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Stagecoach has a new batch of Switch MetroCitys for its operation on route 339. No.67012 is in Stratford with a background of the Olympic Games flats now converted for local residents. (Haydn Davies)

Go-Ahead EH 217 in Baylis Road Waterloo shows the X68 peak-hour commuter route. Strangely it was renumbered 'Superloop SL6' even though it is devoid of any loops, super or otherwise! (Haydn Davies)



Front cover: TfL has been making much of the increased total of electric buses in London and some now carry this wrap to emphasise the 'Zero Emission' message. Go-Ahead Ee 163 is at Sutton Station. (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). Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Booked dates are Mondays with speakers on 25Sept, 20Nov. The 25Sept meeting is a presentation - 'London Country 1974 to 1979' by Jeff Tucker. (LSS)

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

Thur/Fri 21.22 Sept: LT Museum at Acton Depot.

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

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

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

Sat.7 October: NLETE Theydon Bois bazaar at the village hall, Open 11.00-15.00. Admission £3 (acc. children free). Refreshments available. Large public car park.

Sun.22 October: London Bus Museum Brooklands 'Transportfest'.

Sat. 4 November: Aldenham Transport Spectacular, Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree. (10mins walk from Elstree and Borehamwood Station. Open 1000-1600, admission £4. (LSS)

Sun. 5 November: Running Day based on routes from the former Chalk Farm Garage with mostly RT/RM heritage vehicles on part routes; 24,29,31,68 and 139. Details, 0795 652 8474.

Sat, 18 November: NLETE Enfield Transport Bazaar, St Stephen's Church Hall, Village Road, EN1 2EY. Open 11.00-14.30. Admission £3 (acc. children free).

Sun. 19 November: Running Day based on routes from the former Finchley Garage

Looking ahead: LBM's major events in 2024 are 14April, 23June, 20Oct.

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A new SUP: SUP-45A London Bus Garages, allocations and routes (£5.50). This lists all garages (irrespective of operator) from A to X. Each has a based fleetlist and a list of routes, types allocated and basic M-F PVR figures. This first edition is dated September, ie to match this TLB. It can be first bought over the counter at the Orpington Garage open day on Sat.23 Sept and our meeting Mon.25Sept.

LOTS LBM London Bus Magazine No.205 Autumn 2023 £6.00. Principal articles are: Part 2 of Malc McDonald's history of bus services in Thamesmead, and a review of Sunday-only bus services in the 1960s and 1970s by a new (to LBM) author named Martin Reynolds but being published under his long-established nom de plume of "Watton".

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).

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.

Bus 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 by 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.

****NEW**** from the Southdown Enthusiasts' Club;

SEC Fleet List 2023 £8.00. Sussex Independents 2023 £6.50

Southdown Fleet & Routes 1969 £8.00

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).

Southdown Fleet History Part 36: 1969 (thirty dual-purpose Leopards and the first rear-engine double-deckers) £7.00 (SEC)

****NEW**** A London Country Busman, 1975-1990 by Matthew Keyte £30.00 (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

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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First of all a correction in TLB708: The SL2 will go to North Woolwich (not North Greenwich)

National news, TfL and Politics

The expanded Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) covering all of Greater London was introduced as planned from 29 August despite huge opposition from affected residents, politicians and some parts of the media. The health benefits from lower emissions were often dismissed and the fact that most vehicles already comply received little attention. Some Councils outside London refused to install warning signs at boundaries with London Boroughs and there was evidence of enforcement cameras being vandalised. However, by early September the attention of politicians and the media had been diverted to the issue of potentially unsafe concrete in schools and other public buildings.

The extended consultation on plans to close rail station ticket offices closed on 1 September. It continued to generate considerable opposition, particularly from older passengers and disabled groups. A protest march to Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament was organised by the RMT union on 31 August. Industrial Action on the National Rail network in support of pay claims by RMT and ASLEF members continues with limited services on designated days.

TfL says that London now has the largest zero emission bus fleet in western Europe with over 1,000 zero emission vehicles now in service, representing one in nine buses running in the capital. According to a TfL press release, the bus fleet should be 100% zero emission by 2034 which could be advanced to 2030 with Government funding. The Government has not announced any new funding schemes for zero emission buses since 2021 when it launched the ZEBRA (Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas) scheme for new buses, which did not include London. At present, new zero emission buses for London are funded through TfL budgets.

The Department for Transport has announced a second round of the Zero emission Bus Regional Areas programme, known as ZEBRA2. A total of £129 million will be available to local transport authorities in England outside London. Of that total, £25 million will be prioritised for rural areas. Those areas which did not receive funding in the previous round will also be prioritised. The deadline for bids is 15 December with the results in March 2024. ZEBRA2 will fund up to 75% of the incremental price of a zero emission bus over a diesel equivalent and up to 75% of total infrastructure capital expenditure.

TfL celebrated the culture and contributions of the Windrush generation with a specially designed bus wrap by artist Baraka Carberry. The Go-Ahead owned bus formed part of the Notting Hill Carnival parade on 26 and 27 August and was themed to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Empire Windrush.

Bus and tube travel over the August Bank Holiday weekend was at its highest level since 2019 with a 10% increase in bus use compared with last year. 10.7 million bus journeys were made compared with 11.1 million in 2019. On the Underground 7.0 million journeys were made compared with 7.2 million over the same period in 2019. While leisure travel has bounced back since the pandemic, peak hour commuter journeys remain significantly lower.

Corporate and company news

Miami based investment firm Squared capital is seeking to buy the whole of **Arriva** from its present owners, Deutsche Bahn. The US company is reported to be interested in the company as a whole, which has previously made a sale difficult. It has been known for some time that Arriva intended to sell Arriva, which it acquired in 2010 for £2.9 Billion. Squared Capital is reported to be offering £1.6 Billion, a substantial reduction on the earlier valuation.

----- *General and Industry news* -----

Matt Carney has been appointed CEO Bus at Go Ahead. Mr Carney is currently Managing Director at Kinetic in Australia, and he will join Go Ahead later this year. There will also be a new CEO Rail at Go Ahead which is expected to be filled by Patrick Verwer, currently CEO at GTR which operates Thameslink, Southern and Gatwick Express. Go Ahead will assume two large franchises in Greater Manchester when the first stage of franchising begins in Bolton and Wigan on 24 September

Alex Jenson has taken over as the new CEO of **National Express** UK and Germany, (now known as Mobico). She previously held several roles at BP including Chief Marketing Officer.

First Bus South closed its Bridgewater depot on 3 September with most services transferring to other depots in Somerset.

Other General News

Registrations of new buses, minibuses and coaches rose by 5.9% in the second quarter of 2023 according to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The double deck market was particularly strong with 193 new vehicles, a rise of over 200% compared with the same period last year. Single deck registrations also increased, by 32%. However the overall figures are 21% lower than the second quarter of 2019.

Metrobus has celebrated its 40th anniversary. The company was formally launched on 24th September 1983, having previously been trading as Tillingbourne (Metropolitan). Its initial services provided links from Croydon to Forestdale and Orpington from a base in Green Street Green which remains in use today, albeit by Go Ahead London. Metrobus became part of Go Ahead in 1999 and it is now based in Crawley where it took over services from Arriva in 2001. This month Metrobus took absorbed Southdown PSV which was owned by the two original founders of Metrobus.

The Campaign for Better Transport has celebrated 50 years since it was launched under the name Transport 2000 in 1973. It was founded by Sidney Weighell who was then deputy general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen in response to a leaked Government document which planned drastic cuts to the rail network. The organisation strongly opposed bus deregulation in 1986. In more recent times the CBT has become less of adversarial, but it remains committed to promoting rail and bus use and preventing cuts to services.

Essex coach operator **Galleon Travel 2009** has been purchased by Vectare. This includes its **Central Connect** bus operations in Essex and Hertfordshire. Galleon Travel was established in East London in the 1950s and over 40 vehicles were expected to be transferred.

Chile has received its first electric double decker buses. They are ten twelve metre long BYD12C01 vehicles which have 69 seats and a total capacity of 97 with a stated range of 280km. There are now around 800 BYD built electric buses in the country. Manufacturer **VDL Group** has reported a 40% decline in net profits during the first half of this year although it says it has achieved 5-10% turnover growth during the full year. The company has been losing market share in Europe with only 25 electric bus registrations in the first half of 2023.

The annual **Catch the Bus Month** promotion has been launched by Bus Users UK which will feature activities all around the country to emphasise the benefits of bus travel.

The Luton Dart shuttle which carries passengers between Luton Airport and Luton Airport Parkway Station has carried one million passengers since the rail link opened in March.

Open London is a Greater London Authority supported innovation programme aimed at addressing social and environmental barriers to increasing living standards in the Capital. They are looking for London residents to have a say in their innovation project, including transport issues. The invitation to join closes on 15 September and those interested should visit <https://openlondon.crowdicity.com/>.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Routes 206, 210, 306, 379, 382, C11, S3, W7 and W8 from tranches 865, 872, 872A, 878 and 885 awarded, starting on 9th March 2024, (379), 6th April 2024 (S3), 13th April 2024 (306), 27th April 2024 (206), 13th July 2024 (382), 20th July 2024 (C11, W8), 17th August 2024 (W7), 21st September 2024 (210). All are for 7 years.

- 206 Retained by Metroline West using new electric single and double-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
- 210 Retained by Metroline Travel using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 14).
- 306 Awarded to Abellio using new electric double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Metroline Travel from Brentford (AH) garage. (pvr 11 to 10).
- 379 Awarded to Stagecoach East London using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Go-Ahead London General from Northumberland Park (NP) garage (pvr 2).
- 382 Retained by Metroline Travel using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 9).
- C11 Retained by Metroline Travel using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 16).
- S3 Awarded to Abellio using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London United from Tolworth (TV) garage (pvr 8).
- W7 Retained by Metroline Travel using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 17 to TBC).
- W8 Retained by Metroline Travel using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 16 to 15).

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
#862C (02/24)	242/N242 (Arriva LN)	--
#864A (2/24)	283 (London United)	--

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

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#871A (3-5/24)	SL2 (Walthamstow – North Woolwich)	--
#871B (3-5/24)	SL3 (Thamesmead - Bromley)	--
#871C (3-5/24)	SL5 (Bromley – Croydon)	--
#873 (04/24)	689 (Arriva LS)	--
#873A (03/24)	SL7 (ex 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)	--
#877A (04/24)	481 (London United)	--
#878 (05/24)	272, 440 (London United)	--
#879 (01/25)	129 (GA London Central), SL4 (ex X239, New route for Silvertown Tunnel)	--
#879A (04/24)	P4 (S'ch Selkent)	--
#881 (06/24)	260, 302 (Metroline Travel).....	--
#882 (6-7/24)	681 (London United), R68, R70 (Abellio).....	--

----- *Grwater London Route Devts* -----

#883 (06/24)	211, C1 (London United)	--
#883A (06/24)	28/N28, 328 (London Transit)	--
#884 (06/24)	406, 465 (London United)	--

Tranches #886 upwards are unchanged and are as in TLB708.

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 8th, Friday 14th Saturday 15th, Monday 17th July 2023: As in TLB708.

Saturday 22nd July 2023: As in TLB708, additionally, route 692 was effectively withdrawn as a variation of route 699, revised from 2nd September (*see later*).

Saturday 29th July 2023: As in TLB708, although some additional information about SL6 and 188 PVRs. As noted, the school holiday schedules were uploaded with the correct date albeit the previous crosslinks to X68 just withdrawn, thus showing the PVR requirement from previous holiday schedules. The actual PVR for route 188 is now 21/21/17 #Q41+.

Saturday 5th August 2023:

Widened timetables for route 125 for Winchmore Hill roadworks until 2nd September.

Widened timetables for routes 11 and 44 for Victoria, Ebury Street roadworks (until 28th August).

A Tramlink replacement service was operated by Abellio between Waddon Marsh & Wimbledon for trackwork at Mitcham Junction until Sunday 13th August 2023.

Saturday 12th August 2023:

455 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Wallington Station & Old Lodge Lane, Canons Hill) Type change to OM-class Optare MetroCity MC990 single-deck vehicles.

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. Type change from OM-class to SE-class AD E20D Enviro200 and SOE-class E200Dart Optare Esteem single-deck vehicles.

PVR Change from 12th August 2023:

Go-Ahead Metrobus: S1 to 11/11/7 #GM81+.

Saturday 19th August 2023: Widened timetables for routes E6 and E9 for HS2 works in Greenford.

26 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Hackney Wick, Eastway & Victoria Station) and
N26 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Chingford Station & Victoria Station) Revised to set down in Victoria Street before standing, pick up remains in Wilton Road.

133 (*Arriva South London-BN*) (Holborn Station & Streatham Station) Revised daily timetables for running time.

137 (*Arriva London South-N/BN*) (Marble Arch & Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue) Revision to the proportions of buses from Brixton (BN) and Norwood (N) garages. Revised daily timetables for running time.

367 (*Abellio-BC*) (Bromley North Station & West Croydon, Bus Station) Revised to set down in Wellesley Road, West Croydon before standing, pick up remains in the Bus Station.

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. Mon-Fri AM peak frequency reduced from x8-9 to x10 mins. Allocation changed f-om Norwood (N) to Brixton (BN). Electric ES class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliners will operate, with charging facilities at the nearby Brixton Tramshed (code BS). In the meantime T-class Enviro400s will stay on the route.

SL8 (*Metroline West-G*) (White City, Bus Station & Uxbridge Station, Limited Stop) Additional Early and Late journeys introduced daily, evening service increased from x15 to x12mins.

X26 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central, express) Route **renumbered SL7**. Daily daytime frequency increased from x30 to x15 mins. During peak hours when running time is increased, some extra journeys will start from New Malden or Wallington.

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

Saturday 19th August, continued

PVR Changes from 19th August 2023:

Abellio: No change to 367 PVRs;

Arriva London South: 137 to 20/18/17 N301+, 9/9/6 BN171+; 417 to 12/11/7 BN251+,
no change to 133 PVRs;

Go-Ahead Metrobus: SL7 to 20/20/18 C1+, X26 withdrawn;

Metroline West: No change to SL8 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: No change to 26/N26 PVRs.

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.
- 79 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (Edgware Station & Alperton, Sainsbury's) Withdrawn from Sainsbury's and re-routed at Alperton, Ealing Road via Mount Pleasant, Beresford Avenue, North Circular Road slip road to Stonebridge Park Station.
- 83 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green Station & Alperton Station) extended from Alperton Station via Ealing Road and Glacier Way to Alperton, Sainsbury's.
- 86 (*Stagecoach East London-NS*) (Stratford, Bus Station & Romford Station) Sunday daytime frequency increased from x10 to 8-9mins.
- 123 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Ilford High Road & Wood Green Station) The previous weekend night service restored to run every night, first night starting on Friday 25th August.
- 141 (*Arriva London North-AD*) (Palmers Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) Evening frequencies increased from every x12 to x10 mins and Sunday early mornings from x15 to x12 mins.
- 148/= (*London United-S*) (Camberwell Green & White City, Bus Station) Revised daily timetables for running time.
- 158 (*Arriva London North-EC*) (Stratford Bus Station & Chingford Mount, Prince Albert) The previous weekend night service restored to run every night, starting on Friday 25th August.
- 395 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station & Westway Cross Retail Park) Re-allocated from Harrow (SO) garage to Park Royal (RP) garage thus novated from London Sovereign to London United.
- 605 (*Sullivan Buses-SM*) (Burnt Oak Station & Totteridge & Whetstone Station SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing diesel 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. Reallocated to Thornton Heath (TH) garage.
- 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 AD40D Enviro 400D diesel double-deck vehicles from Hatfield (HF) garage. Previously 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.
- X140 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Heathrow Airport Central & Harrow, Bus Station, Express) Route **renumbered SL9**. Cross-linking removed from route 698 to become a stand-alone route. (*see also 698 under 2nd September, later*).

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

PVR Changes from 26th August 2023:

Arriva London North: =123 to 4 every night #AR31+, =158 to 3 every night #EC31+, No change to daytime 123, 158 PVRs;

141 to 28/24/18 #AD271+ (note #AD295/297/298 are outstationed at WN garage);

Arriva London South: 612 to 2/-/- #TH151+, No change to 64/= PVRs;

London Sovereign: 79 to 12/12/9 #BT51+, 395 to London United, X140 withdrawn;

SL9 to 13/13/11 #SO451+ (crosslink to 698 withdrawn, see 2nd September, later),

London United: 148 to 17/17/15 #S201+, no change to =148 PVRs, 395 to 5/5/4 #RP351+;

Metroline Travel: No change to 83 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: 86 to 30/29/26 #NS361+;

Sullivan: 605 to 1/-/- #SM49+, 628,653,683, 688 withdrawn; 606 crosslinks 628,683 withdrawn;

Uno: 628/688 to 5/-/- #HF316+, 653 to 3/-/- #HF310+;

683 to 3+/-/- #HF313+ (+1 ex 699 as #HF305) 699 to 3*-/ - #HF305+ (*683)

Note: after school club on Tu/Th provided by #HF308 on 683 and #HF309 on 688.

Also, the Fri afternoon schedule on route 683 had previously varied according to season and had not been uploaded so these will be confirmed later. Of course, while contractually changed before term starts, the changes only apply at the actual start of terms as applicable.

Sunday 27th August

166 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (West Croydon & Epsom) Last day of seasonal Sat/Sun shuttle service between Purley & Banstead. Temporary extra PVR withdrawn.

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

The Notting Hill Carnival returned so roads were closed in Ladbroke Grove and Notting Hill areas, with routes diverted as necessary. Some extra information has come to light, thanks to members for their observations. London Transit routes (28, 31, 70, 228 and 452) were not uploaded in time for checks to be made on the working timetables at the TfL website.

Route 52 was split into 2 sections as before, route 316 was double-decked using TEH-class double-decks from Cricklewood (W) garage. Route 36X re-appeared and the following had extras:

7 East Acton & Marble Arch;

18 Stonebridge Park & Paddington Green;

31 Camden Town Harrow Road;

148 Shepherd's Bush Green & Hyde Park Corner (running out of service to return from Victoria);

328 West Hampstead & Harrow Road.

Route 7 diverted to the south of the carnival area and 328 to the east – this being a change to that observed in 2018. Other routes 23, 70, 94, 218 and 295 as previously noted had special schedules for diversions and reliability.

BH Monday 28th August 2023:

Further to last month's report, it is confirmed that Kingston Cromwell Road Bus Station was closed for long-term refurbishment, involving demolition of the existing facilities and replacement with a wider passenger island, and more energy efficient with a green edge canopy roof, solar panels, LED lighting, improved drainage, with better facilities for drivers and two new retail units.

Better connected accessible bus stops are promised, but whether the "saw-tooth" stands will remain is not clear from the artist's impression. The new bus station is expected to re-open in Summer 2024. The nearside bus lane will be extended further along Cromwell Road to allow through services to call at temporary stops. Buses will continue to pick-up and set down at the last stops and will be dispersed to stand at other locations and in some cases timetables will be widened to allow for reduced stand time.

Terminating routes from the west, routes **111/=, 216, 285/=, 411, 481 and Surrey 461** set down at John Lewis, Stop N and stand there or run dead via the Kingston gyratory to stand in Kingsgate Street or Wood Street and pick up at stop Q. Terminating routes from the south, routes **406,**

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418 and Surrey 458, 513, 514, 515 and 715 set down in Eden Street and stand at Sury Street, with routes **71 and 465** continuing via Cromwell Road, Queen Elizabeth Road, London Road to Birkenhead Avenue to a temporary stand, departing via Birkenhead Avenue, Queen Elizabeth Road, Fairfield North, Clarence Street, Cromwell Road to pick up. Finally, route **K1** is temporarily relocated to stand at Fairfield Bus Station. Happy to note any corrections, so possibly further updates next month.

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

Also, widened timetables Mon-Sat on route 13/= for roadworks at Baker Street, and Sunday daytime widening for routes affected by ongoing closure of Wandsworth Bridge until the end of the month for routes 14/=, 22, 37/=, 39, 74, 93/=, 170, 337 and 430. Widened timetables on route 205 revert to normal.

- 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 BYD D8UR Enviro 200EV 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 VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3. Thus converted formally from MCL-class Mercedes Citaro diesel single-deck vehicles, although double-decks were regularly on the route during August.
- 251 (Arnos Grove Station & Edgware Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel using new VMSL-class Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-decks in due course. To begin with DEL class diesel Enviro200s are operating. Previously operated by London Sovereign from Edgware (BT) garage.
- 288 (London Sovereign-BT) (Queensbury, Morrisons & Broadfields Estate) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DE-class AD E20D Enviro 200 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 AD E20D Enviro 200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 313 (Arriva London North-E) (Chingford Station & Potters Bar Station, extended SDO to Dame Alice Owen's School) Minor change to timetable with PM journey from Dame Alice Owen's School curtailed at Ponders End.
- 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. Previously operated by Arriva London North from Palmers Green (AD) garage with T, HV and mainly SW-class Wrightbus StreetDeck double-decks.
- 349 (Arriva London North-E) (Stamford Hill, Rookwood Road & Ponders End Garage) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using mainly existing LT-class NRM-class New Routemasters. The first two trips from Stamford Hill and the evening service stand at Southbury, Dearsley Road owing to congestion on Enfield garage forecourt.
- 375 (Arriva London North-GY) (Romford Station & Passingford Bridge, M-S) Mo-Fr journey from Romford at 14:38 retimed to run 6 minutes later and 15:14 journey from Passingford Bridge retimed to run 4 minutes later.
- 434 (Go-Ahead Metrobus-C) (Whyteleafe South, Wapses Lodge Roundabout & Rickman Hill) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 626 (Finchley Central Station & Dame Alice Owen's School SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing OME-class Optare MetroDecker MD1050EV electric double-deck vehicles from Potters Bar (PB) garage, cross-linked from route 134. Rerouted to serve Potters Bar Station in both directions. In the afternoon, therefore diverted from Sawyers

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- (626)>> Lane via Baker Street, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar Station, Mutton Lane and Barnet Road. Previously 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, cross-linked from route 263.
- 638 (Stagecoach Selkent-TB) (Kenmal College & Coney Hall, Glebe Way SDO) Revised timetable for the trips serving Chislehurst School for Girls.
- 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 AD40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 692/699 (Uno-HF) (Potters Bar, Dame Alice Owen's School & Winchmore Hill, Green Dragon Lane SDO) The afternoon journey numbered 692 which also served Potters Bar Station and terminated at Southgate Station replaced by a trip on route 699, so route number withdrawn.
- 696 (London United-AV) (Hayes, Bourne Avenue & Bishop Ramsey School, SDO) Revised timetable.
- 697 (London United-AV) (Hayes, Lansbury Drive & Ickenham, Douay Martyrs School, SDO) Revised timetable.
- 698 (London Sovereign-SO) (West Drayton School & Ickenham, Douay Martyrs School, SDO) Re-allocated from Harrow (SO) garage to Edgware (BT) garage. Revised timetable.
- H11 (London Sovereign-SO) (Harrow, Bus Station & Mount Vernon Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class AD E20D Enviro 200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- H14 (London Sovereign-SO) (Hatch End & Northwick Park Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing ADH-class AD E300H hybrid double-deck vehicles. Note the frequency was reduced from 24th June, so contract timetable introduced early.
- H17 (Harrow, Bus Station & Wembley Central, Montrose Crescent) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel (but novated to Metroline West) using existing DEL-class AD E20D Enviro 200 diesel single-deck vehicles from Willesden Junction (WJ) Garage. Previously 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 AD E20D Enviro 200 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.

PVR Changes from 2nd September 2023:

Arriva London North: No change to 313, 349, 375 PVRs, 340 withdrawn;

Arriva London South: No change to 685 PVRs;

Go-Ahead Metrobus: No change to 434 PVRs;

London United: 203 to 7/7/5 #AV141+, no change to 72/N72, 293, 696, 697 PVRs, H17 withdrawn;

London Sovereign: 340 to 9/9/6 #BT101+, 698 to 5/-/- #BT481+ (crosslinks to X140 withdrawn),

No change to 288, 303, H11, H14, H18/19 PVRs, 251 withdrawn;

Metroline Travel: 251 to 12/11/7 #EW51+, 134 to 24*/24/20 (*4/626) #PB61+, 626 to +/-/- (+4/134) as #PB81+ am, #PB 62, 67, 77, 79 pm; no change to 634 PVRs;

Metroline West: H17 to 7/5/4 #WJ251+, no change to 114 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: No change to N550/551 PVRs;

Stagecoach Selkent: 638 to 5*-/-(*61) #TB501+, 261 crosslink to 638 withdrawn, no change to 61 PVRs; Sullivans: 626 withdrawn.

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

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- 83 (Metroline Travel-PV) (Golders Green Station & Alperton Sainsbury's) and
 N83 (Metroline Travel-PV) (Golders Green Station & Ealing Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new WDE-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-decks in due course.
- 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.
- 686 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR) (Romford, St. Edward's School & Harold Hill, Dagnam Park Square SDO) Revised timetable on Monday PM.
- R68 (Abellio-TF) (Hampton Court Station & Kew, Retail Park) Curtailed daily at Twickenham Station until Spring/Summer 2024 due to roadworks at Richmond, Manor Circus.
- R70 (Abellio-TF) (Nurserylands & Richmond, Manor Circus Homebase) Extended daily from Manor Circus via route R68 to Kew, Retail Park until Spring/Summer 2024 for roadworks at Manor Circus. These changes are to 'protect' the lower frequency R68 and replace it with the higher frequency R70 for more effective control.

Saturday 16th September 2023:

- 199 (Stagecoach Selkent-TL) (Bellingham, Catford Garage & Canada Water Station) and
 N199 (Stagecoach Selkent-TL) (Trafalgar Square & St. Mary Cray Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course, although the N199 will still use hybrid double-deck vehicles for charging reasons.
- 276 (Newham Hospital & Stoke Newington Common) LBSL QC contract awarded to Stagecoach East London using new electric single-deck vehicles in due course, from Lea Interchange (LI) Garage. Previously operated by Go-Ahead Docklands from Silvertown (SI) Garage.
- 356 (Stagecoach Selkent-KB) (Shirley, Monks Orchard & Sydenham Hill) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 376 (Go-Ahead Docklands-SI) (Beckton, Bus Station & East Ham, Newham Town Hall) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract but intended to be operated from River Road (RR) garage in due course so novated to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle. Initially using existing SE-class E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles, a mix of existing and new SEe-class BYD D9UR Enviro200EV electric single-deck vehicles will be introduced when the route is re-allocated.
- D3 (Bethnal Green, Bonner Road & Leamouth, Orchard Place) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle from North Woolwich (DS) garage using new SEe-class BYD D9UR Enviro200EV electric single-deck vehicles in due course. Otherwise, SE-class E20D Enviro200 diesel buses may be allocated, but these will operate from Silvertown (SI) garage. Previously operated by Stagecoach East London from West Ham (WH) garage.
- D6 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Cambridge Heath, Ash Grove Garage & Crossharbour, ASDA) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- D8 (Stagecoach East London-LI) (Stratford, Bus Station & Crossharbour, ASDA) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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Saturday 30th September 2023:

Widened timetable Daily on route 110 for Manor Circus road works.

- 1 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Canada Water Station & Tottenham Court Road Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract and rerouted from Holborn replacing route 168 via Russell Square, Eversholt Street, Camden High Street (return Bayham Street), Chalk Farm Road, Haverstock Hill, Rosslyn Hill, Pond Street to terminate at Hampstead Heath, South End Green. Using existing MHV- or WHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV Evoseti or Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles and re-allocated from Morden Wharf (MG) to Camberwell (Q) garage. Frequency increased from x10 to x8-9mins Mon-Sat daytimes, no change to Sunday and evening frequency.
- N1 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG/PM*) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Thamesmead, Boiler House) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing MHV- or WHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV Evoseti or Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles and re-allocated from Morden Wharf (MG) and Peckham (PM) garages to Camberwell (Q) garage.
- 42 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Liverpool Street Station, Bishopsgate & East Dulwich, Sainsbury's) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV Evoseti hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 108/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Stratford International & Lewisham, Town Centre) The evening double-deck service between Lewisham & North Greenwich Station to be contractually linked (as 108D) with route 185 so re-allocated to Camberwell (Q) garage.
- 164 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Wimbledon Station & Sutton Station) Having been deferred from 19th August, deferred to a new date in October, hopefully details next month. To be 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.
- 165 (*Stagecoach East London-RM*) (Romford, The Brewery & Rainham, Abbey Wood Lane) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 168 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Hampstead heath, South End Green & Old Kent Road, Tesco) Route WITHDRAWN. (see also 1, 188/=).
- 179 (*Stagecoach East London-BK*) (Ilford, Hainault Street & Chingford Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 185 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Victoria Station & Lewisham, Town Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-decks in due course. Note this contract is operationally linked to the late evening double-deck journeys on route 108.
- 188/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (North Greenwich Station & Russell Square) Rerouted at Holborn to Tottenham Court Road Station via route 1. Re-allocated from Camberwell (Q) to Morden Wharf (MG) garage.
- 193 (*Stagecoach East London-NS*) (Romford, Queen's Hospital & County Park Estate, Essex Gardens) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 252 (*Stagecoach East London-RM*) (Hornchurch, Town Centre & Colliers Row, Clockhouse Lane) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 346 (Upminster Station & Upminster Park Estate, Waycross Road) LBSL QC contract awarded to Stagecoach East London from Rainham (RM) Garage, using existing diesel single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Go-Ahead Blue Triangle from River Road (RR) garage.
- 355 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Mitcham, Cricketers & Brixton Station) Re-allocated from Croydon (C) garage to Camberwell (Q) garage, thus novated from Go-Ahead Metrobus to Go-Ahead London Central.
- 404 (Cane Hill, Crawford Crescent & Caterham-on-the-Hill, Westway Common) LBSL QC contract awarded to Abellio from Beddington (BC) garage using existing diesel single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London United from Tolworth (TV) garage.

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- 450 (Lower Sydenham, Sainsbury's & West Croydon, Bus Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead Metrobus from Croydon (C) garage using new SEe-class BYD D9UR Evviro200EV electric single-deck vehicles in due course. Currently operated by Arriva London South from Norwood (N) garage with SLS-class Wrightbus StreetLites. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins.
- 485 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Wandsworth, High Street & Hammersmith Bridge, South Side) Seasonal withdrawal of last round trip via Wetlands Centre.
- C3 (Clapham Junction, Falcon Road & Earl's Court, Tesco) LBSL QC contract awarded to Abellio using new electric double-deck vehicles from Battersea (QB) Garage, in due course. Currently operated by London Transit from Westbourne Park (X) garage using Optare MetroDecker OME-class double-decks..

Saturday 7th October 2023:

- 21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Holloway, Nag's Head & Lewisham, Lewisham Centre) and
 N21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Trafalgar Square & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters on route 21, with existing hybrid double-deck vehicles on route N21.
- 32 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Kilburn Park Station & Edgware Station) and
 N32 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Victoria Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters.
- 107 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (New Barnet Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles. Early morning and late evening frequency increased from x30 to x15 mins, and Sunday daytime from x20 to x15 mins.
- 189/= (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Marble Arch & Brent Cross, Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters.
- 316 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Cricklewood Garage & White City, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using VMSL-class Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-decks in due course.
- 632 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Kilburn Park Station & Grahame Park, Corner Mead SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters.
- P12 (*Go-Ahead London Central-PM*) (Surrey Quays Shopping Centre & Brockley Rise, Chandos) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new SEe-class BYD D9UR Enviro200EV electric single-deck vehicles in due course.

Saturday 14th October 2023: Further to last month's note about Brent Cross West Station, which was due to open on this date, this had not been confirmed by our closing date.

Widened timetable Daily on route 419 for Manor Circus road works.

- 223 (Harrow, Bus Station & Wembley Central, Montrose Crescent) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline West from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage using existing DEL-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London Sovereign from Harrow (SO) garage.
- 224 (*London United-RP*) (St. Raphael's Pitfield Way & Alperton, Sainsbury's) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 279 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Manor House Station & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) and
 N279 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Trafalgar Square & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new ES-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
- W3 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Finsbury Park Station & Northumberland Park Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

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Saturday 4th November 2023:

221 (Arriva London North-WN) (Edgware Station & Turnpike Lane Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

New consultations

E1 extended from Ealing Broadway via Ealing Road (South Ealing), Great West Road, Syon Lane to Osterley Tesco.

618 New Schoolday route: Ivybridge Estate via Twickenham Road, Worton Road, Bridge Road, London Road, Syon Lane to terminate near the Bolder Academy in Osterley, Syon Lane.'

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

TLB675 p13-14: Croydon / Sutton changes; also updated TLB706 p13 and TLB707 p13.

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 : 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: SL10 (wasX183) Superloop route from Harrow to North Finchley.

TLB706 p13: SL1 (was X34) Superloop route from North Finchley to Walthamstow Central.

TLB707 p13: W12, W13, W14, 549 Walthamstow and Wanstead changes.

TLB707 p13: 336 Downham routeing and stop changes.

TLB708 p16: Oxford Street.

TLB708 p16: Silvertown Tunnel Cyclists service.

TLB708 p16: Superloop SL2, (W'stow to N. Woolwich) SL3 (Thamesmead to Bromley) and

TLB708 p17: SL5 (Bromley to Croydon).

TLB708 p17: 281 Tolworth rerouting.

TLB708 p17: 309 Poplar rerouting.

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.

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).

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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).

3rd Feb 24: CE+2 on 43/=, 134/= (Metroline Travel).

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

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

24th Feb 24: CR7 on 277/N277* (S'ch East London).

2nd Mar 24: CR5 on 215 (S'ch East London), CR6 on 97 (S'ch Lea Interchange), CR7 on 58* (S'ch Lea Interchange), 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), CE+2 on 123/=, 158/= (Arriva LN), CE+2 on 275 (S'ch East London).

9th Mar 24: CR6 on 167 (S'ch East London), CR7* on 379 (G-A London General to S'ch East London)

23rd Mar 24: CR5 on 76/= (G-A London General to Arriva LN), 259 (Arriva LN), CR6 on 20, 362, 462 (S'ch East London), CR6 on 393 (Metroline Travel).

30th Mar 24: CR5 on 19/N19 (Arriva LN), 249 (Arriva LS), CR6 on 2/N2 (Arriva LN), CR7 on 113/N113* (Metroline Travel), 262*, 473* (S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle), 396* (G-A Blue Triangle), CE+2 on 317 (Metroline Travel), 372 (S'ch East London), 493 (G-A London General).

6th Apr 24: CR7* on S3 (London United to Abellio)

13th Apr 24: CR6 on 195 (Abellio), CR7* on 306 (Metroline Travel to Abellio).

27th Apr 24: CR7* on 206 (Metroline West).

18th May 24: CR6 on 464 (Abellio).

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

1st Jun 24: CR5 on 253/N253, 254 (Arriva LN).

22nd Jun 24: CR6 on 120 (Metroline Travel), CR7 on 143* (Metroline Travel).

13th July 24: CR7* on 382 (Metroline Travel).

20th July 24: CR7* on C11, W8 (Metroline Travel).

17th Aug 24: CR7* on W7 (Metroline Travel).

21st Sep 24: CR7* on 210 (Metroline Travel).

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

Catching up from last month and as reported in the Country section, **Hallmark Connections** have applied for a variety of routes, under contract to Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd, starting on 26th August, Route **459** operates nightly from Iver Heath via Iver, Ritchings Park, West Drayton to Heathrow Central and Terminal 5 at 03:15, 04:15 and 05:15.

Route **710** operates nightly from Chesham Broadway, Amersham, Chalfont & Latimer, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, Terminal 5, Compass Centre and Heathrow Central at 02:50 and 04:50. Route N30 runs on Mon-Fri nights from Acton, Horn Lane, via Acton Town, South Ealing, Boston Manor Road, Osterley, Hatton Cross, then Terminal 4, Cargo Area, Terminal 5 and Central Bus Station, before returning to Acton. This leaves Acton at 01:19, 02:19, 03:19 and 04:19, returning from Heathrow Central at 01:25, 2:25, 03:25 and 04:25. On Sat & Sunday nights, the service just loops from Terminal 4 serving all areas of Heathrow as noted above. All to be operated by single-deck vehicles. Another new service, although the application adds **Hallmark Coaches T/A Wing Luxury Travel** is Route **H21** which starts at Feltham, Bedfont Lane, Shore Close to Heathrow Terminal 4 via Staines Road and Bedfont Green. A daily service every x30 minutes is offered from 03:05 to 23:50, the first journey back-projected to start in Westmacott Drive, this one starting 19th August. To round off the new applications on behalf of Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd, **BM Coaches and Rental Ltd** operate a free service under route **H30** from Heathrow |Terminal 4 and Terminal 5 via the Cargo area every x20 mins daily from 05:03 to 23:43. This started on 23rd August. The current H30 operated by **Diamond Bus** operates overnight and seems to be replaced by this group of services, not forgetting the new links by **National Express** mentioned previously.

Further to the **Manchester Bus Tours** (Transpora Group, London) application mentioned in TLB707, RM1941 appeared at Imber advertising the new route T15. This is proposed to run daily every x30 minutes from Waterloo from 09:40 to 16:40, returning times from Tower Hill at 10:15 to 17:45, although a start date had not been confirmed as we went to press. Thanks to member Jon for the report and photos. **Brighton & Hove** are taking over the London permits for routes 409/411 and 695 from **Southdown PSV**, although will be part of **Metrobus**. As mentioned under the Country section last month, Sullivan Buses have started a new Mon-Fri SDO service, route 356 From Winchmore Hill to St.Albans, Nicholas Breakspear School departing at 07:20, via Enfield Town, Enfield Chase Station, the Ridgeway, then Potters Bar, South Mimms to St. Albans, Nicholas Breakspear School, returning at 15:20. Finally, route 84B re-introduced a Mon-Sat service from 4th September, operated by **Central Connect (now part of Vectare)** under contract to Herts CC, linking Potters Bar to Barnet, in effect a loop serving Potters Bar one way with a double run at Barnet serving the station, then Barnet Hospital. The route from Barnet Hospital is via Barnet Church, Barnet Hill, Underhill, Barnet Lane, Westcombe Drive, Fairfield Way, Barnet Hill, Barnet Church, then via Hadley Highstone, Great North Road, Barnet Road, Mutton Lane, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar Station, returning via Church Road, Hatfield Road, Potters Bar High Street and back to Barnet Church, then serving Barnet Hill, Underhill again before returning to Barnet Hospital.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 7th to 25th August, owing to electrical works on Ebury Bridge Road, route **C10** was diverted southbound via Ebury Bridge Road, Chelsea Bridge Road, Grosvenor Road and Lupus Street. Further to last month's report, the works at Clerkenwell are extended to 4th October, the south and westbound diversions remain and buses also divert eastbound via Drake Street, Procter Street, High Holborn, Holborn, Holborn Viaduct, Newgate Street, King Edward Street, Montague Street, Aldersgate Street and Goswell Road. From 19th August to 21st September, owing to crane operations in Earls Court Road, routes **328, C1 and N31** were diverted southbound via Kensington High Street (328/N31), Warwick Gardens and Pembroke Road, and northbound via Warwick Road and Kensington High Street (328/N31). The Sloane Street diversions have been extended to January 2024. (See *TLB701*).

South-East: From 5th to 20th August owing to water works in Cudham Lane South, routes **R5 and R10** were (once again!) diverted between Knockholt Pound and Green Street Green via Pratt's Bottom thus not serving the Cudham area. From 7th to 25th August, owing to bridge works in Carlyle Road, Thamesmead, routes **177, 229, 244, 301, 401, 472/= and N1** were diverted in both directions between Crossway and Harrow Manor Way via Carlyle Road (north), Central Way and Eastern Way. From 2nd to 23rd August, owing to road works on Loop Road, Chislehurst, routes **61, 160, 162 and R7** were diverted southbound via Park Road and High Street. From 18th to 25th August, owing to a gas leak at Blackheath, Royal Standard, junction with Charlton Road/Old Dover Road, routes **53/N53, 54** were diverted south and westbound via Westcombe Hill, A102 to Sun in the Sands roundabout, Shooters Hill Road, Stratheden Road and Vanburgh Park. Routes **108/=, 286 and 335** joined the above diversion southbound via Westcombe Hill to line of route at Shooters Hill or Prince of Wales Road. Route **380** eastbound was also diverted via Westcombe Hill, A102 then to line of route via Shooters Hill Road. Route **202** was curtailed at Blackheath Village. Thanks to member Robert for the report. From 13th to 28th August, owing to sewer works in Crayford Road, Crayford, routes **96, 428 and 492** were diverted eastbound via Roman Way, London Road, Bourne Road, East Rochester Way, Dartford By-Pass, then 96 via Old Bexley Lane, Shepherd's Lane and Princes Road and 428, 492 via Rochester Way, Swan Lane and Station Road (428). From 21st August to 4th September, owing to tunnelling works near Millennium Way, North Greenwich, routes **108/= and 188/=** were diverted in both directions via Edmund Halley Way, West Parkside and John Harrison Way.

South: Further to the reports in TLBs 707 & 708 about West Croydon Station Road being closed, member Peter adds it was closed again from 18th to 26th August for further essential construction work. The same diversions applied. Peter also said that the Purley diversions finished early. Member Martin reported that Godstone Road re-opened on 27th August, but the 407 did not resume through journeys until 30th August. He also reported that route **434** was curtailed at Coulsdon Town Centre from 27th July to 17th August owing to roadworks at Rickman Hill, and from 16th August to 1st September, routes **166 and 293** were curtailed at Epsom Town Centre, owing to roadworks affecting the Woodcote Road loop at Epsom Hospital. From 8th to 20th August, owing to road works in Crown Lane, Morden, routes **80 and 93/=** were diverted southbound via Central Road, Morden Hall Road, Aberconway Road and London Road to Morden Station. Routes **163 and 293** diverted via Tudor Drive (double run from Hillcross Avenue roundabout), Epsom Road, joining route **154** via Central Road, Morden Hall Road, Aberconway Road and London Road to terminate. Route **164** diverted southbound via Links Avenue, Hillcross Avenue, Tudor Drive, Epsom Road and Central Road, not serving Morden. From 3rd to 17th August, owing to electrical works in St James's Road, Addiscombe, route **289** was diverted eastbound via Wellesley Road, Lansdowne Road, Dingwall Road, George Street, Addiscombe Road and Cherry Orchard Road. Nearby and from 18th August to 3rd September, Cherry Orchard Road was closed for crane operations. Routes **197, 312, 367 and 410** were diverted in both directions via Wellesley Road, St James's Road (return also Newgate) and Lower Addiscombe Road.

West From 7th to 18th August, owing to water works in Acton Lane route **440** was diverted in both directions via Uxbridge Road, Gunnersbury Lane and Bollo Lane. Routes **E3 and N11** were diverted in both directions via Bollo Lane, Acton Lane, Beaconsfield Road and Acton Lane, not serving Acton. The diversion of route **440** for security issues at Chiswick Business Park has been extended until 31st October with buses now diverting southbound via Bollo Lane, Acton Lane and Chiswick High Road. From 31st July to 3rd September, owing to gas works in Woodfield Road, Ealing, routes **E2, E9, and N7** were diverted in both directions via Kent Gardens, Castlebar Hill and Castlebar Road. Further to the report last month about the long-term diversions for the M4/A4 flyover repairs, from 15th August from 08:00, member Martin reports: not only is there a barrier dividing the Great West Road (A4) at Windmill Road, but the northern part of Windmill Road itself has been closed off immediately north of the A4 eastbound. Consequently, route **E2** southbound from Northfield Avenue now diverts via Little Ealing Lane, South Ealing Road, A4, Boston Manor Road to line of route, and **E2** northbound from Windmill Road (southern part) via A4, double running to turn at Riverbank Way, thence eastwards to South Ealing Road, Little Ealing Lane to Northfield Avenue. West Drayton forecourt remains closed to buses whilst disputes over responsibility for the repairs to the collapsed sewer rumble on. It was planned to complete public realm works when this was done, so the forecourt could remain closed to buses for some time, possibly into next year. Thanks to member Chris for the latest update.

North-West: From 1st to 15th August, owing to a water leak in Marsh Lane, Queensbury, routes **79, 340 and N98** were diverted northbound via Streatfield Road, Kenton Lane, Weston Drive and Wemborough Road. Further to the report last month about the collapsed sewer in Coronation Road, Park Royal, this has been extended to 12th September, and route **226** is now additionally diverted eastbound via Rainsford Road, Cumberland Avenue and Abbey Road. From 14th to 29th August, owing to electrical works on Stanmore Station forecourt, routes **H12 and N98** were revised to start and finish journeys in London Road, with routes **142 and 324** operating direct via London Road. From 14th to 26th August, owing to sewer works in College Crescent, Swiss Cottage, routes **13/=, 113/N113, and 187** were diverted southbound direct from Finchley Road to Avenue Road.

North: From 31st July to 25th August, owing to bus gate works in Bull Lane, Edmonton, route **318** was diverted in both directions via Great Cambridge Road and Wilbury Way.

North-East: From 24th July to 8th August, owing to a water leak in Traps Hill, Loughton, route **397** was diverted in both directions via Alderton Hall Lane, Alderton Hill, Brook Road and Brooklyn Avenue.

East: From 7th to 18th August, owing to sewer works in Ordnance Road, Canning Town, route **276** was diverted in both directions via Manor Road and Barking Road. From 1st August to 3rd September, owing to sewer works in Hall Lane, Cranham, routes **248 and 347** were diverted in both directions from Brunswick Avenue/Front Lane via Front Lane and Ingrebourne Gardens, with 347 also via Avon Lane. From 27th July to 30th September, owing to a collapsed manhole in Capel Road, Manor Park, routes **304 and 474/=** terminating at Manor Park are diverted via Romford Road, Rabbits Road, Aldersbrook Road, Forest Drive to Capel Road. Because of a large fire affecting a building at Fairfield Road, Bow on the evening of 26th August, Bow garage could not be used for run-ins so buses were outstationed at West Ham (WH) or Lea Interchange (LI) garages overnight. The **EL3** diversion has been extended to 22nd December. (See TLB705).

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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General: on 24th August, Vectare acquired Galleon Travel, who trades as Central Connect. Vectare said that the C-C business would be kept as a stand-alone business. For the time being at least, I shall keep them separate. Both have services in Essex and Hertfordshire.

West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Sunday 3rd September:

Due to financial pressure at Thurrock Council these three supported services were withdrawn,

11 (*NIBS*) (Purfleet & Basildon via north Grays estates and Orsett, M-S) and

265 (*Stephensons*) (Grays & Bulphan, Mon/Wed/Fri) and

374 (*NIBS*) (Grays & Basildon via East Tilbury and Fobbing, M-S).

These considerable cuts mean that the communities of East Tilbury, West Tilbury, Linford, Mucking, Fobbing and Horndon-on-the-Hill no longer have any buses at all. All three served Orsett Hospital (although First Essex has one route there), while Bulphan now only has a bus to Brentwood but not to Grays. As we closed this TLB (on 10 Sept) nothing has been heard of any replacements.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Friday 1st September:

356 (*Sullivan*) Ref TLB708 and mention of TfL, it simply has an LSP for the London section.

Sunday 3rd September:

84B (*Central Connect*) New route, Mon-Sat hourly: Potters Bar Rail Station & Barnet Hospital via Darkes Lane, Church Road, Hatfield Road, High Street then A1000 to Barnet High Street, then double-run (to serve High Barnet Station) via Barnet Hill, turning via Underhill, Westcombe Drive, Fairfield Way, then back to High Street, then Wood Street, Wellhouse Lane to Barnet Hospital. Return as outward (including the double run on Barnet Hill, back to Potters Bar (Barnet Road), then to the Station via Mutton Lane and Darkes Lane.

199 (*Red Eagle*) New route, Weds only: Chesham Broadway (09:00) via Cholesbury, then double-run to St Leonards, Coppice Farm Park, then via Wiggington to Tring (return 12:10).

311 (*Arriva KT*) (Bishop's Stortford local) Revised timetable for reliability.

341/641, 601, 602, 614/644, 635, 653 and Hatfield P&R (*Universitybus*) Minor timetable changes.

Monday 4th September:

866 (*Red Eagle*) New SDO route: Wheathampstead & Harpenden. **Detail?

Saturday 9th September:

34 (*Red Eagle*) (St Albans & Dunstable, M-S) Revised Saturday timetable with most journeys (on Sats most had run St Albans & Kensworth only) extended from Kensworth to Dunstable.

Monday 25th September:

351 (*Central Connect*) (Hertford & Bishop's Stortford, M-S) Additional M-F journeys to achieve an hourly service. No change to Sats.

383/384 (*Central Connect*) (Hertford & Stevenage via Dane End, M-S) Revised timetable, including an additional peak hour return journey between Walkern and Stevenage.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and EAST BERKSHIRE (incl. eastern borders of Oxfordshire

29th July to 18th August

While Metroliner route 331 was on diversion due to the closure of Moorhall Road at Harefield (as noted in TLB708 p20) *Carousel* ran a shuttle between Denham and Uxbridge using a Sprinter.

Sunday 27th August: (additional to TLB708)

- 1/1A /1B (*AtS and Carousel*) Combined frequency Chesham Broadway and High Wycombe increased from x20 to x15min. North of Chesham M-S x30 to Pond Park and x60 to Hemel Hempstead. The 1B variation diverts via Winchmore Hill and Penn Street,
- 4 (*First Berkshire*) (Maidenhead & Heathrow Central, Daily) Increased frequency M-F from x30 to x15,min and on Sats & Suns from x60 to x30min. Overnight buses added on all nights. At Cippenham revised to operate via Bath Road and St Andrew's Road in both directions. Route number changed from 4 to A4.
- 7 (*First Berkshire*) (Britwell & Heathrow T5, Daily) One additional Daily journey from Britwell at 03:30) to Slough, so as to connect with onward route 7 bus to Heathrow.
- 8 (*First Berkshire*)(Slough & Heathrow T5 via Staines, Daily) Increased frequency on Suns from x60 to x30min.
- 8/8A/X8 (*Carousel*) Adding to TLB708, The 8 goes via Cressex, X8 via Marlow Hill, combined M-F peak x20, M-F offpeak and Sat x30. (see also 28 below).
- 28/28A (*now Carousel*) Adding to TLB708, Certain route 8 journeys run as 28 to Wheeler End with one pm journey projected to Cadmore End.
- 306 (*Red Eagle*) Ref TLB708, the unique 306 roads are now covered by revised 39A.
- 83 (*Redline*) (Hedgerley & Langley, M-S) Withdrawn (covered by change to 583).
- 583 (*Amending TLB708, sorry,already Carousel*) It now runs Mon-Sat from Uxbridge on St John's Road and Slough Road, then via Iver Heath and Iver, Richings Park, Langley, Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, Farnham Common to Hedgerley. It no longer serves Cowley Road, Cowley High Street and Iver Lane.

Tuesday 29th August: (Change of date for Chesham and Marlow changes in TLB708)

- 18/18S (*Redline*) New route, M-F peaks only, replacing 655 and certain 28 journeys. Stokenchurch via Cadmore End, Lane End and Booker to High Wycombe schools.
- 71/73 (*Red Rose*) Revised pattern of service:
- 71/71A (*Red Rose*) Chesham Broadway & Whelpley Hill via Hilltop Estate and Ley Hill, M-S. The 71A number refers to short journeys Chesham & Hilltop Estate and Eskdale Avenue.
- 72/72A and 73/73A (*Red Rose*) (Chesham Broadway (double run via Chessmount 72/72A only), then Chesham Moor, Chesham Bois, Quill Hall and to Amersham Station, M-S. Certain 73/73A and Saturday 72A journeys continue via Hundred Acres Lane, Old Amersham and Coleshill.
- 77 (*Red Rose*) (Chesham Broadway & Chartridge, M-S) Minor timing changes
- 78 (*Red Rose*) (Chesham Broadway & Little Hivings, M-F) Minor timing changes.
- 149/194/199 (*Red Eagle*) (Chesham & Cholesbury and St Leonard's circular, Tue/Th, to Tring Wed) No change to pattern of services. SDO buses now with *Red Rose*, who already runs the Saturday journeys.
- 177 (Chesham circular via Great Missenden and The Lee, Tue/Thur) From *Red Eagle* to *Red Rose*.
- 643 (*Redline*) (Stokenchurch & Wycombe Schools, SDO)) Extended from Stokenchurch to Ibstone.
- 655 (*Redline*) Cadmore End & Wycombe Schools, SDO) Withdrawn but covered by a closed contract (185) service.

----- *Country Route Devts – Bucks & Berks* -----

Tuesday 29th August (Mon 28th was a bank holiday)

155/156/158/160 (Marlow locals, continued after all by *Red Eagle* but with some changes).:

155 (Wed) extended from Marlow to Lane End;

156 (M,Tu,Th,Fr) New route Lane End via Sunnybank to Marlow.

158 (M,Tu,Th,Fr) Marlow & High Wycombe revised timetable but no longer serves the Coachway.

160 (M,Tu,Th,Fr) Marlow & Little Marlow and Marlow Bottom revised timetable.

Sunday 3rd September:

9 and 10 entry in TLB708 is correct.

150/250 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & Milton Keynes) Timetable changes. At MK rerouted via Open University instead of Saxon Street and MK Stadium. Altered to run as a loop via Rail Station then City Centre. Operation transferred from AY to MK Garage.

280/X8 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & Oxford) Minor timetable changes.

300/X30 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & High Wycombe) Minor timetable changes.

800/850/X80 (*Arriva tS*) (High Wycombe & Reading) Timetable changes. M-S evening journeys extended from Henley to Reading. The pm X80 journey now starts at Reading, via 800 to Henley and then as now.

L1/L2/L3/L4 (*Arriva tS*) (Leighton Buzzard town services) Timetable changes.

Arriva the Shires High Wycombe local services are renumbered with low numbers. Note that the two cross-town routes 32/33 are split to 2/12 and 3/13.

1 is already in use- Wycombe & Chesham; 2 to Booker (part of 32); 3 to Castlefield (parts of 33); 4 to Lane End (48); 5/5A to Bourne End via Wycombe Marsh and 6/6A Bourne End via Flackwell Heath (35/35A, 36/36A; 7/7A to Maidenhead (37/37A); 10 to Downley (30); 11 to Penn (31); 12 to Micklefield (part of 32); 13 to Totteridge (part of 33).

4 projections from Lane End to Clayhill withdrawn.

Frequencies: 2 M-F to x15, Sat x20, evgs and Suns from x30 to x45.

3 M-S x15, evgs & Suns x30; 5/6/7 each basically hourly; 10 M-S from x30 to x20min;

11 M-F+Sat offpeak from x60 to x30min, already x30 in peaks;

12 M-F to x15, Sat x20, evgs and Suns from x30 to x45; 13 M-S x20, evgs x60, Sun x30;

Monday 4th September:

2 (*Redline*) (Aylesbury & Quarrendon, Daily) Minor timetable changes.

X20/120 (*Redline*) (Aylesbury & Oxford, Daily) M-S daytime from x60 to x30, Still x60 Suns.

113 (*Z&S*) Oakley & Princes Risborough via Thame, Tu+Th) Between Thame and Kingsey rerouted via Towersey. One extra pm trip to Towersey.

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

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Saturday 19th August:

H21 (*Diamond Bus*) (New Daily route: Feltham, anti-clockwise loop via Westmacott Drive, then Bedfont Lane, Staines Road Bedfont Green to Heathrow T4.

Saturday 26th August:

555 (*Diamond Bus*) (Whiteley Village & Heathrow Central, Daily) Minor timing changes.

556 (*Diamond Bus*) New Daily route: Chertsey Station, via 557 route to Shepperton, then via 555 Upper Halliford, Sunbury Cross, Ashford, Stanwell to Heathrow Terminal 4.

A60 (*Carlone*) New Daily route, operating at nights: Sunnymeads, Wesley Road at Park Avenue, Wraysbury, A3213 to Heathrow T5 and Central.

Tuesday 29th August:

446 (*White Bus*) The extension of some journeys beyond Staines to Hatton Cross (see TLB708 page 240) has been deferred, possibly into October.

Sunday 3rd September:

34/35 (*Stagecoach South*) (Guildford & Camberley via Woking and Bagshot) The 34 increased to x30mins Daily throughout (this increase to cover reduction on 35- see below). Between Bagshot and Camberley rerouted via London Road instead of via Portsmouth Road and Crawley Hill. In Lightwater the section Clearsprings, Badger Drive and The Avenue will no longer be served.

The 35 will be withdrawn between Woking and Camberley. The remaining section is Guildford & Woking via Jacob's Well, Sutton Green, Mayford and York Road, and will be Mon-Sat only every x90mins.

400 (*Stagecoach South*) This park&ride Onslow Park & Guildford is reinstated and renumbered **100**. Additionally, but outside of the LOTS area of coverage, almost all Stagecoach services at Guildford have timetable changes.

Monday 4th September:

22/50/433/522 (*Buses4U*) (Mole Valley area). Saturday service (as 22 and 50 only) Replaced by a Mole Valley DRT service. No change to Metrobus 22.

513 (*Reptons*) (Downside & Kingston M-F) The journey at 11:30 from Downside) that ran between Weston Green Road and Kingston via Hampton Court retimed to 11:24 and rerouted via the normal route via Thames Ditton and Portsmouth Road.

540 (*Buses4U*) (Woldingham & Caterham-on-the-Hill, M-F) Route de-registered, last day of operation Friday 1st. Now covered by Tandridge DRT.

Monday 11th September:

X94 (*White Bus*) (Ascot, Heatherwood Hospital & Frimley Park Hospital, M-F) Minor timing changes.

Monday 18th September:

RH2/RH3 (*Diamond Bus*) Withdrawn but replaced by new Daily route RHU (Egham Station & Royal Holloway College and Englefield Green, Hox Park).

Monday 2nd October:

446 (*White Bus*) (Staines & Woking via St Peter's Hospital, Daily) Extended from Staines via Ashford Hospital to Hatton Cross.

North and west KENT

Friday 1st September: Withdrawal of GoCoach school route D13.

Sunday 3rd September: 414, 497 (*Arriva KT*) Minor timing changes at school times.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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Correction to TLB708, page 25: Route 607 became SL8 from 15 July (not 22 July).

Between August and October 2023 travellers at Wood Green and Finsbury Park can listen to **“ROUTE WORDS”** a new sound artwork by Shenece Oretha. The double side Art on the Underground slimline features a yellow front with extensive narrative on the reverse accompanied by a QR code giving access to the work.

Reference to the Elizabeth line on a purple header is the key change to **“Refunds for delays”** since the last edition was reviewed in TLB674. The four page credit card sized item outlines when and how refunds will be granted.

A ten day closure on the DLR led to the issue of **“Saturday 19 until Monday 28 August No service between Stratford International and Canning Town”**, a single sided A5 sheet telling passengers to plan alternative routes for which there is a QR code linking to the TfL Journey Planner. Unlike other DLR engineering leaflets this is presented in portrait format.

“Sightseeing Tours Buy Tickets Here Today!” from Big Bus has received a June 2023 edition. It is in the usual multifold slimline style providing a map of the five routes, stop list and details (without prices) of three ticket deals.

The latest in the London Bus Museum’s running days is advertised on **“Route 38 heritage day Saturday 16 September 2023”**, a single sided A5 sheet featuring a photo of RML2406 awaiting departure from Victoria. This is accompanied by a simple line diagram of the route and QR code for timetables and vehicle details. Just over a month later on 22 October the museum’s Brooklands site hosts **“TransportFest”**, the last major event of 2023. Two versions of a single sided A5 flyer promote this. Both feature a drawing showing a line up of a Bedford TK lorry, three GS buses and a Bedford van. Beneath this are four rectangles and advertising key points of the show and it is here that an error creeps into one version by stating the event will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the GS, whilst the latter version corrects this to the seventieth anniversary. Three versions of **“Join the team at LBM”** highlight the valuable work of volunteers across a range disciplines. Each of the three red double sided slimlines features the same text plus generic illustrations on the reverse. It is the photo on the front which differentiates them, the first featuring Nigel in the workshop, whilst Tom is pictured as a steward on the second. Completing the set is Yvette who is shop manager.

Following a gap of over a year Hertsmere Borough Council have funded a revived bus link between Potters Bar and Barnet which is publicised on **“New 84B bus route starts Monday 4 September”**, a double sided A5 sheet. The front has a photo of a Central Connect (subsequently taken over by Vectare) E200 MMC plus line diagram showing key points. Although the operator is not named on the leaflet the previous operator between the two towns is by virtue of one of the key stops being ‘Potters Bar Metroline Garage’. The reverse has a full timetable for the service.

Sullivan Buses have reissued **“Services 84 & 398”** from 2nd September which includes a centrespread map of the 84. Unfortunately, an error has crept onto the as the St Albans to London Colney section of the route is shown as ‘inner zone’ but should be ‘Colney 7’ zone, whilst the Potters Bar to South Mimms end is wrongly shown as ‘Colney 7’. The timetable includes reference to White Hart pub in South Mimms which closed in 2021 before Sullivan took over the route, although many residents probably still refer to it. Also reissued from the same date is **“Services 306 & B3”**. Both are slimline books.

Centrebus have updated **“bus guide Luton and Bedfordshire area”** from 3 September. The only obvious change to the previous edition reviewed in TLB708 is the removal of Busway G

----- *Publicity news* -----

Changes from 27 August are covered in a range of slimline publications from Carousel. One school day only journey in each direction linking High Wycombe and Pond Park Estate is covered **“the one 1, 1A, 1B 1S”**, a twelve page book with red cover. Inside is a composite timetable showing all routes. StreetLite 407 is on the cover of **“41”** with reference to the new link the route provides to Amersham. Inside, the multifold has a full timetable and route map. The same bus features on the cover of **“275”** which joins the operator’s network. The slimline has a full timetable and a map showing the different fare zones the route crosses. Routes 8, X8, 27, 28, 28A, 38, 39, 39A and a summary of Chiltern Hundreds routes along the London Road are provided in **“High Wycombe local service guide.”** The sixteen page book uses the same cover photo to that on the 275 leaflet and offers timetables for each route plus a map and advertising for ‘the airline’ to Heathrow and Gatwick. Weighing in at thirty six pages is **“chiltern hundreds”** which gives times for routes 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 577, 581 and 583. The cover of the book features former London Citaro MEC47 and promotion of the fifteen minute frequency between High Wycombe and Beaconsfield. Inside is the usual mix of timetables and maps, including a bus stop for map for Windsor which now enjoys an hourly service on route 103. ‘Now serving Flackwell Heath’ is promoted on the September 2023 edition of **“Pick Me Up”**, a blue multifold with new Sprinter 982 on the cover. The leaflet contains information on how to use the service plus a map showing the area served.

One week later Arriva implemented a major revamp of their network in the town which, in a surprise but welcome development, led to the publication of **“High Wycombe / Your bus network's had a blow up / New and improved network from 3 September.”** This is a sixty-four-page glossy slimline book featuring an Arriva blue cover with the main title in purple capitals. Inside is a network diagram titled: “High Wycombe's new-look Arriva Bus network” accompanied by a page explaining revised route numbers, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and unchanged 300/X30 and 800/850/X80. There are full timetables for each route, along with a few colour photos of local landmarks.

Heathrow Airport is once again ramping up its support for local bus services and supporting the introduction of new routes. Residents in the Dedworth area have received **“an easy way to get from your home to Heathrow Airport when you want”** a multifold slimline promoting the new demand responsive ‘Go2Gate’ service from 19 August. Presented in landscape format it opens out to show the catchment area in Dedworth accompanied by narrative about fares and how to book journeys on the app. As well as enticing airline passengers it highlights connections at Heathrow with Elizabeth line, Heathrow Express, National Express and Railair although ignores the Piccadilly line. It is finished in Heathrow’s purple colour scheme with no mention of it being operated by Reading Buses’ subsidiary Thames Valley.

Fellow Reading Buses subsidiary Newbury and District introduced ‘Flightline 730 731’ linking Terminal 5 with Basingstoke from 21 August. The full timetable is provided in **“fly to Heathrow direct coach connections from Bagshot Camberley Frimley Basingstoke”**. As well as the timetable the green multifold slimline has information about fares and bus stop maps for Basingstoke, Old Basing, Frimley, Camberley and Bagshot.

The Bull and TGI Fridays feature prominently on the cover of **“your buses for Bracknell”**, a forty four page slimline valid from 13 August 2023. The book provides timetables for all Thames Valley services serving the town plus information on a range of fare deals. The rear cover unfolds to show a network map, whilst Bracknell Town Centre has a separate bus stop map.

Compass Travel have published **“Bus Times”** in the usual A5 format with sixty four pages valid from 24th July 2023. It includes a route network map extending as far north as Cranleigh, Horsham, Crawley and East Grinstead but not quite extending to route 32 linking Guildford with Dorking and Redhill. In addition, there are town maps of Worthing, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, and Lewes, plus full timetables for every route including all those recently augmented by East Sussex County Council's BSIP award. The cover picture is of an E200 on route 12 in the Littlehampton area.

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, Middlesex, HA0 4JH (e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com)

General news:

On 24th August, Vectare, based at Rettendon Common, Essex acquired Galleon Travel 2009 Ltd - trading as Central Connect. Vectare said that Central Connect business will continue as a stand- alone business. Both Vectare and C-C have services in both Hertfordshire and Essex. For the time being I shall keep the vehicle news separate.

The annual event at Imber was on 19th August, London buses attending were RT 3435; RTW 467. RM 5, 9, 1005, 1357, 1398, 1400, 1941, 1978; RML 880, 2318, 2344, 2699, 2734, 2735; RMC 1485; LT 9, LT 190, 999; NV 171 and M1; Abellio 3406; Stagecoach London 11377, 10301. Also there was Reading 732 and Stagecoach East Kent 15089.

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

Recent repaints/ refurbs reported include 2450/52/54/55/58/60/63/67/68/72/73/77/83/84. 8778/79 are on loan to Falcon Coaches, Byfleet (August).

Transfers

(Correction to TLB689): 8166 did not move to GW, remains at TF.

(Correction to TLB693): 8863 did not move to GW, remains at TF.

(Correction to TLB696): 2543 was QB/QBu (not BC/BCu) in 5/22; then QBu/QB 7/22; so now QB..

(July 2021): 2447 GW/QB. (Jan 2022): 2452 WL/QB. (June 2022): 2463 DH/GW/QB. 2464 DH/QB.

(Sept 2022): 8322 BC/WL. 8845 TF/DH. (October 2022): 8567 DH/GW.

(June 2023): 8780 BC/BCu.

(July 2023): 2461 QB/GW. 2530 GW/QB. 8782 BC/DH.

Livery changes:

2543 from advert for Puma / Noah back to Red

3424 from advert for Ovo Energy back to Red

LT20 from advert for Naked Drinks to one for Starfield

LT166 from advert for Money In The Bank to one for COS

LT702 from advert for Paramount back to Red

LT769 to advert for Starfield

LT783 from advert for Mutant Mayhem back to Red

ARRIVA LONDON (part of Deutsche Bahn)

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

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

Recent refurbs/ repaints include HA 19, 21, 24, 29; HV 211, 216, 228, 250, 263. 267; LT 468, 473, 494, 514, 570, 573, 575, 577, 580, 582, 594, 596. Delete LT 504 in TLB708 (not an Arriva bus).

On 26th August, EA 16 on route 319 went the wrong way and hit the low bridge in Latchmere Road Battersea, causing minor front nearside roof damage.

A lot of LT transfers this month and more to come. The idea is that the age of each batch o buses needs to match the expiry dates of route contracts. So, one-for-one transfers will occur.

Thirteen Ts moved from Norwood to Brixton from 19th August. The new ESs for the 417 will operate from mid-September at BN. The electric charging stuff is being installed at the nearby Brixton Thamshead (BS). Half-a-dozen LTs moved from BN to N to match the revised split allocations on route 137 between BN and N but also to fill the gap left by the Ts.

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

ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:

The 'original' batch of StreetDecks SW 1-10 had been at Palmers Green for route 340 and the last few in service at AD ran on Friday 1st September. From 2nd September the 340 passed to RATP and a few SWs started to move to South Croydon (TC). Initially they appeared on route 312. It was meant to be temporary as there had been a shortage of EMCs due to a product recall on the type. Since 2014/15 the 312 has been home to the EMCs, a small class of early electric Optare MetroCitys – which have been somewhat unloved at TC!

You may see on the newest ESs a rogue zero added to the fleet number, eg ES 041. This is only an internal reference and I shall ignore this at this stage. Early numbers in classes such as HA, HV and EN also are quoted with extra zeros on internal paper-work but we ignore that too as they don't appear on the vehicles. Having said that, some ESs from the manufacturer arrived with Os. Take your pick!

Registrations for the new ESs for south London are

ES 17-32 LV23 EYF/G/H/J/K/L/M/O/P/R/T/U/W/X/Y/Z, ES 33-37 LV23 EZA/C/D/E/F,
ES 38-50 LV23 ZCA/E/F/J/K/L/N/O/T/U/X/Y/Z.

ES 51 not yet allocated a reg, perhaps it doesn't exist after all !

New deliveries

Examples from the ES 17-50 batch started to appear in early August, being stored at Brixton Tramshed and Beddington Farm Road, one or two being used for training in anticipation of their allocation to routes 64 and 417. ES 17-37 are for Thornton Heath routes 64 and 612, with ES 38-50 for route 417, The ES ULW is 13630kg.

Transfers:

(Dec 2020): HV 247, 248 AE/CT.

Ref,TLB708 in the summary of LTs, delete LT 186 (it belongs to Go-Ahead).

(August 2022): EMC 14 TC/TCu.

(August 2023): LT 182/3/5, 195/6/7 EC/E. LT 187, 191/2/4/6/7/8 E/AR.

LT 216, 217, 220, 222, 223, 228, 229 CT/E.

LT 317/8/9, 320/1/3/4/5 AR/CT. LT 971-976 BN/N.

DW 503,507 AR/WN. DW 506, 557, 559, 571 returned off loan EC/E.

ES 15 Eu/E. T 42 TC/TH. T 43 TC/TH/N. T 227, 288, 290-300 N/BN.

EN 12 AR/ARu. ENX 19 THw/GYw.

(September):

HV 90, 91 AD/WN. LT 193 Eu/E. LT 219 CT/E. LT 323 AR/CT. SW 2, 4, 6, 9 AD/TC.

Livery changes:

EA12 from advert for Who Gives A Crap back to Red

HV331 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

LT321 from advert for Barclays & Wimbledon to one for Top Boy

LT323 from advert for Full Monty back to Red

LT325 to advert for Top Boy

LT491 to advert for Fires Of Rubicon

LT538 from advert for Foundation to one for Top Boy

LT719 from advert for Final Fantasy XVI back to Red

LT723 from advert for Tinder to one for Mutant Mayhem then back to Red

LT726 from advert for Foundation back to Red

LT733 from advert for Pepsi Max back to Red

LT734 to advert for Top Boy

LT842 from advert for Aperol Spritz back to Red

LT957 from advert for Michael Kors to one for Expo 2030 Korea then back to Red

LT964 from advert for Money In The Bank back to Red

LT966 to advert for Naked Drinks then back to Red

----- *Current Vehicle News* -----

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)

Disposal: Trainer T027 transferred from NFt to Southend (SEt).

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

A recent repaint to revised Arriva livery: 3799.

Transfers: 2484 WE/HA(confirmed). 3753 HH/SVu. 3813 WEu/SV.

Disposals: Solos 1459, 2485, 2486, SB200 3752, Versa 4180 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

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

7209 is back in use at Luton following accident damage.

What with service changes over the Aug/Sept change, the PVR at AY Garage has dropped to 22 and main vehicle maintenance has transferred to WB. Inevitably buses from AY and WB will start mixing. Indeed on 4th September AY's 5458/59/60 were on WB workings.

Transfers: 3753 HH/SV (Feb.23) then SV/SDVw (August 23).

(August) 1009,1020 LDs/LD. 3612 LD/LDw. 3915 AY/AYw. 7209 WB/LDu.

Disposals: Dart SLF 3086, Scania 3612, Dart SLF 3835, B9TL 4217, Trident 5445 to Shelton Motors.

Out of area: 3818, 4400, 4401 AY to MK.

BEAR BUSES, Shepperton

Disposal: E20D Y983 TGH left the fleet (June 2023).

CARDINAL BUSES, New Haw, Surrey

Disposals: Trident TA 950 (LX53 JYO) to a mobile home in Staffordshire.

Further to TLB706 p22, TE 889 (LK08 NVD) went to HGVC (driver training school) (May).

CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey

Into the fleet: Sprinter 516CDi EVM RO23 ZBJ but then re-registered to GO70 LHR.

Sprinter 516CDi EVM B16F WN69 FKL but then re-registered to YEZ 442.

Re-registered: Sprinter 516CDi EVM RX71 TMZ has been re-registered CA21 ONE.

These (and BIG 442) to route 442 (purple rear end/ white front) branding.

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

Acquired (August):from Go-Ahead South West (Go Cornwall), originally GA London SE 221/2/3/4:

531/2/3/4 YY64 GXJ/K, YY64 TXH/J. AD E20D – AD Enviro200 9.6m B30F (was B25D when new).

Inward loans (from Thames Travel: E20Ds 511,512 (YX69 NUE/F) for use on routes 577/581/583.

CENTREBUS, Luton

Disposals: E200Dart 582 (YX1 CNY) to D&G Buses Staffordshire.

OmiLinks 726/7/8 (in TLB708) were returned to their previous owner.

DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark connections Ltd) Stanwell

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc

Disposal: Scania 40518 has left the fleet.

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

RT3316 has been acquired from the late Steve Downing (8/23) for the heritage fleet.

132 (YX66 WLH) has been loaned to First Essex at Chelmsford to replace damaged 36843; it has had AirLink stickers placed to cover the Ensignbus fleetnames on the sides, front and rear. It was first noted here in July.

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

New to the fleet

YX23 OYH AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.7m B34F.

Note YX23 ORV in TLB708 is also B40F.

Correction: TLB708 YX67 WGJ/K actually VGJ/K (as in Fleetbook 2023!).

Inward loan: Abellio 8778/79 (YX12 DLE/F) AD E20D – AD E200(MMC) 10.8m B31D.

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

To recap, 34375-382 are orange and purple and branding for route 7. 34383-387 are also orange and purple but with branding for routes 4, 7 and 8.

Into this fleet: 23653 (Y24 RHU, ex BK15 AKF), 23654 (UHW 661, ex BK15 AKG), 23655 (WSV 409 ex BK15 AJY)

Scania K340 – Caetano Levante C48FL Coaches into blue/grey livery for RailAir work.

63374 (SL16 RBV) Wrightbus StreetLite DF B41F (from First South Yorkshire).

Into fleet from First Hampshire & Dorset: 47686/87 (SL15 RVZ, RWE) StreetLite DF B37F.

Into fleet from First Hampshire & Dorset: 63304/05 (SN65 OLH OLJ) StreetLite DF B41F.

Disposals: In TLB708, 69993 should read 69933. Meanwhile, 69928 was reinstated, if only temporarily. This batch of Volvo 7900H hybrids (69920-34) are now out of service. The other half of the original order of these went to First Essex (69901-19) and they, too, have been withdrawn gradually during recent months, the very last in service being 69905 on 18th August. (Credit Essex Bus News).

In TLB706 p;24, 44560-7/9 were listed as stood down prior to disposal. Of these 44569 is now at First Cymru, Swansea, joining 44568 already there. However, 44561/62 (Berkshire and 44568/69 (Cymru, formerly Berkshire) are now with GoAhead NorthWest, Manchester.

GO-AHEAD LONDON

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

From Friday 11th August OMs were added to the type mix on route 455 as they did not transfer to Goat Road with route S1. They last worked on the S1 on 10th August, whilst from 11th SEs and SOEs replaced them on that route – even though the GM allocation did not start until the 12th.

Ee 172 was decorated by a colourful wrap for ‘Windrush 75’ and featured in the parade in the Notting Hill Carnival on 27 and 28 August.

Recent repaints/ refurbishments reported: EH 24 and LT 440, 446, 447, 448, 479, 480, 483, 505, 510, 551.

SE 90 has turned up in Luton, normally parked at the Arriva tS garage as a standby vehicle.

DOE 19 (already due for GA NE) was noted parked at Q on 15 August

Trainers E 88, 91, 92 were still all red on 15 August, most other E and EN trainers having gained the red and blue trainer livery.

EH 29 was a new venture on route 129 on 8 August, as was an Me on 3 June. It was followed up by Me 7 on 21 August.

By the end of August the finishing touches to both electric installation at Orpington Station and Crystal Palace were getting closer, so the actual use of the Irizar on the 358 should be soon!

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

A lot of LT transfers this month and more to come. The idea is that the age of each batch o buses needs to match the expiry dates of route contracts. So, one-for-one transfers will occur.

More regs for new batches:

Ee187-204 are LB23PFU/V/X/Y/Z PGE/F/K/O/U/V/X/Y/Z PHA/F/J/K (total 18 for route 40 pvr 16);

SEe243-259 are LG73FYC/D/E/F/H/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V (total 17 for route 450 pvr 15).

The route 40 batch started to arrive around 16th to end of August; as both routes operate from Q, these are likely to appear also on route 185, which gets its own batch quite soon.

New deliveries

SEe 220-232 to Slu in August. Ee172-186 have ULW 13539kg.

IE 1, 3-10 (not yet registered) Irizar Ie-tram 12.16m B35D

(note that IE 2 - LX23 BKA was in TLB707.

Transfers: Outstations: LZ=Leighton Buzzard, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, RG=Ringmer, KL=King's Lynn.

(March 2022): EH 133 RRu/RRw (fire, probably scrapped).

(April 2022): WHV 5 RR/RRu. (March 2022); E 214 MB/RR.

(October 2022): SOE 9 AL/ALu. (November 2022): LT 274 Q/NX. WVL 295 NX/NXw.

(February 2023): LT 273 Q/NX. LT 459 NP/NPu. WS 15 AL/ALu. (March 2023): E 129 PLc/SWc.

(April 2023): LT 875 NX/Q. SE 177 AF/AL. (May 2023): EH 27 RR/RRu.

(July 2023): EH 213 C/Q. WVL 435 AF/SW. SE 92 SW/MG. SOE 40 A/Au.

(August 2023): E 101, 102, 104 ALc/SWu.. E 155 SW/SWu. E 230, 234 BX/MG/BX. Ee 177, 178 Qu/A.

LT 306 Q/SW. MHV 23 MG/PM. MHV 63 PM/Q. WVL 292 NXu/NX.

WVL 454, 484, 486-495 RR/C. IE 1-10 at MBu. SE 90 Cc/AtSLuton c. SE 167-174 C/GM.

SE 180 AL/GM. SE 283 DS/AL. SE 284 DS/MG. SOE 6, 8 AL/C. SOE 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 C/GM.

Livery changes:

Ee8 from advert for Ovo Energy back to Red

Ee35 from advert for Evian back to Red

Ee154, Ee 156, Ee 163, Ee169, to adverts for Zero Emissions

Ee172 to advert for Windrush 75

LT42 from advert for Foundation back to Red

LT189 and LT 399 to advert for Starfield

LT233 from advert for Star Wars Jedi back to Red

LT411 from advert for Barclays & Wimbledon to one for Top Boy

LT420 and LT456 to advert for COS

LT421 to advert for Top Boy

LT430 from advert for Mutant Mayhem back to Red

LT435 to advert for Fires Of Rubicon

LT485 from advert for Pepsi Max to one for COS

LT854 from advert for Beavertown Brewery back to Red Then to Advert for Top Boy

LT856 from advert for Barclays & Wimbledon back to Red

LT857 to advert for Top Boy

LT861 to advert for Battersea C&D

LT862 to advert for Fires Of Rubicon

LT869 from advert for Paramount+ SOL back to Red

LT872 from advert for Naked Drinks back to Red

LT887 from advert for Aperol Spritz back to Red

WHV82 and WHV 182 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

WHV188 from advert for Lets Do London 3 back to Red

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

GO AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

Disposals:

DOE 1, 5, 7, 12 to Go East Anglia (at Dereham) (extra info to TLB708 entry)
DOE 22 to Go South Coast (extra info to TLB708 entry)
DOE 21, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36 to Go South Coast (August).
E 174, 176, 202 to Go North West, Manchester (August).
E 177 sold (detail to come).

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

Disposal: Versa 5602 (YJ59 GFK) to YMS, Canterbury (February 2023).

GOLDEN TOURS, Alperton

Transfer from York Pullman: 146 (LJ51 DKN) DAF DB250LF - Plaxton President 10.6m PO47/23F - 2001. This was once Arriva London DLP 61 and The Original Tour DLP 261.

L.B. of HAVERING

New delivery: YX23 MTZ Volvo B8R – Plaxton Leopard B70FL.

LANES COACHES, Dunstable

Scania Disposal: OmniDekka YN53 RZE gone from fleet (April 2023).
MAN LX02 LFR has been withdrawn.

LONDON BUS COMPANY, Northfleet and Ongar

RMC 1513 was repainted to NBC green (ex red) in August and was due to make its debut in service in its new livery at EOR on 9/10 September. It has had its front blind box changed back to 2-piece RMC style (rather than 3-piece RM style) that it had gained when it was an East London X15 vehicle from March 1989.

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

From 2nd September, The Southdown PSV fleet was merged into that of Metrobus. It is already within the Metrobus/ B&H fleet numbering system so no changes are needed.

6014 is a recent repaint to the two tone blue.

Metrobus service 98 was largely double deck operated for the whole of August even on Sundays. However on 2nd Sept three of the four buses on the 98 were Fastway buses off service 100.

A special service was operated between Redhill Station & Walton-on-the-Hill Golf Course in connection with a ladies golf championship. .Noted on Sunday 13 August were three double decks. I don't know whether the service ran on any other days.

The big order for more hydrogen fuel-cell buses are still some way away. 12 single-decks for Fastway route 100 in Spring 2024, then 11 single-decks and 12 double-decks in Summer 2024, all for Surrey routes – s/ds mainly for 430/435 and d/ds for 420/460/480/820.

Acquired: from Go South Coast, formerly Go-Ahead London VE 1-3. In practice, although VE 2 and 3 came to Metrobus from the Isle of Wight, VE 1 came from parking at Camberwell Garage.
6950/1/2 (LX58 CWK/L/M) Volvo B9TL - AD Enviro400 10.4m H41/24D – 2008.

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

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)

Electric gubbins at PV are still some distance away so some of the WDEs that have been stored at PA for route 297 have been allocated to Edgware. Other than mixing with based WDEs on routes 142 and 204, they are starting the electric conversion of route 113. The first to run on the 113 was 2782 on 11th. The recent tender results specified new electrics from March 2024. VMHs off the 113 are going to HT for route 4, in turn beginning to send VWHs from HT to AH for route 237.

There have always been occasional TEs on the U1 at UX but three (TE 1102, 1428, 1748) on 21st August was notable. Meanwhile the conversion of route U3 to TE operation continues slowly.

Recent repaint/ refurb include DEL 2155/57/58/59/61/63/64, 2238, 2239, 2241, 2253, 2256, 2257, 2288 and VWH 2057, 2059, 2120, 2176, 2221, 2240, 2291, 2304.

Trainers TE 903, 912, 920, 925, 926 have been wrapped with vinyls for driver recruitment; Each bus has a different message.

VW 1271, an accident victim from 17 December 2021 returned to service on 7 September 2023.

Delete in TLB708 the mention of BE 37088 (it's an RATP bus).

Also in TLB708, the use of Solo OS 68 on the 242 was 11th July (not 12th).

New vehicles:

At 25 August, WDE2876 remained outstanding.

The first VMSLs (due for route 251) should start to arrive during September.

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

Correction to TLB685: VW 1387 SGu/SG (not SGU/G).

(January 2022): TEH 1456 G//Gu. (June 2022): TE 1424 UX/UXu. (July 2022): TE 1578 WJ/WJu.

(November 2022): DE 1640 WJ/WJu. (December 2022): ST 812 HT/HTu. VWH 1413 AC/ACu.

(February 2023): VW 1287 PB/W TE 1576 WJ/WJu, TE 1577 PB/PBu.. DE 1631 UX/AH.

(March 2023): VW 1189 PV/PB.

(August 2023): .TE 1080 PAw/UX. TE 1081 PAw/UX. TE 1089 HZu/UX. TE 1090 W/UX.

TE 1098, 1099, 1103 EW/UX. VW 1175/6/7/8/9/80 W/PV. VW 1271 PVu/PV.

VW 1393/4/5/6/7 W/AH.

VMH 2433/34/35/36/37/38/41 EW/PAu. VMH 2582/83 PV/WJ/PV.

WDE 2791/92/93/94/95/96/97/99 PAu/EW.

DEL 2159/60/61/62/63/64/65/66 UX/WJ.

(September 2023):

TE 1091 W/UX. VWH 2312/13/14/15/16/17 PV/AH.

DEL 2245 EWt/EW. DEL 2246/47 UX/EW. DEL 2248-2258 AH/EW. DEL 2259 WJt/WJ.

Livery changes:

LT558 from advert for Star Wars Jedi back to Red

LT641 from advert for Pepsi Max to one for Battersea C&D

LT745 from advert for Barclays & Wimbledon back to Red

BDE2618 from advert for Ovo Energy back to Red

BDE2646 to advert for Zero Emissions

VWH2392 to advert for ú1.75 Hopper

WDE2799 to advert for Zero Emissions

Disposals:

TEH 1114 to Hanwell Town Football Club (August).

----- *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.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include VH 45133, VMH 45348.

Pre-empting the official conversion of route 203 to double deck on 2nd September, from most of August it was effectively double-deck anyway with inbound VHs joined by ADE, ADH and SP.

ADE 40432 lingers at Edgware as the last of type at the garage.

On 10th August ADE 45039 on route 266 in Acton collided with a brick wall causing considerable offside damage.

The BEs for X have been very late in entering service. As at the end of August 37087/89/90/92/95 had not entered service at all while 37085/86/88/91/97 had been out of use for some time.

BCE 47113, an accident victim from 28 December 2022 was back in use on 27 April 2023.

BE 37088 resurfaced on the 226 for just one day 19th July, then returning to 'out of use' mode.

Transfers:

Correction to TLB689: DLE 30268 did not move RP/WK, remained at RP.

Correction to TLB691: ADH 45035 did not move AV/V, remained at AV. (but see below)

Correction to TLB702: ADE 40431 did not move RP/BT, remained at RP.

Correction to TLB704: VH 45183 moved WK/V (not WK/TV), (but see below)

(December 2021): ADH 45010 V/Vu. (January 2022) DLE 30331 FW/TV.

(June 2022): ADH 45013 V/Vu. (September 2022): LT 664 V/Vu.

(October 2022): ADH 45003 V/Vu. ADH 45074 X/Xu. (November 2022): BCE 47143 SO/BT.

(January 2023): DE 20119 TV/BT. ADH 45015 V/Vu.

(February 2023): ADH 45004 V/Vu. (March 2023): BCE 47159 S/X. LT 121 V/S. LT 130, 133 V/S.

(May): ADE 40454/55/70/71 RP/RPw (July): DLE 30249 WK/AV. ADE 40456/57 RP/RPw.

(August): DE 20180/1/2/3/5/6 SO/RP. DLE 30243 WK/AV. SP 40192/3/4/5 AV/AVw.

ADE 40425 BT/RP. ADH 45026 AV/X. ADH 45039 RP/RPu. ADH 45048 RP/BT.

VH 45082 FW/BT. VH 45087 X/BT. VH 45153/54/55/58, 45164/65/66/67 FW/AV.

VH 45183 V/X. VH 45194 WK/AV,

BCE 47084/085/086 X/SO. LT 122 S/V (again), 133, 461 S/V.

(September 2023): VH 45081/83/85/86/88 X/BT. VH 45180. 45191/92 V/RP.

Livery changes:

LT71 from advert for Beavertown Brewery back to Red

LT73 from advert for Expo 2030 Korea back to Red

LT81 from advert for Expo 2030 Korea back to Red

LT665 to advert for Battersea C&D

LT677 from advert for Aperol Spritz to one for Fires of Rubicon

VH45234 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

VH45273 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

Disposals:

SP 40184 departed the fleet (February 2023). Last in use November 2021.

SP 40187 departed the fleet (June 2023). Last in use December 2022.

SP 40192/196/199/203 to Universitybus, Hatfield (August).

ADE 40454/5/6/7 and 40470/71 to Universitybus, Hatfield (August 2023).

ADH 45031 went to scrap (April 2023) after fire damage in March 2022.

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

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

Solo 192 has been returned to service.

E40Ds 730/1/2 from Greenline 702/703 branding to Flightline 730/731 branding.

E40D 795 to Flightline 703 branding and 732 is branded as Londonline.

Demonstrator BYD/E400EV LD72 XZS is on loan here for trials.

New to the fleet: 141 (YA23 ULU), 142/143 (YB23 LRN, LSJ), 144 (YJ23 CLA) Mercedes-Benz Sprinter/ EVM. These are used on route go2gate (see TLB708 page 22).

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

YX12 AZN repainted to company livery.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

MK63 XAT into latest company livery.

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

Changes of regs again: E19 RRT back to GW65 GSW and then sold on to Select Bus Services, Penkridge, Staffordshire. E20 RRT back to JW65 BUS and may follow to SBS.

REDROUTE BUSES, Gravesend

Disposal: Trident T657 KPU went to scrap (April 2023).

SAFEGUARD, Guildford

New: BV23 NUJ another Volvo B8RLE / MCV EvoRA B38F.

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

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

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

Recent refurb/ repaints reported: LT 369; 13061, 13063, 13072, 19789.

By 13 August, all of 29201-05 had been physically changed to 64201-05.

East Kent's training bus 15037 is on loan to London.

New deliveries:

Ref TLB708, 67001-012 have ULW 8240kg and seats confirmed as B22D.

Transfers

Correction to TLB673: 11050 did not move WH/RM, stayed at WH.

(September 2022): 11034 TL/WH. (October 2022): 18921 LI/LIu.

(January 2023): 13127 LI/LIu.

(July 2023): LT 254 BWu/BW. 19131-136 BWu/BWc.

(August): 12403 WH/BK. 36299 LIu/TB 36345 T/LIu. 37554, 37558 LI/HK.

37555/556/557/560 37584 LI/LIu. 37579/580/582 LI/RMu. 37780 AW/HK. 67012 LIu/LI.

(September): 37583 LI/AW.

Disposals: 12321, 15105 and 36544 gone to scrap.

One item to amend the allocation details so as to agree with the new SUP45A concerning some Scania (note that the CSc allocation code is now dropped).

15002/03/04/15/27/29/31, 15114/15/16/17 all CSc to WHc.

15005 WHu to LI (albeit reserve). 15006/12/14 LIu to WHc. 15007/08 WHu to WHt.

15024/25/26/28/30/35/48 BWc to WHc. 15102 BW to WH.

By the way 36368/369 should be WHc (not plain WH).

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

STAGECOACH LONDON, Continued:

Livery changes

18905 from advert for Metageda to one for ú1.75 Hopper
18917 from advert for Lets Do London 3 back to Red
LT244 to advert for Top Boy
LT247 from advert for Barbie / Popcorn back to Red
LT258 from advert for Barclays & Wimbledon to one for Fires of Rubican
LT315 from advert for Money In The Bank back to Red
LT316 from advert for Final Fantasy XVI back to Red
LT358 from advert for Barbie to one for Battersea C&D
LT360 from advert for Mutant Mayhem back to Red
LT362 to advert for Starfield
LT372 to advert for Top Boy
LT390 from advert for Foundation back to Red

Detail change: 19762/63 to PO41/24D

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

Scanias DS 50, 53 and 55-64 have been withdrawn while DS's 51, 52 and 54 are retained at least until February 2024. E's 60-62 will soon join the commercial fleet; they are to replace WVL5 & 10. WVLs 8 & 9 will be retained for a short while.

WVL 5 has been sold. DS 57 and 63 gone to scrap.

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

As from 1st August, Tootbus' Windsor no longer runs.
Ref TLB708, E400 AE60 GRU is fleet no.360, inherited from Bath Bus.

Into the fleet (August): YT09 ZCU Scania N230UD OmniCity 10.8m PO41/22D.
This bus had been with Bath Bus, Ensign Bus and originally RATP SP 64 – later 40064).

TOP VIEW SIGHTSEEING, LONDON SW19

Open Top tours in London began on 5th September.

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

E20D 603 had been in an accident but on 23rd August was noted repaired, repainted and back in service.

Acquired (August), from RATP

1481, 1482 YX62 BUA, BUE ex ADE 40470/71

1483-86 YX62 BHD, BHW, BJF, BJU ex ADE 40454-57

AD E40D – AD Enviro400 10.2m H41/24D – 2012.

1501-04 YR10 FFX, FGC, FGF, FGM ex SP 40192/196/199/203

Scania N230UD OmniCity 10.8m H41/22D.

WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell

Reported as being on loan:

YX68 UNY AD E20D – AD Enviro200 (MMC) 10.9m B41F - 2019. Fleet no 50 used, last known with Xelabus, Eastleigh: Also 66 (YX21 RVK) and 67 (YX17 NTN).

Disposal: 71 (YX18 KUC) has been sold to Chartwell Bus Sales.

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 London, LU= London United, ML= Metroline, SLN= Stagecoach London.

Routemasters:

RML 2267 (CUV 267C) having not been used since 2019, it was back in use on loan to London Bus 4 Hire from June onwards. Its first use was a private hire for Ipiranga along with Londoner Buses vehicles in central London on the 14th and 15th June.

RML 2271 (CUV 271C) from Mr D Cooper to Poynters Coaches, Northampton, Northants. (June). This RML was previously used with A Route to Hire.

RML 2543 (JJD 543D) from unknown owner to Create Productions, London WC1 (August).

Olympian:

NV 164 (R364 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Green Bus in December 2021 to an unknown owner and then passed to Mr P Webb, Bedford, Beds. (May); it was seen at the Buses Festival at Sywell on the 3rd September. It had been reported as sold from Green Bus for spares, but appears that it is now preserved.

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 356 (LJ03 MJY) (ex ALN) from Ace Coaches to Hamill (dlr), Ahoghill, County Antrim, Northern Ireland (by April) for scrap.

DLP 61 (LJ51 DKN) (ex ALN) has been transferred from York Pullman to Golden Tours, London; it carries fleet number 146 and was already in the blue / white livery for use on the Golden Tours operation in York, so it may only be a loan.

DLP 103 (LF52 URJ) (ex ALN) further to TLB706, it has been noted with an unknown dealer in the Leeds area.

DLP 104 (LF52 URK) (ex ALN) from Riviera Tours to an unknown owner in the London area (July); it retains the livery and branding used in Torbay.

DW 107 (LJ05 BKA) (ex ALN) was sold from Rolling & Bending Exhausts (by December 2021).

DW 287 (LJ59 LWP) (ex ALN) from Xelabus to Yorkshire Buses, Leeds, West Yorkshire (February). One further DW is due here shortly.

DW 292 (LJ59 LVX) (ex ALN) from Bus & Coach Centre (dlr) to Tanat Valley Coaches, Llanrhaeadr-Ym-Mochnantg, Powys (but with postal address at Oswestry, Shropshire!)

HW 100 (SK68 TNJ) (ex ALN) from Weardale Motor Services to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Vision Bus, Bolton, Lancs. (all in August).

VLA 24 (BU53 TOP, ex LJ53 BFN), 32 (LJ53 BDX, ex BU02 TOP) (ex ALN) were sold from 1st Bus Stop (August). VLA 24 regained its original registration prior to sale.

VLA 30 (B22 TOP, ex LJ53 BDU) (ex ALN) regained its original registration with 1st Bus Stop and was then sold (all in August).

VLA 39 (LJ53 BCF) ex ALN) from Base Coach Sales to Britannia Bus, Potterspury, Northants., (May). It has not been confirmed whether this VLA has been loaned or acquired.

VLA 163 (LJ55 BVR) (ex ALN) correcting TLB693, this VLA remained with Stotts until sold to Tetley Coaches, Leeds, West Yorkshire (February).

VLW 85 (LF52 UPV) (ex ALN) has been sold for scrap by Sullivan Buses (September).

VLW 93 (LF52 UPG) (ex ALN) from Seven Sisters Bus Company to Bus & Coach Repairs, Yaxley, Cambs. (March) and sold again (April) but no details are known.

----- *Where are they now?* -----

- TN 33048 (LN51 GKD) (ex FLN) from Rosso to PVS, Barnsley (by August).
TN 33150, 33157, 33161 (LR02 LXJ, LXS, LXW) (ex FLN) are confirmed as to Wigley, Barnsley.
VN 37991, 37992 (BF62 UYE, UYG) (ex FLN) from Tyrer Coaches to Moving People, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. (August).
VNL 32271 (LT52 WWS) (ex FLN) from Seven Sisters Bus Company to Bus & Coach Repairs, Yaxley, Cambs. (May).
AVL 27 (V14 ASD, V463 OKE, ex D10 ASD, ex V127 LGC) (ex GAL) was re-registered back to V463 OKE in August by ASD Coaches.
PVL 45 (W445 WGH, ex L3 ASD) (ex GAL) was sold from ASD Coaches (June).
VE 1, 2, 3 (LX58 CWK, CWL, CWM) (ex GAL) from Go South Coast to sister Go Ahead company Metrobus, Crawley (August).
492 (YN53 RZE) (ex GAL) has been sold from Lanes Coaches (April).
872, 876, 882 (PN09 EKU, EKY, EMF) (ex GAL) from Selwyns to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Moving People, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. (all in August).
873 (PN09 EKV) (ex GAL) from Belle Vue to Moving People, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. (by August).
874 (PN09 EKW) (ex GAL) from Selwyns to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Lodges, Chelmsford, Essex (all in August).
885, 891 (PN09 EMX, ENL) (ex GAL) from Selwyns to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to A2B Travel, Melbourn, Cambs. (all in August).
889, 890 (PN09 ENH, ENK) (ex GAL) from Selwyns to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Compass Travel, Worthing, West Sussex (all in August).
- SP 64 (YT09 ZCU) (ex LU) further to TLB707, this SP has now entered service with Tootbus in London, first being seen in use in August, and has retained its fleet number SP40064. It was previously recorded as sold to Bath Bus Company in 2022 and this is believed to be the first time in passenger service since then.
- SP 100 (YT59 SGY) (ex LU) from Dawsongroup to Gwynfor Coaches, Llangefni, Anglesey (July) where it has joined SP 99.
- SP 122 (YR59 FZD) (ex LU) has suffered roof damage whilst under suspended tow with Cardiff Bus; it has been withdrawn and its future is now unsure.
- SP 136, 141 (YP59 ODS, ODX) (ex LU) were re-registered to J400 JBT and J600 JBT by J&B Travel in March.
- SP 138, 139, 140 ((YP59 ODU, ODV, ODW) (ex LU) from Tyrers to Bay Travel, Cowdenbeath, Fife (August).
- TA 211 (SN51 SYO) (ex LU) was sold from Target Travel (April) for conversion to a caravan.
- TE 668 (LK55 KJZ) (ex ML) has been repainted by Adventure Travel into grey / burgundy training livery with Adventure Academy on its sides and large letter L's. It still carries the fleet number TE 820, at the bottom of the front blind box, rather than the newer fleet number of DT 903. It also has CF garage codes, presumably for Cardiff (and not Chalk Farm).
- TE 673 (LK55 KKE) (ex ML) has been sold from Adventure Travel (April).
- TE 682 (LK55 KKR, ex MIG 9505) (ex ML) further to the query in TLB708, this TE was noted in July with Presidential Travel, Bootle, Merseyside in a turquoise/blue livery.
- TE 737 (LK07 AZT) (ex ML) from Eazibus to Happy Als, Birkenhead, Merseyside (July).
- TE 889 (LK08 NVD) (ex ML) further to TLB706, this TE is now with HGVC, London NW5 and has been seen during August in London red, with large HGVC lettering, in use as a driver trainer.
- TE 941 (LK58 KHF), 978, 987 (LK59 DZB, DZM) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Chalkwell Coaches, Sittingbourne, Kent (June, although they arrived in August).
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----- *Where are they now?* -----

TE 977, 979, 980, 981, 985 (LK59 DZA, DZC, DZD, DZE, DZJ) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to 1st Bus Stop, Gravesend, Kent (August). It is understood that these have all been re-registered prior to entering service for the new school term in September.

TEH 1114 (LK60 AKF) (ex ML) was noted in mid-August under conversion for Hanwell Town football club into a bar bus.

TP 382 (LR52 KXA) (ex ML) from The Otter's Pocket to Lloyd (dlr), Hixon, Staffs (by April) for scrap after a bridge strike.

VP 322 (LR52 BMO) (ex ML) was re-registered to P6 YMS by YMS Travel in April 2021 and named Minnie.

VPL 135 (X635 LLX) (ex ML) was re-registered by Archway to JJZ 4392 in June.

VPL 202 (L6 HAM, ex Y202 NLK) (ex ML) has been converted to open top for use as a tree lopper by Hams Travel.

TA 17080, 17086 (T680, 686 KPU), 17757 (LX03 BUE), 17947 (L53 JYK), 18250 (LX04 FYT) (ex SLN) were sold from Brylaine Travel (17080, 17947 – April, 17757 – May, 18250 – July and 17086 - July 2019) with TA 17080, 17086, 17947 being confirmed as sold to unknown dealer for scrap, and TA 18250 is confirmed as passing to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs.

TA 17124 (V124 MEV) (ex SLN) had latterly been with Burgers, Wings & Ribs, was noted in Felixstowe in December 2021 having been stripped of its fitted and was for sale.

TAS 17538 (LJZ 1450, ex LY02 OAD) (ex SLN) from Chalkwell Coaches to RedRoutemaster, Brentford, London (July) and carries Attend Buses fleetnames with TA 538 fleet number.

TA 17859 (LX03 NFD), 17994 (LX53 KCC), 18203 (LX04 EWN), 18277 (LX05 BWK) (ex SLN) were latterly with Buses 4 Homeless but have passed to Solutions 4 Living, London (February).

TA 17881 (LX03 NGV) (ex SLN) from Pulman Direct to Tates, Luton, Beds. (August 2022).

TA 17917 (Y10 LAG, ex LX03 OSN) (ex SLN) re-gained its original registration with Laguna Travel and was sold for scrap (all in March).

TA 17950 (LX53 JYO) (ex SLN) was sold from Cardinal Buses (July) for conversion into a home in Staffordshire.

TA 17966 (LX53 JZJ), 17971 (LX53 JZO, ex BU51 TOP), 18236 (LX04 FYC), 18241 (LX04 FYH, ex MT04 BUS) (ex SLN) were sold from 1st Bus Stop (August).

TA 18263 (LX04 FZH) (ex SLN) has been sold to an unknown dealer from Nu-Venture (August).

15032 (LX58 CGK), 15073 (LX09 AEW) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South East to Hardwick, Barnsley (August).

15055 (LX09 ADZ), 15173 (LX10 AUH) (ex SLN) have been sold for scrap by Sullivan Buses (September).

15095 (LX09 AHE) (ex SLN) was re-registered by Phoenix Coaches to A13 PNX in March.

Low-floor single deck types:

DDL 3 (S303 JUA, ex BIG 9248, ex BIG 7006) (ex ALN) from Hams Travel to Pogbus Preservation Society (May).

ENL 35 (LJ09 KPY) (ex ALN) was re-registered to P22 NDC by the National Driving Centre in January 2022.

DML 44030 (YX58 DWD) (ex FLN) from Thomas of Rhondda to Comm Mini Bus, Kettering, Northants. (August) and has been re-registered to J18 AUM.

DML 44041 (YX58 DWV) (ex FLN) from Dawsongroup to Falcon Coaches, Byfleet, Surrey (September).

DML 44053 (YX58 FPN) (ex FLN) from Dawsongroup to BM Coaches, Hayes, Middlesex (by June); it has been re-registered to YUI 2775 and retains white livery.

----- *Where are they now?* -----
DML 44061 (YX58 FOJ) (ex FLN) from Dawsongroup to Solus, Tamworth, Staffs. (by June); it has been re-registered to YUI 2776 and is in an all-white livery.
DML 44130 (YX10 BCV) (ex FLN) was re-registered to P21 NDC by the National Driving Centre in January 2022.
DML 44279 (YX61 FYB) (ex FLN) from Vision Bus to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Cardinal Buses, New Haw, Surrey (all in August).
DML 44287, 44288 (YX61 FYK, FYL) (ex FLN) from Vision Bus to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to ASD Coaches, Strood, Kent (all in July). They were subsequently re-registered to E8, 9 ASD in July.
DML 44289 (YX61 FYM) (ex FLN) from Vision Bus to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Guru Travel, Ladywood, West Midlands (all in August).
DMV 44276, 44277, 44278 (YX61 FZU, FZV, FZW) (ex FLN) from Go Ahead London to Go North West (July) for operation ins Manchester. These were latterly SEN 35, 36, 37.

LDP 183 (Y983 TGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Bear Buses (June).
LDP 263 (LX05 EYP) (ex GAL) from Shears (dlr) to Royal Buses, St. Ives, Cornwall (May).
SE 221, 222, 223, 224 (YX64 GXJ, G XK, YXH, TXJ) (ex GAL) from Go South West to Carousel, High Wycombe, Bucks. (August).

DE 861 (LK08 DWU) (ex ML) from Ripley to National Driving Centre, Croydon, Surrey (May) where it has been numbered fleet number 5.
DE 953 (LK58 CSY) (ex ML) from Keepings Coaches to Grayline, Higher Walton, Cheshire (August).
DES 792 (LK07 BDU) (ex ML) further to TLB706, it is confirmed that this DES passed to Lloyd (dlr), Hixon, Staffs. In April for scrap.
DLF 94 (YU52 YKA) (ex ML) further to TLB703, this DLF passed to Chiltern Automotive, Cryers Hill, Bucks. (November).

DP 42607 (KU02 YTZ) (ex TT) remains with Adventure Travel and continues in use as a driver trainer, although it was re-numbered from 98 to DT 902 in November 2020.

SLD 34351 (LV52 HKC) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South Wales to Abba Scrap, Dowlais, Mid-Glamorgan (June).

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

None

Additional information and updates

8499R (LX67 KBU) has apparently been returned to service after a period out of use (we had listed it as withdrawn in TLB699). If you are adding it into SUP24J, it is a Renault Kangoo van in LUL white/blue/red.

Allocations and transfers reported include 8322VW ACB-ACN, 8545R RPS-ACN, 8701VW ?-ESC, 8726T ?-SDD, 8898T ?-SDC, 8900VW ?-SDD and 9000VW ?-SDD. In the list of transfers last month, 8524F should have been shown as 8524T.

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

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

6904	MT17 UMJ	Citroen Dispatch Van	Abellio	White	QB
-	FG68 WDF	Vauxhall Astra Car	Abellio	Silver	TF
-	WP70 CNA	Ford Kuga Car	Arriva London	Blue #	DT
-	KT21 DXZ	Seat Arona Car	Arriva London	Red #	DT
-	BP22 EJD	Seat Ibiza Car	Arriva London	White #	GY
-	FL23 JCV	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	WN
-	YJ23 BML	Nissan Juke Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	OV68 VZC	Peugeot Partner Van	Arriva SC	White #	HH
-	EA69 MWJ	Ford Transit Custom Van	Go-Ahead London	White #	?
-	HG21 XSA	Nissan NV250 Van	Go-Ahead London	White #	SI
-	HG21 XTH	Nissan NV250 Van	Go-Ahead London	White #	?
-	MF70 NFE	Renault Grand Scenic Car	Metroline	Maroon #	AH
-	AY23 KWN	Ford Puma Car	Metroline	Red #	?
91787 *	DS23 SRX	Vauxhall Corsa Electric Car	Stagecoach London	White	RM
91786 *	DS23 SRZ	Vauxhall Corsa Electric Car	Stagecoach London	White	RM
91788 *	DS23 SSS	Vauxhall Corsa Electric Car	Stagecoach London	White	RM
-	YJ23 DBS	Nissan Juke Car	Stagecoach London	Silver #	RM

Additional information

Abellio MJ17 USE is numbered 6905. YH60 VMZ (6773) and DA12 FSE (6800) have transferred TF to GW, WM18 NRE BC to QB, EO22 KJF DH to QB and EO22 KLF GW to BC.

Arriva London BG23 KYJ at N is numbered S5, with the old S5 (HV66 YYB) now withdrawn. BG23 DWU at DX is numbered 217. HK63 YYM, HK63 YZX, FJ64 XBC, WR15 VTU, FH65 BYA/BYV/CWM, FM65BWG, WM16CSZ, HN66XPE, WN17 UGU, and FP67 OOU/PKD are withdrawn

Arriva the Shires BF68 ZVP and Arriva Southern Counties NV17 NYH are withdrawn. MD69 ONF transferred from GF to HH.

Go-Ahead London EU16 KVV has moved AL to PM and EF19 HFV Q to PM. More minibuses in red/blue driver recruitment livery are RJ19 HSX/HSY and WP21 YDA.

Metroline AV20 AXG has transferred PA to PB.

The new electric cars at Stagecoach are lettered but do not carry their allocated national fleetnumbers. Former HCT van KM21 OWB at AW has now gained Stagecoach lettering, and it is a high-roof van rather than a low-roof crew van. KR21 YRT at HK is probably the same but confirmation would be appreciated.

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This TLB closed on 8-10 September and due for posting on 19 September. Closing date for TLB710 is Weds 4 October and due for posting on posting on Tues 17 October, 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 01Nov, 29Nov.



Reading Transport is re-branding its long distance routes. Enviro400-City No.733 in London Road, Langley on route 702 shows that its Green line branding has given way to 'Londonline'. (Richard Godfrey)

Rail-Air coach services of First Berkshire are receiving several Scania/ Caetano coaches. No.23652 in the blue and grey livery departs on route RA3 from Watford Junction to Heathrow. (Terry Wong Min)



Rear cover: Southdown PSV has been merged into Metrobus and their buses will get Metrobus livery in due course. Volvo B7TL/President No.557 is on Oxted Road, Tandridge on route 410. (Richard Godfrey)



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