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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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RESTORED 43600 SERENADED INTO SERVICE

This eighty year old Tourist Open Third re-entered SVR service on Saturday 15th November. A celebratory journey was made by the Kidderminster and Bewdley workers involved in the completion of this restoration project. Then, on Sunday 23rd November, the restored carriage was serenaded into Bridgnorth by the renowned harpist, David Watkins – <http://www.davidwatkins.info/>. David's father, Donald, was Senior Designer at the Armstrong Whitworth Scotswood Works in the 1930s, where he designed the first diesel electric railcar, *Tyneside Venturer*. Reflecting the interest shown in that 1932 prototype by Sir Nigel Gresley, we were also pleased to welcome Tim Godfrey, Sir Nigel's grandson, and Tim's wife Ann, who were among the guests at Bridgnorth to hear the harp welcoming 43600 back into service.

We offer our great thanks to David Watkins, who was fresh from his outstanding concert the previous evening at Morville Church, and to his family and friends for their association with 43600's completion. The pictures illustrate 43600's return to SVR front line service. Those not there to witness David Watkins' beautiful playing missed a unique occasion and a rather special moment in the history of the LNER's presence on the SVR.

The launch made it on to BBC local news website: see - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-30267534>



Pictures 1, 2 and 3, with some of the 43600 workers & the carriage in the LNER train at Arley (Bob Sweet)

... and a reminder of just how spartan it used to be (Richard Hill)





Pictures by Rodney Towers LNERCA/NYMR

These pictures are of the following weekend event, when David Watkins played his harp alongside 43600 recalling his father's association with the LNER and with Sir Nigel Gresley. They show:

- (1) David playing his harp by 43600; (2&3) with his audience of passengers including Tim & Ann Godfrey;
- (4) Stewart Clark, SVR CT Trustee, welcoming David Watkins and the other visitors to Bridgnorth;
- and (5) David Watkins and his sister, Sue Rheam, in discussion with Chris Thomas ASM Bridgnorth



These two pictures, by Richard Hill and Rodney Towers respectively, show:

- (6) Tim Godfrey and Nick Stringer of LNERCA, sampling 43600's interior; and (7) GWR 2857 leaving Bridgnorth with 43600 third in the formation.

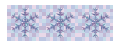
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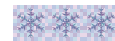
BRAKE THIRD PROJECT

Work proceeds apace on the Brake Third at Bewdley, with current tasks including progressing restoration of the corridor sliding doors; wiring the wall lamp circuits; and restoring for reuse the original rexined panels on the two doors recovered from LNER Kitchen Restaurant 7960's former departmental service life (Newsletter No.38).

... And just to make sure we keep awake, the first work on the interior improvements to TTO 52255 is under way.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



As this is likely to be 2014's last newsletter we wish all our readers and supporters a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year! The SVR Trust starts 2015 with a new logo, which underlines the SVR family link.

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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.

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