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## LNERCF & LNERCG NEWSLETTER No. 13

### A MATURING CHARITABLE TRUST

These are exciting times. As anticipated in Newsletter 12, the Trust's recent EGM endorsed the name and remit changes. So the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd is now the **Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited** with a broader remit covering the SVR's heritage beyond the rolling stock field. The Trust's registered charity and company numbers are unchanged, as is the bank account. Board membership is also changing, several of the present trustees now having stood down to make way for four new appointees. Currently therefore the Trust's board consists of Hugh McQuade (chairman) and Stewart Clark (Secretary) and the three *ex-officio* appointees - David Williams (Guarantee Company), Nick Paul (Holdings Company) and Roger Scanlon (SVRA). Some of those who have stood down and who have expertise useful to the Trust may later be appointed as officers of the Trust with particular *ad hoc* responsibilities.

Four new trustees are to be appointed with a focus on the Trust's extended remit and fund raising. One candidate has already been identified and co-opted. This is Mr John Leftwich, who formerly held senior positions with Apple in the UK and then with Microsoft - and helpfully has a strong interest in railways! It will be for the Trust's AGM formally to endorse him as a trustee. For more information on Mr Leftwich see:-

<http://worcestershire.greatbritishlife.co.uk/article/john-leftwich-former-corporate-vice-president-of-microsoft-worcestershire-11065/>

Once the new appointments are in place, the Trust will be formally notifying its bank of the change. Cheques (eg for donations or sponsor items) and existing standing orders that are made in favour of the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd remain valid, as do any provisions in Wills for bequests to the Rolling Stock Trust. These will be recognised as being in favour of the Trust with its new name. Much work also remains to be done to update the websites and other material.

One historic note is that the Trust under its former name was preparing a publicity poster to widen interest in its work. This design got to the stage of a pre-production prototype just as the name change was in prospect. So the work was temporarily held and will now progress reflecting the new name and remit. But, quite properly, the Rolling Stock Trust's historic first ten years of achievement is being recorded for posterity by the display at the SVR's Highley Engine House of the now unique prototype RST poster- *see picture*.



### SPONSORSHIP, 43600 & 52255 UPGRADES

Pssst! Wanna sponsor a part for **43600's upgrade**?

Opportunities for sponsoring parts for the 43600 project are running out. Latest 'sponsorship availability' position is:-

Mirrors – only two remain out of 14    Wall Lamps – all 10 sponsored    Coat hooks – only 9 of 32 remain  
Tables – four of 16 remain    Seats – six of 32 remain

Luggage rack brackets – all sponsored including chroming costs but £700 polishing costs still want a sponsor.

Similar items in all sectors can still be sponsored for **52255's upgrade**.

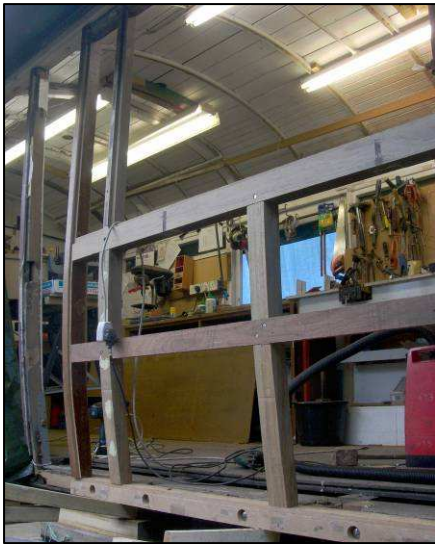
### NEW MOQUETTE ARRIVES AT KIDDERMINSTER

Sixteen rolls of LNER-style moquette have been delivered to Kidderminster Carriage Works. This is the material for the new seating in 43600 and 52255 and for other subsequent reupholstery needs.

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## MORE PROGRESS ON 70759



A second section of 70759's corridor side framework has now been constructed – that from the corner post at the Bridgnorth end to the first passenger door. This was fitted in place on 10th May (*picture left*), after replacing the rotted cant rail length above it. Again, the wood used for the framing is all recycled timber from 70442, 70759 and Birmingham University. This completes about half the corridor-side widening. Work will now focus on filling the corridor-side gap between the first and second widened frame sections now in place. At the non-passenger end

there has been further progress with the wall panelling (*centre picture*).

We've also unearthed a piece of LNER wartime hardboard, used – in some desperation – to panel the interior end of the original vehicle. This unsuitable material was, not surprisingly, in poor condition. (*Right-hand picture*)

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A GENUINE LNER ANTIQUE?

This authentic 'LNER Hotel Services' hanger has been donated, and we are offering it for sale to raise money for the LNER (SVR) Coach Fund. It is in good condition and has been valued by Great Central Railwayana auctioneers at £10-£20.



We are offering it for sale to our supporters with a reserve price of £10. Anyone wishing to purchase the hanger is invited to send their bid to Richard Hill on [gresley@gotads1.co.uk](mailto:gresley@gotads1.co.uk) or by post to the Bewdley Station Shop to arrive by the end of May (please mark envelopes "LNER hanger auction").

The hanger will go to the highest bidder for the benefit of our carriage restoration work. (Buyer to collect from Bewdley Station shop or arrange an alternative).

## EASY FUND RAISING

Supporters' use of the 'Easy' shopping and search websites raised a handy £41.92 for the Trust between January and March. What a pity that these painless ways of helping are used by so few of the SVR membership.

## ON A SADDER NOTE

We have to report the 'removal' of two antimacassars from the teak set LNER Brake Composite 24068. We assume this is the work of the 'Phantom Antimacassar Thief', who has now taken six from 24068. He/she probably thinks that the 'SVR is well off and won't miss them'. Neither is true. These antimacassars are provided by volunteers, not the SVR. Just two replacements remain – but that's it, there are no more unless or until some generous soul donates a new supply. The GNR antimacassars in 2701 have been temporarily removed for safe keeping.

**LNER Carriage Group**

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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>

<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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<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/svrrstc>

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