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The fire at Metroliner Potters Bar Garage on 22 May meant that all MetroDeckers were 'grounded'. Go-Ahead route 200 used those, so EHV12s, recently spare in east London, worked from Merton for six days. EHV 12 is travelling through Colliers Wood. *(Haydn Davies)*

Mullany's of Watford are operating four BYD/ADL/ E400EVs on the shuttle service between Watford Junction Station and the Leavesden Studios for the 'Harry Potter' tour. Many journeys are full, those within the bus can see out but we cannot see in. *(Terry Wong Min)*



Front cover: Volvo Ailsa V3 is a very rare beast. Dating from experiments in 1985 with two doors and two staircases, on 11th June it was back at Stockwell Garage for its open day. Reprising its use in 1985, again it was on the former 77A, seen in Vauxhall. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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On Monday 26 September we are delighted to welcome Peter Newman of Ensignbus as speaker. The next meeting will be on Monday 28 November in the Great Hall (speaker t.b.a.).

At the Annual General Meeting on Monday 26th June, papers containing the minutes of the 2021 AGM and officers' report were made available. Unfortunately, due to a preparation error the Treasurer's report and accounts had been omitted. Accordingly, consideration of the Treasurer's report and accounts was deferred for consideration at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Monday 26th September at 19:30 in advance of the regular meeting. The relevant papers will be available at the meeting. They can also be obtained in advance by sending a stamped addressed envelope marked 'Accounts' to LOTS Office. Should you require an email copy please send e-mail to LOTSChairman@yahoo.com.

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LOTS Postal Sales

See the new Sales List in TLB694. The latest from LOTS:

LOTS London Bus Review 2021 (£14.50) (**NEW**)

SUP-39C TfL operators fleet allocations and PVRs, 21st May 2022 (£4.50). **NEW**

The LOTS 2022 Fleetbook, 128 pages and illustrated. (£7.50) **NEW**.

LBM 200 Summer 2022 (£5.00) **NEW** Main features ‘Mullany’s Buses’ and ‘Part 1 of a Fifty years of LBM photo piece’ by the editor (second part will be in LBM 202).

LBM 199 Spring 2022 (£5.00) **NEW** Main features are ‘Addlestone Garage operations in the 1950s’ (an insight into the very complicated scheduling and route patterns of Country Area buses); ‘Archway’s last Routemasters’ and ‘The Yorkie Buses’ (a photo-piece on ex-Londoners in York by Tony Wilson).

And from other publishers:

Around Waltham Forest by Bus, Tram & Train – Historical local scenes over 200 years by Roger Torode. Published by LHRG. **£15.00**. 120 pages (It’s described as the transport story of Waltham Forest). **NEW**

The London Q by Ken Blacker **£25.00**. 128 pages. (Capital Transport). **NEW**

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).

Sat 23 July: RATP Fulwell Garage open day 10am-3pm. (Possible LSS),.

Sun 24 July: VCS (Victoria Coach Station) are holding a running day. The event will comprise operation on route 11 (VCS and Aldwych for LTM), Airbus A1 (VCS and Hammersmith lower bus station via Hyde Park Corner) and Express 090 (VCS and Hammersmith lower bus station via Embankment), almost entirely with suitable heritage buses and coaches. Each route will run every 30mins between 09:00 and 16:30.

Sun 31 July Worthing, bus rally at west end of the sea front, also bus rides.

Sun 07 Aug Gosport, bus rally at Stokes Bay, also local bus rides.

Sun 07 Aug Change of venue for ‘Buses’ Festival, now at Sywell Aerodrome, near Northampton.

Sat 20 Aug Imberbus, Routemasters from Warminster to Imber.

Sat/Sun/Mon 27/28/29 August: 60th Anniversary event commemorating the ending of London trolleybuses, at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft, Lincs. Free bus from Doncaster Interchange to the museum on 29 August.

Sun 04 Sep North Weald Epping Ongar Railway.

Sat 17 Sep NLETE Transport Bazaar at St Stephen’s Church Hall, Village Road, Enfield (ex route 329). 11:00-14:30, £3 entry (acc. children free). Sat 17 Sep, Sat 19 Nov.

Sun 18 Sep: ‘Fly-by’ road run between Uxbridge (Brunel University) and Wheatley via the A40 and High Wycombe.

Sun 25 Sept: The 50th and the last Showbus Rally at Herts show-ground at Redbourn.

Sat 01 Oct NLETE Transport Bazaar at Theydon Bois Village Hall (close to station), 11:00-15:30, £3 entry (acc. children free).

Sat 01 Oct London route 37 heritage buses, Sun 02 Oct A&DMBS Running Day at Chesham Broadway, Sun 23 Oct LBM Brooklands.

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National news, TfL and Politics

The turmoil in Downing Street continues. The Government lost two by-elections in June, at Tiverton & Honiton and at Wakefield and Deputy Chief Whip Chris Pincher resigned following an admission of inappropriate behaviour. Then on 5th July Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Health Secretary Sajid Javid resigned after it transpired that Prime Minister Boris Johnson had not been honest about previous allegations concerning Pincher. On 6th and 7th July plenty more resignations flooded in. At 12:30 on the 7th the Prime Minister announced that he would resign in the autumn. The processes for a successor will now proceed.

The Central London Bus Review announced last month has predictably become very controversial. The consultation period has been extended by three weeks to 7 August with TfL admitting that ‘interest had remained exceptionally high after four weeks’. Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has responded to accusations that the planned bus cuts had been forced on TfL by the Government. In a letter to Mayor Sadiq Khan on 23 June he pointed out that service reductions were included in TfL’s own Financial Sustainability Plan published on 1 January 2022 and that recent reductions had already cut the peak vehicle requirement by 4%. He added that “in short, the new cuts are not necessary, and will not save much money”. The Mayor responded angrily on Twitter, describing the letter as ‘total nonsense’ and accusing the Transport Secretary of having no basic understanding of how TfL’s finances work. He added that since 2015 the Government had removed £1 billion a year of funding, claiming that since becoming Mayor he had saved the same amount. The Mayor said that due to the compensation formula for lost fares during the pandemic, its budget already assumes hundreds of millions of further cuts and TfL has no alternative but to cut bus services. The following day, the Mayor again used Twitter to urge Grant Shapps to meet with him to agree a long term funding deal.

The current TfL funding package was due to end on 24 June but has been extended for the umpteenth time, to 13 July. It is difficult to see how the two sides can come together to reach an agreement by then, although a TfL Press release, issued on 24 June adopted a more conciliatory line. It noted that TfL had worked hard to progress all conditions placed on it and stressed the need for a long-term settlement if a period of managed decline of London’s Transport network is to be avoided.

The RMT union called a national rail strike on 21, 23 & 25 June which also affected London Underground services on 21 June. They were protesting about pay, pensions and the threat of compulsory redundancies. It was said to be the biggest rail strike for thirty years. The impact was severe because Network Rail signalling staff were involved and only around 20% of services ran, generally on the busiest National Rail lines. Services did not return to normal on non-strike days, so the overall disruption lasted almost a week.

RMT leader Mick Lynch was widely commended for his media appearances during the strikes. His straight-talking responses to politicians were direct and often quite humorous. He said he blamed the Government, not Network Rail or Train Operating Companies for the dispute and he was keen to negotiate. Labour MPs were banned from joining picket lines, but several did, leading to accusations the party was unsure whether it supported the strikes or not. Since then, talks have taken place between unions and management and no further strikes have been announced. With the **annual inflation rate** at just over 9% and many public sector employees having had limited increases for several years due to austerity, industrial action looks likely, especially in the NHS and education. A separate dispute halted most Greater Anglia train services on 2 July. There has also been industrial action at some bus companies outside London, including Arriva Yorkshire and Stagecoach in Merseyside.

Northern line night tube services returned on 2 July, to the same pattern as before the pandemic. This means no trains on the Bank branch, to Mill Hill East or to Battersea Power Station. The **Barking Riverside extension** could open earlier than planned, this summer. However, it was originally due to open in late 2021. The 4.5-kilometre extension to the London Overground network includes a 56-span

viaduct. Trains will take seven minutes between Barking Riverside and Barking station where through trains use platforms 7 & 8 instead of platform 1.

Corporate and company news

The Go-Ahead Group has announced its intention to accept a £650 million takeover offer by Australia-based bus operator Kinetic Holding and Spain's Globalvia Inversions, both of which are backed by Canadian fund manager OP Trust. Go-Ahead would remain as a stand-alone operation with key offices in London and Newcastle, with current Chair and CEO staying on. The company says its new bosses have a focus on "regional buses and train operations" as well as being "ready to invest in improved rail and bus services for London."

First group has announced a major reorganisation of its management structure for UK bus subsidiaries with ten operating areas reduced to six new 'Local Business Units'. Amongst the changes, Eastern Counties is merged with Essex to form East of England, and there is one huge unit covering south and southwest England which includes Berkshire and Hampshire.

Other General News

There is speculation that the Government is planning to announce a **£2 maximum bus fare outside London** to help with the cost of living. According to industry commentator Roger French, this would come into effect when the current bus recovery grant expires in early October. Plans for a £2 maximum single fare have already been announced by Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, as part of an agreed plan with operators through an Enhanced Partnership agreement. Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham was already proposing a £2 fare as part of franchising plans, and he now intends to follow West Yorkshire's lead by introducing it in September if a deal can be agreed with operators. There could also be a multi-operator day ticket in Greater Manchester for £5. Go North West, which operates predominantly in Greater Manchester, has recently announced that patronage has recovered to pre-pandemic levels on its services.

A new southern entrance has opened at **Hackney Central station** removing the need for some passengers to use the footbridge to leave the station. **Bakerloo line rolling stock** is now 50 years old, making it the oldest electric rolling stock in regular service in the UK. Based on the 1967 stock built for the Victoria line, the first 1972 tube stock trains entered service on the Northern line on 26 June that year, replacing 1938 stock. They were later transferred to the Bakerloo line.

Alexander Dennis (ADL) has opened a new test and development centre in Farnborough, Hampshire to take forward the company's zero emission agenda. It is named Trident House in honour of the low floor bus chassis. **Nottingham City Transport** is taking delivery of a further 23 Scania/ADL Bio Gas double-deckers, taking the total in this fleet to 143, making it the largest operator of bio gas buses in the UK.

The Government has announced a public vote to agree the location of the home of **Great British Railways**. Birmingham, Crewe, Derby, Doncaster, Newcastle Upon Tyne and York, all well-known rail centres, are in the running.

Local transport authorities in Scotland are being encouraged to consider municipal bus operation by the Scottish Transport Minister. The only existing Scottish municipal is Lothian Buses which is jointly owned by three councils.

Ten vintage coaches took part in a coach run from Victoria Coach station on 17 June, commemorating **Royal Blue and Associated Motorways services** by recreating services that ran in the pre motorway post-war era. Victoria Coach station is 90 years old this year and National Express is celebrating 50 years since its launch.

Gareth Powell, TfL Customer and Strategy Officer and Deputy Commissioner is leaving in September.

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 tendering programme has now been updated. Firstly, the introduction of new routes 439 and S2 as part of the Sutton scheme have been cancelled from tranche 819A and moved to a new tranche 863A in the 2023/24 Tendering programme. Routes 143(D) and 168 are formally removed from Tranches 834 and 845 following conclusions of consultation.

Following the publication of the extensive proposals for Central London (see TLB694), a number of routes involved have been separated into revised tranches until the outcome of the consultations are known. These gain a “C” suffix. Several other routes have also been separated into revised tranches with an “A” suffix”. Note that routes 4, 11/N11, 45, 78 and 349 currently remain in the 2022/23 programme, as noted below:-

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#808 (9/22)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan)	--
#810 (9-10/22)	349 (Arriva LN)	4, 210, 341/=
#813 (10/22)	11/N11 (GA London General)	22/=
#816 (10-11/22)	78 (Arriva LN)	45, 176/=, 188/=
#825 (2/23)	263 (Metroline Travel)	41/=, 121
#828 (3/23)	Tranche cancelled	138, 161, 172, 181, 225, 233, 284
#829 (3/23)	Tranche cancelled	169, 247, 287*

The revised list for 2023/24 is now included below and extended to include Tranche 871.

Note that no 2-year extensions have been included in this first batch, although this may change.

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#830 (4/23)	35/=, 40 (GA London Central), 345/=(Abellio)	--
#831 (4-5/23)	62, 145/=, 294, 366, (S'ch East London), 147 (GA Blue Triangle), 368 (Arriva LN)	--
#832 (5/23)	E2, E8 (Metroline Travel) E5, E7(Abellio)	--
#833 (6/23)	129 (GA London Central)	--
#834 (7/23)	377 (Arriva LN), 643 (Metroline Travel)	--
#835 (7/23)	26/N26 (HCT Group) 86/N86 (S'ch East London)	--
#836 (7/23)	57/=, 213/= (GA London General), 85/=, 216, 265, K4 (London United)	--
#837 (7-9/23)	53/N53, (S'ch Selkent), 137/N137, 417 (Arriva LS) ..	--
#838 (8-9/23)	64/=, 612, 685 (Arriva LS)	--
#839 (9/23)	203 (London United)	--
#839C (9/23)	72/N72 (London United)	--
#840 (9/23)	626 (Sullivan Buses), 634 (Metroline Travel)	--
#841 (9/23)	H11, H14, H17, H18/H19 (London Sovereign)	--

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#842 (9/23)	83/N83, 114/=, 483 (Metroline West), 251, 288, 303 (London Sovereign), 340 (Arriva LN) .. --
#843 (9/23)	276, 376 (GA Docklands), 346 (GA Blue Triangle) D3 (S'ch East London) --
#843C (9/23)	D7 (GA Docklands) --
#844 (9-10/23)	21/N21, 108(D), 185(GA London Central), 199/N199 (S'ch Selkent) --
#844A (9-10/23)	108/=, 321/= (GA London Central) -- 199/N199 (S'ch Selkent) --
#845 (9-10/23)	1/N1, 42, P12 (GA London Central) --
#845A (9-10/23)	381/N381 (Abellio) --
#846 (9/23)	404 (London United), 450 (Arriva LS) --
#847 (10/23)	107, 316 (Metroline Travel) --
#847A (10/23)	32, 189/=, 632 (Metroline Travel) --
#847C (10/23)	16/N16 (Metroline Travel) --
#848 (10/23)	223 (London United) --
#849 (10-11/23)	38/N3/, 221, 279/N279, W3/= (Arriva LN) --
#850 (11/23)	363, 436 (GA London Central) --
#851 (11/23)	39, 430 (GA London General) --
#851C (11/23)	14/=, 74/N74 (GA London General) --
#852 (11/23)	H20, U7 (Abellio) --
#853 (11/23)	W19 (HCT Group) --
#854 (12/23)	152, (GA London Central), 157 (Arriva LS) --
#855 (12/23-01/24)	237 (Metroline Travel), H26, U9 (Abellio) --
#856 (01/24)	388 (HCT Group), 476 (GA London General) --
#857 (01/24)	9/N9 (London United) --
#858 (01/24)	228 (London United) 603 (Sullivan) --
#859 (1-2/24)	122, 380 (S'ch Selkent) --
#860 (1-2/24)	3/N3, 59 (Abellio), 133/N133, 333 (Arriva LS) --
#861 (01/24)	89/N89, 486 (GA London Central), 96, 472/=, 601, 602 (S'ch Selkent), 428, B15 (Arriva LN) --
#862 (02/24)	43/=, 134/= (Metroline Travel) --
#862C (02/24)	242/N242 (Arriva LN) --
#863 (02/24)	EL1/=, EL2, EL3 (GA Blue Triangle) --
#863A (2-3/24)	439, S2 (New Routes Croydon/Sutton consultations). 455 (due to be w'dn!)
#864 (2-3/24)	101 (GA Blue Triangle), 167, 238, 277/N277, 362, 462 (S'ch East London), 325 (Arriva LN) --
#865 (2-3/24)	309, W11, W12, W13 (HCT Group), 379 (GA London General), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit)... --
#866 (03/24)	20 (HCT Group), 58 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 97, 215, 275 (S'ch East London), 23, 158 (Arriva LN) --
#867 (03/24)	19/N19, 259, (Arriva LN), 76/= (GA London General) 393 (Metroline Travel) --
#868 (03/24)	R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R11 (GA Metrobus) --
#869 (03/24)	113/N113, 317 (Metroline Travel) --
#870 (03/24)	2/N2, 249 (Arriva LS), 493 (GA London General) --
#871 (03/24)	262, 473 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 372 (S'ch East London) 396 (GA Blue Triangle) --

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Corrections to SUP-39C: Please correct the running number sequences as follows:-

- 140 #HD1+;
- 262 #LI221+;
- 300 #SI171+;
- N20 #HT821+;
- =297 #PV181+. Thanks to member Martin for spotting those.

18th September 2021: An additional change from this date was when route 160 changed contract and was lost by Arriva London from Dartford (DT) garage, Erith (our code- ER) ceased to be an operational outstation, so the entry for 229 in SUP-39C needs to be corrected, though there was no change to PVRs.

Saturday 4th June 2022: As in TLB694.

Saturday 11th June 2022: As in TLB694.

Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th June 2022: As in TLB694.

Saturday 18th June 2022:

- 197 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Croydon Town Centre & Peckham, Bus Station) Re-allocated to Peckham (PM) garage, thus novated to Go-Ahead London Central. No change to PVRs but running numbers become #PM121+.
- 440 (*London United-RP*) (Turnham Green Church & Wembley Trading Estate, First Way) Revised daily timetables for running time. No change to PVRs.

Saturday 25th June 2022: Also, from this date, Tower Transit routes 58, 135, 236, 262, 308, 339, 473, 488, 678, D8, W14 at Lea Interchange (LI) garage transfer to Stagecoach East London ownership under 'Lea Interchange Bus Co Ltd' at this stage.

- 70 (*London United-S*) (Chiswick Business Park & South Kensington Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing BE-class electric single-deck vehicles.
- 120 (*Metroline Travel-SG*) (Hounslow Bus Station & Northolt Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 143 (*Metroline Travel-W/HT*) (Archway Station & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 245 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green Station & Alperton, Sainsbury's) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using mainly existing hybrid and hydrogen double-deck vehicles.
- 260 (*Metroline Travel-AC*) (White City, Bus Station & Golders Green Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 302 (*Metroline Travel-AC*) (Mill Hill Broadway Station & Kensal Rise Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- R68 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hampton Court Station & Kew, Retail Park) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- R70 (*Abellio-TF*) (Manor Circus, Homebase & Nurserylands) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- W4 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Ferry Lane Estate & Oakthorpe Park, Ostliffe Way) Evening & Sunday frequency increased from x15 to x12 mins.

PVR Changes from 25th June 2022:

- Abellio: R68 to 10/10/9 #TF31+, no change to R70 PVRs;
 - Arriva London North: W4 to 14/13/11 #WN51+;
 - London United: 70 to 20/17/13 #S301+ (note no #S310 on Sunday), no change to 105 PVRs;
 - Metroline Travel: 120, 143, 245, 260, 302 no change to PVRs.
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----- Greater London Route Devts -----

Monday 27th June 2022:

267 (Abellio-TF) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Fulwell, South Road) Widened timetable introduced on 21st May for Kew Bridge works removed.

PVR Changes from 27th June 2022:

Abellio: 267 reverts to 17/13/10 #TF251+.

Saturday 2nd July 2022:

111 (Abellio-TF) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central) 1 minute widening introduced for Hampton Court Garden Festival, until 9th July.

465 (London United-TV) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Dorking, Townfield Court) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

C1 (London United-S) (Victoria Station & White City, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR Changes from 2nd July 2022:

Abellio: 111 no change to PVRs;

London United: 465, C1, no change to PVRs.

Saturday 9th July 2022:

166 (Arriva London South-TC) (West Croydon & Epsom) Additional shuttle service introduced, Sats and Suns only, including BH Mon 29th August between Purley and Banstead. As in previous years, these are to act as duplicates for the main 166 to cater for visitors to the Mayfield Lavender Farm situated at the junction of Croydon Lane and Carshalton Road.

490 (Abellio-TF) (Richmond, Pools on the Park & Heathrow Terminal 5) Additional Mon-Fri peak hour journeys introduced.

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

Saturday 16th July 2022:

209 (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (Mortlake, Avondale Road & Hammersmith Bridge, South Side) Frequencies reduced from x15 to x20mins Mon-Sat daytimes; Evenings and Sundays from, x20 to x30mins at all times.

218 (London Transit-X) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10 to x12 mins.

378 (Go-Ahead London General-AF) (Mortlake, Avondale Road & Putney Bridge, North Side) Re-routed via Church Road and Rocks Lane instead of Station Road and Mill Hill Lane in Barnes. e Frequencies reduced from x7½ Mon-Sat daytimes, or Evenings and Sundays from x10 to x15mins at all times.

382 (Metroline Travel-PB) (Southgate Station & Millbrook Park) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

533 (Metroline Travel-AH) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Barnes, circular) Mon-Fri Peak hour frequency reduced from x15 to x17mins, also the non-stop section between Hammersmith and Chiswick Bridge converted to a stopping service in both directions daily. LBSL (QC) contract also extended until 14th October 2022.

633 (Go-Ahead Metrobus-C) (Coulsdon South Station & Pollards Hill, Rowan Road SDO) Following completion of tree-logging, the PM journey starting from Pollards Hill will now serve Recreation Way via route 463; the AM journey and journeys from Coulsdon still start and finish in Wide Way.

H28 (Abellio-TF) (Hayes, Bull's Bridge Tesco & Osterley, Tesco) Re-allocated from Fulwell (TF) garage to Southall (GW) garage.

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Saturday 23rd July 2022:

Also from this date, widened timetables for Apex Corner works on routes 113, 186, 292 and 384 restored to normal, with route 31 gaining revised schedules for HS2 works in Chalk Farm, and routes 279 and 349 gaining widened schedules for cycle works in Ponders End.

- 17 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Archway Station & London Bridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 92 (*Metroline West-G*) (Ealing Hospital & St. Raphael's North, Drury Way) Revised daily timetables for running time.
- 186 (*Metroline Travel-HD*) (Northwick Park Hospital, Social Club & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 280 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Belmont Station & Tooting, St. George's Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 383 (*UNO-HF*) (Barnet, The Spires & Finchley Memorial Hospital, Mo-Sat except evenings) LBSL (QC) contract extended until 21st October 2022.
- 384 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Cockfosters Station & Edgware Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended until 21st October 2022.
- C11 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Archway Station & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- R7 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Chislehurst, Sainsbury's & Chelsfield Village, Five Bells) Re-routed on departure from Chelsfield direct via Church Road, instead of Bucks Cross Road, Maypole Road, Shoreham Lane and Hewitts Road (*see service proposals, later*).
- W3/= (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Finsbury Park Station, Wells Terrace & Northumberland Park Station) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x4-5 to x6mins.
- W8 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (Lee Valley Leisure Centre & Chase Farm Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 30th July 2022:

- 613 (*London United-TV*) (Tolworth Station & Glenthorne High School, SDO) Renewal of LBSL(QX) contract using existing VH-class B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicle.
- 662 (*London United-TV*) (Surbiton Station & New Malden, Holy Cross School, SDO) Renewal of LBSL(QX) contract using existing VH-class B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck. 1e.
- 665 (*London United-TV*) (Surbiton, Berrylands Road & New Malden, Holy Cross School, SDO) Renewal of LBSL(QX) contract using existing DLE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicle.
- 671 (Chessington South Station & Tiffin School for Girls, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Abellio* using existing hybrid double-deck vehicle. Previously operated by *London United* from Fulwell (FW) garage using existing SP-class Scania N230UD Omnicity diesel double-deck.

Saturday 20th August 2022:

- 243/= (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Wood Green Station & Waterloo Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- W7/= (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Finsbury Park Station, Wells Terrace & Muswell Hill Broadway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 27th August 2022:

- 5 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR/DS*) (Romford Market & Canning Town, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 15/ (*Go-Ahead Docklands-DS*) (Trafalgar Square & Blackwall Station) and
- N15 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR/DS*) (Oxford Circus & Romford Market) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 50 (*Arriva London South-BN*) (Croydon, Town Centre & Stockwell Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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Saturday 27th August, continued:

- 115 (*Go-Ahead Docklands-DS*) (Aldgate Station & East Ham, Central Park) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 116 (*London United-WK*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Ashford Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 119/= (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-C*) (Purley Way, Colonnades & Bromley North Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing WVH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid and new Ee-class BYD Enviro400EV-City electric double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 130 (*Abellio-BC*) (Thornton Heath, Clock Tower & New Addington, Vulcan Way) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 194 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (Lower Sydenham, Sainsbury's & West Croydon, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 198 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Thornton Heath, High Street & Shrublands, Bramble Close) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 250/= (*Arriva London South-TH*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Brixton Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 255 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Balham Station & Pollards Hill, Westmorland Way) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 264/= (West Croydon, Bus Station & Tooting, St. George's Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Go-Ahead Metrobus* using new Ee-class BYD Enviro400EV-City electric double-deck vehicles in due course. Currently operated by *Arriva London South* from Croydon (TC) garage using DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 320 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Catford, Thomas Lane & Biggin Hill Valley) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 410 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Wallington, Shotfield & Crystal Palace) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 684 (Orpington Station & Biggin Hill, Charles Darwin School, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Stagecoach Selkent* using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead Metrobus* from Orpington (MB) garage using EN-class AD Trident Enviro 400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- A10 (*Metroline West-UX*) (Uxbridge Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DEL-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

BH Monday 29th August 2022:

- 166 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (West Croydon & Epsom) Last day of additional shuttle service between Purley and Banstead.

Saturday 3rd September 2022:

- 66 (*Arriva London North-GY*) (Romford Station & Leytonstone, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 90 (*Metroline Travel-AH*) (Feltham, Leisure West & Northolt Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 289 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Purley Station & Elmers End Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 314 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Eltham Station & New Addington, Parkway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 638 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Kemnal College & Coney Hall, Glebe Way, SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing AD E40D Enviro 400 diesel double-deck vehicles.
- 664 (New Addington, Homestead Way & Biggin Hill, Charles Darwin School, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Go-Ahead Metrobus* using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by *Stagecoach Selkent* from Bromley (TB) garage using AD E40D Enviro 400 diesel double-deck vehicles.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

Further to the Central London Bus Review listed in TLB694, TfL stated (not surprisingly!): “Interest in this consultation has remained exceptionally high after the first four weeks of consultation. We appreciate that customers, communities and stakeholders who are only now starting to review our consultation materials may need more time to review, understand and provide feedback on our proposed changes. For this reason, and to ensure people have adequate time to respond, the closing date has now been extended to midnight on Sunday 7th August 2022.” In addition, a new list was published highlighting the changes; that is now listed in route number order (though ignoring prefixes) in the consultation documents under “Route change summary”.

Member Alan also pointed out that my entry for route **23** could have been mis-interpreted! I said that route 23 is planned to be “re-routed at Hyde Park to Aldgate via Piccadilly”; What we meant to say is that it remains Westbourne Park to Hyde Park Corner, is withdrawn from HPC to Hammersmith and rerouted instead via the 6 to Aldwych. The 6 itself is to reroute at Marble Arch to Holborn to replace the 98.

The consultation about the re-routeing of **R7** in Chelsfield Village was published. The proposal was to withdraw from the departing loop via Bucks Cross Road, Maypole Road, Shoreham Lane and Hewitts Road and operate direct via Church Road. Of the 137 respondents to the question, 80% objected, citing negative impacts on elderly residents with mobility problems having further to walk along country lanes, visitors to the Bo-Peep public house and Hewitt’s Farm shop. Nevertheless, TfL state the three withdrawn stops are only used by an average of ten passengers a day. The consultation said that the change would happen on 28th May 2022, but although published on 10th June, this did not happen and is now planned for the 23rd July (*see route news earlier*).

The consultation for the Friday/Saturday Night service on route **145** was also published. Although the weekend service was suspended in March 2020 because of the pandemic, it has not been re-instated, although usage was in any case ‘low’ before then. Of the 109 responses, half said they had never used the service. Whilst some did mention the negative impact on shift workers with no night services in the Dagenham area. TfL state that the service will not return but they will keep the demand ‘under review’.

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

TLB686 p12: 410 stop changes.

TLB694 p12-14 : Central London Review

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.

17th Sep 22: CE+2 on 222/= (Metroline West).

24th Sep 22: CR on 248 (Stagecoach East London to Arriva London North).

1st Oct 22: CE+2 on 131 (G-A London General), 411 (London United).

15th Oct 22: CR7 on 226* (Metroline West to London United), CR on 149/= (Arriva LN), 621 (Stagecoach Selkent), CE+2 on 103, 150, 175 (Arriva LN), 257 (Stagecoach East London).

22nd Oct 22: CR on 220/= (London United), CR7 on 353*, 359 (G-A Metrobus) 383 (Uno).

29th Oct 22: CR7 on 295/=* (Metroline West to London United), CR7 on 339 (S’ch ex T.Transit), CR7 on 384 (Metroline Travel).

5th Nov 22: CE+2 on 370 (Arriva London North).

12th Nov 22: CR7 on 92 (Metroline West), CE+2 on 18/N18, 33/N33, 419 (London United).

3rd Dec 22: CR7 on 80, 93/=, 151, 154/=, 163, 164 (G-A London General), 297 (Metroline), 470 (London United to G-A London General).

10th Dec 22: CR7 on 155/N155 (G-A London General), 190 (Metroline Travel), CR on 159/= (Abellio London), 307/= (Metroline Travel to Arriva LN). CE+2 on 6/=, 98/N98 (Metroline Travel), 88/=, 170, (G-A London General) 355 (G-A Metrobus), 360 (G-A London Central).

7th Jan 23: CR7 on 142/642 (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel).

14th Jan 23: CR7 on 635 (London United to Metroline Travel). CE+2 on 141, 329 (Arriva LN).

21st Jan 23: CR7 on 47/= (S'ch Selkent), B13* (Arriva LN to G-A London Central) CE+2 on 99, 269, 401 (Arriva LN), 422, B14 (S'ch Selkent), B16 (G-A London Central)

4th Feb 23: CR7 on 91/N91 (Metroline to G-A London General), W5 (HCT Group), CE+2 on 118, 153 (G-A London General), 258 (London Sovereign), 299 (Sullivans), 343/N343 (G-A London Central), W4, W6 (Arriva LN).

11th Feb 23: CE+2 on 36/N36 (G-A London Central)

25th Feb 23: CE+2 on H28 (Abellio).

4th Mar 23: CR7 on 187, 487 (Metroline West), N97 (London Transit to G-A London General), CR on H32/= (London United to Abellio), H91 (London United to Metroline), CE+2 on 423, H22, H37/=, H98 (London United).

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

Go-Ahead 'Great Days Out' for the record this summer:

All Routes start at Kingston, Clarence Street, stop T at 08:45, then Kingston Sainsbury's, Cromwell Road, then Raynes Park, Morden Station, Rose Hill, Sutton (Green, Station & Hospital), Banstead, Burgh Heath, Tadworth and Lower Kingswood. Routes, destinations and dates (some have already operated!) are as follows:

771 Chichester and West Wittering (Sun03July, Wed24Aug).

772 Duxford and Cambridge (Wed03Aug).

773 Canterbury and Ramsgate (Wed10Aug).

774 Brighton and Worthing (Sun26June, Sun21Aug).

775 Brighton and Eastbourne (Sun29May, Sun25Sep).

775 Brighton and Eastbourne but via Drusillas Park (Sun24July, Sun28Aug).

X775 Eastbourne for the Air Show (Sat20Aug).

776 Margate and Broadstairs (Sun05June, Sun07Aug, Sun11Sep).

777 Hastings and St Leonards (Sun31July, Sun19Aug, Sun04Sep).

778 Bournemouth (Sun12June, Sun10July, Sun14Aug).

779 Portsmouth and Southsea (Wed27July, Sun18Sep).

780 Bath (Sun17July, Wed17Aug),

Full details of fares and times including booking are on: <https://www.goaheadlondon.com/events-and-hire/great-days-out>

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 10th June to 9th July, owing to cosmetic works in Lidlington Place, Mornington Crescent, routes **N5 and N20** were diverted northbound direct via Eversholt Street. From 13th to 29th June, owing to water works in King William Street at Bank, routes **8/N8, 11/N11, 26/N26 and N242** were diverted eastbound via New Change and Cannon Street to rejoin the existing long-term diversion at Gracechurch Street. Routes **21/N21, 43/= and 141** were diverted southbound via South Place, Eldon Street, Blomfield Street, London Wall, Wormwood Street, Bishopsgate and Gracechurch Street. Just to complicate things, between 22nd and 27th June owing to a gas leak in St Martins-le-Grand (St Paul's), routes **8/N8, 25/N25 and N242** diverted eastbound via Snow Hill, Farringdon Street, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's Churchyard and Cannon Street to pick up above diversion. Thanks to Joel for the update. Further to TLB694, about the water works in Norfolk Place, Paddington, routes **7/N7, 23/=, 27/N27, 36 and 205/N205** were once again diverted westbound via Sussex Gardens and Spring Street from 27th June to 1st July. From 27th June to 2nd July, owing to water works in Buckingham Palace Road, junction with Elizabeth Street, routes **11/N11, 44/N44, 170, 211, C1 and C10** were diverted westbound via Eccleston Street, Eaton Square and Cliveden Place, rejoining line of route at Sloane Square. Green Line and National Express services were therefore not affected.

From 4th to 15th July, owing to gas works on Bloomsbury Way, routes **19/N19, 38/N38, N41 and 55/N55** were diverted westbound via Drake Street, Procter Street, High Holborn and New Oxford Street.

South-East: From 16th June to 6th July, owing to sewer works in Crayford Road, routes **96, 428 and 492** were diverted eastbound via Princes Road, Shepherd's Lane, Old Bexley Lane, Dartford By-Pass, East Rochester Way, Southwold Road, Bourne Road, London Road and Crayford Road to Roman Way. From 20th June to 1st July, owing to road works in Moorhead Way, Kidbrooke, routes **335 and B16** were revised to start and finish journeys in Moorhead Way and Ensign Street, arriving via Handley Drive and Ensign Street. From 25th June to 3rd July, owing to water works in Thesiger Road, Penge, route **356** was diverted in both directions via Parish Lane and Lennard Road.

South: From 9th to 22nd June, on Mon-Fri between 09:30 and 16:30, owing to road works in Chipstead Valley Road, route **166** was diverted on Mondays to Fridays in both directions via Woodmansterne Lane, Woodmansterne Street, Carshalton Road, Woodmansterne Lane, Little Woodcote Lane, Smitham Bottom Lane and Woodcote Grove Road. From 27th June to 16th July, owing to a water leak in Brixton Water Lane, routes **3/N3 and 37/=** were diverted northbound via Norwood Road, Christchurch Road, Hardel Rise and Tulse Hill, with routes **196 and 690** diverted direct at Tulse Hill. From 6th June to 31st August, owing to roadworks at the South end of Redhill High Street, route **405** sets down in Princess Way and picks up at Redhill Bus Station. Thanks to Martin for this report, adding that Métrobus routes **420, 430, 435 and 460** are diverted in both directions via Princess Way and Queensway.

South-West: From 25th June to 10th July, owing to overgrown vegetation in Church Road, Ashford, route **216** was diverted southbound via Stanwell Road and Woodthorpe Road.

West: From 9th June to 29th July, owing to road works in Dawley Road, Hayes, route **U5** is curtailed at Stockley Park. Originally the route was to be diverted, but local member Chris reported that buses were still running through that afternoon, though official information said that it started at 15:02! In the same area, the old problem at West Drayton (Yiewsley) Station Approach with the road surface occurred again so, from 11th June, routes **222, 350, U1 and U5** diverted via the High Street, with route **698** starting and finishing in the High Street and **U1** turning via Church Road, but standing at the West Drayton Library/Brandville Road stop. The works were programmed to take until 31st July, but we shall see! Thanks again to members Chris and Peter for the reports.

North-West: From 27th June to 15th July, owing to railway works in Eastcote Lane (Northolt), route **395** was diverted in both directions via Eastcote Lane North. From 4th July to 11th September, owing to gas works in West Hendon Broadway, routes **83/N83, 183, 653, 683 and N5** are diverted northbound via West Hendon Broadway (southbound) and Perryfield Way.

North: From 16th June to 7th July owing to telecommunication works in Stoke Newington Church Street, route **393** was diverted in both directions via Albion Road, Newington Green (full circuit) and Green Lanes. From 23rd June to 20th August, owing to cable and gas works in Barnet High Street, routes **234, 326, 383, 384, and 389** are diverted southbound via Stapylton Road, Union Street and Wood Street, with route **399** following the diversion northbound. From 30th June to 4th July, owing to an event at Alexandra Palace, (the 'soapbox' challenge on 3rd July!) route **W3** was diverted in both directions via High Road Wood Green, Turnpike Lane and High Street Hornsey. From 24th June to 12th July, owing to a water leak on Prince Albert Road, Primrose Hill, route **274** was diverted eastbound via Avenue Road, Adelaide Road, Finchley Road, Avenue Road, Adelaide Road, Primrose Hill Road and Regent's Park Road. From 6th to 12th July, owing to road works on Rosewood Drive, Crews Hill, route **456** was revised on Mon-Fri between 08:00 and 18:00 to start and finish journeys in Theobalds Park Road at Kings Oak Equestrian Centre, departing via Theobalds Park Road, Whitewebbs Road, Whitewebbs Lane, Bulls Cross, Forty Hill, Russell Road and Carterhatch Lane.

East: From 13th to 21st June, owing to gas works in Violet Road, Bow, route **108/=** was diverted in both directions via Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach (also Twelvvetrees Crescent and Gillender Street towards Lewisham), Devas Street and Devons Road.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Sunday 31st July:

There is a massive selection of service changes in Essex. Our friends at the Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group will of course cover fully the whole county but routes that abut to our area are covered below. In particular Galleon Travel 2009 Ltd (t/a Central Connect) has won quite a lot, mostly at the expense of Stephenson's. These are in the NW Essex area bounded roughly by Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow. C-C's route list comprises 301, 305, 315, 316, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 324, 325 and includes 9/9A further out to Braintree and 319/320 (was 59/60) to Haverhill.

- 5 (Bishop's Stortford & Stansted Airport via Hatfield Heath and Takeley, M-S) and
- 6 (Stansted Airport & Saffron Walden via Thaxted, M-S) These linked routes from Stephenson's to Central Connect and were renumbered with new groups of numbers 305/315/325 and 316/318. Fuller route details to come.
- 301 (Bishop's Stortford & Saffron Walden via Newport, M-S) From Stephenson's to Central Connect.
- 46 (Chelmsford & Ongar, M-S) Stays with First Essex Buses.
- 71/72 (Stondon Massey & Warley via Brentwood, M-S) From Stephenson's to Vectare but they surrendered it back and a short-term contract has been awarded to Stephenson's.
- 269 (Brentwood & Grays, M-S) Stays with NIBS.
- 418 (Loughton & Epping, St Margaret's Hospital, M-S) From Stephenson's to Vectare but they surrendered it back and a short-term contract (to November 2022) awarded to Central Connect.
- 505 (Harlow & Waltham Abbey, Sats) From Central Connect to Vectare but they surrendered it back and a short-term contract (to November 2022) awarded to Central Connect.
- 804 (Debden & Chigwell, West Hatch School, SDO) From Stephenson's to NIBS.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Monday 6th June:

3 and 35 (*Grant Palmer*) (Luton locals, M-S) After announcing that these were being withdrawn, an 11th hour reprieve (after TLB694 went to print) means that the routes are continuing.

Sunday 26th June:

The new Stevenage Bus Station (Borough Council calls it 'Interchange') off Lytton Way opened on this day and all services transferred from the old Bus Station in Danestrete. However, Arriva 301s destined for Lister Hospital and the M-F peak journeys on the SB1 to Gunnels Wood Road do miss out the Bus Station, setting down on Lytton Way at the Rail Station (stop N). The Bus Station has ten bays (A to H, J and K) with A and B the southernmost bays but which serve buses to the north toward Hitchin. They continue in order, serving routes to the north, east and south with H/J/K (the northernmost bays) serving the southernmost destinations.

Stevenage town services by Arriva KT formally adopted the SB- prefix – in most cases reverting to an historic numbering. So:- 1, 2, 3, 4/40, 5/50, 6, 7, 8, 9 become SB1, etc.

SB10 Last day of A2B M-F service is Friday 24th and first (M-F) by Arriva KT is Monday 27th to the previous A2B timetable. The Saturday service changed from 18th (as in TLB694). This should run until Friday 23rd July; after then a new SB11 will replace part of SB10 – see 24 July below.

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Thursday 7th July:

202 (*A2B*) (Ashwell Village & Ashwell Station, M-F peaks) Withdrawn.

Sunday 24th July:

SB6 (*Arriva KT*) (Stevenage Bus Stn & Shephall) Revised timetable, M-F from x30 to x40min peaks, x60min offpeak. On Sats x40min throughout. Route unchanged, out via Rockingham Way, then via Bedwell to the Shephall loop (Shephall Way, Hydean Way, Wigram Way), back via Bedwell again but then direct to Bus Station.

SB10 (*Arriva KT*) (Stevenage & Bedwell and Pin Green) Withdrawn on M-F. Now just four round trips on Sats in a one-way loop via Rockingham Way, Bedwell and Bedwell Crescent. Fairlands Way, Popple Way, Sish Lane, then Haycroft Way, Walkern Road, Old Town back to Bus Station.

SB11 (*Arriva KT*) New service, M-F offpeak hourly only: Bus Station, out via Fairlands Way to Popple Way and then as the SB10 Saturday loop back to the Bus Station.

103 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Watford, M-S) Withdrawn between Amersham Station and Watford but rerouted to Chesham Broadway. See 336 below.

336 (*Arriva KT*) New route to replace part of Carousel 103. Watford High Street via Town Hall, Rickmansworth Road, Croxley Green, Watford Road, Croxley Met Station, Rickmansworth, A404 to Chorleywood Common then Common Road to Chorleywood Station and Green Street (turning via Orchard Drive). Operation Mon-Sat all as 336 except for two isolated journeys that deviate via Cedars Village (as **335**), these being 10:09 Chorleywood to Watford. 13:45 return. Certain journeys are projected via Green Street, A404 and Little Chalfont to or from Amersham Station (4 journeys each way on M-F, 3 on Sat). The 336 will work from HH Garage.

821 (*Arriva KT*) The existing SDO route (last changed 19 April 2022) is now linked operationally with 336. Watford, Market Street via General Hospital, Croxley Green, Baldwins Lane, Barton Way, New Road, Rickmansworth, Joan of Arc School to Maple Cross.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE)

Sunday 10th July:

4 (*First Berkshire*) (Maidenhead & Heathrow Central, Daily) Additional short workings on Sats and Suns between Slough and Heathrow Central. This increases from c60 to x30 on that section.

Sunday 24th July:

40 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Thame, M-S) Withdrawn. A replacement is by *Red Rose Travel*, although the deviation of certain journeys via Towersey will not be covered.

101 (*Carousel*) The Mon-Sat hourly service is restored: High Wycombe direct via A40 to Uxbridge.

102 (*Carousel*) The Daily hourly service continues but is extended once again beyond Uxbridge to Heathrow Airport Central. At Maxwell Road in Beaconsfield rerouted via a new link road to Milton Park before resuming existing route. On Sundays the hourly through service is supplemented by hourly short journeys between Wycombe and Maxwell Road.

103 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Watford, M-S) Withdrawn between Amersham Station and Watford but rerouted to Chesham Broadway. See 336 for replacement to Watford.

104 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Uxbridge via Chalfont St Giles, M-S) No change to route but it remains hourly Mon-Sat but with minor timing changes.

105 (*Carousel*) (Uxbridge & Chesham, M-S) Withdrawn.

106/107 (*Carousel*) (Slough & Chalfont Common, M-S) Extended via Chalfont St Giles, the B 4442 (Nightingales Lane and Coke's Lane- north), Little Chalfont and then via withdrawn 103 (White Lion Road, Woodside Road) to Amersham Station. One M-F am journey extends to Chesham (SDO to Codmore Cross, NSD to Broadway); No pm return facility.

130 (*Redline*) (Aylesbury & High Wycombe, Daily) Timing adjustments on M-F but on Sats daytime increased from x30 to x20min.

335/336 (*Arriva KT*) See Herts notes above.

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Sunday 24th July:

- 5 (*Thames Valley*) (Slough & Cippenham) Minor timing change to early morning journeys.
171/172 (*Thames Valley*) (South Bracknell Circular) Mon-Sat evening journeys no longer serve Harman's Water. One additional journey to and from Farnborough!
194 (*Thames Valley*) (Bracknell & Camberley) Minor timetable changes.
703 (*Thames Valley*) (Bracknell & Heathrow T5) Timetable revision with more early morning journey. Additional Daily short journeys between Slough and Heathrow T5 to make a x30min frequency (together with longer journeys) on that section.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Saturday 9th July (additional to TLB694)

- 100 (*Metrobus*) (Maidenbower & Redhill, Park 25, Daily) M-F service reduced from x15 to x20min (already x20 on Sats).
281 (*Metrobus*) (Crawley & Lingfield, M-S) Increased from x2hrs to hourly. At Copthorne, withdrawn via Brookhill Road and rerouted via Copthorne Way, Heathy Wood and Shipley Bridge Lane. One M-F early am journey on 291 transferred to the 281 timetable
318 (*Metrobus*) (Epsom & Banstead, M-F) Revised routeing. From Epsom as before to Great Tattenhams than a new clockwise loop round Nork via Reigate Road, Fir Tree Road, Nork Way, Reigate Road to Burgh Heath ASDA, then as before via Shrubland Road to terminate at Banstead Woolpack. Return from Banstead to ASDA than the clockwise loop (as above) to Great Tattenhams and as before to Epsom.

Monday 11th July:

- 1 and 2 (*Stagecoach South*) (Bushy Hill & University/ Stoughton circular in Guildford, Daily) The short journeys M-S between Manor Park & Town Centre are withdrawn, thus halving the frequency on that section. Service is now x30mins throughout on all days.

Sunday 24th July:

- 91 (*Stagecoach South*) (Woking & Knaphill, Daily) Reduced frequency M-F from x10 to x15min, Sats from x12 to x15mins. No change on evenings and Sundays.

Monday 1st August:

- 442 (*Carlone*) (Staines & Heathrow T5, Daily) Revised timetable with more daytime journeys. One journey in each direction on college days extended from Staines to Strodes College.
593 (*Carlone*) (Lyne to Staines/ Brooklands/ Woking variously on Mon/Wed/Fri) Minor timing adjustments but the calls at St Peter's Hospital are withdrawn.

Go-Ahead London's Great Days Out programme with routes 771-780 that run into Surrey, Sussex and Kent. Details will be found in with the London changes on page 13 of this TLB.

North and west KENT

Monday 6th June:

Go Coach route 7 was formally de-registered. This had been the Routemaster operation around Sevenoaks, although it hadn't ran for a couple of years.

Monday 13th June:

Changes to Go Coach school routes were: S8 timing change, S33 withdrawn but the S31 rerouted non-stop after Star Hill Roundabout to Knole Academy then to Wildernesse.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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Customers living close to Custom House, Woolwich and Abbey Wood have received **“Welcome to the Elizabeth line”** as part of a direct mailing campaign to highlight awareness of the new line. The multifold A5 leaflet features a purple roundel entitled ‘It’s Here’ on the cover. Unfolded to A4 it features a welcome from Sadiq Khan, narrative about the project and a map of the three sections. Further unfolded to A3 it has more narrative, a simple line diagram of the section between Abbey Wood and Paddington, fares information and onward travel information. Fares information is laid out in a table for off peak fares from each of the three stations to Zones 1, 2 and 3. A section headed ‘Nearby bus routes’ mentions routes 300, 304, 472 and 474, but omits to mention the numerous other routes connecting to the line! Cycleways at Whitechapel, Canary Wharf and Woolwich are highlighted as an alternative way of travelling to and from the Elizabeth line. Volunteers who tested the emergency evacuation procedures prior to the line opening received a forty-page A5 book titled **“The Elizabeth Line, London's Newest Railway”**. Copies are now on sale for £3 at the London Transport Museum.

The January 2022 edition of **“Colour large print Tube map”** has finally made an appearance, presented in the long-established Accessibility Guide format. A March 2022 edition of **“Accessible travel in London”** has been published, the twenty-page slimline book featuring a welcome from Marie Pye, a board member for TfL. Six chapters follow, offering advice to those requiring additional support to access the network or specialist door to door services.

Revised fares from March 2022 are outlined in **“Paying for your travel”**, a multifold slimline with Elizabeth line purple cover. A white hand holding a credit card labelled ‘Please pay’ touching on a reader labelled ‘your fare’ provides visual interest on the cover. Extensive narrative outlines various ways to pay, accompanied by a table showing the costs of single journeys and caps for daily and weekly travel.

For the first time since 2020 (see TLB668) the DLR have issued a leaflet for engineering work, **“Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June Planned DLR closure Bank and Tower Gateway to Poplar and West India Quay”** is a double sided A5 sheet in the usual format. One side has a network map with the affected section in red, whilst the reverse has details of the bus replacement service connecting Tower Gateway with Canary Wharf.

The latest in a series of publications aimed at promoting good mental health amongst passengers is **“Food at the heart of the DLR”**, a four-page A5 leaflet illustrated with a range of cooking utensils on the cover. Inside it has details of how passengers can submit details of favourite recipes, the best of which will be collated into a pack for distribution to passengers, schools, and community groups. Preserved Terrier steam loco ‘Poplar’ visited its namesake DLR depot during June, predominately for a programme with local schools. Members of the public who visited on 18 and 19 June received **“Terrier 150 Year Anniversary”**, a postcard featuring the loco at its home on the Kent & East Sussex Railway. The reverse has narrative about the railway and the owning Terrier Trust.

Proposals to expand the ULEZ from July 2023 are outlined in **“Have your say on our proposals to help improve air quality, tackle the climate emergency and reduce congestion in London”**, a double sided A5 sheet in the ‘Have your say’ format. Readers see key points of the proposals and information about how to respond the consultation which closes on 29 July.

The summer season from 1 May until 30 September is covered in **“Hop-on Hop-off Open Top Tours London”** from Golden Tours. It is labelled ‘2nd Edition’, presumably the April 2022 edition reviewed in TLB693 is the ‘1st edition’.



Trams 8 and 20 were replaced by buses 57/57A from 07Jan1951 but the 57A was renumbered 181 from 14May1952. At the Stockwell open day on 11 June the 181 was re-created by roof-box RTL 453, here at Clapham South en-route via Tooting to Streatham. (Richard Godfrey)

An unexpected addition to the Jubilee buses was RM 1790, albeit only with vinyls. Operated by Brigit's Afternoon Teas, it carries happy punters through South Kensington; did they expect The Queen to serve tea? (Russell Young)





The 'Route 81 running day' on 12 June included related routes as well. Red Arrow Merlin MBA 539 was a handy substitute for the MBSs and SMSs used on the A1 from August 1969 until the Piccadilly line opened to Heathrow in December 1977. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Plenty of RT/RM family buses were on the 81 group on 12 June. The organiser London Bua Museum's own RT 4779 was included and here it is at Colnbrook on an odd journey to Eton. The 81 once used to run on to Windsor (via Eton) on Sundays. *(Richard Godfrey)*





"What might have been!" AEC Swift SM 88 was always red since new in 1976 but its owner has adopted the LCBS green and yellow. At the Elstree Running Day on 19 June it performed on the old 358 and passes through Shenley on its way back from St Albans. (Richard Godfrey)

At the same event a couple of green RMLs re-created the type on the 306 (once Leavesden-Watford-Barnet). When new in 1966, RML 2440 (then with LT) was allocated to Garston Garage for routes 306/311 so its appearance again was highly appropriate. (Richard Godfrey)





Arriva is gradually expanding in East and North Herts, having taken routes from Centrebus, Central Connect, Richmonds and A2B. Ware local routes M2-5 are now with Arriva and Solo SR No.1620 was transferred from Kent specifically for them.
(Daniel Tancock)

Little Jim's Buses stick to their niche 502/532 routes between Northchurch and Hemel Hempstead. One of its Solos GX04 AWR is at Galley Hill, Gadebridge. There is also a Kent connection here, the livery is from Chalkwell, its previous owner.
(Richard Godfrey)



Sponsorship from Network Rail, London North Eastern Railway, King's Cross Central Limited Partnership, the Northbank BID, Urban Partners for King's Cross, Euston & St Pancras, Central District Alliance BID, City of London Corporation, plus support from Transport for London, London boroughs and Living Streets has allowed the publication of a second edition of **"Footways The network of interesting and quiet streets for walking Central London."** This new edition retains the colour scheme used on the first edition reviewed in TLB674 but has a revised cover featuring a fluorescent orange line winding its way around illustrations of central London landmarks. The map is beautifully illustrated and reveals an array of quiet and fascinating streets in central London and also features hundreds of kilometres of scenic, safe and pedestrian-friendly walking routes. It also includes a 'Quick Connections' tool on the back which has circles drawn around each of the mainline stations showing a fifteen minute walking radius. This is surrounded by ideas for several walks with timings compared to travelling by Underground, bus, and taxi.

The excellent **"Wanderbus"** timetable has been updated from 6 June with two new items. A twelve page slimline covers all routes, while **"Revision"** is a four page A5 covering the changes on W3/W35, W5, W6/W6A and W8/W8A.

Resumption of a thirty-minute frequency over the core section is outlined in Oxford Bus Company's **"the airline, Heathrow & Gatwick"**, a twenty-page slimline book valid from 9 April. As well as a full timetable, the book also offers information about fares from Oxford and High Wycombe (including local fares from Oxford to Lewknor and High Wycombe) plus bus stop maps for Oxford and the airport terminals.

Minor changes to school day journeys prompted the release of an updated **"High Wycombe 39 includes 39A school day journeys"** from Carousel. Scania YN05GZJ features on the cover of the four page slimline valid from 17 April 2022.

Reading Buses (Thames Valley Buses) have published **"your buses for Maidenhead"** dated April 17th, 2022. The introduction indicates that 'the changes have been to better reflect the current usage of the services and cause the least disruption possible' and indeed the changes are extremely minor and affect just routes 3, 7, 8, 9, and 234. The cover shows a scene from Maidenhead High Street with the usual inset of a Solo in the Maidenhead purple version of the corporate livery, which in this case is appropriate since four of the five remaining Solos in the fleet are indeed in this livery.

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:

London Bus Museum’s running day on route 81 was on 12th June. Buses reported included these: RT 1431, 1705, 2177, 3491, 4777, 4779, RM 848, 1005, 1397, 1527, 2208, RMC 1461, RML 880, 2440; WVL 1, M 394, M 1069, T 961, DT 29, RF 486, 600, MBA 539, Dart 34359, OS 2499, Also Falcon 200MMC, Carousel Citaro 881, Bear Buses LT52 XAH, Others noted but not used in service were RT 3316, RTL1427 and RF 453.

The Elstree Running Day on 19th June fielded RT 604, 2150; RML 2440, 2456; DM 1052, M 394, AN 262, GS 13, RF 146, 281, 537, 673, SM88 and Grey-Green Lynx 801.

London Bus Museum’s event on 25th June attracted far fewer visiting buses than those in the April: RM 597, 938, 1033, 1527, 2037; RMC 1453, 1464, 1477, 1485; RCL 2233; RML 2412, 2735, 2750. Together with the resident RMC 1461 the event commemorated ‘RMC60’. Also visiting were L 97, WVL 204, DPS 689, T 792, RF 600 and UNO E400 259. Based (and some visiting) buses gave local rides. RT 4825 (the highest numbered RT) was from the LT Museum and was posed alongside LBM’s RT 1 inside the museum although after closing to the public it was taken outside for photos.

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

The first of the MetroCity EVs finally went out on route 322 occurred on Saturday evening 2nd July, MetroCity 1002 was taken out, logged onto route 322 for 1½ hours, then on the 6th for 3½ hours. As at 9th July that was it. We understand that just three have been delivered, the rest remain at the manufacturer awaiting supply of the camera/ mirror arrangements.

As you can see in the transfers below, the advent of the E400EVs on route U5 has allowed transfers to Battersea Garage to continue with the replacement of Tridents on route 345.

On 28th and 29th June (tram strike days) Abellio fielded a couple of E400Hs between Croydon and New Addington.

On 30th June E 200 8568 was back on the U5 and others have followed occasionally.

More repaints include LT 27, 31.

Transfers:

Correcting TLB694: 2463/64:GW/DH (not 2464/65), 2465 remained at QB.

Amending SUP-39C: 8788 is GW (not DH). 9536 is GW (not BC).

(March): 9401 QB/BC. (May): LT 775 WLu/WL. 8325 WLu/BC.

(June): LT 626-631 QB/TF. 2404 QB/BC. 2461/62 GW/QB. 2523/24/25/26/27/28/30 DH/QB.

2529 DH/BC. 2531 DH/GW. 3430 --/DH. 9502 QB/BC/QB. 9519/21/22 QB/BC.

(July): 2529 BC/GW.

Livery changes:

LT 159 from advert for Wizz Air to one for Pratt & Whitney.

LT 167 from advert for Reed to one for Pratt & Whitney.

LT 603 to advert for Thomas Pink.

LT 607 from advert for Loewe Paula back to red.

LT 609 from advert for Loewe Paula to one for Paramount Halo.

LT 612 from advert for Loewe Paula to one for Right Guard.

LT 621 from Jack Daniels No.7 back to red.

LT 625 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.

LT 633 from advert for Hilfiger back to red.

LT 712 from advert for JD Daniels Apple back to red.

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

ABELLIO, Continued:

2538 to advert for Verkada.

Subsequent disposals:

Trident/E400 9401(LJ56 VSZ) now with Bromley Bus Preservation Group (by July).

Trident/E400 9424 (LJ56 VUD) was delivered to Bryan's Coaches, Enfield on 29th June.

Trident/E400s 9445/46 (LJ09 CCN/O) via Ensign Bus to Delaine, Bourne, Lincs.

Trident/ALX400 9776 (KU02 YBL) now with Three Start Coaches, Luton.

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 Erith outstation is no longer used for 'service' buses but remains for storage use.

Recent refurb/repaints include DW 529, HV 50, 51, 52, 190, T 301, 304, EMC 2.

At about 09:50 on 17th June HV 4 (BN) was badly damaged by fire at Brixton Hill when on route 333. Driver and passengers were unhurt.

On 21st June (Tube strike day) several LTs (incl 477, 719) ran on route 2 between Victoria and Brixton. Others followed on 23rd. On tram strike days (28th and 29th June) Arriva ran a few extras on route 64 between Croydon Park Street and Addington Interchange, noted were EA 20, HV 394, LT 957 and LT 972.

An oddity on route 250 was HA 25 on 22nd June.

Transfers:

Corrections to SUP-39C: ENX 30 should be at DT; T 11 should be TH and T 39 should be DT.

(January): ENL 27 TH/THw.

(June): DW 469 EC/AR. DW 487 E/WN. HV 4 BN/BNu. ENL 77 DX/ECu. ENL 102, 103 TC/ECu.

Livery changes:

EA 21 from advert for Evian back to red.

HV 337 to advert for Verkada.

HV 368 to advert for Slipstream.

LT 193 for Greatest Hits Radio back to red.

LT 477 from advert for Wizz Air to one for Pratt & Whitney.

LT 521 from advert for Hilfiger back to red.

LT 523 from advert for Jack Daniels Apple to one for Paramount Halo.

LT 584 to advert for Oppo Find X5.

LT 591 from advert for Calvin Klein back to red.

LT 726 from advert for Jack Daniels No,7 to one for Right Guard.

LT 739 to advert for Pratt & Whitney.

LT 965 from advert for Sonic 2 back to red

LT 968 to advert for Thomas Pink.

LT 972 to advert for Pratt & Whitney.

Disposals:

T 23 and T 199 to Arriva Southern Counties (T 23 at Harlow, T 199 to Northfleet) as trainers.

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

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

Part 1: North West Kent (NF, AKT licence)

4037 (NF) was on loan at Colchester between 20th May and 14th June.

Transferred into this area: E400 T 199 (SN08 AAE) from London (also as T 199). (at NFt.)

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

Loaned 3747 was last noted in use at Harlow on 10th June and 'our own' 4113 was back by 16th June. However, a more permanent switch saw eight E20D(MMC)s from Harlow to Midlands and eight VDL SB200/ Wrightbus Pulsars to Harlow. This is said to be to get 'better' buses for route 724. Indeed, the first use of some was on the 724.

3762 was on loan from SV to HH in June but was back at SV by 17th June.

Sprinter 1019 (BF67 WGV) had been loaned from Southend to Ware during June.

Solo 1520 is now more-or-less "the usual bus" for the Ware town services M2-5. Solo 2486 was unusual on the 324 on 14th June and Sprinter 1019 was somewhat unsuitable on route 390 on 20th and 27th June. Trainer T 60 (HHt) is now in blue and purple training livery.

The new Bus Station at Stevenage duly opened on Sunday 26th June. The last bus to use the old premises did so at 00:05 on the night of 25th/26th and was E300 3555 on route SB1. The first departure from the new place was at 07:10 on stand A on 26th and was E200 3795 on route 101 to Luton Airport.

Acquired from Arriva Midlands (July): (I shall list under July as that is when they were first used here): Midlands 3770-77 (FL63 DXA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H) VDL SB200 – Wrightbus Solar B44F – 2013.

These are not to be confused with 3769-74/78 that went to Luton and AY earlier this year. In spite of common management, the Shires (LD/AY) and Southern Counties have separate (but very similar) numbering systems. Although 3770-74 have kept their Midlands numbers, 3775-7 clashed with existing buses already with ASC – so, they have become 3797/8/9 now they are at Harlow.

Into this area (by June):

E400: T 23 (LJ08 CUW) from Arriva London (as T 23).

Sprinter 1002 (BF67 WGP) from AtS Milton Keynes (and now renumbered 1011).

Transfers: T 23 London/HAt. 1001 WE/AtS(MK). 1011 AtS(MK)/WE. 1012 WEs/HHs. 1015 WE/HH. 3559 HH/SV. 3754 HH/HHw. 3757 HH/MKu. 3758 HHw/HH. 3770-74, 3797-99 Mids/HA.

Disposals:

Sprinter 1001 (BT66 UAM) out of area to AtS Milton Keynes (and renumbered 1016 at MK).

Scantias 3609 (KE55 GVZ), 3613 (KE55 CVH) are no longer here (nor any other Arriva area).

E20Ds 4077/79/80/82, 4093/97/98/99 to Arriva Midlands (and numbered 3140/37-39/41-44 resp.)

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

Trainer T 62 (LDt) is now in blue and purple training livery.

More repaints to the lighter blue include 3020, 3021, 4400.

Transfers: (June): 3506 AYu/WB. 3927 AY/AYu.

Disposals:

Sprinter 1008 (BF67 WGC) to Midlands at Hinckley (still as 1008).

Solo 0441 to Star Travel, Aylesbury (June).

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

Acquired (June): BV55 UCU Scania N94UD – East Lancs OmniDekka H45/27D – 2005.
From Midland Classic, Burton upon Trent but new to Blue Triangle in London.
YX60 BHE Fiat Ducato B19 F – 2010 (from -?-).

Disposals:

E20D KX08 HMF off lease (April) but has re-appeared with Central Connect (June).
Solo YJ13 HKW to Hodgsons, Darlington, County Durham (April).
Sprinter AB54 AZB and Solo YJ60 LRN gone from the fleet (by June).

CARDINAL BUSES, New Haw, Surrey

Acquired (by June) formerly Abellio 8523:

DE 523 YX59 VYR AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 102m B29D – 2009.

Acquired (June) via AMS (auctioneer), Gloucester, formerly Go-Ahead London SE 121:
SE 121 (YX61 BWV) AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.8m B32D. – 2011.

In this case, the SE 121 fleet number has been kept here.

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

At least some of the fleet began to sport the new fleet numbers in June.

Additional to the five new E20Ds and the eight second-hand ones below, another five new E20D/E200MMC 8.9m buses are due in September and these will allow withdrawal of the last Solos.

The large fleet increase is basically because the company has been successful in winning a package of rural route tenders in NW Essex which would run from the Stansted base. Thus far the Stansted base has only housed coaches and the solitary MetroDecker plus doing fleet maintenance. It is due to become more operational by late July.

Acquired:

Solo YG02 FWL (in TLB694) is only on loan here. LX09 AZL (TLB693) has fleet no. 1409.

1018 (JFZ 7018) Scania K230-IB4 - Irizar C51FL – 2012. Via Ensign Bus but originally at Ulsterbus. Although it is a coach, it has a 'bus' fleet number and has been painted to the red and blue bus livery. It is used on a school contract.

New deliveries (June):

1605-09 (YX22 GKA/B/C/D/E) AD E20D – AD Enviro200(MMC) 9.7m B34F.

Acquired (June):

1410 (KX08 HMF) AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2008.

1411/12 (LK08 DWA,DWE) AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F- 2008.

1413 (YX60 DXY) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2010.

1414 (YX12 FPY) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2012

1415/16 (YX12 DHM, DHO) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.8m B39F – 2012

1417 (ML62 OGY) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2012.

All these eight came via Ensign Bus (as dealer) and will be repainted to company livery. ,
Their last known operators were: A2B, Melbourn (1410); Metroline DEL 849, 852 (1411/12);
Tyrrer, Farnworth (14113/14/17); Newport Transport 312, 314 (1415/16).

Disposals:

Tempo 1505(YJ11 EHG) scrapped following an accident in 2021.

Tempos 1501-4 (YJ11 EHH/O/S/W) to "MB Services" for export.

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

CENTREBUS, Luton

Disposals:

Scania 702 (K7 YCL) and 723 (K88 YCL) have left the fleet (by June).

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Disposals:

In TLB689 p25 and TLB690 p23, Ensignbus advised that E200 792 – then changed to 790 – went to Aintree Coaches. 792 (LJ56 ONS) then went to RSM Training in February. 793 (LJ56 ONT) is now listed as the one that went to Aintree, thus leaving 790 in stock. In the June 2022 listing, 790 (LJ56 ONN) was sold to Grant Palmer, Flitwick.

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

Disposal: LF71 DKV, the Volvo B5TL/MCV, to East Yorkshire Motor Services, Hull (July).

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.

At last! On Friday 8th July EP 1, 2, 3 and 4 entered service on route 132 at Bexleyheath. The external power supply, after many months of installation procedures, was finally switched through.

Just to correct a slip in TLB694- Routes 163/164 of course run from Merton not Sutton.

Route 358 has been waiting for a long time for electric buses; the tender award was on 18th December 2019 with a contract start on 19th September 2020. A long wait for decisions over the required infrastructure has culminated in the order in July 2022 of 20 x Irizar i-tram 12-metre buses, to be numbered IE 1-20. The i-tram is similar in appearance to the Wright StreetCar. Of course, these are not the first Irizar, two (EI 1-2) are at NX for route 108. Hopefully, delivery late this year.

Recent refurb/ repaints include WVL 437, 439. Additionally, in late June refurb of WVL 436, 455, 456 were under way at H&D Eastleigh. These will almost complete the batch WVL 413-467 – except WVL 424 that no-one has reported upon.

EH 328-343 moved to Peckham with route 197 on 18th June. An oddity from Peckham soon occurred when MHV 50 ran on the 197 on 1st July followed by MHV 28 on 6th July.

LT 918 had been off service since 16th December 2021 but was back in use on 29th June. EH 132 was off since 17th May but was back in June.

WVL/WVN workings on route 403 remain rare with just eight in a whole year; two recently, being WVL 358 on 24th June and WVL 448 on 30th June.

All the ‘usual suspects’ from the Commercial fleet - including several open-toppers - were out to play at Wimbledon Tennis. However, some interlopers on the route 840 shuttle included EHV 1-5 (back from RR to AL for those two weeks) and E100, 102 and 103 - (destined for Go North East but not collected yet. RMLs 2305 and 2604, DRM 2516 and open-top E 14 and 15 also appeared. Route 838 (the park & ride) was with VCs and ENs and the 739 from central London mostly by WHVs.

The Hampton Court Flower Show service from Apps Court was by EHV's and Cardinal Buses.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, KL King's Lynn).

Correction to SUP-39C: LT 440 is Q (not Qu). WVL 313 at A (not MG).

(March 2021): LT 953 RR/RRu. (December 2021): OM 11, 14 C/Cu. LT 918 RR/RRu.

(May): EH 132 RRu/RR.

(June): EH 61, 62 Q/PM. EH 328-343 C/PM.

LT 849 NX/SW(loan)/NX. LT 875/6/7/8 NP/Q. LT 886 NP/RR(loan)/NP. LT 918 RRu/RR.

MHV 21 PM/Q. WVL 437 SW/BX. WVL 439 SWu/BX.

SE 49-52 SW/PL. SE 53 MG/SW/PL. SE 237 SW/MB. SOE 17, 18 PL/C.

(July): EP 1, 2, 4 BXt/BX. EP 3 Qu/BX.

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

Livery changes:

LT 234 from advert for GoPuff back to red.
LT 277 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.
LT 278 from advert for Jack Daniels No.7 to one for Paramount First Lady.
LT 421 from advert for M&S back to red.
LT 425 from advert for DKNY back to red.
LT 428 from advert for Jack Daniels No 7 back to red.
LT 437 from advert for Jack Daniels No 7 to one for Thomas Pink.
LT 438 from advert for Adidas ZX back to red.
LT 448 to advert for Right Guard.
LT 503 from advert for Fenty Beauty back to red.
LT 504 from advert for Jack Daniels Apple to one for Right Guard.
LT 898 from advert for Elden Ring back to red.
Ee 43 from advert for Evian back to red.
WHV 103 to advert for Slipstream.
WHV 192 to advert for Let's do London.

Disposals:

E 77, 78, 95, 99 and WVL 332 to Go North East (May).
SE 121 to AMS (auctioneer), Gloucester but then passed on to Cardinal Buses, New Haw (June).
WVN 18 and 24 to Oxford Bus Co. (June) These will be used by the Thames Travel, Didcot operation (as Nos. 921/2). WVL 345-349 that went to Oxford (in TLB694) will also be at TT, Nos 923-7.

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

SB200 7503 has been withdrawn. More recent loans (not all at the same time!) to Hadlow Rural Community Transport have been variously 9509, 9520 and 9009. Of these, 9009 remain current. Solo 3901 (YJ11 EKA) has lost its green livery for Bat & Ball Station for normal yellow and purple.

Disposals:

SB200 7501 (YJ04 HLC) to preservation (June).
B7TL 8302 (Y817 TGH) to Shelton Motors Ramsey (June).
Trident 9511 (SN59 AVY) to "British Bus Tours", Tranmere, Merseyside and re-registered to Y7 THG.

HCT GROUP (t/a CT PLUS) (AW and HK garages).

Now that route 812 has restarted, MX67 GYH has become the regular vehicle. 'GYJ is now at CT Plus Leeds, 'GYE and GYG are at Wandsworth 'community service' depot.
Recent repaints include 1239, 1242, 1244, 1246.

LONDON BUS COMPANY, Northfleet and Ongar

Two more vintage buses have been acquired, this time from Stephen Morris' Quantock Motor Services at Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

One is CCX 777, Daimler CWA6 – Duple L27/28R new in 1945. This was Huddersfield No 217 and had appeared in London some years ago at the "Worcester Park Running Day" on 10th August 2008. At that event it masqueraded as "D 130, HGC 257" and had LT fleetnames. Being a lowbridge bus D 130 was a good choice because LT only had ten of them (D 1-6, 128-131).

As far as I know it is the only surviving 'Utility' Daimler. LT took 281 of them in 1944/5/6 and the last to be withdrawn by LT was D 95 in February 1954. Although some were scrapped, a lot went on to new careers around the UK. After 2008, CCX 777 reverted to Huddersfield livery – luckily in a similar shade of red to LT.

Also acquired from Quantock MS was 'private hire' RF 13 (LUC 213).

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

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

A Wrightbus GB-Kite Hydroliner hydrogen fuel cell demonstrator – in green colours and at that time un-registered – appeared at Crawley on 4th July. It is expected to be trialled in service during July.

Acquired (June) via Ensign Bus (dealer) and formerly at Transdev, Heathrow.

6704 SN65 OFE AD E20D – AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2015.

(6703 YX16 OCU in TLB694 came via Drew Wilson (dealer) and formerly at Houston's, Lockerbie).

Acquired (July) from Go-Ahead Ireland, Dublin (now Metrobus Nos. 2701-3):

6784/5 (2701/2) 192-D-19498/499, 6786 (2703) 192-D-21676

AD E20D- AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.8m B42F – 2019.

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 Potters Bar situation is almost back to a pre-fire state. The electric charging is now up and running and about 75-80% OME run-out on route 134 is now possible. Just seven of the loaned buses are still at PB (TE 1576-81 and VWH 2397). The outstationing of some buses at Sullivan's garage following the Potters Bar fire had ceased by 11th June.

The situation with the hydrogen buses at Perivale (PV) has been resolved with - by the end of June – a typical run-out of 15 or 16 WHDs each day on routes 7 and 245.

VWH 2217, an accident since 8th April was back in use on 2nd July.

Recent refurb/ repaints include DEL 2146, 2244, LT 10, 17, 96, 100.

An oddity on 31st May was VMH 2532 unusually on route 237. Then VW 1303 (HT) on route 91 on 19th June. VWH 2122 was on route 31 on 2nd July while VWH 2126 followed on 4th. VWH 2348 was a rarity on the U3 on 5th July.

RML 903 and VWH 2112 attended GAL's open day at Stockwell on 11th June with RML 903 working certain journeys on route 181.

As we closed for press, four of the new BDEs due for route 204 at Edgware were noted on delivery. We are advised by the company that the registrations were not yet finalised – See TLB696!.

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(Corrections to SUP-39C): DE 1602 (WJ) was missing. TE 1983 at G (not PB).

VWH 2039 is at W, VWH 2045 is at PV. VWH 2243 is at EW.

DE 1029 HZu (not W). DE 1030 W (not HZu). DE 1619 at W (not PB).

(Correction to TLB694): DE 864 delete entry, it remains at W.

(June): TEH 1111 W/HZu. VW 1287/88 HD/PB. VW 1290 PAu/HT.

VW 1817 PB/PV. VW 1818/19/37 PB/PAu.. VW 1820, 1831, 1841 PB/PV. VW 1829 PAu/PB.

VWH 2041/42 AC/HD. VWH 2044 HT/PV. VWH 2050 PB/PV/PB. VWH 2054 PB/PV/HD.

VWH 2056 PAu/PV/HT/PV. VWH 2058 PB/PV. VWH 2059 PV/HD. VWH 2240 PB/PV.

DEL 2244 AH/UX.

(July): VWH 2057 PV/PB. VWH 2217 HDu/HD.

Livery changes:

LT 552 and LT 751 from adverts for Fenty Beauty back to red.

LT 661 from advert for Adidas ZX back to one for Gala Bingo.

LT 748 from advert for Calvin Klein back to red.

VWH 2104, VWH 2306 and VWH 2394 to adverts for Let's do London.

OME 2669 from advert for FFI back to red.

Disposals:

TE 886/7/8/9, 890; DE 871, 959; DEL 849, 852, 858 to Ensign Bus (June).

DE 869 has left the fleet to --?-- . See Where are they now? section in this TLB.

Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds

Acquired (June) from Ensignbus (No 790) for use as a driver trainer:
LJ56 ONN AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.8m B36F – 2010.

Disposal: Scania CN94UB YN05 GWY (once BU53 WAY for a time) went to Ensign Bus, Purfleet and then on to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (June).

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.

An error in TLB694 (last line of text) VMH 2532 should have appeared under Metroline!

One oddity: BE 37020 on the 72 on 21st June and BE 37035 followed on 4th July..

Recent repaints noted include SDE 20283. Additionally, in late June refurbishes of LT 80, 82, 83, 84 were under way at H&D Eastleigh.

Jubilee bus BCE 47070 attended London Bus Museum's event at Brooklands on 26th June.

Transfers:

Correction to SUP-39C: Delete ADE 40479/80, they no longer exist.

(June): LT 72, 78, 79, 86 V/S.

DE 20035/36/37 BT/BTu. DE 20052 V/S. BE 37047 S/FW.

ADE 40305/307 X/AV. ADE 40306 TV/AV. ADE 40309 TV/BT.

VH 45131 S/TV. VH 45162 X/TV. VH 45318 X/FW.

BCE 47040/044 S/FW. BCE 47055/56/57/58/63/66/68/69/73/76/79 SO/FW.

BCE 47126/127 --/NCw. BCE 47131-137 --/Xu.

BCE 47139-147/149/150/151 FW/SO.

(July): LT 81, 82 V/S. SP 40165 AV/WK. VH 45137 S/BT.

Livery changes:

LT 71 to advert for Reed.

LT 673 to advert for Paramount First Lady.

VH 45193 to advert for Calilujah.

OME 46002 to advert for Verkada.

BCE 47003 and 47005 to adverts for Marc Jacobs.

BCE 47006 from advert for Evian back to red.

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

YX09 AFJ to the company livery.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

V112 LGC to the red & yellow double-deck livery; more to red&white are LJ09 KPL, LJ09 KPZ; to red&yellow SN53 LWR. Meanwhile SN51 TCJ is still in London red; MX63 XAR/S/T are still green in Aylesbury and GW/JW/SW16 BUS and WH66 BUS remain in silver from their previous owner.

Double-decks in red&yellow are V112 LGC, V185 OOE, LF52 UPO, PN53 XBP, SK52 MPU, LK55 KKD/KKH/KKZ, LK06 FLB, PL08 YLZ, PO58 NPJ/NPP. D/Ds still in dark red are V119 LGC (though due for repaint), X154 FBB, Y703 TGH, Y734 TGH, SK52 MPV. One (LJ03 MJF) in LT red.

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

Dart Y359 LCK has been repainted to a yellow livery with red rear and a red stripe around the body. It recalls earlier times and is apparently to celebrate the formation of Red Rose in 1991.

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

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

Since the PVR reduction on route 8 from 28th May, Bow Garage has been using the odd spare LT on route 205.

Recent refurb/ repaints reported include LT 256, 250, 258, 266 and 10164, 10188, 12295, 12341, 12350, 19828, 19861, 36617.

LT 378, off since 5th February 2020 was back in use finally on 6th July.

Transfers:

Note that company uses CS for City Sightseeing (at both BW and WH); suffix o = open top..

(June): 11033 PD/WH. 12307 BW/T. 15114/115/117 --/CSo.

(July): LT 378 Tu/T.

Livery changes:

Correcting TLB694: 12146 to advert for Calilujah (not 12150).

14129 from advert for Evian back to red.

LT 239 from advert for Adidas ZX to one for Right Guard.

LT 247 and LT 316 from adverts for Fenty Beauty back to red.

LT 364 from advert for Uniqlo to one for Thomas Pink.

LT 367 from advert for M&S to one for Paramount Halo.

LT 371 to advert for Wizz Air.

Detail change:

15114 converted to part open-top and to City Sightseeing London livery, to PO41/22D.

Renumbering of Tower Transit buses:

First a 'health warning', the order of numbers is scrambled vis-à-vis their previous IDs.

Two tables are on the pages 30/31 to cover the system in both directions, with numbers arranged in both SC and TT order. Meanwhile, a straightforward list.

13121-137 ex VH 38114/12/13/19/17/23/27/20/26/29/28/36/32/34/31/30/35.

13138-156 ex MV 38205/07/08/45/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/46/47/48/49/50/51.

16967-970 ex VN 37842/63/64/60.

16978-989 ex VN 37847/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/59/44/61/62, 16990 ex VN 37943.

16991-995 ex VN 36159/60/51/50/62. 16996-999 ex VN 37962, 37993/94/95.

18901-921 ex WH 31117/16/15/04/03/02/01/21/20/19/18/14/13/12/11/10/09/08/07/06/05.

19872-873 ex DN 33637/38.

37551-553 ex DML 44073/74/75. 37554-557 ex DM 44167/68/69/70.

37558-560 ex DM 44263/67/68.

37561-567 ex DMV 44257/58/55/56/53/54/59.

37568-578 ex DMV 45101-11. 37579-584 ex DM 45115-20. 37585-587 ex DMV 45112/13/14.

39121-122 ex WL 44700/01. 39123-124 ex WV 46103/06.

39125-138 ex WV 46201-214. 39139 ex WM 46001.

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

STAGECOACH SOUTH, Guildford

Further to notes in TLB693, by 12th May buses were occupying the garage building and the offices were in use.

STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Acquired (June): (formerly Arriva the Shires 0441:

YJ10 LZV Optare Solo M880 B29F – 2010.

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

AE 29 is another red repaint while E 55 is now green.

Correction to SUP-39C: DE 30, 31 left the fleet. Add g suffix to WVL 3.

TOWER TRANSIT - (Now Lea Interchange Bus Co Ltd)

Since 7th June quite a few MVs have appeared among the VHs on route 135.

Recent refurb/ repaints are MV 38207, 38243 and DMV 46106.

Livery change: WH 31111 to advert for Let's do London.

Transfers; (December 2021): WH 31114 LI/LIu.

Disposal: E200Dart YX10 BDV was in TLB678 as acquired for spares. In June it was sold to Ensign Bus (dealer) who then sent it to Shelton Motors, Ramsey for scrap.

The changeover to Stagecoach went like this: a new O-Licence was created (PK2055831) in the name of TTOL2022 Ltd (with 250 discs) and that passed to Stagecoach from Saturday 25th June. It lasted just two days as from Monday 27th it was re-named to Lea Interchange Bus Co Ltd. Indeed, "legal lettering" stickers in that name had begun to appear on buses before that. The company is a subsidiary of Stagecoach. How that will progress in time to come remains to be seen.

A renumbering exercise of ex-TT buses into the Stagecoach sequences has been done with TfL's iBus (and thus LVF) being adapted from 9th July. It will take some weeks to alter names and numbers on the buses though. The one-to-one renumbering is under the Stagecoach heading above, but this is a quick summary of types versus numbers to new batches. Of course, class letters no longer apply.

VH and MV = 131**; WH = 189**; DN = 198**; VN = 169**;

DM/DML/DMV = 375** (no longer separated to length); WL/WM/WV = 391**.

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

E400 259 has acquired a multi-coloured livery for Pride. It attended London Bus Museum's event on 26th June.

The BYD single-deck is still EB3 in red livery and is mostly on the shuttle between University locations. It is also the spare for TfL 692/699 school routes and is 1470 for that usage.

WESTBUS (within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

New: 193/4/5/6 (BV22 WPW/X/Y/Z) M- B Turismo C53Ft.

Change of registration: Van Hool coaches 158/159 from YJ14 BXF/BXG to WIB 150 and WIB 228.

Disposal: M-B Turismo 144 (BF61 HBE) to Matthews Travel, Chadderton, Grtr Manchester (April).

Loans: Turisimos 148 and 149 had been loaned to NAT Cardiff in 2021 and seem to be still there, not returned to Westbus as had been thought. Turismo 174 was loaned to NAT Cardiff in Feb/22, but in May22 it was replaced by Volvo B8R 182.

Z & S BUSES, Aylesbury

New delivery (June): SK22 BVG AD E40D - AD Enviro400(MMC) 11.5m H**/**F.

This long bus will have a high seat total - observation required please.

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

This list is in order of T/T number in 1st column, new Stagecoach number in 2nd column.
See the TT section on page 29 for class codes.

31101	18907	SN68AGD	37994	16998	BF62UYH	44255	37563	YX12AHJ
31102	18906	SN68AGC	37995	16999	BF62UYJ	44256	37564	YX12AHK
31103	18905	SN68AGB	38112	13122	BU16UXB	44257	37561	YX12ABF
31104	18904	SN68AGA	38113	13123	BU16UXD	44258	37562	YX12ABK
31105	18921	SK19FDO	38114	13121	BU16UXA	44259	37567	YX12AWU
31106	18920	SK19FDN	38117	13125	BU16UXH	44263	37558	YX61FZF
31107	18919	SK19FDM	38119	13124	BU16UXG	44267	37559	YX61FZK
31108	18918	SK19FDL	38120	13128	BU16UXM	44268	37560	YX61FZL
31109	18917	SK19FDJ	38123	13126	BU16UXJ	44700	39121	DRZ6181
31110	18916	SK19FDG	38126	13129	BU16UXO	44701	39122	DRZ9420
31111	18915	SK19FDF	38127	13127	BU16UXL	45101	37568	YY64YKL
31112	18914	SK19FDE	38128	13131	BU16UXT	45102	37569	YY64YKM
31113	18913	SK19FDD	38129	13130	BU16UXS	45103	37570	YY64YKN
31114	18912	SK19FDC	38130	13136	BU16UXZ	45104	37571	YY64YKO
31115	18903	SN68AFW	38131	13135	BU16UXY	45105	37572	YY64YKP
31116	18902	SN68AFT	38132	13133	BU16UXW	45106	37573	YY64YKR
31117	18901	SN68AFS	38134	13134	BU16UXX	45107	37574	YY64YKS
31118	18911	SK19FDA	38135	13137	BU16UYB	45108	37575	YY64YKT
31119	18910	SK19FCZ	38136	13132	BU16UXV	45109	37576	YY64YKU
31120	18909	SK19FCY	38205	13138	LJ17WRF	45110	37577	YY64YKV
31121	18908	SK19FCX	38207	13139	LJ17WRK	45111	37578	YY64YKW
33637	19872	SN11BPK	38208	13140	LJ17WRL	45112	37585	YX65RLY
33638	19873	SN11BPO	38236	13142	LJ17WTL	45113	37586	YX65RLZ
36150	16994	BJ11EBD	38237	13143	LJ17WTM	45114	37587	YX65RMO
36151	16993	BJ11EBC	38238	13144	LJ17WTN	45115	37579	YX65RMU
36159	16991	BJ11EAP	38239	13145	LJ17WTO	45116	37580	YX65RMV
36160	16992	BJ11EAY	38240	13146	LJ17WTP	45117	37581	YX65RMY
36162	16995	BJ11EBK	38241	13147	LJ17WTR	45118	37582	YX65RMZ
37842	16967	BV10WVM	38242	13148	LJ17WTT	45119	37583	YX65RNA
37844	16987	BV10WWT	38243	13149	LJ17WTU	45120	37584	YX65RNE
37847	16978	BV10WWE	38244	13150	LJ17WTV	46001	39139	SM68ERZ
37849	16979	BV10WWG	38245	13141	LJ17WTK	46103	39123	SN64CVG
37850	16980	BV10WWH	38246	13151	LJ17WTW	46106	39124	SN64CVK
37851	16981	BV10WWJ	38247	13152	LJ17WTX	46201	39125	SK17HFY
37852	16982	BV10WWK	38248	13153	LJ17WTY	46202	39126	SK17HFZ
37853	16983	BV10WWL	38249	13154	LJ17WTZ	46203	39127	SK17HGA
37854	16984	BV10WWM	38250	13155	LJ17WUA	46204	39128	SK17HGC
37855	16985	BV10WWN	38251	13156	LJ17WUB	46205	39129	SK17HGD
37859	16986	BV10WWS	44073	37551	YX58HVC	46206	39130	SK17HGE
37860	16970	BV10WWB	44074	37552	YX58HVD	46207	39131	SK17HGF
37861	16988	BV10WWU	44075	37553	YX58HVE	46208	39132	SK17HGG
37862	16989	BV10WWX	44167	37554	YX60DXL	46209	39133	SK17HGX
37863	16968	BV10WVY	44168	37555	YX60DXM	46210	39134	SK17HGL
37864	16969	BV10WVZ	44169	37556	YX60DXO	46211	39135	SK17HGM
37943	16990	BK10MFZ	44170	37557	YX60DXP	46212	39136	SK17HGN
37962	16996	BN61MXK	44253	37565	YX12AKY	46213	39137	SK17HGO
37993	16997	BF62UYD	44254	37566	YX12AKZ	46214	39138	SK17HGP

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The renumbering in full, in order of new Stagecoach numbers

1st column is the ex-TT number (see TT section on p29 for class codes, 2nd column new SCH numbers.

As you may see, the apparently scrambled conversion is actually to get batch regs in order!

38114	13121	BU16UXA	37855	16985	BV10WWN	44268	37560	YX61FZL
38112	13122	BU16UXB	37859	16986	BV10WWS	44257	37561	YX12ABF
38113	13123	BU16UXD	37844	16987	BV10WWT	44258	37562	YX12ABK
38119	13124	BU16UXG	37861	16988	BV10WWU	44255	37563	YX12AHJ
38117	13125	BU16UXH	37862	16989	BV10WWX	44256	37564	YX12AHK
38123	13126	BU16UXJ	37943	16990	BK10MFZ	44253	37565	YX12AKY
38127	13127	BU16UXL	36159	16991	BJ11EAP	44254	37566	YX12AKZ
38120	13128	BU16UXM	36160	16992	BJ11EAY	44259	37567	YX12AWU
38126	13129	BU16UXO	36151	16993	BJ11EBC	45101	37568	YY64YKL
38129	13130	BU16UXS	36150	16994	BJ11EBD	45102	37569	YY64YKM
38128	13131	BU16UXT	36162	16995	BJ11EBK	45103	37570	YY64YKN
38136	13132	BU16UXV	37962	16996	BN61MXK	45104	37571	YY64YKO
38132	13133	BU16UXW	37993	16997	BF62UYD	45105	37572	YY64YKP
38134	13134	BU16UXX	37994	16998	BF62UYH	45106	37573	YY64YKR
38131	13135	BU16UXY	37995	16999	BF62UYJ	45107	37574	YY64YKS
38130	13136	BU16UXZ	31117	18901	SN68AFS	45108	37575	YY64YKT
38135	13137	BU16UYB	31116	18902	SN68AFT	45109	37576	YY64YKU
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38208	13140	LJ17WRL	31103	18905	SN68AGB	45115	37579	YX65RMU
38245	13141	LJ17WTK	31102	18906	SN68AGC	45116	37580	YX65RMV
38236	13142	LJ17WTL	31101	18907	SN68AGD	45117	37581	YX65RMY
38237	13143	LJ17WTM	31121	18908	SK19FCX	45118	37582	YX65RMZ
38238	13144	LJ17WTN	31120	18909	SK19FCY	45119	37583	YX65RNA
38239	13145	LJ17WTO	31119	18910	SK19FCZ	45120	37584	YX65RNE
38240	13146	LJ17WTP	31118	18911	SK19FDA	45112	37585	YX65RLY
38241	13147	LJ17WTR	31114	18912	SK19FDC	45113	37586	YX65RLZ
38242	13148	LJ17WTT	31113	18913	SK19FDD	45114	37587	YX65RMO
38243	13149	LJ17WTU	31112	18914	SK19FDE	44700	39121	DRZ6181
38244	13150	LJ17WTV	31111	18915	SK19FDF	44701	39122	DRZ9420
38246	13151	LJ17WTW	31110	18916	SK19FDG	46103	39123	SN64CVG
38247	13152	LJ17WTX	31109	18917	SK19FDJ	46106	39124	SN64CVK
38248	13153	LJ17WTY	31108	18918	SK19FDL	46201	39125	SK17HFY
38249	13154	LJ17WTZ	31107	18919	SK19FDM	46202	39126	SK17HFZ
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38251	13156	LJ17WUB	31105	18921	SK19FDO	46204	39128	SK17HGC
37842	16967	BV10WVM	33637	19872	SN11BPK	46205	39129	SK17HGD
37863	16968	BV10WVY	33638	19873	SN11BPO	46206	39130	SK17HGE
37864	16969	BV10WVZ	44073	37551	YX58HVC	46207	39131	SK17HGF
37860	16970	BV10WWB	44074	37552	YX58HVD	46208	39132	SK17HGG
37847	16978	BV10WWE	44075	37553	YX58HVE	46209	39133	SK17HGX
37849	16979	BV10WWG	44167	37554	YX60DXL	46210	39134	SK17HGL
37850	16980	BV10WWH	44168	37555	YX60DXM	46211	39135	SK17HGM
37851	16981	BV10WWJ	44169	37556	YX60DXO	46212	39136	SK17HGN
37852	16982	BV10WWK	44170	37557	YX60DXP	46213	39137	SK17HGO
37853	16983	BV10WWL	44263	37558	YX61FZF	46214	39138	SK17HGP
37854	16984	BV10WWM	44267	37559	YX61FZK	46001	39139	SM68ERZ

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

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

Routemasters:

RM 471 (KVS 601) was sold from Routemaster 4 Hire (July) possibly for further preservation.

RML 2535 from Mr P Smith to Belle Vue, Stockport, Greater Manchester (July). This RML had operated with Talisman Coach Lines from 2006 until the company ceased trading in 2018, and has been stored by the owner since this time.

RML 2634 from Thisbus to Mr R Simons, East Grinstead, West Sussex (June).

Olympians:

AV 2 (P794 SWC, ex WLT753, ex 392 MBF, ex P482 MBY) (ex ML) was sold from Carters Travel (by February).

AV 35 (S135 RLE) (ex ML) from Buntings Travel to Lankford Travel, Rushden, Northants. (September 2021).

NV 74 (R274 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Carters Travel (by February).

NV 145 (R345 LGH, ex WPX 448, ex 545 CLT) (ex GAL) further to TLB682, this NV later passed to Bus & Coach Builds, Croydon (February) and then passed to VIP Transportation, t/a Champagne Tours, Croydon. It was re-registered to PVL 389V in December 2021 and is in an all over dark grey livery.

NV 158 (R558 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Tetley's Coaches (by February).

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 230 (X502 GGO) (ex ALN) was donated from Arriva Midlands to the Butterfly Project, Uttoxeter, Staffs. (March).

DLA 285 (Y485 UGC) (ex ALN) from Arriva Midlands to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (March) for scrap.

DLP 82 (LJ51 ORG) (ex ALN) is confirmed as sold from Arriva North West to Adlington Group Travel, St. Helens, Merseyside (October).

DW 2 (LJ03 MWN) (ex ALN) from AH Commercials to North East Playbus, Stanley, Co. Durham (November) where it has been converted to its new role and is branded as "The Jungle Bus".

DW 14 (LJ03 MWC) (ex ALN) from Ripley to Hunter Coaches, Leeds, West Yorks (by October 2021).

DW 49 (LJ53 NGU, ex H13 WYV) (ex ALN) from Wyvern Omnibus to YMS Travel, Canterbury, Kent (February) where it has been named "Daffy" and it has been used on Dover cruise shuttles.

DW 77, 79, 80, 83 (LJ04 LGV, LGK, LGY, LFW) (ex ALN) from Arriva the Shires to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (February).

VLA 48, 51 (LJ53 BAU, BBF) (ex ALN) from AH Commercials to Dews Coaches, Somersham, Cambs. (September 2020) where they operate in an overall green livery.

VLA 88 (LJ54 BDF, ex T5 GEF) (ex ALN) from J&C Coaches to Souls Coaches, Olney, Bucks. (September).

VLA 117 (LJ05 BKK) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Barway Services, Ely, Cambs. (June).

VLA 126 (LJ05 BJK) (ex ALN) from Lister PVS to a charity by the name of "I can & I am", Beckington, Somerset (March 2020) and has been converted to a kitchen on the lower deck and casual seating on the upper deck. This VLA was donated from Lister to the charity via Howdens; it is now in a blue and yellow livery and commenced use with the charity from May 2021.

VLW 18 (UUI 2946, ex LJ51 DGO) (ex ALN) from Arriva the Shires to MC Tractors, Ramsey, Cambs. (February).

VLW 69 (LF52 USE, ex H5 KFJ, ex VLT 25), 70 (LF52 UTG, ex H8 KFJ) (ex ALN) were sold from Adventure Travel (August 2020 and June 2018 respectively) for scrap.

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- VLW 170 (LJ03 MOA) (ex ALN) from Mike Lawrenson (dlr) to Coach Hire, Freckleton, Lancs. (March 2018), then to NDR Services, Weldon, Northants. (by August 2021) and then to Rodgers Coaches, Weldon, Northants (August 2021) where it was being used for spares.
- VLW 905, 907, 908 (BN61 MXT, MXW, MXX) (ex ALN) – see the corresponding entries for VN 37969, 37973, 37972 (ex FLN) below.
- DN 33506, 33508 (LK08 FKY, FLA) (ex FLN) from First West of England to First South West (June) and are based at Taunton.
- DN 33569, 33571 (SN58 CHJ, CHL) (ex FLN) from First Potteries to First South West (June) and are based at Taunton.
- SN 36051 (YR61 RTX) (ex FLN) has been substantially rebuilt by the Bus Business, including with an opening centre section of the roof, and is currently undertaking a promotional tour for the film “*Thor Love and Thunder*”.
- TN 32810 (T810 LLC) (ex FLN) a correction to a typo in TLB694, Bristol Bus, Santee, California, USA should have read British Bus Company, Santee, California, USA.
- TN 33381 (LK53 EZA, ex OIG 1791) (ex FLN) was sold from First West of England (June).
- VN 36145 (BJ11 EBG) (ex FLN) from Mayfair Coaches to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (June).
- VN 37821 (LK59 FDL), 37827 (BG59 FXA) (ex FLN) from Go Ahead London to sister Go Ahead operating company Thames Travel, Didcot, Oxon (June) where they will be numbered 921 and 922.
- VN 37886 (BV10 WVU) (ex FLN) as recorded in TLB694, this VN (numbered as VW 1838) was destroyed in the fire at Metroline’s Potters Bar garage on 22nd May.
- VN 37895, 37896, 37897, 37899 (BF60 UUE, UUI, UUG, UUH) (ex FLN) a correction to a typo in TLB694, Xplore Dublin should have read Xplore Dundee.
- VN 37969, 37972, 37973 (BN61 MXT, MXX, MXW) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Maghull Coaches, Liverpool, Merseyside (June). These had latterly been in use with Arriva London as VLW 905, 908 and 907 respectively.
- VNL 32213 (LT52 WTW) (ex FLN) was sold from First Eastern Counties (June).
- VNL 32300, 32301, 32303, 32304, 32305 (LK03 NGZ, NHA, NHC, NHD, NHE) (ex FLN) were sold from First Glasgow (June).
- MHV 37 (BG66 VHG), 42 (BG66 VHA), 47 (BG66 MJX), 48 (BG66 MJY), 43 (BG66 MJU), 45 (BV66 VHC) (ex GAL) correcting the entry in TLB694, please delete the reference to MHV 43 (BG66 MJU), 45 (BV66 VHC); these were previously included in TLB693.
- PDL 14 (N70 EDW, ex PJ02 PZM) (ex GAL) from Edwards Coaches to JAB93 (dlr), Bridgend (by June) for scrap.
- PDL 20 (PJ02 PZT) (ex GAL) from Mario Coach Travel to Longridge Coaches, Ribchester, Lancs. (by May).
- PVL 53 (W453 WGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Carters Travel (by February).
- PVL 179 (OIG 1788, ex A10 EYD, ex X579 EGK) (ex GAL) continues in use with First South West and is currently being used on the Falmouth Coaster open top service.
- SO 2 (BV55 UCU) (ex GAL) was last recorded with Midland Classic and was reported as passing to Kilvington’s of Leeds, Pudsey, West Yorkshire (by May), but then it passed to A2B Travel, Melbourn, Cambs. (June).
- VP 9 (X161 FBB, ex FSU 807) (ex GAL) was sold from Carrs Loch Lomond (October) for scrap.
- VWL 17 (LF52 TGO, ex SFZ 525) (ex GAL) passed from New Horizon to Stephenson’s of Essex, Rochford, Essex when the business was acquired in January. It was then sold to Greenslades Coaches, Exeter, Devon and then to an unknown operator based in Liverpool (all in March).
- VWL 30 (LF52 TJO, ex SFZ 818), 34 (BX04 AZU) (ex GAL) passed from New Horizon to Stephenson’s of Essex, Rochford, Essex (January) when the fleet was acquired.
- VVL 83 (LF52 ZNR) (ex GAL) has been repainted by Go North East into red and blue livery and was noted at Saltmeadows depot in early July having been re-registered to RYV 77.
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WVL 204 (LX05 EZA) (ex GAL) further to TLB687 page 26, it passed to Mr O'Regan, Morden, Surrey (September) and then to BBPG (May). It was noted arriving at Brooklands in June carrying the registration J21 TSB; it was re-registered in October 2021 and is due to return to its original registration shortly.

WVL 223 (NRZ 5152, ex OTW 833, ex WLT 916, ex LX06 DZF) (ex GAL) further to TLB689, this WVL was seen in May carrying the registration N15 WPB (although unusually spaced as N1 5WPB); it is believed to still be with VIP Transportation.

WVL 250 (LX06 EAP, ex A9 VXH) (ex GAL) was re-registered by Horseferry Coaches to S555 HCL in February.

WVL 370 (LX60 DXA) (ex GAL) a correction to a typo in TLB694, Xplore Dublin should have read Xplore Dundee.

WVN 18 (LK59 FDL), 24 (BG59 FXA) (ex GAL) – see corresponding entries for VN 37821, 37827 (ex FLN) above.

431 (YV03 PZW, ex M500 JJR) (ex GAL) has been sold from Kilvington's of Leeds (by May).

485 (WX 6025, ex YN53 RYX) (ex GAL) re-gained its original registration with Connexions and was then sold to Fourways Coaches, Highwood, Essex (by June).

SLE 3 (YN54 OAC) (ex LU) from Connexions Buses to Moxon, Oldcotes, Notts. (by May).

TA 314 (SN03 DZM) (ex LU) from Aldermaston Coach Lines to Hulleys, Baslow, Derbys. (June) where it remains open top and has been numbered 24 in this fleet.

TLA 32 (SN53 KJV) (ex LU) from Edwards Coaches to JAB93 (dlr), Bridgend (by June) for scrap.

DT 4, 5, 11, 18 (KN52 NDD, NDE, NDO, NEJ) (ex ML) from Ventura (dlr) to Extreme Events Ireland, Dublin, Ireland (May 2019) where they are used on City Sightseeing work. They have been re-registered to 03-D-121604, 121605, 121606, 121607.

TE 678 (LK55 KKL) (ex ML) from Redline to Red Rose Buses, Dinton, Bucks. (May).

TE 737 (LK07 AZT) (ex ML) from Eazibus to Happy Al's, Birkenhead, Merseyside (June).

TE 883 (LK08 DXV) (ex ML) has been re-powered to hydrogen and at the time of writing was with Stagecoach North East at Stockton, but is not being used in passenger service. It is now in a blue and green livery.

TP 348 (LR52 KVM) (ex ML) updating TLB660, this TP subsequently passed to Bristol Television & Film Services (June 2020) for use as a dining bus.

TP 400 (LR52 KXV) (ex ML) from Mikro Coaches to Sweyne Coaches, Swinefleet, East Yorkshire (June).

VP 333 (LR52 BNK) (ex ML) was last recorded with Dawsongroup in 2018 and has passed to Freeway Coaches, Pinxton, Notts. (March).

VP 346 (LR52 BOV) (ex ML) was sold from Big Ben Coaches (February).

VPL 177, 195 (Y177, 149 NLK) (ex ML) were sold from Langston & Tasker (January and February respectively).

VPL 181 (Y181 NLK, ex L111 TET) (ex ML) was sold from Tetley's Coaches (by February).

VPL 583, 589 (LK04 NME, NMX) (ex ML) are to be repainted to Snowdon Sherpa livery by Gwynfor Coaches.

TA 17278 (TIL 6474, ex X278 NNO) (ex SLN) from Edwards Coaches to JAB93 (dlr), Bridgend (March) for scrap, although it regained its original registration in April.

TAS 17544 (OHZ 6704, ex LY02 OAS) (ex SLN) from Edwards Coaches to JAB93 (dlr), Bridgend (March) for scrap, although it regained its original registration in April.

TAS 17548 (LY02 OAX) (ex SLN) from Bryans Coaches to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (June) after being stripped for spares.

TA 17881 (LX03 NGV) (ex SLN) from Bryans Coaches to Pullman Direct, Aylesbury, Bucks. (June).

TA 17954 (LX53 JYU) (ex SLN) from Bus & Coach Centre (dlr) to Weavaway Travel, Newbury, Berks. (March) and was re-registered to OO02 TEN in April.

TA 17986 (LX53 KBK, ex XOK 933) (ex SLN) from Tetley Coaches to PVS, Barnsley (March 2021).

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15032, 15033, 15034 (LX58 CGK, CGO, CGU), 15073 (LX09 AEW) (ex SLN) although these passed to Stagecoach South East in August 2021, these have returned on paper to Stagecoach London (by June) and are now for disposal, although all but 15034 remain in Kent.

Low-floor single deck types:

DML 44076, 44078 (YX58 HVF, HVH) (ex FLN) from First South West to First West of England (June).

DML 44107 (YX09 AFJ, ex FA54 VER) (ex FLN) from Faresaver to Red Eagle, Aylesbury (by April).

DML 44137 (YX10 BDV) (ex FLN) further to TLB694 page 29, this DML passed from Tower Transit to Ensign Bus, Purfleet and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in June).

DML 44171 - 44178 (YX11 AFK, AFN, AFO, AFU, AFV, AFY, AFZ, AGO) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to First Essex (June). They have been converted to single door, repainted into two-tone red Shuttles livery and re-trimmed internally with red seat moquette for use at Chelmsford.

DMV 44275 (YX61 FZT) (ex FLN) – and later Go-Ahead SEN 34 - remains with Ensign Bus; it has latterly been used as film bus and has been given the fleet number EBS 2022.

DP 200 (EU53 PYH) (ex GAL) from John's PCV Training to Lloyds (dlr), Hixon, Staffs (by November) for scrap.

LDP 284 (LX06 FAO) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap from Mullanys Coaches (December 2020).

SE 121 (YX61 BWV) (ex GAL) passed to Cardinal Buses, New Haw, Surrey (June) via auctioneers AMS in Gloucester.

OT 1 (YJ11 EHG) (ex LU) has been sold for scrap from Central Connect (by July).

OT 2, 7, 10, 14 (YJ11 EHH, EHO, EHS, EHW) (ex LU) have been sold for export from Central Connect (by July) via dealer MB Services.

DE 869 (LK08 DXC) (ex ML) was noted by early July with Hulleys, Baslow, Derbys. as fleet number 2. It remains in all red livery and is still dual doored. It is likely to have passed via Ripley's as per the previous DM's that Hulleys acquired.

DEL 849, 852 (LK08 DWA, DWE) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Central Connect / Galleon Travel, Stansted, Essex (June).

DM 962 (LK09 EKJ) (ex ML) from Ripley to Hulleys, Baslow, Derbys. (July).

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

Nothing reported

Additional information and updates

Still nothing new coming through Acton Works. In fact the only development noted was that 9141F has lost its 'Mobile Cleaning Solutions' and associated lettering and is now in standard LUL white/blue/red. 8271VW is at HAD, possibly since new in late-2016!

-	FD70 LZS	Vauxhall Crossland Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	DP21 YJG	Vauxhall Crossland Car	Arriva London	Silver #	DT

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

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	DV69 EOO	Vauxhall Vivaro Van	Abellio	White	?
-	HS19 FDE	Renault Captur Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	YR20 KBX	Ford Focus Hatchback Car	Arriva London	Blue #	DT
-	DS68 SYF	Vauxhall Vivaro Minibus	Metroline	Silver #	AH
-	AV71 FWO	Ford Transit Box Truck	Metroline	Red/Wh	CELF
94	RV55 HUH	Nissan Micra Car	White Bus	Silver	n/a
97	AF06 XXL	Ford Fiesta Hatchback Car	White Bus	Black	n/a

Additional information

Abellio Ford Fiesta SH12 XBU has transferred TF to BC, where it still carries its former 'local' bonnet fleetnumber of TW4.

Yet more cars have been noted in use as crew ferries from Arriva London's Dartford garage. The windscreen numbers mentioned last month have predictably turned out to be duty numbers rather than vehicle fleet numbers. As they can be switched between vehicles there seems no point in showing the numbers here. Gold Seat car DA19 GOJ (which we had listed as withdrawn last year) is now back in service, still at Dartford.

Go-Ahead London used EY67 WUB (crew ferries) and EF19 HHG (engineering) to support its Wimbledon Tennis bus services. Mercedes Vito minibus WO21 PFE has transferred from MB to C, and similar RX71 SYU, only transferred from NP to BX a few months ago, is also now at C and has lost its FV65 fleet number.

Metroline's new Ford Transit is of the relatively rare box truck variety (as opposed to a panel van). It has a red cab with white Buses roundels and no mention of Metroline. The box body, including an extension over the cab, is plain white.

RATP minibus BG11 AXR is withdrawn. It had served as a crew rest facility at Wallington Station.

The White Bus vehicles listed above were noted at the Horsell base. Also reported was a Nissan Note car numbered 98 but the registration for this requires confirmation.

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A new route in London is a rarity but on 21st May the new 304 replaced part of the 104 before deviating to meet the new Elizabeth line at Custom House. Go-Ahead runs both the 304 and 104 and WHV 64 is in Ron Leighton Way, East Ham. *(Russell Young)*

From 25th June Tower Transit's operations passed to Stagecoach. VHs that had been on loan to Stagecoach last autumn came back but re-used by TT when it took over route 135 on 21st May. VH 38136 is backed by high-rises at Mudchute Station on the Isle of Dogs. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Rear cover: This 1936 vintage Leyland Cub C 111 had not been seen for many years but has been restored for owner Des Maybury. On 8th May it ran on the HCVS London to Brighton rally. When new these were used at night on the inter-station service in central London. *(David Heath)*



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