

# Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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## Leatherhead Bus Garage, Guildford Road, Fetcham



When buses were first operating in Leatherhead they were stabled in the yard of the Swan Hotel from 1921 and later also at the Bull. The East Surrey Traction Company, as agents for the London General Omnibus Company, were urgently looking for sites for five bus garages in their area and in 1924 they found the site in Guildford Road, Fetcham, just west of the railway bridge. The land was part of a market garden run by the Mizzen Brothers.

The garage was built to hold twenty-four vehicles under cover, together with the necessary offices and stores, but by 1928 it had been extended to hold a further twelve buses and the roof was also raised. By 1932 the depot was taken over by London General Country Services Ltd to be replaced the following year by London Passenger Transport Board, who also enlarged the building in typical London Transport architectural style.

Eventually this garage was closed by Arriva on 30 April 1999 and the following its demolition the site was developed for office known as United Technologies House and Juniper House.

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