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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS & SUPPORTERS!

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

We have not been idle over the Christmas/New Year period. The first two compartment frame panels have now been temporarily fitted to the non-corridor side of 70759. These are the sections from the Guard's Van area to the first and second compartments. The pictures illustrate the two doorways and the compartment window spaces.

Fitting will be finished off in the coming days, once everything has been checked.



Work is currently in progress to update our website at: <http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/>

AN IMMINENT DATE FOR THE DIARY!

The new BBC2 series of Michael Portillo's "Great British Railway Journeys" starts this week. The first programme is on 7th January, and the edition covering the Severn Valley Railway is on Thursday 10th January.

Whether 70759 survived the 'cutting room' remains to be seen.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH SOME OF OUR YESTERDAYS



Still very much missed from the Severn Valley scene is the Gresley K4 Mogul 3442 *The Great Marquess*. The two pictures here show the 'Marquess' at Arley in the 1980s. The loco is decked out in its proper and attractive LNER apple green livery, which

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looked so right with our teaks. The first carriage behind 3442 is our Tourist Third Open (TTO) 43600 some eighteen months after its entry into service in its restored LNER varnished teak livery.



The left-hand picture above shows the Darlington-built Ivatt Mogul 43106 about to leave Bewdley with the SVR's first-ever three carriage train of restored teaks, after completion of 43600's overhaul in April 1987.

The second picture shows the SVR's first *four* carriage teak set comprising Buffet 643, TTO 52255, Brake Composite 24068 and TTO 43600.

We've come a fair way since then, not least being able now to run a train of eight Gresley carriages and, when not in service, to store our passenger stock out of the weather in Kidderminster Carriage Shed.

HOW ABOUT FINISHING 70759 IN THIS STYLE?



This extraordinary sight greets passengers on the main rapid transit system in Paris, the RER. One of the trains has undergone a dramatic refurbishment - to resemble the rooms of the Palace of Versailles. Passengers who travel on the RER C line between the Palace and the centre of the capital do so in lavish surroundings. Ornate paintings and golden sculptures line the aisles and even the ceilings are intricately designed. Other attractive features include the creation of a mock library in one of the carriages. The refurbishments are designed to evoke memories of seven areas of Versailles and its grounds, including the Hall of Mirrors, the Gallery of Battles and Marie-Antoinette's estate.

Is there any one out there handy with a paint brush?

More views of this amazing RER train are at:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2171124/Paris-commuter-train-carriages-transformed-resemble-rooms-Palace-Versailles.html>

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Websites with information about the Teak Train and current developments can be found at:

<http://www.svr-trust.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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