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RATP at Harrow managed to get all of its batch of 24 x 10.2m BMEs into service in December and January on routes H9/H10 and 398. The new style blinds show grey in sun, brighter white in dull weather. BME 27006 in seen on route 398, heading for the rather isolated Wood End estate. *(Tommy Cooling)*

RATP at Fulwell, though, is still waiting for a full power supply. Meanwhile just a handful of new buses are used using a portable charging unit. Routes 290 and 371 will get 10.9m E200EVs and a fore-runner BE 37048 was caught at Staines. *(Terry O'Neill)*



Front cover: Abellio's new BYD/ADL E400EVs are to a higher spec than hitherto. Note the high back seats and lack of glazing on staircase panels but they have the new blinds that show grey in sun. On 20th January No.3404 is in the Old Kent Road. *(Richard Godfrey)*

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Editorial and Society Matters

This issue continues with the slight re-vamp to the image of TLB. The December 2021 issue used green as the main colour and red as the minor colour as to denote dark green Christmas trees and holly bushes with the red for baubles and berries. You will have seen the January issue with extra pictures and the cover colour adapted from the cover picture. This February issue features all electric buses in London on the inside and outside covers and we use a light green as the main colour to denote the 'greening' (electric) of so many London buses. Also another set of pictures in the centre, specialising partly to show 'buses covering missing railways!'

Coming Events

All events are subject to any Covid-19 restrictions at the time. Events that seem likely to go ahead are below, although you should check before travelling. (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand should attend).

Sun 20 Feb: Bus Running Day 'End of an Era' at the Epping Ongar Railway, North Weald. (LSS)
Sat 26 March: Heritage operation on route 101 (Wanstead to North Woolwich).
https://www.londonbusmuseum.com/route-101-running-day/
Sun 27 March: A&DMS Running Day based on Dorking (North) Station.
Sat 02 April: South East Bus Festival at Detling showground in Kent. (LSS)
Sun 10 April: London Bus Museum Brooklands – Spring Gathering. (LSS)
Sun 08 May: HCVS London to Brighton run.
Sat 14 May: Faversham, Kent, vintage bus running day.
Sat 15 May: Whittlesey, Cambs. Fenland bus display and running day.
Sun 15 May: A&DMBS Running Day based on High Wycombe Bus Station.
Sun 22 May: Didcot, a new event, no info yet.
Sun 12 June: Heritage operation on route 81 (Hounslow to Slough, journeys to Windsor). To include participation by more modern preserved buses outside the LEZ.
https://www.londonbusmuseum.com/route-81-running-day/
Sun 19 June: A&DMBS Elstree & Borehamwood Running Day based on Allum Manor, Elstree.
Sun 26 June: London Bus Museum Brooklands – Summer Gathering.
Sat 02 July: 50th Anniversary of the Leyland National's 'birth' in 1972, at Gaydon, Warwickshire.
Sun 10 July: BBPG running day Godstone to East Grinstead.
Sun 17 July: Alton, Hampshire, a major bus display and running day. (LSS).

Sun 31 July (Worthing), Sun 7 August (Gosport), Sat 20 August (Imberbus), Sun 04 Sept EOR North Weald. Sat 01 October: Heritage operation on route 37 (Hounslow to Peckham)
https://www.londonbusmuseum.com/route-37-running-day/
Sun 02 October A&DMBS Running Day based at Chesham Broadway.
Sun 23 October (LBM Brooklands).

LOTS Meetings

LOTS Meetings are at Conway Hall, Holborn at 7.30pm. We are in the Great Hall unless otherwise stated. Conway Hall authorities currently request that visitors are encouraged to wear face masks and that those feeling that they have Covid symptoms are asked not to attend. The next meeting is on Monday 21st February 2022 where Andy Corbett, Commercial Delivery Director of RATP will do a presentation about RATP DEV TRANSIT LONDON.

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LOTS Postal Sales

The new Sales List that was distributed with November TLB687 featured several new and 'coming soon' titles and it should be noted that the pricing structure for binders has changed.

Please note that 'Surrey's Spring Line' (from LHRG) is no longer available.

LBM 198 Winter 2021 (£5.00) **NEW** Main features are 'Streatham's buses in the Sixties' by Ian King; 'Volvo double-deckers in London' by Malc McDonald; 'Trolleybus route 667 bank holiday workings' by Hugh Taylor.

Steering London Through – London's Road Services in the Second World War. By Tony Beard and Mick Webber. Capital Transport £40.00. Largely a chronological story of the period, focussing on the behind-the-scenes planning by LT, both before the war (starting in 1937) and during it. **(*NEW*)**

London Trolleybus Depots Part Three. By Hugh Taylor, published by Adam Gordon, £44.00. Covers Stonebridge Park, Colindale, Finchley and Wood Green, including separate maps of the overhead layout of the four depots. **(**NEW**)**

Mr. Gibson's Ticket Machine - The Complete Story 1944-1993. By Anthony Cross, (£16.95) by Capital Transport. **(**NEW**)**

London's Buses 1979-1994 - The Capital's Bus Network in Transition. By Andrew Bartlett, £30.00.

The London Volvo B7TL - by Matthew Wharmby (Pen & Sword), £35.00.

London's Historical Railway Terminal Stations - An Illustrated History. By Geoff Swaine, (Pen & Sword) £30.00.

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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TfL, politics and the Coronavirus Crisis

Having recorded over 200,000 **Covid** infections a day at the start of January, infection rates began to fall rapidly, and numbers had roughly halved by the end of January. On 19 January Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that restrictions would be lifted on 27 January when the Plan B emergency legislation expired, so face masks would no longer be compulsory in shops and on public transport. However, face masks are still required on the TfL network as a condition of travel. Underground and bus use immediately increased after the relaxations were introduced, with around 10% more passengers on the Underground. Bus use increased by less, probably because fewer bus passengers have jobs that could be done from home. Overall passenger journeys on TfL networks in the third quarter 2021/22 were running at 64% compared with pre-pandemic levels.

TfL's existing funding agreement with the Government expired on 4 February but, in the event, at the last minute it was extended to 18 February.

According to The Mayor, the **New Routemaster fleet** could be at risk of early withdrawal because no funding is available for a mid-life refurbishment. Reports in the trade press estimate the cost of refurbishing the 1,000 strong fleet could be £31 million. This is money TfL doesn't currently have in its budget. TfL has paused awarding new bus contracts since early November while London bus operators only place vehicle orders when new contracts have been awarded. This means that the lack of a long-term funding deal is having an immediate impact on the order books of UK bus manufacturers. The continued electrification of the bus fleet could be delayed from the current target date of 2034 to 2037. Modernisation of the Underground fleet could also be delayed. An order for 94 new trains for the Piccadilly line has been approved and a new factory is being built at Goole in the East Riding of Yorkshire, but there is uncertainty over replacement stock for the Bakerloo and Central lines. Bakerloo line trains are 1972 Mk 2 tube stock which entered service in 1974. They are the oldest trains on the London Underground network (and possibly the oldest trains in regular daily service in the UK?)

It has also been suggested the **Travelcard** could be under threat. Instead, passengers would all be required to tap in and tap out. TfL already sets the daily Oyster and Contactless cap at lower than the Travelcard rate so this could be seen as a natural progression. However, there would be significant cost increases for passengers who buy Travelcards outside London as an add-on to their National Rail tickets.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been fighting for his survival following reports of several illegal staff parties at No 10 Downing Street during lockdowns in 2020 and 2021. Senior Civil Servant Sue Gray became a household name during January as Government ministers hid behind her investigation to avoid answering questions about the parties. A summary of the Gray report issued on 31 January merely confirmed what most people already knew. Her full report has been delayed while Metropolitan Police investigate some of the alleged events.

TfL Commissioner Andy Byford has announced a slimming down of his Executive Team which reduces from 11 senior posts to 7. Gareth Powell, currently Managing Director, Surface Transport will become Chief Customer and Strategy Officer for the whole of TfL. Andy Lord, currently Managing Director, London Underground will become TfL's Chief Operating Officer, covering all modes. Chief Financial Officer Simon Kilonback and Vernon Everitt, TfLs Managing Director for Customers, Communication and Technology will leave the organisation. These changes took effect from 1 February.

Speculation is growing that **Elizabeth line services** between Abbey Wood and Paddington may start soon and certainly by June this year. Trial running of trains continues through the new tunnels and most stations are virtually complete, except Bond Street which is expected to open later.

Corporate and company news

The acquisition of **Stagecoach** by **National Express Group** has been referred to the Competition and Markets Authority, which had been expected. There is little overlap between the bus operations of the two operators except in the Coventry area, but as reported in TLB 689, Stagecoach Megabus and Falcon South West will be sold along with Stagecoach's 35% stake in Scottish Citylink. These disposals will now be delayed.

Other General News

Transport Minister Baroness Vere has branded some of the **Bus Service Improvement Plans** (see TLB 687) submitted by local transport authorities outside London as 'a bit rubbish', while others are described as 'brilliant'. Local authorities were encouraged to be ambitious in their bids. Some included plans for replacing a significant proportion of regular bus routes with demand responsive transport services (DRT), despite the failure of many DRT schemes so far. There has been widespread concern in the bus industry that the £3billion originally allocated as part of 'Bus Back Better', the National Bus Strategy has now been reduced to £1.4billion.

Rotala has acquired the bus operations of **Claribels** which operates buses in the West Midlands. Claribels will now concentrate on its coach business.

In **Cardiff,** bendy buses finished on 29 January following the delivery of 36 new Yutong EV single deckers to the municipal operator. **Articulated buses** are now quite rare in the UK. It is ten years since the last London bendy bus ran on route 207 in December 2011. Twenty former Go Ahead London bendy buses continue in **Brighton & Hove** on routes 25 & 25X which link the City Centre with the Universities at Falmer. They are now fifteen years old and don't meet forthcoming ULEZ requirements so their days must be numbered. Apart from airport shuttles, the only bendy buses remaining in normal service in the UK are in **Bath, York** (Park & Ride), **Aberdeen** and in **Belfast** where 18 Van Hool ExquiCity buses built in 2018 run on 'Glider' rapid transit services. There are plans for similar vehicles to run on new limited stop 'Sprint' services in the **West Midlands** but it is hard to see articulated buses being welcomed on long, traditionally double deck routes.

Parts of the **Cambridge Busway** have been closed between Cambridge Station, Addenbrokes Hospital and Trumpington following two fatal accidents since 2018. There is a combined cycle and pedestrian path which runs alongside the Busway and an independent safety review is under way which is expected to report soon.

Brighton & Hove and Metrobus have become the first operators outside London to introduce weekly capping for passengers using Contactless Tap On Tap Off, with special discounts for an introductory period. Tap Off card readers are fitted by the exit door on two door buses and opposite the driver on single door vehicles. In **Cornwall**, a new ticketing arrangement agreed with the Transport for Cornwall partnership allows passengers to use either a First or a Go Ahead ticket on most buses in the County, with many fares having been reduced. Ticket machine data allows tickets to be identified and operators re-imbursed accordingly.

Changes to the **Highway Code** were introduced on 29 January. Amongst the changes, it introduces a hierarchy for road users with pedestrians given top priority. Other road users should give way to pedestrians crossing at junctions, and motorists should give way to cyclists or wait for them to pass before turning left. Cyclists are entitled to ride in the centre of their lane on quiet roads and can ride 0.5 metres from the kerb on busier roads. Unfortunately, there has been very little publicity about the rule changes so far so there could be some confusion.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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

LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

No new awards this month. The Tranche list remains as in TLB687.

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 4th October 2021: Additional PVR Change:

684 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington Station & Biggin Hill, Charles Darwin School) Following capacity issues, a duplicate journey was added at 07:35 AM, 15:20 PM, and expected to run until the end of the summer term, as #MB2.

Saturday 4th December 2021: All as in TLB689.
Monday 6th December 2021: All as in TLB689.
Saturday 11th December 2021: As in TLB689.
Friday 31st December 2021: Correction to extra NYE journeys on C11 – these didn't operate after all.
Saturday 1st January 2022: All as in TLB689.

All information is repeated in full from this point:

Saturday 8th January 2022:

Widened schedules daily introduced for routes 25, 277, 323, 425 for approx. one month for Mile End Road/ Burdett Road cycle lane works. Also,

Widened schedules Mon-Fri introduced on route 161, with temporary reduced M-F running time schedules on routes 128, 136, 145 169 and 474.

School holiday schedules retained on routes 18, 70, 111, H32 and H37; and Saturday schedules on Mon-Fri on routes 28, 85, 211 and C1.

These are to combat ongoing staff shortages owing to Covid-19 infections and staff isolating.

120 *(Metroline Travel*-PA) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Northolt Station) Re-allocated to Lampton (SG) garage, additionally, widened timetable restored to normal.

156 *(Abellio*-QB) (Wimbledon, Sir Cyril Black Way & Vauxhall Station) Schoolday journey from Southfields College to Vauxhall retimed from 14:58 to 15:10.

235 (North Brentford Quarter & Sunbury Village, Three Fishes) LBSL QC contract awarded to *London United* from Hounslow Heath (WK) garage, in due course using new electric BE-class single-decks. Previously operated by *Metroline Travel* from Brentford (AH) garage. Additionally, the AM peak frequency increased towards Brentford from x8 to x6-7mins. DLE-class diesel Enviro200s are being used until the electric buses and electricity supply are ready.

236 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (Finsbury Park Station & Hackney Wick, Eastway) Revised timetables for reliability introduced on Thursdays and Fridays, with timetables widened by ½min on Thursday afternoons and 1min on Friday afternoons.

237 *(Metroline Travel*-AH) (White City, Bus Station & Hounslow Heath, Hussar) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

298 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Arnos Grove Station & Potters Bar Station) Revised timetables for running time during Mon-Fri peak hours.

308 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (Wanstead Station & Clapton, Lea Bridge Roundabout) Revised timetables for reliability on Fridays, incorporating an additional PVR for PM peak hours.

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

Saturday 8th January 2022, continued:

642 *(London Sovereign*-BT) (Canons Corner, London Academy & West Hendon, Herbert Road SDO) Wednesday PM journey at 15:15 withdrawn.

H20 *(Abellio*-TF) (Hounslow, Civic Centre & Twickenham, Tesco) Due to redevelopment work, stand at Hounslow moved to Civic Street.

H26 *(Abellio*-TF) (Feltham, Sparrow Farm & Hatton Cross Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR changes from 8th January:

Abellio: 156, H20, H26 No change to PVRs;
London United: 235 to 21/19/14 #WK101+;
London Sovereign: No change to 142/642 PVRs or crosslinks, but note only 2 pvr on 642 Wed PM;
Metroline Travel: 120 to 17/16/14, now #SG101+ (PA wdn), 235 withdrawn; No change to 237 PVRs;
Sullivan Buses: 298 to 5/5*/3 #SM1+ (*389/399 Sa), No longer cross-links to 389/399 on Mon-Fri;
Tower Transit: 308 to 13(14 Fr)/12/7 #LI601+, no change to 236 PVRs.

Saturday 15th January 2022:

Note additional changes to N15 / N86 and extra routes with temporary reductions from TLB689.
Widened schedules Mon-Fri introduced on routes 165, 248, 252, 256 and 365.
School holiday schedules re-introduced on routes 65, 79, 174, 251, 288 and H12 and Saturday schedules on Mon-Fri on routes 85, 257.
These are to combat ongoing staff shortages owing to Covid-19 infections and staff isolating.
Normal schedules will be re-introduced on these and those noted above on 8th January, as soon as the situation improves.

5 *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Romford Market & Canning Town, Bus Station) Revised running time daily.

15 *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-DS) (Trafalgar Square & Blackwall Station) Revised running time daily. Mon-Fri, Sunday and evening frequency reduced from x8 to x12mins and Saturday daytime frequency reduced from x7 to x10mins.

72 *(London United*-S) (East Acton, Brunel Road & Hammersmith Bridge, North Side) Mon-Fri daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10mins, with additional journeys in AM peak withdrawn. Note this change has been brought forward from 22nd January 2022.

85/= *(London United*-FW) (Kingston, Kingston Hall Road & Putney Bridge Station) Revised Daily timetables for running time.

273 *(Stagecoach Selkent*-TL) (Lewisham, Tesco & Petts Wood Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

280 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AL) (Belmont Station & Tooting, St. George's Hospital) Widened schedules, for Bishopsford Bridge removed.

362 *(Stagecoach East London*-BK) (Grange Hill Station & Goodmayes, King George Hospital) Revised timetable daily, to better match shift changes at King George Hospital.

533 *(Metroline Travel*-AH) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Mortlake circular) LBSL (QC) contract extended to 15th July 2022. Frequencies standardised at x15mins Daily.

733 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (Moorgate, Finsbury Square and Oval Station) New Route, partially replacing the City branch of the Northern line during Bank Station reconstruction, until May 2022, using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus hybrid double-decks. Operating Monday to Friday only, every x7½mins, x10mins early and evenings, with additional peak flow journeys, via Moorgate to Bank, then via 133 via London Bridge, Elephant and Castle and Kennington, terminating at Oval Station, Harleyford Street, then running out of service to and from Vauxhall Bus Station to stand. To clarify, the route runs all day Mon-Fri.

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

Saturday 15th January 2022, continued:

N15 *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Oxford Circus & Romford Market) Frequency restored to Pre-Covid levels and part re-allocated to Henley Road (DS) garage

N86 *(Stagecoach East London*-NS) (Harold Hill, Dagnam Park Square & Stratford, Bus Station) Last journey on Mon-Fri mornings from Harold Hill retimed to run 10 minutes earlier at 04:35.

PVR changes from 15th January:

Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: 5 to 30*/29*/23 #RR301+ (*N15 Fr/Sa), 15 to 13/14/11 #DS341+,
N15 to 14 Su-Th/15 Fr-Sa #DS401+ and 10 Su-Th/11+ (+1/5); Fr-Sa #RR501+
Note that the N15 buses also perform early/late buses on routes 5/15.
Go-Ahead London General: No change to 280 PVRs;
London United: 72 to 10/10/8 #S101+, 85 to 15/15/11 #FW401+;
290 to 7+(+3/K3)/7+(+2/K3)/7 #FW621; K3 to 11*/9*/7 #FW151+ (*290). Crosslink from 33 to 290 withdrawn.
Metroline Travel: 533 to 5/5/5 #AH121+;
Stagecoach East London: 362 to 3+/3+/4 (+1/462) #BK141, 462 to 8*/8*/5 (*362) #BK401+, No change to N86 PVRs;
Stagecoach Selkent: No change to 273 PVRs;
Tower Transit: 733 to 15/-/- #LI901+.

Saturday 22nd January 2022:

School holiday schedules re-introduced on route 53. This is to combat ongoing staff shortages owing to Covid-19 infections and staff isolating.

73 *(Arriva London North*-CT) (Oxford Circus & Stoke Newington Common) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x5 to x6mins, with additional journeys peak hours withdrawn.

108/= *(Go-Ahead London Central*-MG/NX) (Stratford International & Lewisham, Town Centre) Due to redevelopment work at Stratford International Bus Station, the stand was moved to International Way, terminating in a loop via Montfichet Road, Penny Brookes Street and Celebration Avenue. These works expected to last for 3 years.

133 *(Arriva London South*-BN) (Liverpool Street Station & Streatham Station) and

N133 *(Arriva London South*-BN) (Liverpool Street Station & Morden Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

141 *(Arriva London North*-AD) (Palmers Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) Revised Mon-Fri timetable for running time.

221 *(Arriva London North*-WN) (Edgware Station & Turnpike Lane Station) Start of the formal conversion to HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus hybrid double-decks, displaced from route 259.

259 *(Arriva London North*-EC) (King's Cross, Gray's Inn Road & Edmonton Green Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 to x10mins, Sunday and Evenings from x10 to x12mins with additional journeys peak hours withdrawn. Also, converted to LT-class NRM New Routemaster vehicles, displaced from previous PVR reductions within Arriva London. The type change was phased from 6th January.

267 *(Abellio*-TF) (Hammersmith Bus Station & Fulwell, South Road) Widened schedules introduced daily, only until 29th January; this was due to planned bridge works in the Gunnersbury area. The works were cancelled at the last minute, but too late to re-instate the schedules!

333 *(Arriva London South*-BN) (Elephant & Castle & Tooting Broadway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

360 *(Go-Ahead London Central*-Q) (Royal Albert Hall, Prince Consort Road & Elephant & Castle) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

380 *(Stagecoach Selkent*-TL) (Belmarsh Prison & Lewisham, Lewisham Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

388 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Stratford City, Bus Station & London Bridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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

Saturday 22nd January 2022, continued:

696 (Hayes, Bourne Avenue & Bishop Ramsey School SDO) LBSL (QX) contract had been awarded to *London Sovereign* but that is changed. Instead, it is retained by *London United* using existing diesel double-decks (SP-class Scanias or ADE-class E400s) from Hounslow Heath (WK) garage. Afternoon journeys retimed to depart at 15:05 and 15:15.

C1 *(London United*-S) (White City, Bus Station & Victoria Station) This change was deferred.

W5 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Harringay, Sainsbury's & Archway Station) This change was deferred to 12th February.

N29 *(Arriva London North*-WN) (Trafalgar Square & Enfield Town, Little Park Gardens) Additional journeys on "VN29" withdrawn.

N73 *(Arriva London North*-CT) (Oxford Circus & Walthamstow Central Station) Revised Nightly schedules for running time.

N279 *(Arriva London North*-EC) (Trafalgar Square &Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Along with the daytime allocation from 259, this was also converted to LT-class NRM New Routemaster vehicles.

PVR changes from 22nd January:

Abellio: No change to 267 PVRs;

Arriva London North: 73 to 29/27/22 #CT101+, 259 to 16/16/13 #EC101+, no change to 141, 221, N73, N279 PVRs, VN29 withdrawn;

Arriva London South: No change to 133/N133, 333 PVRs

Go-Ahead London Central: 360 to 11/11/8 #Q161+ (Sunday actually changed on 8 May 2021); no change to 108 PVRs;

HCT Group: 388 to 12/12/11 #HK161+ (actually changed on 11.9.21!)

London United: No change to 696 PVRs;

Stagecoach Selkent: 380 to 14/12/11 #TL281+ (Note this corrects Sun allocation, though does have +1 PVR for London Marathon).

Saturday 29th January 2022: Widened schedules Mon-Sat daytimes introduced on route 16.
This is to combat ongoing staff shortages owing to Covid-19 infections and staff isolating.
Widened frequencies for routes 129, 286 and 386 for Greenwich cycle works restored to normal.

9 *(London United*-V) (Aldwych & Hammersmith, Bus Station) and

N9 *(London United*-V) (Aldwych & Heathrow Terminal 5) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

28 *(London United*-JE/V) (Kensal Rise Station & Wandsworth, Southside Shopping Centre) and

N28 *(London United*-JE) (Camden Town, Bayham Street & Wandsworth, Southside Shopping Centre) Re-allocated from Wandsworth (JE) garage as an outstation of Stamford Brook (V) garage to Westbourne Park (X) garage and thus novated to *London Transit.* Note that the N28 moved on Saturday night, not the usual Friday night. Wandsworth (JE) garage therefore ceases to be a London Buses operating garage, though Toot-Bus sightseeing buses remain there. Revised Nightly timetable on N28.

59 *(Arriva London South*-BN) (Euston Station & Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

89 *(Go-Ahead London Central*-BX) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Slade Green Station) and

N89 *(Go-Ahead London Central*-NX) (Trafalgar Square & Erith, Cross Street) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

125 (Colindale Station & Winchmore Hill, Station Road) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *London Sovereign* using new electric double-decks, in due course from Edgware (BT) garage. Previously operated by *Metroline Travel* from Potters Bar (PB) garage. Until electric buses and electricity supply are available, the 125 is operated by VH-class Volvo B5LH/ Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-decks.

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Saturday 29th January 2022, continued:

170 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Victoria Station & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x7½ to x10mins with additional peak journeys withdrawn.

234 *(Metroline Travel*-PB) (Highgate Wood, Sussex Gardens & Barnet, The Spires) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using existing DEM-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks. Revised daily timetable.

453/= *(Go-Ahead London Central*-NX) (Marylebone Station & Deptford Bridge Station) Frequency reduction deferred to 12th February (see later).

476 *(Go-Ahead London General*-NP) (King's Cross St. Pancras Stations & Northumberland Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

N20 *(Metroline Travel*-HT/PB) (Trafalgar Square & Barnet Hospital) Potters Bar (PB) allocation transferred to Holloway (HT) garage.
Revised Nightly schedules for running time.

N91 *(Metroline Travel*-HT/PB) (Trafalgar Square & Cockfosters Station) Potters Bar (PB) allocation transferred to Holloway (HT) garage. Revised Nightly schedules for running time.

PVR changes from 29th January:

Arriva London South: No change to 59 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London Central: No change to 89/N89 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London General: 170 to 16/15/12 #SW71+, no change to 476 PVRs;

London Sovereign: 125 to 17+/17/13 #BT401+, (+3/698) # CP483+ in evening; these are 'charging' spares,

X140 to 10/10/9 #SO451+ and CP (+)/2/- (+5/698) #CP481+ during off-peak and Sat, these are 'charging spares',

698 to 5*/-/- #CP481 (*125, X140)

London Transit: 28 to 19/19/14 #X701+, N28 to 5 Nightly #X701+;

London United: No change to 9/N9 PVRs, 28 withdrawn to London Transit and JE ceases as operating base;

Metroline Travel: N20 to 5 Su-Th/6* Fr-Sa (*/N91 SaN-SuM only) #HT821+; (PB wdn).

N91 to 6 Mo-Fr/7+Sa-Su (+1/N20 SaN-SuM only) #HT831 (NB. The night codes are correct!), PB wdn). 125 withdrawn. No change to 234 PVRs.

PVR Comparisons

As we all know, there have been numerous frequency changes in the past year, so I do a comparison on similar dates to show the extent of this policy.

06Feb21 (SUP-39B issue): M-F 7818 // Sat 7105 // Sun 5055 // Sat.night 836.

29Jan22 (also 05Feb22): M-F 7555 // Sat 6945 // Sun 5036 // Sat.night 814.

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

Saturday 5th February 2022:

Just to clarify, both 298 and W9 are contract renewals!

Routes EL1 and EL3 return to Barking Riverside, Northgate Road after temporary diversion finishes.

298 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Arnos Grove Station & Potters Bar Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AE-class AD20D Enviro 200 diesel single-decks and one existing E-class AD40D Enviro 400 diesel double-deck.

W9 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Chase Farm Hospital & Southgate Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AE-class AD20D Enviro 200 diesel single-decks.

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Saturday 12th February 2022:

This is the expected date for Stagecoach routes listed above as having a temporary reduced service during January to return to normal, including routes 53, 128/=, 136, 145, 161, 165, 169, 174, 248, 252, 256, 257, 365/= and 474/=.

Following a review to Westway special schedules, normal schedules are re-introduced on routes 6, 16, 46, 52, 92 Sat, 98 (correcting TLB689!), 226, 245, 297 Su, 316, 328, 332 and 390.

14/= *(Go-Ahead London General*-AF) (Putney Heath, Green Man & Russell Square) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins.

322 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Crystal Pace & Clapham Common, Old Town) Widened timetables Mon-Sat daytimes reintroduced for reliability.

453/= *(Go-Ahead London Central*-NX) (Marylebone Station & Deptford Bridge Station) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x4-5 to x6mins.

W5 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Harringay, Sainsbury's & Archway Station) Mon-Fri SDO journey peak journeys withdrawn.

Saturday 19th February 2022:

243/= *(Arriva London North*-AR) (Wood Green Station & Waterloo Station) Revised Mon-Fri & Nightly timetables for running time.

390/= *(Metroline Travel*-HT) (Victoria Station & Archway Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6 to x8-9mins and additional peak journeys withdrawn.

628 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Southgate Station *via Deansbrook Road* SDO PM only) Two of the afternoon journeys withdrawn, leaving just one afternoon journey on this route.

683 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Friern Barnet, Town Hall SDO) one additional AM journey and 2 additional PM journeys added

688 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Kingsbury JFS & Southgate Station *via Edgware* SDO) one morning journey withdrawn, but afternoon journey added.

EL1/= *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Ilford Hill & Barking Riverside, Northgate Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

EL2 *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Becontree Heath, Leisure Centre & Dagenham Dock Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

EL3 *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Little Heath, Haw Bush & Barking Reach, Mallards Drive, SDO to Barking Riverside, Northgate Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 26th February 2022:

44 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AL) (Tooting Station & Victoria Station) Mon-Fri Peak frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins.

55 *(Stagecoach East London*-T) (Oxford Circus & Walthamstow Central Station) and

N55 *(Stagecoach East London*-T) (Oxford Circus & Woodford Wells, Horse & Well) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class New Routemasters.

56 *(Stagecoach East London*-T) (Whipps Cross & St. Bartholomew's Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles.

242 *(Arriva London North*-CT) (Aldgate Station & Homerton Hospital) and

N242 *(Arriva London North*-CT) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Homerton Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

277 *(Stagecoach East London*-WH) (Dalston Junction & Crossharbour, Asda) and

N277 *(Stagecoach East London*-BW) (Islington, White Lion Street & Crossharbour, Asda) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

297/= *(Metroline Travel*-PA) (Willesden Garage & Ealing Broadway Station) Re-allocated from West Perivale (PA) garage to Perivale (PV) garage.

335 *(Arriva London North*-DT) (North Greenwich Station & Kidbrooke, Wingfield School) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH/ Wrightbus hybrid double-decks.

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Saturday 26th February 2022, continued:

397 *(HCT Group*-AW) (Crooked Billet, Sainsbury's & Debden Broadway) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D AD Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

488 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (Bromley-by-Bow, Tesco & Dalston Junction) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D AD Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

W14 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (Leyton, Asda & Woodford Bridge) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

N31 *(Metroline Travel*-PA) (Camden Town, Bayham Street & Clapham Junction, St John's Hill) Re-allocated from West Perivale (PA) garage to Willesden Junction (WJ) garage, thus novated to Metroline West.

Saturday 5th March 2022:

31 *(Metroline Travel*-PA) (Camden Town, Bayham Street & White City, Bus Station) Re-allocated from West Perivale (PA) garage to Willesden Junction (WJ) garage thus novated to Metroline West.

58 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (East Ham, Central Park & Walthamstow Central Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

90 (*Metroline Travel*-PA) (Feltham, Leisure West & Northolt Station) Re-allocated from West Perivale (PA) garage to Brentford (AH) garage.

97 *(Stagecoach East London*-WH) (Stratford City, Bus Station & Chingford Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

101 *(Go-Ahead Blue Triangle*-RR) (Gallions Reach, Shopping Park & Wanstead Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

215 *(Stagecoach East London*-T) (Walthamstow Central Station & Lee Valley Campsite) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

238/= *(Stagecoach East London*-WH/BK) (Stratford, Bus Station & Barking Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

308 *(Tower Transit*-LI) (Wanstead Station & Clapton, Lea Bridge Roundabout) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing MV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles.

309 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Canning Town, Bus Station & Bethnal Green, Bonner Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

325 *(Arriva London North*-DX) (Prince Regent Station & East Beckton, Sainsbury's) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

415 *(Abellio*-QB) (Tulse Hill Station & Old Kent Road, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class New Routemasters.

455 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-C) (Wallington Station & Old Lodge Lane, Canons Hill) LBSL (QC) contract extended this time for 2 years, or until service changes as a result of the Croydon/Sutton consultation are introduced.

W11 *(HCT Group*-AW) (Walthamstow Central Station & Chingford Hall Estate) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

W12 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Coppermill Lane & Wanstead Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

W15 (Cogan Hall Estate & Hackney, Town Hall) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Go-Ahead London General* using new and existing electric SEe-class single-decks from Northumberland Park (NP) garage. Currently operated by *Tower Transit* from Lea Interchange (LI) garage.

W16 *(HCT Group*-AW) (Chingford Mount, Prince Albert & Leytonstone Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D AD Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 12th March 2022:

167 *(Stagecoach East London*-BK) (Ilford, High Road & Loughton Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

379 *(Go-Ahead London General*-NP) (Chingford Station & Yardley Lane Estate, Boardman Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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Saturday 12th March 2022, continued:

549 (South Woodford Station & Loughton Station, Mon-Sat except evenings) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Sullivan Buses* using existing AE-class AD20D Enviro 200 diesel single-deck vehicle from South Mimms (SM) garage. Currently operated by *Stagecoach East London* from West Ham (WH) garage.

667 (Ilford High Road & Chigwell, West Hatch School SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Stagecoach East London* using existing AD E40D AD Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles from Barking (BK) garage. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead Blue Triangle* from River Road (RR) garage.

677 (Ilford High Road & Debden Station SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Go-Ahead Blue Triangle* using existing E-class AD E40D AD Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicle from River Road (RR) garage. Currently operated by *Stagecoach East London* from Barking (BK) garage.

W13 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Leytonstone, Bus Station & Woodford Wells, Horse & Well) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 19th March 2022:

U5 *(Abellio*-GW) (Uxbridge, York Road & Hayes, Clarendon Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles, in due course.

Saturday 26th March 2022:

76/= *(Go-Ahead London General*-NP) (Waterloo, Bayliss Road & Tottenham Hale Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

259 *(Arriva London North*-EC) (King's Cross, Grays Inn Road & Edmonton Green Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

362 *(Stagecoach East London*-BK) (Grange Hill Station & Goodmayes, King George Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

462 *(Stagecoach East London*-BK) (Limes Farm Estate & Ilford, High Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 2nd April 2022:

2 *(Arriva London South*-N) (Marylebone Station & Norwood Garage) and

N2 *(Arriva London South*-N) (Marylebone Station & Crystal Palace) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

13/= *(London Transit*-X) (Victoria Station & North Finchley) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VMH-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles.

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) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

26 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Waterloo Station & Hackney Wick) Revised M-F schedules for running time, restoring service prior to 1st August 2020. (This change, and that on the D6, is to restore the increased PVR on 26 and decrease on D6, deferred from 1st January 2022).

113 *(Metroline Travel*-EW) (Edgware Station & Marble Arch) and

N113 *(Metroline Travel*-EW) (Edgware Station & Trafalgar Square) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

249 *(Arriva London South*-N) (Clapham Common Station & Anerley Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

432 (Brixton Station & Anerley Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Arriva London South* using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini 2 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Norwood (N) garage. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London General* from Stockwell (SW) garage.

617 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Turnpike Lane Station & Turkey Street, St.Ignatius College SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing E-class AD E40D AD Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.

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Saturday 2nd April 2022, continued:

629 *(Sullivan Buses*-SM) (Wood Green Station & Turkey Street, St.Ignatius College SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing E-class AD E40D AD Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles.

678 (Beckton, Bus Station & Upton Lane, St. George's Road, AM jnys to Stratford Bus Station SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Tower Transit* using existing MV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles from Lea Interchange (LI) garage. Currently operated by *Stagecoach East London* from West Ham (WH) garage.

D6 *(HCT Group*-HK) (Cambridge Heath, Ash Grove Garage & Crossharbour, ASDA) Revised M-F schedules for running time, restoring service prior to 1st August 2020. (Deferred from 1st January 2022).

R1 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Green Street Green, High Street & St. Paul's Cray, Grovelands) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

R2 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington, Gravel Pit Way & Biggin Hill Valley, Medley Road, Mon-Sat) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

R3 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Princess Royal University Hospital & Orpington Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

R4 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Princess Royal University Hospital & Pauls Cray Hill) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

R6 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington Station & St. Mary Cray Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

R8 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington Station & Biggin Hill Post Office, Mon-Sat) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

R11 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Green Street Green, High Street & Sidcup, Queen Mary's Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

The consultation to move a bus stop in Hatch Lane, Chingford, bus stop HS, which deviates in from New Road (see TLB686) received 49 responses, the proposal being to replace the stop on the main road to provide a slightly quicker and direct journey. 35% were in favour, but most objections raised concern with safety of passengers disrupted. Nevertheless, the proposal will go ahead with roadworks by Waltham Forest council also providing "Three new pavement level crossings will help slow traffic down. The raised crossings will also help pedestrians to see and be seen when crossing the road…and will be well lit."

The proposal for Bank Junction was also published for the night routes, which received just 9 responses, 2 saying it would have a positive impact and 5 having a neutral response. The City of London had already consulted on the "All change at Bank" project which will permanently close Threadneedle Street, except for cycles, with re-designed junctions. The aim of this is to complete the works by the "end of 2022" but in any case, to coincide with the re-opening of the City branch of the Northern line at Bank Station. As mentioned in TLB685, routes **8/N8, 11/N11, N21, 26/N26, 133/N133, N242, N550 and N551** will be permanently re-routed although they have been following diversions since the start of Covid and made 'permanent' from September 2020.

A summary of the main proposals variously awaiting results and/or start dates, for example:
TLB684 p16: R7 in Chelsfield.
TLB686 p12: 410 stop changes.
TLB686 p12: 497 changes.
TLB688 p13: 1/168 'merger' and changes to 188.
TLB688 p13: 143/620 and 21/263/271 changes.
Other more minor examples involve road layout changes.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. Worth noting here that we expect some proposals for further route changes to coincide or proceed the introduction of the Elizabeth line. Hopefully these can be updated in future TLBs as there is some uncertainty whether the various schemes for East and South-East London will take place at the same time to co-incide with the start of the full train service. Details will be added in the main section when dates are confirmed.

Notes: CE+2 = Contract extended by 2 years. CR = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 years, with a potential +2 year extension.

CR7 = Contract renewed for 7 years. All dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment.

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.

9th Apr 22: CE+2 on S3 (London United).

16th Apr 22: CE+2 on 195 (Abellio), X26 (G-A Metrobus).

30th Apr 22: CR7 on 111/=* (London United to Abellio), CR7 on 322*(G-A London General to Abellio), 350 (Abellio), CR7 on 204*, U10 (Metroline West), CE+2 on 110 (London United), 236 (Tower Transit), 394 (HCT Group), P4 (Stagecoach Selkent), 206, U1, U2, U3, U4 (Metroline West).

21st May 22: CR7 on 135 (G-A Blue Triangle to Tower Transit) 433* (Abellio), CE+2 on 464 (Abellio).

(June to October 22): As in TLB689.

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

National Express applied to vary one trip on route A40 between Victoria Coach Station and Heathrow Airport in the early morning daily at 02:15. Rather than running direct it operates via Ealing Broadway (03:08), West Ealing Broadway (03:12), Hanwell Broadway (03:15), Southall Station (03:24) and Hayes & Harlington Station (03:34). The intermediate stops are only for Heathrow Airport Staff Pass holders and can only alight at Heathrow Airport, continuing to the Cargo Area and Terminal 4, whilst still being available for public use from Victoria, Marble Arch or Paddington, but only for setting down at Heathrow Airport Central Bus Station or Terminal 5. This started on 17th January.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 9th January to 27th May, routes **2, 13/=, 74, 390/=, N2, N74 and N137** are diverted away from Tyburn Way via the normal circulation via Cumberland Gate. This is to facilitate the "de-construction" of the artificial mound at Marble Arch. The works are in place for longer(!) than the mound took to construct, so might finish earlier than stated. From 20th to 22nd January, the junction of Marylebone Road/Old Marylebone Road was closed for roadworks. Routes **27/N27 and 205/N205** were diverted westbound via Marylebone flyover, to the Harrow Road roundabout to double back via Harrow Road, Edgware Road, Chapel Road to regain Old Marylebone Road. Another hole appeared on 28th January so the diversion was on again, not helped by an accident on Westway which caused major congestion. Thanks to member Peter for the report.

From 24th January to 2nd February, owing to cosmetic works in Greycoat Place, route **507** was diverted towards Waterloo via Vauxhall Bridge Road, John Islip Street, Bullinga Street and Marsham Street, and towards Victoria via Marsham Street, Great Smith Street and Victoria Street.

From 24th January to 15th April, owing to gas works in Clerkenwell, routes **55/N55 and 243** are diverted eastbound via Drake Street, Procter Street, High Holborn, Holborn, Charterhouse Street and Farringdon Road. From 10th January to 18th March, owing to work at North End Market, routes **28/N28 and 306** are diverted westbound via Lillie Road, Munster Road and Dawes Road.

From 13th January to 2nd February, owing to electrical works in Semley Place, route **C1** was diverted westbound via Eccleston Street and Eaton Square. From 19th to 27th January, owing to a gas leak in St Giles High Street, route **8** was curtailed once again at Holborn. Thanks to Joel for the report.

South: From 20th January to 5th April, owing to water works in The Warren, Carshalton Beeches, route **S4** is diverted in both directions via Beeches Walk and Beddington Road South. From 11th January to 4th February, owing to road works in London Road, Mitcham, route **152** was diverted in both directions via Holborn Way. From 17th January to 1st August, owing to power works in Beddington Lane, routes **455 and 633** are diverted in both directions via Beddington Farm Road and Marlowe Way. From 25th January to 25th February, owing to road works in London Road, Mitcham, routes **127, 200, 201, 264, 270, 280, 355, N44 and S1** are diverted northbound via Raleigh Gardens and Holborn Way.

South-East: From 17th January to 14th March, owing to sewer and electrical works in Widmore Road, Bromley, all routes terminating at Bromley North operated direct via Tweedy Road. Routes **126, 208, 261, 314, 320, 336, 358, 638 and N199** also diverted northbound via Tweedy Road. Routes **227 and 354** are diverted westbound, via Kentish Way, Masons Hill, High Street, Elmfield Road, Kentish Way, Tweedy Road and London Road. Both routes also diverted towards Bromley North via London Road and Tweedy Road along with southbound route **358.**

My note about the **R5/R10** in Cudham Lane North in TLB687 was wishful thinking, as the diversion is on again! From 31st January to 11th February, from 09:00 to 16:00 daily, the road is closed for more telecommunications work, the routes operating via Knockholt Pound and Pratt's Bottom rather than Cudham once more.

South-West: From 24th January to 8th February, owing to road works in Staines Road West at School Road, route **290** is diverted towards Staines to double run via Staines Road West and Kingston Road to Fordbridge Road roundabout

West: From 24th January to 5th February, owing to gas works in Elgin Crescent, Westbourne Park, routes **23/=, 52/= and 452** were diverted in both directions via Ladbroke Grove and Ladbroke Gardens. Nearby and from 31st January to 31st March, owing to bridge works in Harrow Road, routes **18/N18** are diverted westbound via Bishop's Bridge Road, Westbourne Terrace and Westbourne Bridge.

North-West: From 17th January to 30th April, owing to pedestrian works in Wealdstone High Street, routes **140, 182, 186, 258, 640, N18 and N140** are diverted southbound via George Gange Way, Palmerston Road to the southern part of the High Street with route **H9** operating direct via Palmerston Road. From 18th to 28th January, owing to road works in Victoria Road at Mill Hill Circus, routes **240, 605 and 688** westbound were diverted to double run via Watford Way to Five Ways Corner, returning via Watford Way

East: From 19th to 21st January, Wards Road, Ilford was closed for resurfacing. Route **364** was diverted in both directions via Ley Street, Eastern Avenue and Aldborough Road South. Work continues with junction improvements at Wards Road/Ley Street for the following 4-6 weeks.

From 21st to 24th January, Thames Water road works in Romford meant that routes **370 and 496** were diverted via Brentwood Road and South Street over the weekend. Thanks to member Brian for both reports. From 12th January to 13th February, owing to works in Beckton Bus Station, routes **101, 262, 366, 376, 474/= 678 and N551** were displaced to call or start from Woolwich Manor Way.

From the evening of 23rd January to 14:00 on 28th January, owing to a burst water main/ collapsed sewer in Barking Road, Canning Town, Routes **5, 115, 276, 300 and 330** were diverted towards Canning Town via New Barn Street, Newham Way (and double run to Prince Regent Lane flyover), Rathbone Street, Hallsville Road and Silvertown Way, and eastbound via Beckton Road, Newham Way and New Barn Street. Thanks to Chris for the report.

From 31st January to 6th February, owing to road works in High Street North, East Ham, routes **101, 104, 147, 238/=, 300, 325, 376 and 474/=** were diverted northbound via Barking Road and Ron Leighton Way.

Finally, from 31st January to 1st February, route **308** in Maryland was diverted in both directions via the Grove and Forest Lane. This was because of a burst water main in …Water Lane (grin!).

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Tuesday 4th January:

22, 44, 77, Z1 *(Ensignbus)* More minor timing adjustments.

381 *(Vectare)* (Coopersale & Harlow, M-S) Renumbered **31**.

Monday 17th January

9, 37, 100 *(First Essex Buses)* 9 (Brentwood & Basildon), 37 (Warley & Bishops Hall Estate) and 100 (Chelmsford & Lakeside) Fairly minor timetable changes.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

The new Stevenage Bus Station is hoped to open in late February. It has been held up since at least last October awaiting highway works. Once that is done, Arriva can get in and familiarise drivers.

In Hertfordshire there is likely to be a lot of service reductions on commercial routes in April. For example Arriva routes 8, 10, 320 and 520 in Watford are being re-mixed from 17 April with some sections withdrawn and new numbers. Metroline has made it known that commercial route 84 is no longer viable and is being deregistered after 1 April. Herts CC is trying to obtain replacement services.

Sunday 23rd January:

9A/9B/9C *(Stagecoach East)* (Hitchin & Bedford) Revised timetable, although still M-S x30min.

Monday 31st January:

387/389/397 *(Red Rose)* (Tring locals) Revision to the existing emergency timetable.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE

Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd September 2021: A probable date but no registration changes:

651 *(Red Rose)* (Bierton Road, Weavers Arms to Wing, Cottesloe School, SDO) Withdrawn, any remaining passengers use the 650 that preceded the 651 but came through from Aylesbury.

Monday 6th December (additional to TLB689):

2, 4/4A, 12 *(Redline Buses)* The 4 in M-F peaks was reduced from x15 to x20min, offpeak x12 to x15. Overall, this saved one bus and driver.

Tuesday 4th January:

X30 *(AtS)* was Mon-Sat (not Mon-Fri), so actual last day should have been Friday 31st December.

48 *(AtS)* (High Wycombe & Lane End (M-S) Buses from Lane End now approach the Bus Station via Oxford Road but presumably leave via Desborough Road. Registered from 4th January but seems to have been introduced at least in September 2021.

Sunday 23rd January:

7, 12/13, X74 *(First Berkshire)* 7 (Heathrow Central & Britwell), 12/13 (Slough & Burnham) and X74 (Slough & Wycombe) Minor timetable changes for reliability. The short journeys on 7 to Langley, Tamar Way now extend to Heathrow T5 on M-F but on Sat/Sun they are curtailed to the Langley Village, Harrow Market.

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

BERKS & BUCKS, continued:

Monday 24th January:

7, 10, 55, 100 *(Red Rose)* Temporary change due to driver shortage, 7, 10 and 100 have a reduced service with the 10 curtailed back from SM Hospital to Hawkslade. The 7 M-S to x40mins, 10 M-S to x30min, in both cases to operate each route with one bus. The 55 (Aylesbury & Chesham) suspended altogether with one SDO journey on 55 transferred to route 50.

Sunday 27th February

RA1 (*First Berkshire*) (Reading & Heathrow T5) Extended from T5 to Heathrow Central (T2/3).

Monday 28th February:

181 *(Red Rose)* (Chartridge to Little Chalfont, SDO) Withdrawn.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Monday 21st February:

694 (*Carlone Buses)* (Tongham & Farncombe, SDO) Withdrawn between Tongham and Ash.

856 (*Cardinal Buses*) (Upper Halliford & Woking, 6th Form College, SDO) Timetable change.

North and west KENT

Tuesday 4th January:

1st Bus Stop's school buses on 'Meopham 1' and 'NAG1' had timetable changes, while Kent CC school bus 111 (Shorne & Northfleet) has been transferred to Nabita Dhanda (Merlin Coaches) of Gravesend.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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Closure of the Northern line's Bank Branch for seventeen weeks of engineering work has led to the release of the January 2022 **"Tube map"**. The closed section of line is shown in a hazard style colour scheme of alternative yellow and black bars. This is also shown on the key, accompanied by a note about the closure. Whilst this colour scheme is logical, it could potentially confuse as the open Thameslink network on the map is shown in alternate pink and white bars. Borough, the only station served exclusively by the closed section is crossed out with a red line and dagger symbol alongside. Elsewhere on the map, the Battersea Power Station extension has now been straightened out at the terminus, but gains a 'kink' between Kennington and Nine Elms. As a result of this, the river services at Vauxhall have been shifted a fraction up stream. Also reintroduced is a direct link between Oval and the Charing Cross branch, although the map suggests that passengers can still use the internal interchange between the two branches at Kennington. They can't. Elsewhere on the map, Osterley and Sudbury Hill both gain step-free symbols from street to platform, whilst passengers at Tottenham Hale now have step free access all the way onto the train. Joining Borough on the 'Check before you travel' is East Acton as eastbound trains and all Night Tube trains won't call at the station until mid-May 2022 due to platform works. The notes for Heathrow and Heathrow Terminal 4 are combined into one single message. Larry Achiampong's 'What I Hear I Keep 2021' is the artwork chosen for the cover. This has a red pyramid with black dot on the centre, above which is a green band before the top section which is yellow. A black dot surrounded by fifty four black stars dominates this section.



Grant Palmer has acquired five Wrightbus bodied Volvo B9TLs formerly with Lothian in Edinburgh. No.709 on 12th January was the first to come and shows the rather unusual red and orange livery while on the Luton-Dunstable Busway. *(Barrie Lee)*

On 30th December, Go-Coach performed a special route tour to commemorate the impending demise of the last Volvo B7TL/Plaxton Presidents. No 8304 (ex Go-Ahead PVL 225) approaches Knockholt Station. *(Richard Godfrey)*





The Tube strike on 18th December meant some extra buses. Imperial Coaches' E400(MMC) SK21 FKA is at White City Central line Station on a trip along part of Metroline route 95. Note the mis-spelling of Shepherd's Bush! *(Haydn Davies)*

Some London Borough of Havering sent some buses to run over part of route 25 between Aldgate and Manor Park. The former Tower Transit and First VN 36156 is seen in Stratford Broadway. *(Steve Maskell)*





Staying with strike coverage and for all the world looking like a normal London bus, Candy Coaches of Morden used former Go-Ahead WVL 320 on part of route 98 from Holborn as far west as Kilburn. *(Haydn Davies)*

Not a strike but a Northern line part closure. From 15th January Tower Transit began an extra bus route 733 between Moorgate and Oval. VH 38128 at Elephant & Castle shows the route branding, carried only on the nearside. *(Haydn Davies)*





Two 'modern heritage' buses on this page that were squeezed out of TLBs 688/689: MCW Metrobus M 1014 was one of the large provision of historic buses on the Muswell Hill Running Day on 7th November. *(Richard Godfrey)*

A great rarity in preservation is Dart DT 29. On 12th December It worked journeys alongside four RFs on route 227 between Bromley and Crystal Palace. *(William Clark)*



Accompanying the 'Tube map' is **"Important travel advice for customers in south London. Northern line closure between Kennington and Moorgate Saturday 15 January until mid-May 2022"**, the first of two multifold slimlines with blue covers. Fully unfolded, on one side, it has a section entitled 'Bank Station Upgrade' and describes the work and its future benefits. The other side has information for those seeking alternative routes under the heading 'Travelling on the Northern line?', although this contains some strange advice, presumably to funnel the uninitiated through larger stations capable of dealing with increased footfall. For example, passengers are urged to 'Take the first train available northbound Northern line train and change at Goodge Street for the correct train', the only station on the Charing Cross branch *not* to be an interchange with other lines. City bound passengers at Waterloo are encouraged to 'Use Southeastern services from Waterloo East to London Bridge' instead of the more frequent and convenient links offered by Jubilee or Waterloo & City lines (albeit the latter is currently peak hour only). City bound passengers are also specifically told ''Use District or Circle from Victoria instead of Embankment', despite the latter offering a direct connection with the Northern Line. Those headed to Canary Wharf are provided with two bullet points of advice - 'Use DLR from Bank', again ignoring the direct Jubilee line and 'Use London Overground from Clapham High Street or Clapham Junction', presumably changing onto the Jubilee line at Canada Water or DLR at Shadwell. A 'Key alternatives travel options map' covers an area bounded by Morden, Gloucester Road, Oxford Circus, Liverpool Street and Loughborough Junction. Southeastern (sic), Southern, South Western Railway and Thameslink services are shown on the November 2021 map in a range of dashed lines, along with Bakerloo, Circle, District, DLR Northern, Overground and Victoria line services. The Central, Hammersmith and City, Jubilee, Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines are all faded out, whilst the Waterloo and City Line is omitted completely.

The second leaflet is **"Important travel advice for customers in north London. Northern line closure between Kennington and Moorgate Saturday 15 January until mid-May 2022"** and carries exactly the same information about the Bank upgrade. The travel advice also contains some strange advice, passengers at Moorgate being advised to take the first train and change at Angel for the service they require (even though this will have originated at Moorgate!) The 'Key alternatives travel options map' covers an area bounded by Edgware, High Barnet, Enfield Town, Queens Road Peckham and Clapham Junction. It highlights and fades the same Tube lines as its southern counterpart, but fades out South Western Railway, Southern and South Eastern services in favour on Great Northern. Once again the Waterloo and City line has vanished completely. The London Overground also varies in its treatment, receiving a solid orange line on this leaflet but an open orange line on the southern version. Finally, the new Battersea Power Station extension traces two different alignments across the respective maps, neither of which are those seen on the September 2021 and January 2022 'Tube maps'.

'Now serving Pease Pottage' is the message highlighted on the cover of **"Fastway route 20"** from Metrobus, valid from 28 August 2021. The eight page A5 book is finished in the blue and silver colour scheme carried by the Wright single deckers which ply the route, one of which features on the cover. Inside a full timetable is accompanied by route map and narrative outlining the extension. Also updated is **"Routes 430 & 435"**, an A5 leaflet valid from 28 August 2021.

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CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

This section covers the current vehicle news (including initial disposals) pertaining to bus operators within the "TLB" area, roughly comprising the old LT/LCBS areas. All current vehicle reports to David Stewart at 5 Kathleen Avenue, Wembley, HA0 4JH (e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com)

General news:

Now a report of an event on Saturday 18th December that didn't fit in TLB689. There was a strike on Underground Central, Jubilee, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria lines. Assorted extra buses appeared and those reported are below and there many have been more. Observations showed that these were not needed and many were empty – not helped by almost all not having blinds, just slips of paper in windows. Some are illustrated in this TLB. Three representative photos are in this TLB.

9 (Hammersmith & Trafalgar Square):- Bear Buses B7TL Y823 TGH (ex PVL 223), LK04 CVL (ex ML VP 549) and Trident LT52 XAH (e x First TN 33197).
19 (Finsbury Park & Hyde Park Corner):- 2xLTs from Abellio.
25 (Manor Park & Aldgate):- B9TL BJ11 DZY (ex VN 36156), B9TLs LX60 DXF (ex WVL 375) and LX60 DXJ (ex WVL 378) from LB of Havering.
55 (Hackney Central & Oxford Circus):- 4xd/ds from Central Connect. There were no sightings at Oxford Circus or Holborn so may have turned at Shoreditch. Many buses returning to Hackney ran on to Walthamstow Central.
94 (Shepherd's Bush & Oxford Circus):- 2xLTs and 3xE400Hs from Abellio.
95 (Hanger Lane & Shepherd's Bush):- E400MMCs SK19 EVP, SK19 EVR and SK21 FKA from Imperial Coaches.
98 (Holborn & Kilburn):- GoCoach E400 9001 (in LCBS livery); Candy Coaches Scania YN56 FCC (ex LU SP 2) and B9TL WLT 428 ex LX59 DBY (ex GAL WVL 320).
148 (White City & Elephant):- 3xLT and 1xE400H from Abellio.
159 (Brixton & Oxford Circus): - 4 additional LTs from Abellio.
220 (Shepherd's Bush & Hammersmith:- 2xE400s from Abellio.
390 (Archway & Oxford Circus):- Symphony Coaches (two E400s) and London Bus Group LK04 CUY (ex ML VP 539).
H91 (Hammersmith & Hounslow West): 2xE400s and 3xE400Hs from Abellio.

ABELLIO LONDON (BC,QB,WL), ABELLIO WEST LONDON (GW,TF,WS garages)

The new garage at Dawley Road Hayes is due to open on 2nd April and TfL has allocated code DH. The licensed capacity is 56 (WS was 67) but there is an overflow area (8 buses) in nearby Rigby Lane. Although some of WS's routes were initially expected to move to Fulwell (TF), when 11th December arrived, all six routes (278, 350, 482, U5, U7, U9) went to Southall (GW) Garage.

Many of the new E400EVs entered service from Walworth (WL) on route 63 gradually during January, in turn allowing the E400Hs to transfer to Battersea (QB) to convert route 345 from diesel E400s to hybrid E400Hs.

Recent repaints include 2444, 2471.

2567 was on route N207 when it caught fire in the early hours of 1st February.

Returned to Abellio off loan to RATP: 8321/2/3 (January).

Transfers:
(July 2021): 8860 BC/BCu.
(January 2022): 2453/56/57/59/61 WL/QB. 2534/35/36/40/41 WL/QB.
3401-05/07-09 WLu/WL. 3406/10-21/23/24 --/WLu/WL.
8321/22/23 --/BC. 8326 WL/BC. 8516/19 TF/TFw, 8522 BC/BCw. 8528 TF/BC.
8786 BC/GW. 8787 TF/GW. 8898 TF/GW. 9536 BC/GW.
(February 2022): 2567 GW/GWu.

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

ABELLIO, Continued:

Livery changes:
LT 19 to advert for GoPuff.
LT 155 from advert for Korea (2) back to red.
LT 618 from advert for JD Sports back to red.
LT 625 to advert for Rare Beauty.
LT 628 to advert for Dying Light 2.

Subsequent disposals:
E200s 8565 (YX11 AEP) and 8776 (YX61 ELH) now with Warrington Borough Transport.
Volvo B7TL 9020 (BX54 DJZ) is now at Stephensons of Essex.
E400s 9421 and 9441 (LJ09 CAE, CCD) to Coastliner Buses, Blackpool, Lancs.
E400s 9432 and 9447 (LJ09 CAV, CCU) via Ensign Bus to Chalkwell, Sittingbourne, Kent.

ARRIVA LONDON (part of Deutsche Bahn)

ARRIVA LONDON NORTH - AD, AE, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY and WN.
ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH - BN, N, TC and TH.

The LTs that were transferred into Edmonton, having been ousted from routes 19, 38 and 149 by frequency cuts, began to enter service on route 259 on 6th January and were nominally completed by 24th January. By the way, they also work on the N279. The full batch LT 564-582 is now at EC. HVs were sent to Wood Green for route 221.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include T 73, 76; DW 303, 306, 313, 319, 325, 484; HV135, 137, 144.

Transfers:
(January): DW 278, 280, 286, 287, 295 WN/ECu. DW 300 WN/TC.
HV 10 BN/DT. HV 12 DT/BN. HV 50 DT/TC. HV 51, 53, 54 DT/GYu. HV 56 DT/GYu.
HV 135, 144 GYu/AD. HV 207, 209, 210, 213-228 EC/WN.
LT 200, 201, 202 CT/AR. LT 568, 579 E/EC. LT 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 577 AR/EC.
T 115, 117 N/DXu. ENL 25 DT/MKu. ENX 30 GYu/DT.
(ENL 25 joins ENL 26 at Milton Keynes Arden Park awaiting transfer away from Arriva London).
(February): DW 298, 299 WN/TC. ENL 77 GYw/GY.

Livery changes:
HV 340 from advert for Amazon Music back to red.
LT 472 from advert for Wheel of Time back to red.
LT 515 and LT 597 to adverts for GoPuff.
LT 530 and LT 594 from adverts for Gorillas (Mk.3) back to red.
LT 975 from advert for Currys back to red.

Disposals:
T 69 to Go-Ahead North-East at Ashington (January).
T 83 to Arriva Southern Counties (January) and is currently at Gillingham Depot.
T 184 written off after a serious fire on 30th December 2021.

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

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

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

Part 1: North West Kent and West Surrey (GF, A-K&S licence and NF, AKT licence)

Reinstated (so, not to Hardwicks):
1631 (KE03 UKK) TransBus Dart SLF- TransBus Pointer 8.8m B29F – 2003.

Transfers:
1558 never made it to TWu and has now been sold to Hardwicks. 1615 NF/NFw. 1631 --/NF.

Disposals
1558, 1615 to Hardwicks ,Barnsley (January). (Note that 1615 was still parked at NF on 5th February awaiting collection. 1558 had been left over at Guildford but it has probably gone to Hardwicks by now.

Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex (HA, HH, SV, WA and WE garages (all A-KT licence).
On 4th February, Versa 4188 (WE) suffered an engine fire at Hammond Street while on route 251 and was destroyed.

Into this area: Scanias 3609 (KE55 GVZ) and 3613 (KE55 CVH) from Area 3.
From Arriva London: T 82 (re-reg to LJ59 ACO).

Transfers
1454 WE/HA. 1456 HA(but away in a police pound)/HAw. 1507 HA/HAu.
1613 SV/WE. 2401 HA/WE. 3609, 3613 Area 3(LD)/HA. 3774 HH/WE. 3775 SV/HH. 3776 SV/WE.
4188 WE/WEw. T 82 --/HHt. T942 HHt/ LDt (in area 3).
Solo 2509 never made it to HA, instead going from Wycombe to TW. It did get renumbered physically to 1521 (as in TLB689), even though it is still shown on company fleet lists as 2509. In any case, it is in service at TW (out of our area), logging as 1521.

Disposals: Among the perfectly good buses that were sold to Hardwicks nominally for scrap, Volvo B7RLEs 3815 (GN07 AVB), 3826 (GN07 AVP) and 3874 (KE57 EPC) - formerly at Harlow- have turned up at Ellie Rose Travel, Hull. Please let me know if any others are discovered.

Further to TLB689, Volvo B7RLE 3824 (plus 3819 and 3822 from Southend) were sold to Hardwicks, Barnsley according to Arriva but all three are now claimed by Ensign Bus. I believe that the latter is the correct version.

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

Recent repaints to the lighter blue:- 3030 (ex MAX), 3966 while 3509 arrived in that livery.
E400 5457 (formerly 6460) is carrying 5447.

Acquired (January) from Arriva Midlands:
3508/09 (YN08 HZV/W) Scania K230UB OmniLink 11.7m B45F- 2008. (3510/11/12 due?)

Transferred out of area: Scanias 3609 and 3613 to Area 3 (HA).

Transfers (January):
0441 LD/LDw. 2492 AY/AYu. 2740, 2748 WB/WBu. 3009 WB/AY. 3508/09 Mids/LD.
3609, 3613 LD/HA. 3611 LD/MKw. 3837, 3838 LD/MKw. 3924 AY/WB.
4713 remained at LDu. 4714 LD/MKu. T942 HHt/LDt (ex Area 2).

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

BEAR BUSES, Shepperton

Disposal: Volvo B7TL X544 EGK gone from the fleet; it had been withdrawn since March 2020.

CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey

New delivery (January): RV71 XMJ M-B Sprinter – EVM B22F. (then re-regd to CL10 BUS).
Acquired (January): LG69 CDF Ford Transit B**F.

CAROUSEL BUSES, High Wycombe

Scania d/ds 214, 215 and 217 are on loan to Oxford Bus Company.
An Oxford Sprinter, 975 (BU18 YRS) is now at Carousel.
Citaros 871 and 872, formerly in this fleet, are now with preservationists.

CENTAUR, Crayford

New delivery): CN21 FZB Optare MetroDecker MD1050EV H41/26F. It looks like it was first registered in October 2021, although still with a 21 mark. It is identical to CN21 FZA and is blue.

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

Acquired (January) via Ensign Bus, formerly Go-Ahead London SE 12, 16, 29, 33 resp.
LX07 BXV, LX07 BYA AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D – 2007.
SN57 DWV, SN57 DWZ AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.8m B32D – 2007.

Also via Ensign Bus, formerly Go South Coast *(Salisbury Reds)* No.3707:
MV07 DWM Optare Solo M880SL B28F – 2007.

CENTREBUS, Luton and Stevenage

Disposals: Scania/ East Lancs 707/8/9 left the fleet (December).

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Disposal: Correcting TLB689, 790 (LJ56 ONN) went to Aintree Coaches (not 792/LJ56 ONS).

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

YX21 RPO is yet another E200 branded for route 436.

Acquired (January): YX18 KYB – AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.5m B29F – 2018.
Disposals: E200Darts KX58 GSZ, KX10 DVM, KX60 DVO, KX12 ATO
Already withdrawn from use, all left the fleet by January 2022.

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

Re-acquired (January) from First Hampshire & Dorset, in yellow & red training livery:
66965 KX05 MJF Volvo B7RLE – Wrightbus Eclipse Urban B43F – 2005.

1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend

Disposals (by December 2021, most probably earlier):
Tridents LX03 BXM and LX03 BXY to Fowlers, Holbeach Drove, Lincolnshire.
Volvo B7TL LJ53 BBV to Cambridge Buses (that's the fleetname on it, but presumably it is Cambridge Bus & Coach Ltd of Swavesey.
Volvo B7TL IIG 9298 (ex Y197 NLK, once Metroline VPL 180) gone (don't know where).

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON

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

The EP class of eighteen BYD/ADL E400EVs began to arrive in mid-January and are for route 132 at Bexleyheath (BX) Garage and, other than one or two at BX for familiarisation, they are being stored out of London until the set-up is ready. They have both the normal 'plug-in' facility for electric charging and also the 'receptor grid' on their roof to be able to accept the charge via a pantograph. The intention is to do top-up charging between trips; during the day, virtually all workings run on from the public terminus at Bexleyheath Shopping Centre to and from the garage to turn and stand as well as facilitating driver changeovers and meal reliefs.

As at the end of January and although the charging equipment had been installed at BX, the actual power supply was still awaited. The pantograph is on a pylon in the yard outside the garage building and at 31st January it just remained for markings to be painted to guide derivers to the right position.

The twelve new 10.9m BYD D8UR/ AD E200EV 10.9m B**D buses for the W15 are now registered: SEe156-167 are LB71 ECV/W/X, XNR/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include SEe 7, 30, 31, 33, 52, 53, 58 (with 61, 62, 63 in progress) and WHV 64, 66, 67.

SOE 23, 24, 25 have been sold off and were the last of type at River Road Garage, the very last being SOE 25 on 10th January.

At about 08:20 on 25th January, Ee 18 on route 212 crashed into a shop at Highams Park, causing severe frontal damage to the bus and causing injuries to the driver and some passengers. Several earlier incidents affected WVL 439 (29th September), LT 49 (8th October), WVL 422 (6th December) and WVL 293 (18th December). At 00:30 on 29th January, EH 155 running out of service on Canning Town flyover, was I collision with several cars, causing damage.

Concerning the Commercial fleet at Luton Parkway, a recent sighting showed that of the four white VCs (10-13) VC 12 at least had acquired the cream and maroon livery. From the VC 7-13 batch, three or four are outstationed at King's Lynn. Of the VWLs, examples of Luton's home-based 49-54 can also be used at King's Lynn if required. VWL 45, 46, 48 are attached to Newhaven and 47 to Folkestone.

New deliveries (January/ February):
EP 1-18 (LG71 DZH/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, EAA)
BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H40/22D, ULW 13645kg.
A word of warning: as at 4th February, none had been formally registered so it is possible that they will get re-allocated 22-marks. Meanwhile. EP 1 and 2 have been noted in the BX area on trade plates.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, KL=King's Lynn).
(September 2021): WVL 439 SW/SWu.
(October 2021): LT 49 Q/Qu.
(December 2021): LT 41 SW/Q. MHV 27, 28 Q/PM. WHV 14, 15 NX/NXw.
(January): Ee 18 NP/NPu (accident). EH 155 RR/RRu (accident).
WHV 171, 172 Q/SW. WVL 293 NX/NXu. WVL 422 SI/SIu.
SE 269, 270 AL/C. SEe 52, 53 Q/AL. SOE 23, 24, 25 RR/RRw.
(February): E 203 AL/PM. EP 1, 2 u/BXt. EP 3-18 /-u. SE 53 SW/MG. WHV 10 NX/MG.

Livery changes:
LT 234 from advert for Vodafone to one for GoPuff.
LT 277, 394, 447, 506 to adverts for GoPuff.
LT 298 from advert for Gorillas (Mk.3) back to red.
LT 308 from advert for Wheel of Time back to red.
LT 446 and LT 871 to adverts for Dying Light 2.
LT 851 from advert for Korea (3) back to red.

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

Here East buses: As noted in TLB689, SEe 37 is orange and named 'Edith', SEe 39 is purple and pink and is 'Maria' (not Maris, a mis-type in TLB689). The other two are SEe 38 green and named 'Ken" and SEe 40 grey and named 'Alice'. They are named after inventors and innovators in the fields of electricity.

Disposals:
Correction to TLB689, SE 28 and 32 to GTR (not DTR) and correct date from April to January 2020.
E 127, 128 to Oxford (October 2021 as in TLB687 p26) according to company, but have moved on to Konectbus in Norfolk (as Nos. 646, 647 resp.) in January.
EN 19 and E 67 to Go-Ahead Konectbus, Norfolk (Nos.644, 645 resp.) (January).
SE 21 – adding disposal detail to TLB689 - to Ensign Bus (December).
SEN 34 and SOE 4, 23, 24, 25 to Ensign Bus (January).
MHV 30-49 already noted as to Go-Ahead North West. They are now numbered 3051-70 and are meant for services 17 (Manchester- Middleton- Rochdale) and 18 (Royal Infirmary- Manchester City Centre- Middleton- Langley).
WHV 14 and 15 to Go-Ahead Ireland, Ballymount, Dublin (January). (last used at NX on 17Dec21).
Scania 973 (the last in stock) departed off lease in January.

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

"The last PVL" duly performed an enthusiasts' Farewell Tour on 30th December 2021. It was 8304 (ex Go-Ahead PVL 225) but in the event it was pressed into service on school runs into January. It was not the first bus to do this. London Country's "last rear entrance Routemasters" (RMC 1512 and RML 2446) did a 'farewell tour' on 1st March 1980. Both the LCBS and Go-Coach vehicles worked from the same Swanley (SJ) Garage! As happened at Go-Coach, LCBS' RMC 1512 was then pressed into service on 4th an 5th March 1980 but that was it. "Nothing new under the sun" as they say!
8301 and 8304 both ran in service until 31st January.

GOLDEN TOURS, Alperton

Volvo B11R coach 19 (BX13 BZC) to Reptons, Bookham, Surrey (July 2021).
Volvo B11R coaches 11 and 12 (BX13 BZD/E) sold to Laser Mini Travel and Mini Coach Hire, Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taf. (December 2021).

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

The company Air Products is to look after the HFC fuel at the garage. It will supply liquid hydrogen which is then converted to gas for use in the roof tanks of the buses. The initial 20 Wrightbus GB-Kite Hydroliner single-deckers are due in June for Fastway routes. An order for a further 34 remains to be finalised.

Scanias 6552/4/5 have been withdrawn. 6780 is being repainted.

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METROLINE TRAVEL – AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, KC, PA, PB, PV, SG and W garages, also
METROLINE WEST – G, HZ, UX and WJ garages.
(within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

The battery-electric MetroCity at Potters Bar OEM 2750, finally entered service on route PB1 on 11th January 2022. This must be some sort of record, having been ordered in April 2020!.

Potters Bar lost route 125 from 29th January and VWH 2043-61 were stood down, with the intention to be stored pending future requirements.

The whole fleet of WHD (hydrogen fuel cell) buses were suddenly taken off at midnight of 3rd February. Apparently they need 'short notice rectifications'. Indeed, HFC buses in Birmingham and Aberdeen were also taken off service at the same time. On 4th February routes 7, N7 and 245 had VWHs in their place, twelve being from the Potters Bar 'store'.

After the transfer of route 120 to Lampton (SG) Garage from 8th January, VWHs soon started to appear on route 81 for the first time, the starter being VWH 2284 on 13th January. Since Lampton is effectively a sub-shed of Brentford (AH) with buses often swapped between SG and AH, it was not a big surprise to note VWH 2269 on route E2 on 11th January, with others appearing subsequently.

Staying at Brentford, since the loss of route 235 (to Abellio) from 8th January, the use of DELs on routes 533 and 190 soon began, becoming the principal type on those routes.

West Perivale (PA) Garage will close in March. In the meantime routes 297 and N31 move to PV from 25th February, followed by route 31 to WJ and route 90 to AH, both moving from 5th March.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include VWH 2016, 2027, 2034, 2094, 2096, 2099 and DEL 2063.

Metroline's place for refurbishments and repaints at Falcon Coachworks, Iver has moved to their own Hayes (HZ) Garage. In practice, it is a unit immediately alongside the existing garage yard.

Transfers; (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).
Corrections to SUP-39B: VWH 2236 was never at PA; it was at HD from 2016 to September 2020, then PB to November 2021 and to W in January 2022.

(June 2020): LT 11 HT/HTu (to TfL- see also note below).
(Correction to TLB689: LT 17 HTu/HT (NOT LT11, which remains away from London in Norfolk).
(September 2021): LT 15 HT/HZu.
(November 2021): LT 99 HT/W.
(January): LT 10 W/HZu. LT 12 HT/W. LT 96 HT/HZu. VW 1189/90/91 PA/PV.
VW 1837, 1840 PA/PV. VWH 2236 PB/W. VWH 2240 PAu/PV. DE 1007 AH/HZw.
(February): VW 1392/3/4/5/6/7 PAu/W. VWH 2043/4/5/7, 2050/2/4/6/7/8/9, 2061 PB/PV.

Livery changes:
LT 460 from advert for Kraken back to red.
LT 547 and LT 747 to adverts for GoPuff.
LT 644 to advert for Rare Beauty.
LT 745 to advert for Dying Light 2.
LT 766 from advert for Wheel of Time back to red.
VWH 2018/26/27/33/34 from 'Winter Lights' wrap back to red.

Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds

Twenty-year-old Dart SLFs 201 (YT51 EAJ) and 202 (KW02 CVS) were withdrawn in January. The slightly older Dart SLF 857 (Y857 TGH), already withdrawn, went to scrap in September 2021.

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

RATP-DEV TRANSIT LONDON including
LONDON UNITED - AV, FW, RP, S, TV, V and WK (ex HH) garages and
LONDON SOVEREIGN – BT, CP and SO garages. (c suffix= commercial) and
LONDON TRANSIT – X garage.

From late December the RATP fleet numbers (as in TLB688 p27) were duly applied to the buses and remained ongoing well into January. The "all-RATP" new logos were delayed but were due to start appearing by late January. Indeed, just a few of X's buses were then seen with it applied. It tends to be on the offside below the driver's cab window.

From 29th January, routes 28/N28 moved from Wandsworth (JE) to Westbourne Park (X) Garage, taking its VHs with them. The 639/670 school buses moved from JE to Tolworth (TV) from 1st January. It also means that the operational link between JE and V (Stamford Brook) Garage will no longer be necessary and JE is effectively closed for routine RATP buses.

From 29th January route 125 was taken over from Metroline; it now runs from Edgware (BT) Garage, initially with VHs – and the occasional ADH - until electric BCE buses are delivered and until the charging installation is completed at Edgware. VHs were sourced from FW, SO and X, those from Harrow (SO) being enabled by more BCEs being commissioned there for route X140. In practice the odd BCE now also appears occasionally on route 183, the first appearing on 28th January, in advance of the main batch due fairly soon.

Harrow's 24 BMEs are for routes 398/H9/H10 but there have been several wanderings to the 395, the first appearing on 10th January. At Fulwell where they are awaiting Bes for route 371, quite a few SPs in addition to the two scheduled M-F journeys began to appear in threes and fours during January.

As we closed for press, most of the buses in the batches BE 37062-084 and BCE 47138-156, due respectively for routes 371 (FW) and 125 (BT) have been registered – which usually denotes that they are ready for service. In both cases they have been stored awaiting electric supplies. I shall record them into stock once we know that it has happened and indeed .

What appears to be a collision on 17th December on route C1, BE 37008 has frontal damage and BE 37040 has rear damage. LT 88 recovered from its incident on 13th October, back in use on 7th January. VH 45130, accident on 12 July 2021, was back in service with a new coat of paint on 20th January, not back at Fulwell but for the 125 at Edgware.

New deliveries
A typo in TLB689:- BME 27005-024.

Transfers:
(Correcting TLB689) DE 20190/1/2/3: All been at BT since May 21(20193), July21 (20191,92), Sept21(20190). Then 20192 went to SO in September 2021 and back to BT in January 2022.
(Clarifying TLB689), DLE 30063 was at AV to 16July21, then to WK to 01Oct, back to AV 01-20Oct and to WK again from 20Oct. Thus, delete the entry of DLE 30063 in TLB689.
(December 2021): BE 37008/040 S/Su.

(January): DE 20042/047 SO/FW. DE 20052 S/V. DE 20174/75/76 S/FW. DE 20177 S/V.
DE 20178/79 S/TV. DE 20180 S/SO. DDE 20321/2/3 FW/FWw (return to Abellio).
DLE 30245 FW/WK. DLE 30248/249 FW/WK. DLE 30266 BT/WK. DLE 30329 FW/WK.
BE 37047/056 u/S. LT 88 AVu/AV. SP 40095 SO/FW.
VH 45081/82/83/84/85 X/BT. VH 45101-118, 120, 121 V(JE)/X.
VH 45122/123 V(JE)/TV. VH 45126/127 V/BT. VH 45130 FWu/BT. VH 45132 V/X/BT.
VH 45133/134 FW/BT. VH 45150, 45164 SO/BT. VH 45167/168 FW/BT. VH 45247-250 SO/BT.
BCE 47033 SO/FW. BCE 47063 u/SO. BCE 47089/091 u/SO. BCE 47098 FW/SO.
BCE 47100/101/102/105/106/107 u/SO.
(February): BE 37044/050/054/055/058/059 u/FW.
SP 40046 FW/AV. BCE 47042, 47081 u/FW. BCE 47096/099 u/SO.

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RATP-DEV, Continued:

Off loan, returned to Abellio: DDE 20321/2/3 (January) – as Abellio 8321/2/3.

Livery changes:
LT 139 and LT 664 to adverts for GoPuff.
BCE 47002 from advert for FFI back to red.
OME 46034 (ex Tower Transit OE 34034) from advert for FFI back to red.

Disposals:
SP 40001 to London Bus Museum (January).

Those still parked at Lea Interchange as at 4th February:
BE 37045/46/53; BCE 47030/41/43/45-51/55-58/60/62/64/66-74/76-80/82/83.

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

Transferred into the Thames Valley fleet from the Newbury and District fleet:
782 (SN66 WRD) AD E40D – AD Enviro400(MMC) CH47/35F bodywork. It entered service at Bracknell in allover red livery from its stint on the Vodafone contract at Newbury.

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

YY15 NJN to the new company livery.
Disposals: Dart SLF SF54 KHV and E200Dart YX12 DKN had left the fleet (by January).

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

The Alton House Estate base (as in Fleetbook) is no longer used. Bases are now at Griffin Lane at International House and at Gatehouse Close. Having said that, Gatehouse Close is being closed due to redevelopment and a second yard on Griffin Lane is to be used close to the main base.

The repaints in TLB689 of PO58 NPJ/NPL should read NPJ/NPP. Whilst talking of repaints, the new livery is red and white for single-decks but red and yellow for double-decks – so that amends TLB689 for PL08 YLZ/YMA as well a PO58 NPJ/NPP..

Disposals: Volvo Olympian L983 MSC and Volvo B7TL T309 ORP have now been sold (by January).

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

Disposal: Dart SLF Y238 FJN has gone for scrap (by January).

SAFEGUARD, Guildford

Acquired (February) from Kinchbus, Loughborough, Leics (Nos 319, 320):
YJ07 VST, VSV Optare Tempi X1200 B42F - 2007.

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

EAST LONDON - BK, BW, NS, RM, T and WH; and **SELKENT** - KB, PD, TB and TL.

Recent refurb/ repaints reported - 36570, 36619, 37532.
The accident- damaged 14141 has been rebuilt and was back at BYD Iver on 17th January.

Livery changes:.
LT 239 to advert for GoPuff.
LT 367 from advert for Wheel of Time to one for GoPuff.
12309 from advert for Rainbow Colab back to red.
12331 from advert for globalisation back to red.
14147 from advert for FFI back to red.

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STAGECOACH SOUTH, Guildford

By late January the vehicle fleet at the Peasmarsh (Guildford) garage has been accommodated in the garage premises with the overflow use of the Artington park-and-ride sites no longer used. Indeed, the left-hand gate (where buses entered) is now closed off and another part houses a vaccination centre. The double-deck fleet consists of 5 Scanias, 5 Tridents and 1 E400 while the single deck fleet is made up of E200 and E300 variants (and one Solo). The authorised capacity is 60 vehicles.

STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Withdrawn stock still on premises are SCZ 3849, YJ05 XNT, YJ56 AOX.

Disposals: Solo YJ13 HJZ, already withdrawn since November 2020, sold to E.Stott and Sons, Huddersfield (August 2021).
Solo MX06 ACF, already withdrawn, sold to John's of Blaenau Ffestiniog.
Solo MX08 DFV, already withdrawn, has been sold to --??--.

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

AE 11 had had a repaint after being off the road for six months.

TOWER TRANSIT - LI and X Garages

Transfers: Corrections to TLB689: MV 38213/214 LI/X (not X/LI), never been at LI.
WH 31123/124 had always been at LI until moved LI/X (November, prior to be transferred to London Transit with RATP numbers WH 45402/03.

Disposals:
WN 35002/3/4 went to Vision, Blackrod, Bolton, Greater Manchester (December 2021).

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

From 13th February, two routes at Northampton, Poppy17 and Lakes-Link, were withdrawn. Five Enviro400(MMC)s were moved to Hatfield where they will be for route 601 'The Alban Way', in turn releasing the oldest Scania double-decks. Thus they rejoin their two sisters YY15 VFW/Y that became 256/7 at Hatfield a while back.

Renumbered (February): 287-291 (YY15 VFR/S/T/U/V) to 258-262.

VALE TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Olympian T59 NWL and Darts Y803 TGH, L116 HHV, M454 LLJ remain on site but withdrawn.
Still in everyday service in January 2022 are Volvo Olympians R637 MNU, T260 VAO, T61 NWL and Tridents X399 KBV, X401 KBV and Volvo B7TLs PA04 CYK, PO54 ACX.
Potential preservationists please note!

Disposal: Solo SR10 KSV sold (by January).

WESTBUS (within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

Change of registrations: Astromega 142 from YJ61 FFD to WIB 23; Astromega 152 from YJ13 GYG to WIB 49, Volo V9TL 164 X13 VTD to WIB 119.

WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell

Acquired (January): 57, 58 (YX71 OHY, OHZ) AD E20D – AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.9m B41F/

Disposals: E200s 57 (YY15 NHO), 58 (YX18 KUE) left the fleet by January 2022.
As is customary in this fleet the fleet numbers are re-used.

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

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Olympians and other non low-floor double deck types:

L 293 (G293 UYK) (ex LU) continues in use as a bus bar at the Red Lion public house at Coltishall. Norfolk; it is mobile and was seen at Frettenham in June 2021.

L 315 (J315 BSH) (ex ALN) was sold by London Bus Company (August 2020).

L 316 (J316 BSH) (ex ALN) from Graham & Sons Coaches (as the Fab Bus) to Raccoon Franchising, Edenbridge (by October 2017).

N118 UHP (ex LU) was acquired by Apollo Car Wash, Bulwell, Norfolk (July 2016) where it replaced VE 653 (see below); it was previously recorded as with WOTS Project.

NV 20 (N420 JBV) (ex GAL) correcting TLB675, it passed to unknown owner for caravan conversion, Patna, North Ayrshire (August 2018) and not to Quetzal Shipping & Trading.

NV 181 (R381 LGH) (ex GAL) from Oakley to unknown owner, Plymouth , Devon (September 2019).

S 18 (J818 HMC) (ex SLN) was sold from M-line (November 2016).

S 25 (J825 HMC) (ex SLN) was sold from 2-Way (by April 2020).

SP 2 (K302 FYG) from Jan's Coaches to MC Tractors, Ely, Cambs. (September 2015).

SP 6 (K306 FYG) was sold from Square Peg Travel (February 2019).

SP 7 (K307 FYG) was reported for preservation but was sold from Square Peg Travel to Ripley, Barnsley (November 2019) for scrap.

SP 13 (K313 FYG, ex NIL 7251) was sold for scrap from Wheelers in January 2016 after being withdrawn following mechanical failure in July 2014.

SP 16 (K316 FYG) from M Travel (by December 2012) for scrap.

SP 18 (K318 FYG, ex 18 CLT) was reported as sold from Square Peg Travel to unknown owner (April 2006) for preservation and was understood to have been kept at the Keighley Bus Museum until scrapped by September 2020.

VA 124 (F124 PHM) (ex ALN) sold from Dunns Coaches (August 2020).

VA 127 (F127 PHM) (ex ALN) was sold from Confidence (July 2019) for scrap.

VA 128 (F128 PHM) (ex ALN) from Used Car Sales to Wigley, Barnsley (November 2012) and was scrapped.

VA 134 (F134 PHM, ex B14 YST) (ex ALN) from 1st Bus Stop to Wigley, Barnsley (February 2014).

VA 721 (F101 TML) (ex ALN) was sold from AD Taxis (August 2018).

VC 3 (G103 NGN, ex WLT 803) (ex GAL) further to TLB669, it is believed to be located with Bailey, Luton, Beds. (July 2019) and is now preserved.

VC 9 (G109 NGN, ex GSU 370) (ex GAL) from Chiltern Travel to Ripley, Barnsley (July 2020).

VC 10 (G110 NGN), 14 (G114 NGN, ex MJI 2366, ex 614 DYE) (ex GAL) were sold from DA Coaches (by December 2020) for scrap.

VC 11 (G647 SGT, ex WLT311, ex G111 NGN) (ex GAL) sold from McNairn (by September 2019).

VC 17 (G117 NGN) (ex GAL) was sold from Rodgers (January 2017) for scrap.

VC 19 (FHZ 9600, ex G119 NGN, ex 619 DYE) (ex GAL) from Farleigh Coaches to Wealden PSV (August 2018).

VC 22 (G122 NGN) (ex GAL) was sold from DA Coaches (August 2019).

VE 653 (H653 GPF) (ex ALN) was sold from Apollo Car Wash (January 2017) for scrap. (See N118 UHP above).

VE 658, 674, 682 (H658, 674, 682 GPF) (ex ALN) were sold by A&P Travel (September 2020).

VE 668 (A6 VXH, ex H668 GPF) (ex ALN) was re-registered by Imperial back to its original registration in August 2016 before being sold for scrap (October 2017). (WVL 249 (ex GAL) later gained the registration A6 VXH).

VE 681 (H681 GPF) (ex ALN) from JMB Travel to Lawson, Corby, Northants. (November 2015), then to Littywood Farm, Bradley, Staffs. (April 2017), and was then sold for scrap (November 2018).

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Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 334 (LG52 DCX, ex V30 BAY) (ex ALN) further to TLB678, this DLA is confirmed as passing to Big Rig American Diner, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.

DLP 54, 58, 64 (LJ51 DJZ, DKF, DKV) (ex ALN) have been numbered 6997, 6998, 6999 by Go North East and are for use on the Toon Tour in 2022.

DW 63 (LJ04 LDD) (ex ALN) from Arriva Shires to Hardwick, Barnsley (September).

VLA 36 (LJ53 BBV) (ex ALN) from 1st Bus Stop to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (May) and then to Cambridge Bus & Coach, Fen Drayton, Cambs. (October) where it was re-registered to AYZ 5067.

VLA 41 (LJ53 BCO, ex CW51 TOP), 42 (LJ53 BCU, ex CW52 TOP), (ex ALN) have been re-registered to M23, 24 UKA by Hamiltons Coaches in March 2021. (Note – the re-registration of VLA 73 in this fleet was included in TLB685.)

VLA 104, 105, 125 (LJ05 BKY, BKZ, BJF) (ex ALN) from Suffolk Norse to Vertas, Ipswich, Suffolk (September).

VLA 138 (LJ05 GRX) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (November 2019).

VLW 16 (UUI 2948, ex LJ51 DGE) (ex ALN) further to TLB688 + 689, this VLW is confirmed as passing to Hardwick, Barnsley (September).

VLW 183 (LJ03 MMA) (ex ALN) was re-registered to J600 JBT by J&B Travel in August 2020.

TN 33126 (LT02 NVN) (ex FLN) was sold from First Eastern Counties (January).

TN 33143 (LR02 LWY), 33172 (LR02 LYP, ex HIG 1519), 33176 (LR02 LYV, ex HIG 1524), 33182 (LR02 LZB) (ex FLN) are confirmed as passing to Wigley, Barnsley (all in September, except TN 33172 which was August).

TN 33288, 33330, 33336, 33341 (LK03 NKX, UFG, UFR, UFW) (ex FLN) from Moffatt & Williamson to Muir (dlr), Rosyth (February 2021), for scrap.

TN 33374 (LK53 YET) (ex FLN) was sold from First Glasgow (January).

TNL 33095 (LN51 NRL) (ex FLN) was sold from First Essex (January).

VNW 32349 (LK04 HXA) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to Sussex Coaches, Steyning, West Sussex (January).

VNZ 32332, 32338, 32339, 32340, 32341, 32342 (LK53 LYR, LYY, LYZ, LZA, LZB, LZC) (ex FLN) from First West of England to Ensign Bus (January). This updates the entry for VNZ 32338 in TLB688. VNZ 32340 was then subsequently sold to Greenslades Coaches, Exeter, Devon (January).

WN 35001 (LK58 EDO) (ex FLN) further to TLB682, this WN was back in use with London Bus Group by late October after use for film work in Budapest and has been noted with the fleet number RG0018, but this could have originally read LBG0018.

WN 35002, 35003 (LK58 EDP, EDR), 35004 (LK09 CZS) (ex FLN) further to TLB689 page 31, these have passed to Vision Bus, Horwich, Lancs. (December) and may well have passed via a dealer.

PVL 81 (W481 WGH) (ex GAL) from Go South Coast to Sims Metals, Poole, Dorset (November 2017).

PVL 143 (W543 WGH) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (January).

PVL 144 (X544 EGK) (ex GAL) was sold by Bear Buses (by February).

PVL 165 (X656 EGK) (ex GAL) further to TLB689, this PVL has passed to Kids Play Bus, Aylesbury, Bucks. It remains in Go Coach yellow livery but with the addition of Kids Play Bus lettering and images.

PVL 393 (LX54 HAU) (ex GAL) from Candy Coaches to THZ, Shoreditch, London (June).

PVL 402, 403 (LX54 GZO, GZP) (ex GAL) further to TLB682, they did not pass to Ensign Bus in May 2021. Can anyone confirm what happened to these two PVLs ?

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WVL 29 (LF52 ZSP) (ex GAL) – Please delete the report in TLB687 page 33 in its entirety. The information was wrong.

WVL 54 (LF52 ZPP) (ex GAL) clarifying TLB689, this WVL was acquired by Ensign Bus in October but was only collected in December.

WVL 83 (LF52 ZNR) (ex GAL) has been numbered 6900 by Go North East and is for use on the Toon Tour in 2022.

WVL 97 (LF52 ZNK) (ex GAL) is now confirmed as acquired by Ensign Bus (December).

WVL 320 (LX59 DBY) (ex GAL) further to TLB689, this WVL has now been re-registered to B9 WVL with Candy Coaches.

WVL 371 (LX60 DXB) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to First South West (January). This WVL has been on loan to this operator since August and was operating in Cornwall last Summer in all over red.

WVL 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 502 (LJ62 KXX, KXZ, KYA. KYG. KOX, KZP) (ex GAL) are in East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/97 with Go North East.

WVL 503, 504, 505, 506, 508 (LJ62 KBY, KCU, KDV, KDZ, KLS) (ex GAL) are in East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58 with Go North East.

487 (YN53 RYZ, ex WSV 530) (ex GAL) from Stantons of Stoke to Ensign Bus, and then to Redfern Travel, Notts. (all in January).

SP 14 (YN56 FBY) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus to Connexions Buses, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (January).

TE 667 (LK55 KJY) (ex ML) was used by Ensign Bus in late 2019 for seat belt pull tests and then scrapped in January 2020.

TE 738 (LK07 AZU) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Ashbourne Connect, Leinster, Co. Meath, Ireland (July 2019).

TE 879 (LX08 DXP) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Manchester Tours, Manchester, Greater Manchester (January); this TE has been converted to part open top. Note – Manchester Tours are a sister company of Coastliner in Blackpool, and Coastliner was previously trading as Catch22Bus.

VP 552 (LK04 CVP) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Instinct Renovations, Warlingham, Norfolk (August 2020).

VPL 168 (IIG 9287, ex Y168 NLK) (ex ML) further to TLB689, this VPL is now confirmed as passing to Used Coach Sales, Warrington, Cheshire.

TA 17479 (LX51 FLR) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach Merseyside to Stagecoach Yorkshire (January).

TA 17587 (LV52 HFW) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (January).

TA 17762, 17766, 17769, 17770, 17772, 17777, 17780 (LX03 BUU, BVB, BVE, BVF, BVH, BVN, BVS) (ex SLN) were returned off lease in 2016 and then immediately passed to Ripley, Barnsley where it is understood they remain.

TA 17817, 17825 (LX03 BXM, BXY) (ex SLN) from 1st Bus Stop to Fowlers Travel, Holbeach Drove, Lincs. (by December).

TA 18454 (LX05 LLP) (ex SLN) from Applegates to Odyssey Coach Sales, Wigan, Lancs. (September).

TA 18477 (LX55 ESF) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South East to Wigley, Barnsley (January).

15077 (LX09 AFE) (ex SLN) was noted in early February in Glasgow promoting TalkTalk in an all over dark blue livery with yellow and white signwriting. It has been re-registered to L5 OHP and is believed to be still owned by The Bus Business.

15163 (LX59 CRJ) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus to Connexions Buses, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (January).

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Low-floor single deck types:

PDL 110 (LJ54 LHL), 138 (SN06 BPF) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (November and July respectively).

DMS 44412 (YX09 FMP) (ex FLN) from Midland Classic to Hatton, Haydock, Merseyside (January).
DM 44266 (YX61 FZJ) (ex FLN) has been re-registered by Langston & Tasker to L20 LNT.
DMV 44275 (YX61 FZT) (ex FLN) from Go Ahead London to Ensign Bus (January). This DMV was latterly SEN 34 in the Go Ahead London fleet.

LDP 157 (Y857 TGH) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap from Grant Palmer (September).
SE 12, 16 (LX07 BXV, BYA), 29, 33 (SN57 DWV, DWZ) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to Galleon Travel / Central Connect, Roydon, Essex (January).
SE 21 (SN57 DWG) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (January). Note that this passed to Ensign in January.
SOE 24 (LX09 AZJ) (ex GAL) was loaned from Ensign Bus to Nu-Venture, Aylesford, Kent in early February on a short-term loan.

OV 30108 (YJ58 VNK) (ex LU) from Cymru Coaches to White's of Winkfield (by January).

SLD 34238 (Y238 FJN) (ex SLN) was sold for scrap from Red Rose (by January).

Bendybuses:

MA 12 (BX04 MXK) (ex ALN) was sold for scrap from Completely Business (by January).
MA 19 (BX04 MXT) (ex ALN) from North West Bus Sales to PVS, Barnsley (April 2021).
MAL 43, 44 (BD52 LMV, LMX) (ex GAL) have remained with Lombard Leasing and passed to Looms (dlr), Spondon, Derby and then to MC Tractors, Ramsey, Cambs.(all in May 2021) for scrap. They were noted carrying registrations Jet 2-1 and Jet 2-2, so it is assumed that they have seen use on airside services at an airport somewhere in the UK, possibly at Gatwick.
MAL 76 (BX54 UDE), 87 (Y2 EDN, ex BX54 UDU) (ex GAL) from Shears (dlr) to Wigley, Barnsley (by June 2021) for scrap. This confirms that MAL 87 went to Shears in October 2020, and it then regained its original registration with Shears in January 2021.
MAL 77 (BX54 UDG) (ex GAL) was noted for sale on eBay in March 2020.
MAL 104 (BD57WDP) (ex GAL) was used as a mobile vaccination unit by Brighton & Hove in 2021.
23006 (K900 LSA, ex LX03 HCE), 23008 (N800 LSA, ex LX03 HCG), 23012 (P900LSA, ex LX03 HCL) (ex SLN) were latterly used by National Express at Stansted airport and then passed to an unknown dealer, Yate, Bristol (by March 2021).
23021 (LX03 HDE) (ex SLN) returned from National Express to Dawsongroup (by September 2020) and from May 2021 was being restored to London as new condition.
23041 (LX04 KZN) (ex SLN) from Dawson Rentals to Jet2 Transport Services, East Midland Airport (January 2015) and carried registration JET2-3. It then passed to Looms (dlr), Spondon, Derbys. and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in May 2021).
23045 (LX04 KZT) (ex SLN) was latterly recorded with Ripley and then passed to Jet2 Transport Services, East Midland Airport (January 2015) and carried registration JET2-4. It then passed to Looms (dlr), Spondon, Derbys. and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in May 2021).
23055, 23056, 23072 (LX04 LBG, LBK, LCN) (ex SLN) from OFJ Connections to Ripley, Barnsley (August, August, by August 2021 respectively).

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

Please bear in mind that these are 'filler material' for TLB and do not necessarily cover every item of rail work. Most remain unknown, unreported or of no special interest. I can only record, and do so briefly, those that are observed and reported.

Piccadilly: 24, 26-30Dec and 02/03Jan Acton Town & Heathrow Central (stopping) by Abellio E400 diesels, E400Hs and LTs. Also non-stop services from Hammersmith to Heathrow T5 by Westbus, Corbel Coaches, P&J Ellis and Go-Ahead (Luton) or non-stop to Heathrow Central by Kings Ferry, Lewis Coaches, Lucketts.

15/16Jan Hammersmith & Heathrow Terminals 2&3 Non-stop with coaches from Clarkes of London, Anderson Coaches, Corbel Coaches, Kings Ferry, Lucketts, Westbus, Weavaway. Also Gunnersbury & Rayners Lane by Sullivans Es, DSs; also Gunnersbury & Heathrow Terminal 2&3 all stations by Abellio E400s,LTs; also Ealing Broadway & Osterley by Metroline TEs.

29/30Jan Hammersmith & Northfields by Metroline TEs, VMHs, VWs. VWHs, with assistance by Arriva London on 29Jan only. Also Rayners Lane & Ealing Broadway by Sullivan Es,DSs.

District: 08/09Jan Hammersmith & Acton Town by Abellio-E400s. Wimbledon & Hammersmith by Abellio E400s,LTs. Wimbledon & Earl's Court by Arriva London HAs, HVs, LTs, Ts, London Transit OEs and Metroline VMHs.

Jubilee and Metropolitan: 26/27Dec Willesden Green & Wembley Park, running on to Stonebridge Park by Sullivan d/ds. (The Met was suspended Wembley Park & Aldgate).

Bakerloo: 01/02/03Jan Queen's Park - Harrow & Wealdstone, also 03Jan only Queen's Park - Harrow Wealdstone (Limited stop) both by Metroline TEs, VMHs,VWHs. A repeat due on 19/20Feb.

Overground: 04/05Dec Clapham Junction & Canada Water by Abellio London LTs,E400s.
01/02/03Jan -Harrow & Wealdstone -- Watford Junction by Sullivans E200s.
15/16Jan Clapham Junction & Canada Water by Abellio E400s and LTs.
15/16Jan, 22/23Jan New Cross Gate & Dalston Kingsland byAbellio-E400s.
22/23Jan Clapham Junction & Canada Water by Abellio E400s,LTs.
12/13Feb Camden Road & Willesden Junction by Metroline.

DLR: 16-31Dec Tower Gateway & Canary Wharf by Arriva HAs, assisted by Metroline on 29/30Dec.
08/09Jan Canary Wharf & Beckton by Sullivans Es&DSs.

LNWR: 01/02/03Jan Watford Junction & St Albans Abbey by Lucketts.

Great Northern: 16Jan(early) and 23Jan(early) Finsbury Park & New Barnet by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 13Feb (early am) King's Cross & Potters Bar by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Thameslink: Overnight 22/23Jan King's Cross St Pancras & Mill Hill Broadway by Ensigns E200s.
Overnight 23Jan St Pancras & London Bridge by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Great Western: 08/09Jan Guildford & Reading by D&P Coaches, Passenger Plus, Coach Miles, TK Travel, Angel Executive Travel, P&J Ellis.

----- *Rail Replacements* ----------

South Eastern: 05Dec Lewisham & Hayes by Go Ahead EHs, also Slade Green & Gravesend by Go-Ahead Es, ENs, EHs,WVLs.

12Dec Lewisham & Hayes by Go Ahead EHs. Also Lewisham & Dartford via Sidcup by-Go Ahead ENs, EHs. Also Lewisham & Orpington by Go Ahead SEs, E200s.

18/19Dec Swanley & Strood by Go Ahead Es,EHs, Travelmasters E200s.

19Dec Bromley South & Meopham by Go Ahead Es,ENs. Also Bromley South & Sevenoaks by Go Ahead Es.ENs, Go Coach Optare Metrocitys. Also Bromley South & Borough Green by Go Ahead ENs.

27/28Dec Swanley & Strood by Go Ahead London EHs, MHVs, 1st Bus Stop (ex Arriva VLA32)

03Jan Lewisham & Orpington, Lewisham & Hayes, and Lewisham & Dartford via Sidcup by Go-Ahead dds and E200s; Abbey Travel (Volvo B9s BJ11 EAW & BJ11 EBA); Central Connect (E200s CE21 GAL and CC21 GAL); Go Coach (Solos YJ62 FUD & YJ62 FVN); coaches from Davian and from Lewis.

08/09Jan Lewisham & Dartford (via Sidcup) by Go Ahead ENs, MHVs.WHVs. also Lewisham & Orpington by Go Ahead SEs.Lewis Coaches.

15Jan Lewisham & Dartford (via Bexleyheath), 16Jan New Cross & Dartford (via Bexleyheath) all by

Go-Ahead EHs, MHVs, WHVs, WVL Es(Commercial).

23Jan Lewisham & Dartford by Go Ahead EHs,MHVs,Es(Commercial)

Southern: 11/12Dec London Bridge & Streatham by Go Ahead MHVs&EHs.

12Dec Purley & Horley by Southdown PSV, Brighton&Hove, Go-Ahead Es,WVNs,ENs. A lso Purley & Reigate by Redwings(Coaches). 18/19Dec West Croydon & Balham via Crystal Palace by Go Ahead-EHs, Arriva London HVs.

27-31Dec East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead Es, ENs, ,MHVs, WHVs. 01/02/03Jan Balham & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead WHVs,.MHVs.

04-07Jan Balham & Clapham Junction by Go-Ahead d/ds incl ENs (Commercial), Travelmasters E400s,Ensignbus (Volvos). s/ds from City Circle, Spirit of Sussex, A&A, Travelmasters, United Minicoaches, Brighton Horizon Coaches.

08/09Jan East Croydon & Clap[ham Junction by Go Ahead ENs(Commercial), Es, EHs, MHVs. WHVs, CT Plus and single-deck by Crawley Luxury.

15/16Jan Three Bridges & Brighton with Three Bridges & Lewes, using double decks from Brighton&Hove, CT Plus E400s, Arriva London HVs, HTs, Stagecoach South, Seaford & District (ex VLW192), Southern Transit (ex Abellio 9738), Southdown PSV, Go Ahead Scania(902), EHs, EHVs, Es. Es(Commercial), ENs, MHVs, WHVs, WVNs. Also single-decks from Brighton Horizon Coaches. Compass Travel. Crawley Luxury, Regency Coaches. LJ Edwards, J&M Brown Coaches, Worthing Coaches, A&A Travel, Solent Coaches, Seaford & District, RDH Coaches, and Go Ahead Commercial Volvos VWL 52,53.

22/23Jan London Bridge & Streatham by Go Ahead ENs,MHVs

23Jan Purley & East Grinstead avoiding Woldingham by Brighton&Hove Streetdecks, Southdown PSV E200s. Upper Warlingham & Woldingham by Passenger Plus Streetlite.

23Jan Three Bridges & Pulborough by A&A Travel, Crawley Luxury, Go Ahead London, JG Coaches, RDH Coaches, Southern Transit and Stagecoach South.

29/30Jan Clapham Junction & Balham by Go-head-MHVs,Es.ENs,WVNs.

29/30Jan Barnham-& Havant by Go Ahead-WVL and VWL(Commercial), Brighton & Hove.

29Jan . Clapham Junction & Balham by London General (d/ds).

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9021F	LR20 WBX	Ford Transit Custom Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	SDD

Additional information and updates

Van 9021F was licensed in July 2020, although its delivery may have been delayed due to COVID. We have not received an official fleet list for some time, so it is possible that some of the other "missing" fleetnumbers (such as 9003, 9015, 9025, 9026, 9031, 9044 etc) are also now in use.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	RX71 SZP	MB Vito Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	MG
-	AY71 JDF	Ford Transit Connect Van	Metroline	Red	CELF

Additional information

The report of the withdrawal of Arriva London HX65 XUO (TLB688) seems to have been premature. It was seen still in use at DX garage on 1st February, now with fleetnumber 131.

Ensignbus NJ17 YXM has fleetnumber 806.

Go-Ahead RF19UZS has transferred NP to MB. RJ62 ZHD and EX64 YCS are withdrawn, as is GL68 HFG. The latter was one of several hired Volkswagen minibuses used at Northumberland Park. Given the number of new Vitos delivered, it seems likely that similar GL68 HHV/HHX/LHO have also gone. There may still be a few VWs at other garages; reports would be appreciated.

Metroline AY71 JDF has Falcon Coachworks lettering. LY14 DYX is withdrawn.

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Job opportunities:

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This TLB closed on 4-6 February and due for posting on 15 February. Closing date for TLB691 is Weds 2 March and due for posting on Tues 15 March. Reports to the Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 02Mar, 30Mar 2022 (note early date due to Easter), 04May, 08June, 06July. These dates are for us editors to have sufficient time to process, although info over the next four days can invariably be slotted in as time and space allows. Those of you who report regularly should 'bookmark' these dates.



Merton Garage's route 413 was the lucky recipient of electric buses, indirectly as a result of Red Arrow reductions. Thus some 12m E200EVs moved from the 521 to the 360 and 10.9m versions from 360 to 413. On 13th January SEe 63 is in Grand Drive, Morden. *(Terry Wong Min)*

After a two-year wait, Metroline's new Optare MetroCity for the PB1 at Potters Bar finally entered service in January. OEM 2750 in Baker Street in that town shows the unusual nearside emergency door (usually on the offside). *(Steve Maskell)*



Rear cover: Arriva's BYD/ADL E400EVs have been phased into service since September into December. EA 3 in Tooting Bec Road shows off its 'traditional' roller blinds and was the first of type to have the 'I am an electric bus' insignia. *(Haydn Davies)*



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