



Summer in the City



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Above left: LBM volunteer **Sharon Burton** ‘brands’ T 448 at the ancient ceremony of **Cartmarking** at London’s Guildhall on 19 July. Above right: **Derek Hanlon** arrives safely with the Dennis. Thanks to **Graham Bartlett**, **Graham Burnell**, **Simon Greatwood**, **Zolly Grolmusz**, **Derek Hanlon**, **Rod Lucas**, **John Patch** and **Chris Taylor** for braving the unseasonably wet weather and crewing **D 142**, **T 448** and **STL 441**, the Museum’s entrants this year.



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Bristol fashion

All of us at the Museum are extremely grateful to **Chris Stanley**, who has donated his 1975 ECW-bodied Bristol LHS **BS 4** to the collection.

The BS class was a unique set of 17 very short, manual gearbox buses bought by London Transport to replace Ford Transit minibuses, which did not withstand London's punishing operating conditions.

BS 4 spent her entire life at Holloway (HT) garage, either as a trainer or in service on route C11. She was withdrawn in 1981 and sold to the London Borough of Richmond. She passed into preservation in 1994, passing through various owners until Chris purchased her in 2015.



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At Spring Gathering, April 2025



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Passing RF 600...



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... and MB 90, East Grinstead, April 2025



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Departing the Glades, Bromley, December 2024



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Awaiting repaint, Summer Festival, June 2023

Dorking Running Day

Thanks to Nigel Eadon-Clarke for sharing his photos of the ever-popular running day, held this year on 1 June and organised by the [Amersham & District Motorbus Society](#).



Dorking



London went to Wythall!



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Thanks to Ian Reddick and Martin Watkins for taking XF 3 to participate in this popular event at the Transport Museum, Wythall, which took place over the weekend of 14-15 June.





Eastbourne classic bus rally

Regular rally attenders RF 600 and RM 8 were spotted at Eastbourne on 6 July, as part of the annual seaside classic bus running day. The RF gave rides around the town while the RM was a static exhibit in the bus station.

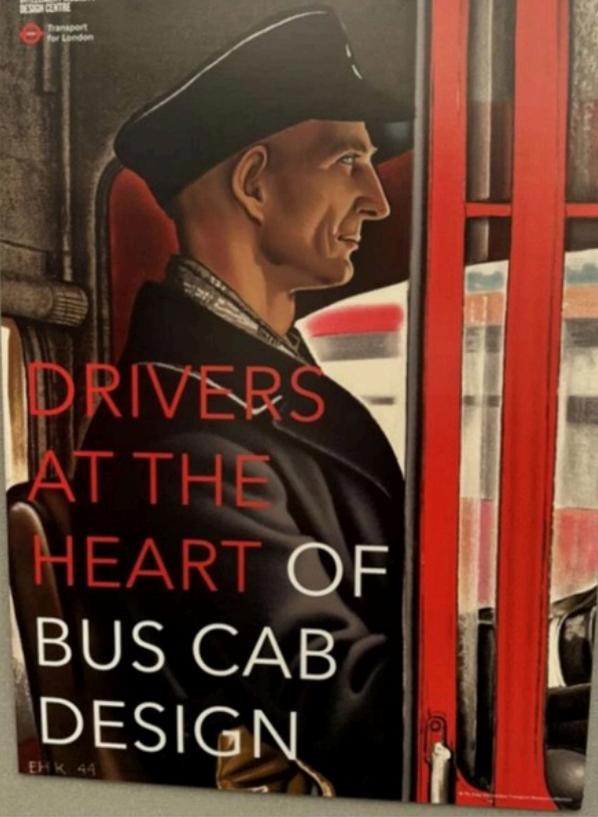
Vehicles from other fleets were also represented, of course!



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TfL visits the LBM

On 8 July representatives from Transport for London visited the Museum to reveal the results of their recent work on bus cab design. Together with the Royal College of Art, they had previously been to the LBM to study the evolution of bus cab design. They unveiled their findings during the visit.

PHOTOS C/O LEON DANIELS

L-R LBM Chairman Leon Daniels, TfL Bus Director Lorna Murphy, LBM President Paul Sainthouse with [RML 2760](#).

[Watch video >](#)





All change!

After the excitement of Summer Festival, **RML 3** has gone away for a rest.

RLH 48 has taken her place at the Museum.

Thanks to **Andy Gray** and **Martin Watkins** for ensuring their safe journeys to and from storage.



Eight decades of development

Graham Burnell could not resist the opportunity to capture our 1923 NS 174 pulling up alongside our 2002 WVL 1, thereby comparing 80 years of technological development.

WVL 1 was the first low-floor vehicle to enter the Museum's collection, in 2017, after a service life of 15 years spent entirely at Stockwell garage. The NS is currently undergoing a full restoration by our volunteer team. It was considered low-floor in its day, as its drop-frame chassis allowed a low, single-step entry onto the platform of the bus.



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Receiving your LBM Magazine

At our 2024 AGM, members overwhelmingly agreed that they can help the Museum save considerable postage and printing costs by receiving their magazines electronically.

Your online magazine will be just the same as the printed one, will take up no physical storage space and will be available anywhere! There will be no postal delays or damage to it.

The money we save on postage and printing will be used to fund the work of the LBM!

Printed copies of the magazine will continue to be available to those who would like them.

If you wish to receive the electronic magazine only, please notify us by email: membership@londonbusmuseum.com. This will take effect from September.



Q&A with Richard Groves, volunteer conductor

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

I always wanted to be a bus conductor! Speaking to friends and family about this last year, I was told to follow my dream, and in March 2025 I became a volunteer and completed my training. The most enjoyable part of conducting is working with fellow crew members and meeting and greeting our passengers. The most important things are to say 'thank you', 'goodbye' and 'enjoy the rest of your day'. I find it very rewarding.

What's your earliest bus memory?

The transitioning of my local bus routes from Routemasters to the new Leyland Titan B15s in the early 1980s. Then came privatisation in the 1990s, the colourful livery of Harris Bus and the all-yellow livery of Capital Citybus in the Romford, Dagenham and Ilford areas before the 80% red rule came in.

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

It has to be **RML 2760**. This bus has a great history: in East London where it served on Route 15 from Upton Park garage between Blackwall and Paddington via the Tower of London. It's also my favourite bus to conduct.

Tell us about your professional life.

I was born and have always lived in Dagenham. I've worked at the Tesco Distribution Centre in Dagenham since September 2019. My job is to pick fresh food products and load them so they can be delivered to over 500 stores across London, Essex and Suffolk. I was a key worker during Covid 19. Before working in distribution, I worked for Sainsbury's in East London for nearly 25 years. I am also a Trade Union Shop Steward for Usdaw Union.

What would you take to a desert island?

I would take my camera as I love photography.



Ian Cormack

We were deeply saddened to learn about the loss of our dedicated LBM member, volunteer and dear friend **Ian Cormack** on 13 July. For many years, Ian co-ordinated the Museum Stewards daily rota, thereby ensuring the LBM could function daily.

Ian's funeral will be held at **Pembroke Lodge** in Richmond Park on Wednesday 6 August at 2pm. Bus 371 from either Richmond or Kingston station reaches the Richmond Gate of the park. It is a short walk to Pembroke Lodge.

If you are intending to attend, please notify John Cope at johnc8163@hotmail.com for catering purposes.

Ian led an incredible life and had a very distinguished career as a diplomat, living in 33 countries. Read this [interview with Ian from E-news July 2024](#) to learn more about his passion for transport and his global career.

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LBM Events 2025



Route 54 Heritage Bus Day

13 September

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

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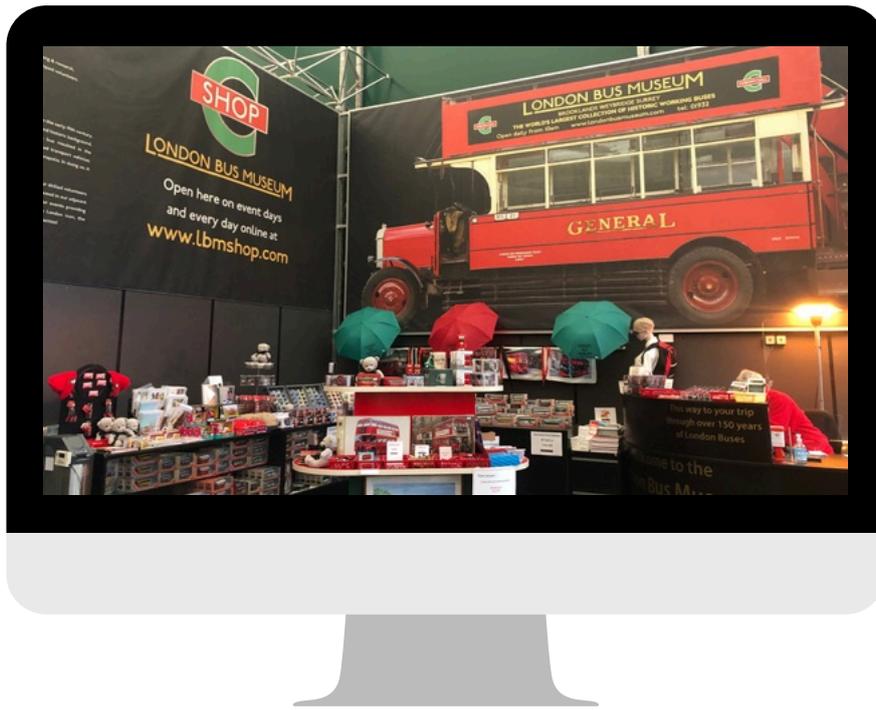
TransportFest

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



Brand new from EFE Road!

A detailed model of RML 2760, the last Routemaster built and LBM resident. Buy soon in-store or online.



You might spot a few familiar faces in the [EFE Road promotional video](#), filmed at the LBM to launch the new RML models and featuring [RML 2760](#). Congratulations to those involved, who are now seeking representation from talent agencies.



Thanks to Gary Boyd-Hope of Bachmann Europe, Graham Burnell, Leon Daniels, Nigel Eadon-Clarke, Andy Gray, Richard Groves, Glyn Matthews and Robert Matthews for generously contributing stories and photos for this edition.

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

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