

Purchase updates historic bus collection

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20 SEPTEMBER 2016 - Oxford Bus Museum has bought a bought ex-City of Oxford Motor Services VOLVO B10B / Plaxton 'Verde' single decker, which had been bought new by the company in November 1995. The new fleet of Volvos replaced elderly Bristol VRT's and second hand ex-London Leyland Titans. The new Volvo's were more comfortable, had better acceleration and superior ride quality when compared with the Darts being operated by competitors. N 605 FJO will be on display on Sunday 2 October 2016 when a great day-out is promised for the whole family at the Oxford Festival of Transport being held by the Oxford Bus Museum.

There will be a fascinating display of preserved vintage buses, coaches, cars and commercial vehicles at the main rally site which is at the new OXFORD PARKWAY rail station, North Oxford OX2 8HA.

The Rally site and Museum will be linked by a free vintage bus service running every 15 minutes from 10am until 4pm. Rides on this shuttle service will be free. It will be operated by both Museum buses and some of those visiting the festival. Many of the buses will have conductors on-board to issue traditional bus tickets.

The museum will be open from 10am until 4.30pm with its collection of 30 vintages buses and coaches, the earliest dating from 1913, a collection of Morris cars dating from 1925 to 1977 and a collection of 45 vintage bicycles on display. Also on display will be our newly restored 1881 horse-drawn tram and recently acquired ex-Oxford Bus Company VOLVO B10B – a single deck bus typical of the mid 1990's.

Other attractions include a miniature steam railway and children's face-painting.

Parking in the main Hanborough Station car park is free, which is adjacent to the museum where our café shop and toilet facilities are available.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

The Oxford Bus Museum tells the story of bus and coach travel around Oxfordshire over the last 130 years. Our exhibits include historic preserved horse-drawn vehicles, buses, coaches and a wide selection of artefacts (bus stops, ticket machines, timetables, posters, staff uniforms) and lots of fantastic photos illustrating our diverse public transport history.

Since 2004 we've also been home to the Morris Motors Museum, which charts the story of how these classic British cars and commercial vehicles were produced at Cowley, in the city. Our impressive collection of vintage Morris vehicles represents those produced during William Morris's life.

We also have a unique collection of 40 vintage bicycles. It wouldn't be Oxford without bikes!

The museum is a charity and run entirely by volunteers. There is free parking and a café.

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STATUTORY INFORMATION

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