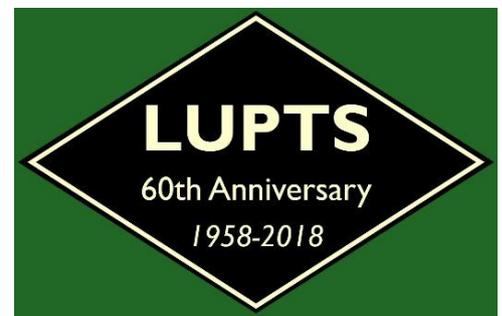


# LUPTS 60

A series of events to mark the formation of the Liverpool University Public Transport Society

5-7 October 2018



## PROGRAMME



Welcome to LUPTS 60, a gathering to mark 60 years since the formation of the Liverpool University Public Transport Society. This booklet provides details of each event over the three days. The two main activities take place on Saturday 6 October – a bus tour and an evening buffet/presentation – and there are interesting supporting events on the Friday and Sunday. A summary of the schedule is as follows:

### Friday 5 October 2018

11:00-12:30	Bridle Road, Bootle	Visit to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service's Heritage and Education Centre
13:30-16:00	Juniper Street, Sandhills	Visit to Museum of Liverpool Large Objects Collection
19:00-21:30	Ship and Mitre, Dale Street, Liverpool	Presentation by Neil Cossons: 'Seaport City: Liverpool Reflections'

### Saturday 6 October 2018

11:00-17:30	See programme	Bus tour to the West Lancashire Light Railway, Merseyside Transport Trust and the Friends of the 502 Group
17:30-21:30	Pacific Road, Birkenhead	Buffet meal, followed by presentation by various speakers on their reminiscences of LUPTS

### Sunday 7 October 2018

09:30-10:00	Taylor Street, Birkenhead	Private LUPTS tour on preserved Liverpool tram 245
10:00 onwards	Birkenhead	Wirral Bus and Tram Show
12:00-13:00	Taylor Street, Birkenhead	Bus tour of Wirral, including farewell group photograph

Details of each of the events are given in the succeeding pages. The programme is subject to last minute change, particularly on availability of vehicles. We are also having to contend with the presence of the Giants Spectacular street puppets this weekend – we selected the dates before they did – which may involve last minute changes of itinerary and/or car parking advice for participants.

We are pleased that so many people have signed up for the various events, indeed we have some people attending who have not been to any LUPTS event for 50 years or more. In response to a request, name badges are being provided so please can you wear yours so that others can know who you are, and vice-versa. A finalised list of attendees will be available at the event itself. Overriding piece of advice – enjoy yourselves!

## Travel disruption

In June, about a year after this weekend had been picked for LUPTS 60, it was announced that the Royal de Luxe street puppet company would be returning to Liverpool after successful shows in 2012 and 2014, and using the same weekend.

It was only in late September that public transport plans were announced and these turn out to include some of the most disruptive changes which have ever been implemented, covering a four-day period. People are referred to the Merseytravel website ([www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)) for the most up to date information, but the main impacts on us are summarised here.

In Liverpool City Centre, for all three days, the only stations which will be open are: Central (Wirral Line only), Moorfields (Northern Line only) and Lime Street (City Line, main line and InterCity services). There will be no interchange at any Liverpool station, with people needing to walk between the various stations, much like things were pre-1977. A further complication is that the NUR (or whatever they call themselves these days) at Northern will be taking industrial action on the Saturday, so people using Lime Street may find their trains cancelled.

Across the Merseyrail Electrics network, 28 stations are closed for the entire three days in order to provide a “robust and reliable service” (according to Merseyrail). These are the stations that WILL be open:

**Wirral Line:** Liverpool Central, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead Central, Rock Ferry, Bebington, Bromborough, Hooton, Bache, Chester; Birkenhead North, Wallasey Village, Wallasey Grove Road, New Brighton; Bidston, Leasowe, Moreton, Hoylake, West Kirby.

**Northern Line:** Southport, Birkdale, Ainsdale, Formby, Hightown, Hall Road, Blundellsands and Crosby, Waterloo, Seaforth and Litherland, Bootle New Strand, Moorfields, Brunswick, St Michaels, Aigburth, Cressington, Liverpool South Parkway; Ormskirk, Maghull North, Maghull, Old Roan, Aintree, Orrell Park, Walton, Kirkdale; Kirkby, Fazakerley.

Many stations have free car parks, but it is likely that these will fill up very quickly on each day. On-street parking is available close to some stations. Trains will be running to special timetables, available here: [www.merseyrail.org/seasonal/giants-spectacular.aspx](http://www.merseyrail.org/seasonal/giants-spectacular.aspx) On some lines, trains will be slightly less frequent than usual but all trains should be of six-car formation. Expect queues at ticket offices and to get into and out of stations. Buy tickets in advance where possible.

Bus services are supposedly running to normal timetables, but there will be inevitable delays and curtailments resulting from road closures and congestion.

If you have any travel concerns, please get in touch in advance and we will endeavour to give advice as best we can. We will try and keep in touch during the three days by text message if short notice changes are brought to our attention.

**Friday 5 October 2018**

## **Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Heritage and Education Centre**

### **Introduction**

Merseyside has a long and very proud fire heritage having been at the forefront of innovation and the introduction of new technology to firefighting for more than 180 years. It was Liverpool which put into service the world's first steam fire engine, decades before other cities.

The Heritage Centre covers the history of all the constituent boroughs of Merseyside. On display are seven fire appliances which date from the horse-drawn era right up to the 1960s, an impressive display of models, fire-fighting equipment and protective clothing. The centre was included in the 2018 LUPTS bus tour weekend in May, but the visit is being repeated for those who could not make it on that occasion.



### **Meeting arrangements**

The Heritage Centre is located to the rear of the Fire and Rescue Service headquarters at Bridle Road, Bootle (L30 4YD). We meet at 10:50 for an 11:00 start. If travelling by car, turn into the site near to two red post boxes. Drive up to the barrier, press the buzzer and follow any instructions given. The Heritage Centre is directly in front of you.

For visitors using public transport, Aintree station on Merseyrail's Northern Line is approximately 1 km (15 minutes) walk from the museum. Turn right out of the station, right into Park Lane and take the second left into Bridle Road. Report to the main reception, from where you will be guided to the Heritage Centre. Arriva route 58 (Liverpool-Netherton) passes the Heritage Centre every 30 minutes.

The visit is scheduled to be finished by 12:30. Participants who are going onto the next visit should see the advice in the next section.

## **National Museums Liverpool Large Objects Collection**

### **Introduction**

Liverpool Museum has about four million items on its register, only a small proportion of which are on display at any time. Many of the larger items held in reserve are located at the store in Juniper Street, Liverpool (L20 8EL). For many years, it was the home to tramcar 245 (see Sunday) but it still holds



items such as an ex-Liverpool Thornycroft single decker, Mersey Railway 0-6-4T locomotive *Cecil Raikes*, and ex-MD&HB 0-6-0ST No 1. There are also a number of lorries and cars, plus smaller exhibits such as motor cycles and bicycles.

We will be given an introduction by curator Sharon Brown. LUPTS last visited the store during the bus tour weekend in 2002, but also of significance is a visit to the main museum in William Brown Street on 11 February 1970 during which a works plate and bell from Dock Board locos were handed over for safe-keeping. These had been gifted to the society by the MD&HB when they were unable to offer a railtour. Sharon is hoping that these two items will be available for inspection during our visit today.

## Meeting arrangements

We should meet at 13:20 for a 13:30 start. Travel arrangements are complicated by the fact that the closest station, Sandhills, is closed for the visit of The Giants, as is the second closest, Bank Hall. If you have arrived at the Fire Museum by public transport, we will make every effort to arrange lifts to the Museum Store.

For those requiring lunch between the two visits, the new Sainsbury's Scotland Road/Jennifer Way/Rotunda development (L5 3LQ) has a variety of outlets, such as Sainsbury's café, McDonald's, Gregg's, Subway, Costa Coffee and KFC.

For those making their way directly to the museum store by public transport, bus is the best option today. Stanley Road is a well-served bus corridor between Liverpool and Bootle, with routes such as 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 57, 300 and X2 providing a bus every few minutes (although bear in mind that buses may not be running to schedule because of The Giants). Walk down Bankhall Street, over the canal, and take the first left (Bankhall Lane). The store is at the junction with Juniper Street, 250m on your left. Total walking distance approximately 800m (10 minutes).

## Early evening meal

The visit should be over by 16:30. For those who want a meal before the evening event (19:00 for 19:15), a table has been booked at The Mons, Breeze Hill, Bootle (L20 9NZ) where carvery meals start at £5.49 and there is a range of roast dinners and pizzas to suit every taste. We will try and ensure lifts are available for the five minute journey. You are obviously free to make your own arrangements but bear in mind that the city centre will be very crowded with visitors and you may have difficulty finding anywhere suitable.

## Presentation by Neil Cossons

### Speaker profile

Neil Cossons, originally from Nottinghamshire, began his undergraduate course in the Geography Department at the University of Liverpool in the autumn of 1958. There he was under the tutelage of Allan Patmore, who was later to become the first LUPTS President.

Neil was active at the start of LUPTS and was one of the 20 people present at the first meeting on 25 November 1958. It was at Allan Patmore's instigation that the society had a librarian and Neil was the first person to fulfil that role, also serving as Journal Editor for the 1961/1962 academic year. He completed his university studies in 1961 with a BA (Hons) Geography, later receiving an MA in railway geography

During his professional career, he has been active in the fields of industrial history, museums and heritage. He was the first Director of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum from 1971, and subsequently Director of the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich. After 14 years as Director of the Science Museum in London he was appointed Chairman of English Heritage (2000-2007), and Pro-Provost and Chairman of Council of the Royal College of Art (2007-2015). Other appointments include: President of the Association for Industrial Archaeology (1977-1980) and Non-executive Director of British Waterways Board (1995-2001). He was appointed OBE in 1982 and knighted for services to museums and the heritage in 1994.

His presentation to us tonight is entitled 'Seaport City: Liverpool Reflections'. In this talk Neil Cossons will show a collection of images of Liverpool – some familiar but most not – illustrating the city and its industrial and transport history.



## Venue

The presentation will take place in the upstairs function room of the Ship and Mitre, 133 Dale Street, Liverpool (L2 2JH). The building was constructed in the 1930s and our room retains some of its Art Deco features from that period. Car parking is available immediately across the road, under the flyover – charges apply until 19:30. Note that The Giants performance does not finish until 19:15, albeit elsewhere in the city centre, but car parking spaces may be at a premium. On-street parking *may* be available beyond the Leeds Street dual-carriageway, but even this cannot be guaranteed

For public transport users, Queen Square bus station is about 300m (5 mins) walk away, and the nearest railway stations are Moorfields (400m, 8 mins) and Lime Street (500m, 10 mins) and Liverpool Central (600m, 12 mins). See note on page 2 about bus and rail services during The Giants' visit.

The presentation will start at 19:00 for 19:15 and finish no later than 21:30. Guests may obtain drinks from the bar downstairs and bring them upstairs, and adjourn to the bar after the meeting if they wish.

## Saturday 6 October 2018

## Bus tour

The tour will leave Liverpool City Centre at 11:00 using different ex-Liverpool Corporation Buses provided by the Merseyside Transport Trust. Aboard the first vehicle, we proceed north with pick ups in Crosby and Southport before getting to the first venue, which will double up as our lunch stop. We strongly recommend avoiding the city centre with a car today.

## West Lancashire Light Railway

This 610mm gauge railway runs for about 400m around a fishing lake (originally a quarry) in the village of Hesketh Bank. From small beginnings in the 1960s, it has grown to include a number of historic steam locomotives, which have been restored on site, and also many examples of small industrial diesels that were once commonplace. It has been a regular on LUPTS itineraries over the years, most recently the 2011 bus tour weekend.



The Railway is opening specially for us today and will be providing a regular steam-hauled shuttle service along the line on an as-required basis during the period of our visit. The passenger coaches can accommodate about 15 people and there will be time for everyone to have at least one ride, so don't worry if you're not on the first departure. Another attraction will be the chance to turn your hand to driving a diesel loco, under supervision, along a short stretch of siding in the station yard. There will be a catering van on site serving bacon barmes, burgers, teas and coffees. Alternatively, there is a café at Booth's supermarket a short distance down Station Road.

We leave the railway at 14:20 heading for Burscough, for our next two visits. On arrival, passengers will be divided into groups to allow the guides to show people over the 502 cars in small numbers, while with remaining passengers look at the bus exhibits.

## Merseyside Transport Trust

The MTT was set up to preserve historic vehicles and associated items from the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive, its constituent corporation fleets and other operators within the Merseyside area. After many years in cramped hangars on the old aerodrome site, the Trust moved into new accommodation in 2011.

The Burscough premises house over 40 buses from the Merseyside area, in varying states of restoration, a number of which have LUPTS connections. Unpainted, Saunders-Roe bodied AEC Regent III A40 (NKD540) was hired by LUPTS on 12 June 1966 to take the society over to Manchester on the occasion

of a trip to mark the imminent closure of the Manchester and Ashton trolleybus systems. In preservation, older Mark III A544 (HKF820) was used for a special tour on 5 December 1987 to mark the society's 600th meeting which had taken place the day before and Atlantean L501 (501KD) was used on the 2013 bus tour. Predecessor experimental Atlantean E2 (372BKA) was requested for tours in both Corporation and MPTE days, but developed defects in advance on each occasion. Hopefully the MTT will have it ready for the LUPTS 75 event in 2033.

### The Friends of the 502

Stored in the MTT's premises are the two remaining Class 502 cars which formerly ran on the electrified lines from Liverpool Exchange to Southport and Ormskirk. They

are in the care of The Friends of the 502, a representative of which will be available to talk to us about restoration work.

The 502s were built by the LMS in Derby and ran from 1940 to 1980. They were formed into 2-car and 3-car sets with the facility to form longer combinations at peak times. On their replacement by the 507s that are still used today, all of the 502 vehicles were scrapped apart from two formed into a unit – driving motor M2836IM and driving trailer M29896M. Because of the important landmark they represented in electric multiple unit development, these were claimed by the National Railway Museum.

Initially they were kept at Steamport in Southport where they were restored to their original LMS maroon livery and ran on the Merseyrail network for special events. When Steamport closed in the late 1990s, the unit was moved to the MoD base at Kineton, Warwickshire for open storage, during which time a significant amount of deterioration took place.

With the unit in danger of being scrapped, The Friends of the 502 were formed to take over responsibility for its restoration. It was moved in May 2009 to Tebay and then to Burscough in March 2012. A significant amount of progress has taken place and we will receive an update to our 2013 visit.

### Return to Liverpool and Wirral

Our return journey takes us down the A59 before cutting across to Crosby on the A5758. We will avoid the city centre because of The Giants, heading straight for the Kingsway tunnel, across Birkenhead Docks and dropping passengers off at the Pacific Road Arts Centre for our evening event.



## Vehicles

We are hoping to use different vehicles from the MTT collection but which ones will depend on availability on the day. They will probably be from the following selection of former Liverpool City Transport vehicles, however.



A36 (NKD536)  
1953 AEC Regent III

L227 (SKB224)  
1956 Leyland PD2

A267 (VKB900)  
1957 AEC Regent V

L501 (50IKD)  
1962 Atlantean

1111 (UKA562H)  
1969 Atlantean

## Summary timetable

LIVERPOOL Pall Mall/Leeds Street (L3 7DB) <i>Note 1</i>	d	11:00
WATERLOO Interchange <i>Note 2</i>	d	11:20
CROSBY Merchant Taylor's School (L23 0QP) <i>Note 3</i>	d	11:25
SOUTHPORT Lord Street (former CLC station)	d	12:00
CHURCHTOWN Cambridge Road/Emmanuel Road	d	12:05
HESKETH BANK West Lancs Light Railway	a	12:25

HESKETH BANK West Lancs Light Railway	d	14:20
BURSCOUGH Merseyside Transport Trust	a	14:50

BURSCOUGH Merseyside Transport Trust	a	16:00
ORMSKIRK Fiveways	a	16:10
CROSBY Merchant Taylor's School	a	16:35
BIRKENHEAD Pacific Road Arts Centre	a	17:20

### Notes:

- Note replacement of Tithebarn Street pick up point.
- Will pick up passengers from the 11:09 northbound train at Waterloo. This departs Moorfields at 10:58.
- On-street parking available nearby – a better option than leaving a car in the city centre today.

## Buffet and presentation

A buffet will be waiting for us on arrival at the Pacific Road Arts Centre (CH41 1LJ). Hopefully suiting even the most particular of palettes, there will be a selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pies, mini savoury eggs, mini sausages and vegetarian quiche, followed by a selection of cakes. Teas, coffees and soft drinks will also be available.



There will then be a series of illustrated presentations from members across the years, recounting their memories of LUPTS going right back to the initial chance meeting on the stairs of the Old Union on 6 November 1958.

Presentations are scheduled to finish by about 21:00 to allow us to vacate the room by 21:30.

Parking is available at the venue

from 17:00 onwards. For those using public transport, Hamilton Square station is 300m (5 mins) walk from Pacific Road.

**Sunday 7 October 2018**

## **Tram tour on Liverpool 245**

When LUPTS was formed, it made an approach to Liverpool City Council – who had set 245 aside for preservation – to take over responsibility for its upkeep and to run it on a short section of track on the former West Kirby-Hooton railway line. The request was politely rebuffed, the society turned its attention to the ex-Liverpool cars running in Glasgow, and the rest is history.

245 was built in 1938, one of 100 'Baby Grand' four-wheel, streamlined cars built at the Corporation's works at Edge Lane. It remained in service until the final day – 14 September 1957 – being one of the cars in the final procession through the city's streets. It stayed in the ownership of the council but led a rather nomadic existence, being stored at various times in Edge Lane Works, displayed at Steamport and later at Prince's Dock, before going back into store at Juniper Street. It was placed on loan to the Merseyside Tramway Preservation Society in 2006 and returned to service in 2015 after restoration.



Today is the Wirral Bus and Tram Show and 245 is scheduled to be in all-day service. The normal service starts at 10:00 but we have arranged a private charter before this. Passengers should assemble in Taylor Street outside Molly's Chambers (the former Old Colonial, CH41 1AY) at 09:20. The tram will be brought out for us to board. Please do not enter the museum building or distract MTPS members, who will be hard at work getting ready for the day's operation.

Our charter will take us down to Woodside, where there will be an opportunity for a group photograph, and back to Taylor Street. Passengers will be issued with day tickets which will allow them to have as many trips as time permits on 245 or any of the other trams in service today.

## **Bus tour**



To complete the weekend's LUPTS activities, a short bus tour will depart from Taylor Street at 12:00. This will use preserved MPTE Atlantean 1898 (XEM898W), new in 1981, bought for preservation straight out of service, and returned to the road earlier in 2018.

Following a modern trend in the bus industry, the itinerary is passenger-led. You decide where you want to go and communicate to Charles Roberts no later than 23:59 on Saturday night. There are a few rules: the out and back journey should be no longer than an hour (including group photograph at the far end), roads traversed must be currently used by double deck buses, and the itinerary must be confined to Wirral.

Arrival back in Birkenhead is scheduled for 13:00, after which you still have a few hours of the Bus and Tram Show if you wish.

### **Transport/parking**

Hamilton Square station is 300m (10 mins) walk from Taylor Street. Turn left out of the station and then immediately left into Bridge Street. On-street car parking is available in the vicinity; charges apply even on a Sunday and Wirral's traffic wardens are extremely predatory. Free on-street parking is available in the area of Russell Street (CH41 3PD), which is just outside the controlled parking zone.