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70759 IS A-CHANGING – A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD!

The transformation of BG(P) 70759 into a Brake Third (BTK) has begun. At the Bridgnorth end, which will become the passenger accommodation, the first section of widened corridor side framework has been constructed over twelve weeks. This 9' length, between the guard's door and the nearest passenger door, was fitted in place on 13th and 14th March. The framework is made entirely of recycled timber from 70442, 70759 and Birmingham University.

The aim is to make and fit the remaining two corridor side framework sections before the end of 2012. The five sections needed on the compartment side should follow in 2013.

The pictures show the new framing along with, for comparison, the side of our Brake Composite 24068, which illustrates how the passenger section of the body is wider than the parcels/brake area. This is a characteristic feature of Gresley vehicles. Easily missed – but have a look next time you are on the SVR. The width of 70759, as a pigeon/brake, followed the narrower dimension over its full length. *(Pictures 1 and 2 by Mike Cranmore; that of 24068 by Richard Hill)*



Meanwhile at the 'Stourport end', which will remain in its original "Pigeon Van" form, great strides are being made to clean, de-bug, repair and recycle enough of the original planking to clad the interior. About half the planks have been completed and fitted with enough for a third section. The fourth and final section includes the space in front of the guard's compartment, for which we *may* need to buy some new planking.

New toughened glass has recently been bought for the toplights that will be retained at the Stourport van end, and a start made on fitting. The team has also commenced cleaning down and inspecting the exterior doors. Three doors have been dealt with so far, and some repairs will be necessary before these can be hung on the carriage.

Finally, the teak panels have arrived in the UK and will soon be coming to Bewdley accompanied by a large bill. Many panels are still available for sponsorship. Details may be found by clicking the link –

http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/PDFs/RST-APPEAL-LEAFLET-70759_V2.pdf

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SPONSORSHIP

£4755 has now been raised on the 43600/52255 projects (over half Gift Aided) and £7020 for 70759 (over 90% Gift Aided). Our thanks are extended to all involved. Still a long way to go, so please keep it coming!

SVR SPRING STEAM GALA 23rd – 24th – 25th MARCH 2012

NB. PLEASE NOTE: There is now a doubt whether LNER Kitchen Restaurant 7960 will be available on Sunday 25th March – when the Teak Train will be lengthened by the addition of the two *Severn Valley Venturer* dining coaches.

So come on the Friday or Saturday if you want to certain of travel in the superbly restored 7960's first public outing.

Below are the timetable workings of the Teak Train over the Gala three days:

FRIDAY 23/3	Bridgnorth depart	0932 – N2 1744	1417 – A4 4464	1900 – A4 4464	
	Kidderminster arrive	1101	1552	2052	
	Kidderminster depart	1205 – A4 4464	1700 – A4 4464		
	Bridgnorth arrive	1341	1825		
SAT 24/3	Bridgnorth depart		1042 – A4 4464	1515 – N2 1744	2000 – A4 4464
	Kidderminster arrive		1211	1656	2143
	Kidderminster depart	0850 – A4 4464	1330 – A4 4464	1810 – A4 4464	
	Bridgnorth arrive	1011	1449	1936	
SUNDAY 25/3	Bridgnorth depart		1042 – A4 4464	1532 – (to be confirmed)	
	Kidderminster arrive		1226	1653	
	Kidderminster depart	0850 – A4 4464	1330 – A4 4464	1710 – A4 4464	
	Bridgnorth arrive	1011	1452	1838	

CHECK OUT THE VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE

Space has been at a premium in recent Newsletters, but this time we've room to draw your attention to the videos that can be viewed on the website at:

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

Of particular interest is the one showing last year's 70759 body move. You don't have to sit through all three hours of the event, as this is a time-lapse video lasting under three minutes. There are several other tasty items showing our teak train in action along with visiting locomotives including new-build A1 *TORNADO*, streamlined A4 *SIR NIGEL GRESLEY* and the Gresley Society Trust's delightful apple green N2 tank 1744 (another 2012 Spring Gala visitor).

Under 'Projects' you can also see some of the other key stages in the progress with 70759 to date.

OBITUARY

This Newsletter has to report the death, seemingly in a walking accident, of Richard Eagle. Richard was a Coach Fund founder member and involved in 24068's first SVR restoration. He also helped set up the Bewdley joinery shop.

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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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