



Gary Dwyer

I am a Chartered Engineer and have been interested in lorries and buses for as long as I can remember and in particular the products of Leyland Motors and their associated companies. I was lucky to be sponsored by Leyland Truck and Bus during my university course and worked there during the summer holidays and the designated training periods of my course. After graduation, I started my first full time position in the Advanced Power Units Group in Spurrier Works, working on noise reduction projects for the Leyland engines. My work took me to the R&D area most days where I was privileged to see the build of prototypes of several new models before they went on test. I loved every moment of my time at Leyland but as we all know, in the early 1980s, Leyland announced they would cease manufacture of their own engines. It was with a heavy heart that I decided I should find new employment and moved to Sussex to work for a major UK powertrain research and development company near to where I now live. An unplanned change of career direction in 2009 resulted in me working at Cummins for a short time before starting my current position as an Application Engineer for diesel engine catalysts.

My interest in commercial vehicles has continued over the years as work commitments have allowed. I have completed several restorations, all of which have been featured in the enthusiast press. Most recently, I completed the restoration of a Leyland DAF 80 Series tractor unit, a rare survivor of one of the last Leyland designed heavy trucks, albeit with DAF running units. I was pleasantly surprised to be awarded second place in my class in the 2019 H.C.V.S. London to Brighton run and it was featured in Classic & Vintage Commercials magazine later in the year. There are other Leylands patiently waiting their turn for restoration so watch this space for further developments! I was a founder member of the Society and joined the committee some years back. My first task being to take over organisation of the Annual Gathering which was followed by becoming Treasurer shortly afterwards. A few years ago, I was elected to the position of Chairman and look forward to the challenge of taking the Society forward.

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