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The latest converts to BYD/ADL E400EVs were routes 119 and 264 based at Go-Ahead's Croydon garage. Ee 91 calls at Bromley South on 16th December on its way back to Croydon. *(William Clark)*

The move of Volvo B5LH/MCVs to Perivale Garage with route 90 has resulted in frequent wanderings to other routes, notably route 83. An example is VMH 2576 in Ealing Road, Wembley. *(Haydn Davies)*



Front cover: From 4th February route 271 was replaced by changes to the 21 and 263, thus the historic terminus at Highgate Village is no longer in regular use. VMH 2479 is by the black 'Guild' bus stop pole and the vintage LT poster board. Also a rarity is that it is a 'bus stand' as well as a set-down and pick-up stop. *(Jimmy Sheng)*



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LOTS Meetings

We will now meet at The Gallery at 77 Cowcross Street, Farringdon. It is already used by several other societies (including TLURS) so may be familiar to some of you. It is 3-mins walk from Farringdon Station (Met/H&C/Circle lines, Thameslink plus Elizabeth line). We shall start and end earlier than at Conway Hall as the venue is locked at 9pm. Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Variable as necessary but time is allowed for Q&As and the Sales Stand. Booked dates are Mondays 20 Feb, 22May, 26June, 25Sept, 20Nov. June is the AGM, the others we shall have guest speakers. On 20Feb Alan Osborne will present a slide show entitled "London before the Millenium, with added Snippets".

Exit from Farringdon station (Met. side), turn east and go up Cowcross Street until you reach the Leon restaurant. Opposite, go through the gated archway, up the passageway, cross the cobbled courtyard to the far right corner and go down the stairs to the basement meeting room known as 'The Gallery'. We would advise that you do not drive to the venue, parking space is rare and charges apply for 24 hours. There are several coffee shops nearby plus a Wetherspoons on Farringdon Road.

Coming Events (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand should attend).

Sat+Sun 18/19 February: Epping Ongar Railway's **largest ever** Bus Event based on North Weald Station. The theme is "LT to LRT" and will feature a number of rarely seen vehicles that operated between the 1970s, 80s and 90s, leading to when London Transport buses were privatised. EOR will also be running their steam locomotives on the branch line. There will be sales stalls and on Sunday the road run featuring the static vehicles, some of which have not been seen for many years. There will certainly be a few surprises, five in fact! Different routes will feature on each day. Those planning to visit are encouraged to take in both the railway and the bus event over both days by purchasing the weekend travel card which includes a free programme for £25. A bus only rover ticket costs £10 per day or £15 for the weekend. Accompanied children under the age of 14 get to travel on everything for £1 as part of the 'Kids for a quid' event. A thick glossy programme will be on sale for £1 and will feature history on the routes and vehicles. More information is available on www.eorailway.co.uk. The event is kindly sponsored by The London Bus Company, www.thelondonbuscompany.co.uk and London Bus Works, www.londonbusworks.com

Tuesday 7th March: the Locomotive & Carriage Institute are holding a meeting, to be addressed by a representative from the Office of Road and Rail at the DfT. LOTS members are cordially invited to attend and admission is free. The meeting is at Palestra on Blackfriars Road (opposite Southwark Tube Station or the southern entrance to Blackfriars station). Please arrive by 17:45 for an 18:00 sharp start and should be over by around 20:30. Please report to TfL reception on the ground floor (the glass building with yellow interior walls directly opposite the entrance to the tube station) where you will be met and shown to the meeting room.

Sat. 25 March: Running Day on Romford area routes 174/175, organised by London Bus Museum.

Sat. 1 April: South East Bus Festival at Detling in Kent. (LSS)

Sun 16 April: London Bus Museum, Brooklands has its Spring Gathering Jan. 22 April: Open Day at Stagecoach Romford North Street Garage, proceeds to the MacMillan fundraising. Looking ahead in 2023: From London Bus Museum:- Running Day on routes 65/71 (Sun.11 June). then major events at Brooklands on 25 June and 22 October.

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LOTS Postal Sales

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The Newest Items: **London Transport Central Area Termini** by Mick Webber (Bowden Publishing) £30.00 - 128 pages and over 300.

Southdown Fleet History Part 33 1968 (SEC) £7.00 *The First Bristol Saloons*

London’s Disused Railway Stations – Outer Souter East London by J. E. Connor (Capital) £30.00.

The most Recent Items:

LOTS London Bus Review 2021 (£14.50) 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) Main features are ‘Bus services on the Isle of Dogs Part 1’ (Malc McDonald) and ‘Fifty years of LBM Part 2 (by Editor)’.

London Bus Magazine No202 Winter 2022 (£5.00) Main features are ‘Part 2 of the Isle of Dogs service history’ ;Malc McDonald, accompanied by a short Barry Turner piece on Collectables he has built up over the years. Also, some inroad into the accumulated Book Reviews!

These four are all ****RECENT**** from Capital Transport:-

London’s Pre-War Smaller Classes (C, STD, LTC, TF, CR) by Ken Blacker £30.00.

An Alphabet for the Underground, The work of Edward Johnston by M.A.C.Horne £19.95

The London Underground – A Diagrammatic History (10th Edition) by Doug Rose £9.95

London Historical Research Group -The Omnibus Society

ST, DL & Acquired Vehicle Histories: Vol. 1 ST1-600 and Vol. 2 ST601-1140, DST, DL, TD, TC, MY
Compiled by Alan Bond and Les Stitson £15.00 each volume.

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**)**

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**** **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****

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

SEC Southdown Fleet History Part 32 1967 **NEW this month**

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National news, TfL and Politics

Strikes continue to dominate the national news agenda. The national rail and Abellio London bus disputes have not been settled with further action taking place in early February. Teachers and University staff also took action in new disputes adding to strikes by nurses, ambulance staff, fire fighters and civil servants.

Further to TLB 701, it has been confirmed that **TfL fares will rise from 5 March**. The single bus 'hopper fare' will increase from £1.65 to £1.75 up 6.1%, and the daily cap goes from £4.95 to £5.25, a 6.1% increase. A 7 day bus and tram pass increases from £23.30 to £24.60, up 6.0%. Some Underground fares are increasing by up to 8% in zones 1, & 2 whereas those in outer zones have smaller increases. These price rises are expected to increase TfL revenue by £213 million over the next year.

Plans by London Mayor Sadiq Khan to extend the **Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)** to the whole of the Greater London area from 29 August are proving very controversial. Some Outer London Boroughs and neighbouring Councils outside London are objecting to the extension, and some have threatened legal action. Five Conservative led London Boroughs, Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Harrow and Hillingdon have said they will do everything they can to stop it from going ahead. £110 million has been allocated to a scrappage scheme to help owners replace older non-compliant vehicles, mostly those built before 2015 although some councils have maintained this does not go far enough. The daily charge for non-compliant vehicles within the ULEZ is £12.50. Toxic air levels in Central and Inner London have halved in recent years and the greatest number of deaths attributable to air pollution are now in outer London.

Travelcard usage plummets as more people use contactless. The change in working patterns has contributed to an 80% reduction in the use of Travelcards in London over the past decade. The biggest drop is annual tickets, the use of which is down 90%.

These trends accelerated after the introduction of Contactless payments in 2014 and daily capping in 2015. The pandemic also had a big effect with many commuters now travelling two or three days a week instead of five.

Corporate and company news

Copthorne based **Southdown PSV** which trades as Southdown Buses, was acquired by Go Ahead owned Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company on 1 February. Southdown Buses will continue to operate as an individual business and will initially retain its local identity. Brighton & Hove and Crawley based Metrobus share the same management. Southdown operates around 30 buses and employs 43 staff.

National Express has announced a huge order for 300 zero emission buses for its West Midlands operations. The £150 million order is particularly significant because the vehicles are being bought by National Express without direct Government funding. Until now most orders for zero emission buses by big groups outside London have relied on at least some Government support, mostly through its ZEBRA scheme (see below). The battery electric buses will all be double deck and it is understood they will be built by more than one manufacturer. All 300 buses are due to be delivered by December 2024 and will bring the total number of zero emission vehicles in the NXWM fleet to 600, representing over one third of the total fleet.

Another large order for zero emissions buses comes from **Go-Ahead** which has ordered 104 battery electric buses from Wrightbus for the Oxford Bus Company. There will be 99 Streetdeck Electroliner

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double deckers and five GB Kite Electroliner single decks. Part funding for these comes from the Government's Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme. Eight of the buses will be open top for sightseeing duties. Meanwhile **Stagecoach** has become the first operator to order the next generation Alexander Dennis Enviro 400EV. It is buying 55 for its Oxfordshire operation with production planned for late 2023. These buses will be manufactured by ADL to an updated design with no BYD involvement and are also part funded through the ZEBRA scheme. Taken together these orders will enable all local buses in Oxford to be zero emission. The Stagecoach buses will also be used on the wider Oxfordshire network.

Stagecoach and First have been undertaking trials with driverless 'Autonomous' buses. In Scotland, Stagecoach has started passenger trials using a fleet of five Enviro 200 AV vehicles over a 14 mile route between the Ferrytoll Park & Ride in Fife and Edinburgh Park Station via the Forth Road bridge. They are able to travel at speeds of up to 50mph and will have a member of staff on board. Once registered the service will operate to a frequent timetable with capacity for 10,000 journeys a week. Stagecoach is also a partner in autonomous projects in Cambridge and Sunderland. Meanwhile First are experimenting with a circular service in Milton Park, Oxfordshire using an autonomous Mellor Orion E battery electric minibus. A second vehicle is a battery electric Switch Mobility Metrocity which will be used to provide a link to Didcot Parkway station, due to start this spring. This service is part funded through the MI Link Green travel programme which has received £3million of Government funding. Trials on public roads began on 23 January, launched by Transport Secretary Richard Holden.

Other General News

Annual bus statistics for the year to 31 March 2022 have been released by the Department for Transport. They show that bus use in England during the year increased by almost 80% compared with 2020/21 when the pandemic impact was at its peak, with the total number of journeys 30% down on the year 2019/20. Just over 50% of all bus journeys in England were made in London and buses represented 49% of public transport journeys. Bus usage in London had been falling every year since 2013 and has since followed similar trends to the rest of the country. The local authority areas with the highest bus use per head outside London remain Brighton & Hove followed by Nottingham and Reading. The lowest bus use areas were Rutland followed by Windsor and Maidenhead, which is perhaps surprising given its proximity to Reading. Overall, 31,000 buses were used by local operators, of which 9,000 were in London. Of these, 57% met Euro VI standards (88% in London) and 92% were enabled for contactless payments and just 3% were fully electric.

Press reports that the **HS2 rail project** may not reach Euston were strongly denied by Chancellor Jeremy Hunt on 27 January. It had been suggested increased costs meant the planned temporary terminus at Old Oak Common, five miles short of Euston, could become permanent with passengers expected to travel on the Elizabeth line to central London. The HS2 station at Old Oak Common is already under construction. It will have six underground platforms for HS2 services and eight surface level platforms for Elizabeth line and GWR services.

TfL has announced a series of activities to mark the **160th anniversary of the London Underground**. The first service ran on 10 January 1863 between Paddington and Farringdon on what was then the Metropolitan Railway. A commemorative roundel 'Love the tube' is being displayed at certain stations across the network including Gloucester Road, Brixton, Oxford Circus and Covent Garden. Although not directly related to this, Underground fans can now walk in trainers embossed with the Underground map and roundel! The shoe design has been licensed by TfL and they are available online from Mallet London for a mere £210.

Finally, a correction to TLB 701. The correct full new title for Sir Peter Hendy is 'The Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill, of Imber in the County of Wiltshire' (not as published).

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Routes 157, 228, 363 and 436/N136 from tranches 850, 854 and 858 awarded, starting on 11th November 2023 (363), 18th November 2023 (436/N136) and 20th January 2024 (228). All are for 7 years.

- 157 Awarded to Go-Ahead London General using new electric double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Arriva London South from Thornton Heath (TH) garage with buses based at Norwood (N) garage (pvr 18 to 17).
- 228 Awarded to Metroline West using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London United from Park Royal (RP) garage (pvr 9 to 7).
- 363 Awarded to Abellio using a mix of new electric and hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Go-Ahead London Central from Peckham (PM) garage (pvr 15 to 13).
- 436/N136 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 16 to 13).

Thanks to member Ken, routes listed under Tranches #841 and #842 were awarded in TLB697; these have been correctly listed in forthcoming service changes, so these should have been removed from the forthcoming tender programme list and is duly updated below.

The 2022/23 tendering programme is now just route 11/N11:-

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#813 (3/23)	11/N11 (GA London General)	--

The rest of the 2023/24 tendering programme is now as follows:

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#833 (6/23)	129 (GA London Central)	--
#837A (7/23)	23/N23 (London Transit)	--
#838A (9/23)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan)	--
#839C (9/23)	72/N72 (London United)	--
#840A (9/23)	349 (Arriva LN)	--
#843C (9/23)	D7 (GA Docklands)	--
#844A (10/23)	321/= (GA London Central)	--
#844B (9/23)	108/= (GA London Central)	--
#845A (10/23)	381/N381 (Abellio)	--
#846A (9/23)	C3 (London Transit)	--
#847A (10/23)	32/N32, 189/=, 632 (Metroline Travel)	--
#849 (10/23)	279/N279, (Arriva LN)	--
#851 (11/23)	39 (GA London General)	--
#851C (11/23)	14/=, 74/N74 (GA London General)	--
#854A (12/23)	78 (Arriva LN)	--
#855 (12/23-01/24)	237 (Metroline Travel), H26, U9 (Abellio)	--
#856 (01/24)	388 (S'ch East London ex HCT Group), 476 (GA London General)	--

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#857 (01/24)	9/N9 (London United)	--
#858 (01/24)	603 (Sullivan)	--
#859 (1-2/24)	380 (S'ch Selkent)	122
#860 (1-2/24)	59 (Abellio), 133/N133, 137/N137, 333 (Arriva LS)	3/N3
#861 (01/24)	89/N89, (GA London Central), 601, 602 (S'ch Selkent)	96, 428, 472/=, 486/=, B15
#862 (02/24)	Tranche cancelled.....	43/=, 134/=
#862C (02/24)	242/N242 (Arriva LN)	--
#863 (02/24)	EL1/=, EL2, EL3 (GA Blue Triangle)	--
#863A (2-3/24)	439, S2 (New Routes Croydon/Sutton consultations).	455 (due to be w'dn!)
#864 (2-3/24)	101 (GA Blue Triangle), 167, 238, 277/N277, 362, 462 (S'ch East London), 325 (Arriva LN)	--
#865 (2-3/24)	309, W11, W12, W13 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 379 (GA London General), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit)...	--
#866 (03/24)	20 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 58 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 97, 215 (S'ch East London)	123/=, 158/=, 275
#867 (03/24)	19/N19, 259, (Arriva LN), 76/= (GA London General) 393 (Metroline Travel)	--
#868 (03/24)	R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R11 (GA Metrobus)	--
#869 (03/24)	113/N113 (Metroline Travel)	317
#870 (03/24)	2/N2, 249 (Arriva LS)	493
#871 (03/24)	262, 473 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 396 (GA Blue Triangle)	372

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday/Sunday 6/7th August 2022:

=108 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Stratford International & Lewisham, Town Centre) Since this date and every Saturday night and Sunday morning, Blackwall Tunnel is closed for routine maintenance and there is no southbound traffic from 01:00 to 05:00. This is to allow work to proceed in either bore whilst allowing northbound traffic. Therefore, with the Jubilee line running an overnight service, the route is split to operate Stratford to Canning Town Bus Station and North Greenwich to Lewisham. There is no change to PVR with #MG181/182 providing the northern leg and #MG183/184 running the southern leg. However, a through service is run when the tunnel is open for Marathon and other events. If the Jubilee line is closed for engineering works then a normal through service operates diverting via Tower Bridge.

Saturday 26th November 2022: As in TLB701.

Saturday 3rd December 2022: As in TLB701, except for a typo for the PVR changes, 213 remains at A garage, not AL! (*But see also further changes for 21st January*).

Saturday 10th December 2022: As in TLB701.

Saturday 24th December 2022: (Additional):

E7 (*Abellio-GW*) (Ealing Broadway Station & Ruislip Station) Revised daily timetables.
PVR to 11/11/6 #GW401+.

Saturday 7th January 2023: Includes some last-minute changes to routes 256/499 in the Romford area and to 269 that missed our deadline last month.

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- *Greater London Route Devts* -----
- 32 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (Kilburn Park Station & Edgware Station) Re-allocated from Edgware (EW) to Cricklewood (W) garage.
- 134 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Warren Street, University College Hospital & North Finchley) No change to timetable, but a revised duty schedule for revised electric charging arrangements.
- 142 (Watford Junction & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) and
- 642 (West Hendon, Herbert Road & Canons Corner, London Academy, SDO) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel using new Wrightbus Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course from Edgware (EW) garage. To begin with, TE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles were used previously operated by *London Sovereign* from Edgware (BT) garage using ADE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 187 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Central Middlesex Hospital & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) Revised timetables for running time and frequency reduced from x13 to x15mins M-S daytime, x15 to x20mins Sun and evenings.
- 218 (*London United-V*) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Re-allocated from Stamford Brook (V) to Westbourne Park (X) garage so novated to London Transit. WLSs returned to the route but mixed in with DEs and DDEs.
- 226 (Golders Green Station & Ealing Broadway Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to London United using new BE-class BYD D8UR Enviro200EV electric single-deck vehicles, in due course, it is re-allocated to Edgware (BT) garage, so novated to London Sovereign. Previously operated by *Metroline West* from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage using DE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 256 (*Stagecoach East London-NS/RM*) (Noak Hill, Tees Drive & Hornchurch, St. George's Hospital) The 07:43 SDO journey from Noak Hill to Hornchurch, operated by Rainham (RM) garage withdrawn; effectively transferred to route 499.
- 269 (*Arriva London North-DT*) (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Bromley North Station) Additional Mon-Fri PM peak journey from Bexleyheath to Bromley North at 15:06 to increase frequency to x10mins in this direction.
- 316 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Cricklewood Garage & White City, Bus Station) Re-allocated from Cricklewood (W) to Willesden Junction (WJ) garage, thus novated to *Metroline West*.
- 499 (*Stagecoach East London-RM*) (Gallows Corner, Tesco circular via Romford & Heath Park Estate) Additional SDO journey from Gallows Corner to Romford, Queen's Hospital, departing at 07:47, transferred from route 256. This is operated by a E40D E400 diesel double-deck vehicle.
- U9 (*Abellio-DH*) (Uxbridge Station & Harefield Hospital, no late evening service) Mon-Sat timetable widened by x5 mins for HS2 works at Harvil Road.
- N9 (*London United-V*) (Aldwych & Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5) Fr-Sa night frequency reduced from x20 to x30 mins.
- N97 (*London Transit-X*) (Trafalgar Square & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Fr-Sa night frequency reduced from x20 to x30 mins.

PVR Changes from 7th January 2023:

Arriva London North: 269 to 13/11/10 #DT301+;

London United: 218 to 9/9/8 #X401+ and novated to London Transit,

N9 to 7 Su-Th/8 Fr-Sa #V41+ (from daytime running numbers);

London Sovereign: 226 to 15/15/9 #BT201+, 142/642 withdrawn;

London Transit: N97 to 5 nightly #X601+ (using 414 daytime running numbers);

Metroline Travel: 32 to 18/18/12 #W101+, 134 to 20/20/20 #PB61+, no change to =134 PVRs, 142 to 16+/17/14 #EW251+ (+3 ex 642) 642 to 3*/-/- #EW251+ (*142), using #EW259, 268 & 269.

316 to 17/17/11 #WJ51+ and novated to Metroline West;

Metroline West: 187 to 10/10/8 #WJ101+, 226 withdrawn;

Stagecoach East London: 252 to 14*/10/10 #RM121+ (*256, *372);

256 to 10+/11/6 #RM141+ (+1/252), no change to NS allocation;

372 to 6+/7/5 #RM241+ (+1/252), 499 to 7+/7/6 #RM261+ (+1/252);

To explain the cross-linking, #RM134 allocated to 252, works the 499 AM SDO, then 256, 252 & 372 PM SDO trips, then back to 252.

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Saturday 14th January 2023:

- 141 (*Arriva London North-AD*) (Palmers Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 329 (*Arriva London North-AD*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield, Little Park Gardens) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 635 (Hounslow Bus Station & Sunbury, St.Paul's School, SDO) LBSL QX contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Lampton (SG) garage. Previously operated by *London United* from Hounslow (AV) garage using mainly SP-class Scania N230UD Omnicity diesel double-deck vehicles.

PVR Changes from 14th January 2023: Arriva London North: no change to 141, 329 PVRs; London United: 635 withdrawn; Metroline Travel: 635 to 3/-/- SG196+.

Saturday 21st January 2023:

- 47/= (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Shoreditch High Street & Bellingham, Catford Garage) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 99 (*Arriva London North-DT*) (Woolwich, High Street & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 147 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR*) (Ilford High Road & Canning Town, Bus Station) Early introduction of frequency changes under the new contract starting later this year. Mon-Fri additional peak journeys withdrawn so revised to run every x8mins.
- 213/= (*Go-Ahead London General-A*) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Sutton Garage) Early introduction of frequency changes under the new contract starting later this year, due to be converted to Ee-class electric double-decks in due course. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins.
- 268 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Golders Green Station & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) Widened Mon-Sat timetables for HS2 works in Finchley Road/Swiss Cottage area.
- 269 (*Arriva London North-DT*) (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Bromley North Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 401 (*Arriva London North-DT*) (Thamesmead, Town Centre & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 422 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (North Greenwich Station & Bexleyheath Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- B13 (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & New Eltham Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central using new SEe electric BYD D8UR Enviro200EV single-deck vehicles from Bexleyheath (BX) garage. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x15 to x20 mins, and revised to terminate at Bexleyheath, Library (*See service proposals*). Previously operated by *Arriva London North* from Dartford (DT) garage using ENR-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- B14 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Orpington Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- B16 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Kidbrooke, Wingfield School & Bexleyheath Garage) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR Changes from 21st January 2023:

Arriva London North: No change to 99, 269, 401 PVRs, B13 withdrawn.

Go-Ahead London Central: B13 to 4/4/3 #BX51+, no change to B16 PVRs, but to note, routes B11 and B16 are jointly operated in the evenings, keeping their running numbers.

Go-Ahead London General: 93 to 26*/23/15 #A1+ (*154/213), 213 to 14+1/14/13 #A241+ (+1/93);

Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: 147 to 20/20/15 #RR1+;

Metroline Travel: no change to 268 PVRs;

Stagecoach Selkent: 47 to 17/16/10 #TL211+, 136 to 20+/19/13 #TL181+ (+1/621);

=47 and N199 now use daytime running numbers from daytime routes 47 and 199 although one or two duties still use #TL151 and #TL121, no change to 422, B14 PVRs.

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Saturday 28th January 2023:

- 40 (Go-Ahead London Central-Q) (Dulwich, Library & Clerkenwell Green) Early introduction of frequency changes under the new contract starting later this year, due to be converted to Ee-class electric double-decks in due course. Mon-Fri peak hour frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins and revised daily running times.
- 62 (Stagecoach East London-BK) (Barking, Gascoigne Estate & Marks Gate, Billet Road) Early introduction of frequency changes under the new contract starting later this year. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins.
- 86 (Stagecoach East London-NS/WH) (Stratford, Bus Station & Romford Station) and
N86 (Stagecoach East London-NS) (Stratford, Bus Station & Harold Hill, Dagnam Park Square) Early introduction of frequency changes under the new contract starting later this year, due to be converted to new electric double-decks in due course. Mon-Fri peak journeys reduced to just 2 extra AM journeys from Manor Park Broadway to Stratford Bus Station at 07:51 and 08:09. West Ham (WH) allocation withdrawn. No changes to N86, apart from revised PVRs.
- 108/= (Go-Ahead London Central-MG/NX) (Stratford International & Lewisham, Town Centre) Widened schedules daily for roadworks on Blackwall Lane.
- 188/= (Go-Ahead London Central-Q) (Russell Square & North Greenwich Station) Widened schedules daily for roadworks on Blackwall Lane.
- 267 (Abellio-TF) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Fulwell, South Road) Widened timetables daily for various roadworks, to run every x12 mins Mon-Fri, x13mins Sat and x15 mins Sun daytimes.
- 422 (Stagecoach Selkent-PD) (North Greenwich Station & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) Widened schedules daily for roadworks on Blackwall Lane.
- X68 (Go-Ahead London Central-Q) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Russell Square M-F peak hours) Revised timetable.

PVR Changes from 28th January 2023:

Abellio: 267 no change to PVRs;

Go-Ahead London Central: 40 to 18/14/9 #Q431+, no change to 108. 188, X68 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: 62 to 15*/13/9 (*667), 86, 256, 294 to come;

667 to WH 2/-/- #WH407/408, BK +(1/62)/-/- #BK55 am, #BK63 (BK#59 Tu sdo);

N86 to 5 (Su-Th)/8 (Fr-Sa #NS361+ (also #NS360 Fr-Sa nights)

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

Saturday 4th February 2023: This includes the Holloway Road scheme (*see TLB692 p17*). Also, some allocation changes to routes 107/234 that were confirmed after our deadline last month. Note also that routes 21, 234 and 263 maintain their existing frequencies.

- 21 (Go-Ahead London Central-NX) (Lewisham, Lewisham Centre & Newington Green) Withdrawn between Baring Street and Newington Green and re-routed via New North Road, Canonbury Road, Highbury Corner and Holloway Road to terminate at Holloway, Nag's Head.
- 41 (Arriva London North-AR) (Archway Station & Tottenham Hale Station) and
N41 (Arriva London North-AR) (Trafalgar Square & Tottenham Hale Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 76 (Go-Ahead London General-SW/NP) (Waterloo, Bayliss Road & Tottenham Hale Station) Stockwell (SW) allocation re-allocated back to Northumberland Park (NP) garage, with additional Mo-Fr AM peak journeys added.
- 91 (Trafalgar Square & Crouch End Broadway) and
N91 (Trafalgar Square & Cockfosters Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles from Stockwell (SW) garage. Previously operated by *Metroline Travel* from Holloway (HT) garage using VWH- and VMH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 or MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 107 (Metroline Travel-EW) (New Barnet Station & Edgware Station) Re-allocated to Potters Bar (PB) garage.

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- 118 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Morden & Brixton) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 121 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield Island Village) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 129 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (North Greenwich & Lewisham. Lewisham Centre) temporarily re-allocated to New Cross (NX) garage, for some building work at Morden Wharf (MG) garage. Widened schedules daily for roadworks on Blackwall Lane.
- 141 (*Arriva London North-AD*) (Palmers Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) Additional Mo-Fr AM peak hour journeys added. One additional bus will be allocated to Wood Green (WN) garage although operated by Palmers Green drivers.
- 143 (*Metroline Travel-W/HT*) (Archway Station & Brent Cross, Shopping Centre) Revised timetable, although the double-deck working (tendered as '143D') is withdrawn, as is the HT allocation.
- 153 (*Go-Ahead London General-RA*) (Finsbury Park Station & Liverpool Street Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 234 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Barnet, The Spires & Highgate Wood, Sussex Gardens). Extended via Archway Road to terminate at Archway Station. Re-allocated to Holloway (HT) garage.
- 258 (*London United-RP*) (Watford Junction & South Harrow Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 263 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Highbury Barn & Barnet Hospital) Rerouted between Archway and Highgate Wood, via Highgate Hill, North Road, and North Hill.
- 271 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Moorgate, Finsbury Square & Highgate Village, South Grove). Route WITHDRAWN and partially replaced by extension of route 21 and re-routing of route 263.
- N271 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) NEW Night Route from Moorgate, Finsbury Square via existing 271 to Highgate High Street and extended via North Road, North Hill, Great North Road, East Finchley, North Finchley High Road to terminate at North Finchley.
- 299 (*Sullivans-SM*) (Muswell Hill Broadway & Cockfosters Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 343 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Aldgate Station & New Cross, Jerningham Road) and
N343 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Trafalgar Square & New Cross, Jerningham Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- E2 (*Metroline Travel-AH*) (Greenford Broadway & Brentford, Commerce Road) Revised timetable for running time and Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x7½ to x8 mins.
- W4 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Ferry Lane Estate & Oakthorpe Park, Ostliffe Way) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- W5 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Harringay, Sainsbury's & Archway Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric single-decks expected later in 2023, when it is to be re-allocated to Walthamstow (AW) garage. Current buses are ex-HCT 7.8m Solos; new buses t.b.a.
- W6 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Southgate Station & Edmonton Green Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

And a footnote for historians: What would have been the last day of the Highgate Village stand on Friday 3rd was thwarted around midday when roadworks were set up on the road opposite the site; it then spread to the stand itself. Thus the 271 was curtailed back to Archway Station.

Saturday 11th February 2023:

- 36/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX/PM*) (New Cross Garage & Queens Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 57/= (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Clapham Park, Atkins Road) Early introduction of frequency changes under the new contract starting later this year, due to be converted to Ee-class electric double-decks in due course. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins.

Saturday 11th February to Sunday 19th February 2023:

A repeat of special services 718, 719 and 720 as noted in TLB700/701.

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Saturday 18th February 2023:

- 94/= (*London United-S*) (Acton Green, Duke of Sussex & Piccadilly Circus) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x7½ to x8-9 mins.
- 452 (*London Transit-X*) (Vauxhall Station & Kensal Rise Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins. Note the temporary curtailment to Ladbroke Grove, Sainsburys remains until further notice.

Saturday 25th February 2023:

- 233 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Eltham Station & Swanley, Beechenlea Lane) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- H28 (*Abellio-GW*) (Hayes, Bull's Bridge Tesco & Osterley, Tesco) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 4th March 2023:

- 187 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Central Middlesex Hospital & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Volvo BZL MCV 10.2m electric single-decksles in due course.
- 423 (*London United-WK*) (Heathrow Terminal 5 & Hounslow, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 427 (*Abellio-GW*) (Uxbridge, York Road & Acton, High Street) Route withdrawn between Southall Broadway and Acton but revised to terminate at Southall, Merrick Road via South Road.
- 487 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (South Harrow Station & Harlesden, Willesden Junction). Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Volvo BZL MCV 10.2m electric single-deck vehicles in due course.
- H22 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bell Corner & West Middlesex Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- H32 (Hounslow, Bus Station & Southall, Town Hall) LBSL QC contract awarded to Abellio using LT-class NRM New Routemasters from Southall (GW) garage. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins. Currently operated by *London United* from Hounslow (AV) garage mainly using SP-class Scania N230UD OmniCity double-deck vehicles.
- H37 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Blenheim Centre & Richmond, Manor Circus) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- H91 (Hounslow West Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel using LT-class NRM New Routemasters from Brentford (AH) garage. Currently operated by *London United* from Hounslow Heath (WK) garage using VH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- H98 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Hayes End, Kingsway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- N97 (Trafalgar Square & Hammersmith, Bus Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles from Putney (AF) garage. Currently operated by *London Transit* from Westbourne Park (X) garage using a mix of ADH-class or VMH-class E40H Enviro400H or MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 18th March 2023:

- 138 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Bromley North Station & Coney Hall, Princes Way) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 161 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (North Greenwich Station & Chislehurst, War Memorial) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 172 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Aldwych & Brockley Rise, Chandos) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 181 (*Stagecoach Selkent-KB*) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Grove Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 225 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Hither Green Station & Canada Water Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 284 (*Stagecoach Selkent-KB*) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Grove Park Cemetery) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
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Saturday 25th March 2023:

- 169 (Stagecoach East London-BK) (Barking, London Road & Clayhall, The Glade) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
247 (Stagecoach East London-NS) (Barkingside Station & Romford Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
287 (Stagecoach East London-RM) (Rainham, Abbey Wood Lane & Barking Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

As noted in service changes above for route **B13**, this is cut back to stand at Bexleyheath Library, adjacent to the side of the Broadway Shopping Centre. TfL announced this in the “have your say” section of its website, though not a consultation as such it is for “information”. They state “We have been working with local stakeholders and Bexley Council to establish a new bus stand. This will help us free up space at our other bus stands at Friswell Place and Geddes Place.” This also results in some mileage savings by not serving the northern part of Bexleyheath Broadway. It is further proposed that routes 269 and B14 will be truncated or re-routed to this new stand “later this year” so TfL are inviting comments or feedback to these proposals by using a “Guestbook” at haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk.

A further change, also reported in service changes above for route **427**, cutback from Acton to run to Southall Station. This was originally proposed as part of the consultation on the Elizabeth Line, first highlighted in July 2017 (*see TLB635 p14*). Whilst some of the proposals were introduced before or around the time of the Elizabeth Line eventually opening last year, Covid-19, development proposals and other funding considerations have intervened. At this stage, the 427 is planned on going ahead, with other routes mentioned in 2017 still under consideration, which may mean they might go-ahead or abandoned! We just have to wait and see or whether new consultations are implemented.

Otherwise, just a reminder that we are still waiting for the results of the 410 stop changes. (*see TLB686 p12*).

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. Notes: CE+2 = Contract extended by 2 years. CR = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 years, with a potential +2 year extension. CR2 = Contract awarded for 2 years. CR7 = Contract renewed for 7 years. All dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment. The * suffix = award specified new buses; the # suffix = award specified part new bus allocation. Not all award dates will be necessarily the same date that new buses are introduced.

29th 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), CR7 on E2*, E8* (Metroline Travel).

24th June 23: CR7 on 26/N26 (S'ch East London)

1st July 23: CR7 on 57/=#, 213/=*(G-A London General), 265* (London United to G-A London General), CR7 on 85/=, 216, K4 (London United), 643 (Metroline to Uno).

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

15th July 23: CR7 on 86/N86* (S'ch East London). 22nd July 23: CR7 on 53/N53 (S'ch Selkent).

19th Aug 23: CR7 on 417* (Arriva LS). 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 216 (London United), CR7 on 288, 303, H11, H14, H18/H19 (London Sovereign), CR7 on 340 (Arriva LN to London Sovereign), CR7 on H17 (London United to Metroline Travel), CR7 on 626 (Sullivans to Metroline Travel), CR7 on 634 (Metroline Travel), CR2 on 685 (Arriva LS).

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

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16th Sep 23: CR7 on 199/N199* (S'ch Selkent), 276* (G-A Docklands to S'ch East London), 376 (G-A Docklands to Blue Triangle), D3*(S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle).

30th Sep 23: CR7 on 1/N1, 42 (G-A London Central), 346 (G-A Blue Triangle to S'ch East London), CR7 on 404 (London United to Abellio), CR7 on 450* (Arriva LS to G-A Metrobus).

7th Oct 23: CR on 21/N21 (G-A London Central), CR7 on 107 (Metroline Travel), 316* (Metroline West), P12* (G-A London Central).

14th Oct 23: CR7 on 223 (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel), W3 (Arriva LN).

4th Nov 23: CR7 on 221 (Arriva LN).

11th Nov 23: CR on 38/N38 (Arriva LN) CR7 on 363# (G-A London Central to Abellio).

18th Nov 23: CR7 on 430 (G-A London General), CR7 on 436/N136 (G-A London Central, H20, U7 (Abellio).

25th Nov 23: CR7 on W19 (S'ch East London).

2nd Dec 23: CR7 on 152* (G-A London General), CR7 on 157* (Arriva LN to G-A London General).

20th Jan 24: CR7 on 228* (London United to Metroline West).

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

Premium Tours have applied to start new tourist services to and from Victoria Coach Station, from 1st February 2023, this time serving some 'Beatles and Rock & Roll' sights around London. "LR1" operates in the morning, departing at 08:30 serving Shaftesbury Avenue, Chinatown, Chalk Farm (for Camden Market), Abbey Road/ Marlborough Place (for a photo stop at the zebra crossing outside Abbey Road studios!) with "LR2" departing for the afternoon trip at 12:45 via Chelsea, Royal Consort Road, Ladbroke Grove, Abbey Road/ Marlborough Place, returning to Victoria Coach Station. An evening service (not Sat) departs Victoria Coach Station at 18:00 operating direct to Abbey Road/Marlborough Place. This service is described as "LR4". However, similar escorted tours are advertised to start from The Mall, so these might be replacements for these.

London United have lost the Bedfont Lakes contract and the last day of operation was on Friday 10th February.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 9th January to 5th February owing to gas works in Clerkenwell Road, routes **55/N55 and 243/=** were diverted westbound via Goswell Road, Aldersgate Street, St Martin's-le-Grand, Newgate Street, Holborn Viaduct, Snow Hill, Farringdon Street and Farringdon Road. Route **153** was diverted via Goswell Road and City Road. From 9th January to 12th February owing to gas works in Horseferry Road, route **507** was diverted westbound via Marsham Street, Great Smith Street and Victoria Street. From 10th January to 21st August, owing to building works in Wimbourne Street, Hoxton, route **394** is diverted eastbound via Croyley Street, Eagle Wharf Road, New North Road (northbound), Baring Street, Bridport Place, Poole Street and New North Road. From 23rd January to 6th February, owing to utility works in Baker Street, routes **13/=, 139/=, 189/=, 274 and N113** were diverted northbound via Portman Square (south and west arms), Gloucester Place and Crawford Street.

South-East: There was a major water main burst at Lee Green that flooded the "Tigers Head" junction initially and Eltham Road from early morning 6th January. Initially route **202** was diverted in both directions via Westhorne Avenue and Sidcup Road joining with routes **122, 321/= and N21** via Kidbrooke Park Road to Shooters Hill Road; route 202 reverted to line of route with route **178** double-running via Kidbrooke, Tudway Road, then 122, 178, 321/= and N21 diverting to and from Lewisham via Blackheath and Belmont Hill. Routes **261 and 621** were diverted to and from Lewisham in both directions via Longbridge Way (Southbound), Courthill Road, Hither Green Lane and St. Mildreds Way, with the 621 continuing via Westhorne Avenue. By mid-morning, the junction was re-opened so routes 202 and 261 reverted to normal route with routes 122, 178, 321/=, 621 and N21 diverting in both directions via Burnt Ash Road, Burnt Ash Hill, Westhorne Avenue and Sidcup Road. This was in place until late evening on 19th January 2023.

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South: From 3rd January to 17th February owing to road works in High Street and Katharine Street, Croydon, routes **119/=, 166, 312, 407, 455, 466, 468, 645, and N68** are diverted northbound via Fell Road, Croydon Flyover and Park Lane, and diverted southbound via Fell Road, Croydon Flyover (double run to Park Lane, except 455) and Edridge Road. Route **N250** is revised to start from Park Lane. I understand this is to permanently remove the ‘temporary’ Covid restriction and to prepare for a permanent one-way system from Katharine Street, junction of St.George’s Walk, High Street and Fell Road and consequent revision to stops and stands in St.George’s Walk. From 16th to 27th January, owing to road works in Windsor Avenue, North Cheam, route **S3** was diverted in both directions via Gander Green Lane and London Road. Once again although overnight diversions are not usually reported, from 27th January and for 4 nights, Godstone Road, Purley (underneath the railway bridge on the A22) was closed. Route **407** was split into 2 sections, terminating either side of Purley Station (along with route **412** from the east). Thanks to member Martin for this report, who adds that on 18th January overnight resurfacing closed Woodcote Grove Road and Chipstead Valley Road in Coulsdon. Route **166** was diverted in both directions via The Avenue, Woodcote Grove Road, Smitham Bottom Lane, Little Woodcote Lane, Woodmansterne Lane Carshalton Road, then serving Woodmansterne Village, and then via Woodmansterne Street/Lane to/from Banstead High Street. The last journey on route **434** to Rickman Hill was curtailed at Coulsdon Town Centre. From 19th to at least 27th January, owing to emergency gas works at Woodcote Valley Road, Coulsdon, route **434** was diverted northbound via Smitham Bottom Lane and Foxley Lane.

South-West: From 3rd January to 5th February, owing to road works in Prince Regent Road, at Blenheim Centre, Route **H37** was curtailed just short at Renaissance Court. From 23rd January to 15th May, owing to cycling works in Manor Road, Teddington, route **R68** is diverted southbound via Waldegrave Park and Waldegrave Road. From 1st February to 31st March, owing to bridge works in Hare Lane, Claygate, route **K3** is diverted between Esher and Claygate in both directions via Church Street and High Street (towards Roehampton Vale) then Portsmouth Road, Kingston By-Pass, Manor Road South and Oaken Lane.

West: From 25th January to 2nd May, owing to bridge works on Great West Road, at Brentford, route **E2** is diverted northbound via Great West Road (double run westwards to slip road) and southbound via Great West Road, Ealing Road and High Street.

North-West: From 19th January to 19th February, owing to HS2 works at Harvil Road, Hillingdon, route **U9** was diverted in both directions via Swakeley’s Roundabout, Western Avenue (A40), Oxford Road, Denham Avenue, North Orbital Road, Morefield Road and Moorhall Road.

North: From 9th to 24th January, owing to road works in Highgate Road, route **C11** was diverted northbound via Highgate Road, Fortess Walk, Fortess Road and Dartmouth Park Hill. Route **88/=** was curtailed at Camden Town, although route **214/=** continued to run. From 9th January to 27th January, owing to sewer works in Beresford Road, Newington Green, route **236** was diverted westbound via Newington Green Road and Grosvenor Avenue. From 23rd January to 4th February, owing to HS2 works at College Crescent, Swiss Cottage, southbound routes **13/=, 113/N113 and 187** were diverted direct via Finchley Road. Routes **31/N31 and N28** were diverted eastbound via Finchley Road, Goldhurst Terrace Broadhurst Gardens, Canfield Gardens and Finchley Road. Routes **46 and 268** were diverted southbound via Rosslyn Hill (46), Haverstock Hill, England’s Lane, Primrose Hill Road and Adelaide Road, with route 268 returning via Avenue Road, Adelaide Road, Finchley Road and College Crescent (Eastern arm). Route **603** was diverted via Rosslyn Hill, Haverstock Hill, Chalk Farm Road, Juniper Crescent (double-run via roundabout), Chalk Farm Road and Adelaide Road. From 16th January to 26th March, owing to electrical works in Dancers Hill Road, route **626** is diverted southbound via Dancers Hill Road (west) and St Albans Road. From 27th January and ongoing at our deadline, owing to an unsafe building in Stoke Newington, routes **67, 76/= 149/= and 243/=** are diverted northbound via Balls Pond Road, Mildmay Park, Newington Green, Albion Road, Stoke Newington Church Street, to Stoke Newington High Street.

East: From 4th to 22nd January, owing to electrical works in Chequers Lane, Dagenham, route **145** was diverted towards Dagenham Asda via Ripple Road and Merrielands Crescent. Routes **EL1/= and EL3 (sdo)** diversion at Barking Riverside (*see TLB697/701*) has been extended again to 26th February.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Thursday 6th January:

565 (*First Essex*) (Brentwood & Bulphan) Timetable change registered (but I can't find how!)
301,305,315,319.320/1/2/4/5 (*Central Connect*) Minor timing adjustments for reliability.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Sunday 1st January (additional):

81/81A (*Centrebus*) Local observations show that in Hitchin town centre buses have adopted different routings. The 80 no longer serves Nightingale Road and goes to Town from the Station via the 386/635 route then Hermitage Road serving the 100/101 stop towards Luton. It then continues via its old routing to Westmill. Route 81 as before except when it's on the High Dene service; these come from Westmill via the 9A/9B/74 towards Hitchin serving the 9A stop before continuing up Bancroft then picking up the old line of route towards High Dene.

Monday 17th January:

357 (*Red Rose*) (Harpenden & Borehamwood) Additional M-F peak journeys.

Monday 30th January:

10 (*Centrebus*) (Luton Town & Marsh Farm) Minor timetable changes M-F pm peak.
40/40A (*Centrebus*) (Dunstable & Kensworth) Minor timetable changes M-F early am.
50 (*Z&S*) Temporary timetables until 5th March due to two separate road closures.

Sunday 19th February:

SB1, 2, 3, 4/40, 5/50, 7, 8, 9 (*Arriva KT*) (Stevenage town services) General timetable changes with frequency reductions to better suit driver availability. The Sunday services on SB 7, 8, 9 standardised at hourly.

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

None in our area.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Monday 23rd January:

690 (*Metrobus*) New SDO route: Southwater & Horsham, Forest School.

Wednesday 1st February:

Southdown PSV was sold to Brighton & Hove Bus Co within Go-Ahead, from this date and would no doubt be managed together with Metrobus. Those with long memories will recall that Southdown PSV was created out of part of Metrobus. The route list is:

236, 324, 409, 419, 411, 422, 424, 485, 594, 595, 603, 609, 610, 657, 658, 694, 695

Saturday 25th February:

100 (*Metrobus*) (Redhill, Park 25 & Maidenbower) Mon-Sat daytime frequency increased to x20min instead of the temporary service (approx. x23min) for driver shortage.

North and west KENT

Sunday 15th January:

402(Arriva K&S) (Tunbridge Wells & Sevenoaks, M-S) Revised timetable, reductions early am and evening.

403(Arriva K&S) Dunton Green & Weald of Kent School, SDO) Transferred to Ham's, Flimwell. Call at Otford withdrawn.

Monday 30th January:

416(Redroute) (Gravesend & Meopham via Shorne, M-S) and

417(Redroute) (Gravesend & Cliffe via Shorne, M-S) The M-S 416 journey at 17:50 from Gravesend withdrawn.

Sunday 5th February:

222(Autocar) (Borough Green & Tonbridge, M-S) Sat, 4th was last day of Saturday service.

433(Arriva KT) (New Ash Green & Bluewater, Sunday only) Last day of operation.

489(Arriva KT) (New Ash Green & Gravesend, Daily) Last day of Sunday operation.

Sunday 12th February:

E1 (Go Coach) (Edenbridge town service, M-F) Friday 10th was last day of operation.

474/475 (Go Coach) (Longfield & Bluewater, M-S, on to Greenhithe Station, M-F peaks) Saturday 11th was the last day of operation.

Connect 1 (Go Coach) From Monday 13th a limited replacement with four round trips on Mon-Sat between approx. 09:30-16:15: Longfield Station via New Barn, Southfleet, Betsham, Bean, Bluewater, Darent Valley Hospital, Fleet Estate to Darenth Village (Village Hall and Hill Rise). Certain journeys also deviate via Westwood.

Go Coach SDO timetable changes: 31 October 2022- S4, TW9. 05 December 2022- S7, S31, S32, S34. 20 February 2023- S10, S11.

1st Bus Stop SDO timetable changes: 09 January 2023- NAG-1, VIGO-1, 305 and 423. 20 February- 3, 4, 111, D2, Meopham 1, NAG1.

In the Christmas section (TLB701 page 18) we claimed that all the South Coast towns enjoying a limited bus service on Christmas Day were Go-Ahead operations. That was true of Brighton, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, but not of Portsmouth where First Bus Solent, as the name implies, are clearly part of First Bus.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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Celebrations for the one hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the Underground network included a treasure hunt around the seven original stations on 21 January. Each stations received a double sided A4 sheet with a potted history of the station along with three questions for treasure hunters to answer. Once each set of questions was completed hunters could get the sheet stamped; a complete set of seven sheets was rewarded with a tote bag featuring the anniversary roundel. This is a red heart with a blue bar placed horizontally across the middle printed with 'Love the Tube'. The lower part of the heart includes a '160'. This roundel also appears on the reverse of each station's sheet.

Starting at the western end of the original route "**Paddington station history**" includes period pictures of the Bakerloo and District line entrances on Praed Street on the front, whilst the latter's platforms are pictured on the reverse. Preserved Met 1 on a night time test run for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebrations in 2013 and an advert for Underground canteen workers form the two key illustrations on the front of "**Edgware Road station history**", whilst an 1862 test train and 1934 view of the ticket office are on the rear. "**Baker Street station history**" has views of the iconic station on the front whilst the rear has an 1860 illustration of the proposed platforms, a view of platform tiles depicting the areas most famous 'resident' and a 1979 advert for the (then) new Jubilee Line. Views of the station building and platforms also feature on the front of "**Great Portland Street station history**" with architectural plans for the station dominating the reverse. Changing attitudes to health and safety are shown in a 1960s view of a maintenance worker adjusting a metal beam on the front of "**Euston Square station history**", with a 1911 view of the original station entrance complete with W.H. Smith kiosk on the reverse. The penultimate leaflet, "**King's Cross station history**" includes a 1930 illustration of how the Underground station entrance used to obscure the front of the magnificent Cubitt designed mainline station trainshed. The reverse includes an 1860's artist's impression of the Metropolitan Railway platforms. "**Farringdon station history**" completes the set, with a 1919 view of an Inner Circle line train complete with small Union Jack to celebrate First World War victory day. The reverse includes an illustration of the grand banquet held to celebrate the completion of what has grown to become one of the world's largest metro systems.

One of the newest stations on the Underground network is the location of "**Ian Wornast, 'Nine Elms', 2022**" a temporary artwork at the Northern line station. It is described in the multifold slimline as depicting an abstracted cross-section of the station. When fully unfolded there is an A2 sized artwork poster of the piece, apparently limited to just one thousand copies.

RM356 heading for the Ford Main Works at Dagenham is the illustration on "**Routes 174 & 175 heritage day**", a single sided A5 flyer promoting the latest London Bus Museum running day on 25 March. This running day, plus that over route 65 on 11 June are mentioned on "**Events 2023**" a double sided slimline advertising the three key events at the museum's Brooklands site. Dennis D142 in blue 'General' livery is pictured on the front. The first of the three key events at the museum is promoted on "**Spring Gathering Sunday 16 April 2023**", a single sided A5 flyer featuring a drawing of RML2463 at the head of a row of Routemasters.

Visitor attractions from Cornwall to the Orkney Islands are marked on a UK map found in the 2022 edition of "**UK & London Map & Visitor Guide**" published by UK Inbound. When fully opened the second side includes a street map of Central London, May 2022 Tube map and a July 2022 of 'Key bus routes in central London'. Like previous editions of this spider map it is somewhat selective in the routes included. For example, routes 12 and 453 are missing, whilst reliance solely on this map would suggest that only routes 73 and 390 serve the nation's shopping hub in Oxford Street.

Engineering works on the DLR continue to be publicised with landscape format double sided A5 sheets, the latest of which is "**Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 January 2023 DLR planned closure No service Prince Regent to Beckton.**" A full network map with closed section shown in red is on the front, with details of stop locations for the replacement bus service can be found on the reverse.

----- *Publicity News* -----

Grant Palmer have produced a four page A5 timetable for routes “72 73” taken over from Stagecoach from 22 November 2022.

After a gap of nearly three years Hertfordshire County Council has at last resumed publication of its Intalink bus maps with three Autumn / Winter 2022 editions carrying November 2022 print dates. Each is in the same multifold slimline format as previous editions, the most recent being Spring / Summer 2020 reviewed in TLB675. The new Stevenage Interchange features on the cover of “**North & East Hertfordshire Bus Guide**”, with St Albans Cathedral on the cover of “**South & West Hertfordshire Bus Guide**.” Completing the set is “**South & East Hertfordshire Bus Guide**” which features a cover photo titled ‘Winter Walks by the River Lea, Hertford and Ware’.

Festive travellers in the area were able to refer to “**Christmas & New Year, Bus and Train Services, 2022/2023**”. This multifold slimline has a mainly dark green cover with a few festive touches and summarises the services running in Hertfordshire from 23rd December 2022 to 3rd January 2023.

Red Rose have printed copies of the Intalink timetable for their operation of “357” from 16 January, forming a leaflet of six A4 pages.

Following ‘Go exploring with Greenline 724 to Heathrow Bus timetable’ reviewed in TLB700 is “**Travel to Heathrow**”, a double sided purple A5 from Arriva, although it only carries Greenline and Heathrow logos. It promotes £12 adult single and £17 adult period return fares from St Albans. No timetable or even route number is provided but there is a QR code leading to the Green Line section of the Arriva website, allowing potential passengers to select the appropriate route. The flyer, which is the same both sides, was delivered to homes in the St Albans area.

“**Festive Bus Services**” is a red multifold slimline outlining Carousel’s provision between 24 December 2022 and 3 January 2023. It is a comprehensive leaflet including a summary of last bus times for Christmas and New Year’s Eves. Christmas Day travellers on ‘the airline’, operated by parent company Oxford Bus Company, are provided with departure times from High Wycombe Coachway, Heathrow and Gatwick. The same locations are used for timings for special timetables on Boxing and New Year’s Days, with travellers using route 102 on these days referred to the company website. The remaining days in the period have an indication of which timetables operated. Services 8, 27, 39 and 41 are covered in “**High Wycombe local service guide**”, a multifold slimline valid from 8th January 2023. Streetlite 409 features on the cover, whilst inside the timetables are accompanied by a network map which also includes routes 1, 1A, 1B, 101, 102, 103 and 104. Full timetables for the latter four, plus routes 106 and 107 are provided in “**chiltern hundreds**”, a twenty four page slimline book valid from the same date. A map of the six routes is accompanied by a composite timetable showing all journeys between High Wycombe and Beaconsfield. The cover features Streetlite 407 on route 102.

Reading Buses have updated “**London or Heathrow Airport Slough Windsor Legoland**” from 2 January 2023. The forty four page slimline book is presented in the established Green Line style and provides a mix of maps, timetables and tourist information.

Previously unreported is an April 2022 edition of “**Hop-on Hop-off Open Top Tours Windsor**” from Golden Tours. A photoshopped MCV Volvo in front of Windsor Castle features on the cover of the multifold slimline which opens out to show a map of the route, accompanied by a table showing first and last departures from the eleven stops.

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)

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

The long awaited move of some stored Electroliners to DH Garage for route U5 started off when 3019 appeared on the very last day of January.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include 2466.

The new Caetanos below were starting to arrive in mid-January but none had been recorded on service by early February, Meanwhile, route 433 continues with ordinary E200s.

New deliveries:

1535-1543 BV72 XJA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/J Caetano e.City Gold 10.7m, B30D.(note one seat less than previous batch).

Transfers: (31 January) 3019, 3022, 3027 QBu/DH.

Correction to SUP-39C: 8882 is at GW (not TF).

Livery changes:

LT 20 from advert for Gant back to red.

LT 39 from advert for Marvel Iron Man to one for Bless Hotels.

LT 156 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.

LT 158 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for H&M.

LT 163 from advert for Stuart Weitzman back to red.

LT 166 from advert for Armani to one for Boss.

LT 604 from advert for British Airways back to red.

LT 609 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier (late report) back to red.

LT 623 from advert for itvX back to red.

LT 705 from advert for Marvel Iron Man to one for Hogwarts.

3424 to advert for OVO Energy.

Subsequent disposals: Typo in TLB701: 9401 reg LJ66 VSZ.

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 102, 103, 118, 130, 131, 150, 168, 170, 172, 183, 187, 191; LT 91, 111, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142; T 314, 320, 322.

After the small ENR class were made redundant once route B13 was lost on 21 January, they then just mixed into the B15 allocation from Dartford Garage.

LT 209 (CT), off the road since 27 February 2022 was finally back in use on 27 January 2023. On 28th January HV 214 was in a traffic accident and had a damaged rear end.

It seems that 31 December was RM 2217's last day in use here.

EMC 1 at South Croydon resumed service work on route 312 on 2nd February, having been last used on 13th July 2020.

Transfers

Correction to TLB701: DW (not DT) 414 transfer DT/E.

(January): HV 91 WN/AD. LT 188 AR/EC. T 11 N/DT. T 36, 37, 39, 41 DT/ECu.

(February): EMC 1 TCu/TC.

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

ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:

Livery changes:

LT 222 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.
LT 230 from advert for M&S back to red.
LT 341 from advert for Call of Duty to one for Ushaia Hotels.
LT 489 from advert for IHG Hotels back to red.
LT 523 from advert for Marvel Iron Man back to red.
LT 538 to advert for H&M Move.
LT 600 from advert for Converse to one for H&M Move.
LT 717 to advert for Grand Palladium.
LT 726 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.
LT 728 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.
LT 737 from advert for itvX back to red.
LT 954 from advert for Capital One back to red.
LT 957 from advert for Moncler to one for TRS Hotels.

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

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

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

StreetLites 4302-07 are now in revised Fastrack livery, light grey front and two-tone rear. The older Fastrack livery then became extinct.

E400 trainer T 83 was back at NFt by November 2022. Transfer: 4041 NFw/NF.

Acquired from Arriva Midlands (January), both allocated to NFt.

T484 (CX06 BHU) and T498 (CX06 BKA) VDL SB200 – Wright Commander 11.8m B44F- 2006.

Loan from Midlands: 1106 (RJ19 HXD) M-B Sprinter/ EVM B16F. (at NF).

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

Corrections to TLB701: 3985 reg is GN07 DLK (not GLK)- it is correct on Area 3 entry).

Repaint of 3579 (not 3759 as in TLB701) and delete 4291.

Recent repaints to the lighter blue: 4194, 4243.

As at early February 3771 (HA), the bus in the “new” 724 branding, has not run in service since 22 December; whether any others will be treated is as yet unknown.

Harlow has been suffering from numerous vehicle defects of late with lots of service cuts the result.

Transfers: 1612 WEu/LDw (Area 3). 2462 HH/HHw. 3038, 3921 Area 3/ loan to WE.

3996 HH/HHu. 4036 HH/HHu.

Disposal: 4036 to Arriva Midlands (at Oswestry).

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

Recent repaints to the lighter blue include 2951/2 (sisters 2953-8 were already so when acquired).

Acquired from Arriva Midlands (January), allocated to LDt.

T486 (CX06 BHW) VDL SB200 – Wright Commander 11.8m B44F- 2006.

Transfers:

(January): 3024 WB/AY. 3038 WB/WBu/WE (area 2, loan). 3042 WB/WBu/WBw.

3506, 3917 WB/WBw. 3916/18/21 WB/WBu. Then 3921 to WE (Area 2, loan).

4759 AY/AYw. T486 Mids/LDt.

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

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

New delivery: RJ72 HYG Iveco Ilesbus i-City B**F.

Disposals: Trident LX03 BXY and Fiat Ducato YX60 CLO - gone from the fleet.

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

Although all Solos should have gone, 1001 (SGZ 2221) at least is still in operation here.

Correction to TLB698 p19): 1601-14 have regs YX72 (not YX22) ONA,etc.

Acquired (January) via Ensign Bus:

GX07 HUU AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.9m B38F – 2007.

Disposal: StreetLite 1202 (CC11 BUS) to Yorkshire Buses.

CENTREBUS, Luton

Re-registered: 703 (TIL 4051 back to YN51 MJE).

Disposals: 703 (YN51 MJE) gone from fleet (by May 2022).

Solo 281 (YJ11 EKV) transferred to Centrebus Grantham (by November 2022).

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Two corrections to TLB701: Southend RM was RM 44 (not 54) and RTW 335 is Ensign (not LBC).

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

New delivery (January): SK21 FHX, YX72 OJZ AD E20D – AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.8m B41F,

These buses have received route 479 branding.

1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend

Change of registration: Trident LX04 FYW to MT51 BUS.

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.

After Irizar IE 1 at the Show last November, IE 2 arrived in mid January. The pantograph for their use was installed in mid January at Crystal Palace although still awaiting electric power supply.

The solitary BCI triaxle bus TA 1 moved north from Camberwell (where it had hardly been used) to RR and found a home on School route 687 in east London.

Route B13 was taken over from Arriva on 21st January, initially with mostly 10.2m E200s until the slightly shorter ones (SEe 168-172, see below) were ready. In the end the new SEe's entered service on 28th January, with the assistance of SEe 104 from Camberwell.

Normal recent repaints/ refurbishes include EHV 1, 7, 8, 12 and LT 235, 236, 296.

On 10th January WHV 131 on route 74 at Baker Street at about 4pm suffered an engine fire that caused considerable rear end damage. Ee 56, off since 22nd September 2022, was back in use on 1st February.

The EHV's at Merton were all out of use after 24th November 2022 although those at SW stayed in use. Two VEs moved up from Sutton to Merton. MHV 55 (NX) was very rare on the 343 on 16th January but was followed by MHV 89 the next day. The odd EHV at Peckham had not worked there since 13th January.

From 4th February route 76/N76 returned its Stockwell LT allocation to NP, while EHV's were gathered at SW for the acquisition of Route 91/N91.

The EH's from C to PM are to increase the EH allocation on route 37. They are displacing Es to NX so that a batch of WVLs can be withdrawn off route 321.

----- *Current vehicle News* -----

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

Booked registrations for the first of the Ee buses for Sutton are now numbered thus:

Ee 101-122: LD72 XZT/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, YAA/E/F/G/H/J/K/O/U/V/W/X/Y, YBA/B.

Ee 123-128: LB72 DYH/J/M/N/O/P.

Ee 145-162: LD72 UHT/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, UJA/C/E/F/G/H/J/K/L, LD72 XYX/Y.

In view of the impending “Regn date” to 23 on 1st March, perhaps some will change.

The full allocation was planned as Ee 94-162 for Sutton so more to come and it is evident that vehicles are not being built in fleet number order. The buses for the 353 are allocated Ee 163-171.

New deliveries:

SEe 168-172 (LB72 DYA/C/D/F/G) BYD D8UR – AD Enviro200(MMC) 9.7m B24D 12007kg.

E 70-93 confirmed by visual check as H42/23D, ULW 13594kg.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, RG=Ringmer, KL King’s Lynn.

(September 2022): LT 307 Q/SW. (November): EHV 5, 8, 9, 11, 15 AL/ALu.

(December): LT 307 SW/NP. EHV 6 RRu/SW. EHV 14 RRu/PM.

(January): E 203, 246, 248, 250 PM/NX. EH 226, 228, 229, 230, 232, 234, 235 C/PM. Ee 56 DSu/DS.

LT 306 Q/ NX. LT 307/8/9 NP/NX. LT 875/6/7/8/9 SW/NP.

TA 1 Q/RR. VE 2. 3 A/AL. WHV 50 C/SW. WHV 131 AF/AFu.

WVL 283, 285 NX/AL. WVL 289 NX/BX. WVL 293, 294 NX/NP. WVL 301, 303 AL/BX.

WVL 358, 359 C/RR. SEe 104 Q/BX. SEe 168-172 --/BX.

(February): EHV 5, 8, 9, 11, 15 ALu/SW. EHV 4, 7, 10, 12, 13 RRu/SW. EHV 14 PM/SW.

LT 881, 883-888, 900-902 SW/NP. Ee 75 u/C. SEe 104 BX/Q.

Livery changes:

LT 189 from advert for Levi’s back to red.

LT 274 from advert for Battersea Power Station back to red.

LT 283 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.

LT 284 from advert for Kurt Geiger back to red.

LT 287 from advert for Converse back to red.

LT 291 from advert for JD Sports back to red.

LT 305 from advert for Armani to one for Boss.

LT 435 from advert for Kurt Geiger back to red.

LT 436 to advert for Ushaia Hotels.

LT 444 to advert for H&M Move.

LT 446 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.

LT 481 from advert for Gant back to red.

LT 506 from advert for Moncler to one for Hogwarts.

LT 845 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.

LT 854 from advert for itvX to one for Hard Rock Hotels.

LT 862 from advert for Marvel Iron Man to one for Hogwarts.

LT 895 to advert for Bless Hotels.

WHV 103 from advert for Slipstream back to red.

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

Disposals: Versas 6001/2 went to scrap (November 2022).

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

LONDON DIAL-A-RIDE

The Orpington garage has closed with their allocation transferred mainly to Mandela Way.

The allocation as at late January is thus:

Mandela Way:- D8042-59, D8246-54.

Wimbledon (incl. outstations at New Malden and Beddington Lane):- D8017-41, D8196-8210.

Woodford:- D8070-84, D8091-8130, D8224-41.

Palmers Green:- D8060-69, D8085-88, D8131-55, D8211-23, D8242.

North Wembley (incl. outstation at Fulwell):- D8001-16, D8089-90, D8156-95, D8243-45, D8255-56.

There are still seven MB Vitos in stock: Mandela Way D583, D608, D611 (this one a trainer);

Wimbledon D595, Woodford D576, Palmers Green D574, North Wembley D571.

Subsequent disposals:

D7184 seen at Phoenix Crescent, Southwick, Brighton 17 January 2023.

D7199 seen at Woolwich 15 October 2022 but now gone.

D7210 seen at Popham Airfield, Hampshire (August 2021).

LONDONER BUSES (MANCHESTER BUS TOURS)

Late in January RM 1357 was taken on loan, to cover the absence of RML 887(off road) and RML 2290 (to store). That RM is Leyland-engined and was still here at early February. Ensignbus' RT 8 was used on service A on 4th February. By early February RML 887 was back.

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)

Recent repaints / refurbishments noted include TEH 1462, TEH 2035, 2076 (after being off service since January 2022), VWH 2113, 2114, 2119, 2133, 2189, 2190, 2193, 2201, 2217, 2230 and DEL 2147, 2151, 2265.

The WHDs remained out of action at 31st January. Thus routes 7 and 245 remained mainly VWH, although VMH 2564 ventured out on the 7 on 17th January and 2535 followed on 27th.

Whilst VMHs disappeared from the 32 with the loss of its EW allocation from 3rd January and whilst a batch of TEHs moved into W, the new operating garage started to mix them in with their own TEHs, thus having visually different batches in the mix. LTs were on the 32 when W used to run it and that practice resumed with LT 17 on 17th January. EW soon mixed its type allocation and VMH 2495 went out on the 142 on 23rd for just one rounder. The TEs moved in the month to EW often had to make do with window boards due to lack of suitable blinds.

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(Clarification in TLB700): TE 1082 PB/WJ (Dec) then WJ/PB/EW (Jan);

TE 1095 stayed at EW all through Dec+Jan so no change.

(December): TE 1076/77 WJ/EW.

(January): LT 116 HZu/AHt. TE 1075/85 WJ/EW. VW 1190, 1191 PB/EW.

TEH 1230/32 EW/W. TE 1312 PB/EW.

TE 1577 WJ/PB. TE 1580/81 UX/W/UX. VW 1832 HZu/PV. VW 1829, 1839 AH/W (temp).

TE 1832 HZu/PA. TE 1992 PAw/HZw. VWH 2133/34/35 HZu/SG.

DE 860/1/3/4/5/6/7 W/HZw. DE 862 W/Wu, DEM 1339 PB/HTt.

DE 1583, 1629, 1633, 1637 WJ/PAw. DE 1586 WJ/UX. DE 1616, 1641 WJ/W.

DE 1619 W/HTu/PB. DE 1627, 1650 W/HTu. DE 1631 WJ/UX.

DEL 2259 WJt /WJ. DEL 2263, 2265 UX/WJ.

(February): DE 1586 UX/AH.

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

METROLINE, Continued:

Livery changes:

LT 190 from silver back to red.
LT 647 from advert for Back Market back to red.
LT 649 from advert for M&S back to red.
LT 654 from advert for Back Market to one for Hard Rock Hotels.
LT 660 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.
LT 756 from advert for British Airways back to red.
LT 762 from advert for Marc Jacobs back to red.
LT 763 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for Hogwarts.
VWH 2296 from advert for Let's do London to one for 'Current Account'.
BDE 2618 to advert for OVO Energy.

Disposal: TE 1313 to Ensign Bus (January).

MULLANY'S BUSES, Watford

Correction to TLB701: HP07 BUS *not NUS).

Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds

Correction to TLB701: LJ56 ONN (not LJ09) B29D 10.2m.

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.

The ADEs allocated to route 142 at BT were stood down from 7th January when the 142 was lost to Metroline. To compensate, route 226 came into BT from Metroline but with older DE and DDE E200s rather than the new electric BE-class that stayed on the roof of X in store, awaiting electric supply at Edgware. Assorted double-decks have again ventured onto the 288 and 303 at Edgware – as well as the DDEs new to the garage. At Fulwell VH 45154 was now a rarity on the 290 on 26th January.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include LT 371, 380.

On 30 January, MCM 30088 on route 117 in Hounslow suffered minor rear end damage in a traffic accident. Late on 31 January VMH 45339 on route 13 at Baker Street was in a collision with frontal damage.

New deliveries (January)

As at our closing date of 4th February, none of BE 37085-101 have yet surfaced into service, while just a few (see transfers in TLB701 and below) of the batch BCE 47157-177 have been noted.

The BCEs have seat layout H42/23D (not 22**) The BEs remain to be checked.

Transfers:

(December): ADE 40431 RP/BT.

(January): DE 20095, 20149/150/151/152/153/156 and 20179 V/BT. DE 20154/155 V/X.

DDE 20288/290 AV/BT.

WLS 20027-030/038-040 Xu/X.

BE 37085-88/91/94-98 --/Xu. SP 40041/2/3/4 AV/FW.

ADE 40411-20/25-32/34-36 BT/BTu. (most and probably all) then parked at NCu).

Then 40411/412/413/427/429/430 NCu/RP and 40425/432 NCu/BT.

ADH 45049/051 RP/WK. VH 45150/151 are at WK (delete TLB701 entry).

BCE 47003 Su/S (back after accident repair).

BCE 47157/68/69/71-77 --/Xu. BCE 47158/159/160/165/166 Xu/S. BCE 47161 SO/S.

BCE 47164 FW/SO. BCE 47167 --/BT. BCE 47173 Xu/X.

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

RATP, Continued:

Livery changes:

LT 84 from advert for Marvel Iron Man to one for TRS Hotels
LT 130 from advert for Kurt Geiger back to red.
LT 462 from advert for K-way back to red.
OME 46030 from advert for Pellegrino to one for Butternut Box.
TDE 90092 to blue/ orange/ white training livery.

Disposal:

SP 40129 to Ensign Bus (by December), then to Top View (TLB701 p31).

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

Disposal: Volvo B7RLE 451 (BD14 KXU) to Select Bus Services, Penkridge, Staffs.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

Acquired (January):

YX11 AEW AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.5m B29D (presumed now B33F).

Disposals: GW16, JW16 BUS to Red Rose (January).

Solo MX57 UPE left the fleet.

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

A slight oddity, presumably ‘attached’ to a regular driver, E200 YX18 KOW was in service on route 501 on all Sundays in January. YX11HPL to Red Rose livery but YX11 AEC is all-white.

Acquired (January): YX11 AEC AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D (now assumed B35F).

YX11 HPL AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D (now assumed B35F).

Acquired from Redline: GW16 BUS and JW16 BUS. AD E20D- AD E200 10.9m B41F - 2016.

SOUTHDOWN PSV, Crawley Down

With effect from 1st February the Southdown PSV fleet came under the ownership of the Go-Ahead Group and it is now integrated with Brighton & Hove and Metrobus. Outwardly, its operation remains under the ‘Southdown’ name. It is too early to say when (or if) the fleet will be renumbered within the B&H scheme.

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

EAST LONDON – AW, BK, BW, CS, HK, NS, RM, T and WH.

SELKENT - KB, PD, TB and TL; **LEA INTERCHANGE BUS CO** – LI.

Recent refurb/ repaints include LT 249, 371, 375, 377, 380; 12129, 19801, 19838, 36037, 37728.

Since 18th January double-decks have been used on some school-time journeys on route 499.

Transfers:

(January): 12372 PD/PDw. 15034 WH/WHw. 15119 LI/LIw. 19800 TB/PD. 19802 TB/RM.
36295 WH/WHw. 36363 RMt/BK. 37530 RMw/WHw. 37531 RM/RMu.

Livery changes:

14111 and 14127 to adverts for OVO Energy.

LT 239 from advert for Moncler to one for Hogwarts (not Marc Jacobs as in TLB700).

LT 241 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.

LT 252 from advert for M&S back to red.

LT 263 from advert for Kurt Geiger back to red.

LT 264 from advert for JD Sports back to red.

LT 268 from advert for Call of Duty back to red.

LT 271 from advert for Levi's back to red.

LT 312 from advert for Boss (not yet reported) back to red.

LT 314 to advert for H&M Move.

LT 364, LT 379, LT 384, LT 390 from adverts for Hayu back to red.

LT 368 from advert for Jean-Paul Gaultier back to red.

LT 388 from advert for Armani back to red.

Disposal

15011, 15119 to Ensign Bus (January).

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

Scania 207 is now in use as a trainer and is in all-purple. One oddity on 9th December was B8RLE 361 on route 614.

VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex

Acquired (January): LJ16 OVP, OVR AD E20D – AD Enviro200(MMC) 9.9m B29F – 2016.

(OVP is fleet number 320, OVR “should” be 322).

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

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

Olympians:

NV 96 (R396 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Brian Jones Coaches (September 2021).

VN 905 (T905 KLF) (ex FLN) was sold from the Bridge Church Group (October) where it had latterly been used as the Shine Bus.

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 329 (LG52 DCE) (ex ALN) further to TLB701, this DLA has been confirmed as still with the Message Trust but it is now based in the London area.

DLA 365 (LJ03 MWE) (ex ALN), this DLA is confirmed as passing to Cawthorne Travel, Aston, South Yorkshire (May).

DW 129 (T88 PGC, ex X23 SLF, LJ05 GKY) (ex ALN) regained its original registration and passed to Davey Travel, Bryncethin, Mid-Glamorgan (September).

VLW 29 (LJ51 DHG) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (September).

VLW 170 (LJ03 MOA) (ex ALN) after use for spares, this VLW was sold from Rodgers Coaches (March) for scrap.

TN 33162, 33169 (LR02 LXX, LYJ) (ex FLN) from First Eastern Counties to Ensign Bus (December). They both subsequently passed to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (December and January respectively).

VN 37986, 37899 (BF60 UUI, UUH) (ex FLN) from Xplore Dundee to McGills Buses (September) and were re-registered to CKZ 35 and EUE 489 respectively in December.

VN 37897 (BF60 UUG) (ex FLN) was re-registered to CXZ 888 in December by McGills Buses.

VNL 32256 (LT52 WWB) (ex FLN) from Langston & Tasker to Marsland Travel, Rotherham, South Yorkshire (June).

VNZ 32342 (LK53 LZC) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to Little Legs Playbus, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex (January).

AVL 41 (V141 LGC) (ex GAL) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (January).

EVL 23 (PL51 LFT, ex HXZ 424) (ex GAL) updating TLB701, it regained its original registration in September prior to being sold.

PVL 52 (W452 WGH) (ex GAL) from Powells Bus to Proctor Coach & Bus Sales, Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire (August), and then to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (October) for scrap.

PVL 209 (Y809 TGH) (ex GAL) following conversion by Qualiti Conversions it passed to The Orchard Primary School, Hounslow, Middlesex (October) after conversion to a library bus.

PVL 320 (PJ52 LVX) (ex GAL) was sold from Powells Bus (September).

VWL 1 (LB02 YWX) (ex GAL) the report in TLB701 should be ignored, as this VWL is still with Konect Bus in January 2023.

VWL 34 (BX04 AZU) (ex GAL) from Abbey Coaches to Rigby, Blackburn, Lancs. (September).

WVL 320 (LX59 DBY, ex WLT 428, B9 WVL) (ex GAL) further to TLB700, this WVL was confirmed from Candy Coaches to Ensign Bus (June 2022).

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434 (YV03 PZZ) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to Fragers Limited, Colchester, Essex (January).

SP 6 (YN56 FCG) (ex LU) from Weardale Motor Services to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Dews Coaches, Somersham, Cambs. (all in January).

SP 66 (YT09 BJX), 69, 112, 118 (YT59 RXS, FYT, FYZ), 170, 171 (YT10 UWH, XBU) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus to Top View Tours, London (January).

SP 109 (YT59 DYY) (ex LU) was noted back with Stephenson of Essex (dlr) in July so was presumably only a loan to Xelabus, although it was also reported back to Xelabus in November. After this it was later noted in use on a school contract with Stephenson's associate company NIBS Buses in January.

SP 132 (YT59 PCF) (ex LU) from Xelabus to Stephenson of Essex (dlr), Rochford, Essex (December).

TA 322 (SN03 EAA, ex GM52 BUS) (ex LU) from Ripley to CL Travel, Melbourn, Cambs. (by January).

VLE 15 (PG04 WHU) (ex LU) from Galloway Coach Travel to Stephenson of Essex (dlr), Rochford, Essex (by September).

VLE 38 (PO54 ACY) (ex LU) from Galloway Coach Travel to Stephenson of Essex, Rochford, Essex (by September).

TE 888, 890 (LK08 DYA, NVE) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Littles Coaches, Ilkeston, Derbys. (January).

TE 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 (SN62 AAF, AAK, AAO, AAV) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Happy Als, Birkenhead, Merseyside (January).

TE 1988 (SN12 EHP) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Chalkwell Coach Hire, Sittingbourne, Kent (January).

TP 28 (T128 KLD) (ex ML) from Jam Facilities to Lloyd (dlr), Hixon, Staffs. (July)

TP 307 (LT02 ZZM) (ex ML) from JH Coaches to Linburg Coach Travel, Darnall, South Yorkshire (September).

TP 376 (LR52 KWU) (ex ML) is reported from JH Coaches to Burrows Coaches, Pimperne, Dorset (by January).

TP 390 (LR52 KXJ) (ex ML) updating TLB699, this TP passed to Hulleys via Odyssey Coach Sales, Wigan. Lancs

TA 17062 (T662 KPU) (ex SLN) from Ptys Bar to The View Partybus, Westbury, Wilts. (February 2022), but was noted for sale again in August so it is doubted whether it saw use with this owner.

TA 17179 (V179 MEV) (ex SLN) was sold from Garnetts Coaches (August).

TA 17243 (X243 NNO) (ex SLN) has been reported as sold from Brian Jones Coaches, but this is incorrect and was still on their premises in January.

TA 17835 (LX03 BYL) was latterly with Abbey Coachways and is now with Yorkshire Buses, Leeds, West Yorkshire (October).

TA 17954 (OO02 TEN, ex LX53 JYU) (ex SLN) regained its original registration and passed from Weavaway Travel to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Herberts Travel, Bedford, Beds. (all in January).

12283 (SN14 TXB) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (December).

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Low-floor single deck types:

- ENL 15, 24 (LJ58 AVZ, AUY) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (April 2021).
- ENL 93 (GN58 BUV) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to National Driving Centre, Croydon (November 2021) and was re-registered to P23 NDC in February 2022.
- ENL 102 (LX11 AWM) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to M&D, St. Helens, Merseyside (January) and was noted in use in early January on Merseytravel service 93 (Whiston Hospital to Prescott).
- ENS 13 (LJ07 ECT) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (April 2021).
- DMV 44227 (YX12 AEO) (ex FLN) latterly with Yellow Buses, passed to Vale Travel, Aylesbury, Bucks. (December).
- OOL 53102 (EO02 FLB) (ex FLN) further to TLB701, this Solo is confirmed as passing to the Scottish Fire service where it was used in emergency services exercises before passing to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.
- LDP 211 (SK52 MMU) (ex GAL) further to TLB696, this LDP may have been sold earlier than previously recorded as it was noted carrying the registration 9041 PU in April 2022, although this registration was noted on another vehicle in May 2022. Can anyone confirm the current owner for this LDP ?
- SE 23 (SN57 DWK) (ex GAL) from Southampton Minilink to Shears (dlr), Northam, Devon (October 2020).
- DP 88 (V788 FKH) (ex LU) has not been reported since sold from London in 2013, and has passed from College of North West London, Willesden, London NW10 to the South London Dart Collection (by January).
- DPL 607 (SN15 SXU) (ex LU) was sold from Discount Travel (by November 2021)
- DPK 618 (LG02 FFB) (ex LU) from Powells Bus to Play Valley, Tinsley, South Yorkshire (by May 2019) for use as an indoor play centre.
- DE 1000, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1006, 1008, 1009 (LK09 EOB, EOC, EOE, ENU, ENV, ENX, ENY) (ex ML) from Ripley to JH Coaches, Birtley, Tyne & Wear (by September).
- DLF 85 (KU52 YKN) (ex ML) from Newport Transport to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Seaford & District, Ringmer, East Sussex (all in January).
- DP 43 (W143 WGT) (ex ML) further to TLB691, this DP was next seen adjacent to Torquay station and may have been owned by Riviera Tours, Torquay, Devon, but it is not confirmed. However, it was sold again in December via eBay.
- 25307 (LX58 CHN) (ex SLN) further to TLB701, it is confirmed as passing to Erith Commercials (dlr), Dartford, Kent for scrap.
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SERVICE VEHICLES

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LT Service Vehicle Update 200 – 06/01/2023 to current (04/02/2023) – Follows from info published in TLB701

LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9121F	LR20 FLE	Ford Transit Courier Crew Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	LBD
T80	n/a	Nooteboom 3-axle Flatbed Trailer	LUL	Blue	ACN

Additional information and updates

Confirmation of the existence of 9121F has been received – it is possible it did not actually enter service until June 2022. The numbering of the new trailer (above) suggests that the mini fuel tanker trailer acquired a few years ago is allocated T79 (although this is not carried). Ford Transit crew van LM70 ACZ (TLB697 refers) is now known to be numbered 9015F, while Renault Kangoo 8421R has finally been seen (after over five years!) and is in LUL white/blue/red livery.

Allocations and transfers include 8347R ?-ACN, 8412F ACN-HAD, 8421R ?-HAD, 8716R SDD-ACN, 9110F -HAD and lorry RK14 ETU GHO-ACN. Correcting TLB699, van 8505F has not been withdrawn and is still in use from ACN. Peugeot car 8294P (another that was listed as withdrawn in TLB699) may be back in use. It has been relicensed but it is not yet known whether it is still with LUL or has gone off lease.

A large number of vehicles have been delicensed recently. Normally this would indicate that they had left the fleet, but in the light of some recent assumptions that proved to be incorrect, I will wait until more solid evidence is available before confirming. It is possible that they may still be in stock, though all are out of use. Involved are 8134M, 8135M, 8136M, 8139M, 8140M, 8141M, 8142M, 8176M, 8177M, 8213VW, 8214VW, 8216VW, 8217VW, 8255M, 8256VW, 8257M, 8258VW, 8259F, 8260F, 8261F, 8267VW, 8269VW, 8290P, 8296P, 8298P, 8342F, 8350F, 8420T and 8719R. One vehicle that seems to have definitely gone is 8295P.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

?	BG72 XFP	Ford Transit MWB Van	Arriva SC	White	WE
75148	WR21 FUD	Ford Transit LWB High-Roof Van	RATP	White #	TV
?	MX71 VJP	Ford Transit LWB High-Roof Van	RATP	Red #	X

Additional information

Abellio van 6909 (LB67 UZS) moved to DH following the closure of WS, and the only other service vehicle we were still showing as being at WS (car 6787 EN11 EAW) was withdrawn in July 2022.

Arriva London cars withdrawn are HK66 FLH, FH67 YJA, FP67 ONW and FP67 PLF (all from GY), while hired cars KM70 VWK and GL21 KNC also seem to have gone from DT. Licensing data suggests that Arriva SC CF134 (GM66 EYF), Ensignbus 803/804 (LC66 FKH/FKJ) and Go-Coach 501 (WLT 868) are all withdrawn.

RATP. The two vans listed last month as being at HH should of course have been shown as WK (the new/old code for Hounslow Heath).

The Mercedes minibuses hired by Stagecoach at Rainham in 2021 have not been seen for a while and are assumed to have departed. They were FJ18 UPR/UTL/UTN and FP18 JZW.

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

Great Northern: 09Nov-23Dec (overnight) Potters Bar & Welwyn Garden City Go-Ahead and Metroline. 08 Dec (early am) Finsbury Park & New Barnet by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

01Jan23 (overnight) Finsbury Park & Welwyn Garden City by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

22Jan (early am) Finsbury Park & New Barnet and Hertford North by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

27Jan (overnight) New Barnet & W.G.City by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

30/31Jan,1/2Feb (overnight) Potters Bar & W.G.City by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Thameslink: 7/8 Jan Elstree & Borehamwood & St Albans by Go-Ahead and Metroline 8 Jan (Early am)– Mill Hill Broadway & St Pancras by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Overground: 18 Dec (late evening) Camden Road & Stratford by Metroline. 26–30 Dec Camden Road & Willesden Junction by Metroline. 31 Dec Chingford & Hackney Downs/ Cheshunt & Seven Sisters both by Sullivan Buses assisted by Metroline. 15 Jan (also for District) Richmond & Turnham Green/ Willesden Junction by Metroline.

10/11Dec Seven Sisters & Enfield Town or Cheshunt by Sullivans Es,DSs. 10/11Dec also 27-30Dec. Seven Sisters & Gospel Oak, also Walthamstow Central & Barking by Arriva Ts, DWs.

22Jan (late evening) Camden Road & Stratford by Metroline.i

Bakerloo: 11 Dec Queens Park to Harrow & Wealdstone by Metroline and Abellio.

Metropolitan: 27/28Jan (early am) Harrow & Baker Street by Metroline. 4/5Feb Wembley Park & Watford and Northwood by Metroline.

Jubilee: 27/28Jan (early & late) Stanmore & Stonebridge Park by Metroline.

Elizabeth: 27Dec-02Jan Stratford & Romford by Abelli -E400s. Also Newbury Park & Shenfield by Sullivans E400s,DSs.

Greater Anglia: 27Dec-02Jan Newbury Park & Ingatestone or Billericay by Airsym. Peter Godward Coaches, Felixstowe Coaches, Hedingham Buses, Dons of Dunmow, St Edmunds Travel, M&M,Central Connect

District: 14Jan Canning Town & Dagenham East by Arriva London and Metroline.

Chiltern:The 'Parliamentary' rail replacement bus - West Ealing to West Ruislip - got off to a bad start, failing to turn up at West Ealing on 14Dec (when it should have started) nor on 21Dec. It may actually run from 11Jan23.

South Eastern 15/16Oct New Cross & Dartford (via Bexleyheath) Go Ahead MHVs, WHVs

20Nov Lewisham & Hayes by Go Ahead MHVs. WHVs.

27Nov Lewisham & Dartford via Bexleyheath by Go Ahead WVLs ,MHVs.

27Dec New Cross & Dartford via Bexleyheath by GoAhead dda, plus SEs and at least one WS). The latter service was slightly bizarre in that although the railways didn't start running until middayish, the buses ran all day from early morning, even though there were no connecting trains at either end!

10//11Dec Lewisham & Bexleyheath by Go Ahead d/ds. 10Dec Lewisham & Hayes by Go Ahead d/ds.17/18Dec Bromley South & Meopham/ Strood- GoAheadNs (Commercial), WHVs plus Travelmasters (Coach).

----- THE END -----

This TLB closed on 3-5 February and due for posting on 14 February. Closing date for TLB703 is Weds 1 March and due for posting on Tues 14 March. Reports to the Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 05April, 03May, 07June, 05July, 02 August 23. 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.



Centrebus route 230 connects Caddington with Luton Town, Parkway, the Hospital and local Tesco. It is free and is supported by local groups. E20D No.564 is in Manor Road in the village. *(Barrie Lee)*

On 18th December a 'mini running day' ran on route 91 (Woking & Knaphill). Several Pointer bodied Dart SLFs appeared, including ex DSL 88 in Aldershot & District heritage livery, seen here in Goldsworth Park. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Rear cover: A batch of Metroliner Enviro400s off route 307 went via Bakerloo line coverage to Edgware for route 142 until it gets its Electroliners later this year. TE 1084 at Watford Junction is about to leave for Brent Cross. *(David Heath)*



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