



Dewsbury Bus Museum NEWSLETTER

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAY!



We must admit that we had some slight misgivings when we realised that Mothering Sunday had been moved to 10th March to clash with our Spring Open Day this year. The misgivings increased when one of the buses in our plan was involved in a minor accident a few days before. Then, with less than 24 hours to go, a workman doing a small repair on nearby Scout Hill put his excavator through a huge water main, resulting in floods, temporary traffic lights and massive congestion on our shuttle route. Calder Road (on the Charlotte's Special route) was closed for "planned maintenance", sending even more traffic up Scout Hill. Our local train services were suspended due to track repairs, and it started snowing during the night! The temperature remained below freezing throughout the event accompanied by a biting easterly wind!

But, were we downhearted? No! Our treasurer worked miracles on the damaged bus, repairing it superbly. Due to a brilliant insight, every shuttle journey had an 18-minute park-up at

each end, so the traffic delays were absorbed. Our volunteers flocked to the local thermal underwear and overcoat stores to equip themselves, and - although records were not quite broken and attendance figures were down slightly, profits were actually a little higher than the November 2012 event.

As usual, we operated every single advertised journey on time (and with the advertised vehicle) and decent loads were carried.

Mark Byard took the photograph on this page, which shows the line of West Riding buses in Havelock Street. The Guy Wulfrunian (UCX 275) carried its first passengers for several years, operating in service from Pontefract. The Leyland Panther (LHL 164F) returned to business, having been off the road since last June with a cooling system problem. In all, ten buses provided the services, and a roaring trade was done by the stalls in the Museum building.

Our local Subway branch was besieged by our visitors and actually ran out of bread! More pictures appear on the next page.....

Charlotte's Ice Cream Parlour in Whitley was a popular destination again. The Ford Thames coach, crewed by Simon Turner and June Hare is fully loaded ready to return to the Bus Museum. At the rear, the Halifax Leopard has just arrived, crewed by Kelvyn Waites and his daughter Rebecca. In the middle is "Tod 9", on an unofficial extra trip..... and the sun is actually shining!



A fully-laden UCX 275 is pictured departing from Havelock Street. This is the only operational Guy Wulfrunian in the whole world, and is a credit to those whose hard work got it back on the road after several years' absence.

Ian Frith brought along his newly-restored "Little Nipper", which recently featured on television news programmes.



Another Yorkshire Woollen bus was on display in Havelock Street. 893 (GHD 765) has been splendidly restored.

And finally, Steve Hurley's recently acquired "Tracky" National 2 rests at Charlotte's, with Steve and his conductor, Richard Hall, sitting inside having obviously decided it was too cold to go for an ice cream.



The photographs on this page were taken by John Alexander and Steve Abrahams.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th April:

Meeting for WROPS members. (Venue to be announced).

Monday 15th April: 7.15 pm
Monthly meeting in The Principal.

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May:

YTCC rally at Crow Nest Park, Dewsbury.
We will be entering a few buses.

Sunday 12th May:
Sheffield 100 event at Aldwarke.

Monday 20th May: 7.15 pm
Monthly Meeting in The Principal.

Friday 31st May:
Deadline to submit material for the June Newsletter.

Sunday 2nd June:
North West Vehicle Restoration Trust running day at Kirkby, Liverpool. Steve Hurley is planning to take Leyland National NKU 245X. If you want to go along, please see Steve as soon as possible to claim your seat. Last year the Panther took part in this very enjoyable event.

Monday 17th June: 7.15 pm
Monthly meeting in The Principal.

Friday 5th July:
Fleur-de-lys evening rally at Thornes Park, Wakefield.

Saturday 6th July & Sunday 7th July:
Ecclesbourne Railway bus & coach rally.

Sunday 7th July:
Keighley Bus Museum Open Day.

Monday 15th July: 7.15 pm
Monthly Meeting in The Principal.

Sunday 21st July:
HEATH COMMON RUNNING DAY, organised by the West Riding Bus Group. We will be heavily involved in this event, and details will appear on www.wrbg.co.uk

Monday 19th August: 7.15 pm
Monthly Meeting in The Principal.

Monday 16th September: 7.15 pm
Monthly Meeting in The Principal.

Monday 21st October: 7.15 pm
Annual General Meeting in The Principal.

Sunday 17th November: 10.30 am - 4.30 pm:
Dewsbury Bus Museum Autumn Open Day.

Monday 18th November: 7.15 pm
Monthly Meeting in The Principal.

Monday 16th December: 7.15 pm
Monthly Meeting in The Principal.

THE COMMITTEE

At the last meeting, we welcomed two new Trustees, Mick Bennett and Andrew Beever who, along with John Flowers, Tony White, Lesley Sleigh and Mark Byard, bring the total to six Trustees. Both are dedicated and hardworking members, and we wish them well in their new responsibilities.

To complete the Committee, and comply with our Constitution, we need a Chairman of the Trust (not to be confused with the Meeting Chairman, Richard Hall).

Any full member who would like to stand for election to this post should contact the Secretary, Tony Salmon, by Sunday 31st March. If there is more than one applicant, ballot papers will be prepared and the election will take place at our monthly meeting on Monday 15th April.

THE NEWSLETTER

We could really do with a few "features" - articles other than lists of dates and business.

If you have an interesting story to tell, or some photographs to share about our buses, or the history of the local transport scene, please pass them to Tony Salmon as soon as you can.