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GRESLEY BUFFET 643

The Buffet is nearly ready to return to service – and it looks a delight – *left-hand picture.*

On the right is 43600, already in the Kidderminster Paintshop and 'stripped for action' for the serious work to proceed, including its internal improvements...

OTHER TTO PROGRESS

The new LNER tables for 43600 and 52255 are now being made. An order is also being placed for the LNER-style wall

lamps to go in these vehicles – this is with a firm in Stourport reflecting our usual aim of supporting local businesses.

PROGRESS WITH 70759: 1-BOGIE BEARING PADS

Our last Newsletter delicately asked if there was anyone 'out there' willing to sponsor the sixteen new bogie bearing pads for 70759's overhaul – an important element of returning this vehicle to operational use once the work at Bewdley is completed. Much to our surprise – and very great pleasure – every one of those exciting bogie bearing pads is now sponsored. And this was done at a speed that beats even Mr Mark Allatt's efforts on the new-build P2!

Our grateful thanks go to all those concerned. They know who they are.

Other exciting opportunities of this nature will no doubt follow...

PROGRESS WITH 70759: 2-NEW FLOOR & A START ON THE CORRIDOR SCREEN



The first two pictures show the old floor, with its now incorrect profile and layout, being removed and the new flat floor laid ready for the next stages. These are, first, the framing for the toilet compartment corridor wall and doorway – pictures 3 (trial fit for door) & 4 (first framing in place). The corridor screen and the four compartment walls will follow. The old floor has been 'recycled' and 'preserved' to form an ex-LNER garden fence 'somewhere in Stourport'.

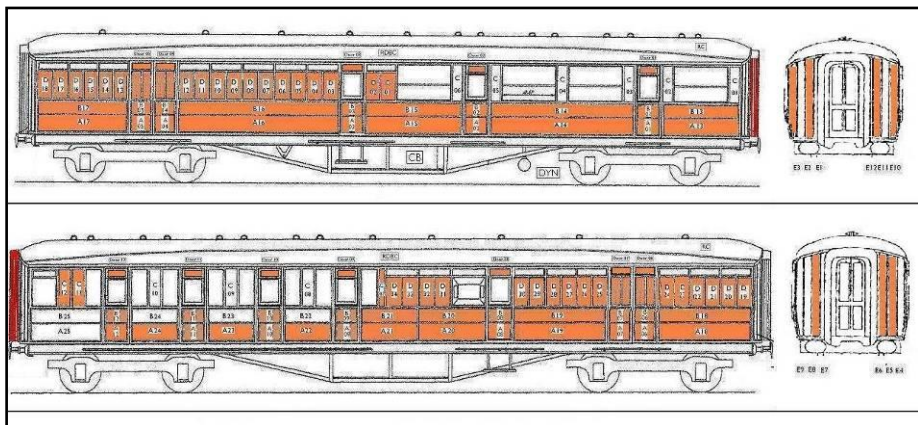
Another essential task, before it disappears behind walls and ceilings, was to test the water tightness of the new stainless steel tank for the toilet compartment. Happily it passed with flying colours.



## MEMBERS & SHAREHOLDERS WEEKEND & THE SVR 'JOBS FAIR'

A first-ever Jobs Fair was held at Kidderminster on 12<sup>th</sup> April. There were several expressions of interest in joining our merry band of volunteers. And we seem to have secured help for Doris and Sue in the shop. The Members & Shareholders Weekend usefully raised some £80 in donations from visitors to see 70759's progress at Bewdley.

## LATEST TEAK PANEL POSITION



The diagram shows the latest position on teak panel sponsorship – the coloured areas being panels already with a sponsor. This is welcome progress, particularly with all 34 'D' panels and almost all the corridor side panels now sponsored. But wouldn't it be really great to have **every** section coloured to complete this stage – particularly as many more sponsorship opportunities will come as we get more deeply involved in fitting out the compartments.

\*\*\*\*\* **There are prices to suit all tastes! The remaining unsponsored panels are:** \*\*\*\*\*

A25 at <b>£150</b>	B22 / B23 / B24 at <b>£75 each</b>	B25 at <b>£125</b>
C1-C6 & C8-C10 at <b>£40 each</b>	E2 / E8 / E11 at <b>£90 each</b>	E4 & E9 at <b>£80 each</b>

120 feet of teak beading also need sponsors at a modest **£10** per ten foot length. Please help us put this stage to bed!

## ANTIMACASSAR THEFTS

Sadly it is necessary to report a further visit by the phantom antimacassar thief. Another antimacassar has disappeared from Brake Composite No.24068, for which our stock is now down to just nine for its twelve first class seats. And the first theft of one from GNR 2701 has occurred. Do these people neither realise nor care that these finishing touches are provided and maintained by volunteers?

## BEWDLEY SHOP MODEL RAILWAY

Sandbourne Road model railway is now running as an additional attraction to encourage more shop visitors. For a modest sum visitors can watch the trains running for a set time. Appropriately, the new SVR Trust poster is on display, and the layout has an LNER presence along with its own 'local' *The Bear and Penguin*. Come along to see the action!



## OUR FIRST PASSENGER?

Patently waiting on our tool-rack is this visitor, no doubt hoping we'll finish the job quickly for him to be in the first race release.

Keeps complaining about the catering though!

**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.svrtrust.org.uk> <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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<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/svrct>

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<http://svrct.easysearch.org.uk/>