

OXFORD BUS MUSEUM

February 2024 e-newsletter

Half-term bus rides and Explorer Notebooks

Children have short attention spans, so to keep them interested in our exhibits, this half term we are launching 'Explorer Notebooks'.

Roger Battley has prepared the notebooks and they will be given out to 5-7 year olds on Sunday 11 and Wednesday 14 February.

One covers the bus museum and the other the Morris Motors Museum. The aim of the booklets is to keep young visitors interested in chosen exhibits and answer simple questions about them, thereby holding their interest.



Photo: Charmian Collingwood

There will be bus rides at 12.15 and 2.15pm on each day with an additional ride at 1pm on Wednesday 14 February. The photograph is of 756 KFC just before it gave rides on New Year's Day.

Cutting the laurel hedge

A problem with hedges is that they grow! When cut back, they grow even faster.

In 2022 the laurel hedge between the museum and the upper station car park was pruned back savagely. This winter it was decided to cut back the top of the hedge and prune it again.

Thanks are due to Anthony Williamson, Margaret and John Crane who undertook



Photo: Anthony Williamson

the work.

The bottom photograph shows one of the piles of cuttings. After the work is completed, it will be necessary to hire a skip.

This is one of the many financial costs of running the museum, which are often forgotten or overlooked. Also often taken for granted is the time given freely by volunteers.

Events in the next three months

Sun 11 February	HALF TERM Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm
Wed 14 February	HALF TERM Bus Rides at 12.15, 1.00 & 2.15pm
Sun 10 March	MOTHER'S DAY - Free entry and a cream tea for mothers accompanied by their children under 16, with Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm
Sun 31 March	EASTER CHICK HUNT & find the Easter Bunny, with Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm
BH Mon 1 April	EASTER CHICK HUNT & find the Easter Bunny, with Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm
Sun 7 April	MODEL RAILWAY DISPLAYS Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm
Sun 21 April	Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm
Sun 28 April	DRIVE IT DAY with a free tea or coffee & cake for drivers of visiting classic cars

Recent comments from our visitors' book

- “Absolutely brilliant. Friendly volunteers and very good value for money. Coffee in the café is good too.” Swindon .
- “Excellent. Very noticeable how clean the museum is kept. Well done and thanks.”
- “Very interesting. Brought back many happy memories of catching the number 13 bus from Gloucester Green to Abingdon.”
- “Lovely museum. Well worth a visit.” Pewsey, Wiltshire.
- “Had a good time. It was our first visit. Excellent.” Surrey.
- “Kids loved it, so did the adults. Lots of memories.”
- “Very well presented and really informative- exceeded my expectations. Well done.” Derbyshire

Hydraulic press for the workshop

Worth's Motor Services Limited have generously donated a 60 ton hydraulic press to the museum's workshop.

Ken Merry negotiated its acquisition and his son's business transported it to the museum.

This invaluable piece of machinery will be used for bending and pushing together steel and flattening warped parts.

It was photographed immediately after its delivery, standing on a pallet awaiting the fork lift to take it into the workshop.

