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*Derby City Transport Ltd. Open Day  
Sunday 7th June 1987*

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## Open Day Programme



It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you all to Ascot Drive today on this our first Open Day since Derby City Transport Ltd. was formed on the 26th October last year.

On that day the first part of the Transport Act 1985 was enacted. As a result local bus services were deregulated and local authority bus undertakings, such as we were then, became arms length companies divorced from their controlling councils. The companies have to be run commercially in keeping with companies act legislation.

This afternoon we have the opportunity to show you some aspects of the many activities the company now undertake. We provide many local bus services in and around Derby; we also have a fleet of luxury coaches which undertake excursions and tours throughout the U.K. Private Hire work extends into the European continent.

Our engineering facilities are open for your scrutiny. These provide the maintenance back-up not only for the buses and coaches but also for the 200 ancillary vehicles - lorries and vans - which the company owns and contract hires out to local authorities including Derby City Council.

Added to this we have an active M.O.T. testing unit available to the general public, which also doubles as a testing station for supporting the private hire and hackney carriage vehicles seen around the city.

Many side shows and activity areas have been provided to make your visit an enjoyable one, we look forward to your participation.

However, the Open Day would not be a success without the full support of the trade, the enthusiasts and above all, you, the members of the public.

Thank you all for coming, please enjoy yourselves. I look forward to meeting you.

*P. G. CROOK,  
Managing Director.*

## Company Profile

Derby City Transport Ltd., was formed on 26th October 1986 under the Transport Act 1985. It is a private company and is owned by Derby City Council which appoints the Board of Directors. Blue Bus Services (Derby) Ltd., is incorporated within the company and this provides the excursion and private hire services with its fleet of coaches.

### Board Members

Councillor A. Mullarkey (Chairman), Councillor M. J. Fuller (Deputy Chairman), Councillor B. Chadwick, Mr. P. H. Hanks, Mr. D. Roberts, Mr. P. G. Crook (Executive), Mr. S. J. Thompson (Executive), Mr. G. H. Truran (Executive).

### Management



**STAN THOMPSON —  
FINANCE MANAGER**

A native of Derby, Stan was previously an Assistant City Treasurer with Derby City Council, a position which carried a deep involvement in transport matters. In addition to his wide range of financial and administration duties, Stan is also Company Secretary.



**GERALD TRURAN —  
ENGINEERING MANAGER**

Gerald has responsibility for the engineering division required to maintain the Company's fleet of buses, coaches and commercial vehicles. This responsibility embraces 100 engineering staff servicing over 300 vehicles.

Gerald has had a wide experience in both the public and private transport sectors.



**BOB THORNE —  
COMMERCIAL MANAGER**

Bob Thorne, the Commercial Manager, is responsible for marketing all of the activities that the Company undertakes. The activities embrace the provision of local bus services, coaching - including private hire, excursions and tours and M.O.T. testing - all of which have a great deal to offer our customers.

He also investigates any opportunities for the expansion of the business and is keen to explore new and varied markets.

As Bob has joined the Company from private industry he is able to bring a refreshing view to all aspects of the Company's operations.



**PHIL ROBINSON —  
OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Phil Robinson as Operations Manager is responsible for the day to day provision of regular bus services, works, schools and college contracts, and the coaching activities of Blue Bus Services. These wide ranging functions account for over 250 personnel engaged in various occupations such as Administration, Inspecting and Driving.

### *Did you know that Derby City Transport Limited:-*

- ★ Has 109 double-deck buses and 11 coaches.
- ★ Has over 200 commercial vehicles from light vans to gritters and refuse vehicles.
- ★ Carries 20.5 million passengers per year and its buses and coaches travel over 3.5 million vehicle miles per year.
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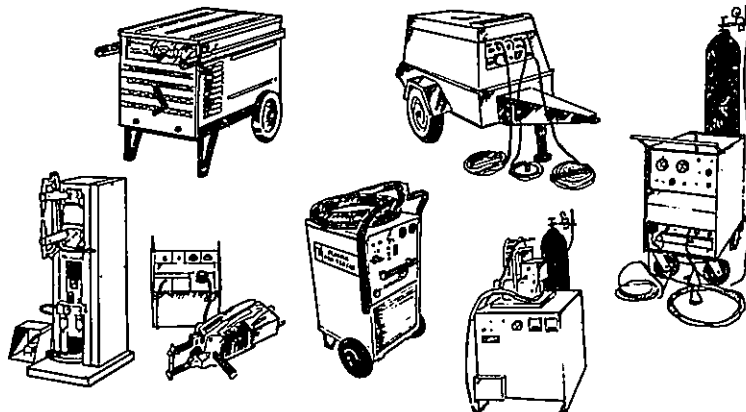
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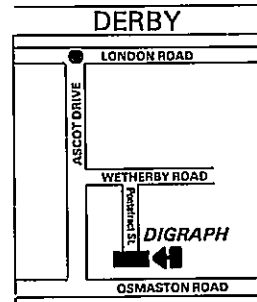
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## Brief History of Public Transport in Derby

- 1840 First Horse-Omnibus in Derby operated between King Street and the Station.
- 1879 Derby Tramways Company Limited formed.
- 1880 First horse tramcar operated March 6th.
- 1881 First Sunday Service, 29th May.
- 1881 Royal Agricultural Show, Derby, July 14 - 18th.
- 1885 First horse bus operated, June.
- 1889 Corporation took over undertaking from Derby Tramways Co., November 1st.
- 1901 Derby Corporation Act authorised the construction of electric street tramways.
- 1903 Decision taken to electrify horse tramcar routes.
- 1903 Construction of electric tramways began.
- 1904 Victoria Street premises occupied.  
Osmaston Road (Abingdon Street) works occupied, July.  
First Electric tramcar operated, July 27th.
- 1906 Royal Agricultural Show, Derby, June 27th and 30th.
- 1907 Last horse tramcar run November 28th.



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- 1908 Friar Gate depot closed 21st January, tenancy at stables terminated March 25th.
- 1909 Nottingham Road shed opened February 1st.
- 1914 First World War commenced, August 4th.
- 1917 Last horse bus ran, May 18th.  
First electric bus operated, May 19th.  
Morledge bus depot and stables closed.
- 1918 First World War terminated, November 11th.
- 1919 Coal crises, July 25th - August 16th.
- 1921 Royal Agricultural Show, Derby, June 28th - July 22nd.
- 1924 Last electric bus ran June 30th.  
First motor bus operated, July 1st.
- 1926 Nottingham Road Shed extended.
- 1927 1st April, all vehicles from this date had pneumatic tyres.
- 1928 First double-deck motor buses.  
Osmaston Road tramcar shed and omnibus garage opened.
- 1930 It was decided to replace the trams with trolley buses.  
14th November, First tram route abandoned - Nottingham Road.

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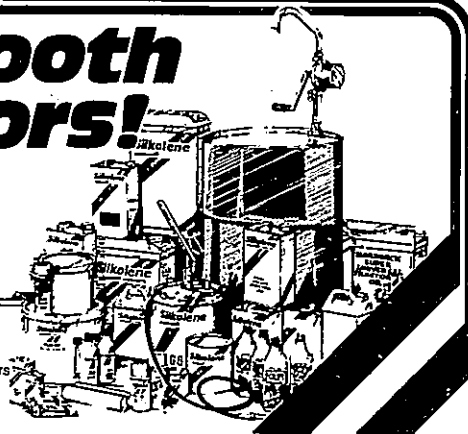
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- 1932 First trolley vehicle operated, January 9th.  
Centre of Derby flooded, May 22nd.
- 1933 Royal Agricultural Show, Derby, July 4th - 8th.  
Central bus station opened, October 2nd.
- 1934 Last electric tramcar ran, July 2nd.
- 1935 January, First diesel-engined bus.  
H. M. King George V Jubilee Week - record receipts -  
May 5th - 11th.
- 1939 Motor bus fleet used for evacuation of Derby school children  
September 2nd.  
Great Britain declared war on Germany, 11.00 am.,  
September 3rd.  
Curtaiment of motor bus services due to war emergency,  
September 17th.  
Curtaiment of trolley bus services due to war emergency,  
October 1st.
- 1940 Service dis-organised by exceptionally heavy snowfall,  
service suspended at 7.30 pm., January 31st.  
Trolley and Motor bus services curtailed, last bus 9.30 pm.  
approximately, September.
- 1944 Trolley bus services withdrawn Sunday mornings, November.



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V.J. Day, all services suspended (specials excepted) August 15th.  
Restoration of Sunday morning services from approximately 10.00 am., December 30th.
- 1946 Extension of evening services, last bus approximately 10.30 pm., May 5th.
- 1947 October 31st, last petrol-engined bus ran.  
London Road depot acquired December 18th.
- 1948 Abingdon Street Depot closed.
- 1949 Extension of evening services, last bus approximately 11.00 pm., February 6th.  
Major fleet replacements commenced.  
Sunbeam 2 axle trolley buses and Daimler CVD6 motor buses.  
October 6th, Ascot Drive depot opened.
- 1953 Last trolley route extension (to Morden Green).



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- 1955 Proposed trolleybus route extension plans defeated (Mickleover, Littleover, Kingsway, Breadsall and Henley Green).
- 1960 Last trolley bus delivered.  
January, first major trolley bus route abandonment - route 30 Victoria Street to Browning Circle, (Chaddesden, Pole Road works only from 1950).
- 1966 Last rear-loading bus delivered.
- 1967 September 10th, last trolley bus ran.  
Osmaston Road depot closed.  
Change of livery to Blue/Grey - initially for on man operation.
- 1973 Tailby & George of Willington (Blue Bus Services) taken over.
- 1974 Local Government changes - loss of County Borough status.
- 1976 January 5th, Willington depot destroyed by fire.
- 1977 Derby became a City.
- 1980 August 15th, last operation of a rear platform bus.
- 1986 Closure of Guildhall Offices and transfer of activities to former Tramway Offices in Victoria Street.
- 1986 October 26th, Derby City Transport Limited formed under Transport Act 1985.

All the proceeds from today's event go to Local Charities. Our sincere thanks go to all sponsors, volunteers and exhibitors and particularly Gateway Food Markets, Derby College of Further Education and Allen of Derby Ltd.

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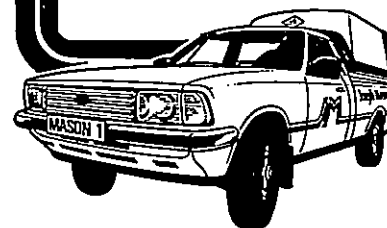
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