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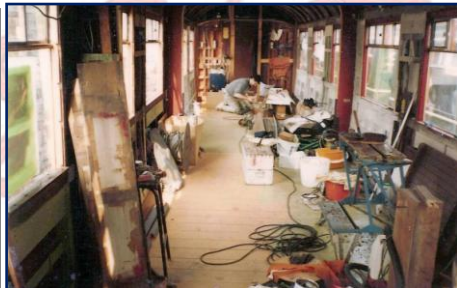
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Caring for Gresley carriages on the Severn Valley Railway
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WHEELCHAIR CARRIAGE TTO 24105 PROJECT



The first picture shows our Tourist Third Open 24105 in the siding by Bewdley Buffet and in the form it was received from British Railways in 1980. It had been much modified, including blanking several windows, to become part of the 'hush-hush' civil defence trains for use in the eventuality of war.

The second 1994 picture shows restoration work starting to recreate a passenger TTO adapted for wheelchair use. This possibility arose because BR had added a double door access for the civil defence use.

The carriage is now due for its periodic SVR major overhaul, and the opportunity is being taken to upgrade the interior on similar lines to the recent improvements in TTOs 43600 and 52255. This involves dismantling and storing the tables, seating and other interior components. The seating's construction has been investigated to determine how to undertake repairs prior to reuse of parts to be retained and also to remove an undesirable rubbish trap. The double leaf doors into the wheelchair area of the saloon are being modified to become a single leaf door and more 'user friendly' for powered wheelchair users. This and other improvements will ensure the carriage is compliant with current legal requirements. The carriage will also gain some LNER design wall-lamps; improved table coverings; a few more coat hooks; and other details.

GWR 'TOAD' BRAKE VAN 17410



Here are three important archive pictures of 17410 dating from around 1970/71 shortly after the Toad's arrival on the SVR. The first shows the van in original 'as received' condition (along with what is now known as the 'Cadbury's Van', a familiar sight on SVR). This picture confirms that 17410 arrived in 'BR Bauxite' livery, the standard for vacuum brake fitted goods vehicles. The second picture shows Bob Timmins and Colin Jenkins giving the Van its first repaint into GWR livery. We'll draw a veil over the 'health and safety'



aspects of that picture – but in early restoration days the volunteers just got on with the job with the minimal facilities then available. These two survived to tell the tale! The third picture shows the Toad and ‘Cadbury’s Van’ as repainted, the latter vehicle being used for the Signals & Telecommunications department. We are indebted to David Massey for use of these pictures. Dave is still an active SVR volunteer nearly half a century on and these days works with the GW(SVR) Association on coach restoration projects and as our Group’s treasurer. He is also a highly skilled varnisher. SVR would certainly not be the railway it is today without this long and steadfast dedication by many such individuals. See these links for latest news on the Toad project:-

http://www.svrwiki.com/GWR_17410_%27Toad%27_20T_Goods_Brake_Van

<http://svrlive.wixsite.com/svrlive/news-130916-1> and <http://www.lnersvrcoachfund.org.uk/gwrtoad17410prog2016.html>



FOOTNOTES

PRESENTATION: At our Group’s informal Christmas gathering we made a presentation to Richard and Doris Gunning of a framed photograph by Bob Green, showing the SVR’s beautiful nine teaks behind *Flying Scotsman* during the engine’s September visit. This was to thank them for their long commitment to creating a restored Gresley teak train for the SVR – Richard as our Project Manager and Doris as a key fund raiser over the decades (assisted in later years by her daughter Sue). Our Group Chairman, Hugh McQuade, who also chairs the SVR Trust, made the presentation.

BBC4 ‘SLOW-TV’ PROGRAMME ABOUT FLYING SCOTSMAN

Your editor found this much publicised ‘slow TV’ programme a rather disappointing ‘media’ production. It seemed a missed opportunity to add visual and educational interest by showing more of the Severn Valley’s geography, industrial history and its superb scenic delights. This could have been neatly done in the tried and tested ‘slow TV’ context by occasional on-screen text messages. And, need it even be said, there was not a single word about the unique SVR and national railway history being created behind the loco.

The September event was the first time *for over half a century* when a complete operational Gresley train had been assembled comprising a famous Gresley loco and nine restored Gresley teak carriages. That *Flying Scotsman* itself was involved in both the 1964 and 2016 historic events was surely worthy of a mention?

There were a few brief shots of the whole train. Here are two stills from the transmission (© BBC). The first is a drone view taken between Highley and Arley, and the second shows the stationary train at Kidderminster Town, where the station is making a brave effort to replicate Doncaster. Happy New Year!



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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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<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/>

- And for the **TOAD PROJECT** download the donation form at:

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