



Dean Forest DMU Group Membership Application

Please complete the Membership Form overleaf and cut along the dotted line to remove the form from this leaflet.

Once Complete please either:

1. Place the form in an envelope along with your cheque. The envelope should be addressed to: **DFR DMU Group Membership Secretary, c/o Dean Forest Railway, Norchard, Forest Road, Lydney, Glos., GL15 4ET.** The envelope can be either left at Norchard in the shop, or posted.
2. If you wish to pay by bank transfer then you can scan the completed membership form and return it to us via e-mail to: dmugroup@deanforestrailway.co.uk You will then receive an e-mail giving payment details.

Once payment has been received you will receive a membership card through the post and information via your e-mail of working parties. If there is a particular job you would really like to try out, even if you're not sure you have the skill set, you just have to let us know and we can discuss possibilities with you.

We also welcome support from armchair members, who are unable to get to Norchard for whatever reason. All members receive our Newsletters which keep you up to date with our goings on.

We organise Socials a couple of times a year, visiting other Heritage Railways, or just having a meal together and any working member is welcome to join us.



Please note to join the DMU Group as a Working Member you need to join the DFR (for insurance purposes) please see their website for details: www.deanforestrailway.co.uk.

RUNNING DAYS

During the year we run a service when required by the DFR. This means the DMUs have to be safe to drive, clean to use and efficiently manned. All of you who like an early start can be part of this too. However, to become a driver you need to be a fitter first in order to deal with a range of faults if the DMU breaks down whilst out in service, after all, you and the Guard need enough skills to bring the passengers back to Norchard safely.

So come and join us, start at the beginning and learn a whole load of new skills and who knows, you may be confidently behind the controls and driving the train. A dream come true for many a small child!!



If you are interested in joining us, either as a working volunteer or, if you live too far away, or are unable to do anything physical, please see our membership form attached for joining fees. Alternatively, for more information on our Group please go to the Dean Forest Railway DMU Group website at: www.dmugroupdeanforestrailway.co.uk

OUR FLEET

Our Group, since its inception in 1992, has grown from owning and operating a 2-car set of Class 108 DMUs to a 5-car set – think what else we could achieve with your help.



DMBS E50619: Power Car with Guards Compartment



DTCL M56492: Driving Trailer



DMCL M51566: Power Car



DMBS M51914: Power Car with Guards Compartment



TSL E59387: Centre Trailer



DEAN FOREST DMU GROUP



Preserving Heritage Railcars in the Forest of Dean

Calling ALL train lovers!

Were you a train spotter in your youth? Do you love to see the old style trains on Heritage Railways? It's not all steam engines though; the Dean Forest Railway has a fleet of Railcars (DMUs) that run a service too. These all need restoration, servicing and maintenance and this is done by volunteers.

We are looking for people to join our enthusiastic team. Skills can be taught, all help is appreciated and usually accompanied by plenty of tea!

So if you would like to join us, please make contact or pop into Norchard for a chat. We guarantee that you will be welcomed with open arms... and possibly a spanner...

We look forward to meeting you soon, and thank you!

HISTORY

The Dean Forest DMU Group is basically a self supporting group who own, restore, and maintain a fleet of class 108 railcars on the DFR, where we have been based since 1992. We started as a small group of like-minded individuals who decided the DFR would benefit from the acquisition of a 2 car DMU. British Rail was starting to withdraw the first generation of DMUs all over the country so vehicles were becoming available.

Feelers were put out to the DFR Board to gauge their reaction to this idea and they were split 50-50, however the Chairman, Denis Westerberg, saw the possibilities and voted in our favour. A Constitution was written and the DMU Group was formed, just in time to purchase a 2-car Class 108 set in 1992 from Gloucester, Horton Road Engine Shed that had been used as an emergency practice unit. Following some remedial work and friendly advice from the fitters the Derby Lightweight Units were delivered on 20th April 1992.

We have subsequently purchased two more power cars and a centre trailer car, the only one built to this design in existence, giving us a fleet of five vehicles to operate on the DFR.



M51566 as she was when she arrived at DFR

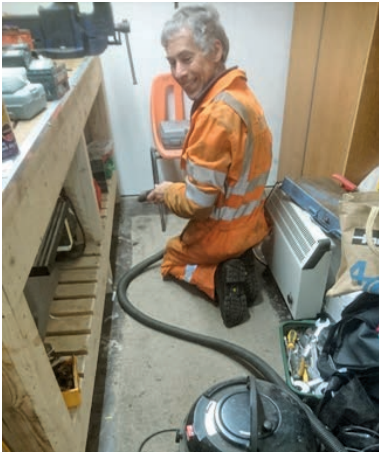
The DMU Group has always owned the rails the Railcars sit on and these sidings are affectionately known as ‘DMUville’. We have gradually expanded to make space for the new vehicles and two years ago we bought two containers; one has been transformed into a mess hut and small workshop and the other into a storage unit.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers bring lots of skills with them, some they don’t even know they have. There’s a lot of vehicle maintenance, mechanical and electrical, and, as long as you don’t mind getting dirty, lots of jobs to tackle underneath. We have tools-a-plenty and can tackle most of the jobs ourselves – and we can soon show you how.



But if you prefer to keep clean and dry, there are plenty of internal jobs to do as well: mechanical work, air and vacuum systems, catering and on-board services, internal fixtures and fittings, painting, woodwork, metalwork, electrical work, looking after our infrastructure and spares, cleaning and generally making sure our units go out into service doing us proud, we do get lots of compliments on their condition.



On running days we have a small buffet that provides hot and cold drinks, sweets and cakes (many baked by our volunteers – another way to help) and we need sociable people to look after our visitors. Training will be given, even though most people can make a cup of tea. On fish and chip specials we run an evening train and the buffet becomes a bar – so if you can pour a beer - we need you!



This photo was taken in 2004 and shows two volunteers, who gave our buffet an excellent reputation for home made cakes which remains today.

We are a friendly, welcoming bunch of enthusiasts, with our own mess hut, fridge and tea making facilities. A lot of planning and discussion happens during regular tea breaks; friendships are built and progress planned on the huge list of jobs to be done.



There is still a lot of work to be done and we can always do with both practical and financial help so that we can preserve our Heritage Railcars for future generations to enjoy.

Dean Forest DMU Group Membership

Annual Membership Fee:-

Adult (£8.00)	Yes / No
Under 16 years / Seniors (£6.00)	Yes / No
Family (12.00)	Yes / No

£

I would like to make a donation:-

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I enclose a cheque made payable to DF DMU Group to the total of:-

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Name:

Address:

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Tel No:

E-Mail:

We confirm that all personal information held by the DMU Group will not be shared with any third parties, and that your information is used for the sole purposes as set out here: your membership / work party information and newsletters. If at any time you decide you do not wish us to hold your information, you just need to let us know.

Please enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope for your membership card, or indicate you will collect from Norchard.

S.A.E. ☐ Collect at Norchard ☐