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On Christmas Day 1993, Selkent ran a circular route 700 serving hospitals in Bromley, Sidcup and Orpington using RMC 1490. On Christmas Day 1994 it was extended to Lewisham, then using Titan T 1122. *(David Stewart)*

The 700 number was used again on Christmas Day 1998, also a circular route but around central London. By now it was Stagecoach East London who owned the number and open-top (in the rain) T 512 (plus a 'dupe'Scania) pause in Trafalgar Square. *(David Stewart)*



Front cover: On 27 May 1990, a Sunday (and some Sats) Special ran from Greenwich via north Kent to Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey – but it ended in September 1991. In June 1990 coach-seated Leyland Olympian L 260 is leaving Greenwich. *(David Stewart)*

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Editorial and Society Matters

With TLB700 we have reached another milestone although its contents are all of the usual. However, the six cover pictures area all '700s' to mark the occasion.

TLB in 2022 was altered when the LOTS Committee decided that we should have bigger pictures and more pictures. So the covers (in and out) had 6 rather than 8 pictures and in 8 months of the year we had a centre insert each with another 8 pictures. Overall, 136 (rather than 96) for the year. Conversely, text pages reduced in number but you can rest assured than nothing had been omitted; the volume of news (especially in vehicles) seemed to have reduced of its own accord!

As to society matters, we had to continue the drastic reduction in Conway Hall meetings due in part to reduced attendances but mainly due to the huge hike in hire charges. Other similar venues are no different. Plenty of bus events in 2022 though, with running days on routes 81, 101 and 37.

As TLB Managing Editor, I offer my thanks and that of the Committee to all those inside and outside the Society who contributed in many ways to the information flow for TLB, not to mention its preparation, proof reading, printing and despatching procedures. We also thank the operators, transport authorities and our members and friends who provide a lot of information. We also acknowledge information extracted from fellow enthusiasts' groups, from e-groups and magazines. Thanks to our 'back office team' who manage our actual office, membership, finances and sales, load, drive and unload the van and make sure that we have enough stationery stocks and stamps, all of which help to make the Society run smoothly.

I wish you and your families a good Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2022.

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Coming Events (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand should attend).

Sun. 18 December: Route 227 (Bromley & Crystal Palace with RFs, also RT/RM on old 94 Bromley & Petts Wood.
Sun. 18 December: Country route 91 Guildford- Knaphill- Woking with early Dart SLFs.
Sun. 25 December: RTs on route 430 Roehampton & Putney Bridge.
Sun. 1 January: The annual 'King Alfred' Running Day from Winchester Broadway.
Sat. 11 February: NLETE Enfield Transport Bazaar, St Stephen's Church Hall, Village Road, EN1 2EY. Features up to thirty stalls selling all kinds of transport books, photo's, DVD's, maps, timetables, tickets and other memorabilia. Refreshments available. Open 11.00-14.30. Admission £3 (acc. children free).

Looking ahead in 2023: South East Bus Festival at Detling on Sat, 1 April. London Bus Museum has its Spring Gathering on Sun.16 April. More Running Days are planned on route 175 (Sat.25 March) and route 65 again (Sun.11 June).

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LOTS London Bus Review 2021 (£14.50) (**recent**) A4 glossy, 80 pages, 127 colour pictures with extensive captions. This is the ORIGINAL annual Review made with about 50 years' experience.
London Bus Magazine No201 Autumn 2022 (£5.00) **recent** Main features are 'Bus services on the Isle of Dogs Part 1' (Malc McDonald) and 'Fifty years of LBM Part 2 (by Editor).
London Bus Magazine No202 Winter 2022 (£5.00) **NEW** Main featurws are ' Part 2 of the Isle of Dogs service history' ;Malc McDonald, accompanied by a short Barry Turner piece on Collectables he has built up over the years. Also, some inroad into the accumulated Book Reviews!

These four are all **NEW** from Capital Transport:-
London's Pre-War Smaller Classes (C, STD, LTC, TF, CR) by Ken Blacker £30.00.
An Alphabet for the Underground, The work of Edward Johnston by M.A.C.Horne £19.95
The London Underground – A Diagrammatic History (10th Edition) by Doug Rose £9.95
London Underground Station Encyclopaedia by David Leboff £50.00. 416 pages covering each of the 272 stations severed by the Underground with over 1,000 colour photos.
And from other publishers:
London Historical Research Group -The Omnibus Society
ST, DL & Acquired Vehicle Histories: Vol. 1 ST1-600 and Vol. 2 ST601-1140, DST, DL, TD, TC, MY
Compiled by Alan Bond and Les Stitson £15.00 each volume.

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 Transport Country Buses Part 2 North (£40.00) by Laurie Akehurst, 184 pages, Peter Mitchell's photos (1949 to 1975). published by Adam Gordon. **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**

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

SEC Southdown Fleet History Part 32 1967 **NEW this month**

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). **recent**

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.*

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National news, TfL and Politics

It has been a much quieter month at Westminster. **The Chancellor's Autumn Statement** on 17 November pledged to maintain major transport projects including HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail. Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIP's) outside London seem to have survived too. Further to TLB 699, Baroness Vere did not retain her buses brief within the Department for Transport. That role passed to Richard Holden, MP for North West Durham who is responsible for local transport including TfL and light rail. Huw Merriman has been confirmed as the Minister for rail, which includes HS2.

There was a major announcement regarding TfL's controversial **Central London Bus review** on 23 November. The original plans (*outlined in TLB 694*) required TfL to make savings equivalent to four per cent of the bus network. They included the withdrawal of sixteen routes including some very long-established links. These have been slimmed down following consultation and the announcement of additional funding by The Mayor as part of the Government's Covid funding deal which will average around £25 million per year. This is in addition to a £500 million financing facility from City Hall which is still required for TfL to maintain a balanced budget. TfL now intends to proceed with just 22 per cent of the proposals consulted on, affecting eighteen routes (out of 70 in the original proposals), but the overall effect will be much less radical. The route number 11 will be retained instead of being renumbered 507, although it will still be shortened to run between Fulham and Waterloo. The 16 route number is also retained to replace the 332 between Brent Park and Paddington. The 521 withdrawal will go ahead, it being replaced by changes to routes 59 and 133. The announcement includes a comment next to each unaltered route that 'these changes will not go ahead at this time'. This suggests some or all could be resurrected at a later date, perhaps when the current funding agreement expires in March 2024? Full route by route details are included in *Greater London Area Route Developments.*

Around 21,500 responses were received to the consultation, mostly objecting to cutbacks. TfL structured its consultation around sixteen neighbourhood areas. Of those, only four will now be directly affected, which are Horseferry Road, Fleet Street, Edgware Road and Waterloo. TfL says that while bus use has fallen in Central and inner London due to improved walking and cycling facilities and the Elizabeth line it still believes there is scope for growth in outer London. There is no mention of people being put off using buses in Central London due to slower journey times as a result of changes to road layouts, and the 'Hopper fare' is still being used to claim it makes changing buses easy. The withdrawal of routes 507 & 521 marks an end to the former Red Arrow network, first introduced with route 500 in 1966. It also raises a question over the future of the all-electric Waterloo operating base and of buses through the former Kingsway tram tunnel under Aldwych, which is restricted to single deckers.

The Mayor has announced that the **Ultra-Low Emission Zone** (ULEZ) is to be extended to cover all London Boroughs from 29 August 2023 'to improve air quality and everyone's health'. The charge for using a vehicle not meeting ULEZ requirements will be £12.50 per day.

TfL is seeking views on **a new cross river bus network through the Silvertown Tunnel.** This is now under construction between the Greenwich peninsular and Silvertown and is due to open in 2025. The consultation is open until 11 January. When the tunnel opens there will be a toll charge which will also apply on the Blackwall tunnel. Route 108 would continue to use the Blackwall tunnel while revised route 129 and new express route X239 will use the Silvertown tunnel. The 129 will be extended from North Greenwich to serve Beckton and the Royal Docks, terminating at Great Eastern Quay with an increased frequency. A new express route (provisionally numbered X239) would start at Grove Park and follow route 261 to Lee Green, then Blackheath, joining the A102 at the Sun-In-The-Sands roundabout. From there it would run non-stop through the Silvertown tunnel with the first stop at Leamouth. There are then two main options before the route would continue to Canary Wharf and Westferry Circus. An 8-minute daytime frequency is proposed.

A further new TfL consultation involves plans for safety improvements on and around **Battersea Bridge.** These include new stretches of bus lanes on both sides and other pedestrian and cycling improvements.

-----General & Industry News ----------

Use of **Elizabeth line** has exceeded expectations since it opened in May with 600,000 journeys a day being made. The most popular journeys involve Tottenham Court Road, Stratford, Paddington and Canary Wharf stations. Usage of Bond Street station has increased by 25% since Elizabeth line trains began stopping there in October while Tottenham Court Road has seen a whopping 80% increase. Both Department for Transport and TfL statistics show that overall Underground and London bus usage is around 80% of pre Covid levels, while weekend usage usually exceeds 90% of pre-Covid levels. Cycle usage in London has increased by 40% since the start of the pandemic. Weekday cycle trips are up 20-25% while weekend usage has increased by 90%.

The rail unions have called further **rail strikes** over job security, pay and conditions. The RMT union has called strikes for 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th December and for 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th January. In addition, the RMT has announced an overtime ban in January. This includes some signalling staff who are critical to keeping services running. Transport Secretary Mark Harper met with RMT leader Mick Lynch in November and later confirmed his view in a letter that there was a way forward to solve the dispute through further discussions and he called for the planned strikes to be called off. There have also been one-day **bus strikes at Abellio** on various dates between the 1st and 17th December although planned strikes at Metroline were cancelled. The Unite union is seeking a 14% pay rise.

Corporate and company news

First Bus is pulling out of Southampton. Its City Red operation will close after 18th February with the company citing increased costs, lower passenger numbers and changing travel patterns. Southampton is one of the few cities in the UK where bus services still experience direct competition, in this case between First and Go-Ahead owned Bluestar. First took over Southampton City Transport in 1997 and opened a new depot in Empress Road. Competition led to low fares with a Southampton city area day ticket costing £3.50 and a weekly ticket only £10 with either operator, but tickets are not available on each other's services. Bluestar immediately announced its intention to step in to run additional services across Southampton, pointing to its recent success in Bournemouth when Yellow Buses folded suddenly. The timing of the closure is a little strange because First recently carried out research which showed that 41% of UK adults were planning to use buses more due to the cost of living crisis and that the areas most likely to see increases are the big cities.

Arriva has withdrawn from the Milton Keynes 'ZEBRA' project which would have seen 56 new zero emission electric single deck buses introduced in the city. The bid was led by Milton Keynes City Council and no other bus operators were involved. An order for the new buses was due to be placed in January 2023. It is not clear what will happen to the money, but Arriva has confirmed its intention to continue operations in Milton Keynes.

Stagecoach has ordered 200 Enviro 400 double deckers from Alexander Dennis for its provincial fleets in England. They are due to be delivered in 2023.

Other General News

Both Arriva London and Stagecoach are selling off their heritage fleets. This includes the first production Routemaster, RM 5 and RM 2217 which was the last standard-length RM produced in 1965, plus RMCs 1464 and 1453.

Vivarail has announced its intention to go into administration. The company was founded by Adrian Shooter in 2013 to produce diesel and electric trains using former London Underground D-stock units. The first diesel units were built for the Marston Vale line but proved very unreliable. A battery powered train was due to be introduced to the Greenford to West Ealing shuttle service in 2023. Last year the company provided five two car electric units for the Isle of Wight railway.

New Euro 7 emissions standards have been proposed by the European Commission. They would bring all motor vehicles under one set of rules and would cover battery electric vehicles as well as pollution caused by brakes and tyres. If adopted, in 2035 Euro 7 will lower NOx emissions from cars and vans by 35% compared with Euro 6 and by 56% compared to Euro VI buses and lorries. Tailpipe particles would be reduced by 39% from buses and lorries.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Routes 86/N86, 107, 152, 223, 276, 376, 430 and D3 from tranches 835, 843, 847, 848, 851 and 854 awarded, starting on 15th July 2023 (86/N86), 16th September 2023 (276,376, D3), 7th October 2023 (107), 14th October 2023 (223), 18th November 2023 (430) and 2nd December 2023 (152).
All are for 7-year contracts.

86/N86 Retained by Stagecoach East London using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 30).
107 Retained by Metroline Travel using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 11).
152 Retained by Go-Ahead London General using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 15 to 14).
223 Awarded to Metroline Travel using existing diesel single decks. Currently operated by London Sovereign from Harrow (SO) garage (pvr 6).
276 Awarded to Stagecoach East London using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Go-Ahead Docklands from Silvertown (SI) garage (pvr 17).
376 Retained by Go-Ahead, but novated to Blue Triangle, using electric single-deck vehicles, currently operated by Go-Ahead Docklands from Silvertown (SI) garage (pvr 10).
430 Retained by Go-Ahead London General using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 13 to 11)
D3 Awarded to Go-Ahead Blue Triangle using new electric single-deck vehicles. Currently operated by Stagecoach East London from West Ham (WH) garage (pvr 12 to 9).

Regarding the rest of the 2022/23 tendering programme below, routes 11/N11, 78 and 349 were all subject to the Central London routes consultation and have been extended by TfL to March 2023. Route 263 was affected by the North London consultation with a result awaited. The school routes operated by Sullivan Buses have already been extended for one term and are still subject to TfL negotiations pending an award.

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 (3/23)	349 (Arriva LN)	--
#813 (3/23)	11/N11 (GA London General)	--
#816 (3/23)	78 (Arriva LN)	--
#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

Routes 3/N3, 43/=, 96, 122, 123/=, 134/=, 158/=, 275, 317, 372, 428, 472/=, 486/=, 493 and B15 have all had 2-year extensions agreed under terms of the Quality Incentive Contracts, therefore will no longer form part of the Tendering Programme for 2023/24, so the Tendering Programme is therefore revised below. Note that some of these routes (123, 158 and 486) previously had weekend night services, but these remain suspended for the time being.

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

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
#833 (6/23)	129 (GA London Central)	--
#837 (9/23)	417 (Arriva LS)	--
#839C (9/23)	72/N72 (London United)	--
#841 (9/23)	H11, H14, H17, H18/H19 (London Sovereign)	--
#842 (9/23)	83/N83, 114/=, 483 (Metroline West), 251, 288, 303 (London Sovereign), 340 (Arriva LN)	--
#843C (9/23)	D7 (GA Docklands)	--
#844A (9-10/23)	108/=, 321/= (GA London Central)	--
#845 (9-10/23)	1/N1, 42, P12 (GA London Central)	--
#845A (9-10/23)	381/N381 (Abellio)	--
#847 (10/23)	316 (Metroline Travel)	--
#847A (10/23)	32, 189/=, 632 (Metroline Travel)	--
#847C (10/23)	16/N16 (Metroline Travel)	--
#849 (10-11/23)	38/N38, 221, 279/N279, W3/= (Arriva LN)	--
#850 (11/23)	363, 436/N136 (GA London Central)	--
#851 (11/23)	39 (GA London General)	--
#851C (11/23)	14/=, 74/N74 (GA London General)	--
#852 (11/23)	H20, U7 (Abellio)	--
#853 (11/23)	W19 (S'ch East London ex HCT Group)	--
#854 (12/23)	157 (Arriva LS)	--
#855 (12/23-01/24)	237 (Metroline Travel), H26, U9 (Abellio)	--
#856 (01/24)	388 (S'ch East London ex HCT Group), 476 (GA London General)	--
#857 (01/24)	9/N9 (London United)	--
#858 (01/24)	228 (London United), 603 (Sullivan)	--
#859 (1-2/24)	380 (S'ch Selkent)	122
#860 (1-2/24)	59 (Abellio), 133/N133, 137/N137, 333 (Arriva LS)	3/N3
#861 (01/24)	89/N89, (GA London Central), 601, 602 (S'ch Selkent)	96, 428, 472/=, 486/=, B15
#862 (02/24)	Tranche cancelled	43/=, 134/=
#862C (02/24)	242/N242 (Arriva LN)	--
#863 (02/24)	EL1/=, EL2, EL3 (GA Blue Triangle)	--
#863A (2-3/24)	439, S2 (New Routes Croydon/Sutton consultations).	455 (due to be w'dn!)
#864 (2-3/24)	101 (GA Blue Triangle), 167, 238, 277/N277, 362, 462 (S'ch East London), 325 (Arriva LN)	--
#865 (2-3/24)	309, W11, W12, W13 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 379 (GA London General), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit)	--
#866 (03/24)	20 (S'ch ex HCT Group), 58 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 97, 215 (S'ch East London)	123/=, 158/=, 275
#867 (03/24)	19/N19, 259, (Arriva LN), 76/= (GA London General) 393 (Metroline Travel)	--
#868 (03/24)	R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R11 (GA Metrobus)	--
#869 (03/24)	113/N113 (Metroline Travel)	317
#870 (03/24)	2/N2, 249 (Arriva LS)	493
#871 (03/24)	262, 473 (S'ch ex T.Transit), 396 (GA Blue Triangle)	372

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

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 8th October 2022: As in TLB699.

Saturday 15th October 2022: As in TLB699.

Saturday 22nd October 2022: As in TLB699.

Saturday 29th October 2022: As in TLB699, although 111 and 481 are corrected as follows:-

111 *(Abellio*-TF) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Apologies, I got a bit muddled from the official information, in that the 481's two additional SDO trips added between Kingston & Whitton, Turing House School, continue to run via route 481 and are taken over by Abellio, but allocated to 111 for cross-linking purposes. These are currently operated by LT-class vehicles, although they will be replaced by new Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course. *(Photographers, please note!).*

481 *(London United*-FW) (Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station & West Middlesex Hospital) The SDO journeys to and from Turing House School are taken over by Abellio, using LT-class vehicles as noted above. The times are from Kingston at 07:42 and 07:45, returning from the school at 15:05 and 15:08. These journeys also appear to serve the school grounds, although the London United 481 continues to serve the bus stops on the main road. The Abellio journeys appear in the TfL working timetables as 481, under M-Th and Fr SDO and are headed "481D". Thanks to member Robert for his observations and notes.

Additionally:-

339 *(Stagecoach Lea Interchange*-LI) (Leytonstone Station & Shadwell Station) although operated by diesel single-deckers, new Switch (Optare) Metrocity MC940EV electric single-deck vehicles, ordered by Tower Transit, are expected sometime in 2023.

689 *(Arriva London South*-TH) (The Glade, Glade Gardens & West Croydon, Bus Station SDO) Afternoon journey retimed to depart at 15:05. No change to PVR.

PVR changes as follows:
Abellio: 111 to 27*/22/17 (*481) #TF101+; 481 +2 (ex 111)/-/- as #TF126/127 AM; #TF114/122 PM;
London United: 481 no change to PVRs but add Abellio SDO as an operator.

Sunday 30th October 2022: As in TLB699.

Saturday 5th November 2022:

349 *(Arriva London North*-E) Garage allocation change (together with its LTs) from Enfield (E) to Edmonton (EC) Garage.

370 *(Arriva London North*-GY) (Romford, Mercury Gardens & Lakeside, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR Changes from 5th November 2022:
Arriva London North: 349 to 13/14/11 #EC131+, 370 no change to PVRs.

Friday Night 11th November / Saturday Morning 12th November 2022:

N3 *(Abellio*-WL) (Oxford Circus & Bromley North Station) Revised nightly timetable for running time and reliability. PVR to 7 (Su-Th), 12 (FrSa) #WL301+ (from daytime allocation).

Saturday 12th November 2022:

18 *(London United*-RP) (Sudbury and Harrow Road Station & Euston Station) and

N18 *(London United*-RP) (Harrow Weald Garage & Trafalgar Square) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

33 *(London United*-FW) (Fulwell, Stanley Road & Hammersmith Bridge, South Side) and

N33 *(London United*-FW) (Fulwell, Stanley Road & Hammersmith, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years. *(Sorry, in TLB699 it was mis-quoted as 3 rather than 33).*

45 *(Abellio*-WL) (Clapham Park, Atkins Road & Elephant & Castle) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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92 *(Metroline West*-G) (Ealing Hospital & St.Raphael's North, Drury Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini hybrid double-deck vehicles, displaced from route 295. These have been replacing the previous TE-class Enviro400s. As noted previously, formally re-routed in both directions in Greenford via Berkeley Avenue and Greenford Road.

176/= *(Go-Ahead London Central*-Q) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Penge, Pawleyne Arms) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

188/= *(Go-Ahead London Central*-Q) (Russell Square & North Greenwich Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

419 *(London United*-AV) (Roehampton, Bessborough Road & Richmond, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

639 *(London United*-TV) (St John Bosco College & Roehampton, Danebury Ave. *via Southfields* SDO) and

670 *(London United*-TV) (St John Bosco College & Roehampton, Danebury Ave. *via West Hill* SDO), Afternoon journeys retimed to depart at 1540 MTuTh and 14:50 WeFr.

662 *(London United*-TV) (Surbiton Station & New Malden, Holy Cross School SDO) and

665 *(London United*-TV) (Surbiton, Berrylands Road & New Malden, Holy Cross School SDO) Morning journeys retimed to run 5 minutes earlier.

PVR Changes from 12th November 2022:

Abellio: no change to 45 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London Central: no change to 176/= and 188/= PVRs;

London United: 18 to 35(36 Fri)/33/24 #RP251, 33 to 22/18/8 #FW201+; no change to N18, N33 PVRs but now using daytime running numbers; 419, 639, 662, 665, 670 no change to PVRs;

Metroline West: 92 no change to PVRs.

Saturday 19th November 2022:

76/= *(Go-Ahead London General*-NP) (Waterloo, Bayliss Road & Tottenham Hale Station) Partially re-allocated to Stockwell (SW) garage.

444 *(Go-Ahead London General*-NP) (Turnpike Lane Station & Chingford Station) Revised daily timetables for running time.

PVR Changes from 19th November 2022:

Go-Ahead London General: 76 to 12/12/9 #NP101+; SW 7/6/4 #SW51+; no change to =76;

444 to 12/11/12 #NP11+.

Saturday 26th November 2022:

169 *(Stagecoach East London*-BK) (Clayhall, The Glade & Barking) New stand introduced at Barking, London Road, adjacent to roundabout with Barking Northern Relief Road. No change to PVR.

491 *(Metroline Travel*-PB) (North Middlesex Hospital & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Re-routed on departure via a more northerly section of Bull Lane, service road and more of Sterling Way.

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

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Saturday 3rd December 2022:

80 *(Go-Ahead London General*-A) (Hackbridge, Reynolds Close & Belmont, High Down & Downview) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class electric double-deck vehicles in due course, although some diesel double-deck vehicles will form part of the mix for charging purposes.

93/= *(Go-Ahead London General*-A/SW) (North Cheam, Priory Road & Putney Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class electric double-deck vehicles in due course.

151 *(Go-Ahead London General*-A) (Wallington, Shotfield & Worcester Park Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class electric double-deck vehicles in due course.

154/= *(Go-Ahead London General*-A) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Morden Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class electric double-deck vehicles in due course.

163 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AL) (Morden Station & Wimbledon Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new SEe-class electric single-deck vehicles in due course. One peak hour working would continue to be operated by a WHV-class Volvo B5LH/Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck.

164 *(Go-Ahead London General*-AL) (Sutton Station & Wimbledon Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new SEe-class electric single-deck vehicles in due course.

297/= *(Metroline Travel*-PV) (Willesden Garage & Ealing Broadway Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new WDE-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner electric buses in due course. Currently using VW-class Volvo B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles.

411 *(London United*-WK) (West Molesey, Central Avenue & Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station) Re-allocated from Hounslow Heath (WK) to Tolworth (TV) garage.

470 (Colliers Wood Station & Epsom, Town Centre M-Sa, except evenings) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Go-Ahead London General* using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles from Merton (AL) garage. Previously operated by *London United* from Tolworth (TV) garage using DDE- and SDE- class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

A10 *(Metroline West*-UX) (Uxbridge Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Introduction of additional AM journeys, daily.

Saturday 10th December 2022:

6/= *(Metroline Travel*-AC) (Aldwych & Willesden Garage) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

88/= *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Parliament Hill Fields & Clapham Common, Old Town) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

98 *(Metroline Travel*-AC) (Holborn, Red Lion Square & Willesden Garage) and

N98 *(Metroline Travel*-AC) (Holborn, Red Lion Square & Stanmore Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

155 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Tooting, St.George's Hospital & Elephant & Castle) and

N155 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Aldwych & Morden Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing WHV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deckers.

159/= *(Abellio*-QB) (Oxford Circus & Streatham Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemaster hybrid double-deck vehicles.

170 *(Go-Ahead London General*-SW) (Victoria Station & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

190 *(Metroline Travel*-AH) (West Brompton, Empress State Building & Richmond, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DEL-class AD20D diesel single-deck vehicles.

307 (Brimsdown Station & Barnet Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Arriva London North using new ES-class Wrightbus Streetdeck Electroliner double-deck vehicles from Enfield (E) garage, in due course, covered initially by DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles. Currently operated by *Metroline Travel* from Potters Bar (PB) garage using TE-class AD Enviro400 or VW-class Volvo B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel double-deck vehicles.

355 *(Go-Ahead Metrobus*-C) (Mitcham, Cricketers & Brixton) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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

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Saturday 17th December to Friday 23rd December 2022:

Network Rail will be carrying out engineering work, so there will be no Bakerloo line service from Queen's Park to Harrow & Wealdstone, and no London Overground service between Euston and Watford Junction. The following special services will operate:-

718 *(Abellio)* Queen's Park & Harrow & Wealdstone via Kensal Green, Willesden Junction, Harlesden Town Centre, Stonebridge Park, Wembley Central, North Wembley, Preston Road and Kenton.

719 *(Metroline Travel)* Queen's Park & Wembley Park via Kensal Green, Willesden Junction, Harlesden Town Centre, Stonebridge Park

720 *(Sullivans)* Harrow-on-the-Hill) & Watford Junction via Harrow & Wealdstone, Headstone Lane, Hatch End, Carpenders Park, Bushey and Watford High Street. This will be operated with single-deck vehicles.

These services are due to be repeated from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th February 2023.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR BUSES IN LONDON

The summary below applies to London Buses/TfL operations. Details of non-TfL services should hopefully be covered in TLB701. Anyone aiming to be out and about should consult TfL publicity or their website. At the closing date of this TLB, these are the expected operations, with any differences also covered in TLB701. In this instance, references to Night Buses are for the night following the day in question.

Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December: Saturday service on all day routes 24-hour services will run until just after midnight, and there will be no 'N' night buses on the night of 24th/25th.

Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December: No daytime or Night TfL service operating. If non-TfL services operate, including sight-seeing tours, normal or special commercial service fares will apply. Travelcards, Bus passes and concessionary permits would not be valid on these services. Vintage Bus Hire are running a free service, with RT2043 and RT4779 running an hourly service along route 430 leaving Roehampton, Danebury Avenue from 0930-1530 to Putney Bridge Station and South Kensington Station. For further details see: https://1950s-vintage-bus-hire.co.uk/Christmas-430/

Boxing Day, Monday 26th December: A Sunday day and night service will operate. As there was no night service on the night of 25th/26th, 24-hour services will commence operation at approximately 06:00.

Bank Holiday Tuesday 27th December: A Sunday service on day routes, and a Sunday night service on 24-hour and night routes will operate.

Wednesday to Friday 28th/29th/30th December: Normal Saturday service on all day routes and a special service on routes 521 and X68. Normal Wednesday, Thursday or Friday Night service on 24-hour and night routes will operate on relevant nights.

New Year's Eve, Saturday 31st December: Saturday service on all day routes. A Saturday service will operate on all 24-hour and night routes. A number of daytime routes may gain night services, although we have no details of these at time of going to press. If you are planning a trip out, please consult the TfL website for the latest information. The New Year's Eve fireworks return, though note that there is no free travel this year.

New Year's Day, Sunday 1st January 2023: Normal Sunday service will operate on all day, 24-hour and Night bus routes.

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd January 2023: Normal Sunday service will operate on all day, 24-hour and Night bus routes.

Tuesday 3rd January 2022: Normal services resume.

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Saturday 7th January 2023:

32 *(Metroline Travel*-EW) (Kilburn Park Station & Edgware Station) Re-allocated from Edgware (EW) to Cricklewood (W) garage.

142 (Watford Junction & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) and

642 (West Hendon, Herbert Road & Canons Corner, London Academy, SDO) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline Travel using new WDE-class Wrightbus Streetdeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course from Edgware (EW) garage. Currently operated by *London Sovereign* from Edgware (BT) garage using ADE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles. To begin with, BDE-class BYD/AD E400EVs that have been in store for route 204 are expected to be used on route 142.

187 *(Metroline West*-WJ) (Central Middlesex Hospital & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) Revised timetables for running time and frequency reduced from x13 to x15mins M-S daytime, x15 to x20mins Sun and evenings.

226 (Golders Green Station & Ealing Broadway Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to London United using new BE-class BYD D8UR Enviro200EV electric single-deck vehicles, in due course, now re-allocated to Edgware (BT) garage, so novated to London Sovereign. Currently operated by *Metroline West* from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage using DE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles. (This change was deferred from 15th October 2022).

316 *(Metroline Travel*-W) (Cricklewood Garage & White City, Bus Station) Re-allocated from Cricklewood (W) to Willesden Junction (WJ) garage, thus novated to *Metroline West*.

Saturday 14th January 2023:

141 *(Arriva London North*-AD) (Palmers Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

329 *(Arriva London North*-AD) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield, Little Park Gardens) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

635 (Hounslow Bus Station & Sunbury, St.Paul's School, SDO) LBSL QX contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Lampton (SG) garage. Currently operated by *London United* from Hounslow (AV) garage using SP-class Scania N230UD Omnicity diesel double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 21st January 2023:

47/= *(Stagecoach Selkent*-TL) (Shoreditch High Street & Bellingham, Catford Garage) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles.

99 *(Arriva London North*-DT) (Woolwich, High Street & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

269 *(Arriva London North*-DT) (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Bromley North Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

401 *(Arriva London North*-DT) (Thamesmead, Town Centre & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

422 *(Stagecoach Selkent*-PD) (North Greenwich Station & Bexleyheath Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

B13 (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & New Eltham Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central using new SEe electric BYD D8UR Enviro200EV single-deck vehicles from Bexleyheath (BX) garage in due course. Currently operated by *Arriva London North* from Dartford (DT) garage using ENR-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.

B14 *(Stagecoach Selkent*-TB) (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Orpington Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

B16 (*Go-Ahead London Central*-BX) (Kidbrooke, Wingfield School & Bexleyheath Garage) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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SERVICE PROPOSALS

The consultation for the **Central London review** was published on 23rd November. There were 21,528 responses, including 281 from stakeholders. "A range of views were expressed in response to the consultation which have been considered carefully." Students of route history will be relieved to know that many low numbered routes have been 'saved', with many proposals "not going ahead at this time" but will mourn the passing of the last "Red Arrow" routes. The changes that will go ahead 'sometime in 2023' include:-

Route **3** rerouted at Lambeth Bridge to Victoria via route 507 and Horseferry Road; (thus to be Crystal Palace & Victoria);
Route **6** rerouted at Hyde Park Corner to Victoria via Grosvenor Gardens; (thus to be Willesden Garage & Victoria);
Route **11** rerouted at Westminster Bridge via route 211 to Waterloo Station, Taxi Road; (thus to be (Fulham Broadway & Waterloo);
Route **16** withdrawn in its current form, but new number for route 332 (see below).
Route **23** rerouted at Marble Arch via 6 to Aldwych; (thus Westbourne Park & Aldwych);
Route **26** rerouted at Aldwych via 11 to Victoria; (thus Hackney Wick & Victoria);
Route **59** rerouted at Holborn via 521 to Bart's Hospital; (thus Brixton Garage & St.Barts);
Route **77** minor rerouting at Waterloo to terminate via Taxi Road instead of County Hall;
Route **133** rerouted at Monument via 521 to Bart's Hospital; (thus Streatham Station & St.Barts);
Route **211** rerouted at Chelsea Bridge Road to Battersea Power Station; (thus to be Hmmersmith & Battersea Power Station);
Route **332** to be renumbered **16** (Brent Park & Paddington);
Route **C10** rerouted via St. Georges's Road and Westminster Bridge Road (Canada Water & Victoria).
Route **N11** Withdrawn between Liverpool Street & Trafalgar Square. (thus to be Trafalgar Square & Ealing Broadway);
Route **N16** Withdrawn, replaced by **N32**;
Route **N26** Extended from Trafalgar Square to Victoria (thus Chingford Station & Victoria)
.Route **N32** Renumbered from **N16** (Victoria & Edgware Station).
Routes **507 and 521** would be withdrawn.

The changes proposed to **4, 12, 14, 15/N15, 19/N19, 24, 27/N27, 31/N31, 43, 45, 47, 49, 53, 56, 72/N72, 74/N74, 78, 88, 98/N98, 100, 113, 135, 148, 171, 189, 205, 214, 236, 242/N242, 254, 259, 272, 277, 279, 283, 328, 343, 349, 388, 414, 430, 476, C3, D3, D7** and **D8** remain to be decided.

Once again, a disclaimer, in case I've got anything wrong, as the summary of changes was not always clear. The full consultation is available at the website haveyoursay @ tfl.gov.uk and runs to 369 pages; obviously I don't propose to summarise all the results here for lack of space!

The consultation for the **Silvertown Tunnel** routes was duly published on 16th November, with a return date of 11th January 2023. This updates the previous information last month (TLB699). Of note is the promise of running at least 20 buses per hour in peak times through both the Blackwall and Silvertown Tunnels combined. It is anticipated that all buses using the tunnels will be zero-emission and once consultations are complete 'work can begin on detailed plans to deliver this outcome.' Also, all road users will pay a user charge for travelling through either Tunnels to 'manage' traffic levels and to re-invest in London's transport network. Route **108/N108** will operate direct from the Blackwall Tunnel (southbound) via a new slip road, Millennium Way, rather than using Blackwall Lane and Boord Street (which has been temporarily closed anyway) but is otherwise unchanged. Route **129** is extended from North Greenwich Station via Silvertown to Great Eastern Quay, not Barking Riverside. This is a riverside development east of Gallions Reach and will operate via Silvertown Tunnel, then route 474 to West Silvertown, Pontoon Dock, Silvertown, double-run via London City Airport, then via route 300 to Royal Albert, Tollgate Road, Beckton and then via route 101 to Gallions Reach. The terminal point is described as 'Wallace Walk', although Google Maps describe it as 'Wallis Walk': in any case it is at the end of Magellan Boulevard. There is an option to operate direct from Silvertown Tunnel via North Woolwich Road or via Tidal Basin Road (serving nearby City Hall) and Silvertown Road. The route is proposed to run every x8mins Mo-Fr daytime, x10mins Sats and x12mins Sunday and evenings.

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Route **X239** (as referred to in this consultation) is as previously described a route from Grove Park Station, via 261 to Lee Green, route 202 to Blackheath, route 89 to Sun in the Sands roundabout, then non-stop to Leamouth via the A102M and Silvertown Tunnel then via route D3 to Prestons Road, then via new development south of Blackwall basin, described as 'Wood Wharf' then via Charter Street to Canary Wharf (Westferry Circus). There are 2 options for alternative routes: On Leamouth peninsula, one option is to operate direct, or to double run via Orchard Place; a further option is to serve Yabsley Street and Blackwall Way towards Grove Park. Frequency is proposed to be Mo-Fr daytime every x8mins and x15mins at other times. Responses as usual to haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs.
Notes: CE+2 = Contract extended by 2 years. CR = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 years, with a potential +2 year extension. CR2 = Contract awarded for 2 years. CR7 = Contract renewed for 7 years. All dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment.
The * suffix = award specified new buses; the # suffix = award specified part new bus allocation. Not all award dates will be necessarily the same date that new buses are introduced.

4th Feb 23: CR7 on 91/N91 (Metroline to G-A London General), W5* (S'ch East London ex HCT), 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), CR7 on E2*, E8* (Metroline Travel).
24th June 23: CR7 on 26/N26 (S'ch East London)
1st July 23: CR7 on 57/=#, 213/=*(G-A London General), 265* (London United to G-A London General), CR7 on 85/=, 216, K4 (London United), 643 (Metroline to Uno).
8th July 23: CR7 on 377* (Arriva LN).
15th July 23: CR7 on 86/N86* (S'ch East London).
22nd July 23: CR7 on 53/N53 (S'ch Selkent).
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 216 (London United), 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), CR7 on 626 (Sullivans to Metroline Travel), CR7 on 634 (Metroline Travel), CR2 on 685 (Arriva LS).
9th Sep 23: CR7 on 83/N83*, 483 (Metroline Travel).
16th Sep 23: CR7 on 199/N199* (S'ch Selkent), 276* (G-A Docklands to S'ch East London), 376 (G-A Docklands to Blue Triangle), D3*(S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle).
30th Sep 23: CR7 on 346 (G-A Blue Triangle to S'ch East London), CR7 on 404 (London United to Abellio), CR7 on 450* (Arriva LS to G-A Metrobus).
7th Oct 23: CR on 21/N21 (G-A London Central), CR7 on 107 (Metroline Travel).
14th Oct 23: CR7 on 223 (London Sovereign to Metroline Travel).
18th Nov 23: CR7 on 430 (Go-Ahead London General).
2nd Dec 23: CR7 on 152* (Go-Ahead London General).

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DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 9th November to 11th December, owing to railway works in Harrington Square, Camden, routes **N5 and N20** were diverted northbound direct via Eversholt Street. From 11th to 25th November, owing to electrical works in Cleveland Terrace, Paddington routes **205/N205** were temporarily revised to start and end journeys in Praed Street. From 16th to 21st November, owing to telecommunication works in Aldersgate Street, route **153** was diverted in both directions via Aldersgate Street and London Wall, instead of Beech Street. From 24th November to 5th December, owing to telecommunications works in Byam Street, Fulham, route **424** was diverted in both directions via Townmead Road, Glenrosa Street and Stephendale Road. From 28th November to 18th December, owing to multiple works in Abingdon Street, routes **3/N3 and 87/N87** were diverted southbound via Bridge Street, Westminster Bridge and Lambeth Palace Road.

South-East: From 2nd to 8th November, owing to a water leak in Lordship Lane/Underhill Road, Dulwich, route **P13** was diverted northbound to double run via Lordship Lane and Sydenham Hill to the junction with Kirkdale. From 14th to 19th November, owing to utility works in Edmund Halley Way, route **108/=** was diverted towards Stratford and route **188/=** on departure via Millennium Way.
From 21st November to 9th December, owing to gas works in Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen, route **B13** was diverted in both directions via Days Lane, Blackfen Road and Wellington Avenue. From 30th November to 3rd December, owing to a water leak on Jewels Hill, Biggin Hill, route **464** was again sent on a long diversion 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.

South: The cosmetic works in Sandy Lane, Roundshaw, affecting routes **154 and 455** as reported last month, were extended to 1st December. From 29th November to 6th December owing to water works in Ernest Avenue, outside Norwood Garage, route **68** was revised to stand in the next parallel Rothschild Street; presumably Arriva operated routes could still turn at the garage?

West: The trial of the Uxbridge Bus Station stopping arrangements (noted in TLB 697) has been extended to 30th November, although route **U1** still serves the Bus Station towards Ruislip. From 14th November to 4th December owing to bridge works on Drayton Green Road, West Ealing, routes **E7 and E11** were diverted eastbound via The Avenue and Gordon Road. From 24th November to 11th December owing to construction works in West Brompton, route **190** is curtailed back to Hammersmith.

North-West: From 14th November to 19th December, owing to road works in Northwood Way, Northwood, route **H13** was diverted in both directions via Potter Street, instead of Northwood Way and Hillside Road. Further to the gas works in Deansbrook Road, Mill Hill (see TLB 698/699) these continued to be protracted and now routes **303, 628 and 642** are diverted westbound via Burnt Oak Broadway, Watling Avenue and Orange Hill Road, until 7th December.

North: From 3rd to 24th November, owing to a collapsed sewer in Tufnell Park Road, route **4** was diverted southbound via Brecknock Road, Hilldrop Road, Camden Road and Parkhurst Road. From 7th November to 2nd December, owing to telecommunications works in Hanley Road, Stroud Green, route **210** was diverted southbound via Hazellville Road, Hornsey Rise, Crouch End Hill, The Broadway, Tottenham Lane (double run to YMCA), The Broadway, Crouch Hill and Stroud Green Road. From 14th to 21st November, owing to road works in Lansdowne Road, Northumberland Park, routes **318, 341/= and 476** were diverted southbound via Shelbourne Road (318), then Willoughby Lane, Northumberland Park and High Road. From 21st November to 14th December, owing to a collapsed sewer in Priory Road, Hornsey, route **W3** was diverted towards Northumberland Park via High Street Hornsey, Turnpike Lane and High Road Wood Green. From 30th November to 9th December, owing to gas works in Hunters Way, routes **313, W8 and W9** were diverted westbound via Lavender Hill (W8/W9), The Ridgeway and Chase Farm Hospital Access Road.

North-East: From 4th to 25th November, owing to a sewer collapse in Roding Lane South, Redbridge, route **366** was diverted southbound via Leigh Avenue, Falmouth Gardens and Redbridge Lane East.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Monday 21st November;

13/a/b/c *(Vectare)*(Waltham Cross & Epping and North Weald) Minor M-F peak timing changes; Additional 13B journey on Saturdays.

14/b *(Vectare)* (Waltham Cross & Upshire Shops) Saturday journeys added.

22/a *(Vectare)* (Waltham Cross & Shernbroke Road) Minor M-F peak timing changes; Additional journeys on Saturdays.

71/72 (Stondon Massey & Warley via Brentwood, M-S) From *Stephensons to Konect Bus.*

Monday 1st January 2023;

14/b *(Vectare)* (Waltham Cross & Upshire Shops) Additional M-F peak and evening journeys.

22/a *(Vectare)* (Waltham Cross & Shernbroke Road) Increased M-F service.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Sunday 30th October (additional)

508 *(Arriva KT)* (Hemel & Mount Vernon) Further to the entry in TLB697 p17, the amalgamation of the 8 and part of the 500 has changed routeing in Watford. All buses Daily now deviate via Watford Junction (the 500 didn't). Buses toward Mount Vernon now serve Beechen Grove stops rather than the Town Centre proper. Mon-Sat evening journeys Hemel & Watford do serve the Town Centre – in Market Street – but don't go via Watford Junction. *(Many confused passengers I fear?).* Evening buses now run an un-remorable x65 mins!

Monday 12th December:

653 *(uno)* (W.G.City & St Albans, New Greens, Daily) Revised running times for reliability.

Sunday 1st January 2023 (or first appropriate date):

6 *(Arriva KT)* (Welwyn Garden City Bus Station & Shire Park, M-F) Withdrawn.

26 *(Centrebus)* (Royston & Cambridge, M-S) Timetable change to address reliability problems.

61/A,62/A *(Arriva the Shires)* (Aylesbury & Dunstable, M-S) Minor timetable changes.

81 *(Centrebus)* (Hitchin, Westmill & High Dane, M-S): Timetable change, mainly to restore early morning journeys to Hitchin Station.

352 *(Vale Travel):* (Hemel Hempstead & Watford via Bovingdon, M-S) Revised timetable with most journeys diverted via HM Prison The Mount in Bovingdon. One M-F morning peak journey to Watford revised to better suit school start times.

387/389/397 *(Red Rose):* (Tring locals, M-S). The current 'Covid' timetable made permanent.

Several other changes are due from this date but enough details are not yet available.

53 *(Landmark)*(Letchworth Town Service), 357 *(Arriva KT)* (Harpenden, Broadstone Road & Borehamwood, Manor Way, M-S), the Sunday 304/357, Watford locals W18/W19 *(Red Rose).* All these routes are liable to be continued but perhaps with different operators. Provisionally, parts (or all) of the W18/W19 will be replaced by a new route 385 (details to come).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE

Sunday 29th October

Following the fire at Slough Bus Station, stopping arrangements in the Town Centre and Bus Station area changed until further notice.

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

Monday 31st October (additional):

305 *(Bear Buses)* (Staines & Poyle, M-F). Rerouted off-peak between Horton and Colnbrook via Datchet.

P1 *(White Bus)* (Windsor & Datchet, M-F). Journeys serving Datchet Increased from 3 to 7, including peak hour ones.

Sunday 13th November:

X74 *(First Berkshire)* (Slough & High Wycombe, Daily) Revised timetable.

Monday 28th November:

50 *(Z&S)* (Great Horwood & Milton Keynes, M-S) Timetable change. The section between The Point and the Theatre District in Milton Keynes is withdrawn.

110 *(Z&S)* (Aylesbury & Worminghall via Thame, M-S) and

111 *(Z&S)* Oakley & Aylesbury via Thame, M-F) and

112 *(Z&S)* Oakley & Waddesdon via Thame, Wed & Fri) and

113 *(Z&S)* Oakley & Princes Risborough via Thame, Tue & Thur)

Timetable changes on all with extra running times. The 112 now serves Stoke Mandeville Hospital at the Main Gate only, the deviations to the Outpatients Centre no longer served.

Sunday 4th December:

3 *(First Berkshire)* (Slough & Uxbridge) A timetable change was announced but I cannot find any evidence!

4 *(First Berkshire)* (Maidenhead & Heathrow Central, Daily) Additional night journeys.

Sunday 18th December:

1A *(Red Rose)* (Fairford Leys- Aylesbury- Buckingham Park, Sundays) Withdrawn. (so LDO 11Dec)

Sunday 1st January 2023 (or first appropriate date):

61/A,62/A *(Arriva the Shires)* (Aylesbury & Dunstable, M-S) Minor timetable changes.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Monday 14th November:

618 *(London General)* (Walton-on-the-Hill & Ashtead and Leatherhead schools, SDO) Morning journey to start 7mins earlier to maintain reliability.

619 *(Cardinal Buses)* (Lower Kingswood & Leatherhead Schools, SDO) Minor timing change. This was in N&P but not quoted by SureyCC.

Sunday 1st January:

X30 *(White Bus)* (Ascot, Heatherwood Hospital & Frimley Park Hospital via Bagshot, M-F) Withdrawn – last day presumably 30th December).

X94 *(White Bus)* (Ascot, Heatherwood Hospital & Frimley Park Hospital via Bracknell, M-F) Revised timetable. Additional stop at Yeovil Road, Owlsmoor.

North and west KENT

Sunday 4th December:

Fastrack A and B, 489 *(Arriva KT)* Minor timetable changes.

Monday 12th December:

Changes to Centaur Overland commuter coaches to London: 786 and 789 reduced journeys; 790 and 793 withdrawn; 788 no change.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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Integration of the three sections of the Elizabeth line as one is shown in the November 2022 edition of "Tube map", featuring Do Ho Suh's 'Routes/Roots: London 2022' on the cover. The artwork is described as 'an embroidered facsimile of the iconic Tube map design focusing on the routes that the artist habitually uses around his home and studio.' It comprises an extract of the Tube map centred on Bank overlayed on lines resembling contours found on Ordnance Survey maps. The key change inside the map is that the Elizabeth Line now stretches from Reading and Heathrow to Abbey Wood and Shenfield. This still leaves Paddington spread over a large and easily confused area with nearby Edgware Road. At the eastern end of the line the new junction is placed in between Bethnal Green on the Central line and Whitechapel on the District / Hammersmith & City lines. The Abbey Wood branch continues to follow the same alignment as the May 2022 edition. The Shenfield branch crosses the Central line to run north of Mile End before recrossing to remain south of the line. Bond Street is added to the map, interchanging with both Central and Jubilee lines. The other addition to the map is the opening of the Overground extension to Barking Riverside and the associated interchange with the pier on the River Thames. The new sponsorship deal with IFS Cloud is reflected with both cable car stations gaining the sponsors name as a prefix. The 'Check before you travel' is much reduced with only Bank, Hounslow West and Paddington warranting a mention. The section gains a QR code, the first time one of these has been used on a Tube map. Overall sponsorship remains with Ikea with the nearest station to each store marked with the company logo. The closure of the Tottenham store means that Tottenham Hale loses this logo. Ikea's advert on the back panel reads 'Make a wonderful home, whatever your zone.'

Explaining the latest service pattern is "Changes to the Elizabeth line from 6th November 2022" a multifold slimline featuring a photo of the roundel on the cover. Inside is a full map of the line, including hatched 'branches' into the mainline platforms at Paddington and Liverpool Street which still cater for a few services during early mornings, late evening and weekends. Narrative about Paddington includes a prominent message about eastbound trains being scheduled to wait up to seven minutes. The new Bond Street station is highlighted with a photo and explanatory text, along with information for passengers with a buggy or travelling to one of the eleven stations with short platforms.

Marking a previous step change in service provision is "Celebrating 15 years of London Overground." The A5 booklet has an orange colour with large stylised '15'printed in the style of moquette used on the trains. Inside there is narrative about the project to revitalise what were 'Cinderella' lines, accompanied by a timeline laid out like a route diagram. Also available is a commemorative plastic Oyster card wallet with the same stylised '15'

Following the report in TLB699 for Canada Water, copies of three further "Tube Strike Alternative bus services" have been reported for Bow Road, Finchley Road and West Ham. All three are on foolscap paper and although undated were first sighted back in 2016. Thank you to member 3601 for reporting these.

A blue TfL roundel is in the centre of the title on "Sustainability is TfL", a landscape A5 sheet publicising eighteen ways the organisation is sustainable. These are illustrated around the border of the front, whilst the reverse has brief narrative about each. It is this which gives the only clue to publication date; stating that this year saw the development of the first TfL wide natural capital account.

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

Seeking to recruit school leavers, "Apprenticeship Schemes 2023 Level 2/3" is a landscape A5 giving an overview of apprenticeship opportunities at TfL. The reverse, "Apprenticeship Schemes 2023 Level 4, 5 and 6" is aimed at those finishing higher education. Jobseekers with mild to moderate learning difficulties can enrol on the 'Steps into Work' programme which is explained in "How we can help you with your journey to employment…" The twelve-page A5 book outlines the scheme alongside testimonies from alumni. Logos for TfL, Remploy and Barnet Southgate College, key partners in the scheme, are carried on the cover. Although undated, the students featured are all from the 2017 and 2018 programmes.

Also targeting job seekers is "We're looking for great people", a four-page A5 leaflet outlining the benefits of working for Keolis Amey Docklands, operator of the DLR. The front has photos depicting a variety of roles with the remainder taken up by narrative about the opportunities. Those tempted can scan a QR code on the rear to connect to a website of live vacancies. This website address is also on "To apply for a current vacancy please visit" a credit card sized item with a photo of a DLR train in the shadow of the iconic tower at 1 Canada Square.

Stagecoach is recruiting drivers and mechanical apprentices with two (approximately) credit card sized photocopied items. On blue paper "Stagecoach calling!!! Qualified and trainee bus drivers wanted at all of our depots", whilst "Stagecoach calling!!! Mechelec Apprentices drivers wanted at all of our depots for 2023" is on yellow paper. 'Mechelec' is the title of the apprenticeship specialism rather than a spelling error. Both carry a drawing of an Enviro 200 in the latest national Stagecoach livery plus a QR code on the rear.

The first reported "Hop-on Discover Hop-off Explore" of the year from Big Bus is valid from October 2022. The multifold slimline has a full colour map of the tour network with last bus times for each route. The last reported edition of this was dated 1 December 2021 in TLB694, suggesting that there may also have been an unreported edition for the peak summer season. Bus routes linking Luton to Dunstable, Bourne End to High Wycombe and the Railair link between Reading and Heathrow feature on the UK side of "GWR and National railway network maps." The routes are shown in red with a simple bus symbol next to them, denoting the availability of through ticketing between train and bus, but not indicating which services or operators to use. The latter two services feature on the reverse showing the GWR network, with the route numbers included, but still lacking operator details. The multifold slimline is dated May 2022.

Despite using buses in standard livery, Arriva's "Go exploring with Greenline 724 to Heathrow Bus timetable" carries the latest Greenline branding on the cover of the twelve-page A5 book. Seven suggested activities are bullet pointed on the cover which features a photo of a woman leading somebody into a forest. Inside there is a full timetable plus a route map accompanied by a list of stops served by this limited stop service. The map's copyright date of 2022 is the only clue to publication date of the book. On the rear cover the message 'Go exploring with Greenline' is repeated, printed over a view from a departure gate at Heathrow.

Also using the Greenline branding is "Your ticket to London, from London Luton Airport" an A7 multifold which includes a timetable for the 757 dated 17th July 2022. The timetable is headed '755/757' despite 755 journeys being omitted although the fares quoted are for 755/757.

Since the start of 2022 this column has reported one hundred and forty-nine items, a small increase of twelve over last year but still significantly below the 2019 pre-covid figure of four hundred and eighty items. It would appear Covid has accelerated what was already a declining rate of publication and that the 'new normal' is for printed publicity to play a supporting role to web and app-based information. Thank you to every member who has reported publicity during 2022, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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:

In the Lord Mayor's Show on 12th November: former London United SP 15, Olympian B1 CCA and Arriva London RM 2217.

The Hendon Running Day on 20th November featured these on routes or parts of routes:

13:- RT 714, RTL 554, RM 1005, RM 1804, RML 903.

32: - RM 298, RM 1993 plus from the BBPG – all ex Metroline TPL 264, VPL 630, TA 648, TE 847.

83:- RT 4779. 140:- RT 1798, RT 2177, RT 4275, RT 4779, plus RML 2310 from Timebus.

183:- RT 3933, DM 1052, M 1, M 1014. 240A:- TD 89 from Timebus. N59:- M 1014 and M 1440.

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

By 11th November, 27 of the 30 Electroliners had been delivered but were still waiting for the power supply to be switched on.

2411, 2412 and 2570 seem likely to have been at QB as extras on route 159 on Tube strike days. However, while there 2412 and 2570 also ran on route 27 on 11th November.

More repaints include 2447. In TLB699 the ref. to LT 176 should be LT 166 while 2479 should be 2579.

On 3rd December, 3018 was used by Wrightbus in Ballymena, fund-raising for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.

New deliveries: (November/ December)

3401-30 (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) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D. All except 3018 and 3025 are confirmed as delivered as at 10 November.

Transfers:

(November): 2411/12 DH/QB(loan)/DH. 2570 GW/QB(loan)/GW.

3001-17/19-24/26-30 –TF.

Livery changes:

LT 39 to advert for Marvel Iron Man.

LT 156 from advert for Boss to one for Uinqlo Heat Tch.

LT 158 to advert for Kurt Geiger.

LT 166 to advert for Armani.

LT 167 from advert for Pratt & Whitney back to red.

LT 604 to advert for British Airways.

LT 605 from advert for Moncler back to red.

LT 609 from advert for Michael Kors to cone for Jean Paul Gautier.

LT 628 from advert for Uniqlo back to red.

LT 705 from advert for La'eeb to one for Marvel Iron Man.

LT 707 from advert for Battersea Power Station to one for Marc Jacobs.

LT 776 from advert for K-way to one for JD Sports.

2538 from advert for Verkada back to red.

3401 from Poppy Appeal livery back to red,

Subsequent disposals:

9833/34 (Y133/4 HWB) are now with Dublin Sightseeing.

----- *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.

When route 307 is taken over from Metroline on 10th December, it will be worked by DWs (earmarked are 190/1 and 501-514). The Electroliners (to be ES 1-16) are unlikely to be here before April or May 2023.

Several LTs and a few DWs moved into Edmonton on 5th November with route 349.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include DW 545, 549, 552; HV 39, 105, 126, 129, 184; LT 89, 188, 213, 215; T 308, 312, 324. In TLB699 the ref.to L 326 should be T 326.

On 15th November ENN 64 on route 192 in Montagu Road Edmonton was in a head-on collision with a car, causing severe frontal damage. T 322 that had roof damage in Dartford on 24th August has been repaired.

An oddity on 27th November was HT 28 (TC69) on the 194, first visit of the type since 14th May.

Arriva is to dispose of its heritage fleet, RM 5 and 2217, RMC 1453 and 1464 are for sale.

Transfers:

(Correction to SUP-39C and TLB685): ENN 52 is at WN (not AR) since Aug 2021.

Correction to TLB699: LT 183 and 192 - both went CT/E (October 2020), then E/AE (October 2022) and AE/EC (November 2022).

(November): DW 318 TC/TCu. DW 501, 511, 514 E/EC.
DW 502, 505 DT/E. DW 504, 506, 509 TC/E.
LT 182, 185, 187, 195, 196, 198, 199 E/EC. LT 183, 192 E/EC.
LT 214, 215 CT/EC. LT 225, 226, 227 CT/GY. T 322 DTu/DT.
ENN 64 E/Eu. ENX 29 TH/Nu. SLS 23 N/TH.
(November): LT 188 CT/AR.

Livery changes:

HV 277 from advert for La'eeb back to red.
HV 337 is still a Verkada advert (at 01Dec).
LT 216 from advert for Kraken to one for British Airways.
LT 222 from advert for Kraken to one for Jean Paul Gaultier.
LT 230 from advert for Cos to one for M&S.
LT 321 from advert for M&S back to red.
LT 464 from advert for Kurt Geiger to one for JD Sports.
LT 498 from advert for Kraken to one for JD Sports.
LT 523 from advert for Boss to one for Marvel Iron Man.
LT 534 still had its advert for Qatar 2022 at the end of November (incorrect report of change).
LT 538 from advert for Tu Clothing back to red
LT 584 from advert for Valentino back to red.
LT 586 from advert for Cos back to red.
LT 600 to advert for Converse.
LT 726 to advert for Jean Paul Gaultier.
LT 728 from advert for Moncler to one for UniQlo HeatTech.
LT 962 to advert for Jean Paul Gaultier.
LT 977 from advert for K-way back to red.

Disposals:

DW 413, 414, 415 to Arriva Southern Counties (November).
(DW 412 and 416 in TLB699 are now ASC 6301 and 6305).
T 65 to Arriva Sothern Cuunties (November).

----- *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)

Acquired (from Arriva London): T 65 (LJ08 CXV) Trident / E400 trainer..
Out of area: 3985 to Area 3. 4042 to Area 2.
Transfers: 3985 NF/WB(Area 3).4041 NF/NFw.4042 NF/HH(Area 2). 4118 NFu/NF. T 65 London/NFt.

Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex (HA, HH, SV, WA and WE garages (all A-KT licence).
Into this area (from Southend): 3756 (YJ08 DZF) VDL SB200 – Wright Pulsar B44F – 2008.
4042 (GN07 AWR) E200Dart – E200 10.8m B38F- 2007.
Into this area from Milton Keynes: 2448 (YJ05 JXV) Optare Solo M1020 B37F – 2005.
Transfers: 2448 MK/HH. 3556 SVu/HA (correcting TLB699). 3572 HH/HHu. 3756 SE/HA.
3759 HA/HAu. 4042 NF/HH. 4181 WE/WEu.
Disposals: 2495, 3754, 3755 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs.

Recent repaints include: 4213. (1519, 3770/3/4, now at HA, arrived in new livery).
On 24th October 1011 was on an M3 off-peak journey in Ware, shortly followed by 1520 on the 331. No problem during half term but the 331 has to be double-deck on schooldays to cater for increased demand for travel to Freeman College.
At Hemel, the double-deck buses 6524-27 once on the 500 are used instead on town route 2 as well as school route 824.

Part 3: Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire (AY, LD and WB garages, on AtS licence)
Correction to Fleetbooks: 2324 has reg LM64 JNU (not JNP).
Into this area: 3985 (GN07 DLK) AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F/
Acquired (November) from Arriva Midlands:
4759 (FJ06 ZSE) DAF DB250LF – Wright Eclipse Gemini 10.3m H41/26F – 2006.
This arrived to help cover for a recent accident (3919) and a mechanical (3031).

Repaints to the lighter blue: 2314, 3024, 3025.
Transfers: 3812 WB/AY (the white bus). 3919 AY/AYu. 3985 NF/WB. 4759 --/AY.
Disposals: 3959 is at Arriva K&S Gillingham for spare parts recovery (November).
Further to TLB694 p22: MAN 9555 - company said to scrap but remains at AYw.

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire

Correction to TLB699: Ref. to MX12 DXB should be MX12 DZB.

CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey

New into the fleet: BT66 HJU Iveco Daily 70C17 – Mellor B26F.
RX22 SFZ M-B Sprinter – EVM B28F (extra info on this one).
RX71 TMZ M-B Sprinter – EVM B18F.

Change of registration: Transit CL14 BUS reverted to LG68 GVE.
Disposals (by October): LG68 GVE and Transit LG69 CDF.

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

MetroDecker CT21 GAL now seems to be used on route 420.

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

CENTREBUS, Luton

Correction to TLB699: 550/1/2 came from Winson's, Loughborough and were previously registered as XX12 PSW, XX13 PSW, WW13 PSW respectively. No doubt those regs were retained by Winson's.

Disposals: Scania OmniCity 728 (YN54 AHG) out of area to Leicester.
Solo 325 out of area to Grantham.

CHILTERN AUTOMOTIVE, Cryers Hill, Bucks

Disposals: Solos MX58 AAJ and YJ09 OTV to Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham.

1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend

Acquired (November) from Ensign Bus, formerly First Group 34402;
VX54 MTY Danni Trident – Alexander ALX400 H47/27F – 2004.

GO-AHEAD LONDON

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

The LT transfers NP/SW below were for route 76 that moved south from 19th November.
As we closed for press (3rd December), it was expected that the Ee buses (70-93) would soon start in service on routes 119 and 264.
On route 456 (NP), supposedly meant to be restricted to the 8.8m version, quite a few 10.2m SEe buses get used – and even on rare occasions (eg SEe 51 on 17 November) a 10.8m version.
MHVs are very rare on route 171 (NX) but on 25th October MHV 55 was thereon with MHV 89 on 12th November morning and MHV 90 all day on November 16th. WS 108 (MG) was on route 108 on 24th November.
Recent repaints/ refurbs include LT 51, 53, 59, 61, 64, 65, 115; SE 235, 237, 238.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven (now RG Ringmer), KL King's Lynn; PU=Pulborough.
(August): OM 4, 12 C/Cu.
(November): Ee 78 Qu/Ct. Ee 93 ---Qu.
LT 173, 478 NP/SW. LT 879-898, 900-902 NP/SW. WS 3, 4 MB/NP.
(December): SE 235, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242 SW/AL.

Livery changes:

LT 47 to advert for Armani.
LT 283 to advert for Jean Paul Gautier.
LT 291 to advert for JD Sports.
LT 305 to advert for Armani.
LT 310 to advert for British Airways.
LT 435 to advert for Kurt Geiger.
LT 446 from advert for Michael Kors to one for Uniqlo Heat Tech.
LT 845 to advert for Jean Paul Gautier.
LT 862 from advert for IHG Hotels to one for Marvel Iron Man.
LT 865 from advert for Moncler back to red.
LT 867 from advert for K-Way back to red.
WHV 89 and WHV 120 from advert for La'eeb back to red.
WHV 123 from advert for Switzerland back to red.

Disposals:
E 132/3/4 to Go North East (Nos.6961/2/3) (August).
Enviro200 256 (SN54 GRK) to Ensign Bus (November).

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

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

Solos 5009, 5012 are for sale, Versa 6001 is held for spare parts.

Disposals: Solo 5011 sold to Hulley's, Baslow, Derbyshiue,
Versa 6005 sold to --?--.
Versas 6006, 6007 to Scapco, Paddock Wood, Kent.

LONDON DIAL-A-RIDE

Correcting the reg in TLB699, D7002 (YX08 FKE) was noted in October at Harold Wood, converted to a camper van. D7199 is no longer a barber's shop in Woolwich, that role now taken up by the Solo MX04 VLR.

LONDONER BUSES (MANCHESTER BUS TOURS)

RML 2290 went into service on 18th November, so didn't go to South Wales. On 2nd December RM 871 (on a 'dead run') collided with the rear of RATP OME 46037 at Clapham Junction, causing only minor frontal damage to the RM.

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

One of the twenty hydrogen fuel cell 12-metre dual-door GB-Kites has been pictured near the Wrightbus factory in an all-blue livery. Other recent acquisitions 6703/4/5 are also in the latest livery.
In the event, 2703 (reg 192-D-19499) was the first into stock and is now 6784, and is now in the latest livery. AD E20D- AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.8m B41F – 2019.

METROLINE TRAVEL – AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, KC, PA, PB, PV, SG and W garages, also METROLINE WEST – G, HZ, UX and WJ garages.

(within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)
OME 2666, off since 14th February, was back in use on 17 November. LT 8, off since 20th November 2019 (!!) was back in use on 29th November 2022.
TEs and TEHs quite often take a turn on route 95 but VMH 2592 during the am peak on 16th November was most unusual. Even more exciting were fleeting visits to route 83. VMH 2577 covered one evening trip on 6th October, then VMH 2583 worked a couple of trips on the evening of 10th November. VMH 2534 ran just one midday trip on the 83 on the 15th, as did VMH 2576 on 17th, followed by VMH 2564 for one trip on the 18th. This type mix was brought about by the outstationing of buses for the 83 at Athlon Road and the need to swap buses around from PV Garage at times.
One 'first' oddity was OME 2653 on route 307 on 26th November.
Recent refurbs/ repaints include TEH 2078, 2084; VWH 2188, 2192; DEL 2148, 2265. In TLB699 2072 is TEH not VWH.

New deliveries:
Updating TLB698 page 22:
WDE 2769 (LV22 AGX) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D, ULW 13440kg.
(The length -actual 10.582/ seat totals/ weight now visually confirmed).
It is at Potters Bar (PB) Garage.

Transfers; (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).
(March 2022): LT 794 W/Wu.
(November): Correction to TLB699: VW 1832 is HZu/PAu/HZu.
VW 1817, 1828 HZu/PV. VW 1819 PV/HZu. VW 1829, 1839 HZu/AH. VWH 2133 WJ/HZu.
LT 8 Wu/W. LT 11 Equipmake/HT. TE 1992 Gu/PAu. OME 2666 PBu/PB. WDE 2769 PAu/PBt.
DE 874 W/PAu. DE 1618 WJ/PAu. DEL 2612 PAu/W.

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

METROLINE, Continued:

Livery changes:
LT 647 to advert for Back Market.
LT 649 from advert for M&S to one for Back Market.
LT 654 from advert for Boss to one for Back Market.
LT 660 from advert for Moncler to one for Jean Paul Gaultier.
LT 749 from advert for Gant to one for Back Market.
LT 756 from advert for Stuart Weitzmann to one for British Airways.
LT 762 to advert for Marc Jacobs.
LT 764 to advert for Back Market.
VWH 2125 and VWH 2354 from advert for Let's do London back to red.
VWH 2403 from advert for Qatar 2022 back to red.
WHD 2711 from Poppy Appeal livery back to red.

Disposals:
TE 1981/82/90/91/94/97, 2000 off lease (to Barclays Finance). 1981/82 on to Ensign Bus (November).

MULLANY'S BUSES, Watford

Disposals:
Volvo B7TLs LF52 ZPX and LF52 ZTG gone from fleet (by November).
Correcting TLB699, LF52 ZTJ departed *by October*.

Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds

Further to TLB698 and YT61 GOU and GPX, the bodywork is OmniDekka (not Olympus).
Fleet numbering: YT61 GOU to fleet number 714. 'GPX not yet confirmed.
Change of registration: Scania 714 (YT61 GOU to BU59 WAY.

New deliveries (November):
233, 234 YX72 OKS, OKT AD E20D – AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.9m B41F.

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.

Route 125 gained a full BCE allocation from 14th November.
Recent repaints/ refurbs include LT 122, 123, 124; SDE 20282/284; ADE 40308/310, VH 45126/127.
RML 880 worked on route 281 on 11th November in aid of the Poppy Appeal.
On 2nd December OME 46037 was on route C3 at Clapham Junction when it was struck from behind by London Buses' RM 871.
LT 135 (S) has had cameras fitted in place of rear-view mirrors.
One oddity on 12th November was short SDE 20298 on the 465 (no blinds, A4 paper).
VHR 45204 was on route 142 on 10th November with 45206 on 11th and 45207 on 20th while 45205 was on the 79 on the 12th. There has been a spate of VMHs on route 414 of late with 45332 on 6th November, followed by 45327 and 45342 on 7th with others on later days.
Due for delivery from late November were BCEs for route 295 and BEs for route 226, although that is now not due for take-over until early January. Booked registrations for these batches are:
BE 37085-101 LG72 ECT/V/W/X/Y/Z, EDC/F/J/K/L/O/P/R/U/V/X.
BCE 47157-177 LG72 EEA/B/F, LD72 UFV/W/X/Y/Z, UGA/B/C/E/F/G/J/K/L/M/N/O/P.

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

RATP, Continued:

Transfers:

Corrections to TLB699: DE 20158 had been BT already and did not move to RP.
BE 37069 stayed at FW (not to S).

(November): ADE 40309 BT/AV. SP 40192 AV/WK.
VH 45133/134/137 BT/FW/V. VH 45139 X/FW/V.
VH 45148/149/150 BT/WK. VH 45164 TV/V. VH 45247/248/249/250 BT/WK.
BCE 47085 S/X. BCE 47087 S/BT.
BCE 47129 S/SO. BCE 47148/152/153/154/155/156 FW/BT.
(December): DLE 30061-067 WK/TV.

Livery changes:
LT 71 from advert for Moncler back to red.
LT 73 to advert for Jean Paul Gaultier.
LT 82 from advert for Michael Klors to one for Marc Jacobs.
LT 84 from advert for Boss to one for Marvel Iron Man.
LT 463 to advert for Uniqlo Heat Tech.
LT 670 from advert for Cos to one for Armani.
OME 46030 from advert for San Pellegrino back to red.
BCE 47022 from Poppy Appeal livery back to red.

Disposals:
SP 40069, 40169/173/174 to Ensign Bus (November).
SP 40116 to Ensign Bus (July 2022). (Sorry, missed that before).

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

E20D 668 has been branded for the Foundation Park (Maidenhead) contract.

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

YX09 AFJ and YX12 AMK to B38F. Ref..TLB699, LJ09 KPZ is at Redline.
LJ08 CZP, YX09 FMK and YX12 AMK to the new livery.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

E20D LJ09 KPZ continues in an all-over blue livery for the Bucks University contract.

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

EAST LONDON - BK, BW, CS, NS, RM, T and WH (now plus AW and HK);
SELKENT - KB, PD, TB and TL; **LEA INTERCHANGE BUS CO** – Ll.
Ensignbus RM 25 and RT 624 worked on route 25 (Ilford & Aldgate) on 12th November in aid of the Poppy Appeal.
One oddity on Sunday 27th November was 37720 escaping from its usual 385 to route W12.
Recent refurb/ repaints include LT 370, LT 372; 11314, 13155 (ex MV 38250), 12353, 12356, 12359, 19741, 19766, 19806, 19858, 37506, 37730 (ex HCT 1230), 37757 (HCT 1257).

Transfers:
LT 257 BW/T. 12307 T/PD. 12362/363 PD/TB. 15036 PD/RM. 15119 PD/LIw. 19858 WH/T.

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

STAGECOACH LONDON, Continued:_

Livery changes:
LT 241 to advert for Jean Paul Gaultier.
LT 244 to advert for Cos back to red.
LT 246 to advert for Back Market.
LT 252 to advert for M&S.
LT 263 from advert for Tu Clothing to one for Kurt Geiger.
LT 264 from advert for Moncler to one for JD Sports.
LT 368 from advert for Cos to one for Jean Paul Gautier.
LT 382 from advert for Valentino to one for British Airways.
LT 388 from advert for Michael Kors to one for Armani.
10301 has an updated version on MacMillan advert.
12333 from advert for Qatar 2022 back to red.
15032/033/073 formally to Stagecoach SE (East Kent). These had been at East Kent for some time and are being use for component recovery.

Disposals:
BMC 1002 (ex HCT) to Trevor Wigley, Barnsley (November).
12394 to Trevor Wigley, Barnsley (October). This had been damaged by fire 11th December 2020.

STAR TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Disposal: Solo YJ10 LZV to A2B Travel, Wirral (November).

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

On 27/28 August route 950 could not serve Staines Station so buses served Chertsey Station instead.
E 72 is a recent red repaint.

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

In TLB699 the E40D now branded for 'Violet 19' is No.286. New E40Ds 263/4/5 are branded for 'Cranfield Connect' and in a white and pink-based livery.

VALE TRAVEL, Aylesbury

E20D YX12 AKV is now B38F.

VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex

Acquired (November), formerly with HCT in Yorkshire:
318, 319 (SN16 OVM, OVO) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.0m B29F - 2016.
(318 is tracking correctly as 318 but has a fleet number 321 on it!)

WESTBUS (within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

MB Tourismo coach 148 (BN12 CNY) returned from New Adventure Travel (June 2022) but was sold on (also June) to KP Travel, Stanmore.

WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell

Acquired: - formerly with Robertsons, Yell, Shetland:
76, 77 (SJ16 CRX, CRZ) Volvo B8RLE – MCV B46F – 2016.

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

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

Routemasters:

RM 765, further to TLB698, this is now reported as with Fowlers Travel, Holbeach Drove, Lincs. and apparently did not go to Lynx Bus.

RML 884 from M Biddell to R Duker, Little Paxton. Cambs. (November).

RML 2290 was transferred to the Londoner Buses fleet (November) and entered service on 18th November; it was repainted back to red livery with a white relief in May (from red with silver ribbon and bows) and had latterly been part of the Blackpool based Coastliner Buses which is also part of the Transpora Group.

Olympians:

AV 3 (P483 MBY) (ex ML) further to TLB688, this AV is confirmed as passing to Pawmaster Dog Centre, Kempston, Beds. where it is used as an air-conditioned indoor play area for dogs.

NV 97 (R397 LGH) (ex GAL) further to TLB682, this NV was reported with VIP Transportation, t/a Champagne Tours, Croydon and then passed to New Age Metropolis, Covent Garden (October).

NV 155 (R555 LGH) (ex GAL) further to TLB641, this NV is now confirmed to The Master Blaster, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, NI (October 2016) for use as a party bus, and it was then sold in July 2021.

VN 100 (R210 XNO) (ex SLN) was sold from Mellors Catering Services (October).

VA 145 (R145 EVX) (ex SLN) has been loaned from Chepstow Classic Buses to Hugh Lowe Farms, Mereworth, Kent from July to September.

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 341 (LJ03 MGU) (ex ALN) from Base Coach Sales to C & G Coaches, Chatteris, Cambs. (September).

DLA 343 (LJ03 MDV) (ex ALN) was not retuned to Base Coach Sales as previously reported and in late October was still at Larbert depot with First Scotland East.

DLA 368 (LJ03 MWK) (ex ALN) has been reported as passing from Bank View Travel to Coach Travel, Freckleton, Lancs. (by November) although this may just be a sister company.

DLP 17 (T217 XBV) (ex ALN) from BBPG to Bus & Coach Repairs (dealer), Yaxley, Cambs. (March) for scrap.

DW 114 (LJ05 BHW) (ex ALN) was not retuned to Base Coach Sales as previously reported and in late October was still at Larbert depot with First Scotland East.

DW 273, 276, 280, 284, 285, 286, 287 (LJ59 LWW, LWZ, LWG, LWM, LWN, LWO, LWP), 296 (LJ10 CUH) (ex ALN) are now with Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (October). DW 288 was noted from early November operating in the Bournemouth / Christchurch area in London red livery for Yellow Coaches / Xelabus and within a few weeks it had gained the fleet number 807. DW 280 has been seen with fleet number 806.

VLA 49 (LJ53 BAV) (ex ALN) was returned from First South West to Base Coach Sales (June) and then passed to Abbey Travel, Hull, East Yorkshire (September).

VLA 83 (LJ54 BFN) (ex ALN) is confirmed from Faresavers to Whippet Coaches, Swavesey, Cambs. (August).

VLA 114 (LJ05 BKD) (ex ALN) from Base Coach Sales to Abbey Travel, Hull, East Yorkshire (September).

VLA 124 (LJ05 BJE) (ex ALN) from Base Coach Sales to Mikro Coaches, Crewe, Cheshire (September).

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VLA 156, 161 (LJ55 BSO, BSZ) (ex ALN) from Stotts to Tetley, Leeds, West Yorkshire (September). This updates TLB693 for VLA 161.

VLA 179 (LJ55 BVM) (ex ALN) from BBPG to Bus & Coach Repairs (dealer), Yaxley, Cambs. (March) for scrap.

VLW 93 (LF52 UPG) (ex ALN) from Ellie Rose to Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (November).

VLW 184 (LJ03 MME), 196 (LJ53 BEY) (ex ALN) have been loaned from Base Coach Sales to Tyne Travel, Hebburn, Tyne & Wear (October).

TN 33147 (LR02 LXC), 33234 (LT52 WWX, ex HIG 1531), 33352 (LK53 FEY) (ex FLN) further to TLB670, 689 and 662, these TNs are confirmed as passing to Wigley, Barnsley.

TN 33168 (LR02 LYG) (ex FLN) from Shears (dealer) to Wigley, Barnsley (April 2021).

TN 33232 (LT52 WXK) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (November).

TN 33379 (LK53 EYY, ex WSV 409) (ex FLN) was sold from First Buses in Somerset (November).

TN 33384 (LK53 EZD) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (November).

TNL 33134 (LT02 ZCA) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (November).

VN 37778, 37786 (LK59 CWU, CXC) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to First West Yorkshire (November) where they have re-gained their original First fleet numbers.

VN 37802 (LK59 FCX) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to First Devon & Cornwall (November) where it has re-gained its First fleet number. Unlike the previous acquisitions here, this one is not open top.

VN 37822, 37825 (LK59 FDM, FOP) (ex FLN) from Go Ahead London to Go North East (October) as fleet numbers 6198 and 6197 respectively.

VNL 32265 (LT52 WWL) (ex FLN) further to TLB679, this VNL is confirmed as passing to Wigley, Barnsley.

VNL 32301 (LK03 NHA) (ex FLN) further to TLB695, is confirmed as passing to Hardwick, Barnsley.

VNL 32310, 32312 (LK03 NHL, NHN) (ex FLN) further to TLBs 672 and 673, are confirmed as passing to PVS, Barnsley.

VNW 32360 (LK04 HYO) (ex FLN) further to TLB689, this VNW is confirmed as passing to Wigley, Barnsley.

AVL 14 (V114 LGC) (ex GAL) from Arrowbrook to Bus & Coach Centre, Forest Hill, Oxon and then to Grierson's Coaches, Fishburn, Co.Durham. (August).

EVL 44 (PJ02 PZB) (ex GAL) from Cranberry Coachways to Mario Coach Travel, Barrowford, Lancs., and then to Longridge Coaches, Blackburn, Lancs. (August).

PDL 48 (PN03 UMH) (ex GAL) was sold from Hunters Coaches (July 2021), and passed to Bills Coach Hire, Milton Keynes, Bucks. (June).

PVL 187 (X587 EGK) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap from CT Plus (July) after accident damage.

PVL 214 (Y814 TGH) (ex GAL) from Shears (dealer) to unknown owner, Kirkhampton, Cornwall (August) for conversion to a caravan.

VWL 13 (LB02 YXL, ex SFZ 454) (ex GAL) from AVMT to Bus & Coach Repairs(dealer), Yaxley, Cambs. (July), and has subsequently been re-sold in November.

WVL 60, 62 (LF52 ZPX, ZTG) (ex GAL) were sold from Mullany's (by November).

WVL 156 (LX53 BBZ), 157 (A12 VXH, ex LX53 BAA) (ex GAL) were sold from Imperial Coaches to Ace Coaches, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland (August)

WVL 316, 317, 320 (LX59 DAU, DBO, DBY) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to First Eastern Counties (November) where they have been numbered 36283, 36284 and 36287.

WVN 19 (LK58 FDM), 25 (LK59 FOP) (ex GAL) – see the corresponding entries for VN 37822 and 37825 (ex FLN) above.

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SP 59 (YT09 ZCJ) (ex LU) was repainted in early November into turquoise, lime green and white livery for use by Coastliner in Blackpool, and has had the fleet number 2902 applied.

SP 62 (YT09 ZCN), 81, 82 (YT59 RYG, RYH), 116 (YR59 FYX) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Highland Council, Inverness, Scotland (November).

SP 109 (YR59 FYO), 132 (YT59 PCF) (ex LU) from Stephensons to Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (November).

SP 115 (YR59 FYW) (ex LU) entered service in Blackpool initially on school contracts from the 1st November, and has had the fleet number 2903 applied.

SP 132 (YT59 PCF) (ex LU) from Stephensons to Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (October).

TA 225 (SN51 SZU) (ex LU) from Aintree Coachlines to PVS, Barnsley (November).

VP 129 (W477 BCW) (ex LU) remains with Herberts Travel but was loaned to Clydes Minibuses prior to June- to- July 2022.

TE 836, 843 (LK57 AXR, AXY), 879 (LK08 DXP) (ex ML) have had the fleet numbers 2600, 2601 and 2706 respectively applied with Coastliner in Blackpool.

TP 375 (LR52 KWT) (ex ML) was re-registered to M12 YEL by Yelloway in November.

TPL 245, 257 (LN51 KXZ, KYR) (ex ML) passed to the liquidators for Rubicon Enterprises (September 2021), and only TPL 245 has been located; this one was found with an unknown owner in Weymouth, Dorset (February). Does anyone have any update son these two ?

VPL 220 (Y12 ASD, ex LK51 XGP) (ex ML) re-gained its original registrations with ASD Coaches in July only to re-gain Y12 ASD in October.

VPL 222 (Y13 ASD, ex LK51 XGS) (ex ML) re-gained its original registration with ASD Coaches and was sold (July).

VPL 226 (Y15 ASD, ex LK51 XGW) (ex ML) re-gained its original registrations with ASD Coaches in July and passed to Lether's Travel, Bramley, West Yorkshire (August).

VPL 229 (Y16 ASD, ex LK51 XGZ) (ex ML) re-gained its original registrations with ASD Coaches in July and passed to Brian Jones Coaches, Gravesend, Kent (July).

VPL 235 (Y235 NLK) (ex ML) from Ripleys to Premier Minibus & Coach Hire, Luton, Beds. (May).

VW 1757, 1765, 1781 (LK59 CWU, CXC, FCX) (ex ML) - see corresponding entry for VN 37778, 37786, 37802 (ex FLN) above.

TA 17059 (T659 KPU) (ex SLN) from Boomerang / Pilkington's to Hardwick, Barnsley (October) where it has been available for re-sale.

TA 17423 (LX51 FJP) (ex SLN) from Golden Eagle to Ripley, Barnsley (August) for scrap.

TAS 17441 (Y66 BUS, ex Y441 NHK) (ex SLN) further to TLB678, this TAS was confirmed as passing to Empire Facilities, Bury, Lancs. (September 2020), and then passed to The De-Part-Mental Store, Mold, Flintshire (March) where it has been used as a static café named "The Mental Kitchen". It retains Empire Facilities branding and the registration Y66 BUS is still carried.

TAS 17585, 17590 (LV52 HFT, HFZ) (ex SLN) were both loaned from Seven Sisters Bus & Coach to Compass Bus from February to April. TAS 17585 then passed to Six Counties Bus Preservation Group (as TLB699), and TAS 17590 passed to Bus & Coach Repairs (dealer), Yaxley, Cambs. (August).

TA 17753 (LX03 BTV) (ex SLN) has had the fleet number 2504 applied with Coastliner in Blackpool.

15075, 15083, 15092 (LX09 AEZ, AFU, AHA) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach East to Stagecoach South East (October).

15074, 15078, 15081, 15085, 15087, 15089, 15090 (LX09 AEY, AFF, AFN, AFY, AGO, AGV, AGY) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach East to Stagecoach South East (November).

15166 (LX59 CRV) (ex SLN) further to TLB697 and 698, this Scania was noted in October operating with sister company Autocar Bus & Coach Services.

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Low-floor single deck types:

ENL 22 (LJ58 AUW) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (June 2021).

ENL 23 (LJ58 AUX) (ex ALN) from Shelton Motors to Panther Travel, Harwich, Essex (July 2021) where it was used for spares, and then passed to Whip Street Motors (dealer), Bramford, Suffolk (by July) for scrap.

ENL 39 (WEZ 9165, ex GGV 756, ex LJ09 KRF) (ex ALN) re-gained its original registration in July with Go Goodwin and was then sold for scrap.

ENL 103, 107 (LX11 AWR, AWC) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to EP Training, Leatherhead, Surrey (November).

ENS 6 (LJ07 EDU) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (June 2021).

LDP 206 (SN51 UAV) (ex GAL) further to TLB667, this LDP remained in the UK, was looked after by the BBPG, and then passed to the North Essex Bus Group (April).

WS 40 (GAL) Correction to TLB699, WS 40 has reg SN64 CUO.

DE 20006 (YX58 DVH) (ex LU) was sold from Keepings Coaches (by June).

OT 30212 (YJ11 EHU) (ex LU) further to TLB682, this was noted with Bain's Coaches, Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire (September 2021).

OV 30105, 30106, 30117 (YJ58 VBE, VBF, VBX) (ex LU) were sold from Go Coach Hire (by November).

DE 1002 (LK09 EOD) (ex ML) from Ripley to JH Coaches, Birtley, Tyne & Wear (July).

Bendybuses:

MAL 99, 101, 102 (BD57 WDE, WDL, WDM) (ex GAL) from Brighton & Hove to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (October), and then to First Group (November).

MAL 104, 107 (BD57 WDP, WDT), 110 (BL57 OXM), 114 (BP57 UYE) (ex GAL) from Brighton & Hove to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, and then to First Group (all in November).

MAL 109 (BL57 OXK) (ex GAL) from Brighton & Hove to Grey Line Motor Services, Harrow, Middlesex (August).

MAL 111, 112 (BD57 OXN, OXP), 113, 118 (BP57 UYE, UYK) (ex GAL) from Brighton & Hove to Ensign Bus, Purfleet, and then to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all in September 2022).

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9107F	LS21 DNE	Ford Transit Mid-Height Van	Trams	Wh/Blu/Grn	TK

Additional information and updates

9107F was mentioned back in TLB692, though we did not know the registration number at the time. Correcting some slightly older information, Raleigh 7hp Box Tricycle 337V (used from 1935 to 1940) was registered BYE 517 rather than BYE 157. SUP15B included a similar vehicle in the un-numbered series with registration BY 517 but this is also wrong, and the two vehicles were in fact one and the same.

Some time ago we reported that the Emergency Response Unit base at Battersea (our code BTE) was expected to close. This did not take place and the location is still in use with Volvo tenders 2604 and 2609 allocated.

Allocations and transfers reported are 8326S ACN-UPD, 8511T ACN-LBD, 8781T ?-ACF, 8797VW HAD-UPD, 8939F LBD-UPD, 9012F ACN, 9013F HAD, 9017F ACN, 9029F EWT and 9131VW ACN.

8480F should be removed from the list of vehicles reported as withdrawn last month. It is still in stock though curiously has had a change of licensing details. A more recent withdrawal is of 8420T.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	FL70 HKG	Vauxhall Crossland Car	Arriva London	Black #	DT
-	EU71 JKV	Peugeot 2008 Car	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	EA69 MXE	Ford Transit Custom Van	Go-Ahead London	White	MB
-	BX72 ATV	Nissan Interstar Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	Q
-	BX72 ATZ	Nissan Interstar Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	Q
-	MF72 ZDR	Ford Tourneo Custom Minibus	Metroline	Silver	AH #
?	NU72 FZP	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	?
?	NU72 FZX	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	?
?	NU72 FZZ	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	?
?	DY72 XMA	Vauxhall Vivaro-E Electric Van	Stagecoach	Red #	TB

Additional information

The two minibuses at Go-Ahead London were newly delivered in unmarked red when seen. They are likely to gain lettering and to replace existing LV59 EHP/EJA. Metroline AV71 FWO should be listed as allocated to HD, as it is seems to be seen there as much as at the CELF. Similarly AX19 ZFR is often to be found at EW.RATP's new Dacia cars were also unmarked when seen. It is not known if these are additional to the existing fleet of Sandero cars (numbered D75101 to D75130) or the start of a replacement program. New Stagecoach van DY72 XMA was unmarked when seen. Earlier DY22 LDJ at West Ham is confirmed as having company lettering, and the others are likely to follow suit.

----THE END -----

This TLB closed on 2-4 December and due for posting on 13 December. Closing date for TLB701 is Weds 4 January and due for posting on Tues 17 January. 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 04Jan, 01Feb, 01March 2023. 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.



From 2006 to 2015 a 700 route connected towns right across North Hertfordshire. Dart/MCV DMA7 at Stevenage shows the Trustline tenancy. Centrebus and Uno followed in later years. The link is now route 386 mainly by Central Connect. *(Richard Godfrey)*

There were 700 RFs and the highest numbered of the class is pictured on route 307 – believed to be at Harpenden. Most of the 307 survives to this day. RF700 was short-lived, being in service 3/54 to 2/73 but then scrapped. *(Les Stitson collection)*



Rear cover: From 1977 and almost each year since, the 700 number was used on London-Windsor Green Lines, usually denoting non-stop sections. In 1978 RS 31, an AEC Reliance/Plaxton coach, drives past the back of the old Windsor Garage. *(David Stewart)*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and readers



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