

In addition to the weekend and school holiday Brooklands Bus Rides, trust vehicles will be attending:-

19th **Transportfest** featuring buses from 1922, LT Museum's Battlebus & much, much more!

November
 2nd Route 11 recreation with RT1, RTL139, RT3491

December
 6th Ensign Running Day

CRL4 unveiled at Epping-Ongar 20th Anniversary
 Peter Osborn

On Sunday 28th September saw the official handover of CRL4 by Andy Baxter to Roger Wright of London Bus Company.



Andy has rebuilt the front to its original appearance, as he did 10 years ago for RML3.

To mark the launch, CRL4 was lined up with RMs 1 and 2 and RML3, the first time for very many years that all four have been together. The event at Epping Ongar Railway also celebrated 20 years since the closure of the railway, with both the Craven stock and a Craven RT in service, plus Met 1 and other attractions.

The collection of 'number 1's' included XF1, SM1 and T1.

Our Vice President, Leon Daniels, was present on the inaugural journey (and drove on the second), ensconced in the bucket seat, briefing our other VP on the event.



Photos © Peter Osborn

Don't forget:-

TransportFest
Sunday
19th October

Members get free admission but why not come and help?

To volunteer as steward or marshal, contact Steve Edmonds stevenstef@tiscali.co.uk

RM60 at Earl's Court 30 Sept.
 Earl's Court Residents Summer Party. Ian Jackson

To celebrate RM1 being launched at the 1954 Motor Show at Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, and as a "memorial" before the expected redeveloped of the area, a selection of Routemasters were invited for a special photo call.

Attending were the 4 prototypes and last RML2760, FRM1 and others.



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Hampton Transport Gala

Ian Jackson

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the L&SWR Thames Valley Extension Line and Hampton station, roads were closed and the whole village took part in a wonderful family event.

L&SWR Adams Radial tank engine 488 and coach 1520 were transported from the Bluebell railway and proved a draw for everyone.



Two of our buses ran in service, RMC1461 & RT3491, and the conductors did a good job of issuing tickets and collecting donations totalling £253



Stewards were kept busy showing keen visitors around RT1



The LT Museum's Scooter also had a continual stream of visitors.



A 7¼" model steam train & traction engine gave rides for the youngsters.



STL2377

Following the launch of Brooklands 4D Theatre experience in which they appeared, Rebecca Wire & Helen Salisbury visited LBM.

Looking splendid in their period costumes, we just had to have a photo of them on them on STL2377.

Come back & visit us anytime ladies!

Photo © Ian Jackson



Shop News –

The special collectors model for Transportfest is CR47 in LT Red livery on route 213 to Sutton Garage.

It will be launched on 19th at the event, and afterwards on line at www.lbmshop.com

Price is £70, with a 10% discount for members



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HR

Steve Edmonds

At the AGM, there was reference to Membership Subscriptions paid (or not as the case may be) by Direct Debit. It is very likely that our previously published membership numbers are therefore inaccurate and the total is looking less like 840 and more like 780 or fewer.

I continue to seek help to alleviate some of the pressure on my HR responsibilities, particularly regarding the Volunteer Manager role which I cover in the absence of anyone offering to do so. It is proving difficult to break the volunteer rostering role into smaller more manageable chunks which might attract interest. However, I am pleased to report that some small teams within the HR and Operations area are now staffed and up and running as follows:

Health & Safety Review Team: Ian Jackson (lead), Peter Wall, Graham Hayward and Kevin Hibbs

Education Team: Bob Bailey (lead), Peter Brown and Peter Larkham

Children and Vulnerable Adults Protection Team: David Davies (lead), Bob Bailey and Nina Cron

Equal Opportunities Review Team: Steve Edmonds (lead), Arun Sharma and Nina Cron.

I should like to formally record my gratitude these people, many of whom have other jobs within the Museum, for stepping up to the plate to take on these responsibilities on behalf of the Trust.

These initiatives can only enhance our upcoming application for Full Museum Accreditation with Arts Council England".

DVD Reviews

Phil Jelly

RT75 now on DVD.

That enjoyable weekend back in April when we celebrated 75 years of the RT has now been captured on two DVDs. One from Visions International - London Heritage 3 - and the other from Independent Transport Videos - RT75, The Classic London Bus. Both are around 75 minutes long.

Visions shows the gathering of RTs at Ash Grove together with excellent film with commentary of the RT family on the 22 route. The DVD is made up with other interesting footage including various 2014 rallies, the Regent Street Cavalcade and the buses pressed into service on one of the tube strike days this year.

Independent Transport Videos also shows the RTs working on Route 22 on the 12th April but there is no commentary which occasionally makes it difficult to identify the RTs. There is also some travel inside RTW75 and RT1700 which is good but does go on a little too long. Also Our Spring gathering is covered on this DVD with the cavalcade of RTs covered in full. There is also some vintage film from the 1960s of RTs in action in London, Chiswick and Aldenham.

See how many of our members you can spot!!

New Volunteers welcome.

The museum is run entirely by volunteers and we always need more!

Contact us at londonbusmuseum@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved.

Engineering Progress.

After much work which isn't really visible, progress is now showing on two current projects.



The side panels are now being fitted to RF19, (*above*), and the Canteen Trailer has a new step & framing (*right*).

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Book Review.

Peter Wall

Southern Electric Driver by Tim Wood.

Published by Capital Transport £12.95 A5 Format.

I have just finished reading this book, having an interest and affection for the electric multiple unit trains built by the Southern Railway for their ambitious electrification programme for the railways in the southern Home Counties. I had many journeys on the so-called "slam door" trains of this era and the "1963" units built by British Railways that succeeded them.

Tim Wood worked as a Railwayman at Lewes and then as a driver on the "1963" trains, including 4CEP, 4VEP and 3COP etc. He was based at Brighton from 1994 to 2004, a period of great change, with the introduction of new (and not always ideal) replacement trains. Tim gives a fascinating account of the training system, driving the "1963" trains and dealing with problems.

These were generally reliable trains, clocking up about 3 million miles over about half a century. He drove trains between Brighton and London termini and along the south coast. He was also second man on some Diesel Electric locomotives including classes 33 and 37 and Electro-Diesel class 73 (or ED's). The locomotives had a completely different ride and driving technique to the multiple unit trains.

A vast amount of collected knowledge had been acquired by the older men and this was passed down to the new recruits in a no nonsense style. Tim's writing style is relaxed, interesting and humorous, with the technical information clear and concise. There are a few sad moments, but that is inevitable.

A good, enjoyable read and I recommend it. It is available through the Museum Shop.

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