

This year we are planning to celebrate our 50th anniversary, our first bus gathering was at Brunel University in January 1973. Last September we staged the amazing **SHOWBUS50** at Hertfordshire County Showground, but the **flyby** event planned for the previous week fell on the eve of Her Majesty's funeral and was postponed until this year on Sunday June 18th 2023.

SHOWBUSflyby

The **flyby** run, supported by Buckinghamshire County Council, Brunel University, RAF High Wycombe and HWBidCo will run mostly along the A40 as did the inaugural, and highly successful **flyby** in 2020. The eastern end will be at Brunel University. Buses will divert through Wycombe High Street and the Bus Station as last time then continue to RAF High Wycombe. The **SHOWBUS TRADERS VILLAGE** will again be in High Wycombe's historic Market Place.

WINGS Tour Bus 1972

Returning to Brunel after fifty years is WNO481, the ex Eastern National open top Bristol KSW used by Sir Paul McCartney's WINGS group on its European tour in 1972. Abandoned in Tenerife the bus has just completed a full restoration and **SHOWBUSflyby** is appropriately its first outing in many years. Coincidentally June 18th is Sir Paul McCartney's 81st birthday, so two renditions of *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* are planned at 1pm at Brunel and 3.15pm in Wycombe High Street.

Brunel University campus is just over a mile inside the London LEZ though the huge roundabout south of Uxbridge High Street and the A4020 linking to the M40 Denham roundabout is outside the LEZ so all buses will be able to access Uxbridge. The bad news is that if you have to turn here you will not be able to see the small display at Brunel or take advantage of their refreshment facilities. Buses over 40 years old are exempt from the LEZ and can get to Brunel. The new extended ULEZ does not come into effect until after the **SHOWBUSflyby.** You can check if your bus is LEZ exempt by putting the registration in at

https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/ Note Brunel is in the LEZ not the ULEZ and well outside the Congestion Charge Zone which the checker also feeds back on, so please read the results carefully. The other start point is **RAF High Wycombe** at Naphill. **SHOWBUSflyby** has been given permission to use the RAF car park as a staging post and each bus will be able to pose with the replica Spitfire and Hurricane at the entrance to the base.

Please note there is no public parking available and photography of the base is strictly prohibited

Buses will be running from around 0930h onwards in BOTH directions until around 1600h up to every 10 minutes, though the frequency is likely to tail off after 1430h, but check *showbus.com/display* nearer the time for the planned schedule.

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Joining points, optional layover points and static display sites Brunel University (static display site, layover & joining point) Uxbridge Cross Street roundabout (unmanned joining point) Beaconsfield services (layover point)

High Wycombe town centre (static display site, layover & joining point)

RAF High Wycombe (joining point)

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SHOWBUS TRADERS VILLAGE

This will be located in the historic High Wycombe Market Place with *SHOWBUSflyby* entrants passing regularly through the market. Some of the stalls will be under the Guildhall and some under the Market Building while others will occupy stall spaces along the High Street.

Contact Dominic Spooner via dom@showbus.com who can also be contacted via the vehicle entry form's return address: 20 Castle Rise, Castle Street, HIGH WYCOMBE HP13 6FQ or directly at 8 Dragonfly Close, FROME. BA11 5BX or SMS 07835 289454

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