



FROM LEON DANIELS
CHAIRMAN

Dear Member

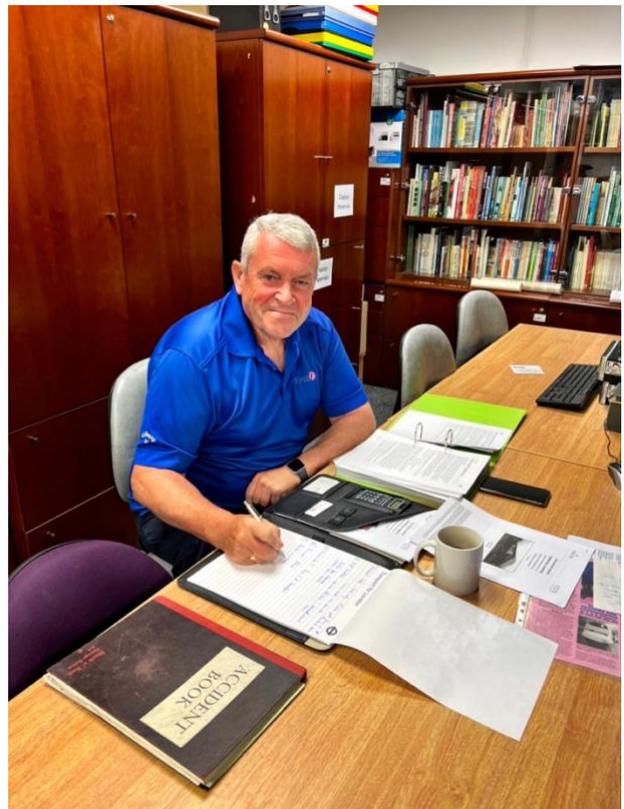
We had our regular Council of Management meeting on 6 July and as always I wanted to update you about our discussions.

Importantly, our Joint Management Committee with Brooklands Museum has resumed. In addition, I was invited to attend the recent meeting of the Trustees of Brooklands Museum for the first time. I think this represents a great step forward in our overall relationship with Brooklands.

I was delighted to announce that Adrian Jones has accepted our invitation to be our new Health & Safety Manager. Adrian recently retired as overall Safety Director at FirstGroup plc. We worked together previously when he was a key member of the CentreWest London Buses management team and Managing Director of First London, having been a busman all his life, following in the footsteps of his father. Although we are a volunteer-run charity the law relating to H&S applies as much to us as it does to major corporate organisations. Adrian's knowledge and experience in this field will be of huge value.

Our finances remain solid – careful control of spending has ensured we remain strong. Our recent purchase of the freehold at Northchapel ensures we have a broad financial base as well as secure storage.

Bequests remain a major target for us. We are joining with other similar organisations to encourage members and supporters to make proper provision for us in their wills. This is a reminder for you too!





Our 2019 Summer on the Buses event at which we displayed our entire collection sent us a strong message that T357 should be next in the restoration queue. Given all other factors we think this is a target for professional external restoration and we are considering measures that would help us raise around £250,000 to enable this.

We had a successful 2022 On the Buses event despite the headwinds of fuel costs and the rapid rises in other costs. We carefully discussed whether

in the current climate three Brooklands events each year is sustainable. We concluded that we should continue with a summer event but it should be recognisably different from what we do in spring and autumn. The Events team will bring proposals to the next meeting.

D142 is away undergoing a careful hand repaint. We are hopeful it will debut in October at TransportFest. Your Committee carefully considered and approved purchasing the last known two front tyres for the bus so it can operate at events over the next couple of years. It does of course have an important place in not only the history of London buses but also in London bus preservation.

Tyres remain a critical supply issue compounded by the Government's ten year age limit for front tyres. Typical 9.00 x 20 tyres for RTs are in short supply and those which are available are already 2-3 years into the ten year allowance. We recognised that at some future time a large order might have to be placed with the support of RT owners worldwide.

We will hopefully be able to start the Driver CPC training scheme again shortly. Our Transport Manager Glyn Matthews is carefully bringing this all together. This free benefit to members is worth the LBPT subscription alone and spare capacity will be sold to other organisations.

Before the end of 2022 we are planning to bring another new book to the world. Guy Marriott and Ian Read are well progressed in bringing us a 'coffee table' book about the LBM collection and other noteworthy vehicles in preservation. Ray Stenning is designing and creating the book completely free of charge.

In other news – Brooklands Museum is having a generally successful year, both with admissions and memberships. Our success is inextricably linked to theirs. We are seeking to work more closely with Brooklands at all levels and drive visitor numbers to our mutual benefit.

As is now our rhythm we mounted a great running day on route 81 in June ahead of our own On the Buses event at Brooklands. We will repeat the effect on 1 October with our RT running day on route 37, ahead of TransportFest on 23 October. Our aim as ever is to

take the Museum to the people and hope some of them return the compliment. TfL remains very supportive, provided we do this in a controlled and supervised manner.



Our 1933 Breakdown Tender 738J made a rare public appearance at the Worshipful Company of Carmen's Cartmarking event in July and was presented at the Guildhall.

Your Museum continues to make great progress. John Marshall's Ford Cortina radio car now sports an illuminated rooftop bullseye; we have a new audio-visual

display about London Transport catering, and we have made some progress in delivering better performance from the software controlling the War Hall.

STL441 has had its typical but no longer sustainable body sag cured by Alan Gaskill. The window pans in T448 are now finally in their proper position and the workshop has also managed to keep the road fleet mobile.

Once or twice the Museum has come perilously close to not being able to open due to staff shortages. We are grateful to Ian Cormack for working miracles to keep us open and once again I invite any member with a little spare time to consider volunteering to make sure we can continue to open every day.

With best wishes



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