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## LNERCF & LNERCG NEWSLETTER No. 14

### A ROYAL VISIT FOR LNER KITCHEN COMPOSITE 7960

The Duke of Gloucester visited SVR on 14<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Severn Valley Railway. During his visit he was shown the Trust's LNER Kitchen Restaurant Carriage No.7960 in Kidderminster Station before viewing the Victorian locos (which were with us for the SVR 150<sup>th</sup> event on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May). 7960 then returned to the Carriage Shed for the weekend to keep it out of the way of Queen Victoria's visit over the anniversary weekend.

A report has gone to SVR management about the kitchen requirements for 7960, following the advice received in discussions with VSOE. Meanwhile the work in the pantry proceeds. The tall cupboard is nearing completion, and the next work will be on water pipes and a UV sterilizer for the boiler. One veneered panel has been ordered to replace a water damaged one discovered in April – the cause being a poorly fitted external panel.

### NEW TRUST NAME ETC

The information given in Newsletter 13 has unfortunately been in part overwhelmed by bureaucracy insofar as the effective date of changes authorised by the Trust's recent Extraordinary General Meeting are concerned. This is contrary to my understanding from the meeting, and I am now advised that the changes do not have immediate effect.

There is seemingly a deal of administration to give full effect to the new name and other changes, and this will take some weeks to complete. Please accept my apologies. For the time being, donations and cheques should continue to be made to the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd (which, as a payee name, will remain a valid name even after the changes). My understanding is that the bank account and account number will not change, just the name.

### SPONSORSHIP LATEST

There has been a great response to the sponsorship appeals. In particular, some very generous sponsorship means that all the remaining items for the Tourist Third Open 43600 are now expected to be sponsored. Several individuals have added to their sponsorship in recent weeks, and our very sincere thanks go to them all. They know who they are! Thank you Gentlemen and a Lady. It's now down to the Carriage Group team to see this through.



Current progress includes the fourth luggage rack being fitted in 52255 in the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May. The remaining netting has also arrived, so 52255's fifth rack should soon be in place. And 43600's chromed and polished luggage rack brackets have been delivered and are in store at Kidderminster awaiting fitting.



### PICTURES

Your editor apologises for the paucity of pictures in this edition, but his camera has given up completely and a replacement is awaited – purchased naturally using Easy Fundraising to aid the coffers of the Trust.

To make up for this, here's a still from one of the YouTube films of our Spring Gala – the A4 hauling its record train of eight teak carriages.

A full viewing – well worth while – is at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLYwz3w4DVk>

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## ANTIMACASSAR THEFTS

Further to the piece last time about 24068's antimacassars, I visited the Brake Composite 24068 the other day to fit the replacements – only to find two more missing.

## LNER HANGER AUCTION

Just one bid, so the LNER (SVR) Coach Fund has earned £15.

## PANELS



*... one more .... and then there were five more, awaiting the beading and several coats of varnish*

To finish on a brighter note, here are a couple of pictures taken before the camera failed, showing some more recycled and freshly refurbished teak upper panels now fixed to the luggage end/railway side of 70759. These original ex-70759 1943 panels have been thoroughly cleaned to remove all paint, and then revarnished. There remains what seems like a considerable acreage still to be panelled and many coats of varnish to be applied.

Work has started on (a) renewing the wall framing at the Bridgnorth end of the vehicle, where more woodworm has been found and treated, and (b) on refurbishing the twelve doors, some of which require major repairs after the ravages of 70759's hard life.

**LNER Carriage Group**

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**LNER (SVR) Coach Fund**

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

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