

Cumbria Classic Coaches NEWSLETTER

ANOTHER NEWSLETTER!

Just a quick snapshot of Cumbria Classic Coaches to let you all know what we are up to!

You should all have received not one but two leaflets with this. Our regular outings and the holidays we are running this year, which we hope to see a few of you on.

Things are busy here at Bowber Head, getting ready for the season. Weddings using Classic Coaches seem to be a growing craze (I always wanted to be a fashion victim) and we are still running our service route to Hawes. This year though, as we all love going on holiday, but have no time anymore since starting CCC, we decided to take you all with us.

and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us so far and shown an interest in our 'hobby'!

PLANNED TRIPS IN 2003

Routes 569 and 570 will start the Tuesday before Easter. This route saw passenger numbers of up to 57 on a single trip last summer and we hope the new extension to Ribbleshead Viaduct will prove as popular.

Klipper, the free service around Kendal that we have operated for 4 years is looking promising again for it's 5th year. All the crew are looking forward to seeing our regular fans in the summer.

RALLY NEWS

FANTASTIC, FREE, FUN, FAMILY WEEKEND - 19&20 April 2003

Entries are coming in thick and fast for the Kirkby Stephen Classic Commercial Vehicle Weekend at Easter. Bowber Head is already full of helpers and friends staying for the weekend and reports from the hotels and B&B's in Kirkby Stephen look good. All the fleet will be on show with most in the FREE bus service it should be an excellent weekend. Florence will not be appearing on the Saturday as she is providing a service in her native area running between Lancaster Maritime Museum and Glasson Dock.

If anyone else wants to help at the rally, conducting, marshalling and programme selling please let us know. We are very short of volunteers!

Please could everybody also display the poster enclosed with this newsletter in a prominent place.

Fleet News

FLORENCE

The 1948 AEC Regal now has a Class VI test and last Saturday went on her first paying job. A wedding in Doncaster! Although she had been used previously during the winter to support Steve Reed's familiarisation trips to South Shields and Nenthead.

LAURENCE

The Guy Arab, has also achieved Class VI status and has been used on several job, including the recent one featured in the newsletter at the National Railway Museum, York. We are still on the lookout for enough moquette to re-cover the spare seat and make this back into a 33 seater!

HEATHER

Currently lodging with George the Fitter, Alison's Commer Avenger is running well on the gas conversion and is being prepared for a Class VI test hopefully in a couple of weeks.

PULLMAN

Our York Pullman is on permanent lease to the famous AEC man, David Bowman of Carlisle. Apparently she flew through her Class VI (which is an unusual thing for a bus to do, as against an aeroplane!) and already has several jobs lined up for this summer. Although whether David will allow Andrew to drive it ...?

THE OLD GIRL

Not mother! The Leyland Lion is still for sale.

GUY WARRIOR

We have made the reluctant decision to sell the Guy Warrior, possessor of the unusual gearbox. The last remaining Guy Warrior with an underfloor engine. Although not advertised in the relevant press YET if anyone is interested it is for sale for £5,500 ono. (better than a car at half the price)



INTERESTING HIRES

The Guy Arab has just returned from a fortnight at the National Railway Museum, York. Where he posed as Bertie the Bus (he's not quite the right colours for Bertie the Bus!).

The Thomas The Tank Engine fortnight attracted huge interest and very large crowds.





REGAL MARK III PASSENGER CHASSIS



Cumbria Classic Coaches are going abroad in 2003. We are very excited to offer this trip of a lifetime on our vintage buses (at a very reasonable price). Claire and Will will be going along and half the clan if they get their way. So if you would like to join us for a brilliant time just phone for a brochure.

HOLIDAYS IN 2003 NORWAY

12TH - 19TH MAY



Cost: £525 per person

Includes:

- All holiday transport will be on our classic halfcab coaches (apart from the ferry!)
- Overnight Ferry from Newcastle to Norway (and back)
- Halfboard excellent hotel accommodation in Norway
- Excursions around the Telemark area on our classic coaches

The memorable touring experience of a lifetime

HOLIDAYS ABROAD

The holiday to Norway has nearly a coach full booked on so far and we are still receiving enquiries. Anthony and Alison met the representatives again this week and we may have a lead to an enthusiast bus group near the area we are visiting. The rest of the holidays are included in the booklet with the newsletter, the ones here to Ravenstonedale have received a lot of interest and we know will be great.

The Isle of Man tour is looking exciting as we have coincided with a week of transport based events happening on the island. This one is Geoff Colledge's favourite and Alison hopes to be taking the Commer Avenger.

Another special holiday is the photography weekend in September, organised and crewed by Anthony and our very own professional photographer Steve Messam who has worked for papers such as The Guardian and The Independent. The buses will be dedicated to the photographers during the weekend and taken to different locations to suit. Costing £165 per person for the two night break, half board staying either at The Fat Lamb or at Bowber Head this will prove a winner.

MERCHANDISE

New lines for 2003 include: Mechanised toy buses (Hornby Bertie the Bus models) with Cumbria Classic Coaches written on the sides £7 each
Paintings by David Bailey of CWG 286 - £8 each
Watercolour greetings cards by Judith Harrison - £2 each
and hopefully enamel badges and postcards to come.

THANKYOU for articles

We would like to say a big thank you to the journalists who have written about Cumbria Classic Coaches. We have enjoyed some fantastic publicity in the magazines and bookings for the holidays, coaches and B&B are flooding in.

Thank you to:

David Gambles - Bus and Coach Preservation
Jeff Colledge - Heritage Commercials and Old Glory
Rob Orchard - Bus and Coach Buyer
Christian Dymond - Country Life
and the Ticket Collectors!

(if we have missed anyone out please accept our apologies, these are articles since our last newsletter)

For details of our holidays, phone, write or email for a brochure:

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