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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway  
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### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



The picture on the left shows three recycled teak panels newly-fitted to 70759 on the vehicle's 'town side'. This is the area between the guard's van and the point where the internal wall for first compartment will be erected. These panels were attached to the carriage just three weeks to the day since dismantling this area of side framing.



And yes, the 'white blobs' are falling snow! The SVR timetable quaintly and comfortingly says that our period carriages are "lovingly restored in our own workshops". These pictures illustrate the reality. The love's certainly there, but the workshop ... .. ?

The lower picture (*left*) shows Richard Gunning starting to hang another of the 12 exterior doors. This one is for the second passenger compartment. The LNER, in the days when labour was cheap, allowed a full day for a skilled craftsman to fit a door. The task requires considerable skill, patience and adjustment to get such a complex shape to hang correctly. Here the work is being done on a cold snowy day – with plenty of 'air-conditioning'!



Finally, some more 'air-conditioning' as we said farewell to the last vestige of the old station shop and its window (*near left*) and replaced this with the fourth new frame section (*centre*). While doing this we had a much appreciated visit by the SVR General Manager, Nick Ralls, who came to see the progress.

Later, the last area of old internal panelling was removed (*right*). Yet more fresh air!



### 50 YEARS SINCE FLYING SCOTSMAN'S LAST BR RUN

A newsletter reader in Australia reminds me it is half a century since FLYING SCOTSMAN finished its British Railways' service. Your editor was on that crowded train on a freezing 14<sup>th</sup> January 1963 and had to stand from King's Cross to Doncaster. The train was full of enthusiasts wanting to part of this piece of history. So, inevitably, the windows remained open to get this "last whiff" of steam and sound, and the train gained nothing from the steam heating. But it was worth it! My one regret was that on arriving at Doncaster, A4 MALLARD was just pulling in on an express back to King's Cross. I let it go so that I could savour the atmosphere around 60103 – and thereby lost my last opportunity to ride behind MALLARD until it was briefly steamed for the fiftieth anniversary of the 126mph world record in 1988.



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Let's hope it won't be another 50 years before FLYING SCOTSMAN runs again. As for MALLARD ... ..

## ARCHIVE PIGEON TRAIN PICTURES FROM THE GBRJ PROGRAMME



These pictures show how labour-intensive this traffic was for the railways. The short racing pigeon season also tied up volumes of rolling stock that may have had little other work for the rest of the year. The final black & white picture is of the Royal Pigeon Lofts at Sandringham. To the right are two of today's Sandringham royal 'show pigeons' and entered at the latest annual British homing pigeon world show in Blackpool. Future passengers for 70759?



### TIDINESS FOOTNOTE

This picture (*left*) illustrates the space pressures under which we operate in our 'SVR workshop'. Trying to keep the place tidy is a bit of a nightmare – especially when the boss keeps 'rearranging the deck chairs', removing chunks of the carriage and putting in new bits!

We'll be able to comply with the notice's requirement around 2016 or so ... ..

### THE POWER OF 'EASYSEARCH' AND 'EASYFUNDRAISING'

One of our supporters reports that, with little effort on his part, using these means of web-searching and on-line buying over the last 18 months has raised charitable donations of £53 and £60 respectively – plus Gift Aid. That's a three figure total for the selected charity by a single individual. See the attached PDF on how to set these up.

**Are you using these methods yet to support our very own Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust?**

**LNER Carriage Group**

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**LNER (SVR) Coach Fund**

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

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

<http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/>

<http://lner.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/>

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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