

# West Country Historic Omnibus & Transport Trust

Registered Charity No. 1079795

## DORCHESTER VINTAGE BUS and COACH RUNNING DAY Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

January 2017

Dear Fellow Enthusiast,

Following the success of last year's event, WHOTT is pleased to announce the 3rd Bus and Coach running day on Sunday 13th August. The event will see the launch of volume 2 of a new publication covering the operating premises of Western & Southern National. Very appropriately the event is being operated from the Top o' Town car park in Dorchester where Bere Regis Motor Services once had their offices. WHOTT is very grateful to West Dorset District Council for allowing us space in the public car park (free on Sundays) for the static vehicles and layover of buses between services, and for enabling us to run a stall by special licence. Copies of our two histories of Bere Regis and other publications will also be on sale. The public car park will also be available for other visiting coaches and the general public and an area for the running day will be cordoned off and adequately marshalled.

An on-site cafe and toilets will be open all day and visitors will be able to sample rides on participating vehicles. A fully illustrated and informative programme will provide times and journeys of buses being run on the day and will serve as a collectable souvenir. Up to ten different routes are being planned to delightful double-barrelled Dorset destinations which will repeat several journeys to a variety of popular and new destinations and will also include an afternoon mystery tour. A first this year will be a link with the Hardy Society which is celebrating the 130th anniversary of Hardy's novel *The Woodlanders*. A free coach tour of sites associated with the book will take place in the afternoon with an on-board running commentary by a local Hardy expert.

The event is being run in accordance with NARTM's guidance notes on the operation of free bus services (revision 3 dated May 2013) and anyone not already familiar with this should contact WHOTT before completing the application. It would be particularly appropriate to see entries that represent vehicles once operated by the independent operators, of which there were many in Dorset besides Bere Regis & District. WHOTT hopes to enter its 1938 Bedford WTB, formerly operated by Taylor's of Exeter, restoration of which is currently nearing completion.

We shall be pleased to accept a vehicle entry from you and attach an application form. To ensure an entry in the programme, please return the enclosed form as soon as possible, and **no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** if you wish to be included in the programme, together with copies of valid documents and a photograph. We can provide a few conductors with local knowledge in cases where drivers may be without one or are unfamiliar with the routes to be undertaken. With your participation we look forward to making the event as enjoyable as possible.

Many thanks,

Robert Crawley,  
Chairman, WHOTT.

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### VEHICLE ENTRY FORM

Name (individual or organisation).....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Phone number.....Mobile number.....

Email.....

#### Vehicle details:

Registration number.....Year of manufacture.....

Chassis Make / Type .....Body Make / Seating.....

Overall height.....Unladen Weight.....

Are you attending as a static vehicle display: Yes / No ? If so, not all the NARTM conditions apply.

Are you providing a vehicle for the run but not driving yourself: Yes / No ? (Please circle choices.)

#### Programme information:

*Please provide a brief history of the vehicle, including name of original owner, any fleet numbers carried, amount of work needed to bring it up to present day standard and also a recent photograph. A good resolution scan of the photograph can be emailed with this application and is preferred if you can do so. Please continue overleaf if necessary.*

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#### Advisory note for bus entrants willing to run in service:

*WHOTT is adhering to the recommended guidelines published by the National Association of Road Transport Museums (NARTM) in regard to the status of vehicle(s) and driver(s). Vehicles registered after 7<sup>th</sup> January 1960 must have a current MoT Class 5 or Class 6 certificate. Vehicles registered before this date are now exempt from MoT but can only be accepted with proof of their roadworthiness by an independent and competent vehicle examiner who has examined the vehicle in accordance with the VOSA inspection manual. Vehicles used in service must have insurance that covers full passenger loads. A copy of your insurance and MoT (or alternative) must accompany this application and further evidence of the latest certificates must be presented to our marshal for inspection on the day, together with proof that the vehicle is currently taxed. All vehicles used in service must carry a conductor and be driven by a holder of an appropriate licence. If you require further information please contact Nick Craig on 01803-857106, or by email ~ [nickandcathy@busstop.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:nickandcathy@busstop.eclipse.co.uk). In planning the driver and vehicle rosters it will be helpful to know how many hours driving you are willing to provide. Number of hours.....*

#### Declaration for bus entrants willing to run in service:

*I declare that the vehicle entered is insured to cover public liability of not less than £500k for any one accident and is adequately insured to cover public bus rides. I also confirm that the driver(s) of the vehicle currently hold(s) an appropriate class PCV licence. I confirm that the vehicle has a current MoT certificate or, if exempt, I can provide evidence of roadworthiness by an independent examiner within the last twelve months. Email signatures will be deemed acceptable.*

*Signed.....Please print name (in upper case).....*

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM, no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to:-

Nick Craig, 13 North Furzeham Road, Brixham, TQ5 8HT or preferably by email to ~ [nickandcathy@busstop.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:nickandcathy@busstop.eclipse.co.uk).