name.....Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Please return form to: The Company Secretary, 45163 Ltd, 4 Whitlock Drive, Great Yeldham, Halstead, Essex, CO9 4EE. (**NOT** to your bank)

45163 LTD.

Owners of Stanier Black Five Steam Locomotive No 45163



**Project details and
Part ownership scheme.**

Locomotive number 45163 was purchased by a consortium of volunteers from the Colne Valley Railway in 1991. The consortium is known as 45163 Limited, and its primary objective is to restore the locomotive to full working order for eventual use on the Colne Valley Railway and to hire out to other railways. In order to achieve this goal it is estimated that at least a further £100,000 has to be raised to complete the restoration.

The locomotive was built by Armstrong Whitworth Limited at Newcastle in July 1935 for the London, Midland and Scottish Railway to William Stanier's highly successful mixed traffic 4-6-0 design. This class of engine eventually numbered 842 examples and, because of their black livery, became widely known as "Black 5's". They were extremely versatile machines and were equally at home handling anything from a short pick up goods train to mainline passenger trains. This is born out by the fact that many survived in service right up to the last day of B.R. steam in August 1968.

Number 45163 spent the majority of its working life in Scotland and North West England before being withdrawn from Carlisle Kingmoor shed in May 1965. It was then fortunate in becoming one of the many engines purchased for scrap by Woodhams of Barry, South Wales. Fortunate, that is, because as is widely known, the scrapping of redundant wagons took precedence over the large stock of rusting steam locomotives, until all had been saved for preservation. Number 45163 was one of the later departures, leaving the yard in January 1987 after having spent nearly 22 years there. The locomotive was moved to the Hull headquarters of the Humber-side Locomotive Preservation Group where dismantling and restoration commenced.

Early in 1991 it was discovered that the locomotive was to be put up for sale and negotiations took place to secure the engine for use at the Colne Valley Railway. This was an opportunity that had been long awaited, as the Colne Valley Railway was at that time one of the few well established preserved railways not to have any ex B.R. steam locomotives.



New buffer beam rivetted to the front end

Since the engine arrived as a kit of parts from Hull, where it had been kept undercover, the priority was to provide covered accommodation at Castle Hedingham to enable the restoration work to continue in a secure and pleasant environment. We have since built a fully equipped workshop 75' x 40' complete with office and volunteer mess room and work continues on a regular basis.

The work is carried out by volunteers of the 45163 Restoration Group except where a task is outside our

workshop capacity or skills. The funds to pay for the materials and any sub-contract work is raised through income from the sale of shares in our engine, any donations received and from our sales stand that we take to various events throughout the year.



Our engineering works at the Colne Valley Railway, Castle Hedingham.

If you would like to see 45163 restored back to full working order you can help by becoming a shareholder in the owning consortium, 45163 Limited. Minimum blocks of 50 shares are available for a cost of £500 (being £10 per share) payable in a lump sum or the block of shares can be purchased in instalments over a maximum of 50 months at a minimum monthly rate of £10. All shareholders automatically become a member of the 45163 Restoration Group and are encouraged to come and join us as volunteers to help work on the engine. You will also receive our newsletter 'Black Track' which will keep you up to date with news if you are unable to visit very regularly to see progress for yourself.

In addition any shareholder who purchases a block of 50 shares by a single payment will also receive a copy of a limited edition print of a painting depicting 45163, 'Coasting Down to Kyle' by railway artist Malcolm Root.

If you wish to become a shareholder please complete the form attached and send it to: The Company Secretary, 45163 Limited, 4 Whitlock Drive, Great Yeldham, Halstead, Essex, CO9 4EE.