



# LONDON BUS MUSEUM

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## Superlative Spring Gathering!



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Buses from all generations were out in force on 13 April for our annual curtain-raiser. We were proud to welcome 100 vehicles and 2,200 visitors. Shining **XF 3** was officially unveiled, new members and volunteers signed up and we raised £9,000 for Museum funds. Thanks must go to Deryck Fill, our indefatigable Marketing and Events Manager, and his invaluable team of dedicated volunteers, for delivering a spectacular day.

# Spring Gathering

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# D 142 celebrates 100 years

D 142 - star of *Downton Abbey* and *Mary Poppins Returns* - was first registered on 9 April 1925, to the 'pirate' bus company Dominion, run by WH Cook. It passed to Public in 1928, who replaced the solid tyres with pneumatics and ran it from West Green garage on route 29, amongst others.

On 5 April we took D 142, STL 441 and the Beardmore taxi for a centenary road run over parts of the 29 route, beginning at Victoria and stopping at Wood Green (WN) and Palmers Green (AD) garages (plus the site of West Green garage), the current and former operators of the route. Thanks to Arriva for hosting us!

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PHOTO CREDIT (ABOVE): PETER ZABEK







At the site of West Green garage



# Wood Green running day

Classic buses ran over parts of routes 29, 144, 233 and 251 on Sunday 23 March as a fundraiser for Comic Relief.



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(BELOW) FRASER PATTERSON



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PHOTO CREDIT (ABOVE): DAVE MOORE (BELOW): EDITOR



PHOTO CREDIT (LEFT) EDITOR

OTHERS: DAVID BOWKER

# Wood Green



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Thanks to Nigel Eadon-Clarke for sharing his album of photos from the event.

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# Rickmansworth running day

Thanks to **Doug Hunt** and **John Patch** for crewing the Museum's **RF 226** at Rickmansworth on 30 March, at the first of this year's country bus running days, organised by the **Amersham & District Motorbus Society**.



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GS 42 (right) was the last of the class in service, running on route 336A on 30 March 1972. The last run was re-created as part of the running day (with GS 32).

ALL OTHER PHOTOS: NIGEL EADON-CLARKE



# Rickmansworth



# LBM Memorial Garden

The improvement works to the Memorial Garden have now been carried out, thanks to Colin Squire and Adam and George Turner.

What a vast improvement on its previous appearance. It now provides a fitting resting-place for Colin Curtis, Graham Burgess and Mike Garside, reflecting their outstanding contributions to the life of the Museum.



ALL PHOTOS: SIMON DOUGLAS LANE



# Signs and wonders



PHOTO CREDIT (ABOVE AND RIGHT): LAURIE MOUNTJOY

PHOTO CREDIT: GRAHAM BURNELL

The historic roundel from Hounslow bus garage has been restored to glory and now adorns the front of the Museum to welcome our visitors. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped with the preparation and setting-up of our splendid illuminated sign. Come visit the LBM to see it in person!



# Praise for our Route 19 Heritage day



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PHOTO CREDIT (ABOVE AND BELOW): BEN KINGSLEY-SCOTT



Thank you so much for this. My dad was a conductor from 1969-74 on the 19 from Holloway Bus Garage, a tearful trip down memory lane as he's now passed away. Many happy memories of accompanying him on the route with a packed lunch and him letting me ring the string bell. Thank you to all the owners for their time and the drivers and conductors.

*Amazing day, thank you very much. It was a privilege to ride once again on those fantastic buses, and to view them back on London's streets.*

Having so much fun, the buses look fantastic in this gorgeous spring sunshine!

*Can I say what a brilliant event the running day was. I came up specially from Cornwall and thanks to the info you provided, I was able to plan and actually ride on RT 1 the entire route from Battersea Bridge. Return journey on RM 1. All buses looked immaculate, all staff friendly and helpful.*

A HUGE thank you to every stellar volunteer, driver, conductor and bus owner who made the 19 route possible today. Words are not enough to express the wide and profound range of emotions such an event enabled for so many.

*It was fantastic! My daughter loved it (she's 11) and always says she wishes these buses still ran, ever since we took her to the Transport Museum last year. Her face was priceless - this memory will always stay with her.*

Thanks to everyone involved in yesterday's event. Great day, totally enjoyed travelling on the buses and can't wait for the next one!

*Brilliant day. Thank you to all the owners for allowing us to enjoy their buses.*

Left: Timebus' **RM 29**, which was in service right up until the end of Routemasters on route 19 in April 2005

# LBM Events 2025



## 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.

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## Summer Festival

22 June

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

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## 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.

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## TransportFest

19 October

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

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# What's in Shillibeer Place, the LBM gift shop

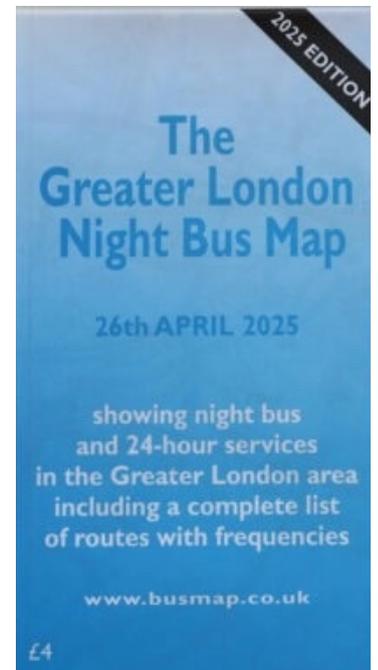
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# Driving force

Thanks to Peter Larkham for these photos of some of those who helped celebrate D 142's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Robin Helliar-Symons prepares for a run on D 142



Peter Osborn takes the wheel of (no prizes) STL 441



Leon Daniels takes over on the Dennis



Peter Zabek lines up the STL for that perfect shot

# From the Editor

Welcome to all our new members who signed up at Spring Gathering!

Four months in and 2025 promises to be full and exciting at the LBM. Our running days go from strength to strength, if the feedback from happy passengers is any measure. Spring Gathering brought in the crowds and a number of first-time visiting vehicles. Your support of these events is much appreciated. Also, look out for LBM buses at other events and running days throughout the year.

Thanks to David Bowker, Richard Brown, Graham Burnell, Simon Douglas Lane, Nigel Eadon-Clarke, Mia Hastings, Doug Hunt, Benjamin Kingsley-Scott, Peter Larkham, Dave Moore, Laurie Mountjoy, Peter Osborn, Fraser Patterson and Peter Zabek for generously contributing stories and photos for this edition.

Please email me any content for our next edition.

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