

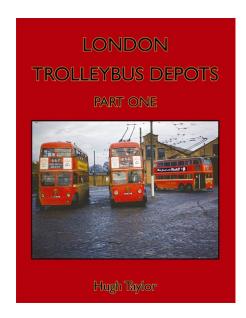
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The major new release for this issue is the first volume of Hugh Taylor's trilogy on London Trolleybus Depots, now in stock. (Existing orders are being despatched this weekend).



A4. Hardback. 184 pages. Fully illustrated. 12 pages of colour.

A behind the scenes account of the work undertaken in the depots. Many fascinating photographs, including from the LT archives showing vehicles being repaired and maintained, and in service. Shots of trolleys awaiting repair, and, especially in later years, considered beyond repair, and some in service in less than tip top condition. Includes a large pull out wiring plan of Fulwell Depot.

Parts Two and Three, due next year, will cover each depot in turn. Cover price £38.50. NTA Members £36.00. Postage £2.90.

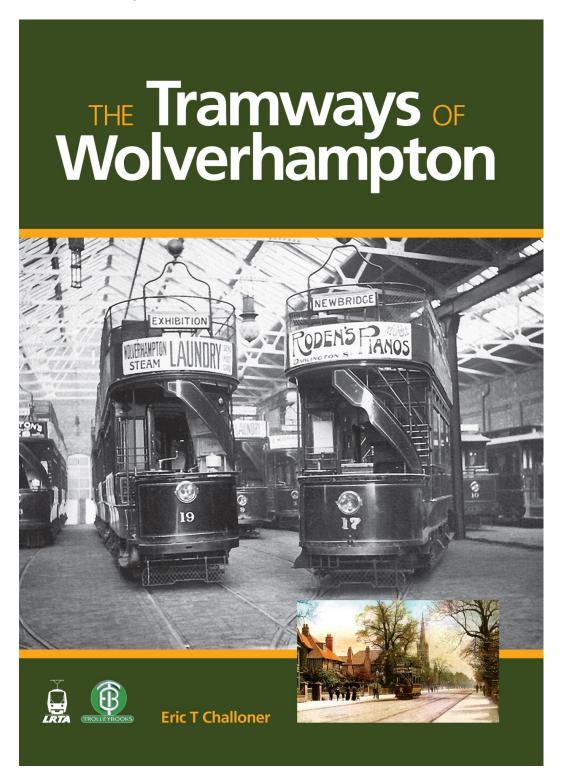
Also, new in stock,

The Railways of Stern und Hafferl. Stephen Ford/ Austrian Railways Group. (2014)



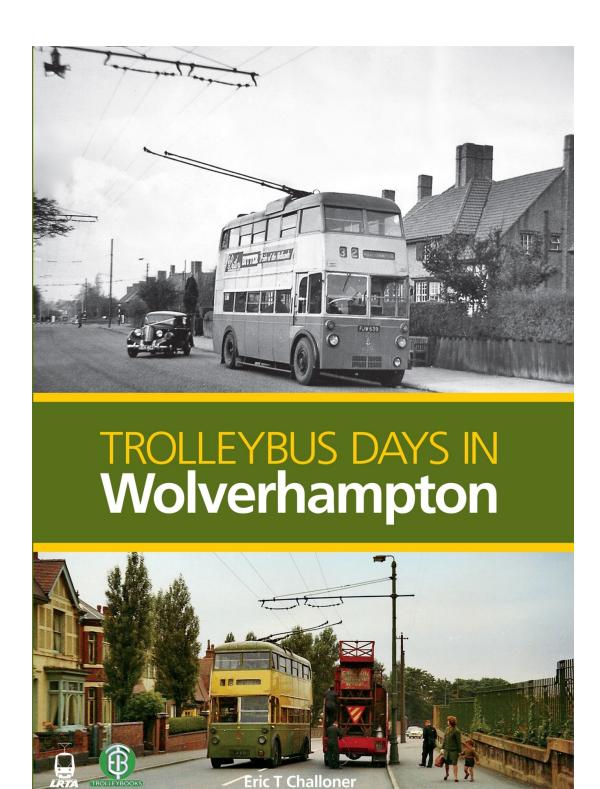
A5 Softback 166 pages. Fully illustrated in colour. English text. Despite its title, largely about this operator's trams past and present. £8.75. Postage £1.60.

Also, as announced in the last issue, a 2 volume set of books on the trams and trolleybuses of Wolverhampton, written by Eric Challenor and published jointly by Trolleybooks and the LRTA. Published 12th August.



The first volume covers the trams from beginnings in 1878 until closure in 1929, and covers also the early days of the trolleybuses from 1923 to 1929, when, in pre London days the system was for a time the largest in the world.

A4 softback. 108 pages. Fully illustrated. Fleet history. Maps. Cover price £22. NTA Members £20. Postage £2.14.



The second, larger, volume covers the trolleybus system up to its closure in 1967. A4 softback. 240 pages. 350 photos. Fleet history. Maps. Cover price £30. NTA Members £28. Postage £2.90. Price for both volumes . (NTA Members) £45. postage £2.90. Price for both volumes (Non NTA members). please enquire.

Coming Soon.

The following 2 books were announced in the last issue. Both are now in transit and are expected by the end of this month. Full details in the next issue.

Advance orders and Enquiries welcomed.

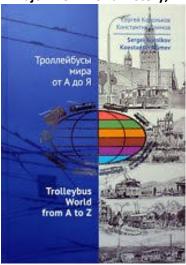
Osaka Trolleybuses/ Neko Publishing (2017).



Reviewed in TM 335. Expected September. Price tbc.

This publisher also produces titles on Japanese trams, in the same series. Further details in next issue.

A major new world history, Trolleybus World from A-Z. Klimov (2017)



English/ Russian text. A4. Over 400 pages. Fully illustrated.

Expected September. Full details in next newsletter. Price expected to be £50.

Hastings Trams and Trolleybuses. Adam Gordon.



Expected in the next few months. Details to f	rollow.
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- 2. Through the NTA Website by Paypal. (Until listed see 3 below)
- 3. Through NTA Sales by Paypal. (E mail us at ntasales@outlook.com and we will send a Payment Request)
- 4. At the NTA London meetings in Jan and subsequent months.
- 5. At Transport Fairs to be attended by NTA Sales . Next : Aldenham (Elstree) November (The replacement LOTS event).

Buy through NTA Sales and support The National Trolleybus Association.

Trolley Jottings.

1. London Meetings .

Do you live in London/ the South East?

Come along to the joint NTA/ BTS meetings. These are held at the premises of The Model Railway Club, 4 Calshott Street, N1 (nearest tube Kings Cross) on the 3rd Wed of each month except May, commencing at 19.00. See Trolleybus Magazine for details of future programmes, including:

Next meetings,

20th September. Romania -Cluj- Napoca (2014) and Timisoara (2016). Tom Douce. A welcome return for this well travelled and informative presenter.

18th October. Trolleybus Travels with a Camera. Keith Farrow.

15th November. UK Trolleubuses in the 1960s. David Pearson.

Come along, support the presenters, who put a lot of time and effort into these shows, and make new friends, or renew old acquantances.

2. The Trolleybus Society. An Appeal for Information.

Does anyone recall this organisation or have any information about it?

At the January Chiswick transport fair I purchased a number of newsletters published by the Society between 1956 and 59. Until then, I had been under the impression that the BTS (as Reading Transport Society) and the NTA were the first trolleybus enthusiasts' societies in the UK, and was not aware that a previous society catering for enthusiasts had existed, infact between 1952 and 1959.

The newsletters, published monthly, and running from number 1 to number 57 are typed A4 size, usually running to 6 pages contain a wealth of detail on developments on, mainly, British systems. The organisation was clearly Northern based (Bradford infact) and so there is a distinct Northern bias in the coverage, although London developments, withdrawals, transfers etc are covered in detail. Lesser known (today at least) systems such as St Helens and South Lancs are featured prominently.

I would like to investigate the history of this Society further, perhaps with a view to reprinting the newsletters (if a full set can be located), or a least writing an article for Trolleybus Magazine.

So, can anyone help?

What I would be interested in is as follows:

- 1. Newsletters. Especially nos. 1 to 35.
- 2. Any other published material.
- 3. Any memories, anecdotes from surviving members.
- 4. Photos taken on tours*, especially if previously unpublished and/or showing participating members.
- * eg Nottingham 15/4/56, Portsmouth 7/9 56 and Bradford 6/10/57.
- 5. Any other help or information.

The above appeal was made in the last two editions. So far there has been one response from a former member (number 112, Vincent Walsh of Bradford) and also, thanks go to Robin Symons who has loaned a full set of newsletters.

These have enabled me to establish that the society undertook the following tours:

 Notts & D
 8/3/53.

 Derby
 26/7/53

 Bradford
 20/6/54

 Huddersfield (depot)
 28/11/54

 Doncaster
 18/9/55

 Nottingham
 15/4/56

 Bradford
 16/9/56

 Derby
 20/5/56

Bradford 6/10/57 (T403 was used)

Portsmouth 7/9/57.

Did you go on any of these tours? Did you take any photos? please get in touch.

Any more contributions welcomed.

Last month's Competition

A cryptic competition, with a good number of entries

Each clue relates to a place or general location on the London system.

1. Left-leaning Leo

Tolworth

2. Hammers...

West Ham (football)

3...And Bees.

Brentford (football)

4. Where Shakespeare meets New York's theatreland?

Stratford Broadway

5.Cockney teeth...

Hampstead Heath

6. ... And hair

Barnet (Barnet fair = hair)

7.Looking for scrap? Try Oil Drum Lane.....

Shepherds Bush (Home of Steptoe and Son)

8. ...Or George's lot have hundreds of pieces here.

Colindale Depot (George Cohen 600 Group)

9. The Candlestick maker's pal climbs up to Wood Green Depot.

Butchers Hill

10. Busy junction, but horticulturist's delight?

Gardiners Corner

11.Not far from Harlesden?

Near Willesden Junction

12. Follow Aston. and get court short on the 696.

Villacourt Road

13. Little Donald Daw gets confused, and goes round in circles.

Waddon (anag. Don Daw)

14, Sounds like a cue for the original Garden Bridge...

Kew Bridge

15. ... But trolleys crossed the water only twice.

Kingston and Putney Bridge

16. Rustic residence in E11?

Thatched House

17. Settlement out east where tins are packed.

Canning Town

18. Glass mansion, alas no more.

Crystal Palace

19. Did the late Mr Bond's ursine creation become jealous here?

Paddington Green

20. Where Henry, Jane, Catherine and the others might, in more recent times, have court a Q1? **Hampton Court.**

The winner is Catherine Taylor. I am scoring here 19.5 out of 20, as she answered Paddington for 19, rather than Paddington Green. Interestingly Catherine gave Canning Hall Road for 16, which I have allowed, as a Hall can be a rustic residence...

Catherine also sets this issue's quiz, as follows:

- 1. What was a Thackley Nobbitt?
- 2. On which system was there a road called Fossway?
- 3. What was the last Leyland trolleybus to operate in Britain?
- 4. On what date was that event?
- 5. How did trolleybuses turn at Princes Road, Crayford?
- 6. On which road did trolleybuses run over tram lines in Portsmouth in 1963?
- 7. On which systems is The Snipe?
- 8. On which system is Ballogie Road?
- 9. On which system is Beda Road?
- 10. Where was the last piece of overhead in Britain cut down?
- 11. What was the last trolleybus to leave Delaval Road in Newcastle?
- 12. What was the last trolleybus to run in Reading?
- 13. What was the last trolleybus to be rebodied in Britain?
- 14. On which system is St Sepulchre Gate?
- 15. On which system was Sebastian Street a turning point

A prize for the first drawn answer.

Can't get them all? Have a go anyway. If no complete answer is submitted, the prize goes to the entrant with the most correct answers.

From now on a Rule Change; The winner will not necessarily be the first received; all correct answers have an equal chance, so take your time (but the next issue will be out in only a few weeks early to mid Oct...).

Could you fox the members? Have a go at thinking up and submitting a question for the newsletter's regular quiz.

Questions can be eg factul, photographic, cryptic, as above or just plain devious and requiring some thought. As I have learnt, questions which can be easily "googled" are easily solved! They should not, however, be impossible (although note that if no correct entry is submitted, then the prize will be awarded to the question setter.)

Send your question(s) (with answer please!) to me at NTA Sales.

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Are you aware of a forthcoming title? Sometimes they appear from nowhere! Advance information appreciated.

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Philip Johnson Sales Officer 16/9/17