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24506 EMERGES INTO THE SUNSHINE!



It is most appropriate to mark our 50th edition of the newsletter with a good news story!

Tuesday 9th February was an historic day for the new Brake Third No.24506 when it emerged from Kidderminster C&W Paint Shop into that morning's lovely winter sunshine. Looking a (nearly) complete Gresley carriage, it has now moved into Kidderminster Carriage Shed for a short period while it awaits a slot for its mechanical and electrical overhaul and transfer onto its own restored bogies – here shown awaiting their own move into the Works.

During the shunt movements the Brake Third was briefly coupled to Tourist Open Third (TTO) 52255, which itself was on its way into the Carriage Works for completion of its own internal restoration. The second small picture is an interesting contrast between a newly varnished vehicle and one that has done nine years' service since it last saw a varnish brush. Nine years between re-varnishing is far too long! The final small picture (© Mike Cranmore) shows the remaining centre of pigeon van 70759's underframe now serving as a workbench for corridor gangway repairs and overhauls.



LED LIGHT BULB APPEAL

Thank you to the recent donors. This appeal remains open, and we wait to hear from you...



RENEWING 43600's ROOF CANVAS

This work proceeds at a steady pace despite the reluctance of the old canvas and its adhesive to separate from 43600's roof timbers. But what has emerged is that some timbers have been moving and in places are no longer securely attached to the steel hoops that give the roof's shape. The roof timbers are in good condition, and the problem is not as severe as in 70759/24506 (where an entirely new roof was needed). A solution has been devised to correct 43600's problem by bolts that are tapped and screwed into the structural steel hoops to re-establish the necessary strength. The adjoining picture shows one of the new bolts in place. They seem to be achieving the desired result. Up to a 1000 bolts are likely to be used.



AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF 43600'S HISTORY

Cleaning off the old canvas and adhesive has revealed two wooden plugs in the roof above the toilet area. These relate back to 43600's time as an emergency 'control train' for use in the event of another war. At that time the carriage was fitted with chemical toilets and associated vents in the roof. These were removed after 43600 arrived on the SVR – but not before one of them had had an argument with the overline bridge at Arley! One of the vents is shown in the attached picture (©Peter Goodall) taken at York in 1980. (The adjoining carriage is our TTO 24105, now modified to carry wheelchairs).



BUFFET TROLLEY DAMAGE



This is the alarming damage recently done by a buffet trolley to the Trust's newly restored interior of TTO 43600. It is heartbreaking that, after all the effort, fund-raising and treasure expended to upgrade this vehicle, the Railway's commercial activities result in this sort of treatment of an historic artefact. (The editor firmly trusts that the expense of repairing this and all other damage caused by the catering department should be correctly costed and debited to them).

COME AND JOIN US?

We'd like to strengthen our team of volunteers. Newsletter 49 carried a 'job description' and how you can apply to come and join us. Whatever else, you'd be assured of good company and never have time to be bored.

A PICTURE TO GLADDEN THE HEART!



This lovely shot shows 60103 FLYING SCOTSMAN making light work of climbing Shap on its recent main line loaded test run. The picture is © Rodney Towers, who is one of our LNER Coach Association friends on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. And, yes, the A3 is hauling eleven BR Mark I coaches plus a diesel in the end to provide the electric train heating.

A tempting early taster for the world-famous Gresley Pacific's visit to the SVR in September...

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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/>

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