

# 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!