



LBM E-News

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RF19 at Crystal Palace before the Brighton run. See page 4



T448 returns home. See page 3



"Evadne" represented green RTs at RT80, here in Chadwell

Events Diary

Events that may be of interest to members

Where bus numbers are shown, those vehicles are planned to attend the event, subject to vehicle availability.

Full details and application forms for the members' Trips can be downloaded from the museum's web site, in the member's area.

June

16th Fathers' Day Classic Car (and Buses) Show, North Weald,
23rd **On the Buses; The LBM Collection**

July

6-7th 50th Anniversary, East Anglia Transport Museum,
13th **LBPT AGM, Vickers Suit, Brooklands. 2pm**
13-14th Family Fun Weekend, LT Acton Depot.
20th Metroliner Potters Bar garage Open Day
21st Alton Bus Rally & Running Day

August

17th : "**Imberbus**"
tba RT1 80th anniversary road run

September

1st Brentford Festival & Transport Display.
8th "London 60s Scene" Bus Rally Epping Ongar Railway,
21-22 Trolleybus Weekend, East Anglia Transport Museum,
28-29 "All Change" Weekend, London Transport Acton Depot

October

6th Bluebell Railway Vintage Bus Running Day
12-13 Isle of Wight Classic Beer and Buses, Weekend
20th **TransportFest; AEC Story**
26th Halloween Event, East Anglia Transport Museum

December

7th Ensignbus Heritage Bus Running Day
24-26th **LBM & Brooklands closed**

Our summer event is a few days away.
See page 5 to read the official press release.

Volunteers are still needed to help the event run smoothly.
Contact Steve Edmonds if you can help

On the Buses
Sunday 23rd June 10am – 5pm

Organised by
LONDON BUS MUSEUM
A LIVING HERITAGE

on the Brooklands Museum site

"A major display of almost all the museum's vehicle collection in one place".

- * Horse Bus Rides
- * Punch & Judy and Magic Shows
- * Lil' Riders (mechanical horses)
- * Balloon modeller
- * Professor Crump
- * Traders' Market
- * Free car parking
- * Free Shuttle bus

Visit londonbusmuseum.com for more information
London Bus Museum, Visitor entrance via Brooklands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0SL
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Royal Wedding

Colin Fradd

LBM's Chairman, Leon, took a phone call one morning in early May from Prince Michael of Kent personally asking if we could send some vehicles to provide guest transport within the confines of the Windsor Castle Estate at the wedding of his daughter, Lady Gabriella Windsor and Thomas Kingston. As you'll be well aware, the Prince is Patron of Brooklands Museum, and has shown an interest in LBM, and indeed driven at least one of our oldest buses.

A very early start was involved as we had to be at Windsor by 0800 for briefing, security checks etc. The buses involved were T499, borrowed from Ensign, and our own RFs 226 and 395, crewed by Leon Daniels and Graham Smith (T499), Roger Stagg, Ian Barrett and Derek Hanlon (RF226) and Graham Bunnell and myself (RF395).

On arrival at Windsor, we were directed to the car park, from where we would be providing onward transport for guests arriving by car. Four modern midi-coaches were in support to provide the necessary capacity. Here, the buses were given a thorough going over by the police and dogs searching for explosives etc, after which we had a conducted tour of the routes in RF226 with Roger Stagg at the helm. There were some tight arches to negotiate and, although we had satisfied ourselves on paper that it was possible for an RF to pass underneath, this hadn't yet been proven in practice! Under Roger's steady guidance, we made it, but only just – the driver had to keep the offside mirror very close to the wall to be sure of getting through without a scrape.

Come about 1030, guests started arriving in numbers, and we provided a frequent shuttle service over the next hour or so to drop guests off inside the castle, the service commencing at 1200. Around 1215, we were recalled from the car park to wait inside the castle to carry guests to the reception at Frogmore House. With 600 guests to move, all seven vehicles had to work smartly to shift the numbers quickly. Then it was back to the car park again until we were recalled at around 1630 to carry departing guests (by now in suitably lively mood!) back to their carriages, and it was Job Done by around 1700, after which we returned home at the end of a long but thoroughly interesting and enjoyable day.



T499 inside castle © Graham Smith



RF226 negotiating Norman Gate © Graham Smith



Line-up outside Frogmore House © Colin Fradd)



Group photo at Brooklands before departure (Colin Fradd) note particularly the careful selection of blind displays on the RFs to accord with the respective surnames of the bride and groom!

Since the Wedding, RF395 has had adverts applied



On a very wet Wednesday afternoon (29 May) T448 returned to LBM after driver's cab and front were rebuilt. © Colin Fradd

Particularly noteworthy is that, as any self-respecting bus driver will know that, without any mirrors, you reverse a bus 'blind'. As can be seen, T448 was totally devoid, and Graham Bartlett was maneuvering under guidance of myself and another from either side of the cab, pausing periodically to take photographs.



T448 is now in the workshop where further restoration will be carried out by LBM volunteers © Ian Jackson

Photos taken at Crystal Palace and Brighton.



"The Mayor of Bromley (and London Bus Museum member) joins the crew for a run on RF 19 to Brighton".



We were pleased to welcome Ray Stenning to Spring Gathering.

Ray's Company, Best Impressions, is known throughout the Transport Industry for producing company and product branding and innovative vehicle liveries. Ray is also an owner and Editor of *Classic Bus Magazine*.

The moquette display in Cobham Hall attracted Ray's attention and he is seen here, with the Curatorial Section's Nigel Fryatt, who curated the exhibit, comparing his shoe fabric with those examples around him. photo © Brian A L Jones



Help with Ticket machines

Andrew Jeffreys

I have been researching the history of ticket issuing systems on road transport services in London and would be pleased to hear from any other members with a specialty or interest in this field.

My aim is to produce a published work on ticket issuing equipment used by London Transport and its predecessors; and possibly to ascertain the scope for related projects at London Bus Museum.

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Magnificent display of historic London buses alongside the very latest ones at the London Bus Museum's "On the Buses" Summer event

Everybody welcome on Sunday 23rd June 2019

The theme of this year's London Bus Museum's "On the Buses" was set by incoming Chairman Leon Daniels who expressed a desire to gather together as much of the Museum's historic collection of London Buses as could be arranged in a unique display, from an 1875 Horse Bus through the decades to the 70s, some rare, some fragile, some even film stars.

Amongst the LBM Collection of just under 50 vehicles on display will be:

- RT1 1939 AEC Regent III prototype bus
- G351 1945 Guy Arab II bus
- RLH 1952 AEC III low-height bus
- GS34 1923 Guy coach
- RP90 1972 AEC Reliance coach

There will also be displays of visiting vehicles from operators and individuals, including RT191, RT2129, 738J, C94 and C111, family attractions such as "Lil' Riders" mechanical animals and Punch & Judy shows as well as a Traders' Market selling collectables and memorabilia.

Bus Tours on historic buses will depart to Walton High Street & Seven Hills, West Byfleet and Addlestone, Sunbury Village and Chertsey Bridge whilst the Museum's 1890 Three Light Horse Bus will take passengers off-site on a memorable trip.

But it is not all historical. The organisers have already confirmed that the 462 free circular bus routes taking in Weybridge Station and running every ten or so minutes to Brooklands will be covered by the very latest in bus technology. A terrific opportunity witness such a collection and to journey on board:

- BYD/ADL electric from Metroline
- BYD/DD electric from Metroline
- ADL E400 electric from Tower Transit
- ADL E400 electric from London United
- ADL E200 electric from Stagecoach (Guildford)
- Yutong SD electric from Pelican
- Volvo SRM opp-charge hybrid from Go-Ahead
- LT1000 hybrid from London United
- Scania DD gas from Reading
- Scania bio-diesel from Stagecoach East Kent
- Hydrogen fuel cell from Tower Transit
- Enterprise 2HD 3 axle (TA1) from Go-Ahead

Visitors may be further interested in LBM Workshop Tours, a rare chance to see of the preservation work carried out by our volunteers.

Gates open to the public at 10.00 a.m. and entry prices are as follows which include entry to most of the motoring and aviation exhibition areas of Brooklands Museum:

- Adults £14.50
- Senior Citizen / Student £13.50
- Children (5-16) £8.00
- Children under 5 free
- Family Ticket £38.00 (2 Adults + up to 3 children)

Car Parking for this event is free and located in The Heights off Wellington Way, please follow the event signage on the day.

Apart from the 462 free shuttle bus, we are pleased to announce that Quality Line will run a free feeder bus from Epsom via Leatherhead to Brooklands.

Further information can be found at www.londonbusmuseum.com or by calling 01932 837994