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**“READING TROLLEY BUSES”**

SPEAKER: DAVE HALL

Dave Hall became fascinated by the trolley buses in Reading when he was a youngster. While recuperating from a serious illness, his father took him to the Mill Lane depot where some of the town's trolley buses were kept.

Dave spoke about the development of public transport from horse-drawn trams through to electric trolley buses, the first of which arrived in Reading in 1936. The last trolley bus in Reading ceased running in 1968 largely because of increasing traffic and the cost of introducing one way traffic in sections of the town, but also because the main manufacturer of trolley bus overhead wires ceased production.

Dave showed us lots of fascinating old photographs of the trolley buses on various routes in Reading, and some of the final trolley bus journeys in 1968.

More information can be found in Dave Hall's "Poles Down: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reading Trolleybus System Closure" which is available in Reading Museum.