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PROGRESS WITH THE 70759 ROOF PROJECT - IT'S DARK INSIDE NOW!

Our original hope was to see 70759 emerging late autumn with its new roof all complete. Unfortunately the task has proved more challenging – and significantly more expensive – than we would have wished. That said, the careful work being done by Bewdley Carriage & Wagon Department is to a high standard and should see the carriage through at least another seven decades and more. Particularly challenging aspects have been the characteristic Gresley domed ends, various repairs and bonding the roof to the carriage sides. But we are getting there, and the interior now feels more like a carriage again and less of an open-top observation saloon. The aim now is to have the contract complete before Christmas, so that our vehicle can make way for other work in the C&W shed.

A huge amount of work has been done since Newsletter 31, and the following pictures aim to give readers an idea of some of the progress.



All this wood (and quite a bit more)

.....is now up here



The carriage ends are regaining their Gresley elegance  
..... though recreating that beautiful Gresley curve to the roof has been a challenge – skilfully achieved by Marsh Kirby

Colin Astbury,  
Bewdley C&W  
Foreman, is  
seen sanding  
the lowest  
plank adjoining  
the body side



While this work has been progressing, the interior has also received extensive attention by Carriage Group volunteers. These two pictures show the passenger end, now with its internal framing in place for the compartment partitions, the corridor screen and ceiling panels.




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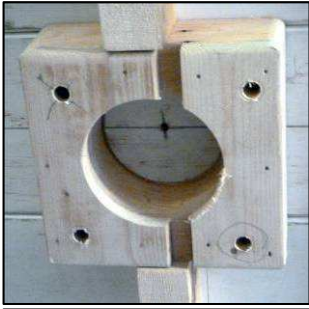


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Here are two of the 'doughnuts' in place to take the I4 roof ventilators – one showing a 'before' and the other an 'after' shot of the necessary hole in the roof. A third picture shows a roof light fitting.

*(Ed. Here we are spending months and many £000s re-roofing 70759. Then someone starts making holes in it!)*



This picture shows one of the steel 'fall plates' that are fixed at the corridor connections – being made by our volunteer specialist welder.

## MORE NEWS OF GRESLEY TOURIST THIRD OPENS 43600 & 52255

We have taken delivery of some new parts, and others are being made by our welder. Pictures here show (l-to-r) the new seat ends, seat legs and metal framing for the seating redesign in these two Tourist Third Opens. Fitting in 43600 is planned to start early in the New Year.



## BUFFET CAR 643

This carriage is now in Kidderminster C&W as the first Set N Gresley carriage for the major overhaul programme. Consequently it will not be available for the SVR Santa operations.



## AND FINALLY ...



We've recently had our annual PATS testing for all our electrical equipment – well over 100 items. All passed with flying colours apart from our *TORNADO* clock – which fell down because the tester alleged it was 'the wrong colour green'!

*(Ed. Peppercorn A1 Pacifics always look their best in BR Blue anyway)*

**LNER Carriage Group**

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