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PROGRESS WITH THE BRAKE THIRD



Our project vehicle is now receiving some of its finishing touches in Kidderminster's Carriage Shed. It has had four more coats of varnish, making at least ten coats (some areas more). The body is now ready to be lined out, numbered and lettered prior to final varnishing. Its overhauled bogies can soon be fitted, along with the corridor bellows. The mechanical and electrical overhauls will be done when a

workshop slot is available. The grab rails by the doorways have been fitted, as shown in the second picture.

BRAKE THIRD PROJECT - WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

As well as the expensive final overhaul costs ahead, many opportunities remain for sponsorship to suit all pockets:-

- three pigeon shelves (£40 each)
- three luggage racks- £150 each
- three mirrors (£75 each)
- two heater controls (£100 each)
- five pictures (£35 each)
- eight picture frames (£50 each)
- four corridor handrails (£85 each)
- 120 feet of teak beading (£10 per ten feet)

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

NEW-BUILD A1 PACIFIC 60163 TORNADO VISITS THE SVR



For much of October we're having the pleasure of 'TORNADO' back for another SVR visit, again attracting large crowds. It has been a particular joy to see it matched to our teak set (albeit minus 52255 for its internal upgrade). Regrettably, operational needs meant 60163's first public weekend was spent

hauling the SVR's BR maroon set. This was to accommodate a long-standing large party booking for some cyclists, their bikes being too numerous for the small brake area in 24068. Here's hoping that this won't be repeated for later workings this month. And roll-on our Brake Third's completion with its more spacious storage area!



LNER KITCHEN RESTAURANT CAR No.7960...

... has been out and about again, this time running with the *Teak Train*. And what a splendid sight this made! The pictures show this wonderful vehicle with a special working attached to a service train on Thursday 24th September.



7960 can now be booked for private hire. Its 30 seat capacity is very well suited to a luxury celebration of that 'extra special' event or anniversary.

43600 LEAKING ROOF!

Somewhat alarmingly, Tourist Third Open No.43600 has developed a leak in its roof canvas, allowing water to penetrate into the newly restored interior (*Newsletters 39/40*). A temporary repair means the carriage is available for service for the rest of this season. To save workshop time our LNER volunteers will fit a new canvas in the New Year.

TEAK SET IN-SERVICE WEAR & TEAR

Another bogie bolster spring has failed in the teak set's current Brake Composite No.24068. This is from normal in-service wear. But the SVR's supply of spares is now worryingly low, and we hope new springs will soon be ordered. SVR service wear is also reducing several of the Teak Set's wheel tyres to their minimum. Remember the rhyme...

*For want of a nail the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe the horse was lost. For want of a horse the rider was lost.
For want of a rider the battle was lost. For want of a battle the kingdom was lost. And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*

AND A WARM WELCOME TO A GREAT (WESTERN) RESTORATION



Sunday 11th October saw the launch of another outstanding quality restoration by the Great Western (SVR) Association, our working colleagues at Bewdley. This is GWR Brake Third No.650 which, as noted in *Newsletter 45*, is historically important as a sole survivor of six pre-war GWR open-plan trains designed for excursion work. Its distinctive and beautifully recreated *art-deco* interior is shown to good effect in the second and third pictures.

Heaven forefend that buffet trolleys or children's buggies are ever allowed into this painstaking recreation that sums up the excellence of the SVR carriage restorers' art.

FOOTNOTE

When the editor said our teaks looked good behind a (garter) blue engine, this is not quite what he had in mind!



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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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