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Transport UK took over the operation of route 465 on 29th June. E200MMC 8177 heads for TfL's most southerly served point, as it negotiates the roundabout above the M25 in Leatherhead. *(Terry O'Neill)*

Route W5 gained its batch of Switch Mobility EVs in mid July as part of a TfL contract renewal. Stagecoach East London 45011 negotiates a very busy Crouch End Broadway, by Topsfield Parade. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Front cover: Carousel Buses duly took over the routes that ran from the Arriva depots in Aylesbury and High Wycombe on 28th July. They are using 'Wycombe Bus Company' branding. Among the many vehicles acquired, there are 9 E200MMCs from First Glasgow, such as 80481 on route 32 in Easton Street, High Wycombe. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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Editorial

Back to the normal cover this month - although a few people did suggest that last month's "old" cover design could in fact become the "new" one. There's a lot of news to report, with the changes in Aylesbury and High Wycombe at the end of July closely followed by the sudden withdrawal of Sullivans from TfL work in early August. So, I won't keep you long, just to mention that we have made a change to the layout of vehicle news, with the "big 6" TfL operators now being shown together first, with "everyone else" afterwards. Oh, and we are now showing the dates of changes to all-over adverts.

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 30th September and 18th November. The September meeting will feature "London Country under deregulation - 1986 to 1990" by Jeff Tucker.

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

Sun 25th August: Routemaster 70th anniversary display at North Weald Station.

Mon 26th August: Rally of British buses and vintage bus rides at Brands Hatch, Kent.

Sat 31st August: NLETE Enfield Transport Bazaar at St. Stephens Church Hall, Village Road, Enfield EN1 2EU. 11:00-14:30, up to 30 stalls. £3 entry.

Sun 1st September: Epping and Ongar Railway - Autumn Bus Event.

Sun 1st September: South of England bus festival at Hayward's Heath showground, East Sussex

Sat 14th September: Running day on routes 61 and 261 (Lewisham - Bromley - Chislehurst. Free rides on vintage buses 10:00-17:00), plus open day at Stagecoach London Bromley Bus Garage (11:00-16:00, small entrance charge) (LSS).

Sun 29th September: Showbus at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton Road Station. (LSS)

Sun 13th October: Gravesend and Dartford Heritage Bus Running Day. Free rides on various routes (details subject to confirmation), centred on Ebbsfleet International Station. Will include a 480 Express running non-stop between Dartford, Ebbsfleet and Gravesend.

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- **London Bus and Tram Fleetbook 2024** (£8.50).
- **SUP-39D TfL's Bus Operators - Fleet Allocations and PVRs** (£5.50). Correct to 6th March 2024.
- **London Bus Review 2022** (£17.00)

New and recent titles from other publishers:

- **SEC 2024 Fleet Book**. Listing the buses of Stagecoach South, Stagecoach South East, Brighton & Hove /Metrobus and First Hants & Dorset. Southdown Enthusiasts Club. £8.00
- **Routemaster Handbook 2024 edition** by Andrew Morgan. A well-illustrated guide to the many Routemaster buses still extant around the world. 160 pages. Capital Transport. £19.95
- Bus maps from Mike Harris: **Greater London Bus Map No. 41** - 13/04/2024, £2.00. Also **Greater London Night Bus Map 10th edition**- 13/04/2024, £4.00

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National News, TfL and Politics

New appointments in the Department for Transport following The **General Election** on 4th July included the surprise announcement of Network Rail Chairman and LOTS member Lord Peter Hendy of Richmond Hill CBE as Rail Minister. He reports to Secretary of State Louise Haigh, MP for Sheffield Heeley. Wakefield MP Simon Lightwood is the new Minister for Local Transport which includes London and TfL. Lilian Greenwood, MP for Nottingham South (and a former chair of the Transport Select Committee) has been appointed Roads Minister. During the first week of her appointment, the new Secretary of State announced a promise to deliver 'the biggest overhaul of transport in a generation'. These include:

- Improving performance on the railways and driving rail reform
- Improving bus services and growing usage across the country
- Transforming infrastructure to work for the whole country, promoting social mobility and tackling regional inequality
- Delivering greener transport
- Better integrating transport networks

After making this announcement the new Secretary of State visited Greater Manchester which is in the process of implementing bus franchising through its new 'Bee Network'. She pledged to begin the Government's bus revolution by supporting communities (outside London) to take back control of buses through franchising or public ownership.

In London the Mayor is hoping for an improved long term funding settlement for TfL. According to a report in the Evening Standard, the DfT has confirmed that the Elizabeth line and London Overground will remain as concessions under TfL control and will not pass to Great British Railways. Four bidders have been shortlisted for a seven year contract to operate the Elizabeth line from May 2025. The future of the HS2 line between Old Oak Common and Euston remains in the balance after the new Government cancelled some transport schemes, including a road tunnel beneath Stonehenge.

Superloop has celebrated its first anniversary. The first route, previously route 607 between Uxbridge and White City, was introduced on 15th July 2023 with an improved timetable and later journeys. Usage rose by 18% during the first year. The SL7 (previously X26) between Heathrow and Croydon saw a 21% increase in passengers following a doubling of the frequency. More recent additions to Superloop have all seen increases in patronage since introduction. The Mayor has spoken of bold plans for Superloop 2 which would double the number of Superloop services. The final stage of Superloop 1 is due to begin next year when SL4 will link Canary Wharf and Grove Park using the new Silvertown tunnel.

Sullivan Buses abruptly surrendered all its TfL contracts on 2nd August. Managing Director Dean Sullivan criticised TfL for the treatment of his company as a small operator. He claimed he was owed over £130,000 and that the estimated shortfall in income from TfL contracts was around £200,000 per month. However, the company had been struggling for some time with poor performance and regular cancellations. The South Mimms based company which employs 230 staff will continue to operate commercial services in Hertfordshire. Sullivan operated routes in London were quickly transferred to other operators. *Full details in Greater London Area Route Developments.*

TfL has announced a new bus route in north London. The 310 will begin on 31st August running between Golders Green and Stamford Hill via Highgate Village, Archway, Finsbury Park and Manor House. This follows a campaign by the local Jewish community for a direct bus link between the two neighbourhoods.

The first London specification new generation ADL Enviro 400EV has appeared as a demonstrator. This model is produced without BYD involvement and is 10.5 metres long, which is 0.5 metres shorter than the existing version, giving improved manoeuvrability and a better turning radius. There are 62 seats and a total capacity of either 87 or 96 passengers depending on battery options. Stagecoach has placed an order for 17 of the new model. A single deck ADL Enviro 200EV option is planned.

Corporate and company news

Metroline opened its newly rebuilt garage in Brentford (AH) in July. The new facility is built on the site of the previous one, with buses having used a temporary base on vacant land alongside during the construction. It will operate around 100 buses on eight routes.

First Bus has confirmed that 32 Wrightbus Streetdeck double deckers will be repowered at the Wrightbus New Power facility in Bicester (TLB 719 refers). Two buses have already been converted. They will eventually see service in Aberdeen, Norwich, Leicester, Leeds and Portsmouth and it is claimed they will have an increased lifespan of up to ten years.

Stagecoach has unveiled a new corporate bus livery which is described as all over navy blue (but looks more like black in photographs), with a large beach ball logo. The intention is for it to replace the current local bus livery which is said to be difficult to maintain. Two buses in Barnsley have appeared in the new livery so far.

Other General News

Following the closure of High Wycombe garage on 27th July, **Carousel Buses and Reading Buses** have both started competing with new commercial routes between Reading and Henley replacing former Arriva services 800 & 850. Reading Buses has branded its new 28 service as Aqua with dedicated gas powered single deck buses in two-tone aquamarine colours. A half hourly service is provided. Carousel Buses routes 800 & 850 start from High Wycombe and the 800 parallels the Reading Buses service through Shiplake while the 850 runs via Wargrave. Each service runs hourly so there are now four buses each hour between Reading and Henley. *(Carousel are making further changes from 1st September to reduce the direct competition. See Country Routes. - Ed.)*

The 70th anniversary of the first Routemaster was celebrated on 20th and 21st July at an event in Chiswick Business Park, which is on the site of the old LT Chiswick works. Around 80 Routemasters were in attendance including the earliest examples, RM1, RM2, RML3 and CRL4.

Proposals for bus service franchising in Liverpool City Region are being advanced by Mayor Steve Rotheram and should be completed by the end of 2027, one year earlier than originally planned. In the **West Midlands** newly elected Mayor Richard Parker has instructed the West Midlands Combined Authority to set out a roadmap for franchising the region's bus services "as quickly as possible". He said the existing network was broken and fares were too expensive after the main operator, National Express West Midlands, increased the price of a day ticket from £4.50 to £4.80.

Ashford based Kent Coach Tours has ceased trading. The family run company, which has thirteen vehicles, began 50 years ago and decided to close following the retirement of its directors. A sale to Go-Ahead had been considered a few years ago but terms could not be agreed.

Plans to redevelop **Edgware station shopping centre** have been submitted to Barnet Council. Under the plans the bus garage would move to an underground site below the development. If approved, the first phase is due to be delivered by 2031 and the entire development should be finished by 2036.

A TfL consultation on plans to extend the **DLR from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead** has received overwhelming support. 75% of respondents said the extension would make their journeys quicker.

A lack of toilets on Elizabeth line trains has been given as one of the reasons passengers forced doors open during a five hour delay last December, after overhead power lines were damaged outside Paddington.

A new play, **The Truth about Harry Beck** will be performed at the LT Museum's Cubic Theatre between 14th September and 10th November. Mr Beck is famous for creating the iconic diagrammatic Underground map and the audience will sit on moquette covered seats!

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Thanks for the positive comments to the new layout. I've changed one heading to "Award" to be more logical; obviously any changes to the future layout will be considered.

Route	Current	Award	Start date and award length	Tranche
196	Transport UK (WL)	Awarded to Arriva London South using new electric double-deckers. PVR 16.	3rd May 2025, 7 Years	#917
273	Stagecoach Selkent (TL)	Retained by Stagecoach Selkent using existing diesel single-deckers. PVR 9.	18th Jan 2025, 3 years	#902A
298	Sullivan Buses (SM)	Awarded to Uno using existing diesel double-deckers. PVR 6.	8th Feb 2025, 3 years	#903A

Route	Current	Award	Start date and award length	Tranche
310	New Route (<i>see route and service proposal news later</i>)	Awarded to Stagecoach East London using existing diesel single-deckers. PVR 8	31st Aug 2024, TBA	#896A
337	Go-Ahead London General (SW)	Awarded to Transport UK using new electric double-deckers. PVR 11.	24th May 2025, 7 years	#919
427	Transport UK (GW)	Retained by Transport UK using existing hybrid double-deckers. PVR 17	12th April 2025, 3 years	#916
631/H2/H3	Metroline Travel (W)	Retained by Metroline Travel using existing diesel single-deckers. PVR 4 to 5	7th June 2025, 3 years	#922
657	Go-Ahead London General (NP)	Awarded to Stagecoach East London using existing hybrid double-deck. PVR 1.	8th Mar 2025, 3 years	#904
B16	Go-Ahead London Central (BX)	Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using new electric single-deckers. PVR 9 to 10.	18th Jan 2025, 7 years	#905
SL6	Go-Ahead London Central (Q)	Awarded to Arriva London South using new electric double-deckers. PVR 10.	29th Mar 2025, 7 years	#912

As noted later in this issue, Sullivan routes listed below in tranches 903B, 912A and 921 will be operated by temporary contracts until new awards are made, with routes 605, 606 added to Tranche 912A, likely to be awarded in time for the Autumn term, so we may have to catch up next month on these. Route 217 has also been added as Tranche 912B. Routes 673 and 674 have been re-allocated to Tranche 937 to be jointly contracted with routes 173 and 174.

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

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions previously granted
#879B (02/25)	Silvertown cycle bus (New Route)	--
#899 (11-12/24)	18/N18 (London United)	--
#899A (11/24)	414 (London Transit)	--
#900A (11/24)	45 (Transport UK)	--
#901 (02/25)	258 (London United)	--
#903A (02/25)	W9 (Ex-Sullivan)	--
#903B (01/25)	125 (London Sovereign)	--
#905A (03/25)	R6 (G-A Metrobus)	--
#906A (02/25)	118 (G-A London General)	--
#907A (02/25)	335 (Arriva LN)	--
#908A (02/25)	55/N55, 56 (S'ch East London)	--
#908B (02-03/25)	308, 488 (S'ch Lea Interchange), 397, W16 (S'ch East London)	--
#908C (03/25)	677 (G-A Blue Triangle)	--
#909A (03/25)	415 (Transport UK)	--
#910 (03/25)	138 (G-A Metrobus)	126
#911A (03/25)	U5 (Transport UK)	--
#912A (08/24)	605, 606, 617, 629 (Ex- Sullivan)	--
#912B (TBA)	217 (Ex- Sullivan)	--

The first part of the 2025/26 tendering programme, as amended, is now as shown.

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions previously granted
#913 (04/25)	263/N263 (Metroline Travel)	--
#913A (04/25)	432 (Arriva LS)	--
#914 (4-5/25)	424, 485, G1, (G-A London General)	--
#915 (04/25)	SL5 (Arriva LS), SL7 (G-A Metrobus)	--
#916 (04/25)	31/N31, 95 (Metroline West)	--
#917 (4-5/25)	171/N171 (G-A London Central)	127
#918 (05/25)	25/N25, 241, 330, 474/= (S'ch East London)	--
#919 (05/25)	37/= (G-A London General), 270 (Transport UK), 386 (G-A London Central)	--
#920 (05/25)	44/N44, 77, 87/N87, 219 (G-A London General)	--
#921 (5-6/25)	67, 106 (G-A London General), 231, 491 (Metroline Travel), 327 (Ex-Sullivan)	--
#921A (06/25)	304 (G-A Blue Triangle)	--
#923 (06/25)	30, 46, 274 (Metroline Travel)	--
#924 (6-7/25)	230 (G-A London General), 425, 499 (S'ch East London) ...	498
#925 (06/25)	105/=, K1, K2, K3 (London United), 285/= (Transport UK) .	--
#926 (6-7/25)	326 (London Sovereign), 331 (Metroline West), 460 (Metroline Travel)	--
#927 (7-8/25)	N5 (London Sovereign), N20 (Metroline Travel), N550, N551 (S'ch East London)	--
#928 (08/25)	166 (Arriva LS), 293 (London United), R9 (G-A Metrobus) .	--
#929 (08/25)	73/N73 (Arriva LN), 139/=, 390/= (Metroline Travel)	--
#930 (8-9/25)	60, 312, 405, 412/685, 466 (Arriva LS), 434 (G-A Metrobus)	--
#931 (8-10/25)	224 (London United), H12 (London Sovereign)	--
#932 (09/25)	D6, D8 (S'ch East London)	--
#933 (09/25)	202, 319 (Arriva LS)	--
#934 (09/25)	246, 356 (S'ch Selkent), 352, 354 (G-A Metrobus)	--
#935 (9-10/25)	165, 179, 193, 252, 256, 365, 385 (S'ch East London), 347 (Arriva LN)	--
#936 (10/11/25)	144, 318 (Arriva LN), 324 (Metroline Travel), 699 (UNO) ...	--
#937 (10/25)	173/673, 174/674, 296, 496 (S'ch East London)	--

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 8th June 2024: As in TLB719.

Saturday 15th June 2024: As in TLB719.

Thursday 20th June 2024: As in TLB719.

Saturday 22nd June 2024: As in TLB719.

Sunday 23rd June 2024:

759 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Oval Station & Brixton, Effra Road) This temporary route was withdrawn after completion of the work at 05:00 on 26th July and other routes on diversion returned to normal the following night.

Saturday 29th June 2024: As in TLB719, also to note:

77 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Tooting Station & Waterloo, Concert Hall Approach) The re-routing to Waterloo Station Approach Road took place from this date, but because of the road closure noted in diversions in TLB718, it was permanently withdrawn from Concert Hall Approach from 13th May 2024 and terminated in York Road until this change.

Saturday 6th July 2024: As in TLB719, additionally 122 as below, 166 confirmed LDO is BHM on 26th August and 281 re-route to Tolworth Station started on this date.

122 (*Stagecoach Selkent*-PD) (Crystal Palace & Plumstead Garage) Revised daily timetable for running time and reliability.

PVR Changes 6th July 2024:

Arriva London South: 166 additional running on Sat as #TC139 and Sun as #TC135 (until 26th August);

London United: 65 to 28/27/20 #FW51+;

71 to 13/13/8 #FW101+, 281 to 22+*/21/18 #FW1+ (+2/681, *681), 371 to 14/14/11 #FW181+;

681 to 2* (+1 ex 281)/-/- #FW341+ (*281), no change to N65 or =281 PVRs, using daytime running numbers, this also now includes #FW341/342 on M-F nights on =281;

Stagecoach East London: No change to 388 PVRs;

379 to 3+*/3*/2 #AW1 (+1/W5,*W5), W5 to 7+*/7+/7 #AW101+ (+1/379, *379);

Stagecoach Selkent: 122 to 18/17/13 #PD1+.

Saturday 13th July 2024: As in TLB719.

PVR Changes 13th July 2024:

Metroline Travel: 382 to 9/9/6 #PB251+; Metroline West: SL8 to 21/20/16 #G1+.

Saturday 20th July 2024: As in TLB719, additionally, route 17 is to be fully converted to LT and W8 starts from Lee Valley Leisure (not Shopping) Centre!

PVR Changes 20th July 2024:

Go-Ahead London General: No change to 280 PVRs;

Metroline Travel: 17 to 15/13/10 #HT141+, C11 to 16/16/13 #W301+, W8 to 15/15/12 #PB321+.

Friday Night/ Saturday Morning 26th /27th July 2024:

N551 (*Stagecoach East London*-HK) (Trafalgar Square & Gallions Reach, Shopping Centre) The banned right turn into Camomile Street was finally lifted so re-routed from Cannon Street via Cornhill and Bishopsgate.

Saturday 27th July 2024:

394 (*Stagecoach East London*-HK) (Homerton Hospital & Islington, Tolpuddle Street) Revised daily running time and Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x12 to x15 mins, with Sun daytime increased from x20 to x15mins.

H98 (*London United*-AV) (Hayes End, Kingsway & Hounslow, Bus Station) Partial conversion to LT-class NRM new Routemaster double-deck hybrid vehicles. The first examples had actually started on 18th July and the conversion is to be completed by next year for the new contract.

PVR Changes 27th July 2024:

London United: no change to H98 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: 394 to 9/8/7 #HK81+.

Friday 2nd August 2024:

This was the last day of operation of TfL contracted routes operated by Sullivan Buses. Routes affected included are **217, 298, 299, 327, 389, 399, 549, W9, 605, 606, 617 and 629**, though of course the school routes were not operating during this school holiday period. Route **640** had already finished having previously awarded to Metroline Travel to start in September. TfL initially announced that there would be no service on the affected routes, but many neighbouring operators were able to step in with coverage, albeit on a limited basis, with any spare buses and drivers that could be mustered at short notice. Therefore 'emergency non-tendered contracts' awarded as follows. Note that some of the routes had been previously awarded or were about to be; the school routes were immediately re-tendered, so further details in the next TLB. Thanks also to my operator and TfL contacts for providing the news in spite of burning the midnight oil from Friday onwards and to members, too many to mention all of you!

Saturday 3rd August 2024:

- 217 (Turnpike Lane Station & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) awarded to Arriva London North using a mix of diesel double-decks from Tottenham (AR) garage running every x18mins Mon-Sat, x20mins Sun. From 17th August reallocated to Edmonton (EC) garage.
- 298 (Arnos Grove Station & Potters Bar Station) awarded to Uno from Hatfield (HF) garage using E400D Enviro400 diesel double-decks. Note the service had just been awarded to Uno. (*See earlier tender news*).
- 299 (Muswell Hill Broadway & Cockfosters Station) awarded to Go-Ahead London General from Northumberland Park (NP) garage using E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks. Initially every x20mins on Mon-Sat x30mins on Sunday, increasing from 5 to 6 buses on Monday 5th August then from Tuesday 6th August using 7 buses as #NP621+, including routes 389/399.
- 327 (Waltham Cross, Bus Station & Elsing Estate Circular, Mon-Sat) awarded to Metroline from Potters Bar (PB) garage using 1 DEM-class diesel single-deck as #PB191 (started from 13:00 Sat PM journeys).
- 389 (Barnet, The Spires & Barnet, Western Way, Mon-Sat shopping hours) and
- 399 (Barnet, The Spires & Hadley Wood, Mon-Sat shopping hours) No service operated on the first Saturday, operated by Metroline on Monday 5th August ONLY, then by London General using spreadover bus from route 299. All using E200 diesel single-decks.
- 549 (South Woodford Station & Loughton Station Mon-Sat except eves) awarded to Stagecoach East London from West Ham (WH) garage using E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks. No service operated on the first Saturday, thus started on Monday 5th August. Last day to be 6th September (*see later service changes*).
- W9 (Chase Farm Hospital & Southgate Station) awarded to Stagecoach East London from Ash Grove (HK) garage using E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks, initially every x30mins for a limited service until more drivers became available.

Saturday 3rd August 2024: (Normal changes) Widened timetables for all daytime routes in Lewisham Town Centre. (*see diversions, later*). Widened timetables on routes 297, E9 for works on Western Avenue.

- 19 (Arriva London North-AR) (Battersea Bridge, South Side & Finsbury Park Station) and
- N19 (Arriva London North-AR) (Clapham Junction, St. John's Hill & Finsbury Park Station) Re-allocated from Tottenham (AR) to Stamford Hill (SF) garage. Revised daily and nightly running time.

PVR Changes 3rd August 2024:

Arriva London North: 19 to 21/21/20 #SF301+, N19 to 4 Su-Th/6 Fr-Sa #SF351+.

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

Saturday 17th August 2024:

- 170 (Go-Ahead London General-SW) (Victoria Station & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- 243/= (Arriva London North-AR) (Wood Green Station & Waterloo Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course. Saturday daytime service increased from x8-9 to x8mins, and Sunday daytime from x10 to x8 mins.
- 259 (Arriva London North-EC) (King's Cross, Gray's Inn Road & Edmonton Green Station) Re-allocated from Edmonton (EC) to Tottenham (AR). Revised daily schedule for running time.
- 279 (Arriva London North-E) (Manor House Station & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Revised daily schedules for running time.
- N279 (Arriva London North-EC) (Trafalgar Square & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Re-allocated from Edmonton (EC) to Enfield (E) garage.
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Saturday 17th August 2024 continued

- 398 (London Sovereign-SO) (Ruislip Station & Wood End, Lillian Board Way) Early introduction of revised timetables for new contract (*see 7th September, later*).
- 533 (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (Hammersmith Bus Station & Mortlake/Barnes Bridge circular) LBSL QC contract extended for 2 years.
- H9/H10 (London Sovereign-SO) (Northwick Park & St. Mark's Hospital circular, H9 via Wealdstone, Rayners Lane, H10 via Rayners Lane, Wealdstone) Early introduction of revised timetables for new contract (*see 7th September, later*).
- W7 (Metroline Travel-HT) (Finsbury Park Station & Muswell Hill Broadway) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new WDE-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles though will receive new BDE-class BYD D8UR E400EV-City electric double-deck vehicles in due course. Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x3-4 to 5 mins. A slight correction from last month, the W7 does have a x4-5 mins frequency for a short period in each peak. Mon-Sat daytime is x5mins, x6mins evenings, Sunday daytime at x7½mins, x10mins evenings, x12mins early morning at weekends.

Saturday 24th August 2024:

- 5 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR) (Romford Market & Canning Town, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters. Additional early morning journeys, though with a widened timetable for Blackwall Tunnel works.
- 15 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-DS) (Trafalgar Square & Blackwall Station) and
- N15 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-DS/RR) (Oxford Circus & Romford Market) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters, though with a widened timetable for Blackwall Tunnel works.
- 50 (Arriva London South-BN) (Croydon, Town Centre & Stockwell Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new ES-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course. Sunday and evening frequency increased from x20 to x15mins.
- 115 (Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-DS) (Aldgate Station & East Ham, Central Park) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing EH-class AD Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles. Additional early morning journeys, though with a widened timetable for Blackwall Tunnel works.
- 130 (Transport UK-BC) (Thornton Heath, Clock Tower & New Addington, Vulcan Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 194 (Arriva London South-TC) (Lower Sydenham, Sainsbury's & West Croydon, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new ES-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 250 (Arriva London South-TH) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Brixton Station) and
- N250 (Arriva London South-TH) (Croydon, Town Centre & Brixton Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new ES-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 255 (Arriva London South-TH) (Balham Station & Pollards Hill, Westmoreland Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new GB Kite electric single-deck vehicles in due course. Sunday and evening frequency increased from x20 to x15mins.
- 320 (Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB) (Catford, Thomas Lane & Biggin Hill Valley) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles, in due course, actual type to be confirmed by the end of the year.
- 410 (Arriva London South-TH) (Wallington, Shotfield & Crystal Palace) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing SLS-class Wrightbus StreetLite diesel single-deck vehicles.

Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2024: Normal Sunday Services on other routes

- 166 (Arriva London South-TC) (West Croydon & Epsom) Correcting last month, this does operate on Bank Holiday as well, so this is the last day of seasonal additional shuttle service between Purley and Banstead.
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Sunday 25th August / BH Monday 26th August 2024:

The Notting Hill Carnival returns so roads will be closed in Ladbroke Grove and Notting Hill areas, with routes diverted as necessary. Route 52 is usually split into 2 sections as before, route 316 should be double-decked. Routes 7/N7, 23/=, 27/N27, 28, 31, 70, 228, 316, 328 and 452 are rerouted around the area, routes 18, 148/= and 328 have additional services with route 295/= curtailed to operate from Clapham Junction and Shepherd's Bush only. Routes 13/= and 414 have special variations to maintain reliability. Route 36X is confirmed as operating again on the same basis as last year, from Peckham to Harrow Road, serving all stops then non-stop from Vauxhall midday and the reverse in the evening. A new express route, 7X will operate from East Acton to Paddington, calling at all stops from East Acton and Du Cane Road, then stopping only at Shepherd's Bush, Holland Park Station, Notting Hill Gate and Lancaster Gate. Not previously noted is that all these variants operate on Ibus with a "Y" prefix, though not on the blinds of course.

Saturday 31st August 2024 (or first equivalent school day on school routes): Widened timetables for Westway roadworks for routes 49, 70, 72/N72, 220/=, 272, 283, 295/=, 414, 452 and C1 until 12th October. Widened timetables for route 43 for King William Street diversion.

- 18 (*London United-RP*) (Sudbury & Harrow Station & Euston Station) and
 - N18 (*London United-RP*) (Trafalgar Square & Harrow Weald Garage) Revised daily and nightly schedules for reliability and running time.
 - 66 (*Arriva London North-GY*) (Romford Station & Leytonstone, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles in due course. Saturday daytime frequency increased from x12 to x10 mins, Sunday daytime frequency increased from x20 to x15 mins.
 - 90 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Feltham, Leisure West & Northolt Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course. (type TBA). Additional journeys daily early mornings.
 - 94/= (*London United-S*) (Acton Green, Duke of Sussex & Piccadilly Circus) Revised daily schedules for reliability and running time.
 - 148/= (*London United-S*) (Camberwell Green & White City, Bus Station) Early introduction of contract schedules. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins with daily and nightly revised running time.
 - 218 (*London United-V*) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Revised daily schedules for reliability and running time.
 - 289 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Purley Station & Elmers End Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new ES-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course. Sunday and evening frequency increased from x20 to x15mins.
 - 310 NEW ROUTE (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Golders Green, Bus Station & Stamford Hill Broadway, via existing route 210 from Golders Green to Finsbury Park (in fact duplicating it as far as Stroud Green Road, Finsbury Park then via routes 253/254 via Seven Sisters Road and Amhurst Road to terminate at Stamford Hill. Frequency to be every x20mins daily, no evening service, operated by existing AD E200 diesel single-decks. (*see also Service Proposals, later*).
 - 314 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Eltham Station & New Addington, Parkway) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Volvo/BZL electric single-deck vehicles in due course.
 - 383 (*Uno-HF*) (Barnet, The Spires & Finchley Memorial Hospital, Mo-Sa except evenings), Revised timetable for running times.
 - 481 (*Metroline Travel-AH*) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & West Middlesex Hospital, Mental Health Unit) Additional SDO AM journey introduced from Kingston to Turing House School. Note the PM journeys continue to be operated by Transport UK.
 - 618 NEW ROUTE, SDO LBSL (QX) contract for the benefit of Bolder Academy and Nishkam School. From Ivybridge Estate, Tesco's via route H20 via Twickenham Road, Worton Road, then
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- via Bridge Road, London Road, Syon Lane then via H28 to Osterley, Tesco's. To be operated by *Transport UK* using a hybrid double-deck vehicle from Southall (GW) garage.
- 640 (South Harrow Station & Harrow Weald, Clamp Hill, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Metroline Travel from Harrow Weald (HD) garage using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicle. Previously operated by *Sullivan Buses* from South Mimms (SM) garage.
- 663 (Thornton Heath Station & Pampisford Road, Regina Coeli School, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Arriva London South from Thornton Heath (TH) garage using ES-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead Metrobus* from Croydon (C) garage.
- SL9 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Heathrow Airport Central & Harrow, Bus Station, Limited Stop) Revised daily schedules for reliability and running time.

Saturday 7th September 2024 (or first equivalent school day on school routes):

- 49 (*London United-S*) (Clapham Junction, Northcote & White City, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing BCE-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-deck vehicles. Revised daily schedules for reliability and running time.
- 117 (*London United-AV*) (West Middlesex Hospital, Main Entrance & Staines, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing MCM-class Mercedes-Benz Citaro diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 395 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station & Westway Cross Retail Park) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DDE-class AD E20D Enviro200 (MMC) diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 398 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Ruislip Station & Wood End, Lillian Board Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing BME-class BYD D8UR Enviro 200EV electric single-deck vehicles.
- H9/H10 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Northwick Park & St. Mark's Hospital circular, H9 via Wealdstone, Rayners Lane, H10 via Rayners Lane, Wealdstone) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing BME-class BYD D8UR Enviro 200EV electric single-deck vehicles.
- H13 (*Metroline West-UX*) (St.Vincent's Nursing Home & Ruislip Lido) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles. Revised daily schedules for running time.
- 549 (*Stagecoach East London-WH*) (South Woodford Station & Loughton Station, M-Sa except eves.) ROUTE WITHDRAWN, replaced by re-structured route W14. (*see below*).
- 672 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (Woolwich Arsenal Station & Thamesmead, Hawksmoor School, SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing AD40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 697 (Hayes, Lansbury Drive & Ickenham, Douay Martyrs School SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Metroline West from UX garage, using existing mix of TE-class AD E40D Enviro400, VW-class Volvo B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles and VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double deck vehicles.
- W12 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Coppermill Lane & Wanstead Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, restructured as follows: Re-routed at Walthamstow Central to operate via Church Hill and Prospect Hill instead of Hoe Street, Grosvenor Park Road, Pembroke Road, Orford Road, Beulah Road, Addison Road (return via Church Lane, Church End, Vestry Road, East Avenue, Wingfield Road) thus leaving Walthamstow Village unserved. Re-routed at Whipps Cross Hospital to operate via Hospital Road instead of James Lane, then via current W19 via Essex Road South, Hainault Road, Fairlop Road to Leytonstone Station (Plaza) then Gainsborough Road, High Road Leytonstone to Wanstead then via previous W14 to Woodford Bridge, via Snaresbrook Station, Woodford Road, George Lane, The Viaduct, South Woodford Station, Chigwell Road, Charlie Brown's Roundabout, Maybank Road, Gordon Road (return via Latchett Road, Southend Road), St.Barnabas Road, Broadmead Road, Chigwell Road and Cross Road to Manor Road. Frequency to be every x15mins Mon-Sat daytime and every x20 mins Suns and evenings. Converted to new ADL E100 electric single-deck vehicles in due course.
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- W13 (*Stagecoach East London-HK*) (Leytonstone, Bus Station & Woodford Wells, Horse & Well) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, restructured as follows: Extended from Leytonstone, Bus Station via previous W14 via Church Lane, Leytonstone High Road Station, Cathall Road, Grove Green Road, Alexandra Road, York Road, (return Warren Road, Francis Road), Ruckholt Road, (return Orient Way), Marshall Road to terminate at Leyton Asda. Sat daytime frequency increased from x20 to x15 mins, Suns and evenings from x30 to x20 mins. Novated to Stagecoach Lea Interchange and allocated to Lea Interchange (LI) garage using new Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-deck vehicles in due course, with some journeys operated with a double-deck vehicle.
- W14 (*Stagecoach Lea Interchange-LI*) (Leyton, Asda & Woodford Bridge) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, restructured as follows: Withdrawn in its present form and restructured to operate from Whipps Cross Hospital & Loughton Station, replacing parts of routes W12 and 549. From Whipps Cross Hospital via previous W12 via Whipps Cross Road, Lea Bridge Road, Snaresbrook Road, Snaresbrook Station, Wellington Street, Grosvenor Road, Stanstead Road, Nightingale Lane, Elmcroft Avenue, Colvin Gardens, Charnwood Drive Herman Hill, then double-run to South Woodford Station, then via the previous 549 to Loughton Station via Charlie Brown's Roundabout, Chigwell Road, Broadmead Road, St Barnabas Road, Hillside Avenue, Buckhurst Way, Albert Road, Palmerston Road, double run via Victoria Road to serve Buckhurst Hill Station, High Road, Old Station Road to Loughton Station. Daily service every x60 mins using new Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-deck vehicles in due course.

Saturday 14th September 2024:

- 222/= (*Metroline West-UX*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Uxbridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles. Revised daily and nightly schedules for running time.

Saturday 21st September 2024:

- 160 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Catford, Thomas Lane & Sidcup Station) and
660 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Bellingham, Catford Garage & Avery Hill, Stationers' Crown Woods Academy SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing electric double-deck vehicles.
- 210 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Finsbury Park Station & Brent Cross, Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using BDE-class BYD E400EV City electric double-deck vehicles in due course.

Saturday 28th September 2024:

- 4 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Archway Station & Blackfriars Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new WDE-class StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course. (type TBA). Daily late evening frequency increased from x20 to x12 mins, and early Saturday morning from x20 to x15 mins.
- 131 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Tooting Broadway) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course. (type TBA).
- 411 (*London United-TV*) (West Molesey, Central Avenue & Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

A new consultation was issued on 8th July by Camden Council with a closing date of 30th August. This proposes to introduce an 18-month trial to pedestrianise Camden High Street between the Station at the junction of Camden High Street/Kentish Town Road and Hawley Crescent. Northbound buses on routes **1, 24/=, 27/N27, N28, 31/N31 and N5** would be re-routed via Kentish Town Road and Hawley Crescent, rejoining Camden High Street and the junction of Jamestown Road.

The consultation for the proposed new night route **N518** was published. This sought to extend the current N18 “short workings” terminating at Sudbury & Harrow Road Station to Ruislip Station. 703 responses were received. Whilst percentages are no longer given, it did look as though most respondents and stakeholders were in favour, citing greater safety for vulnerable members, having to pay for taxis, etc., although most criticism came from the Rayners Lane to Ruislip area, where objections were made to sleep disturbance by noise and vibration. The proposals will not now be proceeded with, TfL stating “After fully considering the consultation responses, we have decided not to proceed with our original proposals....we will now review our options for creating a new night bus route, taking into account feedback we have received. Once we have developed a new set of proposals, we will consult with the local community, bus passengers and local businesses.”.

As noted earlier, a new route **310** is to be introduced on 31st August. Unusually, the consultation for this opens after the route has started so hopefully next month I will report later what this actually says and the reasons for this. Indeed, it duplicates route **210** along virtually all of its length and I’m hard pushed to think of any duplicated route in recent times, no doubt members will come up with historical examples! Perhaps the “round the corner” link under the low-bridge at Finsbury Park Station, not served for many years, hence the single-deck allocation. The end date of the contract is “TBA” so suggests this is a trial route.

Finally, apologies, I missed the consultation report for route **344** (mainly because it was archived as “improvements to Arthur Street”!) TfL received 463 responses to the consultation. Whilst the majority of responses received supported improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, there were a number of responses raising concerns about the diversion of the 344 bus and the loss of a cross-river service at Southwark Bridge. Therefore route 344 will remain on the current working serving London Bridge (northbound) and Southwark Bridge (southbound). No report has been published yet for some of the older ones in the list below (including route **410** which starts a new contract on 24th August), so we shall have to wait and see.

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

TLB686 p12: 410 stop changes in Norwood;

TLB705 p14: 419 fixed stops in Barnes.

TLB708 p16: Oxford Street.

TLB708 p16: Silvertown Tunnel Cyclist’s service.

TLB709 p15: E1 extension to Osterley.

TLB712 p14: 394 extension to King’s Cross, Canal Reach.

TLB714 p18: 273 Lee area Hail & Ride and re-routeing.

TLB714 p19: 188/= rerouting via Tunnel Avenue, North Greenwich.

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. Contracts are now 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!

Contracts are no longer offered on the basis of a 2-year extension after 5 years, although several routes still remain that will still be offered this for the time being, using the notes as follows:-

CE2 = Existing Contract extended by 2 years;

CR2 = Contract awarded or renewed for 2 years; CR3 = Contract awarded or renewed for 3 years;

CR4 = Contract awarded or renewed for 4 years; CR5 = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 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. All new buses must now be Zero Emission - electric or hydrogen.

<u>5th Oct 24:</u>	CR3 on 148/= (London United), 201 (Transport UK), 290 (London United), 180, 661, 669 (S'ch Selkent).
<u>12th Oct 24:</u>	CR3 on 150, 175 (Arriva LN), CR6 on 103 (Arriva LN), CR7 on 257* (S'ch East London), 341/=* (Arriva LN).
<u>19th Oct 24:</u>	CR7 on 22/N22* (G-A London General).
<u>26th Oct 24:</u>	CR7 on U1*, U2*, U3* U4* (Metroline West).
<u>2nd Nov 24:</u>	CR6 on 370 (Arriva LN), 627 (Arriva LS).
<u>9th Nov 24:</u>	CR3 on 192 (Arriva LN), 419 (London United), CR5 on 176/= (G-A London Central), CR7 on 33/N33* (London United), 34*, SL1* (Arriva LN), CR7 on 188/=* (G-A London Central).
<u>7th Dec 24:</u>	CR3 on 6/= (Metroline Travel), 278 (Transport UK), 655 (London United to Transport UK), CR6 on 170 (G-A London General), CR7 on 88/=*, 355*, (G-A London General), 94/= (London United), 98/N98* (Metroline Travel), 218* (London United to London Transit), 360* (G-A London Central). 266/N266* (London United to Metroline), 360* (G-A London Central).
<u>11th Jan 25:</u>	CR7 on 141* (Arriva LN), 323 (S'ch East London), CR5 on 329 (Arriva LN), CE2 on 29/N29 (Arriva London North).
<u>18th Jan 25:</u>	CR3 on 273, 422 (S'ch Selkent), CR7 on B16* (G-A London Central), CR7 on 99*, 269*, 401* (Arriva LN to G-A London Central), SL3* (S'ch Selkent).
<u>1st Feb 25:</u>	CE2 on 109/N109 (Transport UK), CR3 on 121, W6 (Arriva LN), CR5 on 343/N343 (G-A London Central), W4 (Arriva LN), CR7 on 41/N41* (Arriva LN), 153* (G-A London General to Metroline Travel), 299/389/399* (Ex-Sullivans to G-A London General).
<u>8th Feb 25:</u>	CR3 on 298 (Ex-Sullivans to Uno), CR5 on 36 (G-A London Central).
<u>22nd Feb 25:</u>	CR3 on H28 (Transport UK).
<u>1st Mar 25:</u>	CE2 on 357 (G-A London General), CR3 on H22, H37 (London United), CR5 on H98 (London United).
<u>8th Mar 25:</u>	CE2 on 212 (G-A London General), 282 (Metroline West), CR3 on 657 (G-A London General to S'ch East London), CR7 on 444* (G-A London General).
<u>15th Mar 25:</u>	CR3 on 181, 284 (S'ch Selkent), CR3 on 225 (G-A London Central to S'ch Selkent), CR6 on 161 (S'ch Selkent), CR7 on 172* (G-A London Central).
<u>22nd Mar 25:</u>	CR3 on 482 (Transport UK), CR7 on 169*, 247*, 287* (S'ch East London), C10 (Transport UK), SL6* (G-A London Central to Arriva LS).
<u>29th Mar 25:</u>	CR5 on 68/N68 (Transport UK), 468 (Arriva LS), CR7 on R1*, R2*, R3*, R4*, R8*, R11* (G-A Metrobus), B14* (S'ch Selkent).
<u>12th Apr 25:</u>	CR3 on 427 (Transport UK)
<u>3rd May 25:</u>	CR7 on 196* (Transport UK to Arriva LS), P5# (Transport UK).
<u>24th May 25:</u>	CR7 on 337* (G-A London General to Transport UK)
<u>7th Jun 25:</u>	CR7 on 268* (Metroline Travel), CR3 on 631/H2/H3 (Metroline Travel).

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

Go-Ahead Commercial Services have applied to operate an Event Service to and from Kempton Park Racecourse and Twickenham, Chertsey Road. The terminals are on private land and at Twickenham this is either the Harlequins car park or Rosebine car park. A frequent service of double-decks, a maximum of 20 and numbered internally as route 844, is proposed to operate only on “match or event days”. **TopView Sightseeing** have applied to operate a “Tea around Town” sightseeing tour, starting from 23rd September from Victoria Coach Station via all the usual tourist sights in London. Double-decks will depart daily at 11:00, 12:30, 13:00, 14:30, 15:00 and 16:30.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: Firstly, a correction to the King William Street diversion noted last month: Route **N21** is diverted direct via Cannon Street southbound. From 12th to 24th July, owing to a gas leak in Kentish Town Road at Camden Town Station, routes **88/=, 134/=, 214/= and N20** were diverted northbound via Camden Road and Royal College Street. From 22nd July until 2nd November, owing to gas main replacement, in Grosvenor Road, Pimlico, route **24/=** is diverted from St. George's Square via Grosvenor Road to terminate in Claverton Street. Route **360** is diverted in both directions via Pimlico Road, Ebury Bridge and Sutherland Street. From 29th July to 13th August, owing to water works in Wilton Road, Victoria), route **24/=** was diverted southbound via Vauxhall Bridge Road and Warwick Way and northbound via Gillingham Street, Vauxhall Bridge Road and Neathouse Place. From 22nd July to 18th August, owing to utility works in Old Brompton Road, West Brompton, routes **74/N74 and N97** were diverted eastbound via North End Road, Fulham Broadway, Fulham Road and Finborough Road, and westbound via West Cromwell Road and North End Road. From 3rd August to 3rd November, owing to gas works in Cockspur Street, Trafalgar Square, routes **9/N9, 12/=, 88/=, 139/=, 159/=, 453/=, N3, N15, N18, N97, N109, N133, N136, N550 and N551** are diverted eastbound via Pall Mall East and Trafalgar Square (west side). Nearby on the other side of Trafalgar Square, from 29th July to 13th August, part of Whitehall was closed owing to cosmetic works. Routes **24/=, 26/N26, 87/N87=, 88/=, 159/=, 453/=, N3, N11, N44, N109, N136 and N155** as well as terminating routes on routes **15 and 91/N91** were diverted southbound via Northumberland Avenue and Great Scotland Yard. From 5th to 12th August, owing to cosmetic works in Greycoat Place, Victoria, route **3** was diverted westbound via Marsham Street, Great Smith Street and Victoria Street. From 15th July to 9th August owing to road works in Whiston Road, Hoxton, route **394** was diverted in both directions via Pritchards Road, Hackney Road and Queensbridge Road. The route also has a temporary stand in Islington owing to water works and stands in Goswell Road, from 15th July until 6th September. Thanks to member Joel for this report. From 5th to 30th August, owing to railway works at the junction with in Delancey Street, Camden Town, route **88/=** was diverted southbound via Gloucester Avenue, St Mark's Square and Prince Albert Road.

South-East: From 1st to 10th July owing to a water leak in Court Road, Mottingham, routes **124 and 126** were diverted in both directions via Middle Park Avenue, Westhorpe Avenue and Sidcup Road, with routes **161 and 624** were diverted in both directions via Eltham Hill, Westhorpe Avenue and Sidcup Road. Thanks to member Graham for the report. The **47** diversion mentioned last month was postponed to start from 26th August, now finishing on 30th November. From 22nd July to 24th August, owing to water works in Colyers Lane, Slade Green routes **89/N89** were diverted in both directions via Northend Road, South Road, Queens Road and Bexley Road. From 22nd July to 1st September, owing to gas works in Nathan Way, Plumstead, route **301** is diverted eastbound via Western Way. From 24th July to 16th August, owing to gas works in Bourne Vale, Hayes, route **314** was diverted in both directions via Pickhurst Lane and Mead Way. From 24th July to 14th August, owing to bridge works in Homesdale Road, Bickley, route **336** was diverted in both directions via Page Heath Lane, Bickley Road and Widmore Road, not serving Bromley South. From 18th July to 1st September, owing to gas works in Bedonwell Road, Belvedere, routes **401, 601 and B12** are diverted in both directions via Hythe Avenue, Cumberland Drive and Long Lane. From 22nd July to 18th August, owing to gas works in Elsa Road, Bexleyheath, route **B15** was diverted in both directions via Welling High Street, Park View Road, Crook Log and Brampton Road. From 25th July to 2nd September, owing to gas work in Hurst Road Bexley, route **SL3** is diverted southbound via Albion Road (west), Bexleyheath Broadway, Crook Log, Danson Road, Danson Underpass and Penhill Road. From 30th July to 19th August, owing to sewer works in Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath, routes **53/N53, 54 and 380** were diverted in both directions via Stratheden Road and Shooters Hill Road. From 3rd August until "Spring 2025" Lewisham High Street and Lewis Grove, part of the "bus only" section in Lewisham town centre will be closed northbound for public realm regeneration. Routes **21, 47/=, 54, 75, 108/=, 122, 129, 136/N136, 181, 185, 199/N199, 208, 225, 284, 380, 436, 484 and P4** are diverted northbound via Molesworth Street and Rennell Street with temporary stops in Molesworth Street. From 15th to 18th July, also 29th July to 2nd August, Bromley

High Street was closed owing to an electrical fault. Buses on routes **61, 119/=, 138, 146, 162, 208, 246, 261, 314, 320, 336, 352, 358, 367, 638, SL5, N3 and N199** were diverted via Kentish Way, northbound in the 1st phase and southbound in the 2nd phase, (though not including 336 at the latter phase as it was on a different diversion), with Croydon/Hayes routes also using Masons Way. Route **126** curtailed at Bromley North. Thanks to member Martin for the report. From 5th to 30th August, owing to road works in Royal Road, Albany Park, route **B14** is diverted in both directions to double run via Longmead Drive and Kimberley Drive, turning at the roundabout with Maylands Drive. From 30th July to 16th August, owing to a collapsed sewer in High Street, St Mary Cray, routes **R4 and R6** were diverted in both directions via Station Road, Sevenoaks Way, Cray Avenue and Kent Road.

South: From 9th to 20th July, owing to a diesel spillage from Beare Green to Leatherhead northbound on the A24, route **465** was suspended between Dorking and Leatherhead. Thanks to members Graham and Martin for the report. From 22nd July to 24th September, owing to pedestrian works in Longdown Road South, Epsom Downs, route **166** is diverted in both directions via Church Street, Downs Road and Grandstand Road. A further update from TLB719 about the diversions in Old Coulsdon. The road closure was reprogrammed to start from 15th August to 2nd September. This is to complete sewer works at Coulsdon Road/Fox Lane, Coulsdon Common, route **466** is operating a split service. 2 out of 3 are curtailed at Old Coulsdon, Tudor Rose, with the Caterham-On-The Hill section provided by 1 in 3 buses diverting in both directions via Brighton Road, Farthing Way, Brighton Road, London Road North, Shepherds Hill, Alderstead Lane, Dean Lane, Rook Lane, Chaldon Road and Westway Common. Route **404** is curtailed at Coulsdon Common, Lacey Drive and picks up again at Waddington Avenue/Homefield Road. Thanks again to member Ian for this update. From 7th/8th August then from 12th August, route **434** is diverted away from Smitham Downs Road and Woodcote Road operating via Brighton Road. Thanks to member Martin for the report. From 29th July to 1st September, owing to water works in Princes Way, Southfields, routes **39 and 493** were diverted northbound via Victoria Drive and Augustus Road. From 29th July to 23rd August, owing to road works in Hartfield Road, Wimbledon, routes **163 and 164** were diverted in both directions via Kingston Road, Merton Road, The Broadway, terminating via Gladstone Road and Sir Cyril Black Way, instead of St. George's Road. From 29th July to 16th August, owing to road works in Auckland Road, Crystal Palace, route **410** was diverted in both directions via Church Road (also Westow Street and Westow Hill towards Crystal Palace) and South Norwood Hill.

South-West: From 16th July to 12th August, owing to electrical works in Syon Lane, Brentford, route **H28** was diverted in both directions via Spur Road.

West: An update on the ongoing closure of West Drayton Station forecourt. Drainage repairs and resurfacing of the damaged road are due to start in August and last until November with the bus services restored by December. From 25th July to 1st August, owing to electrical works in Porters Way, Stockley Estate, route **U5** was diverted in both directions via Stockley Road, Cherry Lane, Sipson Road and Station Road. Nearby, from 29th July to 1st August, owing to resurfacing work in Wise Lane, West Drayton, route **U3** was diverted via Station Road and Harmondsworth Road, not serving Wise Lane Estate. Thanks to member Chris for all these updates. From 3rd to 19th August, owing to telecommunications works in Bury Avenue, Hayes End, route **U7** was diverted in both directions via Uxbridge Road, Hewens Road, Mellow Lane West, Pole Hill Road and Charville Lane to Hoppner Road (clockwise loop via access road in both directions). Route **195** was curtailed from Charville Lane to Goshawk Gardens.

North-West: From 29th July to 3rd September, owing to telecommunication works in Birse Crescent, Neasden, routes **16, 182, 232, 245 297, 302 and N98** are diverted direct from Neasden Underpass to Neasden Lane, not serving the shopping centre stops. The **452** Kensal Rise curtailment to Ladbroke Road, Sainsbury's has been extended until 30th November 2025. One wonders if this may become permanent?

North: From 24th July to 14th August, owing to water works in Highbury New Park, Canonbury route **236** was diverted in both directions from Newington Green via Green Lanes and Brownwood Road. From 11th to 31st July, owing to a collapsed sewer in Station Road, New Barnet, routes **107, 307, 326 and 384** were diverted eastbound via Meadway, Potters Road and Plantagenet Road. From 29th July to 12th April 2025, owing to a road closure for resurfacing/reconstruction, in Hampden Lane, Southgate, route **184** is diverted in both directions via Brunswick Park Road.

North-East: From 21st to 26th July, owing to a burst water main in Romford Road, Hainault, routes **247 and 362** were diverted westbound at Marks Gate (247), and at Rose Lane (362), via Whalebone Lane North (247 only), Billet Road, Hainault Road and Elmbridge Road to New North Road. Thanks to member Graham for this report

East: From 22nd July to 9th August, route **108** was already on a long-term diversion at Stratford International, was further diverted owing to bridge works on Montfichet Road, via Westfield Avenue and International Way, not serving Stratford City. Routes **308, 339 and N205** diverted northbound via Stratford City Bus Station, Westfield Avenue and International Way, with route 308 also diverted eastbound via Montfichet Road, not serving Stratford City.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Sunday 28th July All as in TLB 719, with the following additional/ amendment notes;

- 1 (*Harlow Bus Stn & Sumners, now Arriva KT M-S exc. evgs or Central Connect M-S evgs and Suns except evgs*) Central Connect's evening services finish earlier than Arriva's, but the M-F early evening and Sat all evening frequencies are increased from x60 to x30.
 - 2 (*Harlow Rail or Bus Stn & Staple Tye, now Arriva KT M-S exc evgs or Central Connect M-S evgs and Suns*) Central Connect's Saturday evening service has an extra journey early on, and their Sunday x120 service gets an earlier start (at 0638!)
 - 5 (*Harlow Bus Stn & Sumners Farm, M-S approx 0930-1815, formerly Stephensons, now Central Connect*) Central Connect are expanding the service considerably. Firstly, a M-F peak service is added, x30 (but with one 55-minute gap in the am peak). Secondly, introduced M-S evenings, x30 early on then x60 until about 2145. Finally, three return trips introduced on Sunday daytimes.
 - 14/B (*Vectare, Waltham Cross & Upshire, M-F exc. a.m. peaks & evgs; also Sats Waltham Abbey & Upshire only*) The withdrawal is, according to Vectare, "temporary", BUT- see below!
 - 16 (*Central Connect, Waltham Cross & Waltham Abbey (Shernbrook Rd), M-F three return journeys and Sats except late evgs*) Correcting TLB 719, M-F pm peaks runs x30-35 mins, not x40-45; and Sats had been x60, so the new x30 frequency on this day is an increase.
 - 17/A (*Central Connect*) New number for 542/A Debden & Loughton circulars, M-S except evgs, x60. One later 17A introduced in the early evenings and both routes introduced Sunday daytimes with three journeys on each.
 - 18/A (*Central Connect, North Weald (The Talbot) & Epping (St Margaret's Hosp), M-S except evgs*) Extended from St Margaret's Hospital via current 418 Epping, Epping Stn, Ivychimneys, Theydon Bois, Abridge, Chigwell, Debden Stn, Rectory La, Newmans La, Traps Hill, Loughton High Rd to Loughton Stn. One additional M-F early am jny added, Epping Stn & Debden Stn then to Debden Broadway and this is numbered 18A.
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Sunday 28th July continued

- 18C (*Central Connect, Ongar (Two Brewers) & Epping, M-S early am and early evening jnys*) These journeys also extended to Loughton Stn as per route 18, and the early am jny retimed much later.
- 20 (*Vectare, M-F early am and early evgs plus Sat daytimes, Harlow Bus Stn & Brays Grove School*) This minor service is effectively withdrawn and consumed by the new 20/21/22 group.
- 20/21 (*Central Connect, Harlow & Epping/ Ongar, daily*). To be clear, except for the short stretches where the routes vary within Harlow, these new services represent a doubling of the current M-F frequency between Harlow and Epping from x30 to x15, and between Epping and Ongar from x60 to x30; Sats Harlow- Epping doubled from x60 to x30 (no change Epping-Ongar, still x60); Suns still x60 Harlow-Epping but doubled from x120 to x60 Epping to Ongar.
- 22 (*Central Connect, Harlow & Epping via North Weald*) The M-F peak service on this new route is x30; there's one mid-evening journey each way daily, plus one early a.m. journey on Sundays. The three journeys which run as 22B on M-S mid-late evenings between Harlow and Potter Street follow the same routeing as the 20/ 22.
- 23 (*Central Connect*) This new route, replacing Arriva's evening and Sunday route 10 between Harlow and Church Langley, terminates at Harlow Bus Station rather than the Rail Station as the 10 did (and still does), hence the adoption of a different number. M-S late evenings runs x30 whereas the 10 was x60, Suns is x120 as the 10 was.
- 24 (*Central Connect*) New route, Harlow Bus Stn & River Way Roundabout via Allende Ave, Rail Stn, Edinburgh Way and River Way. M-F except evgs and Sat daytimes, x60, competing with First Essex's new 407/417.
- 28 (*Central Connect*) This new route replacing Arriva's evg/ Suns service on route 8 between Harlow Bus Stn and Old Harlow is indeed evgs x60, Suns x120 (i.e. as per the former 8). The routeing is unchanged but differs from that of the daytime service, hence the different number.
- 407/417 (*First Essex*) These new M-S routes, Gilden Park & Harlow Princess Alexandra Hospital, 407 daytime and 417 (via Little Parndon) evenings, both run x60.
- 418/B (*Vectare, Loughton Stn & Epping (St Margaret's Hospital), M-S exc. evgs*) Withdrawn and, as suggested in TLB 719, replaced by the extended 18.
- 542/A (*Vectare, Debden & Loughton circulars, M-S exc. evgs*) Not withdrawn; renumbered 17/A (qv).

Saturday 31st August

Ensignbus changes. Details next time, as few yet available; 77/A, Z1 and the SDO 32 are all withdrawn but timetable changes on the 22, 33, 44, 66, 73, 83, 88, X80, plus route changes on the 22, 33 and 73.

Monday 2nd September

More Central Connect changes. Details in TLB 721 as little info available yet; 13/13A/13B (Waltham Cross & Epping) all extended to North Weald (so the 13C number possibly falls into disuse); 505 renumbered 15 with 15A/15B variants; also, the possible return of the 14!

HERTFORDSHIRE and Southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Firstly, further to TLB 718, a bit more detail on the changes to **Arriva the Shires** network on the border of our coverage in Luton from **Sat 2nd June**. F70/F77 extended daily from Luton Interchange via the busway and Luton Airport Parkway Stn to Luton Airport. Also, routeings swapped so F70 now serves Tilsworth and Stanbridge and the F77 now non-stop via the A505. The 26 was a new M-F except evgs service Luton Interchange & Warden Hill via routes 24/25 to Bushmead then via Cromer Way. The combined M-F except evgs frequency on the 24/25/26 is now x20; the 24 is also intro evgs & Suns x60. The 802 picked up an extra a.m. journey to increase capacity. The 27, 28/B and 29 all had adjusted evening timetables. The 23 was introduced evenings & Sundays, x60. The 31, A and Z (and also the in-area 721, not previously mentioned) just had minor timetable changes.

Sunday 28th July: 14/B, 16 (Central Connect)- amended entries for this date, see Essex section.

Sunday 1st September (or first schoolday thereafter as applicable)

- 35/B/C (*Central Connect, Hertford & Bishops Stortford, M-S exc. evgs*) Revised timetable. Additional SDO journeys on 35C between Bishops Stortford and Birchwood High School. Coordinated Sats with the new 36 to provide combined x60 between Little Hadham and Bishops Stortford.
- 36/A (*Central Connect*) New route. Mon-Sat exc. evgs, probably x60 M-F/ x120 Sat (confirmation in TLB 721). Buntingford & Bishops Stortford Interchange via current 386 (Westmill, Puckeridge and Little Hadham). Four journeys each way M-F operate via The Hormeads, Hay Street and Braughing between Buntingford and Puckeridge and these are numbered 36A. Most journeys timetabled to connect with journeys on route 37 at Buntingford; and Sats coordinated with 36 to provide x60 between Little Hadham and Bishops Stortford.
- 37 (*Central Connect*) New route. Mon-Sat exc. evgs, x120. Buntingford & Stevenage Bus Stn via route 386 (Cottered, Baldock, Letchworth, Hitchin, Lister Hospital). Most journeys timetabled to connect with journeys on route 36/A at Buntingford.
- 38 (*Central Connect*) New route, renumbered ex 384. Mon-Sat exc. Evgs, approx. 5 rtn jnys, Hertford & Stevenage via Ware, Tonwell, Dane End and Walkern.
- 38A (*Central Connect*) New route, renumbered ex 383. Mon-Sat daytimes, approx. 2 rtn jnys, Hertford & Stevenage via Ware, Tonwell, Watton-at-Stone and Aston.
- 61/X61/62 See Bucks section.
- 306 (*Sullivan, Watford & North Borehamwood, daily exc. Sun evgs*) Revised timetable, with an extra early am bus M-F.
- 306A (*Sullivan, Borehamwood (Tesco) & Garston, St Michael's School*) Revised timetable.
- 310 (*Arriva KT, Waltham Cross & Hertford, daily exc. late Sun evgs*) Minor timetable changes.
- 321 (*Arriva the Shires, Luton & Watford Gen Hosp, daily*) Minor timetable changes. Part converted to double-deck (there have been occasional workings of late, mostly at weekends).
- 323 (*Arriva KT, Hertford & Welwyn Garden City, M-S exc. late evgs*) Minor timetable changes.
- 324 (*Centrebus, WGC & Hertford, M-S exc. late evgs & Suns exc. evgs; ext M-F peaks to Ware*) Revised timetable.
- 338 (*Lucketts, Radlett & Colney Street Harperbury Park, M-S exc evgs; ext M-F offpeak & Sats to Colney Fields Retail Park*) Altered from a shuttle service stopping only at the terminal points (and Harperbury Park when running through) to a normal stopping service; revised timetable.
- 341/641 (*Uno, Hatfield & Broxbourne, M-S exc.evgs*) Revised timetable.
- 355 (*Sullivan, Carterhatch Lane & Nicholas Breakspear School, SDO*) Revised timetable.
- 356 (*Sullivan, Winchmore Hill & Nicholas Breakspear School, SDO*) Revised timetable.
- 366 (*Centrebus, WGC & Luton Interchange, M-F peaks*) A M-F offpeak service is introduced between Luton and WGC, of which three morning/ lunchtime return journeys continue on to South Hatfield via Heronswood Rd, Howlands for QEII Hospital, Hertford Rd, Hatfield Stn, Hatfield Town Centre, Oxlease, then a terminal loop via Travellers La, South Way, Bishops Rise, High View and Northdown Rd. Also, an extra SDO a.m. journey introduced Oxlease, Hatfield Town Centre, Galleria, UH de Havilland Campus, Hatfield Business Park, Coopers Green La and Green Lanes to line of route at Lemsford. The p.m. peak return facility runs via the main route (WGC) and the offpeak journeys beyond Oxlease to Sth Hatfield (and return), replacing the 811.
- 383 (*Central Connect, Hertford & Stevenage, M-S exc. evgs*) Renumbered 38A.
- 384 (*Central Connect, Hertford & Stevenage, M-S exc. evgs*) Renumbered 38.
- 385 (*Red Eagle, North Bushey & Watford Morrisons, M-F peaks*) The sole eastbound am peak journey (Watford- North Bushey) withdrawn, so a.m. peaks is now just one eastbound journey.
- 386 (*Central Connect & Richmonds Coaches, Bishops Stortford & Stevenage, M-S exc. evgs*) Main service by Central Connect withdrawn (replaced by 36/A and 37). The single return journey between Braughing and Bishops Stortford on Tuesday and Thursday daytimes by Richmond Coaches continues.
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Sunday 1st September continued

- 397 *(Sullivan)* New SDO route. Borehamwood (Tesco) to Bushey (Queen's School) via current 398 (Organ Hall Farm, Radlett, Aldenham).
- 398 *(Sullivan, Potters Bar & Borehamwood Tesco, M-F exc. Evgs; SDO jnys ext from Potters Bar to Brookmans Park (Chancellors School)/ from Borehamwood to Bushey (Queens School)/ M-F am peak jny to Watford)* The SDO journeys to/ from Queens School withdrawn (replaced by 397).
- 401 *(Centrebus)*. New Sunday service introduced by Centrebus alongside Arriva KT's existing M-S exc. late evening service between WGC Bus Stn & Panshanger, x60, following the same routeing.
- 402 *(Centrebus, WGC Bus Stn & QEII Hospital, daily exc. late evgs)*. Suns reduced from x30 to x60.
- 601 *(Uno, Borehamwood (Ripon Park) & Hatfield Business Park, M-F exc. late evgs, extended Mon-Fri exc. evgs to Welwyn Garden City)* Revised timetable.
- 602 *(Uno, Hatfield Rail Stn & Watford, daily exc. Sun evgs)* Revised timetable.
- 610 *(Uno, Luton Interchange & Potters Bar Stn, M-S exc. evgs, extended M-F to Cockfosters)* Revised timetable.
- 612 *(Uno, Luton Interchange & Hatfield (The Forum), SDO)* Revised timetable.
- 614 *(Uno, Hatfield Rail Stn & Queensbury Stn, M-S exc. Sat evgs)* Revised timetable.
- 635 *(Uno, Watford Gen Hosp & Hatfield Business Park, M-F exc. late evgs; extended except evgs to Hitchin Stn)* Revised timetable.
- 644 *(Uno, Hatfield Rail Stn & Queensbury Stn, M-F peaks)* Revised timetable.
- 653 *(Uno, Welwyn Garden City & St Albans (New Greens), daily exc. Sat & Sun late evgs)* Revised timetable.
- 690 *(Uno, Hatfield Angerland P & R & UH de Havilland Campus, M-S, plus Weds & Fri nights)* Revised timetable. Note this service is marketed as "The Shuttle".
- 721 *(Arriva the Shires, Luton & Hemel Hempstead, M-S exc. evgs)* Minor timetable changes.
- 811 *(Brittania Coaches, Hatfield (Oxlease Drive) & Harpenden (Katherine Warrington School, SDO)* Withdrawn. Replaced by 366.
- 821 *(Arriva the Shires, Luton & New Greens (Townsend School), SDO)* Timetable change (pm).
- 832/833 *(Sullivan, South Oxhey & Garston, St Michael's School, SDO)* Revised timetables.
- 836 *(Central Connect)* New SDO route. Braughing & Buntingford Schools via Dassels and Hare Str.
- 842 *(South Mimms Travel, Hatfield & Brookmans Park, Chancellors School, SDO)* Withdrawn (replaced by a private contract which is not open to the public)
- 885 *(Red Eagle)* New route, SDO/ M-F peaks, one journey this way am, return pm. Garston (Park Parade, formerly Bus Garage) via Meriden Estate, Woodmere Ave, Radlett Rd, Orphanage Rd, Watford Junction (return jnys turn direct from Clarendon Rd into St Johns Rd), Clarendon Rd, Watford Town Centre, Bushey Arches and Bushey to Bushey Meads School. The a.m. journey (but not the p.m.) also runs during school holidays but only as far as Watford (Beechen Grove).
- 908 *(Arriva KT, Stevenage & Welwyn Garden City, M-S exc. evgs)* Minor timetable changes.
- B77 *(Sullivan, Shenley & Kingsbury (JFS School), SDO)* Withdrawn. No replacement yet known.
- H5/H6 *(Central Connect, Hertford & Bengoe circulars, daily exc. evgs)* Minor timetable changes.
- S6 *(Red Eagle, St Albans circular, M-F peaks and offpeak mornings, and Sat daytimes)* Introduced M-F offpeak afternoons to run all day (except evgs) x30. Rerouted via Beaconsfield Rd, Lemsford Rd, Sandpit La, Charmouth Rd, Marshal's Drive ex Clarence Rd and Sandpit Lane. St Albans City station still served by means of a double-run, although during M-F am peaks this will be only on request.
- W20 *(Red Eagle, Oxhey Hall & Watford (Brocklesbury Close), M-S offpeaks; ext to North Bushey M-F pm peaks)* Revised timetable.
- W21 *(Red Eagle, Carpenders Park & Westfield School, SDO)* Revised timetable.
- X10 *(Uno, Hatfield (The Forum) & Luton Interchange, M-F exc. evgs UH term times only)* Rerouted between Hatfield and Harpenden via the northern end of St Albans. Details in TLB 721.

Sunday 1st September continued

Also from this date, many changes to services on the borders of our coverage, mainly in Luton (Arriva) and to the Whitbread Wanderbus network. Details next time.

Sunday 22nd September

More Arriva changes, full details next time, but briefly 101 Stevenage & Luton reverts to serving Lilley, so the 102 variant withdrawn; the 301 St Albans & Stevenage re-extended to Lister Hospital, with the 725 cut back to the Bus Station. Just a t/t change on the 97 (Hitchin & Stotfold). The 305 Brookmans Park/ Potters Bar & Sandridge via St Albans- currently Metroline- will have a new operator.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, SLOUGH AND WINDSOR

Firstly a brief round-up of some changes on the borders of our area. At **Red Rose**, all the way back on **Monday 18th March** the 16 (Aylesbury & Steeple Claydon) reverted to its normal routeing at Quainton following the reopening of Station Road after HS2 works were completed there. From **Friday 29th March** (effective Tues 2nd April), the 17 (Aylesbury & Bicester) NSD pm jny was retimed and revised to run as per the SDO routeing (excluding the deviation via Waddesdon School). From **Monday 22nd April** new route 121 began, x60 M-S except evgs Thame & Haddenham.

Then, from **Sat 2nd June**, **Red Rose** introduced new route 66 on Sundays, 4 rtn jnys Aylesbury & Watermead; and the hourly Sunday service on the 60 (Aylesbury & Buckingham) went from Vale Travel to Red Rose, no longer via Watermead, and most journeys actually as X60 running via the A413 between Winslow and Whitchurch; plus a t/t change on the 100 (Aylesbury & MK via Wing).

Sunday 28th July: The bus stand arrangements at High Wycombe were changed from this date.

All as in TLB 719, with the following additional/ amendment notes (SDOs from start of next term);

- 130 (*Redline, Aylesbury & High Wycombe, daily except late evgs*) Frequency reduced M-F daytimes from x15 to x30, Sats from x20 to x30. M-S evenings and Suns remains x60 but a late evening journey added from High Wycombe to Aylesbury on Mon-Sat. Timetable coordinated with the new 300 to give an x15 headway between Aylesbury and Princes Risborough M-S (x30 Suns). The M-F daytime special journeys via Butlers Cross continue. The SDO journeys to Marlow Hill schools (which also run via Butlers Cross) renumbered 130M (qv).
 - 130B (*Redline*) New SDO route mostly replacing the current S130. Mornings from Bledlow Ridge (not High Wycombe as on the S130), Bledlow, Princes Risborough, Butlers Cross to Stoke Mandeville; here, students seem to have to change onto the next 300 journey for Aylesbury College or Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School as the a.m. 130B continues only to Aylesbury Bus Stn. The p.m. journey does start from SHFGS (which is next door to the college) then runs direct to Stoke Mandeville and return to Bledlow Ridge.
 - 130D (*Redline*) New number for current 621 without routeing change; SDO Downley (The Pastures), loop through Downley then via Bradenham (and route 130) to Princes Risborough School.
 - 130M (*Redline*) New number for existing schoolday journeys on 130 between Aylesbury and Marlow Hill schools via Butlers Cross.
 - 300 (*Redline*). New route. Daily except Sunday evenings, Aylesbury Bus Stn & High Wycombe Bus Stn via current Arriva X9. So, from Aylesbury via Stoke Mandeville and Little Kimble to Princes Risborough (also paralleling the 130 to this point) then Lacey Green, Walters Ash, Naphill and Hughenden Valley. Frequency x30 Mon-Sat, x60 Suns although like Arriva's current X9 timetable there are longer gaps in M-F peaks, p.m. roughly x35-40 and a.m. closer to x60. Times are coordinated with the 130 to give higher frequencies between Princes R and Aylesbury. One SDO am journey bifurcates at Stoke Mandeville to Aylesbury College/ Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School. The SDO pm return journey runs from the school/ college to Aylesbury Bus Stn then normal route.
 - 621 (*Redline, Downley & Princes Risborough School, SDO*) Renumbered 130D.
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Sunday 28th July continued

671 (*Redline, Dagnall & Aylesbury Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, SDO*) Withdrawn.

S130 (*Redline, High Wycombe/ Bledlow Ridge & Aylesbury College, SDO*) Withdrawn (see 130B).

Adding to the note in TLB719 about Redline's changes on the X20, the rerouteing via Haddenham is via Churchway, Stanbridge Rd, Woodways, Thame Rd and Haddenham & Thame Parkway Station. There's also an extra SDO journey in each peak, Thame Co-op & Aylesbury (Tring Rd Tesco) omitting Aylesbury Bus Stn (this way am, return pm). As a result, the SDO route 120 now terminates at Aylesbury Bus Stn and does not serve Tring Rd, but it does now stop in Wheatley- taking that facility over from schooltime journeys on the X20- and it gains an extra early afternoon eastbound journey. The 120 also gets the same rerouteing through Haddenham as the X20.

Finally, in a late change of plan, Carousel was granted a licence to operate up to 50 vehicles from a new site adjacent to their current one in High Wycombe, and therefore the former Arriva premises in Cressex Business Park ceased operations from the end of play on 27th and did not transfer to Carousel after all.

Saturday 24th August

A60 (*Carlone, Sunnymeads & Heathrow Central, 3 night jnys towards Heathrow only*) Withdrawn- although possibly not, just an operator change. Confirmation in TLB 721.

Sunday 1st September

1 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Hemel Hempstead, daily except late evgs*) Rerouted east of Chesham via Botley, Ley Hill and Jasons Hill instead of Lye Green. More details in TLB 721.

1A (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Chesham (Pond Park), daily exc. Sun evgs*) The hourly short journeys between High Wycombe Bus Stn and Chesham Bdy that ran M-F offpeaks extended and renumbered 1C (qv).

1B (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Chesham (Pond Park), M-S exc. evgs*) One M-F am peak return jny transfers to the 1C (qv).

1C (*Carousel*) New route. M-F am peaks and offpeaks, x60 High Wycombe Bus Stn & Chesham Bdy via route 1A, then Chartridge La, Berkeley Ave (westbound only), Chartridge (Village Hall). The a.m. peak journey follows the 1B routeing (Penn Street and Winchmore Hill, and Stanley Hill/ Woodside Rd/ Chiltern Ave in Amersham). This is supported by Bucks CC and gives Chartridge by far the most frequent service it has seen in a long time. Unclear yet whether the other, infrequent Bucks CC services mostly by Red Eagle/ Red Rose are affected.

34 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Lane End, M-S exc. Evgs; also M-F early evgs High Wycombe & Coachway Park & Ride*) Minor timetable change.

36 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Bourne End, M-S exc. late evgs and Suns exc. evgs*) Increased M-F from x60 to x30 and co-timetabled with the 37/A to restore an x15 frequency M-F between Bourne End and High Wycombe. Withdrawn Sundays (replaced by 37B).

37 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Bourne End, M-S exc. late evgs & Suns exc. Evgs, extended M-S to Maidenhead*) Rerouted between Wycombe Marsh and Loudwater via London Rd and Station Rd (NB this is a reversion to the old routeing of Arriva's 7). Withdrawn Suns (see 37B).

37A (*Carousel*) New route, M-S exc. evgs, x60, Bourne End Stn & High Wycombe via current 37.

37B (*Carousel*) New route, Suns exc. evgs x60, Maidenhead & High Wycombe via the 37 to Wooburn Green then via the 36 to Flackwell Heath, then via Treadaway Hill, Station Rd and the 37 to High Wycombe. Replaces the Sunday 36 and 37 but the facility to Maidenhead is new.

41/41H (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Amersham Stn, M-S exc. evgs*) Rerouted between Great Missenden and Amersham Stn via Frith Hill, Hyde Heath, Copperkins La, Chesham Bois (Amersham Rd, North Rd, Chestnut La, New Rd), Plantation Rd and Amersham town centre, ex Little Missenden and Amersham Old Town. An additional SDO journey added (northbound am, southbound pm) numbered 41H which operates via Holmer Green (Spurlands End Rd, Beech Tree Rd, Browns Rd, Sawpit Hill).

Sunday 1st September continued

- 61/X61 (*Red Eagle, Aylesbury & Dunstable/ Luton Interchange, M-S exc. late evgs*) Rerouted to serve Tring Station. More detail and whether the 61A is also affected will be in TLB 721.
- 62 (*Red Eagle, Aylesbury & Cheddington, M-S exc. evgs*) Revised to operate around the Marsworth/ Pitstone/ Cheddington/ Long Marston loop the other way around, i.e. clockwise.
- 102 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Heathrow Central, daily*) Minor timetable changes.
- 103 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Windsor, M-S exc. late evgs*) Withdrawn M-S early evenings between Slough and Windsor. Revised timetable (extra M-F peak jnys).
- 104 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Uxbridge, M-S exc. late evgs*) Introduced Suns, 4 return journeys between Uxbridge and Beaconsfield Stn. Timetable changes, including an earlier M-F a.m. jny.
- 106 (*Carousel, Chesham Bdy & Slough Bus Stn, M-S exc. evgs*) Minor timetable change.
- 107 (*Carousel, Amersham Stn & Slough Bus Stn, M-S exc. evgs*) Minor timetable change.
- 583 (*Carousel, Hedgerley & Slough, M-S exc evgs; extended offpeaks to Uxbridge*) Minor t/t change.
- X103 (*Carousel, High Wycombe & Slough, Suns exc. evgs*) Increased to run x60 all day (currently x60-120) and with a slightly later finish.

Also, following Reading Buses' introduction of a competitive 28 between Henley and Reading Carousel will withdraw the 800 (and X80) they inherited from Arriva, all buses now running as 850, via Twyford.

Sunday 22nd September

- 8 (*First Berkshire & The Thames Valley, Slough & Heathrow T5, daily exc. late evgs*) Timetable changes for reliability.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Saturday 17th August

- 23 (*Metrobus, Crawley & Horsham, daily except late evgs; ext except evgs to Worthing*) t/t change.

Saturday 24th August

- 442 (*Carlone, Heathrow Terminal 5 & Staines, daily; extended nights to Engelfield Green; numerous other variations operate*). Revised timetable, now identical daily; thus, the routeing variations that had run M-F only through Stanwell and Stanwell Moor now run Sat/ Sun also. The a.m. peak journey which extends beyond Staines to Egham (Church Rd) to serve Strodes College is withdrawn. Reduced early a.m. service, with the sole M-F westbound journey beyond Staines to Engelfield Green cut back to Staines (still some early a.m. eastbound jnys from Engelfield Grn).

Sunday 25th August

- 556 (*Diamond Bus, Chertsey & Heathrow T4 daily & nightly but no northbound service 1200-1600 and no southbound service 0830-1500; extended nights to Heathrow Central*) Withdrawn.
- 593 (*Carlone, Staines & Lyne, M-F mid-mornings, one rtn jny*) Revised timetable for reliability.
- 710 (*Diamond Bus, Chesham Bdy & Heathrow Central, nights*) Withdrawn.
- N555 (*Diamond Bus*). New route, daily late evenings and nights, generally x60, Heathrow Central & Walton-on-Thames (The Bear) via the current 555 i.e. Hatton Cross, T4, Bedfont, Stanwell, Ashford, Ashford Common, Sunbury Cross, Sunbury, Upper Halliford and Shepperton.

Saturday 31st August

- 21 (*Metrobus, Crawley & Epsom (Sainsburys), M-S exc. evgs*) Minor timetable changes.
- 22 (*Metrobus, Crawley & Abinger, M-F exc. evgs*) Minor timetable changes.
- 281 (*Metrobus, Crawley & Lingfield, M-S exc. evgs*) An early evening journey added M-F from Crawley to Copthorne.
- 291 (*Metrobus, Crawley & Tunbridge Wells, daily exc. Sun evgs*) Revised timetable (no change to frequency).
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A 'Routemaster 70' event took place at Chiswick Business Park on 20th and 21st July. One of the many attendees was open top RM1403, owned by 'A Route 2 Hire' based in Towcester. It currently has a promotional wrap for Aldi. *(Haydn Davies)*

As part of the Central London Bus Review, route 211 has been diverted at Sloane Square to run to Battersea Power Station. Transport UK LT622 with an advert wrap for 'Zipcar', heads back to Hammersmith, in Pump House Lane, Battersea, with the impressive structure in the background. *(Richard Godfrey)*





Alongside the Wright Volvo Eclipses, Carousel Buses have 14 ex National Express West Midlands E400s. 80592, which retains NXWM red livery at the moment, runs through Bourne End on route 37. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Carousel 80826 is one of 21 Wright Volvos from Xplore Dundee and is seen here on route 32 in Abbey Way, High Wycombe. A new Go Ahead fleet numbering scheme has started to be rolled out with these new acquisitions. *(Richard Godfrey)*





High Wycombe in 1975 was dominated by London Country and Alder Valley. London Country NBC green liveried RML2418 (which survives today at the Albert Dock in Liverpool as a diner) is seen here turning out of Crendon Street, High Wycombe on route 363 on 6th June that year. *(Mike Harris)*

The London Transport/London Country/Alder Valley days in High Wycombe are recreated each year with a vintage vehicle running day. 2024 saw preserved GS13 perform trips over the former 442 route out from the town centre to Hicks Farm Rise and Hatters Lane. *(Haydn Davies)*





Delivery of new service vehicles has recently resumed after an unprecedented 3-year hiatus, with almost 100 Ford vans reported by mid-July. These have a plainer livery, but have continued with the traditional fleet numbering sequence. New 9237F is on the right, with 8979VW in the previous livery on the left. *(Tom Young)*

A 'bendybus' briefly returned to the streets of London at the end of July. It was in fact an art installation, created by sculptor Casper Philips, as part of a Samsung folding phone promotion. It was located in Bishops Square, Spitalfields. *(Alexander Zalicks)*



Saturday 31st August continued

- 420 (*Metrobus, Sutton & Redhill, M-S exc. late evgs & Sun daytimes; extended except M-F am peaks and M-F mid-evgs to Whitebushes, and further one M-F sthbnnd early evg jny, Sat early am (nthbnd), Sat evgs and Suns to Gatwick Airport South Terminal; and further Suns to Crawley*) Extended to run daily through to Crawley. However, withdrawn from Whitebushes.
- 460 (*Metrobus, Epsom (Clock Tower) & Crawley, M-S & Sun daytimes*) Minor timetable changes. The M-F offpeak service to Walton Oaks withdrawn, now just served M-F peaks.
- 555 (*Whiteley village & Heathrow Central, daily exc. late evgs*) Corrected date for the transfer from Diamond SE to White Bus; not 2nd September.
- 820 (*Metrobus, Sutton & St Bede's School, M-F peaks*) Timetable changes.

Monday 2nd September

- 525, 533, 545, 599 (Carlone); 661 (Cardinal to Reptons); 881 (Cardinal)- all as in TLB 718. Also:
- 8 (*Carlone, Guildford & The Mount, M-F daytimes, 2 rtn jnys + 1 extra rtn jny Weds/ Fri*) The Weds/ Fri extra return jny is withdrawn as it was worked by the bus off the 545/ 599.
- 455 (*Carlone, Addlestone Tesco & Woking, M-F daytimes 3 rtn jnys; also SDO to Merrist Wood College*) Revised timetable.
- 479 (*Falcon, Epsom Clock Tower & Guildford, M-S daily exc. evgs*) The M-S daytime short journeys between Epsom and Bookham Stn extended through to Guildford, giving an x30 headway throughout. Introduced early evenings, x30 with a mid-evening journey an hour later. Sundays up from x120 to x60.
- 503 (*Stagecoach South, Guildford & Hambledon, Mon/ Weds/ Fri daytime, 3 rtn jnys*) Withdrawn.
- 520 (*Stagecoach South, Aldershot & Guildford Tu/ Fri daytime or Woking Wed daytime, 1-3 rtn jnys/ day*) Withdrawn.
- 523 (*Stagecoach South, Guildford & Milford Hosp Tu/ Th daytime, 3 rtn jnys*) Withdrawn.
- 538 (*Stagecoach South, Burpham & Stoughton, Tu/ Fri daytime, 1 rtn jny*) Withdrawn.
- 862 (*Oxshott Heath & Ashtead (St Andrews School), SDO*) Ref TLB 718, as well as the change of operator from Edward Thomas & Son to Cardinal Buses, withdrawn between Cobham Free School and Oxshott due to low usage.

As with the withdrawn Carlone routes, passengers on the 503/520/523/538 are being directed to the existing Surrey Connect DRT service, i.e. the North & West Guildford zone (520, 523 & 538) or Cranleigh zone (503). Indeed, the Surrey Connect service is being expanded from this date.

Finally, Stagecoach South's route 1 (Guildford) has a M-F afternoon frequency cut from x12 to x15, and their SDO routes SP3 and SP4 from Chiddingfold and Godalming respectively into St Peter's School, Merrow, have timetable and route changes. The Onslow P & R in Guildford closes from 1st Sept.

Sunday 8th September

- 34 (*Stagecoach South, Guildford & Camberley via Woking, daily*) Mon-Sat daytime frequency increased from x30 to x20. Later evening departures from Guildford added, but earlier last bus from Camberley.
- 35 (*Stagecoach South, Guildford & Woking, M-F exc. evgs*) Afternoon timetable improved to provide a regular x90 headway throughout the route.

North and West KENT

Sunday 28th July

- Arriva KT changes on 414/A/B, 470, 477, 480/A, 481, 482, 483, 490 (old), 490 (new), 490A, 491, 497 all as in TLB 719 with the following additions;
- 480 The routing on the extension from Dartford to Temple Hill is via Mill Pond Rd, Temple Hill, Littlebrook Manor Way, Henderson Drive, Trevithick Rd and Joyce Green Lane.
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Sunday 28th July continued

- 481 (*Arriva KT, Gravesend & Riverview Park, M-S, extended SDO to Ebbsfleet*) Ref TLB 719, all journeys except those that are already extended SDO to Ebbsfleet (via Pelham Rd) are extended from Gravesend (Barrack Row) in a terminal loop via Darnley Rd, Old Road West, Pelham Rd.
- 482 (*Arriva KT, Gravesend & Kings Farm, daily except Sun evgs*) Saturday frequency is also x20 (as M-F), up from x30 on the current 483, and Suns will be x40 (up from x60 on the 483)

Sat 31st August Metrobus 291, see Surrey.

Monday 2nd September

- 218/219 (*Arriva Kent & Surrey, Tonbridge locals, daily*) Revised timetable.
- 305 (*1st Bus Stop*) Reinstatement of the service withdrawn at Easter; Vigo & Gravesend schools (Pelham Rd), SDO via Culverstone Green, Meopham Green, Meopham, Istead Rise, Shears Green, Northfleet, Perry Street.
- 531 (*Arriva K & S, Kemsing Noah's Ark & Tonbridge Weald of Kent Sch., SDO*) Revised timetable.

Also, Nu-Venture take on the SDO 570 between Wrotham and Maidstone Bus Stn from Arriva K & S.

CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

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Rallies and Running Days:

RM70. An impressive gathering of Routemaster buses took place over the weekend of 20th/21st July to mark the type's 70th birthday. The somewhat unusual venue of Chiswick Business Park was chosen as it was built on the site of the former London Transport Chiswick bus works. A total of *about** 80 different Routemasters attended over the weekend, although not all on both days. On each day there were *about** 57 present. (* I say "*about*" because some people would count the portion of RM997 that was on display as a whole bus, while others would not! Mind you, the same could perhaps be said of single-deck RM66....).

In the following list, unless shown otherwise, buses attended both days and were in London red and with their original registration numbers. Partial attendees are shown as * (Sat only) or ** (Sun only).

RM1, RM2* (Green), RML3*, CRL4 (Green), RM5, RM8**, RM9, RM14*, RM29** (Reg OYM453A), RM44* (Southend blue/white), RM66 (Single-deck), RM116**, RM158, RM188, RM223 (Swedish registration R 2MS 23), RM254, RM308, RM406 (Irish reg ZV 8691), RM545**, RM597**, RM835** (Clydeside red/yellow), RM848*, RM857*, RML880**, RML898**, RML903, RM938, RM997 (Front part only, mounted on trailer), RM1000**, RM1033* (Reg DSL 540), RM1138*, RM1274 (Reg LDS 67A), RM1357, RM1400** (Reg 398 CLT), RM1403 (Open-top in Lidl blue), RMC1462, RM1527*, RM1654*, RM1699**, RM1791, RM1804*, RM1822 (Route 159 red/cream), RM1859* (Reading Mainline red/cream), RM1871*, RM1933* (1933 red/white/silver), RM1941**, RM1962**, RM1977**, RM1990* (Reading Mainline red/cream), RM2033**, RM2037, RM2097, RM2106**, RM2208*, RM2213, RCL2219* (Green), RCL2229 (Green), RCL2233* (Green), RML2262**, RML2263**, RML2267, RML2271, RML2276, RML2334* (Green), RML2366*, RML2440* (Green), RML2456** (Green), RML2464 (White, with roof conversion), RML2499, RML2531 ("Grinchmas" tea bus), RML2543, RML2544**, RML2592**, RML2682**, RML2690 (As a mobile bar), RML2699*, RML2735*, RML2760, BEA2 (RMA14) (BEA blue/white) and RMA37**. Also attending were RF392*, RF600, RT604**, RT1530**, RT1702*, RT4779*, T1064 and (appropriately) LT70 plus Maidstone & District DL39 (VKR 39).

Lowish-Floor Running Day (East Grinstead to Godstone) 14th July: LT T23, T747, V1, Arriva London DLA23, DLA33, ENL1, L520 (part open-top), VLW85; Capital Citybus 250 J135 PVC, 218 S218 LLO; Go-Ahead LDP285, PVL390, WVL1; Grey-Green F143 PHM; London United TA247, OT30209; Metrobus G804 SMV, G806 TMX, M721 CGO, Y379 HMY; Metroline DLD697, TA648, TE847, TP417, TPL264, VP614, VPL630; Quality Line DD01 SK07 DZA; Stagecoach London 34358, 34366 and Tower Transit DML41424. Special visiting guests were former Dublin Bus WV52 (00-D-10057) and former West Midlands Metrobus 2764 (A764 WVP).

Alton 21st July: RM1654, RM1804, RM1990, RM2116, RM2208, RMC1500 (486 CLT), RML2699, RT1702, RT3148, RTW185, M1069, TE847 (MLN), TE1073 (MLN), DT15 (LU), ENL1 (ALN), 610 (L&C), LN8 (LCBS), MB90 (LCBS), SNB449 (LCBS) and G806 TMX (Metrobus).

Windsor 28th July: GS13, RF271, RF406, RF491, RF600, RM188, RML2440, RML2456, RT2083, RT2177, RT3491, RT4779, SNB312, SNB448 and SNB449.

Worthing 28th July: RT1702, RT1777, RT3775, RM938, RM1699, RM1822, RM1955, RM2037, RM2179, DM999, TA 18214, 610 (L&C), LN8 (LCBS), LS30, DT16 and LDP20.

General news:

LJ24 ZKX, a Volvo BZL/MCV 10.9m electric double decker ‘demonstrator’ model has been reported. It is to full TfL specification, dual door (H42/20D) and in red. The bus was noted in mid-July at Metroline CELF’s premises and is expected to move round the London operators for route trials.

Section 1: Major TfL operators

ARRIVA LONDON

ARRIVA LONDON NORTH - AD, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY, SF and WN;

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

A new order is for 51 x Volvo BZL/MCV 10.9m double deckers for routes 243 and 341 (AR).

Following the recent takeover by I Squared Capital (see TLB718, pg.6), the ‘DB company’ logos displayed underneath the Arriva fleetnames on the whole fleet are being removed.

Route 19/N19 and over twenty LTs duly transferred from Tottenham (AR) into Stamford Hill (SF) in time for start of service on 3rd August.

Route 217 was taken over at short notice on 3rd August following Sullivan Buses’ withdrawal from TfL work, and it is now operated by Tottenham (AR) with assistance from AD & WN. Vehicles noted on the route so far include HV14, HV20, HV30, HV35-37 (all transferred in from BN) and HV167 & HV189 (transferred in from AD).

Route 259 is due to move from Edmonton (EC) to Tottenham (AR) and the N279 from Edmonton (EC) to Enfield (E) on 17th August. From the same date, the emergency contract on former Sullivans route 217 is due to move from AR to EC. The 158 will be the only other route operated from EC, although the garage also houses E400s T22-35 in the training school fleet and some DW/T buses for use on Rail Replacement work.

The introduction of Electroliners onto route 64 (TH) has been delayed further, it was intended to commence in mid-July but owing to a lorry hitting the shelter housing the electric infrastructure equipment, relevant repairs need to be taken care of first. The delay is expected to be resolved within weeks and the batch (ES17-37) are forecast to be introduced onto route 64 later this month.

The full batch of Electroliners intended for route 279/N279 (ES51-84) have been delivered and are currently stored at EC pending their introduction at E later this year. They will replace T228-237/239/240/241-259/300 as part of the tender re-award and route conversion to electric buses. The next batch of Electroliners (ES85-160, intended for TH) are starting to arrive, with some of the higher numbered ones coming first, ie ES142-160, now joined by ES87/89.

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The large batch of Volvo B5LHs (HV281-320/386-412) at Norwood (N) are currently in the process of being refurbished/repainted as part of the tender renewal of route 2, 249 and 468. They are being fitted with LED destination blinds upon refurb/repaint, with HV281-3 completed so far.

SLS1/2/3 are the first of the batch of StreetLites allocated to route 410 (TH) to be refurbished and repainted, with SLS4-21 to follow. SLS22-25 are in use as ‘repaint float vehicles’. SLS26-30 are withdrawn and will not be done. Route 410 has a PVR of 17.

LT497, LT527 and LT532 have transferred from CT into BN to serve as ‘repaint float vehicles’, to enable the refurb/repaint of LT716-41, of which LT718/725/731/740 were the first ones to be completed.

LT193, VOR since 16th September 2023, was back in service on 11th July but only briefly.

LT476, VOR since 13th November 2023, was back in service on 12th July.

Recent repaint/refurbs noted include HV280, HV281, HV282, HV283, LT345, LT524, LT528, LT718, LT725, LT731, LT740, SLS1, SLS2 and SLS3.

NB. LT237/238, LT327-350 are completed for route 254 (SF).

New Deliveries:

ES72-84 (LV24 WUM/O/P/R/T/U/W/X, LY24 EKM/N/O/P/R) for route 279/N279 (E). ES72-82 in July, ES83/84 in August.

Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D. All to latest TfL ‘Vision Zero’ specification.

ES85-97, 142-158 (LY24 FXM/O, JNV/X/Z, JOA/H/J/U/V, JPF/J/O, and LY24 FWT/U/V/W/X/Z, FXA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/J/K/L) part of the order for routes 50, 194, 250/N250, 289 and 689 (TH). ES142-158 in July, ES85-97 in August. ES98-141 and 159/160 to follow.

Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D. All to latest TfL ‘Vision Zero’ specification.

Transfers:

January 2024		ES35	ECu/Nu	T218	WNu/WN	HV189	AD/AR
HV95	WN/WNu	ES36	ECu/Nu			LT467	AR/SF
		ES37	ECu/Nu	August 2024		LT468	AR/SF
April 2024		ES53	--/ECu	ES20	ECu/Nu	LT469	AR/SF
DW212	GY/GYu	ES58	--/ECu	ES28	Nu/BN	LT470	AR/SF
LT181	AR/ARu	ES64	--/ECu	ES33	Nu/BN	LT582	EC/SF
LT195	AR/ARu	ES68	--/ECu	ES83	--/ECu	LT583	AR/SF
LT198	AR/ARu	ES70-82	--/ECu	ES84	--/ECu	LT584	AR/SF
LT589	AR/ARu	ES142-158	--/Nu	ES85	--/Nu	LT585	AR/SF
T133	TH/THw	HA17	N/AD	ES86	--/Nu	LT587	AR/SF
		HV27	BN/N	ES87	--/Nu	LT588	AR/SF
May 2024		HV191	AD/AR	ES89	--/Nu	LT592	AR/SF
T162	TH/Nw	LT183	SF/AR	ES90	--/Nu	LT593	AR/SF
		LT193	Eu/E/Eu	HA15	N/AR	LT594	AR/SF
June 2024		LT476	CTu/CT	HA18	N/AR	LT595	AR/SF
T208	ECu/EC	LT527	CT/BN	HV14	BN/AR	LT596	AR/SF
		LT532	CT/BN	HV20	BN/AR	LT597	AR/SF
July 2024		T157	TH/THw	HV30	BN/AR	LT598	AR/SF
DW414	ECu/EC	T204	ECu/EC	HV35	BN/AR	LT599	AR/SF
ES25	ECu/Nu	T206	ECu/EC	HV36	BN/AR	LT600	AR/SF
ES28	ECu/Nu	T212	ECu/EC	HV37	BN/AR	LT601	AR/SF
ES33	ECu/Nu	T214	ECu/EC	HV167	AD/AR	LT602	AR/SF

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All-over advert changes:

DW561 and HV94 to adverts for £5.25 All Day (both 07/24)
HV100 to advert for Klayd (07/24)
HV212 from advert for Holy Ghost & Fire back to Red (07/24)
HV263 to advert for £5.25 All Day (07/24)
HV315 to advert for £5.25 All Day (07/24) THEN to one for Sure (08/24)
HV343 from advert for Holy Ghost & Fire back to Red (07/24)
HV378 from advert for £5.25 All Day to one for Sure (07/24)
LT299 from advert for Pantene back to Red (07/24)
LT432 to advert for Samsung Z Flip 6 (08/24)
LT474 from advert for Innocent Fruit Juice - Apples & Limes back to Red (07/24)
LT513 from advert for Sonos M to one for Samsung Z Flip 6 (07/24)
LT524 from advert for Euros 2024 back to Red (08/24)
LT584 from advert for Brewdog back to Red (07/24)
LT732 from advert for Habitat back to Red (07/24)
LT734 from advert for Polo Ralph Lauren back to Red (07/24)
LT814 to advert for Sol De Janeiro 2 (07/24)
LT981 from advert for Euros 2024 back to Red (07/24)

Out on loan:

T18 (LJ08 CVO) to Arriva Country buses (Area 3) – See TLB719, pg.32.

Disposals:

T99 returned off lease, now with Bear Buses, Shepperton (July).

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, PL, RA and SW; **METROBUS** - C, MB.
Outstations: FK=Folkestone, LD=Lower Dicker.

Following the loss of the Rail Replacement contract for Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) on 1st April, the King's Lynn (KL) and Leighton Buzzard (LZ) outstations were surrendered in May. LDP35 and VWL51-54 had been at LZ and their current location is not known.

The last member (Ee217) of the E400EV batch (Ee205-17) intended for route 57 (AL) duly entered service on 11th July. This route has a shared allocation of both Volvo B5LHs and E400EVs. The last member (Ee273) of the batch of E400EVs (Ee263-273) for route 262 (DS) entered service on 11th July, now fully converting the route from Volvo B9TLs.

The roll out of the E400EV batch (Ee243-262) intended for route 157 (AL) continues, with just six yet to transfer into AL. The other 14 from the batch have entered service at AL and have enabled some of the Volvo B9TLs (WVL423-35) previously used on route 157 to be utilised on route 200. This has allowed the route to be converted back to double-deck operation, since the reintroduction of the Optare MetroDeckers (Me class) remains slow. Thus far only Me14/15/16 have returned to use, although only appearing occasionally with more time off the road, than on.

Route 485 (AL) has recently been operated by a full allocation of E200EVs, these partly being from the batch intended for route 152 and also some from the batch in waiting for route P12 (PM). To date, still only two E200EVs (SEe260/69) are in use at PM on route P12 as electrification works are ongoing.

The SOE class of AD E200Dart/ Optare Esteem single deckers have now all been withdrawn, the final few being SOE6/17/18 at Croydon (C) (usually allocated to route S1) and SOE34/35 at Merton (AL) (usually allocated to route 200), whilst SOE40 had been at Sutton (A) as a 'staff meal relief' vehicle. SOE18 was the last one to be stood down, finishing in the early hours of 19th July on route S1.

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A new operating centre has been found and approved at Unit 1, Newtons Court, Crossways Business Park, Dartford, DA2 6QL with an authorisation for 37 vehicles. This base is believed to be chiefly for the Fastrack services being gained from Arriva Kent Thameside (NF) in November. The routes are likely to be started using Mercedes Citaros MEC51-69 (minus MEC51/54/56/60 which have been withdrawn due to fire or accident damage) released from route 358, and also potentially some from the batch MEC1-10/12/20/27/30/32/34/37/50 currently on route 108, once that route converts to E200EVs. This will be until the ordered Irizar i.e trams (IE21-48) arrive and electrification work is completed. *LATE NEWS*: IE21 was delivered to New Cross (NX) garage on 8th August, un-registered. More details next month.

The annual Wimbledon Tennis shuttle routes 838 (South Thames College to The Championships) and route 840 (Wimbledon Station to The Championships) duly ran from 1st to 14th July. The route 839 (St Pancras to The Championships) did not appear this year. Buses seen in use on the 838 and 840 included E3, E5, E6, E12, E14, E15, E100, E101, E104, E129, E255, E256, E257, Ee255, Ee256, EN11, EN12, EN14, RML2604, WHV20, WVL425, WVL428, WVL430, WVL432 and WVL433. The annual Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival ‘Park & Ride’ service from 2nd to 7th July was host to E9, E124, E257, E259, E284, EH14 and EH15, which operated from Apps Court Farm to Hampton Court. Along with Stagecoach South, Go-Ahead London buses were in use at Farnborough Airshow, which took place from 22nd to 26th July. These included E3, E12, E14, E104, E259, E282, E284, EN1, EN3, SE91 and WVL293.

A second StreetLite (WS88) arrived at NX for route P4 from 4th July, joining WS87 and working alongside E20Ds. It is now known that the E20Ds currently in use are temporary, with more StreetLites transferring in once route 39 (AF) gets fully converted to E200EVs.

Route 299 was taken over on 3rd August, well in advance of its official tender win (scheduled for 1st February 2025), following the short-notice withdrawal of Sullivan Buses from TfL work. Route 299 is now operated (again) by Northumberland Park (NP) using E200s SE85/148/149/167/169/172. The single-bus operation on routes 389 and 399 was then taken over from Tuesday 6th August with StreetLite noted WS50 in use on that day. Metroline had covered route 389 and 399 on the previous day (Monday 5th August).

LT284 was involved in a RTC in the Lewisham area on 21st July, suffering rear body damage.

Worthy of comment recently were visits by MHVs to route B16, with MHV65 on 3rd June and MHV69 on 15th July.

The Irizar i-e trams (IE1-20) are currently forecast for deployment onto route 358 (Crystal Palace to Orpington Station) in the ‘Autumn’ to replace the 65-plate Mercedes Citaros. IE2 is currently assigned to driver ‘type training’ duties at MB. The pantograph technology (technically a mechanical linkage which conveys power into the bus from above) is installed at both ends of the route and is designed for quick boost charging whilst buses are on stand. The buses have smaller on-board batteries to reduce weight and will rely on receiving ‘opportunity charging’ where stand time allows.

BCI tri-axle demonstrator model TA1 (LX18 DGF) has left the fleet, likely to be for scrap. It was last used on 23rd January 2023 on school route 687 (RR).

Recent repaint/ refurb are EH61, EH62, EH63, EH64, EH65, EH66, EH67, EH70, EH71, EH72, EH73, MHV22, MHV23, MHV50, MHV51, MHV52, MHV53, MHV66, MHV78, MHV80, WHV97 and WHV166. NB: MHV63-69 have been refurbished/repainted and intended for School route 601 (BX).

To re-cap LT903-10/14-53 are in ‘East London Transit’ livery and intended for route EL1/2/3. LT911/12/13 are red and not branded. The full batch LT903-53 are based at RR.

Additional detail for Fleetbook 2024, pg.6: Volvo BZL/ MCV 10.9m ‘demonstrator’ model MVB1 (LF73 DXZ) is confirmed as **H42/20D**. NB: This bus is still in use at Sutton (A) and allocated exclusively to route 213.

GO-AHEAD LONDON continued**Transfers:**

Unknown dates	June 2024	LT44	Q/Qu/MLN	SOE34	AL/ALw
SEe232 u/BYDu	SE105 SI/RR	LT46	Q/Qu/MLN	SOE35	AL/ALw
SOE40 As/Aw	SEe332 SIu/RR	LT47	Q/Qu/MLN	TA1	RRu/RRw
	SEe333 SIu/RR	LT49	Q/NP	WHV17	AL/AF
November 2023	SEe334 SIu/RR	LT452	RR/Q	WHV18	GM/AF
MEC57 MB/MBu	SEe335 SIu/RR	LT687	NP/Q	WS88	AF/NX
	SOE6 C/Cw	LT875	RR/Q	WVN17	DS/NP
December 2023		LT876	RR/Q		
SEe24 NP/NPu	July 2024	LT878	RR/Q	August 2024	
	Ee99 AL/A	LT901	NP/Q	E118	PM/RR
January 2024	Ee217 SIu/AL	LT902	NP/Q	E119	PM/RR
WS55 MB/MBu	Ee245 BX/AL	SE136	AL/SW	E121	PM/MB
	Ee246 MGu/AL	SE137	AL/SW	E215	MB/C
February 2024	Ee247 SIu/AL	SE138	AL/MB	EH41	PM/Q
747 BX/BXu	Ee249 MGu/AL	SE145	AL/MB	EH244	NXu/NX
MEC65 MB/MBu	Ee256 MGu/AL	SE146	AL/MB	IE2	MBu/MBt
	Ee266 SIu/DS	SE147	AL/MB	LT877	RR/Q
March 2024	Ee267 SIu/DS	SE148	AL/BX	Me16	PLu/AL
EH15 NX/DS	Ee270 SIu/DS	SE149	AL/BX	SE85	BXc/NP
	Ee272 SIu/DS	SE167	AL/MG	SE148	BX/NP
April 2024	Ee273 SIu/DS	SE168	AL/NX	SE149	BX/NP
LDP35 LZsp/?u	EH14 DS/PLu/SW	SE176	AL/C	SE167	MG/NP
VWL51 LZc/?c	EH15 DS/SW	SE177	AL/C	SE169	AL/NP
VWL52 LZc/?c	EH42 PM/Q	SE178	AL/C	SE172	AL/NP
VWL53 LZc/?c	EH137 RR/SW	SE275	NX/SW	SEe321	SIu/AF
VWL54 LZc/?c	EH138 RR/SW	SEe265	AF/AL	WHV16	AL/AF
WSD15 SW/SWu	LT41 Q/Qu/MLN	SEe266	AF/AL	WHV77	GM/A
	LT42 Q/Qu/MLN	SOE17	C/Cw		
	LT43 Q/Qu/MLN	SOE18	C/Cw		

All-over advert changes:

Ee36 from advert for Ovo Energy 2 back to Red (07/24)
 Ee172 from advert for Windrush 75 back to Red (07/24)
 EH119 and EH202 to adverts for £5.25 All Day (both 07/24)
 EP1 from advert for Ovo Energy 2 back to Red (07/24)
 LT501 from advert for Polo Ralph Lauren to one for Borderlands (07/24)
 LT505 from advert for Fulfil Protein Bars to one for Sol De Janeiro 2 (07/24)
 LT508 from advert for Brewdog back to Red (07/24) THEN to advert for Emirates (07/24)
 LT852 from advert for Euros 2024 to one for Borderlands (07/24)
 LT854 from advert for Pantene to one for Emirates (07/24)
 LT855 from advert for Fulfil Protein Bars back to Red (08/24)
 LT857 from advert for Habitat to one for Instagram (08/24)
 LT865 from advert for Zipcar to one for Samsung Z Flip 6 (07/24)
 LT874 from advert for San Miguel back to Red (07/24)
 LT889 from advert for Cos back to Red (07/24)
 WHV127 from advert for Northeastern Uni back to Red (07/24)
 WHV129 from advert for Northeastern Uni back to Red (08/24)
 WHV184 to advert for £5.25 All Day (07/24)

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Disposals:

LT41-44/46/47 to Metroliner (July).

SOE2/3/6/10/11/14/15/17-19/21/29-35/40 to Ensign Bus (July).

TA1 to Ensign Bus (July).

METROLINE (within the Comfort DelGro group of Singapore)

METROLINE TRAVEL - AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, PB, PV, SG and W;

METROLINE WEST - G, HZ, UX and WJ. Additionally CELF.

New vehicle orders are as follows:

53 x Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m for route 4 (HT), E2 and E8 (AH) – WDE class.

45 x BYD E400EV-City 10.9m for route 90 (PV) and 98 (AC) – BDE class.

10 x Wright GB-Kite Electroliner 10.9m for route 153 (HT) – WSEL class.

Further to vehicle order information in TLB717, pg.31, fleet numbers are now assigned:

WSE2929-2962 for the 34 x Wright GB-Kite Electroliner 10.3m for route 143 and C11 (W).

VMSS2963-2972 for the 10 x Volvo BZL - MCV 9.7m for route 382 (PB).

VMSL2973-2984 for the 12 x Volvo BZL - MCV 10.8m for route 206 (WJ).

BDE2985-3030 for the 46 x BYD E400EV-City 10.9m for route 206 (1 bus for WJ), 210 (W), W7 (HT) and W8 (PB).

The new Brentford (AH) garage opened on 12th July, following a two-year reconstruction project where the previous buildings and site were demolished and completely remodelled with brand new office space, workshop facilities and parking for over 100 buses. The site directly opposite the existing garage has been in use whilst the garage was rebuilt, with a marquee housing a workshop area and on-site fuelling bays and bus wash. This is currently being disassembled with the site, at least temporarily, being used for staff parking.

Six LT buses from Go-Ahead London have joined the fleet, to help convert route 17 (HT) to full LT operation as part of its tender renewal. Currently the route is run with a mixed allocation of BYD/E400EV and LT buses. Of the six, four (LT41/43/44/46) have so far been used with LT42/47 pending.

The Volvo B9TLs (VW class) at Uxbridge are mainly used on routes U3 and U4 but, as with the E400s (TE class), they also appear on other double-deck operations from time to time, including both route 114 and 222, whilst VW1056 worked a U1 turn for the first time on 18th July.

On 19th July, VMSS2841 visited route 382 for the day, paving the way for when the route gets its own batch of them in due course (see above).

Potters Bar (PB) came to the rescue at short notice to cover TfL route 327 from 3rd August (DEM1353 in use that day) and on the 5th August, when covering TfL route 389 and 399 (DEM1356 was noted) for one day. Both were a result of the Sullivan Buses withdrawal from TfL work.

LT546, VOR since 30th December 2023, returned to service on 11th July.

Recent repaint/ refurb are LT546, LT549, LT551, LT557, VWH2306, VWH2318, VWH2320, VWH2324, VWH2330, VWH2338, VWH2348, VWH2361, DEM2682 and DEM2694.

New Deliveries (July):

WDE2920/25 (LV24 VPJ/O) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D.

Part of batch (WDE2906-28) intended for route 113/N113 (EW).

Into the fleet (July):

LT41-44/46/47 from Go Ahead London (Q).

METROLINE continued**Transfers:**

December 2023		July 2024		VWH2337	HT/AH	WDE2921	--/PVu
WHD2712	PV/PVu	DE1011	UX/Gw	VWH2338	HTu/AH	WDE2924	--/CELFu
		DE1014	UX/Gw	VWH2343	AC/AH	WDE2925	--/CELFu
February 2024		DE1115	G/UX	VWH2344	AC/AH	LT41	GAL/HT
BDE2754	EW/EWu	DE1121	G/UX	VMH2440	PB/HT	LT42	GAL/HTu
		DE1127	G/UX	VMH2454	PV/HT	LT43	GAL/HT
June 2024		DE1641	UX/Gw	VMH2455	PV/HT	LT44	GAL/HT
TE1080	UX/UXw	TE1743	UX/UXw	VMH2531	EW/PV	LT46	GAL/HT
VW1175	u/CELFmt	TE1745	UX/UXw	VMH2584	PV/G	LT47	GAL/HTu
VMH2440	EW/PB	TE1746	UX/UXw	VWH2697	HT/AH	LT101	W/AH
VMS2811	u/WJt	TE1747	UX/UXw	VWH2698	HT/AC	LT546	Wu/W
VMSL2893	u/CELFu	TE1748	UX/UXw	WDE2916	--/CELFu		
		VWH2335	HT/AH	WDE2920	--/CELFu		

All-over advert changes:

BDE2621 from advert for Ovo Energy 2 back to Red (07/24)

BDE2626 to advert for Zero Emissions (08/24)

LT761 from advert for Euros 2024 back to Red (07/24)

LT762 from advert for San Miguel back to Red (07/24)

LT765 from advert for Zipcar back to Red (07/24)

LT767 from advert for Habitat to one for Sol De Janeiro 2 (08/24)

LT790 from advert for Nike - Feel The Unreal back to Red (07/24)

LT792 from advert for Polo Ralph Lauren back to Red (07/24)

LT793 to advert for Borderlands (07/24)

LT796 from advert for Supacell (Netflix) to one for Emirates (07/24)

VWH2303 and VWH2334 from adverts for Holy Ghost & Fire back to Red (both 07/24)

VWH2338 from advert for Low Emissions back to Red (07/24)

VWH2367 to advert for Low Emissions (07/24)

Disposals:

DE1619/1627/1650 to Ripley, Barnsley (July).

TE1080, TE1745-1748 to Adventure Travel, Cardiff, South Wales (July)

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LONDON SOVEREIGN - BT, CP and SO; **LONDON TRANSIT** - X;

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

Route E3 (V) now has a shared allocation of existing E40Hs, joined recently by Volvo B5LHs, following the transfer in of VH45156-160 (from route 481) and VH45183-89. The first of the 60-plate E40Hs are starting to be stood down, with ADH45017/18/20-22 now stored at NC.

VH45119 suffered frontal damage, when it collided with a shop front and scaffolding on Harrow Road, whilst on route 18 at approximately 14.20 on 16th July.

The batch of LTs (LT664-81) formerly used on route 211 (V) are being transferred into AV for re-deployment onto route H98. LT667/676 were the first ones to enter service on 18th July. In due course these will replace 12-plate E40Ds (ADE class) as part of the tender renewal. LT667 turned up on school route 697 in the morning peak on 19th July.

Correcting a report in TLB672 that the bus was being scrapped, E200 DE20057 (SK07 DXE) is still in the fleet, based at WK and used occasionally at events to promote 'Open Chance', which is supporting 'achieving in children'. The bus has been converted with workbenches, storage facilities and

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an on-board classroom to promote engineering apprenticeships for young people. This bus was last used in passenger service on 23rd December 2019.

The batch of E20D MMCs (DLE30267-74) intended for route H11 (BT) and formerly used on route H17 (RP) are in the process of being refurbished and repainted, with just DLE30269 still to be done. In practise this batch, alongside DLE30250-66 (BT for route 288 and 303), have a mixed allocation and are frequently seen on route H11.

Recent repaint/ refurb include DLE30134, DLE30268, DLE30270, DLE30271, DLE30272, DLE30274, DLE30278, DLE30281, DLE30282, DLE30283, VH45142, VH45165, VH45166 and VMH45337.

Re-add to fleetbook and SUP39 editions: DE20057 (SK07 DXE) AD E200Dart - AD Enviro200 B29D.

Transfers:

Unknown dates		June 2024					
DE20057	--/WKsp	DE20175	AV/NCw	DLE30068	TV/AV	LT666	V/AV
DE20127	BTu/Xs	DLE30337	AV/V	DLE30069	TV/AV	LT667	AVt/AV
		ADH45017	V/NCu ?	DLE30329	Xu/Xt	LT668	V/AV
April 2024		ADH45018	V/NCu ?	DLE30336	WK/AV	LT669	S/AV
DE20054	Su/NCw	ADH45021	V/NCu ?	VH45119	RP/RPu	LT670	S/AV
SDE20282	TV/NCu	ADH45022	V/NCu ?	VH45157	V/X	LT672	V/AV
SDE20283	TV/NCu	ADH45033	AV/CP	VH45158	V/X	LT676	V/AV
SDE20284	TV/NCu	ADH45034	AV/CP	VH45168	TV/WK	LT677	V/AV
SDE20295	TV/TVw	LT679	V/S	VH45185	TV/V	LT678	V/AV
VH45082	BTu/NCu			VH45189	FW/V	LT679	S/NCu
				VH45193	TV/FW	LT681	V/S/AV
				VH45194	AV/FW		
May 2024		July 2024				August 2024	
DLE30140	S/V	DE20112	AV/S	BCE47159	X/S	DLE30329	Xt/V
ADH45020	V/NCu	DE20156	V/S	BCE47162	X/S	LT671	V/AVu
LT79	S/Su	DLE30051	TV/AV	BCE47169	X/S	LT673	V/AVu
		DLE30052	TV/AV	BCE47172	X/S	LT675	V/AVu
		DLE30053	TV/AV	LT664	V/S	LT680	V/AV
		DLE30061	RP/AV	LT665	V/AV		

All-over advert changes:

ADH45013 and ADH45023 to adverts for Rose Prosecco (both 07/24)
 BCE47010 and BCE47028 to adverts for Despicable Me 4 (both 07/24)
 BCE47066 and BCE47167 from adverts for Ovo Energy 2 back to Red (both 07/24)
 BCE47168 from advert for Zadig & Voltaire back to Red (07/24)
 LT86 from advert for Habitat to one for Red Bull (08/24)
 OME46001 to advert for Despicable Me 4 (07/24)
 OME46029 to advert for Chiquita Bananas (07/24)

Disposals:

DE20018 left the fleet by July. Last used 4th December 2023.
 DE20021/53 left the fleet by July. Last used in April.
 DE20055 left the fleet by June (noted at Ripley).
 DE20052/119 left the fleet by July. Last used in February.
 DE20164/167/168 left the fleet by July. Last used in September 2023.
 DE20174 to Northstar, Sunderland (July).
 DE20188/189 left the fleet by July. Both last used in March.
 SDE20295 to Uno Bus, Hatfield (June).

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings)

EAST LONDON - AW, BK, BW, CS, HK, NS, RM, T and WH;

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

New vehicle orders are as follows:

24 x AD Enviro100EV 8.5m for route B14 (TB) and W12 (AW).

17 x AD Enviro400EV 10.5m for route SL3 (TB).

Further to TLB715, pg.34, it is now known that the Volvo BZL/MCV deckers on order for route 58 and 277 will be fleet numbered 86191-86225. In practise, the first batch of 10 (86181-90), although ordered and intended for route D7 (HK), will instead be permanently allocated to route 58 (LI), with others to follow to replace Volvo B9TLs. HK is some way off being electrified, whereas LI has electric charge facilities already, leading to the change of plan. Thus far 86181/2/4-9 are in use on route 58. For the record, 86185 was seen carrying registration number BV24 LPN (instead of LJ24 ZNU) in early July, which is incorrect as that number is registered to a single decker Warrington bus 1001. This was corrected within days.

Saturday 6th July was the first day of operation for the MetroCity EVs (45001-8) on route W5, which coincided with when the route moved from HK into AW. Replaced Optare Solos 47983-90 are now withdrawn. To date 45001 is still in use at LI, serving as a spare temporarily for route 339, whilst 45002 entered service on route W5 in early July, but was only 'polling' and showing on London Vehicle Finder (LVF) from 20th July.

E20D 37723 transferred back from HK to AW on 19th July, reuniting the batch 37721-37 as intended for route W19, not forgetting fellow E20D 37584 which joined some time ago.

Electroliner 82051, one of the batch (82049-64) intended for route 242, was placed into service at North Street (NS) on 19th July when it made the first electric bus appearance on route 247. Others of the type have appeared subsequently.

All of the intended batch of E20D MMCs (37750-58) from route W11 (AW) have now transferred to route 309 (HK), as part of its tender renewal. Route W11 is operated by MetroCity EVs (67013-22), with 67018 the last one of the batch to enter service on 27th July.

Owing to planned engineering works on London Overground, from 20th July to 4th August the section from Chingford to Hackney Downs was replaced by Rail Replacement bus service L3, using E400s based at HK. This service showed up as UL69 on London Vehicle Finder.

E20D MMC 36655 was involved in a RTC in the Lewisham area on 21st July, suffering front nearside damage.

In late July, former CT Plus E400EV 84173 moved from AW to PD to join indigenous 84163-72 on route 180. 84174 followed in early August and these are understood to be permanent moves. Route 20 is reportedly moving from AW to Leyton (T) on 31st August.

Walthamstow Avenue (AW) stepped in at short notice to cover former Sullivans route W9 from 3rd August. E20Ds including 37744/47 were noted in use on 3rd August. West Ham (WH) also came to the rescue to cover route 549 from 3rd August, although the route will be discontinued in September following the re-working of route W14. E200 36298 was noted in use on route 549 on 5th August with full destination blinds for the route.

E40H 12337, VOR since 30th December 2023, was back in service on 11th July.

Recent repaint/refurbs noted are 13126, 13127.

Additional detail to TLB719, pg.40: Volvo BZL/MCV 86181-89 are confirmed as H42/20D.

Additional detail to SUP39D, pg.31: E40D MMC 10301 should have a #, as it has been in green livery since at least 2018 to promote the cancer charity MacMillan in memory of Martyn Henderson.

New delivery (July):

86190 (LJ24 ZNZ) Volvo BZL - MCV 10.9m H42/20D ordered for route D7 (HK).

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Provisional registration numbers:

86191-208 (LJ24 ZPY/Z, ZRA/C/D/E/F/G/K/L/N/O/P/R/T/U/V/X) ordered for route 277 (HK)

86209-225 (LJ24 ZPE/F/G/H/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X) ordered for route 58 (LI)

Volvo BZL - MCV 10.9m H42/20D

Transfers:

January 2024

LT368 T/Tu

March 2024

39135 LI/LIu

May 2024

19798 LI/WHw

36284 LI/AWu

36297 LI/WHu

June 2024

19795 HK/WHw

19796 HK/WHw

19797 WH/WHw

19799 PD/WHw

47986 HK/WHw

July 2024

10156 T/TL/HK

11021 WHu/WH/HK

12129 T/BK/T

12337 PDu/PD

12538 HK/AW

13102 PD/LI

16989 LI/WHw

19800 WH/LI

19801 PD/HK

19803 TB/HK

19811 PD/LI

19814 PD/LI

19815 NS/HK

19820 LI/HK

19821 NS/HK

19822 NS/HK

19823 NS/HK

19824 NS/HK

19826 NS/HK

19827 NS/HK

19831 NS/HK

19832 WH/HK

19834 NS/HK

19854 WH/LI

19872 LI/HK

36037 HK/WHw

36038 HK/AW/HK

36289 WHu/AW

36325 HK/AW

36326 TL/TB

36342 WHu/WHw

36370 KB/BK

36375 KB/BK

37552 BK/BKw

37556 HK/LI

37723 HK/AW

37743 HK/AW

37751 AW/HK

37753 AW/HK

37757 AW/HK

45002 AWt/AW

47983 HK/WHw

47984 HK/WHw

47985 HK/WHw

47987 HK/WHw

47988 HK/HKw

47989 HK/HKw

47990 HK/WHw

67018 AWu/AW

82051 LIu/NS

84173 AW/PD

86182 LIu/LI

86184 LIu/LI

86185 LIu/LI

86188 LIu/LI

August 2024

13101 PD/LI

19803 HK/RM

19832 HK/WH

19854 LI/WH

36284 AWu/AW

36665 RM/KB

37752 AW/HK

84174 AW/PD

86183 --/LIu

86189 LIu/LI

86190 --/LIu

All-over advert changes:

11352 from advert for Northeastern Uni back to Red (07/24)

11376 from advert for Northeastern Uni back to Red (08/24)

12280 to advert for £5.25 All Day (07/24)

18907 to advert for £5.25 All Day (07/24)

LT244 from advert for Supacell (Netflix) back to Red (07/24) THEN to advert for Instagram (08/24)

LT256 to advert for Samsung Z Flip 6 (08/24)

LT260 from advert for Pantene back to Red (07/24)

LT264 to advert for Sonos M (07/24) THEN to advert for Emirates (07/24)

LT358 from advert for Cos back to Red (07/24) THEN to advert for Instagram (08/24)

LT363 from advert for Innocent Fruit Juice - Strawberries back to Red (07/24)

LT364 to advert for Borderlands (07/24)

LT377 from advert for Tropicana Orange back to Red (07/24)

TRANSPORT UK**TRANSPORT UK LONDON BUS** - BC, QB, WL;**TRANSPORT UK WEST LONDON BUS** - DH, GW, TF.

The batch of Wright GB-Kite single decks (1725-36) for route R70 (TF) started to enter service on 16th July, with 1726/27 being the first. As of 7th August, 1726-33 were in use. Four (1707-10) of the earlier batch intended for route E7 remain in use on route R70 and they are due to transfer to GW in the coming weeks, as the R70 receives more of its own batch.

The E400EVs (3430-41) usually allocated to route U5 (DH) were still in use at WL as we went to press, with Electroliners (3059-64 and others) still in use on route U5 as a temporary measure. Of the batch of 103 Electroliners in the fleet, just 3092 is still to enter into service.

Route 133 (QB) is now stocked with Electroliners as intended, replacing the LT class that were filling in and which have been redeployed onto route 211 (QB). The last one to appear on route 133 was LT155 on 26th July.

Route E5 (GW) currently has an allocation of 10 MetroCity EVs (1015-24), with 1012-14 away 'on loan' to support similar 1001-11 on route 322 (QB). As a result route E5 is still partly operated by E20Ds (8142/43/52-54).

E20Ds 8144-51 (formerly used on route E5) are based at BC and usually allocated to route S3.

Caetano e.City Gold 1515, VOR since 20th January, was back in service on 17th July.

E200 8524 has been donated to a charity in Kharkiv, Ukraine, which will help carry humanitarian aid, including food, clothing and medical supplies for people living in and around the city of Kharkiv. The bus was sent off from the Ukrainian Embassy in London and undertook a four-day journey to the city of Kharkiv.

LT604, VOR since 13th May 2023, was back in service on 7th August.

Recent reported repaints/ refurbishes include 2546, 8872, 8874, 8885 and 8887.

Transfers:

January 2024	July 2024			August 2024
LT699 WL/WLu	1012 GW/QB	1729	--/TF	1731 TFu/TF
	1515 WLu/WL	1730	--/TFu/TF	1733 TFu/TF
April 2024	1536 WL/BC	1731	--/TFu	2434 WL/QB
8833 TF/TFu	1540 BC/WL	1732	--/TFu/TF	3102 QBu/QB
LT686 QB/QBu	1543 BC/WL/BC	1733	--/TFu	LT604 QBu/QB
	1725 --/TFu	1734	--/TFu	LT699 WLu/WL
June 2024	1726 ?u/TF	1735	--/TFu	
8524 GW/GWw	1727 ?u/TF	1736	--/TFu	
9525 QB/GW	1728 --/TFu/TF	2442	QB/GW	
		8143	GWu/GW	

All-over advert changes:

2607 and 2615 from adverts for Suntory 196 Soda back to Red (07/24 and 08/24 resp.)

3080 to advert for LT Museum (07/24)

LT156 from advert for Sol De Janeiro back to Red (07/24)

LT617 from advert for Supercell (Netflix) to one for Borderlands (07/24)

LT622 from advert for Zipcar to one for Emirates (07/24)

LT634 to advert for Sol De Janeiro 2 (07/24)

LT636 to advert for Samsung Z Flip 6 (07/24)

LT699 from advert for Gucci Cosmos back to Red (08/24)

LT703 to advert for Instagram (08/24)

LT704 from advert for Habitat back to Red (07/24)

LT708 from advert for Fulfil Protein Bar back to Red (08/24)

Disposal: 8524 to Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, Ukraine (July).

Section 2: Other operators

ARRIVA'S 'COUNTRY BUSES' (within Arriva Southern Counties and Arriva The Shires)

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 garage, Arriva Kent Thameside licence).

Into the fleet:

2325-27 (LK15 FFT/U/V) Wrightbus StreetLite WF 8.8m B30F from Area 3 (WB).

4061 (GN59 FVC) AD E200Dart - AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F from Area 2 (HH). In use from 6th July.

4323 (SK68 TWU) Wrightbus StreetLite DF 11.5m B45F from Arriva Colchester.

Transfers: 2325-27 Area 3(WB)/NFu. 4061 Area 2 (HH)/NF. 4323 Arriva Colchester/NF.

Out of the fleet: 1002 (BT66 UAN) to Arriva Colchester by 9th July.

Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex (HA, HH, SV and WE garages, all on AKT licence)

Following the closure of Aylesbury (AY), route X5 (Aylesbury to Hemel Hempstead) from 29th July is now operated by HH, using mainly E40Ds and Optare Versas. On 29th July, E40Ds 5462, 6524/6/7 were observed in service.

Former High Wycombe (WB) Mercedes Citaro 3007 is earmarked for future use as a 'training bus' at SV. It is currently stored at Southend, awaiting conversion and is likely to surface at SV later this year.

To recap; HA based E20D MMCs 4076/78/81/83-87/95/96/101/113 are branded for route 508/509/510 (Stansted Airport to Harlow). Of these, all but 4101 are in light blue livery. 4101 is in Sapphire livery.

Into the fleet:

2951/52/54/57/58 (YJ61 MHO/U/X, YJ11 OKD/C) Optare Versa V1110 B37F.

2979 (YJ09 MKV) Optare Versa V1110 B38F.

3007 (BJ12 YRP) Mercedes-Benz Citaro B41F for future use as a 'training bus'. Stored at Southend.

3019 (BD12 DJF) Mercedes-Benz Citaro B37F for future use as a 'training bus'.

3580 (KX09 GZE) AD Enviro300 11.9m B45F.

4106/8 (SN17 MXE/G) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 11.5m B45F

5461 (SN15 LPK) AD E40D - AD Enviro400 10.9m H45/31F.

Transfers:

2951/52/54/57/58 Area 3 (WB)/HH. 2979 Area 3 (WB)/WE. 3007 Area 3 (WB)/Southend

3019 Area 3 (AY)/ HHt. 3572 HH/HHw. 3580 Area 3 (WB)/SV. 3741 HH/HHw.

3812 HH/HHw. 3813 SV/SVw. 4106/8 Arriva Kent (TW)/ HA. 5461 Area 3 (AY)/ HHu.

Out of the fleet:

4061 (GN59 FVC) to Area 1 (NF).

6502 (SN66 WHV) returned off loan back to Southend. Last used at WE on 27th June.

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

A new coach service X1 (Milton Keynes to Luton) was launched on 21st July. The service runs hourly from 04.45 to 18.45 and is 10 minutes quicker than route F70/77 and serves key places en route, including Dunstable, Luton & Dunstable Hospital, retail parks and large John Lewis and Amazon workplaces. This route is operated by Milton Keynes (MK), which is out of our coverage area, but worth mentioning. The route is operated by Temsa Safari HD12 coaches 7100/1/5 (YJ69 AAO/U/Y), which when new were allocated to Greenline route 758 (Hemel Hempstead to London Victoria), based at HH and then LD until that route was discontinued.

ARRIVA'S COUNTRY BUSES continued

The closure of both Aylesbury (AY) and High Wycombe (WB) garages duly took place after service on 27th July. The buses from both locations are now spread far and wide for onward use within Arriva. 2790 is WBu and 3919 is shown as police compounded, following a RTC involving a fatality in November 2022. Apart from these two buses, the fates of the rest of the AY/WB fleet is listed below. Volvo B9TL 4110 (YJ08 EEP) was completely de-roofed on 3th August, at the low bridge on Hitchin Road, Luton whilst travelling 'out of service'.

Into the fleet (training bus):

T36 (GN09 AWG) AD E200Dart - AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F. Formerly **4036** with Arriva Midlands.

Transfers: T36 Arriva Midlands/LDt. 2790 WB/WBu. 3021 AY/LDt. 4110 LD/LDw.

Update to Fleetbook 2024, pg.22: T62 (LJ08 CXS) is based at MKt, out of our coverage area and should be omitted.

Out of the fleet:

2325-27 (LK15 FFT/U/V) to Area 1 (NF).

2951/52/54/57/58 (YJ61 MHO/U/X, YJ11 OKD/C) to Area 2 (HH).

2955/56 (YJ61 MHY/Z) to Arriva Kent - Tunbridge Wells (TW).

2979 (YJ09 MKV) to Area 2 (WE).

2982 (YJ09 MLE) to Arriva Kent - Tunbridge Wells (TW). Initially for repair and onward use.

3007 (BJ12 YPR) to Area 2 (SV) for future use as a 'training bus'. Currently stored at Southend (SE).

3008 (BJ12 YPT) to Arriva Wakefield for future use as a 'training bus'.

3009 (BJ12 YPU) to Arriva Wrexham for future use as a 'training bus'.

3010/12-15/20/25 (BJ12 YPV/X/Y/Z, BD12 DHX/L/N) to Arriva Colchester. Currently stored at SE.

3016 (BD12 DHY) to Arriva Thurmaston for future use as a 'training bus'.

3017/18 (BD12 DHZ, DJE) to Arriva Derby for future use as 'training buses'.

3019 (BD12 DJF) to Area 2 (HH) for future use as a 'training bus'.

3023 (BD12 DHV) to Arriva Ashington for future use as a 'training bus'.

3024/30-32 (BD12 DHM/G/J/K) to Arriva Stockton for future use as 'training buses'.

3027/29 (BG59 FCX/Z) to Arriva Telford for future use as 'training buses'.

3505 (YN08 HZS) returned off loan to Derby, Arriva Midlands. Last in use on 16th July at LD.

3580 (KX09 GZE) to Area 2 (SV).

3730 (YJ57 BRF) to Arriva Colchester.

3731 (YJ57 BRV) to Arriva Leicester.

3914/20 (BV58 MLK, BK58 URN) to Arriva Midlands, Tamworth.

4210/11 (FJ58 KXH/K) to Arriva Kent - Tunbridge Wells (TW). To be renumbered 6206/7.

4212 (FJ58 KXL) to Arriva Kent - Tunbridge Wells (TW) for cannibalisation.

5457/58 (SN58 EOC/E) to Arriva Kent - Tunbridge Wells (TW).

5459/60/63-66/68/69 (YY14 WFT/U, SN15 LPO/P/U/V/Y/Z) to store pending re-allocation.

5461 (SN15 LPK) to Area 2 (HH).

5467 (SN15 LPX) to Arriva Kent - Maidstone for repairs and then TW for repaint prior to use.

6139/44 (FJ06 ZPW, FJ56 OBE) still at High Wycombe but 'on paper' have been returned to Arriva Kent & Sussex off loan. Likely for withdrawal.

T18 (LJ08 CVO) 'loan training bus' onto Arriva Thurmaston (Update to TLB719, pg.32).

T64 (LJ08 CXU) to Arriva Midlands, Milton Keynes.

AC012 (RX18 LNO) expected to Arriva Kent but has not been reported there yet.

Disposals: 3011 (BJ12 YPW), 3641 (KX59 ACO) to Shelton Motors for scrap (July).

Further to TLB719, pg.32; 4772 (YJ56 KFD) to Shelton Motors for scrap (July).

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Royston

Scania N94UD OmniCity AB52 AZB has reverted to registration YN54 AHD. Scania OmniDekka BV55 UCU has been stood down. E200 GX57 AUT has been withdrawn and now registered as SORN.

Into the fleet:

YJ65 EWC Optare MetroCity V1080 B40F from Adventure Travel, Cardiff, South Wales (June)

RJ24 UZU Iveco Daily Ilesbus I-City B??F

BEAR BUSES, Shepperton

Into the fleet (July): LJ59 LYY AD Trident - AD Enviro400 10.1m H41/24D (ex Arriva London T99).

BIG BUS COMPANY, Earlsfield

Ankai tri-axle open topper AN341 (LJ12 JVL) is the 10th member of the fleet to be converted to electric and now carries appropriate '100% electric' signage in green, as per the ones mentioned in TLB719, pg.32. The remaining 10 diesel powered Ankai tri-axles are due to be converted to electric by early 2025, these being AN331/334/337-340/343-346.

Disposals: DA221/223 (LJ09 OKE/H) to Big Bus Dublin operation. Now carrying registration numbers 09-D-132381 and 09-D-132377 respectively. Both in use by May.

CARLONE BUSES, Chertsey

Mercedes-Benz 517CDi Sprinter RX24 TGY is now in purple (rear end) and white (front end) livery, promoting the connection between Staines to Heathrow (route 442), thus joining YEZ 442, GO70 LHR, CA21 ONE, CA71 ONE and YK73 FFM in that livery.

Disposals:

BIG 442 reverted to registration KE70 UDY and passed to Diamond South East (December 2023).

RJ22 FNS to Swans Travel, Oldham (December 2023).

CAROUSEL BUSES, High Wycombe (part of the Go-Ahead group)

Operations (Fleet, PVR and routes) were expanded from 28th July, following Arriva High Wycombe's closing and ending of presence in the area. It is now known that the current base at Hughenden Avenue Industrial Estate has been expanded with additional space to house the bigger fleet. The potential use of Arriva High Wycombe's former site at Cressex was explored but will not now go ahead.

A new 5-digit fleet numbering system is starting to be implemented across all Go-Ahead national fleets, with Carousel being one of the first recipients. The existing fleet will in due course receive an 80 prefix to their existing fleet numbers to give the 5-digit fleet number, eg StreetLite 401 will become 80401. We will record these, as and when they happen.

Three E20D MMCs (706/707/710) from EnsignBus had been on loan in late July into early August and allocated temporary fleet numbers **82001-3**. These were returned on 5th August. Three Mercedes-Benz Citaros arrived in July (see below), with 886/7 (VO17 GDA/J) due to follow in September, all as permanent additions to the fleet. Mercedes-Benz Sprinters 972/4-6 arrived in mid-July for use as driver 'route learning' vehicles. DOE15 arrived in early August for potential use as a 'driver rest room' at High Wycombe bus station in the daytime. Thus far, it has not been used.

Scania OmniDekkas 242-245 (YN56 FFT, YN05 GZJ/O, YN55 NFO) and Mercedes-Benz Citaro 870 (LF57 OXF) have been withdrawn, pending disposal.

StreetLites 408/9 have been repainted into red fleet livery, formerly in Park & Ride blue livery. They carry new 'The Wycombe Bus Company' signage above the windows, promoting 'connect in town for cross country links'. E20Ds 513/514 have been repainted into red fleet livery and both carry Carousel 'Country' signage. NB: E20D 513 has a rear advert promoting the Flightline 102 service (South Bucks to Heathrow), whereas 514 has a rear advert promoting route 103 (High Wycombe to Windsor). E40Ds 608 (RW64 OXF) and 613 (JG64 OXF) have been refurbished and repainted into two tone green 'Flightline' livery, complete with route 102 branding, joining 609 (PS64 OXF). 608 was first in use on 22nd July and

CAROUSEL BUSES continued

613 from 6th August. 614 (GH64 OXF) should be next to return from refurb/repaint and is due later this month. Mercedes-Benz Citaro 894 (BF62 JZN) has been repainted red and received route 'one' branding, joining 889-893. E20D MMCs 80478, 80480 and 80481 (see below) have been repainted into red fleet livery and carry 'The Wycombe Bus Company' signage above the windows. Additionally 80480 has branding promoting Booker to Totteridge (route 33). Volvo B7RLEs 80822/23/25/26/29 (see below) have been repainted red with Carousel fleetnames.

Further to TLB719, pg.33:

Acquired E20D MMCs 471-482 are now fleet numbered **80471-82**. 10.9m and B37F. All 2019 built.
Acquired Volvo B7RLE 821-829 are now fleet numbered **80821-29**. 12.0m and B43F. All 2011 built.

Acquired E400s BX09 PFE/F/G/K/O/V, PGU, PHF are now fleet numbered **80951-8**. These are AD Trident/ Enviro400s - 10.8m and H45/32F. All built in 2009.

Into the fleet:

219/221/222/227-229 (HF/KF/LF/SF/TF/UF10 OXF) Scania N230UD - AD Enviro400 10.9m H51/29F (permanent members now, **ex loan**, updates info in TLB719)
613/614 (JG64/GH64 OXF) AD E40D - AD Enviro400 (MMC) 10.9m H47/32F.
884/885/888 (VO17 EOA/B, VU18 OPK) Mercedes-Benz Citaros from Pulhams, Cheltenham (all are in grey colour for now).

On loan (July):

599 (YX68 ULV) E20D MMC from Thames Travel (in all white colour).
706/707/710 (YY18 THN/U/Z) E20D MMCs from EnsignBus (in their fleet livery of blue and silver).
972/974-976 (BU18 YRO/R/S/T) Mercedes-Benz 516 CDi Sprinter from Thames Travel (in dark blue).
DOE15 (LX58 CXE) AD Trident - Optare Olympus 10.3m H43/21D

CENTRAL CONNECT, Harlow and Stansted

Brand new AD E40Ds are on order for 'new' route 20 (Harlow to Ongar), which launched on 28th July and replaced route 420. Two E40D buses are expected to arrive in August with more due in early 2025.

New route 21 (Harlow to Epping) will receive brand new E20D MMCs. New route 22 (Harlow to Epping) will use a mix of E20Ds and the brand new E40Ds when they arrive.

The following E20D MMCs are in two tone blue livery **and** carry 'Central Connect' fleetnames: 326/342/346/349/357/359/361-364/368 with many more to follow.

Recap on withdrawn buses still in fleet: OmniCitys 596/599 (YP59 OEO/V), StreetLite 910 (CC10 BUS), E20Ds 926 (MX12 DZE) and 928 (L9 XEL). E20Ds 921 (YX60 DXY), 922 (YX12 FPY), 923/4 (YX12 DHM/O), 925 (ML62 OGY) and 927 (L8 XEL) are now also withdrawn.

Into the fleet: 357/359/361/362/368 (YY24 HBA/C/E/F/N) E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.0m B30F (357 in July, remainder in August).

Out of our area:

208 (RX23 TFK) to Vectare, Rettendon. (mid-June).
221 (RX23 TVE) to Vectare, East Midlands region (correction to TLB719, pg.33). Not fleet number 223.
354 (YY73 RHA) to Vectare, East Midlands region (June). Last used in our area on 27th June.
371 (YY24 HBU) to Vectare, East Midlands region (July). Only used in our area from 25th to 27th June.

Disposal: 338 (YX72 ONC) has returned off lease. Last used on 25th January.

CENTREBUS, Luton

Volvo B7RLE 624 (BK13 NZP), having been VOR since 8th December, was back in use from 5th July.
Out of the fleet: E20D MMC 999 (YX21 RVJ) has left the fleet off loan, departing on 24th July.

DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark Connections Ltd), Stanwell

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc

The 3 x Custom Denning electric buses (39001-3) are still yet to arrive and StreetLites 20168/69/72 are still duly liveried and mainly allocated to Bedfont Lakes contract BL1/2 services in the meantime. E200 28328 (SN08 ABO) has been withdrawn, joining 28340 (SN08 ACZ). Both are on site and slowly being cannibalised to keep the others in the batch on the road. Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 20991 (KE70 UDY) was previously Carlone's BIG 442 and is usually allocated to route H21.

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

E20D MMCs 706/707/710 (YY18 THN/U/Z) were loaned to Carousel Buses, High Wycombe in late July and were returned on 5th August.

Acquired: RM2151 (CUV 151C) from the estate of Mr D McMaster (June) for future use.

FALCON COACHES (t/a Falcon Buses), Byfleet

Red E20D YX12 DLD has been exclusively allocated to School route 814 from mid-April to the end of the summer school term. It has been seldom used in the summer holiday period thus far.

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

The brand new Irizar i6 coaches (25101-6) are allocated exclusively to route RA1 (Heathrow Airport to Reading) and coincide with its frequency increase and timetable change on 30th June. These coaches are based at Reading (RG). Scania Caetano Levante coaches 23651/2/3 (XFF 283, 481 FPO, Y24 TRU) were stood down in early July, with 23654/55 (UHW 661, WSV 409) expected to follow.

Adding to TLB719 pg.34: 25101-6 are Irizar i6 coaches, 12.6m and C45FLt.

Into the fleet:

63298/99, 63307 (SN65 OLA/OKZ/OLM) Wrightbus StreetLite DF 11.5m B41F from First Solent.

Out of fleet: 69392 (HY09 AOR) to First Solent as a trainer. Last used on 8th April in Slough.

GOLDEN TOURS, Alperton

Volvo B5TL/ MCV EvoSeti 131 (BD16 YEK) has been repainted into a new blue (front) and red (rear) livery, branded for the 'Hop on, Hop off' Windsor operation.

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

Volvo B9TLs 6908/9 (BJ63 UJP/R) have been repainted into Metrobus two tone blue livery.

Scania OmniCity 6550/51 (YN05 HCF/G) were stood down in mid-July.

Disposal: Volvo B7TL/Transbus President 6948 (LK04 CVH) left the fleet in July.

MULLANY'S BUSES, St Albans

Further to TLB716, pg.33, DAF DB250/Wright Pulsar Gemini LJ05 BHY is still in the fleet and now assumed to be a permanent member of the fleet.

GRANT PALMER, Flitwick

Withdrawn Volvo B9TL 713 (GP55 BUS) has reverted to registration SN08 BYC and is currently being cannibalised.

READING TRANSPORT and THAMES VALLEY BUSES

E40D 795 (SN66 WLK) has been repainted into two-tone black and grey 'generic' livery, formerly in two-tone green livery and branded for FlightLine 703.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

Volvo B8RLE/eVoRa BV73 MME has been repainted into metallic maroon fleet livery, with similar BV73 MLX/Y/Z still in white for now. New addition Volvo B9TL BV13 ZCZ is also in white.

Acquired: BV13 ZCZ (Volvo B9TL - MCV 10.3m H43/29F) from Atlantic Travel, Bolton (August).

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

Optare Solo MX58 KYR has been repainted into fleet livery. Volvo B7TL W496 WGH has been stood down, last used on 23rd May. Scania N94UB/East Lancs Esteem E11 RRT has reverted to registration YN06 JXX and been withdrawn.

REDROUTE BUSES, Northfleet

Dart SLF HW54 BUO has been repainted red, formerly in two tone green from its days with Emsworth & District, Southbourne.

Disposal: Volvo B7TL LJ54 BFL to breakers in Rushenden, near Sheerness, Kent for scrapping.

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

On 2nd August at 5pm it was announced that this operator would cease running TfL routes from 'close of play' on the same day. The last recorded buses on their TfL routes were as follows:

Route 217 – E48 + E50

Route 299 – AE15

Route 549 – AE26

Route 298 – DS54

Route 327 – AE24

Route W9 – AE23.

The Commercial routes, including Thorpe Park and Hertfordshire School and local non-TfL routes are not affected and continue to be operated in full. It is planned that operations will move to the Swanland Road base as of 5th August, however the main and bigger SM base is likely to still be needed to store buses in the short term. Some members of the former TfL fleet will be redeployed on the Hertfordshire commercial network and replace older fleet members in due course.

Transfers: (TfL fleet)

July 2024: E49 SMu/SM

The following are all SM/SMu:

April 2024: E79; **May 2024:** DS51, E46/61/81; **June 2024:** E47, SL91;

July 2024: AE11/12/14/17/18/19/20/25/27, E42/43/51/53/56/57/72/73/74/77, SL92/93;

August 2024: AE13/15/16/21-24/26, DS54, E40/41/44/45/48-50/52/63/70/71/75/76/78/80, SL90/97;

NB: DS52, SL94/95/96 are already recorded as VOR. E64 and SL98 are withdrawn.

SUSSEX COACHES, Billingshurst

Into the fleet (July):

CN06 GDJ Scania CN94UA OmniCity AB53D + repainted red. Formerly with Cardiff Bus.

Disposal (July): BN17 JVC to Dews Coaches, Huntingdon (July). Now re-registered to V99 DEW.

TOOTBUS, Wandsworth

Scania OmniCity YT09 ZCU (ex RATP SP40064) has received Union Flag livery and is now fleet numbered 1. Scania OmniCitys YT09 BNE and YR10 FGO have been converted to part open top, now PO41/22D and repainted into Union Flag livery for use in London. YT09 BNE is now fleet numbered 8.

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield

Route 298 was taken over at short notice from 3rd August, following Sullivan Buses withdrawing from TfL services. On the 3rd August E200 605, E40D 1486 and OmniCity 1501 worked a daytime 30 minute frequency.

A 12-reg E20D (see below) has arrived, been refurbished and repainted red and is intended to replace the oldest bus in TfL service, ie. E200 605 (C17 UNO), which is now 17 years, 3 months old. E20D 606 (LJ12 BYW) should see service as the spare bus for TfL route 383 in the very near future.

UNIVERSITY BUS continued

Route X10 (Luton to Hatfield) re-starts in September, to coincide with the start of the academic year for the University of Hertfordshire. The 5 x Volvo B8L tri-axles (BV24 LUL/O/P/T/W) are expected to be launched and in use from then and allocated as intended to this route. They are forecast to be fleet number 201-5.

Into the fleet: 606 (LJ12 BYW) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 8.9m B25F (Formerly RATP SDE20295).

Transfer (TfL bus): 606 --/HFu

Disposal: Correction to TLB719, pg.44:

529 (YX67 UYC) left the fleet (May) not 527. E20D 527 left the fleet in March (see TLB716, pg.38).

VECTARE, Rettendon

Into the fleet:

208 (RX23 TFK) Mercedes-Benz 516CDi Sprinter - EVM Cityline B16F. In use from 14th June.

WHITE BUS SERVICE, Winkfield

Into the fleet: 56 (SK24 XPJ) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.0m B30F + in plain white (March).

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? (Subsequent vehicle disposals)

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Routemasters:

RM223 (R 2MS 23, ex AX54643, ex WTS 177A, ex VLT 223) returned to the UK in July and appeared at the Routemaster 70 event at Chiswick Park on 20th/21st July. It remains owned by Mattias Gustavsson, Svalov, Sweden.

RM329 (MFF 578, ex WLT 329), 787 (792 UX A, ex WLT 787) - we have not previously recorded that York Pullman was acquired by First Group in February but the two RMs were not included in the sale. The RMs were retained along with the heritage fleet and are now part of the fleet of Ingleby's Luxury Coaches, Fulford, North Yorks. They retain their York Pullman fleetnames, but neither have any fleet numbers, and only have their RM numbers.

RM371 (WLT371, ex EDS 281A) has completed its period of loan to Ensignbus and has now been loaned to Londoner Buses from July onwards.

RM406 (ZV 8691, ex WLT 406) from Mr G Mooney, Ireland to Mr B Farr, Brentford, Middlesex (March 2024) for preservation.

RMC1510 (510 CLT) has been loaned to Ensignbus from its private owner from July onwards.

RML2624 (NML 624E) was returned to London for maintenance at the end of July and RML2737 (SMK 737F) was dispatched to Ghost Bus at York to replace it. It is intended that RML2737 will return to Ghost Bus in London in due course.

Olympians:

AV10 (P490 MBY) (ex ML) was latterly with an unknown owner in Cornwall for conversion to a mobile home and it was sold to another unknown owner (March 2020), but no further details are known.

NV139 (R339 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap from Barnett's / Fairway Coaches (by March).

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA337 (LJ03 MFX, ex V20 BAY) (ex ALN) was sold from the Cultural Community College (by March 2023).

DLA343 (LJ03 MDV) (ex ALN) was sold from Base Coach Sales (dlr) (March).

DLA344, 346 (LJ03 MDX, MDZ), 347 (LJ03 MEU, ex J400 JBT) (ex ALN) from Base Coach Sales (dlr) to Ausden Clark Bus & Coach Hire, Leicester, Leics. (April). In May they were re-registered to E24, 23, 22 ACG respectively.

DW69 (LJ04 LDU) (ex ALN) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS (dlr), Barnsley, South Yorkshire (July).

SW1 (LK64 DVV), 2, 3, 4 (LK16 BYB, BYC, BYD) (ex ALN) have been numbered 7771 to 7774 with Arriva Merseyside where they are to be used as rail replacement buses in an all over light blue livery with a yellow panel below the windscreen and a yellow and grey diagonal stripe on the second window bay.

T40 (LJ08 CUO) (ex ALN) correcting TLB714, this passed to South East Bus Supplies, and not BBPG. It then passed to W B Chambers Farms, Maidstone (June), for use as farm pickers transport.

VLA36 (AYZ 5067, ex LJ53 BBV) (ex ALN) was re-registered by Taylors Travel to D7 EFA in April.

VLA38 (P9 YMS, ex LJ53 BBZ) (ex ALN) regained its original registration with YMS Travel in April.

VLA81 (LJ54 BFL) (ex ALN) from Redroute Buses to unknown scrapyard, Rushenden, Kent (July) after accident damage.

VLA90 (LJ54 BDU) (ex ALN) from Kent Coach Tours to Starline, Watlington, Kent (August)

VLW52 (LF02 PSO) (ex ALN) from Arriva Southern Counties (latterly Arriva Kent & Surrey 6136) to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (April).

VLA160 (LJ55 BSY) (ex ALN) is confirmed from Stotts to Tetley Coaches, Hunslet, West Yorkshire (February 2023).

VLW100 (LG52 DDE, ex PSV 444) (ex ALN) from Faresavers to Ajays Morris Troupe, Bolton, Greater Manchester (October).

VLW120 (LF52 UOT) (ex ALN) was sold from Sullivan Buses (by May).

VLW183 (LJ03 MMA, ex HIL 7386, ex J600 JBT) (ex ALN) from Base Coach Sales (dlr) to Hopley's Coaches, Mount Hawke, Cornwall (May), and then re-registered to MIG 5627 in June.

VLW191 (LJ03 MXS) (ex ALN) was sold from Message Trust to an unknown dealer, Sheffield, South Yorkshire (May).

VLW198 (LJ53 BFE) (ex ALN) correcting TLB719, this VLW remains with AB Coaches and was noted with them in April.

DN33605, 33606, 33607, 33608 (SN09 CGE, CGF, CGG, CGK) (ex FLN) from Metroline to Adventure Travel, Cardiff, South Glamorgan (July). These DN's were latterly TE1745, 1746, 1747, 1748 with Metroline.

VN32112 (LT02 ZDL) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Brian Jones Coaches, Gravesend, Kent (April).

VN36139 (BJ11 DVU) (ex FLN) was re-registered by Lianne Coaches/Jeakins Coach Travel to YSJ 558 in June 2022 and then back to original in October 2022. It was further re-registered to J31 KNS in October 2022, then back to original April 2023, and further re-registered yet again but this time to B19 JKN in April 2023 and back to original in June 2023, and then re-registered to J31 KNS (again) in June 2023 and back to original in March 2024. It then passed to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (April), and subsequently to 1st Bus Stop, Gravesend, Kent (May) where it has been given fleet number 103 and will no doubt be re-registered again soon.

VN37773, 37779 (LK59 CWN, CWV) (ex FLN) are now in Huddersfield Connect livery with First West Yorkshire.

VN37873 (BK10 MFE), 37888 (BV10 WVX) (ex FLN) have been converted by Thornton Bros at Ashington into driver training vehicles and repainted all over purple. They are fully branded for

their new role with text on the panels and windows. The others that have been transferred from Metroliner are expected to be similarly treated.

VN37955 (BN61 MXE) (ex FLN) is the other one from Atlantic Travel to Tours Isle of Man, Isle of Man (April). Updating TLB719, VN37954 and 37955 are to be re-registered to RMN 949M and RMN 948M respectively. They are now fitted with seat belts for use on school journeys.

VNW32350, 32359 (LK53 LZN, MBF) (ex FLN) from First South West to Shears (dlr), Winkleigh, Devon and then to Wigley (dlr), Barnsley, South Yorkshire (April). VNW32350 updates TLB717. WNH39003 (LK58 ECX) (ex FLN) updating TLB719, this did go for scrap after use by the college.

AVL28 (V128 LGC, ex T400 TMG) (ex GAL) further to TLB699, this AVL is confirmed as passing to St. Bartholomew's Primary School, Armley, West Yorkshire (June 2022).

DOE11, 33 (LX58 CXA, CYA) (ex GAL) were repainted into blue Bluestar livery in May with Go South Coast; unusually these still retain their DOE designation in the fleet number.

E41 (LX56 ETE) (ex GAL) was sold from Shears (dlr) (April).

E50 (LX56 ETV) (ex GAL) from Shears (dlr) to Wigley (dlr), Barnsley, South Yorkshire (April).

EVL19 (PL51 LFE) (ex GAL) further to TLB697, was confirmed as sold from scrap from Cotswold Green (by June 2022) and was subsequently scrapped.

PDL20 (PJ02 PZT) (ex GAL) was sold from Mario Coach Travel (March).

PVL91 (W491 WGH) (ex GAL) was sold by Konectbus to a private owner (August).

PVL145 (X745 EGK) (ex GAL) was sold from Wrenn School (by February).

PVL188 (X588 EGK, ex T40 NRW, ex 152 FRH), 244 (TXI 1348, ex Y744 TGH), 367, 382 (PJ53 SPX, NKW) (ex GAL) passed to First Group when York Pullman was acquired in February. They have been allocated First fleet numbers 32188, 32178, 32243, and 32242 but they are currently not carried. All remain in red livery although part open top PVL188 is in the heritage cream / maroon style livery.

PVL249 (Y749 TGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Mr D Cornthwaite to an unknown owner (April 2019) for potential caravan conversion.

PVL386 (PJ53 NLC) (ex GAL) did not pass from York Pullman to First and its current ownership is unknown. It had latterly been used with the Ingleby's Luxury Coaches fleet until August 2023.

PVL408, 410, 415 (LX54 GYY, GZB, GZU) (ex GAL) have been re-registered to DMZ 1583, 1581, 1582 by DM Motor Services in May.

VWL20, 26 (LF52 TGX, THU), 33, 35, 39, 40, 43 (BX04 AZV, AZZ, BBE, BBF, BKK) (ex GAL) passed to First Group when York Pullman was acquired in February. They have been allocated First fleet numbers 36401, 36402, 36407, 36408, 36409, 36410, and 36411 but they are currently not carried. All remain in red livery.

VWL42 (BX04 BKL) (ex GAL) did not pass from York Pullman to First as it was transferred to the Ingleby's Luxury Coaches fleet prior to the sale to First.

WVL20 (LG02 KHV) (ex GAL) had been cannibalised by York Pullman and did not pass to First although it remains on site.

WVL33 (NXI 4241, ex LF52 ZRP), 38 (TJZ 4286, ex LF52 ZRX), 52 (OJZ 1836, ex LF52 ZPN), 58 (RXI 3338, ex LF52 ZPV), 171, 180, 184 (LX05 FBK, FAA, FAM), 235 (LX06 DZT, ex S2 HYT) (ex GAL) passed to First Group when York Pullman was acquired in February. They have been allocated First fleet numbers 36403, 36406, 36404, 36405, 36412, 36413, 36414, and 36415 but they are currently not carried. All remain in red livery.

935, 946 (YN56 FDK, FEG) (ex GAL) passed to First Group when York Pullman was acquired in February. They have been allocated First fleet numbers 36083 and 36085 but they are currently not carried. Both remain in red livery.

SLE56 (YN55 NLE) (ex LU) was sold from Souls Coaches (September).

SP40049 (YT09 BNE), 40205 (YR10 FGO) (ex LU) further to TLB717, these SPs are confirmed as now part open top and are operating with Tootbus in London.

SP40156, 40159, 40161 (YP59 OER, OEU, OEW) (ex LU) were sold from Trustybus / Vectare to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. SP40159, 40161 were subsequently exported (all in Feb).

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TA340, 342 (SN03 EBM, LFM) (ex LU) from Weardale Motor Services to Ripley (dlr), Barnsley, South Yorkshire (February).

VLE39 (PO54 ACZ) (ex LU) was latterly with Cooking with Cody, where it had been used as a static home, but was derelict by June 2024.

VP107 (837 XHW, ex W451 BCW) (ex LU) passed to First Group when York Pullman was acquired in February. It has been allocated First fleet number 32177 but this is currently not carried. It remains in traditional York Pullman livery.

TE834 (LK57 AXO) (ex ML) is another which carries Grade A Student Travel branding with Adventure Travel.

TE891 (LK08 NVF) (ex ML) from Jorvik Tours to Manchester Sightseeing Tour and entered service in July where it has been numbered 2707.

TE1745, 1746, 1747, 1748 (SN09 CGE, CGF, CGG, CGK) (ex ML) – see the corresponding entry for DN33605, 33606, 33607, 33608 (ex FLN) above.

VP322 (P6 YMS, ex LR52 BMO), 341 (P3 YMS, ex LR52 BNZ) (ex ML) were re-registered back to original in August by YMS Travel; ‘Minnie’ and ‘Mickey’ as they were known, were then withdrawn and possibly sold.

VP346 (LR52 BOV) (ex ML) was re-registered to DMZ 1580 by DM Motor Services in May.

VP516 (LK04 CRU) (ex ML) further to TLB718, this VP is confirmed as sold for scrap to Scrapco (dlr), Paddock Wood, Kent.

VP547 (LK04 CVH) (ex ML) was sold from Metrobus (July).

VPL166 (Y166 NLK) (ex ML) was sold from Barnett’s/Fairway Coaches to Beckett (dlr), Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by March) for scrap.

VPL190 (Y198 NLK, ex KIG 1264) (ex ML) was sold from Souls Coaches (by May).

TA17013 (S95 UBE, S813 BWC) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (May). Note the corrected registrations for TA17013 and 17015 (below).

TA 17015 (S94 UBE, S815 BWC), 17016 (S816 BWC, ex DAZ 5455), TAS17479 (LX51 FLR) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (May).

TA17406 (Y517 NHK) (ex SLN) was sold from Butterfly Meadow (by December) and was noted with an unknown owner, Brighton, East Sussex (March) for proposed camper conversion.

TA17418 (LX51 FJF) (ex SLN) was sold from Brylaine Coaches (June).

TA17422, 17428 (LX51 FJP, FKB) (ex SLN) from Brylaine to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (May) for scrap.

TAS17562 (LV52 HDO, ex MKZ 9039) (ex SLN) was sold from scrap from Cotswold Green (June 2023).

TA17779 (LX03 BVR) (ex SLN) was sold from Battlebus (October).

TA18227 (LX04 FXS, ex WLT 307) (ex SLN) from Aintree Coachlines to YMS Travel, Aylesham, Kent (June 2023); it was repainted to white and blue livery and was re-registered to P9 YMS in April. Prior to entering service, it was named ‘Frankenstein’.

TA18256 (BU04 TOP, ex LX04 FZA) (ex SLN) regained its original registration in May with 1st Bus Stop. Although it remained in service, its fleet number (103) has been re-allocated to VN36139 (ex FLN).

15011 (LX58 CEV) (ex SLN) is being converted to part open top and has passed within the Transpora Group from Altonian Coaches to Manchester Sightseeing Tour.

15119 (LX09 FZR) (ex SLN) latterly with Coastliner Buses, it was converted in July to part open top by Ensign Bus for use on the Manchester Sightseeing Tour.

15142 (LX59 CNK) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to unknown owner (by February). It was noted in February advertising Jameson Irish Whiskey having been re-registered to JM07 SON also in February.

15174 (LX10 AUJ) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Norwich School, Norwich, Norfolk (March) and is in an all over dark blue livery.

Coverage of single deckers has been deferred due to lack of space this month.

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

-	MW24 VRU	Renault Kangoo Van	LUL	White	?
<i>All the vehicles shown below are Ford Transit Connect LWB Crew Vans in TfL white livery, apart from * which are LWB Vans, \$ which is a SWB Van and % which is a SWB Crew Van.</i>					
9169F	LD24 OPR	SDD	9218F	LD24 ORL	?
9170F	LD24 OPO	SDD	9221F	YR24 LBO	EWT
9172F	LD24 OPL	SDD	9226F	YR24 KZU	EWT
9173F	LD24 ORO	SDD	9228F	YR24 KZK	SDD
9174F	LD24 OPJ	SDD	9229F	YT24 DHL	SDD
9176F	LD24 OSW	SDD	9232F	YT24 DHP	SDD
9178F	LD24 ORU	SDD	9233F	YR24 LBL	LBD
9180F	LD24 OPN	SDD	9234F	YT24 DHM	DES
9182F	LD24 OSY	SDD	9235F	YT24 DHN	GHO
9183F	LD24 ORH	SDD	9236F	YR24 LBN	LBD
9185F	LD24 OPW	SDD	9241F	YR24 LAA	EWT
9186F	LD24 OSF	SDD	9242F	YT24 DHV	LBD
9187F	LD24 ORG	SDD	9244F	YR24 KZH	ACH
9188F	LD24 OPV	SDD	9245F	YR24 KZP	EWT
9190F	LD24 OPT	SDD	9250F \$	LJ24 YLU	ACM
9197F	LD24 OSV	?	9253F *	LJ24 YKL	?
9199F	LD24 OPY	?	9260F *	LJ24 YKG	SDD
9207F	LD24 ORW	ACF	9261F %	LJ24 YJR	?
9214F	LD24 OSG	?	9263F *	LJ24 YJP	SDD
9273F	LF24 ULC	ACN	9277F	LF24 UJY	FCS
9285F	LF24 ULE	GGG	9297F *	LJ24 YKX	?
9342F	LF24 ULZ	SDD	9354F	?	HAD
9362F	LF24 ULP	HAD	9365F	LF24 UKY	AGS
9368F	LF24 UKS	ACM	9370F	LF24UKG	ACM
9374F	LF24 UKB	SDD	9375F	LF24 UKH	SDD
?	LF24 UJV	LBD	?	LF24 ULD	LBD
?	LF24 ULJ	HAD	?	LF24 YLA	LBD
?	LJ24 YLC	ACH	?	YT24 DHE	LBD

Additional information and updates

Lots more Transit Connect vans have been arriving, plus a single Renault Kangoo in all white with LUL roundels. YR24 KZF (listed last month) is numbered 9243F and allocated to High Barnet Station (HBS). Note that 9354F and LF24 ULJ (both shown above as being at Hainault Depot) are two different vehicles. Other allocations are 9272F to WDR, 9332/3/5F to SDD. 9139F has moved from LBD to HAD. Vehicles confirmed as withdrawn are 8307VW and 8422VW. Lots of others have been seen at Acton Works having been replaced by new deliveries, but it is possible that some will be re-deployed.

Bus Company Fleets - *due to pressure of space, these have been deferred.*

Publicity, Rail Replacements, Member's Adverts and "Looking Back" have had to be deferred due to lac

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Five Transport UK E400MMCs received this all-over advert wrap in June, for the alcoholic drink '196 Lemon Vodka'. Appropriately, they ran on route 196. 2615 departs from Norwood Junction, Clifford Road stand. *(Russell Young)*

To promote the London Transport Museum, Transport UK Wright Electroliner 3080 has gained this white based all-over advert wrap. It is seen here on route 306 in Bromyard Avenue, Acton Vale. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Rear cover: Electrification of route 86 has gradually been taking place over the last few months. It was finally achieved in early July. Inevitably, the Wright Electroliners intended for it do find their way onto other routes, as shown here by 82039 on route 256 in Hilldene Avenue, Harold Hill. *(Martin Ruthe)*



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