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Archway Running Day



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RT 1705 lays over at Archway on 3 November. The running day focused on routes around Archway and beyond and was dedicated to the memory of Fred Ivey (see page 6). Over £1,000 was raised for [Comic Relief](#). *More photos on page 14*



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Milly joins the LBM

From 1 November, the 1954 AEC Militant XGP 389W (known as 'Milly') joined the LBM collection. Following a period with the Army as a general cargo truck, she was purchased by London Transport in 1966 as a recovery vehicle. She was given the number 1456 MR in the service fleet and was based at Camberwell garage. She entered into preservation in 1981.

Read all about Milly [here](#).



Milly rescues stricken RM 1542, which had been stolen from near Tower Bridge!

Milly at an open day at Wood Green bus garage



An immaculate Milly visits a Chiswick Works open day in July 1983, following a recent repaint.

The plan is to repaint Milly into LT red.

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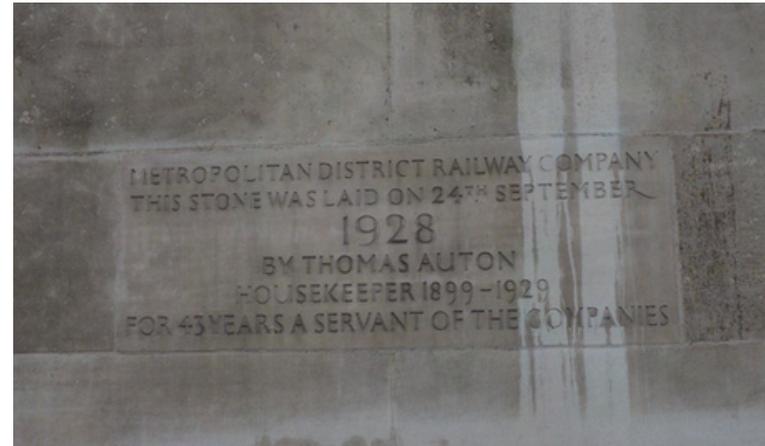
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A visit to HQ

On 30 October the London Transport Museum Friends organised a visit to 55 Broadway, probably the best-known address to London transport enthusiasts! The building, known as London's first skyscraper, was designed by Charles Holden and was the offices of LT/TfL for almost 90 years.

Thanks to Nigel Eadon-Clarke for sharing his photos.



Above: each landing has a water dispenser

Right: a mail chute, which connected each floor to the mailroom



Master Carman

Congratulations to our Chaiman Leon Daniels OBE upon his election as Master of the Worshipful Company of Carmen.

Dating back to 1517, the Worshipful Company of Carmen is one of the 111 livery companies of the City of London. Today it is one of the largest with over 600 members. The Company organises the annual Cartmarking ceremony, in which the Museum has participated in recent years (and will again in 2025).



Above: Leon and LBM Trustee Paul Sainthouse celebrate with a special visiting vehicle!

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CARMEN/
LEON DANIELS

Fred Ivey

Fred's funeral took place on 30 October at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, with around 150 people in attendance.

As a fitting tribute, the London Transport Museum sent RM 1 and the Epping Ongar Railway sent RT 3933, with specially prepared blinds.



ALL PHOTOS: KEITH WARD



Across the water I

Volunteer **Melvin Phillips** spotted our 1979 T 23 whilst attending Wightrider, the annual event organised by the Isle of Wight Bus and Coach Museum.

The bus, which is currently cared for by the Bromley Bus Preservation Group, wears her original 1979 livery and is seen here with younger sibling T 1064, another BBPG bus.



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In Remembrance

Simon Douglas Lane

On 7 November Steve Gray and Nick Ezra from the AEC Society attended a short service of remembrance, which I conducted, during which two wreaths were laid at the [AEC memorial plaques](#). Duty Manager John Rawlins also attended, as did other Stewards on duty that day.

This was the first time members of the AEC Society had been present; they have promised to return next year with other Society members.



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The Memorial Plaque sited on the left side of this notice was almost certainly originally located in the AEC vehicle factory at Walthamstow, London E17, where the named employees who died in the Great War (retrospectively named World War 1) would have worked.

In 1925, however, AEC purchased a 59 acre site from the Earl of Jersey at Southall, Middlesex for £25,000. That site bounded by Windmill Lane, the Great Western Railway main line to Bristol and a branch line from Southall to Brentford, was used to accommodate a new vehicle factory, replacing the Walthamstow plant. The Memorial Plaque then travelled across London to the new premises, as did many of the Company's workers.

The matching second Plaque, on the right, was then produced to remember AEC's employees who were killed during World War 2.

The Southall factory was closed in 1979 and subsequently demolished. Someone had the foresight to remove the Memorial Plaques, which were then placed in a nearby social club, until offered to and accepted by this Museum in 2013.





Across the water II

LBM member **Robin Helliars-Symons** brought his beautifully restored Jersey Motor Transport Leyland TD 1 to the Museum on 5 November.

The body of the bus entered service on the Nechells trolleybus route in Birmingham on 20 May 1931. After visiting Chesterfield as a trolleybus, it returned to the Leyland factory. The body was subsequently transferred back onto its TD 1 chassis and ran with Jersey Motor Transport from 1934 to 1960 (including during the German occupation of Jersey during WW2).

The restoration was carried out by our own **Ian Barrett**.

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XF 3 update

Our 1965 Park Royal-bodied Daimler Fleetline is receiving attention in the workshop, with the addition of new rexine and a fresh coat of paint.

Following completion of the internal works, the bus will then go for an external repaint.



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Q&A with Rod Lucas, Crew training team

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

I have always been interested in buses since I was about four years old. I was a member of LOTS and went on one occasion in 1981 to their evening meeting near to where I worked. Two of the speakers were **Bill Cottrell** and **Alan Pearce**, both from the Museum, asking if any members would be interested in joining Cobham. At the end of the meeting, I joined up and attended the museum the next Saturday!

My first job was sorting out the leaking water pump on **T 504**, which had been dismantled and some bits lost. After many experiments with springs of different tensions, a repair was made.

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Rod Lucas

I use the Museum as a social gathering place, meeting people with a similar interest, plus I get satisfaction from training members to be conductors and/or drivers.

What's your favourite vehicle in the collection and why?

My favourite is T 504, probably as I used to travel on 10T10s on my journeys to and from school, but it's currently in storage offsite so hasn't been seen at the Museum for a while.

What's your favourite bus-related anecdote?

This is difficult, as there are so many! I always seem to get some humour from situations. Of all my three PSV driving tests (remember in the old days, one only got licensed for the licence group one passed the test on), every one had an incident, all of which are related in my book. Probably the funniest was on the last. During an 'all types test', an old man wanted to discuss the bus through my open cab window whilst I was stationary at traffic lights (rather like that scene in the film *Genevieve*).

The examiner said, "What's the hold up?" When I told him, he shouted, "Get rid of him!"

It was not so easy with this old chap leaning over the front wing! The bus was Cobham's open top Leyland PD 2, ex Southport. In spite of all that, I passed.

What would you take to a desert island?

If you're thinking all things bus-related, probably my books (80 of them) of my printed photo collection. They also include a few of my wife when she got in the shot.

They're now all scanned and on a computer, but as the laptop battery only lasts about two hours, I hope I wouldn't be waiting too long to be rescued.

In a future edition of E-News, Rod will share some of his memories from his time working at Chiswick Works.

T 504 with T 448 at Summer Festival, June 2019

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Diary dates from the Social Secretary

**Volunteers' Christmas Lunch in the Workshop
Wednesday 11 December 2024**

If you wish to attend, please sign the list in the LBM Canteen by 4 December.

**Members' Post-Christmas Lunch at Silvermere
Sunday 19 January 2025
12.30pm for 1pm start**

The cost for couples is £35 per person, singles £36.50 (subsidised by the Trust).

RSVP and pay by 16 December:
Sign the list in the LBM canteen or email Roger Stagg at roger.stagg@londonbusmuseum.com. Specify if you wish to sit with particular people and confirm any dietary requirements (allergies, vegetarian, vegan, gluten or dairy free) when booking. Pay via BACS.

Pay by BACS only:
CAF Bank Account: LBPT 00018504
Sort Code: 40-52-40
Reference: 'NYL' + your full name



**SAVE THE DATE:
OUR MEMBERS'
DAY & AGM**

**Saturday 8 March
2025**

**11am
Vickers Suite,
Brooklands Museum**

**Refreshments will
be provided.**

**Further details on
the [LBM website](#)**



LBM Events 2025



Route 19 Heritage Bus Day

29 March

Take a ride along route 19 with free vintage buses running all day between Finsbury Park and Battersea Bridge.

[View more >](#)

Spring Gathering

13 April

Our annual transport curtainraiser kicks off the 2025 rally season with a range of vehicles, rides, stalls and fun.

[View more >](#)

Route 418 Heritage Bus Day

8 June

Join us for a nostalgic ride along route 418 with free vintage buses running all day between Kingston and Epsom.

[View more >](#)



Summer Festival

22 June

Our annual summer event returns, with an array of vehicles, bus rides, traders' stalls, food and more.

[View more >](#)

Route 54 Heritage Bus Day

13 September

Join us for a ride along route 54 with free vintage buses running all day between Woolwich and Elmers End.

[View more >](#)

TransportFest

19 October

Save the date for 2025's autumn extravaganza with a dazzling range of vehicles, bus rides and traders' stalls.

[View more >](#)

Buy all your Christmas presents at Shillibeer Place, the LBM gift shop

Buy in store or online



The London Bus Museum Christmas cards are now available in store and online

[Buy online >](#)



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From the Editor

This month we record our immense gratitude to **Ian Cormack**, as he steps down from his longstanding role of Stewarding Roster Manager. This hugely important job ensures that the Museum is able to function daily and maintain the high standards expected of a world-class venue. Thank you, Ian.

Ian is succeeded by **Tom Yun**, who may found at the Museum most Fridays. **Grahame Bath** will continue to assist him.

Tom and Grahame would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer. Have a look at our [website](#) and think about what you might be able to offer!

Thanks to Edward Adoo, Peter Brown, Leon Daniels, Simon Douglas Lane, Nigel Eadon-Clarke, Andy Gray, Rod Lucas, Andy Lambert, Melvin Phillips and Keith Ward for generously contributing stories and photos for this edition.

Please email me any content for inclusion in the next edition.

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