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## LNERCF & LNERCG NEWSLETTER No.56

Memories of the SVR Charitable Trust's historic special fund-raising trains on 21<sup>st</sup> September remain firmly with us. But the SVR has settled back to its more usual operations and is now preparing for the approaching Santa season.

Newsletter readers may like to know some of the initial results from the September event. Certainly the SVR Charitable Trust had a very successful fund-raising day on 21<sup>st</sup> September. As well as ticket sales revenues, an impressive £30,000 was raised by way of on-the-day donations from individual supporters, helped through the HLF match funding project and the addition of Gift Aid. This wonderful result shows the importance of making the fullest use of the Lottery Fund scheme\*\* before this match funding opportunity expires in June 2017. The Trust's total income from its special event was £75k, which will all go to support projects across the Railway. The event equally raised the Trust's profile as a major player in the SVR's future as well as helping to attract a wider new audience to our Railway.

**[\*\* A donations form was attached to our NL 53 if you wish to make a special donation this way. Alternatively, drop an email request to [richardhill@lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk](mailto:richardhill@lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk) and I will contact you.]**

The whole September special event led to extensive publicity with wide media coverage on ITV Central and BBC Midlands Today. The latter channel broadcast their 21<sup>st</sup> September evening news programme live from Bridgnorth Station. This included Shefali Oza's renowned weather forecast for the region, on this occasion set against the background of our Gresley train, though on a rather gloomy damp evening. None of this would have happened without a huge amount of hard work and dedication from so many SVR people. The Trust is extremely grateful to all concerned in making the event the success it was. The Trust's website carries a large number of pictures of the day, and those taken by Bob Sweet and Mark Ansell may be found at: <http://svrtrust.org.uk/flying-scotsman-event.html>

YouTube also carries many videos of the event, all showing *Flying Scotsman* and our glorious set of Gresley teak carriages to their best. Readers may care to sample the following small selection of what is on offer – though be warned, they do include that dreadful defective whistle still being carried by 60103. (A3s never sounded that awful).

<https://youtu.be/c5piBpjfVWxo>  
<https://youtu.be/hVne585Qhlw>  
<https://youtu.be/lxrEj5196v4>  
<https://youtu.be/yjLZk0zNfDs>

SVRCT charity day train after leaving Bridgnorth on 21/9/16  
 The BBC Midlands Today evening report  
 More general views of the event including the other public trains operating  
 Filmed from a drone flying between Highley and Arley. FS looks fresh out of its Hornby box.

Below are two more great pictures of the event. One by Rodney Towers shows *Flying Scotsman* with the nine teaks descending Eardington Bank and forming the Trust's fund raising train on 21<sup>st</sup> September. The other by Richard Herrington shows the locomotive being turned at Kidderminster on its arrival from the main line. Magic!



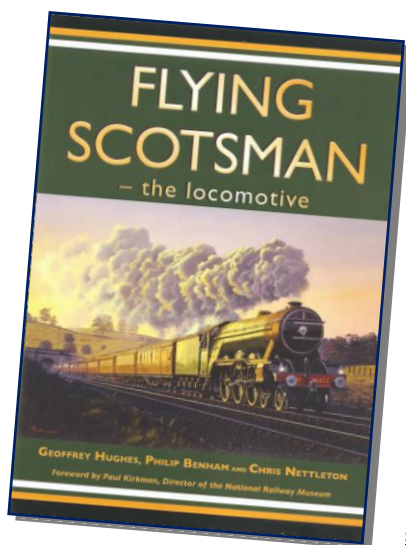
## GWR 'TOAD' BRAKE VAN 17410



These two pictures graphically show the progress now being made with our Toad project. The first shows the condition of the Toad's veranda end as received, and the second shows the renewal work now done to fit new steel panels and either new or repaired frame sections. Quite a difference! What we need now, please, are some donations to help start paying for the project. We have received a handful of generous donations including one from Sir Nigel Gresley's grandson, Tim Godfrey, who is one of our Group's Vice Presidents. Tim has sponsored the two corner veranda frame posts, shown in the second picture and which are now in the process of being fixed permanently to the new sheeting. But much more is needed. So come on Great Western enthusiasts! Swindon's honour is now at stake!

For the latest news about 'Toad' 17410 please check on: <http://svrlive.wixsite.com/svrlive/news-130916-1> A form for donations to the Toad project accompanies this newsletter.

## FOOTNOTES



1. With all the celebrations of nine Gresley teaks being hauled on the SVR in September it is worth drawing attention to the comprehensive and well illustrated book by Messrs Hughes, Benham and Nettleton published earlier this year with the title 'FLYING SCOTSMAN – the locomotive'. Its cover reproduces one of the delightful paintings of Malcolm Root FGRA showing *Flying Scotsman* as LNER No.4472 hauling an express train of – yes, you've guessed it – nine Gresley teak carriages!

2016 is clearly a magical year, though even now your editor still half expects soon to be aroused from his slumbers to be told it has all been a dream.

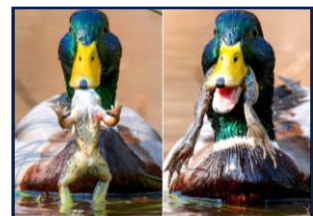
This excellent book is available from the NRM at the modest price of £9.95. See:- [https://www.nrmshop.co.uk/flying\\_scotsman\\_2/flying\\_scotsman\\_books\\_prints\\_stationery](https://www.nrmshop.co.uk/flying_scotsman_2/flying_scotsman_books_prints_stationery)

2. **BBC's Antiques Roadshow** on 30<sup>th</sup> October was filmed on board a train being hauled by 60103. The programme is available via BBC apps and the BBC website at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0822pdm/antiques-roadshow-series-39-10-golden-age-of-travel-special>  
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3. Just as a light-hearted contrast, here's another image that may tweak the tails of some of our Great Western friends. It shows an 'LNER Mallard' dealing somewhat unceremoniously with a 'GWR Toad'. But, rest assured, we have no plans to adopt this as an icon for our current restoration of Van 17410!



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Earlier editions of this newsletter may be downloaded at: [http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/news\\_letters.html](http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/news_letters.html)

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

- Support the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (Charity 1092723) for free when shopping online with over 500 popular retailers including Amazon, Next, M&S, John Lewis and many more that make donations to our Charity when you buy through this site:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/svrct>

- For a similar free benefit to the SVR Charitable Trust use the 'easysearch' search engine

<http://svrct.easysearch.org.uk/>