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RAFFLE AIDS THE PURCHASE COST OF 52255

Readers will know that 52255 was secured for the Rolling Stock Trust Company with some temporary funding. The Severn Valley Railway Association is using its current raffle proceeds to help replenish the Trust's finances. The last day to buy a ticket is 20th August. For extra tickets email to gresley@gotadsl.co.uk

Tim Godfrey, grandson of Sir Nigel Gresley, will make the draw at Bewdley Station on 27th August.

Additional donations are also still welcome, and if you are a taxpayer a Gift Aid form is included below. Cheques, payable to **SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd**, and gift aid forms should go to the Trust's Secretary, Stewart Clark, at – 47 Talfourd Road, London. SE15 5NN (marking the envelope '52255').

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I am a UK taxpayer and want the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd to reclaim the tax on all donations that I make on and after the date of this declaration until further notice.

Full Name

Address

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Signed Dated

START ON 52255 IMPROVEMENTS

Meanwhile the Trust is starting some 52255 improvements by fitting the missing coathooks and replacing a few BR-style tables with LNER versions. Other improvements will include 14 mirrors (£75 each), 20 coathooks (£20 each) and 48 luggage rack brackets (£10 each).

Enquiries about sponsorship should be sent to Richard Hill by email to gresley@gotadsl.co.uk ; alternatively write to – Bewdley Station Shop (Department LNERCG), Bewdley DY12 1BG.



SUCCESSFUL BODY MOVE FOR PIGEON VAN 70759

Using technology that built Stonehenge and the pyramids, the SVR Rolling Stock Trust's LNER Carriage Group have successfully moved the 8 ton, 61'6" body of ex-LNER Pigeon Van 70759 from its original badly corroded underframe. The body was rolled on 13th July onto a recently acquired underframe refurbished by the group – to within a quarter

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inch accuracy. The transfer, a 'first' on the SVR, was achieved in just over three hours.

Carriage 70759 was built by the LNER in 1943, chiefly for wartime freight traffic. Such vehicles also had an important rôle in wartime ambulance trains in Europe and Britain. Injured servicemen were repatriated, including to the big US Army hospital near Bewdley.

The body move is the first stage in the Trust's project to restore 70759 to work in the SVR's 'Teak Train'. It will include passenger seating and restored features for carrying racing pigeons, once a significant railway traffic.

We recently learnt a fascinating corner of 70759's history from Mr David St John Thomas, who was the 'David' in the 'David & Charles' publishing company. In the 1970s the company purchased three carriages from BR, including 70759, for use at their Newton Abbot premises. BR then promptly lost them and disclaimed responsibility for their delivery! BR also said that they could neither find the coaches nor refund the purchase money. Helped by railway enthusiasts, the carriages were traced to York marshalling yard, where one of them had been pressed into service as a mess room. The marshalling yard master said there would be a strike if the company tried to remove the vehicles, so the situation was left undisturbed for a month while other arrangements were made.

Eventually the three carriages did move to Newton Abbot, and there were used for publicity purposes close to the David & Charles office. BR then niggled that the transfer terms didn't allow the company to advertise; in response the company said that the offending destination boards were not advertising but merely stated where the coaches were going!

The picture shows 70759 at Newton Abbot.



GRANT APPLICATION FOR 43600

The Rolling Stock Trust has recently submitted an application to the PRISM Fund seeking grant help with the first stage costs of our planned improvement for Tourist Third Open 43600.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Peep Behind the Scenes! An opportunity on **September 3rd & 4th** to see all the hard work that goes into running the SVR. Normal fares with an extra charge for admission to SVR workshops and other places not normally open to the public.

Autumn Steam Gala – September 23rd, 24th & 25th: Visiting steam locomotives, including *Tornado* and *King Edward I*, and a frequent train service including breakfast, lunch and evening dining trains. Something for all enthusiasts! Sponsored by Morris Lubricants.

See <http://www.svr.co.uk/SpecialEvents.aspx> for further details.

2012 ANNIVERSARY

September 9th 2012 will be the 40th anniversary of SVR receiving its very first ex-LNER Gresley carriage. This was 1937-built Brake Composite with its then BR number GE10078E, now restored as LNER 24068 and these days forming the current brake in the Teak Train. It had been discovered at York awaiting a buyer. The purchase was under the auspices of the then LMS & BR Coach Fund, which now forms a department of the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd.

LNER Carriage Group

July 2011

LNER (SVR) Coach Fund

Websites with information about the Teak Train and current developments can be found at:

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

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Either of the second or third addresses takes you to a shared website covering all aspects of the SVR teak train.

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