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Introduction

Dear Member,

Just a brief update from me on this occasion (I can hear the sighs of relief from you all!)

Routemaster Owners Club Milton Keynes Rally 17 August

For those that have booked the trip to Milton Keynes next Sunday, I haven't forgotten you. We don't have enough bookings to merit hiring our own bus, but I'm trying to find you a ride, and am hopeful that Roger Wright will be able to accommodate you. I'll be in touch again in the next few days with details.

Carlton Colville running day and after dark service - Saturday 13 September

As I've mentioned to many of you whilst chatting, I have come to the conclusion that the most effective way for us to get to this event is to travel part of the way by train. It is simply too far for a heritage vehicle in a day, and even a modern coach will take several hours from London. So here is the plan. We will depart London Liverpool St on the 10:00 train, be met at Diss Station at 11:29 and transferred by coach to Carlton Colville, about 45 mins away. With the event starting at 13:00, you will miss nothing.

Member Andy Richardson worked hard to find us a half cab, but sadly nothing was forthcoming, so instead he has arranged for a 92 reg Volvo/Van Hool owned by Coach Services of Thetford to transport us. Of course when you get there, there will be plenty of heritage buses running local services from the museum throughout the day to Lowestoft and Beccles, so you will still get your 'half cab' fix!

We will leave the museum at 20:25 in order to ensure we catch the 21:27 from Diss, arriving back into Liverpool St at 22:58. Late I know, but part of the appeal of this event is seeing and riding the trolleybuses in the dark.

IMPORTANT - you must book your own train ticket, and as I write this, it is cheaper to buy two singles than the cheapest return ticket. An advance single out on the 10:00 from Liverpool St is currently £12, and the return from Diss on the 21:27 is £6. I suggest booking as soon as possible to ensure you get the best fare.

The return coach fare from Diss to Carlton Colville will be a bargain £5, entry to the museum is £6, and of course if it is easier for you to drive to Diss and catch the coach from there, by all means do so.

I hope to see many of you there, and drop me a line if you intend to join us.

Cravens Day - Sunday 21 September

You have had details on this previously in the July Newsletter. Over half the available seats are already taken so if you have not booked yet, and are thinking of joining us, then sign up soon. There will be adverts appearing at the Worcester Park event this Sunday and in one or two other places, so we could well sell out he says hopefully. A reminder your fare is a discounted £17 against the £20 non-members fare.

In conclusion

That's all I have for you now, other than a small tease. You might wish to keep Saturday 29th November free!

I'm off to the west coast of sunny (fingers crossed) France in the morning by Eurostar and TGV. And whilst naturally my laptop will be with me on my beach towel at all times, forgive me if I don't respond to your emails perhaps quite as speedily as usual. There might just be one or two other distractions!

à bientôt,

Trevor