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Front cover:

Hired Eastern Counties Bristol K5G LKH trolleybus along route 2184 and LT 392 outside Croydon garage in 1949. *Photographer C Carter © The London Transport Museum Collection*

Rear cover (upper):

RTL 189 draws into the stand at Victoria Square on route 21 in 1949, with the blind already set for the return journey to Sidcup. In the background an unidentified trolleybus on route 641 turns into the Square. *Photographer C Carter © The London Transport Museum Collection*

Rear cover (lower):

E/I tram 595 rounds the curve of the Victoria Embankment to Blackfriars Bridge heading for Abbey Wood on route 38 in 1949. *Photographer E Vincent © The Transport Library*

Title page:

Transition on route 73. Mortlake's LT 822 stands at Stoke Newington Common (the point designated by LT as the 'North Road') on 26th June 1949, with RT 828 behind. The conversion of Mortlake's allocation from route 73 to RT was completed by the end of June 1949. © A D Packer

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Part 1 – Full Route List as at 31st December 1945

Bus Routes

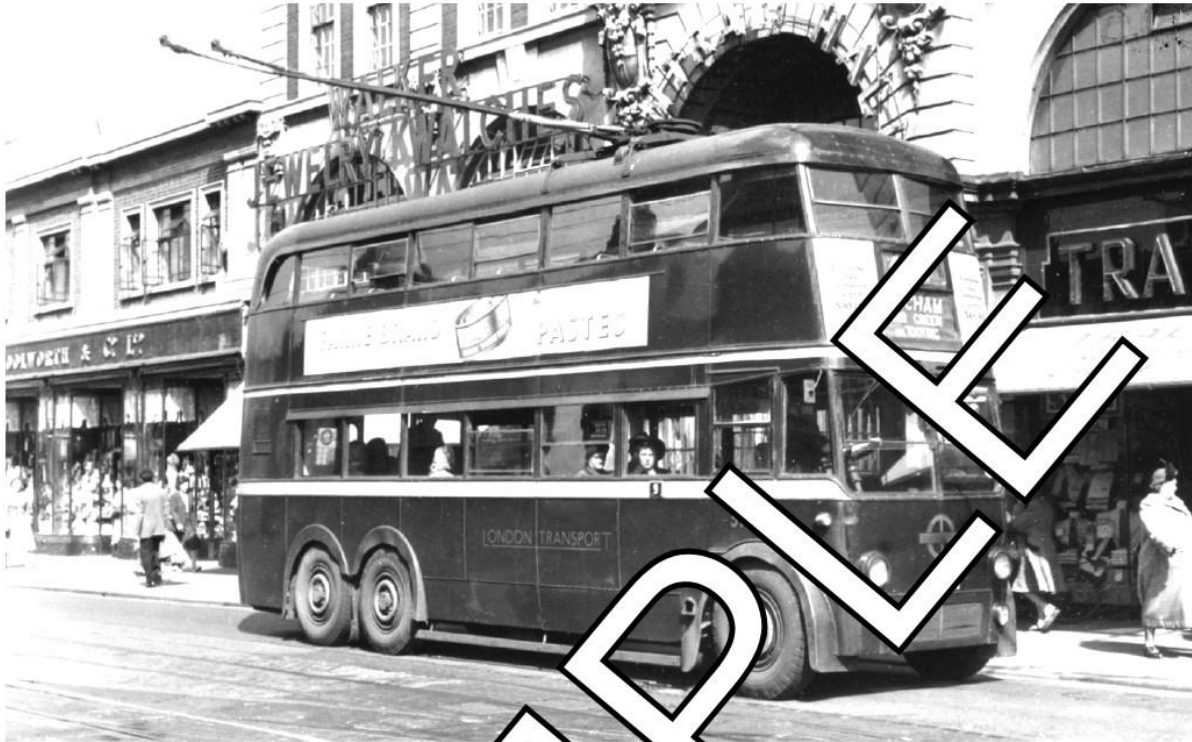
- 1 D Willesden (Pound Lane) via Willesden High Road, Willesden Lane, Kilburn High Road, Maida Vale, Edgware Road, Chapel Street (return via Marylebone Road, Edgware Road), Marylebone Road, Euston Road, Tottenham Court Road, Charing Cross Road, St. Martin's Place, Duncannon Street (return via Strand, Trafalgar Square (south, west and north sides)), Strand, Aldwych (western and eastern arm), Strand (return direct from Lancaster Place to Strand), Lancaster Place, Waterloo Bridge, Waterloo Road, London Road, Elephant & Castle, New Kent Road, Lower Bridge Road, Grange Road, Southwark Park Road, St. James Road, Lymington Road, Galleywall Road, Rotherhithe New Road, Hawkstone Road, Lower Road, Evelyn Street, Deptford High Street, Deptford Broadway, Deptford Bridge, Deptford Heath Road, Lewisham Road, Lewisham High Street to Lewisham (Rennell Street). No service on Monday to Friday evenings or on Saturdays a.m. between Willesden and Marylebone Station. Operated by TL - STL (G), ST - STL (SU); W - STL (MS), STL (SU).
- 2 D Crystal Palace via Crystal Palace Parade, Waterloo Hill, North Hill, Elder Road, High Street West Norwood, Ernest Avenue, Knight Hill, North Road, Railton Road, Atlantic Road, Brixton Road, Southwell Road, South Lambeth Road, Parry Street, Wandsworth Road (return via Kennington Lane, South Lambeth Road), Bridgefoot, Vauxhall Bridge, Bessborough Gardens (east side), Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria Street, Buckingham Palace Road, Grosvenor Gardens (south side) (return via Grosvenor Gardens (north side), Grosvenor Place, Hyde Park Corner, Hamilton Place, Park Lane, Marble Arch, Grosvenor Street, Portman Street, Portman Square (south side) (return via Orchard Street, Portman Square (east side), Baker Street, Park Road, Wellington Road, Finchley Road (return via Avenue Road, Adelaide Road) to Golders Green Station. Extended during Monday to Friday peak hours via Finchley Road, Regent Park, Allards Lane (return via Kingsway), High Road North Finchley, High Road Whetstone, Oakleigh Road North, Oakleigh Road South, Bowes Road to Arnos Grove Station. Operated by W - STL (D); N - STL (D).
- 3 D Camden Road (London Gardens) via Camden Street, Camden Road (return via Kentish Town Road, Albany Street, Great Portland Street, Margaret Street (return via Portico Street), Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, Haymarket, Pall Mall East, Trafalgar Square (north and east sides), Charing Cross (return via Cockspur Street, Pall Mall, Waterloo Place, Lower Regent Street), Whitehall, Parliament Street, Parliament Square, Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Millbank, Lambeth Bridge, Lambeth Road, Kennington Road, Kennington Park Road, Brixton Road, Brixton Road, Morval Road, Dalberg Road (return via Brixton Water Lane), Dulwich Road, Norwood Road, Croxted Road, South Croxted Road, Dulwich Wood Park, College Road, Crystal Palace Parade to Crystal Palace. Operated by CF - STL (D); N - STL (D).
- 4A D Finsbury Park (Station Place) via Station Place, Stroud Green Road (return via Rock Street, St. Thomas's Road), Blackstock Road, Highbury Park, Highbury Grove, St. Paul's Road, Upper Street, Islington High Street, Goswell Road, Aldersgate Street, St. Martin's le-Grand, St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate Hill, New Bridge Street, Blackfriars Bridge, Blackfriars Road, London Road to Elephant & Castle. Extended during Monday to Friday peak hours and on Saturdays via New Kent Road, Elephant Road (return via Walworth Road, Short Street, Newington Butts), Walworth Road, Camberwell Road, Camberwell Green, Denmark Hill, Coldharbour Lane, Gresham Road, Brixton Road, Acre Lane, Clapham Park Road, Clapham High Street, Long Road, Clapham Common North Side (return via The Pavement) to Clapham Common (Old Town). Operated by Q - STL (MS); J - STL (D), ST (MF).
- 5 SU Clapham Common Station via Old Town, The Pavement, Clapham Common South Side, Nightingale Lane, Bellevue Road, Burntwood Lane, Garratt Lane, Wimbledon Road, Plough Lane, Haydons Road, Merton High Street, Kingston Road to Raynes Park (Junction Tavern). Operated by Q - STL (SU).



In the evening of 16th March 1950 a boat collided with Lambeth Bridge, causing damage such that the bridge had to be closed to road traffic for several months. In its final months tram route 34 was curtailed at the crossover on the south side of the bridge, as shown here with E/3 tram 1933.
 © F W Ivey



Significant lengths of new tram track were installed in 1950 for the gyratory traffic system which was constructed at the north end of Lambeth Palace Road in anticipation of the Festival of Britain. Here the new layout introduced on 11th June is followed by Feltham tram 2101 turning from the newly-constructed section of Addington Street to rejoin Westminster Bridge Road while heading for Purley on route 18. © A D Packer



Stage 1 of the Tramway Conversion Scheme saw the end of trolleybus route 612, along with the wiring in the northern section of Falcon Road. It was the only part of the trolleybus network to be abandoned before the start of the Trolleybus Conversion Scheme in 1959. D3 Trolleybus 511 is seen in 1949. *Les Stitson collection*

- 288 NxS NEW NIGHT ROUTE: Wandsworth (Armoury Way) via Wandsworth High Street, York Road, Battersea Park Road, The Elms Lane, Wandsworth Road (return via Kennington Lane, South Lambeth Road, Parry Street), Albert Embankment, Lambeth Palace, Stangate (return via Westminster Bridge Road, York Road, Addington Street), Westminster Bridge, Victoria Embankment, New Bridge Street, Farringdon Street to Farringdon (Farringdon Avenue). Operated by WD with RT (NxS).
- 612 D Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 630 D Monday to Saturday WD allocation withdrawn.
- 612 NxS Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 628 M Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 630 S NEW NIGHT ROUTE: Hammersmith Broadway via daytime service to Tooting Broadway (Kingmead Road). Operated by HB (NxS).

Trams

- 3 NxS Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 12 D Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 26 D Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 26 NxS Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 28 D Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 31 D Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 34 D Withdrawn (L.D.O. 30.09.1950).
- 72 D Extended on Mondays to Saturdays from Victoria Embankment via Blackfriars Bridge, Southwark Street to London Bridge (Hop Exchange).

Wednesday 11th October 1950

- 4 MS NEW ROUTE: Finsbury Park (Station Place) via route 4A to Elephant & Castle then via New Kent Road, Tower Bridge Road, Tooley Street, Dockhead, Parker's Row, Jamaica Road to Bermondsey (Queen Charlotte). No service Monday to Friday