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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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GRESLEY BUFFET 643

The Buffet has now completed its overhaul and is back in service in the Teak Train – though its newly restored pristine beauty rather emphasises the run-down condition of the rest of the set. This stems from the significant delay in the overhaul programme.

The lengthy time that 643 was out of service reflected some major repairs to remedy the stresses of its running environment and the delayed overhaul. SVR(H) operates some of the finest Gresley teak carriages in the country, and these irreplaceable treasures deserve the very best treatment to preserve them for future generations. The *Teak Train* is **not** 'just another coach set'.



PROGRESS WITH THE TOURIST THIRD OPENS (TTO)

43600 remains in Kidderminster C&W Works, stripped internally for extensive bodywork repairs prior to the interior improvements. Its new tables are about to be delivered, and the new lamps are in progress at Lost Wax Development Ltd, Kidderminster (the picture shows the first unpolished casting).

Meanwhile TTO 52255 has had a roof repair and its roof repainted.

PROGRESS WITH 70759



Work is advancing on creating the four compartments to meet the SVR's requirement for a revenue element in the project. These pictures illustrate the current position.

The left picture shows a trial fitting of a mirror (kindly donated by one of our supporters) along with pictures and lamps. This is to establish that the dimensions and locations will be correct in relation to the seating. The electrical wiring is being fitted as progress is made. The central picture shows the corridor screen, still some way from completion. And the third picture gives a general view of progress with the compartment walls and ceilings – the final section of compartment ceiling panel was fitted on 1st July. Again, the electrical wiring work is in evidence.

Don't forget – 70759 will be 'on show' at the PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES event on Saturday 19th July.



SPONSORSHIP - 70759 BOGIE OVERHAUL

Good and enthusiastic progress is being made on the bogie overhaul at Kidderminster.

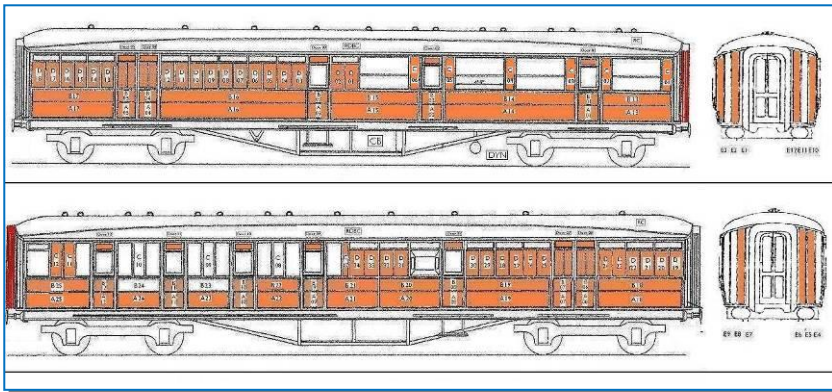
Our Chairman, Hugh McQuade, has been out again with his shopping basket for replacement parts needed to put decent wheel sets under this vehicle. As with the recent successful appeal for the bogie bearing pads, we are hoping that 'someone out there' will be willing to sponsor these further essential, if unexciting, repair items. The shopping list this time comprises:

- **Bogie Bolster Guide Plates.** An order has been given to the Boro' Foundry for the four needed to deal with cracks in the existing plates. Each plate will cost £153+VAT (£183.60). So four will come to **£734.40** ...
- **Spring Hanger Bolts.** Hopefully the bolts can be found from stock but they will need machining to finish. Machining costs £140 for one short type bolt and £120 each for four long bolts. That's **£620** for the five.

May we leave the thought with readers in the hope that these may also tempt some sponsorship?

***** **A SPONSORSHIP FORM IS ATTACHED** *****

LATEST TEAK PANEL POSITION



Forgive our repeating this diagram, now updated. Since the last newsletter appeal the panel sponsorship position has improved. Our thanks go to those involved. This means that all the panels on the corridor side and all the 'A' and 'D' panels are now fully sponsored.

Just two 'B' panels (£75 each) remain, along with three 'C' panels (each a modest £40) and five 'E' panels (£80/£90 each).

Another nudge will see this already incurred expenditure nicely covered.

Do you have your panels yet?

***** **Prices to suit all tastes! Remaining unsponsored panels are:** *****

B23 / B24 at £75 each C8 / C9 / C10 at £40 each E2 / E8 / E11 at £90 each E4 & E9 at £80 each

The teak beading also still needs sponsors at a modest £1 per foot length.

7960 LNER RESTAURANT/KITCHEN CAR



This beautiful Trust-owned carriage is being completed separately from our Bewdley-based group. The Trust needs funds – up to £15,000 – to finish 7960's kitchen and equip it for restaurant car catering. When so equipped this unique vehicle, with its luxurious and superbly restored passenger saloons, can be chartered for dining bookings. It will become a most attractive revenue-earning addition to the options that SVR can offer its passengers for that 'special occasion'.

What a lovely addition when attached to the Teak Set...

Anyone out there who would also like to support the 7960 work and feels able to do so, can they please get in touch with the Trust's fundraiser Shelagh Paterson for further information. She is at the SVR's new office:

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More on 7960 at: <http://svrtrust.org.uk/our-vehicles/lner/7960-2.html> & <http://www.gw-svr.a.org.uk/7960/index.html>

LNER Carriage Group

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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.

- 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>

- For a similar free benefit to the SVR Charitable Trust use the 'easysearch' search engine earning a halfpenny for each search, now regularly producing more than £1 per week

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