



LONDON BUS MUSEUM

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D 142 sparkles at the Lady Mayor's Show



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On Saturday 8 November, Dame Susan Langley DBE became the Lady Mayor of the City of London. **D 142** was on hand to welcome her and take part in the procession, which stretched for some three miles. Thanks to Leon Daniels, Derek Hanlon, Glyn Matthews and Ian Reddick for crewing her. [Watch the whole show on BBC iPlayer](#) (subscription required).

Lady Mayor's Show

D 142 was preceded in the procession by Donald Campbell's beautifully restored Bluebird K7

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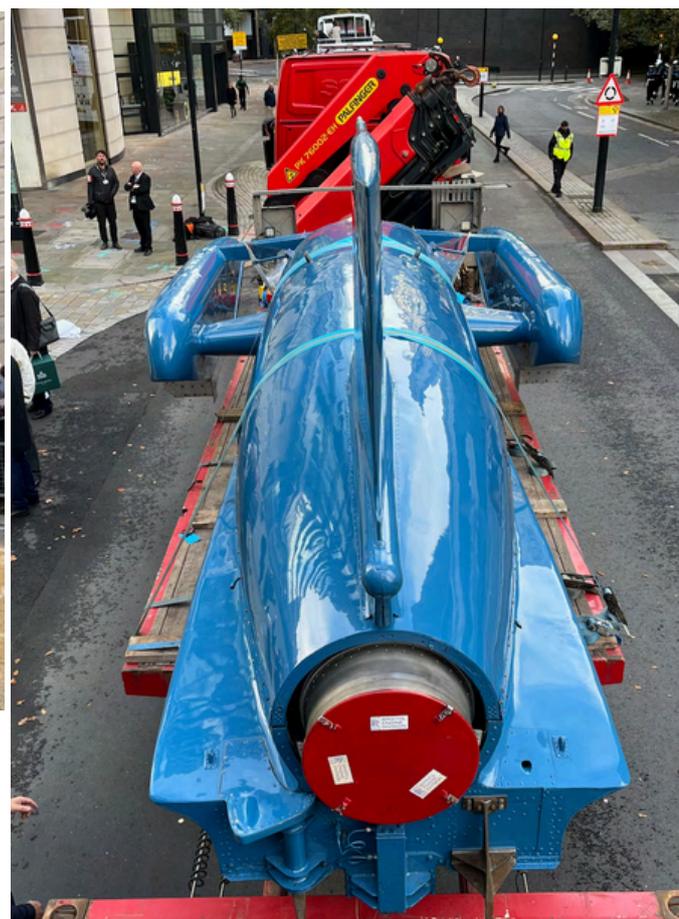


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Lady Mayor's Show

Other London vehicles participated, including RT 3435 with a dedicated banner for the new Lady Mayor.

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Crawley Garage open day

Metrobus threw open the doors of its Crawley depot on 6 September, to raise funds for **St Catherine's Hospice** and other local charities. A wide range of vehicles was on display, plus an ever-popular bus wash ride and the exciting pull-a-bus challenge!

Classic and modern buses gave free rides around the area, including out to Gatwick Airport.





Muswell Hill Running Day

Muswell Hill garage closed 35 years ago this year. On 2 November historic buses were in service on some MH routes to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The event was organised by Trevor Muir, who very sadly died in October. During his time with LT, Trevor had been a conductor at Finchley and Holloway garages.



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Above: Muswell Hill garage in February 1987. RML 2460 on the right shows the destination 'Muswell Hill Hampden Road', which was used for garage journeys



Above: Standees enjoy a ride on the LT Museum's MBA 582

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Muswell Hill

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It pays to advertise

We have enhanced our newly-repainted **XF 3** with the addition of period adverts, dating from her introduction into service in 1965.

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Lest we forget



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On Armistice Day, 11 November, members of the AEC Society joined the day's steward and workshop teams for the annual wreathlaying at the AEC memorial plaques at the Museum. Thanks to volunteer Bob Bailey for officiating at the ceremony.

**SAVE THE DATE:
OUR AGM AND
MEMBERS'
VEHICLE
EXPERIENCE**

Saturday 7 March 2026

11am

Vickers Suite, Brooklands Museum

Refreshments will be provided

Further details to follow



Q&A with Sharon Burton, Vehicle Cleaning Team and Curatorial Volunteer

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

After spending many years volunteering with small children or elderly people, I decided to do something that would involve vehicles rather than humans. Having visited the Bus Museum and noted the dust on the bonnets and wheelarches, I thought it might be fun to offer to clean the buses. The idea was that I could come in, do a bit of cleaning, chat to folk, go home and forget the place until the following week. In hindsight, this suggests a lack of self-perception on my part!

Of course, what actually happened was that I did a lot of chatting, liked the people very much, started to learn a bit about buses, and the rest, as they say, is history. Eleven years on and I am still telling friends that I have never laughed so much anywhere that I ever worked or volunteered.

Ian Jackson told me all those years ago that you should always ask yourself three questions with anything you are doing:

Am I being paid?
Am I making a difference?
Am I enjoying what I am doing?

You should aim for two of those answers to be 'Yes'.

So, we are not paid, as we are all volunteers. I hope most of us can say 'yes', to the other two! I certainly can. It is the camaraderie, the friendships, the laughter and feeling we are all 'in it' together that keeps us coming in week after week. It is also being able to have a moan about stuff and let off steam to like-minded people!

Top left: Sharon tidies up EB 2

Middle left: Sharon and the Catering Team prepare the volunteers' Christmas lunch, December 2024

Left: UMP 227

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Sharon Burton

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

UMP 227. I am not a bus geek (sorry, but I prefer steam and diesel locos!) so it is nothing to do with the history of UMP but the fact that it looks great inside and out (in my opinion), and I got to ride in it all the way to the Isle of Wight a few years ago. It is also easy to clean, which usually has a lot to do with how I feel about any of our vehicles!

If you could travel back to any transport era, which would it be and why?

It would be the 1950s with trolleybuses and steam locos around, which would be interesting.

What's your favourite book or film ?

It is very difficult to choose a favourite book as I am a book collector. If you're reading this, your eyes may glaze over at this point. Fiction would be anything written by Jane Austen, Richard Osman (*Thursday Murder Club* books), E. F. Benson (*Mapp and Lucia* books) or Lynne Truss (Brighton murders set in the 1950s). Non-fiction would be old cookery books, anything on the history of food, books about London/GWR/Wiltshire/Bath/Deltics and lots of other topics.

I don't watch many films but two favourites have always been *The Ladykillers* (1955) and *Midnight in Paris* (2011). Both very amusing.

Personal motto or words I (try) to live by?

Paraphrasing the words of Stephen Grellet (1773-1855): 'We pass through this world but once and should therefore do what we can for others.'

Nobody gets it right all the time, but I think at the LBM we try to create a place where everyone feels welcome. Without volunteers we would cease to exist, so let's hear your story of how you came to join us!



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Above: a front-end comparison is provided by [Q 83](#) and UMP in 2018 before the Museum refresh



Something for everyone at North Weald station



Save the dates

Volunteers' Christmas lunch
10 December 2025, 12.15pm

Registration is now closed but **contact Sharon Burton** to go on the waiting list.

Please bring your LBM membership card to gain entry. Parking is in the main Brooklands visitor car park.

Access to the **Napier Room** will be from 11.45am. Lunch will be served from 12.15pm.



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

Please register by 4 January via the sheet in the LBM canteen, including any dietary requirements. The cost is £35 per person (single) or £65 per couple.

Sort code 40-52-40: (CAF Bank)
Account number: 00018504
Account name: London Bus Preservation Trust
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A significant anniversary

9 December is a significant day for the London bus enthusiast. It will mark 20 years since the end of crew operation in London with the withdrawal of the last Routemaster from regular service.

On 13 December the **Routemaster Association** will be holding its annual gathering at the **Ace Cafe**, followed by a road run over the 159 route. Some vehicle crews may be willing to carry passengers. Details **here**.



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Last year's event benefitted from beautiful winter sunshine (at least by the afternoon!) as the photo above shows.

LBM Events 2026



Route 38 Heritage Day

14 March 2026

Enjoy free rides on historic vehicles all day between Victoria and Clapton Pond on our first Heritage Day of 2026

[View more >](#)



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

[View more >](#)



Route 213/293 Heritage Day

13 June 2026

Historic vehicles will offer free rides all day between Kingston and Sutton and North Cheam and Epsom

[View more >](#)



Summer Festival

28 June 2026

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

[View more >](#)



Route 106 Heritage Day

3 October 2026

Our third Heritage Day will see historic vehicles in service free of charge, between Finsbury Park and Ash Grove

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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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Get organised for 2026 with this LBM pocket diary and pen and keep track of all our forthcoming events

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The EFE Road limited edition model of **RML 2760** has arrived. Buy now while stocks last!



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There are plenty of dates to note for your diaries this month! It would be great to see as many of you as possible at these events. 2026 is already shaping up to be an exciting year in the LBM's history! We're always on the lookout for new volunteers to help us deliver our events, too.

Thanks to Jon Batchelor, Sharon Burton, Leon Daniels, Nigel Eadon-Clarke, Benjamin Kingsley-Scott, Laurie Mountjoy, John Parkin, Ian Reddick and Michael Wickham for generously contributing stories and photos for this edition.

Many thanks to Michael Wickham for identifying the mystery man in the photo from last month's edition. He is Stewart Lilley. Michael writes that the meeting was a great catalyst for the immense progress made by the Trust in the following five years.

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

Richard



Above: D 142 wends her way home across Westminster Bridge after the Lady Mayor's Show, arriving back at the Museum (left) as daylight faded.

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