



## ***Southern Railway M7 "53"***

Drummond M7 53 was designed by Dugald Drummond in 1897 and built at Nine Elms for the LSWR in December 1905. It was renumbered as 30053 during British Railways days.

M7 30053 was based at Bournemouth for a few months in early 1964 and worked the Swanage branch along with the 'Old Road' from Poole to Brockenhurst via Broadstone, Wimborne, West Moors and Ringwood. It hauled the last train to run on the "old road" through Ringwood.



30053 was withdrawn from regular traffic with the last few remaining M7s at Bournemouth in mid-May 1964.

Restoration of Drummond M7 No 30053 took place during the late 1980s and early 1990s - returning to Swanage as a fully working steam locomotive in 1992.

During early 2009, the M7 was repainted in wartime Southern Railway black livery when it reverted to its old number "53".

### **Locomotive Details:**

**Class:** M7

**Owner:** Drummond Locomotives

### **Technical Details:**

- Wheel arrangement: 0-4-4

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