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■ **Historic Birmingham-built bus to headline at NEC Antiques Fair**

An historic Birmingham-built double-decker bus from the 1960s which was the last ever bus in the Midlands to have a rear entrance for passengers will be showcased at the Antiques for Everyone Fair at the NEC from 8th to 11th April 2010.

The fantastic 1963 Daimler bus was built by Metro Cammell Weymann in Birmingham and will be the highlight of an exhibition of rare working vehicles from the 1900s at the fair.

Celebrating its 25th year as Britain's largest dedicated antiques event, Antiques for Everyone will bring more than 350 specialist dealers to the NEC for four days from 8th - 11th April 2010.

This spring Antiques for Everyone is featuring a rare selection of working vehicles from the past 60 years from across the West Midlands. Visitors can feel nostalgic with a 1954 mini coach, an Austin Gypsy fire engine made in Birmingham from 1957 and a 1963 West Midlands bus, all on show from the Coventry Transport Museum.

The stunning mini coach's 2266cc engine and gearbox were both made at the Rootes factory in Coventry and the splendid Gypsy fire engine was manufactured at the Longbridge plant and remained in service for an incredible 31 years.

Tiffany Pritchard, show director said: "We're thrilled to showcase such amazing examples of the West Midland's rich vehicle manufacturing heritage. This selection of working vehicles might well be familiar to many of our visitors from their childhood."

Antiques for Everyone also showcases more than 50,000 pieces available to buy at the fair, with fine period furniture, pottery, glass, sculpture, jewellery, fashion, arts and crafts on show vetted for authenticity by a team of experts before the fair opens.

Visitors can also browse everything from Victorian novelties for £10 to the finest paintings worth more than £100,000, making Antiques for Everyone a great day out for collectors and enthusiasts alike.

The Antiques for Everyone Spring fair will take place at the NEC from the 8th - 11th April 2010. Admission will be £10 when purchased in advance or £12 on the day and includes free parking and a visitor guide.

For advanced bookings call 0844 581 0827 or visit www.antiquesforeveryone.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

Antiques for Everyone Spring 2010

NEC Birmingham, B40 1NT, Halls 17 – 19

8th - 11th April 2010

Ticket information:

Admission: £12 (on the day)

Advance tickets: £10

Children under 16 enter for free

Call 0844 581 0827 or visit www.antiquesforeveryone.co.uk

Opening Times:

Thursday 11am – 7pm

Friday 11am – 6pm

Saturday 11am – 6pm

Sunday 11am – 5pm

