



Horse power at Cart Marking



PHOTO CREDIT: NIGEL EADON-CLARKE

LBM vehicles had a starring role in the annual (and ancient) ceremony of Cart Marking at the Guildhall in the City of London on 18 July. Our newly-restored 1890 four-light Horse Bus and 1954 AEC Militant recovery vehicle were on parade to delight the crowds. Thanks to the Worshipful Company of Carmen for their hospitality and to all who prepared and drove the vehicles.



Left: Ian Barrett carefully drives the Militant through the arch into Guildhall Yard. Above: the truck emerges onto Gresham Street, under the supervision of LBM Transport Manager Glyn Matthews



Above: horses Bryn and Ben take a break on Wood Street

Left and below left: the horse bus is 'branded'

Right: the horse bus is expertly driven through Guildhall Yard to meet the crowds



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Cart Marking



Left and above: Unique rear-engined Routemaster FRM 1 was the London Transport Museum's entrant this year

Below: former LBM resident S 454 from 1922 was on parade, as were some slightly more modern vehicles





Roundabout 40th anniversary

On 16 August 1986, London Regional Transport (LRT) introduced a new network of routes in Orpington, south-east London, under the brand name 'Roundabout'. To mark the anniversary, Volkswagen/Optare Citypacer OV 2 from the London Transport Museum collection and privately-owned Dennis Dart DT 29 are currently resident in the Museum.

OV 2 (left) was introduced for the service. The vehicles' modern, sleek design was unlike anything which had been seen before. OV 2 saw only four years' service before donation to the LT Museum.

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DT 29 (right) was new in April 1990 and carries Duple/Carlyle bodywork. She was amongst the batch which replaced the Citypacers at Orpington. In 1991 she moved to Fulwell garage for operation on local routes. Luggage racks and coach seats were fitted in 1996 for London United's Airbus Direct service, which ran between Heathrow Airport and central London hotels. She was withdrawn from London service in 2000 and was bought for preservation in 2016. She has recently been overhauled by GoBus at Swanley in time for the 40th anniversary of Roundabout.



The future unveiled

Surrey's newest buses were launched at Brooklands on 9 July. These four fully-electric Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 EVs are the first of what will be a fleet of 13 for **Falcon Buses**. This is all part of Falcon's aim to be zero-emission by 2033. [Read more about the new buses.](#)



Falcon MD and LBM Trustee **Richard Telling** and representatives from **ADL** and **VEV**, the supplier of the electrical charging points, were joined by the Mayor of Elmbridge, **Cllr Judy Sarsby**, to cut the ribbon on the new vehicles.

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Low-ish floor running day

Thanks to **Graham Burnell** and **Simon Greatwood** for taking our 24-year-old **WVL 1** to this annual event, which this year took place on 12 July and saw buses running on routes around East Grinstead and Godstone.

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Our friends at the [London Transport Museum](#) held a mini running day on 20 June on route 33. The vehicles used were [RM1](#), [RCL 2229](#) and [FRM1](#), all from the LTM fleet.



Route 33 running day

PHOTO CREDIT (RIGHT): DAVID BOWKER
OTHERS: NIGEL EADON-CLARKE





Q&A with Ben Kingsley-Scott, volunteer conductor and steward

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

I first became involved in the Museum from a young age through visiting Brooklands with my family. LBM event days were particularly thrilling for me, as during this time **Peter Brown** drove historic buses down to attend the events, and I was fortunate enough to be a passenger on many of them. Once I became old enough to volunteer, Peter then recommended that I did so! I started by stewarding and then conducting, both roles that I still highly enjoy. The most enjoyable part of volunteering for me is getting to meet new people and either learn new information or teach them new information.

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

This is such a difficult question: all of them! However, if I had to pick just one, my favourite class of vehicle in the collection has to be any RF or **UMP**! The RF holds a special place in my heart, as it is one of the first vehicles that I visited the Museum on. I also like it because if you ask most people what a 'typical London bus' is they do not expect a single door, single decker that performed almost every role that LT had at the time: Central area bus, Country area bus and Green Line coach. I have also had the pleasure of conducting RFs many times.

What's your earliest bus memory?

The Year of the Bus in 2014. As a six-year-old, it was quite exciting to attend so many events. I particularly remember **Stockwell garage's** open day (due to its impressive roof) and the Regent Street Cavalcade. The Cavalcade opened my eyes to the world of historic buses in particular and led to me to become more interested in historical vehicles in general.

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Left: Ben and his father **Robert** (also an LBM volunteer Duty Manager) with UMP

Ben Kingsley-Scott

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

No idea, as it changes every few days, but at the top of my favourites list is any non-fiction book or documentary on transport or modern history. After that, any murder mystery which uses correct buses for the period (and I will check to see what bus they have used, much to the annoyance of anyone trying to watch!), with my most recent favourite being *Patience*. Closely followed by everything else!

What would you take to a desert island?

My scouting backpack and gear, as then I would be prepared!

What would you say to someone thinking about volunteering at LBM?

Apply and join! There are so many opportunities and roles for all people and skills (and you don't just have to like buses!).



Above: Ben and Robert make their way to the Year of the Bus Cavalcade. Anyone recognise the driver of LT 1076?



Left: young Ben with RT1

Right: at the wheel of RT 1431

Below left: with James Wake at Imberbus

Below right: conducting RM 1962 at March's route 38 Heritage Day



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Praise for our Route 213 Heritage Day

Thanks to all the crews and organisers for a great day out. I hadn't been on a RT bus for nearly 50 years!

A perfect day of nostalgia in London.

Got a ride on FRM 1. The day was worth it just for that!

A great nostalgia trip for a Sutton school pupil who did the Worcester Park trip every day. So many people were by the road filming and so many young kids were interested too. Well played to all the staff and volunteers.

We came across the heritage day by chance, luckily for us. We managed to get on four different buses, quite a treat! Thank you to all connected to the organisation and the running of the event.

The positive feedback from the public was the best I've known. The sunshine helped as well!



Excellent day. It's the reaction of the general public, especially the children, which is most heartening.

Really lovely seeing the buses go past my house!

Amazing! You must do it again - we all loved it!

Thank you to everyone involved. I had a brilliant day which brought back lots of memories!

Thank you so much to everyone. I had such a lovely day on these vintage buses.

It was a fantastic day. Managed some trips and photos too. I'm looking forward to the next one already.

Loved seeing them out and about. The good old days!



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LBM Events 2026/2027



Route 106 Heritage Day

3 October 2026

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

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TransportFest

18 October 2026

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

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Spring Gathering

18 April 2027

Join us for our annual transport curtain-raiser to kick off the 2027 rally season with a range of vehicles, rides, stalls and fun

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Summer Festival

27 June 2027

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

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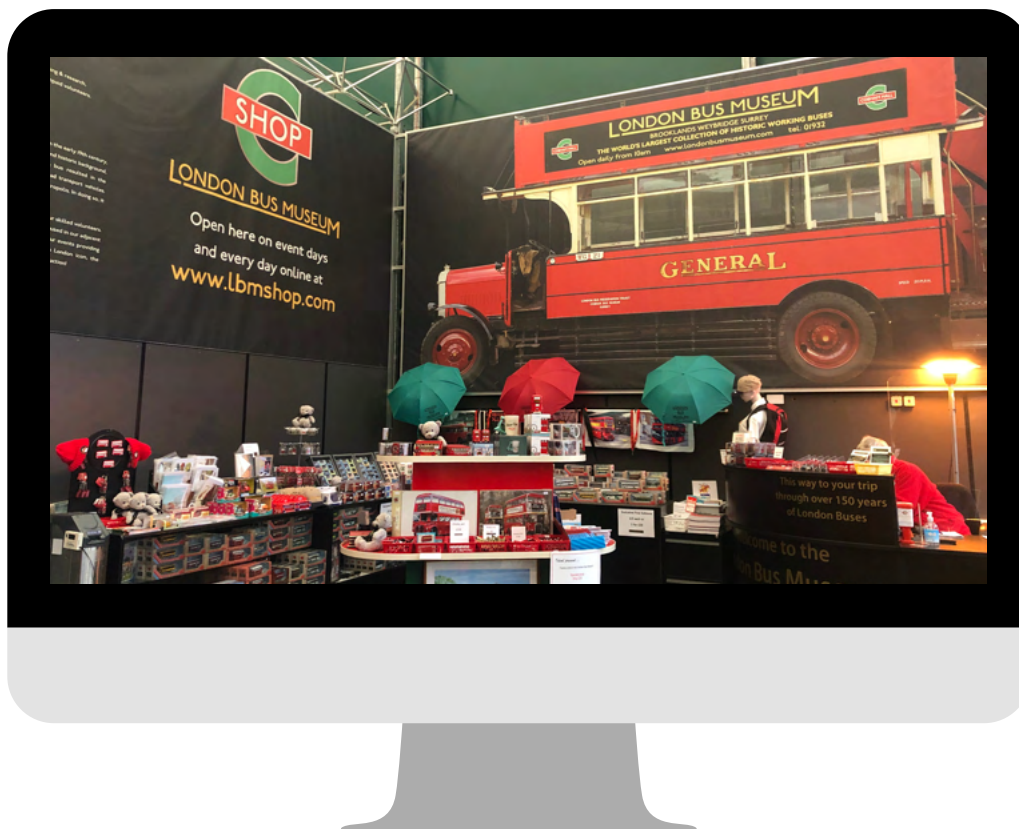
24 October 2027

Save the date for 2027's autumn extravaganza to round off next year's programme of events

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You still have the chance to pick up one of these limited edition models,
exclusive to the LBM - while stocks last!



From EFE Road, the final Routemaster built, RML 2760 is depicted as she is today and is blinded for the Weybridge circular 462 route to and from the London Bus Museum



Our AEC Regent ST class model by Jotus is in Tillings Livery on route 146A. This is a highly detailed model and depicts one of the stars of our vehicle collection



Another highly detailed model from Jotus, this is RF 25, a former tourist coach converted to Green Line operation and shown on route 715 to Guildford

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Powered by volunteers

Below: Preparations for events like our Summer Festival begin months in advance. However on the day before, once the Museum had closed to the public, work began to prepare the building for the following day. This involved much shunting of vehicles including D 142, ST 922 and the horse bus, all of which were in service on the day.

Thanks to Lorraine Gray for the photos.



From the Editor

We were very sorry to learn of the death of long-standing volunteer **Alan Heasman** on 21 July. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Thanks to all who are working hard to keep the LBM show on the road throughout the school summer holidays!

Thanks to David Bowker, Graham Burnell, Leon Daniels, Nigel Eadon-Clarke, Colin Fradd, Lorraine Gray and Ben Kingsley-Scott for generously contributing stories and photos for this edition.

Please email me any content for the next edition.

Richard



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Above: Following the historic body and chassis separation of T 357 in March, the chassis went away on 15 July for restoration work to begin

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