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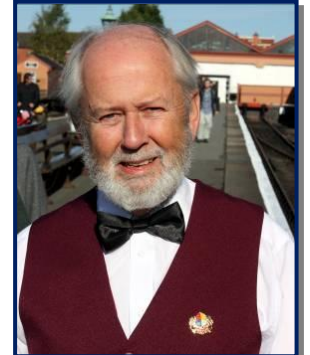
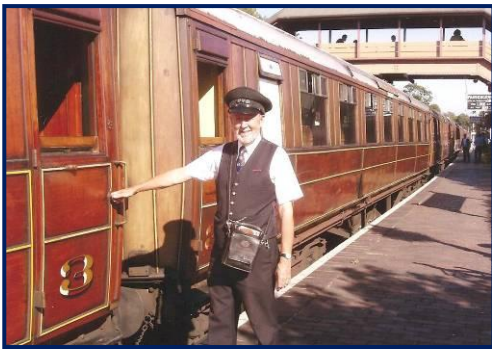
### A FAREWELL

This is my final edition as editor of these newsletters, a series that I started in 2010 announcing the Heritage Railway Association's major award for our Great Northern Railway corridor composite No.2701 and the start of fundraising for the internal improvements to Gresley open third 43600. Reflecting our advancing years and reducing mobility, my wife and I have decided that we now really need to be much nearer our family.

As ever there are sad aspects of such a major upheaval, not least parting from the many friends made here in Bewdley and on the Severn Valley Railway. These have been momentous years. Two highlights for me during my 20 years with the team of carriage restorers at Bewdley have been the launch of GNR 2701 by Sir Nigel Gresley's grandson, Tim Godfrey, and the visit of *FLYING SCOTSMAN* in 2016. The latter was a significant day in the history of the SVR and the Charitable Trust as well as for the wider railway heritage movement. The event uniquely brought together the iconic Gresley-designed Class A3 locomotive and, for the first time since 1964, a complete train of nine Gresley teak carriages.

Over the years, on a rough calculation, I also seem to have raised over £113k to help progress the wonderful restoration work done at Bewdley under the inspiring leadership of Richard Gunning. None of that could have happened, of course, without the loyal support and generosity of our many donors. Sincere thanks go to you all!

Other personal highlights have been my 18 years as an SVR travelling ticket inspector (including a period as head of that section), a spell as a dining car steward on the volunteer-run *Severn Valley Venturer*, and another as platform and booking office staff at Arley. That's 27 years of an enjoyable period as a volunteer working member on the SVR.



### TAIL-LAMP

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