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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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70759 DEVELOPMENTS



1 - COMPARTMENT-SIDE FRAMING

Good progress is being made with building the frame sections for the compartment side of 70759's passenger end.

The illustrations show, on the left, the first two completed frames and, on the right, the third frame section under construction.

These are complicated and time-consuming structures to measure and assemble. Hopefully readers will one day, before too long, be enjoying a ride in this carriage and the views out of the windows of a completed vehicle operating in the LNER teak set.



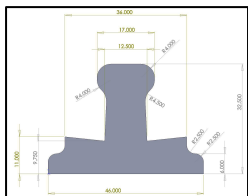
2 - MATCHBOARDING

The corridor match-boarding has made good progress. The pictures show the fruits of the stainer's and varnisher's labours along part of the corridor and at the passenger end.

It looks 'quite nice' really!



TOURIST OPENS 43600 & 52255



Planning work continues for the upgrades of these two vehicles. Current attention is on the design of the new LNER-style seat ends and the most cost-effective way of producing them. Installation of the remaining upgrade features will be undertaken when these carriages take their turn in the Teak Train's general overhaul, which is planned to start later next year.

SVR OFFICIAL 2012 VIDEO

This is a real 'must see'. It is an excellent short new film (six minutes) promoting what the Severn Valley Railway has to offer in the 21st Century. It also fits well with the Company's current £3m share offer that remains open and has now raised some £900k. The future of the Railway depends on this initiative being a success.

The video can be seen at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=3-U_7Q2ep9A
SVR's 2013 timetable is at: <http://www.svr.co.uk/pdf/brochures/TimetableInfoBooklet%202013.pdf>

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SPONSORSHIP PROGRESS

Sponsorship for 70759 has now reached £10.2k (£11.75k with gift aid). Good and steady progress, but there is still a long way to go.

There remain plenty of teak panels and other items available for sponsorship at prices ranging from £25 upwards. Sponsored teak panels would make a different but lasting Christmas present for family and friends ...

Remember this lovely graining on teak panel B3? This remains available for sponsorship at £40. Is there no one out there, other than our regular generous sponsors, who would like to sponsor this and claim it as 'theirs'?

Also remember our Bewdley sales coach for your Christmas shopping. Doris and Sue look forward to seeing you.

NEW PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET

The updated and refreshed version of our appeal leaflet accompanies this newsletter. This reflects the changes recently made to the renamed Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust.



NEW WEBSITE FOR THE GRESLEY SOCIETY TRUST

A visit to <http://gresley.org/> is worthwhile as this new website has much to offer about Sir Nigel Gresley and his work. It also reports the activities of the Trust's popular N2 0-6-2T GNR No.1744, which has visited the SVR.

AT LAST, A BLUE A1 PACIFIC ONCE AGAIN!



The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust have honoured their promise to run new-built LNER-design A1 Pacific *TORNADO* in all four liveries carried by the original A1s in their brief lives from the late 1940s to the mid-1960s. *TORNADO* was launched in the Apple Green carried by some of the early production A1s. Later it has carried the two variants of the darker ('cowpat') green, subsequently adopted by British Railways as their standard express engine livery. The fourth variant is the 'BR express blue' adopted shortly after nationalisation and used on later-build new A1s. This was claimed 'not to wear well', leading to the darker green. Undoubtedly the Peppercorn A1s look their best in this blue.

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And if you'd like to relive some of the delights of the 2012 season on the SVR, have a look at the video on the Railway's wonderful LNER-themed Spring Gala at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUpE-wHyk88>

This includes footage of Britain's longest restored Gresley Teak Train.

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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>

<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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