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Transport and Travel

Tramcars

The UK's Last – and Largest Ever – Steam Tram



The tram ready to leave, Ragtime 'Puffing Billy'

For almost 40 years from 1887 Stony Stratford and Wolverton had the largest tramcars ever to run through the streets of Britain – at 44 ft long (14m), they were built to carry up to 100 passengers.

Residents remember:

'Where the road turns to Old Wolverton there was a sharp hill. If the tram hadn't got enough steam he'd go bop-bop-bop and it would run back. We'd have to get out and push it over the top of the hill, get back in and away we'd go again.'



'Wives could cook their husband's a hot lunch and send it to Wolverton Works in a special basket on the tram where it would be kept warm until the lunch break.'

See the tram at Milton Keynes Museum, or visit www.mkheritage.co.uk/mkm/history

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