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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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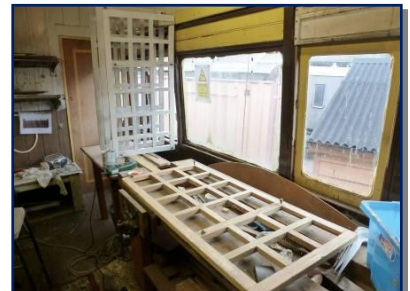
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THE CARRIAGE NOW DEPARTING...

On Friday 7th August our Brake Third Project carriage left Bewdley for Kidderminster where the remaining work will continue. This was after a massive 'shunt' of Bewdley Yard on 30th July, which took around eight hours and finished in twilight. On 7th August, our carriage left Bewdley in the company of GWR Brake Open Third 650 – another superb restoration of an attractive coach – and GWR 'Siphon G' No.1257, an outside-frame Milk Van. It's hard to imagine three more contrasting vehicles, but they do reflect SVR's rather special eclectic mix of heritage. Our Brake Third is representative of a familiar LNER-style and has what can best be described as 'mixed parentage' to meet an SVR operational need for our 'Teak Train' set. The GWR Brake Third is historically important as a sole survivor of six pre-war open-plan coach sets, a style rare in GWR terms and designed mainly for excursion work. It has a distinctive and beautifully recreated *art-deco* interior. Its survival is due to its post-railway use as a boys' club venue in the Wye Valley. The 'Siphon G' is a 1927 vehicle built to a 1913 design and is the sole survivor of this type of construction; it finds regular SVR employment as a 'Santa Grotto' at Arley.

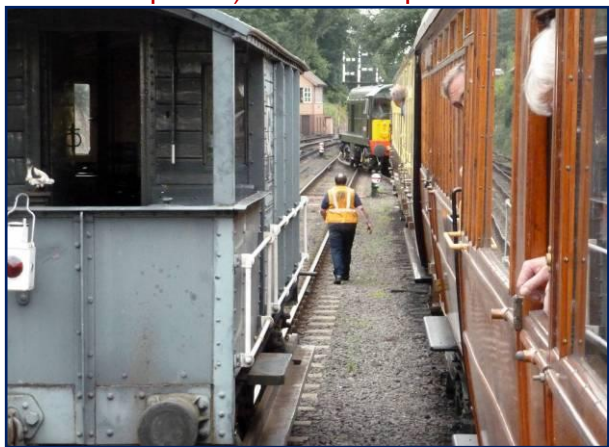
Both passenger coaches will have further mechanical work done at Kidderminster to prepare them for operational service, including fitting their correct overhauled wheel sets. Our Brake Third still needs much interior work to complete its fittings and the new upholstery. Meanwhile our work continues at Bewdley on the time-consuming cleaning and repainting of items such as the pigeon van shelves and picture frames.

Below is a selection of pictures showing the shunted vehicles for their move to Kidderminster –

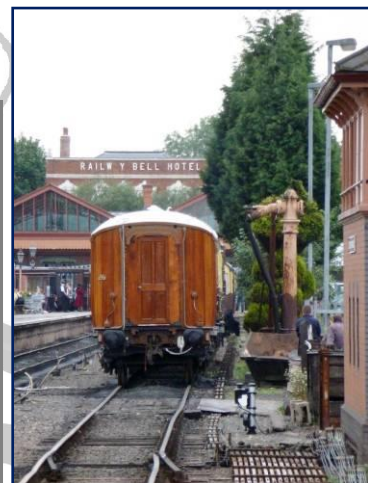


Among the preceding pictures is our Brake Third sporting its new roof boards. These reflect the old informally-named 'port-to-port' services operated jointly by the LNER and GWR. These routinely brought LNER teak carriages deep into GWR territory and with GWR loco-haulage. The lower middle picture shows the two Great Western vehicles in the move. The final picture illustrates continuing work at Bewdley preparing the pigeon van shelving.

Below again are pictures of the move itself which, because the vehicles concerned have yet to have their brake overhauls, had to be run as a (diesel-hauled) loose-coupled 'freight train' complete with a GWR 'Toad' Brake Van (on the left of the first picture). The second picture shows the cavalcade passing the West Midlands Safari Park:



The third picture captures part of our restoration team – in a rare moment of relaxation – testing the lighting in Bewdley Tunnel and enjoying what turned out to be an encouragingly smooth and quiet trip. The final picture is of our Brake Third by Kidderminster Signal Box awaiting its move to the Carriage Shed. There, at what is now known as Kidderminster's Platform 9¾, further work will include extra coats of varnish and further painting of the roof to keep it watertight. While at Kidderminster the carriage will be lined-out, lettered and numbered and have its outstanding mechanical and electrical work done along with fitting its corridor connections and overhauled bogies.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note that your editor and LNER fundraiser now has a new email address.

Could you please email your future enquiries about sponsorship for the Brake Third Project and generally about the SVR 'Teak Train' to: richardhill@lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk

BRAKE THIRD PROJECT - DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

As well as the expensive Kidderminster overhaul costs ahead of us, many opportunities remain for sponsorship:-

- five pigeon shelves (£40 each)
- four luggage racks (Compartments A & D – £150 each)
- three mirrors (£75 each)
- six pictures (£35 each)
- eight picture frames (£50 each)

Please email the editor at richardhill@lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk about opportunities for your generosity....

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.

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