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FROM LEON DANIELS  
CHAIRMAN

Dear Member

Your Management Committee met on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

At the start of our meeting we fell silent to remember our friend IAN READ who sadly died a few days previously. Ian was a volunteer with us and with London Transport Museum Friends. Just before he died he delivered the latest manuscript of the book he had written with Guy Marriott which is to be our major 2023 book launch – one which details the significant vehicles in our collection and in preservation both in service and subsequently. Famed publisher Ray Stenning is generously creating the book for us.

The book will now be dedicated to Ian.

I am delighted to announce that John Kateley has accepted the role of Volunteer/HR Manager. John is a long-standing busman and in his recent years worked at First and National Express. Latterly he was events organiser for the LT Museum Friends. We welcome him into this important role unfilled since Steve Edmonds retired from it after a long and successful tenure.

Adrian Jones is now 'in the groove' as our H&S Trustee. He has overseen our recent running days and has issued new guidance on the actions of our bankspersons and a new accident book into use.

Brooklands Museum has significantly increased its membership fees. We have had no increase since 2019 but will bring forward one for approval at the 2023 AGM.

The completion of D142 as a London Public 'pirate' bus is a major achievement and we launched it at TransportFest 2022 – driven by Roger Stagg and with all thanks to Alan Gaskell who led the project. It is probably better now than it was when new! Very soon it will go on display at the Museum.

Also coming on display for the New Year are M6 and UMP227 replacing RF19 and SMS369 as we continue to make our offering fresh for repeat visitors.

In the workshop we hope T448 is entering its final year before completion. It will emerge as a Country Area bus in keeping with the wishes of an anonymous donor who has funded the restoration.

The carpentry team now moves to the 3-light horse bus, whilst next year, and in recognition of the votes cast at our 2019 event, T357 will come into the Museum for restoration. Much of the work on T357 will require external help so we will be launching a fundraising opportunity as well as applying for Heritage Lottery funding.

We were delighted to welcome back veteran petrol engine engineer Tim Nicholson (who helped bring back D142 and ST922 in the 1970s and 1980s) to give life back to T31. Once mobile again T31 will head for careful repainting.

Soon to return from repaint is STL441 following major bodywork repairs. I know that pronounced sag looked authentic but there is a limit to what the glass can support!

Soon you will receive your invitation to the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> March which will also be our Members' Day. Yes - you will get a ride on a unique vehicle, have some lunch and every opportunity to comment on what we are doing.

We approved the 2023 budget – you can discuss this further at the AGM but we are in good financial health, thanks to the Treasurer's husbandry, but nothing protects us against rises in energy prices, insurance costs and materials.

Finally, we congratulated Deryck Fill for another successful event – TransportFest2022. His team delivered another successful event which was bookended by torrential rain both at 0700 and 1630. Fortunately it was fine and sunny inbetween. Everyone had a good time and the launch of D142 went brilliantly.

As we head into winter we have much to look forward to in 2023 – a revised vehicle display, a new book, and hopefully T448. Remarkable achievements from a wholly volunteer team which – of course – you are all welcome to join!

With best wishes



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