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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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• UPDATES OF THE ROLLING STOCK TRUST AND LNER WEBSITES

Following the recent transfer of three Coach Fund carriages to the SVR Rolling Stock Trust, we have now made the relevant changes to the respective websites. These may be found at:-

<http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/index.html>

<http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/>

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Either of the second or third addresses will take you to a shared and now revised website covering all aspects of the SVR teak train, including the recent ownership changes.

• NEW PUBLICITY & SPONSORSHIP LEAFLETS

We have updated the appeal leaflet for 43600 to include provision for gift-aiding of future donations. A copy of this document may be downloaded here:

<http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/PDFs/RST-43600-SPONSOR-APPEAL.pdf>

There is also a similarly downloadable new leaflet dealing mainly with the Pigeon Van 70759 Project:-

<http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/PDFs/RST-appeal-43600-70759-FINAL.pdf>

Any general queries about parts available for sponsorship should be addressed to Richard Hill, either by email to gresley@gotadsl.co.uk ; or by post % Bewdley Station Shop (Department LNERCG), Bewdley DY12 1BG.

• GRESLEY KITCHEN COMPOSITE 7960 VESTED IN THE TRUST COMPANY

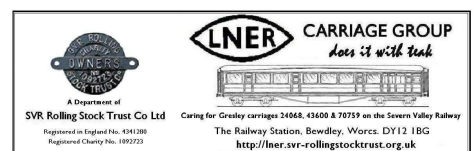
Details of this magnificently restored vehicle can be found at:

<http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/LNER/7960.html>

Gresley-designed carriage No.7960 is the last surviving LNER Kitchen Composite, built at Doncaster in 1936. It comprises an entrance vestibule giving access to the third-class saloon, seating 18, followed by the first-class saloon, seating 12. A side corridor leading from the first-class saloon gives access to a pantry compartment, kitchen and finally an attendant's lavatory. Its loving restoration from a decaying 'wreck' was the personal project of the late Phil James, a pharmacist by profession. He was



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also closely involved for many years with the coach restoration work of the [Great Western \(SVR\) Association](#).

But Phil most regrettably died in March 2009 after a lengthy illness and so never saw his beautiful LNER carriage fully finished in working order and resplendent in varnished teak glory on display at Kidderminster during the SVR's 2010 Autumn Gala (see picture).

It is our good fortune that ownership of this superbly restored vehicle is now securely vested in the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company. Plans for it will hopefully see its inclusion in a projected SVR quality charter dining set for private and corporate bookings.

- SPONSORSHIP FOR TTO 43600 TOPS £3,000

Steady progress is being made in the fund-raising to undertake the improvements to 43600. At the time of writing the sum raised had reached £3,255 and, since 43600's transfer to the Rolling Stock Trust, recent donations have had the additional benefit of Gift Aid support.

A way to go yet to the £8k target, but good progress is being made on preparing the project itself. Hopefully, we have identified a suitable moquette pattern for this vehicle, and the aim is to acquire sufficient length to reupholster four vehicles in the Set when renewals become necessary.

- POTENTIAL SALE OF GRESLEY TOURIST THIRD OPEN 52255

Possible sale of Gresley Tourist Third Open 52255: Readers may have seen the announcement in 'Heritage Railway' this month that SVR-based TTO 52255 is being offered for sale by its owner. This vehicle is the only carriage in the teak set owned by a private individual.

It is our earnest hope that 52255 can remain on the SVR as part of the Gresley set of carriages and ideally in the ownership of the Rolling Stock Trust. We cannot say more on this at present. However if you think you might be able to assist such an acquisition by the Trust - eg by way of donations or loans - do please contact us ASAP. This should initially be by priority email to the Rolling Stock Trust Secretary, Stewart Clark, at: admin@svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk

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