

scene at sandtoft

Brian
Maguire

JANUARY. Since the last report things have moved forward, seeing such things as Doncaster 122 fit and running again. It is also likely to be the first vehicle at the Museum to be fitted with a tachograph. Nottingham 137 has had the upper saloon gutted, the ceiling stripped and the seat frames removed to be painted. The interior of Ipswich 126 has also been started, with the seat frames being undercoated. The seats have been fitted back into Liege 425 after the interior had been cleaned up. The wheels are also being painted. Wheels have also been finished on Nottingham 466, along with an assortment of timber framing jobs. The wheels were also attended to on Cleethorpes 54, with new tyres and a coat or two of paint. This vehicle now sports panels and beading on both the upper and lower decks. Five years of effort are beginning to show results. The floor has been repaired and polished wood fitted around the windows.

The other Cleethorpes, 59, has also seen a restart. The upper deck was stripped out years ago, so the ceiling was tackled first by refitting the panels, then preparing and painting. The polished wood was removed for treatment, as were the chrome grilles. Outside, the offside panels were removed to reveal rotten pillars on the upper saloon. The rear end of the vehicle has been stripped of old panels, treated and repainted. The nearside destination box is receiving attention and the cab timberwork is being replaced. Donations towards the work being undertaken by C.I. on this trolleybus would be welcomed by the treasurer.

Other progress is that Nottingham 502 has some new panels and beading, whilst Nottingham 578's interior is still progressing. The annual Christmas party featured another splendid Bob Ashton video which entertained a crowd of about two dozen. Huddersfield 631 again did the night-time run, ablaze with lights, and a feast of food and some Christmas songs from the children made it an enjoyable alcohol free evening.

Much work has been done in the grounds, with 45 trees being planted, together with a range of large shrubs. The areas by the railway have been dug over and in some cases replanted. The station is receiving the framework of a

canopy. Before Christmas a ramp was built to the rear of the lecture theatre, which will lead to a fire exit/disabled access door when completed.

Thick snow after the holiday completely blanketed Sandtoft in varying depths. The water supply burst yet again in the Trolleyshop, Regency, and the box-wagon, flooding the latter for about four days before being found. On the Saturday, Bob Ashton video filmed the deep snow, which also features my dog Susie. This was to be her last appearance at Sandtoft, as unfortunately she was run over and killed in Belton the following day.

It will soon be Easter and assistance will once again be required to staff Sandtoft running days - how about it? If you haven't been for a while, come and give us a look over, see the improvements and lend a hand!

FEBRUARY - MARCH. The start of 1987 at the museum has been a long, extremely cold one, with a minimum of vehicle work being carried out. Preparation work on some of the vehicles has been done, such as Nottingham 137 and Ipswich 126, and work on the Atlantean. Doncaster 122 is being brought up to scratch for its return to the rally scene, and the Hull mobile youth centre is also being continued. The exterior is in yellow, except the sides, which are painted as a jigsaw!

The not-so-well-known Notts and Derby single deck, A.E.C trolleybus, 307, has arrived on site, and has gone straight into the rear of the depot. It was the first vehicle to be collected on a low-loader and the task was made easier by the preparation carried out by Steve Collins, Steve Blood and Tom Bowden. The front axle had been fully overhauled, making the steering easier, considering that no steering wheel or box are fitted. The cab was removed some years ago, all that remains is a load of props. Due to its historical significance the Management Committee decided that it could go under cover immediately. Thanks to Bob Tebb and Martin Gibbons, who have both supplied information relevant to this vehicle's eventual restoration. Anyone who can add to the supply of anything relevant, please contact me. (An article by Steve on 307 appears in the May 1986 edition of 'Fleetlines' - Eds.)

The York Pullman has gone away to have its engine

repaired, whilst Blue Ensign 758NDT has left for good.

Site work has seen the continuing planting of some 200 trees and bushes, something we may not appreciate for a few years. The interior of the old Sheffield 442 tramcar body has been sanded down and stain and varnish applied to clean it up for the coming season. Meanwhile, Beamish Museum has taken away the ex-Newcastle tramcar body. Perhaps Brian Wharton will end up driving it in years to come, now he is a tram driver for Beamish. We wish them well with the rebuilding to operational condition of this fine tram, meanwhile, another still rests on the Trent bank.

Moves to get an 11Kv supply on to our site, in order to power trolleybuses, are now proceeding well. It seems that the Walsall transformer is now to be used, and a fund may be set up to raise money for its installation. If you can spare a pound or two, send it to Roy Fawcett NOW. It is planned to install the switch gear in a new area to be created in the rear of the first two bays of the depot. This floor would allow the storage of two single deckers underneath an area of displays, one of which would be the electrical system.

Another highlight of this year should be the first illuminated trolleybus at Sandtoft. Maidstone 72 is to be the lucky vehicle, to mark 20 years since the closure of that system. Hopefully, both Maidstones should be running at Easter, and thanks must go to Malcolm Coates and Steve Harrison for the masterminding of the project.

It is planned to purchase a caravan for staff accommodation. A month of working in the stores has made this area easier to operate, and turned up a gents wedding ring. Anyone lost one???

Finally, the railway track has been extended at the station, and the double bend has been removed, and new straight track laid to enable smoother operation. It is intended to complete the circuit by the Gathering. A canopy is being erected at the station in case it rains. Well it sometimes does rain on running days!!

Editors note. Brian does a fine job writing Scene at Sandtoft, but he will agree that it is difficult to remember every event. If you have any contributions, send them to Brian at 63 High St, Belton, S Humberside.

VISIT⁰⁰⁰

Sandtoft Transport Centre

Near Doncaster, Yorkshire



(F.R. WHITEHEAD)

... A working trolleybus system at the home of Britain's largest single collection of preserved trolleybuses and motorbuses.

... Based on a former aerodrome at Sandtoft, 15 miles east of Doncaster, 12 miles west of Scunthorpe, and within easy reach of the Humber Bridge.

... Regular "Trolleydays" from Easter to September, and venue for the renowned "Sandtoft Gathering".

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1987 EVENTS

Visitors are welcome any
Saturday or Sunday afternoon
from
April to September

Trolleydays

Easter Sunday and Monday
April 19th and 20th

May Day Holiday Sunday and Monday
May 3rd and 4th

Spring Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday
May 24th and 25th

Sunday
June 28th

Gathering Preview Saturday
July 25th

Sundays
August, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

Late Summer Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday
August 30th and 31st

Sunday
September 27th

OPEN: 12 noon to 6 p.m.

ADMISSION: Adult 80p Child/OAP 40p
or Family Car £2.00. FREE PARKING.

WHAT'S THERE: Trolleybus Rides, Miniature
Railway, Sound & Vision Shows, Souvenir
Shop, Refreshments.

Sandta Special

Sunday, December 20th OPEN 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHAT'S ON: Trolleybus Rides, Seasonal Entertainment
and Fayre.

FULL DETAILS ARE ON A SEPARATE LEAFLET.



S.T.C. reserves the right to alter
or cancel any event or service
without notice

Trolleybuses may be operated at
other times than those advertised
subject to availability and
demand.

Schools Day

Monday
June 29th

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT: Special rates and facilities
for School Party visits including Trolleybus
Rides, Sound & Vision Programme, Worksheets
and Special Activities.

FULL DETAILS ARE ON A SEPARATE BOOKING
FORM AVAILABLE FROM S.T.C. PUBLICITY.

Sandtoft Gathering

Sunday
July 26th

OPEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

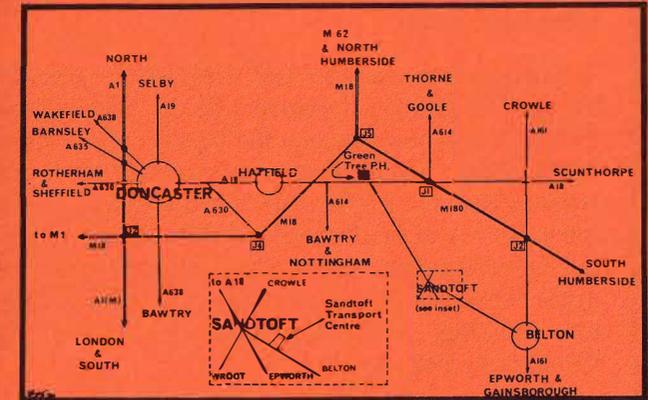
ADMISSION: Adult £1.50. Child/OAP 50p

WHAT'S HAPPENING: A Transport Miscellany for
all the family including Display and Judging of
Past & Present Road Transport Vehicles,
Trolleybus Rides, Miniature Railway, Transport
Bazaar, Fairground Stalls, Live Music,
Refreshments, Real Ale and lots, lots more —
plus FREE bus service from Doncaster and
Scunthorpe.

We are always pleased to accommodate coach tours
and party visits at other times by appointment.
Resident motorbuses frequently attend displays and
rallies both locally and nationally.

HOW TO GET THERE

Sandtoft can be reached quite easily by road
from almost anywhere



Travel by
PRESERVED BUS
between
DONCASTER
and
Sandtoft Transport Centre

This FREE service operates on all
TROLLEYDAYS at the following times
from

DONCASTER
Railway Station 1.30 pm
Waterdale (Library) 1.35 pm

and
SANDTOFT
Transport
Centre
4.30 pm

S.T.C.
conditions
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carriage
apply

Journey
time
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INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP

SANDTOFT TRANSPORT CENTRE is a developing national transport museum, primarily for the preservation and operation of trolleybuses, but also including motorbuses, a miniature railway and other items of transport interest.

The project was started in late 1969 and is supported by several thriving transport groups including the British Trolleybus Society, the Bradford Trolleybus Association, the Doncaster Omnibus and Light Railway Society, the Sandtoft Miniature Railway, and the West Yorkshire Transport Circle. Work is carried out by volunteer members of these and other groups in their spare time throughout the year, with substantial seasonal assistance from the Humberside Community Industry Scheme.

The Centre, based on a former aerodrome, boasts a collection of over sixty vehicles from many parts of Britain, and even from the Continent. This includes examples of the magnificent six—wheeled double-decker trolleybus, and a fascinating one-and-a-half-decker from Aachen in Germany. The last British trolleybus ran at Bradford in 1972, but the smooth, silent, pollution-free qualities of this fine mode of public transport can be recaptured by visitors on one of the immaculately restored vehicles operating on the Centre's own overhead wiring circuit.

Our calendar of events includes regular "Trolley-days" from Easter to September including every Sunday in August; a "Schools' Day" in June; the annual "Gathering" held on the last Sunday in July and a "Sandta Special" in December.

Sandtoft is on the Isle of Axholme, an area rich in geographical and historical interest, including Epworth — home of the Wesleys. It is also within easy reach of the towns of Doncaster and Scunthorpe, the Humber Bridge and the seaside resort of Cleethorpes.

SANDTOFT TRANSPORT CENTRE LIMITED is a Company limited by guarantee (Registered in England No. 1747475) and is a Registered Charity (No. 514382).

You can become a member of Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited through any of its supporting bodies. You simply pay the membership fee of the respective Society (thus gaining all the benefits of that Society) plus an additional £1 per year, which is the subscription to the Company. Alternatively you can join directly through the Sandtoft Museum Society. Once a member you are entitled to FREE admission on all occasions.

For further details and membership application forms send a stamped self-addressed envelope to any of the following:

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY,
2 Josephine Court, Southcote Road, Reading,
Berkshire RG3 2DG.

BRADFORD TROLLEYBUS ASSOCIATION,
7 Beechwood Road, Wibsey, Bradford, West
Yorkshire, BD6 3AQ.

DONCASTER OMNIBUS AND LIGHT RAIL-
WAY SOCIETY, 41 Church Road, Barnby
Dun, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN3 1BD.

SANDTOFT MINIATURE RAILWAY, 14 West
Common Lane, Scunthorpe, South
Humberside, DN17 1DX.

WEST YORKSHIRE TRANSPORT CIRCLE, 32
College Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield,
West Yorkshire, HD4 5EB.

For details of events, party visit arrangements or general enquiries regarding Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited send a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

S.T.C. PUBLICITY, 7 Norwood Avenue,
Auckley, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN9 3JA.

SEE YOU AT SANDTOFT!

postbag

From Geoff Griffiths
Swansea.

It has been suggested that we run a Grand Summer Draw in support of Sandtoft. The draw will be on the last Trolley weekend and the result published in this journal. Tickets will also be sold at Sandtoft throughout the season. If every person affiliated to Sandtoft sells ten books, or donates the equivalent himself, we should raise almost £2000; any member who can sell more will willingly be supplied by me via Sandtoft or from my address, 31 Saunders Way, Derwen Fawr, Swansea, West Glam, SA2 8AZ (Tel. 0792 297953). Any member is prepared to donate a prize or contribute towards one would also be greatly appreciated and please contact me.

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From Tony Peart
Secretary, S.T.C. Board.

Summary of Board meeting business 21.2.87.

The financial report mentioned cash in bank, and bills to pay or expected. £30 available for C.I. to lag exposed pipes.

The go-ahead was given for a trial edition of SANDTOFT SCENE, to be funded by S.T.C. Ltd.

The practicalities of C.I. bringing up from Reading a classroom donated to the museum were discussed. It was suggested that this be sited where the green tramcar body presently is, for use as a small exhibits and sales area.

Funding was approved for C.I. to fit new gates, and a fire exit for the lecture theatre, but repair of the depot door tracking is deferred until after the Gathering.

Purchase of a microwave oven has been approved.

The depot allocation list put forward by the depot allocation sub-committee was accepted with a few amendments.

£60 is to be provided for repairs to the stores building. Brian Maguire is to have a £50 float, but can no longer use the sales account for general expenses.

FISH RISOTTO

1 can mackerel in tomato sauce
 1/2 cup long grain rice
 peppers, red or green. Add according to taste
 salt and pepper
 tin peas drained
 tin sweetcorn drained

Place rice in 1/2 pt boiling water, add more if required plus salt. When rice is nearly cooked add all ingredients and cook until both vegetables are cooked. Serve with salad or on its own.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the A.G.M. last November, the following were elected to Sandtoft's Management Committee.

Bob Ashton	-	Audio-Visual
Pete Goddard	-	Publicity
Steve Harrison	-	Electrician
Phil Howard	-	Workshop
Brian Maguire	-	Sales
Richard Rampton	-	Secretary
Briaa Wharton	-	Traffic

In addition, all affiliated Societies provide two reps, apart from the Miniature Railway Society, who provide one.

SANDTOFT LEASE - LATEST NEWS

Following a debate at the last Sandtoft A.G.M. on the future of the museum, the Board Secretary writes:

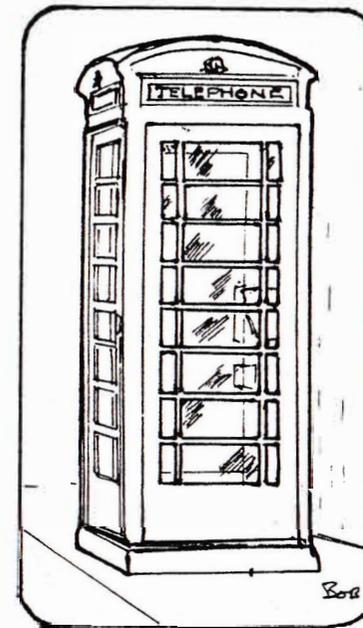
'Regarding the matter of the lease, this is being renewed as usual for a further period of seven years. As landowner, the Chairman is not willing to commit himself for a longer period than this at any one time. He has stated, however, that S.T.C. would have the first option of purchase should he relinquish the site, and also that S.T.C. could, if it wished, and could raise the necessary finance, purchase the site and buildings at their current valuation at any time during the seven year lease'.

junior scene

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| FROG | CINEMA |
| GAUGE | STEERING |
| REGENT | POSTCARD |
| STEAM | TROLLEYSHOP |
| BADGES | SERVICE |
| SHED | PASSENGERS |
| CHROME | MECHANIC |
| A.E.C. | DIESEL |
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"THE JUBILEE BOX"

Sandtoft now has its very own telephone box, and here is a picture of it for you to colour in.

This telephone box used to live in Sheffield. Although it is quite old, it has inside a real working telephone.

Sandtoft's telephone number is Scunthorpe (0724) 711391.

The telephone box is sited behind the lecture theatre. Next to it is an old letterbox. This is no longer used for letters, but for collecting donations instead.

This money is used to help the museum grow.

FW8990 is the survivor of a batch of ten trolleybuses purchased in 1937 by Cleethorpes Corporation. It has an AEC 661T chassis powered by a MetroVick motor, and Park Royal 56-seat bodywork. The vehicles were delivered in a basically dark blue livery, relieved by three cream bands.

During World War II the batch received bodywork modifications and a new livery of grey with three light blue bands. Upon the merger of the neighbouring Cleethorpes and Grimsby fleets in 1957, FW8990 was renumbered 154. She was withdrawn the following year and sold to a Grimsby scrap merchant.

54 was rescued for preservation in 1968, and arrived at Sandtoft in 1977. In 1981 it passed to its present owners whereupon restoration, to its final Cleethorpes condition, began.

