



Richard Lukey

After finishing school I was selected by Leyland Truck and Bus Division in 1971 to join their Student Apprenticeship programme – one of a cohort of ten taken on that year. For a year I worked in many of the shop floor departments in Spurrier, Farington, Chorley and North and South Works as well as having a placement in Divisional Engineering working on Leyland National bus related issues immediately prior to production starting at Lillyhall in Cumbria.

Leyland sponsored me through University where I studied Production Engineering and Management including two summer vacation placements of 10 weeks the first in Bus Marketing working with the Leyland National Business Commuter bus promoting the National at various venues. The second vacation I was based in Quality Control at Farington looking at the geometric form of 500 series engine cylinder bores as part of my degree thesis.

After graduation I joined Export Bus Service based in Spurrier Works from where I joined the team of Service Engineers based in Caracas overseeing the commissioning of the 450 Nationals supplied to Venezuela where I was based for over two years, This led to my appointment as Zone Sales Manager for Africa at Leyland Cars which in turn led to me joining Lonrho to set up three new companies and a Toyota Hilux vehicle assembly line at Land Rover Zambia in Ndola between 1982 and 1986.

I remain grateful to Truck and Bus for their excellent training scheme which unlocked doors into General Management and Director roles and later into Business Consultancy and running my own business working in Yorkshire, Liverpool City Region and Greater Lincolnshire.

When David Berry was on the look out for someone to run The Leyland Society's social media activity I was all too keen to apply having run my own business websites and social media activity as well as for charities and the local church.

Over the next 12 months I intend to retire, allowing me to devote more time to the society.

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