



Guildford's heritage celebrated



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STL 2377 waits time at Guildford Library beside RF 354 and RF 600 at the Guildford Heritage Open Day on 19 September. The buses provided rides through the town and out to the site of the Dennis factory (now the Guildford Business Park) and were joined by a line-up of other historic Dennis vehicles. Thanks to **Peter Maynard** and **Peter Milner** for crewing the STL.





By Royal appointment

Many thanks to Robin Helliar-Symons and Peter Milner for taking STL 2377 to the Egham Royal Show on 30 August; and to Laurie Mountjoy and Chris Taylor for staffing the pop-up shop. It was a successful day and the team enjoyed supporting a local event and spreading the word about the work of the LBM and its volunteers.

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Left: STL 2377 meets one of Surrey's newest buses, a fully electric Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 EV of Falcon Buses (see E-news July)

PHOTO CREDIT (LEFT): PETER MILNER

Below: The STL took her place in the vintage and classic vehicle parade at the show

PHOTO CREDIT (BELOW): IAN JACKSON



Air Cadets descend

Brooklands Museum hosted the massed ranks of the Surrey Wing Air Cadets on Saturday 5 September. Some of the cadets were fortunate enough to take a trip on RT 4779 before starting the day's activities. Thanks to Peter Maynard for driving the bus.





A rarity arrives

We are extremely grateful to **John Congram** for his generous and significant donation to the Museum: a Lansing Bagnall vehicle tug, which arrived by low-loader on 2 September.

Powered by electricity, these tugs were used by LT to move vehicles and heavy equipment around garages and the works. We may even press it into service ourselves one day!

PHOTOS (LEFT, BELOW AND BELOW LEFT): LEON DANIELS

OTHERS: EDITOR



Elmbridge Civic Day

Thanks to **Glyn Matthews** and **Anthony Moore** for providing transport on **RML 2760** for the annual Surrey Mayors' Day on 21 September.

Following the customary tour of Brooklands Museum (including the Concorde simulator), the group went on to view the Chelsea FC training ground at Cobham, followed by afternoon tea on **D'Oyly Carte Island**.

ALL PHOTOS: GLYN MATTHEWS





Shades of Green

On 30 August our friends at the Epping Ongar Railway held their Golden Rover event: a celebration of all things country bus. A number of visiting vehicles attended and gave rides, in addition to the EOR's own fleet.

The event ended with a line-up of vehicles for photographs at the site of the old Epping LT garage (bottom).

PHOTO CREDIT (FAR BELOW): MALCOLM PAYNE; OTHERS: RICHARD GROVES



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Epping Ongar



Congratulations, Tom!

Bob Bailey

I was invited by **Central Surrey Voluntary Action** (CSVA) to nominate a volunteer who has given exceptional service to the London Bus Museum. After discussion, I nominated **Tom Yun**, who does so much for us and has a lot of grateful support from many people. On Wednesday 2 September, we both went to the certificate presentation ceremony at Cobham Village Hall. Tom was given two certificates: one recognising his exceptional service and one for the LBM team for their dedicated service too.

It was a long event, but Tom graciously stayed the course with me! Here are pictures of him receiving the certificates. There were about 35 candidates and Tom was last but one, so it was bit of an endurance test!

The CSVA is a good connection for the Museum to have. See the **full report** of all those who received recognition: Tom's entry is on page 53!

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Grab a bargain!

Melvin Phillips

Having received a number of very substantial donations of models this year, we will be offering large numbers of EFE and Corgi 1:76 scale models at very low clearance prices (with volume discounts) at **TransportFest** on 18 October. Don't miss the bargains on offer!

We will also be offering our usual selection of quality books and our half-price offer on timetables continues.

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Amersham Heritage Day

Historic vehicles were in service again for this year's Heritage Day, providing a shuttle service between the Old Town and the distant Metropolitan line station.

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Q&A with Phil Palmer, Curatorial Manager

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

After I retired, I decided to give the LBM a try. I was blown away by the friendliness of absolutely everyone at the Museum, and ended up in Curatorial, where they set me to archiving some of the donations we'd received over Covid, when record-keeping got seriously behind.

I wondered about the stories behind some of the donations we'd received and started calling up the donors. The stories I heard from donors, their parents and grandparents were fascinating and are, I suppose, my favourite part of the work we do.

However, the part I enjoy most is undoubtedly the people you meet: donors, visitors, and most of all, other volunteers.

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

My favourite is probably C4 - not for any particular reason, but just because I like 1930s vehicles. Another favourite is RLH 48, the lowbridge bus from the 1950s. I climbed upstairs in it once and suddenly had a flashback to doing the same thing with my Mum sometime in the 1960s and asking her about the sunken gangway. Annoyingly I can't remember any more details, but there was a low bridge near where I lived in Maidenhead and the local buses went under it, so perhaps that was where it was.

What current projects are happening in Curatorial?

Our biggest project is annotating the slides and photos, in conjunction with the Transport Library. At time of writing we have 20,466 photos online with them, and there are plenty more to go.

We are also reviewing parts of our collection. We have already 'deaccessioned' a large number of pictures and display items, so that they can be disposed of to the second-hand stall. One of the next tasks is a review of the bus collection itself, which is going to take some time and involve volunteers from all parts of the Museum.



Phil Palmer

Finally, we are preparing an audio display to tell some of the bus-related stories I mentioned earlier.

What are some of the more unusual donations you've received?

There was a large Westinghouse pump, which has some mysterious workshop function which I can't remember but which the workshop were pleased to have. Then there was a beautifully catalogued collection of bus tickets from the pirate buses of the 1920s, collected by a conductor at the time.

The most worrying donation I've handled was a flare, which was issued to conductors in 1952 to guide buses through the Great Smog. It looked like a large Roman candle, and I was concerned that we were proposing to store - in a museum noted for its extremes of hot and cold - something that was essentially a firework containing 70-year-old explosive. Some hurried research on the internet produced nothing useful; however, one thing about the Museum is that there's always someone you can contact! After a short wait, I got the answer that the thing is basically just a large candle and was therefore safe.

Tell us about your professional life.

I'm a retired solicitor, working mostly with property and estates. I haven't had too much to do with buses, but long experience of dealing with contracts and regulations has been useful for dealing with loans and the review process I mentioned earlier, as once an item has been accessioned - accepted as a donation - there are strict rules about disposing of it.

A lifetime of taking statements has been useful in collecting those bus stories I mentioned. People's bus stories are certainly much more fun to deal with than some of the stories I've had to deal with in property disputes or divorce!

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

I love a good murder mystery or spy story. I've just finished re-reading one of Lindsay Davies' *Falco* mysteries, set in ancient Rome, whilst on the TV my wife and I are working through a murder mystery series called *Brokenwood*, set in New Zealand. I don't believe for a minute that it's anything like what really happens, but who cares?



Above: the sunken upper deck gangway of the Museum's RLH 48



Above: A couple of evocative photos currently on display in the Curatorial office at the Museum. Donations of London-related transport memorabilia are always welcome. [Find out more](#)

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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



Summer Festival

27 June 2027

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



TransportFest

24 October 2027

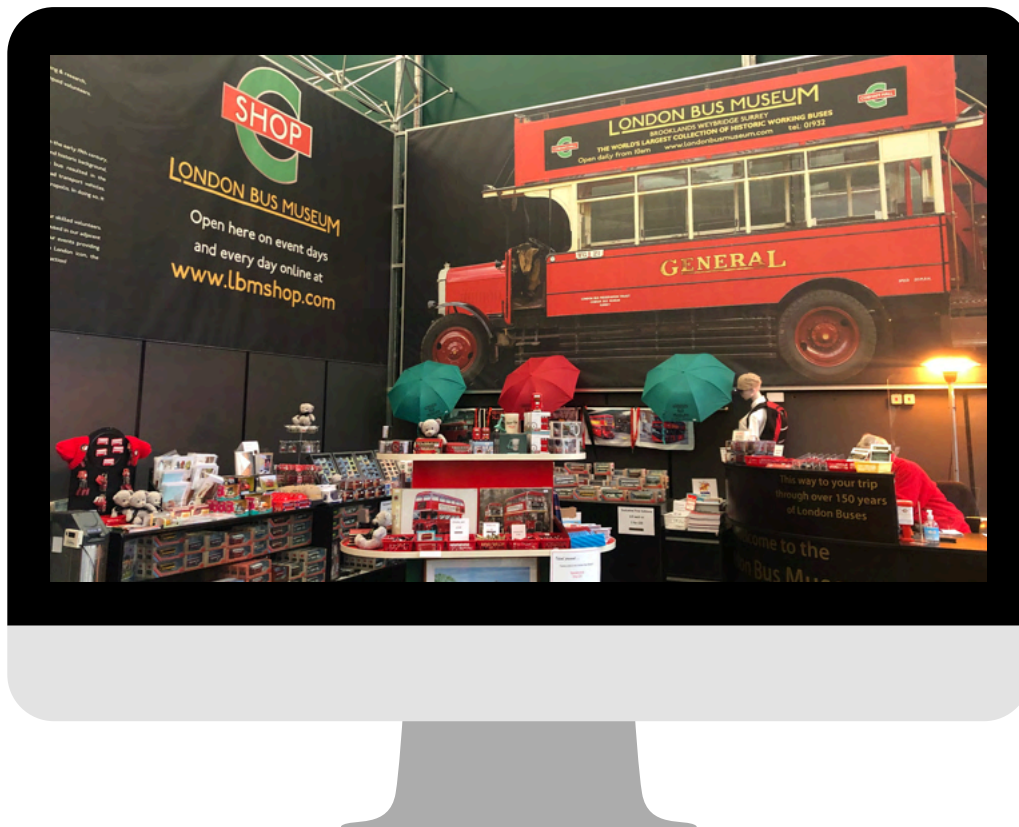
Save the date for 2027's autumn extravaganza to round off next year's programme of events

Save the dates for our 2027 Heritage Days:

Route 6, 20 March • Route 107, 13 June • Route 85, 2 October

What's in Shillibeer Place, the LBM gift shop

Buy in store or online



Think of the London Bus Museum every tea and coffee time! These mugs depict our three recent restoration projects: D 142, T 448 and the Horse Bus



In store only

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Carr on a bus

TV personality Alan Carr was spotted filming at Brooklands on 26 August. Here he is undergoing conductor training on RML 2760.



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Mystery bag



PHOTOS: SHARON BURTON

For several months this little collection has hung on a peg in the canteen. If it's yours, please email Sharon Burton. Otherwise it's destined for the donated items stall!

Remembering Steve Edmonds



We have received notification of the funeral arrangements for Steve Edmonds. There will be a private cremation for the family, followed by a service of celebration of Steve's life, to which all his friends and former colleagues are invited.

The service will be held at St Paul's church, Howell Hill on **Friday 16 October** at 2pm, followed by refreshments at the church. RML 2760 will be leaving the Museum at 11.45am. Please contact Peter Brown if you intend to travel on the bus. If you are travelling independently and would like to attend, please contact Deryck Fill.

From the Editor

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Richard

Milly takes a break: On 26 August our 1954 AEC Militant recovery vehicle travelled by low-loader to a specialist works in Suffolk for works to the steering pump, fuel pump and air system to take place. She'll return to the LBM soon.



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