

NARTM Newslink

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P.T.E. classic.....

NARTM Chairman's Corner

Dennis Talbot

Happy New Year to all our readers as the comics used to say. As we usher in another decade, what will change in the world of heritage buses and coaches in the coming ten years?

Looking back briefly at Newslink from the start of the last decades, what do we find? We'll start with a quick look at what we were doing as we entered the new Millennium. Remember the Millennium Bug, perhaps the biggest non-event ever? Computers were said to be incapable of handling year numbers starting with a 2 and Armageddon was promised. I noticed that didn't happen at work as we watched customer orders flow in for January 2000 exactly as usual. NARTM at the time was concerned with the Data Protection Act and advice was sought on how set up a website. Ipswich Transport Museum was the fortunate recipient of a £131,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant which provided a new roof and cladding for their museum building.

Fast forward 10 years and NARTM's concern was that its expenditure was exceeding income. A revision of policies and a new membership structure set us on the right road and we are now in a much more healthy financial position, but we'll be spending some of our resources through the coming year. Lincoln were the recipients of funding this time; a WREN grant to enable completion of their new workshop building. We were also noting that the UK Government had agreed to harmonise legislation with the EU – maybe some issues do change over time...

Back to 2020, your heart has to go out to Wythall, who just a year ago were gearing up to launching their magnificently restored 1931 Birmingham Corporation AEC Regent, which had just been driven up from its Surrey restoration base to the Midlands. Sadly things started to unravel for them and while the bodywork of the bus has been superbly restored, the mechanical work leaves a staggering amount to be desired, with over 100 faults found to date, many of them major issues with the engine. However, with true preservationist spirits their team are working hard on all aspects that need attention and we look forward to seeing the bus in action before too long.

This highlights the need for a register of useful and recommended contractors and suppliers, and perhaps some discreet feedback about contractors who haven't met expectations – not for public view of course, but to be held by NARTM and only released if members make a specific enquiry. We have recently found several excellent suppliers locally, but in contrast we are now on the third company who are looking at making a new Guy Arab fuel tank. The first promised the earth and did nothing apart from tell us 'it's nearly complete' every week for three months, the second unfortunately lost a skilled

Front cover: West Yorkshire PTE Olympian No.5024 in Market Square, Shipley

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fabricator to long term illness and we now hope it will be third time lucky. We did once have a list of NARTM Golden Contacts available. If you have had excellent service from a contractor or supplier please let me know and I will start compiling a list. Ideally someone else might want to take on this job? HINT – someone else might want to volunteer? Of course suppliers don't need to be vehicle related; we all use all types of suppliers for property repairs, training, display cases, catering, software and so on, so let's include them as well.

Later in this Newslink you will see a useful reminder from the FBHVC about continuous licencing. I think the FBHVC item should really say that the act of registering a vehicle means it is automatically required to be licenced, and not that the act of registration means it is automatically licenced.

A good news story from the DVLA was that we recently successfully applied to have the original registration number for our 1934 Manchester Corporation Crossley Mancunian, ANB 851. This bus has not been used on the road since January 1950 and is now under a full restoration. We fortunately had copies of the Manchester Corporation maintenance records showing the chassis number and registration and some pictures of identical buses in service. I took a picture of the correct but quite indistinct chassis number stamped on the chassis and we sent the lot off to Swansea with the V765 form. Three weeks later I received a request to complete a V55/5 form to apply to licence a vehicle, which I duly did and then two weeks after that we were told our application had been successful and that a V5C would follow, which it did!

Contrary to the above success, Colin recently told me of a bus he had acquired. Unfortunately the previous owner had mislaid the V5C and told the DVLA that it was not currently roadworthy. On this basis they refused to issue a new V5C 'until the vehicle has been restored to a roadworthy condition'. The picture I supplied to the DVLA of our Crossley clearly shows it has no engine or radiator and even has a large poster on the front to say restoration will begin shortly!

The Crossley tale above is another instance of finding a good supplier. We had used a local steel fabricator for other simple components but the Crossley body pillars we needed are quite complex and have an internal zig zag steel insert. After some head scratching we now have a set of lower deck body pillars and we have shared the contact details with the Merseyside Transport Trust who need the same style of pillar for a Liverpool AEC Regent they are rebuilding.

So what of the next 10 years? There will undoubtedly be more environmentally based threats to the continued operation of our heritage vehicles as well as more safety related legislation, no matter if we are in or out of the EU. However, I am sure our biggest challenge is to get more younger people involved with the work of maintaining the vehicles and collections we have built up over many years. We also need them to be involved with NARTM members and collections so that we can continue to tell our absorbing story to the wider public. It isn't only the historic vehicle world that struggles to attract younger volunteers. I was recently showing one of our Deputy Lord Lieutenants around the museum and she asked about the age range of our volunteers. We do have a few younger folks, but she very quickly said, 'Don't worry, people in their 40s and 50s are the new youngsters!'

NARTM Members Focus



Dundee Museum of Transport

Dundee Museum of Transport was formed as a charity in 2010 with the purpose of securing the Maryfield Tram Depot in Dundee and establishing a museum at that site which would benefit the local and wider community.

This was not a new idea in Dundee. Many of today's museums, libraries and parks were created by Victorian entrepreneurs and philanthropists who wanted to make Dundee a better, healthier place for residents. Dundee Museum of Transport is continuing in this tradition.

The next four years saw the trustees build up the necessary financial resources, which in turn allowed them to identify a temporary site and start to build the collection. 2014 was a significant year for the museum. It finally opened the doors at temporary premises, Market Mews, Market Street, Dundee, still the current location. In the first eight months over 5000





visitors crossed the threshold, which was very encouraging. Dundee Museum of Transport's collection has grown from a zero base to over 2,000 high quality objects, with new objects added on a weekly basis. The collections are categorised into the following themes: Air, Nautical, Rail, Road Transport and Trams. The Museum collects vehicles, models, art, social history artefacts, costume, documents, prints and photographs which relate to the transport history of Dundee and surrounding areas. These collections date from circa 1800 to the present day.

In the last five years the museum has gone from strength to strength, visitors numbers growing by 20% each year with 2019 seeing over 15,000 visitors enjoying the artefacts and exhibits. Membership also continues to expand at an encouraging rate with the figure of 200 having recently been hit. During the spring and summer months the museum has 'special' weekends which can range from a truck 'extravaganza' to emergency vehicle displays, through to a steam weekend which old and young alike attend with great enthusiasm in rain, hail or shine. Often described as a 'hidden gem' the museum has a 3 star Visit Scotland award and is highly rated on Trip Adviser as one of the top attractions in Dundee.

In 2018 the Museum reached an important milestone when ‘accredited museum’ status was granted by Museum Galleries Scotland. This is a significant accolade and is testament to the high quality standards that are being maintained at the museum. With over 30 vehicles on display at any time together with numerous artefacts of local transport history and beyond, the museum has something for everyone. Highlights are a replica of Chitty, Chitty Bang, Bang, a Daimler CVD6 Croft bodied 1951 Dundee Corporation bus and a Commer Fire engine from Angus Council, together with iconic vintage and classic cars covering many decades. It also has a room dedicated to the Tay Rail Bridge disaster of 1879 that saw 59 people lose their lives - unfortunately there were no survivors.

With over 45 active volunteers the board has recognised the health benefits in getting and indeed keeping people active. The Museum team work closely with Alzheimers Scotland, with carers and sufferers regularly visiting the museum for memory sessions. Education also features prominently in museum activities with regular talks on various local transport topics, and relationships with nurseries, primary and secondary schools continuing to evolve.

The current location however is a temporary one and the board’s efforts are focussed on obtaining the necessary funding to convert the Maryfield Tram Depot into a new and permanent home. The Museum’s collection will be enhanced by the move to the Maryfield Site. The Tram Depot is the oldest surviving building of its type in Scotland and has been recognised at local and national levels as a highly visible, valuable heritage asset

As a Grade B listed building in a semi derelict state the move will require significant backing and financial assistance from many quarters. But the board are heartened by the depth of support from the volunteers, local and national organisations, and excited at the prospect of bringing the vision for the future of the museum to fruition. The board is committed to moving forward to create a truly exceptional transport museum and further enhance Dundee’s growing reputation as a tourist destination.



NARTM News and Information



News and information, from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs and the Association of Independent Museums.

Thanks as ever to Joyce and Paul Jefford for supplying a regular news feed of useful items from the above organisations. While all the items below are relevant, this time we have highlighted some topics that are particularly significant for all NARTM members.

From the Association of Independent Museums

Important Charity Tax Group (CTG) VAT survey

Did you know VAT is facing an overhaul? The Office of Tax Simplification has called for a review of UK VAT rates, reliefs and exemptions.

However, there are currently no comprehensive figures for the amount of VAT relief charities claim, nor an ability to evaluate the impact of any changes to those reliefs, or to the VAT system, as it applies to charities. Given this, the [Charity Tax Group](#) has commissioned London Economics to quantify the value of existing VAT reliefs and model the impact of potential changes to the VAT system. A representative sample has been contacted to complete the survey. If you have not been contacted but would like to be part of this survey, contact info@charitytaxgroup.org.uk so that your details can be passed to London Economics for consideration.

Please contribute to a Museum Insurance Survey

Are you paying too much for your insurance premiums or do you struggle to find the right insurance products for your organisation? If you would like to share your insurance purchasing experiences, Hayes Parsons Insurance Brokers, a long-time associate member of AIM, are looking to develop a new insurance product for AIM members.

In order to understand your current experiences, requirements (and frustrations) surrounding museum insurance, they are asking for feedback on your existing arrangements. You can contribute by [taking part in a quick survey](#) which should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

What does the future of Gift Aid look like?

The CFG Podcast catches up with Richard Bray of Cancer Research UK and Paul Winyard of NCVO, discussing the Gift Aid landscape, why it's so important to the sector, and what the future looks like for this essential tax relief. Listen at www.cfg.org.uk/podcast

More news from AIM and other organisations is available on our website under Preservation News

Print deadline for next issue: 12th April 2020

AIM and Scott Moncrieff Launch Museums and Galleries Tax Relief Helpline

AIM members can now benefit from free advice on all aspects of Museums and Galleries Exhibition Tax Relief. [Museums and Galleries Exhibition Tax Relief](#) has been designed to support organisations to create permanent or temporary (touring and non-touring) public facing exhibitions by helping them to recover some of their production costs. Your charity does not need to be paying tax to benefit from this relief.

Run in partnership with Scott-Moncrieff, all UK AIM members can claim a free 15-minute telephone call with one of the team at Scott-Moncrieff on any issues covering Museums and Galleries Exhibitions Tax Relief. To use this new service, please call Kirsty Murray on 0131 473 3500 or email her at Kirsty.murray@scott-moncrieff.com to make an appointment.

Book Now - Your regional Charity Finance events

CFG's [Midlands](#) and [South-west and Wales](#) Conferences bring you all the latest topical news in the sector, practical advice and strategic insight on charity finance and the regulatory environment so you can operate more effectively in your role and improve your museum's sustainability. It's a great way to connect with your colleagues across the sector too, and you receive a discount as a CFG member – don't miss it! (Not registered with CFG? It's quick and free through your AIM membership - join at www.cfg.org.uk/aim)

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Charity Digital: Quick Wins to improve charity websites

If you are thinking about redesigning your museum website, [have a look at this useful article by Charity Digital](#) that lists some tips and tricks to improve charity websites from a range of organisations.

National Archives Scoping Grants (UK)

The National Archives has announced that the next deadline for its Scoping Grants is the 27th January 2020. The funding is available to museums and other public bodies, registered charities and not for profit organisations that hold collections. [Grants of up to £3,000 are available.](#)

Museums + Heritage Awards open for entries

The Museum + Heritage Awards celebrate innovative and ground-breaking initiatives from museums, galleries and heritage visitor attractions across the UK and overseas.

Across 13 categories the awards shine a spotlight on the diversity of the sector and cover museums both large and small.

Entries are now open with a deadline of Friday 31 January 2020.

<https://awards.museumsandheritage.com>

Sandford Awards 2020: Now open for entry

Do you offer a heritage education service that you are proud of?

The Sandford Awards have celebrated and promoted high quality in heritage education since 1978. It is the only scheme in existence able to provide independent quality assurance to sites that run formal education programmes in the UK and Ireland- from museums and historic houses to natural heritage sites and different collections. Closing date for entries is Friday 14 February

More at <http://sandfordaward.org/>

Closing soon – Charity Finance Group membership survey

AIM's partnership with the Charity Finance Group (CFG) is almost one year old, we'd love to know how you think we're doing - [take part in our quick survey](#).

Not signed up yet? AIM members can access CFG benefits for free and there's no limit to how many people from your organisation can join – it's quick and easy to register at www.cfg.org.uk/aim.

Digital storytelling with a collections focus, Manchester

Thursday 27 February 2020

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From the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs

Tyres

Regarding the proposed '10 year tyre ban'. The FBHVC did submit a consultation response opposing the proposal and pointing out the discrepancies in the justifications made to support the proposal. We also had the opportunity to discuss these directly with Department of Transport officials.

We believe that understandably, given the current political turmoil, the responses and course of action have still to be considered by the Minister. At this stage the DfT cannot comment on likely outcomes. **One response passed to us suggests that there will be further consultation if a new draft Regulation is proposed (the original consultation did not include any draft texts).**

MEMBERS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THIS.



We have also seen responses from the commercial bus and truck communities. These seem to show that very few modern vehicles are using tyres even approaching 10 years old, which begs the question why have legislation if hardly anybody will be in breach of it. It also seems the Historic Vehicle community would be possibly the largest group affected, although the proposal did include an exemption for historic vehicles, albeit an incomplete one.

The Journal of the Fire Service Preservation Group is concerned about the **supply of Cross-ply 700/ 20 tyres**. It is looking for a commitment to purchase an order to confirm a minimum of 100 tyres. Remember that's only 16 – 25 vehicles!

DVLA & Registration

The FBHVC remain very much in the position where we are working to improve communications with the DVLA on this topic and ease some of the issues in obtaining registrations. Whilst we may at times struggle to understand the decisions taken by the DVLA, it is also true to say that not all applications are entirely clear or complete. DVLA follow a set procedure in reviewing applications and clear, consistent and well-evidenced applications which follow DVLA guidelines will always have a better chance of success. *(See Newslink Editorial)*



Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, I cannot report any progress on our outstanding problems with DVLA. The Federation is in close contact with the APPHVG but at the time of writing the situation in Westminster makes it very difficult to progress anything. We have a regular liaison meeting with DVLA scheduled but that is likely to be postponed due the election. We will persevere!

Continuous Vehicle Licencing

Recent events reported to me by members and, indeed, in one case by a Federation colleague, indicate that it may be beneficial to recap on some information that I have provided previously concerning registration, licencing and insurance. (Underlined text highlighted by NARTM for clarity)

Some years ago Department for Transport introduced a system of continuous vehicle licencing and of continuous insurance. The entirely praiseworthy objective was to reduce the number of unlicensed and/or uninsured vehicles in use. I believe that it has been successful in doing so.

Inevitably the system was designed for the majority of road users with modern vehicles and, equally inevitably, there are some particular aspects for our minority of historic vehicles.

Before proceeding further it might be worthwhile to be clear on the meaning of the terminology. The process of entering a vehicle on to the DVLA record and issuing a registration number is known as registration. Licencing is the process of obtaining the right to use the vehicle on the public road and paying the appropriate VED. For most of our

vehicles the VED payable is nil but the process remains the same.

The basic principle of continuous licensing is that every registered vehicle must be either licensed (taxed) or on SORN. However, this is where the first of the historic vehicle quirks appears. Vehicles which were not licensed when the SORN procedure was introduced in 1998 and have not been licensed since are not part of this system and are not subject to the continuous licensing regime. This group are often referred to as pre-SORN. Once such a vehicle is licensed it immediately becomes subject to the continuous licensing requirements.

Following from these licensing arrangements was a further requirement that every licensed vehicle must be insured, whether or not it was actually in use. This is policed by a process known as Continuous Insurance Enforcement (CIE). Regular and frequent comparisons are made between the DVLA database of licenced vehicles and the MID (Motor Insurance Database) of vehicles which are insured. The registered keeper of any vehicle shown to be licensed but not insured will receive a standard Insurance Advisory Letter (IAL) which warns that the vehicle is not insured and offers a number of options. If no action is taken the registered keeper will receive a fixed penalty notice.

The provisions described above are long-standing and I believe well understood by most vehicle owners but there is a more recent development which unfortunately does appear to be catching people out.

DVLA now state that the act of registering a vehicle is inseparably linked to licensing it. I do not believe that has always been the case but I cannot persuade DVLA to confirm that or to tell me when it changed or why. Nevertheless it is now the case. This link is not made clear in the published guidance, either on gov.uk or on the forms involved.

Thus a first registration of a vehicle will automatically cause it to be licensed. Additionally, and crucially for us, a change of tax class (typically to 'historic') is treated as a re-registration and will also cause the vehicle to be licensed. As most historic vehicles do not require an MoT and insurance is no longer checked at the time of licensing there are instances where a vehicle has been licensed without the keeper being aware. The vehicle in question then becomes subject to the continuous insurance requirements and the keeper will receive an IAL.

It is worth repeating, if a suitable response is not provided to the IAL the keeper will receive a fixed penalty notice.

Club Expo 2020 back by popular demand!

Following Club Expo's success earlier this year the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs bring you Club Expo on Saturday 25 January 2020. The venue is the ever popular British Motor Museum Gaydon.

2020 will deliver some new topics as well as provide updates on previous subjects. All discussions will be delivered in a plenary and due to the nature of the information available the lunch break will be 90 minutes to enable you to grab a bite to eat in the cafeteria, meet new and existing friends and potentially take time to view the museum.

The day will include

DVLA Question Time Ian Edmunds & Wayne Scott

Hosted by Wayne Scott, our very own Ian Edmunds will be answering some of the most popular DVLA related questions you want answered. In order to assist we urge you to forward us

your queries via post to FBHVC, PO Box 295, Upminster, Essex, RM14 9DG or via email secretary@fbhvc.co.uk

Driver and Vehicle
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Planning For the Future - Preparing Classic Car Clubs for the Next 40 Years Update Bruce Kelsey – Director of Development, Morris Minor Owners Club

Insurance Question Time Greg Nock – Peter James Insurance Hosted by David Whale
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Archiving – Is it for us? What can we do? Andy Bye

Our very own newly appointed Director of Archiving, Andy Bye will provide you with an insight into the basics of archiving and how to avoid many pitfalls in commencing the task. You will be provided with the principles and easy to understand knowledge to commence the task of archiving within your organisations. It's not as daunting as you may think and could also be used as a membership incentive tool to recruit more members!

The Birth of Youth Groups & Their Achievements Wayne Scott

Wayne will provide a short introduction to the various Youth Groups within the Historic Vehicle Community and their growing numbers and popularity.

Charlie Crawshaw We welcome Charlie Crawshaw from the TR Register to delight us with the details of TyreFest, a new event which has won the Classic & Sports Car Award of "Best Club Show/Event of the Year"

Also featured will be a limited number of Traders whose specialisms are solely for the Club industry. No conflicting businesses will be present.

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Historic Vehicles & The National Trust

The FBHVC is very pleased to announce that it is working with the National Trust (NT) to promote co-operation between vehicle clubs and property teams for mutual benefit. The NT is keen to find new ways to attract visitors to the large number of properties and sites it manages throughout Britain, and we know that many clubs are equally keen to find suitable venues for displaying their vehicles, to use as a destination for a run out or simply as a stopping point for lunch or afternoon tea.

The Federation has produced a flyer which outlines the variety of vehicles encompassed within our membership, and the ways in which they might work to mutual benefit with NT properties. This has now been sent via the NT's internal email distribution group to Visitor Experience staff at properties and regional hubs – the people who manage and advise on visitor programmes and events at each property.

The intention is that this will encourage and facilitate contact between properties seeking clubs looking for suitable venues, and vice versa - so if you are looking for a display area, destination venue or just a lunch stop in anything from a stately home with parking for 200 vehicles, large or small, to a historic building in a city with space for 10 motorcycles, have a look on the National Trust website and get in touch!



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Representing 5 of the 6 English PTEs

Membership report January 2020

By the start of the new year the vast majority of members had renewed their subscription for the 2019-20 year; thank you for that. However, there remain a small number who have not yet renewed so in line with our policy of a cut off date for the end of the calendar year this will be their final NewsLink. It also means that they will not be eligible for inclusion in the 2020 leaflet. If any group has overlooked their renewal and wishes to continue membership please contact me. We have a new member, The Roads and Road Transport History Association. This organisation brings together individuals who carry out historic research on roads and road transport so their activities complement the work NARTM members do to preserve historic vehicles etc.

As mentioned in the previous NewsLink I am once again sending out an on-line survey to collect data on the activities of members in the calendar year 2019. This will come to you by email and is quick and easy to fill in so please do make every effort to complete it. We get extremely valuable information from this survey which as we've explained in the past gives us data we can use in discussion with public bodies. Last year a little over 50% of members responded so let's see if we can get a higher percentage this time. Please note that the survey will be sent to the person who you nominate as the principal NARTM contact but it may be necessary to pass it to someone else in your group to complete.

Grading Survey Launches

The start of the year has seen an increase in activity. The vehicle database managed by Gerry has been reviewed and updated where possible. We need to make sure the large quantity of information (and photographs) we will be processing during the course of the survey is carefully managed. Consequently in the early stages we have been developing the IT systems necessary to handle the data as well as finalising the implementation plan. The other initial exercise has been to divide all NARTM members between the regional co-ordinators who will be doing the visits.

You will soon be contacted (or have been already) by the regional team – details were in the last NewsLink but to avoid the need to find that issue they are repeated here:-

- Scotland – Ian Souter
- North East – Ian Wiggett
- North West – Ray Bignell
- Midlands & Yorkshire – Simon Gill
- South Midlands & Wales – John Adams
- London & South East – Paul Statham
- South West – Colin Billington

There may be some minor alterations to this split if circumstances require it.

The purpose of the visits is a) to validate and if necessary update information on your collection, b) to photograph buses in your collection (or obtain photos if they are currently inaccessible) and c) obtain your views on the relative significance of the buses in your collection. These are the essential building blocks to allow us to develop the national grading survey.

In advance of the visits it would be most helpful for the team to have updated information on the vehicles in your collection. Gerry has sent out requests to all members to update their information and many have – thank you for that. However, some have not responded which means the visits may be more lengthy than they would be if our information was up to date. If you haven't so far provided Gerry with updates please do so. If you no longer have his email on this subject please contact him and your section of the database will be sent.

I hope all NARTM members will support this important project and the team looks forward to meeting you in the coming months

Ray Bignell

NARTM Spring Conference

NorthWestVRT 

The Spring Conference will be hosted by The North West Vehicle Restoration Trust at the Junction, 102 News Lane, Rainford, WA11 7JU at 1.00pm.

The Junction is adjacent to Rainford Station which has hourly train services from Wigan Wallgate station.

A detailed programme for the weekend and Booking Form are in the course of preparation but arrangements have been made to visit the North West Museum of Road Transport at St Helens on the Saturday morning and the Trust's own premises at Kirkby and those of the Merseyside Transport Trust at Burscough using the Trust's own heritage vehicles.

The most convenient hotel accommodation nearby is the Travelodge Haydock St Helens.

I look forward to meeting you for what will I'm sure be a weekend full of interest

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NARTM Around the Museums

Compiled by Dennis Talbot

A few items of interest gleaned from the newsletters and magazines of the NARTM members. Please keep sending them and if yours isn't quoted here, maybe that's because we don't receive a copy?



From the East Anglian Transport Museum Newsletter

The front page records the remarkable statistic that in 2019, trolleybuses were operated on no less than 113 days – despite the Museum having to close on one day on October due to extremely heavy rain. A rethink on providing new toilet facilities saw the estimated costs reduced from £148,000 to around £21,000 – a significant saving.

From 'The Omnibus', the magazine of the Transport Museum, Wythall

Despite a 'sympathetic hearing' from Birmingham City Council officers on a visit to the Museum, the Council remains adamant that Wythall's service to and from the City centre is commercial and therefore not exempt from the proposed Clean Air Zone charging. More positively, a significant number of vehicles are available for use with Class V or Class VI MOT tests in place and plenty of restoration work is progressing.

From 'MTT News', the magazine of the Merseyside Transport Trust

The magazine includes a very useful summary and guide to Gift Aid, a legitimate method of tax avoidance and NOT tax evasion as the article points out! A timely reminder that there are many ways that money can be donated to your charity and that as long as the donor has paid enough income tax and has signed to confirm they are happy for you to claim Gift Aid on their donations then you can claim an extra 25% back from those nice people at HMRC. And don't forget that small donations of up to £30 do not need a Gift Aid form to be completed, so donations to restoration fund collecting boxes and the like can also be added to your Gift Aid claim, subject to a few conditions which are easily viewed on the gov.uk website – search for HMRC and Gift Aid.

From ‘To and Fro’, the magazine of the Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust.

I have to admit becoming exhausted just reading about the extensive list of running days organised by TVaGWOT and always to a high standard and with excellent programmes or accompanying books. The latest event was held in Reading in early December and was as popular as ever, while the Kingsbridge event on September saw a record 6,644 passenger journeys in just one day, not forgetting 102 dogs.

From ‘Priory Press’, the magazine of the Friends of Ipswich Transport Museum

The long term restoration of the 1941 Eastern Counties Dennis Ace has progressed to road testing and the many trials and tribulations are related. It is good to report positive results and the thought that ‘40mph might be possible’, though I doubt that will be attempted very often.

From ‘Fare Stage’, the magazine of the Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust

First time I have seen this magazine – thank you. As well as some interesting articles and being the 2019 Open Weekend Programme, the magazine carries the good news that their appeal to buy the Garage is doing well and just needs ‘A final push’ to get it over the line – good luck!

From ‘Wheels and Tracks’, the magazine of the Workington Transport Heritage Trust

This issue contains some interesting thoughts on global warming and our contribution to it. The Trust estimate that in the last year they have used 14 tonnes of diesel fuel and that apparently creates approximately 40 tonnes of carbon dioxide. To offset that level of CO2 emissions for the last 5 years would need to Trust to plant 320 trees at a cost of somewhere between £500 and £1500.

From ‘WHOTT’S News’, the magazine of the West Country Historic Omnibus and Transport Trust

WHOTT still continue to battle on in their quest to have recent Business Rates increases reversed. This proves to be a long and drawn out process, but they do appear to be making some headway in making contact with sympathetic individuals in the right places. Fingers remain crossed! We are also delighted to see that the restoration of their 1938 Bedford WTB coach is almost complete. (It was sold to WHOTT by the Museum of Transport, Greater Manchester some years ago)



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