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### SIR NIGEL'S GRANDSON "QUICK ON THE DRAW" - SVRA RAFFLE FOR 52255

Earlier newsletters covered the circumstances leading to the Rolling Stock Trust saving 52255 for our Railway as part of the wonderful art deco heritage 'Teak Train'. This is one of the line's most distinctive trains and a great favourite with passengers. But the Trust's saving of '52255' was only possible with substantial temporary funding. So the Severn Valley Railway Association, which looks after the interests of SVR's membership, organised their recent Raffle Draw to help make up the Trust Company's depleted funds and hopefully finance some improvements in '52255'.

The Raffle prize-winning tickets were drawn on 27th August by Tim Godfrey, grandson of Sir Nigel Gresley, alongside '52255' at Bewdley Station and by passengers travelling in the carriage. The illustration shows (L-to-R) Stewart Clark *RST Secretary*, Mr & Mrs Godfrey, and Alan Davies (*Chairman*) & Jack Bond (*Raffle Promoter*) of the SVRA. The SVRA's £16,000



cheque-handover ceremony to the Trust Company was later made in the SVR's Highley Engine House alongside Sir Nigel's personal Top Hat. This treasured heritage railway icon is on loan to the SVR by his grandson.

Later Mr Godfrey, who is a Vice President of the LNER (SVR) Coach Fund, posed alongside his illustrious grandfather's name on the Engine House Roll of Honour for Royal Engineers' personnel of the Railway Transportation Units who died during the Second World War. Sir Nigel Gresley died in 1941 while he was still in LNER service.

During these ceremonies Mr Godfrey was accompanied by his wife, Ann, and we were honoured by their presence for this event.



### TEAK ORDER FOR PIGEON VAN 70759

**Newsletter 3** (January 2011) announced our teak panel order for the Pigeon Van project. Our agents in this are the North York Moors' LNER Coach Association, though other interested groups are needed to make up an economic order. The teak for 70759 is a major part of the project and will probably finish up costing between £7k and £10k. So far we have panel sponsors for not quite £1800, including two distinguished gentlemen well known in railway circles.

But there is a way to go to secure the finance. So we are looking for significantly more sponsors and hope our other supporters will feel able to join this illustrious company.

Without the teak finance ... ? Well, I'll leave you to fill in the gap! More about sponsorship in the next item.

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## SPONSORSHIP - THE LATEST NEWS

Sponsorship for 70759 has now reached a modest £2.5k – a very long way short of this project's likely eventual cost of £50k-£70k. We shall be pushing the Pigeon Van project hard with an article now in preparation for the *SVR NEWS* magazine. Sponsorship for 43600's improvements has reached £3480. But a large number of components remain available, including eight LNER-style oval mirrors, twenty coat hooks, nine LNER-style tables, and twenty bench seats.

Fuller details about these sponsorship opportunities can be found on the Trust's website at:-

<http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/LNER/43600.html>

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Meanwhile the Trust has progressed 52255's more modest improvements by fitting the missing coathooks and replacing a few BR-style tables with LNER versions. Other improvements available for sponsorship will include 14 mirrors (£75 each), 20 coathooks (£20 each) and 48 luggage rack brackets (£10 each).

Yet more opportunities for you to be generous – we really do spoil you!

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



## GRANT APPLICATION FOR 43600

The Rolling Stock Trust's application for PRISM grant, towards the first stage costs of our planned improvement for Tourist Third Open 43600, has been turned down. There is a possibility that PRISM have misunderstood the status of this vehicle as a working carriage in the SVR fleet. So we are asking them to reconsider the case.

## SVR AUTUMN STEAM GALA 23 – 24 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2011

Visiting locomotives include Peppercorn A1 Pacific TORNADO and the Great Western KING EDWARD I. A frequent service also includes breakfast, lunch and evening dining trains. Something for everyone! *Sponsored by Morris Lubricants*

There are special opportunities to dine on trains hauled by the new-build Peppercorn Pacific 60163 TORNADO.

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

**NB.** There are **TWO** SVR website items covering TORNADO's SVR visit. TORNADO will be operating throughout the Gala Weekend on September 23rd, 24th & 25th. *In addition to these dates* there are a number of opportunities for travel behind TORNADO on Thursday 22nd September, including a daytime lunch and cream tea option and a chance to travel in our GWR observation saloon 'up close and intimate' with this charismatic locomotive.

## LNER Carriage Group

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*It's amazing the kind of luggage that our very best First Class passengers take with them these days! Mr & Mrs Godfrey are seen travelling in style in our award-winning Great Northern Railway Composite 2701, in the company of the bin brim-full with the unsuccessful raffle tickets.*

*[ED. All of mine are in there somewhere!]*

Websites with information about the Teak Train and current developments can 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 takes you to a shared website covering all aspects of the SVR teak train.

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