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On 27th August Go-Ahead replaced Arriva on route 264. Until electric BYD/AD E400EVs are available, E400H hybrids from New Cross are helping out. EH 230 calls at the Church Street tram-stop in Croydon on the first day. *(William Clark)*

Friday 26th August was last day of London United on Surrey CC's route 400 and DLE 30025 passes through Charlton Village on 10th August. From the 31st, Falcon Coaches, a more mainstream Surrey operator, took over. *(Terry Wong Min)*



Front cover: After a few months of temporary E20Ds on route 322, Abellio's MetroCity-EVs went into service gradually. As early as 14th August No.1010 passes Brockwell Park at Herne Hill with trees already sporting leaves in autumnal colours. *(Terry Wong Min)*

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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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LOTS Postal Sales

See the newest Sales List in TLB694. The latest from LOTS: is that TLB Extra 1976 is now sold out of print and RT Memories (Bowden Publishing) is also now out of print.

LOTS London Bus Review 2021 (£14.50) (****NEW****) A4 glossy, 80 pages, 127 colour pictures with extensive captions. This is the ORIGINAL annual Review made with about 50 years' experience.

London Bua Magazine No201 Autumn 2022 (£5.00) **NEW** Main features are 'Bus services on the Isle of Dogs Partt 1' (Malc McDonald) and 'Fifty years of LBM Part 2 (by Editor).

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

T*Ihe LOTS 2022 Fleetbook, 128 pages and illustrated. **(£7.50) **recent**.**

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).

And from other publishers:

Greater London Bus Map 18 December 1940 (second edition) £4.00 (Mike Harris)(NEW**)**

Greater London Bus Map 19 July 1964 (second edition) £4.00 (Mike Harris) (NEW**)**

London's First Motor Buses (£16.95) (Capital Transport) – an album compiled by Mick Webber, *with articles from Commercial Motor, The Daily Chronicle, Old Motor and the London Historical research Group of The Omnibus Society.* 80pp. ****NEW****

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* (In late August we have just 3 copies left, otherwise out of print).

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).

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 privatisation – 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 03 Sept: Epping Ongar Railway event. EVENT WAS CANCELLED. Unfortunately, TLB696 had gone to print when notified so it was too late to amend. Our website was updated immediately.

Sat 17 Sept: NLETE's Enfield Bazaar was cancelled on 9 Sept following The Queen's death.

Sat 24 Sept: Victoria Coach Station display of vintage coaches.

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,

Sat 22Oct SEC Meeting at The Shoreham Centre, 2 Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WU. Philip Kirk will talk on The Bus Archive. Open 6pm, talk starts at 6.30pm. 5-min walk from Shoreham Station or a 2-min walk from the High Street (buses 2 and 700). The Bus Archive began from the archive of the O/S and holds a vast collection of road transport material The national collection is at Walsall and the London items are at the LT Museum at Acton. (Suggested £3 donations to attend).

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).

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

Sat 03 Dec: Ensignbus vintage bus running day. EVENT CANCELLED due to adverse legislation.

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

Section Editor: Andrew Boag, 88 Marine Parade, Brighton BN2 1AJ or by e mail to andrewj.boag@gmail.com

National news, TfL and Politics

The main news this month is undoubtedly the sad **death of Queen Elizabeth II** at Balmoral in Scotland on 8 September, aged 96. The title Head of State now passes to King Charles III. The Queen's State Funeral is on 19 September at Westminster Abbey, then a burial at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The **new Prime Minister is Liz Truss** who was elected Conservative Party leader by party members on 5 September, replacing Boris Johnson who resigned in July. Her most urgent task is to tackle the huge increase in energy prices. This will involve freezing the energy price cap for up to two years at an estimated cost of up to £100bn. She has also pledged to provide tax cuts to stimulate the economy, which critics say will mostly benefit the wealthy. **The new Secretary of State for Transport is Anne-Marie Trevelyan,** replacing Grant Shapps who resigned, having supported Rishi Sunak for leader. She is MP for Berwick upon Tweed and had previously been International Trade Secretary.

The outgoing Transport Secretary made three big announcements in his last few days in office. Firstly, a **two-year TfL funding deal** between the Government and TfL was agreed on 30 August, finally bringing to an end a series of short-term deals, often lasting just days or weeks. The new agreement will last until 31 March 2024. TfL's passenger income will be guaranteed during this period and major infrastructure schemes will continue, including new trains for the Piccadilly line and the DLR, Bank Station upgrade and the Old Street roundabout. The impact on bus services is unclear. According to the TfL Press release the agreement enables investment to improve bus priority to help deliver the Bus Action Plan and it helps to avoid large scale cuts to services. However there remains a gap of £740 million in the TfL budget in 2022/23 and 2024 which suggests further savings will need to be identified somewhere. The first response to this deal was to enable the announcement of 30 bus service contract awards detailed in *Greater London Route Developments.* A further early announcement was an increase in fares for Underground and Elizabeth line services from Heathrow Airport from 4 September. All journeys involving Zone 1 are now charged at the peak rate at all times.

The second announcement from Mr Shapps was an extension to the Covid **Bus Recovery Grant** which provides financial support for operators outside the Capital in recognition of the fact that passenger numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels. This support had been due to finish in October, but it will now continue until 31 March 2023. The announcement came too late to save some services which had been de-registered with Devon CC and Kent CC particularly hard hit. Operators of commercial routes and Transport Authorities providing supported services now need to consider what they can reinstate, perhaps for a few months only.

The third announcement from the DfT on 3 September was for a **£2 price cap for single bus journeys in England** outside London to help with the cost of living. There had been much speculation about this. The scheme is voluntary for bus operators and will last for three months from January to March 2023. This will make a considerable difference to fares paid for journeys outside the TfL area. A single journey from Guildford to Kingston Upon Thames on Stagecoach 715 costs £4.20, Tunbridge Wells to East Grinstead on Metrobus route 291 costs £5.80, or £6.80 through to Crawley, although a return is £8.10. At Ensignbus, Aveley to Grays is £3.10 on route 22, while crossing the river from Lakeside to Bluewater on the X80 costs £3.30 single. I would have liked to quote some examples from Arriva within the former LCBS area, but their unhelpful website doesn't appear to show single fares.

The next stage of the **Elizabeth line** opening will occur on 6 November when trains begin to run from Reading and Heathrow through the central area to Abbey Wood. Trains from Shenfield will run through the new tunnels to Paddington instead of terminating at Liverpool Street. The frequency of trains through central London will increase from 12 trains per hour to 22 trains per hour at peak times and 16 trains per hour off peak and Sunday services will be introduced. TfL says it expects Bond Street station to open ahead of these changes. The **DLR** is introducing a revised timetable on 26 September with increased frequencies which are designed to improve connections with the Elizabeth line services at Canary Wharf, Custom House and Stratford.

---- *General & Industry news* ----

Corporate and company news

A UK management buyout has taken place at **Abellio.** The new UK company is led by Dominic Booth and is no longer connected to Nederlandse Spoorwegen, the Dutch state-owned railway. Apart from its London bus contracts, Abellio UK runs four rail franchises, Greater Anglia, Merseyrail, West Midlands Trains and East Midlands Railway. Completion of the buyout is subject to agreement with partners and to regulatory consent from the Office for Rail and Road.

Further to TLB 696, **HCT group** has ceased running buses after 26 August. Its TfL contracts were transferred to **Stagecoach from 27th** and Islington local service 812 was withdrawn. HCT operations in Bristol where it traded as Bristol Community Transport stopped running on 2 September with First taking over route m1 the following week. The West of England Combined Authority is looking for operators to take on other services. The company blamed the closure on the financial impact of the pandemic and increased fuel and labour costs. HCT (Hackney Community Transport) began in 1982 to provide services for community groups and local voluntary organisations. Its first TfL contract win was route 153 in 2001.

Scottish independent McGills has acquired First Scotland East. Four depots and 550 staff plus over 200 vehicles are involved. The Bright Bus Open Top operation in Edinburgh is included in the deal. First has faced direct competition from Lothian Country in recent years but Lothian Buses has just appointed a new Managing Director, so it will be interesting to see what transpires. McGills took over Explore Dundee from the National Express group in 2020. The company has also gone into partnership with FlixBus UK to provide coach services between Glasgow and Aberdeen via Stirling and Perth which started on 8 August.

Other General News

First Bus has ordered 193 electric buses from Wrightbus, in what it claims to be the largest single order for EV buses outside London. There will be 173 GB Kite Electroliner BEV single deckers and 20 Streetdeck Electroliner double deckers which will be allocated to Leeds, Leicester, Norwich, Portsmouth and York as a result of successful bids through the Governments ZEBRA scheme. Some of these orders were originally expected to be built by **Arrival** but that manufacturer has scaled down its plans to build buses in the UK and intends to produce just 20 vehicles this year – all battery electric vans.

Switch Mobility has announced a new generation carbon neutral electric bus aimed at the Indian export market. The AiV 22 is an air-conditioned high floor model which claims a range of 250 km in urban conditions. Switch already has already received an order for 200 from Mumbai.

Industrial action on the railways continues. Further rail strikes had been called for Thursday 15th and Saturday 17th September but these were cancelled. TSSA members plan to strike on Monday 26 September for 24 hours starting at midday and continuing into Tuesday. **Avanti West Coast** has incurred extra problems with services reduced due to a reported shortage of train drivers. Euston to Manchester services were cut from three trains per hour to one train per hour resulting in strong criticism from Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham.

There is a new sponsor for the cable car. From October the Emirates Air Line will be sponsored by technology company IFS for a two-year period. It will become known at the IFS Cloud Cable Car linking Cloud Greenwich Peninsular with Cloud Royal Docks. The one-way fare remains £5 in advance or £6 walk on.

The former London Transport Cardinal District Offices at 264 Northfield Avenue, Ealing (opposite Northfields station) is now a Best Western Hotel which opened on 27th May.

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

After a gap of a few months, another bumper list to report.

Routes 35/=, 40, 62, 64/=, 83/N83, 114, 145, 147, 213/=, 251, 265, 288, 294, 303, 340, 345/=, 366, 368, 377, 483, 533, 612, 685, E5, E7, H11, H14, H17, H18/19 and K4 from Tranches 830, 831, 832, 834, 836, 838, 841 and 842 were awarded. Note these were all from the 2023/24 tendering programme, apart from route 533 which only had a short-term extension granted until 15th Oct 2022. The rest start on 29th April 2023 (35/=, 40, 62, 145, 294, 345, 366, 368), 6th May 2023 (147), 27th May 2023 (E5, E7), 1st July 2023 (213/=, 265, K4), 8th July 2023 (377),
26th August 2023 (64/=, 612), 2nd September 2023 (114, 251, 288, 303, 340, 685, H11, H14, H17, H18/H19), 9th September 2023 (83/N83, 483).

All routes have been awarded on the basis of 7-year contracts, except route 533 has been awarded on the basis of a 2-year contract, extendable by 2 years and route 685 has been awarded on the basis of a 2-year contract.

35/N35 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles, (pvr 27 to 24).
40 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 18 to 16).
62 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing diesel double-deck vehicles (pvr 17 to 14).
64/= Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 21 to 17).
83/N83 Retained by Metroline Travel using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 20 to 19).
114 Retained by Metroline West using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 18 to 17).
145 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing mix of diesel and hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 17).
147 Retained by Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 21 to 20).
213/= Retained by Go-Ahead London General using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 16 to 14).
251 Awarded to Metroline Travel using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London Sovereign from Edgware (BT) garage (pvr 13 to 12).
265 Awarded to Go-Ahead London General using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London United from Tolworth (TV) garage (pvr 11 to 12).
288 Retained by London Sovereign using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 7).
294 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing diesel double-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
303 Retained by London Sovereign using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 8).
340 Awarded to London Sovereign using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Arriva London North from Palmers Green (AD) garage (pvr 9).
345/= Retained by Abellio London using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 24).
366 Awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Stagecoach East London from Barking (BK) garage (pvr 18).
368 Awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Arriva London North from Barking (DX) garage (pvr 10 to 8).
377 Retained by Arriva London North using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 3).
483 Retained by Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 21 to 20).
533 Awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing diesel single-deck vehicles. Currently oprated by Metroline Travel from Brentford (AH) garage (pvr 5).

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612 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 2).
685 Retained by Arriva London South using existing diesel double-deck vehicle (no pvr, operates PM only)
E5 Retained by Abellio using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
E7 Retained by Abellio using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 11).
H11 Retained by London Sovereign using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 7).
H14 Retained by London Sovereign using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 8 to 7).
H17 Awarded to Metroline Travel using existing diesel single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by London United from Park Royal (RP) garage (pvr 7).
H18/H19 Retained by London Sovereign using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 8).
K4 Retained by London United using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 4).

The rest of the 2022/23 tendering programme remains below; note that some of these await results of consultations

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

The rest of the 2023/24 tendering programme is now as follows:

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#832 (5/23)	E2, E8 (Metroline Travel)	--
#833 (6/23)	129 (GA London Central)	--
#834 (7/23)	643 (Metroline Travel)	--
#835 (7/23)	26/N26 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 86/N86 (S'ch East London)	--
#836 (7/23)	57/= (GA London General), 85/=, 216 (London United)	--
#837 (7-9/23)	53/N53, (S'ch Selkent), 417 (Arriva LS)	--
#839 (9/23)	203 (London United)	--
#839C (9/23)	72/N72 (London United)	--
#840 (9/23)	626 (Sullivan Buses), 634 (Metroline Travel)	--

The list from Tranches 843-871 remains as in TLB696.

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 9th July 2022: As in TLB696.
Saturday 16th July 2022: As in TLB 696.
Monday 18th July 2022 (Additional): As in TLB696.
Saturday 23rd July 2022: As in TLB696.
Saturday 30th July 2022: As in TLB696.

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

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, the extra PVR is only required on a Saturday, though.

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.

PVR Changes from 6th August 2022:

London United: 272 to 8/9/8/ #V271+, (temp until Dec 22), no change to E3 PVRs.

Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th August until 17th/18th December 2022:

108/= *(Go-Ahead London Central*-MG) (Stratford International & Lewisham Town Centre) From 24:00 to 08:00 each weekend, Blackwall Tunnel is closed for maintenance work. During this time, route 108 is split into two portions, Lewisham & North Greenwich and Stratford International to Blackwall then extended to Canning Town, Bus Station. This will provide connections with the Jubilee Line. Note that both sections will be operated by Morden Wharf (MG) garage, although the closure will be suspended on the 1st /2nd October (day of the London Marathon), and possibly on other dates when the normal service will operate.

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.

PVR Changes from 20th August 2022:

Arriva London North: no change to 243 PVRs; Metroline Travel: no change to W7, N7 PVRs.

Monday 22nd August 2022 to Wednesday 31st August: (additional):

T1 (Wimbledon Station & Waddon Marsh) Tramway replacement service operated by Abellio for engineering work, with no trams between Wimbledon and Therapia Lane during this period. Further tramway replacement work is planned from Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th October between Reeves Corner and East Croydon.

Saturday 27th August 2022:

From this date, Hackney Community Transport (Trading as CT Plus) transferred all their TfL contracts to Stagecoach East London. Routes 26, N26, 309, 388, 394, D6, W13, N550 and N551, based at Ash Grove (HK) garage and routes 20, 385, 397, W11, W12, W16 and W19, based at Walthamstow Avenue (AW) garage were thus novated to Stagecoach East London, based at the same garages.

Route 812 was withdrawn the day before. (*See also Special services, later.)*

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.

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

Saturday 27th August, continued:

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 WHV-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 HA-class AD E40H Enviro 400H City and not HV-class vehicles as previously reported. (Thanks to member Brian for spotting that!)

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. Previously operated by *Arriva London South* from Croydon (TC) garage using DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles.

320 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Catford, Thomas Lane & Biggin Hill Valley) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

410 *(Arriva London South*-TH) (Wallington, Shotfield & Crystal Palace) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

684 (Orpington Station & Biggin Hill, Charles Darwin School, SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *Stagecoach Selkent* using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead Metrobus* from Orpington (MB) garage using EN-class AD Trident Enviro400 diesel d/ds.

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 was proposed but was not introduced at this stage.

PVR Changes from 27th August 2022:

Abellio: no change to 130 PVRs;

Arriva London South: 612 to 2/-/- #TC151+, no change to 50, 194, 198, 250, 255, 410 PVRs, 264/= withdrawn.

Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: no change to 5, N15 PVRs; Go-Ahead Docklands: no change to 15, 115 PVRs; Go-Ahead London Central: no change to 42 PVRs;

Go-Ahead Metrobus: 119 to 14+(+2 ex 633)/15/12 #C131-142 (electric), #C331+ (hybrid);
264 to 11/11/9 #C31+, =264 to 3 every night #C831+, 633 to 2*/-/- *119 #C661+
no change to =119, 320 PVRs, 684 withdrawn.

London United: no change to 116 PVRs; Metroline West: no change to A10 PVRs;

Stagecoach Selkent: 684 to 2/-/- #TB511+.

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

The Notting Hill Carnival returned after a 3-year absence as a street festival since 2019. Roads were closed in Ladbroke Grove and Notting Hill areas, with routes diverted as necessary. Route **52** was split into 2 sections Victoria & Willesden Garage via Edgware Road and Notting Hill Gate & Victoria in both directions. Routes **18, 70, 94, and 148** were planned to have some enhancements, but none of these routes operated because of industrial action at London United. Routes **23 and 328** did get some enhancements mainly for reliability. Route **316** was double decked as in previous years.

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28/29th August (Notting Hill Carnival) continued:

Route **36X** *(Go-Ahead London Central*-NX) (Peckham & Harrow Road) operated 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 used 19 buses with running numbers #NX21+. As mentioned last month, route **2X** did not 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. Additional PVR of -/1/1 as #TC139 Sa, #TC135 Su, withdrawn.

Saturday 3rd September 2022: or first appropriate schoolday:

Routes 605, 628/688 and 653/683 (Sullivans) are extended to run until the end of the Autumn term for 2022 at least. Normal Daily schedules were reintroduced on E2. The temporary roadworks schedules on E8 were cancelled.

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.

111/= *(Abellio*-TF) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Revised Mon-Sat timetables for reliability.

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.

481 *(London United*-FW) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & West Middlesex Hospital) Revised timetable for Mon-Fri peak hours. In addition and temporarily until half-term, an additional 2 SDO journeys will operate in each peak, to and from Kingston to Turing House School, which relocated to a new site in Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road. (These are not in the latest working timetable, although 3 journeys are mentioned, the operator and school mention 2.)

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. Previously operated by *Stagecoach Selkent* from Bromley (TB) garage using AD E40D /E400 diesel double-decks.

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.

H28 *(Abellio*-GW) (Hayes, Bull's Bridge Tesco & Osterley, Tesco) Additional SDO jnys in each peak.

X68 *(Go-Ahead London Central*-Q) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Russell Square, Mon-Fri, Express) Revised timetable for reliability.

N155 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Aldwych & Morden Station) Fr-Sa Night frequency reduced from x15to x20 mins.__

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PVR Changes from 3rd September 2022:
Abellio: 111 to 27/22/17. H28 deferred.
Arriva London North: no change to 66 PVRs;
Arriva London South: 612 to 2/-/- #TC151+ (crosslink to 264 withdrawn); no change to 289 PVRs;
Go-Ahead London Central: no change to X68 PVRs;
Go-Ahead London General: 155 to 17/17/12 #SW211, crosslink from 93 withdrawn;
93 to 3/-/- #SW235+, no change to A allocation; N155 to 7 Su-Th/8 Fr-Sa # SW561+;
Go-Ahead Metrobus: 664 to 2/-/- #MB1+;
London United: no change to 481 PVRs, additional SDO temporary journeys as #FW606/607.
Metroline Travel: 533 to 6/6/6 #AH121+, no change to 90, E8 PVRs;
S'ch East London: no change to 667 PVRs; S'ch Selkent: no change to 314, 638 PVRs, 664 withdrawn.

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

Wednesday 7th September 2022:
92 (*Metroline West)* The revised routeing at Greenford (TLB696 p8) was adopted formally on this date.

Saturday 10th September 2022:
U7 *(Abellio*-DH) (Uxbridge Station & Hayes, Sainsbury's) Revised Saturday schedules for reliability.

Saturday 17th September 2022:
83 (*Metroline Travel*-PV) (Golders Green & Alperton Station) To operate from Metroline's new site at Athlon Road as an outstation from PV.
90 *(Metroline Travel*-AH) (Feltham, Leisure West & Northolt Station) Allocation change from Brentford (AH) to Perivale (PV) Garage.
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.
241 *(Stagecoach East London*-WH) (Stratford City, Bus Station & Prince Regent, Bus Station) Extended to Royal Wharf, as originally intended under the Elizabeth line changes (*see TLB693*), via Victoria Dock Road, Connaught Roundabout, Connaught Bridge, North Woolwich Road, to terminate in Royal Crest Avenue.
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. Previously operated by *Stagecoach East London* from Rainham (RM) garage using Scania N230UD OmniCity diesel double-deck vehicles.
H91 *(London United*-V) (Hounslow West Station & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Re-allocated to Hounslow Heath (WK) garage.

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.

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Sunday 2nd October 2022:

The London Marathon takes place on this day, so as usual, extensive diversions to routes in South-East, East London, City and West London from early morning until approx. 16:00 or when roads re-open progressively over the course. By the way, similar diversions also occurred for the "big-half" running event on Sunday 4th September which closed roads from Greenwich, Surrey Quays, Tower Bridge, The Highway and Canary Wharf.

Saturday 15th October 2022:

103 *(Arriva London North*-GY) (Rainham Station & North Romford, Chase Cross) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

149/= *(Arriva London North*-AR) (London Bridge Station & Edmonton Green Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing NRM-New Routemaster double-deck vehicles.

150 *(Arriva London North*-DX) (Becontree Heath, Leisure Centre & Chigwell Row, Gravel Lane) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

175 *(Arriva London North*-DX) (North Romford, Hillrise Estate & Dagenham, New Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

184 *(Go-Ahead London Central*-NP) (Turnpike Lane Station & Barnet, Chesterfield Road) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 mins to x10mins.

218 *(London Transit*-X) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Re-allocated from Westbourne Park (X) garage to Stamford Brook (V) garage, thus novated from London Transit to London United.

226 (Golders Green Stn & Ealing Broadway Stn) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to London United from Metroline West from this date. However, the transfer has been deferred to 7th January 2023.

228 *(London Transit*-X) (Maida Hill, The Chippenham & Central Middlesex Hospital) Re-allocated from Westbourne Park (X) garage to Park Royal (RP) garage, thus novated from London Transit to London United.

257 *(Stagecoach East London*-T) (Stratford, Bus Station &Walthamstow Central Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

533 (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Barnes, circular) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro200 single-deck vehicles from Putney (AF) garage. Currently operated by *Metroline Travel* from Brentford (AH) garage using DEL-class AD E20D Enviro 200 single-deck vehicles.

621 *(Stagecoach Selkent*-TL) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Avery Hill, Stationers' Crown Woods Academy, SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract using existing AD E40D Enviro 400 diesel double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 22nd October 2022:

22 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AF) (Putney Common & Oxford Circus) and

N22 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AF) (Fulwell, Stanley Road & Oxford Circus) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

220/= *(London United*-RP) (Harlesden, Willesden Junction & Wandsworth, Southside Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing ADE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel d/ds. .

353 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Forestdale, Courtwood Lane & Ramsden Estate, Rye Crescent) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing E/EN diesel and EH class AD Enviro 400H hybrid d/ds but with new Ee-class BYD Enviro400EV-City electric double-deck vehicles in due course.

359 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-C) (Purley, Downlands Precinct & Addington Village, Interchange) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

383 *(UNO*-HF) (Barnet, The Spires & Finchley Memorial Hospital, Mon-Sat except evenings) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

384 *(Metroline Travel*-PB) (Cockfosters Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DEM-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

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295/= (Ladbroke Grove, Sainsbury's & Clapham Junction, Falcon Road) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to London Transit using new BCE-class BYD D8UR AD Enviro 400EV electric double-deck vehicles from Westbourne Park (X) garage, in due course. Likely to be covered by OME-class MetroDecker MD1050EV initially. Awarded to London United so novated to London Transit. Currently operated by *Metroline West* from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage using VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.

339 *(Stagecoach Lea Interchange*-LI) (Leytonstone Station & Shadwell Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

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.

5th Nov 22: CE+2 on 370 (Arriva London North).
12th Nov 22: CR7 on 92 (Metroline West), CE+2 on 18/N18, 33/N33, 419 (London United).
3rd Dec 22: CR7 on 80, 93/=, 151, 154/=, 163, 164 (G-A London General), 297 (Metroline), 470 (London United to G-A London General).
10th Dec 22: CR7 on 155/N155 (G-A London General), 190 (Metroline Travel), CR on 159/= (Abellio London), 307/= (Metroline Travel to Arriva LN). CE+2 on 6/=, 98/N98 (Metroline Travel), 88/=, 170, (G-A London General) 355 (G-A Metrobus), 360 (G-A London Central).
7th Jan 23: CR7 on 142/642 (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel). CR7 on 226 (Metroline West to London United, a change deferred from 15th October 2022).
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).
26th Apr 23: CR7 on 35/N35, 40* (G-A London Central), CR7 on 62, 145, 294 (S'ch East London), CR7 on 345/= (Abellio), CR7 on 366* (S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle), CR7 on 368 (Arriva LN to G-A Blue Triangle).
6th May 23: CR7 on 147 (G-A Blue Triangle).
27th May 23: CR7 on E5*, E7* (Abellio).
1st July 23: CR7 on 213/=*(G-A London General), 265* (London United to G-A London General), CR7 on K4 (London United).
8th July 23: CR7 on 377* (Arriva LN).
26th Aug 23: CR7 on 64/=*, 612* (Arriva LS).
2nd Sep 23: CR7 on 114 (Metroline West), CR7 on 251* (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel), CR7 on 288, 303, H1, H14, H18/H19 (London Sovereign), CR7 on 340 (Arriva LN to London Sovereign), CR7 on H17 (London United to Metroline Travel), CR2 on 685 (Arriva LS)
9th Sep 23: CR7 on 83/N83*, 483 (Metroline Travel).

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OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

No sooner than the report of **HCT Group** revising their **812** service was published last month, it was announced that the route would be withdrawn after Friday 26th August. *(See also General & Industry news and also earlier route news).* The company blamed "rising fuel prices as well as the financial impact of the pandemic." Islington Council provided some financial support, so it remains to be seen what if any replacement materialises. As far as we know **Manchester Bus Tours Ltd** have yet to start their Routemaster 'tourist' service from Waterloo. (see TLB694).

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

General: A reminder again that finish dates are meant as a guide as road closures and diversions can over-run or change depending on the vagaries of the works required!

Central: From 13th August, some stopping arrangements were changed at Victoria Station with routes **11/N11, 211/= and C1** moving to pick up at Stop 'R' in Buckingham Palace Road instead of Stop 'G' in Victoria Street, routes **44/N44 and C10** moved to pick up at Stop 'G'. Route **185** joins routes **2/N2 and 36/=** in picking up at Terminus Place at Stop 'E' and route **52/=** now picks up at Stop 'A' in the bus station. Routes **13/=, 16/N16, 170 and C10** now set down at Stop 'E' in Terminus Place instead of Stop 'A' These moves provide common stopping points at last, although Stop "F" in Terminus Place remains 'disused' as building works continue at that location.

From 15th August to 5th September, owing to barrier works on Great Smith Street, Westminster, route **88/=** was diverted northbound via Horseferry Road, Millbank, Abingdon Street, Old Palace Yard, St Margaret Street and Parliament Square. Then from 6th to 26th September the diversion was reversed to run southbound.

From 22nd to 26th August, owing to water works in Shaftesbury Avenue, routes **14/=, 19/N19 and 38/N38** diverted eastbound via Coventry Street, Haymarket, Cockspur Street, Trafalgar Square and Charing Cross Road. Thanks to Colin for this report. From 1st September to 16th December owing to gas works, the westbound bus lane will be closed from Theobald's Road to Bloomsbury Way. Routes **19/N19, 38/N38, 55/N55 and N41** are diverted via Drake Street, Proctor Street, High Holborn and New Oxford Street.

South-East: From 8th August to 17th August, owing to electrical works in Watling Street, Dartford, route **96** was revised with 2 out of 3 buses diverted in both directions via Bluewater Parkway, St Clement's Way (north), London Road and The Brent. The remaining third of route 96 and route **428** were curtailed at Darent Valley Hospital. From 8th to 21st August, owing to gas works in Elsa Road, Welling, route **B15** was diverted in both directions via Brampton Road, Crook Log, Park View and Welling High Street. From 15th to 21st August, owing to water works in Sheepbarn Lane, New Addington, route **464** was diverted in both directions via Main Road, Leaves Green Road, Westerham Road, Heathfield Road, West Common Road, Baston Manor Road (towards New Addington only), Croydon Road, Glebe Way (towards Tatsfield only), Addington Road, Addington Village Road, Kent Gate Way, Lodge Lane and King Henry's Drive.

From 30th August to 30th September, owing to utility works in Millennium Way, North Greenwich, routes **108/= and 188/=** are diverted towards Stratford or Russell Square via Millennium Way (north), with a double run from Edmund Halley Way to the roundabout. From 30th August to 9th September, from 08:00 to 17:00, Mon-Fri, owing to road works on Brenchley Gardens, Honor Oak, route **P12** was diverted in both directions via Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye (west and east arms; also East Dulwich Road towards Brockley Rise), Cheltenham Road and Ivydale Road.

South: From 8th to 18th August, between 08:00 and 18:00, Links Avenue and Hillcross Avenue, Morden were closed for resurfacing. Routes **163 and 293** were diverted in both directions via Tudor Drive, Epsom Road and London Road. Thanks to Steve for this report. From 15th to 26th August, The Broadway, Wimbledon was closed for electrical works. Routes **57/=, 93/=, 131 and 219** were diverted southbound via Gladstone Road, Sir Cyril Black Way, Hartfield Road and Kingston Road. Thanks to Martin for the report. From 3rd September until May 2023, owing to roadworks, route **G1** will omit the double run to Springfield Hospital, Wandsworth, and will run direct via Burntwood Lane.

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South-West: The pipeline works affecting route **117** (see TLBs 691/693/694!) are now scheduled to finish on 8th September, rather than the end of the year. Nearby, the problematical vegetation has meant that the diversion at Ashford Station for route **216** (see TLB695) continued until 28th August. From 18th to 23rd August, owing to water works route **K3** omitted the Claygate loop being diverted to run direct between Oaken Lane and Hare Lane. From 30th August to 5th November, owing to gas works in Rugby Road, Twickenham Stadium, route **481** is diverted northbound via Whitton Road, Chertsey Road and London Road. Also from 28th August, route **71** was diverted southbound via Leatherhead Road owing to sewer works in Stokesby Road, Chessington, but only seems to be a short-term event. Thanks to Graham for both reports.

West: From 16th August to 5th September, owing to works in Great West Quarter bus stand, route **235** is curtailed to Brentford, Half Acre. From 9th August to 23rd August, Church Road, Yiewsley was being resurfaced. This meant that route **U1**, already displaced from West Drayton Station forecourt (which remains closed), further diverted via Horton Road to the roundabout with Stockley Road and back to stand at stop D. Thanks for local member Chris for the update. From 27th August to 27th October, various stops and stands are closed or amalgamated in Uxbridge Bus Station as part of a trial to improve road safety. Route **U1** is diverted to operate direct via Belmont Road. This may become permanent later.

North: Following a major water main burst, Tollington Road, Holloway was closed from 8th to 17th August. Routes **29/N29, 253/N253, 259 and N279** were diverted southbound via Blackstock Road, Highbury Park, Highbury Grove, St Paul's Road and Holloway Road. Route **91/N91** was diverted via Hazelville Road, St John's Way and Holloway Road. Route **4** ran direct from Highbury Corner to the Nag's Head direct via Holloway Road, not serving Finsbury Park. Route **153** was curtailed at Holloway, Nag's Head and route **254** was curtailed at Manor House.

North-East: From 4th August to 3rd September, owing to water works in Victoria Road, Buckhurst Hill, route **167** was diverted in both directions direct between Loughton Way and Roding Lane. Route **549** ran direct via Palmerston Road. From 30th August to 18th September, owing to water works in Essex Road South, Leytonstone routes **W15 and W19** were diverted in both directions between Whipps Cross Hospital and Leytonstone Station via James Lane, Whipps Cross Road, High Road Leytonstone, Gainsborough Road and Grove Green Road.

East: From 8th August to 2nd September, owing to sewer works in Viking Way, Rainham, routes **165 and 287** were diverted in both directions via New Road and Bridge Road instead of Upminster Road South. From 30th August to 18th September, owing to water works in Appleby Road, Canning Town, routes **147 and 474/=** were diverted northbound via Tarling Road and Victoria Dock Road. From 30th August to 25th November, routes **EL1/= and EL3** (sdo) are diverted at Barking Riverside Station via River Road and 'Primary Access Road'(?) to Fielders Crescent. I suspect this may be to do with re-aligning the carriageway at Riverside Station to provide a bus station, but any comments or observations welcome!

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Monday 1st August:

81 *(NIBS)* (Brentwood & Hutton, M-S) Revised timetable with the M-F only projections from Brentwood to Warley withdrawn. Thus it now runs M-S Brentwood Station & Hutton.

Tuesday 30th August:

61 *(Vectare)* (Blackmore & Brentwood High Street, M-S) Revised timetable. Certain journeys on to Brentwood Station are 61A or 61C. The 'live positioning journeys (as 62) between Edney Common and Blackmore are back-projected from (am) or to (pm) Chelmsford.

Tuesday 6th September:

35 *(First Essex)* (Debden Bdy & Chelmsford, Tues) Since 19th April, between Ongar and Chelmsford it had run via Kelvedon Hatch and Mountnesing but from 6th September there was a timetable revision (08:40 out, 13:20 back) and it reverted to running via the A414 and Cooksmill Green.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Monday 5th September (additional to TLB696)

R77 *(Reg's Coaches)* (Datchworth & Ware, Chauncey School, SDO) Withdrawn.

390 *(Arriva KT)* (Stevenage & Ware, M-S) The 07:00 (SDO) from Stevenage to Ware to run earlier to assist pupils for Presdales School who are displaced from the R77.

842 *(South Mimms Travel)* (Hatfield & Chancellors School, SDO) Altered to a closed school contract.

Sunday 25th September (ONLY):

Once again *Red Rose* will operate two commercial specials to Redbourn Showground for the Showbus rally. The 1S from Hemel Hempstead (hourly) and the S99 from St Albans City Station (half-hourly, first bus at 10:30) with some journeys via Abbey Station. Arriva commercial service SX from Luton Parkway Station (Gypsy Lane) approx hourly (first bus at 10:22) via Luton Interchange, Busway and Dunstable Asda. See the Showbus website for full timetables.

Saturday 1st October:

391 *(Centrebus)* New route, Saturdays only: Stevenage & Weston via Todd's Green and Graveley.

Sunday 2nd October:

80 *(Centrebus)* (Westmill Estate & Stevenage via Hitchin, Ninesprings Way and the Wymondleys, M-S) Withdrawn between Westmill and Hitchin Town Centre. Status altered from part HertsCC and part commercial/ de-mimimus to an sll-HertsCC contract.

81/81A *(Centrebus)* (Westmill Estate & Purwell Lane via Hitchin M-S) No change to route but status altered from part HertsCC and part commercial/ de-mimimus to an all-HertsCC contract.

200/1/3/4/6, 215/6, 230, 312 (Hatfield/ Welwyn shoppers) from *Chiltern Automotive* to *Centrebus*.

242 (Welwyn Garden City & Waltham Cross via Hatfield and Potters Bar, Sundays) HertsCC contract transferred from *Uno* to *Arriva KT*. No change to current timetable.

401 *(Arriva KT)* (Welwyn Garden City Bus Station & Panshanger circular, M-S) A Sunday and P/Hol service added on HertsCC contract.

404/405 (Welwyn Garden City & South Hatfield, Sundays) HertsCC contract transferred from *Uno* to *Arriva KT*. No change to current timetable.

----- *Country Route Devts. Herts & Beds* ----------

Sunday 30th October:

9A/9B (*Stagecoach East)* (Hitchin & Bedford) Revised (and enhanced) timetable.

SB1 *(Arriva KT)* (Stevenage & Chells Manor, Daily, on to Poplars M-S) Extended M-S in Poplars from Sainsbury's via Gresley Way to Woodcock Road. Revised timetable.

SB2/3/4/5/7 and SB40/50 (*Arriva KT)* (Stevenage Town) Minor timetable changes.

8 (*Arriva KT) (*Watford & Mount Vernon, Daily) Withdrawn – see 508 below.

55 *(Arriva KT)* (Stevenage & Letchworth. Grange Estate, Daily) Timetable change for reliability.

97 (*Arriva KT*) (Hitchin & Stotfold via Letchworth, Daily) and

98 *(Arriva KT)* (Hitchin & Baldock via Letchworth, Daily) Most Mon-Sat journeys diverted via Purwell Lane Estate in Hitchin, these journeys renumbered 97A or 98A.

302 (*Arriva KT)* (Hemel Hempstead & Welwyn Garden City, M-S) Minor timetable change.

500 (*Arriva KT and AtS)* (Aylesbury & Watford) Withdrawn between Hemel and Watford (see 508). This means that the entire 500 service will be with AtS rather than AtS &AKT.

508 (*Arriva KT)* New route Daily: Hemel Hempstead & Watford (replaeing part of the 500) and on via South Oxhey and Northwood to Mount Vernon Hospital (replacing the 8).

The 8/500/508 changes perpetuate the vehicle interworking between 500 and 8 (now 508 and 8).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE

Sunday 4th September:Aylesbury area

2 *(Redline*) (Aylesbury & Quarrendon, Daily) Re-routed via Haydon Hill once again.

4 (*Redline*) (Aylesbury & Berryfields, Daily) In Mon-Fri peaks rerouted via Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station. Mon-Sat increased from x20 to x15min; still x30 on Suns.

9 *(AtS)(* Aylesbury Bus Stn & Stoke Mandeville Hospital) Mon-Sat from x10 to x15min, Suns x30. Now terminates at SMH at the Main Gate at all times every day but on Mon-Sat 09:00 to 15:00 getting there via the Ambulance Station.

10 *(Red Rose)* (Aylesbury Bus Stn & Hawkslade, M-S) M-F from x30 to x15min, Sat x30 to x20.

17 *(Red Rose)* (Aylesbury & Bicester, M-S) On M-F the gaps in service are replaced by a regular hourly service. On Sats increased from irregular to hourly.

50 (*Red Rose)* (Aylesbury & RAF Halton, Daily) Sats from x30 to x60min. No change M-F and Sun).

100 (*Red Rose)* (Aylesbury & Milton Keynes, M-S) One minor timing adjustment.

130 (*Redline)* (Aylesbury & High Wycombe, Daily) Minor timing changes in M-F peaks. The morning journey to Marlow Hill School rerouted via Butlers Cross; the afternoon already serves it.

651 (*Red Rose)* This is a duplicate bus to the 650 and mostly has not run. Now officially withdrawn.

814 (*Redline*) New SDO route: Monks Risborough via Princes Risborough, Lacey Green, Naphill, Hughenden Valley, Great Kingshill, Hazlemere, Terriers, Royal Grammar School and on to High Wycombe, Marlow Hill Schools.

High Wycombe area:

1/1A, 36/36B/36S, 39/39A, 103 as in TLB696.

37/37A/37B As in TLB696, except that the 37B variant (Wycombe & Bourne End via Kingsmead Road, Mon-Sat hourly) is renumbered **35**.

5 (*Carousel)* Now commences at Bus Station then via Downley to William Ramsay School.

30, 31, 32, 33, 41, 48 (*AtS)* (High Wycombe locals) Now that new timetables are available, in fact there is no change to basic frequencies although there are minor tweaks to timetables. For the record, 30- M-Sx30, Sunx60; 31- M-S and Sunx60; 32- M-Sx20, Sunx30; 33- M-Fx15, Satx20, Sunx30; 41- M-S x60, Sun nil; 48- M-S x70, Sun nil.

30 and 300 *(AtS)* In High Wycombe a minor re-route after 19:30 via Arch Way instead of Frogmoor, this being due to badly (and illegally) parked cars in the evenings.

800/850 *(AtS*) (High Wycombe & Reading) Likewise, no change to basic frequencies although there are minor isolated tweaks to timetables. One additional SDO journey (as X80) runs non-stop from Wycombe (07:30) via the Marlow by-pass to resume route at Marlow (Little Marlow Road) and then as normal to Henley (return 16:30).

----- *Country Route Devts, Bucks & Berks* - ----------

Monday 19th September:

5 *(Star Travel)* (Aylesbury & Haydon Hill and Quarrendon circular, Daily) The entire daytime service withdrawn; it was M-S x15, Sun x30. All that remains are Mon-Sat evening journeys for BucksCC. Other than these, all that is left in Aylesbury by Star Travel are two late evening M-S journeys on the 9 *(otherwise AtS)* between Bus Station and Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

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

18 (Merrow Bushy Hill & Onslow Village Guildford, M-S) From *Safeguard* to *Compass Bus*.

23, 24, 25, 32(M-S), 42, 45 *(Compass Bus)* Minor timetable tweaks to aid reliability.

261 *(Compass Bus)* (Uckfield & East Grinstead) Minor timing change to suit Sackville School times.

461 (Kingston & St Peter's Hospital, Daily) The M-S evening and Sunday services from *Diamond Bus* to *Falcon Coaches*. The main Mon-Sat daytime service is already with Falcon.

663 (Walton & Esher High School via Hersham SDO) From *London United* to *Diamond Bus*.

Thursday 1st September:

83 (Connaught Park & Collingwood School via Bagshot, SDO) From *S'coach South* to *Diamond Bus*.

84 (Hermitage Estate & Collingwood School via Bisley, SDO) From *Stagecoach South to Cardinal Buses*.

87 (Chobham & Collingwood School via Lightwater, SDO) From *Stagecoach South* to *Diamond Bus*.

236 *(Southdown PSV)* (Oxted & East Grinstead, M-F) Minor timing changes. The SDO buses on 236 between Edenbridge, Fircroft Way and East Grinstead renumbered 646 (see below)

409 *(Southdown PSV)* (East Grinstead & Selsdon, M-S or Lingfield & Warlingham, Suns) Minor timing change on SDO to suit Sackville School times.

646 (*Southdown PSV)* New SDO route: Edenbridge, Fircroft Way & East Grinstead Town Centre and Sackville School via Dormansland, Lingfield and Felcourt.

Friday 2nd September:

440 *(White Bus)* New service between Windsor, Theatre Royal and Staines, Bus Station via Hospital, Old Windsor, Englefield Green and Egham. Mon-Fri daytime offpeak, three journeys each way. This appears to be a livening of some garage and driver changeover runs, WBS has routes 438, 441, 446, 500, 566/567 based on Staines.

Monday 5th September:

503 (*Stagecoach South)* (Hambledon & Guildford via Godalming, Mon/Wed/Fri) Call at Blackheath withdrawn but a stop added at Chilworth Station. At Shalford the deviation to Tillingbourne Road withdrawn although the main road stop at Shalford Station is close by instead.

Sunday 23rd October:

RA2 (*First Berkshire)* (Guildford via Woking to Heathrow, Daily) Revised timetable for reliability. Also one extra stop at Mayford.

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

North and west KENT

Monday 1st August:

1, 2, 5, 6, 8 *(Go Coach)* (Sevenoaks & (respectively) Westerham/ Swanley/ Tonbridge/ Kemsing/ Town Circular) Revised timetables with reduced frequencies on 1 and 6.

Thursday 1st September:

School bus revisions (*Go Coach)*: Withdrawal of SDO routes (effectively after end of term on 22nd July) 237, 631 (replaced by a closed-door school contract), D29W, S1, S7 (but see below), S8, S13, T3, T13. TW1, TW4, TW7, TW8, TW10/11/12.

Revised timetables apply on 208, D13 (withdrawn between Meopham and West Kingsdown), S4, S5 (to start at Hildenborough and run via London Road in Sevenoaks), S7 (new registration between Westerham *Hartley Road* and Sevenoaks *Wildernesse School*, no longer serving Chipstead), S10 (extended from Wilmington to Hawley Garden Centre), S11 (now Hawley via West Kingsdown, Borough Green to Sevenoaks Schools), S31 and S32 (both within the London Borough of Bromley), TW3, TW6, and new schoolday S34 will run between Knockholt and Sevenoaks schools via Halstead and Dunton Green, partly replacing S8. Some of these details replace earlier intentions, and S41 (Edenbridge & Sevenoaks) will now stay until at least October.

School buses *(1st Bus Stop):* The timetables of 111 and Vigo1 are amended from 1st September 2022, and 311 is de-registered from 2nd September 2022.

I acknowledge the M&DEKBC's Invicta magazine for Go Coach and 1st Bus Stop items above.

Sunday 2nd October:

414 (*Arriva KT)* (Dartford & South Darenth, M-S) Minor timetable changes on non-schooldays.

423 *(Arriva KT)* (Dartford & New Ash Green, M-S) Withdrawn. A replacement may be found.

477 (*Arriva KT)* (Dartford & Orpington, M-S) After the drastic cuts of 17th April, when it was withdrawn from Bluewater and lost its KentCC late evening and Sunday services, this time the daytime Mon-Sat through service is further reduced from x40 to x60min.

481 *(Arriva KT)* (Riverview Park & Bluewater, Daily) Withdrawn between Gravesend and Bluewater, other than schoolday journeys for west Gravesend schools, The residual service between Gravesend and Riverview Park reduced from x30 to x60 M-S. Already x60 Suns.

483 (*Arriva KT)* (Kings Farm & Bluewater, Daily) Diverted between Springhead Park and Bluewater diverted via the Swanscombe area over the former route of 481. All Daily journeys to serve Morrison's at Durndale Farm.

489 (*Arriva KT)* (Gravesend & New Ash Green, Daily) Diverted via Nelson Road, Haynes Road, Dene Holm Road at Coldharbour to replace withdrawal of that service on the 481.

497 *(Arriva KT)* (Dartford & Gravesend schools, SDO) Duplicate buses withdrawn.

Further proposals

KentCC had proposed withdrawal of 474/475 (Go Coach) plus the Sunday service on 433/489 (AKT). A date of 30th October had been mentioned but further discussions are now to takes place and a decision is now in the future.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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HCT Group and Islington Council issued **"Route 812 Community Bus"**, a single sided A5 sheet confirming the withdrawal of the route after 26 August. Illustrated with one of the regular vehicles used on the route, MX67GYD, it includes contact details at Islington Council for those who are concerned that the withdrawal will have a negative impact on their health and wellbeing. It is accompanied by a double sided A4 letter outlining the reasons for the withdrawal in more detail.

Two more historical maps from Mike Harris have had the 'Second Edition' treatment, being reprinted with new information that has come to light since their original publication nearly twenty years ago. Valid from 18 December 1940 **is "The 1940 Greater London Bus Map"** whilst **"The 1964 Greater London Bus Map"** is valid from 19 July of that year. Both are priced at only £4 and can be ordered from LOTS Postal Sales or direct from Mike's www.shop.busmap.co.uk.

Tours to parts of the London Underground normally outside of the public realm are outlined in **"Unlock London's secrets"**, a four-page slimline promoting in person and virtual tours in the 'Hidden London' series. The cover features a couple gazing into a long dark tunnel, whilst both historic and contemporary illustrations accompany the main narrative. Undated, it does however, reference 'Hidden London: The Exhibition' showing at the London Transport Museum 'until summer 2023.'

A 5D ticket (that's 5 pence is pre-decimal currency) for one dog from 'Hanger Lane to any station within limits named on back hereof' is the illustration chosen for **"A gift left to the Museum in your will – just the ticket."** It is a double-sided bookmark with the ticket illustrated on both sides, with one side also containing a website address for those considering leaving a legacy to the London Transport Museum.

"Seaside Service" is a single sided A6 sheet from Ensignbus providing a timetable for open top route 68 in Southend. It is valid daily from 16 July until 4 September and then weekends until 25 September.

Vectare have published **"North West Essex"**, a thirty-six page slimline book for their routes in the area, including route 30 which lays claim to being the shortest bus route in the country. Valid from 19 April 2022 it offers a full network map laid out in diagrammatic form, whilst each timetable is accompanied by a geographical map. Passengers between Waltham Cross and Waltham Abbey are provided with 'Combination Timetables' to save having to consult three separate timetables. The book also contains fare tables for adult and 'under 19' fares plus details of Intalink and Essex Saver tickets. This is an impressive book from a relatively small operator, setting a very high standard which certain other operators could easily aspire to. Previously unreported from this operator is **"Service 13 (incl. 13A, S13)"** providing timetable and fare table on two single sided A4 sheets valid from 1st September 2020.

Changes from 29 August can be found in **"bus times Flitwick Ampthill Shefford Biggleswade"**, a sixteen page A5 book from Grant Palmer. Included within are timetable and map for each route (no map for route 68), including the 42 and 74 which just reach the LOTS area.

Sullivan Buses have issued an updated version of **"Services 84 398"** a twenty-page slimline book valid from 27 August to incorporate tweaks to the weekday timetable. Minor adjustments to the B3 timetable from the same date has led to a new issue of **"Services 306 B3"** with sixteen slimline pages. Both books are in the same format as the 2 April editions reviewed in TLB693.

---- *Publicity news* ----

'High Wycombe to Beaconsfield up to every 15 mins!' is promoted on the front of Carousel's **"Chiltern Hundreds"** valid from 4 September. The twenty-four page slimline book has timetables for 101/102, 103, 104 and 106/107 plus a simple network diagram. Streetlite 407 on route 102 provides a cover illustration. Valid from the same date is **"39"**, a double sided slimline which no longer includes the school day only 39A variant that has been withdrawn. Scania Omnidekka 241 is pictured on the cover.

A trio of items updated from 24 July have appeared from Reading Buses. **"London or Heathrow Airport Slough Windsor Legoland"** is a forty page slimline book retaining the same Greenline style used in the previous edition reviewed in TLB686, providing timetables and fares information for routes 702 and 703. A photo of The Bull features on the cover of **"your buses for Bracknell"**, a forty-two page slimline book giving times for all Thames Valley services in the town, including the aforementioned 702 and 703. A map shows bus stops in the town centre, including the routes serving each bay in the bus station. The rear cover unfolds to show a colour coded network map for the 'simply Bracknell & Wokingham fare zone'. The Royal Standard flying on Windsor Castle viewed from the town's Peascod Street is the illustration selected for **"your buses for Slough & Windsor"** which has thirty-two slimline pages. Windsor (but not Slough) has a town centre bus stop map whilst the rear cover again unfolds to show a colour coded network map in the 'simply Slough & Windsor fare zone'.

Published for the first time in over two years is Compass Bus **'Travel Times'** dated 1st June 2022. The cover of the fifty-eight page A5 book has a fine photo of Enviro 200 MMC YX21RTU on route 67 to Glenwood. Internally it starts with a 'Welcome' and school dates information inside the front cover, whilst the rear cover gives information on Sainsbury's stores served by Compass Bus in Chichester, Crawley, Bognor Regis and Rustington which also refers to 'a leaflet in store' offering bus times (further reports welcome). The remainder of the book covers the full network of routes including several which serve the LOTS area.

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:

The football World Cup due to be held later this year in Qatar has been heralded by three all-over adverts in London. The two main ones are similar but different(!), one for Qatar 2022 and one for World Cup 2022. The third features La'eeb (an Arabic name), the mascot for the tournament.

On National Rail strike day Friday 19 August, Ensignbus provided extra buses in London on routes 8 (x2), 30 (x1) and 55 (x2) and two Sullivans buses were on the 259. There may well have been more but that was all that was reported.

Imberbus on Saturday 20 August attracted quite a lot of visiting buses; these were reported: Abellio LT 39; Metroline LT 97; Stagecoach 12334 (Platinum Jubilee) and 12345 (Selkent Ambassador); Go-Ahead EP 1; Ensignbus M 1, RM 54 and RML 2734; London Bus Co RT 3435; RTW 467; Go-Ahead RM 9 , RM, 597, 1005, 1357 (London Bus 4Hire), 1400, 1978 (Bath Bus Co); RMC 1464 (Arriva open-top), 1510; RML 880 (LU), 2318 (Go-Ahead open-top), 2699 (Go Coach), 2734. 2735, the BBPG's Capital Cityhus 250 (J135 PVC) and Morebus (Go South Coast) Volvo B5TL1710. Additionally, RF 537 (LT Museum) was parked at Imber and BEA RMA KGJ 602D at Gore Cross but neither was in service. Royal Blue Bristol LS coach MOD 973 and Midland Red C5 Coach 780 GHA were visiting.

The annual Amersham Heritage Day on 4th September had three free bus routes radiating from Old Amersham: 336 to the Chalfonts, 353 to New Amersham and 362 to Chesham Broadway. Buses in use included: RM 848, 1962; RML 2412, 2440, 2456, 2735: RMC 1461 (LBM) and DMS 1 (LTM).

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

The last few MetroCitys duly arrived and went into service on route 322. However by mid-August there were only three or four in use on any one day, this being due to driver training taking some time.

As we closed for press on 10th September, MetroCity 1006 and E400EV 3430 were the last of their classes to await commencement to service on routes 322 and U5.

The first Electroliner 3001 has been here for a few months as already recorded in TLBs but the main batch is due about now. Regs for 3001-30 are:

LV72 BYT/U/W/X/Y/Z, BZA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/W/X/Y, CAA/E.

Delivery is due throughout September and October but until they are in service the LTs continue. The power supplyat TF is expected during November.

More repaints include LT 29, 32, 36, 37, 39; LT 164, 8219 and 2448.

New deliveries: Missing detail for 1001-11: B20F, ULW 7740kg.
Electoliner 3002 had been delivered by end of August and 3004 came in early September.

Transfers:
(November 2021): 8570 WS/TF.
(July): 8524, 8570, 8583-91 TF/GW (with route H28, TLB695 p9).
(August): 3002 --/TFu. (September): 3004 --/TFu.

Livery changes:
LT 156 to advert for Boss.
LT 159 from advert for Pratt & Whitney back to red.
LT 692 to advert for Kurt Geiger.
LT 704 from advert for Disney West End to one for Tu Clothing.
LT 705 to advert for La'eeb. (LT 603 in TLB696 should read La'eeb).

Disposals: LT 88-94 to Arriva London (late August/ early September).

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

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.

An order has been placed for 16 new Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliners for route 307 (pvr 14) (Brimsdown & Barnet Hospital) which is coming here from Metroline. The contract start date is 10th December, probably initially with existing fleet buses.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include DW 543, 548, 550; HV 98*, 100, 104, 115, 116, 169, 173, 182, 188; T 74, 77, 79, 319, 315, 319 and EMC 3, 4. (*HV 98 now bears an allover advert).

LT 490, off since 26th December 2021, was back in use on 10th August. On 24th August at 21:40 T 322, when coming off duty on route 229 back to Dartford garage went under the low bridge in Overy Street, Dartford, instead of the correct route on Hythe Street, and was completely de-roofed.

17 LT haver been gathered at Grays over the turn of August/ September, prior to the assumption from Stagecoach of route 248 (pvr 15) from 24th September. I have shown all the 248 transfers in August although a handful took the first days of September to make it to Grays.

HT 9 was fairly rare on the 417 on 29th August.

Acquired by Arriva London (late August/ early September).
LT 88-94 from Abelllo; LT 136-142 from RATP-DEV.
Returned to Arriva London: T 23 from ASC-NFt.
(June): DW 407 AR/ARu. LT 490 ARu/AR.
(July): Ref..TLB696 p21 ENX 30 stayed at DT (not moved to TH).
(August): HA 19 AE/TH. LT 176, 178 E/GY. LT 177 Eu/GY. LT 88-94, 136-142 --/GY.
LT 187, 199 AR/E. LT 742, 743 BN/CT. T 23 ASC-NF/ECt. T 277 WN/N. T 322 DT/DTu.
(September): HV 58 WN/BN. LT 969 N/BN.

Livery changes:
HA 44 from advert for Calilujah back to red.
HV 98, HV 332, HV 403 to advert for Qatar 2022.
HV 243 and HV 350 from advert for Let's do London back to red.
HV 277 to advert for La'eeb
HV 325 to advert for Cleaner Air.
LT 215 had been reported as an advert for World Cup 2022 (It wasn't).
LT 222 to advert for Kraken.
LT 468 from advert for Jack Daniels Apple back to red.
LT 477 from advert for Pratt & Whitney back to red.
LT 489 to advert for IHG Hotels.
LT 498 to advert for Kraken.
LT 515 from advert for Wizz Air back to red.,
LT 523 from advert for Paramount Halo to one for Boss.
LT 534 to advert for Qatar 2022.
LT 538 from advert for Oppo Find X5 to one for Tu Clothing.
LT 584 from advert for Oppo Find X5 back to red.
LT 592 to advert for Gray Man.
LT 726 from advert for Right Guard to one for World Cup 2022.
LT 733 from advert for Disney West End to one for Kurt Geiger.
LT 739 and LT 972 from adverts for Pratt & Whitneack to red.
LT 969 to advert for LOTR Rings of Power.

Disposals:
HV 4 written off from the company after a fire on 17th June 2022.
T 64 to Arriva the Shires (August).

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

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

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

Part 1: North West Kent (NF, AKT licence)
Out of area: 6205 (NF) now at TW.
Transfer: 4037 NFu/NF. Disposal: T 23 returned to Arriva London.

Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex (HA, HH, SV, WA and WE garages (all A-KT licence).
Versa 4181 (WE) was loaned at Harlow and used on town routes on 3rd and 4th August.
Into lighter blue livery: 4187.
Sprinter 1019 is now used on short journeys of route 390 Stevenage to Aston.

Into this area (from MK): 3872 MX12 KXB VDL SB200 – Wrightbus B44F.
Out of area: 3795 (MX12 KWS) to AtS Milton Keynes where it has been renumbered 3879. This now clashes with the SB200 3879 already at SV, although.SV and MK buses are technically in the fleet series of ASC or AtS (respectively).

Transfers:
(August): 1019 WE/SV. 1612 WEu/WE. 3754/55/57 HHu/MKw. 3795 SV/MK(now 3879).
3872 MK/SV (now renumbered 3871). 4181 WEu/WE,
(September): 4242, 4243 WE/HH. 6461, 6523 HH/WE.

Out of area: 3879 (was 3795 in area 3) SV/MK T941 HAt /LDt.

Part 3: Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire (AY, LD and WB garages, on AtS licence)
Into the lighter blue: 2325, 2326, 3023, 4401. (Correction: 3020 had not yet been done).
E400 5459 (AY) has been named 'Ellen White', a member of the Women's Football team in the European Cup Final; she was born and grew up in Aylesbury.

Into this area (from MK):
4210/11/12/17 (FJ58 KXH/K/L/R) Volvo B9TL – Wright Eclipse Gemini H43/27F – 2009.
Into this area (from Area 2): T941 HAt/LDt.
Out of area (to MK): SB200s 3729 and 3796/7/8.

Transfers (August):
3011/21/23/32 WB/AY. 3640 AY/AYu. 3729, 3796/7/8, AY/MK. 3812 AY/WB. 3914 WBu/WB.
4210/11/12/17 MK/WB. London T 64 at AYt. T941 HAt/LDt. T942 LDt/LDw.

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

Acquired (August) vis Ensign Bus and formerly with UNO, Hatfield (203/4/5):
UH55 UNO, UJ55 UNO, UL55 UNO Scania N94UD- East Lancs OmniDekka 10.6m H47/33F.

CARDINAL BUSES, New Haw, Surrey

Acquired (August) via Ensign Bus, formerly Metroline TE 889:
LK08 NVD AD Trident – AD Enviro400 10.1m H41/26D – 2008.

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

The Citaros 856-9 branded for the "Red One" have been replaced (nominally anyway) on routes 1/1A/1B (Wycombe & Chesham, etc) by double-decks formerly on the 36-group (now with Arriva).

Sprinters 972-976 (BU18 YRO/P/R/S/T) are the dedicated PMU (Pick-me-up) buses, so branded on a dark blue livery and due to start on Monday 19th September on a new DRT operation in High Wycombe; these buses had been on the failed DRT in Oxford. Sprinters 977-80 remain in Carousel red.

Correction to Fleetbook: Citaro 869 reg is KF57 (not JF57) OXF.
407 has been repainted from blue P&R to the normal red.

Disposals:
Citaros 856 and 859 within group to Thames Travel.
Citaros 857 and 858 gone for scrap.
Gemini-DL 938 and Volvo B7TL 940 within group to Thames Travel.

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

The eight acquired E200s in TLB695 are now all in the red and blue livery. The Scania double-decks remain on routes 410 and 420; YP59 OES was unusual on the 505 on Saturday 13th August.

Acquired (August): via Ensign Bus, formerly with McNairns Coaches, Coatbridge, North Lanarkshire. The 'XEL' regs were inherited from when with an earlier operator, Xelabus, Eastleigh/
L8 XEL, L9 XEL (formerly CN11 FBC, FBD)
AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F – 2011.

COBRA CORPORATE, Isleworth

For several years this firm has run staff shuttles from Sky's premises to Osterley, Gunnersbury and Ealing Broadway stations. The fleet has now been upgraded to new electric buses:
LG22 BNO/U/V/X/Y/Z, BOF/H BYD D8UR/ AD B31F.

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

On Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th August a series of open-top journeys ran over part of route 22 (Aveley Usk Road & Grays via Lakeside and West Thurrock).

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

E20Ds YX22 UJP, UJR, ULP carry route 461 branding but an additional script reads: "early to late 7 days a week." :
Disposal: E20D YX18 KYW off lease (August).

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON

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

Some EHVs drifted back to Merton from 8th August. These were meant to relieve problems on route 200 but soon wandered to other routes– including the 44, 57, 131, 163, 280.

The two VHPs at Peckham last ran in June; both have issues with the hybrid system and have been parked up at the garage ever since.

Recent repaints/ refurbs reported include LT 42, 46, 47, 189; WHV 80; SE 249, 253, 254, 255; WS 60 and E200 161.

On 18th August WVL 492 (RR) was on route 212 (loaned to NP).

The batch EH 226-237 is now at Croydon (C) to cover route 264, assumed from Arriva from 27th August. In due course, electric Ee class buses are due at Croydon for the 264 (and 119). Registrations are for Ee 70-93: LG72 DNO/U/V/X/Y, DOA/H/J/U, DPE/F/K/N/O/U/V/X/Y/Z, DRO/V/X/Z, DSE. Note that the total ordered is 24 while route 119 has pvr 14 and route 264 pvr 11. Thus not quite enough to fully stock the 119. These are coming in a new upgraded spec with Hanover LED displays, high backed seats with leather head rests, upgraded I-bus display screens etc. The first few are built, so delivery is fairly imminent. The initial delay quoted on the power supply still stands even though the first batch of chargers was due to be delivered on 24th August. The power supply at the garage is expected to be ready in November.

One odd working was WHV 49 on the 264 on 29th August.

LT 43 (Q) has been retro-fitted with cameras in place ofmirrors.

SEe 52, accident victim on 7th May, was back in use on 27th August.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, KL King's Lynn).
(June): VHP 1 and 2 PM/PMu.
(August): EH 118 SI/RR. EH 234, 235 NX/C. EHV 5, 8, 9, 11, 15 RR/AL.
EP 6 BX/BXu. LT 273, 274 NX/Q. LT 876, 878 Q/SW.
WVL 305 BX/MG. WVN 19 BX/MG. SEe 52 ALu/AL.

Livery changes:
WHV 89 and WHV 120 to adverts for La'eeb.
LT 55 from advert for Oppo Find X5 back to red.
LT 278 from advert for Paramount First Lady back to red.
LT 280 from advert for Wizz Air back to red.
LT 287 to advert for Kurt Geiger.
LT 294 from advert for Disney West End back to red.
LT 437 from advert for Thomas Pink back to red.
LT 438 to advert for LOTR Rings of Power.
LT 448 from advert for Right Guard back to red.

LT 450 to advert for IHG Hotels.
LT 457 to advert for La'eeb.
LT 506 from advert for Wizz Air to one for LOTR Rings of Power.
LT 857 from advert for Thomas Pink back to red.
LT 865 to advert for Qatar 2022.

Disposals:
SE 36 and VWL 46 to Ensign Bus (August).

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

Disposals:
Solo 5010 (YJ57 XWP) to Hulleys, Baslow, Derbyshire (July).
SB200 7503 (YJ03 PKA) to Mr T. Barton, Leicester (July)
B7TL 8301 (Y809 TGH) to Qualiti Conversions, Curdridge, Hampshire (July).
Tridents 9507/09/10/20 to First South West (July).
Versa (no fleet ID) YJ58 VBU (with The Bus Doctor)– remains gone for scrap (July).

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

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TfL routes are 20, 26, 309, 388, 394, 397, D6, W5, W11, W12, W13, W16, W19, N26, N550, N551.

Most, if not all, the HCT buses are leased except 2600 (SN62 DND) ex HEA 1 which is owned by an outside organisation - UCL (University College London's access mobility research). HCT loans it back to them occasionally when required, typically two or three times a year. In theory it should work on HK 57 on the W13 school bus but actually works any d/d route.

Meanwhile, the Islington local route 812 last ran on Friday 26th August. There is a suggestion that Islington Council may take that route in-house but it remains to be seen.

Disposals:
Dart SLF 1220 did not pass to Stagecoach and is assumed as sold.
Volvo B7TLs 2703 (LK59 FCP) and 2704 (LK59 CXC) had been on loan from Ensign Bus and were returned to them in May/ June 2022.

Red bus fleet: (x158) to Stagecoach (night of 26/27th August)
106 x S/D- 1221-1295, 1300-01, 1336-40, 1740-63. 52 x D/D- 2501-51, 2600.

HCT Group's small bus operation in Bristol closed down after 26 August and their Jersey and Guernsey operations are also being sold separately. The 'white bus' operations in London that mainly supply minibuses for 'special needs children' from bases in Wandsworth, Wembley and Walthamstow have been sold to local 'social support' operators who already do this sort of work. That in Walthamstow went to Waltham Forest Borough Council. The 'dial-a-ride' part of HCT based at Ash Grove is being devolved to TfL's London-wide Dial-a-Ride operation.

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

On 4th August 6765 suffered an engine fire while on route 270 at East Grinstead. And then on 13th August Scania OmniCity 6559 was at Ashington on route 23 (Crawley & Worthing) when it was struck by a car and then caught fire and was destroyed.

E200 6704 has joined 6703 and into service in July (6704) and August (6703). 6287 and 6289 were the last Dart SLFs in the fleet.
Now to the buses from Ireland, 192-D-19498 is now numbered 6785.

Transfers: 6287, 6289 CY/CYw. 6553, 6765 CY/CYu.

Disposal: StreetLite 6108 to Go-Ahead Ireland, Dublin (July) followed by 6109 (August).
Dart 6287 to Scrapco, Paddock Wood, Kent (August).
Scanias 6553, 6624, 6625 to Mike Nash, Surrey (August).
Scania 6559 destroyed by fire (August).

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

WDE 2769, a Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner was noted at Ballymena in full Metroline livery on 21st August and had transferred to West Perivale (PA) Garage by 26th August and it will be evaluated while there. Meanwhile VDE 2751 the Volvo BZL/MCV demonstrator is still awaited.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include LT 13, 18; TEH 2074/79/80/81/82/86; DEL 2246.

TE 1992 suffered an accident on 13th August while on route 92.

VWH 2168 was unusual on route A10 (UX) on 17th August.

WHD 2727 has been named 'Chloe Kelly' after the Lioness' scorer of the winning goal in the Women's European Cup Final at Wembley. A press publicity shot was taken showing route 92. You won't find the WHD on the 92 though; the 92 runs from Greenford Garage and the WHD is at PV on the 7 or 245. The connection is that she used to live on the 92 route and rode to and from Wembley Stadium. The question is: why didn't they use one of the routine 92's TEs?

At Brentford (AH) work has commenced on the redevelopment of the garage. Thus far, from 17th August bus parking has been 'moved' from the top left corner of Commerce Road to the top right corner. Meanwhile, the original site is undergoing renovation. The new site contains refuelling and washing facilities plus four workshop bays under a marquee! Overall, the work will reduce the capacity.

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 and more followed, both to PA and also at PV. After all, the whole batch retained their 22 marks.

TE 1992 suffered an accident on 13th August when on route 92.

Recent repaint/ refurbs include TEH 2079/81.

Transfers; (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).
(June): LT 116 HT/HZu. (July): VW 1266, 1272 HD/PB.
(August): LT 102, 105, 116 HZu/PAu. LT 807 W/HT.
TE 1992 G/Gu. VW 1191 PV/PB. VW 1284, 1286 HD/PV. VW 1389 PV/HD. VW 1841 PAu/HD. VWH 2045 PB/HD. VWH 2057 PV/HD. VWH 2061 PV/AH. VWH 2109 AH/PV. VWH 2285 PV/HT. VWH 2397 PB/AC. BDE 2752-68 at PAu/PVu. WDE 2769 --/PAu.
MM 816 AHs/HZw. DEL 2265 W/AH. DEL 2612 AH/PAu.
(September): DE 874 PB/W. TE 982 PB/PBu.

Livery changes:
LT 649 to advert for Tu Clothing.
LT 654 to advert for Boss.
LT 751 to advert for World Cup 2022.
LT 756 from advert for Wizz Air to one for LOTR Rings of Power.
VWH 2010 from advert for Calilujah back to red.
VWH 2098, 2416, 2430 from adverts for Let's do London back to red.
VWH 2269 (in TLB696) wasn't an advert after all (a mis-report).
VWH 2390 to advert for Cleaner Air.
VWH 2403 to advert for Qatar 2022.
OME 2678 to advert for Pelegrino.

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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.

In the second week of August the four DLEs used on the Bedfont Lakes staff shuttle contract were replaced by four SPs (40166/85/86/90). The DLEs were soon re-allocated to normal service on TfL routes from Fulwell.

A few more LTs moved from V to S during August resulting in route 148 at S (pvr 17) now having the full batch LT 69-87. Also, the last VHs left S, in turn meaning that route 49 can be all-BCE. BE 37056 had been used as a trainer at X, in preparation for the take-up of route 226 in October.

Electric power supply is now expected to be ready at Edgware (BT) by mid-September. However, at Hounslow Heath a proper power supply still seems far away for now. In the meantime, the two BEs at WK (37043 and 37063) continue to be in daily use on route 235, being charged by a portable charger unit. WK's other BEs are mostly at Fulwell and work on route 33 while others are in store at X.

The outstationing of a few buses from Edgware Garage to Sullivan's yard seemed to have ended by mid-August, in favour of the Miniature Crazy Golf site on the Edgware end of the A41.

Recent repaints noted include VMH 45336.

Transfers:
(February 2022): (April 2022): BE 37056 S/Xu.
(May): VH 45136 and ADE 40310 X/Xu.
(August): LT 80, 83, 84, 87 V/S.
DE 20038/39/40 BT/NCu. DE 20048 X/NCu. DE 20050/51 S/NCu.
DE 20112/113/114 FW/BT. DE 20115 FW/S.
DLE 30022/3/4/5 WKc/FW. BE 37056 Xu/Xt/FW.
BE 37077/079/080/082/083 Xu/FW.
SP 40079/080 WK/NCw. SP 40123 FW/NCw.
SP 40166 WK/WKc. SP 40185/186/190 FW/WKc. ADE 40401 RP/AV.
ADH 45036 AV/V. VH 45129/143/144 S/V.
VH 45136 Xu/V. VH 45138 BT/SO. VH 45139/140/141/142 S/FW.
(September){ BE 37051 u/FW. BCE 47129 Xu/S.

Livery changes:
LT 664 from advert for Oppo Find X5 to one for Tu Clothing.
LT 673 from advert for Paramount Halo to one for World Cup 2022.
OME 46030 to advert for Pelegrino.
BCE 47016 to advert for Qatar 2022.

Disposals:
DE 20034-038, 20048, 20050 to Chartwell Bus Sales and on to First Group.
SP 40062/063/066/070/079/081/082/089, 40101/111/115/118/124 to Ensign Bus (July).
LT 136-142 to Arriva London (late August/ early September).

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

Another E400 with Green line branding is 1203.

Disposals: Solos 135 (KP63 RH) and 138 (YD63 VBO) to Craig, Cumbernauld.

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

Disposal: Dart SLF SN53 AVK sold (August) but was intercepted by Hertfordshire Police who found that the driver did not have a correct licence nor insurance!.

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

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As to HCT fleet renumbering, that is to come, possibly in or by early October.

Recent refurb/ repaints reported include 10198, 12305, 12349; 19800, 19856; 36352, 36616; 39123 (ex WV 46103) and LT 315. Training bus 19139 has been repainted to white and blue (still a trainer).

19856, off since 13th August 2021, returned to service on 10th August 2022. 14148, an accident from 22nd March 2022, was back in service on 3rd August. 11056, an accident from 16th February, was back in use on 22nd August.LT visitors to route 205 (BW) remain fairly rare although LT 249 and 250 were on the route on 23rd August and 250 and 251 on the 24th.

E20Ds 36368/369, last in service on 6th/7th September on route D3, have re-appeared with Julia's City Sightseeing graphics.

Acquired from HCT Group (night of 26/27th August): Red bus fleet: (x158).
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Transfers: (August): 11056 TLu/TL. 14148 TLu/TL. 19849/850/851/855/857 TB/T. 19856 WHu/T. 36288 BKu/BKw. 36370 WH/BK.

Livery changes:
LT 239 from advert for Right Guard to one for Boss.
LT 263 to advert for Tu Clothing.
LT 265 to advert for La'eeb.
LT 271 to advert for World Cup 2022.
LT 371 from advert for Wizz Air back to red.
LT 379 to advert fror LOTR Rings of Power.
LT 390 to advert for IHG Hotels.
12146 from advert for Calilujah back to red.
12333 from advert for Bigo to one for Qatar 2022.
14141 to advert for Pelegrino.
18905 to advert for La'eeb.

STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury

SCZ 3843 has been repainted all white and (with MX06 ABO) has fleetnames for the first time.

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

Three new AD E40D/ E400(MMC)s are on order, to be Nos.263/4/5; they will replace Scanias 208/9/10.
Disposals: Scania/ OmniDekkas 203/4/5 to Ensign Bus (July) and on to A2B, Melbourn.

VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex

New deliveries:
306-315 (YX22 OGR/S/T/U/V/W/Y/Z, OHA/B) AD E20D - AD E200(MMC) 10.8m B39F.
Of the above, 306 and 315 seem to be the regulars on route 13 (Epping &Waltham Cross), often along with 305 (YX09 NWB) already recorded by us, with 316/7 (YX16 OHA/B) on route 61 at Brentwood, also already recorded. 307-314 operate only outside our area, on Chelmsford's park-and-rides.

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

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Routemaster: RM 125 (VVS 373) further to TLB696, this RM was noted in August at Westfield Stratford shopping centre in a different livery now promoting JD Sports.

Olympians:

AV 4 (M84 MYM) (ex GAL) was latterly owned by a member of the Maidstone & District Preservation Group from July 2016 and it was then sold for conversion into a playbus (possibly in October 2017) but is now reported that it was fire damaged and was subsequently scrapped.

VA 20 (R920 WOE) (ex LU) from Used Coach Sales to Resilience Voyage, Shepton Mallet, Somerset (May 2018) and in early 2022 it was noted branded as the "Drugs Bus" visiting schools as part of a drug awareness programme.

VA 73 (R173 VPU) (ex SLN) was sold from Barway Services (by May).

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 353 (LJ03 MLF, ex J600 JBT) (ex ALN) from Base to Bryans Coaches, Denny, Stirlingshire (September 2021).

DLP 9 (T209 XBV, ex YBZ 636) (ex ALN) from Used Coach Sales to Gosport Football Club, Hants. (by June). It remains part open top and is used as an information and events office at the ground.

DLP 33 (T133 AUA) (ex ALN / Sovereign) was sold from Fairbrother (by October 2018).

DLP 82 (LJ51 ORG) (ex ALN) from Adlington Group Travel to A & A Coach Travel, Tockwith, North Yorks. (by April).

DLP 94, 110 (LF52 URV, UPT) (ex ALN) from Urban Coaches to Pilkingtons, Accrington, Lancs. (September 2016) for spares prior to sending for scrap.

DW 49 (LJ53 NGU, ex H13 WYV) (ex ALN) was re-registered to Y3 YMS in April by YMS Travel.

DW 70 (LJ04 LDV, ex WLT 970) (ex ALN) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS, S.Yorks (by June).

DW 82, 87 (LG04 LFV, LGA) (ex ALN) from Midland Classic to Diamond Bus (East Midlands) upon the acquisition of Midland Classic by Rotala plc from 3rd August. They have been re-numbered from 46, 47 to 40633, 40634.

DW 105, 126, 133 (LJ05 BJY, BNK, GLV) (ex ALN) from Compass Travel to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Abbey Coaches, Accrington, Lancs. (all in August).

T 84 (LJ59 LZD), 85 (LJ59 LZE, ex 185 CLT), 86, 94, 95, 96, 97, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 (LJ59 LZF, LYT, LYU, LYV, LYW, LYK, LYO, LYP, LYS, LXP, LXR, LXS, LXT) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to First Essex (August onwards) where they are being numbered 34463, 34464, 34465, 34459, 34460, 34461, 34462, 34455, 34456, 34457, 34458, 34451, 34452, 34453, 34454. Prior to delivery they have been converted to single door, repainted by Mardens into two-tone green livery, the seats have been re-trimmed in a grey leather-look vinyl and they have been fitted with dayglo green internal handrails. By the end of August, T 84, 113, 114 and 117 had been delivered. T 117 was the first into service on 13th August at Hadleigh having been the first one delivered on 5th August; they have been acquired to replace the last Tridents in this fleet.

VLA 83, 92 (LJ54 BFN, BDX) (ex ALN) were sold from Faresavers (August).

VLA 124 (LJ05 BJE) (ex ALN) was returned to Base from First South West (May) where it had latterly been fleet number 32126.

VLW 100 (PSV 444, ex LG52 DDE) (ex ALN) re-gained its original reg'n with Faresavers in April.

VLW 124 (LF52 UOX) (ex ALN) from Arriva North East to Alpha Recovery (May) for scrap.

VLW 901 (BG61 SXK), 902, 903, 904, 906, 909, 910 (BN61 MXJ, MXM, MXR, MXU, MXY, MYA) (ex ALN) – see VN 37975, 37963, 37965, 37967, 37970, 37971, 37976 (ex FLN) below.

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DN 33600 (SN09 CFU) (ex FLN) from First South West to First Buses of Somerset (August).

DN 33612, 33613, 33615, 33616, 33618, 33619, 33623 (SN11 BMU, BMV, BMZ, BNA, BND, BNE, BNL) (ex FLN) from Midland Classic to Diamond Bus (East Midlands) upon the acquisition of Midland Classic by Rotala plc from 3rd August. They have been re-numbered from 63-69 to 40527, 40526, 40525, 40524, 40523, 40522, 40521.

DN 33782 (SN12 AVY) (ex FLN) from Yellow Buses to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex and then to Centrebus, Grantham, Lincs. (all in August).

TN 33154 (LR02 LXN) (ex FLN) was sold from First Eastern Counties (August). Note – previous reports of this one with First South West were incorrect.

TN 33233 (LT52 WWV, ex HIG 1528), TNA 33235 (LT52 WWY), 33380 (LK53 EYZ, ex OIG 1790), 33382 (LK53 EZB, ex OIG 1792) (ex FLN) further to TLB694, these TN/TNAs are confirmed as passing to Wigley, South Yorkshire.

TN 33373 (LK53 EYR) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus, and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in August).

TN 33378 (LK53 EYX, ex UHW 661) (ex FLN) correcting TLB696, this TN was previously registered UHW 661 (not HHW 661).

TNL 33098 (LN51 GOA) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in August).

VN 36135 (BJ11 DUH) (ex FLN) was re-registered to FA54 VER by Faresavers by August.

VN 37774 (LK59 CWO) (ex FLN) was re-registered to M23 RYO by Mario Coach Travel in May.

VN 37785 (LK59 CXB) (ex FLN) was re-registered to LVR 164 in April by Faresavers.

VN 37963, 37965, 37967, 37970, 37971 (BN61 MXJ, MXM, MXR, MXU, MXY), 37975 (BG61 SXK), 37976 (BN61 MYA) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to Stotts Tours, Oldham, Lancs. (August).

VNL 32213 (LT52 WTW) (ex FLN) further to TLB695, confirmed as passing to Wigley, South Yorks.

VNL 32249 (LT52 WVM) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus, and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in July).

VNL 32304 (LK03NHD) (ex FLN) further to TLB695, this VNL is now confirmed with A & A Coach Travel, Tockwith, North Yorkshire (July).

AVL 17 (MJI 2379, ex V117 LGC) (ex GAL) from Angela's Travel to Rosevidney Travel, Crowlas, Cornwall (November 2020).

AVL 35 (V135 LGC) (ex GAL) from Crosville Motor Services to Berry's Coaches, Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset (May 2018) for spares.

E 52 (LX56 ETZ) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to MC Tractors /Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (July).

EVL 19 (PL51 LFE) (ex GAL) was sold from Cotswold Green (by June).

EVL 26 (PN02 XCK) (ex GAL) was sold from Redbridge Transport (by June).

PVL 74 (W474 WGH, ex VJI 3968) (ex GAL) re-gained its original registration and passed from Go South Coast to More Bus, Poole, Dorset (by September 2021) and was then sold in April.

PVL 97 (W497 WGH) (ex GAL) further to TLB659, this PVL was used at the Dartford Tunnel until June 2019 and is now reported as sold for scrap at the same date.

PVL 209 (Y809 TGH) (ex GAL) from Go Coachhire to Qualiti Conversions, Curdridge, Hants. (July).

PVL 390 (LX54 HAA) (ex GAL) from Go North East to Mr D Fisher (April) for preservation.

PVL 414 (LX54 GZF)(ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to SWB Motorsport, Wombleton, North Yorks(July).

VWL 14 (LB02 YXM, ex AGZ 9366) (ex GAL) from Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr) to Elite Services, Stockport, Greater Manchester (January).

VWL 19 (LF52 TGV) (ex GAL) from Team Pennine to PVS, South Yorkshire (August) for scrap.

VWL 30 (SFZ 818, ex LF52 TJO) (ex GAL) from Stephensons, Rochford to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Cambraco / A1 Coaches, Melling, Merseyside (all in August).

VWL 34 (BX04 AZU) (ex GAL) from Stephensons of Essex, Rochford to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Abbey Coaches, Accrington, Lancs. (all in August).

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WVL 15 (OO 7056, ex LG02 KHO) (ex GAL) regained its original registration in July 2021 and then was sold from Kilvington's to Lloyd (dlr), Hixon, Staffs. (April) for scrap.

WVL 371 (LX60 DXB) (ex GAL) has been operating this summer on the Southsea Coaster seafront service so is with First Hants & Dorset (F/no. 36100), not First South West as previously recorded.

SP 9 (YN56 FBB, ex FHJ 565) (ex LU) from Beestons to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Acme Buses, Widdington, Essex (September).

SP 62 (YT09 ZCN), 115 (YR59 FYW) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus to Manchester City Tours, Manchester (August).

SP 87, 93 (YT59 RYO, SFX) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus to City Tours, Belfast, Northern Ireland (July).

SP 90 (YT59 SFO) (ex LU) after refurbishment and conversion to single door, this SP passed from Stephensons of Rochford to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex, and then to Border Buses, Beccles, Suffolk (all in August).

VA 89 (W119 EON) (ex LU) was sold to South East Bus Supplies (dlr) in October 2021 then in July 2022 it was noted with Clip'n'Climb, Fulham, London.

VP 122 (W469 BCW) (ex LU) was sold from Arrowebrook Coaches (by November).

TA 77 (T87 KLD) (ex ML) was sold from AOT Coaches (October 2021).

TAL 119 (X319HLL) (ex ML) is confirmed as returning to Sleafordian by April after loan to GHP Trading.

TE 889 (LK08 NVD) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Cardinal Buses, New Haw, Surrey (August).

TP 10 (T110 KLD) (ex ML) was sold from Empire Facilities (August 2020).

TP 363 (LR52 KWE) (ex ML) sold from Dawson Rentals to DBS Film & TV Facilities, West Drayton, Middx (October 2013) and re-registered to DB51 EAT. It has since been sold in December 2020.

TP 364 (DB52 EAT, ex LR52 KWF) (ex ML) sold from DBS Film & TV Facilities (December 2020).

VPL 140 (X664 LLX) (ex ML) from Travel Wright to Towlers Coaches, Emneth, Cambs. (April).

VPL 167 (IIG 9286, ex Y167 NLK) (ex ML) was sold from Peyton Travel (May).

VPL 169 (Y169 NLK) (ex ML) further to TLB694, this VPL passed to Brian Jones Coaches, Gravesend, Kent (October 2021).

VPL 530, 532, 533, 566 (LK04 CTZ, CUC, CUG, ELC) (ex ML) sold from Southdown PSV (by July).

VPL 596, 597, 601 (LK04 NNE, NNF, NNL), 631, 634, 636 (LK54 FWL, FWO, FWR) (ex ML) from Midland Classic to Diamond Bus (East Midlands) upon the acquisition of Midland Classic by Rotala plc from 3rd August. They were re-numbered from 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 to 40637, 40636, 40635, 40639, 40638, 40640. VPL 596, 631, 636 were withdrawn in August for disposal.

VPL 600 (LK04 NNJ) (ex ML) was sold from JH Coaches (September).

TA 17212 (V212 MEV) (ex SLN) from Longridge Coaches to Wigley, South Yorkshire (August). TA 17285 (X285 NNO) was due to follow by the end of August.

TA 17233 (X233 NNO) (ex SLN) further to TLB694, having latterly been in Manchester City FC blue livery, this TA was noted in a special livery for ITV Pride in August.

TA 17771 (LX03 BVG) (ex SLN) from Applegate Coaches to Marshalls Coaches, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts. (May) where it was numbered DD125.

TA 18257 (LX04 FZB) (ex SLN) from Nu-Venture to Ensign Bus and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in August).

TA 18454 (LX05 LLP) (ex SLN) from Odyssey Coach Sales to Marshalls Coaches, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts. (May) where it was numbered DD126.

15163 (LX59 CRJ) (ex SLN) has been re-registered to P700 CXB with Connexions Buses.

15166 (LX59 CRV) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus to Wealden PSV, Five Oak Green, Kent (August).

----- *Where are they now?* -----

Low-floor single deck types:

ENL 89 (GN08 CHG), 91, 92, 94 (GN58 BUP, BUU, LVA) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus to HGV Training, London W1 (91, 94 in July, and 89, 92 in August).

DML 44016 (LK08 FLE) (ex FLN) from Metroline to Ripley, South Yorkshire (July).

DML 44102 (LVR 164, ex YX09 AEY) (ex FLN) re-gained its original registration with Faresavers in April. The registration is now carried by VN 37785 (see above).

DML 44108 (FA54 VER, ex YX09 AFJ) (ex FLN) re-gained its original registration with Faresavers in May. The registration is now carried by VN 36135 (see above).

DML44325, 44327, 44328 (YX12 AZW, DJD, DJE) (ex FLN) from Midland Classic to Diamond Bus (East Midlands) upon the acquisition of Midland Classic by Rotala plc from 3rd August. They have been re-numbered from 36, 37, 38 to 31427, 31426, 31425.

DMS 44413 (YX09 FLN) (ex FLN) was sold from Midland Classic (March).

DMS 44421 (YX60 FUA) (ex FLN) from County Bus to Canavan Buses, Cumbernauld, North Lanarkshire (June).

DMV 44221, 44223 (YX12 AYZ, AKK) (ex FLN) from Midland Classic to Diamond Bus (East Midlands) upon the acquisition of Midland Classic by Rotala plc from 3rd August. They have been re-numbered from 34, 35 to 31423, 31424.

LDP 263, 267, 271 (LX05 EYP, EYU, EXZ) (ex GAL) from Go South West to Shears (dlr), Northam, Devon (June).

SE 18 (SK07 DZM) (ex GAL) further to TLB694 page 24, it is now confirmed that it passed to Ensign Bus and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in July).

SE 36 (YN08 DMY) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to National Driving Centre, Croydon, Surrey (July).

OV 30115 (YJ58 VBU) (ex LU) was sold for scrap from Bus Doctor (July) after use for spares.

DE 872 (LK58 CPY) (ex ML) from Ripley to JH Coaches, Birtley, Tyne & Wear (August).

DES 800 (LK07 BEY) (ex ML) further to TLB696, this E200 was not sold from Vision's.

DE 952 (LK58 CSX) (ex ML) has been re-registered to G2 PSV by Thomas of Rhondda.

DE 955 (LK58 CTE) (ex ML) correcting TLB696, DM 955 should have read DE 955.

OTH 971, 973 (LK58 CTY, DUA) (ex ML) were sold from Cumfybus (by July).

Bendybuses:

MA 9, 25, 34 (BX04 MXG, MYA, NDU) (ex ALN) from Arriva Midlands to MC Tractors, Ramsey, Cambs. (November 2021).

11069 (LV52 VFZ) (ex FLN) from Pickfords (dlr) to unknown dealer, Yate, Somerset (May 2016); in February 2022 it was still reported as in storage.

MAL 21 (BX02 YYJ, YYM), 24, 36 (BX04 NBD) (ex GAL) were last recorded with Cityfox and then passed to unknown dealer, Yate, Somerset (June 2017); in February 2022 they were still reported as in storage.

MAL 98, 100, 103, 105, 106 (BD57 WDC, WDK, WDN, WDR, WDS), 115, 116, 117 (BP57 UYG, UYH, UYJ) (ex GAL) from Brighton & Hove to Ensign Bus, and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (98, 116, 117 in May, 103, 105, 106 June, 115 July, and 100 in August).

MAL 112 (BL57 OXP) (ex GAL) was sold from Brighton & Hove (June) but details of the new owner are not known.

MAL 119 (BP57 UYL) (ex GAL) was also reported as sold from Brighton & Hove to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (May) for scrap.

----- *Where are they now?* ----------

23002 (LV52 VFX) (ex SLN) (also ex FLN 11067) updating TLB629, this passed to unknown dealer, Yate, Somerset (May 2016); in February 2022 it was still reported as in storage.

23007 (LX03 HCF) (ex SLN) from Pickford (dlr) to an unknown dealer, Yate, Bristol (by January 2019), possibly via Malcolm Harrison auctions, and was then reported as sold for scrap.

23010 (LX03 HCJ) (ex SLN) from Winchester Marine to unknown dealer, Yate, Somerset (by January 2018); in February 2022 it was still reported as in storage.

23016 (LX03 HCV) (ex SLN) was latterly stored in Chippenham and had passed to unknown dealer, Yate, Somerset (by January 2018); was noted as gone from Thingley junction storage site by January 2018 but in February 2022 it was still reported as in storage.

23065 (LX04 LCC) (ex SLN) passed from Beaver Bus to "RJH Rail Replacement" (by April) but details of the new owner have not been confirmed. It was noted at Southern Transit for maintenance work in April and was seen in use from May onwards.

23071 (LX04 LCM) (ex SLN) from Beaver Bus to Travel Coventry Bus Preservation Group, Coventry, West Midlands (April 2022) for preservation.

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9135F	LS21 DMO	Ford Transit Custom Hybrid Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	?
-	NX67 NLP	Fiat Ducato Mobile Exhibition Unit	TfL	White	?
?	LM70 ACZ	Ford Transit Crew Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	NSD
?	LS70 PYT	Ford Transit Van	LUL	Wh/Blu/Red	LBD

Additional information and updates

NX67 NLP has large branding for 'well@tfl', and seems to be "on tour". It was parked at Cockfosters Station for a couple of days in August, then similarly at Leytonstone in early September. LR20 VPN (TLB675 refers) is now known to be numbered 9003F. Given that LS21 DMO is 9135F, it would seem highly likely that similar LS21 DLE is numbered 9134F, but confirmation would be appreciated.

A new location for Elizabeth line vehicles has been opened at Royal Oak Station (adjacent to the LUL platforms), though this may only be temporary, pending the opening of the through train service later this year. Unofficial code ROE has been assigned and the allocation seems to comprise 8632R, 8635VW and 8656F. We now have confirmation that the two Renault Kangoo Response Unit vehicles have the opposite fleetnumbers to those officially listed. 8632R is LX68 MJO at ROE, 8633R is LX68 MHU at WCE (Whitechapel). The Romford Rail Operating Centre (our code RDR and where the two Kangoos were latterly based) is now defunct as a service vehicle location, though it remains in use by Network Rail.

Allocations and transfers reported are 8203F HAD-LBD, 8225F GHO-ACNu, 8312R ACM-AGS, 8405F BKO-NSD, 8492F NSD-BKO, 8499R ?-?u, 8645F ?-PDD, 8649F ?-PDD, 8671F SDD-LBD, 8699VW ACN-ESC, 8733F SDD-LBD, 8958VW ACN-ACNu, 8996VW ?-ACM, 9100N SDB-EHB, 9101N WWB-TLB and 9102N TLB-WWB. The allocation of 8621F to RPD shown in TLB696 should have referred to 8621T.

8227F and 8584T have left the fleet.

----- *Service vehicles* -----

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	EO22 KKU	Ford Transit Custom Minibus	Abellio	White #	DH
-	EO22 KLF	Ford Transit Custom Minibus	Abellio	White #	DH
-	FJ64 XBC	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	CT
-	WR15 VTP	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White #	**
-	WR15 VVF	Vauxhall Combo Van	Arriva London	White	AR
-	FH65 BYV	Vauxhall Corsa Van	Arriva London	White	AE
-	FJ18 WWC	Vauxhall Insignia Hatchback	Arriva London	Black	TH
-	RK68 JYN	Ford Transit Custom Van	Arriva London	Silver	DX
-	GL70 XOM	Seat Leon Hatchback	Arriva London	Silver	DX
-	AJ21 CRZ	Ford Transit Custom Van	Arriva London	White	E
-	AJ21 CSF	Ford Transit Custom Van	Arriva London	White	WN
-	AK22 LXS	Ford Transit Custom Van	Arriva London	White	GY
-	DS68 TPY	Vauxhall Vivaro Minibus	Metroline	Silver #	AH
-	KV21 RZH	Citroen Berlingo Estate	Metroline	Grey #	PV
93655	SJ69 NBX	Hyundai i800 Minibus	Stagecoach	Blue #	RM

Additional information

Reports suggest that Abellio GF16 PPV (TLB696 refers) is normally based at QB. ML13 FNK (6809) and YS11 VPA (6778) are further cars confirmed as moving from WS to DH, while MF13 PGO (6804) went from WS to TF. Van LB17 YAD has fleetnumber 6908.

Arriva London WR15 VTU, WR15 VVO and FH65 BYW have not been withdrawn and remain in stock, allocated to AE, the Tottenham iBus office and TH respectively. ** WR15 VTP is based at the iBus office on Purley Way. Allocation updates are FH65 BYA BN-N, FH65 CCO AR-Finsbury Park iBus office, FN65 BWG ?-EC, WM16 CJX WN-AD, FP18 LSD WN-GY, CX70 LTY AD-EC and AJ21 CPX TC-GY. Vehicles that have been withdrawn over the past year or so are HK63 YYF/YYH/YYT, HX65 XUO, FL16 PZJ/SKF, FN16 BYK, WM16 CJY/CKC/CNV/KEU, WO16 PNE/PUA, WP16 HDF, WN17 UHE, GL69 SFE/SFK/SFZ/SGY/SHJ/TTV and LD69 SHZ/SKJ/VSZ/VTC/VTJ.

Arriva SC WX67 YDE is withdrawn.

Go-Ahead London RX18 LLE is back at C (if indeed it ever went to RR). Similarly, RX71 SYU is back at BX after a spell at C. EU64 SZR is withdrawn.

Metroline LX66 OME is withdrawn. AY71 JKF (TLB696 refers) is normally based at HD.

Stagecoach SJ69 NBX had previously been based at Oxford.

The newly-acquired Renault Zoe at Sullivan Bus (SE68 VMM, TLB696 refers) was in unmarked white when seen in early August.

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

This TLB closed on 8-10 September and due for posting on 20 September. Closing date for TLB698 is Weds 05 October and due for posting on Tues 18 October. 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 05Oct, 02Nov, 30Nov, 04Jan23. 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.



Central Connect has invested in lots of both new and used Enviro200s to cope with an expanded network. A route already operated is the 386, the cross-North Herts trunk service. YX22 OKA in Hitchin sports the newest livery. *(Ian Jordan)*

Chiltern Automotive gives up its Hertfordshire routes this month. The 318 in Watford has run from 21st March to 2nd September without replacement. Back in March anonymous Solo MX58 AAJ is in Aerodrome Way in Leavesden. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Rear cover: HCT's two E400EVs are for school route 616 but otherwise can usually be found on route 20, as seen here by 2551e at Buckhurst Hill. HCT's fleetname has always been minimal. From 27th August HCT's TfL work passed to Stagecoach. *(Steve Maskell)*



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