

This year we are planning to celebrate our 50th display: **SHOWBUS50** at the expansive Hertfordshire County Showground just off Junction 9 of the M1 near St Albans and Dunstable on Sunday 25th September. The site will be fully catered with ample toilet facilities and good disabled access.

Special guest

We are delighted to announce the Alan Fletcher, all the way from Australia, will be joining us on September 25th. Many of you will know him better as Dr Karl Kennedy in the iconic soap *Neighbours* which has been much in the news recently. Alan will be presenting the prizes on the day then continuing his tour with his stage show, "The Doctor Will See You Now"

Platinum Jubilee

We will not only be celebrating our 50th, but several other special anniversaries, not least Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. **SHOWBUS** has celebrated the Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilees and this year we aim to display a line of 71 buses, one from each year of the reign. We are encouraging all entrants to decorate their vehicles appropriately for both the 25th and the 18th.

SHOWBUSflyby

As part of **our** celebrations we are repeating the highly successful and much acclaimed **SHOWBUSflyby.** Because of the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II it seemed inappropriate to stage the event before the state funeral. We are looking at a new date in June or July 2023 but will wait for the Coronation date. The run, supported by Buckinghamshire County Council will again run along the A40 the eastern end will be at Brunel University where it all started in January 1973. Buses will divert through Wycombe Bus Station and High Street as last time. The **SHOWBUS TRADERS VILLAGE** will again be in the High Wycombe's historic Market Place.

Brunel University campus is just over a mile inside the London LEZ though the huge roundabout south of Uxbridge High Street and the A4020 linking to the M40 Denham roundabout is outside the LEZ so all buses will be able to access Uxbridge.

Buses will be running from around 1000h onwards in BOTH directions until around 1600h up to every 5 minutes, though the

frequency is likely to tail off after 1430h, but check showbus.com/display nearer the time for the planned schedule.

SHOWBUS50 National Express 50th anniversary display

National Express is joining with Showbus to celebrate its 50th birthday, indeed they sponsored SHOWBUS in its early days from 1975 till 1979. We are inviting all preserved coaches in National Express white livery, or any that may at one time have been painted in those colours, to form part of a special NATIONAL EXPRESS anniversary display. We hope some will also take part in the **SHOWBUSflyby** the week before.

Leyland National 50th anniversary display

SHOWBUS started not long after the birth of the now defunct National Bus Company and one of the first Levland Nationals was displayed at Brunel University in January 1973, London Country's dual door LN15 in the new all over NBC leaf green livery. It was displayed alongside a new poppy red Bristol VRTSL6G of Alder Valley. So in addition to our Jubilee and National Express displays there will be a Leyland National line up.

Please note **dogs are permitted** on a lead on site.

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Prizes will be presented by Alan Fletcher, Dr Karl Kennedy of Neighbours		
Preserved vehicles	Non Preserved vehicles	All vehicles
Best in Show Shillibeer Award	S Best Modern Vehicle	4 Pre 1950 & before
Best Doyen double & singledecks	T Best Post 2019 bus U Best Post 2019 coach	5 Best 1951-59 vehicle 6 Best 1960-69 vehicle
Best former NATIONAL EXPRESS coach		7 Best 1970-79 vehicle
Best Leyland National	Premier Operator Award	8 Best 1980-1989 vehicle 9 Best 1990-1999 vehicle
	For the best pair of entries	10 Best 2000-2009 vehicle 11 Best 2010-2019 vehicle

SHOWBUS international 2022's 17 PRIZE CATEGORIES

SHOWBUS TRADERS VILLAGE

There will be two sessions of the SHOWBUS TRADERS VILLAGE.

On September 25th the SHOWBUS TRADERS VILLAGE will be at SHOWBUS50 at the Hertfordshire County Showground. There will again be a large marquee for a number of the stalls, with other stalls adjacent. More stalls will be nearby which will be ones brought by exhibitors and located near their bus or coach.

In summer 2023 in the historic High Wycombe Market Place with *SHOWBUSflyby* entrants passing regularly through the market. Some of the stalls will be under the Guildhall and some under the Market Building while others will occupy stall spaces along the High Street.