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The only operator in our area to adopt a colourful livery for Pride was Universitybus in Hertfordshire. Enviro400 No.259 is in service on the fairly long 601 'Alban Way' route at Borehamwood, having come from Welwyn Garden City via St Albans and Radlett. *(David Heath)*

Red Rose has repainted its 21-year-old East Lancs bodied Dart SLF Y359 LCK in this mainly yellow (rather than mainly red) livery to celebrate the company's early days and perhaps of a bit of its predecessor Red Rover in Aylesbury. In this view it was visiting the Alton rally. *(Derek Everson)*



Front cover: You saw Bexleyheath's pantograph in TLB694 but a handy footbridge over the A102 enables a view of the roof of EP 7, one of the BYD/ADL E400EVs on route 132. This shows clearly the receptor rails that are fed with an electric charge from the pantograph – which is lowered down to connect. *(Richard Godfrey)*

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LOTS Meetings

LOTS Meetings are at Conway Hall, Holborn at 7.30pm (hall open from 6.30). We are in the Great Hall unless otherwise stated. Conway Hall authorities currently request that visitors are encouraged to wear face masks and that those feeling that they have Covid symptoms are asked not to attend.

On Monday 26 September we are delighted to welcome Peter Newman of Ensignbus as speaker. On this date the presentation will pause from 8.30 to 8.45pm for the "Accounts" part of the AGM, see TLB695 p2).

The next meeting will be on Monday 28 November in the Great Hall (speaker t.b.a.).

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

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

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

SEC Fleet Book 2022 £8.00 Now includes the Metrobus, Crawley fleet as well. ****NEW****

Streets of Birmingham Transport (M. Keeley & R. Torode) **£35.00;** 166 page companion volume to their earlier book The Streets and Lanes of Midland Red. (Capital Transport) ****NEW****

The London That Never Happened (A. Badsey-Ellis) **£19.95;** 96 pages of bold but unrealised proposals for London e.g. an airport at Kings Cross; monorails in central London and to Heathrow (Capital Transport). ****NEW****

British Trolleybus Systems – London and S. E. England (Peter Waller) **£30.00**; An historic overview.136 pages with 250 colour and B & W photos. Pen & Sword Books: ****NEW****

Twenty Turbulent Years –The transformation of Britain's bus industry 1980-2000

By Peter Rowlands and Stewart J. Brown, published by Fawndoon Books **£30.00.** 144 pages with almost 300 colour photos ****NEW**** *The Book looks at the effects of the key changes of that era – deregulation and privitisation – and illustrates the variety of vehicles and liveries in Britain's bus fleets. It also tells of the effects these changes had on British bus manufacturers.*

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 20 Aug Imberbus, Routemasters from Warminster to Imber. As a rail strike is due on the day, a coach excursion by Readybus has been ar ranged. It will depart Hammersmith (Hammersmith Bridge Road) at 08:30 with the return departure from Warminster at 17:30. Tickets are priced at £30 a seat, which includes an all-day Imberbus ticket. To book please click here. https://www.readybus.com/product-page/lost-village-of-imber. For more details about Imberbus and the history of this fascinating day out click here https://imberbus.org/.

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

Sun 04 Sep North Weald Epping Ongar Railway. Local bus rides, also a 'dusk photo run'. **(LSS)**

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

Sun 18 Sep: 'Fly-by' road run between Uxbridge (Brunel University) and Wheatley (Oxford M40 Services) via the A40 and High Wycombe.

Sun 25 Sept: The 50th and the last Showbus Rally at Herts show-ground at Redbourn. (NO LSS).

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 (Peckham & Hounslow) heritage buses. Buses every 15 mins between Putney Station and Peckham Bus Station, between 10:00 and 17:00. Two feeder services will run the full route from Hounslow in the morning (departing 09:30 and 10:00) through to Peckham, and back in the afternoon. The webpage has some background; timetables etc will follow in due course. https://www.londonbusmuseum.com/RTs-on-route-37

Sun 02 Oct A&DMBS Running Day at Chesham Broadway,

Sun 23 Oct London Bus Museum 'Transportfest' at Brooklands.

Fri/Sat 04/05 Nov: Aldenham Transport event at Allum Hall, Elstree 10am-4pm. (LSS both days).

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National news, TfL and Politics

Two candidates are in the running to be **the next Prime Minister** and leader of the Conservative Party following the resignation of Boris Johnson last month. Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss now face a vote by Conservative party members, the outcome of which will be announced on 5 September. Both have campaigned heavily on promises of tax cuts. Transport has not been an issue.

Record high temperatures were recorded on 18th and 19th July which led to the London Fire Brigade having its busiest day since World War 2. There was considerable disruption to train services due to the risk of track or overhead line damage, with no trains on the East Coast line between London and York or Leeds. TfL advised passengers not to travel on those days. Department for Transport statistics show bus use in London falling to 69% of pre pandemic levels on 19 July and Underground use dropping even more, to just 48% of previous levels. However, DfT statistics compare current usage with that in March 2020 so seasonal fluctuations are not explained. By the last week in July TfL bus use was back up to around 85% - 90% of pre pandemic levels with the highest use at weekends.

Further to TLB 695, the **TfL funding Agreement** was extended yet again, to 28 July and then to midday on 3 August while a longer-term deal was discussed with the government. TfL Commissioner Andy Byford is seeking £927 million for the remainder of this year and a long term capital funding deal. At 3 August there was no answer from Government.

There was a further **RMT rail strike** on Wednesday 27 July (which did not include Underground services) and similar strike action by ASLEF, the train drivers' union, on Saturday 30 July which affected London Overground services. Unless a settlement is reached, further strike action is planned for Saturday 13 August (ASLEF), Thursday 18th and Saturday 20th August (both RMT). The RMT has also called a strike on London Underground and London Overground on Friday 19 August. RMT strikes include signal staff so very few trains can run, while ASLEF action is less severe as it only affects drivers employed by certain train companies.

Further to TLB 695, **the Barking Riverside rail extension** opened on 18 July. **Night tube services returned to the Piccadilly line** on 28 July, returning the night tube network to full March 2020 levels for the first time since the pandemic started.

Corporate and company news

Bournemouth based Yellow Buses went into administration on 29th July. The former municipal operator, which has just celebrated its 120th anniversary, had been owned by Transdev and RATP but went into private ownership in 2019. It has faced competition from Go Ahead operator Morebus on many routes but latterly services were working to reduced timetables. In the end, Thursday 4th August was Yellow Buses' last day of local bus services at 18:00 on that day, with buses already out gradually returning to depot over the next hour or two. The last bus in was an ex-London E400, formerly with Tower Transit – DN 33782 (SN12 AVY). Morebus (part of Go South Coast) began new local bus services over former YB routes on Saturday 6th, albeit on reduced frequencies, using its own vehicles including some newly delivered Enviro 400 MMCs intended for Bournemouth University services. Morebus expect to be able to increase frequencies once enough buses and drivers can be sourced.

National Express took over the depot, engineering and the coaching side of the business but no buyer was found for the bus network. Xelabus of Eastleigh assumed the Megabus contract – but no vehicles or staff. Golden Tours' local sightseeing operation fleet suspended service after 31st July in the initial stages of the crisis and did not run on 1st or 2nd August. However, they resumed on the 3rd under the 'umbrella' of Yellow Coaches. It lasted just three days being withdrew after service on the 5th. The The fate of the local Yellow Buses fleet with around 120 buses was undecided as we closed for press on 6th August.

Stagecoach has announced it has entered into agreements to sell its Megabus.com and Falcon coach businesses to ComfortDelGro. Falcon South West runs a coach service between Plymouth and Bristol Airport. Stagecoach already has a joint venture in Scotland with Comfort DelGro owned Scottish City Link which will continue with Stagecoach raising its share of the joint venture from 35% to 37.5%.

Other General News

The **Confederation of Passenger Transport** (CPT) which represents bus and coach operators, has published a Decarbonisation Dividend report which highlights the benefits of shifting car journeys to coach and bus. The report finds that switching one journey a month to coach or bus travel would save two million tons of CO2 emissions by 2030 and see health benefits worth £14.9 bn.

Flixbus has started a scheduled direct overnight service between Manchester, Birmingham, Cambridge and London and Paris. It runs five days a week and is operated by Whippet. **Bus Eireann,** the Irish operator has resumed its Expressway Eurolines services from Dublin to London via Birmingham using Irish Ferries to Holyhead. This operates twice a week and is also an overnight service, arriving in London at 0800.

The West Midlands Metro extension to Five Ways and 'Edgbaston Village' opened on 17 July, in time for the Commonwealth Games which began a few days later. The tram line finishes in Hagley Road (the original name for the terminus which everyone in Brum knows) which is surrounded by an underpass, large office blocks and a Morrisons supermarket. It could not be less village like. 'Edgbaston Village' does not exist, I know that because I lived in the area for two years!

A bid by Rotala to seek a judicial review of the process leading to reregulation in Greater Manchester has failed. The High Court ruled that the re-regulation process had been followed lawfully by Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Rotala runs services through its Diamond Bus North West and operates mostly from Bolton where it took over from First Group.

In Staffordshire, **Rotala has acquired Midland Classic**, a well-respected independent based in Burton upon Trent which runs a smart fleet of 60 red and yellow buses and employs 110 staff. Midland Classic is to be renamed Diamond Bus (East Midlands).

The Yorkshire based operations of the HCT Group, **CT Plus Yorkshire and Powell's** finished at 17:00 on 5th August. The company had announced on 3rd August that discussions were taking place to transfer operations services to other operators where possible. Arriva and Transdev have invited HCT staff to transfer.

As you will know with the covers of TLB693, we should just record here that **Ensignbus** celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The Purfleet based company was founded in 1972 by Peter Newman who was later joined by his sons Ross and Steve. They started a bus sales business which expanded rapidly when they became the main dealer for DMSs and entered the London sightseeing market, later taking on some tendered LT bus routes. The company now runs a high-quality commercial network in and around Thurrock as well as a bus sales division and an extensive heritage fleet which is available for hire. Congratulations to all involved!

Sir William Wright, of Wrightbus has died at the age of 94. He founded the Northern Ireland company with his father in 1946. A significant expansion occurred in the early 90s with major orders on Dennis Dart chassis, primarily from Centrewest. Under his leadership the company designed and developed the first low floor buses for London Buses and went on to launch the Gemini range of double deckers with their iconic fronts and of course Wrightbus built all 1,000 New Routemasters.

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. There are a couple of minor updates for the tendering programme.

Route 137/N137 has been moved from Tranche 837 to 860. Route N136 has been added to Tranche 850 to be included with route 436. By the way, 108(D) are the late evening double deck journeys from North Greenwich to Lewisham. The remaining routes out to tender are obviously 'on hold' for now as they are affected by changes as part of the Central London review or the North London consultation affecting route 263. Routes 4, 168 and 210 have got their extensions, but the remainder of this tendering programme will only be updated pending clarification in the future.

The tenders for 605, 628/688, 653/683 have been extended until the end of 2022 at least.

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.

Also a few typos crept into Tranches 844 and 849 – these are all incorporated in the 2023/24 programme noted below.

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#808 (12/22)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan)	--
#810 (9-10/22)	349 (Arriva LN)	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

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), 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)	--
#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)	--

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#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) ..... --
#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/N38, 221, 279/N279, W3/= (Arriva LN) ..... --
#850 (11/23) 363, 436/N136 (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, 137/N137, 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) ..... --

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

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Corrections to SUP-39C:
22nd January 2022: Route 41- outstationing of buses at EC ceased, now all at AR.

Saturday 16th April 2022: 292 amend PVR to 7/7/7.
Saturdays 18th and 25th June, Monday 27th June, Saturday 2nd July: As in TLB695.

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.

PVR Changes from 9th July 2022:
Abellio: 490 to 18/14/8 #TF161+;
Arriva London South: 166 additional PVR to -/1/1 as #TC139 Sa, #TC135 Su.

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.

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. Frequencies reduced from x7½ Mon-Sat daytimes, Evenings and Sundays from x10 to x15mins.

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-lopping, the PM journey starting from Pollards Hill will now serve Recreation Way via route 463; the AM journey and jnys 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.

PVR Changes from 16th July 2022:
Abellio: H28 to 10/9/6 #GW221+;
Go-Ahead London General: 209/378 to 5/5/5 #AF301+;
Go-Ahead Metrobus: no change to 633 PVRs;
London Transit: 218 to 9/9/8 #X401+;
Metroline Travel: no change to 382, 533 PVRs.

Monday 18th July 2022 (Additional):

92 *(Metroline West*-G) (Ealing Hospital & St. Raphael's North, Drury Way) From this date, re-routed in both directions in Greenford via Berkeley Avenue and Greenford Road. Although this is a 'temporary' diversion until 31st December 2022, this may become permanent later this year, as this is to facilitate highway works for the permanent re-routing, first consulted on in January 2020. Thanks to Haydn for the update. *(See TLB665 and also below for a timetable change).*

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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. Some diesel VW-class operate as well but these are due for replacement by more VWHs.

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, when the new contract will commence.

384 *(Metroline Travel*-PB) (Cockfosters Station & Edgware Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended until 21st October 2022, when the new contract will commence.

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.

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.

PVR Changes from 23rd July 2022:

Arriva London North: W3 to 21/18/13 #WN201+;
Go-Ahead London General: no change to 280 PVRs;
Go-Ahead Metrobus: no change to R7 PVRs;
Metroline Travel:186 reverts to 16/16/9 #HD201+, 292 no change. 384 reverts to 8/8/5 #PB 151+ (after extra PVR for roadworks), no change to 17, C11, W8 PVRs;
Metroline West: no change to 92 PVRs;
uno 383 No change to PVRs, but to correct SUP 39C, the Run/Nos are #HF301+ M-F; #HF251+ Sat.

Saturday 30th July 2022:

E2 *(Metroline Travel*-AH) (Greenford Broadway & Brentford, Commerce Road) Widened timetables for roadworks in the Brentford area.

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.

665 *(London United*-TV) (Surbiton, Berrylands Road & New Malden, Holy Cross School, SDO) Renewal of LBSL(QX) contract with existing DLE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck.

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 an SP-class Scania N230UD Omnicity diesel double-deck.

PVR Changes from 30th July 2022:

Abellio: 671 to 1/-/- #TF300.
London United: 613, 662, 665 no change to PVRs.

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

Saturday 6th August 2022:

272 *(London United*-V) (Chiswick, Grove Park & Shepherd's Bush Green) Revised daily timetable for roadworks on the nearby A4 Great West Road, for Cromwell Road railway bridge refurbishment until December 2022, with an additional temporary PVR allocated.

E3 *(London United*-V) (Greenford Broadway & Chiswick, Edensor Road) Timetable widened daily for roadworks on the nearby A4 Great West Road for Cromwell Road railway bridge refurbishment until December 2022.

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.

N7 *(Metroline Travel*-PV) (Oxford Circus & Northolt Station) Revised Nightly schedules for running time.

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.

42 *(Go-Ahead London Central*-Q) (Liverpool Street Station, Bishopsgate & East Dulwich, Sainsbury's) Revised daily timetables for running time.

50 *(Arriva London South*-BN) (Croydon, Town Centre & Stockwell Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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.

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Saturday 27th August, continued:

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 Enviro400 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. A new timetable with additional early AM journeys proposed but may not be introduced at this stage.

Sunday 28th August /BH Monday 29th August 2022:

The Notting Hill Carnival returns after a 3-year absence, since 2019 as a street festival. Roads will be closed in Ladbroke Grove and Notting Hill areas, with routes diverted as necessary. Route **52** is split into 2 sections Victoria & Willesden Garage via Edgware Road and Notting Hill Gate & Victoria in both directions. Routes **18, 23, 70, 94, 148 and 328** get some enhancements, with routes 23 and 70 being just to maintain reliability. Route **316** is expected to be double decked as in previous years.

Route **36X** *(Go-Ahead London Central*-NX) (Peckham & Harrow Road) will operate northbound non-stop from Vauxhall every x10 mins from 12:00-18:00, returning as supplementary **36** from Harrow Road to Camberwell Green from 15:00-16:00 and 19:30-22:30, with other journeys projecting through to New Cross Garage from 16:00 to 19:30 and from 22:30 to 24:00. This uses 19 buses with running numbers #NX21+, although other garages, including Stockwell, have helped in the past. At time of going to print, it had not been confirmed that route **2X** would return. Previously, this had operated by *Arriva London South*-N between West Norwood & Notting Hill Gate.

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: or first appropriate schoolday:

As noted above in tendered routes update, routes 605, 628/688 and 653/683 (Sullivans) have been extended to run until the end of the Autumn term for 2022 at least.

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.

155 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Tooting, St.George's Hospital & Elephant & Castle, Lambeth Road) PM peak enhancements at school times withdrawn.

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.

533 (*Metroline Travel*-AH) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Barnes, circular) Timetable widened daily for roadworks on the nearby A4 Great West Road for Cromwell Road railway bridge refurbishment until December 2022.

612 *(Arriva London South*-TC) (Wallington County Grammar School & Selsdon, Farley Road SDO) PM Journeys retimed to run 16 minutes later.

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-decks. Currently operated by *Stagecoach Selkent* from Bromley (TB) garage using AD E40D /nviro400 diesel double-decks.

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Saturday 3rd September, continued:

667 *(Stagecoach East London*-BK/WH) (West Hatch School & Ilford High Road, SDO) PM journeys retimed to run 10 minutes later on Mon/Wed/Thu/Fri and 25 minutes earlier on Tuesday.

E8 *(Metroline Travel*-AH) (Ealing Broadway & Hounslow, Bell Corner) Widened timetables for roadworks in the Brentford area.

N155 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Aldwych & Morden Station) Fr-Sa Night frequency reduced from x15 to x20 mins.

Saturday 17th September 2022:

222/= *(Metroline West*-UX) (Hounslow Bus Station & Uxbridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 24th September 2022:

168 *(Metroline Travel*-HT) (Hampstead Heath, South End Green & Old Kent Road, Tesco) Further to the consultation report and tender tranche changes *(see TLB692, April 2022)*, LBSL (QC) contract extended for 1 year.

210 *(Metroline Travel*-W) (Finsbury Park Station, Wells Terrace & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

248 (Cranham, Moor Lane & Romford Market) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Arriva London North* using existing NRM-New Routemaster double-deck vehicles from Grays (GY) garage. Currently operated by *Stagecoach East London* from Rainham (RM) garage using Scania N230UD OmniCity diesel double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 1st October 2022:

4 *(Metroline Travel*-HT) (Archway Station & Blackfriars Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

131 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AL) (Kingston, Fairfield Bus Station & Tooting Broadway) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

411 *(London United*-WK) (West Molesey, Central Avenue & Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

No further news to report.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs.
Note * indicates that new buses are specified.

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), CR7 on 384 (Metroline Travel).

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

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).

For other 2023 dates, see TLB695 last month .

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

HCT Group are revising the timetable for route **812**, with a 30-minute service restored, Mon-Fri only as before from 09:00 to 15:50. However, after the first two journeys the timetables widen to 40 minutes and for both trips, for recovery time. The new timetable started on 8th August.

Stagecoach East London as City Sightseeing, have also applied to add a further route (the Green Route) from Waterloo, serving Tavistock Square and Russell Square, and return, roughly hourly with extra journeys in the peaks.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

General: Several closures have been reported for overnight resurfacing, including Homerton High Street and Wimbledon. There have been a few short-term diversions in some areas for grass fires, including when some houses in Wennington were destroyed after the hot temperatures of 19th July. Route **372** was diverted until 21st July, although the diversion was changed three times in that period, diverting via New Road or the A13.

Central: From 19th July to 5th August, owing to sewer works in Eversholt Street, routes **168, N5, N20 and N253** were diverted southbound via Crowndale Road, Pancras Road, Midland Road and Euston Road to Upper Woburn Place. Route **253** was curtailed at Mornington Crescent Station for the duration. From 21st July to 2nd August, owing to electrical works in Bayham Street, Camden Town, routes **24/=, 27/N27, 29/N29, 134/=, 168, 253/N253, N5, N20 and N279** were diverted southbound via Camden Street and Crowndale Road. Route **214/=** just diverted via Camden Street and routes **N28 and N31** diverted westbound direct via Pratt Street. Nearby and from 25th July to 22nd August, owing to railway works in Adelaide Road, routes **31/N31 and N28** were diverted in both directions via College Crescent, Buckland Crescent, Belsize Park, Belsize Avenue and Haverstock Hill.

South-East: From 13th July to 7th August, owing to a water leak on Ivydale Road, Nunhead, route **P12** was diverted in both directions via Ivydale Road (south), Cheltenham Road and Peckham Rye, not serving Nunhead Station. The sewer works in Crayford Road, mentioned last month, affecting routes **96, 428 and 492** were extended to 7th August. From 25th July and 10th August, owing to water works in Flaxton Road, Woodlands Estate, route **291** was curtailed at Plumstead Common, Warwick Terrace. From 1st to 9th August, owing to water works in Wells Park Road, Sydenham, route **202** was diverted in westbound via Sydenham Hill and Kirkdale. Route **356** was diverted direct, not serving Kirkdale and Wells Park Road.

South: From 25th July to 19th August, owing to road works in Brighton Road, Coulsdon, routes **60, 405 and N68** were diverted northbound via Farthing Way. Routes **166 and 434** diverted in both directions via Lion Green Road, Brighton Road and Farthing Way, with route **463** diverting Northbound via Farthing Way (north) and Brighton Road to The Avenue. Further to last month's report, route **166** was diverted via Chipstead Way not Chipstead Valley Road. Also, route **405** in Redhill now appears to be back to normal although other routes continue on diversion. Thanks to Martin for the updates. From 1st to 19th August owing to water works in Broomwood Road, Wandsworth, route **G1** was diverted in both directions via Bolingbroke Grove and Broomwood Road.

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South-West: From 23rd to 30th July, owing to water works in Richmond Road, St. Margaret's, routes **33/N33, 490, R68, R70 and N22** were diverted westbound to double run via St Margaret's Road to The Avenue. From 25th July to 6th August owing to water works in Carnwath Road, Fulham, route **424** was diverted towards Fulham via New King's Road, Bagley's Lane, Harwood Terrace, Imperial Road, Townmead Road, Water Meadow Lane and William Morris Way to Townmead Road (eastbound), and towards Putney via Wandsworth via Bridge Road and New King's Road.

West: Firstly, a correction to the report about route **U5** last month. It seems that the official information was wrong and the U5 was not curtailed at Stockley Park, diverted towards Uxbridge from Hayes. For the record, it diverted via Blyth Road, Trevor Road, Printinghouse Lane, Botwell Lane, Botwell Common Road, Dawley Road and Bolingbroke Way to line of route. Thanks to Michael and Chris for the observation and corrections. From 14th to 28th July, owing to sewer works in Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, route **27** is curtailed to Hammersmith Upper Bus Station. From 25th July to 12th August, owing to electrical works in Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, route **U4** was diverted in both directions direct via Bourne Avenue.

North-West: From 5th to 25th July, owing to sewer works in Engineers Way, Wembley, routes **92, 206 and 440** are diverted in both directions via First Way (westbound), Fulton Way and Rutherford Way. From 1st to 6th August owing to gas works in South Hill Avenue. South Harrow, route **398** was diverted in both directions via Northolt Road (double run to Waitrose), route **258** was revised to start and finish at South Harrow Police Station, with routes **487 and H12** revised to start and finish in Northolt Road.

North: From 11th to 29th July, owing to telecommunication works in Albion Road, Stoke Newington, routes **73/N73 and 476** were diverted in both directions via Stoke Newington Church Street and Green Lanes. From 25th July to 23rd September, owing to cycling works in Ponders End High Street, routes **279/N279, 349 and 491** are diverted northbound via South Street, Scotland Green Road and Nag's Head Road. Route **377** diverts via Great Cambridge Road and Southbury Road to terminate at Enfield Garage. From 25th July to 24th August, owing to a water leak in Holtwhite's Hill, Gordon Hill route **W9** is diverted in both directions via Lavender Hill and Chase Side.

North-East: From 11th to 28th July, owing to telecommunication works in Clifden Road, Clapton Park, routes **242/N242** were diverted towards Homerton Hospital direct via Chatsworth Road to Brooksby's Walk. From 20th July to 9th August, owing to a collapsed sewer in Cross Road, Woodford Bridge, route **W14** was revised to start and finish journeys in Roding Lane North. From 25th July to 5th August, owing to electrical works on Capworth Street, Leyton, route **W16** was diverted northbound via Leyton Green Road.

East: From 11th to 29th July, owing to gas and water works in Bow Common Lane, route **323** was diverted eastbound via Burdett Road, St Paul's Way and Devons Road. From 21st to 29th July, Fencepiece Road in Barkingside was closed. Route **167** diverted in both directions via New North Road, Manford Way and Manor Road, with route **462** diverted via New North Road only. Thanks to Graham for this.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Sunday 24th July:

1, 4, 6 *(Arriva KT)* (Harlow Town services) Timetable adjustments and the 6 now serves the Little Parndon loop clockwise instead of anti-clockwise.

Sunday 31st July:

Further to the listing of Galleon Travel 2009 Ltd (t/a Central Connect) new routes in NW Essex, at that time I was not clear as to route numbers and route – so here goes:

The 301 is the direct route Bishop's Stortford & Saffron Walden via Quendon, Newport, Audley End Station to Saffron Walden, going beyond the Town Centre to the Hospital and Mortimer's Gate.

The 5 and 6 are replaced by Mon-Sat hourly routes: 305 (Bishop's Stortford via Little Hallingbury, Hatfield Heath, Hatfield Broad Oak, Takeley to Stansted Airport. Then the bus continues as 316 from the Airport via Broxted Church End, Thaxted, Debden Green, Debden to Saffron Walden High Street, Hospital and Tesco Store. The other number in the same contract was 318; that is as per the 316 but just for the journeys that divert via Saffron Walden High School.

The 315 (Mon-Sat) is a clockwise only circular from Bishop's Stortford via Dunmow Road, Bedlars Green, Great Hallingbury back to BS via Hallingbury Road. The 325 (Mon-Sat) is just from Bishop's Stortford to Little Hallingbury and Wright's Green. These are both over 'new' ground: Great Hallingbury used to have a bus service until Spring 2016 but only on Thursdays while Wright's Green has never had one at all but is a fairly new development area.

The 322/323/324 group from Bishop's Stortford via Takeley, Great Dunmow, the 323/324 (Mon-Sat) being the main ones on to Dunmow, Ongar Road (323) or to Bran End and Stebbing Church End (324). The 322 is a Tuesday only variation (two journeys each way), as above BS to Great Dunmow then Bran End to Lindsell.

C-C's other two routes are well outside our area but to complete their route list in the area:

The 9/9A runs Mon-Fri only: Great Notley Tesco via Braintree, Bocking, Panfield, Shalford, Wethersfield, Finchingfield, Great Saling to Blake End.

The 319/320/321 (replacing 59/60) (Mon-Sat) go from Audley End Station via Saffron Walden then to Haverhill as 319 via Shudy Camps and Castle Camps or 320 via Radwinter and Hempstead. The 321 is as per the 320 apart from a peak hour deviation in Steeple Bumpstead on Edith Cavell Way.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Wednesday 20th July: For some while (at least since 17th April) there has been a lot of confusion of where buses go in Watford and where they will pick up. The worst was on route 500 whereby Aylesbury garage workings terminated at the Palace Theatre and departed from stop B in High Street, but Hemel garage workings set down in Beechen Grove (the north side ring road) then ran light round ring roads to depart from Exchange Road (the south side of the ring road). Intending passengers were expected to know which working was AY and which HH! Anyway, notices on buses said that from 20th July it would settle at Theatre and Stop B – indeed as it had been traditionally.

Northbound 10 and 20 also resumed running via the town centre to serve High Street (stop B) and out via Market Street instead of just serving Exchange Road.

One remaining difficulty is that services towards Watford General Hospital (321, 635 and 10/20 to Holywell) are shown as calling at stop G in Market Street, which hasn't existed for more than three years, although the buses actually stop at nearby stop H. The 'Where to board your bus' diagrams on-line (and on location if they are) do need to be updated to reflect new realities.

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Monday 25th July:

C *(Grant Palmer)* (Luton & Dunstable, Weatherby, M-S) Minor timing changes at peaks but still x30min.

CX (*Grant Palmer)* (Luton & White Lion Retail Park, Daily) Timetable changes, mainly to better match shift times at White Lion and Amazon.

Saturday 27th August: (or first weekday or schoolday)

84 (*Sullivan Buses)* (Potters Bar & St Albans, Daily) Revised Mon-Fri timetable.

306 (*Sullivan Buses)* (Watford & Borehamwood, Daily) Revised Mon-Fri timetable.

356 (*Sullivan Buses)* (Potters Bar & Nicholas Breakspear School, SDO) Revised timetable. Re-routed in London Colney – instead of via Bell Lane, diverted via Bell Roundabout, Barnet Road (thus not via Colney Fields), St Anne's Road, to line of route (both directions).

398 (*Sullivan Buses)* (Potters Bar & Borehamwood, (certain jnys to Watford) M-F) Revised timetable.

B3 *(Sullivan Buses)* (Borehamwood town, M-S) HertsCC contract extended at least to Sept.2023.

Sunday 28th August: (or first weekday or schoolday)

74 *(Grant Palmer)* Hitchin & Bedford, M-S) Revised timetable for reliability.

351 (*Central Connect)* (Hertford & Bishop's Stortford, M-S) Revised timetable. One journey into Hertford diverted on SDO via Pinehurst (replaces 384 journey).

357 (*Arriva KT)* (Harpenden & Borehamwood, M-S) Revised timings at school times and route modified in St Albans to also serve Sandringham School.

383/384 (*Central Connect)* (Hertford & Stevenage, M-S) The SDO diversion via Pinehurst withdrawn.

601, 602, 614/644, 653 and the University Shuttle (*uno)* Minor timetable changes with some isolated journeys withdrawn.

610 *(uno)* (Luton & Potters Bar, M-S, on to Cockfosters M-F) Increased from hourly to x30mins between Luton & Hatfield, The Forum in University term-times.

611 *(uno)* (Hatfield & Cockfosters – not via Welham Green, M-F peaks) Withdrawn.

SB8 (*Arriva KT)* (Stevenage local) Increased M-S evening service.

Friday 2nd September:

318 *(Chiltern Automotive)* (Abbots Langley & Watford. M-F) Last day of operation.

Monday 5th September:

807 *(Red Eagle)* (Redbourn & Harpenden, SDO) Revised timetable.

879 *(Reg's Coaches) (*Bramfield & Ware, Presdales School, SDO) Back-extended to start at Old Welwyn, Church Street.

R66 *(Reg's Coaches)* (Bragbury End & Ware, Presdales School, SDO) Revised to operate from Stevenage, The Roebuck to Ware.

Looking forward, some readers may like to know of some later changes in Hertfordshire.
Sunday 25th September is last day of current Sunday services 242 and 404/405 (uno) while Friday 30th September is last day of the 'Hatfield/ Welwyn shoppers' buses 200/1/3/4/6, 215/6, 230, 312 (Chiltern Automotive). In due course, replacement (or the existing) operators may well be appointed to continue.

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE

Sunday 24th July (additional to TLB695)

102 *(Carousel)* As in its previous operation, the night journeys are operated by Oxford Bus.

171/172, 194 The entry in TLB695 showing journeys to Farnborough on 171/172 should be on 194.

703 *(Thames Valley)* (Bracknell & Heathrow T5). From the autumn term, the SDO journeys via Churchmead School in Datchet are now diverted Heathrow - Slough short journeys; The morning journey from Heathrow continues to Slough and the afternoon journey to Heathrow starts at the School, with an associated positioning journey from Heathrow.

700, 701 Seasonal routes 700 (Windsor & Legoland) and 701 (London, Windsor & Legoland, omitting Slough) are not operating this year.

Monday 25th July:

Aylesbury town services by *Redline* altered again:

2 *(Redline)* New timetable, to M-F x20min, Sat & Sun x40min.

4/4A *(Redline)* Back to routing via Meadowcroft and Jackson Road at all times now that Jackson Road is open again. Frequencies retained at M-F and Sat x20, Sun x30. The Sunday service on the 4 extended from Bus Station to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Main Gate.

6/6A, 11 *(Redline)* Minor timetable changes.

12 *(Redline)* (SDO only route) Reverted to Jackson Road for both buses rather than Bicester Road.

130 *(Redline)* (Aylesbury & High Wycombe, Daily) Revised timetable with reduced frequencies to: M-F x15min, Sat x20min, all evenings and Suns x60min.

S130 *(Redline)* (Bledlow Ridge & Aylesbury, Oxford Road Schools, SDO) Revised timetable.

Sunday 4th September:

The arrangements at High Wycombe whereby 'the one' and 36/37 groups are operated jointly between Arriva and Carousel (in partnership with Bucks CC) is to change with Arriva taking all the 36/37 group and Carousel the 1/1A group. The revised 103, on 24th July having spawned the former LT/LCBS 336 number, this time re-incarnates the former Arriva 74.

1/1A (High Wycombe & Hemel Hempstead via Chesham (*Arriva* M-S, *Carousel* Daily) to be all operated by Carousel and with Arriva withdrawing from the route. The joint x15min M-F or x30min Sat between High Wycombe and Chesham is replaced by x20min Mon-Fri, two buses per hour on to Pond Park and one (1A) to Hemel. On Sats it remains x30min to Chesham then one bus per hour to Pond Park and one to Hemel. The Sunday service hourly to Hemel but deviating via Pond Park is retained as now by Carousel.

36 (incl. 36B and 36S school bus variations) (High Wycombe & Bourne End via Flackwell Heath, Mon-Sat) transfers from Carousel to Arriva.

37 (incl. 37B variations on Mon-Sat) (High Wycombe & Bourne End) plus the hourly (Daily) service on to Maidenhead (37A on Suns) continues with *Arriva*.

39 *(Carousel)* (High Wycombe & Totteridge, M-S) Minor timetable changes. The 39A (SDO) to Totteridge and on to William Ramsay School will be withdrawn.

103 *(Carousel)* (High Wycombe & Chesham via Beaconsfield, M-S) Although only altered on 24th July, the new changes see withdrawal between Beaconsfield and Chesham. At Beaconsfield and after serving Old Town, Station Road, New Town and Maxwell Road, it will be rerouted via the A355 to Farnham Common, Farnham Royal, Farnham Road down to Salt Hill and Bath Road to Slough Bus Station. There will be earlier and later journeys and more peak buses.

Additionally, Arriva (AtS) is to increase frequencies on other High Wycombe routes. N&P registrations list 4th September but Arriva website says 29th August. The same website lives up to its unfathomable reputation by offering a link to the new timetables – but when you do, it offers the April 2022 times. The excellent BucksCC listing hadn't gone up to late August by the time we went to press. Anyway, it seems that 30, 31, 32, 33, 41, 48 and 800/850 will all have increased frequencies (presumably Mon-Sat but it doesn't say). Arriva also says 280 will have later jnys and 500 a better M-F peak service. See TLB697!

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

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Saturday 27th August: (or first weekday or schoolday)

51 *(Metrobus)* (Horsham, The Common & North Heath) The first morning journeys retimed earlier.

98 *(Metrobus)* (Roffey & Southwater, Daily) One am and one pm journeys on schooldays divert to the stop at Rusper Road/ Chennellsbrook to be closer for access to Bohunt School.

270, 281, 291 *(Metrobus)* Minor timing adjustments to better suit afternoon finish times at Sackvllle School in East Grinstead.

Sunday 28th August:

32 (Guildford & Brockham Strood Green, Sundays) Sun/PH service from *Stagecoach South* to *Metrobus*. Additionally, two Sun/PH journeys in each direction will extend beyond Strood Green to Redhill. No change on the main Mon-Sat Guildford & Redhill service by Compass Bus.

33 *(Stagecoach South)* (Guildford & Woking, M-S) Withdrawn (last day Sat 27th).

479 (Guildford & Epsom, Daily) Sunday service from Stagecoach South to Falcon Buses. Note that Falcon already run the Mon-Sat service.

715 *(Stagecoach South)* (Guildford & Kingston, Daily) The last Sunday round-trip to run later.

Tuesday 30th August:

39A/39B/39C/40 (Woking shoppers' routes) From *Stagecoach South* to *Safeguard.*

81 (Woking & Barnsbury Estates, M-S) From *Stagecoach South* to *Safeguard.*

73 (Woking & Chobham, M-S) From *Falcon Buses* to *White Bus.*

400 (Walton & Staines, M-F) From *London United* to *Falcon Buses.* No change to the Bear Buses schoolday journeys between Stanwell Moor & Shepperton.

690 (Worplesdon & Kingfield Green, SDO) From *Stagecoach South to Safeguard.*

Monday 5th September:

35 *(Stagecoach South)* (Guildford & Camberley, M-S) Journeys at school times revised so as to no longer serve Woking High School and in turn to follow normal 35 route. (No change to the 34).

North and west KENT

Substantial changes – including withdrawals – to the route network, especially around Sevenoaks, are due in September, with more to come in October. All school services last ran on 22nd July at end of term but some will be withdrawn or amalgamated.

No specifics nor actual dates are yet quotes, so hopefully details next time.



Earlier Jubilees have also been celebrated on London Buses. The Queen's Silver (25th) in 1977 saw 25 RMs repainted silver (becoming SRMs). SRM 19 sets out from West Hampstead to far-off Croydon on what was then the 59, picking up at one of five black 'Birmingham Guild' bus stop poles that still survive in TfL use in July 2022. *(David Stewart)*

The Golden (50th) in 2002 was marked by a few gold painted buses while the LT museum decked their RT4712 into gold and it was moved around over several routes that year. Here on route 6 it turns out of Staverton Road Willesden into Sidmouth Road. For now the 6 still goes to Aldwych but not on the same route as in 2002. *(David Stewart)*





Wimbledon Tennis Championships occur every June/July and always Go-Ahead London fields assorted buses from their Commercial Department. RML 2305 provides a high seating capacity as well as a having a 'vintage' feel that some attendees may well like. *(Terry Wong Min)*

At the same location open-top E 14 (now 16 years old!) whisks a lot of happy punters enjoying the breeze up to the tennis tournament – and it is a fair way uphill too and worth paying the fare to avoid! Buses that are assigned to this job each year always carry suitable messages on the side advert panels. *(Terry Wong Min)*





The ever- expanding BBPG held a running day on 10th July along the A22 between Godstone Green and East Grinstead and plenty of recently withdrawn buses took part. No more Plaxton President bodied buses are left in London service, nor are Metroline's blue skirts. Trident TPL 264 (now 20 years old) recalls the old order. *(Richard Godfrey)*

At the same event this addition to the BBPG was an Enviro400, only acquired a day or two before. Abellio 9401, which was the first of Travel London's batch (as ED 1) new in 2007, has acquired suitable company stickers but not yet the number. It was 30 October 2009 when Travel London was re-named Abellio. *(Richard Godfrey)*





2022 marks 50 years of the Leyland National. Both LCBS and LTE trialled some in 1972 but it was 1973 when LCBS put its first production Nationals into service. LN 3-23 were used on routes based at Hatfield Garage and LN 18 at Panshanger on 10 March 1973 shows how suffix letters caused trouble with the three track number blinds. *(David Stewart)*

LTE stuck with its six originals (LS 1-6) but its first production models (LS 7-57) finally came to Hounslow Garage in 1976 as a result of a cancelled order from Venezuela. Routes like the A1, 82, 110, 111, 116 saw LSs as well as the 203, shown here by LS 32 in Bedfont. LCBS went on to take 543 new and LTE took 506. *(David Stewart)*



PUBLICITY NEWS

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Rhea Storr's **"Uncommon Observations: The Ground that Moves Us"** is the latest multifold 'Art on the Underground' slimline. When opened, one side is dominated by extracts of the work, laid out to resemble strips of film negatives. The reverse has narrative about the work which is a multi-site installation on display between July 2022 and June 2023 at Stratford, Bethnal Green, Notting Hill Gate and Heathrow Terminal 4.

"The Transformation of a Bus" is a double sided A4 sheet outlining the conversion of London United Enviro200 DE 20057 into 'The Open Chance Project', a mobile engineering classroom run by award-winning not-for-profit social enterprise company Achieving for Children. It has a picture of the bus before conversion and carries the 'RATP DEV Transit London' logo on both sides. Accompanying this is **"Inspiring Young People Second Chance"** a multifold A6 outlining a project to develop the life skills of young offenders through work experience at RATP garages. It carries the older 'RATP DEV London' logo on the cover.

A new Summer 2022 issue of **"fabulous days out by bus with Uno"** has been delivered to homes in the St Albans area, updating the 2021 edition reviewed in TLB683. The key change to the multifold slimline is that the cover photo is now of St Albans Abbey, whereas last year it was Hatfield House. Inside the contents are much the same, with the map stretching from Hitchin to Queensbury and Luton to Cockfosters and Broxbourne. Up to four people can get a free group network rover ticket by using slimline **"enjoy a fabulous day out for free"** in conjunction with the Uno app.

Published in July 2022, **"Arriva bus services to Cardinal Newman School"** is a multifold slimline providing timetables, network map and fares information for nine scholars services serving the school. It features an anonymous Wright Pulsar 2 VDL in the old 'Arriva Express' livery on the cover.

Carousel's re-entry to Heathrow is covered in **"chilternhundreds 102"**, a red multifold slimline valid from 24 July 2022. Streetlite SK16GXL features on the cover, whilst inside tables list departure times from High Wycombe Bus Station, Beaconsfield Maxwell Road, Gerrards Cross East Common and Heathrow Airport Central Bus Station, each with a header showing approximate travel times to the airport. This is an interim leaflet ahead of a full 'Chiltern Hundreds' leaflet to be published for the network changes taking effect from 4 September. High Wycombe passengers may find it more convenient to use **"the airline from/to High Wycombe Heathrow & Gatwick"**, a blue multifold slimline valid from 17 July 2022. Tourismo BV19YGR is on the cover, with tables showing departures from High Wycombe Coachway, Heathrow Central Bus Station and Gatwick South Terminal. Bus stop maps are provided at Heathrow for Central Bus Station, Terminal 5 and Compass Centre; whilst Gatwick has a map for North Terminal and narrative for South Terminal. Both leaflets have fares information, with tickets being valid on both services between Heathrow and High Wycombe.

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:

Adding to London Bus Museum's running day on route 81 on 12th June was LS 30 and the Reading Buses open-top Trident/ President 520 (V524 ESC).

The BBPG (Bromley Bus Preservation Group) held a running day on 10th July. It was on the last day of TLB695 finalisation so it was not possible to include at that stage. As one would expect from BBPG, a fair array of "modern heritage" buses took part between East Grinstead and Godstone Green with certain journeys on to Purley. And not an RT or RM in sight!! On the day, schedules were somewhat erratic and there were a few no-shows: MD 60, VPL 630, T 961 and Capital Citybus 250.

It is very fortunate that BBPG exists as they (and it is a large group of individuals) have been claiming vehicles of mostly '1990s to date' vintage although they do acquire 1970s or 80s buses where appropriate), as they are withdrawn by operators rather than having to restore a bus that has been out of use for years. Whole classes of buses have been disappearing from the streets of London at a rapid rate.

Some may think "Why preserve an Enviro400?" It is absolutely the right thing to do – get it when it is still a runner and don't wait until the very end when they are going (or have gone) to pastures new. Already, you won't find an ALX400 or President bodied bus in TfL service any more.

Reported buses on 10th July included ex Arriva DLA 1, DLA 147 and ENL 1, ex Abellio E400 9401, new to Travel London in January 2007 and their first example (then as ED 1) while Travel London fleetnames have been applied already. Also former Connex Trident/ALX400 TA 23; ex Go-Ahead MAL 15, WVL 1 and SOE 26; ex Metroline TPL 264, TE 847 and DLD 697; ex Metrobus Lynx 101, Dart 379 and Olympian 806; ex LCBS AN 262; Bear Buses ex-GAL LDP 186; private Dart DT 29. Also appearing were Go-Coach DAF SB200 No 7501, Autocar MAN/MCV AE57 FBA and Bluestar E400 SN56 AWX.

At a fairly late stage for publicity, on Sunday 24th July Victoria Coach Station (VCS) mounted a running day. There were two no-shows: M 161 and RM 1527. A section of route 11 (VCS to Aldwych) saw RT 1702, 1705, 4779; RM 1397, 1941, 2208 and WVL 204. Route A1 re-created part of the old Airbus service as far as Hammersmith with M 1, M 1014, T 961 and ex-Reading Buses Optare Spectra 701 (J257 NLU). A really superb vintage coach service (dubbed route 090) also to Hammersmith but via the original route via Chelsea and Olympia: Royal Blue (incl Western and Southern National) 1250 LTA 729 Bristol LL6B, 1286 MOD 973 LS6G; 3547 FDV 803V Leopard, 2240 E206 BOD Duple 425; Wilts & Dorset 279 EMW 284 Bristol L6B; Bristol Greyhound 2815 NHY 947 LWL6B; East Kent FFN 446 A 1951 Beadle rebuild on chassis of 1938 Leyland TD5 AJG 2; plus one very modern coach from Hearn's of Harrow OU22 ZXF Neoplan in green Flixbus livery.

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

After a very tentative pair of short trips on the 322 on 2nd and 6th July by MetroCity EV 1002, nothing much happened to the class for a while. However, the rest of the batch did get delivered, they had been held back awaiting the camera/ mirror fitment. From the 12th driver training could be done so that proper entry into service could occur. On the 21st, 1008 managed 2hr 30min but then on the 25th to 30th just two were out but for longer. By the end of July 1001/2/4/5/8/9/10 had entered service and two of the E200s at QB were returned to BC.

On the 11th and 12th July the first Wrightbus Electroliner (No.3001) but un-registered, was at the Hayes (DH) garage on the occasion of its "Official Opening". Of course, as recorded in recent TLBs,

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

ABELLIO, Continued:

DH Garage has been in operational use since 2nd April 2022 and the close-by maintenance facility at Waterway Business Park on Rigby Lane since September 2021. 3001 had gone by the 13th – presumably to Fulwell. Thirty of these (3001-30) are on order for route 111 at Fulwell (TF) Garage from September. The Caetano buses 1535-1543 for route 433 are due in September.

More repaints include LT 30, 33, 34; 2456, 8210/13/14/18, 8339/41.

2440, off since 25 Sept 2021, was back in use on 16th July. 2543 was off service on 2nd May but returned on 26th July.

Route U7 still sees the occasional double-decker, e.g. 9524 on 15th July and 2579 on 22nd July.

Transfers:
(May, TLB695 p20): LT 778 (not 775) WLu/WL 2543 BC/BCu.
(June, TLB695 p20): 2529 DH/GW (not to BC). 9519/21/22 after all stayed at QB (not yet to BC).
(July): 1001-11 --/QB (assumed whole batch, just 1001/2/4/5/7/8/9/10 is use at 31st July).
2440 WLu/WL. 2543 BCu/BC.
8127 QB/BC. 8142 QB/GW. 8205 QB/BC. 9487-9504 QB/QBw.

Livery changes:
LT 20 from advert for Michael Kors back to red.
LT 603 from advert for Thomas Pink to one for Laeeb.
LT 605 from advert for Oppo Find X5 to one for Gray Man.
LT 704 to advert for Gala Bingo (for one week) then to Disney West End.
LT 787 from advert for OPPO Find X5 back to red.

Disposals:
E400s 9487-9504 off lease (July).

Subsequent disposals:
9494 (LJ09 OLG) and 9504 (LF59 XDZ) now at Coastliner, Blackpool (July).
Correction to TLB693 p24, 9431 has not gone to First Scotland East, but 9430 & 9438 did and are now First 32736 & 32734.
Also 9433, 9434, 9436 & 9442 are now with First Scotland East as 32731, 32732, 32733 & 32735:

ARRIVA LONDON (part of Deutsche Bahn)
ARRIVA LONDON NORTH - AD, AE, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY and WN.
ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH - BN, N, TC and TH.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include DW 478, 547, 533, 535, 553; HV 56, 110, 122, 120, 125, 166, 175, 177, 181, 185; T 78, 303, 305, 316 and EMC 7, 9.

ENX 28 had not been used at DX since 16th March but re-surfaced at TC on 12th July. EMCs 7 and 9 have started a refurb programme for route 312. These two have gained DT (Dartford) garage codes in error! In any case there is no electric charging facility at DT.

On Saturday 30th July on the occasion of a Lady Gaga concert at Tottenham Hotspur's football stadium, several extra buses ran on the 149 between Liverpool Street and Snells Park (off Fore Street north of the stadium) while Sullivan Buses sent about ten vehicles for the 279 between Waltham Cross and Tottenham Town Hall.

Transfers:
(December 2021) LT 490 AR/ARu.
(July): DW 406/8/9, 410/2/3/5/6 AR/ARu. DW 414 AR/DT. DW 488 E/WN.
T 4, 5 AEu/ECmt (engineering training buses). T 201/2/3 WN/WNu.
ENL 27 THw/MKw (M.Keynes). ENL 107, 109, 110 TC/TCu. ENX 28 DX/TC. ENX 30 DT/TH.

---- Current vehicle news ----

ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:

Livery changes:
HV 239, HV 240 and HV 366 from adverts for Let's do London back to red.
HV 364 from advert for Ami back to red,
LT 216 and LT 981 to adverts for Kraken 2.
LT 230 from advert for Adidas ZX to one for Gray Man.
LT 335 from advert for GoPuff back to red.
LT 341 from advert for Calvin Klein to one for Kraken 2.
LT 733 to advert for Gala Bingo (for one week) and then to one Disney West End.
LT 957 from advert for Jack Daniels Apple back to red.
LT 967 from advert for Wizz Air back to red.

Disposals:
DLA 620, DW 95, DW 145 to South East Bus Supplies, Kent (July). These were all 'last of batches' and DW 95 retained its 'RM' registration VLT 295 in this sale.
T 61 to Arriva North East (July)
ENL 26 that had gone to Arriva the Shires is now listed as at Ashington (Arriva North East).

DLA 614/6, 621/2/4; DW 136/8/9, 140/1/4; DW 455 (fire); T 75, T 184 (fire, see TLB690 p21); DWL 71, 72, 73; ENL 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 78, 79; ENS 1, 7, 9, 14; PDL 126

All the above to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs for scrap (July). The sales this month have eliminated the DLA, DWL and PDL classes.

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)

On 22nd July, Watford 'Click' Sprinter AC 012 was working on the Ebbsfleet 'Click' service.
Transfers (July): 1560 NF/NFw. 4037, 4118 NF/NFu.

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

User of the VDLs on the 724 at Harlow has been patchy of late.

Out of area: StreetLite 4278 from SV to Area 3 (Luton).
Transfers: (July): 1612 WE/WEu. 3556, 3563 SV/SVu. 3570, 3755 HH/HHu. 4181 WE/WEu.

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

Into the lighter blue: 3023.
Into this area: from area 2: 4278 StreetLite DF 10.8m B30F- 2014 and renumbered 2310 (at Luton).
(2311/2 are already at MK, 2313+ are already in area 3).

Transfers (July):
2786, 3914, 3926, 6000 WB/WBu. 3915 WB/AY. 4712 LD/LDw. 6403 AY/LD.

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

Correcting TLB695, the Fiat Ducato acquired is YX60 CLO. I got confused with YX61 BHE already in stock.
New (July) WX22 TYK M-B Sprinter - Ilesbus i-City B20F body.

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

BIG BUS COMPANY, Earlsfield

Reinstated: Trident/ East Lancs DA 8 (LV51 YCC) DA 10 (LV51 YCF) and DA 12 (LV51 YCN).

CARDINAL BUSES, New Haw, Surrey

Correcting TLB695, DE 523 has reg YX59 BYR (not VYR).
E200 YX61 BWV in TLB695 has now adopted fleet number DE 121 (ex Go-Ahead SE 121).
Disposal: Dart DP 211 (SK52 MMU) left the fleet (June).

CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey

Into the fleet: RJ22 FNS Iveco Daily - Ilesbus i-City-Max B31F.
Disposal: CA21 ONE (AYZ 8531) sold.
Seat total amendments: BIG 442 and CL10 BUS are B16F, CL14 BUS is B13F, LG69 CDF is B11F. (others are as per Fleetbook 2022).

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

StreetLite 407 repainted from blue (for route 8) to normal red. It seems that Scania 214 is being returned to Carousel from Oxford Bus.

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

New: Correction to TLB695, E20Ds 1605-9 have registrations YX22 OKA-E (not GKA-E).

At least some buses at Stansted Garage carry small white 'STN' codes above the front wheel arch.
Of the acquired E200s (1409-17). 1410/1/3/4/5/6/7 have so far been repainted to the red & blue livery.
Several of the Scania double-decks seem to be off service, just 7 (of the 10) noted in July.
Both StreetLites 1201/2 (CC10/11 BUS) have been off the road since July awaiting repairs.

CENTREBUS, Luton

Into our area (July) from Chaserider, Cannock:
555 (SN55 DVC) Dennis Dart SLF – Plaxton Pointer 10.7m B38F – 2005.
This bus was at Lutonian, Luton when new but soon moved away.

Disposals:
Solo 326 (YJ16 DAU), E20Ds 520 (YX65 RHV) and 558 (MX14 FUO) out of area to Grantham.
E20Ds 593/4 (YY64 GWL/M) out of area to High Peak Buses.
StreetLites 610 (SN14 EDX) and 611 (FN63 KFL) out of area to Chaserider, Cannock.

CHILTERN AUTOMOTIVE, Cryers Hill, Bucks

Disposal: Volvo B7TL LX06 DZW to 1st Bus Stop, Gravesend (July).

DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark connections Ltd) Stanwell

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc
28332/334/336/342/344/346 to the newer Hotel Hoppa livery; 28346 is a return to service after a long absence.
Disposal: Scania d/d 40518 last used January 2022 and presumed to have gone.

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

Disposal: LF71 DKV, the Volvo B5TL/MCV, to East Yorkshire Motor Services, Hull as No.816 (July).

1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend

Acquired (July): from Chiltern Automotive, Cryers Hill, Bucks:
LX06 DZW Volvo B7TL – Wrightbus Gemini 10.1m H41/21D – 2006 (once WVL 238).

GO-AHEAD LONDON

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

The EHs from NX into Croydon (C) Garage are to assist coverage for when the garage gains route 264 from 27th August until they can get a power supply for the electric buses (batch Ee 70-93). The first five appeared en-masse on route 127 on 18th July while EH 226 was on the 119 on 31st July.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include SE 252, WVL 424 (batch 413-467 all done), WHV 68, former Metrobus E200s 156, 157. 158, 159, 160, 162 (looks like these are being done again as all of 154-192 and 731-762 have had recorded repaints previously.

Another 'first' was MHV 55 (NX) on 172 on 18th July – and another in the north, Ee 32 (#NP234) on route 444 on 21st July. It is quite a while that electrics appeared on route 476 but 15th July saw both Ee 7 and 25; others followed into August.

PL Garage lost its last SOEs after 16th July. Most of the time they worked on the 485 but the actual last working was of SOE 28 on the 493 after being on the 485 earlier that day.

The Commercial unit was active again at Farnborough Air Show 18-22 July, mainly using EHVs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 as well as E 3, 12, 14, 15, 255/7/8/9, 282/3/5; EN 1; SE 91; VC 8, 9, 12, 13, VWL 51 and Southern Transit E400Citys CM 1 and 2. (See also Stagecoach section below).

Transfers: (Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, KL King's Lynn).
Correction to SUP-39C: SE 102 moved RR/SI in November 2018 (TLB652 p25 refers). This means that the transfer SI/RR in TLB693 should be deleted. Anyway, it's at SI now and has been for 4 years!.
(April): SE 47 RR/SI.
(July): E 104 AL/ALc. E 105-109 AL/ALw. E 130, 135, 136, 137 RR/RRw. E 133 BX/MG.
EP 4 BXt/BX. EP 5, 7-17 Qu/BX. EH 226-232, 236/7 NX/C. (to be all of 226-237)
LT 306/7/8/9 NX/Q. WVL 277, 281, 301, 303 BX/AL.
SE 122 C/SW. SEN 40 SW/C. SOE 16, 20, 28 PL/PLw.
(August): EH 233 NX/C. EP 6, 18 Qu/BX. WVL 299 BX/MG.

Livery changes:
LT 279 from advert for Adidas ZX back to red.
LT 289 and LT 446 to adverts for Gray Man.
LT 294 and LT 877 to adverts for Disney West End.
LT 394 from advert for Reed back to red.
LT 447 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.
LT 484 from advert for Oppo Find X5 back to red.
LT 857 to advert for Thomas Pink.
LT 862 to advert for IHG Hotels and Resorts
LT 886 from advert for Jack Daniels No.7 back to red.
WHV 84 from advert for Let's do London to one for Vuse.
WHV 167 and WHV 196 from adverts for Let's do London back to red.

Disposals:
WVL 276 and WVN 21 to Go North East (F/Nos 6204 and 6199 resp).
SOE 16, 20, 28 sold within Go-Ahead Group (July).

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

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

9003/4/5 have been on loan to Stagecoach East Kent from 18th July.

Disposals: 9508, 9512 to Dosanjh (ASD Coaches), Strood, Kent (July).

GOLDEN TOURS, Alperton

Trident 154 (The English Tea Bus) is back from York. York has 112/3/5/6 for city sightseeing. Bournemouth had 121-5 since March but 123 returned to London on 22 July. With Yellow Buses going into administration (YB housed GT buses), GT ceased operation at Bournemouth after operating on 31st July. However, it was decided to continue after all and it re-commenced on 3rd August, only to cease again after service on the 5th. Buses 121/2/4/5 were being retrieved to Alperton on the 9th.

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

Recent refurbs/ repaints:- 1241, 1245, 1253, 1261, 1263, 1264.
By the end of July, the 'traditional trio' of Tucanas (MX67 GYD/H/J) were based at HK for the 812.

KEANE TRAVEL, Grays

Into the fleet: YJ06 LGC Van Hool coach C55F, then re-reg'd RRZ 1266.
Disposals: Ref.TLB691 p24, B7TL YJ52 HEA did not get sold so is still in stock.
Neoplan SRZ 1267 reverted to YN04 AUX and was then sold.

LANES COACHES, Dunstable

MAN WU51 LBE and Citaro BX02 CME have been withdrawn, joining long-withdrawn YX02LFR and W462 UAG: sister bus W461 UAG left some time ago.

LITTLE JIM'S BUSES, Berkhamsted

(Acquired (July), formerly Go South Coast No 3716:
MX53 FEF Optare Solo M850 B29F – 2003.

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

The detail in TLB695 about the E200MMCs from Go-Ahead Ireland was from information at the time but has proved to be not totally correct and indeed premature. 192-D-19499 was acquired in late June (not July) and will be numbered 6784. As at out closing date a new UK regiatrstion had not yet been allocated. The other two have not yet been acquired but are due by the end of September; they will be numbered in the order of arrival. Also, the seat total is actually B41F (visually checked), having been incorrectly reported everywhere as B42F since new.

Streetlite 6108 went to GA Ireland in exchange at the end of June. 6109 & 6110 are earmarked to transfer upon receipt of the other two E200MMCs.

Acquired E200s 6703 & 6704 have both been repainted and refurbished. 6704 entered service in late July. Scanias 6624 & 6625 have been taken out of normal service and are due to be formally withdrawn in early August.

Disposal: StreetLite 6108 to Go-Ahead Ireland, Dublin (July).

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

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)

Late on 12th July there was a general power cut on Potters Bar High Street. This disrupted the charging routines of the OMEs. On the 13th July just eleven went out in service on the 134 but by midday it was down to four. Six VWHs from Perivale (PV) were soon despatched to PB to help out, although by the 21st those six were back at PV.

VWH 2352 was in an accident on route 114 on 29th July. LT 18, off since 18th September 2021, was back in service (but at W) on 29th July.

More VWHs are drifting into HD, nominally for route 186's renewed contract. Route 81 hosted VMH 2584 on 15th July while up at Edgware VMH 2528 was on route 204 on 24th July.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include DEL 2064, VWH 2105.

New deliveries (July/August):
BDE 2752-2768 LG22 AXF/H/J/K/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z
BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H43/24D.
Just 2752-6 were delivered in July and were parked at West Perivale (PA) Garage.
Registrations are provisional as at 31 July and some may change.

Transfers; (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).
LT 8 PAu/W. LT 18 HTu/W. LT 111, 115 HT/HZu. LT 810, 811 W/HT.
VW 1281, 1282 HD/PB. TE 1576/7/8 PB/WJ. TE 1579 PB/EW. TE 1580/1 PB/UX.
VW 1831/41 PV/PAu. VW 1832 HD/PAu.
VWH 2044/58 PV/HD. VWH 2045/47/56 PV/PB. VWH 2050 PB/HD. VWH 2057 PB/PV.
VWH 2104/05/06, 2294 PV/PB/PV. VWH 2352 UX/UXu. BDE 2752-56 --/PAu.
DE 1583 UX/WJ.

Livery changes:
LT 644 and LT 747 from advert for Loewe Paula back to red.
LT 661 from advert for Gala Bingo (one week only) back to red.

LT 749 from advert for Jack Daniels Apple to one for Kraken 2.
LT 764 from advert for Reed back to red.
BDE 2620 to advert foe Pelegrino.
BDE 2629 to advert for Bananas
BDE 2637 from advert for Evian back to red.
VWH 2014, 2214, 2269 from adverts for Let's do London back to red.

Disposals:
TE 934 to Callinan Coaches, Ireland. (July).
DES 799 to New Adventure Travel, Cardiff (July).
DE 868/9, 872/3/5/6 and DE 1592 to Geoff Ripley, Barnsley (July). (869 updates TLB695).
DE 870 and DES 802 to Stafford Bus Centre (July).

MULLANY'S BUSES, Watford

E400 HP05 BUS is the first of the now redundant Warner Bros liveried buses to be de-branded and is now all white, presumably prior to leaving the fleet; the other three will probably follow suit,

Re TLB693 p30 the new E400EVs LG22 AYA/B/C/D have ULW 13428kg.

Disposal: Dart LX06 FAO departed in December 2020.

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.

Recent repaints noted include LT 72, 78, 79, 81.

Oddities included BE 37005 on the 72 on 12th July and BE 37032 on 18th July.

There was an open day at Fulwell (FW) on 23rd July but was a fairly light affair. A few buses were displayed and some ran a special free route 667 (Twickenham Station- FW Garage– Hampton Court); no full report has been received but pics show RT 3491, RM 1941, Dart 34359 and a BCE.

While work is being done at Edgware (BT) Garage, several BT-based buses are being outstationed at Sullivan's South Mimms yard.

Transfers:
(February): DE 20183 BT/SO.
(May): ADH 45036 V/AV. VH 45179 V/FW.
(June): SP 40059 FW/FWw.
(July): DE 20154 LIu/Xu. DE 20178 TV/S. SP 40166/168 AV/WK.

Livery changes:
LT 71 from advert for Reed to one for IHG Hotels.
LT 677 from advert for Reed back to red.
VH 45102 to advert for Verkada.
BCE 47003 and 47005 from adverts for Marc Jacobs to one for Bananas.
BCE 47013, 47014 and 47022 to adverts for Bananas.
OME 46002 from advert for Verkada to one for Bananas.

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

E400s 781 and 782 (SN66 WRC/D and formerly red) are now in full Green line livery and, together with 1208 are now the regulars on route 703 (Bracknell & Heathrow). However, the 703 extra journeys (TLB695 p17) needed more buses and another two E400s 1203/4 (SN11 BWC/D) have transferred to Thames Valley from Newbury. Others in Green line livery are 760/1/2 and 795 (758/9 are in normal Reading livery but are "first reserve" for Green line if needed.

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

YX09 AFJ and YX10 BHA to the company livery.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

V119 LGC to the double-deck livery.

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

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:
EAST LONDON - BK, BW, CS, NS, RM, T and WH; **SELKENT** - KB, PD, TB and TL; .
LEA INTERCHANGE BUS CO – Ll.

Recent refurb/ repaints reported include LT 312, 313, 357, 358, 359, 386; 12340/342; 13140 (ex MV 38208) 19727, 19860/862 and 36610/11/24/27. Second repaints on 12136, 12139.

A short-lived oddity (1hr 40min) was Leyton's LT 368 on the 215 on 14th July.

LT 373, off since 22nd December 2021, was back in use on 29th July 2022.

The daily use of LTs on route 205 came to an abrupt end after 3rd July.

As is customary, many parts of Stagecoach sent buses to the Grand Prix motor races at Silverstone at the beginning of July. London sent 15 buses:- 10314/346/347, 11033/039/050/065/066/076/079 and 11346/351/358/368/381/398.

They were also active at Farnborough Air Show 18-22 July, alongside Go-Ahead London, fielding 10336, 11079, 11345/360/370/372/374/375, 19768, 19866/868/873. Eight Stagecoach South vehicles also took part.

For the Commonwealth Games at Birmingham (and area) between 28 July and 8 August, again Stagecoach sent buses from far and wide. In the event, London didn't send any buses to Birmingham. (although some drivers went). Some E200s from Stagecoach London (LI) were noted around Stratford and some staff were at Heathrow, no doubt 'meeting and greeting' participants.

Transfers: (July): LT 373 Tu/T.

Livery changes:
LT 262 to advert for Disney West End.
LT 388 to advert for Gala Bingo (for one week) and then back to red.
18910 (T/T WH 31119) from advert for Let's do London back to red.

Detail change: 15115/116/117 converted to part open-top and to City Sightseeing London livery, to PO41/22D . This completes the London fleet of 14: 15024-031, 15035, 15048 and 15114-117.

Disposals: 36665 off lease (April 2022). See 'Where are they now? in this TLB.

STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury

YJ10 LZV (TLB695 refers) actually came via Hardwicks (dealer); Arriva sold it there in Feb 2022.
MX06 ABO has been repainted from orange to all white.

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

Correcting TLB695, the repaint shown as AE 29 should be AE 19 (AE 29 is a Thorpe Park bus). E 49 is another red repaint. Scania DS 63 has been withdrawn.

Disposals: Further to TLB691 p28, DE 30/31 departed in July to Alec Head, Peterborough for scrap.

VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex

Disposals:
Sprinters 200/1/2/3/4/5 no longer used in our ares.
Sprinter 206 (RX71 TGK) sold to Norfolk County Council.
Solo 299 (KX55 PFK) gone from the fleet.

Z & S BUSES, Aylesbury

New delivery (June): SK22 BVG AD E40D - AD Enviro400(MMC) 11.5m H**/**F. (=85)
This long bus will have a high seat total - observation STILL required please.

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

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Routemasters:

RM 108 further to TLB691, RM 108 was displayed at Whitewebbs Museum of Transport (not Whitewells as incorrectly typed previously) from 2018 and was sold from Mr J Miller to a private owner in Lancashire (February 2020).

RM 125 (VVS 373) was noted at the end of July undergoing the launch of the Greggs and Primark Snackfest promotion. It is currently in a two-tone blue and yellow livery. This appears to be the first time that this vehicle has been used by owners The Bus Business since 2018.

RM 339 (PAF LB 56H, ex MFF 582) is owned by Creaktiv Marketing in Germany and was in London and the Milton Keynes area during July for the Euro 2022 womens' football tournament in support of the German team fan club. It is in an all-black livery with images of the football players along the sides and remains open top but with a canvas opening roof fitted.

Olympians:

L 315 (J315 BSH) (ex ALN) updating TLB690, it was noted in June 2022 in Portland, Oregon, USA, still carrying its UK registration and in use as a cafe/wine bar. The partially open top deck has been covered over with clear plastic sheet supported on poles to provide some protection from the weather.

VA 59 (R159 VPU, ex B16 WSC) (ex SLN) from Beeline to Hilton (dlr), Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside and then to Northern Star, Wigan. (by July).

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 315 (Y529 UGC) (ex ALN) was sold from DW Coaches (by March).

DLA 349 (LJ03 MKV) (ex ALN) was sold from Fairbrother Coaches (by April 2019) for scrap.

DLP 10, 11, 12, 13 (MXZ 3375, 3381, 3385, 3386, ex T210, 211, 212, 213 XBV) (ex ALN) from First Scotland East to North West Bus Sales, Bolton, Greater Manchester. (May).

DLP 54, 64 (LJ51 DJZ, DKV) (ex ALN) have been re-registered by Go North East to 787 EYC and 897 EYX in May. The registration 897 EYX was previously carried by PVL 191 (ex GAL) (see below).

DLP 58 (LJ51 DKF) (ex ALN) has been repainted to yellow, black, blue Toon Tour livery with Go North East and has been re-registered to 794 EYD in May. This registration was previously carried by PVL 193 (ex GAL) (see below).

DW 17 (LJ03 MVG) (ex ALN) from North East Coachways to De-Luxe Coach Services, Drakelow, Derbyshire. (October) and then to MC Tractors, Ramsey, Cambs. (April).

DW 121 (LJ05 BNA, ex KFZ 33) (ex ALN) latterly recorded with Drew Wilson (dlr), was exported via Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (June) from Southampton docks in July.

T3 (LJ08 CVU) (ex ALN) is numbered 4698 with Arriva North West but for use by the Engineering Academy at St. Helens.

VLA 93 (LJ54 BDY) (ex ALN) from Travel Wright to Ashley Travel Coaches, Renishaw, South Yorkshire. (April) and entered service in June.

VLW 17 (UUI 2947, ex LJ51 DGF) (ex ALN) from Arriva the Shires to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (May).

TN 33291 (LK03 NLC) (ex FLN) from CT Plus to sister company Powells Bus, Hellaby, South Yorkshire (March).

TN 33377 (LK53 EYW, ex XFF 283), 33378 (LK53 EYX, ex HHW 661) (ex FLN) were sold from First Buses in Somerset (July).

TNA 32939 (W939 ULL) (ex FLN) from BBPG to Bus & Coach, Yaxley, Cambs. (April) for scrap.

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VN 36139 (BJ11 DVU, ex MP11 GEM) (ex FLN) from The Busman (dlr) to Lianne Coaches, Ashford, Middlesex (July). It has been subsequently re-registered to YSJ 558.

VN 37776, 37782 (LK59 CWR, CWY) (ex FLN) were re-registered to RRU 35 and NUH 527 by Faresavers in March.

VN 37794 (LK59 CXM) (ex FLN) has been re-registered to M23 RYO by Mario Coach Travel.

VN 37824 (LK59 FDO) (ex FLN) from Go Ahead London to Go North East July) where it has become fleet number 6199.

VNL 32206 (LT52 WTM) (ex FLN) from First Eastern Counties to Wigley, Barnsley, S.Yorks (July).

VNZ 32336 (LK53 LYW) (ex FLN) has been converted to part open top by First Eastern Counties. It has been re-registered to CRZ 488 and given the local fleet number Cabrio 4 in May.

VNZ 32348 (LK53 LZL) (ex FLN) has been re-registered by First Eastern Counties to CRZ 266 in April and given the local fleet number Cabrio 2.

AVL 4 (V104 LGC) (ex GAL) from Warringtons Own Buses to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorks (June).

AVL 25 (V125 LGC) (ex GAL) was re-registered in March to MCZ 5995.

MHV 49 (BV66 VGU) (ex GAL) further to TLB694, this was the last of the batch to be refurbished by Thorntons and arrived with Go North West in June as fleet number 3063.

PVL 52 (W452 WGH) (ex GAL) from CT Plus to sister company Powells Bus, Hellaby, South Yorkshire (March) where it retained its fleet number 2218.

PVL 173 (X573 EGK) (ex GAL) from Go South Coast to Nelson Stanley (dlr), Poole, Dorset (March) for scrap.

PVL 191 (897 EYX, ex X591 EGK), 193 (794 EYD, ex X593 EGK), 194 (574 CPT, ex X594 EGK) (ex GAL) have re-gained their original registrations with Go North East in May. PVL 191 and 193 then passed to Fund A Fest, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear (June).

PVL 232 (Y732 TGH) (ex GAL) correcting TLB694, it passed from Seaford and District to Bus & Coach Repairs, Yaxley, Cambs. (not Peterborough Coach Hire) and was scrapped in March.

PVL 390 (LX54 HAA) (ex GAL) has been sold from Go North East (by July) for preservation.

PVL 404 (LX54 GZR) (ex GAL) was re-registered to Y200 GDS by GDS Travel in April.

PVL 411 (LX54 GZC) (ex GAL) from Go North East to Alpha Recovery (by July).

VP 10 (X162 FBB) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap by Mikro Coaches (December 2020).

VP 12 (X164 FBB) (ex GAL) was sold from Berry's Coaches (by April).

VWL 15 (AGZ 9367, ex LB02 YXN) (ex GAL) regained its original registration with Littles Travel in July 2018.

VWL 17 (SFZ 525, ex LF52 TGO) (ex GAL) further to TLB695, this VWL is confirmed with Cambraco, Melling, Merseyside.

WVL 147 (LX53 AYY, ex 392 MBF) (ex GAL) has been re-registered by First Eastern Counties to CRZ 366 in April and has been given the local fleet number Cabrio 3.

WVL 166 (LX05 FCF) (ex GAL) from Horseferry Coaches to Williams Travel, Camborne, Cornwall (May).

WVL 220 (LX06 DZC) (ex GAL) from RedRoutemaster to Mr G Walker, Wrexham, Clwyd (July) for preservation.

WVL 238 (LX06 DZW) (ex GAL) from Chiltern Automotive to 1st Bus Stop, Gravesend, Kent (July).

WVN 21 (LK59 FDO) (ex GAL) – see corresponding entry for VN 37824 (ex FLN) above.

487 (WSV 530, ex YN53 RYZ) (ex GAL) has regained its original registration with Johnson Bros. (February).

SLE 52 (YN55 NKZ) (ex LU) from Aldermastons Coachlines to Beestons, Hadleigh, Suffolk (May). It was noted in use operating on route 91 between Ipswich and Hadleigh in the first week of August and is now allover red livery without any branding.

VP 109 (W453 BCW) (ex LU) after use for spares was sold from Dews Coaches for scrap (by April).

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TE 882 (LK08 DXU) (ex ML) has been re-registered by Gwynfor Coaches to H9 GWY and repainted to Snowdon Sherpa livery in April.

TP 351 (LR52 KVS) (ex ML) is now recorded as passing to Rigby's, Blackburn, Lancs. (September 2018) and not to Abbey Coaches. It then passed to Hodgsons Coach Operators, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham (April 2021).

TP 358 (LR52 KVZ) (ex ML) was sold from Abbey Coaches (November).

VP 317 (LR52 BLK) (ex ML) was sold for scrap from Eurotaxis (December).

VPL 216 (LK51 XGL) (ex ML) was sold from Southampton Mini Link (March).

VPL 224(LK51 XGU, ex Y14 ASD) (ex ML) re-gained its original registration and was sold from ASD Coaches to a dealer (July).

TA 17883 (LX03 NGZ) (ex SLN) was last recorded with De Courcey and is confirmed as passing from Green Transport, Hockley, West Midlands to Harris Travel, Blackburn, Lancs. (June 2021).

TA 17897 (LX03 ORK) (ex SLN) from MJ De Courcey to Gateshead Central / L&B Travel, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Tyne & Wear (February 2021).

TA 17915 (LX03 OSL) (ex SLN) from July 2022 used as the "Menopause Bus" in connection with ITVs Good Morning tv programme and Boots. Subsequently undergoing a tour of England. It is assumed as still owned by Raccoon.

TA 17945 (LX53 JYH, ex K10 WTC) (ex SLN) from Warwickshire Travel to Marshall, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts (March).

TA 18499 (LX06 AHF) (ex SLN) from Bryans Coaches to BBPG (July) where, as the last TA, it joins the first one, TA 17001 (S801 BWC) although they are not owned by the same individual.

15088 (LX09 AGU) (ex SLN) was sold for scrap by Vision Bus (April).

Low-floor single deck types:

DWL 26 (LF02 PLZ) (ex ALN) from Arriva the Shires to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (March).

ENL 32 (AB09 PAN, ex LJ09 KPU) (ex ALN) has been named Donald with Panther Travel and has also been loaned to car park company Q-Park at Heathrow Airport.

ENL 84 (GN08 CGY) (ex ALN) re-registered to RUI 2053 by Thandi Reds in September 2021.

DMC 41523 (LK03 UFA) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Alpha recovery (December 2019).

DML 44018 (LK08 FLG) (ex FLN) from Thomas to Jarvis, Aberdare, Mid-Glamorgan (by July).

DML 44317 (YX12 AEU) (ex FLN) not previously recorded is that this DML passed from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Yellow Buses, Bournemouth, Dorset (April 2018) where it was initially numbered 524 and then re-numbered to 2026.

DMV 44231 (YX12 FZT) (ex FLN) suffered fire damage whilst in service on route 18 with Yellow Buses on the 22nd March in Broadstone High Street and was sold for scrap (by July).

ED 18, 21, 26 (LX07 BYJ, BYM, BYS) (ex GAL) from National Driving Centre to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (all by April 2021, except ED 26 which was December 2021).

LDP 211 (SK52 MMU) (ex GAL) was sold by Cardinal Buses (June).

WS 36 (SN64 CUG) (ex GAL) passed to West Norfolk Community Trust (WNCT), Kings Lynn, Norfolk (March).

DE 869 (LK08 DXC) (ex ML) updating TLB695, it is confirmed that it passed via Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire to Hulleys.

DES 800 (LK07 BEY) (ex ML) was reported as sold for scrap by Vision Bus in April however it has been relicensed in June; can someone confirm the ownership for this vehicle ?

DM 955 (LK58 CTE) (ex ML) from Thomas to Jarvis, Aberdare, Mid-Glamorgan (by July).

36331, 36337 (LX58 CCY, CDU) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach West Scotland to Stagecoach North Scotland (July).

36665 (SN17 MMU) (ex SLN) is now with Watermill Coaches, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire (by July) and has been re-registered to WC17 LTD.

Beware, there are strangers back in town (by Keith Hamer)

A special feature this month on the highly successful **DM/DMS class** which performed so majestically for operators worldwide once they had escaped from the archaic maintenance procedures inflicted during their early years with LTE. The class has been sadly neglected within these pages, last being summarised within TLBs 527/534, a last mention within TLB545 (January 2010). Very few had seen any use during the lockdowns of 2020/21 and like most other vintage buses were laid up for over a year. Of course, the second lockdown totally scuppered all plans for a 50th anniversary road run over route 220 on 2nd January 2021, conveniently a Saturday, DMS1 was first put to service on Saturday 2nd January 1971. The easing of covid restrictions came to an end during June 2021, since then the gradual return of those considered "road ready" has been noticeable. The quickest off the mark was Nick Smith's DM999, which attended the Worthing rally on 25 July. Its absence was noted at this year's event on 31 July 2022.

The recovery of summer private hire work was however relatively non-existent. Ensign's open-top DMS33 made only sporadic appearances, first appearing on the final day of their seasonal route 68 at Southend on 19 September, then taking part in the Lord Mayor's Show on 13 November, ending the year performing shuttle services around the Lakeside Centre during Ensign's annual running day of 4 December. Ensign's Shillibeer liveried DM2646 also made a comeback at this latter event operating on the long route X55 (Upminster to Gravesend). This highest numbered example has been somewhat "temperamental" over recent years, thereby only appearing as a static exhibit at the Epping Ongar Railway gathering of 20 February 2022, instead of performing on special route 20A. Problems fixed, it performed faultlessly at the Stockwell garage open-day on 11 June 2022 completing two round trips on special route 181 to Tooting Bec. No doubt it will again be used on Ensign's next running day of 3 December 2022 - treat yourself to a ride!

DMS2375 has been owned by Adam Huseyin since June 2009, this B20 has been superbly restored over the past decade and made quite an impression at its debut at the Plumstead garage open day on 30 October 2021, having been repainted into original livery with white upper deck windows. DMS1868 is also co-owned reverting to full preserved status during July 2020, it too appeared at the Stockwell garage open-day but as a static exhibit having previously been used within Steve Parr's London Retro Bus Hire fleet, now based at Northfleet. During September 2020 it was housed at Plumstead garage being used as a driver's meal relief and covid isolation point at Woolwich. Also within this fleet are DMS1455, mostly inactive since summer 2019 due to its non-standard internal layout (more a display unit), and open-top DMS2127 which was seen celebrating Bromley Football Club's successful season (both men and women teams) on 28 May 2022, a week later on 4 June at the Epsom Derby with sister open-topper DMS1304, emerging from under its tarpaulin after last being used on Derby Day 2019. Retaining its "London Classic Bus Hire" fleetname, DMS1304 had transferred from Redroute Bus & Coach to Brian Jones Coaches to the east of Gravesend during June 2018. The "Pride in London" parade usually produces an open-top DMS, and DMS2127 duly obliged on 2 July 2022; it was then seen on an end of term outing for a school in Rainham (Kent) on 20 July, the day after the highest UK temperatures ever were recorded.

This area of North Kent seems a DMS haven (or should that be heaven?), for also based at Northfleet with London Vintage Bus Hire (who still trade as The London Bus Company) is the immaculate all red DM1052. This bus re-emerged at the London Bus Museum's "Transportfest" on 24 October 2021, followed by a service appearance during the Muswell Hill running day on 7 November 2021 on route 43, which had a DM allocation between 1975-1978. It next appeared at the EOR running day of 20 February 2022 (which included journeys on special route 20A), followed by further public service on route 101 on 26 March 2022 (which also had brief DM operation during 1978-79, as well as numerous unscheduled crew DMS). It was seen more recently in service again on special route 107 during the Elstree & Borehamwood running day of 19 June 2022. "Supercar" DMS1515 is also owned by LVBH, it often appeared pre-covid at Ongar Station on display at EOR events but since the pandemic has been confined to storage.

The most famous of them all is DMS1, venturing out from the LT Museum only once during 2021 when on display at the Transportfest at Brooklands on 24 October. Then a historic milestone, when it

appeared in service on route 101 on 26 March 2022, the first time in nearly 40 years that the public were permitted a ride since its withdrawal from Catford Garage during August 1982. It even saw the English Channel whilst participating in the HCVC London to Brighton run of 8 May 2022. Yes, DMS1 can now be classed as 'historic', after all it will celebrate its 52nd birthday later this year. The South East Bus Festival was held at Detling on 2 April 2022 and representing the class was DMS550, looking better at each outing having been practically rebuilt by Paul Tripptree between 2011-2015.

Just ten then are currently "active", so what of the others? Admirers of the class do exist, since 2009 many have combined their expertise under the umbrella of the Bromley Bus Preservation Group. Founder member Stuart Boxall has been the saviour of many, he presently has part or full ownership of nine examples, soon to be ten with the imminent acquisition of DMS1692 from The Church Army in Dundee. Whole but inactive are DM1002, DMS1488, 2456 (with its unique Ogle Design layout), DMS132 is presently being restored to "as new" condition whilst DMS2238 is undergoing an extensive rebuild; others waiting in the queue are DMS259, 294, 2446. Not all can be saved, DMS1983 (presently used as a store) will eventually be broken for spares, a fate that previously befell DM1818 during 2017, DMS1968 during 2011, and DMS2257 during 2010. Others within the group safely guarded by their individual owners are DMS115, 1911, 2394 together with the aforementioned DMS2375; expected to depart for scrap soon is DMS2428. Closely associated but not part of the BBPG are DMS1601, 2216, the latter having been in slow restoration since 2009.

Five others can be considered 'preserved' although their conditions vary greatly. DMS1426 emerged during 2011 in immaculate condition having undertaken a three-year restoration by Trevor Wright and Mark Cole, it is now part of the Upminster & District Omnibus Preservation Group collection. It had been very active on the rally circuit until the end of 2018, since then it has been more of a recluse. DMS2045 was retired from the West Sussex fleet of Emsworth & District during April 2005 but retained by Paul Lea for use on special occasions, activities which ceased during July 2015 after suffering mechanical failure; it has remained in storage at Havant ever since awaiting repair. DMS2357 has seen little use since 2011, however Lee Tume (its owner of 15 years) plans to get this B20 up and running again as time allows. It is unusual to regard an open-topper as preserved, but that is exactly the status of DMS2271 which has been owned by prolific Staffordshire vehicle collector Paul Emery since November 2017. This bus last worked for London Coaches 25 years ago (withdrawn during October 1997) before passing into Blue Triangle Buses dealer stock the following April. It presently waits in a long queue for possible restoration. Less likely to see future use is DMS860 which had lain in a car scrap yard as a site office for 15 years, one assumed that this former playbus would be broken up when the yard in Suffolk was cleared during spring 2015. Instead it was saved by Brian Chenery with the intention of a retirement rebuilding project. That task proved too large for the bus as it was in far worse condition than first thought, after years of inactivity the bare shell was offered for sale during June 2021, and remains so.

Only three of the original seven Ensign Enterprise conversions exist but none can be seen on the road. DMS852 has been used as a static store in Somerset since 2012, the other two can be found in forlorn condition in the yard of London Bus Export Company at Lydney; both are for sale, not having worked since their last promotions, DM1800 from 2013, and DMS1943 since 2009 (still retaining its two upper deck cows).

Five can be placed into the non-PCV category, of which three are static homes. DM1051 was sold from preservation by Graham Sibbons during January 2016, it is now rumoured to be a permanent dwelling within a travellers commune in a forbidden Essex forest. DMS2163 can be found in Hampshire and the very unrecognisable DM2569 on open land in Shropshire. DMS1955 had been used in this role but is presently stored by a dealer in Surrey. Open-top DMS1958 (the former "Book-Cycle" bus often fitted with full canvas roofing) has been mostly inactive since 2017. It was acquired during September 2021 by a Somerset based owner for use as a glamping bus near Taunton, but those plans fell through and "Bertie" is again available for sale.

Another five exist which will not work again without the benefit of a lottery win, they lie derelict awaiting a tow-truck for their final journeys. Two can be found in Lincolnshire, retained for posterity by their previous operational owners. The rotting shell of DMS1443 has been at the same site near Lincoln for 40 years, DMS2138 to the west of Scunthorpe can only claim 19 years.

----- *Where are they now – Extra!* ----------

Of others, DMS1596 is now retired as a horse viewing platform stuck on a hillside north of Inverness, DMS1907 another derelict in the yard of LBEC at Lydney, and DMS2333 which is abandoned at Tulley's Adventure Farm near Crawley. A sixth would not need a tow-truck, DM1707 having laid in Geoff Ripley's scrapyard at Carlton since July 2003. DMS1684 was a resident of the Coolings Garden Centre in Kent between September 2014 and February 2019, an open-top sales display unit which perhaps could have done without an upper deck wooden shed being placed over its staircase. Since then it has been stored by a West Yorkshire based dealer, its engine survives with a Sheffield based preservation group whilst its gearbox was sent to Croatia; what was left was despatched to a Carlton dealer for scrap during July 2022.

The DMS within the United Kingdom is down to just the 47 mentioned in this article, there are still 33 known to be extant overseas, located in Belgium (2), Canada (7), Croatia (1), Finland (1), France (3), Germany (1), Holland (1), Hong Kong (1), Italy (1), Poland (1), St Lucia (1) and the USA (13). Another dozen or so possibly exist elsewhere at unknown destinations, many have just "disappeared" without trace. So of the original 2,646 built we know of only 80 that definitely remain; not a statistic that anyone would have had a bet on during 1979!

Miscellaneous DMS vehicles (not included in text above):
And now, this is a latest update since the article was written. So- back to usual layout.

DM 1063 (GHV 63N) updating TLB534, this DM was dismantled where it stood at Witham Field Farm, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, a process which began during 2008 its final remains being broken up during early 2011 when the site was cleared for new housing.

DM 1069 (GHV 69N) having been used as a static store since May 2002, was finally sold for scrap by Mr J Hinson, Potterspury during January 2014.

DMS 1469 (MLH 469L, ex 800 CDL) this Ensign Enterprise conversion was acquired by Claygate Distribution Ltd, Marden, Kent during January 1994 and used initially for promotional advertising of their bathroom products, then when repainted from white to dark blue for corporate hospitality. The unit was badly vandalised during early 2013 which led to RMC 1456 (LFF 875) being purchased as its replacement although the RMC has not been used in this capacity since acquisition. The Enterprise regained its original registration during August 2015 prior to being sent for scrap.

DMS 2088 (KJD 88P) correcting TLB545, this turn-over demonstrator remained with On-Time Automotive, moving from their Aylesford depot to Hayes (Middx), and then to new premises at Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey. There it remained unused until its collection for scrap by a local breaker during October 2014.

DMS 2089 (KJD 89P) purchased for preservation by Mr M McCafferty, Twyford during February 2005, it was last noted in the High Wycombe area during June 2005. Since that time it has completely disappeared, therefore it must now be considered as having befallen the dreaded cutting torch at some point prior to December 2008.

DMS 2172 (OJD 172R) this short chassis instruction unit was deemed surplus by LBPT at Brooklands Museum, parts began to be removed during September 2012, its final remains being taken for scrap during July 2013.

DMS 2192 (OJD 192R) its time at the Sheffield Bus Museum (TLB545 refers) was short-lived for Mr A Hayward sold to PVS, Carlton during September 2010. Its high sale price prevented interested parties from saving, so despite a brief respite it followed its many predecessors in being broken up during April 2011.

DMS 2232 (OJD 232R) further to TLB545, it was sold for scrap by Mr B Gage during June 2009, this after being advertised for sale despite roof damage sustained from a bridge strike whilst with Beeline of Barking.

DMS 2344 (THX 344S) the traveller based near Norwich who had used temporarily as a mobile home (TLB545 again refers) sold to building contractors during April 2010. This bus was used for six months as a mobile site office at various sites on The Wirral Peninsula within Merseyside before succumbing to the inevitable, being scrapped during November 2010.

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

Nothing positive reported (but see below)

Additional information and updates

A partial report is of LS21 DMO, a Ford Transit Custom hybrid van (perhaps a sister to similar 9136F LS21 DMU) seen at Acton Works. Confirmation and further details are awaited.

A few more allocations have been determined: 8703VW at BGS; 8447F and 8689F at ECD; 8345F, 8439F, 8621F, 8794F and 8795R at RPD. Moves are 8264VW from SDD to LBD, 8367R from GHO to ACF and 9100N from EHB to SDB. 9092VW should now be listed as being back at TLB, as it is no longer dedicated to WXB.

LBSL Passenger Data Vauxhall Movano 8302V was returned off lease a couple of months ago and is now for sale at a dealership in Wigan as a plain white minibus equipped with a wheelchair lift. Kudos to JS for spotting that one! Taking of Passenger Data, Ford Transit van 8863F (in TfL white/blue) is with them but this, and the two remaining Movanos 8303V and 8304V, have no fixed allocation following the closure of Chancel Street (Southwark) about a year ago. Other vehicles that we don't know the current allocation for as a result are 8210N, 8597T, 9104MIT, 9114-9118R and LL14 VKP/R/S. Reports would be welcomed.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	GF16 PPV	Peugeot 3008 Hatchback Car	Abellio	Silver #	?
-	EO22 KJF	Ford Transit Custom Minibus	Abellio	White #	DH
-	AY71 JKF	Ford Transit MWB Van	Metroline	Red	?
91760	DY22 LDJ	Vauxhall Vivaro Electric Van	Stagecoach London	Red	WH
?	SE68 VMM	Renault Zoe Electric Car	Sullivan Buses	?	SM

Additional information

The additions listed this month include the first 22-reg services vehicles to be reported, even though the changeover happened over 5 months ago. A real sign of the times

Abellio GF16 PPV has no lettering but shows an 'Abellio Recruitment Car' notice in the windscreen. It was seen at the engineering and training base in Rigby Lane, Hayes, opened last September. This location supports the new Dawley Road garage (also in Hayes but not opened until this April) and, if the car is seen here again, I will have to assign a new allocation code. Talking of Dawley Road (DH), the following vehicles have been noted working from there FP10 AON (6760), ET11 KWV (6780), YP61 HVC (6788), EF13 WUP (6803), EO13 DNU (6808), GJ13 SRX (6811) and GN13 MUO (6805). Most, but not all, were at the old Hayes (WS) until last year. Other transfers are EK61WWA (6768) WS-TF, GF61 PVL (6782) GW-TF, and AO13 KKB (6807) WS-TF. Recently added HK67 ERJ is at TF while LG19 DJE (6903) is at QB.

Arriva London car WN17 UGU (listed as withdrawn in TLB688) is reported still in use at GY.

A few more Go-Ahead London service vehicles have been reported with fleetnumbers. RJ19 HSG is FV13, RJ19 HSY is FV18, RF19 UZT is FV27 and RX71 SZR is FV77. Most numbers are still only on window labels, but at least one (FV16 RX18 LLN) has now also gained 'proper' transfer fleetnumbers on the rear! Vans EK64 CDZ and EO16 PVL have been withdrawn, with EY67 WYO moving MG to SW and RX18 LLE and RJ19 HSL both from C to RR.

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

Visitors to the RATP Fulwell garage open day will have seen Renault Master vans R70033 and R70039 (MF20 RYV/RZK), and it would appear that these are allocated to FW. R70032 (MF20 RYU) has moved from EB to AV (obviously a while ago!), while R70034 (MF20 RYX) is at WK (which is the new code for HH in case you missed it). The LTSV website still lists 7 vehicles allocated to EB (Epsom), though it closed a year ago! The fork-lift truck J542 ONR and sweeper SN03 OHC have probably been disposed of, but it would be useful to know where Dacia Sandero cars D75101/5/6/7/8 (MJ69 ZJY/ZPM/ZDM/ZPN/ZPR) are now based. Over to you...

The livery of Sullivan Buses latest Renault Zoe was not reported. It is licensed as white but will most likely now be 'wrapped' in either red or green livery.

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

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

District: 07/08May Tower Hill & Barking by Abellio E400s.LTs; also Canning Town & Dagenham East by Arriva HVs, Sullivans Es, ,London United VHs, Metroline TEHs, Ensignbus Streetdecks.

21/22May Tower Hill & Barking by Abellio E400s,LTs.

11/12June Tower Hill & Barking by Abellio LTs,E400s

Piccadilly: 14/15May Acton Town & Heathrow Central by Abellio E400s,LTs. Also Acton Town & Heathrow Central (fast) by Westbus, Lewis Coaches, David Corbel, NP Coaches, Z&S, Commonwealth Coaches

Northern: 11/12June Archway & High Barnet by Metroline and Sullivan.

Overground: 07/08May Clapham Junction & Canada Water by CT PlusE400s.

21/22May Gospel Oak & Seven Sisters by Arriva Ts, HVs; also Walthamstow Central & Barking by Ensignbus and Arriva HVs. 28/29May W'stow & Barking by Arriva and Metroline, also Seven Sisters & Gospel Oak by Arriva Ts. 25June Walthamstow & Barking by Arriva assisted by Metroline.

25/26June Richmond &Willesden Junction (via Turnham Green) by Metroline VWs. 03July Gunnersbury & Camden Road by Abellio E400s. 25/26June and 02/03July Gospel Oak & Seven Sisters, also Walthamstow Central & Barking by Arriva Ts,DWs.

03July Canada Water & Clapham Junction by Abellio London E400s,LTs . 03July Gospel Oak & Seven Sisters, also Walthamstow Central & Barking by Arriva London Ts,DWs. 24July West Croydon & New Cross Gate by Go Ahead MHVs, WHVs. ENs(Commercial).

Bakerloo: 22May (am) Queen's Park to Harrow & Wealdstone by Metroline.

Jubilee: 09/10 July Stonebridge Park & Stanmore by Metroline assisted by Arriva.

Great Northern: 22May (early am) New Barnet & Potters Bar by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

Thameslink: 25/26 June and 02/02July West Hampstead & Harpenden by Go-Ahead assisted by Metroline.

Southeastern: 02-05 and 12 June Lewisham & Hayes- by Go AheadEHs,ENs,Es(Commercial), MHVs.

23/24, 30/31 July Denmark Hill & Bromley South, also 25 to 29 July Denmark Hill & Beckenham Junction, both by GoAhead Es, ENs(Commercial). EHs, WVLs, Ees, SEs, SENs noted

-----THE END -----

This TLB closed on 5-7 August and due for posting on 16 August. Closing date for TLB697 is Weds 07 September and due for posting on Tues 20 September. Reports to the Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 07Sept, 05Oct, 02Nov, 30Nov. These dates are for us editors to have sufficient time to process, although info over the next four days can invariably be slotted in as time and space allows. Those of you who report regularly should 'bookmark' these dates.



Restored SNB 449 was new to LCBS at Garston Garage in 1979, just in time for 'Watfordwide' and W-routes to begin from 31 March of that year. It visited the Alton rally on 17 July displaying the W7. Watfordwide swept away the 345/346 Oxhey circulars in favour of W7/W8. *(David Heath)*

On 26th June the new Bus Station (called an 'Interchange' by the Borough Council) at Stevenage opened for buses and passengers. This view shows the ten bays (A to H/J/K arranged by outward direction (N, E, then S) and an assortment of buses all nose-in. *(Ian Jordan)*



Rear cover: On 24th July Victoria Coach Station mounted a heritage operation in its 90th year. Vintage coaches ran to Hammersmith, typified by EMW 284, a 1949 ex Wilts & Dorset Bristol L coach. Ms ran as 'A1' to Hammersmith and RTs and RMs on the 11 as far as Aldwych. *(Keith Wood)*



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