

# SANDTOFT SCENE

## SPECIAL 1986 SANDTOFT GATHERING ISSUE

### WELCOME TO SANDTOFT

Sandtoft Transport Centre occupies four acres of the former World War II aerodrome, RAF Sandtoft. When purchased in 1968 the site consisted of half a section of perimeter runway and a service runway to and from a large hangar base. From these humble beginnings the museum has grown to consist of over seventy vehicles, the majority of them housed in permanent undercover accommodation.

The central purpose of the museum is to preserve and restore a representative selection of British trolleybuses. The trolleybus fleet now numbers fifty-one on site with others presently away for restoration. Twenty three fleets are represented including two from overseas. In fact the collection is larger than many of the trolleybus fleets which once existed in this country.

Although motorbuses take second place at Sandtoft their numbers are growing. Ancillary vehicles essential to the maintenance of a working museum are also owned, including tower wagons, a tractor and a pole crane. Some vehicles are owned by societies and others by individuals. The societies currently associated with the museum are the Bradford Trolleybus Association, the British Trolleybus Society, the Doncaster Omnibus and Light Railway Society, and the West Yorkshire Transport Circle.

The miniature railway is run by the Sandtoft Miniature Railway Society.

The museum is run by volunteers from these societies. A lot of effort is needed to maintain the museum site, restore vehicles, and run open days. If you have enjoyed your visit today, and would like to help, just turn up on site one Sunday and there'll be something to do.

As we say in our publicity, "See you at Sandtoft"

### MUSEUM NEWS

RECENT VEHICLE WORK HAS SEEN FELIX 41 (9629WU) COMPLETED AND MOT'D. NOTTINGHAM TOWER WAGON 802 HAS BEEN REPAANELLED AND REPAINTED, IN READINESS FOR THE GATHERING.

OF THE TROLLEYBUSES, TEESIDE T291 (VRD186) HAS RECEIVED MECHANICAL REPAIRS, AND HAS BEEN REPAINTED. MAIDSTONE 72 (HKR11) HAS BEEN RETURNED TO SERVICE, AND SISTER VEHICLE 56 HAS HAD ITS COMPRESSOR REBUILT. CLEETHORPES 54 (FW8990) HAS HAD ITS OFFSIDE UPPER DECK FRAMEWORK REPLACED.

NOTTINGHAM TROLLEYBUSES 493, 502, 506 AND 578 HAVE ALL RECEIVED ATTENTION.

ON A MORE MODEST SCALE, THE ICE CREAM TRICICLE HAS HAD NEW BRAKE LININGS FITTED.

THE MUSEUM RECENTLY TOOK DELIVERY OF A "REAL" TELEPHONE BOX, AND THIS HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THE END OF THE LECTURE THEATRE. IT IS FULLY OPERATIONAL, AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE.

### DATES TO NOTE

SAT 26TH JULY - Gathering Preview Day.

SUN 27TH JULY - Sandtoft Gathering.

SUN 24TH AND MON 25TH AUGUST - Trolleydays

SAT 28TH AUGUST - D.O.L.R.S. meeting, 8pm, Three Horseshoes. New members welcome.

SAT 27TH SEPTEMBER - D.O.L.R.S. meeting, 8pm, Three Horseshoes. New members welcome.

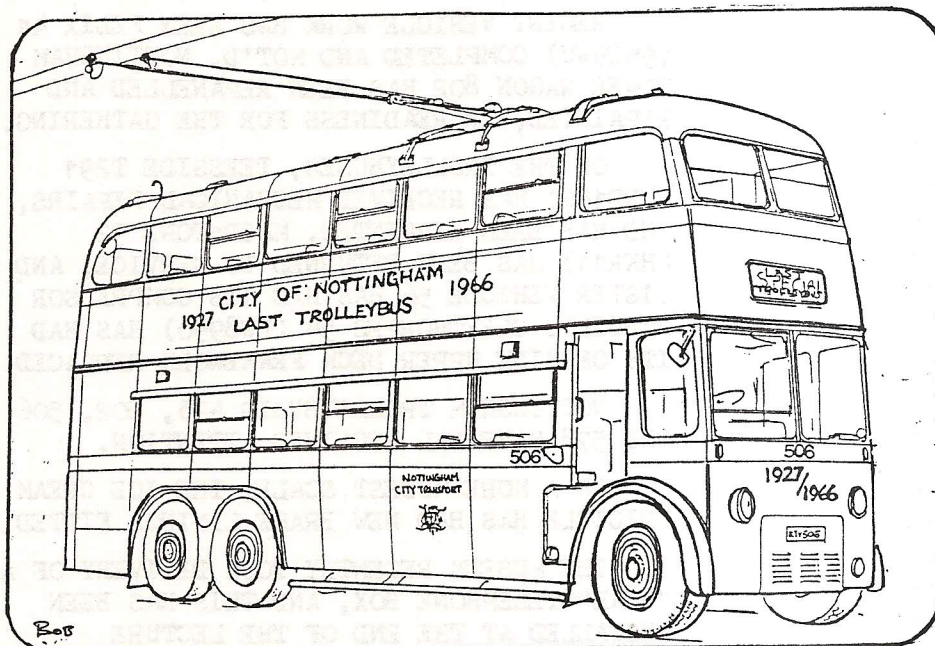
SUN 28TH SEPTEMBER - Trolleyday.

In addition to the above trolleydays, the museum welcomes visitors on any Saturday and Sunday afternoon from April to September.

To prepare for the September Trolleyday, the B.T.S. are organising a working week commencing Monday 22nd September. All are welcome to join in.

KTV506 IS AN 8 FT WIDE B.U.T. 9641T BUILT IN 1950. IT CARRIES BRUSH 70- SEAT BODYWORK AND ENGLISH ELECTRIC ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. IT WAS NOTTINGHAM'S LAST TROLLEY-BUS, BEING SPECIALLY SIGNWRITTEN FOR THE CIVIC CLOSURE ON 1ST JULY 1966. IT WAS PURCHASED FOR PRESERVATION, BUT WAS DAMAGED BY VANDALS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT SANDTOFT.

IN RECENT MONTHS, 506 HAS UNDERGONE A THOROUGH RESTORATION. THE 1986 SANDTOFT GATHERING MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOTTINGHAM CLOSURE, AND 506 IS EXPECTED TO RUN IN PUBLIC SERVICE TOGETHER WITH SISTER VEHICLES 493 (KTV493) AND 578 (KTV578).



Hidden in the grid below are the following words. All the words are in straight lines but they can be found in any direction, eg. bus.

FARE	TRANSPORT
DECK	SANDTOFT
CAR	STAIRS
MOTOR	NOTTINGHAM
BELL	TROLLEY
ROUTE	CONDUCTOR
TRAM	WHEEL
BUS	SHEDS
CAB	TICKET
SEAT	DRIVER
RAIL	STATION
BOOM	

S T A T I O N Q W E R C Y  
 T A U I S U B O P A S A E  
 A F N G E H J K L I A R Z  
 I X O D A C V B N D M O Q  
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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Sandtoft Transport Centre is not standing still. Great plans exist for the future, in order to further broaden the appeal of the museum to visitors. Our main ideas are as follows.

Depot. We intend to erect a ten-vehicle shed on the front of the existing depot. This will for the first time give us the ability to run trolleybuses directly into and out of the depot.

The new extension will incorporate a period style frontage, which will improve the attractiveness of the building. An area of the existing depot will be set aside to display restored vehicles.

Other building work. Realignment of kerbs will provide bus stops, improve tidiness, and give more circulation room in front of the cinema and the bookshop.

A street scene is planned for the area of grass opposite the depot.

Tramway. Trams could be running at Sandtoft in the future. The initial stage would see track laid along the back straight in conjunction with road widening. Eventually, the tramway could be extended round to the tram shelter. At the far end of the site the track could run in a loop to finish in one end of the running shed.

It will be a long time before all these projects come to fruition, but now that there is a clear plan to follow, we can all look forward to seeing the museum grow.

When you have finished the word search, colour in the picture of Nottingham 506.