

ABOUT THIS BUS

New: March 1964

Number plate: ALD 871B

Seats: 64

Height: 14 feet 6 inches (4.42m)

Aldenham Works, Hertfordshire in 1970, 1977 & 1981 the bodies were swapped with other Routemasters, as this made the process more efficient. The current body is B1903. It was allocated to Hornchurch garage in 1966 for a year, then Hackney for a further year, and Tottenham for 9 years.



E. Pring (2007-03)

SRM 7

Fleet number RM 1871 began its **London Transport** (LT) career at Upton Park garage. Body number B1871 was originally fitted, but in the course of overhauls at

The bus was one of 25 Routemasters selected to celebrate **Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee** in 1977. These were repainted in silver, and renumbered as SRMs; this bus became SRM 7. Exide Batteries had exclusive advertising inside and outside the vehicle. Wool carpets were fitted. The bus entered service after appearing at the Easter Parade. All the SRMs returned to their original, red, identities during November. RM 1871 is one of the 2 former SRMs remaining in the UK.

RM 1871 was based at Norwood garage for about a year, then went to Elmers End for over 5 years, and Clapton for a further year before being withdrawn in November 1984, and stored with many other RMs at the

former AEC Works at Southall. A major reason for withdrawal was the Leyland engine which had been fitted until now, since these were being phased out in favour of the more common AEC type.

The bus was sold to **Southampton City Transport** in February 1988 and briefly operated there.

In January 1989 **Southend Transport** bought the vehicle, and painted it in blue and white (see right photo). It carried fleet number 113 and the name 'Pride of Belfairs'. Fluorescent lighting was fitted, bringing it in line with the rest of the fleet. For the first time in its history, an AEC engine was installed.

A. Morgan (1990-11)



Mr H. Hobson of Royston purchased RM 1871 in February 1995, and returned the vehicle to near original LT condition, minus fluorescent lighting. It was used for private hires and rallying.



E. Pring (2002-06)

Timebus Travel purchased the bus in July 1996. Until March 1997, it was used on local bus services in Watford, Hertfordshire. Subsequently, it has been fitted with carpeted walls and a public address system, and maintained in pristine condition in our charter fleet.

In Spring 2007 it was painted silver again as SRM 7 (see top photo), 30 years after it was first in these colours, and to celebrate Timebus' 20th anniversary in the Autumn.

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