



LONDON BUS MUSEUM

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Imberbus



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Around 40 buses and thousands of people gathered at the abandoned village of Imber on Salisbury Plain for **Imberbus** on 15 August. Vehicles old and new provided scenic rides around the local area, including surrounding villages, and raised funds for charity. The event concluded with a spectacular cavalcade across the Plain.



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Oxted running day

Thanks to Tom Drake and Ben Kingsley-Scott for crewing the Museum's **RF 226** on 26 July. A wide range of vehicles offered trips around the Surrey countryside at this year's event, organised by the **Amersham & District Motorbus Society**.





Oxford Bus Museum

Ian Barrett

On 2 August the Museum's **T 448** attended the 'Grand Day Out' event at the **Oxford Bus Museum** in Long Hanborough. The idea of the event was to give a glimpse into the 'golden age of coach travel'. Although now in bus livery, T 448c was originally a Green Line coach.

Richard and Mia Hastings joined me, as crew for the day. We met up with **Peter Rodger** at Windsor Racecourse, in **John Herting's** RT 2177. We intended to use as many 'A' roads as possible to minimise the motorway mileage, as it would make the journey so much more interesting - although possibly not so good for other motorists following behind!

Our chosen route was A308, A404, onto the A4130, through Henley and joining the A4074 towards Oxford. Then around Oxford, before turning onto the A44 north and then A4095, to Long Hanborough. A very nice route, with various excellent vistas to behold but some challenging hills to climb. Our speed necessitated multiple stops, to allow traffic behind us to pass!

There was a small but interesting collection of additional vehicles in attendance: EYA 923, a Leyland Cheetah with Harrington bodywork, new to Blue Motors of Minehead; NAE 3, a Bristol L-ECW, ex-Bristol Tramways (Greyhound Services); PTW 110, Bristol L-ECW, an almost identical vehicle to the previous one, but with Eastern National; and FRP 692, Bristol KS-ECW, ex-United Counties. You might wonder at the presence of a London RT at this event, but it was representing similar ex-LT vehicles operated by Charlton-on-Otmoor, on their local services in the Oxford area.





Oxford

A number of local journeys were operated by Museum and visiting buses, including trips to Peartree, Witney, Freeland, Woodstock and (London!) Oxford Airport. En route, most of these offered photographic opportunities to the passengers.



The Oxford Bus Museum is a great place to visit, as it covers all sorts of transport options, including a large section on Lord Nuffield and his 'Morris' company, which is very interesting. It is right next to Long Hanborough station, so easily accessed by public transport.

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Roundabout 40th Birthday

On 16 August **RF 226** was once again the LBM's representative, this time for the Roundabout celebrations (see **E-news July**). This took place at Swanley garage and Gamecock Meadow and provided rides between the two locations. Thanks to **Martin Carter** and **Adrian Palmer** for crewing the bus.





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Thanks to David Harman, Laurie Mountjoy and Chris Taylor for staffing the LBM pop-up shop.

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Air cadets visit

The Cadets of the 862 RAFAC Sunbury Squadron visited Brooklands on the evening of Thursday 23 July and were shown around by their Padre, Simon Douglas Lane, with help from Kevin Porter.

As well as a tour of Concorde, the Cadets were treated to a ride on RT 3491, the highlight of any visit to the LBM!

PHOTO CREDIT: C/O SIMON DOUGLAS LANE





Not just buses!

We are extremely grateful to **David Bowker** for finding, purchasing and donating the Trolleybuses sign (left) to the Museum, which is now on display below the mezzanine.

The Museum has an extensive collection of smaller items, all of which contribute to the story of the London bus over the last (almost) 200 years. We are always very grateful to receive donated items to enhance the collection.

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LBM Events 2026/2027



Route 106 Heritage Day

3 October 2026

Our third Heritage Day will see historic vehicles in service, providing free bus rides 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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TransportFest

24 October 2027

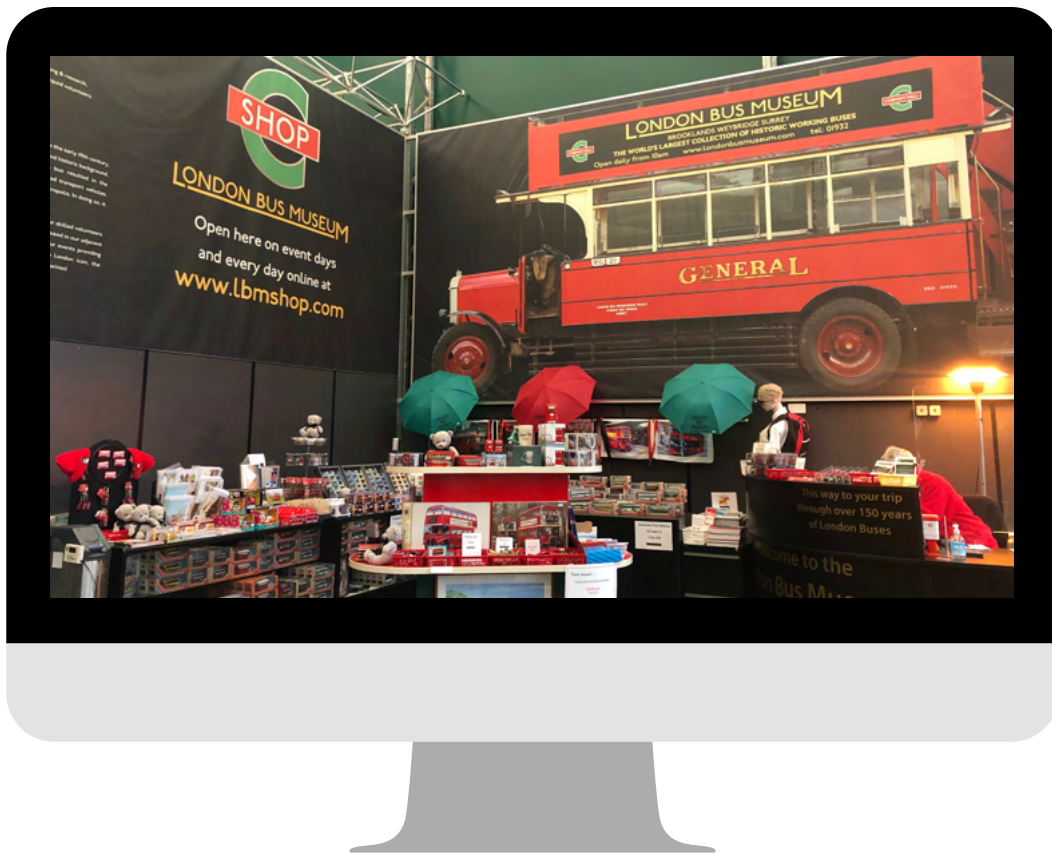
Save the date for 2027's autumn extravaganza to round off next year's programme of events

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Save the dates for our 2027 Heritage Days:
Route 6, 20 March • Route 107, 13 June • Route 85, 2 October

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Imberprep

The village became a centre of activity the day before the great event, with bus stops and other amenities being prepared!



During Friday afternoon, Bristol VR/ECW BFT 666T (below) was dedicated to the memory of the late **Andrew Wickham MBE**, in the presence of his wife, family members and friends. Andrew was the former MD of Salisbury Reds, who died in May 2025.



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From the Editor

As the school summer holidays draw to a close, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard to keep the Museum running and to ensure our visitors fully enjoyed their experience. Thanks also to our workshop team for ensuring the availability of our vehicles for daily bus rides; and especially to **Tom Yun** and **Andrew Collins** for making sure the daily stewards roster and bus crew roster are maintained. The Museum could not function without this combined volunteer effort!

Thanks to **Ian Barrett**, **Leon Daniels**, **Simon Douglas Lane**, **Nigel Eadon-Clarke**, **Laurie Mountjoy**, **Adrian Palmer** and **John Townsend** for contributing their stories and photos.

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

Richard

Below: dusty buses head home from Imber

