

HACKNEY MARSHES VINTAGE BUS EVENT

EAST LONDON - EASTER SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2006

I-SPY for families

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As a tribute to the late Big-Chief I-SPY, and in recognition that Easter is a time for families, we offer a small selection of vehicles and other things to look out for and earn an I-SPY score.

LOW-HEIGHT DOUBLE-DECKER

London bought special buses that were a foot lower than ordinary double-deckers, so they would fit under low bridges.

Where was the gangway upstairs on your low-height double-decker?..... **Score 50**



GREEN LINE

Green Line coaches ran from London to country areas served by London Transport. I-SPY the Green Line name on the side and the pale green stripe.

Which route was your Green line coach operating?

..... **Score 60**

ROUTEMASTER

Routemasters came in two different sizes, depending on whether they seated 64 or 72 passengers. I-SPY the difference by the number of windows down the side.

How many windows did your Routemaster have along the side?

..... **Score 30**



THE RT TYPE

London Transport had RT-type buses built by different companies, AEC and Leyland, but fitted them with identical bodies.

How could you tell whether your bus was an AEC or a Leyland?

..... **Score 40**

RED RF BUS

When they were built, RF single-deck buses were operated by a driver and a conductor. Later, they were converted to be worked by the driver only.

How can you tell whether your RF was operated by one person or two ? **Score 35**





RED BUS, GREEN BUS

As well as the red buses in central London, London Transport also ran green buses out in the Country Area. And sometimes there was a shortage in London and a red bus garage would borrow some green buses.

What type of green bus did you I-SPY?
.....Score **50**

BUS STOPS

In London, places where buses stop are marked by signs, called bus stop flags. These often show the route numbers that stop at that stop.

What was the largest number of routes that stopped at a stop you saw?
.....Score **15**



BUS STATIONS

In town centres outside London and at some busy interchanges in London, there are bus stations where lots of routes call. Stratford Bus Station even has toilets.

How many buses were in the bus station you saw?
.....Score **25**



LOW BRIDGES

Around the Hackney area, there are several low railway bridges across the road that mean normal buses can't use those roads..

How low was the lowest bridge you I-SPYed?
.....Score **55**



BUSINESSES

The bus routes pass many local businesses, some of which will have to move out when the Olympic Stadium is built.

I-SPY the most interesting business along the route
..... Score **40**

A REALLY OLD BUS

Before the RF type, most single-deck buses had a 'half cab', that is there was a bonnet beside the driver.

What was the bonnet number of the really old bus you saw?
..... Score **100**



When your score reaches 350 points, you may award yourself the rank of Busman Second Class. When you reach 500, you become Busman First Class. Well done!