

# **Southern Railway Restaurant Car 7864**





Built in 1932 as a sumptuous 24-seat Kitchen Diner, for at-seat dining service on principal express trains.





Withdrawn from service during World War II

1947: modified to a buffet car with only 8 seats.

1951: on Bournemouth-Newcastle services.

1962: static restaurant at Sheffield Park Station.

1981-2000 gradually deteriorated in open storage (now stored under a tarpaulin).

It is of significant national importance as the only surviving Southern Railway catering vehicle.







The above photos show that the restoration to original condition will be a major challenge, but we already have a team of volunteers with the skill and track record to tackle the challenge, and a space in the workshop programme to undertake the work. We have commenced work on components, and will start work on the body once the Hastings-line Maunsell Brake No. 3687 has been completed.

Building on the Maunsell carriages we already have in service, and this Dining Saloon, we then plan to add further overhauled carriages to form a complete train of SR Maunsell carriages from the 1920s/30s.





#### **MAUNSELL 7864 GROUP**

The restoration of the Bluebell Railway's Maunsell Restaurant Car/Dining Saloon No.7864 has long been an aim of Bluebell C&W volunteers, and this fund is to cover the costs (over £150,000) of the materials and possibly some contract labour. We are over 90% of the way to our target, there is a confirmed slot in the workshop, and volunteers are already starting work on components which can be done in advance.

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**Deborah Carver,** c/o Carriage and Wagon Department, Bluebell Railway, Horsted Keynes, West Sussex RH17 7BB

Cheques should be payable to **The Bluebell Railway Trust.** 

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