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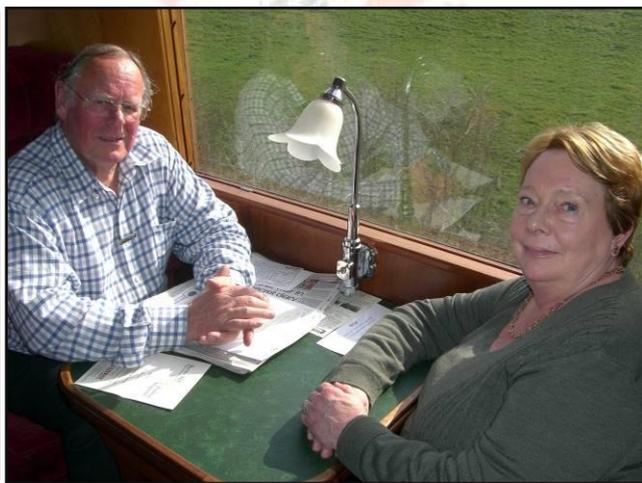
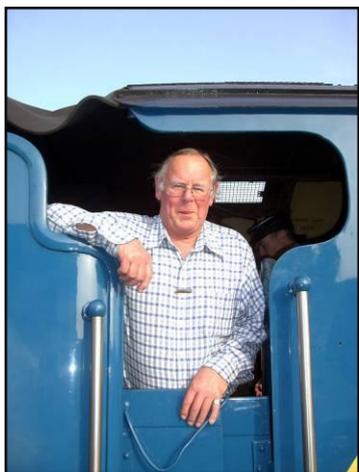
### TIM GODFREY RIP

It is with sadness that we have to report the death on 7<sup>th</sup> December, after an illness, of our SVRCT LNER Group's illustrious Vice President, Tim Godfrey FCIM, F Inst D, FFB. Tim was one of Sir Nigel Gresley's grandsons and had been a great friend and supporter of our Group since his appointment as our Honorary Vice President in 2008. Tim's funeral is expected to be on 26<sup>th</sup> January, and any readers wishing further information should contact the newsletter editor.

Below, in his memory, we reproduce pictures of Tim in action in his rôle as our Vice President.

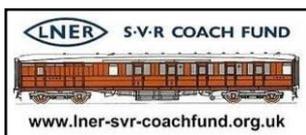


At Kidderminster on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008 for the launch into service of GNR Corridor Composite 2701 and for the presentation of Sir Nigel Gresley's top hat on loan to the SVR's Engine House for display there



In these two pictures Tim Godfrey clearly enjoyed an opportunity to be on the footplate of an A4 (left); and, right, travelling with his wife Ann in the beautifully restored LNER Kitchen Composite 7960.

This was one of 7960's first public service duties on the SVR when A4 4464 BITTERN, in full garter blue livery with its side valences, visited the SVR for the 2012 spring gala.





Again with his wife Ann, in 2011, Tim drew the winning tickets in the SVR Association's raffle to assist with the Charitable Trust's purchase of LNER Tourist Third Open 52255.

At the Engine House Tim later pointed to his grandfather's name in the roll of honour for Railway Transportation Units of the Royal Engineers in World War II.



Another special occasion where Tim officiated for us was the roll-out of former Brake Pigeon Van 70759 after its costly re-roofing to remedy the ravages of time and corrosion. That vehicle is now in regular SVR service carrying passengers as Brake Third 24506 in our teak set. It joined the set just in time for the visit of Gresley A3 Pacific 60103 FLYING SCOTSMAN in 2016.

The picture on the right shows Tim Godfrey (holding one of his grandfather's hats) with (left) Nick Paul, Chairman of SVR Holdings PLC and (right) David McIntosh, then the chairman of the Gresley Society Trust.



Tim was also present at the 2014 re-entry into service of Tourist Third Open 43600 after an overhaul and the major improvements to that carriage's interior. Here he is seen sharing a seat at one of the new tables with Nick Stringer.

Nick is the current chairman of the LNER Coach Association based on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

This last image shows Tim Godfrey, again with Sir Nigel Gresley's hat, enjoying his day with us on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 on the SVR Charitable Trust's historic fund-raising train. This was the first time since 1964 that a Gresley locomotive (co-incidentally FLYING SCOTSMAN each time) had hauled a complete train of nine Gresley teak carriages. It also marked the end of the SVR's Gresley teak train's 42-year restoration phase. Tim was accompanied that day by his wife Ann and by their friend Marian Crawley – see our Newsletter 55.

Marian is the widow of the late Malcolm Crawley. Malcolm had been chairman of the Gresley Society Trust and had started his career as a Doncaster Premium Apprentice with Arthur Peppercorn, the designer of the post-war A1 and A2 Pacifics including BLUE PETER. Peppercorn also inspired the new-build A1 TORNADO.



**We salute Tim's memory on the occasion of his passing and are forever in his debt for all that he did to support the Severn Valley Railway's LNER restorers.**