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NEWS OF THE TRUST

Bank Account: The Rolling Stock Trust's bank has now completed its 'change of name' process, and the bank account is now in the new name of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Ltd. The account number and sort code remain unchanged; standing orders and cheques to the Rolling Stock Trust remain valid. Special Charity screening: The Trust has secured a charity screening of the next Bond film "Skyfall" on Thursday 25th October in Worcester. This is 24 hours before the film goes on general release. The SVRCT has its own 180 seat screen for the evening and now needs to fill the theatre. Your help in purchasing or encouraging as many friends as possible to attend is needed. A full theatre should raise in excess of £7k for the railway and gain many new friends. If you are interested please book tickets for an entertaining evening in support of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust.

Box Office on 01905-792843. <u>Dress code</u>: Black Tie. Champagne Reception. Tickets are £45.



43600 UPGRADE PROGRESS



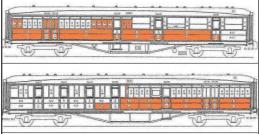


Our Tourist Third Open (TTO) 43600 has the first evidence of its major interior refurbishment. The new oval mirrors and chromed coat hooks are now in place. And what a difference they make! The drab interior has been lifted (as long as you don't inspect the lino and seat moquette too closely) and shows the promise of what is to come in the form of new luggage racks and seating.

Watch this space!

70759 SPONSORSHIP







The gift-aided sponsorship total for the 70759 project has now reached £11,750, thanks to recent generous sponsors for some of the panels and two doors. You know who you are Gentlemen. Thank you on behalf of the Group.

The centre diagram shows the panel/door sponsorship so far. On the right is the glorious and glowing varnished teak of panel B3 on the guard's corridor side door. Still available for sponsorship at £40 ... Can you be tempted?







EASYFUNDRAISING

IMPORTANT - Gift aid your 'purchase donations'! If you are a taxpayer, go to your Easyfundraising account settings and complete the Gift Aid section. This adds 25% to the benefit of your purchase 'commission'. To do this, click on "Account v" at the extreme right end of the line showing how much you have raised; select "Settings"; and fill in the Gift Aid details requested (first line of your address and post code, ticking the taxpayer and the Gift Aid boxes as appropriate). Save the changes, and its done. The Trust then benefits from the tax refund as well!

A PDF file describing all this at: http://www.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/PDFs/Easysearch+EasyfundraisingREV-I.pdf

THEY'REBACKINTHEUK!





The two Gresley A4s that had seemed permanently marooned in North America since the 1960s are now back in Britain on Ioan to the National Railway Museum to mark next year's 75th anniversary of A4 MALLARD's world record 126 miles per hour on 3rd July 1938. Keep diaries clear for the gathering of all six preserved Gresley A4 masterpieces! 60008 will have

its green British Railways livery refreshed. 60010 DOMINION OF CANADA is to be restored in its original LNER Garter Blue livery with chrome numerals and lettering and skirted valences - Gresley's ultimate livery for this class.

ANOTHER VISION IN BLUE



Another delight for next year is the prospect of the newbuild Peppercorn AI 60163 TORNADO in the attractive BR blue livery applied to A1s delivered new in summer and autumn 1949. Eventually all 49 Als had this blue livery before BR's universal adoption of dark green in 1951.

The AI Trust will then, as intended, have run TORNADO in each of the four liveries carried by the AIs in their relatively short lives. All had gone by 1966, despite their having been the most economic to maintain and operate of any of the 'Big Four' express passenger locomotives.

This claim has a statistical basis for those who might claim your editor is showing his bias again! The new British Railways collected data on the economy of all the main express classes. The figures for the post-war LNER Class A1 Pacifics - developed on the lines that Gresley was thought likely to have gone had he lived - were markedly better than their competition. Coal consumption was as low as 2.61 lb/per drawbar horsepower hour - compared with 3.06 (LNER A4), 3.12 (LMS Duchess), 3.57 (GWR King) and 3.60 (SR Merchant Navy). The AIs, especially those with roller bearings, also achieved very high mileages between heavy repairs. Overall running costs were the lowest of all the main express locos, with a cost per mile of little over half those of the GWR, LMS and SR designs. These discrepancies so embarrassed the other Regions that collection of the statistics was quietly abandoned. BR then wasted all that effort and expense developing their own express design in the Britannias. And whisper it quietly, but the unique BR 71000 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER Class 8 express engine is largely a modified A1 'under the bonnet', a Doncaster team having had a large say in its design.

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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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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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