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The conversion of route 248 to LTs from 24th September brings the LT class to its easternmost extremity at Cranham, almost a stone's throw from the Essex border. Formerly with RATP, LT 142 travels down South Street, Romford. *(Martin Ruthe)*

Stagecoach Enviro200 36368 has been adopted by the City Sightseeing operation. It is the 'Green Route Feeder' providing a shuttle between the British Museum and the London Eye. *(Haydn Davies)*



**Front cover:** London Bus Museum's latest London Running Day was on route 37 on 1st October. The highest RT number numerically is RT 4825. It ran along the 37 a minute or two apart from the lowest numbered RT 1. Here it is seen on East Dulwich Grove. *(Terry Wong Min)*



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On Monday 28 November in the Great Hall, we will welcome Andy Corbett, Commercial Director of RATP-DEV. He had to cancel earlier dates.

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## LOTS Postal Sales

See the newest Sales List in TLB694. The latest from LOTS is that TLB Extras 1974 and 1976 are now sold out of print (thus 1965 to 1976 out of stock. Furthermore, ‘RT Memories - Capital Service for 40 years’ (Bowden Publishing) and ‘The London Q’ are now out of print and out of stock.

**LOTS London Bus Review 2021** (£14.50) (\*\*NEW\*\*) A4 glossy, 80 pages, 127 colour pictures with extensive captions. This is the ORIGINAL annual Review made with about 50 years’ experience.

**London Bus Magazine No201 Autumn 2022 (£5.00) \*\*NEW\*\*** Main features are ‘Bus services on the Isle of Dogs Part 1’ (Malc McDonald) and ‘Fifty years of LBM Part 2 (by Editor).

**SUP-39C TfL operators fleet allocations and PVRs, 21st May 2022 (£4.50). \*\*recent\*\***

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

And from other publishers:

**Greater London Bus Map 18 December 1940 (second edition) £4.00 (Mike Harris)(\*\*NEW\*\*)**

**Greater London Bus Map 19 July 1964 (second edition) £4.00 (Mike Harris) (\*\*NEW\*\*)**

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**London Transport Country Buses Part 2 North (£40.00)** by Laurie Akehurst, 184 pages, Peter Mitchell's photos (1949 to 1975). published by Adam Gordon. **\*\*NEW\*\***

**The London Dennis Dart and Dart SLF (£35.00)** A history by David Beddall, 208 pages published by Pen & Sword Books. **\*\*NEW\*\***

**London's First Motor Buses (£16.95)** (Capital Transport) – an album compiled by Mick Webber, *with articles from Commercial Motor, The Daily Chronicle, Old Motor and the London Historical research Group of The Omnibus Society.* 80pp. **\*\*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). **\*\*recent\*\***

**SEC Fleet Book 2022 £8.00** Now includes the Metrobus, Crawley fleet as well. **\*\*NEW\*\***

**Streets of Birmingham Transport** (M. Keeley & R. Torode) **£35.00;** 166 page companion volume to their earlier book *The Streets and Lanes of Midland Red.* (Capital Transport) **\*\*NEW\*\***

**The London That Never Happened** (A. Badsey-Ellis) **£19.95;** 96 pages of bold but unrealised proposals for London e.g. an airport at Kings Cross; monorails in central London and to Heathrow (Capital Transport).

**British Trolleybus Systems – London and S. E. England** (Peter Waller) **£30.00;** An historic overview. 136 pages with 250 colour and B & W photos. Pen & Sword Books: **\*\*NEW\*\***

**Twenty Turbulent Years –The transformation of Britain's bus industry 1980-2000**

By Peter Rowlands and Stewart J. Brown, published by Fawndoon Books **£30.00.** 144 pages with almost 300 colour photos **\*\*NEW\*\*** *The Book looks at the effects of the key changes of that era – deregulation and privatisation – and illustrates the variety of vehicles and liveries in Britain's bus fleets. It also tells of the effects these changes had on British bus manufacturers.*

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## 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).

Sat 22Oct SEC Meeting at The Shoreham Centre, 2 Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WU. Philip Kirk will talk on The Bus Archive. Open 6pm, talk starts at 6.30pm. 5-min walk from Shoreham Station or a 2-min walk from the High Street (buses 2 and 700). The Bus Archive began from the archive of the O/S and holds a vast collection of road transport material The national collection is at Walsall and the London items are at the LT Museum at Acton. (Suggested £3 donations to attend).

Sun 23 Oct London Bus Museum 'Transportfest' at Brooklands.

Fri/Sat 04/05 Nov: Aldenham Transport event at Allum Hall, Elstree on Fri (12 noon to 18:00) and Sat (10:00 to 16:00). (LSS both days).

Sat 19 Nov NLETE Transport Bazaar at St Stephen's Church Hall, Village Road, Enfield (on route 329). 11:00-14:30, £3 entry (acc. children free).

Sun 20 Nov: A Running Day is planned over former routes from Hendon (AE) Garage (closed June 1987). A timetable is on our website although subject to change nearer the time. Routes covered are 13 Swiss Cottage & Hendon (AE) Garage (site of); 32 Brent Green- AE- Edgware; 140 Brent Green- AE- Queensbury; 183 Golders Green & Kingsbury; N59 St John's Wood- AE and Hendon Central.

Sat 03 Dec: After all, the Ensignbus vintage bus running day is NOT cancelled.

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## GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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### National news, TfL and Politics

**The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II** took place on 19 September following a period where her coffin laid in state in Westminster Hall. At times the public queue stretched for over five miles along the south side of the Thames, finishing in Southwark Park. Massive crowds lined the post funeral road procession from Westminster Abbey to Windsor.

Newly appointed **Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng** presented a ‘mini budget’ on 23 September. This proved highly controversial. Financial markets reacted immediately with big falls and mortgage rates increased substantially. There were accusations that the richest people would benefit most from lower taxes. Subsequent opinion polls gave a big lead to the Labour party. Some of the Chancellor’s proposals were later modified.

Transport for London Commissioner **Andy Byford has resigned** unexpectedly after two and a half years in the job. He will leave at the end of October. Andy Byford joined TfL in June 2020 during the Covid pandemic. Amongst his achievements, Crossrail/The Elizabeth line was opened in May this year and has been running very reliably. A medium-term financial deal was eventually concluded with the outgoing secretary of state for Transport Grant Shapps. A few days before his resignation announcement TfL had successfully handled arrangements for the Queen’s funeral which was one of its busiest days in central London since the London Olympics in 2012.

Andy Byford made it clear he was leaving for personal reasons to live in the United States with his wife and not due to difficulties with the Mayor or the Government. During his previous role in New York he had been very outspoken about his disagreements with politicians. London Mayor Sadiq Khan praised Andy for his hard work and dedication. TfL’s Chief Operating Officer Andy Lord will take on the role of Commissioner on an interim basis. The outgoing Commissioner confirmed that **Elizabeth line trains will stop at Bond Street** from 24 October.

TfL has announced that over five million journeys were made on the **Northern line extension** to Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station during its first year. On this basis it is predicted that usage could increase to ten million by 2024/25.

**Rail strikes continue.** On 1st October, the RMT, ASLEF and TSSA were all on strike although a few trains ran on some main lines, as they did on previous RMT strike days. London Overground services were all suspended. A further stoppage by ASLEF took place on 5 October affecting 13 train operating companies and London Overground while the RMT members were striking again on Saturday 8 October affecting some London Overground services. The New Secretary of State for transport, Anne-Marie Trevelyan held initial talks with union leaders, which were described by RMT Leader Mick Lynch as a ‘good start’. Her predecessor Grant Shapps had refused to meet union representatives. **Baroness Vere** has been reappointed as Transport minister with responsibility for buses and coaches.

### Corporate and company news

The pay dispute with **Arriva** drivers in London, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire has been settled but it continues in Kent, affecting Northfleet, Tunbridge Wells, Gillingham and Maidstone garages. Arriva London drivers had threatened continuous strike action from 4 October but that did not materialise.

**First Bus** has ordered more electric buses. Following the order announced last month for 193 electric buses from Wrightbus for operations in England, there will be a further 74 for Scottish fleets. This time they will be a mixture of single deckers, with none from Wrightbus. There will be 50 Enviro 200EVs for Glasgow and 24 Yutong E12 buses for Aberdeen. These buses are funded through the Scottish Zero Emission Bus Challenge. Along with earlier deliveries they will result in 50% of the First Glasgow fleet and 40% of the First Aberdeen fleet being zero emission buses. In **York**, First plans to re-power 12 electric Optare Versas dating from 2014 by removing the existing electric driveline and replacing it with its own zero emission drivetrain. The work will be carried out by Equipmake with the aim to extend the range and lifespan of the vehicles.

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----- *General & Industry news* -----

**Stagecoach** is making cutbacks in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with plans to withdraw 18 commercial services on 30 October. The company claims that on average the routes involved have been losing £12 per passenger per journey. **Stephensons of Essex** has registered a partial replacement for route 12 between Cambridge and Newmarket which will maintain a similar frequency to the discontinued Stagecoach service.

## Other General News

**Traditional Routemaster operation** is due to return to the Capital. Route A will be operated by the Transphora group (as Londoner Buses) between Waterloo and Piccadilly Circus (in due course on to Green Park) daily from 15 October, running approx 09:00 to 17:00. The service will have a flat fare of £5 for all day hop-on hop-off travel. It is reported that the service gained an exemption from legal requirements to provide disabled access.

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has ordered **50 Enviro City EV for the regulated Bee Network** which is due to start in September 2023. They will carry a new yellow livery similar to Metrolink trams. The buses will operate in Bolton and Wigan which are the areas where franchising will be introduced in the first stage. Nine operators have placed 33 bids for the first 11 franchising contracts that TfGM will award. A further 300 zero emission buses are expected between 2024 and 2027 with funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.

Pelican Bus plans to introduce a **Yutong battery electric double decker** in 2023. A 10.9 metre example has been constructed and is currently under test in China where the company already has electric double deckers. A separate bus for the UK market will be built later which will share the driveline with existing Yutong E10 and E12 single deckers.

**Transdev will withdraw its City Zap brand** when it ends its premium express service between Leeds and York on 19 November. Usage failed to recover beyond 50% of pre pandemic levels meaning the service is no longer viable. The high specification buses will be transferred other services.

**HCT group** finally ceased trading on 23 September when **Liberty Bus in Jersey and CT Plus in Guernsey** were sold to Tower Transit. Brighton based Community Interest Company **The Big Lemon** has taken on four HCT services previously operated by Bristol Community Transport.

**David Cutts** is to become Managing Director of Go-Ahead London from January replacing **John Traynor** who is retiring. Mr Cutts began his career as a management trainee at London Buses and he has held several positions in London, Manchester and Singapore. John Traynor will retain a position within the group's Executive Committee where he will take responsibility for strategic oversight of Go-Ahead businesses in London, Ireland and Sweden.

**The last ex London bendy buses with Brighton & Hove** are likely to be withdrawn by the end of October. Just six remained in service at the start of the month on route 25 between the City Centre (Old Steine) and the Universities at Falmer. The company says it will announce the last day to enable enthusiasts to take a final ride.

**Lewes Bus Station** closed on 15 September. It was built in 1954 by Southdown but its condition deteriorated after Stagecoach closed the adjacent garage and sold the land to a property developer in 2005. Buses now have to use cramped on-street facilities which are less than satisfactory. It is unclear whether a replacement bus station will ever be built.

Finally, I am grateful to 'Wattonatstone' on London's Transport Group for a reminder that it is 50 years since **the first minibus routes began in London**. The W9 between Enfield Town and Southgate Station was the first to appear, on 9 September 1972, followed by the P4 Brixton to Brockley Rise on 30 September. The C11 from Archway Station to Cricklewood Broadway began on 14 October and the B1 Bromley North to Eltham started one week later. All were initially operated by 16-seat FS class Ford Transit minibuses.

The northbound coach stop at Liverpool Street Station is still showing that Green Line route 720 towards Stansted Airport stops there, even though the route never actually started running as planned in April 2020, noted on 23/09/22.

## GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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### LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

No new awards this month. The tendering list for 2022/23 is amended slightly below, please note that some extensions were being negotiated between the operators and TfL, so these may be confirmed next month.

The rest of the 2022/23 tendering programme is amended below:

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#808 (12/22)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan) .....	--
#810 (9-10/22)	349 (Arriva LN) .....	--
#813 (10/22)	11/N11 (GA London General) .....	--
#816 (10-11/22)	78 (Arriva LN) .....	--
#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

Otherwise, the rest of the 2023/24 tendering programme is as in TLB697.

### ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 6th August 2022: As in TLB697.

Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th August until 17th/18th December 2022: As in TLB697.

Saturday 20th August 2022: As in TLB697.

Monday 22nd August 2022 to Wednesday 31st August: (additional) As in TLB697.

Saturday 27th August 2022: As in TLB697.

Sunday 28th August /BH Monday 29th August 2022: As in TLB697.

BH Monday 29th August 2022: As in TLB697.

Saturday 3rd September 2022: As in TLB697 (but see 24th Sept entry below for route H28).

Wednesday 7th September 2022:

92 (*Metroline West*) The revised routeing at Greenford (TLB696 p8) was adopted formally on this date. No change to PVR.

Saturday 10th September 2022:

148 (*London United-S*) (Camberwell Green & White City, Bus Station) Revised daily timetables for reliability.

U7 (*Abellio-DH*) (Uxbridge Station & Hayes, Sainsbury's) Revised Saturday timetables for reliability.

PVR Changes from 10th September 2022:

London United: 148 to 18/18/15 #S201+; =148 to 6 Su-Th/4Fr-Sa #S201+;

Abellio: U7 to 5/4/3 #DH201+.

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

Wednesday Night 14th to Monday Morning 19th September (additional):

- N9 (*London United-V*) Additional night journeys between Trafalgar Square and Stamford Brook garage running every x10mins, running as #V991-999.
- N15 (*Go-Ahead Docklands-DS/RR*) Additional night journeys between Trafalgar Square and Barking Station, using 15 buses, with 3 helping from Camberwell (Q) garage.
- N29 (*Arriva London North-WN*) Six additional night journeys between Trafalgar Square and Wood Green garage between the main service, running as #WN121-126.
- N109 (*Abellio-BC*) Nine additional night journeys from County Hall to Thornton Heath.  
(These extra services were arranged for the 'lying in state'. Interesting to note these extras served the main points of the compass, North, South, East and West.)

Saturday 17th September 2022:

- 83 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green & Alperton Station) To operate from Metroline's new site at Athlon Road as an outstation of PV.
- 90 (*Metroline Travel-AH*) (Feltham, Leisure West & Northolt Station) Allocation change from Brentford (AH) to Perivale (PV) Garage.
- 222/= (*Metroline West-UX*) (Hounslow Bus Station & Uxbridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- X140 (*London Sovereign-SO/CP*) (Heathrow Airport Central & Harrow, Bus Station, Express) Revised Mon-Sat timetables for running time.

PVR Changes from 17th September 2022:

London Sovereign: X140 to 10/10/10 #SO451+ and (+5/698)/3/- #CP481+;

Metroline Travel: 83 to 22/22/19 #PV201+, 90 to 16/15/11 #PV251+; no change to =83 PVRs;

Note that the outstation at Alperton, Athlon Road was operational from this date, but is not officially scheduled in the working timetable.

Metroline West: No change to 222 PVRs.

Bank Holiday Monday 19th September 2022:

This was the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II held in Westminster Abbey. After the service, the coffin, draped by the Royal Standard was hauled by gun carriage to Wellington Arch, Hyde Park Corner, then transferred to a hearse and motorcade with the royal party to Windsor Castle, where the committal service took place. London Buses operated a normal Monday day and night service, though with many curtailments. The boundary points where buses were curtailed from 05:00 to 18:00 included Vauxhall, Paddington, Baker Street, Tottenham Court Road, Oxford Circus, Fulham Broadway and Battersea Park. Route **24** operated in two sections, PIM-VIC and TCTR-HH; routes **9, 11, 49, 148, 211, 414, 452, 507, C1, C3 and N97** were suspended during these times. The funeral cortege motorcade operated via Carriage Drive, Hyde Park, Queen's Gate, the A4 and A30 so from 09:00 to 18:00, suburban routes were curtailed at Hatton Cross, Hounslow Bus Station, Cranford and Kew Gardens, with routes **81, 120, 203, 482, E2, H26, H32 and H98** suspended during these times.

*For a list of special event diversions from 9th to 18th September, see diversions section, later.*

Wednesday 21st September 2022:

- 28 (*London Transit-X*) (Kensal Rise Station & Wandsworth, Southside Shopping Centre) Commencement of partial conversion to OME-class Optare MetroDecker MD1050EV electric double-deck vehicles.

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

Saturday 24th September 2022:

- 168 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Hampstead Heath, South End Green & Old Kent Road, Tesco) Further to the consultation report and tender tranche changes (*see TLB692, April 2022*), LBSL (QC) contract extended for 1 year.
- 210 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Finsbury Park Station, Wells Terrace & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 241 (*Stagecoach East London-WH*) (Stratford City, Bus Station & Prince Regent, Bus Station) Extended to Royal Wharf, as originally intended under the Elizabeth line changes (*see TLB693*), via Victoria Dock Road, Connaught Roundabout, Connaught Bridge, North Woolwich Road, to terminate in Royal Crest Avenue.
- 248 (Cranham, Moor Lane & Romford Market) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Arriva London North* using existing NRM-New Routemaster double-deck vehicles from Grays (GY) garage. Previously operated by *Stagecoach East London* from Rainham (RM) garage using Scania N230UD OmniCity diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 632 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Grahame Park, Corner Mead & Kilburn Park Station, SDO) PM journeys retimed to run 10 minutes earlier.
- H28 (*Abellio-GW*) (Hayes, Bull's Bridge Tesco & Osterley, Tesco) Formalisation of the additional SDO journeys in each peak that were listed under 7th Sept in TLB697. They actually began on the first schoolday in September.
- H91 (*London United-V*) (Hounslow West Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Re-allocated to Hounslow Heath (WK) garage.

PVR Changes from 24th September 2022:

Abellio: H28 to 11/9/6 #GW221+;  
Arriva London North: 248 to 15/14/7 #GY101+;  
London United: H91 to 14/12/8 #WK451+;  
Metroline Travel: 168, 210, 632 no change to PVRs;  
Stagecoach East London: 241 to 10/10/9 #WH1+, 248 withdrawn.

Saturday 1st October 2022:

- 4 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Archway Station & Blackfriars Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 131 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Tooting Broadway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 411 (*London United-WK*) (West Molesey, Central Avenue & Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR Changes from 1st October 2022:

Go-Ahead London General: 131 no change to PVRs;  
London United: 411 no change to PVRs;  
Metroline Travel: 4 no change to PVRs.

Sunday 2nd October 2022:

The London Marathon took place on this day, so as usual, extensive diversions to routes in South-East, East London, City and West London from early morning until approx. 16:00 or when roads re-open progressively over the course. Roadside publicity listed route 15H as being curtailed. This was of course the heritage Routemaster service, which no longer runs! Thanks to Peter for this report.

Saturday 8th October 2022:

- 94/= (*London United-S*) (Acton Green & Piccadilly Circus) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6 to x7½mins with additional AM peak journeys withdrawn. The previous proposal to cut the route back to Portman Square appears to have been cancelled. (*see TLB 692/693*).
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----- *Greater London Route Devts* -----

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

Saturday 15th October 2022:

- 103 (*Arriva London North-GY*) (Rainham Station & North Romford, Chase Cross) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 149/= (*Arriva London North-AR*) (London Bridge Station & Edmonton Green Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing NRM-New Routemaster double-deck vehicles.
- 150 (*Arriva London North-DX*) (Becontree Heath, Leisure Centre & Chigwell Row, Gravel Lane) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 175 (*Arriva London North-DX*) (North Romford, Hillrise Estate & Dagenham, New Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 184 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NP*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Barnet, Chesterfield Road) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 mins to x10mins.
- 218 (*London Transit-X*) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Re-allocated from Westbourne Park (X) garage to Stamford Brook (V) garage, thus novated from London Transit to London United.
- 226 (Golders Green Stn & Ealing Broadway Stn) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to London United from Metroline West from this date. However, the transfer of operator and thus the contract change has been deferred to 7th January 2023.
- 228 (*London Transit-X*) (Maida Hill, The Chippenham & Central Middlesex Hospital) Re-allocated from Westbourne Park (X) garage to Park Royal (RP) garage, thus novated from London Transit to London United.
- 257 (*Stagecoach East London-T*) (Stratford, Bus Station & Walthamstow Central Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 341/= (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Angel Road, Tesco & Waterloo Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 533 (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Barnes, circular) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro200 single-deck vehicles from Putney (AF) garage. Previously operated by *Metroline Travel* from Brentford (AH) garage using DEL-class AD E20D Enviro 200 single-deck vehicles.
- 621 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Avery Hill, Stationers' Crown Woods Academy, SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing AD E40D Enviro 400 diesel double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 22nd October 2022:

- 22 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Putney Common & Oxford Circus) and
- N22 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Fulwell, Stanley Road & Oxford Circus) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 134/= (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Warren Street, University College Hospital & North Finchley) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x6-7 to x8mins.
- 220/= (*London United-RP*) (Harlesden, Willesden Junction & Wandsworth, Southside Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing ADE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel d/ds.
- 353 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Forestdale, Courtwood Lane & Ramsden Estate, Rye Crescent) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing E/EN diesel and EH class AD Enviro 400H hybrid d/ds but with new Ee-class BYD Enviro400EV-City electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 359 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Purley, Downlands Precinct & Addington Village, Interchange) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.
- 383 (*UNO-HF*) (Barnet, The Spires & Finchley Memorial Hospital, Mon-Sat except evenings) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles. Revised timetable for running time.
- 384 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Cockfosters Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DEM-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

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Saturday 29th October 2022:

- 295/= (Ladbroke Grove, Sainsbury's & Clapham Junction, Falcon Road) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to London Transit using new BCE-class BYD D8UR AD Enviro 400EV electric double-deck vehicles from Westbourne Park (X) garage, in due course. Correcting last month's TLB, this is likely to be covered by VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles initially, rather than OME-class vehicles which have been re-deployed to route 28. Awarded to London United so novated to London Transit. Currently operated by *Metroline West* from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage using VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 339 (*Stagecoach Lea Interchange-LI*) (Leytonstone Station & Shadwell Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

Sunday 30th October 2022:

- 246 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North Station & Westerham) Last day of the seasonal Su/PH extension to Chartwell.  
There is no change to PVRs.

Saturday 5th November 2022:

- 349 (*Arriva London North-E*) Garage allocation change (together with its LTs) from Enfield (E) to Edmonton (EC) Garage.
- 370 (*Arriva London North-GY*) (Romford, Mercury Gardens & Lakeside, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 12th November 2022:

- 18 (*London United-RP*) (Sudbury and Harrow Road Station & Euston Station) and  
N18 (*London United-RP*) (Harrow Weald Garage & Trafalgar Square) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 33 (*London United-FW*) (Fulwell, Stanley Road & Hammersmith Bridge, South Side) and  
N33 (*London United-FW*) (Fulwell, Stanley Road & Hammersmith, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 45 (*Abellio-WL*) (Clapham Park, Atkins Road & Elephant & Castle) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 92 (*Metroline West-G*) (Ealing Hospital & St.Raphael's North, Drury Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing TE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-decks. As noted above, formally re-routed in both directions in Greenford via Berkeley Avenue and Greenford Road.
- 176/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Penge, Pawleyne Arms) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 188/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Russell Square & North Greenwich Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 419 (*London United-AV*) (Roehampton, Bessborough Road & Richmond, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

**SERVICE PROPOSALS**

No further news to report.

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## FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. Note \* indicates that new buses are specified. No change from list in TLB697.

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).

CR7 on 226 (Metroline West to London United, a change deferred from 15th October 2022).

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'ch Selkent), B13\* (Arriva LN to G-A London Central)

CE+2 on 99, 269, 401 (Arriva LN), 422, B14 (S'ch Selkent), B16 (G-A London Central)

4th Feb 23: CR7 on 91/N91 (Metroline to G-A London General), W5 (S'ch East London ex HCT), 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).

26th Apr 23: CR7 on 35/N35, 40\* (G-A London Central), CR7 on 62, 145, 294 (S'ch East London), CR7 on 345/= (Abellio), CR7 on 366\* (S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle), CR7 on 368 (Arriva LN to G-A Blue Triangle).

6th May 23: CR7 on 147 (G-A Blue Triangle).

27th May 23: CR7 on E5\*, E7\* (Abellio).

1st July 23: CR7 on 213/=\*(G-A London General), 265\* (London United to G-A London General), CR7 on K4 (London United).

8th July 23: CR7 on 377\* (Arriva LN).

26th Aug 23: CR7 on 64/=\*, 612\* (Arriva LS).

2nd Sep 23: CR7 on 114 (Metroline West), CR7 on 251\* (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel), CR7 on 288, 303, H1, H14, H18/H19 (London Sovereign), CR7 on 340 (Arriva LN to London Sovereign), CR7 on H17 (London United to Metroline Travel), CR2 on 685 (Arriva LS)

9th Sep 23: CR7 on 83/N83\*, 483 (Metroline Travel).

## OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

**Manchester Bus Tours Ltd** announced at the Showbus event that their Routemaster 'tourist' service from Waterloo would start on 15th October under the fleetname '**Londoner Buses**'. Running every day between about 9am-5pm, an unlimited ride ticket costs £5 a day. Further details can be found at [www.londonerbuses.co.uk](http://www.londonerbuses.co.uk) (see TLB694/5). Also see Vehicle News in this TLB.

**Stagecoach East London as City Sightseeing** have applied for a Christmas Lights tour from 24th November to 30th December (except 24/25 Dec) from Waterloo, Belvedere Road via Trafalgar Sq., Regent Street, Oxford Street returning via Whitehall and Westminster Bridge. **TootBus and Golden Tours** have made minor variations but will also be operating Christmas Lights tours this year.

Meanwhile, **Big Bus Sightseeing** have applied to run on Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun, a late afternoon trip starting from Shaftsbury Avenue via Strand, Waterloo Bridge, Westminster Bridge, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square Piccadilly Circus and return, called the "Cursed Child" Panorama. The play "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" opens at the Palace Theatre on 14th October and shows in two parts on the same days so this might be an interval attraction.

## **DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS**

**General:** Following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September, TfL and other Government agencies, Police, Armed Forces and the media activated “Operation London Bridge” which is a rehearsed plan for the funeral arrangements. Such plans are in place for all members of the Royal family and have been modified over many decades. This isn’t meant to sound morbid, indeed the Queen herself was involved in some of the planning. I will list some of the ‘special event’ diversions implemented for reference and for historians of the future.

On 10th September, during the morning until early afternoon, the Royal Proclamations of the new King, Charles III, were made first at St. James’s Palace and then at the Royal Exchange. East and westbound buses were generally diverted via Thames Embankment, north and southbound routes generally via Liverpool Street with curtailments at Finsbury Square and London Bridge. Similar proclamations were made around the London area with buses on short-term diversions, and indeed around the rest of the UK.

On 12th September, for the King’s speech at Parliament, from 08:00 to 13:00, routes **11, 148 and 211** diverted via Lambeth Bridge and Horseferry Road, routes **24 and 88** diverted via Hyde Park and Piccadilly Circus and then Shaftesbury Avenue for 24 and Regent Street for 88. Route **453** diverted via Waterloo Bridge whilst routes **3, 12, 87 and 159** were curtailed, with **15, 29 and 91** turning at Trafalgar Square, Charles I roundabout rather than their normal stands. Similar diversions, including Night Routes, occurred from 21:00 the same night until 08:30 for a rehearsal for the following day.

On the evening of 13th September, the Queen’s coffin was flown from Balmoral via Aberdeen airport to RAF Northolt and there were several ‘holds’ in the traffic as the cortege passed via the A40 and Park Lane then to Buckingham Palace. On 14th September the Queen’s coffin was then ceremoniously moved from Buckingham Palace to lie in state at Westminster Hall. The road closures were widened to include Westminster and routes **11, 24/=, 88/=, 148/= and 211** were further diverted in both directions via Vauxhall Bridge Road, Lambeth Palace Road, Waterloo Bridge, then Aldwych, Holborn, New Oxford Street to regain normal routing. Routes **3, 12/=, 87 and 159/=** were curtailed at Lambeth Bridge (87), Lambeth Palace (3) or Lambeth North (12 & 159), night buses being similarly affected. These remained in place until road barriers were removed after 19/20th September. Rehearsals for the state funeral meant that Westminster and Trafalgar Square were closed, so night buses were curtailed at TCR, Oxford Circus, Aldwych, Baker Street, Ludgate Circus or County Hall. The state funeral was on 19th September which was declared a bank holiday. Variations to London Buses are listed under main changes above.

For other services, Victoria Coach Station was commandeered, so from 02:00 until the following day, National Express Coaches were rerouted to Wembley Stadium, Green Coach Park. The only exceptions were routes **A1/A6** and the **Oxford Tube** which were curtailed to Baker Street and Kent routes **007 & 022** rerouted and curtailed to Stratford International, thus missing its stops in south London. Overnight route **A40** started at Paddington, while **A8, A9 and 260** were unaffected. Reading Buses **702** was suspended all day, as were all Sightseeing tours in London. **First Berkshire** and **White Bus** services in Windsor were similarly disrupted, along with some **Surrey CC** routes.

**Central:** From 6th to 12th October, owing to telecommunications works in Cambridge Gardens, Ladbrooke Grove, routes **7/N7 and 295** were diverted in both directions via Barlby Road and Ladbrooke Grove. These were originally planned for September. From 12th to 20th September, owing to gas works in Porchester Gardens, Bayswater, route **70** was diverted southbound via Westbourne Grove and Inverness Terrace. From 26th September to 21st October, owing to railway works in Harrington Square, Camden, routes **24/=, 27/N27, 29/N29, 134/= and N279** are diverted southbound via Eversholt Street and Harrington Square (south arm). Just further north, from 4th to 8th October, owing to water works in Camden High Street, routes **24/=, 31/N31, 168, N5 and N28** were diverted northbound via Kentish Town Road and Prince of Wales Road, with **31/N31 and N28** continuing via Haverstock Hill, Belsize Avenue, Belsize Park, Buckland Crescent, College Crescent and Avenue Road. Route **27/N27** were curtailed at Camden Town. From 25th September to 4th November, owing to a water leak in Shoreditch High Street, routes **8/N8, 26/N26, 149/=, 242/N242 and 388** are diverted northbound via Great Eastern Street, Holywell Lane, Curtain Road and Old Street to regain normal routing.

**South-East:** From 20th September to 14th October, owing to water works in Baring Road, Lee, route **261** was diverted southbound via Burnt Ash Hill and Cooper's Lane. From 3rd to 8th October, owing to water leaks in Cudham Lane South, Routes **R5/R10** were (once again!) diverted between Knockholt Pound and Green Street Green via Pratt's Bottom not serving the Cudham area.

**South:** From midday on 7th to at least 17th September, owing to a burst water main in Grand Drive, Raynes Park route **163** was diverted southbound via Bushey Road, Martin Way and Cannon Hill Lane. Note this was for single-decks only so any occasional use of double-decks could not take place. Nearby and from 12th to 16th September, owing to bridge works at Links Avenue/Hillcross Avenue, Morden, routes **163 and 293** were diverted in both directions via Tudor Drive, Epsom Road, London Road and Crown Road. Thanks to member Steve for both reports. From 29th September to 3rd October, the traffic signals failed at Croxted Road, West Dulwich, junction at the South Circular Road. For 'safety reasons' routes **3/N3** were diverted in both directions via Croxted Road, Thurlow Park Road, with southbound buses on route **201** operating direct via Norwood Road. Thanks to Roger for the report. From 11th September until at least 18th September, route **434** was unable to serve Foxley Hill Road, Purley so operated direct via Godstone Road in both directions. Then from 19th to 27th September, was further diverted nearby from Smitham Downs Road, diverting via Woodcote Grove Road and the Avenue. Also nearby, from 14:00 on 26th September to 1st October, Stoats Nest Road was closed and route **466** diverted in both directions via Brighton Road, Farthing Way and Marlpit Lane. Thanks to Martin for these reports.

**South-West:** From 5th September to 9th October, owing to a collapsed sewer on London Road, Isleworth, routes **117 and H37** were diverted eastbound via London Road and Twickenham Road.

**West:** From 5th to 23rd September, owing to telecommunication works in Wormholt Road, Shepherd's Bush, route **283** was diverted northbound from Uxbridge Road direct via Bloemfontein Road to South Africa Road. Some corrections to the West Drayton notes from last month. Route U1 now terminates at Yiewsley, High Street. Both the Church Road loop (in West Drayton, not Yiewsley) and Horton Road/Stockley Road diversion mentioned last month were 'out of service' workings. Thanks to Chris for the updates, who adds that a resolution to the ongoing problems at West Drayton Station Forecourt, which remains closed to buses, may not be resolved soon.

**North-West:** From 9th August until 10th October, owing to water works in Abbey Road, routes **139/= and 189/=** were diverted southbound via Marlborough Place, Hamilton Terrace and Abercorn Place and northbound via Abercorn Place, Hamilton Terrace, Carlton Hill, Maida Vale, Kilburn High Road and 139 via Quex Road. From 20th September to 4th October, owing to gas works in Deansbrook Road, Mill Hill, routes **302, 628 and 642** were diverted eastbound via Deans Lane and Hale Lane.

**North:** From 17th to 24th October, owing to telecommunications works on Agincourt Road, Hampstead Heath, route **24/=** is revised to start and finish journeys in Fleet Road, departing via Pond Street, Rosslyn Hill and Haverstock Hill. Routes **46 and C11** are diverted southbound via Rosslyn Hill (46), Haverstock Hill and Prince of Wales Road then Malden Road and Mansfield Road (C11). From 20th to 27th September, owing to telecommunications works in Chester Road, Highgate, route **C11** was diverted westbound via Dartmouth Park Hill, Fortess Road, Fortess Walk and Highgate Road; on 24/25th this was extended to include Kentish Town Road, Prince of Wales Road, Malden Road and Southampton Road.

**East:** From 16th to 22nd September, owing to road works in Tees Drive, Noak Hill, routes **256 and 294** were revised to start and finish journeys in North Hill Drive at Noak Hill Road, departing via Noak Hill Drive and Whitchurch Road, with route **646** starting and terminating at Tees Drive, Priory Road. From 10th September until 16th September, owing to roadworks at Upper Road/Plaistow High Street, route **69/=** was diverted in both directions via Balaam Street and Barking Road; then moved to Hermit Road, so the diversion remained in place by 29th September at least. Thanks to Chris for the report.

## COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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### West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

#### Monday 5th September:

These three school routes were altered from 'closed door' to public services:

491 North Weald, Talbot direct via High Road to Epping, St John's School.

492 North Weald, King's Arms via Coopersale to Epping, St John's School.

493 Fyfield via Ongar, Passingford Bridge, Abridge, Theydon Bois to Epping, St John's School.

These are now all double-deck operated by *Stephensons*.

#### Monday 3rd October:

31 (*NIBS*) (Brentwood Station & Bishop's Hall Estate, M-S) Withdrawn.

#### Sunday 30th October:

37 (*First Essex*) (Warley and Brentwood & Bishops Hall Estate, Daily) Timetable change.

351 (*First Essex*) (Warley and Brentwood & Chelmsford, Daily) Timetable change.

### HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Tuesday 20th September: 110 (*Redline*) Minor timing change, Mon-Fri early morning.

Monday 2nd October: Changes to 80/81/81A deferred to 30th October.

#### Tuesday 3rd October:

811 (Hatfield & Harpenden, Katherine Warrington School, SDO) From *Britannia* to *Red Eagle*.

#### Saturday 15th October:

10 (*Centrebus*) (Luton & Marsh Farm) Reduced on Sats from x10 to x12min.

#### Sunday 23rd October:

51(Tu/Th), H19(Tu/Th), R9(M/W/F), R16(M/F). R17(W) Watford and Hemel shoppers' buses (*UNO*)

All are de-registered from 23rd October. Replacements may be considered.

#### Monday 24th October:

231 (*Centrebus*) (Dunstable & Luton via Caddington, M-S) Withdrawn on Saturdays.

#### Sunday 30th October:

9A/9B (*Stagecoach East*) Ref. TLB697, the 'enhancement' is at the Bedford end. The main through service is reduced, with each variant running only two-hourly (instead of hourly).

80/81/81A (*Centrebus*) Changes in TLB697 for 3rd October were deferred to 30th October.

However, a change to 81/81A is that the 81A number is removed. Correcting TLB697, the Purwell Lane area will no longer be served (see Arriva 97A/98A). The 81 thus becomes Westmill- Hitchin Town Centre- High Dane only (Mon-Sat).

81 (*Stagecoach East*) (Bedford & Luton) and

99 (*Stagecoach East*) (Milton Keynes and Luton Airport) Both withdrawn as such but combined as:-

MK1 Bedford – Luton Town and Airport - Milton Keynes.

915 (*Stagecoach East*) (Royston & Cambridge) Withdrawn.

Other changes in TLB697 for the 30th (Watford/ Hemel/ Stevenage/ Hitchin) are as listed in TLB697.

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

Monday 8th August:

X50 (*Oxford Bus Co*) The call at Wycombe Coachway withdrawn from this date.

Saturday 10th September:

50 (*Red Rose*) (Aylesbury & RAF Halton, M-S) Saturday service reduced from x30min to hourly.

Monday 26th September:

34 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Coachway via Abbey Barn Park, M-F) Last day of operation. From Tuesday 27th passengers must use the Pick-me-up DRT minibus.

Sunday 30th October:

150 (*AtS*) (Aylesbury & Milton Keynes) Diverted via Caldecotte Lakes Business Park in the Bow Brickhill area of MK. Revised timetable. The 250 variant diverted via Leighton Buzzard High Street (except Tuesdays). Revised timetable.

500 (*AtS/AKT*) Withdrawn Hemel- Watford and settled as all-AtS Aylesbury- Hemel (see TLB697).

**SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX**

Saturday 10th September:

18 (*Compass Bus*) (Bushy Hill & Onslow Village, M-S) Minor afternoon timing changes.

Friday 16th September:

RH3 (*Diamond Bus*) (Egham & Kingswood Campus, Daily evenings) Timetable change M-F evenings and with extra stops added. No change to Sats & Suns services.

Sunday 18th September:

1 and 2 (*Stagecoach South*) (Guildford University service) General timetable revision and with extra journeys between Stag Hill and Manor Park at University peak times. Night bus N1 restored on Mon-Sat late nights.

Saturday 15th October:

1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20 (*Metrobus*) (Crawley locals) and 100 (Maidenbower & Redhill) All have a frequency reduction on Mon-Fri daytime off-peak and on Sats, due to driver shortages.

**North and west KENT**

Thursday 1st September:

221 (*Autocar*) New SDO route: Wrotham Heath via Borough Green, Ightham, Plaxtol, Tonbridge to Tunbridge Wells schools. This replaces withdrawn Go Coach TW10 and part of TW11.

222 (*Autocar*) (Borough Green & Tunbridge Wells, M-S) Certain journeys extended on SDO beyond Borough Green to Wrotham, The Bull. This replaces withdrawn Go Coach T13.

311 (Lower Higham & Cobham School, SDO) From *1st Bus Stop* to *Brian Jones Coaches*.

Sunday 2nd October:

423 (*1st Bus Stop*) New SDO route: New Ash Green via Longfield, Watchgate, Fleet Estate, Dartford to the Wilmington Schools. This replaces SDO journeys by Arriva KT.

## PUBLICITY NEWS

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Previously unreported is a January 2022 edition of the pocket size **“Step-free Tube guide.”** The Elizabeth line has been added to the May 2022 edition of the pocket size **“Step-free Tube guide”**; both editions show the accessible parts of the network in the established format. Valid from the same date is **“Colour large print Tube map”** which is identical to the regular size Tube map reviewed in TLB694, except that it is not sponsored by Ikea and consequently does not have the company logos next to stations where a store is located. All three have the yellow covers used for accessibility guides.

Despite millions of additional journeys following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, only one piece of printed publicity has been seen. A double sided A4 sheet headed **“Queen Elizabeth II Lying-in-State Queue”** shows the route followed by those waiting patiently to file through Westminster Hall, annotated with a range of facilities including Underground and mainline stations. The reverse shows Zone 1 from the May 2022 Tube map with narrative instructions on how to get from Paddington to different points of the queue. This item appears to have been produced as a local initiative by staff at Paddington rather than being published by TfL or Network Rail. Several Underground stations displayed Central London maps on posters, accompanied by a QR code which mourners could scan to open the map on a mobile device.

A period photo of RT 2576 heading for Peckham is found on **“Route 37 Heritage Bus Service Free!”**, a single sided A5 sheet giving a potted history of the RT and outlining the frequency for the event organised by the London Bus Museum on 1 October. As reported elsewhere in this issue a fine selection of vehicles operated, although RT 2576 was not amongst the run out having succumbed to an appointment with the gas axe at Wombwell Diesels in April 1976. Whetting the appetite is **“Events 2022-23”**, a double-sided slimline promoting ‘On the Buses’ (26 June 2022), TransportFest (23 October 2022) and Spring Gathering (16 April 2023).

RF 136 in experimental Green Line livery is pictured on **“A choice of vintage classics for your big day”** from The London Bus Company. The undated single sided slimline promotes the company’s wedding hire services and also features RT 3871 and RML 900. This is the first edition seen since last reported way back in TLB585.

Vectare’s **“61 62”** is a multifold slimline valid from 1 August. It has timetables, route maps and fare chart for the two routes which provide a link between Chelmsford and Brentwood via connections at Blackmore. Hourly rates of £13.00 and £14.50 are highlighted on the front of **“Drivers Wanted!”** a double sided A5 sheet; with the reverse containing narrative about the company and its fleet.

Following several deferrals Carousel’s **“Pick Me Up”** finally commenced operation on Tuesday 27 September. The September 2022 multifold features Mercedes Sprinter BU18YRT on the cover. Inside features a map of the Travel Zone where journeys can be booked, accompanied by information about fares and how to book. The withdrawal of Arriva from 4 September has prompted the publication of **“One”**, a twelve page slimline booklet for routes 1, 1A and 1B,



The HCT Group closed down in sections. After selling off Yorkshire and London operations, it was the turn of the Channel Islands' operations to be sold. Scania OmniCity J 27199, originally HCT London's SD 6 (YR59 NPJ) is pictured in Jersey displaying the 'Libertybus' fleetname. *(Keith Wood)*

HCT in London abandoned the Islington local service 812. A few Mellor Tucana bodied Volkswagen T6s served the route. On the last day 26th August, MX67 GYJ is turning from Corporation Row into Skinner Street in Clerkenwell. *(Nick Street)*





A rarely seen vintage bus is this B-type at the last Showbus rally on 25th September. B 1609 was new to the LGOC in 1912 and along with S 433, is owned locally and privately in Buckinghamshire by Barry Weatherhead. *(Haydn Davies)*

In reality a former Huddersfield 'utility' Daimler CWA6 from 1945 as CCX 777, this has been added to the 'London Bus Company collection'. It appeared in London on 10 August 2008 with registration HGC 257 (from D 130) at the Worcester Park Running Day, here on Epsom Road, Morden Park. *(Richard Godfrey)*





More views now of the fine Running Day on London route 37 on 1st October. Five RTLs joined the nine RTs on the route, including RTL 1105. This is very rarely seen and was one of the 'Canadian' batch brought by Roger Wright back to the UK in April 2010.  
*(Richard Godfrey)*

Together with the RTL above, also in Clapham Park Road, was RT 113, one of the 1940-vintage '2RT2' variant. Many 2RT2s were allocated when new to Putney Garage, RT 113 being one of them, and thus would have worked route 37 during World War 2.  
*(Richard Godfrey)*





Arriva has been cutting services but an unlikely affair was when Carousel withdrew its 103 from 24th July and Arriva revived the 336 number for the Watford-Amersham section. Enviro300 3579, branded for faraway route 300(!) travels through Chorleywood on its way to Amersham. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Just one VWH is allocated to Metroliner's Greenford Garage among lots of TEs. In this view, VWH 2060 is on route 92 on the new section of route at Berkeley Avenue, passing the Ferrero Rocher premises. *(Haydn Davies)*



## 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:

On 1st October London Bus Museum arranged its fifth Running Day over TfL bus routes, following on from the 65, 93, 101 and 81. This time route 37 (Peckham & Putney, with a tiny handful of trips from or to Hounslow) was the focus. Vehicles taking part were RT 1, 113, 1705, 1798, 2177, 3491, 3933, 4779 and 4825; RTL 139, 453, 554, 1076, 1105; RM 1397, 1400; RML 901, 2331, 2735 and Go-Ahead’s own part open top E 15. Not part of the set-up was RT 981 (CSL 498 ex JXN 9) that appeared at times as a ‘camp follower’ and displaying route 37 blinds.

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

MetroCityEV 1006 finally went into service on 17th September. Although all eleven MetroCitys are in stock, there are still eight E20Ds at Battersea to cover route 322. It is rare to have more than half the MetroCity fleet in actual service on any one day, being supported by the E20Ds.

More repaints include 2547; LT 38, 40, 165, 166, 168.

Transfers:(October): 8206 QB/BC.

### Livery changes:

2022 from Queen’s Jubilee livery back to red.

LT 163 from advert for Wizz Air to one for Valentgino.

LT 603 from advert for La’eeb to advert for Battersea Power Station.

LT 605 from advert for Gray Man to one for Moncler.

LT 609 from advert for Paramount Halo to one for Michael Kors.

LT 612 from advert for Right Guard to one for Cos.

LT 707 to advert for Battersea Power Station.

LT 776 to advert for K-way.

Disposal: LT 602 to Arriva London North (September).

Subsequent disposals: 9420 is now with BM Coaches, Cranford, Middlesex, 9480 (LJ09 OKO) From Prospect Education (Technology) Trust, London SW18.

### **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 refurbs/ repaints include HV 101, 109, 114, 117, 124, 162, 174, 192; DW 544, 551, 554; LT 203, 207 and T 318. (Sorry, T 319 was entered twice in TLB697).

Although route 248 was all-LT from 24th September, a first oddity was DW 235 on the 27th.

Acquired (September) from Abellio: LT 602. This bus went to Grays, where it was used briefly on route 248 on 25th September before going to Tottenham.

### Transfers:

(September): DW 502, 505, 508, 510, 511, 512 TC/DT.

LT 602 Abellio(QB)/ GY/AR. LT 964 N/GYu. T 8 TH/AEu.

(October): DW 513, 514 TC/DX.

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### **ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:**

#### Livery changes:

EA 1 and HV 91 from Queen's Jubilee livery back to red.  
LT 230 from advert for Gray Man to one for Cos.  
LT 321 to advert for M&S.  
LT 342 from advert for Jack Daniels Apple back to red.  
LT 464 to advert for Kurt Geiger.  
LT 584 to advert for Valentino.  
LT 586 to advert for Cos.  
LT 592 from advert for Gray Man back to red.  
LT 723 to advert for Battersea Power Station.  
LT 728 to advert for Moncler.  
LT 955 to advert for Michael Kors.  
LT 957 to advert for Moncler.  
LT 968 from advert for Thomas Pink to one for Valentino.  
LT 969 from advert for LOTR Rings of Power to one for Battersea Power Station.  
LT 972 to advert for Cos.  
LT 977 to advert for K-way.

#### Disposals:

T 63 to Arriva Cymru (by September).  
T 83 from loan at Arriva Southern Counties to Arriva North West & Wales (September).

Additional: Eight DWs (406/8/9, 410/2/3/5/6) are listed by company as stored at Edmonton. However, DW 412 has been at ASC's Tunbridge Wells garage and numbered 6301. This suggests that that batch MAY be on the way there in due course. Further info awaited!

Not in stock here, but the former ENSs 5, 8, 10, 12 have been sent by Arriva in Merseyside to London (at AR and GY) for somponents recovery.

### **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).

Planned strikes over a pay dispute at AY, WB, MK, LD, HH, SV and WE was resolved from 29th September when TU driver members accepted a 12% increase without changes to conditions. NF and other Kent garages are however still taking action with strikes on 30th September, 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th October, although a few buses did run to fulfil stakeholder (eg NHS) requirements.

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

Volvo B7TL 6155 (NF) from Queen's Jubilee livery back to normal Arriva.  
Trainer E400 T 199 (NF) has been repainted to the blue and purple trainer livery.  
Trainer T 25 (formerly London ENL 25) is now confirmed as officially here, even though it has been elsewhere for much of the summer.  
Disposal: 1560 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

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

E400 6524 (HH) Queen's Jubilee livery back to normal Arriva colors.  
Just to 'prove' that loans between HA and WE are still occurring, on 6th September Solo SR 1520 (WE) on route 9 in Harlow with Versa 2403 (WE) on route 2. 4215 (WE) has also been at HA.

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Part 2, continued:

in to our area from Kent at Maidstone: 3996 (GN07 DMV) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 B38F - 2007.

Into Area 2 from Area 3: 2495 (YJ57 XWH) Solo M950 B29F – 2008.

Transfers: 3776 HA/SVu. 3996 ASC(MD)/HH.

Disposal: 2461 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

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

The four Volvo B9TLs (4210/1/2/7) that transferred last month into High Wycombe seem to have settled on routes 36/37. Recent repaints to the lighter blue: 2320, 2321, 2327, 2328.

Correction to Fleetbooks 2021/22: 3640/41 have regs KX59 ACJ/O (not KX58).

Out of Area 3 to Area 2: Solo 2495 – now at HH.

Transfers: 3510 AY/AYu. 3914 WB/AY. 3922 AY/AYu.

Disposals: 2782, 2786, 2787, 3043. 3927, 4712, 4819, 6000, T942 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

Additional: See Arriva London section for some likely DW arrivals at ASC.

Thus far, noted as from Arriva London North (DW 412) (September):

6301 LJ11 AEC Wrightbus DB300 – Wrightbus Gemini 2DL Integral 10.4m H41/24D – 2011.

**A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire**

Acquired (August) vis Ensign Bus and formerly with UNO, Hatfield (203/4/5):

UH55 UNO, UJ55 UNO, UL55 UNO Scania N94UD- East Lancs OmniDekka 10.6m H47/33F.

**CAROUSEL, High Wycombe**

In the event, the DRT in High Wycombe was deferred to start on Tuesday 27h September.

Correction to the Fleetbook: Scania/ East Lancs d/d 245 has reg, YN55 NFO (not NFG).

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

On 23rd September, E20D 1411 (LK08 DWA) suffered a serious accident outside the Galleon depot and is now withdrawn. E200 CC55 BUS (LJ09 KRE) is withdrawn and to be used for spares.

Double-decks are now regular on Saturday-only route 505 (Harlow- Chingford).

New deliveries (October):

1610-14 (YX22 ONA/B/C/D/F) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 8.9m B30F.

Acquired (September): MX12 DZE AD E20D – AD Enviro200 8.9m B28F – 2012.

YX10 AYF VW Transporter – Mellor Tucana B\*\*F- 2010. (probably B14F, formerly with HCT).

**CENTREBUS, Luton**

Disposals: (September)

Dart SLF 555 (SN55 DVC) out of area to Grantham (only at Luton for a month!).

Scania 729 (YN07 EYC) out of area to High Peak Buses.

**FALCON COACHES, Byfleet**

E20D YX18 KUT has lost its Queen's Jubilee livery.

**FIRST in BERKSHIRE (First Beeline Buses Ltd)** (RG, SH depots)

63313 has lost its Platinum Jubilee decals but retains the paintwork!

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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.

The BYD D8UR-DD/ E400EV-City 10,9m buses for routes 119 and 264 at Croydon (C) Garage have started to arrive, with Ee 70-75 registered although none had entered service as we closed for press. Booked registrations for Ee 70-93 are: LG72 DNO/U/V/X/Y, DOA/H/J/U, DPE/F/K/N/O/U/V/X/Y/Z, DRO/V/X/Z, DSE. In due course, Ee 94-101 should follow on, these being for route 353.

Commercial E 255/6/7/9 have charcoal skirts (E 258 check please).

Although a few are in use at Merton, most of the EHV's have been stored; the class is due to work route 91 when it is taken over from Metroline on 4th February. The EHV's almost exclusively worked on the Romford/ Ilford school routes whilst at River Road (RR), with the last day for most being 24th June, although EHV 6 did carry on until its finale of 1st July. On 30th September, EHV 14, one of those stored, turned up at Peckham and has since worked on routes 37, 197 and 363.

Recent repaints/ refurbishments reported include SEe 26 and LT 44, 49.

On the late evening of 22nd September Ee 56 on route 69 was in collision with Stagecoach LT 367. Staying on route 69, on 1st October WHV 69 was in use (minus blinds!).

Brighton & Hove Buses needs more space at its Newhaven premises, so that led to the main Commercial Services outstation moving to the Seaford & District premises at Laughton Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, nominally from 1st October. However, 52 and WVL 93 did stay at Newhaven. There is also another outstation at Pulborough in West Sussex, currently housing Nos. 51 and 53.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven (now RG Ringmer), KL King's Lynn; PU=Pulborough.

(March): E 6 SWc/NHc. EN 3 NPc/NHc. EN 13, 14 BXc/NHc. EN 16, 17 MBc/NHc.

(July): E 131 BX/BXw. EHV 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16 RR/RRu. 51, 53 NHc/PUc.

(August): E 38 ALs/ALw. E 96 MB/MBw.

(September): LT 311 SW/RR. LT 875, 877 Q/SW. Ee 56 DS/DSu. EHV 14 RRu/PM.

(October): E 6, EN 3, 13, 14, 16, 17, VWL 45,48 NHc/RGc. (52 and WVL 93 still at NHc).

### Livery changes:

Ee 31 from Queen's Jubilee livery back to red.

LT 289 from advert for Gray Man back to red.

LT 394 from advert for Reed to one for M&S.

LT 425 still an advert for DKNY (correcting TLB695).

LT 432 to advert for Cos.

LT 441 to advert for Moncler.

LT 446 from advert for Gray Man to one for Michael Kors.

LT 504 from advert for Right Guard to one for Cos.

LT 846 to advert for Valentino.

LT 865 from advert for Qatar 2022 to one for Moncler,

LT 867 to advert for K-way.

LT 873 to advert for M&S.

LT 877 from advert for Disney West End back to red.

WHV 123 and 124 to adverts for Switzerland.

### Disposals:

Scania/ OmniDekkas 901/2/3, also SE 75 and SOE 20, 28 to Go East Anglia, nominally Konectbus (group) but also liable to be used at Hedingham. (June/July 2022).

E 38, 96, 105/6/7/8/9, 130/1/5/6/7 to Go North East (September).

Meanwhile, E 100/1/2/3, shown as sold to Go North East (TLB694 p24) was incorrect. They remain for now in stock in London, at ALc.

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

The formal address is now at Swanley Bus Garage but with Otford an outstation. The latter is now at Unit 7 Vestry Trading Estate at Otford (already in use) – it been listed at Unit 10.

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

More repaints were 1238, 1240, 1247, 1248.

Red bus fleet: (x159) to Stagecoach; the renumbering is in the Stagecoach section below.

107 x S/D- 1220-1295, 1300-01, 1336-40, 1740-63; 52 x D/D- 2501-49, 2550e/2551e, 2600.

### **LONDONER BUSES (MANCHESTER BUS TOURS)**

This operation has its registered bases as MBT at Trafford Park Manchester and as Coastliner in Blackpool but also has a local base at Chartwell Business Park, off The Causeway, Wandsworth SW18 with trading name "Londoner Buses". At the end of September Routemasters RML 887, RM 871 and RM 1941 were based here, with RM 1583 and RML 2290 or 2681 likely to follow south during October. They also have an ex-Abellio Trident/ Enviro400 LJ09 OLG (ex Abellio 9494) and Scania LT09 ZCJ (ex RATP SP 40059), both at Wandsworth.

There was a long wait from the intention to actual operation in London but an announcement was arranged at Showbus on 25th September, billed as "Routemasters return to London." Starting on Saturday 15 October is Service A: Waterloo Station Taxi Road via York Road, Westminster Bridge, Parliament Square, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, Regent Street St James (northbound) or Haymarket (southbound) to Piccadilly Circus. It is meant to continue to Green Park Station once they can get authority to turn via back streets. Operation Daily approx 09:00-17:00) about every 15/20mins. Fare £5 (includes a day ticket), and local fares on board – cash or card.

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

Acquired: (from dealer Mistral): 6705 (YY15 NHX) AD E20D = AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2015.

#### Disposals (September):

Scania/ EL OmniDekka 6938 to Ensign Bus. This bus was deroofed 27/04/21.

Dart 6289 to Bromley Bus Preservation Group.

### **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 reallocation of route 90 to Perivale (PV) from 17th September took all the VMHs away from Brentford (AH), meaning that their fairly frequent yet unofficial visits across routes 81, 120, 190, 237, 306, E2 and E8 over the last few months then ceased. (Their use on 81 and 120 was courtesy of the fluidity of allocation between Brentford and Lampton (SG). However, the return of the type to Perivale (PV) has led to their occasional reappearance on route 297, although a new venture was with VMH 2585 on 23rd and VMH2574 on 29th September working route 245.

A by-product of the 90 moving AH to PV meant that the VW/VWH buses used on route 83 began to park up at the Athlon Road site. The latter will in due course become the "new ON".

Whilst the transfer was duly recorded in TLB, it is perhaps worth remarking that VWH 2060 remained the sole member of its class at Greenford (G) since moving there on 20th May last and operates across all double-deck routes based there. And then on 7th October it was switched with VWH 2432; a picture of 2060 when at G is in this TLB.

Edgware has a similar situation with lonesome VWH 2243 since November 2021, although that bus spends most of its time on route 113.

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**METROLINE, Continued:**

Recent refurbs/ repaints include VWH 2041, 2192, 2204, 2226; DEL 2247

DEL 850 is to be a recruitment bus and has received an over all pink livery but is awaiting appropriate vinyls. TE 1579 is now the Northolt Station stand's drivers rest bus.

Three accident victims are back in use, TEH 1451 (8th April to 1st September), VWH 2226 (20th April to 8th September), VWH 2352 (20th July to 12th September).

Former Metroliner VP 614 is owned by a Metroliner employee and is kept at PB Garage.

Further to the note in TLB697 about naming WHD 2727, we were evidently misinformed; It was just on the electronic blind not on the vehicle itself.

The company attended Showbus on 25 September with LT 12, TEH 2080, VWH 2041, VWH 2390 and OEM 2750.

39 x Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliners have been ordered for routes 142/642 (22 for pvr 19) and 297 (17 for pvr.16). The Electroliner demonstrator WDE 2769 has registration LV22 AGX.

From Wrightbus for evaluation:

WDE 2769 (reg. to come) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 11.6m H40/20D, ULW 13440kg.

It is expected to be evaluated in service from Potters Bar (PB) Garage.

\*\*Wright only quote a 10.6m (10.585m) length, thus to check. Seat total matches 10,6m but ULW matches a longer one \*\*

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(January 2022): TEH 2076 W/Wu. (March 2022): LT 175 HT/HTu. (June 2022).

(September): LT 104, 110 HZu/PAu. LT 112 HT/HZu. LT808 W/HT.

VW 1190 PV/PB. VW 1285 HD/PV. VW 1290/93/96 PV/HT. VW 1390, 1391 PV/PB.

VW 1405, 1406 HD/HT. TE 1579 TE/PVs. VW 1817 PV/HZu. VW 1823/24/26/27/28 HT/HZu

VW 1830 AH/HZu.. VW 1832 HD/HZu. VW 1833, 1839 PB/HZu. VW 1837 PAu/HD.

VW 1841 HD/PAu. TE 1981/82 PB/PAw.

VWH 2041/42 HD/AC. VWH 2047, 2056 PB/HD. VWH 2108/10 HT/PV.

VWH 2109 AH/PV. VWH 2112 AC/PV. VWH 2286 PV/HT.

VMH 2532-35, 2564, 2572-80, 2583-86 AH/PV. DEL 2247 AH/UX.

(October): VW 1372 HD/SG. VWH 2060 G/HD. VWH 2432 AC/G.

Livery changes:

LT 660 to advert for Moncler.

LT 763 to advert for M&S.

LT 809 from advert for Wizz Air to one for M&S.

VWH 2112 from Queen's Jubilee livery back to red

**MULLANY'S BUSES, Watford**

Disposals:

E40D/Enviro400 HP06 BUS to Ensign Bus and sold on to Shiel Buses at Fort William in Scotland. (September).

Dart SLF AE56 OUM to Ensign Bus and on to Hardwick, Barnsley (September).

**Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds**

Acquired (September) via Ensign Bus, formerly Nottingham City Transport Nos.910, 918.

YT61 GOU, GPX Scania N230UD – Optare Olympus H51/35F – 2011.

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## **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.

On the morning of 22nd September, DDE 20294 on Epsom route E16 was in collision with two cars and caught fire, resulting in the bus being mostly destroyed.

With effect from 21st September at X Garage, OMEs began to appear on route 28 and this has continued subsequently.

The transfer of VH 45180-194 to WK was due to route H91 moving in (from V) on 24th September. V's loss of the H91 meant that LTs and ADHs were removed from the route's type-mix. Just three VHs (45129/143/144) remained at Stamford Brook and can usually be found on route E3 with occasional visits to the 9 and 211.

Recent repaints/ refurbs include LT 75, 120, 121.

### Transfers:

(September): DDE 20294 TV/TVw.

VH 45126/127 BT/TV. VH 45136 V/FW. VH 45179 FW/WK. VH 45180-194 V/WK.

Change of registration: BCE 47070 from ER70 LXX back to LG71 DYN.

### Livery changes:

LT 70 and BCE 47070 from Queen's Jubilee livery back to red.

LT 71 from advert for IHG Hotels to one for Moncler.

LT 76 to advert for Cos.

LT 82 to advert for Michael Kors.

LT 130 to advert for Kurt Geiger.

LT 462 to advert for K-way.

LT 670 to advert for Cos.

BCE 47003/005/013/014/022 from adverts for Bananas back to red.

### Disposals:

DE 20039/040/051 to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham (September).

SP 40059/099 to Ensign Bus (September).

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

Correcting TLB697, Solo 135 has reg. KP63 RHE.

## **RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury**

Acquired (September) via \*\*\*\*\*, originally First London and Tower Transit DML 44320:  
YX12 AMK AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D – 2012.

Also in September via \*\*\*\*\*, originally First London and Tower Transit DMV 44234:  
YX12 AJY AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.8m B31D – 2012.

## **REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury**

Acquired (September) from Nottingham City Transport (Nos 378 and 387):

YX13 BNV and YX63 LJE AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.5m B33F – 2013.

Withdrawn for cannibalisation and then to scrap: SN51 TCJ, SK52 MPV, LJ03 MJF,

## **REDROUTE BUSES, Gravesend**

Disposal: Olympian P786 SWC has gone; it had been withdrawn since at least August 2019..

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**STAGECOACH LONDON** (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:  
**EAST LONDON** - BK, BW, CS, NS, RM, T and WH (now plus AW and HK);  
**SELKENT** - KB, PD, TB and TL; **LEA INTERCHANGE BUS CO** – LI.

Recent refurb/ repaints include LT 360, 363, 378; 12346, 12348, 12351. 19831; also ex-Tower Transit buses, 37574 (ex DMV 45107) and 13151 (e MV 38246).

E20Ds 36368/369 have been decorated with City Sightseeing vinyls for a shuttle between the British Museum and London Eye.

Just to mention that the shuttles for the PGA Golf at Wentworth 6-11 September were all provided this year by the Stagecoach SE/S/SW/W areas and London was not involved this time.

On the late evening of 22nd September LT 369 on route 55 was in collision with Go-Ahead Ee 56.

Acquired from HCT Group (night of 26/27th August): Red bus fleet: (x159). (corrected from TLB697)  
107 x S/D- 1220-1295, 1300-01, 1336-40, 1740-63. 52 x D/D- 2501-51, 2600.

Note that Dart SLF 1220 did transfer after all.

Renumbering of the HCT fleet:

1220-1295 to 37720-795; 1300-1301 to 36037-038; 1336-1340 to 36395-399.  
1740-1741 to 47809-810; 1742-1746 to 47915-919; 1747-1763 to 47983-999.  
2501-2549 to 12501-549; 2550e-2551e to 14173-174; 2600 to 10206.

Additionally, a BMC 225 Condor B45F No.1002 (FJ59 UVG) came with the buses at HK, but it is now awaiting scrap. It had been a driver trainer in Yorkshire but latterly as a tyre-store at Ash Grove.

Transfers:

(September): LT 369 T/Tu. 10158-62 T/TB.  
15002/3/4/6/7/8/9, 15010/1/2/4/5/6/9, 15023, 15037 RM/ Llu.

Livery changes:

12146 (in TLB697) is in fact still in Callelujah livery (At 05 Oct anyway).  
12334 from Queen's Jubilee livery back to red.  
LT 244 to advert for Cos.  
LT 254 to advert for Moncler.  
LT 262 from advert for Disney West End back to red.  
LT 367 from advert for Paramount Halo back to red.  
LT 368 to advert for Cos.  
LT 382 to advert for Valentino.  
LT 384 to advert for K-way.  
LT 388 to advert for Michael Kors.

**UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton**

In mid September an electric E-Citaro demonstrator MB21 BUS was trialled here for a week.

New deliveries (September):

263/4/5 SK72 CWE/F/G - AD E40D - AD Enviro400(MMC) 11.5m H\*\*/\*\*F  
These are branded for 'Cranfield Connect'. Please check seat totals.

Disposal: Scania d/d 209 (YN07 LFB) to Harlequin Travel, High Wycombe.

**WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell**

Acquired: from Horseferry Coaches, London SW6:

55 (re-use of number) BN09 FWR M-B Citaro B42F – 2009.

Disposal: E20D 55 (SN16 OSV) to Compass Bus, Worthing.

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

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### **Routemasters:**

RM 471 (KVS 601) further to TLB695 it is understood that RM 471 passed to Mr J Collins.

RM 541 (789 UXA) further to TLB689, this RM has been converted by Bus Business to a promotional vehicle for SPC Europe, Westbury, Wilts. It was completed early this year, has been rebuilt with a lifting centre section of the roof, a bar fitted to the lower deck, the hopper windows have been removed and it was first noted in use in its new role in June.

RM 765 from Routemaster 4 Hire to Lynx Bus, Kings Lynn, Norfolk (September).

RM 1097 (201 UXJ) from Barkers Motors to Aintree Coachlines, Maghull, Merseyside (July) where it is currently being prepared for service alongside RM 1289 and RCL 2243 in this fleet.

RM 1197 (KGJ 29A) returned to the UK in November 2021 to Bus Business for mechanical restoration, for the bodywork to be rebuilt and lowered, with opening centre roof and re-fitted for its new use as mobile bar for its owner Kozelsky Catering. It has been repainted in a dark blue with white relief and has been noted carrying the registration VS 11097. It returned to Valais Sion in Switzerland in September.

RML 2403 further to TLB625, this RML was acquired by a German owner in 2016 for future use but due to various circumstances it never left the UK and has been in storage for the last 5 years in South Wales. It was then acquired by London Bus 4 Hire, Usk, Monmouthshire and then passed to an unknown owner from where it passed to an unknown film company, Brimsdown, Middlesex (all in September) where it is to be used in the making of a film.

RML 2532 from Barkers Motors to Countrywide Coaches, Princess Risborough, Bucks. (September).

### **Metrobuses:**

M 48 (WYW 48T) from Mr A Barber to Messrs D Notley & T Johnson, (c/o BBPG), Morden, Surrey (April 2021).

M 67 (-?- , ex WYW 67T) was still at Charlie Brown's Diner in Cornwall in May 2022. Note that this M officially lost its registration in October 2010, but it is still carried.

M 275 (BYX 275V) from SkinnyBrands to Charabar, Addingham, West Yorkshire by June 2017 and repainted into a black livery. By June 2018 it had regained branding for SkinnyBrands lager.

M 428 (GYE 428W) from Leroy Coaches to Mr L Doyle, London Colney, Herts. (by July 2022).

M 555 (GYE 555W) is now reported as sold from Erotica by March 2016 as the company was dissolved in March 2016. However, it had been reported to have been sold for scrap in February 2014.

M 573 (GYE 573W) from Vincent Tractors to a private preservationist (January 2022).

M 575 (GYE 575W) sold from Cool Chain (by May 2006).

M 605 (GYE 605W) the report that it survives after being sold to Wigley for scrap is incorrect as it was scrapped by Hardwick in November 2007.

M 621 (KYV 621X) the report that it is with M Nicholas is also incorrect as it was sold for scrap to PVS in June 2004.

M 663 (KYV 663X) noted with Earls Limousines for sale on eBay in October 2020 and September 2021, and was then seen in use as a beach bar on Southbourne promenade, Dorset from May 2022; the details of the owner are not confirmed.

M 675 (KYV 675X) left Great Missenden School in April 2014 and was noted stored at Cryers Hill until February 2016. It then passed to an unknown stables in Bucks. (by December 2016) for use as a mobile viewing platform. It was then seen in a fairground traders yard off Lower Icknield Way, near Longwick, Bucks. (by July 2021) and was for sale at end of December 2021 but had gone in January 2022.

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- M 682 (KYV 682X) further to TLB674, it was sold from Skyemore RV by December 2017, and scrapped (the likely date being summer 2014).
- M 703 (KYV 703X) was noted for sale by G Atkins, High Wycombe in November 2019, but there have been no subsequent reports.
- M 720 (KYV 720X) was latterly with Proud Brighton Ballroom and was reported as being with Big Lemon. It was scrapped in September 2017 and never used or operated by Big Lemon.
- M 746 (KYV 746X) from Gillingham FC to Alco Specialised Transport, Snodland, Kent (by July 2014) for promotional use, although has not been seen since March 2018.
- M 823 (OJD 823Y) further to TLB674, it remains owned by Mr O Whitehead, Sudbury, Suffolk and is kept at the East Anglia Railway Museum, Wakes Colne, Essex where it is used as a picnic bus with tables on both decks when it was last reported here in May 2019.
- M 878 (OJD 878Y) further to TLB674, it was sold from Aardvark Coaches for scrap by November 2011 but was last seen on site in May 2012, and had gone for scrap by October 2012.
- M 881 (BIG 9282, ex OJD 881Y) further to TLB674, it passed to Blackwood Bus Preservation Group October 2007. It was last noted at Cwm in April 2018 but was gone by December 2019 (assumed for scrap).
- M 1058 (B58 WUL) from Mr D Evans to Mr I Amarnani, Rawtenstall (December 2019) as part of the Town & District Transport Trust. It joins M 5 and M 1424 also with Amarnani.
- M 1069 (B69 WUL) from Mr A Tanner (Cardinal Buses) to Clare Barrett and Lee Simmonds, Guildford, Surrey (September 2016).
- M 1178 (B178 WUL) from Danny Gullivan Trust to charity Turning Tides, Worthing, West Sussex (October 2021) to help rough sleepers in rural areas of West Sussex. It is now in a blue livery and has been fitted with showers and kitchen area including a washing machine.
- M 1182 (B182 WUL) from Edenbridge & Oxted Agricultural Show Ltd., Lingfield to BBPG (July 2021).
- M 1262 (B262 WUL) further to TLB674, it passed to an unknown owner, West Lothian (September 2015) possibly for continued use as a playbus. It was then recorded in Cheshire by October 2016 and may have changed owner again in November 2021; can anyone confirm the current ownership details for this M ?
- M 1386 (C386 BUV) from S Burns, High Wycombe to BBPG (December 2021).
- M 1440 (C440 BUV) from M Biddell to M White, Snodland, Kent (March 2022) and was noted repainted red in July.
- M 1477 (E477 SON) was exported from Used Coach Sales to France (November 2019). It was noted in use with La Guingette Chez Jozy, Rousselin (by August 2020) as a static burger bar.

### **Olympians:**

- AV 35 (S135 RLE) (ex ML) was sold from Lankford (by June 2022).
- L 52 (C52 CHM) was exported to France (by 2008).
- L 694 (M694 HPF) sold from Skyemore RVS (February 2015).
- L 703 (M703 HPF) was sold from Routes Bar Bus (July 2020).
- NV 69 (R269 LGH) (ex GAL) further to TLB684, this NV was seen in early October and appeared to be a mobile home.
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**Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:**

- DLP 10 (MXZ 3375, ex T210 XBV), 11 (MXZ 3381, ex T211 XBV) (ex ALN) from North West Bus Sales to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by July).
- DW 105, 126, 133 (LJ05 BJY, BNK, GLV) (ex ALN) further to TLB697, it is confirmed that these actually passed to Abbey Coaches (Darwen) Ltd., Blackburn, Lancs.
- DW 145 (YJ55 WOX) (ex ALN) from South East Bus Supplies to BBPG (September).
- T 85 (LJ59 LZE, ex 185 CLT), 86, 94, 95, 96, 97, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116 (LJ59 (LJ59 LZF, LYT, LYU, LYV, LYW, LYK, LYO, LYP, LXR, LXS) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to First Essex (September).
- VLA 6 (YIL 6139, ex LJ3 MXW) (ex ALN) was on loan from Redline to Great British Roadways, Preston, Lancs. in early September.
- VLA 39, 46 (LJ53 BCF, BAA) (ex ALN) were returned to Base from First South West (May) where they had latterly been fleet numbers 32124 and 32121.
- VLA 53 (LJ53 BBN) (ex ALN) from Base to Mikro Coaches, Crewe, Cheshire (August).
- VLA 125 (LJ05 BJF) (ex ALN) from Vertas to Eagles Coaches, Castle Acre, Norfolk (by May).
- VLV 601 (LX05 GDV) (ex ALN) correcting TLB681 page 28, this VLV passed from Used Coach Sales to Nu Venture, Aylesford, Kent (July).
- VLV 602 (LX05 GDY) (ex ALN) correcting TLB681 page 28, this VLV has been exported by Used Coach Sales to Saint Lucia (by September).
- DN 33519 (LK08 FND) (ex FLN) was sold from First Scotland East (September).
- TN 33232 (LT52 WXK), 33383 (LK53 EZC) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex (September). TN 33383 then passed to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (September).
- TNL 33133, 33134 (LT02 ZBZ, ZCA) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex (September).
- VN 37783 (LK59 CWZ) (ex FLN) was re-registered to PSV 444 by Faresavers in April.
- VNL 32226 (LT52 WUL), 32297 (LK03 NGV) (ex FLN) were sold from First Scotland East (September).
- AVL 28 (V128 LGC, ex T400 TMG) (ex GAL) was sold from Finches Coaches (June).
- EH 10 (SN61 DAO) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (September).
- PVL 374 (PJ53 NKL) (ex GAL) from AC Williams to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by June) for scrap.
- PVL 409 (LX54 GYZ) (ex GAL) from Go South West to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (May).
- VWL 16 (LF52 TGN) (ex GAL) from York Pullman to DJ Thomas Coaches, Neath, West Glamorgan (June).
- WVL 9 (MP02 GEM, ex K573 RRH, ex LG02 KHF) (ex GAL) from MP Travel to Howards Travel, Higher Walton, Lancs. (June).
- WVL 37 (LF52 ZRV) (ex GAL) further to TLB694, this WVL is confirmed to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by April).
- WVL 64 (LF52 ZTJ) (ex GAL) from Mullany's Coaches to an unknown dealer (by October) and was then placed on short-term loan to Nu-Venture, Aylesford, Kent in October.
- WVL 314 (LX59 DAA) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to First Eastern Counties (September). This is the first of eight with the others likely to be delivered during October.
- WVL 320 (B9 WVL, ex WLT 428, ex LX59 DBY) (ex GAL) regained its original registration with Candy Coaches in May and was then sold in June.
- 472, 476 (YN53 RYA, RYF) (ex GAL) from Weardale Motor Services to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, then to Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (all in September).
- 938 (YN56 FDO) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Redfern Travel, Mansfield, Notts. (September).
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- SP 1 (YN56 FCA) (ex LU) has passed from the London Bus Museum to the custodianship of BBPG (September).
- SP 2 (YN56 FCC) (ex LU) was sold from Candy Coaches (by April).
- SP 59, 62 (YT09 ZCJ, ZCN) (ex LU) correcting TLB697, it was SP 59 (and not SP 62) that passed from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Manchester City Tours, Manchester, Greater Manchester (August). SP 59 was collected in mid-September.
- SP 61 (YT09 ZCL), 88, 92, 96, 97 (YT59 SFK, SFV, SGO, SGU) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Newport Bus, Newport, Monmouthshire (September).
- SP 108 (YR59 FYO), 132 (YT59 PCF) (ex LU) from Stephenson's of Essex to Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (June).
- SP 113 (YR59 FYU) (ex LU) was sold from Stephenson's of Essex (by August).
- SP 136 (YP59 ODS) (ex LU) from Belle Vue to J&B Travel, Stanningley, West Yorkshire (August).
- SP 163 (YP59 OEY) (ex LU) was sold from Belle Vue (August).
- TA 202 (X202 UMS) (ex LU) was sold from Cotswold Green (June) for scrap.
- TA 328 (SN03 EAM) (ex LU) from Candy Coaches to Loyalty Connections, Margate, Kent (April 2021).
- VLE 41 (PO54 ADV) (ex LU) from NIBS Buses / Stephenson's of Essex to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, then to AVMT Buses, Seaton Devon (all in September).
- VLE 42 (PO54 OOD) (ex LU) from NIBS Buses / Stephenson's of Essex to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, then to Flagfinders Coaches, Braintree, Essex (all in September).
- TP 355 (LR52 KVW) (ex ML) from Central taxis to Gateshead FC, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear (by October 2021) for use as a club house.
- TP 375 (LR52 KWT) (ex ML) from JH Coaches to Yellowway Coaches, Chadderton, Greater Manchester (August).
- TP 381, 386 (LR52 KWZ, KXE) (ex ML) from Green Transport to E&M Horsburgh, Pumpherstons, West Lothian (August).
- TP 389 (LR52 KXH) (ex ML) from JH Coaches to Hodgsons Buses, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham (September 2019) and was re-registered to N222 BUS in July 2021 before being sold by September 2022.
- VPL 167 (IIG 9286, ex Y167 NLK) (ex ML) updating TLB697, this VPL is reported as passing to Harlequin Travel, High Wycombe, Bucks. (by September).
- TA 17054 (T654 KPU) (ex SLN) from Boomerang / Pilkingtons to Wyvern Enviro Preservation Group (August).
- TA 17143 (V143 MEV) (ex SLN) was sold from Abbey Travel to North Essex Bus Preservation Group (date unknown) and then passed to BBPG (September).
- TA 17356 (X356 NNO) (ex SLN) was sold from Peter Reynolds Coaches (August 2021).
- TAS 17502 (LX51 FNE) (ex SLN) was repainted in September to current Stagecoach local livery with Stagecoach Merseyside & Lancashire; is this the first TA (or TAS), albeit a part open top one, to gain this livery ?
- TA 17595 (LV52 HHD, ex N700 BUS) (ex SLN) from Arrowbrook to Great British Roadways, Preston, Lancs. (August). It was noted in use in early September still retaining Peoplesbus livery from a previous owner.
- 15095 (LX09 AHE) (ex SLN) was sold from Belle Vue to Phoenix Coaches, Blyth, Tyne & Wear (August) and is now in use on a Nexus route in a yellow livery.
- 15166 (LX59 CRV) (ex SLN) updating TLB697, it was loaned to Ipswich Buses from Ensign Bus in May before being sold to Wealden PSV.
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**Low-floor single deck types:**

ENL 85 (GN08 CGZ) (ex ALN) was sold from Thandi Red (by September).

ENS 5, 8, 10, 12 (LJ07 EDR, EDX, EEB, ECN) (ex ALN) were returned from Arriva Cymru to Arriva London (August) for component recovery. They are not in Arriva London stock though.

DML 41424 (LN51 DXH) (ex FLN) was sold from First London to an unknown preservationist in early 2021 and then passed to BBPG (September).

DML 44320 (YX12 AMK) (ex FLN) from Yellow Buses via unknown dealer to Red Eagle Buses, Dinton, Bucks. (September).

DMV 44231 – correcting TLB696 – this entry should show the registration YX12 AMV. Not previously recorded was that it was numbered 536 whilst with Yellow Buses.

DMV 44234 (YX12 AJY) (ex FLN) from Yellow Buses via unknown dealer to Red Eagle Buses, Dinton, Bucks. (September).

ED 13 (AE56 OUM) (ex GAL) from Mullanys Coaches to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex, and then to Hardwicks, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (all in September).

SE 25 (SN57 DWM) (ex GAL) from Seven Sisters Bus & Coach to K&P Coaches, Bangor, Gwynedd (May).

WS 35, 38 (SN64 CUC, CUJ) (ex GAL) from Wrightbus to Little's Travel, Ilkeston, Derbys. (May).

DE 99 (V799 FKH) (ex LU) was sold for scrap from Skegness Travel (November 2017).

DE 20034, 20035, 20038, 20048 (YX09 HKC, HKD, HKG, HKU), 20050 (YX59 BYA) (ex LU) further to TLB697 page 29, these are undergoing refurbishment and will pass from Chartwell Bus Sales to First Glasgow as fleet numbers 44458, 44459, 44465, 44462 and 44463.

DE 20036, 20037 (YX09 HKE, HKF) (ex LU) further to TLB697 page 29, these are undergoing refurbishment and will pass from Chartwell Bus Sales to First Cymru as fleet numbers 44456 and 44457.

DE 20039, 20040 (YX09 HKH, HKJ), 20051 (YX59 BYB) (ex LU) following refurbishment these will pass from Chartwell Bus Sales to First Glasgow as fleet numbers 44460, 44461 and 44464.

DES 797 (CSK 282, ex LK07 BEJ) (ex ML) further to TLB692, this DES is confirmed as passing to Snowdonia Executive Travel, Groeslon, Gwynedd (January) and was noted recently repainted in an all over navy blue livery.

DLF 100 (K31 MBC, ex KU53 YKG) (ex ML) regained its original registration and was sold from Mount Bay Coaches to St Ives Bus Co., St Ives, Cornwall (all in May).

DP 1035 (K28 MBC, ex LU02 YUD) (ex ML) regained its original registration and was sold from Mount Bay Coaches to Rowe Farming, Wendron, Cornwall (all in May).

SLD 34150 (V150 MVX) (ex SLN) from Mr Bassett to Rowe Farming, Wendron, Cornwall (June 2021).

25304 (LX58 CHJ) (ex SLN) is now being used for spares by Moffatt & Williamson.

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## **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.

Metropolitan: 27/28Aug Harrow on the Hill & Watford or Rickmansworth by Sullivans Es.

10/11Sep Harrow on the Hill & Uxbridge by Sullivans Es.

District: 16/17July Canning Town & Dagenham East by Metroline and Arriva London.

13/14 Aug Tower Hill & Barking by Abellio LTs,E400s. Also Canning Town & Dagenham East by Abellio E400s,LTs and Arriva Ts,HVs, Metroline VWHs.

24Sept Barking & Dagenham East by Arriva London and Metroline.

08/09Oct Hammersmith & Wimbledon by Metroline.

Bakerloo: 14Aug Queen’s Park to Harrow & Wealdstone by Metroline and Abellio.

Piccadilly: 03/04Sep Nnted on 3rd: Osterley & Hammersmith via Ealing Broadway, Abellio London (LT, E400 & E40H); Hammersmith & Heathrow T2+T3 non-stop with coaches from Angel Travel, National Express Transport Solutions (Clarkes & The Kings Ferry); NP Coaches, Lewis Coaches, Westbus; Thandi red, Z&S; & YR15VBE (a Scania / Irizar ex Falcon Coaches but unknown operator); Also Hammersmith & Rayners Lane via Ealing Broadway by Sullivan (Es); Also Heathrow Central & Osterley by Metroline (TE, VW & VWH). 01/02Oct Acton Town & Heathrow Terminals2&3 by Abellio London E400s,LTs. Hammersmith & Terminal 2&3 by Kings Ferry, Clarkes, NP Coaches, Lewis Coaches, Z&S. 01Oct Hammersmith & Heathrow T5 by Metroline.

Elizabeth line: Slough & Maidenhead by Metroline and Westbus.

Tramlink: 22-31Aug Waddon Marsh & Wimbledon by Abellio E400s,LTs.

DLR 13August Prince Regent & Beckton by Abellio LTs,E400s plus E400Citys 420,3421.

Great Northern: 17July New Barnet & Potters Bar (early am & late pm) by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 31July Finsbury Park & Gordon Hill (early morning) by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 15 to 18Aug (overnight) New Barnet & Welwyn Garden City by GoAhead and Metroline and again on 5 to 8 Sept.. 28Aug(early) Alexandra Palace & Stevenage by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 5 to 8 Sep (late)

25Sep, 02Oct and 09Oct Alexandra Palace & Stevenage by Go-Ahead an Metroline.

Thameslink: 21Aug (early) Harpenden & St Pancras by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Overground: 23/24July Walthamstow Central & Barking by Arriva and Metroline.

06/07Aug New Cross Gate & Dalston Kingsland by Abellio LTs,E400s. 06/07Aug Clapham Junction & Canada Water by CT Plus.

11Sept and 25Sept Camden Road & Gunnersbury by Metroline. 02Oct (evening) Startford & Camden Road by Metroline.

Southeastern: 07Aug Lewisham & Hayes by Go Ahead EHs, WVLs

Southern: 07/08May London Bridge & Tulse Hill by GoAhead Es,ENs. 07/08May Purley & East Grinstead avoiding Woldingham by Go-Ahead-Es, Es(Commercial, WHVs, also Upper Warlingham & Woldingham by Southdown PSV, Crawley Luxury s/ds.

15May West Croydon & New Cross Gate by Go AheadWHVs, MHVs, WVLs.

21May Clapham Junction & Balham plus 22May Clapham Junction & East Croydon both by Go Ahead Es, ENs(Commercial), MHVs, Es. 29 May -Sutton & Dorking by GoAhead E/EH/EN/MHV.

11/12 June London Bridge & Streatham by Go Ahead MHVs, WHVs, EHs, Es(Commercial)

12June Three Bridges & Pulborough by Brighton & Hove (Volvo/Wright dd), Crawley Luxury (Citaros and Volvo/Plaxton coach), Ensignbus (E200MMC), Metrobus (E200's and Scania dd), Southdown (Scania/E400MMCs) and Southern Transit (E400Citys).

## SERVICE VEHICLES

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### LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9045F LL20 HGJ Ford Transit Dropside Truck LUL Wh/Blu/Red LBD

### Additional information and updates

Fleetnumbers are now known for some earlier deliveries. LL20 DVK (TLB682 refers) is 9044F, LL20 DVN (TLB682) is 9048F, LR20 FEM (TLB668) is 9031F, LS70 PYT (TLB697) is 9050F and LS70 TVC (TLB681) is 9049F. Elusive vans 8942R and 8943R have finally been seen and are in LUL white/blue/red.

Allocations and transfers reported are 8678R WRS-LNS, 8941R ?-LBD, 8942R ?-LBD, 9034VW EWT, 9082VW HHB-UXB, 9088VW ACN, 9089VW ACN, 9097VW ?-TLB, 9098VW MDS-FPB. Observations suggest that Templar House in Holborn (our code TPH) is no longer used by LUL. The allocations for the following vehicles should be changed TPH-? : 8208VW, 8265VW, 8341F, 8353F and 8539F.

Recent withdrawals include 8289P, 8500R, 8582T, 8585T, 8611R and 8616R.

It will be noted that some of this 'news' is being recorded about 2 years late. When the first COVID lockdowns occurred, the number of service vehicles being seen and reported was obviously reduced. Staff changes also meant that our occasional 'official' updates ceased. As a result, a few vehicles were evidently missed. On the other hand, the number of fleet changes was also drastically reduced, with deliveries being delayed or cancelled. In fact, routine fleet renewal has still not resumed, no doubt due to TfL's financial situation. Under normal circumstances, fleetnumbers would currently be up to about 9500, yet the highest at present is 9165VW. All of this also explains why there has not yet been a new issue of the SUP-24 publication, another factor being the large number of hired crew ferry vehicles that have been used by the bus companies.

In case anyone sees them, fleetnumbers are still required for the following LUL vehicles:

LR20 EXN Ford Transit crew van at Stratford Market Depot

LM70 ACZ Ford Transit crew van at Neasden Depot

RE70 HYO VW Crafter dropside truck at Stratford Market Depot (likely 9143VW)

LS21 DLE Ford Transit Custom hybrid van (likely 9134F)

Registration numbers are required for 9107F, a Ford Transit van with Trams and recently-seen 8917F and 9026F, both LUL Ford Transit crew vans. Finally confirmation of the existence of 9121F LR20 FLE would be welcomed.

One of the famous Leyland Titan breakdown tenders from the 1960s has resurfaced. 1278LD was sold by LT in 1983, believed to be for preservation, though it may later have been used by travellers. It was last licenced in 1995 and has spent the past 27 years slowly decomposing in a yard in Derbyshire. Recently rediscovered, it has been bought (by a team that have previously saved several trolleybuses) and moved to a location in Lincolnshire. The plan is to restore the Titan and then pass it on to a museum. The team are looking to raise funds for the extensive restoration work and any donations would be very welcome. Please contact Barry Coward, 8 Woods Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RP.

----- *Service vehicles* -----

**Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles**

-	LT19 PNY	Vauxhall Mokka Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	FE70 OFN	Vauxhall Crossland Car	Arriva London	Red #	DT
-	HV70 MFZ	Renault Captur Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	DL70 RGZ	Vauxhall Vivaro Minibus	Metroline	White #	PB
-	BX65 NBE	Citroen Relay Van	Stagecoach	White #	RM
-	CA19 ZKP	Vauxhall Movano Minibus	Stagecoach	White #	RM
-	DL19 UGC	Ford Fiesta Car	Stagecoach	Blue #	WH
-	OE19 WXM	Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid Car	Stagecoach	Grey #	RM
-	YO19 HXE	Vauxhall Movano Minibus	Stagecoach	White #	RM
-	OY69 JXZ	Citroen Relay Van	Stagecoach	White #	RM
-	GY70 EUO	Toyota Aygo Car	Stagecoach	White #	BK
-	GM21 XVP	Peugeot Partner Van	Stagecoach	Grey #	WH
-	KM21 OWB	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Crew Van	Stagecoach	White	AW
-	KR21 YRT	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Crew Van	Stagecoach	White	HK
-	KT21 UGE	Seat Arona Car	Stagecoach	Black #	RM
-	SC21 VKN	Toyota Corolla Car	Stagecoach	Blue #	RM
?	DY22 LCJ	Vauxhall Vivaro-E Electric Van	Stagecoach	Red #	BK
?	DY22 LDF	Vauxhall Vivaro-E Electric Van	Stagecoach	Red #	NS
-	HV22 PVE	Ford Transit Connect Van	Stagecoach	White #	BK

**Additional information**

Arriva SC LN18 XZA and Go-Ahead London RK64 OVL are withdrawn.

The numerous Stagecoach additions above are mainly hires, listed now since they have been in use for more than a couple of months. Also added are two Mercedes vans that appear to have been taken over from Hackney CT. Hackney CT van WN66 HXY was not listed as passing to Stagecoach so is presumed withdrawn. The two new Vauxhall electric vans were both unmarked when seen but are likely to gain logos in due course.

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This TLB closed on 7-9 October and due for posting on 18 October. Closing date for TLB699 is Weds 2 November and due for posting on Tues 15 November. Reports to the Editors by post or e-mail to [davestewart297@gmail.com](mailto:davestewart297@gmail.com) or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 30Nov22, 04Jan23. 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.



In Essex, Vectare has recently taken many new E20Ds into stock, allowing them to be used on the local services on the Essex/Herts border. Showing off the company's new blue based livery, No.315 is at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping. *(Nick Agnew)*

Staying in Epping, Stephensons' school routes 491/2/3 have been opened to all passengers. Scania/East Lancs No.505 is in the High Road. It was originally dual doored fleet number SO 7 with London United and used on route 148 in London in 2007. *(Nick Agnew)*



**Rear cover:** Arriva in NW Kent has reduced services and from 2nd October route 423's daytime Mon-Sat service was abandoned, although school buses passed to the local operator 1st Bus Stop. On 24th September, Volvo B9TL 6204 is seen in St John's Lane in Hartley on its way back to Dartford. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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