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RATP has been taking delivery of numerous electric BYD/E400EVs, even though every garage concerned had to wait for the electric power supply to be connected up. Harrow and Fulwell eventually got theirs so we see Fulwell's BCE 47042 crossing Ham Common on the 65. *(Terry O'Neill)*

An operator change on route 432 on 2nd April from London General to Arriva London South brought HV-class Volvo hybrids to that service. A batch (HV 132-144) were refurbished and painted especially, typified by Norwood Garage's HV 139 at Tulse Hill on 16th April. *(Terry Wong Min)*



Front cover: 2022 marks 50 years since Ensignbus was created in 1972 and in that time several thousand 'used buses' were re-sold, a large heritage fleet and a local bus network have been built up. Volvo B9TL No. 130 has been treated to this Golden Jubilee livery and is turning into the Garrison Estate at Purfleet-on-Thames. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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Editorial and Society Matters

Les Stitson's funeral was duly held on 12th April and several officers and friends from both LOTS and LHRG attended.

Members will have seen TLB692. Sadly, and seemingly due to a fault in the colour-mix process on the printing plate, some rogue yellow patches appeared on the inside front cover pictures. Rest assured that the photos were perfectly OK when they left me as well as on the pre-printing proofs. However, it was better to post out normally to avoid long delays, as I am sure that our readers would realise that the buses really were all-red. Also rest assured that they weren't an April Fool.

Now an apology from me: In TLB690 (February) the picture of Candy Coaches WVL320 was credited to Haydn Davies although it was actually a photograph from Martin Ruthe. It went to print before I was aware. So, Sorry, apologies to Martin for that, especially as I seem to have forgotten to publish a correction in March TLB691, only rectifying that now.

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LOTS Postal Sales

Watch out for a new SUP-39C TfL operators fleet allocations and PVRs (£4.50). Updated to 21st May, this is due with us in the first few days of June. Please wait until we confirm its arrival with us before ordering; better still, visit our sales stand at the Stockwell Garage open day on 11th June.

The LOTS 2022 Fleetbook, 128 pages and illustrated. (£7.50) ****NEW****.

LBM 199 Spring 2022 (£5.00) **NEW** Main features are ‘Addlestone Garage operations in the 1950s’ (an insight into the very complicated scheduling and route patterns of Country Area buses); ‘Archway’s last Routemasters’ and ‘The Yorkie Buses’ (a photo-piece on ex-Londoners in York by Tony Wilson).

LBM 198 Winter 2021 (£5.00) Main features are ‘Streatham’s buses in the Sixties’ by Ian King; ‘Volvo double-deckers in London’ by Malc McDonald; ‘Trolleybus route 667 bank holiday workings’ by Hugh Taylor. 120 pictures in this issue.

Mike Harris’ Greater London Bus Map No.39 2nd April 2022 (£2.00) ****NEW****

Mike Harris’ Greater London Night Bus Map 2nd April 2022 (£4.00) ****NEW****

Around Waltham Forest by Bus, Tram & Train – Historical local scenes over 200 years by Roger Torode. Published by LHRG. £15.00. 120 pages (It’s described as the transport story of Waltham Forest). ****NEW****

The London Q by Ken Blacker £25.00. 128 pages. (Capital Transport). ****NEW****

Steering London Through – London’s Road Services in the Second World War. By Tony Beard and Mick Webber. Capital Transport £40.00. Largely a chronological story of the period, focussing on the behind-the-scenes planning by LT, both before the war (starting in 1937) and during it. (***NEW***)

London Trolleybus Depots Part Three. By Hugh Taylor, published by Adam Gordon, £44.00. Covers Stonebridge Park, Colindale, Finchley and Wood Green, including separate maps of the overhead layout of the four depots. (****NEW****)

Mr. Gibson’s Ticket Machine - The Complete Story 1944-1993. By Anthony Cross, (£16.95) by Capital Transport. (****NEW****)

London’s Buses 1979-1994 - The Capital’s Bus Network in Transition. By Andrew Bartlett, £30.00.

The London Volvo B7TL - by Matthew Wharmby (Pen & Sword), £35.00.

London’s Historical Railway Terminal Stations - An Illustrated History. By Geoff Swaine, (Pen & Sword) £30.00.

LOTS Meetings

LOTS Meetings are at Conway Hall, Holborn at 7.30pm (hall open from 6.30). We are in the Great Hall unless otherwise stated. Conway Hall authorities currently request that visitors are encouraged to wear face masks and that those feeling that they have Covid symptoms are asked not to attend.

We regret that once again the speaker at our next meeting on Monday 23rd May is changed. The speaker will now be Simon Reed, Head of Technology and Data at Surface Transport TfL. He will talk of 20 years of (iBus) passenger information.

Further booked meetings are 27 June (AGM in the smaller Brockway Room), then 26 September and 28 November in the Great Hall.

Coming Events

All events are subject to any Covid-19 restrictions at the time. Events that seem likely to go ahead are below, although you should check before travelling. (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand should attend).

- Sun 22 May: Didcot, transport rally at the Railway Centre plus a Bus Running Day based on Didcot Parkway Station.
- Sat 11 June: Open Day at Go-Ahead Stockwell (SW) Garage to celebrate 70 years of operation – it opened on 2nd April 1952. (LSS)
- Sun 12 June: Heritage operation on route 81 (Hounslow to Slough, journeys to Windsor). It will include participation by more modern preserved buses outside the LEZ.
<https://www.londonbusmuseum.com/route-81-running-day/>
- Sun 19 June: A&DMBS Elstree & Borehamwood Running Day based on Allum Manor, Elstree.
- Sun 26 June: London Bus Museum Brooklands – ‘On the Buses’ Summer Gathering.
- Sun 26 June: Open day at Reading Buses depot in Great Knollys Street.
- Sat 02 July: 50th Anniversary of the Leyland National’s ‘birth’ in 1972, at Gaydon, Warwickshire.
- Sat/Su 09/10 July: Thames Valley Traction Centenary Event: possible running day at Maidenhead.
- Sun 10 July: BBPG running day Godstone to East Grinstead.
- Sun 17 July: Alton, Hampshire, a major bus display and running day. (LSS)
- Sun 31 July Worthing, bus rally at west end of the sea front, also bus rides.
- Sun 07 Aug Gosport, bus rally at Stokes Bay, also local bus rides.
- Sun 07 Aug Change of venue for ‘Buses’ Festival, now at Sywell Aerodrome, near Northampton.
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GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National news, TfL and politics

The war in **Ukraine** and its consequences continues to dominate the national news along with the cost-of-living crisis. **Local Council elections** were held in all London Boroughs and many authorities outside the Capital on 5 May. Overall in England, the Conservatives lost 341 Council seats, Labour won 52, Lib Dems won 191 and the Greens added 60. In London Labour took control of Barnet, Wandsworth and Westminster from the Conservatives, all of which had been Tory controlled for many years. Westminster had been Conservative led since the Council was created in 1964. Further afield, the most significant election result was in Northern Ireland where Sinn Fein became the largest party in the Northern Ireland Assembly for the first time.

The big news this month is Crossrail. TfL has announced that **train services on the Elizabeth line will start on Tuesday 24 May**. Trains will initially run every 5 minutes between Abbey Wood and Paddington calling at all stations except Bond Street which is not complete and will open later, probably in the Autumn. To allow for further testing, services through the new tunnel section will run initially between 06:30 and 23:30 on Mon-Sat. There will be no Sunday service but there will be a special service over the Jubilee holiday weekend. The new line will increase the Underground capacity by 10%. Hopefully this will still be needed!

Existing TfL Rail services between Paddington and Reading or Heathrow and between Liverpool Street and Shenfield will continue as they do currently but will be re-branded as the Elizabeth line from 24th May. This means that there will be three separate Elizabeth line services. The next stage should be to link the Paddington termini, increasing the frequency through central London to every 2.5 mins at peak times. This is planned for the Autumn and is due to be joined by through services to Shenfield in May 2023. Then the entire line will be open with through services from Reading or Heathrow to Shenfield or Abbey Wood. Associated changes to bus services both in south-east and east London have been planned for some time and are recorded in *Greater London Route Developments* in this TLB.

----- *General & Industry News* -----

Andy Byrford, TfL's Commissioner, said: "I am delighted that we can now announce a date for the opening of the Elizabeth line in May. We are using these final few weeks to continue to build up reliability on the railway and get the Elizabeth line ready to welcome customers. The opening day is set to be a truly historic moment for the Capital and the UK and we can look forward to showcasing a simply stunning addition to our network". Enthusiasts and interested Londoners are expected to try out the line during the first few weeks and regular Underground passengers will adjust their journey patterns to see if the new line helps travel times. A report on the opening and the implications for buses will follow next month!

Corporate and company news

National Express has presented an optimistic update of its current financial position. It says that first-quarter revenue rose 30 per cent year on year and is now back above pre-pandemic levels. Fuel was 100 per cent hedged for 2022 and 69 per cent for next year, although due to a shortage it was having to pay more in the United States to get drivers.

Other General News

Rotala has acquired the 'Excelbus' operations of Warwickshire independent **Johnsons**. The deal includes 18 buses and is expected to be completed by 29 May. They will become part of Rotala's subsidiary Diamond Bus Limited which has a base in Redditch. Johnsons will continue to operate its holidays, excursions and private hire business with its fleet of 45 coaches and 180 staff.

Over on the Isle of Wight, the long-established independent **Seaview Services of Sandown** has been acquired by Eastleigh based Xelabus. Eight vehicles are involved and the Seaview name will be retained but with a revised logo. Seaview was established as Newell's Express Motor Service in 1922 as a bus operator between Ryde and Sandown. Kent based **Gilles Coaches** has ceased trading. The family run company was formed in the 1930s running local services to Snowdown Colliery, later expanding into providing services for factory workers and educational contracts as well as private hire work.

Switch Mobility (previously Optare) is opening a new technical centre in Warwick in June. This follows the announcement of a new 12.5 metre single deck model designed for the European and Asia Pacific markets. The announcement says a right-hand version will follow so the new model will clearly not be available here for a while. Here in the UK the company has been struggling to supply vehicles within promised timescales for some years.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has produced guidance for bus operators and Local Transport Authorities outside London on preparing for the end of the **Bus Recovery Grant** in October 2022. Local Transport Authorities are required to produce a network review outlining the likely commercial networks post October and submit it to the DfT by 1 July.

Hydrogen combustion as a power source will not be regarded as zero emission for the purpose of grant and incentive funding streams according to the DfT. Cummins and Wrightbus are reported to have been considering hydrogen combustion as an alternative to hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Several hydrogen fuel cell buses are on order or have been delivered to British operators including 20 to Metroline. The Government has recently awarded funding towards 124 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for the West Midlands so clearly these are approved as a power source. Mercedes-Benz has announced plans to start producing hydrogen fuel cell fuelled coaches.

Stagecoach has begun tests with autonomous ADL Enviro 200 buses over the Forth Bridge in Scotland. No passengers are carried during the trial. This follows successful depot based tests. When the service goes live later this year, passengers will be carried and there will be a staff member on board.

Trolleybus operation in Boston Massachusetts ended on 13 March. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has decided to replace trolleybuses with battery electric vehicles, but diesel buses will be substituted until they arrive. The system had been in operation since 1936 and was unusual in that it included a tunnel section with a station that required vehicles to have doors on both sides.

The Government announced on 19 April that the price of one million off peak rail tickets would be reduced in the '**Great British Rail**' sale. Tickets would need to be bought in advance for travel between 25 April and 27 May. Examples of savings quoted included London to Cardiff reduced from £47 to £25 and London to Edinburgh down from £44 to £22.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

Section Editor: Stephen Floyd, 4 Turnpike Gardens, Bedford, MK42 0AJ, e-mail to stevefloyd1959@gmail.com This section covers local TfL bus services within the Greater London County boundary. Fuller detail of any commercial or county services that enter the Greater London County from outside will be in the Country Area Route Developments section that follows this section in TLB. Night services are indicated by e.g. =24 night only or 24/= day and night (24 hour) services.

LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Starting from Tranche 782 and thus the start of the 2022-23 Tendering programme, contracts are now offered on the basis of 7-year fixed Quality Incentive Contracts, although shorter terms can be agreed between TfL and the operators. This is mainly to encourage the drive towards electrification. The 2-year route extensions listed below remain in place having been previously agreed, and future tendering programmes will reflect revised start dates. When 'existing fleet vehicles' are specified, this means compatible refurbished vehicles, not necessarily those in current use on the route. From 1st March 2021 all buses are to Euro-VI emissions standard.

Routes 47/=, 307/=, 353, 359, B13, H32/= and H91 from Tranches 815, 821, 822, 823 and 826 were awarded. Start dates are 19th October 2022 (353 and 359), 10th December 2022 (307), 18th January 2023 (47/=, B13) and 4th March 2023 (H32/= and H91). Note that routes H32 and H91 are awarded on the basis of 5-year contracts, the rest are 7-year contracts.

- 47/= Retained by Stagecoach Selkent, using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 18 to TBA).
- 307/= Awarded to Arriva London North using new electric double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Metroline Travel from Potters Bar (PB) Garage. (pvr 15 to 14).
- 353 Retained by Go-Ahead Metrobus using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 8 to 7).
- 359 Retained by Go-Ahead Metrobus using existing electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 3 to 2).
- B13 Awarded to Go-Ahead London Central using new electric single-decks vehicles. Currently operated by Arriva London North from Dartford (DT) garage (pvr 6 to TBA).
- H32/= Awarded to Abellio using existing NRM Routemasters. Currently operated by London United from Hounslow (AV) garage (pvr 12 to 10).
- H91 Awarded to Metroline using existing NRM Routemasters. Currently operated by London United from Stamford Brook (V) garage (pvr 14).

The rest of the Tendering Programme for 2022/23 is updated below:

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#808 (9/22)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan)	--
#810 (9-10/22)	349 (Arriva LN)	4, 210, 341/=
#812 (10/22)	632 (Metroline West)	--
#813 (10/22)	11/N11 (GA London General)	22/=
#816 (10-11/22)	78 (Arriva LN)	45, 176/=, 188/=
#819A (12/22)	439, S2 (New Routes Croydon/Sutton consultations).	455 (due to be w'dn!)
#825 (2/23)	263 (Metroline Travel)	41/=, 121
#828 (3/23)	Tranche cancelled	138, 161, 172, 181, 225, 233, 284
#829 (3/23)	Tranche cancelled	169, 247, 287

The 2023/24 Programme (#830-845) was listed in TLB692.

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 5th March 2022: As in TLB692.

Sunday 6th March 2022: As in TLB692.

Saturday 12th March 2022: As in TLB692.

Saturday 19th March 2022: As in TLB692, additionally, please note, the correct PVR for D6 is: 14/13/6 #HK1+, apologies for that.

Saturday 26th March 2022: As in TLB692. In addition, routes 24/=, 35/=, 135, 172 and 343 keep their Covid schedules with revised running time as permanent. For reference the PVRs are as follows:

Abellio: 24 to 16/16/12 #QB221+;

Go-Ahead London Central: 35 to 27/22/13 #Q501+, 172 to 14/14/9 #NX101+, 343 to 23/18/14 #NX831+; Go-Ahead Docklands: 135 to 15/14/9 #SI51+.

Saturday 2nd April 2022:

The new Abellio garage at Hayes, Dawley Road (DH) garage opened on this date. Routes 350, 482, U7 and U9 moved from Southall (GW) garage, keeping the PVR and running number sequences. Routes 278 and U5 do not move until 21st May.

Temporary roadworks schedules for HS2 works at Old Oak Common introduced on Mon-Fri on Metroline West route 95.

- 2 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Marylebone Station & Norwood Garage) and
- N2 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Marylebone Station & Crystal Palace) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 5 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR*) (Romford Market & Canning Town, Bus Station) Commencement of phased partial conversion to LT-class NRM Routemasters, using surplus vehicles from routes 12 and 15.
- 12 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Dulwich Library & Oxford Circus) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x7½ to x12mins, Sunday daytimes from x8-9 to x12mins, and evenings from x10 to x12mins. Surplus LT-class vehicles are used to part-convert route 5.
- 13/= (*London Transit-X*) (Victoria Station & North Finchley) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VMH-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 19 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Battersea Bridge, South Side & Finsbury Park Station) and
- N19 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Clapham Junction, St. John's Hill & Finsbury Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 113 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (Edgware Station & Marble Arch) and
- N113 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (Edgware Station & Trafalgar Square) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 171 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Elephant & Castle & Bellingham, Catford Garage) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 to x12mins.
- 194 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (Lower Sydenham, Sainsbury's & West Croydon, Bus Station) Revised daily timetables for running time.
- 249 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Clapham Common Station & Anerley Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 289 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Purley Station & Elmers End Station) Revised daily timetables for running time.
- 432 (Brixton Station & Anerley Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Arriva London South* using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini 2 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Norwood (N) garage. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead London General* from Stockwell (SW) garage.
- 617 (*Sullivan Buses-SM*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Turkey Street, St. Ignatius College SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing E-class AD E40D/ Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.

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Saturday 2nd April, continued:

- 629 (*Sullivan Buses-SM*) (Wood Green Station & Turkey Street, St. Ignatius College SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing E-class AD E40D/ Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 678 (Beckton, Bus Station & Upton Lane, St. George's Road, AM jnys to Stratford Bus Station SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Tower Transit* using existing MV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles from Lea Interchange (LI) garage. Previously operated by *Stagecoach East London* from West Ham (WH) garage.
- R1 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Green Street Green, High Street & St. Paul's Cray, Grovelands)
- R2 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Orpington, Gravel Pit Way & Biggin Hill Valley, Medley Road, Mon-Sat)
- R3 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Princess Royal University Hospital & Orpington Station)
- R4 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Princess Royal University Hospital & Pauls Cray Hill)
- R6 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Orpington Station & St. Mary Cray Station)
- R8 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Orpington Station & Biggin Hill Post Office, Mon-Sat)
- R11 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Green Street Green, High Street & Sidcup, Queen Mary's Hospital) LBSL (QC) contracts on all seven routes extended for 2 years.

PVR changes from 2nd April: These are updated and corrected from last month.

Abellio: No change to 350, 482, U7, U9 PVRs or running number sequence;

Arriva London North: 19/N19 no change to PVRs;

Arriva London South: 432 to 12/11/7 #N281+, 194 to 14/14/10 #TC61+, 2/N2, 249, 289 no change to PVRs;

Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: 5 no change to PVRs;

Go-Ahead London Central: 12 to 15/15/14 #Q211+, 171 to 15/15/14 #NX51+;

Go-Ahead London General: 432 withdrawn;

Go-Ahead Metrobus: R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R11 no change to PVRs;

London Transit: =13 to 6 every night X1+ (from daytime route), no change to 13 PVRs;

Metroline Travel: N113 to 4 every night #EW141+, no change to 113 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: Routes 86 and 330 had special School holiday schedules until 16th April; 678 withdrawn.

Sullivan Buses: no change to 617, 629 PVRs;

Tower Transit: 678 to 4/-/- #LI1+.

Saturday 9th April 2022:

- 202 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Crystal Palace & Blackheath, Royal Standard) Introduction of 1 minute widening daily daytimes, to mitigate for water main replacement in Westhorne Avenue/ South Circular Road.
- S3 (*London United-TV*) (Malden Manor Station & Belmont Station, Mon-Sat except evenings) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- N5 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (Trafalgar Square & Edgware Station) Revised nightly timetable for running time.

PVR changes from 9th April:

Arriva London South: no change to 202 PVRs;

London United: no change to S3 PVRs;

London Sovereign: N5 to 6 Su-Th nights/7 Fr-Sa nights #BT41+.

Easter Holiday 15th to 18th April 2022: As in TLB692.

Saturday 16th April 2022: Widened timetables introduced on Metroline 113, 186, 292, 384 for roadworks on Edgware Way bridge at Apex Corner. Routes 186 (Sun), 292 and 384 are allocated additional PVR for the duration.

----- Greater London Route Devts -----

Saturday 16th April, continued:

- 110 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Revised daily timetables for running time.
- 183 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Pinner, Love Lane & Golders Green Station) Revised timetable Mo-Fr SDO, with withdrawal of PM journey from Kingsbury JFS to Golders Green Station
- 195 (*Abellio-GW*) (Charville Lane Estate & Brentford, County Court) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- X26 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central, express) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR changes from 16th April:

- Abellio: no change to 195 PVRs;
- Go-Ahead Metrobus: no change to X26 PVRs;
- London United: 110 to 14/14/10 #AV501+;
- London Sovereign: no change to 183 PVRs;
- Metroline Travel: 186 to 16/16/10 #HD201+, 292 to 8/8/7 #HD101+, 384 to 9/9/6 #PB151+;
- Also revisions to cross-linking at Stagecoach East London:
 - 86 to 30+/30+/20 #NS371+ (+1/256 M-F and +1/294 Sa as #NS472) and
 - 86 +/- #WH407/408 (ex 667- note these also run on non-school days);
 - 330 to 9/9/6 #WH701+ although the 9th bus on Mo-Fr is #WH403 from the former 678 crosslink which remains until 330 changes on 21st May (see later),
 - 667 to +/- +1/62 #BK67(am), #BK52(pm) and
 - 667 2*/-/- #WH407/408 (*86), #WH408 is pm only.

Saturday 23rd April 2022:

- =57 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Clapham Park, Atkins Road) Minor timing alterations, SuN/ThM, for better connections with N65.
- 78 (*Arriva London North-AE*) (Shoreditch High Street & Nunhead, St. Mary's Road) Revised running time introduced during Covid-19 made permanent.

PVR changes from 23rd April:

- Arriva London North: 78 to 16/16/12 #AE1+;
- Go-Ahead London General: no change to =57 PVRs.

Saturday 30th April 2022:

- 3 (*Abellio-WL*) (Whitehall & Crystal Palace) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins. The overnight parking of buses at Battersea (QB) garage also officially ceased by this date.
 - =105 (*London United-AV*) (Heathrow Airport Central & Greenford Station) Night allocation re-allocated from Hounslow (AV) garage to Hounslow Heath (WK) garage, thus joining the daytime allocation there.
 - 110 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
 - 111/= (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Abellio* using new Wrightbus Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles from Fulwell (TF) garage in due course. Additional SDO journeys for Turing House School. Previously operated by *London United* from Hounslow (AV) garage, using LT-class NRM Routemasters. *Abellio* are using a mix of existing fleet NRMs and others transferred from *London United*.
 - 159/= (*Abellio-QB*) (Oxford Circus & Streatham Station) Revised daily schedules for running time.
 - 204 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (Sudbury Town Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles, in due course. Revised daily timetable.
 - 206 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Kilburn Park Station & Wembley Park, The Paddocks) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
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Saturday 30th April 2022, Continued:

- 236 (Tower Transit-LI) (Finsbury Park Station, Bus Station & Hackney Wick, Eastway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 267 (Abellio-TF) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Fulwell, South Road) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- 322 (Crystal Palace & Clapham Common, Old Town) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Abellio* using new electric single-deck vehicles from Battersea (QB) garage in due course; in the meantime existing fleet E20D Enviro200s are used. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead London General* from Stockwell (SW) garage.
- 350 (Abellio-DH) (Heathrow Terminal 5 & Hayes, Asda) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deckers.
- 394 (HCT Group-HK) (Homerton Hospital & Islington, Tolpuddle Street) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 407 (Abellio-BC) (Sutton, Marshalls Road & Caterham Station) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- 635 (London United-WK) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Sunbury, St.Paul's School, SDO) Re-allocated to Hounslow (AV) garage.
- 638 (Stagecoach Selkent-TB) (Kenmal College & Coney Hall, Glebe Way, SDO) PM journey from Kenmal College retimed to run 10 minutes earlier.
- C10 (Abellio-WL) (Canada Water & Victoria Station) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- P4 (Stagecoach Selkent-TL) (Brixton Station & Lewisham, Town Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- P5 (Abellio-WL) (Elephant & Castle & Nine Elms, Patmore Estate) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- H13 (Metroline West-UX) (Ruislip Lido & St Vincent's Nursing Home) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- H91 (London United-V) (Hounslow West Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Partial conversion to LT-class NRM Routemasters; initially using surplus vehicles from within London United, although expected later to use buses transferred back from Abellio when route 111 receives new electric buses. This positions the type prior to transfer of the route to Metroline in March 2023.
- U1 (Metroline West-UX) (Ruislip Station & West Drayton Station) and
- U2 (Metroline West-UX) (Uxbridge Station & Brunel University) and
- U3 (Metroline West-UX) (Uxbridge Station & Heathrow Airport Central) and
- U4 (Metroline West-UX) (Uxbridge Station & Hayes, Prologis Park) LBSL (QC) contracts extended for 2 years on all four.
- U10 (Metroline West-UX) (Uxbridge Station & Ruislip, Heathfield Rise, Mo-Sa, except late evenings) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles. Revised timetable with frequency reduced from x60 to x90min.
- X26 (Go-Ahead Metrobus-C) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central, express) Revised Mo-Fr timetables for running time, this was deferred to 14th May, see later).

PVR changes from 30th April:

Abellio: 3 to 16/15/12 #WL301+, 111 to 27/21/17 #TF101+, =111 to 4 every night from daytime 111, 267 to 17/13/10 #TF251+, 322 to 10/10/8 #QB321+, C10 to 21/20/14 #WL801+, P5 to 10/10/7 #WL631+, no change to 159, 407 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London General: 322 withdrawn;

HCT Group: 394 no change to PVRs;

London United: =105 to 3 every night #WK341+ (+1 from daytime 105 Su-Fr nights only), 635 to 3/-/- #AV491+, no change to 110 PVRs, 111/= withdrawn;

Metroline Travel: 204 to 15/16/11 #EW71+;

Metroline West: H13 to 6/5/4 #UX251+, U10 to 1/1/- #UX11; no change to 206, U1, U2, U3, U4;

Stagecoach Selkent: 638, P4 no change to PVRs;

Tower Transit: 236 no change to PVRs.

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The planned route changes after our closing date are listed below but may be subject to change

However, route changes as advised in last month's TLB are to go ahead on the dates below, together with the introduction of the Elizabeth line. The new section is to open on Tuesday 24th May, running between Abbey Wood and Paddington, albeit without a stop at Bond Street for now and on Mon-Sat only (Not Sundays). The existing TfL Rail services between Paddington and Reading and between Liverpool Street and Shenfield continue unchanged for now. The joining up of the three sections are due to come some time next year.

The service on the Northern line between Moorgate and Kennington via Bank is also expected to re-open on time on 14th May.

Also, many thanks to my contacts for the advance supply of PVRs up to and including 21st May, recorded below, which will be incorporated into the next SUP39 (due in first week of June).

Saturday 14th May 2022: (South-East London changes in relation to introduction of Elizabeth line):

- 129 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (North Greenwich Station & Greenwich, Cutty Sark) Extended from Greenwich via Greenwich High Road, South Street and Lewisham Road to Lewisham, Lewisham Centre, replacing route 180 over this section. M-F peak frequency reduced from x8 to x12mins.
- 180 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (Lewisham, Lewisham Centre & Belvedere Industrial Area) Withdrawn from Lewisham to Woolwich Road/A102 junction and revised to start at North Greenwich, via route 129 via West Parkside, Peartree Way, Horn Lane. Also rerouted at Belvedere direct via Church Manorway, (so withdrawn from the terminal loop via Manorway North and Fishers Way) and extended to Erith Quarry via Lower Road, West Street, Erith Town Centre, Fraser Road, turning at the roundabout with Loampit Road to stand.
- 469 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Woolwich Common, Queen Elizabeth Hospital & Erith, Cross Street) Re-routed between Abbey Wood and Belvedere Stations via Picardy Road, Woolwich Road and New Road instead of Abbey Road.
- 472 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (North Greenwich Station & Thamesmead, Town Centre) Re-routed in Thamesmead to run via the Crossway loop via Harrow Manorway to Abbey Wood Station, no longer serving Bentham Road and also rerouted at Plumstead via Western Way instead of Nathan Way (these sections now covered by route 301). Mon-Fri daytime frequency reduced from x6 to x8mins, Saturday daytime frequency from x7½ to x8mins and Sunday and evenings from x10 to x12mins. The Mon-Fri AM peak 'bifurcation' short working extra journeys from Charlton Station to North Greenwich Station are also withdrawn.
- B11 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Bexleyheath Garage & Thamesmead, Town Centre) Route withdrawn from Thamesmead Town Centre & Thamesmead, Carlisle Road/Boiler House. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x15 to x20mins.

Saturday 14th May 2022 (normal service changes):

- 95 (*Metroline West-G*) (Southall, Town Hall & Shepherd's Bush Green) removal of widening for HS2 works at Old Oak Common.
- 633 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Coulson South Station & Pollards Hill, Rowan Road SDO) re-routed on departure from Pollards Hill via Recreation Way, following tree-pruning.
- 696 (*London United-WK*) (Hayes, Bourne Avenue & Bishop Ramsey School SDO) Re-allocated to Hounslow (AV) garage.
- 697 (*London United-WK*) (Hayes, Lansbury Drive & Ickenham, Douay Martyrs School SDO) Re-allocated to Hounslow (AV) garage.
- 733 (*Tower Transit-LI*) (Moorgate, Finsbury Square & Oval Station, Mo-Fr) Route Withdrawn, so last day of operation on Friday 13th May.
- S1 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Lavender Fields & Banstead, Marks & Spencer) Re-routed in both directions in St Helier via Bishopsford Road and Green Wrythe Road instead of Robertsbridge Road, Revesby Road and part of Middleton Road. Also re-routed in the Belmont area via Brighton Road and Downs Road in both directions instead of via Cotswold Road.

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Saturday 14th May, continued:

X26 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central, express)
Revised Mo-Fr timetables for running time.

PVR changes from 14th May:

London United: 696 to 2/- #AV411+, 697 to 3/- #AV401+, no change to 49 PVRs;
Go-Ahead London Central: 129 to 7/7/7 #MG241+, B11 to 5/5/3 #BX221+, no change to 469;
Go-Ahead Metrobus: no change to 633, S1, X26 PVRs;
Metroline West: no change to 95 PVRs;
Stagecoach Selkent: 180 to 17/18/13 #PD351+, 472 to 16/13/10 #PD21+, no change to =472, 672;
Tower Transit: 733 withdrawn.

Saturday 21st May 2020: (East London changes in relation to introduction of Elizabeth line services):

- 101 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR*) (Wanstead Station & Gallions Reach, Shopping Park) Route withdrawn between Beckton, Bus Station and Gallions Reach, Shopping Park.
- 104 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR*) (Stratford, Bus Station & Manor Park Station) Withdrawn between Lonsdale Avenue and Manor Park Station and re-routed to Beckton Bus Station (see also route 304). Mon-Sat frequency increased from x10 to x8mins, Sunday daytimes from x15 to x12mins and evenings from x20 to x12mins. Some hybrid double-deck vehicles will move in to share the allocation with this and route 304.
- 241 (*Stagecoach East London-WH*) (Stratford City, Bus Station & Canning Town, Hermit Road) Withdrawn from Custom House to Canning Town, Hermit Road and extended to Prince Regent Bus Station via Connaught Bridge and North Woolwich Road. It is the intention to extend to Royal Wharf once infrastructure and road layouts are resolved in due course. Sunday daytime and evening frequency increased from x20 to x15mins.
- 262 (*Tower Transit-LI*) (Stratford, Bus Station & East Beckton, Sainsbury's) Route withdrawn between Gallions Reach Shopping Park and East Beckton, Sainsbury's.
- 300 (*Go-Ahead Docklands-SI*) (East Ham, Wordsworth Avenue & Canning Town, Bus Station) Re-routed from Beckton Bus Station to run the full length of Tollgate Road, Prince Regent Lane Victoria Dock Road to serve Custom House, then via Freemasons Road, New Barn Lane to Barking Road.
- 304 NEW ROUTE (Manor Park & Custom House) via current route 104 via East Ham to Lonsdale Avenue, then via Boundary Lane, Glen Road, Prince Regent Lane to Custom House. Operated with a mix of diesel and hybrid double-deck vehicles from *Go-Ahead Blue Triangle* from River Road (RR) garage. Frequency to be x12mins Mon-Sat daytimes, x15mins, Sundays and evenings.
- 330 (*Stagecoach East London-WH*) (Wanstead Park Station & Canning Town, Bus Station) Extended from Canning Town to Connaught Bridge, Charles Street via Silvertown Way and North Woolwich Road, turning at the roundabout with Connaught Bridge/North Woolwich Road and replacing route 474 on this section.
- 376 (*Go-Ahead Docklands-SI*) (Beckton, Bus Station & East Ham, Newham Town Hall) Mon-Sat daytime frequency increased from x15 to x12mins.
- 474/= (*Stagecoach East London-WH*) (Canning Town, Hermit Road & Manor Park Station) Re-routed between Canning Town & London City Airport via Keir Hardie Estate, Victoria Dock Road and Connaught Bridge.

Saturday 21st May 2022: (normal service changes):

- Abellio routes 278 and U5 are expected to transfer from Southall (GW) garage to Hayes, Dawley Road (DH) garage on this date.
- 23 (*London Transit-X*) (Westbourne Park Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x12mins, and Sunday and evening frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins.
- 94 (*London United-S*) (Acton Green, Duke of Sussex & Piccadilly Circus). The curtailment of route 94 has been deferred until September.
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Saturday 21st May, continued:

- 135 (Old Street Station & Crossharbour) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Tower Transit* using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus hybrid double-deck vehicles (displaced from route 733) from Lea Interchange (LI) garage. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead Docklands Buses* from Silvertown (SI) garage using EHV-class Volvo B5LH AD400H hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 433 (*Abellio-BC*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Addington Village, Interchange) Renewal of LBSL (QC) using new electric single-deck vehicles in due course.
- 464 (*Abellio-BC*) (Tatsfield, Ship & New Addington, Parkway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- N9 (*London United-V*) (Aldwych & Heathrow Terminal 5) Weekend frequency increased from x30 to x20 mins.
- N97 (*London Transit-X*) (Trafalgar Square & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Weekend frequency increased from x30 to x20 mins.

PVR changes from 21st May:

Abellio: 278, 433, 464, U5 no change to PVRs, (278 & U5 also keep running number sequence);
Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: 101 to 10/10/8 #RR51+, 104 to 12/12/8 #RR141+, 304 to 9/9/7 #RR171+;
Go-Ahead Docklands: 300 to 10/10/7 #SI171+, 376 to 10/10/4 #SI131+, 135 withdrawn;
London Transit: 23 to 16/16/15 #X101+, N97 to +6 ex 414 Su-Th/+7 ex 414 #X601+;
London United: N9 to 7 Su-Th/10 Fr-Sa #V481+;
Stagecoach East London: 241 to 9/9/6 #WH1+, 330 to 10/10/7 #WH321+,
474 to 14/14/13 #471+ =474 4 every night from daytime route;
Tower Transit: 135 to 15/14/9 #LI401+, 262 to 10/10/7 #LI221+;

Saturday 28th May 2022:

- 8 (*Stagecoach East London-BW*) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Bow Church) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6-7 to x7½mins with an extra AM peak journey towards Tottenham Court Road Station.
- 177 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (Peckham, Bus Station & Thamesmead, Town Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E40H AD Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 205 (*Stagecoach East London-BW*) (Paddington Station & Bow Church) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 to x10mins
- E6 (*Metroline West-G*) (Greenford Station & Hayes, Bull's Bridge Tesco) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Sunday 29th May 2022: The 'Ride London' cycling event is back, although this time it has moved to take place in Essex and East London. On this day there will be extensive closures in Central and East London, affecting the Mall, Embankment, Lower Lea Crossing, CanningTown, the A12 from Bromley-by-Bow, also affecting Woodford, Epping and Chigwell Road. Many bus routes will be curtailed or re-routed in these areas during the day.

Thursday/Friday 2nd /3rd June 2022: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday. A Sunday service is planned to operate on Thursday and a Saturday service on Friday with night services operating 'normal' services. Some Central London road closures are likely, though, with events at Buckingham Palace, Trooping the Colour and a thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral taking place throughout the extended weekend. Anyone planning to visit the celebrations should check the TfL website for details nearer the time.

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- Saturday 4th June 2022: Widening re-introduced for routes 286 and 386 for Greenwich cycling works.
- 36/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (New Cross Garage & Queens Park Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6 to x7½mins.
- 217 (*Sullivan Buses-SM*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing E-class AD E40D AD Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 253 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Hackney Central Station & Euston Station) and
N253 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Aldgate Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 254 (*Arriva London North-AE*) (Aldgate Station & Holloway, Nag's Head) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 18th June 2022:

- 197 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Croydon Town Centre & Peckham, Bus Station) Re-allocated to Peckham (PM) garage, thus novated to Go-Ahead London Central.

Saturday 25th June 2022:

- 70 (*London United-S*) (Chiswick Business Park & South Kensington Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing BE-class electric single-deck vehicles.
- 120 (*Metroline Travel-SG*) (Hounslow Bus Station & Northolt Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 245 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green Station & Alperton, Sainsbury's) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing hybrid and hydrogen double-deck vehicles.
- 260 (*Metroline Travel-AC*) (White City, Bus Station & Golders Green Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 302 (*Metroline Travel-AC*) (Mill Hill Broadway Station & Kensal Rise Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- R68 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hampton Court Station & Kew, Retail Park) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- R70 (*Abellio-TF*) (Manor Circus, Homebase & Nurserylands) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 2nd July 2022:

- 465 (*London United-TV*) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Dorking, Townfield Court) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- C1 (*London United-S*) (Victoria Station & White City, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

No new consultations announced this month.

A summary of the main proposals variously awaiting results and/or start dates, for example:

TLB684 p16: R7 in Chelsfield.

TLB686 p12: 410 stop changes.

TLB691 p12: 145 weekend night service withdrawn.

Other more minor examples involve road layout changes.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs and updated following this month's tender announcements.

16th July 22: CE+2 on 382 (Metroline Travel).

23rd July 22: CR7 on 186 (Metroline Travel), CE+2 on 17, C11+, W8 (Metroline), 280 (G-A London General).

30th July 22: CR7 on 613, 662, 665 (London United) 671 (London United to Abellio).

20th Aug 22: CE+2 on 243/= (Arriva LN), W7/= (Metroline).

27th Aug 22: CR7 on 116 (London United), 119/=# (G-A Metrobus), 198 (Arriva LS), 264/=* (Arriva LS to G-A Metrobus), A10 (Metroline West), 684 (G-A Metrobus to S'coach Selkent), CE+2 on 5, 15/N15, 115 (GA Blue Triangle/Docklands) 50, 194, 250/=, 255, 410 (Arriva LS), 130 (Abellio), 320 (G-A Metrobus).

3rd Sep 22: CR on 638 (Stagecoach Selkent), CR7 on 664 (S'coach Selkent to Metrobus), CE+2 on 66 (Arriva LN), 90 (Metroline Travel), 289 (Arriva LS), 314 (Stagecoach Selkent).

17th Sep 22: CE+2 on 222/= (Metroline West).

24th Sep 22: CR on 248 (Stagecoach East London to Arriva London North).

1st Oct 22: CE+2 on 131 (G-A London General), 411 (London United).

15th Oct 22: CR7 on 226* (Metroline West to London United), CR on 149/= (Arriva LN), 621 (Stagecoach Selkent), CE+2 on 103, 150, 175 (Arriva LN), 257 (Stagecoach East London).

22nd Oct 22: CR on 220/= (London United), CR7 on 353*, 359 (G-A Metrobus) 383 (Uno).

29th Oct 22: CR7 on 295/=* (Metroline West to London United), CR7 on 339 (Tower Transit), CR7 on 384 (Metroline Travel).

5th Nov 22: CE+2 on 370 (Arriva London North).

12th Nov 22: CR7 on 92 (Metroline West), CE+2 on 18/N18, 33/N33, 419 (London United).

3rd Dec 22: CR7 on 80, 93/=, 151, 154/=, 163, 164 (G-A London General), 297 (Metroline), 470 (London United to G-A London General).

10th Dec 22: CR7 on 155/N155 (G-A London General), 190 (Metroline Travel), CR on 159/= (Abellio London), 307/= (Metroline Travel to Arriva LN). CE+2 on 6/=, 98/N98 (Metroline Travel), 88/=, 170, (G-A London General) 355 (G-A Metrobus), 360 (G-A London Central).

7th Jan 23: CR7 on 142/642 (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel).

14th Jan 23: CR7 on 635 (London United to Metroline Travel). CE+2 on 141, 329 (Arriva LN).

21st Jan 23: CR7 on 47/= (S'coach Selkent), B13* (Arriva LN to G-A London Central) CE+2 on 99, 269, 401 (Arriva LN), 422, B14 (S'coach Selkent), B16 (G-A London Central)

4th Feb 23: CR7 on 91/N91 (Metroline to G-A London General), W5 (HCT Group), CE+2 on 118, 153 (G-A London General), 258 (London Sovereign), 299 (Sullivans), 343/N343 (G-A London Central), W4, W6 (Arriva LN).

11th Feb 23: CE+2 on 36/N36 (G-A London Central)

25th Feb 23: CE+2 on H28 (Abellio).

4th Mar 23: CR7 on 187, 487 (Metroline West), N97 (London Transit to G-A London General), CR on H32/= (London United to Abellio), H91 (London United to Metroline), CE+2 on 423, H22, H37/=, H98 (London United).

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

Soon the annual big events in London will be back:

811 Victoria & Chelsea Flower Show Tues 24 to Sat 28 May by Go-Ahead Commercial.

Epsom Races, Ladies Day on Fri 3 June, Derby Day Sat 4 June, this year by Edward Thomas.

Wimbledon Tennis Mon 27 June to Sun 10 July by Go-Ahead Commercial..

Farnborough International Air Show Mon 18 July to Fri 22 July by Go-Ahead Commercial.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 3rd April to 1st May, owing to utility works in Cannon Street, routes **15, 17, 521, N15 and N199** were diverted eastbound via Queen Victoria Street, Mansion House Street, Lombard Street and King William Street. From 14th April to 14th October 2023, owing to experimental junction changes for a cycle scheme at the junction of Chelsea Bridge Road and Grosvenor Road, route **360** is diverted northbound direct from Grosvenor Road to Chelsea Bridge Road, thus not serving the double-run to Embankment Gardens in this direction. From 18th April to 3rd May, owing to electrical works in Porchester Gardens, Bayswater, route **70** was diverted southbound via Westbourne Grove and Inverness Terrace. From 23rd to 30th April, owing to road works in Charing Cross Road, routes **14/=, 19/N19, 24/=, 29/N29, 38/N38, N5, N20, N41 and N279** were diverted northbound via Regent Street and Oxford Street, southbound routes via Shaftesbury Avenue to line of route, with routes **19/N19 and 38/N38** additionally diverting via High Holborn. Route **176/=** was curtailed at Trafalgar Square.

South-East: Starting with one to catch up on, from 28th February to 6th May, owing to an unsafe building at the junction of Brockley Grove/ Brockley Road at Crofton Park, route **P4** was diverted towards Lewisham via route 122 via Adelaide Avenue. From 18th April to 8th July, owing to water works in Woolstone Road, Forest Hill, route **75** is diverted in both directions via Perry Rise, Alan Pegg Place (towards Lewisham only) and Perry Hill. From 2nd to 14th April, owing to sewer works in Kent Road, Orpington, route **R3** was diverted in both directions direct via Cray Avenue. Nearby and from 4th to 22nd April, owing to gas works in Starts Hill Road, Farnborough, route **R4** was diverted northbound via Farnborough Common.

From 4th to 14th April, owing to pavement works in Friswell Place, Bexleyheath, routes **89, 96, 486, B11, B14, B16 and N89** were diverted westbound direct via Arnsberg Way, routes **132 and N21** were revised to start from Mayplace Road West, with routes **229 and 492** diverting towards Sidcup via Mayplace Road West. Routes **269 and B13** were withdrawn between Townley Road and Market Place, routes **301 and 422** were revised to start from Arnsberg Way. Route **401** was revised to start from Mayplace Road West, arriving direct via Geddes Place, and departing via Arnsberg Way, Highland Road (double run to roundabout) and Arnsberg Way to Woolwich Road, route **B12** was diverted westbound direct via Arnsberg Way and towards Joydens Wood from Geddes Place via Mayplace Road West to Arnsberg Way and finally, **B15** was revised to start and finish journeys in Townley Road (Bexleyheath Library), arriving via Albion Road and Royal Oak Road and departing via Albion Road.

South: From 9th to 24th April, owing to sewer works in Cherry Orchard Road, Croydon, routes **197, 312, 367, 410 and 689** were diverted in both directions via Wellesley Road, St James's Road (return also Newgate) and Lower Addiscombe Road. Thanks to Peter for the report.

South-West: Further to the collapsed sewer in Eden Street, Kingston (see TLB689), further repairs required the road to be closed from 4th April to 26th June. All routes are diverted via Wheatfield Road. Previously routes **85/= and 371** were curtailed at Fairfield Bus Station but remain terminating at Kingston High Street. Route **65** still stands in Brook Street but departs via Eden Street (west arm) St. James's Road into Wheatfield Way. From 22nd March to 30th April, owing to road layout changes in Ewell Road, route **265** is effectively curtailed from Tolworth, Red Lion to Tolworth Broadway arriving via Tolworth Rise North and Ewell Road (eastern section) and departing to Tolworth Broadway. Thanks to Graham for these reports, who advises that the previous stand arrangements at Tolworth Red Lion may be permanently revised.

From 4th to 16th April, owing to cosmetic works in St John's Road, Clapham Junction, routes **35/= and 37/=** were diverted in both directions via Lavender Hill and Cedars Road, routes **77 and 219** were diverted via Bolingbroke Grove (return Boutflower Road and Battersea Rise), Strath Terrace and St John's Hill, route **49** was curtailed at Clapham Junction Station and route **337** was revised to start and finish in St. John's Hill. Route **G1** was diverted towards Battersea via Battersea Rise, Boutflower Road, Strath Terrace and St John's Hill, and towards Norbury via St John's Hill, Strath Terrace, Boutflower Road, Battersea Rise, Clapham Common North Side, The Avenue, Clapham Common West Side and Battersea Rise.

----- *Greater London Route Devts* -----

From 25th April to 15th May, owing to water works on Hounslow High Street, routes **116, 117, 235, 237, 423 and 635** were diverted westbound direct via Hanworth Road. Staying with route 117 and updating TLB691, from 28th February to 6th May, owing to pipeline works in Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, it was diverted in both directions via Kingston Road, Fordbridge Road and Stanwell Road.

From 28th April to 9th May, owing to road works in The Manor Drive, Worcester Park, route **S3** was diverted in both directions via Malden Road and Church Road.

West: From 2nd to 13th April, owing to a gas leak in Cherry Lane, West Drayton, route **222/=** was diverted southbound via Harmondsworth Road, Holloway Lane and Sipson Road. Thanks to Chris for this report. From 1st to 24th April, owing to sewer works on Turnham Green Terrace, routes **E3 and N11** were diverted northbound via Chiswick High Road, Goldhawk Road, Stamford Brook Road and Bath Road. Nearby and from 3rd to 17th May, owing to gas works in Southfield Road, South Acton, route **E3** was diverted in both directions via Acton Lane, Beaconsfield Road and South Parade. From 19th April to 13th May, owing to cycling and associated road works at Hammersmith Broadway, the Lower Bus Station was not able to be served. **Routes 110, 533, N33 and N266** were diverted to terminate in the Upper Bus Station. To avoid congestion, routes **27, 72, 190 and 306** operated direct without serving the Bus Station. Routes **218 and 283** were revised to terminate in Hammersmith Bridge Road, not serving the Bus Station on departure.

North-West: Further to TLB691 p14 and the diversion of the **H18**: In the event the start was postponed to 7th March but then was controlled by temporary traffic lights, thus the planned diversion didn't happen at all. From 29th April to 3rd October, owing to railway works in Chase Road, North Acton, route **440** is diverted in both directions via Park Royal Road.

North: From 14th to 26th April, owing to a gas leak in Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, route **240** was diverted in both directions via Devonshire Road, Sanders Lane, Pursley Road, Page Street and Great North Way. From 15th April to 2nd May, owing to a carriageway collapse in Torriano Avenue, Kentish Town, route **390/=** was diverted northbound via Camden Road, Parkhurst Road, Holloway Road, Camden Road and Hilldrop Road. Route **393** was diverted westbound via Camden Road, St Pancras Way, Baynes Street, Royal College Street and Kentish Town Road.

North-East: Further to the note about roadworks at Leytonstone in last month's TLB, the diversions were amended and are now as follows. Routes **W16 and W19** are now diverted in both directions via Warren Road and Grove Green Road. Route **W15** is now diverted in both directions via James Lane, Whipps Cross Road, High Street Leytonstone, Gainsborough Road and Grove Green Road.

East: Further to the diversion in Rainham noted in last month's TLB, the shuttle bus on route **372** is provided by Ensignbus. From 3rd to 12th May, owing to telecommunication works in Chatsworth Road, Homerton, routes **242 and N242** were diverted towards Central London via Homerton High Street and Urswick Road. Route **308** was diverted northbound via Homerton High Street, Urswick Road and Lower Clapton Road and southbound via Millfields Road, Mandeville Road, Daubeney Road, Redwald Road, Glyn Road and Clifden Road.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Monday 28th March:

8 (*Arriva KT*) (Harlow Bus Stn & Old Harlow, Daily) Between The Stow and Momples Road rerouted via Howard Way instead of Minchen Road. (Presumably badly parked cars!?)

Saturday 2nd April:

22, 44, 66, 73/A, 77/A, 83, X80, Z1 (*Ensignbus*) Minor timing adjustments, mostly in early morning and late evening. The Sunday late evening services withdrawn on 22 and thinned out on others.

88 (*Ensignbus*) (Grays & Stifford Clays, M-S) Hitherto all buses ran to and from Stifford Clays (SC) via Socketts Heath (SH) and at SC worked a clockwise loop around the estate. From 2nd April that now only applies M-F daytime (approx 0900-1430) and on Sats. On M-F morning peak buses run out of Grays (now as 88C) via Hogg Lane and the Treacle Mine roundabout, then the SC loop, returning via SH to Grays. On M-F pm peaks they run (now as 88A) out via SH, then the SC loop but back to Grays 'fast' via the Treacle Mine.

339 (*London Bus Co*) Resumption of the seasonal service Sats & Suns between Epping Station and Shenfield Station via North Weald, Ongar, Kelvedon Batch and Brentwood.

Sunday 17th April:

At *First Essex Buses* a massive set of route changes across Essex and with local routes at Basildon and Chelmsford re-cast with prefix letters B and C. Just a few impinge onto our area.

5A/5B (Basildon & Grays, M-S) Reverted to the old number **200** and to a standard route: Basildon-Corringham Town Centre – Orsett Hospital- Palmer's College- Grays, Mon-Sat hourly.

9 (Basildon & Brentwood, M-S) Reduced daytime offpeak from x30min to hourly.

100 (Chelmsford & Lakeside, Daily) Already running in sections breaking at Basildon, the Chelmsford- Basildon section renumbered **300**, with Basildon- Grays- Lakeside as 100.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Friday 14th January:

311 (*Mullany's*) (Watford Junction & Leavesden Studios) Formalised date of deregistration as a 'public' service. This followed the set-up from 1st January whereby only those passengers who have pre-paid tickets for the Warner Bros tour are allowed to travel. Mullanys buses are still used and have been supported by four new electric buses (see Vehicle News in this TLB).

Monday 28th March: Ref TLB692 p20 on routes 36A/36C. Kinch should be Finch Crescent!

Sunday 17th April:

Severe cuts to Arriva Watford area services as in TLB691 p15/16. However at just 10 days notice a partial replacement – but at a much reduced frequency – covered one part of the cuts.

9 (*Arriva KT*) New route: Watford Town Centre via St Albans Road, The Harebreaks, Leggatts Way to Leavesden Park, Aerodrome Way South. Mon-Sat daytime hourly. (The former route 8 ran M-S x30min approx 06:30 to 18:30 Mon-Sat, x60min Sundays.

300 (*Arriva KT*) (Hemel & St Albans) Actual last day was Thurs 14th. (15th G/F, 16th- bus was cut).

821 (*Arriva KT*) New SDO route: Watford Town Centre, Market Street to Maple Cross, Downings Wood via Joan of Arc School.

----- *Country Route Devts* -----

Some odd operational notes at Hemel: Buses on the 3 now start at Grovehill West, running into town via 4 but going direct to Riverside, then up Marlowes, continuing as previous Chaulden loop (anti-clockwise) and back to Grovehill West. On the 4, buses from Chaulden loop (clockwise) run direct to Riverside, then up Marlowes, continuing as 3 to Grovehill West. This means that there is still a 30min service between the town and Grovehill West, but only hourly each way round the Chaulden loop. All the above applied Mon-Sat daytime, evening service around Chaulden loop unchanged.

On the 500, the SDO morning trip from Warners End no longer runs. The route remains operated by both HH and AY garages, four buses from each Mon-Sat; the new Sunday service is all by HH.

Sunday 8th May:

- 34 (*Centrebus*) (Dunstable & St Albans via Markyate and Redbourn, M-S) Withdrawn by Centrebus but taken on commercially by Red Eagle Buses. (updating TLB692).
- 366 (*Centrebus*) (Luton & WG City/ South Hatfield, M-S) Re-timed for reliability.

Sunday 22nd May:

- 366 (*Centrebus*) (Luton & WG City/ South Hatfield, M-S) Another change, now to M-F early and late journeys plus withdrawal of the Saturday service that only runs WG City to South Hatfield.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE)

Sunday 17th April (additional to TLB692): (Schoolday buses from Monday 25th April).

- 2 (*Redline*) (Aylesbury & Haydon Hill, Daily) The solitary 2S journey withdrawn.
- 12 (*Redline*) Now split to two morning SDO buses, one from Buckingham Park and Watermead direct to Aylesbury Vale Academy and another journey from Dunsham Lane to the Bus Station from where it continues via route 4 to AVA (replaces the 2S).
- 31 (*AtS*) Journeys on the 31 via Amersham Hill (rather than Arnison Avenue) are called 31A.
- 108 (*Red Rose*): Revised to be just one am SDO journey from Worminghall via Shabbington, Oakley, Long Crendon, Chearsley to Aylesbury Schools and a return afternoon SDO journey.
- 120 (*Redline*) The main Mon-Sat hourly service Aylesbury- Haddenham- Thame – Cromwell Crescent is withdrawn altogether and reduced to one am SDO journey from Oxford via Thame, Thame Park, Wenman Drive, Haddenham to Aylesbury Schools at Tring Road Tesco. Also a return SDO afternoon journey but starting at Bus Station via Tring Road Tesco and through to Oxford. Note that these are only shown on the X20 timetable panel. The hourly X20 remains but it doesn't go via Haddenham.
- 121 (*Redline*) New route, Mon-Sat (not evenings): Thame Town Service from Lord Williams Upper School (at edge of town on Oxford Road) via High Street, Thame Par, Wenman Drive back to High Street, then East Street, Towersey Drive, Cromwell Avenue, High Street and back to LWUS.
- 150 (*AtS*) The Sunday withdrawal was a formalisation of the existing situation.
- 320 (*Redline*) (Chinnor & Princes Risborough, M-F) Revised timetable for rail connections, also more journeys via Longwick.
- 621 (*Redline*) (Downley & Princes Risborough, SDO) Extended to cover more roads in Downley.

Tuesday 3rd May:

- 16, 17 (*Red Rose*) More minor timing changes.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Sunday 1st May:

28 The single M-F early am journey worked by Stagecoach retimed later to 06:15, this running on to the 91 at Knaphill. No change to the main Mon-Sat service worked by Falcon Coaches.

47 (*Stagecoach South*) (West End & Brookwood Station, M-F peaks) The morning journeys retimed slightly for better train connections.

91 (*Stagecoach South*) (Woking & Knaphill (Daily), on to Pirbright (M-S evgs) and Guildford (Suns). Rerouted at the Woking end direct via Lockfield Drive instead of Goldsworth Road and Parley Drive. This removes a temporary re-route via Goldsworth Road (from 19 April 2020, see TLB668 p19, when with Arriva K&S) and now reverts to the traditional route.

The frequency since 2nd January 2022 had been cut to x20min M-F peak & daytime and Sats (x60 M-F & Sat evgs), and on Suns x30min (hourly beyond Knaphill to Guildford), x60 Sun evgs.

From 1st May a major increase back to pre-pandemic (and better) frequencies: M-F peaks to x12min, M-F daytime to x10min, M-F evgs x30; Sats daytime x12 (late afternoon x15), Sat evgs x30; Suns to x20 (but still one bus per hour through to Guildford).

The solitary M-F journey into Woking that extended to Bishop David Brown School on Schooldays no longer does this extension; there wasn't a return pm journey anyway!

North and west KENT

Easter Sunday 17th April:

Gravesend's 'Bus Hub' opened on this day. It spreads over the existing 'bus road' Garrick Street and now also Barrack Row, with the stops in Clive Road now de-commissioned. Stops A/B/C are in Garrick Street serving westbound buses (AZ, B, 306, 480, 490) toward Northfleet, Bluewater and Dartford. Stops D, E, F and G in Barrack Row serve variously buses to the east (190, 416/417, 480/481/490) and to the south (306/308, 481/483, 489).

All routes in the town now serve the 'Bus Hub' no matter in which direction they are headed. Stops in Clive Road (including the one outside the station) have been decommissioned and Clive Road itself is used now for set-down and short-term layover. Buses on the 489 arriving via Pelham Road now divert via Rathmore Road so as to set down in Clive Road rather than a full circuit of the Town Centre. Westbound 480/490 after Clive Road now go round the block to get to Garrick Street stops, then round the block again to depart toward Northfleet.

AMAZON To answer some queries, the AZ1/AZ2/Z3/Z5 at Dartford (TLB684,685) and Z2/Z4 at Tilbury (TLB692) are now "closed contracts" (ie.for Amazon staff only) and arranged through First Travel Solutions. In our areas FTS registered all the routes in the name of First Essex Buses – who haven't used their own buses. At Dartford AZ1/AZ2 are worked by Stagecoach London, Go-Ahead London and other small operators while Z2/Z3/Z4/Z5 are worked by Ensignbus.

Route AZ at Dartford was registered and worked by Go Coach; it was meant to be a public 24/7 service but many attempts by some of our readers to travel were thwarted by buses not stopping when hailed or by drivers refusing travel. The subsequent four journeys from 3rd April (TLB691) now on the shortened AZ just at Amazon shift times worked by Arriva Kent Thameside and are presumed as Closed Contract. Going back to Amazon Tilbury, Ensignbus' Z1 (Aveley- Lakeside- Grays- Socketts Heath- Amazon) works on a circuitous route through Thurrock as a normal stopping service, albeit running only at shift change times at Amazon.

Another Amazon depot, this time near Crawley at St Modwen Park close to Cophorne, has been reported as served by another route AZ1 from the Crawley area although actually from where and by whom is not yet clear.



This year's first Running Day in the Country Area was at Dorking on 27th March. Our views are both on the 449 that plied between Dorking and Ewhurst until it was curtailed back to become a more local service around Dorking from 29 October 1958. Just one bus a week (on Tuesday) now connects the two towns. GS 13 is at the 449 terminus at Ewhurst, Bull's Head and T 792 is on Ockley Road near Forest Green. GS 13 was new 10/53 and sold for preservation 5/74, while T 792 was new 9/48 and to preservation 1/67. Although GSs (but not this one) did work for LT at Dorking, the nearest that the 15T13 Mann Egerton bodied variants got was at Crawley Garage, and did include T 792.
(both Richard Jones)





The Route 101 Running Day was held on Saturday 26th March. The 101 was once famous for its huge Guy Arab allocation from Upton Park Garage. G 351 came to LT in February 1946 and was an Upton Park bus at one time and is the sole survivor of the entire class. Here it is on its last journey of the day at Cyprus Place. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Also on the 101 was DMS 1, now with the LT Museum. It is in East Ham on its way to North Woolwich. Delivered from 1/1970 (DMS 1) to the last in 8/1978 (2646), they fell out of favour at LT and almost all were sold. Ensign Bus took hundreds, sorted their alleged technical problems and sent them far and wide, notably to Hong Kong. *(Haydn Davies)*





Out of 15 RTs on the 101, I chose LBC's 'Canadian' RT 714 at Ferndale Street Cyprus with blind set for Lambourne End. Just five journeys went on from Wanstead to this Essex country village that was once served on Summer Sundays by the 101 although that had ceased by October 1954. RT 714 retains its Abegweit lettering! *(Richard Godfrey)*

The annual East Grinstead Running Day always brings out the Metrobus preserved buses and so on 24th April their AEC Reliance (originally with Tillingbourne) JTM 109V arrives in Forest Row, once the absolute limit of LT and LCBS country bus routes (in this case the 409) and just inside East Sussex. *(Richard Godfrey)*





Go-Coach's former Abellio E200 kept its fleet number 8345. It has another version of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee livery and it was unveiled at the South East Bus Festival at Detling on 2nd April. Its main use should be on Go Coach's route 1 (formerly 401) between Sevenoaks and Westerham. *(Haydn Davies)*

On 3rd April Ham's Travel began its first local bus service in our area when it took over from Arriva the Sunday only route 401 (Tonbridge & Westerham via Sevenoaks). The company's main area is in West Kent and adjacent parts of East Sussex. E20D DW21 HAM is one of about 40 vehicles with 'HAM' registrations. *(Richard Godfrey)*



PUBLICITY NEWS

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Valid from April 2022 until March 2023 is the '1st Edition' of **"Hop-on Hop-off Open Top Tours London"** from Golden Tours. The cover of the multifold slimline features an anonymous MCV Volvo photoshopped to show the registration 'Hop On'. Inside a map shows the two key sightseeing routes plus a river cruise and feeder routes to and from hotels. Timing details show first and last buses, accompanied by frequency information. A plethora of advertising for the company's other tours and a welcome in eleven languages completes the leaflet.

Barking Riverside is a prominent addition to the list of destinations on the front of the April 2022 **"Uber Boat by thames clippers Timetable."** The list of destinations is now printed in white against a blue background on the cover of the credit card sized multifold. When opened the map shows the extension of RB1 beyond Woolwich and Barking during weekday peaks and all day at weekends and bank holidays. The reverse offers combined timetables for services RB1, RB2 and RB6, plus a QR code link for the cross river RB4

The significance of the hair salon as a centre of the community is the subject of **"Joy Labinjo '5 more minutes'"**, a double sided slimline promoting an 'Art on the Underground' installation on display at Brixton station between November 2021 and November 2022. An extract of the work showing a lady sitting under a hairdryer features on the front, with narrative about the work on the reverse.

A train of 1938 stock emerging from a tunnel bound for Elstree gives a flavour of what might have been on the cover of **"Off the Rails, The Line That Never Was"**, a single sided A5 flyer promoting the exhibition at Elstree and Boreham Wood (sic) Museum. The free exhibition, running between 20 January and 20 August 2022, covers plans for the never built Northern Line extension.

Newly delivered Titan T 44 posed outside Aldenham Bus Overhaul Works is the photo on **"Aldenham Transport Spectacular 2022"** an A5 flyer for the transport related sales event at Allum Manor House on 4 and 5 November.

The Railair link between Reading and Heathrow, plus Carousel's 36 and Arriva's 37 linking Bourne End with High Wycombe are three local routes shown on **"GWR and National railway network maps"** which offer through rail ticketing. The double sided multifold slimline map features the GWR network on one side and the entire UK network on the reverse. The latter map also includes the Busway linking Luton and Dunstable, albeit without route numbers. The map, correct to November 2021, features 'Super Sprinter' 158750 on the cover. The map doesn't make clear that rail travellers using the link between Bourne End and High Wycombe will need a separate PlusBus ticket, a rail only ticket taking passengers via London.

The special gold liveried Wright bodied Volvo marking Ensignbus' fiftieth anniversary can be found on the cover of **"Thurrock Area Bus Times"**, issue 38 being valid from 2 April 2022. The cover of the thirty-six page A5 book also carries the anniversary logo and two gold swoops. Inside the book continues to offer full timetables, a network map and information about ticketing.

Uno are attempting to recruit new drivers with **"benefits that truly benefit"**, a four-side slimline in the company purple. Alongside a couple of smiling recruits and a MCV Evora it has narrative outlining the role and thirteen benefits of working for the company. Interestingly one of these is listed as 'free local bus and rail travel for you and family members'. Given that Uno is not owned by any rail operator this is presumably something the company funds.

Tempting passengers to try Grant Palmer's service 74 between Hitchin and Bedford is **"try the bus for FREE for a month,"** a double sided A5 flyer with a code for the operator's app which will unlock free travel. The reverse is headed 'All aboard for Langford' (a village on the route) and has narrative about the route, a small map showing bus stops in the village and a timetable. It has been reported by a member who received it in a 'new home pack' when moving into the village.

Following the takeover of route 84 from Metroliner from 2 April, Sullivan Buses have published **“Services 84 398.”** The cover of the green twenty-page slimline book features Wright Volvo FJ57CZE passing the White Hart pub whilst headed for St Albans, this being a bus used temporarily whilst the allocated Enviro 400s are prepared. An introduction outlines the takeover of the route and directs passengers wanting to know the history of the route to Ian Armstrong’s excellent londonbuses.co.uk. Both routes have full timetables and route maps, accompanied by fares information. A second green slimline book is the sixteen pages **“Services 306 B3”** which is ‘Re-issued 2nd April 2022’. The cover features Enviro 200 LX10AUT operating the former route whilst inside contains timetables and fares information. The timetable for route 306 is valid from 28 August 2021, whilst that for the B3 has remained unchanged since 29 March 2016. Reintroduced for the new season at Thorpe Park is **“Service 951”**, a purple multifold slimline valid from 26 March 2022. As well as a timetable it also has a calendar showing dates of operation.

After a gap of over two years Arriva have published timetable leaflets in the LOTS area. **“Bus Times 33”** and **“Bus Times 300”** (that’s the Wycombe – Aylesbury 300) are two A5 items, the first to be reported since “Bus times 800/850” reported in TLB 667. Both are valid from 17 April 2022 and feature the standard Arriva cover which includes a ‘What’s new?’ box. **“Bus Times 33”** is a multifold offering a full timetable and network map showing the Wycombe Smart Zone, which includes services operated by Carousel. The ‘What’s new?’ is that the timetable has revisions to help keep buses on time. **“Bus Times 300”** is a twelve-page book with timetable and the same map. The 15-minute frequency Monday – Saturday, hourly Sunday service and school day projections form the content of the ‘What’s new?’ box. Also reported are **“Bus Times 30”**, **“Bus Times 31”**, **“Bus Times 32”**, and **“Bus Times 800/850”**. Arriva timetables have also been seen in other parts of the country, for example for the X30 linking Chester with Warrington, so maybe this heralds a national change of policy? Arriva is another company recruiting, **“Drive yourself to a new career.”** is a single sided purple A4 sheet highlighting the hourly rate paid to experienced and trainee recruits.

Carousel made changes in High Wycombe from the same date, **“High Wycombe 27”** is a double sided slimline. The cover features Sprinter RF68FLC and the key points served with full timetable on the reverse. Arriva and Carousel co-operate on services between High Wycombe and Bourne End, the combined timings being available in **“36 37”**, a sixteen-page slimline book from Buckinghamshire County Council. Valid from 17 April it has a map showing the two routes plus composite timetables showing departures from High Wycombe Bus Station and Bourne End Railway Station. This is followed by timetables for both routes, plus the 37A Sunday service. The cover is mainly blue with a white footer separated by a red swoop. Both operators’ logos feature prominently. Also reported is **“1 1A”** for the joint operation to Chesham. The offer of a day ticket for five people for just £5 is on **“50% off group ticket voucher”**, a double sided slimline which promotes the Wycombe Smartzone tickets valid on Arriva and Carousel services. The front features Carousel Sprinter RN19WSV and Arriva Citaro BG59FCU, along with both company logos. The reverse outlines the offer which is valid from 11 April until 30 June, the print date being 1 April.

After the slimline flyer in TLB692, London Bus Museum issued **“Spring Gathering Sunday 10th April”**, an A5 flyer featuring RMC1461 outside the museum. It also highlights the other two major events at the museum, plus the running days on routes 101, 81 and 37. The official programme also used the title **“Spring Gathering Sunday 10th April”**, the rear of the eight-page A5 book carrying the timetable for route 462 linking the museum with Weybridge.

Whilst the excellent ‘Bus Times’ has, sadly, been officially discontinued, Brighton and Hove have published **“Breeze up to the Downs and beyond”**, the Autumn/Winter 2021/2022 edition of this multifold slimline which includes a map showing a variety of rural bus routes emanating from Brighton, including those serving Crawley and East Grinstead

CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

This section covers the current vehicle news (including initial disposals) pertaining to bus operators within the “TLB” area, roughly comprising the old LT/LCBS areas. All current vehicle reports to David Stewart at 5 Kathleen Avenue, Wembley, HA0 4JH (e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com)

General news:

London Bus Museum at Brooklands has gained for display RFW 14 (LUC 389), on loan from the estate of its former owner, the late John Marshall. Mr Marshall also had a former LT Radio Control Ford Cortina car JLA 82D and this is also now with the LBM.

The red TfL-spec Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner EL 1 (LY71 GHZ) is 10.6m H41/21D and 12676kg. It is now with Go-Ahead and first entered service on 29th April on route 119.

ABELLIO LONDON (BC,QB,WL), **ABELLIO WEST LONDON** (DH, GW,TF garages)

Recent repaints noted include LT 24 and 8211.

The transfer of 2551 to QB follows a period since 15 December 2021 when it had an accident.

As would be expected, the 8.7m Optare MetroCitys ordered for the 322 will be a bit late arriving. These are built but some are lacking some parts. Thus the 322 contract began on the 30th with ‘own fleet’ E200 8.9m and E20D 9.0m buses. This meant late April transfers of 9.3m E200Darts (8321-29 batch) into Beddington (BC) Garage so as to release slightly shorter (8.9m/9.0m) E200s to move from BC to Battersea (QB) for route 322 from 30th April. Some roads on the 322 are so tight that only 8.9m/9.0m buses (not even 9.3m) can be used routinely. Another by-product of the changes was route S4 (BC) having to use 9.3m instead of 8.9m.

The first of the twelve BYD/ADL E400EVs (3430-41) will arrive in May, these being for route U5 from Dawley Road (DH) Garage.

On 29/30 April and over the next few days, some LTs for route 111 (and Night 111) transferred into Fulwell (TF) from RATP at Hounslow. However, from the first day (30th April) Abellio’s own LTs, both already TF-based and some moved from QB and WL – worked about half of the operation. A by-product of having to find enough LTs for the 111 was that route 415 (QB) partially reverted to hybrid E400Hs. Not only that but by 30th April routes 3 and N3 went back to operating formally from Walworth. For some time the Walworth’s LTs for the 3/N3 had been parked (and thus worked) temporarily out of Battersea.

New deliveries (May)

1001-1011 (YJ22 AXH/K/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V)

Optare MetroCity MC870EV 8.7m B**F **eats and ULW to check**

3430-41 (LG22 APK/O/U/V/X/Y/Z, ARF/O/U/X/Z).

BYD D8UR-DD - AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H**/**D,. **seats and ULW to check**

Transfers from RATP-DEV London United (29/30 April):

LT 88-94, 143-148, 150-154 to Abellio (29/30 April).

Transfers:

(April): 2448 BC/QB. 2454/55/58/60 WL/QB. 2537/38/39/42-51 WL/QB. 8863 TF/GW.

8127 TF/QB. 8142 GW/QB. 8204-07/10-14 BC/QB.

8327 WLuBC. 8328/29 WL/BC. (8321-4/6 are already at BC).

(29/30 April): LT 88- 94, 143-148, 150-154 RATP/(AV) to Abellio TF.

LT 632-640, 684/5 QB/TF, LT 686 WL/TF. LT 689, 690, 691 WL/QB.

(Due in early May): 1001-11 --/QB and 3430-41 --/DH.

Livery changes:

LT 19 from advert for GoPuff back to red.

LT 163 from advert for Rare Beauty to one for Calvin Klein.

----- *Current vehicle news* -----

ABELLIO LONDON, Continued:

LT 607 and LT 609 to advert for Loewe Paula.
LT 621 from advert for DKNY to one for Jack Daniels No.7 Whisky.
LT 625 from advert for Rare Beauty to one for Uniqlo.
LT 628 from advert for Dying Light 2 to one for Uniqlo.
LT 712 to advert for Jack Daniels Apple.

Disposals:

E200s 8516/19/20/22 to Geoff Ripley, Barnsley (February) – updating TLB692.
E200s 8577-82 inc returned off lease to DawsonGroup (February) – updating TLB692.
Tridents 9404 and 9405 to Nu-Venture, Aylesford, Kent (April).
Tridents 9408/11/19/20 sold to --?-- (April).
Tridents 9430/31/38 from Ensign Bus to First Scotland East (April); also converted to part open top.

Subsequent disposals:

E200 8517 (YX59 BYK) sold for scrap from Nu-Venture.
E200s 8519/20 (YX59 BYM, BYP) now at Go Goodwin, Eccles, Greater Manchester and re-registered respectively WEZ 7837 and CAZ 2625.
E200 8523 (YX59 BYR) (adding to TLB692) is now with Candy Coaches.
E200 8525 (YX59 BYT) is now with a preservationist.
E200s 8550 (YX10 FFM) and 8557 (YX11 AEF) are at Bishop Auckland Rural Link, Co.Durham.
E200s 8577/78/79/80/81 (YX61 GAA/O/U, GBE/F) now with Kev's Cars and Coaches, Bromsgrove.
E200 8582 (YX61 GBO) to BM Coaches, Hayes, Middx.
Trident 9833 (KN52 NDE) is an open-topper in Dublin.

ARRIVA LONDON (part of Deutsche Bahn)

ARRIVA LONDON NORTH - AD, AE, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY and WN.

ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH - BN, N, TC and TH.

Recent refurb/ repaints include DW 527, 528; HV 49, 94, 96, 134, 138, 161, 163, 167 and T 313. HVs in the 161-192 batch were those acquired from Stagecoach and during their refurb are having the Stagecoach seat moquette replaced by Arriva's.

At South Croydon (TC) HT wanderings from the 405 were fairly unusual, although over the Easter weekend they appeared on the 312, 412 and 466 all more than once.

Transfers: (April): HA 33 AE/BN. HV 23 BN/BNu. T 41 TH/DT.

Livery changes:

HV 243 to advert for Let's do London.
HV 364 to advert for Ami.
LT 341 and LT 591 to adverts for Calvin Klein.
LT 342, LT468 and LT 523 to adverts for Jack Daniels Apple.
LT 592 and LT 820 to adverts for Charlotte Tilbury.
LT 599 from advert for Dying Light 2 back to red.
LT 957 from advert for GoPuff to one for Jack Daniels Apple.

Disposals:

HV 23 written off. LVF shows that it last ran on route 50 on 2nd April, presumably had an accident.
T 40 to Arriva 'UK' – but where? (April).
T 57 to Arriva Midlands at Thurmaston, Leics as a training bus.
T 60-65 went to Milton Keynes for onward transmission to other Arriva companies, most (if not all) for driver training conversion. At least T 60 and T 62 have been done and are now blue and purple. T 60 has gone on to Arriva Southern Counties, nominally at Hemel Hempstead.

ARRIVA'S 'COUNTRY BUSES' (within ASC and ATS)

Vehicles in each part that are based at the relevant garages are covered in full, with any transfers to or from other areas of AtS and ASC outside our sphere of coverage mentioned where necessary. These are: Colchester (CO), Southend (SE), Milton Keynes (MK), Gillingham (GL), Maidstone (MD) and Tunbridge Wells (TW).

Part 1: North West Kent (NF, AKT licence)

Potential confusion will surround training buses now that former Arriva London ENLs (which are E200s) have adopted a T-prefix to the former London numbers, such as T 25 (ex ENL 25) now at Northfleet. The confusion will be that T-class trainer E400s from London have been loaned at times, recently involving Ts 23, 28 and 29. So two lots of Ts, one single-deck, the other double-deck.

Transfer into this area (April): 4127 (SN67 WUT) AD E20D -- AD Enviro200(MMC) B45F -- 2017. It is now in Fastrack livery (it was previously the last in Maidstone Park & Ride livery).

Transfers out of area: E20D 4038 joins 4039 both now at Colchester. (4038 had been on loan since October 2021 but both now seem to be permanent. 4273 to Gillingham (once again). 6200 (NFu) had fire damage (August 21) but may now be restored; thus it went to TWu (October 2021).

Transfers: (April): 4127 GL/NF. 4273 NF/GL.

Disposals: T933 and T943 -- withdrawn to go for scrap.

Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex (HA, HH, SV, WA and WE garages (all A-KT licence).

Over the Easter weekend -- which was also when heavy service reductions applied at HH Garage -- there was a chain of transfers. E400s off the withdrawn route 320 departed, three to Ware (to send two more E400s to Kent) and five from HH direct to Kent; five StreetLites came to HH from Kent in exchange. Six B7RLEs went from HH to Luton, in theory to boost route 321. One Solo SR (1520) came to Ware from Tunbridge Wells, specifically for Ware town services M1-5.

4320/21/37 arrived in the light blue livery, 4327/31 are in Sapphire 480/490 colours.

A very unusual working was Solo 2482 on the premier route 510 (Harlow- Stansted)

Transfers into Area 2:

1520 (KX13 DHO) Optare M890SR B31F - 2013.

4320/21 (GN15 CZT, CXU) Wrightbus StreetLite DF B37F -- 2015.

4327/31/37 (SK68 TWY, TXC, TXJ) Wrightbus StreetLite DF B44F -- 2018.

Transfers out of area: 3769-74 from HH to LD in Area 3 (and renumbered 3949-44).

E400s 6471/72 (from WE) and 6493, 6516/21/22/28 (from HH) out of area to Kent; they are for use at Gillingham and/or Maidstone.

Acquired (April) from Arriva London: T 60 (LJ08 CYS) AD Trident -- AD E400 10.1m H41/26D.

Acquired (May) from Arriva Derby: 3556 (YR58 SRY) Scania N230UB- Scania OmniCity B41F- 2008

Of course, there is another 3556, an Enviro300 at Hemel Hempstead !

Transfers:

(November 2021): 3863 WE/WEw.

(March): 4181 HA/WE.

(April): 1520 Kent(TW)/WE. 3609/13 HA/HAw. 3769-74 HH/Area 3-LD. 3776 WE/HA.

4320/21/27/31/37 Kent(GL)/HH.

6471/72 WE/Kent. 6487/88/89 HH/WE. 6493, 6516/21/22/28 HH/Kent. T 60 London/ HHt.

(May): 3556 Mids/HA.

Disposals:

Solo 1507, SB200 3778, Volvo B7RLE 3863, Versa 4188 to Shelton Motors for scrap (April).

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Part 3: Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire (AY, LD and WB garages, on AtS licence)

On Saturday 9th April at 16:20 in Luton Road Harpenden, StreetLite 3658 was struck in a head-on collision with a BMW car (whose driver was arrested for dangerous driving and under the influence of drugs) but left the bus driver with serious injuries; subsequently he lost a leg.

Over the Easter weekend Luton Garage gained six Volvo B7RLEs from HH so as to boost the route 321 allocation. AY and WB were also involved in more minor transfers. To cover a PVR +3 on Busway routes A and Z from 17th April, three Scania (3513/4/5) arrived at Luton from Midlands.

Solo 2495 (AY) was on the 500 on 13th April.

Acquired (March 3510, April-3513/4/5) from Arriva Midlands:

3510 YN08 HZX Scania K230UB – Scania OmniLink 11.7m B45F – 2008.

3513/4/5 YR59 NNT/U/V Scania K230UB – Wrightbus Solar B44F – 2009.

Transfers into this area: 3769-74 from Area 2 (HH) to Area 3 (LD) and renumbered 3939-44. 3939-44 LT63 UNN/P/R/S/U/V) Volvo B7RLE – Wrightbus Eclipse Urban B45F- 2013. (3944 retains Hemel route 2 branding).

From Arriva Midlands at Leicester and due for Wycombe (May):

4748/49 FJ06 ZST, ZSU. VDL DB250LF- Wright Pulsar Gemini 10.3m H41/26F- 2006.

Transfers:

(January): Correcting TLB690: 3508/09 Mids /AY (not to LD).

(March): 2461 LDw/HAW (parked at Harlow for parts). 2783 WB/WBu. 3510 Mids/AY.

(April): 2401, 2452, 2479 AY/AYu. 2495 AY/WB. 2782, 2787 WB/WBu, 3513/4/5 Mids/LD.

3658 LD/LDw. 3798 AYu/MKu (for repair)/ AY. 3919/20/22 WB/AY. 3926 WB/WBu.

3939-44 Area 2(HH)/LD.

(May): 4748/49 Mids /WB. 4819 WB/WBu, 6000 WB/WBu.

Transfer out of area: Solo 2408, 3817 AY/MK.

Corrections to Fleetbook 2022: Scania 3608 (KE55 GVY) remains in use at Luton while 3611 had been already sold. Solo 2461 although a 'Part 3' bus, moved to Harlow (Part 2) for spares. T942 should have been listed in Area 3 (not Area 2).

Disposals:

Scania 3606 to two local Luton drivers (Luke Garley and Michael Attfield) for preservation (March).

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

Reinstated: GX57 AUT AD E200Dart- AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2007.

For a time, this bus had used registration AB53 AZB but had gone from the fleet some months ago (TLB688 p24). Thus far AB53 AZB remains un-used.

Acquired (April):

LT52 WWP Volvo B7TL – TransBus ALX400 10.6m H45/21D – 2003 (originally First London VNL 32269 and most recently at Decker Bus.

LX03 BXY TransBus Trident – TransBus ALX400 10.5m H45/22D – 2003 (originally Stagecoach London 17825), recently at 1st Bus Stop, Gravesend but latterly at Fowlers, Holbeach Drove. Lincs.

BEAR BUSES, Shepperton

Acquired (April): via Ensign Bus, formerly Go-Ahead North East 6927 and G-A London PVL 413:

LX54 GZE Volvo B7TL – Alexander President 10.0m H41/20D – 2005

Disposal: Volvo B9TL LX60 DWW to Ensign Bus (April).

----- *Current vehicle news* -----

BIG BUS COMPANY, Earlsfield

After more than two years inactive, former Golden Tours Volvo B9TL 101 (YJ11 OHL) has re-emerged with Big Bus as DA 235. One might assume that the other two (102/3 YJ11 OHN/O) would now be numbered DA 236 and 237 – visual check please?

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

Into this fleet from Oxford Bus Co: 974 (BU18 YRR) Mercedes-Benz Sprinter B14F (joining 975/YRS). Both are for contract work and remain in Oxford's dark blue 'Pick me up' livery.

Disposals:

Scania d/ds 214/7/8/9 returned to Oxford Bus Co. (by October 2021 ?).

Citaros 884, 886, 887 to PVS, Barnsley (April). Sister bus 885 is cannibalised for spare parts, after which it will follow to PVS.

Volvo B7TL 939 to Thames Travel (by September 2021 ?).

CENTRAL CONNECT (Galleon Travel 2009 Ltd), Roydon and Stansted

The Tempos remain in store and up for sale while Scania s/d SGZ 1089 is in store at Stansted. The new fleet numbers are not yet actioned on the vehicles; it is connected with a new fuelling system that has not been commissioned yet.

Irizar i4 coach JFZ 7018 has been repainted into Central Connect livery. Scania Coach SS71 GAL has been painted from white to Ledger Silver Service Livery. Another Scania/ Irizar i8 Luxuria to be reg'd LU22 GAL is due for delivery in May.

Acquired (April) via Ensign Bus, formerly Go-Ahead SOE 25:

LX09 AZL AD E200Dart – Optare Esteem 10.4m B29D – 2009.

Correction to TLB692: Dart SLF BA52 GHA after all did not come here from Ensign Bus.

DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark connections Ltd) Stanwell

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc

Hotel Hoppa E200s 28340 and 28346 were withdrawn in July 2021 and are no longer licensed.

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

On 23 April E20D 708 was noted on loan to Bear Buses for a SWR rail replacement.

Disposal: BCI 142 to Aintree Coaches, Merseyside (April).

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

E20D YX18 KUT is now in HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee livery.

Disposals:

E20D YX18 KYB to Mid Wales Travel, Aberystwyth (March).

E20D YX71 OJO to TLC, Bradford (March).

1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend

Acquired (September 2021) from Imperial, Slough, originally Go-Ahead London WVL 249:

LX06 EAO Volvo B7TL – Wrightbus Gemini 10.1m H41/21D – 2006.

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GO-AHEAD LONDON

BLUE TRIANGLE– RR,DS; **DOCKLANDS BUSES**– SI; **LONDON CENTRAL**- BX, MG, NX, PM, Q; **LONDON GENERAL**- A, AF, AL, LS, NP, PL, RA and SW; **METROBUS**– C, MB.

Recent refurb/ repaints include SEe 14, 15, 19, 28, 36.

SEe 36 has now been restored to service after its collision with SEe 49; the latter was noted in TLB692 already repaired. LT 49 (accident from 8th October 2021) was back in use on 20th April. EH 153, accident on 7th February was back in use on 25th April.

The saga of electric supply at BX continues with mid-July being the latest estimate. Wrightbus Electroliner LY71 GJE in blue livery visited BX briefly for inspection on 23rd March while with Go-Coach. Meanwhile, the red TfL-spec demonstrator EL 1 has been at Croydon Garage for a while. It entered service on route 119 on 29th April, then a few days off and was back in use on 6th May.

An odd working on 18th April was when EH 147 made a very rare appearance on the 101.

Inward loan (April) EL 1 (LY71 GHZ) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner H41/21D, ULW 12676kg.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, KL King's Lynn).

(February) Updating TLB690: EP 3, 5-18 stored outside London. EH 153 RR/RRu.

(April): EL 1 --/C. EP 3, 5-18 ?u/Qu, EP 4 ?u/ BXt.

EH 11 NX/RR. EH 114, 115 NX/Q. EH 118 RR/SI. EH 153 RRu/RR. EH 195, 213 NX/C.

LT 49 Qu/Q. LT 311 NX/SW. LT 417-427 Q/RR.

WHV 10 MG/NX. WHV 12 NX/SI. WHV 13 NX/MG. WHV 42, 44, 107 NX/AL.

WHV 166 Q/AL. WHV 167 Q/C.

SE 47 SW/RR. SE 48 SW/SI. SE 102 SI/RR. SEe 36 RAu/NP.

Livery changes:

E 140 to advert for Bumbu.

LT 277 and LT 447 from adverts for GoPuff to ones for Uniqlo.

LT 278, LT428 and LT 437 to adverts for Jack Daniels No.7 Whisky.

LT 279 to advert for Calvin Klein.

LT 421 to advert for M&S.

LT 442 from advert for Elden Ring back to red.

LT 503 and LT 509 to adverts for Fenty Beauty.

LT 504 to advert for Jack Daniels Apple.

LT 861 to advert for Charlotte Tilbury.

LT 871 from advert for Dying Light 2 back to red. LT 886 to advert for Jack Daniels No.7 Whisky.

Detail changes: SEe 1, 2, 30-36, 41-51 all upseated to B33D (confirmation of previous mention).

Disposals:

Arriva's loaned ENL 91, 92, 94 did get returned off loan to Ensign Bus, the other two (89, 93) were listed in TLB689. However, they all actually went at the end of July 2021 (i.e end of the school term), not December 2021 as at first estimated. All five then available for disposal by Ensign Bus.

E 1 to Ensign Bus (April).

SE 35 donated to a charity in Tanzania (April).

SOE 26, 27 to --- ?? --- (April).

GO COACHHIRE, Otford and Swanley, Kent (incl. 'The Bus Doctor')

E200 8347 from red to yellow/purple livery. The single-deck (B42F) Volvo BZL demonstrator was used here in April and was unregistered. It is expected to return later this summer to be trialled over the Fastrack routes. Also examined here in March was a blue dual-door Wrightbus Electroliner demonstrator LY71 GJE as noted in TLB692.

Between 4th-13th April, Go Coach had loaned some E400s (9507/9-15/18) to Abellio to cover the Tram Replacement service (Wimbledon & Waddon Marsh) but after being used on other rail work over Easter, these were back at Go Coach by 19th April. Loss of route AZ and the tram service has meant that by late April several E400s (9506-12 and 9520) have been stored, leaving 9513/14/15/18 on school work. E400 9508 is on long-term loan to Hadlow Rural Community School from 25th April.

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HCT GROUP (t/a CT PLUS) (AW and HK garages).

A recent repaint is 1262. A restoration is of Solo 1743, off since 27 September 2021, returned to service on 3rd March 2022.

LITTLE JIM'S BUSES, Berkhamsted

Solo YJ57 EJE was scrapped in November 2021.

LONDON BUS COMPANY, Northfleet and Ongar

From early April RML 902 has been repainted to white with a Lincoln green band and wheel arches. It was also re-trimmed with 1970's style blue seating moquette as first introduced on RMLs 2674 – 2676 in 1967 and continued until the Ms and Ts.

METROBUS, Crawley (part of B&H Buses within the Go-Ahead Group) (CY depot)

Volvo B7RLEs 6017/ 18 have been repainted from Fastway livery to two-tone blue and yellow. E20D 6782 has at last been refurbished and repainted while 6773 is under way at B&H Hove.

Dart 6288 is now withdrawn from use, joining Dart 6321 although both remain in stock.

METROLINE TRAVEL – AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, KC, PA, PB, PV, SG and W garages, also

METROLINE WEST – G, HZ, UX and WJ garages.

(within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

The 17 BYD/ADL E400EVs (BDE 2752-68) for route 204 at Edgware are due during mid-June.

Recent refurb/ repaints include VWH 2026, 2028, 2038, 2095. VWH 2112 is being treated to Platinum Jubilee livery.

On 8th April at about 17:00 there was a collision in the Northolt area, resulting in TEH 1451 on route 282 suffering frontal damage and VWH 2217 on route 140 suffering rear damage. At 21:45 on 19th April TE 1573 (W) on route 210 was involved in a collision with a car causing front damage; however, it swerved under a canopy and suffered considerable roof damage as well. On 20th April at about 23:30 VWH 2226 (HD) on route 140 crashed into a shop in Station Road Harrow.

As at 7th May, just one of the WHDs (2721) was still to return to service.

PB's VMHs rarely made it to the 263 but on 28th April VMH 2537 did appear.

RML 903, DEL 2154/2155 visited LBM's Spring Gathering on 10th April.

For the record, on 1st April TE 889 was the last bus on route 84, taken over by Sullivan on the 2nd.

On 2nd April, sixteen LTs were used as 'baggage buses' for participants in the 'London Landmarks Half-Marathon'; they were located in the Pall Mall area..

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(February): DE 1000 AH/HZu.

(April): TE 886-890 PBh/PBu. TEH 1451 G/Gu. TE 1573 W/Wu. TE 1577 PA/WJ.

VW 1817 PAu/PV. VW 1818, 1820 PV/PAu.

VWH 2044 PAu/PV. VWH 2045 PV/PAu. VWH 2052 PV/HD. VWH 2217, 2226 HD/HDu.

DE 874 UX/PB. DE 959 PAw/HZw. DE 997 W/PB.

DE 1614 UX/W. DEL 2246 AH/UX. DEL 2612 W/AH. (May): DE 2245 AH/UX,

VWH 2112 is being treated to HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee livery.

VWH 2214 to advert for Let's do London.

OME 2658 to advert for OVO Energy.

LT 644 from advert for Rare Beauty to one for Loewe Paula.

LT 747 from advert for GoPuff to one for Loewe Paula.

LT 748 to advert for Calvin Klein.

LT 749 to advert for Jack Daniels Apple.

LT 755 from advert for Sonic 2 back to red.

LT 760 to advert for Charlotte Tilbury.

Disposals: DE 1000/1/2/3/5/6/8/9 to Geoff Ripley, Barnsley (April).

MULLANY'S BUSES, Watford

A surprise delivery in early May was a batch of four electric double-decks for the Warner Bros "Harry Potter" service between Watford Junction and Warner Bros Leavesden Studios. They operate with O'Licence disc and legal lettering for Mullany's, who look after them. Meanwhile, the existing Mullany's buses (HP05/06BUS E400s/2014, HP07/08BUS B9TLs) remain in use alongside the new buses. The new buses have National Express West Midlands fleet numbers E 030-033 which follows on from buses (E 001-029) already in service at Birmingham (Yardley Wood) and Coventry garages. NXWM has ordered another 100 E400EVs for NXWM and Mullany's four were tagged onto that order. It seems that the Warner Bros service is contracted with National Express and the actual day-to-day operation from Warner Bros to Mullany's.

LG22 AYA/B/C/D BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV City 10.9m H39/26F.

RATP-DEV TRANSIT LONDON including

LONDON UNITED - AV, FW, RP, S, TV, V and WK (ex HH) garages and

LONDON SOVEREIGN – BT, CP and SO garages. (c suffix= commercial) and

LONDON TRANSIT – X garage.

BCE 47138 (the real one LG71 DWV) that had been parked at Xu since delivery, finally entered service at SO on 14th April. Hopefully, 47149 (LG71 DXH confirmed) that had been in service at FW since 28th February (but tracking as 47138), has now had its iBus track corrected.

Separately, 47054 that had been involved in a mix-up with 47097, has now adopted registration LG71 DWO. Effectively this pair have swapped their booked identities to match the chassis number and registration of the actual vehicle. 47054 first entered service at Fulwell on 15th April.

Another merry-go-round has affected BCEs that were ordered for route 49 (at S) but were put into service at Harrow on the X140 and 183. They have been moved to S for the 49 when it is able to take them. In turn, BCEs of the "ordered for the 183" batch have now been delivered to Harrow. You may be forgiven for wondering why identical buses are being allocated and then moved somewhere else. Well, it is all due to getting back to leasing and contract start and finish dates that each batch was ordered for. It means that the "ordered for the 49" batch (47084-099) were all at Shepherd's Bush by the end of April – and awaiting the 'highway changes' to allow them to get round the route!

As to HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee buses, LT 70 came back from overhaul in red and is now getting its Jubilee wrap in early May, so treated in London by RATP itself. At the end of April BCE 47070 changed its registration to ER (Elizabeth Regina) 70 (years of reign) LXX (Roman numerals for 50+10+10 years). 47070 (not 47137 as planned) will stay at Fulwell Garage.

Recent repaints noted include SDE 20281, VMH 45345.

A shunt around of LTs began in late April between S and V and then on the 30th seventeen of them transferred to Abellio with route 111 (Abellio made up the numbers in-house). Meanwhile, in a foretaste of what will come in March 2023 when the route will move to Metroline, LT 81 briefly ran on route H91 on 28th April followed by LT 84 on 29th with odd LT workings following on later dates. With the BCEs on the 148 at S gradually being replaced by LTs again, may more LTs from Hounslow went to V to boost the type on the H91. A by-product was that routes H32 and H98 at AV reverted to SP operation (with the odd ADH). By 4th May just one LT (141) remained at AV, albeit out of service.

On 5th April BCE 47075 was the first of type to work on route 85.

BE 37008, accident victim on 17 December 2021, back in use on 6 April 2022. BME 27017 was on the H19 on 26th April, a first for the class.

Fulwell BE and BCE buses are sporting a new 'blind' display for driver recruitment, it reads: 'I'm Electric – batteries included – Driver wanted – Call 0800- 694- 012'.

New deliveries:

The batch BCE 47111-137 (details in March TLB691) were duly delivered in late March and April (up to 47125) with 47126-137 still outstanding at 6th May.

----- *Current vehicle news* -----

RATP-DEV, Continued:

Change of registration: BCE 47054 from LG71 DXS to LG71 DWO. This follows the change in TLB692 of BCE 47097 from LG71 DWO to LG71 DXS. This follows a little difficulty in reconciling paperwork with the actual and thus some subsequent discussions with DVLA.

BCE 47070 from LG71 DYN to ER70 LXX to agree with its new status as a Jubilee bus.

Correction to 2022 Fleetbook: The Company will take route 295 (not 296!).

Transfers:

Note that SPs to NCw are a nominal ‘by’ date, some will have moved some months ago.

(February) (update to TLB691): BE 37075/077-083 --/Xu.

(March): DE 20023/046 FW/NCw. DE 20032/033 BT/NCw.

SP 40063/111/116/121/133 FW/NCw. BCE 47114-130/138 --/Xu.

(April – a few in first days of May): LT 69, 70, 71, 73, 75, 77 V/S. LT 85, 86, 87 AV/S.

LT 120-124, 131, 139 S/V. LT 132, 138, 140, 142 AV/V. LT 461/2/3 AV/V.

DE 20174/175 FW/BT. BE 37008 Su/S.

SP 40049/050 WK/AV. SP 40054/079/080 AV/WK. SP 40064/067/071/075 FW/NCw.

SP 40069 SO/NCw. SP 40100 AV/NCw. SP 40165/166/168 WK/AV.

SP 40106/113/115/117/124/127/128 FW/NCw. SP 40175 FW/WK.

BCE 47036/037/038/039 S/FW. BCE 47054 u/FW. BCE 47049/060/070/072 SO/FW.

BCE 47088-092/094/096/098/099 SO/S. BCE 47097 FW/S. BCE 47114-125, 47138 Xu/SO.

Livery changes:

LT 70 and BCE 47070 to HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee livery.

LT 123 from advert for Rare Beauty back to red.

LT 127 from advert for Elden Ring back to red.

LT 139 from advert for GoPuff back to red.

VH 45235 to advert for Let’s do London.

OME 46037 to advert for OVO Energy.

Disposals:

LT 88-94, 143-148, 150-154 to Abellio (29/30 April).

DE 20022/23/25/26/27/28/29/31/32/33/41/43/44/45/46/56 to Chartwell Bus Sales (March).

DE 20030 being scrapped by company (April).

SP 40072/073 to Weardale Motor Services, Stanhope, Co.Durham (February).

SP 40083/084/085 to Stephenson’s, Rochford, Essex (February).

SP 40090/102/104/105/108/109/110/125/126/132 to Stephenson’s, Rochford, Essex (March).

SP 40056/057/058/060/076/094/095/098/119 to Stephenson’s, Rochford, Essex (April)./

READING TRANSPORT and THAMES VALLEY BUSES (incl. Green line)

During March there has been a move to remove the Courtney names from the vehicles that still had them. The Scania coaches 1415/6/7 have moved to the Newbury operation so are no longer part of our coverage. In another vehicle switch, E400 781 (SN66 WRC) is now on the Green Line fleet while E400 1209 (SN11 BTF) is now in the grey Thames Valley bus livery. E400 758 (YX64 GRU) now has a livery for HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

New deliveries (March):

682, 683 (YX22 OJF, OJG) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 (MMC) 11.5m B43F. These are for Thames Valley Buses and (together with 681 (YX71 OJE)) will be treated to route 194 branding.

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RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

More to the new livery are GX57 BXH, MV59 ACX, MV59 ASX and MX14 FUT.

Acquired (March): MX14 FUT AD E20D - AD Enviro200 9.6m B33F – 2014.

NXZ 9337 (ex MX59 NWN AD E200Dart- AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2009. This came from South Pennine Community Transport and is white. It is intended for route 34 just taken from Centrebus.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

The new yard in Griffin Lane came into use on 1st April and the Gatehouse Close yard was vacated. E400 LK55 KKH has been delicensed. E200 SN53 LWR is in the new livery, albeit in the single-deck style but in the red and yellow ‘double-deck’ variety.

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

Correction: E200Dart YX10 BGK is B35F (29 plus 6 tip;-ups).

SOUTHDOWN PSV, Crawley Down

Correcting the 2022 Fleetbook (also 2019 and 2020), of course the dealership activities were devolved to Chartwell Bus Sales some time ago.

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

EAST LONDON - BK, BW, NS, RM, T and WH; and **SELKENT** - KB, PD, TB and TL.

Recent refurb/ repaints reported include 12262, 12277, 12287, 12294, 12297, 19854, 36293, 36347, 36572, 36582, 36613, 37527, 37535.

Around 60 buses from Stagecoach companies around the UK were sent to the Cheltenham Races 15th-18th March for shuttle services. London sent six:- 10319, 10347, 11020, 11366, 19729, 19869.

The conversion by early April of four Scania's to part-open-top has allowed the two open-toppers (13808/812) that had been loaned from Cambridge to return home. More conversions have followed.

Transfers:

(March): 15027 WHu/BW. 36371 WH/TL.

(April): 11034 WH/TL. 11056 TL/TLu (accident). 14148 TL/TLu (accident).

15002 RMu/RM. 15024/025/026/028/030/035/048 WHu/BW. 15115/117 PD/WHu.

Livery changes:

LT 247 and LT 316 to adverts for Fenty Beauty.

LT 258 from advert for Elden Ring back to red.

LT 364 to advert for Uniqlo.

Detail changes: 15024/025/026/028/030/035/048 to part open-top and to City Sightseeing London livery. The seat total and the centre exit door are retained, thus changing from H41/22D to PO41/22D. More are due, including 15029/031 and 15114/5/6/7.

Disposals: 13808 and 13812 returned to Stagecoach East at Cambridge (April).

STAGECOACH SOUTH, Guildford

The company had applied to take the former Arriva garage at Guildford, Leas Road for 30 vehicles. By at least 13th April, some buses were operating from there, to begin with at least as an outstation from the main Peasmarsh garage. It seems that buses on routes 6, 34/35, 91 plus the odd peak journeys on 28 and 47 now operate from there. Up to the end of April, the site has been used solely for parking. Having said that, the fuelling and washing units are outside in the yard and are being used. However, what isn't used yet are the offices and the workshops, although these are to be refurbished for use. It is understood that Stagecoach has the site initially for three years.

----- *Current vehicle news* -----

STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Solo YJ56 AOX has been withdrawn – but remains in stock.

Disposal: MB.0814D P212 LEY gone for scrap (March).

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

E200 AE 20 is another red repaint.

Corrections to 2022 Fleetbook: PJ52 BYP is numbered DEL 1 (not EL 1);

ELV 3 should have been deleted as it is no longer in use.

TOOTBUS - THE ORIGINAL LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR, London and Windsor (part of RATP-DEV)

Recent sightings of older buses: DLP 216, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 263, 265, 268 and VXE 732.

Disposal (April): VLY 606 (LX05 HSC) to Ensign Bus.

TOWER TRANSIT - LI Garage

One recent refurb/ repaint is MV 38205

Disposals: (see also Where are they now? column in this TLB)

DML 44171-178 to Ensign Bus (April) (Confirmation of note in TLB692)..

DML 44279-292 to North West Bus Sales, Bolton (March).

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

Re E400s 258-262 in TLB 692, No. 258 has joined 260/1/2 in 'The Alban Way' and 259 remains unbranded. E20D 516 has been repainted.

Reinstated vehicles: In TLB687 page 31, Citaros 304 and 305 had gone from the fleet and indeed have not been noted anywhere since. And then in late April they re-appeared, now all-white with 'Cranfield' names on the sides. They now need to be added to the 2022 Fleetbook.

304, 305 (BX56 VSM, VSN) Mercedes-Benz Citaro 12m B27D – 2006.

Subsequent disposal: 201 (YJ53 VBN) was a DAF DB250/ Optare Spectra, long since gone from UNO. It is with MP Travel at Moore in Cheshire, painted in a red/ yellow/ blue North Western 'heritage' livery and has been re-registered W10 MPT.

VALE TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Disposal: Dart Y358 HMY (already withdrawn) left the fleet (by December 2021).

WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell

Re. YX71 OJU in TLB692, it as adopted fleet number 75.

Z & S BUSES, Aylesbury

Volvo B7TL 280 (LR02 BBO) was said to have been sold but was still in service here in March.

Rail Replacements : info via Managing Editor to davestewart297@gmail.com

Please bear in mind that these are ‘filler material’ for TLB and do not necessarily cover every item of rail work. Most remain unknown, unreported or of no special interest. I can only record, and do so briefly, those that are observed and reported.

Overground: 05/06March Stratford & Hampstead Heath by Abellio d/ds. 12March Stratford & Camden Road and 13March Stratford & Hampstead Heath by Abellio d/ds. 19March Stratford & Camden Road and 20March Stratford & Hampstead Heath by Abellio E200s, E400s and LTs

26/27March .Dalston Junction to Highbury & Islington by Abellio London dds. Stratford & Camden Road by Abellio London d/ds.E400s.LTs

03/04April Dalston Junction & Highbury & Islington by Abellio E400s,LTs Also Clapham Junction & Canada Water by Abellio E400s,LTs. Also Stratford & Hampstead Heath by Abellio E400s,LTs.

17 April Richmond & Turnham Green (District) and /Willesden Junction by Metroline dds.

17April Hackney Downs & Chingford / Cheshunt / Enfield Town until 10:15 by HCT (E400City).

30 April and 01/02May Harrow & Wealdstone to Watford Junction by Sullivans E200s.

Bakerloo: 9/10 April Queen’s Park to Harrow & Wealdstone by Metroline.

30 April & 1/2 May Harrow & Wealdstone to Stonebridge Park by Metroline.

District: 26March Fulham Broadway & Olympia by Arriva London and Metroline. 26 March (until early pm) Wimbledon & Hammersmith by Metroline.

15-18April Tower Hill & Barking by Abellio E400s,LTs.

7/8 May Canning Town & Dagenham East by Arriva London assisted by Metroline.

30 April and 01/02May Wimbledon & Earl’s Court by Arriva London d/ds and L.United VHs. Also Wimbledon & Hammersmith by Sullivans Es,DSs, and Abellio LTs, E400s, E200s and AirSym.

District and H&C: 26March until 11:00: Liverpool Street & Barking (calling at Aldgate / Aldgate East all stations to Bromley-by-Bow & Canning Town) by Sullivan Buses (DS & E).

Piccadilly: 12/13 March Northfields & Hammersmith by Metroline and Arriva London d/ds. Rayners Lane & Gunnersbury by Sullivans d/ds

15to18April Hammersmith & Heathrow Terminals 2&3 by Corbell of London, Kings Ferry, Z&S, Mortons, Anderson Travel, Commonwealth Coaches, Lucketts, Lewis Coaches. Acton Town & Heathrow Central by Abellio London E400s,LTs. also hired E400s from Go Coach

Central: 05/06March Ilford & Woodford by Abellio E200s and the odd E200 from Central Connect. On 6th also noted E200s from Ensignbus (710), Stephenson’s (YY67 USC), Go Coach (YX66 WFG and Optare MetroCity YX18 DKX).

Also Loughton & Snaresbrook then non-stop Stratford by Sullivans d/ds. Snaresbrook and stations to Stratford by Metroline d/ds.

LNWR: 15 to18April Stanmore/ Watford Junction & Milton Keynes, also Watford Junction to St Albans Abbey; Noted were Tates, Vectare, Lucketts, Masons, Arriva Luton, Country Lion, Barnes. Ensignbus. Hamiltons.

Greater Anglia 12/13March Newbury Park non-stop to Shenfield much the same 19/20Feb in TLB691. 19/20March Newbury Park & Shenfield (non stop)-with single-decks from Cobel Coaches, Redwing, Kirby Coaches, Lewis Coaches, Davian, St Edmunds Travel, Cooper Tours, Grange Travel, Central Connect, .Marc 1 Travel, Keane Travel, Advance Minibuses, Panther Travel, Angie’s Travel, Imperial 76 Chaffeurs, Goldline, M&M, Peter Godward, Kevendys, Felixstowe Travel, Vectare, and a few double-decks of Fords of Althorne, APT Travel, Air Sym.

26/27March Newbury Park fast Shenfield & Colchester with same operators as 19/20March.

17April Waltham Cross & Stansted Airport / Hertford East (some non-stop, some all stations except Cheshunt) by Central Connect (E200MMC & Optare MetroDecker), Coaches from: Angies Tours; Felixstowe Travel; Grange Travel; Kerry Coaches; Redwings; St Edmunds Travel & Youngs Coaches (Services also operated on 15, 16 & 18/04/2022 but not seen).

TfL Rail: 12/13March, 19/20March and 26/27March Stratford & Romford by Abellio d/ds, Newbury Park all stations to Shenfield by Sullivans d/ds.

----- Rail Replacements -----

Chiltern: 12/13 March High Wycombe & Amersham by Ridleys and Lucketts.

Thameslink: 13 March (early am) St Pancras & West Hampstead by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 4 April St Pancras & Mill Hill Broadway by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

24 April (late) & 25 April (early) St Pancras & London Bridge by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Great Northern: 30 March Alexandra Palace & Stevenage by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 23/24 March (late) Finsbury Park & Potters Bar by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

8 May (early am) Finsbury Park & Gordon Hill/ Welwyn Garden City by Go Ahead and Metroline.

Croydon Tramlink: 04 to 13 April incl. Wimbledon & Waddon Marsh by Abellio E400s and former Abellio E400s from Go Coach.

South Eastern: 12/13 March Lewisham & Dartford via Sidcup by Go-Ahead d/ds. 03/04 April Beckenham Junction & Herne Hill by Go Ahead MHVs, VWLs.

15 to 18 April Paddock Wood & Tonbridge by Go Ahead Es, VWLs, WHVs, Metrobus (CY), Access Travel. 17 April Lewisham & Bexleyheath by Go Ahead Es (Commercial), MHVs.

30 April, 01/02 May Tonbridge & Paddock Weed/ Wadhurst by Go Ahead Es, ENs.

Southern: 05/06 March Three Bridges & Brighton or Lewes. Noted on 5th were A&A Travel, Arriva London, Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon Coaches, City Circle, Compass Bus, Crawley Luxury, LJ Edwards, Excelsior Coaches, Go Ahead London, Lewis Coaches, LS Travel, Metrobus, Regency Coaches, Seaford & District, Solent Coaches, Southdown PSV, Southern Transit, Stagecoach South, Stagecoach South East and United Minicoaches.

12/13 March West Croydon & Sutton/Epsom Downs by Go Ahead d/ds and Arriva HVs. Also West Croydon & Balham via Crystal Palace also by Go-Ahead d/ds. 12 March Purley & Redhill and 13 March Purley & Horley or Reigate all by Go-Ahead d/ds, Metrobus (CY), Crawley Luxury, Passenger Plus, Southdown PSV, WH Tours and Arriva HTs.

20 March Horsham & Barnham/ Littlehampton by Go Ahead London, Lucketts Coaches, Stagecoach South and T&C Travel. 26/27 March East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go-Ahead d/ds.

03 April Sutton & Epsom Downs/Dorking by Go Ahead Es (Commercial), VWLs.

03 April Three Bridges & Lewes/Brighton by A&A Travel, Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon Coaches, Crawley Luxury, LJ Edwards, Go Ahead London, Metrobus, Regency Coaches, Seaford & District and Southdown

09/10 April East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead Es (Commercial), MHVs, WHVs plus Arriva DWs, LTs.

15/16/18 April Clapham Junction & Balham. 17 April Clapham Junction & East Croydon by Go Ahead Es, ENs (Commercial, VWLs, MHVs).

23/24 April East Croydon & Balham (via Selhurst) by Go Ahead Es, Es (Commercial), MHVs, WHVs. 30 April, 01/02 May Clapham Junction & East Croydon by Go-Ahead WHVs, MHVs.

South Western Railway: 05 March Hounslow & Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Bear Buses (VP549) & HCT (E400 City). 06 March Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by AirSym (E400 MMC), BM Coaches (E200 ex ABO 8582), Cardinal Buses (TA), Stagecoach South (E200 MMC), THZ Ltd, London N1 (TA) & Zinc Incorporation, Tolworth (VLA).

12/13 March Surbiton & Woking and Woking & Guildford or Aldershot or Basingstoke same operators as in TLB691 p30. 13 March Barnes & Hounslow/ Teddington by Bear Buses (PVL, TN & VP), Candy Coaches (WVL), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (WVL), Mayfairs (VN), NPC (E400 MMC) & Westbus (E400 MMC & Coach).

19/20 March Staines & Reading by Aldermaston Coaches, Newbury & District, BM Coaches, Your Coach Hire, plus double decks from Red Routemaster (PVL294) (B7WVL), Zinc Inc (VLA94),

Lianne Coaches (PVL296), Westbus (Metroline SEL742) and E400. Bear Buses (TN33197).

19/20 March Staines & Weybridge by Air-Sym and Fairmanns Travel. (More SWR another time).

26 March Hounslow & Weybridge / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Cardinal Buses (TA & TE), Jeakins (dd coach), Lanes Coaches (coach) Red Routemaster (PVL), Westbus (E400 MMC) & Zinc Incorporation, Tolworth (VLAs). 27 March Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Bear Buses (VN & VP), Cardinal Buses (TA & TE), Falcon (E200 MMCs), Jeakins (dd coach), NPC (E400 MMC) & Zinc Incorporation, Tolworth (VLAs). (More SWR next time..!)

The "Where are they now" column (or: Subsequent vehicle disposals)

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Note – email address andrew@morgan1368.co.uk Note that the former London company names are listed in code to allow more space for narrative detail. ALN=Arriva London, FLN= First London, GAL= Go-Ahead Group London, LU= London United, ML= Metroline, SLN= Stagecoach London.

Routemasters:

RML 2293 was sold in November 2020 and passed to a new owner based at Lutterworth, Leics. Following conversion with raising the roof, a seating area on the upper deck and bar on the lower deck, this RML entered service from 23rd April with its new owner, t/a Eventful Bars & Events, at its first event at Leicester Race Course. It has been named Bertie.

RML 2482 from Ensign Bus to Red Bus Bistro, Glasgow, (April) where after conversion it will join RMLs 2278, 2407 and 2549 in this fleet for operation in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

RML 2628 has recently been noted in a white based livery for The Angelic Mobile Food Company; however it is believed to still be owned by Bus Business and this new report dates back from its use last Summer.

Olympians:

AV 3 (P483 MBY) (ex ML) further to TLB688, it has been confirmed that it passed to an unknown owner for use as a dog grooming parlour last July; no further information is known.

NV 128 (P928 RYO) (ex GAL) from Hunter Coaches to BASE (by October 2015), and then passed to Collins Coaches, Milton, Cambs. where it was re-registered to CGZ 4679 in July 2017. It was then sold to Wigley, Barnsley (December).

NV 182 (R382 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold from AC Williams (November 2017).

V 204 (OUI 4770, ex L204 SKD), 205 (BUI 471, ex L205 SKD), 210 (IIG 5163 ex L210 SKD), 215 (IIG 5164, ex L215 TWM) (ex ML) from Linburg to PVS Barnsley (by December) for scrap.

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 325 (LG52 DBU) (ex ALN) from Gwynfor Coaches to Davies (dlr), Ruthin, Denbighshire (November) for spares.

DLA 343 (LJ03 MDV) (ex ALN) was returned to BASE from First Scotland East (February).

DLP 40 (Y50 OLS, ex Y532 UGC) (ex ALN) was exported in April from Used Coach Sales to Palma where it is to be converted into a bar.

DLP 58 (LJ51 DKF) (ex ALN) has been repainted into yellow and blue livery with Go North East.

DLP 104 (LF52 URK) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to English Riviera Sightseeing Tours, Torquay, Devon (April). This was latterly DLP 270 in the RATP OLST fleet.

DW 22 (LJ53 BFV, ex 822 DYE) (ex ALN) returned to MD Bus & Coach in December after loan to Warrington's Own Buses.

DW 49 (H13 WYV, ex LJ53 NGU) (ex ALN) regained its original registration with Wyvern Omnibus in December.

DW 114 (LJ05 BHW) (ex ALN) was returned to BASE from First Scotland East (February).

DW 118 (LJ05 BMV, ex 10 KXJ), 120 (LJ05 BMZ, ex 30 KXY), 132 (LJ05 GLK, ex X23 TOP) (ex ALN) were sold from McGills Buses (December).

VLA 117 (LJ05 BKK) (ex ALN) from First South West to Ensign Bus (April). This VLA had previously been recorded as on loan from BASE to First South West since October 2020 but had presumably been acquired at some stage.

VLA 157, 160, 161, 163 (LJ55 BSU, BSY, BSZ, BVR) (ex ALN) have all left the Stotts Coaches fleet (by December).

VLW 45, 48, 51 (LF02 PKX, PLJ, PRZ) (ex ALN) from Arriva North East to Alpha Recovery (November).

VLW 49, 50 (LF02 PLN, PLO) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Hardwick, Barnsley (January).

VLW 74 (LF52 UTM) (ex ALN) passed from Rossendale to Team Pennine (April).

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- VLW 75, 76, 77 (LF52 USM, USN, USO) (ex ALN) from Rossendale to Keighley & District (April).
VLW 99 (E10 WTC, ex PIJ 601, ex LG52 DDA) (ex ALN) re-gained its original registration with Warwickshire Travel and was then sold (November).
VLY 606 (LX05 HSC) (ex ALN) from RATP OLST to Ensign Bus (April). (updates TLB681 page 28).
- DN 33506, 33508 (LK08 FKY, FLA), 33547, 33550, 33569 (SN58 CFO, CFV, CHJ) (ex FLN) from First Leicester to First Bristol (February 2015). DN 33569 then passed to First West of England (September 2016). DN 33547, 33550, 33569 then passed from First West of England to First Potteries (all in April except 33547, which was March).
DN 33549, 33552, 33562, 33567, 33570, 33572 (SN58 CFU, CFY, CGY, CHG, CHK, CHO) (ex FLN) from First Leicester to First Essex (June 2016).
DN 33554, 33556, 33565, 33571 (SN58 CGE, CGG, CHD, CHL) (ex FLN) from First Leicester to First Bristol (January 2015). They then passed to First West of England (October 2017, October 2017, September 2016 and by June 2018 respectively) and then to First Potteries (33554, 33565 in March, and 33556 and 33571 in April).
DN 33560, 33564, 33566 (SN58 CGV, CHC, CHF) (ex FLN) from First Leicester to First Bristol (December 2014). They then passed to First West of England (September 2016) and then passed to First Potteries (all in April, except 33566 which was in March).
TN 32801 (T801 LLC) (ex FLN) was scrapped by Black Cat Travel (by December) after use for spares.
TN 33086 (LN51 GMG) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus, and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in April).
TN 33245, 33246, 33247 (LT52 WUW, WUX, WUY) (ex FLN) sold from First Eastern Counties (January).
TN 32331 (LK53 LYP) (ex FLN) sold from First West of England (November) for preservation and loaned to Thomas of Rhondda, Porth (March) where it has been operating in an all-white livery. It was also re-registered between November and February with an unknown registration.
VN 37783, 37785 (LK59 CWZ, CXB) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to Faresaver Buses, Chippenham, Wilts. (April).
VN 37793, 37796, 37797, 37801 (LK59 CXL, CXO, CXP, FCV) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to First South West (April); they have been converted to part open top, repainted into Atlantic Coaster two-tone blue livery, and re-gained their original First fleet numbers. At the time of writing two further VNs were being prepared.
VNL 32269 (LT52 WWP) (ex FLN) from Decker Bus to A2B Travel Group, Melbourn. (April).
VNL 32313 (LK03 NHP) (ex FLN) was named by Reliance to “Prince Philip” in May 2021.
VNW 32351 (LK53 LZ0) (ex FLN) was sold from First West of England (September 2021).
- EVL 13 (PL51 LGW) (ex GAL) has been re-registered by Oriel Ministries to G21 OOD.
EVL 28 (PN02 XCM) (ex GAL) confirmed from Keane Travel to MC Tractors, Ramsey (June 2020).
MHV 35 (BG66 MKC), 39 (BG66 MJF), 40 (BG66 MJJ), 41 (BG66 MJO), 43 (BG66 MJU), 45 (BV66 VHC) (ex GAL) are further examples that have arrived with Go Ahead North West and after repaint they have been numbered 3061, 3053, 3054, 3055, 3056 and 3065 respectively. These all arrived in April (except MHV 35, which arrived in March).
PDL 47 (HIG 4522, ex PN03 UMG) (ex GAL) returned after loan from Warrington’s Own Buses to Orion in December.
PVL 39, 44, 48 (W439, 544, 448 WGH) (ex GAL) from Ellie Rose to Wigley, Barnsley (March) for scrap.
PVL 196 (X596 EGK), 237, 238 (Y737, 738 TGH) (ex GAL) were re-registered by Coastal & County to X2 WTT, Y2 WTT and Y3 WTT in December.
PVL 278 (PJ02 RBV, ex 958 KKN) (ex GAL) from Chalkwell Coach Hire to Cambraco Travel, Melling, Merseyside (February).
PVL 293 (PJ02 RBY) (ex GAL) was re-registered to RHZ 1376 by R&J Coaches in August 2020 and returned to its original registration in December 2021.
PVL 396 (LX54 GZG) (ex GAL) from Shoreline Suncruisers to Ripley, Barnsley (January) for scrap.
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- PVL 399 (LX54 GZL) (ex GAL) from Fowlers Coaches to Wigley, Barnsley (November).
PVL 413 (LX54 GZE) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to Bear Buses, Feltham, Middlesex (April).
WVL 15 (LG02 KHO, ex OO 7056) (ex GAL) from Eurotaxi to Kilvington, Pudsey, West Yorkshire (November).
WVL 54 (LF52 ZPP) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to Fowlers Coaches, Holbeach Drove, Lincs. (April).
WVL 170 (Y40 SYM, ex LX05 FBJ) (ex GAL) from Symphony Chauffeurs/ Airsym (by November 2020) for scrap.
WVL 367 (LX60 DWV) (ex GAL) from Bear Buses to Ensign Bus, and then to Happy Als, Liverpool, Merseyside (all in April).
487 (YN53 RYZ) (ex GAL) has been re-registered to WSV 530 by Redfern Travel.
- SP 16 (R70 PTS, ex YN08 DEU) (ex LU) from Wrights Coaches to sister PTS company Angie's Coaches, Lowestoft, Suffolk (October) where is joined SP 17.
TA 338 (SN03 EBK) (ex LU) from Weardale Motor Services to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then subsequently to a non-pcv operator based in Oldham, Greater Manchester (April) for conversion to a beer bus.
TA 286 (LG02 FEK) (ex LU) was sold from Hodgson Coaches (July 2021).
VA 76 (V192 OOE) (ex LU) sold from Mulleys Motorways (by January) for scrap after use for spares.
- TAL 118, 125, 134 (X341, 335, 334 HLL) (ex ML) further to TLB692 and TLB666, all are now confirmed as passing to MC Tractors, Ramsey, Cambs. (February). TAL 125 actually passed to New Punjab Coaches' sister company Luxe Coaches, Slough, Berks. (April 2019)
TP 450 (LK03 GHN) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey (February).
TPL 279 (LR02 BBO) (ex ML) further to TLB692, the report that this TPL had been sold from Z&S Buses was incorrect as it was still in service in March.
VP 340 (LR52 BNY) (ex ML) was last recorded with JH Coaches but was noted in March in a yard at Felling still in London red livery.
VP 347 (LR52 BPE) (ex ML) has not been reported since 2018 and it has recently been noted in a field near Henlow, Beds (by April) but its new use is not known.
VP 369 (LR52 KWL) (ex ML) from Star Cabs to Bristol Television & Film Service, Bristol, Avon (November) for use as a dining bus.
VPL 170 (Y196 NLK) (ex ML) from Langston & Tasker, Bucks to Dungloe Cars (dlr), Dungloe, Donegal, Ireland (by December).
VPL 629 (LK54 FWH) (ex ML) from London Bus Group to Yetev Lev D'Satmar Nursery, Upper Clapton, London (by April).
VW 1762, 1764, 1772, 1775, 1776, 1780 (LK59 CWZ, CXB, CXL, CXO, CXP, FCV) (ex ML) – see the corresponding entries for VN 37783, 37785, 37793, 37796, 37797, 37801 (ex FLN) above.
- TA 17092 (T692 KPU, ex 222 TWK) (ex SLN) further to TLB692, it has been confirmed as passing to MC Tractors, Ramsey, Cambs.
TA 17352 (X352 NNO), 17382 (Y382 NHK) (ex SLN) sold from Stotts Coaches (by April) for scrap.
TA 17382 from Geldards to Stotts Coaches, Oldham, Greater Manchester (by January 2016).
TA 17412, 17417, TAS 17494, 17527 (LX51 FMY, FJE, FMP, FOK), 17575 (LV52 HFH) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach Midlands to Ensign Bus (March). TA 17412, 17417, TAS 17494, 17527 then passed to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (also in March).
TAS 17479 (LX51 FLR) (ex SLN) correcting TLB690, this TA is now with Stagecoach East Midlands (not Yorkshire) and was re-liveried in March with a white based livery and ice cream designs; it has been named "Scoop" and has now joined the open top Skegness Seaside fleet.
TAS 17528 (LX51 FOM) (ex SLN) re-entered service in April on the Ramsgate to Broadstairs tour with Stagecoach South East and is now in a cream and burgundy livery variant of the latest style Stagecoach corporate livery. Note – TAS 17529 remains in store and is not in use.
TAS 17536 (LY02 OAB) (ex SLN) was last recorded with Candy Coaches but was noted on a rail replacement service now owned by Zinc Incorporation, Tolworth, Surrey in early May.
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TA 17611 (LV52 HHX, ex X10 BUS) (ex SLN) from Peoplesbus to Jumpheaven.com, Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester (by April), for use as a static diner at a crazy golf course.
TA 17825 (LX03 BXY) (ex SLN) from Fowlers Coaches to A2B Travel Group, Melbourn (April).
TA 17889 (LX03 OPY) (ex SLN) further to TLB692, this TA was sold from Nu-Venture to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (October) and then passed to Guru Travel t/a GT Coach Hire, Birmingham, West Midlands (April) and retains the pseudo-Chatham & District livery.
TA 18231 (LX04 FXW) (ex SLN) from Stafford Bus Centre to South Staffs Coach Hire, Tamworth, Staffs. (December) and e-registered to SGZ 3535 in the same month. It retains an all-white livery.
TA 18476 (LX55 ERZ) (ex SLN) from Nu-Venture to Bus & Coach Repairs, Yaxley, Cambs. (April).
15030, 15031, 15035 (LX58 CGH, CGG, CGV), 15048 (LX09 ABO) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South East to Stagecoach London (January) and from April are now entering service on the London City Sightseeing operation after conversion to part open top.

Low-floor single deck types:

ENL 43 (GGV 756, ex LJ09 KPF) (ex ALN) has been re-registered by Go Goodwins to WEZ 9165. This corrects TLB681 and confirms that ENL 43 carried GGV 756 (and not ENL 39); so what registration does ENL 39 carry ?
PDL 77 (LF52 UON) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Mr D Hardcastle, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (January) for preservation.

DMC 41521 (LK03 UEY) (ex FLN) from First Essex to AN264 Preservation Group, Chelmsford, Essex (September).
DML 41421 (LN51 DXE) (ex FLN) passed from Bristol Bus & Coach (dlr) to Learn to Drive Me, Avonmouth (June 2016).
DML 44171 - 44178 (YX11 AFK, AFN, AFO, AFU, AFV, AFY, AFZ, AGO) (ex FLN) from Tower Transit to Ensign Bus (April). As we closed, these were being prepared for return to First Group.
OOS 53702, 53705, 53706 (LK05 DXP, DXT, DXU) (ex FLN) from First Scotland East to Alpha Recovery (February).

LDP 154 (Y854 TGH)(e x GAL) from Travel Express/Let's Go to Wigley, Barnsley (by January) for scrap.
SE 9 (LX07 BXR) (ex GAL) from Seven Sisters Bus & Coach to A1 Minibus & Coach, Luton, Beds. (April) and was noted on rail replacement work in early May still in London red livery with roundels but with no fleetnames.
SOE 23 (LX09 AZG) (ex GAL)r e-registered to P44 PSV in March by TrainForGroup. It is understood that SOE 4 (LX09 AYJ) has also been re-registered by TrainForGroup but no details are known
SOE 25 (LX09 AZL) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to Central Connect / Galleon Travel, Essex (April).

DE 20022, 20026, 20027, 20028, 20029, 20031, 20032, 20033 (YX09 HJJ, HJU, HYV, HJY, HJZ, HLA, HKA, HKB), 20056 (YX59 BYH) (ex LU) from Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex to First Glasgow; after conversion to single door, refurbishment and repaint all were due for delivery by the end of May and are to be numbered 44441 to 44449.
DE 20023 (YJ09 HJK) (ex LU) from Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex to SPS Hinkley Point (May) where it is to be numbered 44440 in the First fleet.
DE 20025, 20041, 20043, 20044, 20045 (YX09 HJO, HKK, HKM, HKN, HKO) (ex LU) from Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex to First Eastern Counties where they are to be numbered 44450 to 44454.
DE 20046 (YX09 HKP) (ex LU) from Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex to First Cymru where it is to be numbered 44455.
DPS 524 (X524 UAT) (ex LU) was sold from NBM Hire (by December) for scrap after use for spares.
OT 8 (YJ11 EHP) (ex LU) from Priority Hire (dlr) to Tanat Valley Coaches, Oswestry (by April).
DML 44171 - 44178 (YX11 AFK, AFN, AFO, AFU, AFV, AFY, AFZ, AGO) (ex TT) – see the corresponding entry for DML 44171 - 44178 (ex FLN) above.

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9124F	LR20 FLA	Ford Transit Courier Crew Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	?
?	RE70 HYO	VW Crafter Dropside Truck	LUL	Wh	SDD
?	LR20 EXN	Ford Transit MWB Crew Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	SDD
-	EU71 HJD	Ford E-Transit MWB Van	TfL	Wh/Grn	ACN

Additional information and updates

RE70 HYO is almost certain to be 9143VW. Also speculating, there is likely to be another Transit Courier crew van numbered 9121F, and registration LR20 FLE seems to tie-up.

Electric Transit EU71 HJD has the 'green leaves on white' livery as seen a couple of years ago on three Transit Custom vans operated on trial. It has lettering for both Ford and TfL.

Toyota Yaris car 8894T has finally been seen and it carries TfL white/blue livery. Similar 9111T is allocated to BNR (Blackwall, Naval Row). LBSL Yaris 8416T (which carries incorrect fleetnumber 8357T) is now based at HHB (Harrow Bus Station).

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	HK67 ERJ	Vauxhall Astra Hatchback Car	Abellio	Black	?
EC220	FP67 OGC	Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback Car	Arriva London	Silver #	EC
-	CT19 UHD	Ford Transit Custom Van	Arriva London	White #	DT
EC903	DF69 PYU	Seat Leon Hatchback Car	Arriva London	Red #	EC
EC905	MM69 WBY	Peugeot 308 Hatchback Car	Arriva London	Silver #	EC
8108	EF17 UGM	Ford Transit LWB Van	Metrobus	White	CY
-	AY71 JHO	Ford Transit Connect Van	Metroline	Red	G

Additional information

Abellio HV07 FLG is withdrawn, while NA62 WMF has transferred BC to TF.

Arriva London DG69 AYN has moved from DT to AD, although it should be noted that crew ferry vehicles assigned to AD can also be seen at EC.

Go-Ahead London Mercedes Vitos RK64 OVH and RX67 OLM/N/O have transferred to Brighton & Hove as their fleetnumbers 8010, 8006, 8007, 8004. Coming the other way, Brighton & Hove van 8108 is now with Metrobus.

Metroline Ford Transits AV16 YGG/H/J have been sold. These were the only large vans in the fleet and they don't appear to have been replaced. Transit Connect AV20 BXX is based at HD.

Website news:

An improved version of the LTSV website is now available. The web address (www.ltsv.com) and the general content are the same, but the new site has some additional features, larger photos and is more secure. Also launched recently is another website that deals with railway company road vehicles (e.g. LMS, BR, Network Rail etc). This lists 25,500 vehicles that have been operated over the past 100 years, with data on a further 20,000 currently being prepared. The site is at www.ltsv.com/rrv/

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This TLB closed on 6-8 May and due for posting on 17 May. Closing date for TLB694 is Weds 08 June and due for posting on Tues 21 June. Reports to the Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 06July, 03Aug, 07Sept, 05Oct, 02Nov, 30Nov. These dates are for us editors to have sufficient time to process, although info over the next four days can invariably be slotted in as time and space allows. Those of you who report regularly should 'bookmark' these dates.



Stagecoach London is in the process of converting twelve of its Scantias to part open top for its Sightseeing operation and treating them in the familiar 'City Sightseeing' red-based branding. One of the first to be treated is 15026, seen here passing St Paul's Cathedral with a good load enjoying the sun and scene. *(Haydn Davies)*

TfL is trying to get more people to travel on the buses and about two-dozen have been treated to this livery. The very bold rear aspect with a huge TfL roundel must be aimed at following motorists although the front of the bus is plain red. Metroline VWH 2014 is on the 91 at Trafalgar Square. *(Jimmy Sheng)*



Rear cover: Ensignbus is the only operator in our area using BCI buses, both in tri-axle 12.5m and 'normal' 10.8m versions. No 146 is one of the latter. This March 2021 picture sees it leaving the Garrison Estate at Purfleet-on-Thames. Both batches are used on local Thurrock routes and contract services to Amazon Tilbury. *(Richard Godfrey)*

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