

LONDON
BUS
MUSEUM

SPRING GATHERING

Sunday 19 April 10am-5pm



**BUS RIDES ON
CLASSIC & MODERN VEHICLES**

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CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

Welcome to the London Bus Museum's SPRING GATHERING, we hope you enjoy your day. We are excited to announce the return of our newly restored 1890 Horse Bus which will be officially launched in the Paddock at 10.50 and take passengers on a local ride, at additional cost, at 11.45, 12.15, 12.45, 13.45, 14.15, 14.45. Tickets can be purchased at the Horse Bus Ticket gazebo.

There are plenty of shopping opportunities with the Traders' Market Marquee and Race Bays and the LBM donated items stall and Shillibeer Place, the LBM Shop.

Children can enjoy the LBM's Children's Area, with Magic Mike creating balloon models and the popular Professor Crump wandering the entire site.

Enthusiasts might care to take a free Workshop Tour at 10.30, 11.30, 13.15 and 14.15. Tickets from LBM Reception.

The free 462 bus service runs from 10.00 to 17.00 linking Brooklands with Weybridge and Weybridge Station (see back page for timetable). In addition there will be free buses running a short trip to Cobham (Route 215) or West Byfleet (Route 427) from the same stop (see timetable at bottom of page 6).

Our extended Bus Tours take 45-60 minutes by heritage vehicles (subject to operational considerations) and visit Hersham/Esher (12.00), Leatherhead (13.00), Scilly Isles (14.00) and Chobham (15.00). Tickets can be purchased at the Bus Tours Ticket gazebo.

There are the very popular local Bus Trips at 11.30 and 13.30 on D142, our 1925 Dennis D-type whilst ST922 from 1930 will run at 12.30 and 14.30. Tickets are available to purchase at the Bus Tours gazebo.

Of course there are very many vehicles on display on the Finishing Straight and Campbell Car Park and if you feel hungry, there is the Food Village in the Paddock.

*Our RFW14 put in a welcome appearance at the Bromley event on 7th December 2025. It is seen here at the Crooked Billet terminus in Penge.
(Adrian Palmer)*



Horse Bus

By Alan Gaskell

By the 1890s, London had over 2,000 horse buses and 25,000 horses, with stables and a small army of grooms, blacksmiths and saddlers. One of the largest operator of bus services at this time was the London Road Car Company, which acquired our bus when still fairly new.



*Original painting of the horse bus
(London Transport Museum)*

The bus was allocated to London Road Car Company's small depot in north London, next to what is now Holloway Bus Garage. It ran on a service between Hornsey Rise and Sloane Square under the name Holloway. The splendid colours on buses can be attributed to the fact that a significant number of the population were illiterate, so passengers identified their bus by its colour. A unique feature of the company was the 'Union Jack' flag, which it flew from its vehicles and was also displayed on running boards. Additionally, they were first

to introduce forward-facing 'garden seats' which, along with improved stairs, enabled ladies in their finery to use the upper deck. Originally, the wheels on horse buses were painted to match the body. However to avoid having to keep a large stock of different coloured wheels for speed of changing them, they all became yellow, also adding visibility of the vehicle to pedestrians.

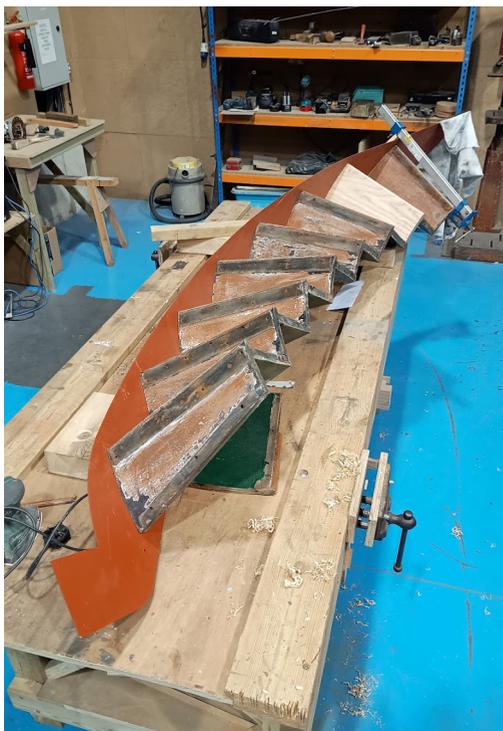
Our horse-drawn bus was restored in 1988 after being reacquired by the Andrews family and in 2007, the John Andrews Charitable Trust donated it to the Bus Museum. It was given a thorough overhaul and full restoration during 2024/5, including being fully stripped of paint and then professionally repainted by hand. Hand-written signs and advertisements of the period were added and its new look is ready to present at our 2026 Spring Festival.



New upper deck floor

The restoration involved the complete replacement of the upper deck floor and waterproofing, the front rear and side panels, and considerable repairs to the seats, but keeping as much of the original parts as possible. A new coachman's seat and leather cushion have been provided together with a new flagpole and Union Jack.

The rotted rear platform was totally rebuilt and part of the stair replaced. Glazing was replaced to current safety standards.



Stair on bench for rebuild



Upper deck sides during installation

The front wheels had completely different cambers, so the nearside axle had to be realigned to make them match and as the whole body tipped forward by several inches the springs were re-tempered and supporting blocks replaced to resolve this.

Before repainting, the whole bus was completely stripped of paint to enable numerous local repairs to the woodwork both inside and out to be undertaken.

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Both RT3491 and RLH48 attended the Chesham running day on 28th September 2025. They are seen together at the Broadway. (Adrian Palmer)



BEA 4RF4 MLL740 rarely sees the light of day, but it was found outside the museum on 22nd October 2025 after being used at TransportFest. (Adrian Palmer)

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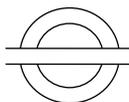
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Cobham Waitrose.....	1117	1137	1157	1217	1237	1257	1317	1337	1357	1417	1437	1457	1517	1537
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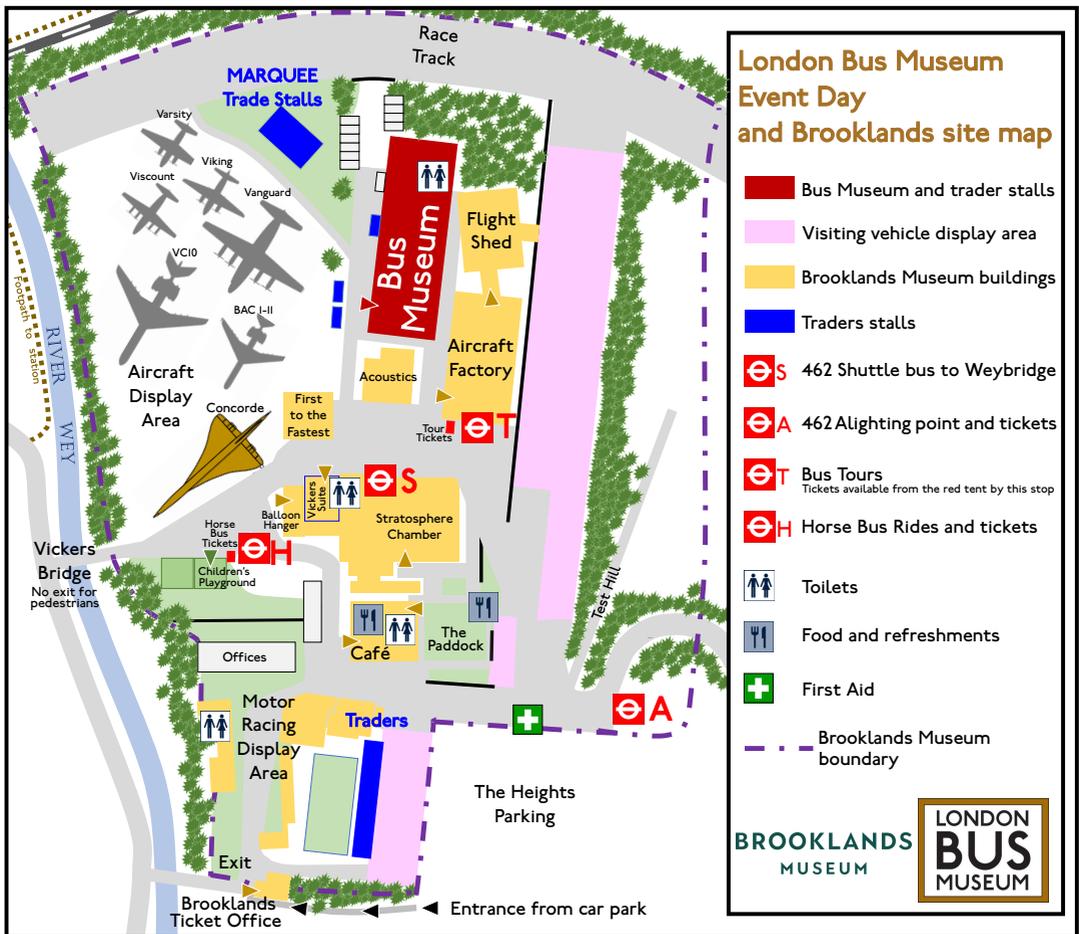
BUS
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Buses stop only at points listed

Event days in 2026: 19 April 2026 only

Brooklands London Bus Museum.....	1110	1130	1150	1210	1230	1250	1310	1330	1350	1410	1430	1450	1510	1530
West Byfleet Waitrose.....	1119	1139	1159	1219	1239	1259	1319	1339	1359	1419	1439	1459	1519	1539
Brooklands London Bus Museum.....	1135	1155	1215	1235	1255	1315	1335	1355	1415	1435	1455	1515	1535	1555

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We very much hope you will enjoy the day. Please listen out for the Public Address to hear further information, but do take care when walking around Brooklands as the ground is uneven in parts and there are numerous vehicles moving through the site all day.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

13th June 2026

Route 213 Heritage Day

28th June 2026

SUMMER EVENT at Brooklands

3rd October 2026

Route 106 Heritage Day

18th October 2026

TRANSPORTFEST at Brooklands

Details of events, including the 2026 Heritage Route event days, are or will be available on our website at www.londonbusmuseum.com.



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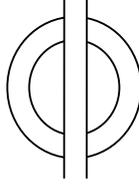
LONDON BUS MUSEUM, WEYBRIDGE and WEYBRIDGE STATION (circular)

Services shown in **BOLD** are operated by wheelchair-accessible buses. Buses stop only at points listed

Event days in 2026: 19 April only

Brooklands London Bus Museum.....	..	1009	1030	1045	1055	1105	1115	1125	1135	1145	1155	1205	1215
Weybridge Station stop C.....	0954	1009	1024	1045	1055	1105	1115	1125	1135	1145	1155	1205	1215
Weybridge The Ship			1043	1054	1104	1114	1124	1134	1144	1154	1204	1214	1224
Weybridge Library			1044	1058	1108	1118	1128	1138	1148	1158	1208	1218	1228
Weybridge Station stop D.....	0955	1010	1048	1059	1109	1119	1129	1139	1149	1159	1209	1219	1229
Brooklands London Bus Museum.....	1002	1017	1055	1103	1113	1123	1133	1143	1153	1203	1213	1223	1233
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Brooklands London Bus Museum.....	1225	1235	1245	1305	1315	1325	1335	1345	1355	1405	1415	1425	1435
Weybridge Station stop C.....	1234	1244	1254	1304	1314	1324	1334	1344	1404	1414	1424	1434	1444
Weybridge The Ship	1238	1248	1258	1308	1318	1328	1338	1348	1408	1418	1428	1438	1448
Weybridge Library	1239	1249	1259	1309	1319	1329	1339	1349	1409	1419	1429	1439	1449
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Weybridge The Ship	1458	1508	1517	1526	1536	1546	1556	1606	1616	1626	1646
Weybridge Library	1459	1509	1518	1527	1537	1547	1557	1607	1617	1627	1647
Weybridge Station stop D.....	1503	1513	1522	1531	1541	1551	1601	1611	1621	1631	1651
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