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Some buses are starting to gain stickers to assist firefighters. Stagecoach Enviro400 10147 has the grey diamonds on blind box, above driver's cab and above front entrance door. For example grey is for diesel, orange for hybrid. *(Richard Godfrey)*

The Romford North Street open day on 22nd April was served by a few extra guest vehicles on route 247. One visitor was from Stagecoach East Kent (Canterbury) Enviro400MMC 10704. *(Richard Godfrey)*



**Front cover:** Route 26 replaced the eastern part of the 6 to Hackney Wick in 1992 but is now itself involved in change when on 29th April it was diverted away from Waterloo to replace part of the 'iconic!' route 11 to Victoria. *(Terry Wong Min)*



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## Society Matters

Meeting to commemorate 90 years of London Transport: LOTS Members are invited to this special meeting of the Omnibus Society, where Dr. James Fowler will speak on “How and why did London’s Transport become London Transport”. It will take place at 14:00 on Saturday 8th July at the Abbey Community Centre, 34, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BU.

Annual General Meeting: AGM will take place on Monday 26th June at 18:30 at the Gallery. Officer’s Reports will be available from Friday 16th June by email on application to [lotschairman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lotschairman@yahoo.co.uk) They will also be available by post. Please send a stamped addressed envelope to reach the LOTS Office by Friday 16th June.

Any nominations for Committee Members to be addressed to the Secretary at the LOTS Office by Friday 16th June. Anyone nomination must be a LOTS member at the date of the AGM, both the proposer and seconder must be LOTS members at the date of the AGM. The nominee must also signify their acceptance of the nomination.

## LOTS Meetings

We now meet at The Gallery at 77 Cowcross Street, Farringdon. 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 15May, 26June, 25Sept, 20Nov. June is the AGM, the others we shall have guest speakers.

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).

Sun. 21 May: Harlow Bus Running Day, seems to be based at the Arriva Garage.

Sat 27 May: NLETE Transport Bazaar at Theydon Bois Village Hall (5mins from station), Open 1100-1500, admission £3, children free, (also Sat 7 Oct).

Sun. 11 June: Running Day on routes 65/71, organised by London Bus Museum.

Sun. 18 June: ‘Showbus Flyby’ road-run between Brunel University Uxbridge via the A40 to High Wycombe and on to the RAF base at Walter’s Ash, Naphill.

Sun.25 June: London Bus Museum Brooklands; Major event ‘On the Buses’.

Sun. 2 July: Eastbourne Running Day, based on Eastbourne Station.

Sun. 16 July: Alton Rally & Running Day: ALTON EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Sun.23 July: Beaconsfield Running Day. (No further info yet).

Sun. 30 July: Bus Rally on Worthing Sea Front (west end).

Sun, 13 August: Oxted Running Day (no further info yet).

Sat. 19 August: The annual pilgrimage with Routemasters to Imber near Warminster, Wiltshire.

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A new Sales List was included with this TLB705 and this is also on our website. Orders from the Sales List or a letter is perfectly acceptable. In all cases above, if you send a cheque, please don’t staple cheques to the form – they really won’t get lost by us but might be when the banks try to process them electronically!

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LOTS Fleetbook 2023 £8.00

LOTS SUP 24J Service Vehicles - current fleet April 2023 £5.00

LOTS LBM – London Bus Magazine No.203 Spring 2023 £5.00. Principal articles are :

LT service vehicles in the 21st Century (Tom Young); Fifty years of LBM: A personal perspective (Tony Wilson); Modern destination blinds by McKenna Brothers (Bob Williamson)

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.

New maps from Mike Harris: Greater London Bus Map No. 40 - 29/4/2023 £2.00

and Greater London Night Bus Map - 29/4/2023 £4.00

2023 Stagecoach Fleet Book Andrew Woolhouse Woolybus £19.50

Garage History File – Romford 144 pages, including 30 photos. It details all vehicle movements at NS in its 70 years of operation, by Andrew Woolhouse Woolybus £18.00

Trolleybuses in West Central London published by Adam Gordon £34.50. *This edition covers the routes that emanated from Moorgate, Tottenham Court Road and Holborn Circus; 192 pages with 430 photos in B & W and 21 in colour, plus a wiring map.*

From Capital Transport:

A London Busman’s Career – 1946-1972 by Laurie Akehurst £19.95

London Underground Station Encyclopaedia by David Leboff. (416 pages covering the histories etc. of 272 stations).

Tube Trivia –new 2023 edition by Andrew Emmerson £4.95

Design on the Elizabeth Line £19.95; edited by James Whiting.

From Pen & Sword: Last Years of the RM by Matthew Wharmby £25.00

From S.E.C.: Southdown Fleet History Part 34 1969 £7.00 and Southdown Fleet History Part 35 1969 £7.00. (*Both books cover the assumption by Southdown of the Brighton Hove & District Fleet on 1 January 1969.*)

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## GENERAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

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### National news, TfL and Politics

The Coronation of King Charles III took place on 6 May in Westminster Abbey. A number of buses received commemorative wraps in different colours, red, dark blue, cyan and pink. They are scheduled to operate on routes 11, 87, 111, 148, 160 & 390. Three bus shelters in Oxford Street have a crown bearing the likeness of St Edwards Crown installed on top of them (the St Edwards Crown was used to crown the new King). These are part of a collaboration with the New West End Company, who funded them. A commemorative poster that pays homage to the 1953 one to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II has been displayed across the transport network.

Local elections were held in many council areas outside London on 4 May resulting in big losses for the Conservatives. Labour won control of several Councils including Windsor & Maidenhead and Medway.

Train drivers union ASLEF has announced further train strikes on 12 & 31 May and 2 June in their dispute with train companies. If they go ahead they will coincide with Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool on 12 May and with the FA Cup Final at Wembley on 2 June. The last date creates a major logistical challenge for bus and coach operators as the finalists are Manchester City and Manchester United. There could be severe congestion around north-west London **too**.

As reported last month, changes to several Central London bus routes took place on 29 April. On the day before the changes, Metroline ran RML 903 over route 16 between Victoria and Cricklewood Garage. It was very popular, not just with enthusiasts but with local bus users too, many took out their camera phones to record the event. The Red Arrow network is no more, buses no longer use the Kingsway subway and Waterloo Garage now hosts the 214. I travelled on the 507 and 521 during the evening peak on the last day. Perhaps Fridays are quieter than other days, but there appeared to be plenty of spare capacity over the busiest section of the 521 between Holborn and Waterloo. The bus I travelled on to Waterloo was closely followed by another 521 and both were lightly loaded. This was followed by a last trip on a 507 to Victoria which was busier with several passengers boarding at Waterloo Station cab road and Lambeth Palace Road. The most popular stop was Marsham Street in Horseferry Road, where eight passengers alighted, yet this stop no longer has a direct link to Waterloo. If the 52 had been extended from Victoria to Waterloo, it could have covered the entire 507 as well as providing useful new links from Waterloo to Knightsbridge and Kensington and the 3 could have been unaltered.

Mike Harris has produced a new edition of the Greater London Bus Map, dated **29 April** which shows all the changes and is highly recommended. It is available for £2 from LOTS Sales, the London Transport Museum shop in Covent Garden or online from [www.busmap.co.uk](http://www.busmap.co.uk).

TfL has released more details of **Superloop express services** (see TLB 704) with a consultation on new route X183 which is proposed to run between Harrow and North Finchley over existing routes 183 (Harrow- Hendon) & 125 (Hendon – North Finchley). Buses would run every 12 minutes during the daytime and every 15 minutes during evenings and Sundays. Other confirmed North London proposals are for route X34 (Finchley to Walthamstow) and X123 (Walthamstow to Royal Docks). In south London there will be an X119 (Croydon to Bromley) and X269 (Bromley to Bexleyheath), reviving links provided until relatively recently by orbital Green Line routes 725/726 and the X26. Superloop services are funded by an additional £6 million provided by the Mayor of London to strengthen the bus network in outer London in the light of the ULEZ extension.

Improved timetables are being introduced on the **DLR** from 15 May with peak frequencies extended for longer period and more trains between Stratford and Lewisham. Evening frequencies between Canning Town and Beckton are doubled. These changes suggest the Elizabeth line has not

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dedicated DLR usage although travel patterns have altered. Meanwhile the **Elizabeth line is now the busiest rail line in the UK** with over 600,000 journeys being made each day, quite a remarkable achievement for a new line less than a year after its opening. Peak frequencies are being increased from 21 May providing up to 24 trains per hour and through services will begin between Shenfield and Heathrow (Terminal 5) for the first time. Trains will no longer have to pause outside Paddington while they switch between National Rail tracks and Elizabeth line tracks.

A consultation has been launched by TfL on a proposal by The Mayor to withdraw **One Day Travelcards**. At present 70% of these are issued at National Rail stations outside Greater London as an 'add on' paper ticket to London stations, giving unlimited travel around Greater London. Scrapping Day Travelcards is estimated to generate £40 million extra revenue for TfL. Without the Day Travelcard option, passengers would have to use contactless or Oyster Pay As You Go on TfL services when they arrive in London. The consultation closes on 23 May.

## Corporate and company news

**National Express** is planning further growth in 2023 with fifteen new coach services and 130 new vehicles. The company says it plans to carry an extra five million passengers compared with last year. National express is also to provide a zero-emission express bus service between Bristol and the Glastonbury Festival in June using recently delivered EV double deckers from its West Midlands fleet.

Coach operator **Flixbus** has celebrated its second anniversary in the UK by offering some £2 fares and announcing new routes which include London to Stevenage and Peterborough and London to Leicester, Stoke on Trent and Warrington.

## Other General News

**A DLR extension to Thamesmead is under consideration.** A feasibility study is looking at a new line from the Beckton branch at Gallions Reach with a new station at Beckton Riverside. It would then go under the Thames to Thamesmead town centre. The study may also investigate the possibility of a fast bus service between Thamesmead and Woolwich, reviving earlier plans for Greenwich Waterfront Transit which were abandoned in 2008. This could be delivered before a DLR link. A further feasibility study is looking at proposals included in the Mayor's Transport Strategy for a **West London Orbital line** which could link Hounslow to Old Oak Common and then via Neasden to Brent Cross West or West Hampstead using existing rail infrastructure.

**Over half of all bus shelters in London are now LED lit.** The new lighting uses 57% less energy while providing 10% brighter lighting. All remaining shelters should receive LED lighting by 2025. **New priority seating designs** have been introduced which incorporate a priority seat message within the moquette. These will be applied to all New Routemasters by 2025 as the fleet is refurbished. **Kentish Town** Underground station will close for one year from 26 June for escalator replacement works.

**Alex Hornby** has moved from CEO of Transdev to become Group Managing Director of McGills, the largest independent operator in Scotland. McGills recently acquired First Scotland East and Xplore Dundee, the former municipal operator previously owned by National Express.

**Volvo** has announced major orders for battery electric buses, all with bodywork by MCV built in Egypt. It will supply 170 Volvo BZLs for Stagecoach in Stockport, comprising 150 double decks and 20 single decks. They are expected to be delivered in mid 2024. A further 30 BZL/MCV double deckers are expected in Cambridgeshire. In Warrington Volvo will supply 105 similar buses to enable the conversion of all services operated by Warrington's Own Buses as part of a ZEBRA scheme, which includes a new depot.

**Alexander Dennis (ADL)** has built its first 'next generation' in house battery electric double deckers with no BYD involvement. Ten Enviro 500EV buses have been built for Hong Kong operator KMB.

**The National Trust** has provided 600 blossoming trees to community groups for planting along the 27-mile Outer Circle bus route in Birmingham. Funding was raised through the Peoples lottery and covers 260 bus stops.

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## **GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments**

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### **LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE**

Routes 32/N32, 89/N89, 237, 321/=, 349, 380, 381/N381, 388, 476, 601, 602, 603, 605, 628/688, D7 and H26 from tranches 838A, 840A, 843C, 844A, 845A, 847A, 855, 856, 858, 859 and 861 awarded, starting on 26th August 2023 (605, 628/688), 2nd September 2023 (349), 7th October 2023 (32/N32), 2nd December 2023 (321/=, 381/N381, D7), 6th January 2024 (237, H26), 13th January 2024 (603), 20th January 2024 (380, 388) and 27th January 2024 (89/N89, 476, 601, 602). Routes 605, 628/688 are for 4 years, routes 32/N32, 349, 602 are for 5 years, routes 89/N89, 237, 380, 388, 476, 601, 603, H26 are for 6 years, the rest are for 7 years.

32/N32 Retained by Metroline Travel using existing New Routemasters (pvr 18).

89/N89 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 15).

237 Retained by Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 21).

321/= Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 17 to 16).

349 Retained by Arriva London North using existing New Routemasters (pvr 13).

380 Retained by Stagecoach Selkent, using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 14).

381/N381 Retained by Abellio using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 17 to 15).

388 Retained by Stagecoach East London, using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 12 to 11).

476 Retained by Go-Ahead London General using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr TBC).

601 Awarded to Go-Ahead London Central using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Stagecoach Selkent from Plumstead (PD) garage. (pvr 7).

602 Retained by Stagecoach Selkent using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 2).

603 Awarded to Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Sullivan Buses from South Mimms (SM) garage. (pvr 2).

605 Retained by Sullivan Buses using existing diesel double-deck vehicle. (pvr 1).

628/688 Awarded to Uno using existing diesel double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Sullivan Buses from South Mimms (SM garage).(pvr 5).

D7 Awarded to Stagecoach East London using new electric double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Go-Ahead Docklands from Silvertown (SI) garage. (pvr 9).

H26 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 5).

The current tender for route 283 will terminate on 23rd February 2024 and has been added to the Tendering programme as Tranche 864A.

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

The next Tranches are below, a fuller programme will appear in TLB later.

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#833 (6/23)	Tranche cancelled.....	--
#844B (9/23)	Tranche cancelled.....	--
#849 (10/23)	279/N279, (Arriva LN) .....	--
#851 (11/23)	39 (GA London General) .....	--
#851C (11/23)	14/=, 74/N74 (GA London General) .....	--
#860 (1-2/24)	59, 133/N133, 137/N137, 333 (Arriva LS) .....	3/N3
#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) .....	--
#864A (2/24)	283 (London United) .....	--
#865 (3/24)	309, W11 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 379 (GA London General) .....	--
#865A (2-3/24)	W12, W13 (S'ch ex HCT Group), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit).....	--

**ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES**

Saturday 25th February 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 4th March 2023: As in TLB704.

Sunday 5th March 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 11th March 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 18th March 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 25th March 2023: As in TLB704.

Friday 31st March to Monday 3rd April 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 1st April 2023: As in TLB704, although a correction to route U1, this does continue to serve Uxbridge Bus Station, albeit only towards the Ruislip direction.

Easter Holiday 7th to 10th April 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 8th April 2023:

389 (Sullivan-SM) (Barnet, The Spires & Barnet, Western Way, Mo-Sa Shopping hours)  
LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

399 (Sullivan-SM) (Barnet, The Spires & Hadley Wood, circular, Mo-Sa Shopping hours)  
LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR Changes from 8th April 2023: Sullivan Buses: 389/399 No changes to PVRs.

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Monday 17th April 2023:

- 628 (Sullivan-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Southgate Station SDO, this direction only) journeys retimed to depart at 15:50 Mon-Thu and 13:40 Fri (now standard between Winter and Summer).
- 653 (Sullivan-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Muswell Hill Broadway SDO) PM journeys retimed to depart at 15:40, 15:45, 15:50 Mon-Thu and 13:35, 13:40 and 13:50 Fri (both Winter and Summer).
- 683 (Sullivan-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Friern Barnet, Town Hall SDO) PM journeys retimed to depart at 15:40, 15:50, 15:52, 15:55 Mon-Thu and 13:35, 13:45, 13:47 and 13:50 Fri (both Winter and Summer). An additional trip M-F as required at 17:30 for “After school club”.
- 688 (Sullivan-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Southgate Station SDO) PM journeys retimed to depart at 15:40, 15:50, 15:53, 15:55 Mon-Thu and 13:35, 13:45, 13:48 and 13:50 Fri (both Winter and Summer). An additional trip M-F as required at 17:30 for “After school club”.
- B14 (Stagecoach Selkent-TB) (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Orpington Station) Additional journey, SDO introduced, departing 07:37 from Bexleyheath to Albany Park, Hurst Lane/Foots Cray Lane, returning at 15:00. This is operated by a double-deck vehicle. Also, terminating point at Bexleyheath was moved to the “Library, Townley Road” stand, as intended (effective from Saturday 15th April). (See TLB 702 p13, Feb 23).

PVR Changes from 17th April 2023:

Stagecoach Selkent: B14 to 5(+)/5/6 #TB41+ (+1 sdo as #TB521);

Sullivan Buses: 628, 653, 683, 688 no change to PVR, although additional “as required trip for after school club” would be any PVR returning from service. (Previous cross-link from route 606 withdrawn).

Saturday 22nd April 2023: (additional) Widened timetable Mon-Sat daytimes for route 259 for HS2 works in Euston Road, with its ‘knock-on’ effect in the King’s Cross area.

Sunday 23rd April 2023: As in TLB704.

Saturday 29th April 2023:

Major revisions to Central London routes as previously highlighted in TLB700/701 started today (but not all were changing on the same day – routes 77 and 211 being delayed until a later date). The last day of “Red Arrow” routes 507 and 521 was therefore the day before. Normal timetables return to routes 108/=, 129 and 188/=, with additional widened timetables for routes 31 and 268. Many thanks to member Alan who spotted that I missed out route 23! Apologies for that and is now included, along with a minor correction to routes 3 and C10 and an additional note for route 17. No frequencies were changed on the revised routes, except where noted. There were also several bus stop changes in Ealing affecting Haven Green stands and stops along Uxbridge Road.

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Saturday 29th April, continued:

- 3 (Abellio-WL) (Crystal Palace & Whitehall) Withdrawn between Lambeth Bridge and Whitehall but rerouted at Lambeth Bridge via Horseferry Road, Greycoat Place, Artillery Road, Victoria Street to terminate at Victoria Station, replacing route 507 over this section. (Note correction to garage, QB was only a temporary outstation for vehicles up to 30th April 2022!)
- 6/= (Metroline Travel-AC) (Willesden Garage & Aldwych) Rerouted at Hyde Park Corner via Grosvenor Place, Lower Grosvenor Place, Buckingham Palace Road to Victoria Station returning via Victoria Street, Grosvenor Gardens, replacing route 16 over this section. Additionally, the night service reduced to x30mins every night.
- 11 (Go-Ahead London General-SW) (Fulham Broadway & Liverpool Street Station) Withdrawn between Westminster and Liverpool Street but rerouted at Parliament Square via Westminster Bridge, Westminster Bridge Road, Station Approach Road, Cab Road (“Taxi Road”) to Waterloo Station, returning via York Road and Addington Street. Mon-Sat daytime frequency increased from x12 to x10 mins.
- 16 (Metroline Travel-W) (Victoria Station & Cricklewood Garage) Withdrawn in its present form between Edgware Road Station and Victoria but re-routed at Edgware Road via Bishops Bridge Road to Paddington Station (return via Eastbourne Terrace and Praed Street) and also extended from Cricklewood to Brent Park, Tesco, so in effect it is route 332 renumbered 16.
- 17 (Metroline Travel-HT) (Archway Station & London Bridge Station) Revision to the stand at London Bridge, moving to the Bus Station instead of London Bridge Street.
- 23/= (London Transit-X) (Westbourne Park Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Withdrawn between Hyde Park Corner and Hammersmith but rerouted at Hyde Park Corner via Green Park, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and Strand to Aldwych, replacing route 6 over this section.
- 26 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Hackney Wick, Eastway & Waterloo Station) Withdrawn between Aldwych and Waterloo but rerouted at Aldwych via the Strand, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Parliament Square, Victoria Street to Victoria Station, replacing route 11 over this section.
- 31 (Metroline West-WJ) (Camden Town, Bayham Street & White City, Bus Station) and  
N31 (Metroline Travel-PV) (Camden Town, Bayham Street & Clapham Junction, St John’s Hill) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 35/= (Go-Ahead London Central-Q) (Shoreditch, High Street & Clapham Junction) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing mix of EH-class E40H Enviro400H, MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV Evoseti and WHV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles. Mon-Fri daytime frequency reduced from x7½ to x8 mins, Sunday and evening frequency increased from x15 to x12 mins.
- 40 (Go-Ahead London Central-Q) (Dulwich, Library & Clerkenwell Green) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using new Ee-class electric double-decks in due course.
- 59 (Arriva London South-BN) (Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue & Euston Station) Withdrawn between Holborn and Euston but rerouted at Holborn via Theobald’s Road, Drake Street, Proctor Street (eastbound), High Holborn, Holborn Viaduct, Giltspur Street to terminate at Barts Hospital, thus replacing route 521 from Waterloo Station to Holborn Viaduct, apart from the Strand Underpass in the northbound direction.
- 62 (Stagecoach East London-BK) (Barking, Gascoigne Estate & Marks Gate, Billet Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E40D E400 diesel double-decks.

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- 95 (Metroline West-G) (Southall, Town Hall & Shepherd's Bush Green) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 133 (Arriva London South-BN) (Streatham Station & Liverpool Street Station) Rerouted at King William Street via Poultry, Cheapside, Newgate Street, Holborn Viaduct, High Holborn to terminate at Holborn Station at the Red Lion Square Stand. This replaces route 521, except routed away from Cannon Street. (See also diversions section later). Route N133 is unchanged.
- 145 (Stagecoach East London-BK) (Leytonstone, Bus Station & Dagenham, ASDA) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing AD E40D and E40H Enviro400 hybrid and diesel double-deck vehicles. Note that the weekend night service was withdrawn under consultation.
- 214/= (Go-Ahead London General-NP) (Highgate Village & Moorgate, Finsbury Square) Re-allocated to Waterloo (RA) garage.
- 253 (Arriva London North-CT) (Hackney Central Station & Euston Station) Widened timetables introduced daily for Lea Bridge Roundabout cycle works, expected to last until October.
- 254 (Arriva London North-AE) (Aldgate Station & Holloway, Nag's Head) Widened timetables introduced daily for Lea Bridge Roundabout cycle works, expected to last until October.
- 294 (Stagecoach East London-NS) (Havering Park, Firbank Road & Noak Hill, Tees Drive) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 332 (Metroline Travel-W) (Brent Park, Tesco & Paddington Station) Route renumbered 16.
- 345/= (Abellio-QB) (Peckham, Bus Station & South Kensington, Cromwell Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E40H Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 366 (Beckton, Bus Station & Redbridge, Roding Lane South) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new SEe electric single-deck vehicles from Docklands (DS) garage in due course. Previously operated by Stagecoach East London from Barking (BK) garage using AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 368 (Harts Lane Estate & Chadwell Heath, Wangey Road) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using existing HV-class hybrid double-deck vehicles from River Road (RR) garage. Actual types to be allocated to be confirmed in due course as some will be required to cover for electric bus deliveries. Previously operated by Arriva London North from Barking (DX) garage using a mix of T-class AD E40D Enviro400 and DW-class DB300 Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 507 (Go-Ahead London General-RA) Route withdrawn. Partially replaced by revisions to routes 3 and C10.
- 521 (Go-Ahead London General-RA, M-F only) Route withdrawn. Partially replaced by revisions to routes 59 and 133. Note that the Strand Underpass will no longer be used by buses.
- C10 (Abellio-WL) (Canada Water Station & Victoria Station) Rerouted at Elephant & Castle via St George's Road, Westminster Bridge Road, St. George's Circus, (towards Victoria, return London Road), Waterloo Road, Waterloo Station, York Way and Addington Street to Lambeth Palace Road. Frequency increased early Sat & Sun mornings to x12mins.
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N11 (Go-Ahead London General-SW) (Ealing Broadway Station & Liverpool Street Station). Withdrawn between Trafalgar Square & Liverpool Street Station.

N16 (Metroline Travel-W) (Victoria Station & Edgware Station) Route Renumbered N32.

N26 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Chingford Station & Trafalgar Square) Extended from Trafalgar Square via Whitehall, Parliament Square, Victoria Street to Victoria Station.

PVR Changes from 29th April 2023:

(Special thanks to all the operators who supplied the PVR changes - in advance as well!)

Abellio: 3 to 17/15/12 #WL301+, 345 to 24/24/16 #QB501+, C10 to 22/21/14 #WL801+, no change to =3, =345;

Arriva London North: No change to 253/254 PVRs, 368 withdrawn;

Arriva London South: 59 to 20/19/12 #BN91+, 133 to 25/24/14 #BN1+;

Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: 368 to 8/8/5 #RR281+;

Go-Ahead Docklands: 366 to 18/18/11 #DS251+;

Go-Ahead London Central: 35 to 24/20/15 #Q501+, 40 to 16/14/10 #Q431+;

Go-Ahead London General: 11 to 14/13/10 #SW301+, 214 to 20/17/10 #RA301+;

=214 to 3 Su-Th nights/8 Fr-Sa Nights #RA351+, N11 to 5 Su-Th nights/6 Fr-Sa Nights, #SW521+, 507/521 withdrawn;

London Transit: 23 to 14/14/14 #X101+, no change to =23 PVRs;

Metroline Travel: 6 to 18/18/13 #AC501+, =6 to 4 every night #AC731+, 16 to 15/14/11 #W51+, N32 to 4 Su-Th nights/6 Fr-Sa nights # W781+, no change to 17, 31, 268 PVRs, N16, 332 withdrawn;

Metroline West: No change to 95 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: 26 to 20/19/14 #HK231+, N26 to 7 Su-Th nights/8 Fr-Sa nights #HK231+ (from day allocation), no change to 62, 145, 294 PVRs, 366 withdrawn.

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

Bank Holiday Mondays 1st, 8th and 29th May 2023: Normal Sunday services to operate.

Saturday 6th May 2023:

The Coronation of King Charles III took place today with road closures in Central London, affecting the Coronation route from Buckingham Place, The Mall, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall and Westminster Abbey. With these roads closed to traffic during Saturday. TfL announced that there were no engineering works on LUL services and a normal Saturday service operated on bus services, albeit with some diversions around the above areas.

Extras running on the following routes from 22:30 to 02:30 on Sunday Night / Monday Morning 7th/8th May to cater for the demand for extra trains running from Windsor for the Coronation Concert, on the following routes:-

16 Paddington and Cricklewood in that direction only (though operated by Abellio);

18 Edgware Road Station and Harlesden (Clock Tower) in that direction only (though operated by Abellio);

59 Waterloo and Brixton in both directions;

88 Vauxhall and Oxford Circus in that direction only;

243 Waterloo and Shoreditch in both directions;

N68 Waterloo and Camberwell in that direction only;

N205 Paddington and Liverpool Street in that direction only.

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Saturday 6th May:

Normal service changes: Note that the 147 is a contract renewal, not a 2-year extension, the other routes are included though and were missed from previous TLBs, sorry!

- 111 (Abellio-TF) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Revised Mon-Sat schedules.
- 147 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR) (Ilford High Road & Canning Town, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Actual types to be allocated to be confirmed in due course as some will be required to cover for electric bus deliveries.
- 196 (Abellio-WL) (Elephant & Castle & Norwood Junction, Grosvenor Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 241 (Stagecoach East London-NS) (Stratford City, Bus Station & Royal Wharf) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 330 (Stagecoach East London-WH) (Wanstead Park Station & Silvertown) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 474/= (Stagecoach East London-WH) (Canning Town, Hermit Road & Manor Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 13th May 2023:

- D3 (Stagecoach East London-WH) (Bethnal Green, Bonner Road & Leamouth, Orchard Place) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x12 to x15 mins.

Saturday 20th May 2023:

- 30 (Metroline Travel-KC) (Hackney Wick, Chapman Road & Marble Arch) Re-allocated to Holloway (HT) garage, with King's Cross (KC) garage "mothballed".
- 274 (Metroline Travel-KC) (Islington, Angel & Lancaster Gate) Re-allocated to Holloway (HT) garage, with King's Cross (KC) garage "mothballed".
- 406 (London United-TV) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Stn & Epsom Town Centre via Ewell) and
- 418 (London United-TV) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Stn & Epsom Town Centre via West Ewell)  
Revised timetables daily on both routes to improve interworking.
- 483 (Metroline Travel-PV) (Harrow, Bus Station & Windmill Park, Three Bridges) Revised Mon-Sat schedules.

Saturday 27th May 2023:

Widened timetables introduced for Kew Bridge roadworks for route 65.

- 95 (Metroline Travel-G) Shepherd's Bush Green & Southall, Town Hall) Withdrawn from the Dormers Wells area, but rerouted direct from Somerset Road to Lady Margaret Road.
  - E2 (Metroline Travel-AH) (Greenford Broadway & Brentford, Commerce Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VW-class Volvo B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles. Note that the route was awarded with new electric double-deck vehicles, but for operational reasons, these will operate on routes 245 and 263 in due course, until at least 2025.
  - E5 (Abellio-GW) (Perivale, Tesco & Havelock Estate, Toplocks) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Switch MetroCityEV 8.7m electric single-deck vehicles in due course.
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Saturday 20th May, continued.

- E7 (Abellio-GW) (Ealing Broadway Station & Ruislip Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Wrightbus GBKite electroliner electric single-decks in due course.
- E8 (Metroline Travel-AH) (Ealing Broadway Station & Hounslow, Bell Corner) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VW-class Volvo B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles. Note that the route was awarded with new electric double-deck vehicles, but for operational reasons, these will operate on routes 245 and 263 in due course, until at least 2025.

Saturday 3rd June 2023: (correction to date from TLB704!)

- 491 (Metroline Travel-PB) (Waltham Cross, Bus Station & North Middlesex Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 10th June 2023:

- 231 (Metroline Travel-PB) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield Chase Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 268 (Metroline Travel-W) (Golders Green Station & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 327 (Sullivan-SM) (Waltham Cross Bus Station & Elsinge Estate, circular, M-S) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 631 (Metroline Travel-W) (Golders Green Station & Henrietta Barnett School, SDO) and
- H2 (Metroline Travel-W) (Golders Green Station & Hampstead Garden Suburb, circular) and
- H3 (Metroline Travel-W) (Golders Green Station & The Bishops Avenue, circular Mo-Sa) LBSL (QC) combined contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 24th June 2023:

- 26 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Hackney Wick, Eastway & Victoria Station) and
- N26 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Chingford Station & Victoria Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E40H Enviro400H double-deck vehicles.
- 30 (Metroline Travel-HT) (Hackney Wick, Chapman Road & Marble Arch) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 46 (Metroline Travel-HT) (Paddington Station & St.Bartholomew's Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 274 (Metroline Travel-HT)(Islington, Angel & Lancaster Gate) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 1st July 2023:

- 57/= (Go-Ahead London General-AL) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Clapham Park, Atkins Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing hybrid double-deck vehicles, actual types to be allocated to be confirmed and new Ee-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
  - 85/= (London United-TV) (Kingston, Kingston Hall Road & Putney Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles.
  - 213/= (Go-Ahead London General-A) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Sutton Garage) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
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Saturday 1st July, continued

- 216 (London United-WK) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Staines, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 265 (Putney Bridge Station & Tolworth, Red Lion) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using new SEe-class electric single-deck vehicles from Putney (AF) garage. Currently operated by London United from Tolworth (TV) garage using DLE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 643 (East Finchley Cemetery & Brent Cross Shopping Centre, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Uno using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles from Hatfield (HF) garage. Currently operated by Metroline Travel from Cricklewood (W) garage using a mix of TEH-class AD40H Enviro400H and VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- K4 (London United-TV) (Kingston Hospital & Mansfield Park Estate, Mo-Sa) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing SDE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 8th July 2023:

- 377 (Arriva London North-E) (Ponders End Garage & Oakwood Station, Mo-Sa) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new EMN-class Optare MetroCity MC870EV electric single-deck vehicles in due course.

## **SERVICE PROPOSALS**

A new consultation was issued on 18th April with a closing date of 28th May. This proposes the removal of the hail & ride section in Lonsdale Road, Barnes, on route 419. TfL state “Lonsdale Road has seen an increase in on-street parking, making it difficult for drivers to pull alongside a kerb and allow passengers on and off the bus.” 4 pairs of bus stops are proposed in various locations in conjunction with necessary highway changes with the London Borough of Richmond. (I wonder if the increase in on-street parking is because of the ongoing closure of Hammersmith Bridge?)

A new consultation was issued on 24th April with a closing date of 10th June. This is to “Transform Catford Town Centre”, in conjunction with Lewisham Borough Council. Essentially the proposal is to divert and ‘slew’ the South Circular Road (A205) section of Catford Road from the junction of Canadian Avenue and to the south of Laurence House to a new crossroads at Bromley Road and Sangley Road. Sangley Road and Plassey Road will be converted into a two-way carriageway. This eliminates the current gyratory for eastbound traffic via Rushey Green and Brownhill Road. Rushey Green will gain cycle ways and bus lanes, with bus stops outside Catford Town Hall moved to Sangley Road or outside Catford Bridge Station. The current section of Catford Road between Catford Town Hall and Laurence House will become a new urban realm improvement area. Whilst the consultation doesn’t make it clear, the maps suggest that southbound (A21) road traffic will be restored to running via Rushey Green between Brownhill Road and Sangley Road, currently now restricted to buses only.

A new consultation was issued on 24th April to close on 4th June. This proposes to extend route 223 from Harrow Bus Station, via Harrow View to terminate at “Eastman Village”. The proposed extension “would serve over 3,200 new homes, as well as homes and businesses along Harrow View.” The terminal point suggested is the new roundabout at the junction with Newman Avenue, with the new development being to the east of this.

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The route extension would improve travel opportunities to Wembley, although the consultation makes no mention of route H14 which already serves the route from Harrow Bus Station via Harrow View to Hatch End.

Finally, the first of the “superloop proposals” was issued on 28th April with a closing date of 12th June. Route X183 will start at Harrow Bus Station and run, with limited stops via route 183 via Kenton, Kingsbury, Hendon then via Hendon Central Station, joining route 125 via Finchley Central to terminate at North Finchley Bus Station. The proposed frequency of route X183 is every x12 mins, Mon-Sat daytimes, x15 mins Sundays and Evenings. To “match local bus service demand with bus capacity” it is also proposed to reduce route 183 from x7½min to x10 mins Mon-Sat daytimes and from x8 to x12 mins Sunday and Evenings, though it not proposed to reduce route 125 frequencies.

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

TLB686 p12 : 410 stop changes in Norwood;

TLB703 p13 : 344 diversion away from Southwark Bridge s/b to operate via London Bridge.

TLB704 p14-15 : Brent Cross West Proposals (102, 189, 210, 232, 266, 316, 326, C11).

TLB704 p14-15 : Alperton (79, 83), Upminster (346/347 withdrawal and replaced by 497).

TLB704 p15 : 315 extension to Springfields Hospital.

TLB704 p15 : Wembley Park (92, 206, 440).

Plus other “Superloop” proposals when published in future TLBs.

## **FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF**

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. With the variations in terms now being evident, I’ve now changed “CR” to CR5” so that future historians can keep track of potential future dates, although as previously stated, all dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment.

Notes: CE+2 = Contract extended by 2 years. CR5 = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 years, with a potential +2 year extension. CR2 = Contract awarded for 2 years, CR4 = Contract awarded for 4 years,

CR6 = Contract renewed for 6 years, CR7 = Contract renewed for 7 years.

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.

TBA: routes 77 and 211 as part of the Central London Changes.

15th July 23: CR7 on 86/N86\* (S’ch East London).

22nd July 23: CR7 on 23/= (London Transit), CR7 on 53/N53 (S’ch Selkent).

19th Aug 23: CR7 on 417\* (Arriva LS).

26th Aug 23: CR7 on 64/=\*, 612\* (Arriva LS), CR4 on 605 (Sullivans),

CR4 on 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivans to Uno).

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), CR5 on 349 (Arriva London North), 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), CR7 on 276\* (G-A Docklands to S'ch East London), CR7 on 376 (G-A Docklands to Blue Triangle), CR7 on D3\* (S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle).
- 30th Sep 23: CR7 on 1/N1, 42 (G-A London Central), CR7 on 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), CR7 on C3\* (London Transit to Abellio).
- 7th Oct 23: CR5 on 21/N21 (G-A London Central), CR5 on 32/N32, 189/=, 632 (Metroline Travel), 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: CR5 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), CR7 on H20, U7 (Abellio).
- 25th Nov 23: CR7 on W19 (S'ch East London).
- 2nd Dec 23: CR7 on 72/N72 (London United), CR7 on 78 (Arriva LN to GA London Central), CR7 on 152\* (G-A London General), CR7 on 157\* (Arriva LN to G-A London General), CR7 on 321/=\* (G-A London Central), CR7 on 381/N381\* (Abellio), CR7 on D7\* (G-A Docklands to S'ch East London).
- 30th Dec 23: CR7 on U9 (Abellio).
- 6th Jan 24: CR6 on 237 (Metroline), CR6 on H26 (Abellio).
- 13th Jan 24: CR6 on 603 (Sullivans to Metroline Travel)
- 20th Jan 24: CR7 on 228\* (London United to Metroline West), CR6 on 380 (S'ch Selkent), CR6 on 388 (S'ch East London)
- 27th Jan 24: CR5 on 9/N9 (London United to Metroline Travel), CR6 on 89/N89 (G-A London Central)
- CR6 on 601 (S'ch Selkent to G-A London Central), CE+2 on 96, 472/= (S'ch Selkent), CE+2 on 428, B15 (Arriva LN), CE+2 on 486 (GA London Central).
- 10th Feb 24: CE+2 on 122 (S'ch Selkent).

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

Go-Ahead Commercial have taken over Surrey School contracts from Monday 17th April. These are routes 615 (Chipstead Valley to Leatherhead, St. Andrews School) via Woodmansterne, Banstead, Nork, Epsom and Ashstead, and 619 (Lower Kingswood to Leatherhead, Therfield School) via Tadworth, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, Ashstead and St. Andrews School. Both operate SDO and are taken over from Cardinal Buses and join routes 618, 668 and 669 operated by Metrobus Croydon garage. Route 615 is operated by a single-deck vehicle, although all the others are double-deck vehicles.

Go-Ahead Commercial also operated a Park and Ride service 898 from Kempton Park Racecourse to Sunbury, Haselwood Centre (London Irish Rugby Club) on Sunday 23rd April only.

The Chelsea Flower Show service returns on 23rd to 27th May, with Wimbledon Tennis between 1st and 16th July, and the Hampton Court Flower Show between 4th and 9th July.

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Go-Ahead Commercial Great Days Out programme for Summer 2023 are as follows:-

771 : West Wittering via Chichester : Sun 5th August;

773 : Ramsgate via Canterbury, Margate, Broadstairs : Suns 6th, 20th August;

774 : Worthing via Brighton : Sun 13th August;

775 : Eastbourne via Brighton and Drusillas Park : Suns 28th May, 23rd July and 27th August;

X775: Eastbourne Air Show : Sat 19th August;

777 : St.Leonards-on-Sea via Hastings : Sun 30th July.

All Routes start at Kingston, Clarence Street, stop T at 08:45, then Kingston Sainsbury's, Cromwell Road, then Raynes Park, Morden Station, Rose Hill, Sutton (Green, Station & Hospital), Banstead, Burgh Heath, Tadworth and Lower Kingswood. Full details of fares and times including booking are on: <https://www.goaheadlondon.com/events-and-hire/great-days-out>

### **DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS**

Central: To clarify the report in TLB703 regarding Bank diversions, from 13th February to 12th June, road works at Bank Junction meant that routes 11/N11, 26/N26, and N551 are diverted eastbound via New Change, Cheapside, Newgate Street with routes 8/N8, 25/N25, N242 joining in from that point to also then follow via King Edward Street, Little Britain, Montague Street, London Wall and Wormwood Street, Bishopsgate (25/N25). In the westbound direction, routes 11/N11 and 26/N26 diverted via Poultry, Cheapside and New Change. with routes N21 and N550 diverted westbound via Fenchurch Street, Gracechurch Street and Cannon Street. This superseded the diversion eastbound in operation since 8th June 2020, whereby routes 8/N8, 11/N11, 26/N26, and N551 have been diverted via Lombard Street, King William Street, Gracechurch Street and Bishopsgate, and was also meant to last until the end of June 2023, but as mentioned is intended to become permanent as part of the "All change at Bank scheme". Since the Central London review, routes 11/N11 have since been withdrawn from the area, but route 133 now joins in, being diverted southbound via New Change and Cannon Street.

From 18th April to 21st July, owing to gas works in Clerkenwell Road, routes 55/N55 and 243 were diverted west and southbound via Goswell Road, Aldersgate Street, St Martin's-le-Grand, Newgate Street, Holborn Viaduct, Snow Hill, Farringdon Street and Farringdon Road. Route 153 is diverted northbound via Goswell Road and City Road. Route 40 is curtailed at Farringdon, Charterhouse Street. From 11th to 26th April, owing to further works taking place on the green opposite Euston Bus Station, routes 59, 68 and 253 were curtailed to set down at the previous stops in Upper Woburn Place or Eversholt Street. From 14th to 28th April, owing to a water leak in Rosebery Avenue, near to Sadlers Wells theatre, routes 19/N19, 38/N38, 341 and N41 were diverted eastbound via Clerkenwell Road, Goswell Road and City Road. Thanks to Joel for the report. Note that route 153 was diverted as noted above, from 14th April.

South-East: From 23rd to 29th April, owing to water works in Erith Road, Bexleyheath, routes 89/N89, 229, B11 and B16 were diverted northbound via Arnsberg Way, Highland Road (double run to roundabout), Arnsberg Way, Woolwich Road and Long Lane. From 24th April to 25th May, owing to tunnelling work (for Silvertown Tunnel) under Edmund Halley Way, North Greenwich, routes 108/= and 188/= are diverted (northbound on 108 and on departure for 188) via Millennium Way.

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South-West: From 11th April to 5th May, owing to pipeline works in Mogden Lane, Isleworth, route 481 was diverted towards northbound via Rugby Road, Whitton Road, Chertsey Road, London Road and Twickenham Road. Route H20 was revised to start and finish in Mogden Lane eastbound.

West: From 11th to 29th April, owing to road works in Haven Green, Ealing, route 65 was curtailed at Ealing Town Hall, returning via Bond Street.

North-West: From 23rd to 29th April, owing to telecommunication works in Primrose Hill Road, route C11 was diverted in both directions via Adelaide Road, Chalk Farm Road, Juniper Crescent (double run to roundabout), Chalk Farm Road and Haverstock Hill.

North: Further to last month's diversion for route W3, this diversion was extended until 20th May, with the drainage works moving to Priory Road Hornsey. Route 144 is now also affected, diverting northbound via Station Road, Buckingham Road, Bedford Road and Alexandra Palace Way, not serving Turnpike Lane and Hornsey.

North-East: From 24th April to 17th May, owing to railway works in Leytonstone Bus Station, (south side) routes 145 and W13 were revised to start and finish journeys on the (north side) Bus Station via Gainsborough Road and Grove Green Road (Set down is in Grove Green Road, pick up in the Bus Station). Routes 257, N8 and W14 were diverted westbound direct via Kirkdale Road, with route 66 standing in Kirkdale Road.

East: From 26th April to 21st July, owing to sewer works in Thames Road, Barking Riverside, route EL3 is diverted southbound via Thames Road (West), not serving Long Reach Road and Creek Road.

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## **COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments**

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### **West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK**

**Sunday 16th April:** (fuller info, thanks to Essex Bus News): Harlow local services

- 2/3 (*Arriva KT*) (Harlow Bus Stn & Staple Tye) Saturday frequency from x20 to x30 mins.
- 6 (*Arriva KT*) (Bus Stn & Little Parndon, M-S) From x30 to x60 mins M-S daytime.
- 8 (*Arriva KT*) (Bus Stn & Old Harlow, Daily) From x30 to x60 mins M-S daytime.
- 9 (*Arriva KT*) (Bus Stn & Potter Street, Daily) Service withdrawn.
- 59 (*Arriva KT*) (Harlow & Chelmsford) Deviation via Old Harlow withdrawn.
- 86 (*Arriva KT*) (Waltham Cross & Harlow, Templefields, M -F) Withdrawn.
- 505 (*Vectare*) (Waltham Abbey & Harlow Bus Station, Sats only) No change on Sats, but a new M-F service introduced as 505 and this continues on to run between Waltham Cross and Harlow, Templefields to replace 86. Unlike the Saturday 505, the new M-F service (with just 4 early and late jnys) also loops around the Upshire area to replace the 86 which did that.
- 508/509/510 (*Arriva KT*) (Harlow & Stansted Airport, Daily 24H) General timetable changes but with some thinning out on Saturdays, from x10 x15mins combined frequency.

### **HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE**

Marshalls Coaches commuter coach 771 (Linslade & Moorgate) last ran on Friday 27th January. The 'feeder' coach 772 (Houghton Regis & Dunstable) last ran on Friday 20th January.

**Monday 27th March:** Further to TLB704 notes and courtesy of Central Beds Council, the 36C at Leighton Buzzard was being covered (as a free service and un-registered) by AtoB Travel. This was due to AtS being unable to cover it although it was meant to take over from Centrebus. A new town network begin on Tues 9th May when Arriva now runs all services as had been planned.

**Friday 14th April:** HertsLynx DRT to run also in Fri & Sat evenings.

**Sunday 16th April:**

- 907 Adding to TLB704 p20, this service is financed by Government in the 'Bus Service Improvement Plan' within the Department for Transport. It does of course parallel the 390, then 341/641 and lastly 310/410 so how much abstraction from those routes remain to be seen. At least the 390 and 907 between Stevenage and Hertford are evenly spaced about 30min apart, although between Hertford and Hoddesdon the headway is much closer.

**Monday 17th April**

- 366 (*Centrebus*) (Luton & Welwyn Garden City, M-S) After being advertised as being withdrawn, at the 11th hour it was reinstated as a commercial service by Centrebus.

**Wednesday 3rd May:**

Hertford bus station closed temporarily to allow building work behind the bus station site. The 310 and 395 serve stops opposite while other services serve temporary stops in Fore Street.

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Tuesday 9th May:

AtS took over all town services in Leighton Buzzard, thus AtoB Travel withdrew. Routes L1-L6 will replace 32/33, 34/35, 36C and D1. Briefly only as it is outside our main area of coverage.

L1 - Station & Grovebury Retail Park.

L2/L3 – Station & new estates Chamberlains Barn and Clipstone Park

L4 – Station & Apex Park.

L5/L6 – Brooklands – Linslade cross town.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and EAST BERKSHIRE (incl. eastern borders of Oxfordshire**

Mon 3rd to Sat 29th April: 16/17 (*Red Rose*) Temporary timetable for this period.

Tuesday 2nd May:

100 (*Red Rose*) Revised timetable with one later M-S journey. The SDO journeys that deviate in Aylesbury (Tring Road Tesco) now run via normal route instead. Route 21 in MK is revised and thus no longer interworks with the 100.

121 (Thame town service) Transferred from *Redline* to *Z&S*.

**SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX**

Monday 17th April:

615 (Chipstead Valley & Epsom. SDO) From Cardinal to Go-Ahead London – Metrobus unit.

617 (Banstead & St Andrew's School, SDO) From Cardinal to Metrobus (Ctawley).

619 (Lower Kingswood & Leatherhead Schools, SDO) From Cardinal to Go-Ahead London – Metrobus unit.

**North and west KENT**

Sunday 7th May:

401 (Tonbridge & Westerham via Sevenoaks, Sundays) From *Ham's Travel* to Go Coachhire. (Ham's operate on 30April and 01May, GoCoach from 07/08May.

Diversion at Swanscombe: On the evening of Easter Monday 10th April a stretch of Galley Hill Road (A226) at Swanscombe) was closed between Swanscombe High Street (by the George & Dragon) n and Ebbsfleet FC by the HS2 railway bridge due to major chalk cliff subsidence on the north side of the road. Due to the nature of this incident the closure looks like being long-term. A lot of bus diversions were implemented.

Arriva 480/490 diverted via Thames Way, Ebbsfleet Gateway, Southfleet Road, Stanhope Road and Swanscombe High Street. Fastrack B diverted between Ebbsfleet Station and Tiltman Avenue (via the A2, B255 and London Road, rejoining correct route at Craylands Lane/ Manor Way. Fastrack AZ between Ebbsfleet Station and Greenhithe Station via A2, B255 and A206 St Clements Way.

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## PUBLICITY NEWS

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Aiming to recreate the 1953 Coronation leaflet, **“Travel Advice King Charles III Coronation 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023”**, is a commemorative and limited-edition item which appeared in selected stations. The title is arranged around the official Coronation emblem on a regal red background of that matches the size of the standard ‘Tube map’. Published jointly by TfL, Network Rail and Rail Delivery Group, it carries logos and QR codes for all three organisations on the rear cover. When opened to full A3 size, there is a ‘Welcome!’ message from TfL’s Transport Commissioner and the Chief Executives of Network Rail and Rail Network Delivery Group. This is accompanied by narrative giving general advice on moving around over the Coronation weekend, including walking times to Hyde Park from stations at Paddington and Marylebone plus Charing Cross to St James’s Park. A map showing all rail services across Zone 1 completes one side of the publication. The second side is devoted to a ‘Central London walking map’ centred on The Mall. The procession route is marked, along with all Underground and National Rail stations in an area bounded by Paddington, Kings Cross, Liverpool Street and Elephant & Castle. Concentric rings show how far the average pedestrian can get from The Mall in twenty, thirty, forty and fifty minutes.

Tootbus’ **“King’s Coronation Special”** is, so far, the only other publicity item to acknowledge the first formal investiture of a monarch with their regal powers that LOTS has reported on. The cover of the multifold slimline features soldiers in red tunics marching round the Queen Victoria Memorial plus the official Coronation logo. The remainder of the leaflet is little different to the regular ‘Sightseeing Bus Tours’ leaflet, which forms the rear cover.

Views on proposals to alter several routes serving north west London are being sought via three different consultations, each having a range of publicity items. **“Your Brent Cross bus services. Your say”** is a green single sided A5 sheet publicising proposed changes to routes 102, 189, 210, 232, 266, 316, 326 and C11. The title and an outline drawing of two buses can be found inside a white speech bubble, whilst a smaller blue speech bubble contains a QR code alongside the message ‘Have your say’. The rest of the leaflet has narrative inviting views via the QR code, website, e mail, phone or post by 16 April. This is accompanied by **“A route-by-route guide to how these proposals may change your bus journey”**, a fifteen page A4 document. Each route has a street map showing current and proposed routings plus simple line diagrams showing the same. These are accompanied by narrative outlining the proposals and their potential impact on passengers. Exploring this in more detail is **“Initial Equality Impact Assessment Pre-consultation”** a thirty four page A4 document dated March 2023. It looks in detail at the potential impact on people with a range of protected characteristics including age, disability and gender.

Pink is the colour used on **“Your bus journey. Your say. Proposed changes to routes 92, 206 and 440 in the Wembley area”** which is another single sided A5 laid out in the same format as the Brent Cross item above. It is also reproduced on the final page of **“Wembley Park area Proposed changes to bus routes 92, 206 and 440.”** This is a twelve page A4 publication which outlines proposals using text, street maps and simple line diagrams. Also presented in A4 format is **“Initial Equalities Impact Assessment Proposed changes to bus routes 92, 206 and 440 in Wembley”** which weighs in at forty four pages. Dated March 2023 it explores the likely impact of the changes on people with a range of protected characteristics.

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**Your say. Proposed changes to routes 79 and 83 between Alperton and Stonebridge Park.**” The suggested alterations around Wembley Stadium are shown on **“Proposed changes to routes 79 and 83”**, a single sided A3 map. The likely impacts on a range of protected characteristics are outlined in **“Alperton and Stonebridge Park - Proposed changes to bus routes 79 and 83 Initial Equalities Impact Assessment”**, is a thirty four page A4 report. A photographer with a sense of history has helped compile **“sed changes to bus routes 79 and 83 Initial Equalities Impact Assessment”**, is a thirty four page A4 report. A photographer with a sense of history has helped compile “

**Proposed changes to routes 79 and 83 into Alperton and Stonebridge Park”** a thirty page A4 document in the ‘easy read’ series. The cover features a photo of First London VNZ32335 resplendent in the London version of the ‘willow leaf’ livery on route 79. The second photo shows Metroline’s VW1392 on route 83 bound for Ealing Hospital. Whilst the bus survived in London service until April, the route has not been between Alperton and Ealing Hospital since ceding the section to route 483 in September 2016! Inside the proposals are outlined in large font, accompanied by clear illustrations to support those with limited literacy. Also, in the ‘easy read’ series is **“What do you think of possible changes to bus routes 79 and 83?”** a twenty three page A4 document laid out with text, illustrations and a multiple choice survey. It has a drawing of two Wright double deckers on the cover, one for each route. Closing date for each of the consultations was April 16.

Covering the changes implemented on 29 April is the fortieth edition of **“The Greater London Bus Map”** and the ninth edition of **“The Greater London Night Bus Map.”** Arguably the ‘Gold Standard’ of bus maps, these two maps continue to provide an outstanding overview of all local bus routes running across Greater London and its immediate hinterland. The Architectural Heritage Fund receives at least ten per cent of the money made from sales of the day map. Copies of both can be purchased via busmap.co.uk, LOTS sales or the London Transport Museum.

An extended route and period of operation feature in **“Free Minibus Service RP1”** from The Royal Parks Richmond Park, a multifold slimline valid from 5 April until 29 November. A view of the park features on the cover with a timetable (operating every Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and illustrated route map inside. This route is unique in London by having its own dedicated leaflet!

**“Sightseeing Tours Buy Tickets Here Today!”** is the banner headline on the March 2023 slimline advertising Big Bus. It contains the usual mix of route map and promotions for associated attractions. Also providing a map and adverts is the February 2023 edition of **“Hop-on Hop-off Open Top Tours”** from Golden Tours. It continues to be in the ‘extra tall’ multifold slimline format favoured by this operator.

During the May Bank Holiday weekend, the London Transport Museum ran the preserved 1938 stock train on a series of shuttles between Acton Town and Uxbridge to commemorate the following weekend’s Coronation. Passengers received **“Royals on the rails”**, a double sided A4 sheet outlining nine occasions between 1939 and 2022 when members of the Royal Family used or visited the TfL network. The reverse gives a short history the 1938 stock.

Promoting a ‘Sustainable Cities’ challenge for secondary school students is **“KS3 Inspire Engineering”** a one third A4 sized photocopied sheet with London Transport Museum’s ‘enjoyment to employment’ banner at the base. The events take place at the museum on June 14 and 19-25 inclusive, with virtual versions on June 9 and 26. The item appears to have been photocopied three to an A4 sheet and then cut up by hand.

Following the successful running day on routes 174 and 175 the London Bus Museum’s next running day is **“Routes 65 & 71 heritage day”** on 11 June. A period photo of RM1040 on the latter route features alongside a simple line diagram and narrative on the single sided A5 sheet. Just two weeks later comes **“2023 Summer Festival 25 June”**, the title being laid out in the style of a destination blind on both sides of what is believed to be the first double sided A5 flyer from the museum. Narrative is laid out to resemble the rear of a bus, on one side it is portrait, whilst on the other it is landscape with the ‘bus’ adjacent to a bus stop flag emblazoned with ‘London Bus Museum’.

## CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

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

### General news:

Stickers are appearing to assist firefighters. A grey diamond is on the right-hand side of the blind box and again above the front door. Orange is for hybrids, electric not reported, probably blue for hydrogen.

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

No.1500, the Caetano e,City Gold bus that had been technically a demonstrator but spent much of its life parked in Walworth and Beddington Garages, finally entered normal service on 26th April from WL on routes C10 and P5.

The last Electroliner to enter service was 3025 on 28th April.

Recent repaints/ refurb include LT 148, 149, 155

### Transfers:

LT 170 GW/QB. LT 691 QB/WL.

### Livery changes:

LT 22 from advert for Under Armour back to red

LT 39 from advert for Bliss Hotels back to red.

LT 155 from advert for COS to one for Aperol Spritz

LT 158 from advert for Michael Kors to one for John Lewis.

LT 167 to advert for Abba Voyage

LT 168 to advert for Star Wars Jedi

LT 705 from advert for Cos back to red

LT 779 to advert for Abba Voyage

LT 785 to advert for Levi's 501s.

3006 to advert for Coronation (Pink)

3401/2/3 from advert for Route 63 back to red. 3438 from advert for Superloop back to Red

### **ARRIVA LONDON** (part of Deutsche Bahn)

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

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

Recent refurb/ repaints include HV 40, 47, 261, 268, 382; LT 322, 324, 325 T 307.

HT 18 on route 60 on Sunday 23rd April was the first time since January that this type worked on that route.

New delivery: ES 1 (LV23 EBP) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D.

### Transfers:

(April): DW 330, 331 DX/DT. E S 1 --/E. HV 59 WN/BN, LT 180 E/EC.

LT 201 ARu/AR (April, not March as in TLB704).

EN 16, 17 AR/ECu. ENX 28 TC/TH.

### Livery changes:

EA 12 to advert for Who gives a crap.

HV 115 to advert for American Pistachios

LT 222 from advert for Boss back to red

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**ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:**

LT 319 from advert for Michael Kors back to red  
LT 323 to advert for Levis 501s  
LT 341 from advert for Cos back to red  
LT 590 to advert for Star Wars Jedi  
LT 719 to advert for Loewe  
LT 734 from advert for Under Armour back to red  
LT 741 to advert for Aperol Spitz.  
LT 954 to advert for Levi's 501s.  
LT 962 from advert for Under Armour back to red  
LT 965 to advert for Abba Voyage.  
LT 981 from advert for Cos back to red

**Disposals:**

RM 5 left Arriva, back to its owner (c. December 2022). It had been lent to Arriva for its use.  
RMC 1453, RMC 1464, RM 2217 to London Bus Company (March).

**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).

**General item:** Technically outside our area of coverage but of general interest:

Acquired (April) by AtS from Arriva K&S, Gillingham:

4130-34 YX72 OFK/L/M/N/O AD E20D- AD Enviro200MMC 9.0m B30F and renumbered to 3153-57.

These are based at the Leighton Buzzard outstation but now attached to MK rather than Luton.

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

Into this area (from Arriva K&S): 1633 (GN06 EEB) AD Dart SLF- AD Pointer 8.8m B29F- 2006.

Transfers: 1618 NF/NFu. 1633 TW/NF.

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

A third SB200 (3797) has adopted the 724 green and purple branding. E400 6527 (HH) has lost its route 320 branding although 6525/6 retain theirs. 6492 (name Gino d'Acampo) has lost its name over the upper deck front.

Into this area (from Southend): 6458 (SN58 ENX) AD Trident - AD Enviro400 10.8m H47/34F – 2008.

Into this area (from Midlands): 1013 (BF67 WGK) MB Sprinter City45 B17F – 2017.

**Transfers:** 1010 WE/WEu.. 1013 Mids/WEs. 1459 HA/HAu. 1520 WE/ loan at MK. 2485/86 WE/WEu.

2488 WE/ loan at MK. 3752 HA/HAu. 4276 SVu/SV. 6458 SE/WE.

Repaints to lighter blue: 4228, 4274, 4277.

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

Sprinter 1020 (BF67 WGK) has moved from Luton to Leighton Buzzard outstation. The changes to LB's town services finally occurred from Tuesday 9th May and five E200s moved in (see above).

**Acquired** from Arriva Midlands: 2979 (YJ09 MKV), 2982 (YJ09 MLE) Optare Versa 1110 B38F- 2009.

**Transfers** (April): 2318, 2328 WB/LD. 2979, 2982 Mid/WB.

**A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire**

Acquired (April) via Ensign Bus, formerly First Eastern Counties:

AU53 HKD Volvo B7TL – TransBus ALX400 H49/27F – 2003.

### **CARDINAL BUSES, New Haw, Surrey**

Disposal: Dart SLF DP 474 (LF06 YRK) was sold in April.

### **CENTREBUS, Luton**

Acquired (April) from CT Plus, Yorkshire:

YX18 KNZ and YX68 URE AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.8m B41F – 2018.

### **DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark connections Ltd) Stanwell**

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc

A typo in TLB704- 40518 reg is LX59 CNZ.

On Sunday 9th April StreetDeck 40714 was de-roofed at a railway Bridge in Staines.

StreetLite 20153 is now two-tone blue, joining 20150/1/2.

### **ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet**

127 (LK15 GOK) loaned from Ensignbus to Transpora group company Altonian Coaches (Transpora Bournemouth), Southampton, Hants. from April to May for operation in Poole/Bournemouth areas and temporarily numbered 2802.

### **FALCON COACHES, Byfleet**

Another to the updated 461 branding is YX58 ULR.

Disposal: E20D YY15 GDK sold to Red Eagle, Aylesbury.

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

The E400s with orange front and purple rear are gaining route branding for Heathrow routes 4 and 7.

Having been replaced by the E400s, Volvo 7900Hs 69921/2/3/4/5/7/9. 69930/2/4 have been stood down.

### **1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend**

It is now evident that the entire fleet is being re-registered to 'special' regs. For completeness I repeat those in TLBs 701-704: *(read scross)*

Volvo B7TL LJ53 BDU to BU 22 TOP.      Volvo B7TL LJ53 BDX to BU02 TOP.

Volvo B7TL LJ53 BFN to BU53 TOP.      Trident LX53 JZN to B21 USS.

Trident LX53 JZO to BU51 TOP (but seems to have reverted to LX53 JZO).

Trident LX04 FYH to MT04 BUS.      Trident LX04 FYW to MT51 BUS.

Trident LX04 FZA to BU04 TOP.      Volvo B7TL LX06 DZW to MT55 BUS.

Volvo B7TL LX06 FAO to MT06 BUS.

E200 YX58 FPG to MT07 BUS.      E200 LK08 FLV to AVZ 5054.

Disposals:

Trident VX54 MTY left the fleet to -?- (October 2022).

E200 AVZ 5054 (ex LK08 FLV) gone from the fleet (by April)

E200 YX58 DUH gone from the fleet (by April). (possibly re-regd)

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## **GO-AHEAD LONDON**

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

The SEe order has been changed and is now

SEe200-219 Rte 366 10.2m; SEe220-232 Rte 265 10.9m; SEe233-242 Rte D3 10.2m;

SEe243-259 Rte 450 9.7m; SEe260-271 Rte P12 10.2m

Another new order is for 20 x BYD/ADL E400EV for route 157.

Regs for SEe 200-219 are LB23 PCV/X/Y/Z, PDK/O/U/V/X/Y/Z, PEO, PFA/D/E/F/G/J/K/O.

Another change of regs is Ee 94-100, to LG23 FJD/E/F/J/K/N/O.

Delays in the introduction of the new Irizar Ie-tram electric buses for route 358 should start to improve soon. Thus far four buses ( of 20) have been delivered but the electric infrastructure is coming only slowly. The pantograph at Crystal Palace Bus Station is now live but that at Orpington Station is held up with assorted 'issues' outside the operator's control. Some testing with buses driven to and from Crystal Palace should be in progress soon.

The first of the SEe for routes 163/164 at Merton to enter service was SEe 174 on 17th April with others of the batch (173-199) following, the last being 179 on 29th April. The old SE buses were moved to Henley Road (DS) Garage for route 366 from 29th April when Go-Ahead took the route over from Stagecoach. Also in east London, route 368 at RR gained more WHVs. As well as all that, a batch of SEe buses moved from NP to Waterloo with route 214. A side effect item was that with the 214, the Sunday allocation on route 357 was altered from shorter to longer E200s.

On Monday 24th April the first few Ee buses for Sutton Garage entered service. Many had been in store but Morden Wharf Garage in east London had housed several as well as at Q.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include EH 21, 22; LT 63, 276, 280, 286, 288, 292, 304 and WS 50. Delete LT 271 in TLB704.

EL1 (LY71 GHZ) reported as on loan to Blackpool Transport in April.

### New deliveries:

SEe 173-199 LG23 FJP/U/V/X/Y/Z. FKA/B/E/F/H/J/L/M/N/O/P/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, FLA/B.

BYD D9UR – AD Enviro200EV(MMC) 10.9m B29D.

Ee 101-171 BYD D8UR-DD- AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H42/23D Ee during March and April: those in service at the end of April 101-118, 120/1/3, 146-156, 158/9, 163. (103-111 are at MB as noted in TLB704, the rest at Sutton (A).

Ee 101-112 regs LD72 XZT/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, YAA/E/F/GH.

Ee 113-128 now LG23 FFV/W/X/Y/Z, FGA/C/D/E/F/J/K/M/N/O/P.

Ee 129-144 LG23 FAA/F/J/K/M/O/U, FBA/B/C/D/E/F/J/K/L. == H42/23D ULW 13473kg.

Ee 145-150 retain LD72 UHT/U/V/W/X/Y.

Ee 151-162 now LG23 FGU/V/X/Z, FHA/B/C/D/E/F/H/J.

Ee 163-171 LG23 EZH/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R.

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

Corrections to TLB704: WHV 156/157 (not '6/7 !') moved AL/SW.

(February): SE 268/9 --/C.

(March): E 281/2/3 more correctly should be described as PLc/GMc.

(April): E 254 PM/NX. EH 14 RR/NX. EH 87, 88, 89 MB/RR. EH 214 Q/RR.

LT 306//7/8/9 NX/Q. WHV 6 C/AF. WHV 51, 54, 57 DS/RR. WHV 52, 53, 58 C/RR. WHV 56 AF/RR

SE 271-275, 277-280, 282-286 AL/DS.

Ee 3-29 RA/RAu. SEe 77-98 NP/RA. SEe 173-199 --/AL.

(May) SE268, 269, 270 C/DS.

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

### **GO AHEAD LONDON, Continued;**

#### Livery changes:

LT 42 to advert for Star Wars Jedi  
LT 67 to advert for Loewe.  
LT 233 to advert for Star Wars Jedi  
LT 310 from advert for Under Armour back to red  
LT 504 from advert for Cos back to red  
LT 511 to advert for Coronation (red)  
LT 854 to advert for Loewe  
LT 872 to advert for Levi's 501s  
WHV 188 to advert for Let's do London

#### Disposals:

WVL 299 and WVL 446 to Thames Travel, Didcot (April). (as 928 (ex 446), 929 (ex 299)).

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

During April, MX22 LFZ Sigma-10 electric demonstrator was used here.

Additional: 1201 LG14 OFX Fiat Ducato - seating is B12F.

Disposals: Versa 5602 (YJ59 GFK) to Nu-Venture, Aylesford (September 2022).

RML 2472 sold to The Expeditional.

### **LANES COACHES, Dunstable**

Correction to TLB704: BX02 CME (not LME).

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

A typo in TLB704: Regn EYC should be EYA (for No.6070)

The first GB Kite Hydroliner (6052) entered service on the Crawley Fastway on Monday 24th April.

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

### **METROLINE WEST** – G, HZ, UX and WJ.

(within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

King's Cross Garage (KC) is to close after Friday 19th May, thus from Saturday 20th routes 30 and 274 will transfer to Holloway (HT) Garage. A batch of VMHs (2460-93) were stationed at KC although KC was technically an outstation from HT and any shortfall of the special batch had always been covered by HT.

On Sunday 19th March RML 903 worked some extra journeys on route 134 between Muswell Hill Broadway and Camden Town. £300 was raised in donations to the Comic Relief Red Nose Day. On Friday 28th April RML 903 worked three round trips on route 16 which marked the route's withdrawal from Victoria. £400 was raised in donations for Cancer Research UK.

BDE 2752-68 were all present in service during April and in use on route 142 for now.

Routes 32/N32 at Cricklewood is due for LT operation as they come available.

VMH 2544 was on route 487 on 15th April, a first of type.

Recent repaints / refurbishments noted include VWH 2049, 2104, 2107, 2109, 2115, 2135, 2207, 2220, 2228.

#### New deliveries (April):

WDE 2770-2787 (LV23 DGU/X/Y/Z, DHA/C/D/E/F/G/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/X) ,

WDE 2789/90/91/94 (LV23 DHZ, DJD/E/K)

Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D.

The company confirms that BDE 2752-68 are H40/23D and ULW 13607kg.

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**METROLINE, Continued:**

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

Corrections to TLB704: DEL 2260 was WJt/WJ (AH and W not involved). VW 1817 was still at PV (not PAu) until 20 March and then moved PV/EW (see below).

(April): TE 1092 W/PAw. TEH 1105/08/09 W/HZu.

VW 1175-82 EW/W. (1183 due for W/G soon (company info) but still at W. VW 1191 EW/PB.

VW 1817 PV/EW. VW 1824 HD/AH. VW 1829 W/PB. (Company lists VW 1839 W/G but still at W) WDE 2789/90/91/94 --/PAu.

DE 1607 UX/W. DE 1642, 1653 W/G.

Livery changes:

BDE 2632 from advert for Ovo Energy to one for Who Gives A Crap

LT 190 to advert for Coronation (red)

LT 560 to advert for Loewe

LT 754 from advert for TU Clothing to one for Abba Voyager

LT 763 from advert for Cos back to red

LT 766 to advert for John Lewis

LT 804 from advert for Cos back to red

VWH 2104 from advert for Let's do London back to red.

VWH 2210 to advert for Let's do London

VWH 2302 to advert for Let's do London

VWH 2306 from advert for Lenovo back to red

VWH 2374 to advert for Let's do London

Detail change: Recruitment bus DEL 850 to B29F (+tables).

**RATP-DEV TRANSIT LONDON** including

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

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

**LONDON TRANSIT** – X garage.

Training bus TDE 90074 has gained a livery of light blue and orange.

Since 10th March, BCEs have joined the daily type mix on route 28.

BCE 47138 was unusual on route H12 on 7th April.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include LT 135.

A type in TLB704: OME 46035 (not 36035).

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Transfers:

(October 2022): DE 20117 FW/RP (clarification).

(March): VH 45109 X/RP.

(April): DDE 20294 TVu/BTu/WKw. MCM 30088 NCu/AV. ADE 40415, 40436 NCu/AV.

SP 40176/77/78/79/81/82 FW/FWu. LT 461 V/S.

Livery changes:

BCE 47007 from advert for Ovo Energy back to red

BCE 47014 to advert for Evian

BCE 47016 to advert for Who Gives A Crap

BCE 47025 from advert for Ovo Energy back to red

LT 70 to advert for Coronation (Cyan).

LT 75 to advert for Aperol Spritz

LT 82 from advert for Marc Jacobs back to red

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

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

Acquired (April) from Falcon, Byfleet:

YY15 GDK AD E20D – AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2015.

### **RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury**

Correction to TLB704: YX12 AKN is 10.8m B38F, not the same as YX12 ARZ.

Mercedes E10 RRT has been stood down but is still in stock.

**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.

The open day at North Street Romford Garage was duly held on 22 April and commemorated its 70 years, being opened in 1953. About 20 buses old, new and in between were displayed in the garage and included 10301, the MacMillan Cancer bus, as all proceeds went to that charity. The sharp-eyed would have noticed that E400EV 14143 had been subtly re-classified as 84143 in the new “electric” series. A supplementary set of short workings on route 247 were by RT 2150, RT 3933, RML 2579, Capital Citybus Olympian 250 and Stagecoach 10704 in ‘national’ colours.

Recent refurb/ repaints: Delete 39112 in TLB704 (incorrect report) but include 39121 (e x TT 44700),  
Add LT 271, 36626

A partial re-numbering is starting to appear, those known thus far:

14101-174 to 84101-174. 29101-109 to 74001-009 (note \*). 29201-205 to 84201-205.

Route 339 buses are 67001-012 and for Route W5 are 45001-008.

(\* - 74\*\*\* is what has been quoted but that clashes with buses at Stagecoach South.

Further to TLB704, the order for 48 Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliners will take numbers 82001-014 for route 199 and 82015-48 for route 86. The order for route 276 will be 19 x Volvo BZL-EV 10.8m with numbers 66026-044.

New deliveries: (April): (updating TLB704)

45001-008 (YJ23 EHS/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z) Switch MetroCity 8.8m B20F.

Transfers:

Note that 150i6/019 and 19757/8/9 are being altered to open-top.

(March): Delete transfer in TLB704 of RM/WH. It remained at RM.

(April): 10163 T/TB. 11037 PD/TB. 12321 BW/BWu (fire damage). 12400 PD/BK.

15015 LIu/WH. 15016 LIu/WHo. 15019 LIu/WHo. 15036 LIu/PD.

19742 TB/PD. 19757/758/759 BK/WHo.

36280/282/286/290/296 BK/BKu. 36281/283/284/285/287/291/293/294/297/299 BK/LIu.

36289 BK/RMu. 36292 BK/HKu. 36298 BK/WHu. 36345 BK/Tu. 36370 BK/BKu.

45001-008 --/LIu.

Livery changes:

LT 249 from advert for Cos back to red

LT 262 to advert for Loewe

LT 361 to advert for John Lewis

LT 378 from advert for Michael Kors back to red

LT 388 to advert for Levis 501s

84148 to advert for Coronation (Dark blue)

Detail change: 15002/003/004 to PO41/22D – and into City Sightseeing livery; thus allocation to CSo.

Disposal: 36295 to Trevor Wigley, Barnsley – presumably vu Ensign, see TLB704 (April).

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

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Note – email address [andrew@morgan1368.co.uk](mailto: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.

**RFs and RTs:**

RF 13 (LUC 213) further to TLB680, this RF was sold from Quantock Heritage to unknown owner, Lincs. (October 2019) and then returned to Quantock Heritage / S Morris Collection, Wiveliscombe, Somerset (March 2020); it subsequently passed to R Wright / W Tierney, Essex (June 2022).

RF 48 (LYF 399) from Quantock Heritage / S Morris Collection, Wiveliscombe, Somerset to BBPG (September 2022).

RF 197 (MLL 584) from Quantock Heritage to W Tierney, Takeley, Essex (August 2022).

RF 308 (NLE 527) from S Fennell (Clydemaster Preservation Group) to W Tierney, Takeley, Essex (April 2021).

RF 319 (MLL 956), 463 (MXX 440) passed from Ensignbus to the Newman family, Essex (March 2023). RF 319 was loaned back to Ensignbus. RF 319 was the one used for scenes in the film *Belfast* having been painted in September 2020 into red and cream pseudo-Belfast City Transport livery, fleet number 762 and fitted with dummy Northern Irish registration plates 762 UZ ; it is due for repaint back to red shortly.

RF 370 (unknown registration, ex MXX 12) was scrapped by London Bus Company (by December 2021) after use for spares.

RF 381 (MXX 23) has passed from Transport Museum, Wythall to Statfold Transport Museum, Tamworth, Staffs. (July 2022).

RF 442 (MXX 419) from Mr B Chapman to W Tierney, Takeley, Essex (August 2021).

RF 518 (MLL 936) from T Prescott, Rochford to K Bell, t/a Countrywide Coaches, Princess Risborough, Bucks. (November 2022)

RF 530 (MLL 948) further to TLB680, this RF was sold from Chiltern Automotive to Woods, Glastonbury, Somerset (September 2020).

RF 531 (MLL 949) from Quantock Heritage to W Tierney, Takeley, Essex (August 2022). Until around January 2000, this was the former glider winch at the Kestrel Gliding Club and had had the bodywork completely removed to the rear of the front wheel arch for this use.

RT 8, 44, 54 (FXT 183, 219, 229), 624 (JXC 432), 1431 (JXC 194), 1499 (KGK 758), 3232 (KYY 961), 3251 (LLU 610), 4421 (NXP 775) passed from Ensignbus to the Newman family, Essex (March 2023). RT 1499 and 4421 were loaned back to Ensignbus.

RT 191 (HLW 178) following use on loan to Ensignbus until March 2023, it has now passed back to its owner A Scott.

RT 1396 (KXW 495) was sold from Premier Transport to Bus & Coach Centre, Forest Hill, Oxon (May 2022). It then passed to Acklam's Coaches, Beverley, East Yorkshire (March 2023).

RT 3911 (LLU 710) was seen on the A1 in the Leeds area on 6th September 2022 then the following day was seen in Leighton Buzzard. It had latterly been used as "Annie's Café" but there has been no subsequent confirmation of a change of ownership.

RT 4494 (OLD 714) from Gray & Chubb to Gray, Lincoln (by September 2021).

RT 4599 (NLP 592) was reported as possibly to be restored/rebuilt for future sightseeing/private hire use and was seen in March 2017 at Ensign Bus at Purfleet; it was latterly being used for spares and passed to the Newman family, Essex (March 2023).

RT 4777 (OLD 564) from R Brown to T Hawes, Ringwood, Hants. (September 2021).

RTW 29 (KGK 529) from unknown owner to Crosville Motor Services, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset (November 2020).

RLH 61 (MXX 261) passed from Ensignbus to the Newman family, Essex (March 2023).

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RTL 326 (J 8903, ex KGU 284) returned to the UK Mainland from Jersey (July 2021), regaining its original registration in November 2021 and passing to the S Morris Collection. It made its debut at the Kirkby Stephens event on the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in Barton Transport livery with the fleet number 1049 and has now been seen at many events around the country.

RTL 453 (KLB 648), 1014 (KYY 712) passed from Ensignbus to the Newman family, Essex (March 2023). RTL 453 was loaned back to Ensignbus.

RTW 335 (KXW 435) passed from Ensignbus to the Newman family, Essex (March 2023).

#### **Routemasters:**

RML 2317 (CUV 317C) no longer carries a name ; the last name applied by Brighton & Hove was Steve Boreham and was carried from August 2021 until October 2022. Previously it had carried the name Colin Curtis from October 2012 to August 2021.

RML 2472 (JJD 472D) from Go Coach to The Expeditional, London E6 (April).

RML 2546 (JJD 546D) has had its livery modified by Brigit's Afternoon Tea and now promotes the King Charles III Coronation afternoon tea tour with purple adverts in the usual locations together with promotional panels below the lower deck side windows.

RML 2573 (JJD 573D) further to TLB703, the tour in Kent on behalf of NHS Kent and Medway is now continuing until at least 24<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Olympians:**

NV 30 (N530 LHG) (ex GAL) from Bachmann Europe to S Boxall, Bromley Kent (December) after use by Bachmann in connection with their forthcoming model of a Northern Counties bodied Olympian.

NV 176 (R376 LGH, ex LFZ 7980) (ex GAL) has passed from Belfast City Sightseeing to Used Coach Sales, Warrington, Cheshire. (by April).

VA 76 (R176 VPU) (ex SLN) was sold from Golden Eagle Coaches (by January).

#### **Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:**

DLP 61 (LJ51 DKN) (ex ALN) is now in use on Golden Tours operation in York in blue and white livery. It remains owned by York Pullman.

DLP 82 (LJ51 ORG) (ex ALN) was sold for scrap from A&A Coach Travel (by December).

DW 45 (LJ53 NHN) (ex ALN) correcting the previous report, this DW remained with Sanders Coaches until it was sold for scrap (by March).

DW 276, 294 (LJ59 LWZ, LVZ), 297 (LJ10 CUK) (ex ALN) from Bus & Coach Centre to Garnetts Coaches, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham (by April). DW 276 had latterly been with Xelabus and has been seen in Garnetts all over yellow fleet livery.

T 40 (LJ08 CUO) (ex ALN) updating TLB704, this T passed from Arriva to Bryan's Coaches via South East Bus Supplies, Bromley, Kent.

VLA 24, 30, 32 (LJ53 BFN, BDU, BDX) (ex ALN) were re-registered by 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Stop in January to BU53 TOP, B22 TOP and BU02 TOP respectively.

VLW 12 (UUI 2952, ex LJ51 DFV) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Hardwick, Barnsley (February).

VLW 93 (LF52 UPG) (ex ALN) from Xelabus to Seven Sisters Bus & Coach, Ringmer, East Sussex (February).

VLW 131 (LJ03 MHA) (ex ALN) correcting the previous report, this VLW remained with Cali & Sons and was sold to Dickies Bus Hire, Oakley Green, Berks. (June 2018) where it has been used as a dining bus and was re-registered to Y800 DLF in September 2020.

VLW 183 (LJ03 MMA, ex J600 JBT) re-gained its original registration and passed from J&B Travel to Base Coach Sales, Leyland, Lancs. (April).

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TN 33136 (LT02 ACF) (ex FLN) was destroyed by fire in May 2022 and the remains are now confirmed as passing from First Essex to Whip Street Motors (dlr), Bramford, Suffolk.

TN 33152, 33159, 33160, 33163, 33166, 33167 (LR02 LXL, LXU, LXV, LXZ, LYD, LYF) (ex FLN) from First Eastern Counties to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex, and subsequently passed to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in April).

TN 33245, 33247 (LT52 WUW, WUY) (ex FLN) confirmed as passing to PVS, Barnsley (January).

TNL 33003 (LK51 UZS) (ex FLN) (ex FLN) from First Eastern Counties to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex, and subsequently passed to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in April).

VN 32102 (MIG 3842, ex LT02 ZCL), 32103 (MIG 4760, ex LT02 ZCN), 32104 (MIG 6096, ex LT02 ZCO) (ex FLN) from First South West to First Hants & Dorset (April) for use at Weymouth.

VNL 32200 (MIG 6219, ex LT52 WTE), 32202 MIG 8433, ex LT52 WTG) (ex FLN) from First South West to First Hants & Dorset (April) for use at Weymouth.

PVL 65 (W465 WGH) (ex GAL) further to TLB653, it is now understood that this PVL was acquired by Charisma Stars Dance Troupe, Partington, Greater Manchester but that it was damaged by fire in April 2018 and was written off.

PVL 167 (X567 EGK), 410 (LX54 GZB) (ex GAL) sold from A&A Coach Travel (by December).

PVL 415 (LX54 GZU) (ex GAL) from A&A Coach Travel to Kilvington of Leeds, Pudsey, West Yorks. (by February).

VP 6 (X157 FBB) (ex GAL) was sold from North East Coachways (October).

VWL 15 (LB02 YXN, ex AGZ 9387) (ex GAL) from Little's Travel (by December 2018) to scrap.

WVL 238 (LX06 DZW) (ex GAL) was re-registered by 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Stop in December to MT55 BUS.

ADE 40450, 40460 (YX62 BFL, BKO) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to McGills Buses (April). ADE 40451, 40463 and 40464 have been numbered 8968, 8967 and 8966 respectively.

SP 112 (YR59 FYT) (ex LU) has been repainted by Ipswich Buses into a special livery with green lower panels, cream upper deck and silver between decks to commemorate 120 years of municipal transport in Ipswich; the silver is to imitate the polished aluminium panels that were seen on 1930s Ipswich Ransomes trolleybuses. It has been named Elizabeth after the late HM Queen Elizabeth II, and has been numbered 29 in the Ipswich Buses fleet.

TA 341 (SN03 LFL) (ex LU) from Weardale Motor Services to Squarepeg Buses, Leeds (January).

VE 9 (VIL 9335, ex PG04 WHA) (ex LU) confirmed sold for scrap from Little's Travel (September).

VLE 2 (PG04 WHD, ex X777 EMH), 3 (PG04 WHE, ex T70 EMH), 7 (PG04 WHK, ex T80 EMH) (ex LU) have all been re-reg'd again by E&M Horsburgh and re-gained their previous marks.

TE 676 (LK55 KKH) (ex ML) was sold from Redline Buses (January).

TE 888, 890 (LK08 DYA, NVE) (ex ML) were re-registered by Little's Travel to D21 LTL and D22 LTL in January.

TE 984 (LK59 DZH) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Ipswich Playbus, Ipswich, Suffolk (April).

TP 312 (LT02 ZZS) (ex ML) was sold from Barton Coach Company / Clydes Minibuses (by January).

TP 376 (LR52 KWU) (ex ML) was re-registered to K15 ONO by Burrows Coaches in January and has been named Linda.

TP 390 (LR52 KXJ) (ex ML) was withdrawn by Hulleys in January following engine failure and has been sold for scrap.

VP 346 (LR52 BOV) (ex ML) was sold from A&A Coach Travel (by December) and was noted with Yorkshire Buses, Leeds, West Yorkshire (by April).

VP 512, 516, 532, 547 (LK04 CPY, CRU, CUC, CVH) (ex ML) were acquired by Go Ahead group company Metrobus when the operator Southdown PSV was acquired in February. They have been numbered 6945 to 6948.

VPL 142 (X642 LLX) (ex ML) updating TLB677, after use as a training vehicle and plane viewing area, this VPL has now been vandalised where it is parked near West Row, Suffolk. A previous owner had used it as a playbus. The details of the current ownership are still unknown.

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- TA 17004 (S804 BWC), 17050 (T650 KPU) (ex SLN) were re-registered to S66 BUS and T80 BUS in August and November respectively.
- TA 17064 (T5 TYL, ex T664 KPU) (ex SLN) was sold from North East Coaches in December and re-gained its original registration in January.
- TA 17196 (V196 MEV) (ex SLN) was latterly with North East Coachways and passed via CVA Auctioneers, Doncaster, South Yorkshire in October and was presumably sold.
- TA 17270 (X376 NNO) (ex SLN) was sold from Tees Valley (September 2018).
- TA 17377 (Y377 NHK) (ex SLN) from JB Travel to City Transport, Tockwith, North Yorks. (February 2022).
- TA 17411 (LX51 FHW) (ex SLN) was sold for scrap from XLP Youth Charity (June 2020).
- TA 17433 (LX51 FKG) (ex SLN) from Golden Eagle Coaches to Drew Wilson (dlr), Carlisle, South Lanarkshire (December 2022).
- TA 17874 (LX03 NFY, ex Y666 EMH) (ex SLN) correcting previous reports, this TA remains with E&M Horsburgh and was re-registered again to Y666 EMH in December.
- TA 17970 – the entry in TLB704 should have read TA 17970 (LX53 JZN).
- TA 17971 (LX53 JZO) (ex SLN) was re-registered by 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Stop to BU51 TOP but then reverted back to its original registration at the beginning of March.
- TA 18241, 18256 (LX04 FYH, FZA) (ex SLN) were re-registered by 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Stop in December and January to MT04 BUS and BU04 TOP respectively.
- TA 18498 (LX06 AHE) (ex SLN) from Bryans Coaches to West End Garage, Woking, Surrey (May).
- 15011 (LX58 CEV), 15119 (LX09 FZR) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Transpora company, Altonian Coaches, Eastleigh, Hants. (March), for operation in Poole/Bournemouth areas. They did not leave Purfleet straight away and are due to be numbered 2904 and 2905

**Low-floor single deck types:**

- DWL 27 (LF02 PMO) (ex ALN) was sold from D&G Buses (April 2022) for scrap.
- DWL 40 (LF02 PNX) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Hardwick, Barnsley (by April).
- ENL 27 (LJ58 AVD) (ex ALN) from Arriva Shires to Arriva Southern Counties (February) and it has remained numbered T27 for continued use as a driver trainer.
- ENL 30 (DB09 PAN, ex LJ09 KPR) (ex ALN) from Panther Travel to Tetley Coaches, Leeds (March).
- ENL 43 (LJ09 KPF, ex T3 WES) (ex ALN) has been repainted by Go Goodwins into two-tone blue Diamond North West livery.
- DML 44019 (LK08 FLV), 44023 (YX58 DUH) (ex FLN) were sold from 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Stop to White-Hyde, Uckfield, East Sussex (December). Re-registered to AVZ 5054 and AVZ 5053 respectively.
- DML 44025 (YX58 DUU) (ex FLN) from Ripley to Canavan Travel, Glasgow (August).
- DML 44049 (YX58 FPG) (ex FLN) was re-registered by 1<sup>st</sup> Bus Stop in December to MT07 BUS.
- DML 44076, 44078 (YX58 HVF, HVH) (ex FLN) from First West of England to First Hants & Dorset (April) for use at Weymouth.
- DML 44099 (RRU 345, ex YX09 AEU) (ex FLN) re-gained its original registration in April 2022 and passed from Faresavers to Centrebus, Grantham, Lincs. (October) where it has been numbered 579 in their fleet.
- DML 44102 (YX09 AEY, ex LVR 164) (ex FLN) is reported as passing from Crosskeys Coaches to Hunters Executive Coaches, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire (October); can anyone confirm ?
- DML 44126, 44128 (YX09 FKW, FLM) (ex FLN) are now part of the Chaserider fleet, having transferred from D&G Buses in January. They remain as fleet numbers 51 and 52.
- DML 44148 (YX10 BFJ) (ex FLN) was re-registered by Weavaway Travel to W30 OOW in February.

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DML 44279, 44280, 44281, 44282, 44284, 44285, 44287, 44288, 44289, 44290, 44291, 44292 (YX61 FYB, FYC, FYD, FYE, FYG, FYH, FYK, FYL, FYM, FYN, FYO, FYP) (ex FLN) further to TLB703, these DMLs were all noted with Vision Bus, Blackrod, Bolton, Lancs. in December; it is not known if they were owned or just stored here. As noted in TLB703, DML 44281 has since been sold, but the others, and also DML 44283, 44286, are still missing.

DMS 44406 (YX09 FMG) (ex FLN) is now part of the Chaserider fleet, having transferred from D&G Buses in January. It remains as fleet number 40.

SOC 9 (LX08 ECY) (ex GAL) was sold from Mid Wales Travel (by April).

DP507 (X607 OKH, ex D1 VPA) (ex LU) sold from Victorious Pentecostal Assembly (January) for scrap.

DPS 654 (LG02 FFY) (ex LU) was sold from Buses 4 Sale (September).

DEL 858 (LK08 DWN) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to JSM Training, London (April).

DLF 84, 87 (KU52 YKL, YKP) (ex ML) updating previous reports, it now appears that these two DLFs were sold for scrap by December 2018 and by December 2020 respectively.

DLF 125 (Y641 AVV) (ex ML) was sold from Victorious Pentecostal Assembly (January) for scrap.

DM 962 (LK09 EKJ) (ex ML) was withdrawn by Hulleys and has been sold for scrap (February).

SLD 34309 (LX51 FGK) (ex SLN) had latterly been used as a mobile cinema, has been sold from Moviemobil (September).

36324 (LX58 CCF) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach North Scotland to Stagecoach Bluebird Buses (January).

36665 (SN17 MMU, ex WC17 LTD) (ex SLN) from Pelican Bus & Coach (dlr) to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (April). It was last known to be with Watermill Coaches (see TLB696) when it was registered WC17 LTD.

## SERVICE VEHICLES

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### TfL Fleet: Newly reported vehicles

	KM72 XPP	Volvo FMX 4-axle Grab-Loader	TfL	Wh/Blu	ACN
-	KM72 XPV	Volvo FMX 2-axle Curtainsided Lorry	TfL	Wh/Blu	ACN
-	KY23 LNO	Volvo FMX 3-axle Flatbed with Crane	TfL	Wh/Blu	ACN

### Additional information and updates

The two Volvo lorries mentioned in TLB703 were given lettering in late-April, and were joined by a third example. Interestingly the lettering refers to TfL only, with the generic blue roundel. It is presumed this is simply for flexibility and that their main user (as with the rest of the lorry fleet) will be LUL. The livery on the new lorries also differs in that the cabs are all white. There is no blue skirt or coloured stripe.

Ford Focus estate 8452F LR17 ZWH is still in use by LUL (not withdrawn August 2022) and should be added to SUP24J. Ford Transit Custom van 8579F is another vehicle that we knew about but which has only recently been seen for the first time. It has standard LUL white/blue/red livery.

Allocations and transfers are 8304V ?-NGB, 8416T HHB-UXB, 8431F ?-SPD, 8565P SDD-ACH, 8579F ?-NFD, 9128VW ERS-LBD and 9131VW ACN-LBD

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	DU66 VSV	Vauxhall Astra Hatchback	Abellio	Black	?
E2	KP70 DYJ	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Silver #	EC
E7	KP70 DZB	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Silver #	EC
E9	KR70 UOK	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Black #	EC
E4	KR70 WMM	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Black #	EC
E8	KR70 WMO	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Black #	EC
E6	KR70 WMP	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Black #	EC
AD208	BN21 UPF	Peugeot 2008 Car	Arriva London	Silver #	AD
-	GD21 ENX	Peugeot 5008 Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	KW21 BKO	Peugeot 5008 Car	Arriva London	White #	DT
-	SA71 CUJ	Hyundai Kona Car	Arriva London	Black #	DT
-	BL22 LFN	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	GY
-	DU22 ZHX	Vauxhall Crossland Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
E5	KW22 DLF	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Silver #	EC
E1	KW22 EMK	Peugeot 208 Car	Arriva London	Black #	EC
-	LC22 OPP	MG HS Car	Arriva London	Black #	DT
AD206	RV22 OGY	Kia Sportage 2 Car	Arriva London	Black #	AD
-	KM72 PXN	Citroen C5 Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
E3	KP72 XKH	Citroen C3 Car	Arriva London	Black #	EC
?	BD23 KRU	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	N
EC211	BG23 CKP	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC204	BG23 HGO	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
S10	BG23 KYF	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	N
-	BG23 KYJ	Seat Arona Car	Arriva London	White #	N
-	BG23 KYT	Seat Arona Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC904	BG23 LBY	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
-	BG23 LDK	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	GY
-	BJ23 EYH	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	GY
EC206	BJ23 FFT	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC218	BJ23 OCR	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC208	BJ23 ODL	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC220	BJ23 ODY	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC901	BJ23 OEO	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
EC212	BJ23 OTF	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
AD210	LG23 UKW	Kia Xceed Car	Arriva London	Black #	AD
805	BN64 HSA	Ford Transit Minibus	Ensignbus	White	PT
804	LM17 VLJ	Peugeot Partner Van	Ensignbus	White	PT
-	BF67 TNE	Ford Transit Custom Van	Ensignbus	White	PT
801	KY18 VSO	Vauxhall Corsa Van	Ensignbus	White	PT
-	GL68 BDX	VW Crafter Van	Ensignbus	Blue	PT
FV1	OU19 EWL	BYD E6Y Electric Car	Go-Ahead London	Black #	GM
FV2	OU19 FDD	BYD E6Y Electric Car	Go-Ahead London	Black #	GM
?	DY22 LFD	Vauxhall Vivaro-E Electric Van	Stagecoach London	Red	RM
-	MA71 NLZ	Ford Tourneo Custom Minibus	?	White #	?
92	CK62 XNJ	Citroen C1 Car	White Bus	Blue	-
94	EX04 KHE	Peugeot 307 Estate	White Bus	Black	-
96	HY54 OPC	Citroen C2 Car	White Bus	Black	-
95	RJ09 VNC	Ford Transit Connect Van	White Bus	White	-

----- *Service Vehicles* -----

### **Additional information**

Abellio 6794 (HG12 WWC) and 6804 (MF13 PGO) have both moved from TF to GW, while van DV69 EOO (the fleetnumber for which has not yet been reported) is at TF.

The large numbers of additions to the Arriva London fleet is notable. None are marked, but many have fleetnumbers displayed on windscreen notices. Other vehicles noted with fleetnumbers include CX70 LUB (AD201), CX70 LWC (AD205), BJ72 SVV (S7) and BJ72 SVY (S3). The significance of the various numbering ranges used at Edmonton is not clear. Please drop me a line if you know. WP66 SXU is withdrawn.

Ensignbus had 10 service vehicles at the time of the First takeover. Five were those listed above, another was 803 LC66 FKH (seemingly not withdrawn in 2022) and the remainder were 810 LC66 TWY, LB17 RSX, 806 NJ17 YXM and EB20 TOW. 808 EY15 DVO and 807 NL66 OLU are presumed to have been withdrawn.

Several of Go-Ahead London's Mercedes Vito minibuses have been treated to advertising for bus driver recruitment, formed of blue vinyls across the sides (including the passenger windows), and on the rear window. Ford Fiesta van EX64 YCS (which we had marked as withdrawn in early 2020) has been seen still in service, now at Goat Road (MG). Also at Goat Road are a pair of BYD electric cars, very similar to those used by RATP, but a complete change from Go-Ahead's normal use of Mercedes Vitos. The numbers are on labels in the back windows. Transfers include EU16 KWR PL-C, EY67 WYD MB-Q, RX18 LLC RR-MG, RK68 GVT MB-C, RF19 UZN MB-C, WO21 PFE C-NP, WP21 YCZ C-MB and RX71 SYU C-NP. Ford van EA15 NKS is withdrawn

Metroline has taken delivery of at least 7 Ford Puma cars in unmarked dark red and with AY23 K\*\* registrations. It is not yet known if these are for use as crew ferries or by company staff. They will not be listed until/unless they are confirmed as being crew ferries. Citroen car KV21 RZH has not been withdrawn, and it now works from PV, as does van AY20 YYM.

Stagecoach DY22 LBG has national fleet number 91761 while DY22 LCJ is 91762. Older 90933 MD16 SXL has been withdrawn. Unmarked white minibus MA71 NLZ listed above has been noted by several people performing crew ferry work to Romford Station. Unfortunately, no-one could say which company it was working for, although Stagecoach London seems to be the most likely.

White Bus car EX04 KHE is covered with graphics of car keys and advertises a mobile auto locksmith, while van RJ09 VNC is lettered for Rowgate Group, Fleet Support. All of the vehicles listed were seen at the Horsell base near Woking.

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### **Corrections to TLB704 photo captions**

GLS444 is actually LS444 and has never been a "Greenway conversion".  
BEA2 is/was RMA14 (not RMA50 – which is BEA 34).

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This TLB closed on 5-7 May and due for posting on 16 May. Closing date for TLB706 is Weds 7 June and due for posting on Tues 20 June. To Editors by post or e-mail to [davestewart297@gmail.com](mailto:davestewart297@gmail.com) or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 05July, 02 August, 06Sep.

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'Arriva Country' is treating a few VDL SB200s to this livery for route 724; maybe it will spread? Meanwhile the first to be treated, No.3798, is at Denham on its way from Harlow to Heathrow. (Richard Godfrey)

The first hydrogen fuel cell bus to enter service with Metrobus was 6052 on 24th April, seen here in Coachman's Drive, Broadfield on Crawley's 'Fastway' network. (Richard Godfrey)



**Rear cover:** First Berkshire's recently acquired E400s at Slough are starting to gain this livery. No.34378 in Tamar Way Langley also sports the Beeline branding that has been resurrected from an earlier era. (Richard Godfrey)  
Correction to TLB704: the rear cover view was LT 91 not LT 154.



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