



# Awake The Giant

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*Do Giants sleep walk?*

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## 92240 has been sleep walking and has now found a new place at Sheffield Park

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November within part of the weekly shunt, 92240 was moved back down to the Sheffield Park. The locomotive was oiled round some weeks ago by Martin Payne and again by the workshop team the day before the shunt.

On the day of the shunt, the locomotive was kept at a low speed on the way down the line with regular stops checking that nothing was warming up and you guessed it to put more oil round. With this the locomotive glided down without so much as a squeak almost with a smile on its face.

(Photos thanks to Nigel Thomson.)



Thanks to everyone who has made this move happen from Paul Russell, Neil Glaskin, Chris Knibbs to the operations team, the workshop team and the shunters. 92240 is the next 'large' engine on the list for overhaul, after 34059, Sir Archibald Sinclair. In the new year the engine and tender will be split so that the tender can be moved to kick off the restoration. It was hoped to remove the cladding but this will now wait until we can move the locomotive into the works as some of the running plate will need to be removed. The engine is due to enter the works once Archie is out. We plan to run an induction to anyone who wishes assist with the restoration early in 2023. Please see contact details below for anyone who wishes to assist.

Over the year, 'Awake the Giant' team have made massive progress with their fundraising efforts for the overhaul and restoration of 9F, 92240. The team have increased their presence over the railway, being present in every gala possible and throughout the weekends.

In November Steam Railway Magazine ran a 7 page article around 92240. The article covered everything about the locomotives history and plans for its forthcoming overhaul. We thank Steam Railway for the coverage which has already raised the profile of what we are doing and increased the income stream.



## Double your money but more is always needed



Income is steadily increasing and we have roughly double the income from last year. This has been helped through the launch of a leaflet explaining about the locomotive. On the back of the leaflet you will find a donation form either for regular or one-off donation. So far nearly 2000 have been taken. We are still a long way off the finale amount needed so any further support is very welcome.

This year, the merchandise has been very popular with many back orders being taken and many items selling out really fast as well, the team have now increased their merchandise range even more, with more products being added in the new year.

Once the restoration starts we will also be documenting the overhaul and in the future, a small publication about 92240, from the team will hopefully be printed and available to read.

[You can download the leaflet via this link.](#)



## Say cheese!

Over the Summer, we ran our annual photo competition, this proved very popular, raising interest in the project. We are pleased, in this issue, to announce and present our winners of the 2022 Photo Competition.

For the Under 15s category 'Anything Bluebell', a massive congratulations to our joint winners, Oswin, aged 10 with the photo of 80151 at Sheffield Park on the run around and Edmund, aged 12, with their photo of 73156 and Camelot departing Horsted Keynes.





For the Over 16s categories, a big congratulations to Nick Janes with his photo of 76017 entering Kingscote, Alan Skipworth with his photo of W11 at the Terrier Gala and Luke Hopgood with his photo of 6989 'Wightwick Hall' at Sheffield Park.







Runners Up are Neil Munro-Thomson with his photo of 60163 'Tornado' at Horsted Keynes and Robert Wyatt with his artistic photo of 92240, standing at Horsted Keynes with a poised service train and lastly, Linsey Miller with a visitor at Sheffield Park with 'The Wealden Rambler'.





If you are interested in taking part in the next photo competition, details will be available in the January edition of the Bluebell Times.

### **We need you, you and you:**

To help awake the giant we need further support, regular monthly donations are the best way to help, please go to our [webpage](#) that can be found on the bluebell website under locomotive works news, then click on Awake the Giant appeal.

If you are interested in getting involved or helping out with working on the locomotive or running the stand, selling merchandise then please email Andy Taylor (Project Leader) at [andy.taylor@bluebell-railway.com](mailto:andy.taylor@bluebell-railway.com).

We would like to thank everyone who continues to donate and has purchased merchandise to help fundraise for 92240 and would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Let's Awake this Giant once more!*