

Well, after a shaky start, it looks like summer might be set to stay with us for a while. Some days have seen very high temperatures but we soldier on and continue to delight the visiting public. The bus rides at weekends and during the school holidays continue to be popular, taking an average of £180-£200 per day, and the donations boxes are still taking staggering amounts of money, peaking so far this year at £986.05 during the month of May, a huge increase on April's still rather good figure of £592.56, so, we must be getting something right. A lot of it is down to the wonderful way in which our stewards make people welcome, then regale them with tales of the buses and manage to make them part company with their hard earned groats. A hearty vote of thanks to them all.

Spring Gathering

We all know how successfully the Spring Gathering went this year, so I won't dwell on it here, save to thank all the volunteers who gave their time so freely again.

Members' Trips

These are progressing but they are not all being as well supported as we had hoped. The next trips are to:

Hemel Hempstead 18th August
Amberley Museum 15th September
Amersham 6th October
Bredgar & Wormshill 27th October

They are great days out on Museum vehicles and a marvellous way of raising a few bob for the Museum, so please support them as much as you can.

Please contact Adrian Palmer to book your places, his contact details are:

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Vehicle Repairs

Inside the workshop UMP227 is now sporting a shiny coat of green paint, silver coach lines and gold fleet names. Work on the air system is underway and it is expected to be on test under its own power shortly. Official launch will be at Transportfest but "shake down" rides for Volunteers will take place beforehand but no photographs before the launch except this shot of the front with a smile (down to you). The canteen trailer is being dismantled or better said is falling in dust to the ground. Well not quite that bad but there is much to do.

Help much appreciated from any member who ever used it in its LT days as internal photos are thin on the ground.

Work has started on removing the non-sightseeing parts from RF19, added in its Green Line days. However the misprint in the recent email send out has expectations of 20 volunteer 7 days per week. We are

trying for mid-2015!

Framing to the NS is taking shape. Shortly there will be a lower deck floor to stand upon!

We now have dedicated restoration bays and workshop and shortly this will be supplemented with a fitted mechanical workshop fitting area.

Roger Stagg

Stewarding

The summer holiday season is upon us and, as expected, people are disappearing off to alternate climes. Steve Edmonds is trying to ensure that the Museum is fully staffed, but there are still a few gaps for the month of August. If there is any way that you can help out, even for only half a day at a time, your support will be very gratefully received, as it relieves pressure on those who have already volunteered. It is a rewarding task, as our visitors appear to be very appreciative of the effort that we all put into the Museum

Rare beasts on parade!

Arriva's Tottenham Bus Garage Fun Day on 20th July produced a few fine shots of several visiting vehicles, including FRM1 recreating the shot from 1967 when it was caught on camera in the doorway, plus our own G351 (the star of the day) doing the same thing, piloted to the green by your editor.



Photos © Kevin Hibbs

60s Summer Event

This was another success with almost 2000 paying visitors passing through the gates. The ST was a big success, taking well over £400, as it trundled popping and banging around the site.

The big thing, of course, was the handover of RML2760, which had been with us since the Friday, so that it could be inspected prior to going into service on the big day.



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The arrival of RT2657 from France and RV3 from our own shores was also celebrated, making quite a display in the Paddock.

Out and About

Our vehicles have been all over the place again, publicising the Museum and giving a great many people a lot of pleasure. Here are some of the pics taken (by me unless stated):



GS34 at The Plough in Dormansland on the East Grinstead Running Day, the week before our Spring Gathering, with Colin Fradd at the wheel.



NS1995 from the LT Museum and our own ST922 on the Promenade in Brighton on 5th May. TD95 was also in the run and RML2760 took members and guests.

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7th June saw quite a few of us on the Members' trip to Alexander Dennis in Guildford. So many, in fact, that we had to run two buses, RT3491 and RTLI39. We took our own Dennis bus as a thank you to the company for being so accommodating towards us.



The next day our own TD95 was at Metroliner's Potters Bar Bus Garage Open Day, along with RTLI39. Here is the TD posed at Blanche Lane South Mimms with Ensign's RT1431.



We were also lucky enough to meet the Mayor and his good lady at Potters Bar, who enjoyed inspecting our TD, escorted by Alan Eggleton.

Photo © Adrian Palmer



21st June saw RTLI39 and TD95 out on a photoshoot, complete with young lady in period costume. Graham Burgess and Alan Eggleton piloted the buses, while Peter Larkham and your editor conducted.

Photo © Peter Zabek



A superb shot, or what? At the end of the Tottenham Garage/Route 76 anniversary celebration on 20th July, opportunity was taken to photograph G351 in Parliament Square, suitably blinded for Victoria Station, and look what else turned up!

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