

'Trolleybus 50'

Saturday 12th May 2012

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OPEN DAY AT FULWELL BUS GARAGE

- 10am until 5pm • FREE admission
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16 London Trolleybuses and vintage London buses on display including 1521 Fulwell Garage, Wellington Road, Twickenham TW2 5NX

A spectacular, free Open Day is being held at Fulwell Depot in Twickenham on Saturday 12th May 2012 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the last trolleybuses to run in London. London's first and last trolleybuses will be on display along with other classic and iconic London buses, including Routemasters. This important landmark in London's transport history will celebrate the 31 years of silent service that trolleybuses gave to the community.

Just after 1am on Wednesday 9 May 1962 London's very last Trolleybus service ran into Fulwell Depot, ending an era of overhead powered electric road transport. Thousands turned out to witness this historic

event. 31 years earlier on 16th May 1931, London's first Trolleybus service had gone into service from Fulwell. At its peak London's Trolleybus network covered 255 miles of the capital and was operated by a fleet of 1,811 vehicles.

'Trolleybus 50' has been organised by London United Busways in association with the London Transport Museum, the London Bus Museum at Brooklands, the East Anglia Transport Museum at Carlton Colville, the London Trolleybus Preservation Society and enthusiastic private bus owners. It has been sponsored by London United Busways, The Friends of the London Transport Museum and the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

As part of the celebrations a frame by frame re-make of the classic short film 'Twickenham to Teddington by Trolleybus' made on 16th May 1931 has been shot. The 2012 version features one of London United's newest buses. The two films are shown side by side on screen. See YouTube 'Twickenham to Teddington 2012'.

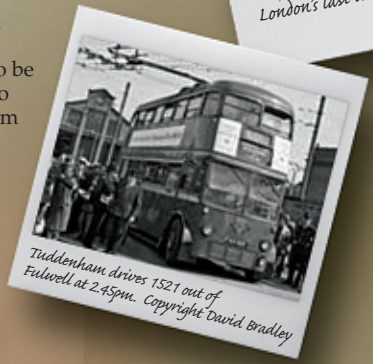
Souvenir programmes are now available with all the proceeds going to The League of Friends of Teddington Memorial Hospital and to Hampton Hill based charity SOS!Special Educational Needs.

Alex Juniper, Senior General Manager of London United Busways said, "Fulwell Depot has played a key role in the history and evolution of London's trams, trolleybuses and now buses. I am delighted to be hosting 'Trolleybus 50'. We look forward to seeing lots of people, showing them the vehicles and telling them about their fascinating history. I'm pleased to announce that top journalist and TV presenter Nicholas Owen will be joining us. Nicholas's love of trolleybuses is well known."

Bob Bird, Senior Curator at London Transport Museum said, "It is so appropriate for this historic event to be staged at Fulwell. We are taking two trolleybuses and a tower wagon from the Museum's collection at Acton. Towing the trolleybuses there and back will be a challenge but I'm confident they're up to it!"



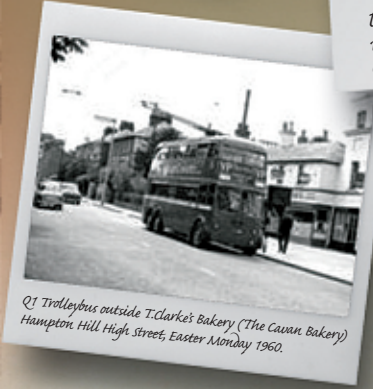
8th May 1962. A.B. Valentine, Chairman London Passenger Transport Board, alights London's first Trolleybus (Diddler A1) at Fulwell Depot. Conductor Ronald Hadland. Right, Ken Tuddenham waits to drive London's last trolleybus 1521 on the commemorative run to Kingston. Copyright David Bradley



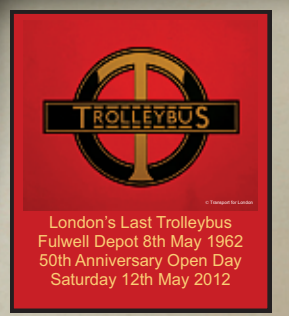
Tuddenham drives 1521 out of Fulwell at 2.45pm. Copyright David Bradley



Driver training at Fulwell Depot on the new Diddler Trolleybuses - May 1931. Copyright David Bradley.



R1 Trolleybus outside T. Clarke's Bakery (The Caven Bakery) Hampton Hill High Street, Easter Monday 1960.



Last day of London trolleybuses, Tuesday 8th May 1962.

By Ken Tuddenham

"My conductor, Barbara Reid and I had finished our duty on the 602 route in Kingston and travelled back to the Fulwell Depot and after paying in the takings we went and had a cup of tea and about 15 minutes later as we left the canteen when our District Superintendent stopped us and said where are you going and we said going home and he said how would you like to take 1521 on the ceremonial run following No. 1 and straight away we said Yes.

We went back into the traffic office to get all the details and then went into the depot to find the run out Foreman who said the bus was OK and I went and got it ready and drove it outside the depot into the yard and waited for instructions.

At a set time, I cannot remember now, Diddler No.1 pulled out of the depot and I followed few yards behind to Twickenham, Teddington, Kingston Loop and back to Kingston Bus Station where No 1 had its poles pulled down and departed on tow to the Clapham Museum. My conductor and I were thanked by a few people. Then we departed empty back to the Depot via Hampton Court where we had to wait for a couple of minutes for a 604 to depart to Wimbledon. We managed to be in front of a 667 and took 1521 into the depot and onto the wash for the inside staff to get it decorated ready for the final run later on that night.

The depot social club had arranged a party at Hampton Hill and when we got the signal that 1521 was at the traffic lights we all went out with our waxed fog lights which we all lit and led her back into the depot for the very last time.

Thirty years later I was reunited with and drove 1521 at Carlton Colville again."

Fulwell Open Day Souvenir Programmes

Special 16 page Programme. Now available from **All4Kids**, The Post Office, Jane's Wool Shop and Your Local Plumbing Company in Hampton Hill, Waterstones & The Memorial Hospital shop in Teddington and The Railway Bell or Cheese and Wine Company in Station Road Hampton.

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Part of Fulwell Open Day. Stalls selling a wide range of bus, trolleybus and other transport collectables. Books, die cast models, photographs, mugs, posters, etc.



Trolleybus Last Day Map Mugs - £6.99.

The Fair will be held in the restaurant and garden.

Both bars will be open throughout the day and there will be a wide range of hot and cold snacks and great food. **Free entry.**

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If you're coming to the Trolleybus 50 Open Day at Fulwell on 12th May come and see our Trolleybus fares charts, tickets, badges and poster

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Many thanks
Pamela and team