

LNER TEAK TRAIN

One of the main activities of the group is to restore its collection of LNER vehicles. These vehicles date from the 1920's through to 1940.



They represent an important part of the heritage of the Great Central Railway as when the grouping of 1923 occurred and the big four railways were created, these carriages would have been introduced to the line.

To date BGP 4050 has been restored to full varnished teak livery and buffet car 24278 is expected to be completed in 2010. Next in line for restoration is TTO 23981.

For more information on the groups collection visit:

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ACTIVITIES VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES

Our main activity is the heavy restoration and maintenance of the vehicles in our care. Based in Rothley carriage shed, on the Great Central Railway, we normally have at least one vehicle under heavy repair at any time.



Work parties are at Rothley every Saturday (9am to 5pm), Monday (10am to 3pm) and tuesday evenings. Everyone can be found a job - skilled or unskilled. If you are interested please enquire at the shed on the above days or use the contact details on the back of this leaflet.

Travelling Post Office Trains

Our best known vehicles are the unique 1930's LNER TPO set. These two vehicles are now retired from demonstrating the TPO drops but can be viewed when on display at special events and galas. Inside the sorting carriage it retains all of its steam age atmosphere. The accompanying tender vehicle carries a museum of postal equipment.

To further develop our postal collection, 1959 built TPO coach 80301 has been a welcome addition. This enables us to show TPO's through to the end of their operation on the main line in 2004. 80301 has had the exchange equipment restored and now provides the TPO demonstration.

Crews for the TPO set are drawn from our volunteer teams - training is provided for this most unusual aspect of now lost railway operation.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

RVP can only function through the efforts of its membership. Whether you wish to join our volunteer work parties, or simply support our aims from a distance please consider joining the group.

Two membership options available:

- 1 • Annual membership - £15 - please fill in this form
- 2 • Regular Donation by standing order. Any amount as often as you like. Anyone donating over £5/month automatically becomes a member. Please use the contact details overleaf to request a standing order form.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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DATE.....

As RVP is able to claim tax back on membership fees. If you are a UK taxpayer please also tick the declaration below:

I wish Railway Vehicle Preservations Ltd to treat as gift aid the sum of £..... and any subsequent donations / subscriptions I may make.

SEND THIS FORM TO:

Membership Secretary, 406 Larkshall Road, Highams Park, London, E4 9JF.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within the year afterwards, for payment of debts and liabilities of the company, contracted before he ceases to become a member, and the costs charges and expenses of the winding up the same and for the adjustments of the rights of the contributors amongst themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding two pounds.

Background

RVP was started in 1968 as the "Lea Valley Railway Carriage and Wagon Society". As such it began collecting historic railway vehicles, and industrial steam locomotives. Over the intervening 40 years the group has evolved and moved home.

Today RVP is a major carriage owning group on the Great Central Railway, which currently runs between Loughborough and Leicester. Our aims have become more focused and we now aim to preserve and restore carriages from the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER) and items of railway postal history.

We have acquired a collection of historic LNER vehicles and for more than 20 years operated Travelling Post Office (TPO) demonstration trains on the Great Central Railway.

RVP has always been an entirely volunteer organisation and relies heavily on its membership to restore and maintain our vehicles. We have no regular external funding and rely on the generosity of our own membership and the public to fund our restoration programme.



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