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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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BRAKE THIRD PROJECT



Our last newsletter was issued in early December, which now seems a long while ago. But we haven't been hibernating all this time. Quite the reverse! Despite the weather and SVR's winter closure for essential engineering works, the carriage restoration work is quietly proceeding apace with much detailed work being done at Bewdley and Kidderminster.

Detailed fitting out of the Brake Third's four passenger compartments is advancing. The corridor doors and panelling have been stained and varnished, and a secure cupboard created for use by the Guard and TTIs for their personal effects. Another piece of railway heritage being preserved for posterity is in the form of the wall lamp shades. These are not LNER items but are similar. Their claim to fame is that they were designed for the new BR stock introduced at the time of the 1951 *Festival of Britain*. These shades are uncommon in the generality of heritage line stock, despite much of this being standard BR Mark I vehicles. As the SVR holds a stock of them it is thought our Brake Third would be a suitable



place to display them for public enjoyment. They look rather fine! Please note the seat backs are only temporarily fitted, pending their repair and upholstery.

Other work includes plumbing in the WC cistern, fitting the heater elements and glazing the compartment corridor side windows. Newsletter 38 mentioned the imprinted numbers revealed on the sliding corridor doors, the oldest of which has a Great Northern origin. This, we thought, might have originated as a 1913 build, but another number we've found – which could be '1641' – suggests the door comes from a 1912-built gangwayed corridor third vehicle to GNR

Diagram 248D. Another small piece of railway history is being preserved for future generations to enjoy.

BRAKE THIRD - SPONSORSHIP

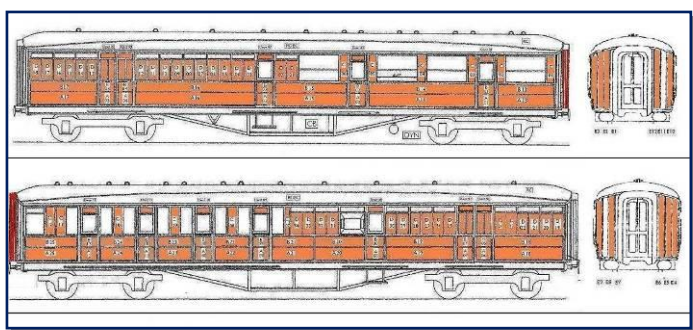
The flow of sponsorship donations – which is essential to allow our work to continue to completion – has fallen off somewhat over recent months, no doubt because of Christmas and other budget pressures. But we do need to ask



you, please, to keep up the good work, not least because the materials needed for this fitting-out stage are unavoidably expensive. And there still remains the costly SVR mechanical and electrical overhaul to ensure the Brake Third is 'fit to run' and can carry passengers safely on our Railway. That overhaul will very likely be a five figure sum.

This month's appeal asks for your support to fund the following items:

- Sponsorship of the exterior teak panelling has gone well; all 96 side body panels now have a sponsor. But for a 100% record there remain two, now rather lonely, unsponsored end panels – Panels E8 and E11, each at £90. We'd love to be able to 'tick this item off' as completed for all 108 of this vehicle's teak panels...
- We need to have new Gangway bellows made for the corridor connections. One of these already has a



sponsor (thank you, Mr K). But a sponsor is still needed for the other one please (£250).

- Also missing a sponsor is the end corridor door in the Brake section, ie the internal doorway leading to the adjoining carriage, also a £250 item. Filling that slot will mean we have sponsors for every internal and external door in the Brake Third. Another item we could then tick as 'done'!
- Among other fitting-out items needing finance include: bench seats (£200 each); luggage racks (£150 each); mirrors (£75 each); compartment pictures (£35 each); picture frames (£50 each).
- And the toilet compartment still awaits its own special sponsor for £300.

Go on! Treat yourself! All these items can be gift-aided where practicable.

Help us towards the exciting objective of completing a unique operational nine carriage Gresley teak train by 2017.

TOURIST THIRD OPEN 52255

Work has started at Kidderminster on stripping out 52255's old seating prior to this carriage's internal upgrade on similar but contrasting lines to 43600. At Bewdley we have been working on the new seat ends for 52255 by adding the moquette edging, the rexined steel panels and legs.



TOURIST THIRD 43600 - INFORMATION PANELS

Two panels, describing the history of 43600 and listing those who helped with that carriage's restoration, have been mounted in the vestibule at the toilet end of the vehicle. The second panel includes the names of parts sponsors.

A REMINDER OF WHAT YOUR SUPPORT ACHIEVES

This picture shows the early days in the restoration of what duly became our award-winning Great Northern corridor composite No. 2701. This started with this very basic shell with just one original wall still in place.



ANOTHER PIECE OF HISTORY



This picture shows a Great Northern carriage, No.(4)229, that has been saved for posterity and spent some time with us on the SVR. Its planned restoration was reserved for the slot later filled by our GNR 2701. No.229 became No.4229 in LNER days.

No.229 was built in 1912 with a heavy Edwardian décor and gas lighting, being converted to electric lighting as late as 1932. Our Coach Fund sold it reluctantly in 1996 to buy GNR 2701 as a more practical addition to the Teak Train. No.229 moved to Llangollen where it is currently under restoration. The locomotive is Gresley's second

GNR A1 Pacific No.1471 *Sir Frederick Banbury*, built in 1922 just before *Flying Scotsman* and the advent of the LNER.

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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.lncrsvrcoachfund.org.uk/> <http://lncr.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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