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OUR PIGEON VAN 70759 AT NEWTON ABBOT

A timetabling article in the July 2012 *Railway Magazine* included this picture of Newton Abbot in 1984. And there in the middle right distance is our very own 1943 Gresley Pigeon Van, now the subject of a major project. In 1984 it was still doing sterling service with David & Charles the book publishers. Little did that Company then imagine what the future held for this vehicle. This is only the second image that we have found of 70759 at this location. ...And removing all that yellow paint from the teak is a 'bundle of fun'!

NEWS OF THE TEAK TRAIN

On Saturday 11th June the Trust's Kitchen Composite **7960** earned its first private charter revenue for SVR, running with GWR Observation Saloon 80972. Refreshments for passengers in 7960 were provided from 80972, as 7960's water supply piping isn't yet finished. It does however now have its boiler and a gas supply.



On 11th June **52255** was shunted out of the Teak Train, partly to allow use of a smaller engine and partly to have its last luggage rack installed. If time permits it may also gain its cast brass gangway threshold bars. Some initial assessments of the Set are being made for the next overhaul.

70759 now has a run of ten restored teak panels of the railway side of the brake van, and further progress is being made with the interior brake end panelling. A start has been made on repairing and cleaning the twelve doors.

The latest sponsorship figures are, for **43600**, £9.1k (£10.7k with Gift Aid), and for **70759** £7.2k (£8.1k with Gift Aid). This is with much appreciated thanks to all donors including the generous sponsorship mentioned in the previous edition.

2701 PICTURES

Some interesting pictures of our GNR 2701 have come to hand. The first shows the vehicle in store at Boston in Lincolnshire, where it was in use as an office for the Doncaster Civil Engineer. The remaining three, taken by Gerry Bennett one of our supporters, show the stage reached at the Third Class end in 2006.



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RAILFEST - YORK 2-10 JUNE 2012



There was a good 'Gresley presence' at this event, including two A4s (MALLARD & SIR NIGEL GRESLEY), the Gresley Society's N2 0-6-2T tank loco 1744, and the BR-modified *Coronation* Beavertail 1719E (which served as an observation saloon on the West Highland Line).

60163 TORNADO added to the family, as an honourable successor to the LNER Pacific pedigree.

Also present, just about, was what one visitor somewhat unkindly described as "that bag o' nails" – 4472 FLYING SCOTSMAN – whose very costly overhaul is still not complete. It may well be next year before it is fully returned to mainline service in a respectable livery. Meanwhile it carries an unauthentic nominal 'wartime' black livery.

The final picture shows David McIntosh, Chairman of the Gresley Society, by his beloved and now well-travelled N2.



THE GRESLEY GRAVES AT NETHERSEAL



Sir Nigel Gresley and his wife Ethel are buried in the parish of Netherseal, Derbyshire. In the picture, Sir Nigel's grave is that on the right, aptly decorated with a generous lump of steam coal. At the cemetery gates is an attractive notice, erected by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Gresley Society, which gives a biography of the great man. I can email a picture of the notice to anyone interested – requests to gresley@gotadsl.co.uk please.

Gresley Society members keep the two graves tidy and clean.

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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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