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When the 507/521 were withdrawn from 29 April, the 59 and 133 were rerouted to Holborn, replacing each end of the 521. LT 716 in High Holborn en-route to Smithfield, has come from Waterloo. *(Haydn Davies)*

Wrightbus Electroliners are now converting Arriva route 307 between Brimsdown and Barnet Hospital. On 23rd June ES 10 is pictured in Cecil Road, Enfield. More are due for Arriva 64 and 417 in the South. *(Russell Young)*



Front cover: Route X26, destined to become part of 'Superloop', is now promoting itself on its dedicated fleet of Volvo B9TLs with emphasis on the present single fare in Greater London. WVL 339 is at Hatton Cross. *(Haydn Davies)*



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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 with speakers on 25Sept, 20Nov. The 25Sept meeting is a presentation -'London Country 1974 to 1979' by Jeff Tucker.

Exit from Farringdon Station (Met side) Turn east (left) and go up Cowcross Street until you reach the Leon restaurant. Opposite, go through the gated archway, cross the cobbled courtyard to the far right corner and go down the stairs to the basement meeting room known as "The Gallery".

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

Sun.23 July: A&D MBS's Beaconsfield Running Day.

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

Sun. 6 August: Gosport Bus Rally, at Stokes Bay.

Sun, 13 August: A&D MBS's Oxted Running Day

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

Sun. 3 Sept: 'Buses' magazine's Festival at Sywell Aerodrome, Northants.

Sat. 9 Sept: Oxford Open Doors; Oxford Museum buses in service in City Centre.

Sat 16 Sept: London Bus Museum's Running Day on London route 38 (Victoria & Clapton).

Thur/Fri 21.22 Sept: LT Museum at Acton Depot (LSS)

Sat. 23 Sept: Go-Ahead open day at Orpington Garage (LSS)

Sun.24 Sept: Amberley Museum (West Sussex) Autumn Bus Show.

Sun. 1 October: A&D MBS's Running Day from Chesham Broadway.

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LOTS Postal Sales

Two titles that we have been notified as being out of print:-
London Underground Station Encyclopaedia, (Capital Transport); and
London Country Vehicle Memories (Bowden Publishing).

The Newest Items:

LOTS Fleetbook 2023 £8.00

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

LOTS LBM London Bus Magazine No.204 Summer 2023 £6.00. Principal articles are :

Thamesmead half a century on (Malc McDonald) and Roving round the airfields (Graham Burnell).

****NEW****

LOTS LBM – London Bus Magazine No.203 Spring 2023 £6.00. 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.*

****NEW**** London's Advert Buses by Matthew Wharmby. £16.99 published by Key Publishing. 230 colour photos - soft back.

From Capital Transport:

****NEW**** Town & City Buses by Stewart J. Brown and Kevin McCormack. £35.00 , 160 pages, with over 200 colour photos from around the UK from the 1960s to 1985.

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

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).

GENERAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

Section Editor: Andrew Boag, 88 Marine Parade, Brighton BN2 1AJ or by e mail to andrewj.boag@gmail.com

National news, TfL and Politics

I am sometimes asked why I include national events here, some of which do not appear to be directly relevant to buses and the issue was raised at the LOTS AGM. The first reason is that the first section of TLB sets the scene; many readers keep their copies for reference and look back to it to find out what was happening in previous times. Secondly, buses are political, especially in London where they have always been controlled by local or central Government. Major events like Brexit, Covid, elections and political leadership changes have all affected TfL to a degree, especially when it comes to funding. The first paragraph of this section is one small element of a journal with 36 or more pages, so those who don't like this part can easily skip it. That said, national politics has been relatively quiet lately so there are no major political events to report this month!

TfL has restarted work to design tunnels for a **Bakerloo extension** to Lewisham in order to be able to enter into discussions with developers along the proposed route through Southwark and Lewisham Boroughs. Government approval to safeguard the route via Old Kent Road and New Cross Gate was given in 2021 and there is an option to extend the line further from Lewisham to Hayes over the existing national rail line. Some older members will remember the Hayes extension being part of a proposal for the Fleet line to Lewisham in the 1970s.

TfL has launched a **limited edition Oyster card** to commemorate 20 years since the introduction of the first Oyster card on 30 June 2003. The cards will be available from all ticket machines at Underground stations within zone 1 as well as Visitor Centres and selected Oyster Ticket Stops in Central London.

Opposition to ULEZ in outer London continues with a High Court hearing held on 4 July following representations from the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley and Hillingdon and Surrey County Council. The outcome is awaited.

Eleven new trains have been ordered for DLR services. These will be funded through the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities and will bring the total number of new trains due to be delivered between 2024 and 2026 to 54, increasing capacity on the network by 60%. Plans to extend the DLR network from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead are being progressed and TfL has prepared a Strategic Outline Case to the Government. This would involve new stations at Beckton Riverside and at Thamesmead town centre. A bus rapid transit scheme is also proposed using dedicated infrastructure between Woolwich and Abbey Wood via Thamesmead to improve local connectivity and links with the Elizabeth line.

New **national rail strikes** have been announced by the RMT union for 20th, 22nd and 29th July while the ASLEF union called an overtime ban between 3rd and 8th July. A consultation is taking place over plans to close hundreds of ticket offices at stations on the National Rail network. This follows the failure of negotiations between the Rail Delivery Group (RDG), which represents train companies and the RMT union. The RDG says only 12% of tickets are sold at ticket offices, compared with 85% in 1995 and staff would be better employed in other roles on stations. If the closures proceed, they would be phased over three years. Comments on the proposals should be sent to London Travelwatch or to Transport Focus by 26th July.

Corporate and company news

The **National Express Group** is expanding its UK coach operations. There will be new routes between Luton Airport and Portsmouth via London, a daily overnight service between Blackpool and London via Manchester and Northampton to London via Milton Keynes. The existing A2 and A5 services linking London with Luton and Stansted airports are substantially increased. National Express is also launching a new service between Dublin and Belfast with 16 departures each day.

Stagecoach has won the second major franchising tranche in Greater Manchester which covers depots in Middleton, Oldham and Queens Road. Stagecoach already operates out of Middleton but Oldham is a First garage and Queens Road is a Go Ahead garage. Smaller contracts have been awarded to Rotala owned Diamond Bus North West and to First. A total of 87 routes are involved and the new contracts will start in March 2024.

First Group has announced a strong set of financial results with increased passenger numbers and revenue from its bus services for the year ended 25 March 2023. During the year First acquired Ensignbus but disposed of its Southampton and First Scotland East operations.

Go Ahead has been awarded a 15 year contract worth £110 million from Kent County Council to take over the Fastrack service from Arriva in the Dartford, Bluewater, Ebbsfleet and Gravesend areas. Go Ahead London will operate services from November 2024 and hopes to use a fleet of 28 Irizar ie trams similar to those being introduced on TfL route 358.

Other General News

Metrobus formally launched its fleet of 20 Wrightbus GB Kite Hydroliners on 29 June at a ceremony at its Crawley garage attended by Transport Minister Richard Holden, Go Ahead and Wrightbus executives and local stakeholders. It was confirmed that Wrightbus would be supplying a further 34 hydrogen fuel cell buses for the company. At the launch the Minister announced that the Department for Transport is expected to confirm an end date for the sale of all new non-zero emission buses soon, this is likely to be between 2025 and 2032.

Brighton & Hove Buses is abandoning its long established red and cream livery in favour of teal and aqua colours. The company is expanding its operations in East Sussex this month, with new or extended routes from Brighton to Eastbourne via Lewes and Hailsham (route 28) and from Brighton to Heathfield via Lewes and Uckfield. (new route 29A). Both are funded through East Sussex County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan for three years.

Merseyside independent **People's Bus** has been sold to Stagecoach. People's Bus was founded in 2001. It had 23 vehicles which will move to the Stagecoach depot at Gillmoss.

Two new battery electric products from Yutong are the E9L electric with full width front door. Its previous 9 metre long model had a short front overhang with a single width front door and a centre door. Also new is the U11DD double decker. This is a fully integral bus and two demonstrators are expected to be available in the UK from September.

Flixbus is starting two new services from England to Amsterdam. One will start in Leeds and will be operated by Whippet Coaches while the other will start in Bristol, operated by Turners Coaches. In the UK, Flixbus is extending its London to Plymouth service to Penzance and Newquay for the summer season and there are plans for an overnight service between Aberdeen and London.

Reading Buses is dropping its Green Line brand in favour of London Line and Flight Line on its new ADL 400 double deckers although they will continue to be branded in Green colour scheme.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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

LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Starting with a correction, new route S2 awarded last month. This will operate between Epsom Town Centre and St Helier Station, via the current Route 470 (Epsom to Sutton) then via the current route S4 (Sutton to St Helier) and not as stated.

Routes 101, 120, 167, 195, 238/=, 262, 362, 396, 439, 462, 473, E6 and E11 from tranches 863A, 864, 871, 874 and 877 awarded starting on 2nd March 2024 (101, 238/=, 439), 9th March 2024 (167), 23rd March 2024 (362, 462), 30th March 2024 (262, 396, 473) 13th April 2024 (195), 25th May 2024 (E6, E11) and 22nd June 2024 (120).

Routes 120, 167, 195, 238/=, 362, 462 and E11 are for 6 years;
Routes 101, 262, 396, 439, 473 and E6 are for 7 years.

- 101 Retained by Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 10 to 9).
- 120 Retained by Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 17).
- 167 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 7).
- 195 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 15 to 16).
- 238/= Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
- 262 Awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new electric double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Stagecoach East London (ex Tower Transit) from Lea Interchange (LI) (pvr 10).
- 362 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 3).
- 396 Retained by Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 4).
- 439 New Route (Whyteleafe Station & Kenley Station) part of the Croydon/Sutton consultation, awarded to Go-Ahead Metrobus using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr TBC).
- 462 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 8).
- 473 Awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new electric double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Stagecoach East London (ex Tower Transit) from Lea Interchange (LI) (pvr 9).
- E6 Awarded to Abellio using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Metroline West from Greenford (G) garage (pvr 11).
- E11 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 5).

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

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#862 (02/24)	Tranche cancelled.....	43/=, 134/=
#862C (02/24)	242/N242 (Arriva LN)	--
#864 (2-3/24)	277/N277 (S'ch East London)	--
#864A (2/24)	283 (London United)	--
#865 (3/24)	379 (GA London General)	--
#865A (2-3/24)	W12, W13 (S'ch ex HCT Group), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit).....	--
#866 (03/24)	20 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 58 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 97, 215 (S'ch East London)	123/=, 158/=, 275

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#867 (03/24)	393 (Metroline Travel)	--
#868 (03/24)	Tranche cancelled.....	--
#869 (03/24)	113/N113 (Metroline Travel)	317

The amended 2024/25 tendering programme is now as follows:-

(Note that tranches #878 onwards are unchanged and are as in TLB706).

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#872 (04/24)	S3 (London United)	--
#872A (04/24)	306 (Metroline Travel)	--
#873 (4-5/24)	464 (Abellio), 689 (Arriva LS)	--
#873A (03/24)	X26 (Go-Ahead Metrobus)	--
#874 (06/24)	E3 (London United)	--
#875 (04/24)	U1, U2, U3, U4 (Metroline West)	--
#876 (04/24)	236 (S, ch ex T.Transit), 394 (S'ch ex HCT Group)	--
#877 (04/24)	110 (London United)	--

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 6th May: As in TLB706.

Saturday 13th May 2023: As in TLB706.

Saturday 20th May 2023: As in TLB706.

Saturday 27th May 2023: As in TLB706, additionally:

337 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Richmond, Bus Station & Clapham Junction, Northcote) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years. (*see also 1st July, below*).

Sunday 28th May 2023: As in TLB706.

Saturday 3rd June 2023:

386 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Woolwich High Street & Blackheath Village, Royal Parade) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

456 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (North Middlesex Hospital & Crews Hill, Golf Ride) Revised Daily timetables for reliability.

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

W15 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Cogan Avenue Estate & Hackney, Town Hall) Revised Daily timetables for reliability.

PVR Changes from 3rd June 2023:

Go-Ahead London Central: 386 No change to PVRs;

Go-Ahead London General: 486, W15 No change to PVRs;

Metroline Travel: 491 No change to PVRs.

Saturday 10th June 2023:

30 (*Metroline Travel-KC*) (Hackney Wick, Chapman Road & Marble Arch) Re-allocated to Holloway (HT) garage, with King's Cross (KC) garage "mothballed".

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.

274 (*Metroline Travel-KC*) (Islington, Angel & Lancaster Gate) Re-allocated to Holloway (HT) garage, with King's Cross (KC) garage "mothballed".

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

Saturday 10th June, continue:

- 327 (Sullivan-SM) (Waltham Cross Bus Station & Elsing 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.

PVR Changes from 10th June 2023:

Metroline Travel: 30 to 19/18/15 #HT301+, 274 to 13/14/14 #HT331+;
No change to 231, 268, 631, H2 and H3 PVRs;
Sullivan Buses: No change to PVRs.

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.
53 (Stagecoach Selkent-PD) (County Hall & Plumstead Station) Revised daily timetables for running time, the contract timetable introduced early. (see also 22nd July later).
251 (London Sovereign-BT) (Arnos Grove Station & Edgware Station) Revised daily schedules, actually the contract schedules introduced early, even though the route is due to be taken over by Metroline Travel on 2nd September 2023. AM peak frequency reduced from x7½ to x8-9mins, PM peak reduced from x10 to x12 mins.
274 (Metroline Travel-HT) (Islington, Angel & Lancaster Gate) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
322 (Abellio-QB) (Crystal Palace & Clapham Common, Old Town) Revised daily timetables for running time.
679 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR) (Woodford Wells, Bancroft School & Goodmayes, Lord Napier, SDO) PM Journeys starting from Woodford County High School retimed to run 10 minutes later.
H14 (London Sovereign-SO) (Hatch End & Northwick Park Hospital) Revised daily schedules, the contract schedules being introduced early. Peak frequency reduced from x8-9 to x10 mins.
N15 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-DS/RR/Q) (Oxford Circus & Romford Market) Fr-Sa Night service increased to run every x8mins throughout. No change to weekday service, but the temporary Camberwell (Q) garage allocation withdrawn.

PVR Changes from 24th June 2023:

Abellio: No change to 322 PVRs;
Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: N15 to 12 Su-Th nights/14 Fr-Sa Nights #DS401+ plus
8 Su-Th nights / 12+ Fr-Sa nights #RR501+ (+2 ex 5 as #RR302/312Fr nights, #RR326, 328Sa nights);
Q allocation withdrawn; 5 to 30*/29*/21 #RR301+ *N15 FrSa nights, no change to 679 PVRs;
London Sovereign: 251 to 13/11/6 #BT301+; H14 to 7/6/4 #SO141+;
Metroline Travel: 46 to 19/17/13 #HT351+, no change to 30, 274 PVRs;
Stagecoach East London: No change to 26/N26 PVRs;
Stagecoach Selkent: 53 to 27/25/20 #PD241+;
No change to N53 PVRs, running numbers now as daytime 53.

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

Saturday 1st July 2023:

Also, widened schedules on routes 39, 93/= and 493 for Wimbledon Tennis until 16th July, 111 for Hampton Court Flower Show then for road works on Great Western Road and P4 for road works in Honor Oak.

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 with new Ee-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-deck vehicles in due course.

85/= (*London United-FW*) (Kingston, Kingston Hall Road & Putney Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles. Re-allocated from Fulwell (FW) to Tolworth (TV).

114 (*Metroline West-UX*) (Mill Hill Broadway Station & Ruislip Station) Revised daily timetable, the contract timetable introduced early. (*see also 2nd September later*).

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 practice, this class of buses are already being used on the 213 rather than on the planned route 151.

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. Re-allocated from Hounslow Heath (WK) to Fulwell (FW).

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 in due course. Currently operated by London United from Tolworth (TV) garage using DLE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

337 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Richmond, Bus Station & Clapham Junction, Northcote) Re-allocated from Putney (AF) garage to Stockwell (SW) garage.

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.

PVR Changes from 1st July 2023:

Go-Ahead London General: 265 to 12/12/9 #AF261+, 337 to 11/11/9 #SW341+, no change to 57/= and 213/= PVRs;

London United 85/= to 15/15/11 #TV201+ =85 to 3 each night #TV201+ (same as daytime running numbers), 216 to 10/9/6 #FW241+, no change to K4 PVRs, 265 withdrawn;

Metroline Travel: 643 withdrawn; Metroline West: 114 to 17/17/13 #UX201+;

Uno 643 to 2/-/- #HF301+.

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

Saturday 8th July 2023:

Widened timetables for route H91 for roadworks at Chiswick Roundabout.

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

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Saturday 15th July 2023: The widened timetables for route 422 were re-instated for road works continuing at Greenwich.

- 86 (Stagecoach East London-NS) (Stratford, Bus Station & Romford Station) and
- N86 (Stagecoach East London-NS) (Stratford, Bus Station & Harold Hill, Dagnam Park Square) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 166 (Arriva London South-TC) (West Croydon & Epsom) Additional shuttle service introduced, Sats and Suns only, until Sun 27th August between Purley and Banstead. As in previous years, these are to act as duplicates for the main 166 to cater for visitors to the Mayfield Lavender Farm situated at the junction of Croydon Lane and Carshalton Road.
- 607 (Metroline West-G) (White City, Bus Station & Uxbridge Station, Express) Route **renumbered SL8**. London Buses state that “SL8” will be the first route to join the Superloop network of express bus routes to improve connections and journey times.” This suggests that the other Superloop routes will be in a common numbering sequence, so we await further details. (For details of the proposed network, see TLB 704 - Apr 2023 p15-16 also service proposals later).

Monday 17th July 2023: The “all change at Bank” scheme is finally introduced after many months and kept on as “long-term temporary diversions” since 2020. Buses currently on diversion (25/N25) return to normal routing. Buses will no longer serve Threadneedle Street and the following routes are now permanently re-routed as follows:

- 8 (Stagecoach East London-BW) (Tottenham Court Road & Bow Church) and
- N8 (Oxford Circus & Hainault, The Lowe) Rerouted in both directions from Bishopsgate via Cornhill to and from Bank.
- 26 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Victoria Station & Hackney Wick, Eastway) and
- N26 (Victoria Station & Chingford Station) Rerouted in both directions from Bishopsgate via Cornhill to and from Bank and then Poultry and Queen Street to and from Queen Victoria Street.
- 133 (Arriva London South-BN) (Holborn Station & Streatham Station) Rerouted southbound via Little Britain, Montague Street, Rotunda Roundabout, Aldersgate Street, St Martin's Le Grand, Cheapside, Poultry, Bank, Lombard Street and King William Street. No change to routing towards Holborn.
- N21 (Go-Ahead London Central-NX) (Trafalgar Square & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) Rerouted in both directions from Bank via Poultry and Queen Street to Queen Victoria Street.
- N242 (Arriva London North-CT) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Homerton Hospital) Rerouted in both directions from Bishopsgate via Cornhill to and from Bank.
- N550 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Trafalgar Square & Canning Town Station) Rerouted in both directions to and from Bank via Poultry and Queen Street to Queen Victoria Street.
- N551 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Trafalgar Square & Gallions Reach, Shopping Park) Rerouted in both directions to and from Bishopsgate via Cornhill to and from Bank and then Poultry and Queen Street to and from Queen Victoria Street.

Saturday 22nd July 2023: Widened timetables for routes 14/=, 22, 37, 39, 74, 93/=, 170, 337, 424, 430 and 493 for Wandsworth Bridge closure until 29th September. Note a couple of routes added and expected to include routes 49 and 85/=. Additionally, route N28 is expected to be diverted via Battersea Bridge, with routes 28, 295 and C3 still expected to be curtailed at Sands End, this is subject to confirmation at time of going to press. Route 434 is widened to every x40 mins because of works at Purley (see diversions section later).

- 23/= (London Transit-X) (Westbourne Park Station & Aldwych) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing OME-class Optare MetroDecker MD1050EV electric double-deck vehicles
- 53 (Stagecoach Selkent-PD) (County Hall & Plumstead Station) and
- N53 (Stagecoach Selkent-PD) (Whitehall & Plumstead Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing hybrid AD40H AD Enviro400H double-deck vehicles.

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Saturday 29th July 2023:

- 171 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Elephant & Castle & Bellingham, Catford Bus Garage) Revised stand working at Catford bus garage, as buses will no longer be permitted or be able to turn on the garage forecourt, so amended to run out of service via the Downham Way turning point in Old Bromley Road to stand on Bromley Road outside Catford bus garage.
- 349 (*Arriva London North-EC*) (Stamford Hill, Rookwood Road & Ponders End Garage) Re-allocated from EC (Edmonton) garage to Enfield (E) garage.
- 486 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (North Greenwich Station & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) Weekend night service restored. So far this is the first restoration of the “Weekend Night Tube” bus connections.
- W6 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Southgate Station & Edmonton Green) Re-allocated from Enfield (E) garage to Wood Green (WN) garage.

Saturday 12th August 2023:

- S1 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Lavender Fields & Banstead, Marks & Spencer) re-allocated from Croydon (C) garage to Goat Road (GM) garage, thus novated from Go-Ahead Metrobus to Go-Ahead London General.

Saturday 19th August 2023:

- 164 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Wimbledon Station & Sutton Station) Extended daily from Sutton to Belmont Station via routes 80, 280 via Brighton Road. Note that the route will be re-routed to terminate at Royal Marsden Hospital at a later date once new facilities have been completed.
- 417 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Clapham Common, Old Town & Crystal Palace) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric ES-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-deck vehicles in due course.
- X26 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central, express) Daily daytime frequency increased from x30 to x15 mins.

Saturday 26th August 2023: (or first equivalent school day on school routes)

- 64/= (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Thornton Heath Pond & New Addington, Vulcan Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric ES-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 605 (*Sullivan Buses-SM*) (Burnt Oak Station & Totteridge & Whetstone Station SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing double-deck vehicles.
- 612 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (Selsdon, Farley Road & Wallington County Grammar School SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using new electric ES-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 628 (Kingsbury JFS & Southgate Station, SDO PM journey only via Deansbrook Road) and
- 653 (Kingsbury JFS & Muswell Hill Broadway, SDO) and
- 683 (Kingsbury JFS & Friern Barnet, Town Hall, SDO) and
- 688 (Kingsbury JFS & Southgate Station, SDO) LBSL (QX) contracts awarded to Uno using existing diesel double-deck vehicles from Hatfield (HF) garage. Currently operated by Sullivan Buses from South Mimms (SM) garage using a mix of E-class AD40D Enviro400D or DS-class Scania N230UD Omnicity diesel double-deck vehicles.

Sunday 27th August / BH Monday 28th August 2023:

The Notting Hill Carnival returns so roads will be closed in Ladbrooke Grove and Notting Hill areas, with routes diverted as necessary. Route 52 is usually split into 2 sections as before, route 316 should be double-decked and route 36X should re-appear and routes 18, 23, 70, 94, 148 and 328 expected to have some enhancements and to maintain reliability. However, details have not been confirmed and hopefully will be next month.

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Saturday 2nd September 2023: (or first equivalent school day on school routes)

- 72 (*London United-S*) (East Acton, Brunel Road & Hammersmith Bridge, North Side) and
 N72 (*London United-S*) (East Acton, Brunel Road & Roehampton, Bessborough Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing BE-class electric single-deck vehicles.
- 114 (*Metroline West-UX*) (Mill Hill Broadway Station & Ruislip Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 203 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Staines, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 or ADH-class AD40 E40H Enviro 400H hybrid double-deck vehicles, type to be confirmed. Thus converted formally from MCL-class Mercedes Citaro diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 251 (Arnos Grove Station & Edgware Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel using new Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-decks in due course. Currently operated by London Sovereign from Edgware (BT) garage. Schedules were revised on 24th June. (*as noted earlier*).
- 288 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (Queensbury, Morrisons & Broadfields Estate) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DE-class diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 293 (*London United-TV*) (Morden Station & Epsom General Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 303 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (Edgware Station & Kingsbury Circle) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 340 (Edgware Station & Harrow, Bus Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to London Sovereign using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Edgware (BT) garage. Currently operated by Arriva London North from Palmers Green (AD) garage.
- 349 (*Arriva London North-EC*) (Stamford Hill, Rookwood Road & Ponders End Garage) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM-new Routemasters.
- 626 (Finchley Central Station & Dame Alice Owen's School SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles from Potters Bar (PB) garage. Type to be confirmed. Currently operated by Sullivan Buses from South Mimms (SM) garage using a mix of E-class AD40D Enviro400D or DS-class Scania N230UD Omnicity diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 634 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Barnet, Arkley Hotel & Muswell Hill Broadway, SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles, type to be confirmed.
- 685 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (Hamsey Green, Warlingham School & Selsdon, Farley Road SDO, PM journey only) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing T-class diesel double-deck vehicles.
- H11 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station & Mount Vernon Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class diesel single-deck vehicles.
- H14 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Hatch End & Northwick Park Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles. Note the frequency was reduced from 24th June (*see above*).
- H17 (Harrow, Bus Station & Wembley Central, Montrose Crescent) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing DEL-class diesel single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London United from Park Royal (RP) garage.
- H18 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station circular via Headstone Lane & Belmont) and
 H19 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station circular via Belmont & Headstone Lane) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class diesel single-deck vehicles.
- N550 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Trafalgar Square & Canning Town Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- N551 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Trafalgar Square & Gallions Reach, Shopping Park) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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- 83 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green Station & Alperton Station) and
N83 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green Station & Ealing Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new WDE-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles.
390/= (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Victoria Station & Archway Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
483 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Harrow, Bus Station & Windmill Park, Three Bridges) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

A new consultation was issued on 19th June with a closing date of 30th July for routes **W12**, **W13**, **W14** and **549** in the Walthamstow and Wanstead area, best explained in reverse order before you ask! Route **549** (South Woodford Station & Loughton Station, M-S except evenings) is withdrawn completely (leaving just '533' as a 5xx numbered route in London Buses). It is effectively replaced by re-routing route **W14** from South Woodford to follow the existing route 549 to Loughton Station. Then, from South Woodford Station, the W14 follows the existing W12 route via the 'Hail & Ride' section via Charnwood Drive, Colvin Gardens, Elmcroft Avenue, Nightingale Lane, then via Snaresbrook Station and Snaresbrook Road to terminate at Whipps Cross Interchange for the hospital. A daily service is promised, at a frequency of hourly; better than the 549 at every x90mins Mo-Sat except evenings, but a drop from x30 to x60mins on the hail and ride section on the current W12. Route **W13** (Woodford, Horse & Wells & Leytonstone Station) is extended from Leytonstone to Leyton Asda, via the withdrawn section of route W14 via Leytonstone High Road and Cathall Road. Frequency on this would be increased from x20 to x15mins Sat daytimes and from x30 to x20mins Sundays and evenings. Finally, route **W12** (Coppermill Lane & Wanstead Station) is extended from Wanstead High Street to cover for withdrawn section of existing route W14 via Woodford Road, Hollybush Hill, Woodford Road, South Woodford Station, Chigwell Road to Woodford Bridge. It is also re-routed at Whipps Cross Hospital to serve Hospital Road rather than James Lane and is also rerouted away from Walthamstow Village via Church Hill Road. This is "at the request from LB Waltham Forest to meet public realm aspirations". Frequency is improved from x30 to x15mins Mon-Sat daytime and from x30 to x20mins Sundays and evenings.

A new consultation was issued on 28th June with a closing date of 23rd August for route **336** in the Downham area. Happy memories for me as one of my Nans used to live in Downderry Road, but many years before it had a bus route! It is proposed that route 336 will be permanently re-routed southbound via Haddington Road and Oakshade Road instead of part of Whitefoot Lane and Downderry Road, in fact adopting the "temporary diversion" that has been in operation since 21st August 2020 for safety reasons. (*see TLB673*). It is further re-routed southbound from Churchdown via Shrofffield Road to Downham Way. Permanent stops are also proposed in Haddington Road, Oakshade Road and Shrofffield Road, as well as in Canadian Avenue and Brookhowse Road in the Bellingham area, thus removing Hail & Ride sections in these locations. Several footway modifications are required and "some speed cushions and tables will be replaced by 'sinusoidal' cushions". I wonder what the consultees make of that! (I didn't know either and had to look it up! - they are shallower and have parabolic vertical humps).

Member Richard has kindly reminded me that there was also a long-term proposal to extend route **470** from Epsom to Epsom General Hospital, following consultation made in 2019 and subject to building works at the hospital but later proposals under the Croydon/Sutton changes split the 470 into two separate routes, this section now being part of the new **S2**. (Note the correction to the S2 in the tenders section!) It is not known whether the extension from Epsom to Epsom General Hospital will be proceeded with on this route. Currently this section is provided by daily route 293, 166 (M-S except evenings) and schoolday extensions on routes 406 and 467, as well as a few SCC routes.

As noted in service changes above, a surprise decision was taken to renumber route **607** into the as part of the Superloop routes proposals as **SL8**, so await the details of the consultations and those to follow to see what route numbers will evolve in due course.

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

- TLB675 p13-14 : Croydon / Sutton changes; also updated TLB706 p13 and also this issue.
 - 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).
 - TLB705 p14 : 419 fixed stops in Barnes.
 - TLB705 p14 : Catford Town Centre proposals.
 - TLB705 p14 : 223 extension to Eastman Village.
 - TLB705 p15 : X183 new “Superloop” route from Harrow to North Finchley.
 - TLB706 p13 : X34 new “Superloop” route from North Finchley to Walthamstow Central.
- 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. 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.

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), CR7 on 279/N279* (Arriva LN), 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 14/=, 39*, 74/N74, 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 78 (Arriva LN to GA London Central), CR7 on 152* (G-A London General), CR7 on 157* (Arriva LS 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), CE+2 on 51 (G-A London Central).

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 133/N133* (Arriva LS to Abellio), CR5 on 137/N137 (Arriva LS), CR7 on 228* (London United to Metroline West), CR7 on 333* (Arriva LS to GA London General), 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), CR5 on 59 (Arriva LS), 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).

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10th Feb 24: CE+2 on 3/N3 (Abellio), 122 (S'ch Selkent).

17th Feb 24: CR5 on EL1/=, EL2, EL3 (GA Blue Triangle)

2nd Mar 24: CR7 on 101* (G-A Blue Triangle) CR6 on 238/=, 309 (S'ch East London), CR7 on 325* (G-A Blue Triangle to Arriva LN), CR7 on 439* (G-A Metrobus), S2* (G-A London General), W11* (S'ch East London).

9th Mar 24: CR6 on 167 (S'ch East London)

23rd Mar 24: CR5 on 76/= (G-A London General to Arriva LN), 259 (Arriva LN), CR6 on 362, 462 (S'ch East London)

30th Mar 24: CR5 on 19/N19 (Arriva LN), 249 (Arriva LS), CR6 on 2/N2 (Arriva LN), CE+2 on 493.

CR7 on 262*, 473* (S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle), 396* (G-A Blue Triangle) CE+2 on 372 (S'ch East London), 493 (G-A London General)

13th Apr 24: CR6 on 195 (Abellio)

25th May 24: CR7 on E6* (Metroline West to Abellio), CR6 on E11 (Abellio)

22nd Jun 24: CR6 on 120 (Metroline Travel)

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

Thames Valley Buses have applied to operate a new service “Go2Gate” from Dedworth to Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5 to start from 19th August. This is planned to depart from Terminal 5 every x30 mins daily from 03:45 to 23:45, serving Clewer, Parsonage Lane, then a “flexible route” around Dedworth before returning to Terminal 5. Single-deck vehicles up to 7.4m long are specified.

National Express have applied for a new service numbered N40 from Ealing Broadway Station to Heathrow Airport, to start from 26th August. This is planned to start from Ealing Broadway Station every night at 01:20, 02:20, 03:20 and 04:20, serving West Ealing Broadway, Hanwell, Southall, Hayes & Harlington Station then to Heathrow, serving Central Bus Station, Terminal 5, Cargo Area, Terminal 4 and Hatton Cross in a loop, returning to Ealing Broadway. The return journeys leave Central Bus Station at 24:00, 01:00, 02:00, 03:00, the last two journeys from Ealing terminating at Terminal 4. Single deck vehicles up to 14.9m long are specified.

Manchester Bus Tours (Transpora Group, London) have applied to withdraw Route A, operated by heritage Routemasters and to introduce a new Route T15 Waterloo to the Tower via Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly, Trafalgar Square then via route 15 via Aldwych, St Pauls, Cannon Street to the Tower, returning via Tower Bridge, Tooley Street and London Bridge, not serving Piccadilly in this direction.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

General: Just a note to say that long-term closures continue at Croydon but again I will report under service changes when routes are permanently changed. Those in Bank now seem to have been made permanent (*see service changes*). Also, a note to say that some roadworks do over-run (or sometimes fail to start!) on the dates for various reasons, so the guidance below is just to give an overview of some of the longer term and notable diversions.

Central: From 5th to 19th July, owing to cosmetic works in Clifton Gardens, Maida Vale, routes **6, 46 and 187** were diverted eastbound between 08:00 and 18:00 daily via Warwick Avenue (6, 187), Blomfield Road and Randolph Avenue.

South-East: From 21st June to 3rd July owing to gas works in New Road, Abbey Wood, routes **301, 469 and B11** were diverted in both directions via Bostall Hill, Basildon Road and McLeod Road. From 20th June to 28th June, owing to bridge works in Tunnel Avenue, route **108** was diverted northbound direct via Blackwall Tunnel Southern Approach (after serving North Greenwich). Further to the previous notes about overnight closures of Blackwall Tunnel, the southbound bore was closed all weekend on 24/25 June and 7/8 July, and route 108 was operated in two sections.

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South: From 22nd July to 3rd September, Godstone Road, Purley, (underneath the railway bridge on the A22) roadworks re-commence after earlier overnight works. (see TLB702 – Feb 23) Route **407** is split into two sections, the Sutton service terminating on the west side and the Caterham section terminating on the east side of Purley Station. Route **412** is curtailed at Purley Station east side. Route **434** is diverted via Higher Drive, Old Lodge Lane and Brighton Road. Thanks to member Ian for these notes. The route **60** diversion in Galpins Road, Thornton Heath (see TLB701- Jan 23) was extended until 19th July. On 25th June, Sussex Road, South Croydon was closed. Routes **403 and 412** were diverted via route 64 via Coombe Road, Croham Road, Farley Road then Selsdon Road to regain route at Sanderstead Church roundabout. Previously any Sunday work here resulted in routes 403 and 412 being especially converted to single-deck operation to negotiate the lower bridge in Selsdon Road and maintain a service to roads in the Sanderstead area. Thanks to member Graham for this report. Over the weekends of 20/21 and 27/28 May, Station Road in West Croydon was closed for demolition work, although not affecting Tramlink, through bus routes were variously diverted via St James's Road/London Road or Poplar Walk. Owing to bridge work at Reedham over the weekends of 3/4, 10/11, 17/18 June, route **455** was curtailed at Brighton Road, turning out of service via Old Coulsdon. Thanks to member Martin for both of these reports who adds that a shuttle service or taxi may have been provided for Old Lodge Lane passengers using alternative roads.

South-West: From 3rd to 16th July, owing to Wimbledon Tennis, route 493 was diverted between 09:00 and 23:00 in both directions via Bathgate Road, Queensmere Road, Wimbledon Park Side, Parkside and High Street.

West: From 19th June to 2nd July, owing to water works in Bloemfontein Road, White City, route **228** was diverted towards eastbound via Wormholt Road, Bryony Road, Bloemfontein Road and South Africa Road, and westbound via Ariel Way (east), Shepherd's Bush Green (south and west) and Uxbridge Road. Route **283** was diverted southbound via South Africa Road and Wood Lane. Overnight from 26th June to 3rd July, the busy roundabout at Western Avenue/Greenford Road is being resurfaced. Routes **105 and E6** are curtailed at Greenford Broadway, with route **95** operating in 2 sections, Southall & Greenford Broadway, and Shepherd's Bush & Perivale, Argyle Road. Meanwhile, route **92** is diverted in both directions from Sudbury Hill, via Whitton Avenue West, Petts Hill, Mandeville Road, Church Road, Ruislip Road to Greenford Broadway. Thanks to member Haydn for the report, who adds that buses running dead to Greenford and Perivale garages will also be affected.

North-West: From 19th June to 1st July owing to sewer works in Finchley Road, Swiss Cottage, routes **46 and 603** were diverted southbound via Finchley Road, Goldhurst Terrace, Broadhurst Gardens, Canfield Gardens and Finchley Road (southbound) to College Crescent. From 3rd July to 2nd December, owing to railway works in Eastcote Lane, route **395** is diverted in both directions direct via Eastcote Lane North.

North: From 27th to 30th June owing to a gas leak in Green Lanes, Palmers Green, routes **329, 629, W6 and N29** were diverted in both directions via Bourne Hill, The Bourne, with the 329, 629 and N29 continuing Southgate High Street, Cannon Hill and Alderman's Hill. Thanks to member Derek for the report. Nearby, and from the same dates, this time owing to a water leak in Firs Lane, route **456** was diverted in both directions via Green Lanes and Hedge Lane.

From 24th July to 3rd September, owing to water main replacement in Winchmore Hill Road, route **125** is diverted in both directions via Chase Road, Bramley Road, Prince George Avenue, Chaseville Park Road and Eversley Park Road. Route **456** is diverted in both directions via Chase Road, Merrivale, where a banned turn will be lifted, then via the 125 diversion via Prince George Avenue and Eversley Park Road.

East: From 12th June until at least 26th June, Roman Road, Bow was closed for sewer repairs between St. Stephen's Road and Grove Road. Routes **8/N8 and 339** were diverted in both directions via Grove Road and Bow Road, route 8 terminating here and route N8 continuing via Bow Road. Route 339 continued via the A12 to regain route at Wick Road. Thanks to member Joel for the report.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Saturday 24th July:

- 13/b/c (*Vectare*) (Waltham Cross & North Weald, M-S) and
- 14/b (*Vectare*) (Waltham Cross & Upshire, M-F) and
- 22/a (*Vectare*) (Waltham Cross & Shernbroke Road, M-S) and
- 20 (*Vectare*) (Harlow Bus Station & Southern Way, M-F) and
- 418 (*Vectare*) (Loughton & Epping, St Margaret's Hospital, M-S) All with minor timetable changes.
- 18/c (*Vectare*) New route: Epping Station & Ongar, Two Brewers via North Weald, M-S.

Sunday 30th July (in practice from Monday 31st July):

- 5 (Harlow Bus Stn & Sumners Farm, M-S) and
- 14 (Harlow Bus Stn & Pinnacles, M-S) from *Central Connect* to *Stephensons*.
- 7/7A (Bishop's Stortford & Stansted Airport via Elsenham, M-S) and
- 306 (Wicken Bonhunt & Bishop's Stortford, M-F peaks) from *Central Connect* to *Stephensons*.
- 66 (*Arriva KT*) (Harlow & Waltham Cross, M-S) Timetable change.

- 32 (Chelmsford & Ongar, M-S) From *First Essex* to *Stephensons*.
- 35 (*First Essex*) (Debden & Chelmsford, SDO) Withdrawn (due to loss of link off 633)
- 633 (*First Essex*) (Ongar & Debden Park High School, SDO) Withdrawn.
- 565 (Brentwood & Bulphan and West Horndon, M-S) from *First Essex* to *NIBS*.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Hertford Bus Station As noted in TLB705 it closed from 3rd May for building works with buses dispersed to stops in Bircherley Street and Fore Street. However, on 13th June a sink hole appeared in Fore Street. Buses had to be moved back to the Bus Station, albeit with scaffolding around.

HertsLynx: A second DRT operation is due at Dacorum (that is Hemel Hempstead).

Saturday 6th May:

- 10 (*Centrebus*)(Luton & Marsh Farm, Daily) M-F frequency still x10min, Sats reduced from x15 to x30min, but withdrawn altogether on Sundays.

Sunday 25th June:

- 757 (*AtS*) Luton Interchange and Airport & London Victoria, Daily) M-F service standardised at x30min. Other minor timing changes, especially in early mornings.

Sunday 23rd July:

- RA3 (*First Berkshire*) New express service from Watford Junction to Heathrow Airport.

24th and 30th July: 13/b/c,14/b,22/a, 7/7A,306, 66 = see Essex notes above.

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

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and EAST BERKSHIRE (incl. eastern borders of Oxfordshire

Red Rose 16/17 had many temporary timetable changes throughout June but by 1st July the 'normal' 30th April timetable was back in use.

Sunday 23rd July:

41 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Great Missenden, M-S) and
101 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Uxbridge, M-S) and
102 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Heathrow Airport, Daily) and
103 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Slough, M-S) and
104 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Uxbridge via Chalfonts, M-S) and
106/107 (*Carousel*) (Slough & Amersham, M-S) No changes to frequencies but just minor timing adjustments. The single M-F early morning journey on 106 that runs to Chesham will be curtailed back to Amersham Station in line with the rest of the route.

New routes to Heathrow: Thames Valley Buses' new route (Go2Gate) Dedworth & Heathrow and National Express N40 (Ealing Broadway and Heathrow) are in the London Routes section Miscellaneous paragraph.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Monday 24th July:

18 (*Compass Travel*) Guildford, Onslow Village & Bushy Hill, M-S) Extended to Merrow Park via Kingfisher Drive and Harwood Road..
28 (*Falcon Buses*) (Guildford & Woking, M-S) Timetable change.
32 (*Compass Travel*) (Guildford & Redhill, M-S) Withdrawn from serving Holmbury St Mary and Abinger Common. Timetable change. No change to Sunday service by Metrobus.
42 (*Compass Travel*) Withdrawn from serving Ifold, Plaistow and Loxwood. Timetable change.
408 (*Falcon Buses*) (Cobham & Epsom, M-S) Section withdrawn between Effingham Crossroads and Leatherhead. Timetable change.
436 (*Falcon Buses*) (Woking & Weybridge, Daily) AdditFaklcional journeys to Brooklands Museum and The Heights. Timetable change.
456 (*Falcon Buses*) (Staines & Woking, M-S) Withdrawn from serving Morrisons at Woking. Timetable change.

North and west KENT

Fastrack: KentCC offered the two Fastrack routes – currently with Arriva KT -- to tender and they have been awarded to Go-Ahead London. Electric buses are specified and for the first year GAL will operate them from Bexleyheath (BX) Garage. It is a 15-year contract, due to start in November 2024. The trade press is reporting that it is expected that an order for 28 x Irizar ie-tram buses are planned.



In the east from 29 April route 366 passed from Stagecoach to Go-Ahead with E200EVs. Stagecoach had ageing buses, typified by No.36287, a 2011 E200Dart with early E200 bodywork, caught here in Ilford. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Also a 29 April change, this time the 368 passing from Arriva to Go-Ahead. They used WHVs extracted from several garages in the south. WHV 58 is in Becontree Avenue – a 'freehold section' of the 368. *(Richard Godfrey)*





The last two 'Red Arrow' routes 507/521 are now no more. Recalling 1966, MBA-class Merlins started it off. Still going strong at 24 March 1978 is Merlin MBA 533 on the 507 crossing Lambeth Bridge. *(Mike Harris)*

Leyland Nationals came from 1981 but in 1992/3 those used on Red Arrows were upgraded to 'National Greenway' standard. One of these was LS 449 (now GLS 449) seen in 2000 in Newgate Street in The City. *(Richard Godfrey)*





In 2002/3 another type change brought the MAL class of M-B Citaro-G articulated buses which were most useful in clearing commuters from/to Waterloo and London Bridge Stations. MAL 30 is at Waterloo Station. *(Steve Maskell)*

From 2009 more Citaros came but this time the rigid version as the MEC class and these gradually displaced the MALs. MEC 30 is on Waterloo Bridge. Then in 2016 SEe electrics took over until the end in 2023. *(Haydn Davies)*





Diamond Bus has the staff-bus contract for Bedfont Lakes (now 'Bloom Heathrow'). StreetLite 20169 is in blue and is pictured here at Hatton Cross. Its sister bus 20168 is in a 'peach' coloured livery. *(Terry O'Neill)*

After a three-month rest, LT 11 is back in service with Metroline. It is the sole LT that is battery powered – otherwise in an all-hybrid batch. When it does run it is on the 390, as seen here at Victoria. *(Richard Godfrey)*



PUBLICITY NEWS

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After being exclusively available online for many years a printed version of “**Tube toilet map**” has been released. The A3 sheet is undated but shows the Elizabeth line in the three sections it operated when first opened and Barking Riverside as ‘opening soon’ which suggests it is correct to May 2022. The whole network is shown, but with stations lacking toilets faded. Those equipped with toilets have pictograms showing if they provide male / female / baby changing and accessible toilets, with blue used to denote those outside the gateline and red for those inside the gateline. The dagger symbol is used to denote those facilities not managed by TfL and for which a charge may be payable.

The full timetable for route H30 is included in Edition 1 of “**Free Travel at the Airport**”, a multifold slimline dated June 2023 published by Heathrow. The cover includes a photo of the control tower overlooking two aircraft superimposed with pictograms depicting a bus, train and underground. When opened it includes a map showing the free travel area offered by the airport’s rail network and nighttime H30 bus. The map also includes both main runways labelled ‘9L, 27R’ and ‘9R, 27L’. Beneath the map are three matrices which show first and last departures between various points around the airport on Underground, train and H30 bus. One panel introduces the leaflet and reminds passengers on the Underground to touch in and out (even though no fare is charged) or to collect a free transfer ticket for the rail services.

The March 2023 of “**Visitors guide Discover a new London**” from Thames Clipper is another four page slimline in the same style as the previous version reviewed in TLB703.

Gloucester Road is currently home to an Art on the Underground installation by Monster Chetwynd which is explained in “**Pond Life: Albertopolis and the Lily.**” The multifold slimline has extensive narrative and a timeline tracing the story of the giant Amazonian waterlily which is the inspiration for the artwork. It is lavishly illustrated with period photos of the Great Exhibition in 1851 and the Crystal Palace fire of 1936, the design of which was inspired by the lily. There is also a fine photo of the station frontage dating from 1868. The art is on display from May 2023 until May 2024.

Passengers on the second weekend of excursions by the London Transport Museum’s 1938 stock on 10 and 11 June received “**The 1938 Tube stock**”, a double sided A4 sheet. One side dealing with the history of the stock has identical text to ‘Royals on the rails’ reviewed in TLB705, although it is presented in a smaller font and greater number of paragraphs. The reverse has a timeline of key dates in the Underground’s history.

Charting herculean efforts by the London Bus Museum is “**Dennis D142 Restoration**”, a four page A5 leaflet telling the story of the work required to relaunch the bus in October 2022. The front cover shows the fully laden bus resplendent in blue ‘Public’ livery whilst the remaining three pages has narrative accompanied by photos of the bus in the workshop and its previous ‘General’ livery. A small panel highlights just a few of the films and TV shows the bus has starred in. The museum has also updated “**London Bus Museum**”, a multifold slimline advertising the museum to the general public. The front cover features a line up of STL2377, RT3871 and unidentified Routemaster at Hyde Park Corner.

The standard Intalink orange, white and green is used on “***80 Bus Times:**”, a multifold slimline for the route connecting Hitchin with Stevenage. The timetable is dated from 30th October 2022 but with a May 2023 publication date on the back cover. The former date is when the router was withdrawn from Westmill Estate in Hitchin. The contents inside are to the usual high standard with a full timetable and a route map showing every stop served.

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:

As at this TLB 10% of the TfL-London fleet is electric.

More on the ‘firefighters’ symbol now: The only hydrogen buses in TfL-land are the WHD class with Metroliner. They seem to have two versions of the diamond shaped stickers – green with ‘H2 gas’ writing and sky-blue with ‘H2’.

The latest London Bus Museum’s Running Day was on 11th June on routes 65 and 71 thus ranging from Ealing via Richmond to Kingston and Chessington. Another large turn-out of buses; STL 2377; RT 624, 1784, 1798, 2177, 3491, 4777, 4779; RM 2, 5, 188, 848, 1397, 1400, 1962; RTL 554; RML 2735, 2760; M 6, 1014; TA 239 and Trident LT52XAH; Darts DML 41424, DT 29, DPS 689, ENL 1; Bristol LH BL 88; RF 354, 406, 600; LCBS SNB 449; Provincial National HOR 415L; King Alfred Leyland PD2 POU 494; East Kent Leopard 273 AUF; Metrobus Scania s/d YN06 JXY.

The London Pride parade on 1st July included RM371, 1403, 1783, RML891, 2697, TA17078 (TSU639) and Atlantean 724XUW (ex 927GTA) – all open top vehicles.

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

From 24th June the proportion of electric buses on the 111 increased greatly with buses moving across to Fulwell (TF) from earlier use on route U5 from Dawley Road (DH). By the end of June, 3025 was the only example still on route U5. June saw several guest appearances of ‘Enviro City’ vehicles on Walworth’s (WL) route 381 as well as their continued scheduled use on route 63 whereas their use on route 68 reduced from daily to just odd visits as June ended. Most of those moved to Walworth (WL) during February had returned to Dawley Road (DH) by the end of June, replaced by LTs displaced from route 111.

At Beddington Lane (BC) the ‘pioneer’ 1543 was in due course joined on route 433 by more of its type.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include 2459, 2478, 2494.

Transfers

Correction to TLB706: LT 986 stayed at TF (but also loaned to QB from a few days.

(October 2022): 2486 QB/QBu. LT 688 WL/QB.

(December 2022): LT 157 QB/QBu.

(May 2023): 1543 u//BC.

(June): 1535/36 BCu/WL. 1537 BCu/BC/WL. 1540 --/BC. 2462 QB/GW. 2529 GW/QB.

3022/23/24/26/27/28/29/30 DH/TF. 3432/33/34/36/37 WL/DH. 8214 QB/TF.

LT 154 TF/QB. LT 157 QBu/QB. LT 161,162 GW/QB. LT627, 628 TF/QB.

LT 693, 694, 786 TF/WL.

(July): 1539/41/42 --/BC.

Livery changes:

2543 to advert for Puma / Noah

3006 from advert for Coronation (pink) back to red

3406 to advert for London For Everyone

3422 to advert for Ovo Energy

LT29 from advert for TU Clothing back to red

LT155 from advert for NAKD Blueberry Bar back to red

LT158 from advert for John Lewis back to red

LT166 to advert for Money in the Bank

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

ABELLIO LONDON, Continued:

LT167 from advert for Abba Voyage back to red
LT168 from advert for Which to one for Barbie.
LT779 from advert for Abba Voyage back to red
LT783 to advert for Final Fantasy XVI
LT785 from advert for Levis 501s back to red

Subsequent disposals:

Volvo B7TL 9032 (BX55 XME) is now with D&E, Inverness.
Trident 9451 (LJ09 CDE) now with JH Coaches, ex Green Bus.

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.

The first Wrightbus Electroliners to enter service did so on route 307 on 17th June.

Recent refurb/ repaints include HA 26, 27, 31; HV 213, 262; LT 4, 191, 206, 465, 469, 472, 477, 490, 564, 565, 566, 595, 601. Delete repaint of HA 38.

ENN 64, off since an accident on 15 November 2022 was back in service on 26 June 2023.

DW 451 suffered fire damage when on route 269 on 29th June.

New deliveries (June):

ES 2-16;- LV23 EBU/X/Z, ECA/C/D/F/J/N/T/W/X/Y/Z, EDC.

Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D

Transfers (June):

DW 451 DT/DTu (fire). DW 503, 504 E/WN/DT. DW 505, 507 E/EC/DT.

ES 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13 Eu/E. LT 477 BN/AR.

EN 16, 17 GYu/ECu. EN 19, 22 AR/ECu. ENN 64 Eu/E.

(July): ES 3, 8, 13, 16 Eu/E.

Livery changes:

LT321 to advert for Barclays & Wimbledon

LT538 from advert for John Lewis to one for Foundation

LT590 from advert for Which to one for Barbie popcorn

LT596 from advert for Nakd Blueberry back to red

LT719 from advert for Loewe to one for Final Fantasy XVI

LT723 to advert for Tinder

LT726 to advert for Foundation

LT741 from advert for Aperol Spritz back to red

LT954 from advert for Levis 501's back to red

LT962 to advert for Foundation

LT963 to advert for Barbie popcorn.

LT964 to advert for Money in the Bank

LT965 from advert for Abba Voyage back to red

LT974 from advert for TU Clothing back to red

Disposals:

T 10, 36, 39, 131, 145, 201, 202; ENL 77; ENX 30 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs.

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

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

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

Delete TLB706 entry for 1007 (should be area 2).

Into this area: Sprinter 1023 (RX18 LNH) from Midlands to NF.

Add to Fleetbook: Sprinter 1021 (BF67 WGX) is in this area.

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

E400s 6485 and 6498 have been repainted; in the process 6498 lost its name. 6458 is named "Lest we Forget" and "Charles Penford" Another routine repaint to lighter blue – 6487 and 6497.

Transfers: 1007 WE/HHt.

Correcting TLB706: In the event 1004 remained at Midlands and did not come to WE.

1015 remained at HH (thus not to HA). 2488 went WE(not HH)/MK.

Delete from TLB706: 1015 HH/HA, it remains at HH.

Out of area: 1520 to MK. 3576 (SV) to Area 3 (WB) and renumbered 3580.

Into this area (from Area 3): 2310 (GN14 DXW) StreetLite DF 10.8m B40F (to HA).

Disposals: 3042 went to Hardwicks (February 2023); 3617, 3619, 3922, 3926 went to Shelton Motors (November 2022).

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

Repaint to the newer lighter blue: 4285.

In TLB706. The ref. to 3919 should be to 3959(KX12 GZW). Trainer 1020 is at LDt.

Transfers: 1009 AY/LNs. 4217 WB/WBw.

Into this area: (KX09 GZE) Enviro300 11.9m B45F; this was 3576 at Area 2 but changed to 3580 on arrival at Area 3 (WB).

Out of area: MAN 9555 AYw gone from fleet. 2310 to Area 2 (HA).3762 to MK.

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

Sprinters 981-988 are now said to be B16F (not B14F) – check please?

Sprinter 972 is on loan to Thames Travel and 971/4/5/6 back to Oxford Bus.

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

In TLB706 reference to 1002 should 1102.

CENTREBUS, Luton

E20D 595 (KX18 KNZ) to dark blue branding for route 907.

New deliveries (May): 597/8/9 have been checked as B40F, not B38F.

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Correcting previous information, 150 remains with Ensign – it was at Brooklands on 25th June.

141 went to Aintree Coachlines in February (and was in TLB703).

151 went to Aintree Coachlines in October 2022 (and was in TLB699).

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

More Volvo hybrids have been withdrawn, leaving just 69928 in service into July.

To orange & purple: 34376, 34381, 34384.

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

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 two former Red Arrow 12m electrics (SEe 16, 17) duly went onto route 108 on 12th June. These two are running on the two “electric” duties (NX251/2) that had been worked by the old Irizars E1 1 and 2. The rest of route 108 will be duly converted as the early Red Arrows become available and the buses will be upseated from 21 to 33 seats. This, combined with more electric infrastructure to install, should take a few months. A few will finish the allocation on route 444 – it needs about 6.

The latest batch of SEe (200-219) for route 366 in east London flooded in during June and the first to enter service did so on 29th June, 201 was first, others soon followed.

Wimbledon Tennis attracted its usual shuttle up the hill from the station. On 4th July it was with E 5. 12, 14, 15, 255, 258 and EN 1, 11,12. The Hampton Court P&R saw E101/102 and 281,283.

Recent repaints/ refurb reported: EH 23, 29, 30; LT 273, 302, 431, 436, 437, 438, 439, 443.

LT 422 seemed to be a preferred performer on school buses with appearances during May on routes 608, 649, 650, 679 and 686.

The Luton garage closed at the end of May and in early June vehicles were dispersed, although in some cases we don't yet know where to. The three Citaros from Luton's Commercial Department were moved to storage at Carousel Buses in High Wycombe, pending a probable sale.

Although Plough Lane (PL) Garage closed after 24 March as noted in TLB704, a part reopening is now due, probably in August. It will be Commercial Services garage only, housing the Roehampton contract as well as a number of other commercial buses. Probably no more than 10-15 vehicles in total.

The WVLs on route 129 were replaced by Es surplus from RR from 3rd July.

The company was successful in Kent CC's tendering for the Fastrack services, currently with Arriva KT. It will be an electric operation and the trade press is saying that they are expected to be ordering 28 Irizar ie-tram buses, i.e. similar to those now coming (agonisingly slowly) for route 358.

Another new batch have regs: SEe220-232 - LB23 PHN/O/U/V/X/Y/Z, PJJ/O/U/V/X/Y. These are the 10.9m batch due for route 265 (Putney Bridge & Tolworth) from Putney (AF) Garage.

New deliveries (June/July)

Ee 94-100 - LG23 FJD/E/F/J/K/N/O and.

Ee 172-186 - LG23EUN/O/P/R/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, EVB/C/D/F.

BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H42/23D, 172-186 have ULW 13539kg.

IE 2 - LX23 BKA - Irizar Ie-tram 12.16m B35D.

SEe200-219 - LB23 PCV/X/Y/Z, PDK/O/U/V/X/Y/Z, PEO, PFA/D/E/F/G/J/K/O.

BYD D8UR – AD Enviro200EV (MMC) 10.2m B25D.

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

Correction to TLB704: WHV 51, 54, 57 C/RR (not to DS).

Correction to TLB706: WVL 292 stayed at NX (not NX/MG/NX).

(December 2022): WHV 101/2/3 SW/A.

(March 2023): E 125 AL/SW. WHV 55 DS/RR. WVL 283, 285 AL/NX/NXw WVL 288 NX/NXw.

(April): SE 276 AL/DS. (May): E 126 AL/SW.

(June): E 178, 180/1/2/3/5 RR/NX. MHV 21 Q/PM. MHV 23 PM/MG. MHV 24 PM/AF.

MHV 63 Q/PM. WHV 101, 102, 103 A/RR. WHV 105, 109, 110, 112 A/RR. WHV 113, 114 A/SI.

WVL 292 NX/NXu.

LDP 35 LSc/???. MEC 18, 35, 40 LSc/Carousel. SEe 16, 17 RAu/NX, SEe 200-219 --/DS.

VC 7, 8, 9 LSc/???. VWL 51, 52, 53, 54 LSc/???

Sutton Ee: As at 30 June, Ee 101/2, 112-136, 138-171 were all in service at Sutton.

(July): E 152-162 AF/SW. Ee 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 --/A.

SE 146 AL/AF. SE 268-276, 279-281 DS/AF.

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

Detail changes:

SEe 16, 17 to B33D

Livery changes:

Ee36 to advert for Ovo Energy

EP1 to advert for Ovo Energy

LT411 to advert for Barclays & Wimbledon

LT445 to advert for Londoners Pepsi

LT448 from advert for John Lewis back to red

LT856 to advert for Barclays & Wimbledon

LT857 from advert for NAKD Blueberry Bar back to red

LT867 from advert for Which to one for Londoners Pepsi

WHV124 to advert for Yeat (American Rapper)

Disposals:

LUT 1, 2, 3 (Volvo artics) from Luton, donated to Ukraine (July).

DOE 2 and 3; VE 1 to Go South Coast (June).

WVL 288 to Go North East (No.6216) (May). (Note 283 and 285 due to follow).

L.B. of HAVERING

New here are YX23 OSV and OTK, AD E200 MMC – 8.9m B28F.)

KEANE TRAVEL, Grays

Volvo B7TL GRZ 1260 (ex Dublin AV431) re-registered to LV05 VKV, then sold to Tendring Travel.

Scania BV55 UCX re-registered to GRZ 1260.

LONDON BUS COMPANY, Northfleet and Ongar

RMC 1488 is another recent acquisition.

LONDON DIAL-A-RIDE

On 17th May at a VW dealer at Bedfont were D8073, 8079, 8134, 8170, 8184.

Long-withdrawn D7110 (YX59 ACF) noted in the Purley area.

LONDON TRAMLINK, Croydon (Tram Operations Ltd t/a London Trams)

Car 2561 has been out of use for some time. (6/23 report).

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

Volvo B7RLE 6004 is now with Brighton&Hove. Dart 6320 has been withdrawn.

New deliveries (March to July):

6051-70 LV23 EDF/J/K/O/P/R/U/X, EEA/B/F/G/H/J/O, EXW, EXX, EXZ, EYB, EYC.

(Correcting TLB705, delete change of reg EYA for 6070),

Wrightbus GBKite Hydroliner 12.4m B40D.

These are for the Crawley Fastway and have a new livery of dark blue front, lighter blue rear plus a light green diagonal between the two halves. – see picture in TLB705.

Disposals: Scania s/ds 6557/8 have gone to scrap.

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)

Recent repaint/ refurbishes include TEH 2077; VWH 2052, 2061, 2117, 2122, 2183, 2186, 2203, 2216, 2222,; DEL 2156, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2254.

On 14th June while on route H91 at Hounslow West, LT 113 ran into the back of LT 112. 113 suffered considerable frontal damage. TEH 1449, off since 28 February 2022 was back in use on 26 June 2023.

On 9th June BDE 2759 made a first visit to route 113 with other BDEs soon following. What seems to be a one-off on 10th June was WDE 2769 on route 263

WDE 2770 on 17th June was the first Electroliner to enter service on route 204 and more followed quite speedily in late June and into July. Once the 204s are all in service, then those for route 297 will take up those from the current batch up to 2808. Then as we closed for press in early July, WDE 2857 was seen on delivery. This is no doubt the first of the route 83 batch (pvr 19).

The 48 Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-decks on order have been allocated fleet numbers:

25 x VMS 2809-2833 – 10.2m for routes 187/487 at WJ Garage.

9 x VMSS 2834-2842 – 9.6m for route 384 at PB Garage.

14x VMSSL2843-2856 – 10.8m for route 251 - at EW Garage.

Is this the first time for four-letter class codes in London?

It is expected that route 251 batch will arrive first so as to take over the route in early September.

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

Transfer of DE 850 in TLB706 should read DEL 850.

(February 2022): TEH 1449 G/Gu.

(June 2023): TE 991, 1073/74/75/76/95/96 EW/PAw. TE 992 HZw/PAw.

VW 1274 EW/PV. TEH 1451 Gu/G. VMH 2582 G/PV. VMH 2585/86 PV/G.

WDE 2770/71 EWt/EW. WDE 2774 PAu/EW. DE 1602 UX/PAw. DE 1607 W/PAw.

(July): WDE 2773/75/76/77/78/79, 2782/83/84/85/87 PAu/EW.

DE 1584 UX/WJ. DE 1642, 1653 G/PB.

Livery changes:

LT560 from advert for Loewe back to red

LT644 to advert for Money in the Bank

LT647 from advert for Tinder back to red

LT745 to advert for Barclays & Wimbledon

LT754 from advert for Abba Voyage back to red

LT761 from advert for NAKD Blueberry Bar back to red

VWH2296 from advert for Current Account back to red

VWH2380 to advert for Puma / Noah

VMH2593 from advert for Metagedu back to red

VWH 2374 from Let's do London back to red.

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

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.

In TLB706 p27, the reports of VMHs on the 487 should be under Metroline!

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include ADH 45024, VH 45132, VMH 45331/346.

VH 45102 (RP), off since 10th November 2022, was back in use on 9th June.

BT's sole BE (37088) again stopped working on the 226 after 5th June. None too common these days are double-decks on route 411. However, VH 45125 made it on 22nd June, followed on 30th with ADE 40492 and 40494.

Transfers:

Correction to TLB706: SP 40051 remained in service at AV.

(July 2021): DE 20120 EB/FW. (November 2021): SP 40184 FW/FWw.

(January 2023): SP 40187 FW/FWw.

(June 2023): DE 20120 FW/X. DLE 30024 WK/FW. SP 40050 AV/AVw.

SP 40191/197/198/201/202/204/205 AV/NCw.

ADE 40420 NCu/AV. VH 45168-181 FW/TV. VH 45190 V/X. VH 45193 WK/TV.

DLE 30129/30/42 TV/FW. DLE 30132/133 TV/AV. DLE 30217-226 WK/FW.

**Note: VHs FW to TV for route 85 and DLEs into FW for route 216 were moved to start on 1st July. I show them all as June transfers but a few moved during 1st July.

Livery changes:

BCE47008 to advert for Chiquita Bananas

BCE47013 to advert for Ovo Energy

BCE47014 from advert for Evian to one for Chiquita Bananas

BCE47016 from advert for Who Gives A Crap to one for Chiquita Bananas

BCE47019 to advert for Chiquita Bananas

BCE47021 to advert for Chiquita Bananas

BCE47091 to advert for Ovo Energy

LT70 from advert for Coronation (cyan) back to red

LT75 to advert for Money in the Bank

LT81 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea

Disposals:

The following DE buses have gone from the fleet (don't know where):

20019 and 20061 (June 2023); 20096 (Nov 2021 after accident); 20184 (May 2022).

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

Solo 192 has been stood down.

New deliveries (June):

Delete the mention in TLB706- these are not electric buses!

731-737 are the new Enviro400s for routes 702/703. They have the E400City bodywork but two sources say that the chassis type is -EV (electric) but also as E40D (diesel). It seems evident that they are E40D. They are 76-seaters but the split up and down remains un-reported – can someone please check!.

Grey 'generic' livery: 731 (RG23 BUS);

Londonline 702 livery: 732 (GL23 LDN), 733 (GL23 SLH), 734 (GL23 WND). 735 (GL23LGO);

Flightline 703 livery: 736 (GL23 BKL), 737 (GL23 LHR).

Note the three-letter codes in airline style (LHR is a real one for Heathrow!) but others are 'made up' to refer to en-route places.

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

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

In TLB706 the repaint is YY15 GDK.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

Acquired: YX12 AGY AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F – 2012.

TLB706 correction: LK55 KKH was not sold and remains in service.

Dart KN04 XCT has been reported elsewhere as having been scrapped. However it remains in stock, albeit out of use. Volvo B7TL SK52 MPV is also still in stock, albeit cannibalised.

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

Withdrawn M-B/Mellor E10 RRT has reverted back to its original registration **FJ55 HWD**.

E200 YX58 DTY has been re-registered to **E10 RRT**.

Scania/ East Lancs Esteem E14 RRT has reverted back to its original registration number **YM55 SXO**.

E20D YX61 FZH has been re-registered to **E14 RRT**.

YX61 FZC to Y21 RRT. YX11 AEC to Y22 RRT. YX11 HPL to Y23 RRT.

YX12 AEA, AEF, AEP, AEU, AKN. AKU, ARZ to Y24-Y30 RRT resp.

SAFEGUARD, Guildford

New deliveries (June): BV23 NUM and NUP Volvo B8RLE – MCV EvoRa B**F (probably B38F as per the previous batch of two (TLB699 refers).

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 first few 9.6m MetroCitys for route 339 from Lea Interchange (LI) Garage have arrived. Booked regs are 67001-12 YJ23 EWA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/K/L/M/N. As at the end of June driver training was still in progress. The other MetroCity route, the W5 (details in TLB705), as at the end of June still awaited electric infrastructure at Ash Grove (HK) Garage while the buses were stored at LI.

LTs 358 and 366 were first of their type to work on route 215 on Sunday 11th June but no more until LT 316 on 24th June and LT 382 on 30th.

Recent refurb/ repaints reported are 11019, 12141, 19793, 19826, 19837, 37736 and LT 263. 37505/6 noted in TLB706 have not been repainted. Scania 15007 and 15010 to purple trainer livery.

19760/1/2/3 are more open-top conversions in progress.

Correction to TLB706: The sentences ‘LT 422 etc should be under Go-Ahead!.

New deliveries:

67001-008 YJ23 EWA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H Switch MetroCity 9.6m B**D.

(Note 67001/02 were delivered as 31501/02).

Transfers (June):

LT 254 BW/BWu. LT 255 T/BW. LT 369 Tu/T. 12321 WHw/RMw.

15001 RM/WH. 15105 WH/WHw. 36349/350 WH/AW. 67001-008 --/LIu.

Livery changes

84113 from advert for Evian back to red

LT240 to advert for Final Fantasy XVI

LT247 to advert for Barbie- popcorn.

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

STAGECOACH LONDON, Continued:

LT257 from advert for NAKD Blueberry Bar back to red
LT258 to advert for Barclays & Wimbledon
LT315 to advert for Money in the Bank
LT358 to advert for Barbie
LT387 from advert for Aperol Spritz back to red
LT388 from advert for Levis 501's back to red
LT390 from advert for Beavertown Brewery to one for Foundation

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

The BYD/ADL E400EV demonstrator LF69 UXJ was here in June.

Acquired: 1477 (SN12 ASO) AD E40H- AD Enviro400 10.2m H37/24D. From Air-Sim, formerly Tower Transit DNH 39118..

Numbering: E40H SN65 ZGO, ZGP, ZGR are now Nos.1478/79/80 respectively.

VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex

Correction to TLB706: SN16 CVP should read SN16 QV.P.

Two Sprinters that are based outside our area have been noted inside lately: 214 (RX23 TKV) and 217 (RX23 TUV).

WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell

Citaro 55 (BN09 FWR is back in service here (noted 8th June).

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

Thameslink: 17/18 June St Pancras & Harpenden by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

24/25 June St Albans & Stevenage by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Great Northern: 02 July (early am) Goron Hill & Finsbury Park by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

17/18 June St Pancras - Bedford by Metroline & Central Connect. 24/25 June No Trains King's Cross - Peterborough/ Royston by Arriva Shires + Arriva London, Central Connect, Collins, Britannia, BCC, Metroline, Richard Taylor, Tates, WeberBus. On 17/18 St. Pancras & Bedford by Go Ahead.

DLR: 02 July West Ferry & Island Gardens by Metroline.

Southern: 9 March Streatham Common – Epsom (via Mitcham Jn) and West Croydon – Epsom Downs : noted were the usual assorted London General 'deckers.

19 March Three Bridges to Pulborough by BM Coaches, Brighton & Hove, Go Ahead London (Scania sd), Metrobus, Passenger Plus, Southdown, Stagecoach South and United Minibuses. 25/26 March Three Bridges to Brighton/ Lewes – Note on the Saturday were Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon, City Circle, Crawley Luxury, Go Ahead London (E, EH, EN, MHV, Scania sd), Hams Travel, Metrobus, Seaford & District, Southdown, Stagecoach South, T&C Travel and United Minibuses

2 April – Three Bridges to Horsham by Brighton & Hove, Go Ahead London (E, EN, MHV, WVN), Southdown and Stagecoach South.

3 April East Grinstead to Purley by Brighton & Hove. Go Ahead London (E and EN) and Metrobus East Grinstead to Oxted by Crawley Luxury, Metrobus and Southdown.

9 April: Horsham to Barnham by Brighton & Hove. Horsham to Littlehampton by Brighton & Hove, Go Ahead London (Scania sd), Metrobus and Southdown. 30th April East Grinstead to Purley by Brighton & Hove. Go Ahead London (E and EN) and Metrobus. Also East Grinstead to Oxted by Crawley Luxury, Metrobus and Southdown

14 May Three Bridges to Pulborough by Brighton & Hove, Go Ahead London, Metrobus, Passenger Plus, Southdown and Stagecoach South.

South Western Railway: (catching up with 2022 reports !!

02/03 July: Hounslow & Windsor & Eton Riverside by Zinc Inc. Air Sym. Hounslow & Weybridge by Falcon Buses. Hounslow & Ascot by London Bus Group. Luxe Coaches. Lanes. Hounslow & Staines by Bear Buses.

23 July: Barnes & Feltham by Cardinal (Trident / ALX400) & Westbus (AD E400MMC).

07 Aug Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Bear Bus (DE & TN), BM Coaches (E200MMC), Diamond South East (StreetDeck), Falcon (E200MMC), Westbus (E400MMC) & Zinc Inc (VLA)

15 Aug Barnes & Feltham / Twickenham by Cardinal (TE), NPC (E400MMC), Westbus (SLE) & unidentified red ex First VN (*service also operated on 13 & 14/08/22 however vehicles not seen*).

16 Aug Barnes & Feltham / Twickenham by Cardinal (TA), Westbus (E400MMC) & unidentified red ex First VN (*service also operated on 13 & 14/08/22 however vehicles not seen*).

18 Aug: emergency rail strike cover at Feltham by Bear Buses (VP).

21 Aug Barnes & Hounslow / Teddington by Candy Coaches (TA), Cardinal (TA), London Bus Company, Hayes (Coach), NPC (E400MMC) & unidentified white Wright double decker (*service should have operated on 20/08/22 but didn't due to the RMT strike*).

27 Aug Hounslow & Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Aldermaston Coaches (DAF / East Lancs dd), Bear Bus (PVL, TN & VP), Cardinal (TA), Jenkins (coach), Lewis of Greenwich (coach), Westbus (E400MMC) & Zinc Inc (VLA).

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

South Western, continued:

28Aug2022: Hounslow & Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside by AirSym (E400MMC), Horseferry (WVL), Westbus (E400MMC & SLE) & Zinc Inc (VLA).

10/11Sep -Woking & Basingstoke , all single deck for Fairmanns Travel, Bear Buses, Falcon Coaches, Comfort Coaches, ALM Travel, Lewis Coaches, Island Coach Services ,BM Coaches, m mlllionaire Executive, Lanes Coaches, AC Travel, White Bus, Seaward, Olympia Transport, Mortons, D&P Coaches, NP Coaches, Plan Ahead Travel Ltd, Air-Sym, Citywide !!

01/02Oct Woking & Weybridge/ Guildford/ Basingstoke by Beeline Travel, Platinum Coaches, Mayfair Coaches, Guru Travel, BM Coaches, Powells, Your Coach Hire,T rafalgar,Horseley Coaches, Pewsey Vale Coaches, Falcon Buses. VV Link Coaches

09/10Oct Hounslow & Woking by Falcon Buses. Mayfair Coaches. Fairmanns Travel.

09/10Oct Hounslow & Ascot/ Staines/ Windsor & Eton Riverside by Mortons Coaches, A1 Bus & Coach, lan Ahead Travel, Diamond Bus(South East), Issar Coaches, BM Coaches, Areena Buses, Cardinal Buses, NP Coaches, Luxe Coaches, , Rotala (Scania coach) & Zinc Inc (VLA)

15Oct Kingston & Twickenham / Shepperton by Bear Bus (PVL), Cardinal (TE) & Westbus (SEL)

22Oct Hounslow & Weybridge / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Bear Bus (TN), Fairmanns Travel, Farnborough (Dart SLF), National Express Transport Solutions - Mortons (Volvo B9TL / East Lancs & Irizar coach) & Zinc Inc (VLA)

23Oct Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by BM Coaches (E200 MMC & E400), Falcon (E200 MMC), NPC (E400 MMC) & Zinc Inc (TA).

29/30Oct: Hounslow & Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside by BM Coaches (E400 MMC) & Bear Bus (TN) London Bus Group, Hayes (Coach) & Westbus (SEL)

11Dec Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by BM Coaches (E400 & E200 MMC), Cardinal (E400), Fairmanns Travel, Farnborough (Dart SLF), Falcon (E200 MMC), Olympic Travel, South Harrow (Coach), Rotala (Scania Omnidekka), Sprinters Travel, High Wycombe (MB Sprinter), Westbus (Coach) & Zinc Inc (VLA)

8Jan23: Hounslow & Woking / Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside by City Circle (Coach), Horseferry (WVL) & RATP (VH)

11-19Feb Staines & Windsor & Eton Riverside saw London Bus Group B7TL LK58 EDO, Bear Buses Y823 TGH (ex PVL223), LK04 CUY (ex VP539) and New Punjab Coaches E400MMCs SN18 KSO and SL69 XWW.

18Feb Hounslow – Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by Cardinal (TA & TE) & Sprinters Travel, High Wycombe (MB Sprinter)

19Feb Hounslow – Weybridge / Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by BM Coaches (E200MMC), Cardinal (TA & TE) & Westbus (E400MMC)

25Feb: Bracknell – Reading (calling at all stations, some non-stop) by Cardinal (TA) & NPC (E400MMC).

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South Western, continued:

09/04/23: Hounslow – Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by Bear Buses (VP), Cardinal (E400), NPC (E400MMC) & Westbus (Coach)

15/04/23: Hounslow – Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by London Bus Group, Hayes (ex WN35001 & Coach), NPC (E400MMC)

16/04/23: Hounslow – Virginia Water / Woking / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by Bear Buses (PVL & VP), Cardinal (TA & TE), Citywise, High Wycombe (Coach), Comfort Coaches, Slough (Coach), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (Coach & WVL) & Mortons (Volvo B9TL)

6/04/23: Weybridge - Basingstoke / Aldershot / Guildford via Woking (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by Falcon (E200MMC), Fairmanns Travel, Farnborough (Dart SLF), Jeakins (Coach), Mortons (Coach), Stagecoach South (E200)

14/05/2023: Barnes – Hounslow / Teddington (calling at all stations via Twickenham some limited stop) by Abellio London (LTs) & Cardinal (TA).

28/05/2023: Hounslow – Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by Bear Buses (TN), BM Coaches (E200MMC), Cardinal (TLA) & NPC E400MMC)

29/05/2023: Hounslow – Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton e (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by 7 Plus Travel, Luton (Coach), Bear Buses (VP), Cardinal (TA), Diamond South East (Streetlite), Falcon (E200MMC), Fairmanns Travel, Farnborough (Dart SLF), First Beeline (E400MMC), Horseferry (WVL), London Bus Group, Hayes (Coach), Mortons (NETS) (Volvo B9TL) & NPC (E400MMC)

02/06/2023 - emergency rail strike cover at Feltham by Bear Buses (VP).

11/06/23: Surbiton / Leatherhead – Guildford (calling at all stations) by Stagecoach South (BYD/E200EV)

18/06/23: Hounslow – Virginia Water / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all stations, some limited stop) by Falcon (E200MMC) & Westbus (E400MMC)

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

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

Routemasters:

RM 467 (WLT 467, ex XVS 851) was sold from Mr P Nash (June) and has been seen in the Enfield area; can anyone confirm details of the new owners ?

RML 2344 (CUV 344C) from Messrs T Curtis & D Wyatt to London Bus 4 Hire, Usk, Monmouthshire (July).

RML 2464 (JJD 464D) from Utility Warehouse to Create Productions, London WC1 (March). After repaint from NatWest purple to all over white by Mardens its initial use with its new owner was at the Love Supreme Festival from 30th June to 2nd July with Jazz fm.

Olympians:

NV 18 (N418 JBV) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap from Express Motors (April 2018).

VA 7 (N137 YRW) (ex LU) initially passed to the London Bus Museum but did not stay and left the collection in February 2019; does anyone know what happened to this VA ?

VA 47 (162 BDA, ex R747 XAR) (ex SLN) from Stuart Coaches to Drew Wilson (dlr), Carlisle, South Lanarkshire (February) and then re-gained its original registration.

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 347 (LJ03 MEU, ex J400 JBT) (ex ALN) was loaned from Base Coaches Sales to Finches Coaches, Wigan, Lancs. in January and February.

DW 59 (LJ04 LFE) (ex ALN) latterly with Hunters Coaches was noted with an unknown dealer, Barnsley, South Yorkshire in April; can anyone confirm that it is still with Hunters ?

VLA 32 (BU02 TOP, ex LJ53 BDX) (ex ALN) regained its original registration with 1st Bus Stop in May.

VLA 70 (LJ04 YWZ) (ex ALN) was re-registered to BU51 TOP by 1st Bus Stop in May.

VLA 94 (LJ54 BDZ, ex SFU 718, B10 MVO) (ex ALN) was last known to be with Zinc Inc., but was noted in March as having passed from BM Coaches, Hayes, Middlesex to Seaford & District, Lewes, East Sussex (March) and is now in an all-red livery.

VLA 162 (LJ55 BVP) (ex ALN) was sold from Stotts Coaches (February).

VLW 20 (UII 2909, ex LJ51 DGV), 112 (LJ03 MJK) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (officially February but collected in April).

VLW 91 (LF52 UPD) (ex ALN) was sold from Ellie Rose (February 2021) and has been reported as sold to Mr D Collier (dlr), Earith, Cambs. but has not been reported subsequently; can anyone confirm what happened to this VLW ?

VLW 103 (LG52 DDK) (ex ALN) is confirmed as passing from Arriva North East to Alpha Recovery, Cramlington, Northumberland (November).

VLW 129 (LG52 DAA) (ex ALN) despite reports to the contrary, it remains with Coach Hire.

VWL 5 (LB02 YXC) (ex East Thames Buses) after being damaged by fire on 10th January 2005, the front end of VWL 5 was salvaged, restored by Wrights in 2006 and placed on display at the London Transport Museum at Covent Garden when the museum re-opened in 2007. It was removed from the museum building on 26th June and sent for scrap to a scrapyards near Stratford upon Avon.

DN 33793, 33794 (SN13 CHF, CHG) (ex FLN) from Atlantic to Travel to Belle Vue, Stockport, Greater Manchester (April).

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DNH 39118 (SN12 ARO) (ex FLN) from AirSym to Uno, Hatfield, Herts. (June) where it has been numbered 1477.

VNL 32207 (MIG 9616, ex LT52 WTN) (ex FLN) was reported as passing from First South West to First Hants & Dorset in April, but was still in use on the Lands End Coaster service in June.

VNL 32226 (LT52 WUL), 32297 (LK03 NGV) (ex FLN) from Midland Bluebird (part of McGills latterly as fleet numbers 2845 and 2846) to Clyde Metal Recycling (dlr), Greenock, Renfrewshire (March).

VNL 32259 (SFZ 688, ex LT52 WWE) (ex FLN) regained its original registration in March and passed to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (March).

EVL 21 (HXZ 787, ex PL51 LFG) (ex GAL) regained its original registration with Roselyn Coaches in January.

EVL 22 (PN02 XCG) (ex GAL) from Shears (dlr) to an unknown school (March) for use as a library.

PDL 31 (PN03 ULP) (ex GAL) was sold from Harris Travel (by February).

PVL 156 (X556 EGK, ex HXZ 9741) (ex GAL) from Geoza to Shears (dlr), Northam, Devon (February).

PVL 182 (X582 EGK, ex GIG 9134) (ex GAL) regained its original registration in October and passed from York Pullman to Poynter's Coaches, Northampton, Northants. (January) where it has been re-registered to OJZ 6889. (See VP 108 below.)

PVL 379 (PJ53 NKR) (ex GAL) was previously recorded as with an unknown owner in October 2017 and is now confirmed as acquired at this time by Molson Coors Brewers, Burton on Trent, Staffs., before being sold in March.

PVL 408 (LX54 GYY) (ex GAL) from A&A Coach to Yorkshire Bus, Leeds, West Yorkshire (January).

PVL 415 (LG54 GZU) (ex GAL) from A&A Coach to Kilvington's of Leeds, West Yorkshire (February) and entered service in April.

SO 4 (BV55 UCX) (ex GAL) was re-registered by Keane Travel to GRZ 1260 in May.

VWL 27 (LF52 THV, ex 1434 HP, ex L30 SBL) (ex GAL) from Greenslades Coaches to Burrows Coaches, Blandford Forum, Dorset (April) where it has been re-registered to L27 BUS and remains in dark grey livery.

VWL 29 (LF52 THZ) (ex GAL) was sold from Crosskeys Coaches (January) for scrap.

VWL 32 (BX04 AZW) (ex GAL) further to TLB706, this VWL passed to Edmonds (dlr), Tedburn St Mary, Devon for scrap.

WVL 217 (LX06 DYY) (ex GAL) from Bakers Dolphin to McColls Travel, Dumbarton, West Dunbartonshire (July 2022).

WVL 265 (LX06 EBU) (ex GAL) is another Go North East vehicle that is currently in use with Go South Coast.

ADE 40447, 40461 (YX62 BBZ, BLZ) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to McGills Buses (June); ADE 40461 has been numbered 8976, and is in Xplore Dundee livery.

SP 6 (YN56 FCG) (ex LU) has been re-registered by Dews to V100 DEW.

SP 60 (YT09 ZCK), 85, 105 (YT59 RYM, DXY) (ex LU) further to TLB706, these SPs are numbered 1190, 1182 and 1189 respectively with Go South Coast.

SP 64 (YT09 ZCU) (ex LU) was noted in the London area at the end of June having now been converted to part open top but still in London RATP livery.

SP 114 (YR59 FYV) (ex LU) further to TLB706, this SP was re-registered to SCZ 399 in June.

VP 108 (W452 BCW) (ex LU) was re-registered to GIG 9134 by York Pullman in October 2022.

VP 127 (W475 BCW) (ex LU) was sold from Herberts Travel (February) for scrap.

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- TE 676 (LK55 KKH) (ex ML) correcting the report included in good faith in TLB705, this TE remains in service with Redline and was not sold.
- TE 682 (MIG 9505, ex LK55 KKR) (ex ML) regained its original registration in November and passed from Presidential to Peoplesbus, Bootle, Merseyside (June).
- TE 846 (LK57 AYB) (ex ML) was loaned from Go Coach Hire to Hulleys, Baslow, Derbys. in March. Presumably this was ahead of the latest TE (see below) to be acquired from Ensign Bus that has been under preparation. TE 846 was still in service with Hulleys on 6th July.
- TE 935 (LK09 EKP) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Hulleys, Baslow, Derbys. (July) after conversion to single door and repaint to Hulleys blue / cream livery by Mardens.
- TP 33 (T133 CLO), 402 (LR52 KXX) (ex ML) were sold from DBS Film & TV Facilities (November 2022 and December 2021 respectively).
- TP 375 (LR52 KWT, ex M12 YEL) (ex ML) was re-registered to RFZ 440 by Widnes Coaches in February.
- VP 342 (LR52 BOF) (ex ML) was sold by Eurotaxi (January).
- TA 17411 (LX51FHW) (ex SLN) further to TLB705, it was confirmed that this TA was scrapped in December 2020.
- TA 17826 (LX03 BXZ) (ex SLN) from Aintree Coachlines to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (April).
- TA 17839 (LX03 BYR) (ex SLN) is confirmed as passing from Stagecoach Merseyside to Hornsby Coaches, Scunthorpe, North Lincs. (March 2018) and it was then sold (by February 2023).
- TA 17970 (B21 USS, ex LX53 JZN), 18241 (MT04 BUS, ex LX04 FYH), 18253 (MT51 BUS, ex LX04 FYW) (ex SLN) regained their original registrations with 1st Bus Stop in May. (See TA 18247 below).
- TA 18227 (LX04 FXS) (ex SLN) from Aintree Coachlines to Used Coach Sales, Warrington, Cheshire (January) and then passed to NDR Services, Corby, Northants. (May).
- TA 18247 (LX04 FYP) (ex SLN) was re-registered to B21 USS by 1st Bus Stop in May.
- TA 18467 (LX55 EPV) (ex SLN) passed from Stagecoach East Midlands to Stagecoach Yorkshire (by June) and this part open top TA is in Stagecoach local livery and is being used on a new tourist service in Derbyshire, the 'Peak Sightseer', a one-way figure-of-eight route based on Chatsworth House. It is intended that two Scania double deckers are being converted for the service and this TA will likely be retained as a spare bus after they arrive.

Low-floor single deck types:

- ENL 34 (LJ09 KPX, ex T5 GEF) (ex ALN) was re-numbered by Diamond Bus from 30701 to 30714 in May.
- ENL 42 (LJ09 KPE, ex 772 URB), 43 (LJ09 KPF, ex T3 WES) (ex ALN) updating TLB706, these two have been numbered 30708 and 30709. ENL 42 entered service at Tividale in June and ENL 43 moved from Tividale to Kidderminster. Updating TLB706 further, all these ENLs were acquired by Diamond Bus in April (not May).
- ENL 48 (LJ09 KPO, ex GUI 441) (ex ALN) entered service with Diamond Bus at Tividale in June.
- ENL 84 (RUI 2053, ex GN08 CGY) (ex ALN) regained its original registration and was sold from Thandi Reds (all in November).
- ENL 95 (GN58 LVB) (ex ALN) updating TLB706, it was re-registered by Stanton's in February 2022 to BU54 ALL and in February 2023 it was loaned to Notts & Derby but had re-gained its original registration by this date.
- ENS 12 (LJ07 ECN) (ex ALN) passed from Arriva North West to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by June) after use for spares.
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----- *Where are they now?* -----

DM 44260 (YX61 FZC) (ex FLN) has been re-registered by Red Rose Travel to Y21 RRT in June.
DMC 41505 (A17 SOE, ex LK03 NLG) (ex FLN) was re-numbered by Stephenson's of Essex from 9033 to 7033 by September 2020, and then re-gained its original registration (by June).
DML 44102 (YX09 AEU) (ex FLN), correcting TLB705, it remains with Crosskeys.
DML 44138 (YX10 BDY, ex DB09 PAN) (ex FLN) from Panther Travel to Tetley Coaches, Hunslet, West Yorkshire (March).
DML 44189 (YX11 CNN) (ex FLN) updating TLB706, it was sold for scrap from East Yorkshire (February).
DML 44314, 44316, 44317, 44321 (YX12 AEA, AEF, AEU, ARZ) (ex FLN) have been re-registered by Red Rose Travel to Y24, 25, 27, 30 RRT respectively in June.
DMV 44224, 44228, 44251 (YX12 AKN, AEP, AKU) (ex FLN) have been re-registered by Red Rose Travel to Y28, 26, 29 RRT respectively in June.
DMV 44230 (YX12 AGY) (ex FLN) from Mistral Bus & Coach Vehicle Sales to Redline Travel, Aylesbury, Bucks. (June).
WV 46102 (CC11 BUS, ex SN64 CVF) (ex FLN) from Central Connect to Yorkshire Bus, Leeds, West Yorkshire (by June).

DWL 27, 31, 34, 36, 37 (FJ54 ZTV, ZTZ, ZUD, ZVB, ZDC) (ex GAL) were all sold from Davies Motors (all in May 2017, except DWL 27 which was June 2017) for scrap.
ELS 5 (YU02 GHD) (ex GAL) from Go East Anglia (Konnect Bus) to Brighton & Hove (March) where it has been re-numbered from 9017 to 7545 and continues in use as a driver training bus.
LDP 195 (SN51 UAH) (ex GAL) had latterly been used by United Driving Learning Centre and was confirmed as sold for scrap (by May).

DLD 707 (LK55 KMF) (ex ML) was sold from WB Chambers (March).
DLF 85 (KU52 YKN) (ex ML) after use for spares by Seaford & District, it passed to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr) Yaxley, Cambs. (March) for scrap.

SLD 34178 (W178 DNO) (ex SLN) was reported as sold from Heart of Wales Travel / St Davids Travel (by December 2011), but was last seen here in April 2017 and had been scrapped by June 2018.
SLD 34309 (LX51 FGK) (ex SLN) updating TLB705, it was advertised for sale via eBay in April in the Godstone area, and remains for sale at the end of June.
36301, 36302 (LX56 DZU, DZV) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach East to Stagecoach North West (May).
36303, 36304 (LX56 DZW, DZY) (ex SLN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (officially February but not collected until April).
36305 (LX56 DZZ) (ex SLN) from Arriva Southern Counties to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (May)

SERVICE VEHICLES

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Allocations and transfers: 8598VW ALB-NGB, 8669T ?-HAD, 8693F ?-ACH and 8715VW KCB-ALB. 8599VW and 8601VW have been withdrawn.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	FD72 ZVE	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	TC
-	FD72 ZVG	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	DT

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

-	BG23 DWU	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	DX
-	BG23 KZK	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	EC
219	BG23 KXZ	Seat Arona Car	Arriva London	White #	DX
-	BG23 LBU	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	DT
-	FL23 JCU	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	N
-	FL23 JDF	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	TH
-	FL23 TTK	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	**
-	MD69 OCR	Renault Grand Scenic Car	Metroline	Maroon#	HT
-	MF70 NFD	Renault Grand Scenic Car	Metroline	Maroon#	HT
-	AY23 KSF	Ford Transit Connect Van	Metroline	Red	?
-	AY23 KUN	Ford Transit Connect Van	Metroline	Red	?
-	AY23 KUP	Ford Transit Connect Van	Metroline	Red	?
-	SB21 YVE	Toyota C-HR Hybrid Car	Stagecoach	Black #	RM
-	AO71 FND	Ford Puma Car	Stagecoach	White #	RM
-	SB22 GPK	Mercedes A180 Hatchback Car	Stagecoach	Red #	RM
-	DN72 SJV	Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback Car	Stagecoach	Red #	RM
-	DN72 VTX	Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback Car	Stagecoach	Grey #	RM
-	DV72 TTY	Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback Car	Stagecoach	Grey #	RM
-	MD72 TVK	Peugeot 2008 Car	Stagecoach	Black #	RM
-	MJ72 YGX	Peugeot 308 Hatchback Car	Stagecoach	White #	RM

Additional information

Abellio MV17 LVH and SG67 VFV are allocated to TF. Transit van BP06 NDZ has been seen at a commercial garage in Croydon so is presumed to have been sold.

Arriva London ** FL23 TTK is allocated to the Purley Way iBus office. Former resident WR15 VTP has been withdrawn.

More Go-Ahead minibuses with recruitment advertising are RF19 UZP/UZU, RJ19 HSK/HSV. Transfers are EK64 CFY C-AL and WO21 PFX NP-Q.

Go Coach 504 LL08 XAM is withdrawn.

Some changes have been reported with the Metrobus fleet. However, as most of the vehicles seem to be from the main Brighton & Hove fleet (many of which now carry dual fleetnames), it is hard to know where to draw the line in our coverage. As such, I have decided to stop reporting on this fleet. For anyone interested, there is comprehensive fleet information (including service vehicles) on both the Brighton & Hove and Metrobus websites.

Metroline has regained some Renault Grand Scenic cars, once their standard crew ferry type. The pair above may have initially operated from KC. The three Ford vans were noted newly delivered to CELF/PA in unmarked red in early July.

The Stagecoach additions above were all listed as hired crew ferry vehicles. Earlier hires that have now left the fleet are BX65 NBE, CA19 ZKP, OE19 WXM, YO19 HXE, OY69 JXZ, GY70 EUO, KT21 UGE and HV22 PVE. Ford minibus MA71 NLZ (TLB705 refers) is confirmed as being with Stagecoach at RM.

White Bus Service AF06 XXL has been returned to service. It is a black Ford Fiesta car with fleetnumber 97.

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

This TLB closed on 6-8 July and due for posting on 18 July. Closing date for TLB708 is Weds 2 August and due for posting on Tues 15 August, Contributions to Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Later closing dates are Weds 06Sep, 04Oct, 01Nov, 29Nov.



Route 108 is now getting former Red Arrow 12-metre E200EVs. SEe17 is one of a pair of the 'advance guard' in mid- June. The 'scenery' here is part of the expanding Millennium Village at North Greenwich. *(Haydn Davies)*

A straightforward conversion from diesel to new electric traction has taken place on Go-Ahead's routes 163 and 164 from Merton Garage. SEe 192 is by the Sir John Fisher School in Grand Drive. *(Terry Wong Min)*



Rear cover: New route 907 is branded 'Connect Herts' and is funded by the Government's Buses Improvement Plan. It fields is atw E20D/E200MMCs. No.597, bowls along between Pinehurst and Hoddesdon. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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