



RM 1: 70 years on



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On 8 February the Ace Cafe was once again the venue for a celebration, as it was on that day in 1956 that RM1 entered service on route 2 between Golders Green and Crystal Palace. After assembling at the Cafe, RM 1 and her younger siblings moved to Golders Green station for photographs, then travelled the 2 route to Crystal Palace. Thanks to the Routemaster Association for organising the event and to the bus owners and crews for bringing their vehicles.







Members' new year lunch

Members and their families once again enjoyed a sumptuous feast at Silvermere, which this year took place on 11 January. Chairman **Leon Daniels** welcomed all present and thanked them for their support over the last year. He also thanked the wives, husbands and partners of all who assist the Museum in any way.

Huge thanks to **Simon Douglas Lane** for organising the event, and to all who contributed to probably the most successful raffle we've ever had.



New year's lunch

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David Stewart

On 3 February Dave's family and friends came together to say farewell and to scatter his ashes. Appropriately, their transport for the day was **T 448**, the vehicle which, thanks to Dave's generosity, was restored so beautifully by our volunteers.

Driver **Graham Burnell** had known Dave for many years. He transported the guests around areas which Dave knew: Perivale, Alperton (past the site of the old LT garage), Sudbury Town station, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Harrow Weald garage, One Tree Hill (where Dave's ashes were scattered) and finally terminating at the Myllet Arms, Greenford.

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OTHER PHOTOS: GRAHAM BURNELL

Epping Ongar Railway winter bus event

On a rather damp Sunday 15 February, the Epping Ongar Railway held its annual winter bus event, which gave visitors the chance to travel on a wide variety of vehicles. Superb photographic opportunities were also on offer!

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 OTHERS: NIGEL EADON-CLARKE





High Wycombe revisited

Saturday 21 February 1966 saw the introduction of RMLs to High Wycombe (HE) garage. 60 years later, on Saturday 21 February 2026, RMLs 2412 and 2440 recreated two routes on which the RMLs first appeared in service there: the 326 and the 363.

2412 began her career at HE in 1966, with 2440 arriving there in 1975.

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Q&A with Denis Malsher, volunteer steward

What inspired you to volunteer at the LBM and what do you enjoy most about volunteering?

I've been a member now for several years. Having visited at TransportFest in 2024, I took up the offer to volunteer as a steward, as I wanted the Museum to thrive and I felt I had something to contribute, having been a London bus enthusiast since I was a schoolboy. I do like it when visitors have questions they want answered!

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

RT1, without a doubt. I donated £100 to help secure its place in the Museum. Its body is original, unlike its post-war successors. I would love to ride on it at a future Heritage Day - fingers crossed it might be available.

What's your earliest bus or transport memory?

Riding on Green RTs (and a green RTL) to school in Hatfield, Herts. I caught the bus-spotting bug from my elder brother.

Tell us about your professional life.

For most of my working life, over 38 years, I was employed by the Dutch multinational company Philips Electronics, in central London, Mitcham, Croydon and finally Guildford. I was in accounting roles, reporting to the UK Finance Director and to the Dutch parent company.

What's your favourite book/film/TV show?

Book: *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien (the radio adaptation was great too, with Michael Hordern, Bill Nighy and John Le Mesurier).

Film: *The Italian Job*

TV: Any of Sir David Attenborough's series or Michael Portillo's railway journeys.

Motto or words to live by.

Live up to everyone's best expectations of me!

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YOU'RE INVITED: MEMBERS' DAY & AGM

Saturday 7 March
11am, Napier Suite, Brooklands Museum

Join us for our Annual General Meeting,
plus:

- Refreshments and lunch
- Workshop tours
- Rides on LBM vehicles

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you all for your support.

To view the AGM agenda and reports:

- [Log into the members' area here.](#)
- Then [navigate to the AGM page.](#)

If you can't attend, please help us reach
a quorum by returning your proxy form
to:

peter.brown@londonbusmuseum.com

Please also let Peter know if you have
any dietary requirements.





South East Bus Festival

We are taking **XF 3** to the **South East Bus Festival** at Detling on Saturday 11 April. The planned departure time is 08.00 from LBM, due back by 18.00, traffic permitting. All LBM volunteers are welcome to join us.

The bus will be parked on site and is expected to be used for a few internal runs within the site during the day.

We will not be charging to travel on XF 3 but an admission ticket must be purchased. Please try to purchase your ticket in advance from **Heritage Transport Show | Kent County Show**.

If you would like to join us, please email adrian.palmer@londonbusmuseum.com.

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Amberley Bus Show

Robin Helliar-Symons is planning to take his award-winning Leyland TD1 to the this year's **Spring Bus Show** at the **Amberley Museum** on Sunday 26 April.

If any LBM members would like to join, Robin is offering to pick up passengers from Maidenhead, Brooklands, or anywhere en route.

The bus is slow, so it will be a long (but enjoyable!) day out.

If you would like to come, please contact Robin for details:
RDHSymons@gmail.com



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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

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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.

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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

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Summer Festival

28 June 2026

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

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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

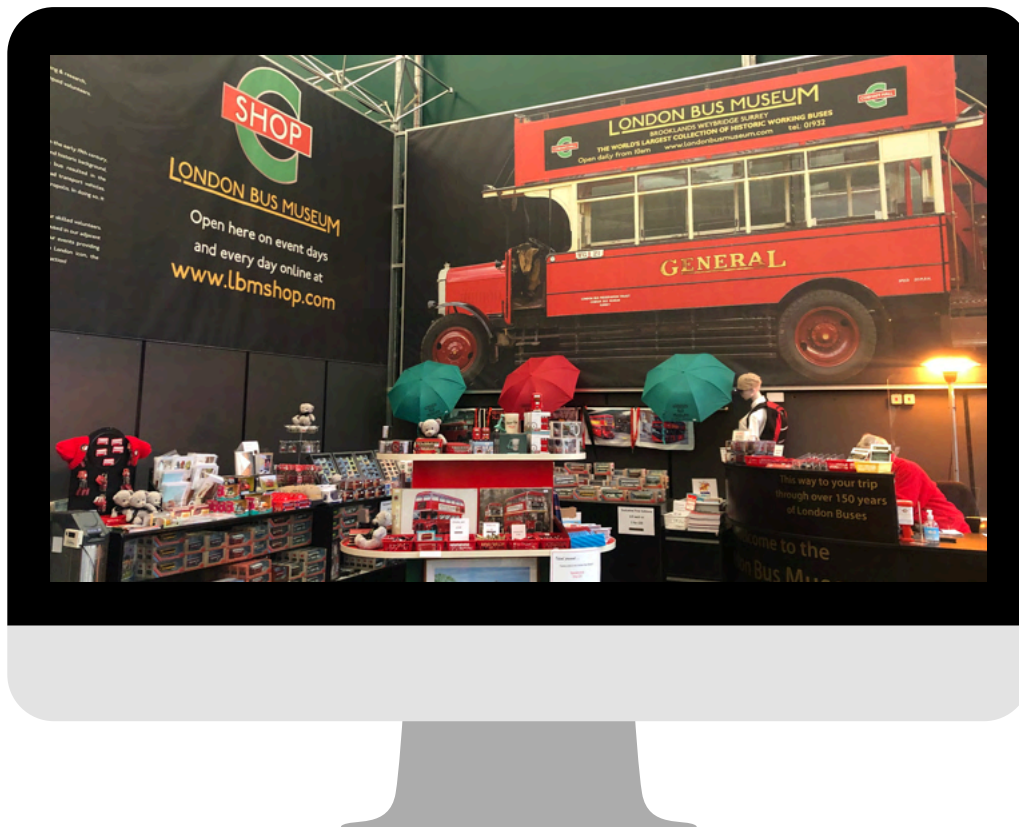
18 October 2026

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

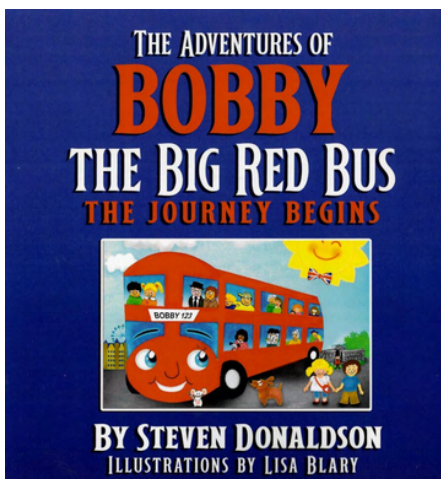
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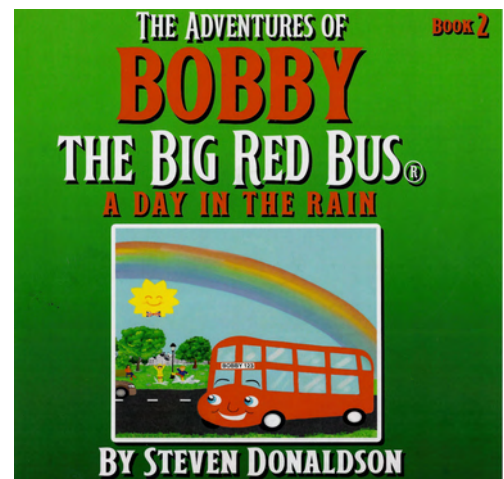
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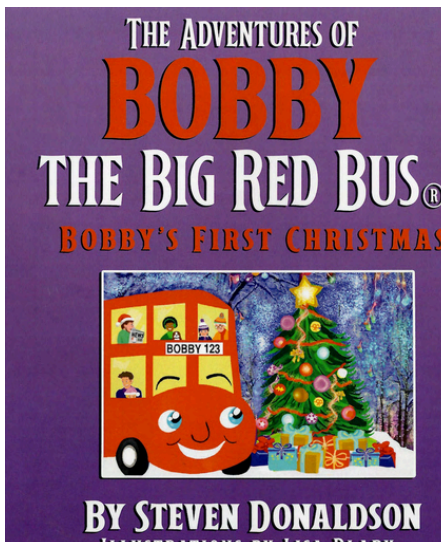
The complete set of the adventures of Bobby the Big Red Bus!



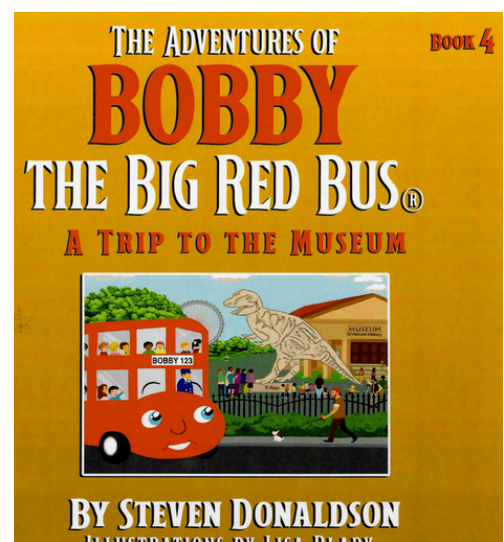
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[A Day in the Rain >](#)



[Bobby's First Christmas >](#)



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February's (not so) mystery object

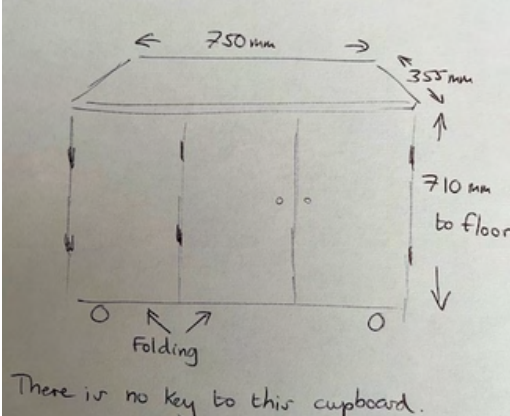
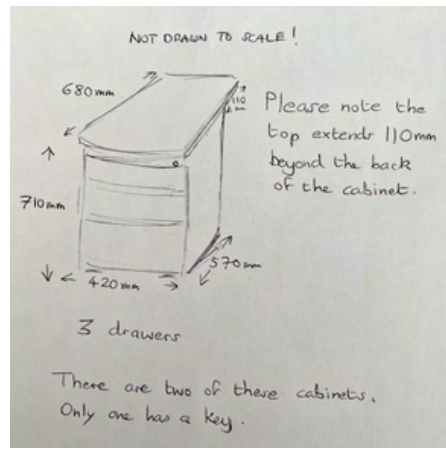
Does anybody have any information about this tram seat? It has been with us for a long time but nobody can tell us where it came from or which type of tram it would have been attached to!

Crich Tramway Museum doesn't recognise the type either and don't want it for their collection.

Does anyone have any information? Please **contact Phil Palmer** (Curatorial) if you can help.



There are three cabinets on the mezzanine level which are surplus to requirements. They are free to anyone who wishes to collect one or more. If you are interested, please email sharon.burton@londonbusmuseum.com or leave your details for Sharon at the Museum.



From the Editor

Although traditionally a quiet period, February seems to be anything but at the LBM! Preparations are well underway for our AGM on 7 March, our route 38 Heritage Day on 14 March and Spring Gathering on 19 April. Additional volunteers are always welcome to assist at any of our events.

Thanks to **Graham Burnell, Sharon Burton, Leon Daniels, Nigel Eadon-Clarke, Peter Edgar, Richard Groves, Robin Helliar-Symons, Denis Malsher and Peter Osborn** for contributing stories and photos for this edition.

Please email me any content for our next edition.

Richard



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Farewell to Tony (above): Long-time Brooklands volunteer **Tony Amos** died recently and his funeral was held on 3 February at Woking Crematorium. Thanks to **Peter Milner** and **Peter Osborn** for crewing **RT 3491**, which provided transport to the funeral.

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