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Londoner Buses has this one-time Devon General Atlantean, now re-registered 724 XUW, doing an 'Xmas Lights Tour' travelling south along Regent Street. *(Richard Godfrey)*

The 'Finchley Running Day' on 19th November brought out some buses from the recent past. Former Arriva Volvo B7TL VLW 85 revives its days on route 221. *(Terry Wong Min)*



**Front cover:** Autumnal leaves adorn this view of Go-Coach Enviro200 YX66 WFF at Badger's Mount on route 3 between Orpington Hospital and Sevenoaks. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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## Special Note

End of another year and I offer my thanks to all those who have contributed to TLB, the sub-editors and reporters, the operators who supply information, fellow societies who we co-operate with, as well as the sales and despatch teams and our printers at Ludo Press. You all are indispensable.

I shall be retiring from TLB editorial in the coming months but I shall continue with Country Routes and the photos. Chris Jennings (email Chris(underscore)routemaster@hotmail.co.uk ) is taking the Current Vehicles section from the January TLB and Thomas Young will phase in as Managing Editor. Tom's email is lotstlbeditor@gmail.com although, unless it is for him specifically, you should send to section sub-editors as usual. I am reminded that this month marks 40 years with me at the TLB Helm.

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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.

Dates in 2024 are Mondays 19Feb, 13May, 24 June (AGM), 30Sep, 25Nov.

The February meeting will be a presentation by John Parkin "Pure nostalgia - LT and LCBS buses and coaches from the late sixties onwards, including bus garages, terminals and short workings, blind displays and bus crews.

## Coming Events (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand due to attend).

Sunday 17th December: Route 227 (Bromley & Crystal Palace) with several RFs; also RT+RM on old 94 (Bromley & Petts Wood) plus two Green Line RFs on old 725.

Looking ahead: London Bus Museum's major events at Brooklands in 2024 are 14April, 23June, 20Oct.

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A full Sales List was in TLB711 and is also on our website. Orders from the Sales List or a letter is perfectly acceptable. In all cases above, if you send a cheque, please don't staple cheques to the form – they really won't get lost by us but might be when the banks try to process them electronically!

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## **LOTS Postal Sales**

Included with last month's TLB711 was the latest complete Sales List

The Newest LOTS items:

**LOTS London Bus Review 2022** (£17.00) A4 glossy, 80 pages, 135 colour pictures with extensive captions. This is the ORIGINAL annual Review made with about 50 years' experience.

**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 info in TLB709.

**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 LBM London Bus Magazine No.206 Winter 2023**, £6.00. Two main articles, by Colin Stannard on his long career with (mostly) LT and successors, plus an account of the relatively recent Guildford „bus war“ between Arriva and Stagecoach by Andrew Babbs.

**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)

**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

**From Capital Transport**

**London's Post-War Smaller Classes (STD, TD, G436, RLH, RFW, GS, RW, XA, XF, RC) entering service between 1946 and 1965** by Ken Blacker. £35.00 Includes over 200 photos.

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

**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.

**Tracks of London's Trams 1949-1952** by R J Harley. £25.00 published by Heathfield Publishing. The text tells what it was like to ride on the trams and what it was like to work on them in their final years. 80 B&W photos and 25 colour photos.

**From LRTA:**

**Bluebird Reborn: The History and Restoration of LCC No. 1.** Edited by Lynn Wagstaff. £35.00. The book tells the story of LCC No. 1 from its inception in 1929, detailing its construction, service in London and Leeds, time spent in preservation and its recent restoration at National Tramway Museum.

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

**From the Southdown Enthusiasts' Club; SEC Fleet List 2023** £8.00.

**Sussex Independents 2023** £6.50; **Southdown Fleet & Routes 1969** £8.00

**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)

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## **GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS**

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### **National news, TfL and Politics**

A Government ministerial reshuffle took place on 13th November. The biggest surprise was former Prime Minister David Cameron who returns to Government as the new Foreign Secretary. As he is no longer an MP, he has been elevated to the House of Lords as Lord Cameron to enable him to be questioned in Parliament. Former Foreign Secretary James Cleverly is now Home Secretary replacing Suella Braverman who lost her job after making a series of controversial statements. In the Department for Transport Secretary of State Mark Harper keeps his job, but Durham MP Richard Holden, who was previously responsible for buses and local transport has moved to the Cabinet Office. He is replaced by Guy Opperman, MP for Hexham. Bexhill & Battle MP Huw Merriman retains his responsibilities as Minister of State for London, TfL and rail, including HS2.

TfL's latest Finance report which covers the period from April to mid-October shows that passenger numbers are now relatively steady at 90% of pre pandemic levels with Underground and rail journeys achieving faster growth than buses. The current funding agreement with the Government expires in March 2024 and there is concern that some long term capital investment plans could suffer if support is reduced. This could delay new trains for the Bakerloo line leaving the current 50 year old trains in service for longer. Current income now exceeds pre-pandemic levels but costs have also risen so fare rises may be needed to support TfL finances.

The Chancellor's Autumn statement on 22nd November included an announcement of plans for £23 million to be given for a rapid transit style bus service through Thamesmead. The proposed route would run between Woolwich and Plumstead via Eastern Way, Carlyle Road and Harrow Manor Way to Abbey Wood station. Buses would have their own lanes with special priority measures. This funding is subject to a business case approval and is linked to the development of new homes under the Government's „Docklands 2.0“ scheme.

Fare evasion on London's buses is reported to have exceeded 3.5 million journeys over the past twelve months. Just over 13,400 on the spot fines were issued and there were 6,600 irregularity reports where evasion was considered for prosecution. The average fine imposed on those found guilty of fare evasion was £178 with costs, compensation and a victim surcharge averaging £310.

Shadow Transport Minister Bill Esterson has said that a future Labour Government would work in partnership with the bus and coach industry. He emphasised his Party's commitment to introducing franchising outside London.

The ASLEF union called for further rail strikes at individual train companies between 2nd December and 8th December and there was also an overtime ban between 1st and 9th December which led to reduced timetables in many areas. Bus drivers at RATP-DEV Transit based at Westbourne Park went on strike on 1st December and 4th December with further action planned between 22nd & 23rd December.

On 25 November the SL10 became the first completely new Superloop route between Harrow and North Finchley. Originally announced as the X183 it follows much of the 183 between Harrow Bus Station and Hendon but continues to North Finchley instead of Golders Green. It is operated by RATP London Sovereign using Enviro 400EVs from Harrow with the new red and white Superloop livery and branding. The northern loop continued east from North Finchley to Walthamstow from 9 December with the SL1 while the SL2 will continue Superloop from Walthamstow to North Woolwich from March 2024 followed by the south east quadrant from Thamesmead to Bromley (SL3) and Bromley to Croydon (SL5). The final part of the Superloop network will be the SL4 from Canary Wharf to Grove Park which will begin in 2025 when the Silvertown tunnel opens.

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## **Corporate and company news**

Bus manufacturer Mellor and its parent company Treka Bus – part of WN V-Holdings have appointed administrators and a sale process for the business is underway. Mellor had a record order book and had spent £4.9 million on product development, mostly the Mellor Sigma battery electric single deck buses in an attempt to expand from its traditional minibus ranges.

## **Other General News**

New bus registrations have reached a post pandemic high according to figures from the Society of Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). New UK bus registrations more than doubled in the third quarter of 2023 with 327 double deck and 338 single deckers but the largest increase was for minibuses where 1,074 were registered (these numbers had been reduced earlier due to supply issues). Overall 3,836 new buses and coaches have been registered in 2023. These figures are 43% below the 2016 peak but the SMMT is optimistic successful bids through Zero Emission Bus Regional Area (ZEBRA) funding will increase numbers further in 2024.

Australian bus manufacturer Custom Denning has produced a 12 metre battery electric single deck bus aimed at the UK market. Four vehicles are expected to arrive in the UK by February. Custom Denning is owned by Scott Dunn, Chief Executive of Rotala so the first examples are expected to be destined for a Rotala owned company in the UK.

Gatwick Airport Station has been virtually doubled in size to accommodate increasing passenger numbers and reduce congestion. There are new entrance and exit routes within the station with more circulation space, extra escalators and larger lifts to and from platforms.

Transport for Wales has suggested that rail staff in rural areas could drive rail replacement road services as part of TfW's bid to „go further than Transport for London on integrated transport in an approach that would deliver services in a joined up way with joined up teams“.

The first refurbished Central line trains have entered service. The 1992 stock trains entered service between 1993 and 1995 but have been looking distinctly dingy in recent years with poor lighting and worn seat coverings. A new on-train computer system should improve reliability and enable trains to run at faster speeds on some of the longer surface sections of the Central line. Up to five trains could be out of service for refurbishment at any one time. Meanwhile the press have been invited to Germany to see the first of 94 new walk through air conditioned Piccadilly line trains which are due to enter service from 2025.

More new trains will be needed for the Elizabeth line to increase frequencies if and when HS2 terminates at Old Oak Common. The rail industry is pressing the Government to approve an order for additional Class 345 trains to avoid job losses at Alstom's Derby factory which is currently short of work.

The annual Bus Industry Awards were held in London on 28th November. The overall winner of Bus Operator of the Year went to Go South Coast with Brighton & Hove runner up and winner in the top city operator category. London operators featured in several categories, including Culture change where RATP Dev Transit was silver winner with Stagecoach London winning bronze. For Stagecoach, Lea Interchange was named London Bus Garage of the Year with Arriva Croydon and Stagecoach Barking runners up. The Luke Pulley Gold Award for Top London Bus driver went to Marina Rudko at RATP Dev Transit, with Andy Beckers from Stagecoach London and Thomas Brade from Arriva London taking Silver and Bronze places. Congratulations to all involved.

Finally, congratulations to LOTS member Peter Hendy, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill who has been named New Londoner of the Year for his dedication to delivering high standards in public transport in London at both TfL and his present role at Network Rail.

## GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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### LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Routes 328, 481 and C1 from tranches 877A, 883 and 883A awarded, starting on 11th May 2024 (481), 29th June 2024 (328, C1). Routes 328 and 481 are for 3 years; route C1 is for 7 years.

328 Retained by Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 19).

481 Awarded to Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles.

Currently operated by London United from Fulwell (FW) garage. (pvr 5)

C1 Retained by London United using existing electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 13).

Routes 29/N29, 109/N109, 126, 212, 357 and 497 have had 2-year extensions agreed and will no longer form part of the 2024/25 tendering programme.

The current contracts for routes 49, 117, 398, 697 and H9/H10 will now terminate early and will be added to the 2024/25 tendering programme as a supplementary Tranche 893A.

Route 118 will be re-allocated from tranche 906 to a separate Tranche 906A.

Routes 389/399 which operate off-peak only, will be re-allocated from Tranche 913 in the 2025/26 tendering programme and will be combined with the contract for route 299 in Tranche 904.

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
#871C (3-5/24)	SL5 (Bromley – Croydon) .....	--
#873A (03/24)	SL7 (ex X26) (GA Metrobus) .....	--
#874 (06/24)	E3 (London United) .....	--
#875 (04/24)	U1, U2, U3, U4 (Metroline West) .....	--
#877A (04/24)	E1 (London United) .....	--
#880A (05/24)	639/670 (London United) .....	--
#883 (06/24)	211 (London United) .....	--
#883A (06/24)	28/N28(London Transit) .....	--
#884 (06/24)	465 (London United) .....	--
#884A (06/24)	65/N65, 71, 281/=, 371, 406/418, 681, K5 (London United) .....	--
#885 (7-9/24)	210, 382, C11, W7, W8 (Metroline Travel) .....	--
#886 (7-8/24)	17 (Metroline Travel) .....	--
#887 (08/24)	Tranche cancelled.....	533
#888 (08/24)	5/N15, 15, 115 (GA Blue Triangle), 66 (Arriva LN) .....	--
#890A (09/24)	618 (new route Ivybridge – Syon Lane) .....	--
#891 (8-10/24)	661 (S'ch Selkent) .....	--
#891A (09/24)	W12, W13 (S'ch ex HCT Group), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit).....	--
#892 (09/24)	90 (Metroline Travel), 222/= , H13 (Metroline West), 395 (London Sovereign) .....	--
#892A (09/24)	640 (Sullivan) .....	--
#893 (9-11/24)	411 (London United), 627 (Arriva LS) .....	--

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#893A (9-11/24)	49, 117, 697 (London United), 398, H9/H10 (London Sovereign) .....	--
#894 (9-12/24)	4, 6/=, 98/N98, (Metroline Travel), 341/= (Arriva LN) .....	--
#895 (9-10/24)	669, 672 (S'ch Selkent) .....	--
#896 (10-11/24)	103, 150, 175, 370 (Arriva LN), 257 (S'ch East London) .....	--
#897 (10-12/24)	22/N22, 88/=, 170 (GA London General), 33/N33, 419 (London United) .....	--
#898A (11/24)	34/= (Arriva LN), SL1 (N. Finchley – Walthamstow) ..	--
#898B (11/24)	192 (Arriva LN) .....	--
#899 (11-12/24)	18/N18, 94/=, 266/N266 (London United) 218 (London Transit) .....	--
#900 (11-12/24)	176/=, 188/=, 360 (GA London Central), 355 (GA Metrobus) .....	--
#900A (11/24)	45 (Abellio) .....	--
#901 (12/24-2/25)	258 (London United), 278 (Abellio) .....	--
#902 (1-3/25)	444 (GA London General), 323, (S'ch East London) ...	212, 357, 497
#903 (1-2/25)	121, 141, 329 (Arriva LN), 153 (GA London General)	--
#904 (1-3/25)	41/=, W4, W6 (Arriva LN) 299/389/399 (Sullivan), 657 (GA London General) .....	29/N29
#905 (1-2/25)	99, 269, 401 (Arriva LN), 233 (GA Metrobus), 422, B14, SL3 (S'ch Selkent), B16 (GA London Central) ....	--
#905A (03/25)	R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R11 (GA Metrobus) .....	--
#906 (2-3/25)	36/=, 172, 343/N343 (GA London Central) .....	109/N109
#906A (02/25)	118 (GA London General) .....	--
#907 (2-3/25)	423, H22, H37, H98 (London United), H28 (Abellio) .....	--
#908 (03/25)	282 (Metroline West), 482 (Abellio) .....	--
#909 (03/25)	161, 181, 284 (S'ch Selkent), 225 (GA London Central), C10 (Abellio) .....	--
#910 (03/25)	138 (GA Metrobus) .....	126
#911 (03/25)	169, 247, 287 (S'ch East London) .....	--
#912 (03/25)	68/N68 (Abellio) 468 (Arriva LS), SL6 (ex X68) (GA London Central) .....	--

The first part of the 2025/26 tendering programme is now as follows:-

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#913 (04/25)	263/N271 (Metroline Travel) .....	--
#914 (4-5/25)	424, 485, G1, (G-A London General), P5 (Abellio) ...	--
#915 (04/25)	SL5 (operator TBA), SL7 (G-A Metrobus) .....	--

## **ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES**

Saturday 7th October 2023: As in TLB711.

Saturday 14th October 2023: As in TLB711.

Saturday 21st October 2023: As in TLB711.

Saturday 28th October 2023: As in TLB711, PVR change for Abellio 196 is now 16/15/9 #QB561+.

Sunday 29th October 2023: As in TLB711.

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

Monday 30th October 2023: (Additional)

675 (Arriva London North-AD) (St. James Street Station & Woodford, Woodbridge High School SDO) AM journey retimed to depart 10 minutes earlier at 07:24 to allow time for the diversion to avoid Broadmead Bridge in Woodford. (see also TLB708 diversions; TLB710 route 275).

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 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

PVR Changes from Saturday 4th November 2023:

Arriva London North: No change to 221 PVRs.

Saturday 11th November 2023:

38 (Arriva London North-CT) (Victoria Station & Clapton Pond) and

N38 (Arriva London North-CT) (Victoria Station & Walthamstow Central Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters. Weekend service on the N38 revised to run every x30mins Walthamstow & Piccadilly Circus, every x30 mins Walthamstow & Victoria Station.

111/= (Abellio-TF) (Kingston & Heathrow Airport Central) Revised daily timetables for reliability.

363 (Crystal Palace & Elephant & Castle, London Road) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Abellio from Walworth (WL) garage using a mix of new electric and hybrid double-deck vehicles, previously operated by Go-Ahead London Central from Peckham (PM) garage using EH-class AD E40H Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles.

465 (London United-TV) (Kingston & Dorking, Towncourt Road) Revised timetable for running time.

PVR Changes from Saturday 11th November 2023:

Abellio: 111 to 28\*/25/20 (\*481) #TF101+; =111 to 5 Su-Th/6 FrSa #101+ (from daytime route);

363 to 13\*/12\*/10\* (\*N63) #WL361+;

N63 now uses daytime running numbers from 363. No change to total, 6 Su-Th/9 FrSa nights, although on Mo-Th nights includes self-contained runnings: #WL262 and Sa night #WL263/264.

Arriva London North: 38 to 36/36/29 #CT201+, N38 to 9 Su-Th/12 FrSa nights #CT151+;

Go-Ahead London Central: 363 withdrawn.

London United: No change to 465 PVRs.

Saturday 18th November 2023: Widened timetables on routes 13, 14/=, 23/= and 148/= in afternoons and evenings for „Winter Wonderland“ at Hyde Park, until 2nd January 2024.

14/= (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (Putney Heath, Green Man & Russell Square) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-, WHV- and MHV-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H, Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3, or MCV EvoSeti vehicles. Night service increased at weekends from x20 mins to every x15 mins.

39 (Go-Ahead London General-GM) (Clapham Junction, Falcon Road & Putney Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using new SEe-class electric vehicles in due course.

74 (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (Baker Street Station & Putney, High Street) and

N74 (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (Baker Street Station & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-, WHV- and MHV-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H, Volvo B5LH/ Wrightbus or MCV EvoSeti vehicles.

339 (Stagecoach Lea Interchange-LI) (Leytonstone Station & Shadwell Station) Rerouted between Marshgate Lane and Wick Lane, via Bassett Lane, Monier Bridge and Monier Road, to serve the Fish Island development.

430 (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (South Kensington, Natural History Museum & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-, WHV- and MHV-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H, Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3, or MCV EvoSeti vehicles. Daily daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12mins.

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Saturday 18th November, continued:

- 436 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Lewisham, Lewisham Centre & Battersea Power Station) and  
 N136 (Oxford Circus & Chislehurst, War Memorial) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing  
 EH-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H vehicles. Mon-Sat daytime frequency on  
 route 436 reduced from x10 to x12 mins.
- H20 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hounslow Civic Street & Twickenham, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract  
 using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.
- H25 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hatton Cross & Hanworth, Butts Farm) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- U7 (*Abellio-DH*) (Uxbridge Station & Hayes, Sainsbury's) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using  
 existing diesel single-deck vehicles. Additional SDO journeys withdrawn.

PVR Changes from Saturday 18th November 2023:

Abellio: U7 to 4/4/3 #DH201+, no change to H20, H25 PVRs;  
 Go-Ahead London Central: 436 to 13/13/12 #NX301+, N136 to 7 every night #NX361+;  
 Go-Ahead London General: =14 to 7 Su-ThN/8 Fr/SaN #AF201+, 39 to 14/14/10 #AF21+,  
 74 to 18/18/14 #AF151+, N97 to 3+ Su-ThN/4+ Fr-SaN #AF191+ (+2 ex 430 every night),  
 430 to 11\*/11\*/11\* #AF231 (\*N97), no change to 14, N74 PVRs;  
 Stagecoach Lea Interchange: No change to 339 PVRs.

Saturday 25th November 2023: A number of stop alterations at Harrow Bus Station as a result of the  
 introduction of route SL10.

- 44 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Tooting Station & Victoria Station) Re-allocated to Stockwell  
 (SW) garage.
- 112 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Ealing Broadway & North Finchley) Improved frequencies daily, Early  
 morning frequencies increased daily from x15 to x12 mins, additional Mon-Fri morning peak  
 journey towards Ealing introduced, evening frequency increased from x20 to x12 mins and  
 daytime Sundays from x15 to x12 mins. The terminal stand at North Finchley was revised to set  
 down and stand in Ballards Lane and picking-up in the High Road.
- 113 (*Metroline Travel- EW*) (Marble Arch & Edgware Station) and  
 N113 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (Trafalgar Square & Edgware Station) Revised running time. Additional  
 Mon-Fri morning peak journeys withdrawn.
- 182 (*Metroline Travel-HD*) (Harrow Weald, Oxhey Lane & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) Rerouted  
 northbound direct along College Road, not looping via Harrow Bus Station.
- 183 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Pinner, Love Lane & Golders Green Station) Frequency reduced  
 Mon-Sat daytimes from x7½ to x10 mins and Sundays and evenings from x8 to x12mins.
- 223 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Wembley Central, Montrose Crescent & Harrow, Bus Station) Extended  
 Daily in Harrow via H14 Harrow View, terminating at "Eastman Village" Newman Avenue.
- 698 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (West Drayton, Station Road & Ickenham, Douay Martyrs School,  
 SDO) Re-allocated to Hounslow (AV) garage, thus novated to London United.
- H14 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Northwick Park Hospital & Hatch End, St. Thomas Drive)  
 Re-allocated from Harrow (SO) to Edgware (BT) garage, but remaining allocated at Canons  
 Park (CP) outstation.
- SL10 NEW ROUTE (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station & North Finchley, Bus Station,  
 Express) from Harrow Bus Station via Station Road, Peterborough Road, Kenton Road, then via  
 183 to Hendon, Church Lane, then via Finchley Lane, Hendon Lane, Ballards Lane to North  
 Finchley, Bus Station. Operated by BCE-class BYD D8UR Enviro 400EV electric double-deck  
 vehicles, Mon-Sat daytimes every x12mins and Sundays and evenings every x15mins. Note this  
 is a variation to the 183 contract.
- W19 (*Stagecoach East London-AW*) (Ilford High Road & Walthamstow, Argall Avenue Industrial  
 Estate) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

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PVR Changes from Saturday 25th November 2023:

Go-Ahead London General: 44 to 16/16/10 #SW21+;  
London Sovereign: 183 to 19/18/15 #SO31+; H14 to 7/7/5 #BT141+ (actually outstationed at CP),  
SL10 to 13/12/10 #SO501+, 698 to London United;  
London United 698 to 5/-/- #AV481+;  
Metroline Travel: 112 to 17/16/13 #W401+, 113 to 21/19/15 #EW101+,  
N113 to 4 Su-ThN/5 FrSaN #EW141+, No change to 182;  
Metroline West: 223 to 7/7/6 #WJ271+;  
Stagecoach East London: W19 to 18/15/9 #AW181+.

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

Saturday 2nd December 2023:

- 51 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Woolwich, High Street & Orpington Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 61 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North Station & Chislehurst, Gordon Arms) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 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 DLE-class AD20D Enviro200D diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 78 (Shoreditch High Street & Nunhead, St. Mary's Road), LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central using existing EH-class and MHV-class hybrid double-deck vehicles from Peckham (PM) garage. Previously operated by *Arriva London North* from Ash Grove (AE) garage using HV-class s Volvo B5LH hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 152 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Pollards Hill, Westmoreland Way & New Malden, Fountain) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new SEe-class BYD D8UR Enviro200EV electric single-decks in due course.
- 157 (Crystal Palace & Morden Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using new Ee-class electric BYD D8UR AD Enviro 400EV City double-deck vehicles in due course, using existing WVL-class Volvo B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 and E-class AD40D Enviro400D diesel double-decks until electrics arrive. Mon-Fri SDO journey withdrawn. Previously operated by *Arriva London South* from Thornton Heath (TH) garage, using T-class AD40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 261 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) Lewisham, Town Centre & Princess Royal University Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 321/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (New Cross Gate, Sainsbury's & Foots Cray, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class electric BYD D8UR AD Enviro 400EV City double-deck vehicles in due course. The PM SDO jny withdrawn.
- 381 (*Abellio-WL*) (County Hall & Peckham, Bus Station) and  
N381 (*Abellio-WL*) (Whitehall & Peckham, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course, type to be confirmed. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10-11 to x12mins.
- 452 (*London Transit-X*) (Vauxhall & Kensal Rise Stn) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.  
D7 (Mile End Station & Poplar, All Saints) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Stagecoach East London using new electric double-deck vehicles from Ash Grove (HK) garage in due course. To begin with diesel E400s are used. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead Docklands* from Silvertown (SI) garage using WVL-class B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel and EH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles. Mon-Sat daytime frequencies reduced from x10 to x12 mins, Sundays and evenings from x12 to x15mins.

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- Saturday 9th December 2023: Further to earlier notes, (see TLB708/709) Brent Cross West Station was scheduled to open on Sunday 10th December, in line with the BR timetable changes that day. Route 316 is the only one to be extended at this stage. Also, apologies for the late notice of the introduction of the next Superloop route, though it wasn't made public until late November. Normal schedules reinstated on 187, 260, 297.
- 34 (Arriva London North-AD) (Barnet Church & Walthamstow Central Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10mins with a SDO journey withdrawn. Revised to stand (out of service) at St James Street Station stand.
- 178 (Go-Ahead London Central-MG) (Woolwich, Calderwood Street & Lewisham, Town Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 244 (Go-Ahead London Central-BX) (Woolwich Common, Queen Elizabeth Hospital & Abbey Wood Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 292 (Metroline Travel-HD) (Borehamwood, Rossington Avenue & Colindale, ASDA) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 300 (Go-Ahead Docklands-SI) (Canning Town, Bus Station & East Ham, Wordsworth Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 316 (Metroline West-WJ) (White City & Cricklewood Garage) Extended daily to Brent Cross West Station via Edgware Road and Geron Way, return via Geron Way and Edgware Road.
- 329 (Arriva London North-AD) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield, Little Park Gardens) Re-allocated from Palmers Green (AD) to Wood Green (WN) garage.
- SL1 NEW ROUTE (Arriva London North-AD) North Finchley, Bus Station & Walthamstow Central Station, Express) via route 221 to New Southgate, then via route 34 via Arnos Grove, Palmers Green, Edmonton (Silver Street), Crooked Billet, Walthamstow, Bell Corner and Market, using HA-class AD40H Enviro400 City hybrid double-deck vehicles. Mon-Sat daytimes every x12mins and Sundays and evenings every x15mins. Note this is a variation to the 34 contract.

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR BUSES IN LONDON**

This summary below applies to London Buses/TfL operations. Details of non-TfL services should hopefully be covered in TLB713. Anyone aiming to be out and about should consult TfL publicity or their website. At the closing date, these are the expected operations, with any differences also covered in TLB713. In this instance, references to Night Buses are for the night following the day in question.

**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December:** Normal Sunday service on all day routes, 24-hour services will be curtailed to finish around midnight. No „N“ Night buses on the night of 24th/25th.

**Christmas Day, Monday 25th December:** No daytime or Night TfL service operating. Non-TfL services, including sight-seeing tours, normal or special fares will apply. Travelcards, Bus passes and concessionary permits would not be valid on these services. Once again, Vintage Bus Hire will be running 2 RTs on a free service on route 430 running every 30 minutes from Putney Bridge Station to Roehampton, Danebury Avenue (dep from 09:30 to 15:00), to Putney Bridge Station (dep from 10:00 to 15:30). For further details see <https://1950s-vintage-bus-hire.co.uk/christmas-430/>

**Boxing Day, Tuesday 26th December:** Normal Sunday service on day routes and a Sunday-night service on 24-hour and „N“ routes.

**Wednesday to Friday 27th/28th/29th December:** Normal Saturday service on day routes and a special service on route SL6. Normal Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night service on 24-hour and „N“ routes.

**Saturday 30th December:** Normal Saturday service on day routes and normal Saturday night service on 24-hour and „N“ routes.

**New Year's Eve Sunday 31st December 2023:** Normal Sunday service on day routes and a normal Sunday service on 24-hour and „N“ routes. Note a change from the usual “Saturday” night service, although some routes, either daytime or nighttime routes will gain an enhanced frequency or supplementary services for the early part or whole night. As is now usual, there will be a fireworks display as a ticketed event and bus services will be progressively curtailed from parts of Central London and various bridges during the evening. Again, there is no advance detail of what routes will be enhanced so please consult the TfL website for the latest information; again, there is no free travel this year.

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**New Year's Day, Monday 1st January 2024:** Normal Sunday service on day routes and a normal Sunday service on 24-hour and „N“ routes.

**Tuesday 2nd January 2024:** Normal services resume.

Saturday 30th December 2023:

U9 (*Abellio-DH*) (Uxbridge Station & Harefield Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 6th January 2024:

237 (*Metroline Travel-AH*) (White City, Bus Station & Hounslow Heath) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

H26 (*Abellio-TF*) (Feltham, Sparrow Heath & Hatton Cross Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 13th January 2024:

603 (Muswell Hill Broadway & Swiss Cottage Station SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Holloway (HT) garage. Currently operated by *Sullivans* from South Mimms (SM) garage using E-class AD40D Enviro400D diesel double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 20th January 2024:

91 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Trafalgar Square & Crouch End Broadway) and  
N91 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Trafalgar Square & Cockfosters Station) Re-allocated from Stockwell (SW) garage to Northumberland Park (NP) garage.

133 (Holborn Station & Streatham Station) and  
N133 (Liverpool Street Station & Morden Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Abellio using new electric double-deck vehicles using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles from Battersea (QB) garage in due course. Currently operated by *Arriva London South* from Brixton (BN) garage using a mix of HA- and HV-class AD40H Enviro400H or Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 2 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

137 (*Arriva London South-N/BN*) (Marble Arch & Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue) and  
N137 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Oxford Circus & Crystal Palace) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.

228 (Maida Hill, The Chippenham & Central Middlesex Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Metroline West, using new VMS-class Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-deck vehicles from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage in due course. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x20 (though widened to x24mins currently) to x30 mins. Currently operated by *London United* from Park Royal (RP) garage using DLE-class AD20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

333 (Elephant & Castle & Tooting Broadway) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General, using new Ee-class AD40 Enviro400EV electric double-deck vehicles from Stockwell (SW) garage in due course, using MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-decks until electric buses arrive. Currently operated by *Arriva London South* from Brixton (BN) garage using a mix of HA- and HV-class AD40H Enviro400H or Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 2 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

380 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Belmarsh Prison & Lewisham, Lewisham Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

388 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Stratford City, Bus Station & London Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles.

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Saturday 27th January 2024:

- 9 (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Aldwych) and  
N9 (Heathrow, Terminal 5 & Aldwych) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters from Brentford (AH) garage. Currently operated by *London United* from Stamford Brook (V) garage.
- 59 (*Arriva London South*-BN) (St.Bartholomew's Hospital & Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
- 89 (*Go-Ahead London Central*-BX) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Slade Green Station) and  
N89 (*Go-Ahead London Central*-NX) (Trafalgar Square & Erith, Cross Street) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract. Route N89 continues with existing EH-class AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles, route 89 will be upgraded from existing EN-class Trident Enviro400D diesel double-deck vehicles to MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-decks in due course when displaced from elsewhere.
- 96 (*Stagecoach Selkent*-PD) (Woolwich, Thomas Street & Bluewater, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 218 (*London Transit*-X) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Re-allocated from Westbourne Park (X) to Stamford Brook (V) garage, thus novated from London Transit to London United.
- 428 (*Arriva London North*-DT) (Erith, Cross Street & Bluewater, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 472/= (*Stagecoach Selkent*-PD) (North Greenwich Station & Abbey Wood Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 476 (*Go-Ahead London General*-NP) (King's Cross St.Pancras Station & Northumberland Park Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-decks
- 486/= (*Go-Ahead London Central*-BX) (North Greenwich Station & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 601 (Thamesmead, Town Centre & Wilmington Schools, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Go-Ahead London Central* using existing MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles from Bexleyheath (BX) garage. Currently operated by *Stagecoach Selkent* from Plumstead (PD) garage using a mix of diesel and hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- B15 (*Arriva London North*-DT) (Horn Park, Alnwick Road & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 3rd February 2024:

- 43/= (*Metroline Travel*-HT) (Friern Barnet, Library & London Bridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 134/= (*Metroline Travel*-PB) (Warren Street, University College Hospital & North Finchley) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 10th February 2024:

- 3 (*Abellio*-WL) (Victoria Station & Crystal Palace) and  
N3 (*Abellio*-QB) (Oxford Circus & Bromley North Stn) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 122 (*Stagecoach Selkent*-PD) (Crystal Palace & Plumstead Garage) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 17th February 2024:

- EL1/= (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Ilford Hill & Barking Riverside (Northgate Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
- EL2 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Becontree Heath, Leisure Centre & Dagenham Dock Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
- EL3 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Little Heath, Haw Bush & Barking Reach, Mallards Drive, SDO jnys to Barking Riverside, Northgate Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
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## SERVICE PROPOSALS

A new consultation was issued on 8th November with a closing date of 20th December for various changes to routes in Hillingdon. The first proposal is to “merge routes **U1 and U3**”, in effect to withdraw route **U1** in its current form and extend route **U3** from Uxbridge to Ruislip via route **U1**. The frequency on the newly extended route will be improved to run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes, and every 12 minutes on evenings and Sundays “to match demand”, instead of every 15 mins on route **U1** and every 12 mins daytimes on **U3**. Although only obvious on the map, this does mean that there will be no service provided on the current **U1** routeing via Kingston Lane on the east side of Brunel University. Route **U2** would reroute at Hillingdon Hospital via Cowley Station Road, Cowley High Street, Cowley High Road, West Drayton High Street, Station Approach and terminate at West Drayton Station. It would also serve Oak Farm Estate at all times, instead of just middays Mondays to Saturdays. Fixed stops will also be considered instead of the hail & ride section in the estate. Finally, route **E7** will be extended from Ruislip High Street and Eastcote Road to Bishop Ramsey School, adjacent to the Highgrove Leisure Centre. The route will no longer serve Ruislip Station directly, and it is also proposed that the Wood Lane, Ickenham Road section, served daily, but during off-peak times only, is withdrawn. The consultation erroneously says that it’s operated with double-deck buses, but it is operated with single-decks, indeed with a new order for GB Kite Electroliners vehicles as mentioned in TLB710.

A new consultation was issued on 24th November with a closing date of 21st January 2024 for route **394**. This is proposed to be extended from Angel, Tolpuddle Street via Barnsbury Road, Copenhagen Street to terminate at the existing redeveloped area at King’s Cross Canal Reach, in a one-way loop via York Road, to stand in Canal Reach and departing via Handyside Street. The route would be withdrawn from the current loop working via Pentonville Road and Penton Street and operate in both directions via Upper Street and Tolpuddle Street. The frequency Mon-Sat daytimes would be reduced from x12 to x15 mins, but increased Sundays from x20 to x15mins. The evening service presumably remains every x20mins though this isn’t mentioned.

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).

TLB705 p14: 419 fixed stops in Barnes.

TLB705 p14: Catford Town Centre proposals.

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 p17: SL5 (Bromley to Croydon).

TLB708 p17: 281 Tolworth rerouting.

TLB708 p17: 309 Poplar rerouting.

TLB709 p15: E1 extension to Osterley, new route 618.

TLB710 p14: R1, R2, R3, R6, and B14 routes in Orpington.

TLB711 p12: 178, 335 B16 in Kidbrooke.

TLB711 p13: 91/N91, 123, 232 in Harringey Heartlands.

## **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. Just a note to say that contracts are increasingly being awarded or renewed for various lengths; all contracts do have “break” clauses” and can be terminated by the operator or TfL at any time and for any reason, which remain commercially confidential of course!

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 or renewed for 2 years, CR3 = Contract awarded or renewed for 3 years, CR4 = Contract awarded or renewed for 4 years, CR6 = Contract awarded or renewed for 6 years, CR7 = Contract awarded or 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 2024: 77, 211 as part of the Central London review, new Superloop routes SL2, SL3.

24th Feb 24: CR7\* on 242/N242 (Arriva LN to S'ch East London), CR7 on 277/N277\* (S'ch East London), CR2 on 283 (London United)

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) (Both these are new routes), CR7 on 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 LS), 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), 689\* (Arriva LS)

27th Apr 24: CR6 on 110 (London United), 236 (S'ch Lea Interchange), 394 (S'ch East London), P4 (S'ch Selkent to G-A London Central), CR7\* on 206 (Metroline West).

11th May 24: CR3 on 481 (London United to Metroline Travel).

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

25th May 24: CR6 on 272, 440 (London United), E11 (Abellio), CR7 on E6\* (Metroline West to Abellio),

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

22nd Jun 24: CR3 on 260, 302 (Metroline Travel), R68 (Abellio), CR6 on 120 (Metroline Travel), CR7 on 143\* (Metroline Travel), R70\* (Abellio).

29th Jun 24: CR3 on 328 (Metroline Travel), CR7 on C1 (London United).

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

20th July 24: CR7 on 280\* (G-A London General), C11\*, W8\* (Metroline Travel).

17th Aug 24: CR7 on 243/=\* (Arriva LN), W7\* (Metroline Travel).

24th Aug 24: CR6 on 130 (Abellio), 410 (Arriva LS), CR7 on 50\*, 194\*, 250/N250\*, 255\* (Arriva LS), 320\* (G-A Metrobus).

31st Aug 24: CR7 on 289\*, 663\* (Arriva LS), 314\* (S'ch Selkent).

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

28th Sep 24: CR7 on 131\* (G-A London General).

5th Oct 24: CR3 on 201 (Abellio).

TBA in 2025: CR7 on 129\*, CR7 on SL4\* (G-A Blue Triangle)

## **DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS**

**Central:** From 13th November to 23rd December, owing to “Health and Safety works”, Victoria Bus Station and Terminus Place are closed. Through buses on routes **2/N2, 11/N11, 36, 211 and N44** are diverted via Grosvenor Gardens from the south then Lower Grosvenor Place, Bressenden Place to line of route. Terminating and starting buses pick-up/set-down at their last „normal stops“ and are then dispersed to stand in Vauxhall Bridge Road, with the taxi rank to Wilton Road. From 13th November to 15th April 2024, owing to water main replacement at Crowndale Road/Eversholt Street, Camden Town, route **1** is diverted northbound via Lidlington Place, Hampstead Road and southbound via Crowndale Road, Pancras Road, Midland Road, Euston Road and Upper Woburn Place. Route **N253** follows the northbound diversion of route 1 along with the normal route of N5 and N20. Southbound night routes **N5, N20 and N253** divert via Hampstead Road to Tottenham Court Road. Route **253** is curtailed at Mornington Crescent. Nearby and from 13th to 22nd November, owing to electrical works in Royal College Street, Camden, route **46** was diverted towards westbound via Crowndale Road, Camden High Street and Camden Road. From 14th November to 2nd December, owing to road works in York Way, King's Cross, route **390/=** was diverted southbound via Goods Way and Midland Road.

**South-East:** From 14th to 18th November, owing to water works in Station Road, Sidcup, routes **51, 229, 286 and 625** were diverted southbound via Hurst Road, Footscray Lane, Faraday Road and Hatherley Crescent. Owing to emergency water works at the eastern end of Yarnton Way, Abbey Wood from 15th November to 28th November, routes **180, 401 and 601** were diverted in both directions from Picardy Manorway via Eastern Way and Harrow Manorway. Publicity stated only eastbound buses are affected, though it was in both directions. Buses also do a double-run from Harrow Manorway to serve stops at the western end of Yarnton Way, turning at the Alsike Road roundabout. Also and nearby from 20th November to 4th December, owing to gas works on New Road, Abbey Wood, routes **301, 469 and B11** are diverted between Abbey Wood Station and Woolwich Road via McLeod Road, Basildon Road and Bostall Hill. This means route 469 meets itself at Basildon Road.

**South:** From 13th to 23rd November, owing to roadworks at Woodcote Valley Road/Foxley Lane, Purley, route **434** was diverted in both directions to operate direct via Purley Cross and Brighton Road. From 13th to 28th November owing to water works, Poplar Walk, West Croydon was closed. Routes **60, 64/=, 109/N109, 198, 250 and 289** were diverted southbound via St James Road, Hogarth Crescent and Wellesley Road. Further up the road at East Croydon, from 13th November to 8th December, Lansdowne Road and Dingwall Road were closed for roadworks so south and eastbound buses on routes **64/=, 194, 198, 367, 689, N68, N250 and SL7** were diverted via Wellesley Road and Station Road, with SL7 turning via the roundabout to line of route. From 19th November and still ongoing at our closing date, Farley Road, Selsdon was blocked owing to “concrete in the water mains” Routes **64/= and 433** were diverted at Selsdon via Coombe Road, St.Peter’s Road, Selsdon Road and Upper Selsdon Road.

**South-West:** From 6th November to 4th December, owing to sewer works in Lewis Road, Richmond, routes **33/N33, 65/N65, 110, 371, 969, H37, N22, R68 and R70** were diverted south and westbound direct via Red Lion Street. Richmond Bus Station was closed and routes **190, 337, 419 and 493** were revised to stand in Eton Street. From 17th to 30th November, owing to a water leak in Nelson Road, Whitton, routes **110, 281/= and 481** were diverted in both directions via Hounslow Road, Whitton Dene and Rugby Road (110, 281).

**West:** From 10th to 22nd November, owing to resurfacing of Cherry Lane, West Drayton in both directions, route **222/=** was diverted overnight via Harmondsworth Road, Holloway Lane. Also from 21st to 23rd November, also for overnight resurfacing of Park view Road, Route **U5** was diverted in both directions via Pield Heath Road, Harlington Road, West Drayton and Stockley Road.

**North-West:** From 10th November to 1st December, owing to water works Anson Road, Dudden Hill, route **226** diverted in both directions via Chichele Road, Walm Lane and Willesden High Road.

**North:** From 30th October to 17th November, owing to road works in Salisbury Road, Barnet, route **384** was diverted eastbound via Union Street and Stapylton Road. From 9th to 14th November, owing to a water leak in Lawrence Street, Highwood Hill, route **251** was diverted in both directions via Watford Way, Barnet Way and Marsh Lane.

## **COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments**

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

Monday 4th September:

201 (*NIBS*):New route: Basildon & Stanford-le-Hope via Fobbing

Sunday 29th October: 9, 100, 200 (*First Essex*) Timetable changes

Saturday 2nd December (ONLY) Ensignbus Vintage Bus Running Day. Once again four special routes:

X21 Upminster – Brentwood; X54 Lakeside- Purfleet and Hornchurch Heritage Centres;

X55 Upminster- Lakeside- Bluewater- Gravesend; X81 Shenfield- Lakeside- Grays- Tilbury Ferry.

### **HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE**

Sunday 19th November (Watford and Hemel area)

In TLB711. Delete mention of route 320 – it doesn't run anymore, withdrawn in July 2013!

2,3,4 (*Arriva KT*) (Hemel Hempstead town services. Revised timetables with some frequency reductions. The evening service on 3 and 4 between Town Centre and Warners End withdrawn.

A, Z, 12, 27, 28/28B, 31, 32 (*Arriva tS*) (Luton locals) Revised timetables. The Z is withdrawn via The Farmstead in Houghton Regis but partly covered by a rerouting of the 28/28B.

F70/F77 (*Arriva tS*) (Luton & Milton Keynes) Revised timetable. Additional M- F peak and evening services while the Sunday service is doubled to hourly.

320 (*Arriva KT*) Number re-used for a Schoolday only service on the line of the old 320: Hemel Hempstead, Riverside via Adeyfield, Leverstock Green, Woodside, Garston, Watford Junction and Town, General Hospital, Rickmansworth to Maple Cross.

321 (*Arriva KT*) (Luton & Berry Lane/ Maple Cross, Daily) Withdrawn between Watford and Maple Cross/ Berry Lane, but altered west of Town Centre to terminate at General Hospital. Reduced from x20 to x30min on Mon-Sat.

322 (*Arriva KT*) New Daily service: Hemel Hempstead, Marlowes via Apsley, Kings Langley, Hunton Bridge, Watford Junction and Town, General Hospital, Rickmansworth to Berry Lane or Maple Cross (alternately).

328 (*Arriva KT*) New Mon-Sat service: Abbots Langley, Hazlewood Lane, The Fairway via Leavesden (Hercules Way), Leggatts Way, Watford Junction and Town, Bushey Station, South Oxhey (Carpenders Park Station), Northwood to Mount Vernon Hospital. On Sundays it is just between Watford Junction and Mount Vernon Hospital.

721 (*Arriva KT*) New service, Mon-Fri limited-stop only: Luton, Interchange via Harpenden, St Albans, then via 321 to St Stephens, King Harry Lane, via 302 to Leverstock Green and via the A414 to Hemel Hempstead, Riverside. (Note that it doesn't serve directly Hemel Town Centre!

725 (*Arriva KT*) New limited stop service, Mon-Sat: Stevenage, Lister Hospital and Bus Station, Knebworth, Old Welwyn, Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, St Albans, Chiswell Green, Garston, Watford Junction, Watford Town Hall, Rickmansworth Road to Rickmansworth Station.

821 (*Arriva KT*) (:Luton & Townsend School) Delete entry in TLB711, start date is deferred.

10/20, 97, 301/302, 335/336, 385/385A and previous 821 as in TLB711.

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

Sunday 7th January 2024

New 323 (Arriva KT) Hertford & WG City, Haldens via Blakemore Manor Estate and QEII Hospital.  
402 (Centrebus) 400/403 withdrawn (covered by 323 and new WGC town route).  
333 (Central Connect) (Hertford town) renumbered H5/H6; H1/2/3/4 revised.  
351 (Central Connect) New numbers 35/35B/35C.  
500 (AtS) (Aylesbury & Watford) Renumbered X5 (See Bucks noted below).

Just brief details below, with timetable changes

Arriva KT- 66, 310, 324, 395, 401, 724. Arriva tS – 60A  
UNO- 341/641, 601, 602, 610, 612, 614/644, 635, 653.  
Centrebus -80. Central Connect- 333, 383/384, 386,

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

Monday 23rd October:

Oxford Tube increased frequency. Within Bucks, an hourly M-F (except late evenings) service in both directions diverts off the M40 to call at High Wycombe Coachway.

Sunday 26th November:

39/39A, 41, 103, 106, 107, 275, 581, 583 (*Carousel*) Minor timing changes M-S (106/107 only on Sat).

Sunday 7th January:

High Wycombe locals: (AtS)- 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13 revised timings (3, 4, 13 add'l evening journeys).  
5 and 6 introduced on Suns, each hourly. 6A now via Arnison Avenue and Bowerdean Road in both directions. 7A withdrawn. 10 increased on Suns from hourly to x30mins.  
150 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & M.Keynes via L.Buzzard) Renumbered X4, no change to timetable.  
250 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & Heath & Reach) Renumbered X40, no change to timetable.  
280 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & Oxford) Renumbered X7 with major timetable revision. X7 will be as the current 280 (x30mins with peak extras). X8 will be x30mins Mon-Sat from Thames Co-op to Oxford Rail Station but omitting the M40 Services and Wheatley, thus direct on A40. Additional evening journeys and the Sunday service increased from hourly to x30mins.  
300/X30 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & High Wycombe) The 300 renumbered X9 and X30 renumbered X90, all with revised timetables.  
500 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & Watford) Renumbered X5. The school-time journeys that divert in Tring via Station Road and Cow Lane diverted via the normal route on London Road.  
X60 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & M.Keynes via Buckingham) Renumbered X6, no change to timetable.

**SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX**

Monday 20th November:

609, 611 (*Metrobus*) Due to a change in height restrictions on Bluehouse Lane Oxted, revised to re-route into Oxted town centre via East Hill (A25) and Knatts Hill.

Monday 27th November:

231,233,280 (*Metrobus*) Rerouted to serve Dormansland (via Dormans Road and Plough Road).  
Also, due to the closure of Edenbridge Hospital, journeys to and from the Hospital grounds revised to operate in a loop via the by-pass and High Street.

**North and west KENT**

No changes to report this month.

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## PUBLICITY NEWS

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Brixton station, southernmost termini of the Victoria line continues to play a key role in the Art on the Underground programme. The latest installation, on display from November 2023 until November 2024, is Jern Perucchini's "**Rebirth of a Nation.**" The double sided slimline has an extract of the work on one side with the reverse having narrative about the artist and his portfolio. Previously unreported is a postcard showing "**Remain, Thriving**", an artwork displayed at the same location back in 2018.

Londoner Buses new T15 route is promoted in "**Ride a classic London Bus!**" a multifold slimline in the same style as that used for the now withdrawn Route A, most recently reviewed in TLB703. When opened it has a map of the core route in a solid red line, with a dashed red line showing the route of those journeys which start / finish at Waterloo. A blue dashed line shows a diversion route from Aldwych over Waterloo Bridge to Waterloo for times when Trafalgar Square is closed. Beneath the map are six key attractions to visit along the route, each with a brief history. The remainder of the leaflet provides details of times and fares.

An October 2023 edition of "**Sightseeing Tours Buy Tickets Here Today!**" from Big Bus is in the same format as the June 2023 edition reviewed in TLB709.

Sightseeing operators are increasingly tapping into the market for tours of the capital's Christmas light displays. City Sightseeing promote their offering on "**Christmas Lights Tour**" a double sided slimline valid from 16 November until 30 December. The front has a Santa hat clad crew in front of Scania 15029 accompanied by the ticket prices. The reverse has a route map along with departure details.

Tootbus also use the title "**Christmas Lights Tour**" for their offering which runs from 17 November until 2 January 2024. The double sided slimline features a cover picture of two women admiring lights from the top deck. The reverse promotes a kids version of the tour running from 2 December until 2 January and the „London Bar Bus“ which will tour the lights between 24 November and 30 December.

Several leaflets advertising training opportunities at TfL appeared at the Skills London exhibition staged at Excel on 24 and 25 November. Three hard hat wearing workers grinning up at the camera provide the illustration on "**At TfL, what we are working on, has real impact on people's lives, every day**" a single sided A5 sheet giving a generic overview of career opportunities in the organisation.

"**Apprenticeship Schemes 2024 Level 4, 5 and 6**" is an A5 sheet laid out in landscape format. At the top are three roundels with „Engineering“, „Business“ and „Technology“ across the bar. Beneath this is a table outlining the opportunities in each sector. The reverse outlines apprenticeship schemes at Level 2/3 for the same three sectors plus „LU Engineering“ and „LU Operational“

„Engineering“, „Business“ and „Technology“ are also the three sectors on "**Internships 2024**", although the titles are not in roundels. Opportunities are either for a year in industry or as summer internships. The reverse of the landscape A5 sheet outlines Graduate schemes for 2024.

Freely available at the exhibition, although appearing to be a „crib sheet“ for TfL staff working there is "**Ask them – What are they studying now?**" a double sided A4 sheet listing a range of opportunities as well as wages and some of the benefits successful applicants will receive.

Delivered in partnership with the Shaw Trust "**Steps into Work**" is a double sided A5 sheet providing information on a work experience programme at TfL for neurodivergent people. Applications open in January 2024 for a September 2024 start, with a QR code giving access to the application form.

The title "**Feel Inspired Go Further Create Change**", last seen in TLB664, is resurrected for a double sided landscape A5 sheet which outlines the „TfL Schools Skills Pathway“ which offers a range of activities for school and college students.

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

“**Sustainability TfL**” is virtually identical to „Sustainability is TfL” reviewed in TLB700, the addition of a website address and the title laid out in the shape of a roundel being the only differences on the double sided landscape A5 sheet.

A timetable, route map and fares information are provided in Go Coach’s “**Route 3**” valid from 30 October. The route has a double run into Polhill Garden Centre, so the windmill at the entrance is an appropriate illustration for the cover of the multifold slimline.

Minor timetable tweaks from 26 November are covered in four slimline publications from Carousel. “**41**” is a multifold providing a full timetable and route map for the route linking High Wycombe, Great Missenden and Amersham; Streetlite 407 featuring on the cover. The same bus also appears on the cover of “**275**”, another multifold which offers a timetable and route map. The latter is annotated with the different fare zones the route passes through. Former Go Ahead London Citaro MEC47 is pictured working route 102 on the cover of “**chiltern hundreds**”, a substantial thirty six page book. Like the previous edition reviewed in TLB709 it includes timetables for routes 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 577, 581 and 583 as well as a range of maps. Also presented as a book is “**High Wycombe local service guide**”, a sixteen page book which uses the same cover illustration as the „275” leaflet above. It has a network map showing all Carousel routes in the town plus timetables for 8 X8, 27, 28 28A, 38, 39 39A plus a summary of routes 101, 102, 103 and 104 along the London Road. The photographer’s favourite, Streetlite 407, also features in a suitably snowy scene on the cover of “**FESTIVE bus and coach times**”, a multifold slimline outlining service levels between Christmas Eve and 2 January 2024. This includes two timetables for „the airline” showing journeys between High Wycombe, Heathrow and Gatwick (timings to / from Oxford are not shown). One covers Christmas Day with the second showing journeys operating on Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. The latter two days also have a timetable for route 102. A summary table shows service level on each Carousel route across the Christmas period.

Since January 2023 two hundred and forty one publicity items have been reported in this column, a sixty three percent increase over 2022. Whilst this is a little over half of what was reported in 2019, the final full year before the pandemic, it is the second consecutive year that has seen an increase in items reported. Hopefully this bodes well for the future of printed material in the internet age. Thank you to the dedicated team of contributors (you know who you are!) who take time to report items for inclusion in the column, it is much appreciated. If you would like to join them, contact details are at the top of this and every column.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## 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. Please now see the end of this section for details of a new sub-editor Chris Jennings who will take over from TLB713.

### General news:

In TLB711 p19 general news - delete GS 44 from the list but add GS 84.

The Lord Mayor’s Show on 11th November featured six buses:

Go Ahead E15 in an advert for Army Cadets; Ensign TA78 in an advert for ATFX Group; Southdown Leyland PD3 410DCD; The Art Bus B1CCA (turns up every year); RM 371, RML 901.

The Chalk Farm Running Day on 5th November saw RT 1702, 1705, 1790, 1798, 2293, 4779; RTL 453, 554, 1076; RTW 75, 467; RM 298, 429, 545, 848, 1357, 1400, 1962, 2203; RML 903, 2579, 2660.

The Finchley Running Day on 19th November saw RT 1790, 1798, 4275; RTL 453; RM 5, 298, 1650, 1962, 2023, 2208, 2217; RML 898, 903. 2579, 2660; M 1014; Trident 18453; VLW 85; WDE 2799..

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

1015-20 are at QB for now. They are meant for route E5 (GW) but until GW gets its electric infrastructure in place, they are at QB to help out MetroCity EVs on route 322.

The 25\*\* buses into WL were in preparation for taking over route 363 from Go-Ahead. The 25\*\* and 26\*\* buses into QB are with route 196.

An odd working: On 24th October 3013 was on route 267, followed on 7th November by 3002.

24 x GB-Kite Electroliners (to be 1713-24) are for route E6 (DH) and 1725-36 for route R70 (TF).

The 56 x StreetDeck Electroliner EV buses on order are for the recent tender awards for 133, 306 and the retention of route 381. Fleet numbers to be 3048-103.

Recent reported repaints/ refurbishes include 2552, 2571, 2572, 2573; LT 156, 167.

New deliveries: 1012-24 = YJ73 BWA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/K/L/M/N/O. Switch MetroCity-EV 8.7m B20F. 1701/2/3 (LV73 FGU/X/Z) Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner 10.9m B\*\*F

### Transfers

(May 2022): LT 171 QB/QBu. (October 2022): 8204/05 BC/QB. (December 2022); LT 700 WL/WLu.

(July 2023): LT 629 GW/QB. (October 2023): 8211 QB/BC. LT 636 QB/WL.

(November 2023): 1015/16/17/18/19/20 --/QB. 1701/2/3 --/GWu/QBu. 2420 GW/WL. 2421 BC/WL. 2569/70/71/72/72/75/76 QB/WL. 2572/74 BC/WL. 2577/78 WL/QB. 2579 TF/BC. 2603-18 WL/QB. 8206 QB/GW. LT 631 QB/TF. LT 991 TF/GW/TF.

### Livery changes:

LT26 from advert for Battersea C&D to one for Uniqlo HeatTech

LT163 to advert for Cos

LT165 to advert for Peroni

LT166 from advert for Cos to one for Remy Martin

LT170 from advert for Gucci Cosmos to one for Gant

LT617 from advert for Fury v Ngannou to one for Mentos

LT693 to advert for JD Forever Forward

LT706 to advert for Gant

LT768 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for Sonic Superstars "Dr Eggman"

LT775 to advert for TK Maxx

Subsequent disposal: 9493 from Green Bus to Yorks Travel, Rothwell.

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

**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 repaint/ refurb notes include HV 215, 221, 232, 265, 383, 385; LT 217, 317, 326, 497, 499, 500, 515, 568, 585, 590.

ES 42 was the first of its type to appear on route 333 but plenty more soon followed. On 11th November the first ES on route 50 was ES 48, although again more soon appeared, whilst ES 44 on 14th was a first of type on route 319. On 10th November HV 397 was a rare visitor to route 157, on the last few days on Arriva's tenure.

New deliveries (October):

Ref TLB711, ES 38-50 are of course H40(not 30)/20D.

Just to record that ES 17-37 (LV23 EYF/G/H/J/K/L/M/O/P/R/T/U/W/X/Y/Z, EZA/C/D/E/F) Wrightbus Electroliner 10.5m H30/20D, from about August 2023.

EMN 1-4 (YJ73 BVB/C/D/E) Switch MetroCityEV are 9.5m (not 8.7m as previously advised).

Transfers::

(May 2023): Correcting TLB711: The entry EMC TC/TCu is EMC 13.

(September): T 7 DT/DTu. T 42 TH/THu.

(October): In TLB711 transfers, ES 20 should read ES 30. ENS 18, 25 were TH/Nu. ENS 19 TH/Nu. SLS 19 N/TH. T 299 N/TH.

(November): DW 503 WN/EC. ES 22, 34 --/BN. HA 20 TH/AE. LT 227 EC/E. LT 593 AR/ARu. T 295 BN/N. EMN 1-4 --/E. ENS 17, 22, 23, 24, 26 TH/Nu. SLS 1, 2, 6, 18 N/TH.

Livery changes

EA6 to advert for Bruichladdich

HV103 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

HV178 to advert for £5.25 all day

LT197 from advert for Asahi to one for Cos

LT199 to advert for TK Maxx

LT529 to advert for Peroni

LT539 from advert for Nakd Bars to one for Apple TV+ Monsters

LT542 to advert for JD Forever Forward

LT584 to advert for Gant

LT733 to advert for Comfort

LT737 from advert for Fury v Ngannou to one for JD Forever Forward

LT738 to advert for Hunger Games

LT739 to advert for Apple TV+ Monsters

LT740 from advert for Cos to one for Sonic Superstars "Tails"LT741 to advert for Uniqlo HeatTech

LT834 to advert for Gant

LT963 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for Uniqlo HeatTech

LT964 to advert for Mentos

LT965 to advert for EE Mobile

LT974 to advert for Apple TV+ Monsters

Disposals:

T 54 left the fleet (August 2022).

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### **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) Southend (SEt).**

None this month.

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

Acquired: 3760 (CX58 EUY), 3763 (CX58 EVD) VDL SB200– Wrightbus Pulsar 11.9m B44F, from Go Ahead North West.(NW 2679, 2683. Of this batch 3757/59/60 have old Sapphire livery and 3763 has a newer version.

Into this area, from Southend to HH.

3777 (KX09 KDN) VDL SB200 – Wrightbus Pulsar 2 11.9m B44F.

Into this area, from Gillingham to HH.

4060/4061 (GN59 FVB/FVC) AD E20D – AD Enviro 200 B38F.

Transfers: 3760, 3763, 3777, 4060, 4061 --/HH.

Odd workings on 21 November was E400 6525 on school bus 320, plus on 22 November was E400 6525 on Hemel 2 and 6527 on route 322

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

Transfers: 3621 AY/AYw. 3920 AY/WB.

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

Acquired (November). Formerly Metroline TE 1073, via Howards (dealer), Cheshire.

TE 1073 LK10 BSV AD Trident – AD Enviro400 10.1m H41/24D – 2010.

Acquired (November), via Chartwell Bus Sales (dealer), originally First London DML44279:

DE 279 YX61 FYB AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D - 2012

### **CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey**

Correction to TLB711: YK (mot YX) 73 FFN

### **FALCON COACHES, Byfleet**

To re-cap on route branding: Route 436- YX18 KNN, YX21 RPO, YX71 OGZ, YX71 OJH.

Route 461- YX68 YX68 UJP/UJR, ULP/ULR, YX70 OKW, YX71 OJN.

Route 479- SK21 FHX, YX72 OJZ, YX23 ORV. De-branded on 479 is YX19 ONO.

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

Disposals:

44566 to GoAhead North West (November),

Volvo 7900H 69925 tsold to -- ? --. (June 2023).

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

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

More re-regs and also fleet numbers are now in use, current fleet below.

101 - LX53 JZJ. Correcting TLB709 - this bus is still in the fleet and hasn't departed the fleet.

102 - B21 USS (ex LX04 FYP).

103 - BU04 TOP (ex LX04 FZA).

104 - BU51 TOP (ex LJ04 YWZ).

105 - MT55 BUS (ex LX06 DZW).

106 - MT06 BUS (ex LX06 EAO)

107 - MT07 BUS (ex YX58 FPG).

108 - YX58 FPE (ex YX58 FPE).

109 - BU53 TOP (ex LK59 DZJ)

110 - BU02 TOP Reg was on LJ53 BDX (TLB708 p29) but re-used on LK59 DZE.

111- B22 KOP (ex ?)

112 - MT51 BUS (ex LK59 DZP)

113 - MT51 MMG (ex LK59 DZN)

114 - MT04 BUS (ex LK59 DZA)

115 - MT56 BUS (ex LK59 DZD).

116 - MT09 BUS (ex LK59 DZO)

### **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.

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

Recent refurb/ repaints noted are LT 281, 395, 396, 398, 402, 404, 405, 406, 408. 410, 411, 412, 414, 418, 426, 502.

Ref TLB711, WVL 337 does indeed have Superloop SL7 branding, as now does WVL 454.

The WSD moves to SW were with the transfer in of route 44 on 25th November. The move of WVL 423-433 are for the 157 at Merton.

New deliveries (November): Ref.TLB711, SEe 260-271 are 10.2m (not 10.9m).

Transfers (September): EH 135 RR/SW. (October): EH 131, 134 RR/SW.

(November): Ee 180, 181, 185, 186 --/AL.

Ee 201, 206, 218, 219, 221, 228, 232, 233, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241 --/Q.

EH 15 C/NX. EH 62 PM/Q. EH 113 NX/SW. LT 876 SW/RR.

MHV 8, 9, 10 Q/RR. MHV 24 AF/PM. MHV 63, 64 Q/BX.

WSD 1-12, 14-20, 22, 23 AL/SW. WVL 423-433 SI/AL.

SE 232 RR/C. /SE 233 RR/MB. SE 287 DS/AF.

SEe 4 RAu/NP. SEe 19, 20 RAu/Q. SEe 21, 22 RAu/NX. WS 34 Cu/C.

### Livery changes

Ee200 from advert for Poppy Appeal back to Red

LT189 from advert for Starfield to one for Gucci Cosmos

LT430 to advert for JD Forever Forward

LT446 to advert for Apple TV+ Monsters

LT508 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for Comfort

LT845 to advert for Peroni

LT847 from advert for Expo 2030 v2 to one for Remy Martin

LT849 to advert for TK Maxx

LT857 from advert for Elf Cosmetics to one for Sonic Superstars "Amy"

LT865 from advert for Expo 2030 v2 to one for Cos

WHV82 from advert for £1.75 Hopper to one for £5.25 all day

WHV196 to advert for Peroni

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**GO AHEAD LONDON, Continued.**

Disposals:

WHV 5 left the fleet (May 2022).

Correction to TLB710, E 171 was not sold, and remained in use at RR.

**LONDONER BUSES (MANCHESTER BUS TOURS) and  
TOP VIEW SIGHTSEEING, LONDON (Wandsworth)**

RML 2344 entered service on route T15 on 10th November and RM 1650 on 18th November.

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

Volvo B7RLE 6001 has been at EYMS, Hull – but only for repainting. It has emerged duly painted and converted as a trainer. It has been renumbered 7004. Sister bus 6002 is at Hull.

6059/60/67/70 are stored at Cophorne, 6065 stored at Crawley.

Disposal: 6005 to Brighton & Hove (No.1530).

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

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

(within the Comfort DelGro of Singapore).

Recent repaint/ refurb include LT 8. 99, 645, 653, 657; VWH 2051, 2128, 2138, 2198, 2208, 2210.

Since late October, route A10 has increasingly become double-deck, usually with TEs but also the odd VWH. This has been at the expense of route U1 which reverted to mostly single-deck.

Due to inspection work on the OMEs at Potters Bar, several stored WDEs were brought into service to cover the shortfall. The WDEs began on route 317 on 23rd November.

On 27th November, OME 46012 started a new trend by working a rounder on route 295. This mushroomed over the next two days with multiple appearances of OMEs on this route.

RML 903 ran extra journeys on route 263 on 19th November as part of the „Finchley Running Day“ while WDE 2799 ran extras on route 221.

New vehicles:

In TLB711, WDE 2857 has reg. LV23 EYD.

We now have slightly corrected details of the BZLs.

VMS Volvo BZL – MCV 10.3m B25D, ULW 12425kg.

VMSS Volvo BZL – MCV 9.7m B23D, ULW 11745kg.

VMSL Volvo BZL - MCV 10.8m B29D, ULW 12725,kg.

More deliveries in November (all to PAu) are:

VMS 2830 (LF73 DWN).

VMSS 2835 (LF73 DWY), 2840 (LF73 DXD),

VMSL 2845/46 (LF73 DXJ/K), 2}, 2848 (LF73 DXM), 2850 (LF73 DXP), 2854 (LF73 DXU).

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(March 2023): TEH 1113 W/Wu.

(October): VMH 2435/36 PAu/HT. VMH 2452 EW/PV. VMH 2536 PB/WJ/PB. DEL 2155 UX/WJ.

(November): TE 1424 UXu/UX. TE 1430 PB/UX.

VW 1265, 1365, 1820 PV/PB. VW 1827 G/AH. VWH 2186 UX/HD.

VMH 2482 HT/PV. WDE 2859/62/63/65/67/69 PAu/PB. VMSS 2834 PAu/PBt.

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**METROLINE, Continued**

Livery changes:

LT13 to advert for Sonic Superstars "Knuckles"  
LT548 from advert for Nakd Bar to one for Comfort  
LT641 to advert for Cos  
LT644 from advert for Asahi to one for Gant  
LT659 to advert for TK Maxx  
LT765 from advert for Gucci Cosmos to one for Ginori 1735  
LT807 from advert for Fury v Ngannou back to Red  
VWH2403 from advert for Fury v Ngannou back to Red  
VWH2430 from advert for Poppy Appeal to one for £5.25 All Day

Disposals:

TE 991/2, 1073, 1095/6 Howards (dealer), Higher Walton, Cheshire (October)  
TE 1073 went on to Cardinal Buses, New Haw – probably direct from ML? (November).  
TE 1574/5/6 to Warrington's Own Buses (September), numbered 325-327, and in November they were under conversion to single door by ADL.

**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.

BCE 47114/116 have gained superloop branding.

Transfers

(May 2023): VH 45069 X/Xu.  
(September): DE 20157/63/67/69 BTu/NCu.  
(October): VH 45190 V/TV/V. VH 45299/300/302 BT/AV.  
(November): DE 20150 BT/X. DE 20178 X/FW. DLE 30238/240/241/42/43/47/49 WK/FW.  
DLE 30260/61/62 AV/WK. DLE 30272 RP/|BT. BE 37066/69/70/72/73/74/76 FW/WK.  
BE 37075/78/80 FW/WK. BE 37081 FW/S. BE 37089/092 Xu/WK.  
ADH 45019 V/RP, ADH 45026 X/RP. LT 121 V/S. .LT 678 V/S/V.  
VH 45199 RP/BT. BCE 47087-092 X/SO. BCE 47157/58 X/SO.

Livery changes:

BCE47017 to advert for Women In Bus & Coach  
BCE47019 from advert for Chiquita Bananas to one for Bruichladdich  
LT85 from advert for Nakd Bars to one for Comfort  
LT677 from advert for Fires of Rubicon to one for Uniqlo HeatTech  
OME46031 from advert for Zero Emissions to one for Bruichladdich

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### **REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury and RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury**

Correction to TLB711, I entered this change the wrong way round: Solo MX58 KYR went from Red Rose to Redline.

Correction to TLB711: Regs for SF66 SRV/W should be SF66 ARV/W.

Into stock at Redline from Red Rose: YN07 EYK – Scania N270UD – East Lancs H51/35F - 2007

Another Solo MX58 KYT went from Red Rose to Redline.

New at Redline: BV73 MTE, MTF, MTJ, MTK Volvo B8 RLE – MCV EvoRa B38F.

From Redline to ??-- E20Ds SW16 BUS and WH66 BUS.

From Red Rose (ex Redline) to --??-- -- E20Ds GW16 BUS, JW16 BUS, SF66 ARW.  
(GW16 BUS is reported at Central Connect).

### **REPTONS, Bookham, Surrey**

Into stock: SL73 REP – AD E20D- AD Enviro200MMC 10.9m B\*\*F.

### **SAFEGUARD, Guildford**

Disposal: Versa MX58 ABF to Sargeants, Herefordshire (Noember).

**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 247, 248, 252, 265, 267; 13122, 37732..

Correction to TLB711: MetroCity-EV – just 3 (not 4) are for route 379 (45009-11).

Electroliners made a slow start to convert route 199, starting from 11th November.

Route 215 now sees plenty of LTs and seems to have been converted to the type.

### New deliveries

(October): 82001-5 (LV73 FDX/Y/Z, FEF/G). 82009-11 (LV73 FEM/O/P)

(November): 82015-037 LV73 FFA /B/C/D/E/G/H/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/W/X/Y/Z, FGA,  
Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D.

### Transfers

(March 2023): LT 241 BW/BWu. (October 2023): 37554/57 LI/HK.

(November) 15045 WH/WHw. 18921 LIu/LI. 37556 LIu/HK. 37560 LI/HK.

45001-008 --/AWu. 82001/02/04/05/07/09/10/11/14/15 TLu/TL. 82006/08 TLt/TL.

82020/21 LIu/NSt.

(December): 19765/67 BK/HK. 19785/94/95/96 T/HK. 19842/44/45 TL/HK.

### Livery changes

12538 from advert for Poppy Appeal back to Red

LT265 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for Sonic Superstars "Sonic"

LT271 to advert for Peroni

LT358 from advert for Battersea C&D to one for Uniqlo Heat Tech

LT362 from advert for Starfield to one for Remy Martin

LT363 to advert for JD Forever Forward

LT364 to advert for Peroni

LT369 to advert for Comfort

LT374 to advert for Apple TV+ Monsters

LT381 from advert for Fury v Ngannou to one for Cos

LT384 to advert for Mentos

**STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury**

Disposal: MA07 BUS to Derbyshire Community Transport.

**SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms**

In TLB711 the list of Scania – the second mention of 50 should read 60.

**WESTBUS** (within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

Correction to TLB711: The disposal should read 188 (LK07 BAU) ex Metroline SEL 745.

Acquired (November) from Evo Bus and Coach in Ireland:

198 (192-G-1178) (UK reg to come) Scania Ayats Eclipse double-decker of 2019.

199 (221-G-2376 (now LJ22 FGX) Volvo 9900 57-seater of 2022.

200 (not reg in Ireland, now LJ73 CKE Volvo 9900 57-seater of 2023.

From TLB713 a new face will appear in TLB.

This will be the Current Vehicle News section which will be edited by Chris Jennings – who completed the 2023 Fleetbook. Chris's address is: 30 Kingcup Avenue, Green Lane, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP2 4GF. E-mail Chris at Chris (then

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

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

#### **Routemasters:**

RM 1280 (280 CLT) has been sold from The Expeditional (August); does anyone know the details of the new owner for this RM ?

RM 1650 (650 DYE) further to TLB710, this RM has now been loaned from London Bus 4 Hire to Londoner Buses and entered service on route T15 on 18th November. It retains its silver livery, SRM 3 fleet number, and has had the livery modified with white festive images and advertises as a Christmas bus

RML 2344 (CUV 344C) further to TLB708, this RML has been further loaned to Londoner Buses from November and entered service on the T15 on 10th November.

RML 2454 (JJD 454D) was used during early November in a new all over wrap promoting Thailand in connection with the World Travel Market 2023 show which was held at Excel.

RML 2488 (JJD 488D) further to TLB704, this RML was advertised for sale in October and it was noted that it had moved back to the Liquid Leisure Aqua Park at Datchet; it was then reported that it had been sold in November but no details are known.

RML 2697 (SMK 697F) was noted at the end of November in an all-over red livery promoting Hamleys; it remains still owned by The Expeditional.

RML 2729 (SMK 729F) from Premium Tours to London Bus Company, Northfleet, Kent (by November). This was the last Routemaster owned by Premium Tours.

RML 2737 (SMK 737F) has been repainted into black livery for Ghost Bus Tours and should have entered service by the time this TLB is received.

#### **Olympians:**

NV 28 (N528 LHG) (ex GAL) from First South West / First Kernow to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex (November). It had latterly been used as a tree lopper and is in a grey livery.

NV 69 (R269 LGH) (ex GAL) the report in TLB703 has turned out to be incorrect and it remains with unknown owner, Evesham, Worcs.

NV 129 (P929 RYO) (ex GAL) further to TLB703, this NV is now with unknown owner, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex (by October).

VA 144 (R144 EVX, ex YIL 9116) (ex SLN) was sold by SD Travel (July).

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

DLA 13, 14 (S213, 214 JUA) (ex ALN) from Confidence Buses to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (August) for scrap.

DLA 373 (SHZ 8496, ex LJ03 MVE) (ex ALN) regained its original registration and passed from Tyrer to Brixham College, Brixham, Devon (all in October).

DW 105 (LJ05 BJY) (ex ALN) updating TLB711, it remains owned by Abbey Coaches and was loaned to A&A Coach Travel.

VLW 25 (LJ51 DHC) (ex ALN) from Arriva Kent & Sussex to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (officially in August, but not collected until September).

VLW 34 (LJ51 DHP) (ex ALN) from Arriva North East to Alpha Recovery, Cramlington, Northumberland (September).

VLW 85 (LF52 UPV) (ex ALN) further to TLB709, this VLW has not been scrapped and passed to BBPG custodianship. It was noted at the recent Finchley running day.

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VLW 93 (LF52 UPG) (ex ALN) further to TLB709, this VLW was confirmed as passing to DM Motor Services, Tockwith, North Yorkshire, and then was loaned to Yorkshire Buses, Leeds, West Yorkshire (from April).

VLW 196 (LJ53 BEY) (ex ALN) from Tyne Travel to Allanhill Farming, St. Andrews, Fife (May).

VLV 601 (LX05 GDV) (ex ALN) from Nu-Venture to Seven Sisters Bus & Coach, Ringmer, East Sussex (October).

DN 33511, 33512, 33513 (LK08 FMP, FMU, FMV) (ex FLN) from Metroline to Warrington's Own Buses (September), numbered 325-327, and in November they were under conversion to single door by ADL. These were previously TE 1574, 1575, 1576 (ex ML).

DN 33756, 33758, 33761, 33762, 33764, 33766, 33768, 33769, 33774, 33775 (SN12 EHD, EHF, EHJ, EHK, EHR, EHT, EHV, EHW, EGY, EGZ) (ex FLN) updating previous TLBs, these are now numbered 402, 408, 409, 410, 407, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406 respectively with Top View Sightseeing. All are in service, except DN 33756 and DN 33764, and all are now part open top. These were previously numbered TE 1981, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1999 and 2000 with ML.

TNA 931 (W931 ULL) (ex FLN) was last recorded with Lloyd in 2017 and has now been recorded as passing to Chepstow Classic Buses, Chepstow, Glos. (December 2021) and is in an all over light blue livery.

VN 37870 (BV10 WVT), 37879, 37880, 37881 (BF10 LSV, LSX, LSY) (ex FLN) – the entry in TLB711 should have read – from North West Bus Sales to Vision Bus, Blackrod, Lancs. (October); prior to arrival, these have been converted to single door (H41/26F) and repainted to fleet livery.

VNL 32252 (SFZ 677, ex LT52 WVP) (ex FLN) from Seaford & District to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (July) for scrap.

VNW 32372 (KGZ 6147, ex LK04 HZB) (ex FLN) updating TLB711, it passed from Ellie Rose to Nu-Venture via Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs.

VNW 32409 (LK04 HXV) (ex FLN) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (November).

AVL 7 (V107 LGC) (ex GAL) from Lane's Coaches to Masons Coach Hire, Long Marston, Herts. (June).

DOE 4, 10, 18 (LX58 CWR, CWZ, CXH) (ex GAL) had passed within Go North East to East Yorkshire (by November).

E 18 (LX06 EZN) (ex GAL) had been withdrawn by November by Go South West after a low bridge accident in September.

E 54 (LX56 EUB) (ex GAL) has been reported as sold from Go South West (by November), but no further details are known.

PVL 42 (T600 TMG, ex W442 WGH) (ex GAL) regained its original registration in March 2019 and was sold from Travelmaster to Finch, Higher Ince, Lancs. (February 2020). It then passed to Used Coach Sales, Warrington, Cheshire (July) and passed to an unknown school, Walsall, West Mids(July).

PVL 408 (LX54 GYY) (ex GAL) further to TLB708, it was returned to DM Motors Services in June.

PVL 410 (LX54 GZB) (ex GAL) was sold from A&A Coach Travel (by December) and then passed to Hunter Coaches, Leeds, West Yorkshire (May).

PVL 415 (LX54 GZU) (ex GAL) further to TLB707, it now confirmed that this was loaned to Kilvington's of Leeds, and then loaned to Yorkshire Buses, Leeds, West Yorkshire in March, before being returned to DM Motor Services in April. It was again loaned to Yorkshire Buses in October.

WVL 128 (LX53 AZZ) (ex GAL) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (November).

WVL 150 (LX53 BJO) (ex GAL) has been sold from Tomorrow's Travel to Bus & Coach Centre, Forest Hill, Oxon (July) and has subsequently been noted for sale in France.

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WVL 272 (LX06 ECF) (ex GAL) from Nu-Venture to Five Acre Wood School, Maidstone, Kent (November) for use as a children's soft play area.

975 (YR10 BCF, ex J900 JBT) (ex GAL) from Selwyns to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Masons Coach Hire, Long Marston, Herts. (September). This vehicle was last recorded with J & B Travel and the date that it passed to Selwyns is not known.

SLE 5 (BU54 SOS, ex TFA 13, ex YN54 OAG) (ex LU) regained its original registration in January and passed from Going My Way to Drew Wilson (dlr), Carlisle, South Lanarkshire (February) and then to Bruce, Meikle, Perth & Kinross (March).

SP 52, 53, 54 (YT09 BNK, BNL, BNN) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Travel Mayflower / Coach Event Services, Eastleigh, Hants. (September) and have been noted in a black and blue livery with SP 53 seen in use on the Southampton to Fareham service. We understand that four SPs have been acquired and are being repainted by Southampton based Qualiti Conversions.

SP 56, 60, 65 (YT09 ZCA, ZCK, BJV), 76, 83, 84, 85, 95, 98, 102, 105, 107, 108 (YT59 RYA, RYJ, RYK, RYM, SFZ, SGV, SHJ, DXY, DYX, DYY), 109, 117, 119, 125 (YR59 FYO, FYY, FZA, FZG), 126, 127, 132 (YT59 PBF, PBO, PCF) (ex LU) updating TLB706, these have now received yellow Bee Network livery with Go North West and have fleet numbers 3615, 3601, 3614, 3608, 3609, 3620, 3610, 3611, 3612, 3614, 3602, 3616, 3617, 3603, 3618, 3604, 3605, 3606, 3619, 3607 respectively.

SP 40063, 40066, (YT09 ZCO, YT09 BJX), 40069, 40080 (YT59 RXS, RYF), 40118, 40121, 40124 (YR59 FYZ, FZC, FZF), 40129 (YT59 PBX), 40169, 40170, 40171, 40172, 40173, 40174, 40175 (YT10 UWG, UWH, XBU, XBV, XBW, XBX, XBY) (ex LU) updating previous TLBs, these are now numbered 411, 412, 413, 424, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 421, 422, 423, 425, 419, 420 respectively with Top View Sightseeing. All are in service, except SP 40124, 40172 and 40175, and all are now part open top.

SP 166 (YT10 UWB) (ex LU) from Ripley to Hunter Coaches, Leeds, West Yorkshire (July).

TA 209 (SN51 SYH) (ex LU) was sold for scrap by Tendring Travel (May 2022).

TA 279 (T3 WSX, ex LG02 FDV) (ex LU) from Xelabus to Collier (dlr), Earith, Cambs. (July), and then to Cambridge Bus & Coach, Fen Drayton, Cambs. (September).

TLA 32 (Y8 EDW, ex SN53 KJV) (ex LU) updating TLB695, this TLA regained its original registration in March 2022 and passed from JAB93 (dlr) to unknown owner, Llanfihangel-ar-Arth, Carmarthenshire (May 2022) where it is being used as a summer house. It was collected from Llantrisant and only passed to Bridgend „on paper“.

VA 301, 302, 308, 309 (SK52 URX, URY, USG, USH) (ex LU) had all gone from the Bath Bus fleet (November 2022).

TA 100 (T218 CLO), ex J12 XEL) (ex ML) was sold from The Maybush Wedding Company (October 2020).

TE 672 (LK55 KKD) (ex ML) from Redline Buses to Red Rose, Dinton, Bucks. (by February).

TE 1073 (LK10 BZV) (ex ML) from Howards Travel (dlr) to Cardinal Buses, New Haw, Surrey (October).

TE 1574, 1575, 1576 (LK08 FMP, FMU, FMV) (ex ML) – see the corresponding entries for DN 33511, 33512, 33513 (ex FLN) above.

TP 304 (LT02 ZZJ), 391 (LR52 KXK) (ex ML) from Sweyne to Ridley's, Leamington Spa, Warks. (September).

VP 342 (LR52 BOF) (ex ML) further to TLB707, this VP is still with Eurocoaches and was not sold.

VP 346 (LR52 BOV) (ex ML) from A&A Coach Travel to DM Motor Services, Tockwith, North Yorkshire (December 2022). It was noted with Yorkshires Buses in March and was presumably on loan.

VPL 601 (LK04 NNL) (ex ML) from Mr J Boddice to Bus Link, Stanton, Derbys. (August).

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TA 17795 (LX03 BWJ) (ex SLN) further to TLB711, it is now confirmed with Warwickshire Travel, Princethorpe, Warwickshire (August). It was then re-registered to D10 WTC in October.

TA 18480 (LX55 ESO) (ex SLN) from Nu Venture to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (October).

TA 18494 (LX06 AGZ) (ex SLN) from Nu Venture to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (November).

15033, 15037 (LX58 CGO, CGU) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South East to Stagecoach London (August), but then returned to Stagecoach South East (October).

#### **Low-floor single deck types:**

DML 44063 (YX58 FOM) (ex FLN) from Dawson Group to BM Coaches, Hayes, Middlesex (June).

DML 44149 (YX10 BFL) (ex FLN) from Panther Travel to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Turners Coaches, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk (September).

DML 44026 (YX58 DVY) (ex FLN) further to TLB710, this DML is confirmed as passing to Ripley, DMV 44273, 44274, 44276, 44277, 44278 (YX61 FZR, FZS, FZU, FZV, FZW) (ex FLN) updating TLB706 and 709, these have now received yellow Bee Network livery with Go North West and have fleet numbers 4025, 4026, 4027, 4028, 4029.

SE 94 (SN11 FFZ), 120 (YX61 BWU), 175 (SN12 AUM) (ex GAL) have now received yellow Bee Network livery with Go North West and have fleet numbers 4023, 4024, 4030.

SE 225, 228, 230, 231 (YY64 TXK, TXN, TXP, TXR) (ex GAL) have been numbered 230, 233, 235, 236. SE 225 has been noted with Hedingham and SE228, 230 with Konectbus.

SE 226, 227, 229 (YY64 TXL, TXM, TXO) (ex GAL) from Go South West to Go East Anglia (by October) and have been numbered 231, 232, 234. SE226, 227 are with Konectbus.

SOE 7 (LX09 AYM) (ex GAL) is reported as on loan from Ensign Bus to Nu-Venture, Aylesford, Kent from October, but it has not been confirmed or reported in use.

DPS 723 (SN55 DVR) (ex LU) from Herberts Travel to David Goodfellow Travel, Thorne, South Yorkshire (August).

DES 800, 801 (LK07 BEY, ELJ) (ex ML) from Vision Bus to Townlynx, Holywell, Clywd (October).

DM 966 (LK58 CRZ) (ex ML) from Hulley's to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by June) for scrap.

#### **SERVICE VEHICLES**

I am sorry but I have to defer this section. Everything has to be in sets of four pages and I didn't have two and a half pages worth of stuff to fill that requirement.

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This TLB closed on 29Nov to 02December and due for posting on 12 December.. Closing date for TLB713 is Weds 03 January and due for posting on posting on Tues 16 January. Contributions to Editors by post or e-mail to [davestewart297 @ gmail.com](mailto:davestewart297@gmail.com) or to heads of sections for contact points. Later closing dates are Weds 03Jan, 07Feb, 05March 2024.



On 19th September two east London routes exchanged operators. The 276 passed from Go-Ahead to Stagecoach, shown by Enviro200 SE 109 in Hackney Wick before the change. *(Terry Wong Min)*

In the same exercise route D3 passed the other way from Stagecoach to Go-Ahead. Also seen before the change is Enviro200 36351 in Bethnal Green. *(Richard Godfrey)*



**Rear cover:** Hampstead Heath on the 'Chalk Farm Running Day' on 5th November where two of the participants, Titan T567 and London's original 'Country' Fleetline XF 1, met on route 24. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
to all our members and readers



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