

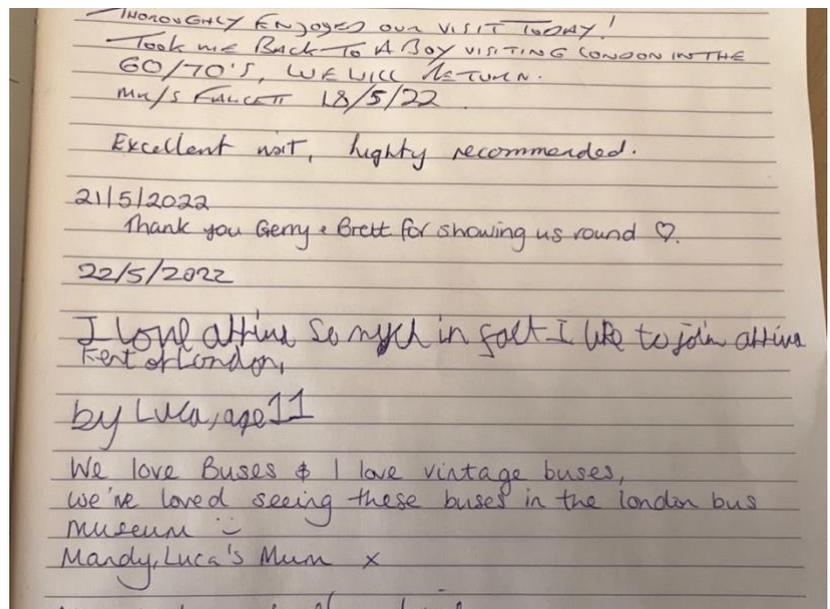


YOUR MUSEUM NEEDS YOU!

Dear Valued Member

Your London Bus Museum is doing really well: the new layout which is almost one year old has become a hugely successful attraction. Visitors regularly write in our 'Comments' book that it is a highlight of their day.

We are now running six events a year – three 'running days' and three events on site. We are delivering a major restoration each year with D142 – in London Public colours – coming back later this year. Next year we hope to have finished T448 and after that NS174.



We are, to the best of our knowledge, almost the only museum staffed entirely by volunteers open to the public every day.

However, this year we have on some days come very close to not being able to open. We need Stewards, Duty Managers and public-facing help. On too many days we are faced with not opening at all or opening with the bare minimum of staff. Behind the scenes we also need Curatorial help, support for insurance, education, retail and in the workshop.

A key post unfilled since the retirement of Steve Edmonds last year is someone to 'hold the ring' for HR – overseeing all our volunteer effort and the governance that goes with it.

I am writing to you to ask if you can help. I truly need you to consider whether you can help in any way possible – from the smallest job to those major ones described.

Just look at the enjoyment we are giving – and any one of those children who visit us might be the next Commissioner for Transport.

As your Chairman I am resisting as far as I can the need to have paid staff: it makes for a huge increase in costs; it introduces conflict between them and the volunteers, and introduces a whole new set of additional governance and process requirements. It would change our Museum for the worse and bring restoration progress to a crawl.

Please help all of us to keep the Museum open and make exciting progress by stepping forward and offering your help. It's fun, it's rewarding and we are doing something really worthwhile with a brilliant group of people.

Please now step forward and give us some of your time. Not all the jobs require you to come to the Museum – we are already in the virtual world.

If you can help at all, please email me at leon.daniels@londonbusmuseum.com



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