

THE LONDON BUS PRESERVATION GROUP LTD



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NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONDON BUS PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED WILL BE HELD AT THE LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, WC2 ON SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 1982 COMMENCING AT 3.15PM. NEAREST STATION CHARING CROSS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY ROTATION AS SET DOWN IN THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, THE POST OF *SECRETARY* FALLS VACANT AT THIS MEETING AND NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED.

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POST OF *SECRETARY* SHOULD BE MADE ON THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER, AND COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY THE DATE INDICATED (PART 1).

ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

THESE ALSO SHOULD BE WRITTEN ON THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY BY THE DATE INDICATED (PART 2).

VOTING BY MEMBERS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND AND USING PART 3 OF THE FORM ARE DESCRIBED SEPARATELY.

J.L. BEDFORD
SECRETARY



Cover photographs:— For notes see main text of Newsletter

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

We have been requested by London Transport to supervise the admission of members at Covent Garden Museum on December 4 - at a time when the building will also be open to members of the public.

On arrival, please go to the Secretary at the table near the entrance door who will request the stewards to allow you to pass through the gate. There will be no charge for admission but you must produce your current Membership Card at the gate

VEHICLE NEWS

TD 95

Nearly all the exterior panels below roof level, the stepwell and one pillar have been removed. An estimate is being prepared for making a number of pillars and for re-framing. We are paying for this work to be done as it is beyond our resources to achieve any reasonable progress at the moment. The gentleman carrying out this task is an ex-Weymann's employee and is currently employed in the restoration of old cars.

RM3

The fault in the braking system was traced to a blocked filter in the reservoir. This has been removed and the bus has subsequently passed its M.O.T. test. The RM has already been out for three days filming.

T504

The entry of the T into Aldenham has been put back to January.

RF332

The replacement of wings and repair of panels is progressing steadily. The work is being done in easy stages to keep the bus available for emergency recovery work. It is intended to repair the front-end by putting in a one-piece windscreen on the nearside. A search is also underway for an idiot-proof towbar to replace one recently damaged.

702B

Work has started on tidying the canteen floor and the tractor interior.

RW2

I am pleased to report the RW has been bought by Graham Batten and will remain at Cobham.

RF226

The RF has been sold to Mr. Alan Chapman and friends, a group of railway men from Hayes. The bus has left Cobham and the space allocated to Mr. Tony Vlassopulo of 'Bertie the Bus' fame (RF479)

Waiting List

At the last directors' meeting the present arrangement where a waiting list exists for vehicles coming into the museum was discussed. It has been decided to discontinue this system for the following reasons:-

The size of vehicles is causing us problems as the amount of room we have is finite. The vehicles parked along the side ideally should not be more than 27 feet long. There are a couple of 30 foot (i.e. RF length) buses there and this restricts the gangway, so much damage is caused by

people squeezing by. In the running lanes we can fit seven buses. With 4 RT's and 3 RF's in a line the doors can be closed with literally inches to spare. When we have longer vehicles in for work to be done, one bus has to be left outside. For this reason we will have to be selective, we cannot accept a long vehicle to replace a short one. Similarly members with more vehicles than spaces, and who wish to rotate them, will not be able to do this as a right, but only after consultation to ensure it will fit the space available.

Ramp

This is at present being manufactured. It is hoped assembly will take place on site during November.

WINTER PRECAUTIONS - A FEW HINTS

If you decide to drain the cooling system rather than add anti-freeze, don't forget to open the drain taps on the engine, and, if fitted, heater pipes and water pump as well as the radiator. If you can afford it, adding a good quality anti-freeze is better as it protects the whole system. There is no danger of pockets of water left after draining. Remember to run the engine to get it circulated.

The cold affects the efficiency of the battery as well as making the engine harder to start due to the oil viscosity. If you decide to put your bus into hibernation for the winter, it would be best if the batteries were removed and trickle-charged occasionally.

If you do not start your bus for a long time you may find, on RT and RF types, trouble with the air system building up to the maximum pressure. This is invariably caused by a sticking diverter valve in the composite valve on the air tank or a gearbox seal leaking.

If you find the low pressure warning flag drops after only one brake application, even when you have been revving the engine for a long time, try pumping the break pedal a few times as the engine is revving. This usually unsticks the valve and allows the system to build up fully.

If you find that you have no gears, and the flag drops soon after engaging a gear, you may have a leaky piston seal. To check this, build up the system, select a gear and depress the operating pedal. If air is escaping from the dipstick hole in the gearbox the seal is faulty. (If you are checking this on your own remember to apply the handbrake fully before leaving the cab.) This can sometimes be overcome by letting the engine run for a time with the operating pedal held down and then working the pedal up and down a few times. Even if this does cure the fault it is advisable to change the seal as soon as possible.

If you have any problems with your bus and need advice, try ringing Cobham 4078 at week-ends and we may be able to help you.

DRIVING TUITION

Following the note relating to P.S.V. Driving Tuition in the September Newsheet, plans are in hand to revive the Group's own Driver Training Scheme during the Spring of 1983. Further information to follow.

For those members requiring more immediate help, Leon Daniels has written reminding us that the 'Obsolete Fleet' Driving Training Scheme is in operation now. I Quote:- 'Our P.S.V. driving training scheme, operates every Saturday on a manual (indeed, crash) Bristol FLF at £25 per day. Individuals need not come every Saturday, but can arrange to come on any free Saturday to suit their own arrangements and financial situation! The bus is also available for testing mid-week and Obsolete Fleet will arrange the test too. Thereafter successful candidates often get requests from us to work - and they can soon earn back what they have spent!

Please contact Leon direct at [redacted] Air Street, London W.1 or Telephone 01- [redacted] 8225

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BANKERS ORDERS

Would those members paying their Annual Subscription by Bankers Order please cancel the order immediately. We are reverting to the relative simplicity of payment by cheque on January 1st each year by everyone.

A Membership Renewal Form and copy of the current rules will be sent out before the year end to accompany your payment.

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SALES ITEMS - SPECIAL OFFERS

This month's bargain offers are -

GS front axle beams, new @ £7.50 each
RT front springs, new @ £10 each

Both items less bushes.

PHOTOGRAPHS : Front Cover

Purfleet Discovery! An unexpected exhibit at the 1982 London Bus Rally was this ex-London Transport 'Q' class single decker. (Photo: Bill Cottrell)

Inside Cover: A busy scene at Hyde Park Corner - probably in the late 1930's (Photo: Leon Daniels)

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LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM, COVENT GARDEN, LONDON, WC2.

PART 1
FORM FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBER FOR COMMITTEE POST

I..... Name
of..... Address
being a paid up Owner Member of the LBPG for the year ended 31st December 1982
wish to nominate..... Name
of..... Address

for the post of SECRETARY who is also a paid up Owner Member of the LBPG
and has agreed to be nominated.

signed.....Proposer

signed.....Proposed

Date.....1982

PART 2
ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA

I..... Name
of..... Address
being a paid up Owner Member of the LBPG for the year ended 31st December 1982
request the item written below to be included in the Agenda.

signed.....

Date.....

To be valid, this Form should be signed and returned to the Secretary.

J.L. Bedford
9 Albany Court
38 Alexandra Grove, London N12 8NN

to arrive not later than 24th November 1982. (First Class Mail Please)

PART 3

NOTE: A list of items for inclusion in the Agenda together with nominations for the post of Secretary will be circulated to all members before the Annual General Meeting - together with forms of Proxy for use by members not able to attend.

Items not notified to the Secretary and not included in the Agenda may also be discussed 'Under Any Other Business', but these items will not be adopted as formal resolution to the Meeting.