

## **BR MK I TOURIST SECOND OPEN No. 4416**

Built for British Railways by the Birmingham Railway Carriage & Wagon Co. at their works in Middlemore Road, Smethwick. 4416 was constructed as part of Lot No. 30226 which comprised carriages numbered 4413 to 4472. This batch was ordered by BR on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1955 and the last vehicle of it was completed on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1957. Therefore, 4416 would have been outshopped early in the production run in 1955.

The BR TSO carriage had a standard design (Diagram 93) which lasted for several years during which many hundreds were built. They were all fitted with 64 seats arranged in open saloons of 16 'bays' of 4 seats and steam heated radiators underneath them. Two toilets were fitted at one end either side of the coach end vestibule/corridor connection. The coach was carried on two BR I bogies which were vacuum braked.

TSOs were used widely across the BR network and 4416 was believed to have been withdrawn in the mid 1980s, due to more modern stock being introduced, a working life of just over 25 years. It was moved to Swanage in 1986.

After being stored for a while, for funds to become available, it was despatched to Cranmore Train Care and Maintenance Services. Prior to working being started it was available for use by the East Somerset Railway. Later it went to Rampart Engineering in Derby in March 2004 for additional work. 4416 was returned eventually to Swanage and in passenger service by June 2006.

4416 has been on the Swanage Railway for around 35 years which is longer than BR ownership.

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