



**FROM LEON DANIELS
CHAIRMAN**

Dear Member

Your Council of Management met on 13th November.

We are delighted to welcome Sam Mullins, recently retired as Chief Executive of the London Transport Museum, as our new Museum Mentor.

It was really good news to learn that Mark Segilman had been appointed as the Chair of Brooklands Museum. Mark is the Senior Independent Director at NatWest Bank and has a distinguished business career.

Subsequent to our CoM I met Mark for lunch with the Brooklands CEO Alex Patterson. They are highly enthusiastic about our contribution to the overall Brooklands experience and we have several areas of collaboration to explore further. Members will understand that we receive a direct share of the Brooklands visitor income. An increase in their sales is an increase of ours.

The Trust is revisiting its Governance documentation to ensure it is up to date. Peter Osborn is leading this and with some expert assistance.

Long-standing member David Mulvey has been appointed as a Trustee. David has a long business career together with an interest in buses.

E-News Editor Richard Hastings was also appointed a new Trustee from January 2025.

Both are well known to LBM regulars and they are welcome as part of a broad 'church' of Museum Trustees. Trustees may only serve six years. We make these appointments to ensure a smooth transition as terms of office expire.

They will both be subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting.



At TransportFest we launched T448. This amazing vehicle was an early rescue of the original London Bus Preservation Group founders Alan and Donald Allmey. Although superficially restored then we have now spent many years doing the full job. A complete new interior with new floor, rexine, window cappings and roof has been delivered.

It has new window pans, new panels and overhauled major units. Sincere thanks to all our amazing volunteers who have worked for years to bring this to launch.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 8th March 2025. As in our recent couple of years this is combined with refreshments and the opportunity to ride on Museum vehicles. Subject to availability T448 will be available to ride on. We hope you will come!



Work is proceeding extremely well on XF3 which was donated to the Museum earlier this year. The whole interior rexine has been renewed, the floor repainted, and new blinds fitted. The engine is being serviced and in January 2025 it will go for repaint. We did debate which livery. XF1 is in London Country green and yellow livery. We heard arguments for XF3 to be painted red as XA54 (a class totally unrepresented); and blue/silver as a Blue Arrow. In the event it was agreed to paint in its original green/cream livery.

It is agreed that T357 will move into the workshop for the commencement of long-term restoration, following a period of fundraising.



AEC Militant I456MR has joined the collection. It has been a long term Brooklands resident and the owner was keen to ensure it joined our collection. It will soon go for repaint and then come inside the Museum for display.

We were sorry to lose Ian Cormack from the role of Stewarding Coordinator due to ill-health. For a place reliant on volunteers he has delivered a 99.5% success in staffing the Museum for which we are most grateful. Tom Yun has taken over the role.

Thanks to David Harman we are mostly through a migration to Microsoft 365, new computers, and a cloud-based server. Holding information on our computers at home is not permissible under GDPR and I am grateful to David for all the work necessary to make this transition, as well as our officers coping with the change.

Our membership stands at an all time high – 1092 members which is a 6.7% increase on last year. All thanks to you all in introducing new members and ensuring they enjoy all the benefits.

Bequests and donations from members are hugely welcomed.



Regular LBM volunteer David Bowker recently bid for and won this amazing sign which he has donated to the Museum.

We can only guess it was somewhere near Aldgate or Eccleston Bridge and is now fixed in the Museum.

Members will appreciate that our expanding fleet places an ever-increasing burden on those charged with inspecting, repairing and moving our running fleet. To help for 2025 we have already locked down our three running days, our three major events and the events we plan to support. This list is already some 27 events – roughly every fortnight. I hope members understand we have to plan this way to help our volunteers. Some really good opportunities arise but sometimes too late to be accommodated.

The answer as always is more volunteers! So as ever I ask any member able to help to come forward.



With all good wishes

Leon Daniels
LEON DANIELS OBE

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Finally, in October 2024, I was thrilled to be elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Carmen – an ancient City of London Livery Company.

It has over 500 years of transport history.

Several of you are Liverymen and I am so grateful for your support. The Master's first traditional act after installation is to hire a cart. Here I am doing so!

In the modern way I am using my TfL Staff Pass to ride aboard our preserved BEA2.



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