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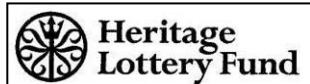
## LNERCF & LNERCG NEWSLETTER No.63

### WHEELCHAIR CARRIAGE TTO 24105 BACK IN SERVICE



It's good news to welcome 24105 back into service after its major overhaul. It is now complete with its new more robust seating, LNER-style lights, and improvements to its wheelchair-friendly toilet compartment. This gives easier wheelchair access plus a repositioned wash-basin and simplified plumbing. This vehicle sets new quality standards for how heritage railways can provide a better experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for our less able visitors. TTO 24105 was returned to the Gresley set on 17<sup>th</sup> October, having been greatly missed since it went for its overhaul earlier this year. The first picture shows how its high gloss varnish and white roof contrast with the adjacent TTO 43600, which was similarly liveried back in November 2014 after its own major overhaul – see *LNER Newsletters 39 and 40*.

The other pictures show the modern standard wheelchair ramp (replacing 24105's earlier very heavy metal ramp), the rebuilt 'single leaf' doorway into the saloon, and the access doorway as modified by the LNER Coach Fund at the time of the original restoration. Also shown is the teak set with 24105 on a 'footplate experience' train at Arley.



## GWR 'TOAD' 17410 - PROGRESS ON THE 'PRETTY BITS'



The Toad now has a fully working new stove – either that or our esteemed Project Manager, Richard Gunning, has been elected Pope (picture top left)... The new stove has been made possible by a generous donation from one of our stalwart supporters.

The vehicle's restoration is coming on apace now with painting in full flow and some wonderful internal scumbling, thanks to the artistry and skill of Dave Massey.

17410 once again has a working handbrake, and work is being done with fitting of the guard's vacuum brake 'setter' handle.



## FOOTNOTES

### RAILWAYS RESTORED: A NEW CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION SERIES

Peter Snow and Henry Cole head up this new series, which is to be screened in the New Year. We understand this will have a 'Gresley' relevance in its coverage. So watch this space, as they say!

For more information see: <http://www.channel4.com/info/press/news/channel-4-commissions-peters-great-rail-restoration>

### LYNTON & BARNSTAPLE RAILWAY: NEW-BUILD LOCOMOTIVE 'LYN'



The editor has nodded off again, but that allows a mention of this historic milestone with completion of a new-build engine replicating the L&B's original 'Baldwin' loco LYN. The engine was built by Alan Keef Engineering near Ross-on-Wye. It incorporates improved design features such as roller bearings and a higher boiler pressure compared with the long-scraped original.

Congratulations to the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway for this great achievement. The L&B are also working on their fifth replica coach 'somewhere in Essex'. The L&B's narrow gauge line is well worth a visit if you are ever in their area. It is only short at present, and action is in hand to acquire sections of the old formation and extend the operational line as resources and local permissions allow.

But without doubt, this is a project determined to succeed.

### LNCR Carriage Group

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### LNCR (SVR) Coach Fund

Earlier editions of this newsletter may be downloaded at: [http://www.lncrvrcoachfund.org.uk/news\\_letters.html](http://www.lncrvrcoachfund.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.lncrvrcoachfund.org.uk/> <http://lncrvr-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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