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Stanier Open Third moves to Wirksworth

The LMS Carriage Association is pleased to announce the arrival at Wirksworth, on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, of its third open carriage 27162.

This vehicle, built to diagram 1999 in 1945, has recently had a series of professional repairs and metal re-skinning carried out by RRNE Ltd of Shildon, County Durham.



Having completed this remedial work, all of the windows and exterior fittings, which have been cleaned and refurbished by LMSCA volunteers, were re-fitted to the carriage before it was transported to Wirksworth. The coach has now received a basic coat of paint in the Edinburgh Madder Lake style to

protect it from the elements whilst the interior work is undertaken. This work now means that the coach has a secure and watertight body for the volunteers to be able to re-build its interior regardless of the weather.



Now that the coach is available for the volunteers to work upon, a start can be made on returning the inside to its former condition. When completed it is the intended to run the carriage on the Ecclesbourne Valley line. Naturally, as an “all third” it cannot run alone. So another LMSCA vehicle has been made available;



27162 has been joined by Porthole Brake Third 27001 which was moved to the Ecclesbourne Valley line a few weeks ago, as the LMSCA moves toward offering the potential of pairing the Stanier designed coaches into a set for future use on this railway. This latter carriage has seen previous remedial work in preparation for its restoration and is basically sound, but it currently lacks a floor, and like 27162, is in need of a complete interior build.



If you are interested in following the progress of these two restorations, then please log on to lmsca.org.uk, where full details of 27162, 27001 and a significant number of other carriages under the care of the LMS Carriage Association can be found.

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