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A MAJOR MILESTONE FOR 70759

February 9th 2013 was a significant date for the project to create a Brake Third for the SVR Gresley 'Teak Train'. This day saw the fitting of the final section of new side framing, all created from recycled materials. The pictures show the full run of the modified 'town side' framing and the final section firmly bolted to the carriage body.

We know the rest of the project is technically feasible. Its completion to an operational condition is now a question of time and *especially the availability of finance*.

So please keep up the good work on the sponsorship front!

There are more pictures on the website: <http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/lner70759prog2013.html>



LNER KITCHEN RESTAURANT 7960 HAS A FURTHER REFINEMENT



A set of antimacassars has been made to enhance the interior experience of this wonderful carriage. Work still continues on the vehicle, in which the pantry area is now well advanced, and planning continues on fitting out the kitchen.



NRM DATES FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MALLARD'S WORLD SPEED RECORD

"The Great Gathering" of all six preserved Gresley A4s is at the York National Railway Museum from 3rd July 2013 (the anniversary date) until 17th July. This includes the two A4s repatriated from the USA and Canada especially for this celebration. This event will be free entry, and there is no need to book. See you there! Further details are at:

<http://www.nrm.org.uk/PlanaVisit/Events/mallard75.aspx>

SAVE YOUR ALUMINIUM FOIL FOR CARRIAGE RESTORATION

Recycling aluminium foil is a valued source of finance. So please save your clean foil and deliver it Bewdley Station Shop or to the LNER 70759 group there, or to Kidderminster Carriage & Wagon works. Thank you in anticipation!

STOP PRESS!

*** Don't miss BBC2's "The Flying Scotsman: A Rail Romance" at 9.00pm on Monday 4th March – the 4472 story. ***

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***** *"DANCING ON THE EDGE" - A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT* *****

This BBC2 series has provided a wealth of images of railway and other local features, of which a selection is below.



The Bluebell Railway's filming train included a Pullman car (next to the loco), an LNWR saloon (second vehicle) with a 'Birdcage Brake' and 'Queen Mary' brake at the rear. The engine was Southern Railway U Class No.1638. The Bluebell's website identifies the Pullman as Car 282 'Doris', built in 1932 by Metro Cammell for use on the Southern Railway. This vehicle has a tenuous LNER link in that, on its retirement from operational service, it was purchased privately and in the 1960s/70s resided at Finsbury Park (first stop from King's Cross). It was a cheering sight on your editor's London commuting days from Hatfield. The three pictures below show the Pullman's interior.



Among the more sumptuous railway vehicles used on the Bluebell Railway was the 1903 London & North Western Railway 'Family/Semi-Royal Saloon'. If you are interested, this very special vehicle is currently up for sale ...

See: <http://www.bluebell-railway.co.uk/bluebell/pic2/806.html>

The pictures below illustrate this saloon's sumptuous interior.



- And this delightful bus just had to be included.

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Leaving the Bluebell, later episodes included location filming in the West Midlands. These stills are from scenes at the [Black Country Museum](#) and at [Ragley Hall](#) south of Alcester.



Here on the [Severn Valley Railway](#) some filming was at Kidderminster Station in the restored GWR Hawkesworth sleeping car No.9084 (below). Being a family publication, the editor has necessarily excised some of the scenes enacted here.



For the SVR, the jewel in the crown was the high drama in the final episode. This was filmed at Bewdley and Kidderminster Stations and in our own national award-winning Great Northern Corridor Composite No.2701.

The first group of pictures are stills from scenes at Bewdley, which became 'South Bromley' for the storyline.



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During the filming of the Bewdley scenes late one evening in February 2012 the film company's lighting was sufficiently brilliant to illuminate the whole town!

The Louis Lester Band and their friends used GNR 2701 to travel with "Dover-Kent Line (East Coast Trains)", as illustrated by these stills. The final image shows how the 2701 interior filming was done in daylight at Kidderminster.



Kidderminster, in the rôle of Folkestone, was the location for the remaining SVR scenes. Readers who know Kidderminster will instantly recognise its features. Stanier Mogul 42968 was the train engine – pity about the headcode lights (surely incorrect for a passenger train). In one scene 42968's train seemed to depart via the station concourse! And the GW Hawkesworth sleeping car 9084 can just be seen in one of the pictures below.



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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>

<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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