



The Centenary Celebrations of the Builders of London Buses
June 10th 2012
At the Walthamstow Pumphouse Museum

June 2012 will mark the Centenary of the Builders of London's Buses. The Associated Equipment Company as it was known was formed in 1912. The operations were first based at Walthamstow until 1927 when due to limited operating space the company then switched its operations to larger premises at Southall in West London; however, the tractor arm of the company remained at Walthamstow until 1933. Over the one hundred years of its operations the company made many thousands of motor buses, lorries, railway vehicles, tractors, and engines. The Southall operations finished in 1979, ending a chapter in the history of London Buses.

The Centenary Celebration will consist of a pageant of AEC type vehicles through the streets of Waltham Forest passing by all the Boroughs bus stations, and the old AEC works site at Blackhorse Road. The pageant or, the AEC Heritage Fleet, as it will be known, will start from the famous old bus turn around out side the Royal Forest Hotel in Chingford. The Heritage Fleet will consist of about twenty vehicles of buses and lorries. The Pageant will finish in Essex Road Walthamstow where the Heritage Fleet will park up for the day. The celebrations will then continue on St James Park and on the Walthamstow Pumphouse Museum site.

Trade stalls and refreshments bars will be sited on St James Park next to Essex Road.

The Walthamstow Pumphouse Museum site will have additional AECs vehicles on show and displays. It is proposed that the AEC society and other London bus groups will also have their society stands on the museum site.

A free AEC round robin bus service will bring the public to the event site from one of three car park pick up points. The Mall Shopping Centre, by Walthamstow Central Station, South Grove Walthamstow, or at Blackhorse Road Station.

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