



BYD launch



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The eyes of the bus world looked to the Museum on 21 May as BYD launched its brand new, all-electric double-decker, the BD11, in front of an audience of press and industry insiders. The attendees turned their heads as the prototype was driven dramatically into the Museum at the end of the launch and had an opportunity to ride on it around the Brooklands site. Some even had the chance to drive it. Read coverage of the event in [AutoCar](#).

BYD launch



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Des Maybury

Leon Daniels

During our tremendous Spring Gathering on 14 April, I learned of the death of Des Maybury, aged 62.

Des was from the Maybury dynasty which was very much part of the London Sightseeing industry in the 1980s, morphing into the Big Bus Company that has become a recognised global brand.

He had an amazing collection of vintage cars and buses. His S 454 has been on display at Brooklands for some time, and only two years ago fortunate Members enjoyed a night out in InterStation Cub C 111 as we toured London Main Line railway stations.

He leaves behind his two daughters Darcy and Scarlett and his wife Victoria, daughter of Donald Allmey, LBPG member number 1.



East Grinstead running day

On Sunday 21 April **RF 395** crewed by Peter Maynard and Duncan Law took part in the ever-popular running day. The Museum's **T 23**, currently in the care of the **Bromley Bus Preservation Group**, also ran in service.



East Grinstead



Friends of King Alfred Buses

The terrible bank holiday weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds in Winchester on 6 May, who turned out to support the Original King Alfred Running Day. UMP 227 was one of the stars of the show, crewed by Keith Bonham, Tim Evans, Simon Greatwood and your editor.

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HCVS Brighton Run

A cavalcade of historic vehicles departed Brooklands early on 12 May. LBM entered RML 2760 and the Beardmore taxi, which won best in its class! Thanks to crews Graham Bartlett, Graham Burnell, Tim Evans, Doug Hunt, Graham Hayward, Guy Marriott and Chris Taylor for looking after the vehicles.

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Fawley Hill Transport Extravaganza

Our latest Members and Volunteers excursion took us on UMP 227 to Fawley Hill near Henley, a spectacular venue where every form of transport imaginable could be found, including tanks, camels and a motorised bed!

Keep checking the website for news of future trips - yet another benefit of LBM membership!

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RTs in Central London

Fresh from their appearance at our routes 62 and 145 Heritage Day the previous day, **Ensignbus**' RTs **624** and **3232** were back on the streets of London on 24 March, joining regulars RM 1941 and RML 2344 on **route T15**.



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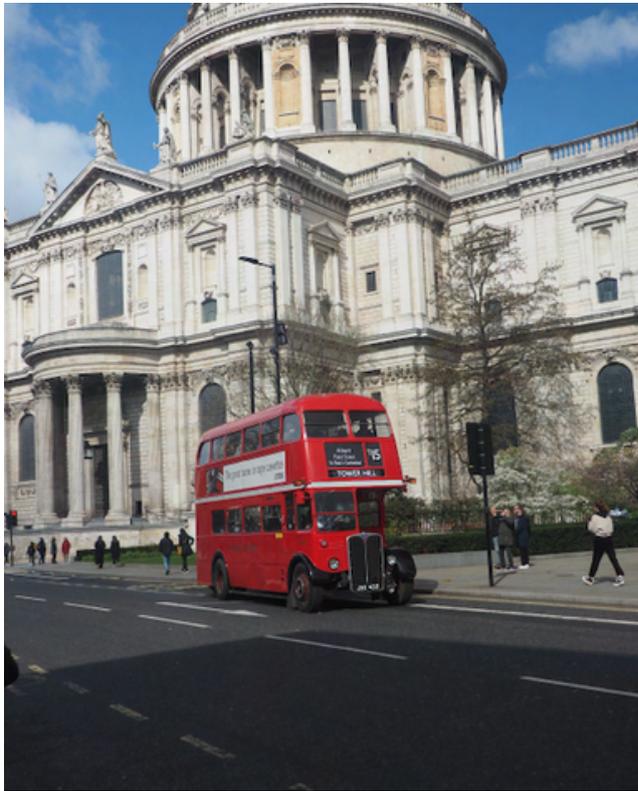




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Tim (and Doug Hunt) drove RML 2760 to the Historic Commercial Vehicle Society Brighton Run on 12 May



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Historic buses line up outside Hounslow garage during our Route 81 heritage day in June 2022

Q&A with Tim Evans, Driver and Steward

How did you become involved with the LBM and what do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Having retired from the police service I decided I wanted to do some voluntary work. After watching 'Secrets of the Transport Museum' I realised volunteering at LBM would be perfect for me. I enjoy welcoming our visitors and answering their many questions, chatting with other volunteers, watching the 'On the Buses' video on the TV outside the canteen for the 1000th time and most of all, driving our vintage buses.

What's your favourite vehicle at the LBM and why?

It's RML 2760. I used to catch the 117 from Feltham to Isleworth to school every day which was RM-operated at the time, so 2760 brings back so many memories of sitting in the downstairs front nearside seat with my mate watching the driver go through the gears etc (as a child I never dreamt I'd actually be driving a Routemaster one day!). Also the fact that 2760 is in such good condition and it was the last Routemaster ever built makes it so special.

Tell us about your career on the buses.

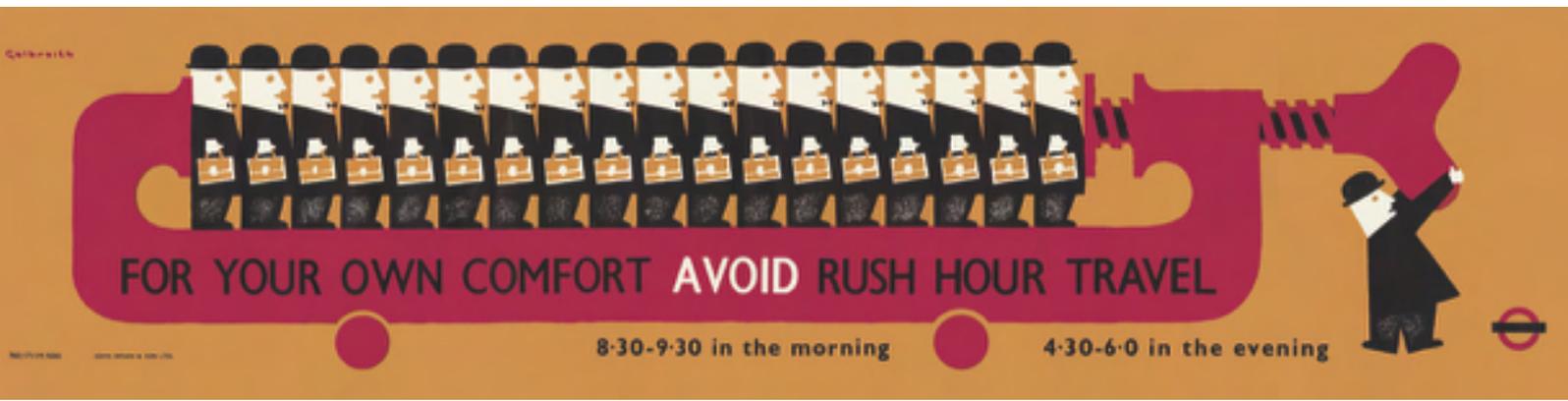
I passed my PSV test in 1987 and was posted to Norbiton garage, driving DMS, M and LS buses. I also worked at Hounslow garage and Bournemouth Transport during this time.

What made you join the police and what areas did you work in?

Having driven buses for three years I decided I needed a new challenge and joined the Metropolitan Police in 1990. I completed my five months training at Hendon and was initially based at Twickenham. I transferred to the diverse Borough of Hammersmith in the late 1990s where I spent the rest of my career. I completed an advanced area car driving course in the early 2000s and retired in 2018.

What's your most memorable bus moment?

I accidentally put an open top bus through the bus wash at Bournemouth Garage at the end of my shift. I never lived it down but at least the upstairs seats had a good clean!

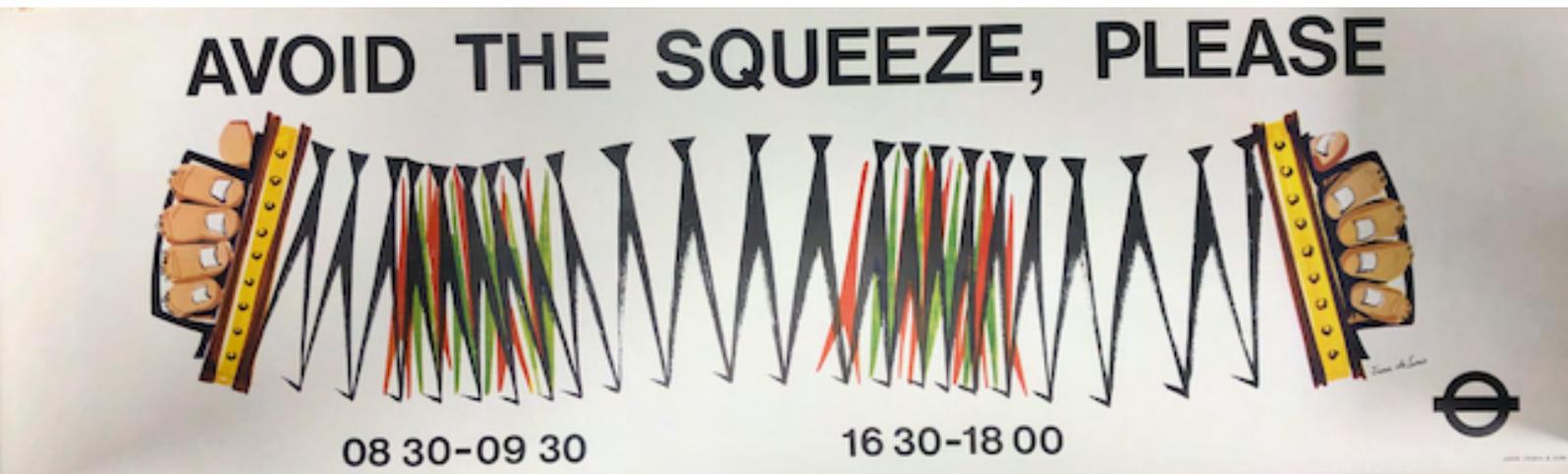


It pays to advertise

Leon Daniels

We are about to dispatch a large order for contemporary RT, RF and RM interior adverts. They will be printed on self-adhesive material for ease of fixing.

Given the economies of scale, there will be rather more than necessary for our own buses and it's our intention to donate the remainder to the Museum. Those we don't need can be sold to Members - yet another good reason to retain your membership!



A sample of 1950s/60s adverts which we might produce. Keep an eye on [Shillibeer Place](#) for the chance to purchase these.



T 357 restoration update

Simon Douglas Lane

At the last Council of Management meeting on 8 May a proposal from Roger Stagg on the T 357 project was discussed and accepted. Our original plan of raising £175k, even assuming we were match funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, was a big ask. We've decided the way forward now is to bring as much as possible of the work "in house", which reduces the project cost to a more manageable £80k.



A splendid effort so far has raised £37k since last year's Spring Gathering; that with the £30k promised from reserves gives us a target of £13k still to find.

The Wednesday workshop volunteers have almost finished working on T 448. The next project is to prepare RT 2657 for Class 6 use. Thereafter T 357 will be moved into the workshop and the work begun with much less requirement for external outsourced work; but some will still be necessary. I hope that gives you all a much more encouraging "end game". Now the work to raise the £13k required begins: tap your card at the Museum, enjoy a 2pm bus ride, donate via the website and with all the rest of the tech arsenal we can do it!



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Top: T 357 arrives at the Museum in April 2023

Middle: still a little work to do

Bottom: project launch at SG 2023

Free events for Museum members

Register in advance if you'd like to bring a vehicle



Route 406 Heritage Bus Day

9 June

Save the date for our second running day, with free vintage buses running between Kingston and Epsom.

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Summer Festival

23 June

Our annual summer event returns, with 100+ vehicles, bus rides, traders' stalls, food and more for all ages.

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Route 61 Heritage Bus Day

14 September

On our final running day of the year, vintage vehicles will run between Bromley and Chislehurst via Orpington.

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TransportFest

20 October

Save the date for this year's autumn extravaganza with a dazzling range of vehicles, bus rides, traders' stalls and food.

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East Grinstead



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From the Editor

Thanks to all our volunteers who have worked so hard this month to enable our buses to attend so many events. I hope you will forgive the large number pictures of non-London buses in this edition!

May has been exceptionally busy and the team effort from the volunteer body has been greatly appreciated. This has been reflected in so many appreciative comments from the public at the events we've attended, plus feedback via social media. If you would like to **volunteer at the Museum** you'd be very welcome!

To view past editions, please visit the members' section of the website and log in on **this page**. Then visit **www.londonbusmuseum.com/members/e-news/** to view all editions.

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