



Triumph at TransportFest!



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We welcomed over 1,800 visitors and almost 80 vehicles through the gates on 19 October. Thanks to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to enable the event to happen and to all vehicle crews, exhibitors and traders. Welcome also to our new members and volunteers who were recruited on the day. Above all, thanks to **Deryck Fill** for co-ordinating everything and delivering a memorable day to bring our events calendar for 2025 to a close.

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Above: Robin Helliar-Symons (we think!) prepares for a run out with D 142



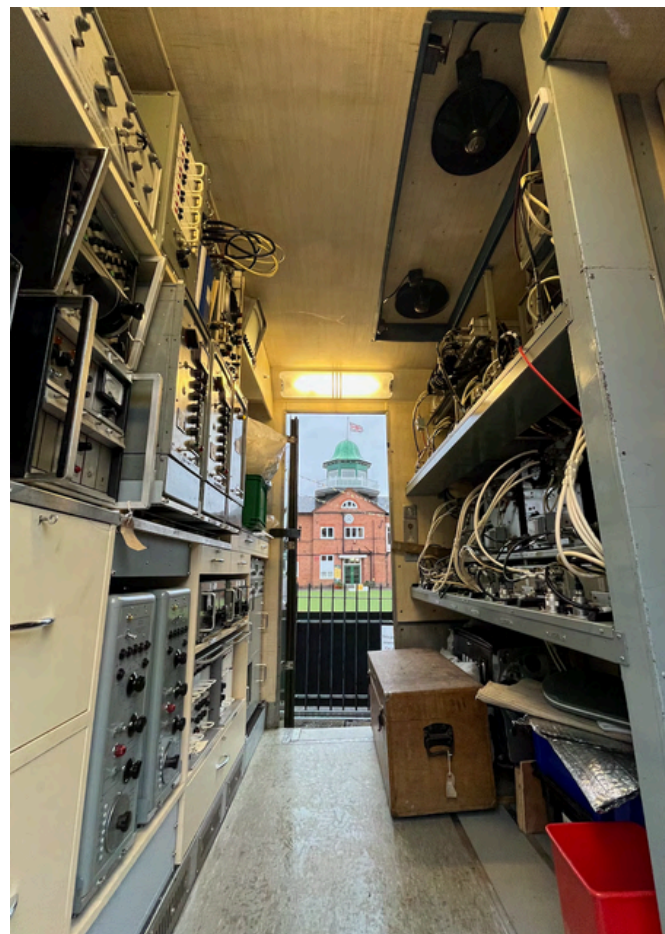
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Above: the newest addition to the LBM fleet, BS 4, takes up residence in Cobham Hall



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Above and right: The 1963 BBC MCR (Mobile Control Room) 21 was a star attraction. Read about the vehicle's history and restoration [here](#).



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Above: BEA Airport Coach MLL 740 ran in service for the first time in many years and did numerous runs on the 462 Weybridge circular



Chesham running day

Thanks to Keith Bonham, Graham Burnell, Simon Douglas Lane, Thomas Drake, Graham Hayward and Peter Milner for crewing RT 3491 and RLH 48 at the ever-popular running day on 28 September organised by the Amersham & District Motorbus Society. Thanks also to Adrian Palmer for sharing his photo album.

ALL PHOTOS: EDITOR





Surrey Mayors' day

Thanks to **Glyn Matthews** and **Anthony Moore** for looking after the mayors of the Surrey boroughs on 9 October and ensuring they travelled in style and comfort on Green Line coach RMC 1469.

After a visit to Brooklands, the visiting dignitaries were given a tour of the Chelsea FC training ground at Cobham (where lunch was provided). The day concluded with a trip to nearby D'Oyly Carte Island.



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Brooklands Innovation Academy

Bob Bailey

Brooklands Museum held its Innovation Academy on 1 October. The RAF used our boardroom to do a workshop for about 90 year 8 students (13 to 14 year olds) and their teachers. The workshop was about computer coding and processing - and they used a game called 'Turing Tumbles' to help them understand this. BMT arranged 24 workshops in total and over 300 pupils attended from a variety of schools.

The idea was to help the pupils look ahead to the future, discover what options they should adopt for their studies and consider the possibility of apprenticeships, as well as university.

The pupils who came to the LBM were very engaged in something they really enjoyed, although personally I didn't understand it at all!



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Education team rides again!

No sooner had the new academic year begun than the Education team swung into action with the first visit of the new term, to Prior Heath School, Camberley with RF 226.

Our volunteers spoke to the pupils about the history of the bus and showed them the vehicle.

Thanks to **Bob Bailey**, **Simon Douglas Lane** and our Education team for making this - and many other school visits and education programmes - possible, bringing our transport heritage to life at schools for a new generation to appreciate.

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S 454 departs

1922 S 454 left the Museum on 17 September for pastures new.



ALL PHOTOS ABOVE AND LEFT: CHRIS TAYLOR
BELOW: LAURIE MOUNTJOY





Sharon Burton has discovered this photo, taken 20 years ago at a meeting which took place in Camberley, organised by David Kinnear, to discuss the future of the Redhill Road site. We know the identities of all but one - can you help?

L-R: Richard Hussey, John Bedford, Tony Lewis, Alvin Hale, Peter Duplock, Graham Smith, ?, John Lines, Bernard Willis, Michael Wickham, Andrew Collins, Roger Stagg, Ian Barrett, Norman Davey and David Kinnear



Graham Burnell took this photo of D 142 at the old Cobham Bus Museum at Redhill Road on 14 January 1974. Can anyone identify the driver?

Q&A with Paul Raven-Hill, volunteer Talks Co-ordinator

How did you become involved with the Museum?

Soon after obtaining my PCV Licence back in late 2008, I joined National Express at Sipson Road Depot, Heathrow, to drive Hotel Hoppa buses around Heathrow Airport. One of the Driver Training Officers there was a certain **Graham Lunn**, a long-standing LBM Member and former Routemaster owner. I went along to an Open Day at the Redhill Road site and that was it! I joined but because of shift work, I wasn't able to get very involved at the time. It's all Graham's fault!

Tell us what you do for the Museum and what you enjoy most about volunteering.

Following my move to **Falcon Buses** in September 2018, as there were then no Sunday or Bank Holiday services, I became involved with the Events Committee. My role evolved into assisting **Simon Douglas Lane** with vehicle entry registrations for our main events and as one of the Finishing Straight Traffic Marshals. I became a member of the Education Committee, taking over the role of Talks Co-Ordinator, arranging or giving talks about LBM and its superb collection of London buses, following the sad passing of my predecessor **John Sullivan**, from whom I had obtained notes and presentations.

I also like to assist with school visits to the LBM as and when I'm available, especially young children in Reception and years 1-3, going from the horse bus (and "the horse poo") to the electric bus! Having our youngest granddaughter in that age range helps me understand how to present information in a simple and humorous way. I enjoy volunteering at the LBM when I can as a way to keep myself mentally active and involved in telling the story of London buses. It also gets me out of the house!

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

Two really. First, Simon Douglas Lane's superb **RT 3491**, "Evadne". I have conducted for SDL on several occasions, as well as hiring the "old girl" for our 40th wedding anniversary celebration lunch at Brooklands in June 2019. We took guests on a nostalgic afternoon bus ride, with SDL driving and me conducting. I even created a souvenir programme for it!



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Above: Paul and Simon take RF 395 on a school visit to Twickenham, January 2024



Paul Raven-Hill

Secondly, WVL1, simply because it's one of the few buses that I have actually driven in service on LBM Running Days. I very much enjoyed doing so - no faffing about with pre-select or manual gearboxes! I learnt to drive on buses with fully automatic transmissions and power steering!

What was your day job?

From 1970 to 2008, I was a property lawyer, first as a legal executive and later as a licensed conveyancer (a specialist property lawyer). After I was made redundant in early 2008, I retrained as a bus driver and obtained my PCV Class D Licence in December 2008. It was quite a career change from office hours to shift work, and something of a culture shock to begin with! I joined National Express at Heathrow in late January 2009 and stayed until November 2017, when the Hotel Hoppa operation was sold to Hallmark Connections Ltd, later branded as Diamond Bus SouthEast. I left there in August 2018 and moved to Falcon Buses in Byfleet from September 2018. I gracefully retired from there at the end of August 2020 after the first Covid lockdown, simply on grounds of age, as I could no longer cope with early starts and late finishes after around five months of being furloughed. I really enjoyed working for Falcon Buses as it had a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere, provided you did your job properly!

What's your motto or words to live by?

That's a hard one. I don't really have a motto as such. Maybe "enjoy life as it comes"! If you can't do anything about a problem, don't worry about it. I have a very understanding and supportive wife, Elizabeth, of over 46 years, when it comes to my hobbies and interests, three wonderful daughters (all now in their 40s), and four lovely and adorable grandchildren ranging from 16 down to 7; three are now at secondary school and the youngest is now in year 2, so they keep us fairly busy. Apart from London buses, I have been interested in trains since I was very young, primarily British, but with a strong bias towards anything Southern Electric - it's what I grew up with. I have been a member of Twickenham & District Model Railway Club since February 1966 and have been its Chairman since June 2017! That takes up quite a lot of my time.

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LBM Volunteers' meeting

Tony Bentley

A Volunteers' Meeting will be held at the LBM on Wednesday 14 January 2026 from 10:30am - 12.30pm. Grab a chair and a coffee and join us in the meeting area (specific location TBC).

The aim of these meetings is to keep volunteers apprised of forthcoming activities and events, to listen to briefings on matters of importance to the LBM such as recruitment and to hear from departments about their activities.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer suggestions and raise matters of concern, both to management and to the floor generally. They may also propose agenda items for future meetings. The meeting will end with a Q&A session.

All current Museum volunteers are welcome. This meeting is not open to Members who do not currently volunteer.

Throughout the year we will hold further meetings on different days to enable as many volunteers as possible to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 07758 619951 or email tbal@gu27qg.plus.com. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

If you are interested in volunteering, **learn more about volunteering** on our website.

Right: the 2020/2021 refresh of Cobham Hall was masterminded by our volunteers

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Above: Inclement weather does not faze our volunteers. Robin Helliar-Symons and Peter Milner look after ST 922 at TransportFest



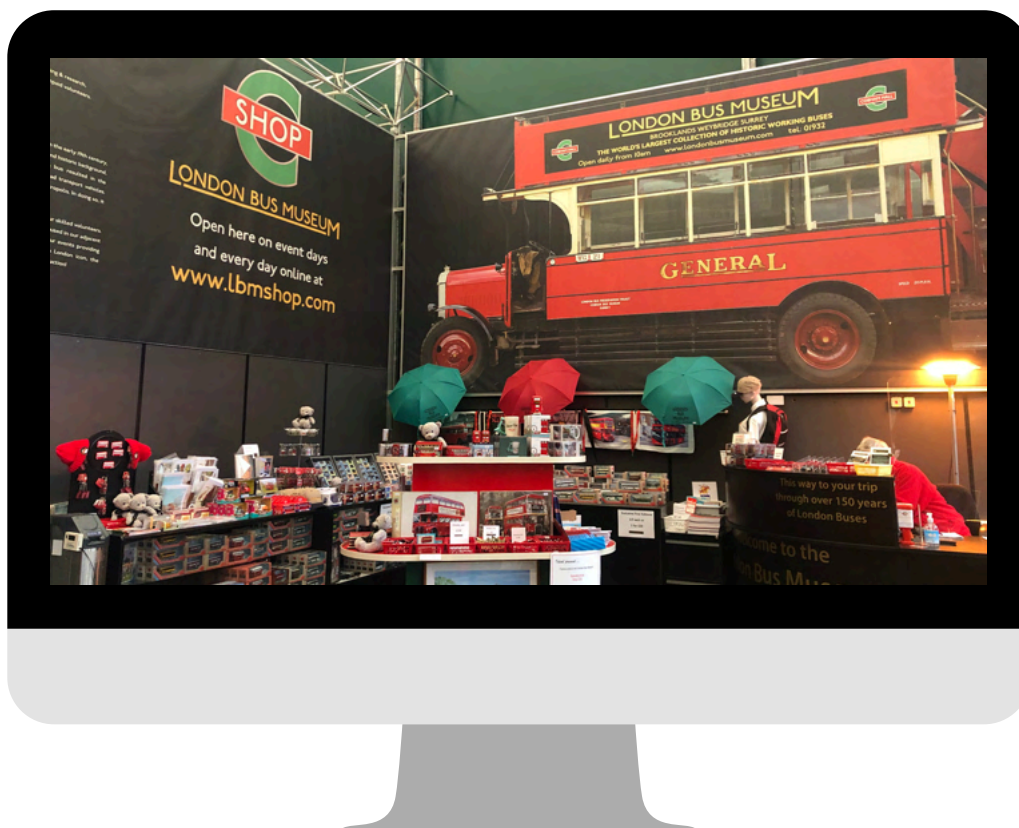
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Above: Restorations such as that of T 448 couldn't be achieved without the efforts of our volunteers



What's in Shillibeer Place, the LBM gift shop

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Our guidebook has been updated to include the Museum's recent acquisitions: XF 3, BS 4 and AEC Militant Mk 1 ('Milly')

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LBM-branded travel mug: the perfect autumn/winter accessory for bus enthusiasts

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Save the dates

Volunteers' Christmas lunch
10 December 2025, 12.30pm for 1pm

Our free volunteers' lunch will take place in the warmth and comfort of the **Napier Room** at Brooklands. Capacity is limited to 100. **Register and confirm your dietary requirements by 3 December via your team contact:** Sharon Burton (Cleaning), Andrew Collins (Bus Crews), Phil Palmer (Curatorial), Roger Staggs (Workshop) and Tom Yun (Stewards).



Members' New Year's Lunch at Silvermere
11 January 2026, 12.30pm for 1pm

Not to be missed: the 2026 members' new year's lunch will be held at the **Inn on the Lake, Silvermere**. The cost is £35 per person (single) or £65 per couple. **Please register by 4 January via the sheet in the LBM canteen, including any dietary requirements.**

LBM Events 2026



Spring Gathering

19 April 2026

Join us for our annual transport curtain-raiser to kick off the 2026 rally season with a range of vehicles, rides, stalls and fun.

Summer Festival

28 June 2026

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

TransportFest

18 October 2026

Round off the rally calendar at our autumn event with a wide range of vehicles, bus rides and traders' stalls.

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From the Editor

TransportFest spectacularly rounded off our 2025 events calendar, featuring the visit of the Hong Kong tri-axle Metrobus (below), which was a real crowd-pleaser! Thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the success of all of our Brooklands events and running days this year.

Thanks to Bob Bailey, Tony Bentley, David Bowker, Peter Brown, Sharon Burton, Leon Daniels, Jim Eades, Mia Hastings, Glyn Matthews, Peter Maynard, Laurie Mountjoy, Adrian Palmer, Paul Raven-Hill and Chris Taylor for contributing stories and photos.

Please [email me](#) any content for our next edition.

Richard



Can you help?

If you (or someone you know) are driving to or near the Bus Museum from Yorkshire in the next couple of months and could divert via Wakefield to pick up four boxes, please contact David Bowker: david.bowker@londonbusmuseum.com.

Some books have been donated to the Museum and we need to find a way of getting them here as efficiently as possible! Thank you.

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