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**Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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IT'S MOVING DAY! 70759 IS SHUNTED INTO BEWDLEY C&W

The eighteenth of July 2013 is a significant date in 70759's progress towards its completion and operation as the main brake in the SVR's Teak Train. The covers protecting the old roof were removed revealing this emerging butterfly uncluttered by ropes, old tyres and sheeting – but confirming the need for the new roof. On one of the hottest days of 2013, amid a major shunt of the restricted Bewdley Yard, the carriage has now found its way into the Bewdley Carriage & Wagon Works for the costly renewal of the roof timbers. It will then be watertight and weatherproof.



Left: complete with its 'pneumatic air-conditioning pods';



Right: 70759 emerges into the late sunshine

New Water Tank: We also now have the new stainless steel water tank for the supply to 70759's WC.

It looks good – and should be at £1.3k! It will be fitted during the roof replacement work. By good fortune, we have a sponsor for this, in the form of an unsolicited donation that covers a major part of this cost. We are very grateful to the individual concerned.



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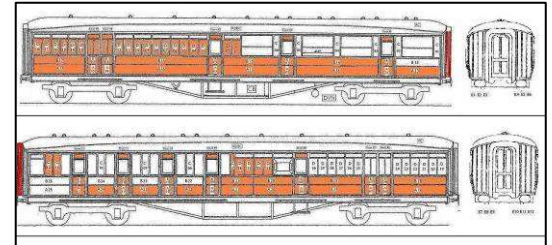


Exterior: Much progress is being made in completing the exterior panelling and beading. So 70759 begins to look like a real carriage at last. We have also improved the appearance of the few panels that have apparent stain markings. Some of these have proved to be natural markings within the wood, and further treatment by oxalic acid has helped bring out the beauty of the darker graining. Much work remains to be done to get the doors right. The first of the window blind covers has been fitted (see picture right). More of these will need to be made to complete the set.



PANEL SPONSORSHIP

Now-sponsored panel D12 completes the run of 'top panels' on the 'railway side'. Just missing a sponsor that side is panel B13 (£125). We still await sponsors for the end-carriage vertical panels that will be fitted after the roof work, and many remain available on the other side of the carriage. And then there's the interior. So many opportunities remain



GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHARITABLE TRUST!

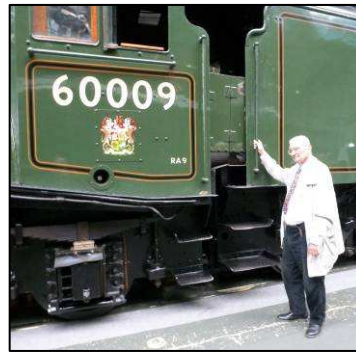
The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is to receive up to £500,000 through the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Catalyst programme. The money will kick-start the Severn Valley Railway Heritage Endowment, which will create much-needed longer-term financial support for the Railway. The grant will enable the Charitable Trust to access different funding options, attract more finance by increasing its fundraising potential, and help develop innovative approaches to secure private donations. Every £1 the Trust raises for the Endowment, HLF will match to a ceiling of £500,000 - money which will be put towards the substantial annual restoration costs of the Railway's extensive and historic collection of locomotives and carriages, built during the heyday of steam travel.

NEWSLETTERS

The Coach Fund website has many new photos of 70759: <http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/lner70759prog2013.html>
The site now also carries past editions of newsletters at: http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/news_letters.html

MALLARD 75 - THE GREAT GATHERING

Your editor has been somewhat distracted by the six A4s at York's NRM. Among the 'different' pictures:-
L-to-R: (1) Tim Godfrey, LNERCF Vice President, with the Canadian High Commissioner at the re-commissioning of DOMINION OF CANADA; (2) Ben Godfrey, also a grandson of Sir Nigel Gresley, with his family on the steps of BITTERN; (3) Peter Townend by 'No.9' - the former King's Cross 'Top Shed' Shedmaster who fitted the A4 double chimneys; & (4) the 3rd July Gala Dinner in the grand company of the six A4s at this unique gathering



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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/>

<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.

- Support the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (Charity 1092723) for free when shopping online with over 500 popular retailers including Amazon, Next, M&S, John Lewis and many more that make donations to our Charity when you buy through this site: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/svrct>
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