Vintage buses to be used on Doors Open Day

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Lothian Buses will offer passengers the opportunity to travel to its Central Depot Doors Open Day at Annandale Street in style on Saturday 24 September 2016.

Doors to the depot are open between 12pm and 4pm and the event offers passengers the opportunity to see behind the scenes at the company's main depot.

As part of the event this year, Lothian Buses will be running vintage buses on the Service 16 between Lothian Road and Newhaven, stopping close to Central Depot. Running at least every 10 minutes between 9am and 6pm, passengers will be able to travel on a fleet of vintage buses along Princes Street, St Andrews Square, York Place and Leith Walk to Newhaven. Normal Lothian Buses fares will be accepted on these vehicles.

Richard Hall, Managing Director, said: "We are really excited to be able to offer trips on vintage buses as part of our Doors Open Day programme this year. We hope that by giving people this rare opportunity to travel back in time on these special services, it will add to what is already a very popular event in Edinburgh."

Highlights of the event also include a display of new and vintage buses, tours around the depot highlighting the history of the listed building, trips onboard double-deckers through the bus wash and bus 'racing' operated by The Racing Bug.

The event will also feature many highlights for children of all ages including face painting, a bouncy castle and the chance to sit in the bus drivers seat.

This year, Lothian Buses will be supporting Guide Dogs Scotland and Poppy Scotland with donation buckets at the doors and throughout the depot.