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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Red Letter Day for Midland Red Bus**

**Sunday 14th June, 2009**

A red letter day is planned at the Black Country Living Museum for the D9 Midland Red Bus which celebrates its 50th birthday on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June, 2009. The Black Country Museum Transport Group will be going off their trolley as they mark the occasion with a bus trip down memory lane.

The D9 was a familiar sight on the streets of the Midlands and the group hope many ex Midland Red bus drivers, conductors and engineers will grab a ticket ride and join them at the Black Country Living Museum as they celebrate the D9's 50th anniversary. Enthusiasts can hop aboard a selection of buses, coaches and support vehicles, a presentation talk will take place at lunchtimes and a film show will be running at intervals throughout both days.

Stan Letts, ex Midland Red Driver and member of the Black Country Museum Transport Group said: "Midland Red built 345 D9's and it is alleged that no two were exactly alike. Press the starter button and instead of the rattly roar of a D7's engine there was now a deep satisfying rumble from the much bigger engine under the D9's bonnet. Sadly my own antiquity means I can no

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longer take a bus out on the public highway but I am left with a treasure house of memories.” -Ends-

### **Photo Opportunities**

Journalist and photographers are invited to attend the Museum on Sunday 14th June.

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The Museum is only three miles from Junction 2 of the M5 Motorway, and five miles from junction 10 of the M6 and is easily accessible from the Midlands Motorway network. Opening times – every day from 10am until 5pm.

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