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At the Hendon event, Timebus brought out its TD 89 to run on the old 240A, the last LT route to see TDs. At Mill Hill East Station it is passing the original LNER station building.
(Haydn Davies)

Once again this year, the company's 1938 vintage Green Line AEC Regal '10T10' T 499 ran in the Ensignbus event at Lakeside from where it ran some local journeys on the X81.
(Derek Everson)



Front cover: Metrobus M 1440 was the last of the main orders by LT but is now in semi-preservation. It appeared at both Hendon and Ensignbus running days. On 20th November it passes the site of the former Hendon Bus Garage. (Richard Godfrey)



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Editorial and Society Matters Happy New Year!

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LOTS Meetings

Due to even heavier hire charges at Conway Hall, we must cease using that venue. We will now meet at The Gallery at 77 Cowcross Street, Farringdon. It is already used by several other societies (including TLURS) so may be familiar to some of you. It is 3-mins walk from Farringdon Station (Met/H&C/Circle lines and Thameslink). We shall start and end earlier than at Conway Hall as the venue is locked at 9pm. Therefore doors open 6pm, meeting starts 6.30pm to 8pm, then Q&As and sales stand but all out by 9pm. Booked dates are Mondays 20 Feb, 22May, 26June(AGM), 25Sept, 20Nov. June is the AGM, the other four we shall have guest speakers. On 20Feb Alan Osborne will present a slide show entitled "London before the Millenium, with added Snippets".

Exit from Farringdon (Met, etc) Station, turn left and go up Cowcross Street until you reach the 'Leon' restaurant. Opposite there is the passageway to give access to the meeting venue. Go through that passageway to the end, turn right and go down the stairs (to the basement meeting room known as "The Gallery"). If you use the Elizabeth line, use the eastern exit at Lynsey Street; turn right, then left on Charterhouse Street, 2nd right into Cowcross Street and to the passage opposite Leon.

Within a short walk are buses 40/63 on Farringdon Road, 55/243 on Clerkenwell Road, 8/17/46 at Holborn Circus. We would advise that you do not drive to the venue, parking space is rare and charges apply for 24 hours. There are several coffee shops and a Wetherspoons on Farringdon Road.

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

Sat. 4 February: Transport Collectors Fair, Allum Hall, Elstree 10am-4pm (a few mins from station).

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).

Sat+Sun 18/19 February: Epping Ongar Railway's **largest ever** Bus Event based on North Weald Station. The theme is "LT to LRT" and will feature a number of rarely seen vehicles that operated between the 1970, 80s and 90s, leading to when London Transport buses were privatised. EOR will also be running their steam locomotives on the branch line. There will be trading stalls selling transport items, hot and cold catering and our well regarded road run on the Sunday for the photographers featuring the static vehicles, some of which have not been seen for many years. There will certainly be a few surprises, five in fact! Different routes will feature on each day. Those planning to visit are encouraged to take in both the railway and the bus event over both days by purchasing the weekend travel card which includes a free programme for £25. A bus only rover ticket costs £10 per day or £15 for the weekend. Accompanied children under the age of 14 get to travel on everything for £1 as part of our 'Kids for a quid' event. A thick glossy programme will be on sale for £1 and will feature history on the routes and vehicles. More information is available on www.eorailway.co.uk. The event is kindly sponsored by The London Bus Company, www.thelondonbuscompany.co.uk and London Bus Works, www.londonbusworks.com

Sat. 25 March: Running Day on Romford area routes 174/175, organised by London Bus Museum.

Sat. 1 April: South East Bus Festival at Detling in Kent. (LSS)

Sun 16 April: London Bus Museum has its Spring Gathering

Sat. 22 April: Open Day at Stagecoach Romford North Street Garage, proceeds to the MacMillan fundraising.

Looking ahead in 2023: From London Bus Museum:- rch) and routes 65/71 (Sun.11 June). then major events on 25 June and 22 October.

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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 features 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 served by the Underground with over 1,000 colour photos.

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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

Strikes have spread with pay being the main issue. In addition to the rail unions and Abellio bus drivers in London, NHS nurses and Paramedics took action on various dates during December and early January. With the Government standing firm there seems little likelihood of any settlements in the near future so disruption will continue.

Good news for passengers beyond the TfL area is that the predicted **£2 single fare cap** on buses outside London was confirmed by the Government on 19 December. It will apply from 1 January to 31 March. With single fares generally much higher outside the Capital this is a welcome move, albeit for only three months. Bus operators had to register to take part in the scheme and 130 companies did so. This is all part of the Government's 'Help for Households' campaign to ease the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. The £2 single fare covers some long bus routes, eg Leeds to Scarborough (reduced from £15) and Plymouth to Exeter (reduced from £11.20) and Brighton to Tunbridge Wells (reduced from £6.20) but not express coaches and generally not school services. The Department for Transport website lists all the inclusions and exceptions.

The outlook for fares in London is not so rosy with suggestions that fares could increase by above inflation in April. If bus fares increase at the same rate as National Rail (5.9%) the single Hopper fare would rise from £1.65 to £1.75 but it could be higher if the Mayor decides it necessary. National Rail fares are due to increase on 5 March. London Mayor Sadiq Khan is proposing to **add £20 to Council tax bills in 2023/24 to cover TfL costs**. Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Levelling Up described the move as "disappointing" but said the Government would not oppose it.

London's buses have been accepting contactless payments for ten years. More than 2.5 billion bus journeys have since been made using a contactless bank card, a mobile or a smart watch since December 2012.

Corporate and company news

Go North West and Rotala have won the first franchises awarded by **Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)**. Go North West will run the two largest franchises covering Bolton and Wigan where the main commercial operators are currently Diamond Bus North West and Stagecoach. These will involve the transfer of 300 buses, 750 staff and 55 routes. Rotala owned Diamond North West will take on seven of the nine smaller franchises but it will give up ownership of Bolton depot which transfers to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Go Ahead claims it saw off competition from eight other operators for the two large franchises.

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

Diamond will transfer most of its existing Bolton fleet to other operators through an agreed mechanism with TfGM, while buying 67 new buses for its new contract. TfGM is supplying new 50 Enviro 400EV double deckers for the new Bolton and Wigan services which are due to start in September 2023 and will be marketed as the Bee Network with a yellow livery similar to Metrolink trams. TfGM has also announced a second order for 50 Enviro 400EVs for future tranches due to be awarded in Bury, Oldham and Rochdale.

Go Ahead is expanding its international operations further with bus services in Australia. It has won a contract from Transport New South Wales for bus operations in Sydney which will involve 225 buses in the south west of the city starting in July 2023. Closer to home, Go South West has acquired Devon independent **Dartline** which runs 84 vehicles, mostly on supported services around the county. Exeter based Dartline will keep its identity. The company began in 1987 with six minibuses and two coaches.

Other General News

New York based **Top View Sightseeing** has applied for a London Service Permit to operate an open top service in London. The circular route would start in Lambeth Palace Road and take in Parliament Square, Marble Arch, St Paul's and the Tower of London. If the application is approved, services could begin in February using up to 15 buses.

Pembrokeshire County Council has completed its purchase of **Edwards Bros coaches** of Tiers Cross. This will enable the local authority to maintain its statutory duty to provide school transport. The company began in 1946 as a garage and started to operate minibuses and a coach in the 1960s.

Adrian Shooter CBE has died, aged 74. He founded Vivarail in 2013 buying redundant D stock Underground cars to refurbish them. Some were converted to diesel power, (not totally successfully) for use on the Marston Vale line between Bedford and Bletchley, but five electric units were supplied to South Western Railway for the Isle of Wight line. Unfortunately, Vivarail was not successful and it went into administration last year. Adrian Shooter had been much more successful in his previous career as Managing Director of Chiltern Railways which became the first franchise of the former BR network in 1996. He completely revived the fortunes of the Chiltern line, redoubling single track sections and opening a new cord at Bicester to facilitate direct services between Marylebone to Oxford. A statue was unveiled in his honour last year at Marylebone Station which he was able to attend with his family.

Grand Union Trains is a new open access operator which has won the right to run trains between Carmarthan and London Paddington from 2025. The Office of Road and Rail has given permission for five services a day with trains calling at Llanelli, Cardiff Central, Newport and Bristol Parkway. A new parkway station will be opened at Parc Felindre to serve Swansea later.

Former TfL Director of Surface Transport **Leon Daniels** has been named CILT President for 2023.

Congratulations to LOTS member Sir Peter Hendy who becomes a cross bench life peer. His full title is **Lord Peter Hendy of Richmond Hill and Imber in the County of Wiltshire** but he will normally use the shorter title of Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill. Lord Hendy is currently Chairman of Network Rail, but he began his career as a Graduate Trainee at London Transport in 1975. After a several years rising through the ranks in the bus industry at CentreWest and First, he became Managing Director, Surface Transport for TfL in 2001 and was Commissioner of Transport for London from 2006 to 2015.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Routes 1/N1, 38/N38, 42, 221, 316, 417, H20, P12, U7, W3 and W19 from tranches 837, 845, 847, 849, 852 and 853 awarded, starting on 19th August 2023 (417), 30th September 2023 (1/N1, 42), 7th October 2023 (316, P12), 14th October 2023 (W3), 4th November 2023 (221), 11th November 2023 (38/N38), 18th November 2023 (H20, U7) and 25th November 2023 (W19). All are for 7-year contracts, except route 38/N38 is for a 5-year contract.

1/N1 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 15 to 23)
 38/N38 Retained by Arriva London North using existing NRM Routemaster vehicles (pvr 36).
 42 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 10).
 221 Retained by Arriva London North using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 23).
 316 Retained by Metroline West using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 17 to 18).
 417 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
 H20 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 6).
 P12 Retained by Go-Ahead London Central using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 14 to 11).
 U7 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 5 to 4).
 W3 Retained by Arriva London North using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 21 to 19).
 W19 Retained by Stagecoach East London using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 18).

Route 1 includes the extension to Hampstead Heath, replacing route 168 and route 316 incorporates a short extension from Cricklewood Garage to the new Brent Cross West Station.

Regarding the rest of the 2022/23 tendering programme below, routes 78 and 349 have been removed from the 2022-23 tendering programme and re-allocated to the 2023-24 programme as tranche 840A (349) and 854A (78). Tranche 847C will be cancelled as route 16 will be renumbered from 332, so will be a variation to that contract and N16 will be replaced by N32 so will now be re-allocated as part of Tranche 847A. The contracts for routes 23/N23 have been cancelled and re-allocated to Tranche 837A, and that for C3 re-allocated to Tranche 846A. Route 108/= is allocated to a separate Tranche 844B.

The contracts for Tranche 808 have been extended until 21st July 2023 and will be re-allocated to the 2023/24 Tendering programme as 838A, although the tenders for routes 653 and 683 will be allocated as separate contracts. Route 263 is removed from the tendering programme, and is re-assigned to the erstwhile 271 contract to be re-tendered in 2025 (see service changes later for 4th February), leaving just Tranche #813 for route 11/N11, with 2-year extensions now under forthcoming service changes or listed later in February.

These changes are because of the result of the Central London consultation, negotiations to vary existing contracts with operators and presumably to separate route 108 as part of the Silverton proposals. (See TLB700). Therefore, the tender programmes are revised as follows:

The 2022/23 tendering programme is now just route 11/N11:-

Tranche No.	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#813 (3/23)	11/N11 (GA London General)	--

----- 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)	--
#837A (7/23)	23/N23 (London Transit)	--
#838A (9/23)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan)	--
#839C (9/23)	72/N72 (London United)	--
840A (9/23)	349 (Arriva LN)	--
#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 (10/23)	321/= (GA London Central)	--
#844B (9/23)	108/= (GA London Central)	--
#845A (10/23)	381/N381 (Abellio)	--
#846A (9/23)	C3 (London Transit)	--
#847A (10/23)	32/N32, 189/=, 632 (Metroline Travel)	--
#849 (10/23)	279/N279, (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)	--
#854 (12/23)	157 (Arriva LS)	--
854A (12/23)	78 (Arriva LN)	--
#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 5th November 2022: As in TLB700 but see also a further change to 349 from 3rd December.

Friday Night 11th November / Saturday Morning 12th November 2022: As in TLB700.

Saturday 12th November 2022: As in TLB700.

Saturday 19th November 2022: As in TLB700.

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. No change to PVR.

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, approximately half of the allocation, 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. The SW (Stockwell) Mon-Fri a.m. only allocation was withdrawn.
- 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.
- 349 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Stamford Hill, Rookwood Road & Ponders End Garage) Further to the garage allocation change from 5th November, the vehicles remain at Edmonton (EC) Garage but is now operated with Enfield drivers, although 3 buses are used from Enfield's LT allocation on Sunday spare from route 313.
- 411 (*London United-WK*) (West Molesey, Central Avenue & Kingston, Cromwell Road Bus Station) Re-allocated from Hounslow Heath (WK) to Tolworth (TV) garage. Cross-links with route 216 withdrawn.
- 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.
- 638 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Kenmal College & Coney Hall, Glebe Way SDO) Revised PM timetable so journeys from Kenmal College operate to Grove Park, with journeys from Chislehurst School for Girls operate to Bromley South or Coney Hall.
- A10 (*Metroline West-UX*) (Uxbridge Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Introduction of additional AM journeys, daily.

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PVR Changes from 3rd December 2022:

Arriva London North: 349 to 13/14/11 #E21+;

Go-Ahead London General: 80 to 15/15/8 #A31+ (with nominated electric runnings prefixed with 5),

93 to 26*/23/15 (*154) #A1+ (SW allocation withdrawn), 151 to 15/14/7 #A261+,

154 to 16+/16/11 #A81+ (+2/93 as #A25/26), 163 to 12/10/8 #AL361+,

213 to 16/16/11 #AL241+, (crosslink from 93 withdrawn), 470 to 7/6/- #AL471+,

no change to =93, 164, =213 PVRs;

London United 216 to 10/8/5 #WK821+, 411 to 5/4/2 #TV51+, 470 withdrawn;

Metroline Travel: no change to 297/= PVRs;

Metroline West: no change to A10 PVRs;

Stagecoach Selkent: no change to 638 PVRs.

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. Previously 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.

672 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (Thamesmead, Woolwich Polytechnic School & Woolwich, Beresford Street SDO PM only) Revised timetable with journeys running 15 mins later.

PVR Changes from 10th December 2022:

Abellio: no change to 159/= PVRs;

Arriva London North: 307 to 14/14/8 #E41+;

Go-Ahead London Central: no change to 360 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London General: no change to 88/=, 155/N155, 170 PVRs;

Go-Ahead Metrobus: no change to 355 PVRs;

Metroline Travel: no change to 6/=, 98/N98, 190 PVRs, 307 withdrawn.

Stagecoach Selkent; 472 to 16/13/10 #21+, 602 to 2/-/- #PD511+, 672 to 2/-/- #PD41, (i.e crosslinks removed.)

Saturday 17th December to Friday 23rd December 2022:

Network Rail carried out engineering work, so there was no Bakerloo line service from Queen's Park to Harrow & Wealdstone. Special routers 718/719/720 operated – See TLB700.

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR BUSES IN LONDON

Further to the summary in TLB700, a special service operated on routes 96 and 372 on Boxing Day 26th December.

A number of services gained additional or supplementary services on New Year's Eve, 31st December including routes **34, 35, 66, 108, 123, 129, 132, 154, 158, 159, 188, 236, 248, 274, 319, 333, 355, 407, 486, W3, N2, N3, N26, N29, N109, N133, N250, N279 and N551.**

The night-time service on route **35** ran in two overlapping sections from Shoreditch & Brixton and Elephant & Castle & Clapham Junction. The additional supplementary services ran as follows:-

108 North Greenwich & Lewisham;
159 Kennington & Streatham Station;
188 North Greenwich & Canada Water;
274 Marble Arch & Islington;
N2 & N3 Brixton & Crystal Palace;
N26 Liverpool Street & Chingford;
N29 Camden Town & Wood Green;
N109 Brixton & Croydon;
N133 Brixton & Morden;
N279 Mornington Crescent & Waltham Cross;
N551 Aldgate & Canning Town.

Routes 66, 158, 236 and W3 ran at non-standard frequencies of x24 (66) or x26-27 mins.

Finally, the additional journeys operating as "VN29" between Trafalgar Square & Wood Green on Fr/Sa nights, which were meant to have been withdrawn on 22nd January 2022, but which have continued to operate, (see TLB689/692) were finally withdrawn after operation on New Year's Eve.

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

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. Previously operated by *London Sovereign* from Edgware (BT) garage using ADE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles. To begin with, TE-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles formerly on route 307 are being use to be used.
- 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.
- 218 (*London United-V*) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & North Acton Station) Re-allocated from Stamford Brook (V) to Westbourne Park (X) garage so novated to London Transit.
- 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. It isre-allocated to Edgware (BT) garage, so novated to London Sovereign. Previously 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*.
- N9 (*London United-V*) (Aldwych & Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5) Fr-Sa night frequency reduced from x20 to x30 mins.
- N97 (*London Transit-X*) (Trafalgar Square & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Fr-Sa night frequency reduced from x20 to x30 mins.

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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. Previously operated by *London United* from Hounslow (AV) garage using mainly 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.
- 268 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Golders Green Station & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) Revised Mon-Sat schedules for a diversion in the Swiss Cottage area.
- 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.

Saturday 28th January 2023:

- 40 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Dulwich, Library & Clerkenwell Green) Mon-Fri Peak hour frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins.
- 108/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG/NX*) (Stratford International & Lewisham, Town Centre) Widened schedules for roadworks on Blackwall Lane.
- 188/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Russell Square & North Greenwich Station) Widened schedules for roadworks on Blackwall Lane.
- X68 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (West Croydon, Bus Station & Russell Square M-F peak hours) Revised timetable.

Saturday 4th February 2023: This includes the Holloway Road scheme (*see TLB692 p17*).

- 21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Lewisham, Lewisham Centre & Newington Green) Withdrawn between Baring Street and Newington Green and re-routed via New North Road, Canonbury Road, Highbury & Islington and Holloway Road to terminate at Holloway, Nag's Head.
- 41 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Archway Station & Tottenham Hale Station) and
- N41 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Trafalgar Square & Tottenham Hale Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 76 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW/NP*) (Waterloo, Bayliss Road & Tottenham Hale Station) Stockwell (SW) allocation re-allocated back to Northumberland Park (NP) garage, with additional Mo-Fr AM peak journeys added.

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Saturday 4th February 2023, continued

- 91 (Trafalgar Square & Crouch End Broadway) and
 N91 (Trafalgar Square & Cockfosters Station) LBSL QC contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles from Stockwell (SW) garage. Currently operated by Metroline Travel from Holloway (HT) garage using VWH- and VMH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 or MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 118 (Go-Ahead London General-SW) (Morden & Brixton) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 121 (Arriva London North-E) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield Island Village) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 129 (Go-Ahead London Central-MG) (North Greenwich & Lewisham. Lewisham Centre) temporarily re-allocated to New Cross (NX) garage, for some building work at Morden Wharf (MG) garage.
- 141 (Arriva London North-AD) (Palmer's Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) Additional Mo-Fr AM peak hour journeys added. One additional bus will be allocated to Wood Green (WN) garage although operated by Palmer's Green drivers.
- 143 (Metroline Travel-W/HT) (Archway Station & Brent Cross, Shopping Centre) Revised timetable, although the double-deck working (tendered as '143D') is withdrawn.
- 153 (Go-Ahead London General-RA) (Finsbury Park Station & Liverpool Street Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 234 (Metroline Travel-PB) (Barnet, The Spires & Highgate Wood, Sussex Gardens). Extended via Archway Road to terminate at Archway Station
- 258 (London United-RP) (Watford Junction & South Harrow Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 263 (Metroline Travel-PB) (Highbury Barn & Barnet Hospital) Rerouted between Archway and Highgate Wood, via Highgate Hill, North Road, and North Hill.
- 271 (Metroline Travel-HT) (Moorgate, Finsbury Square & Highgate Village, South Grove). Route WITHDRAWN and partially replaced by extension of route 21 and re-routing of route 263.
- N271 (Metroline Travel-HT) NEW Night Route from Moorgate, Finsbury Square via existing 271 to Highgate High Street and extended via North Road, North Hill, Great North Road, East Finchley, North Finchley High Road to terminate at North Finchley.
- 299 (Sullivans-SM) (Muswell Hill Broadway & Cockfosters Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 343 (Go-Ahead London Central-NX) (Aldgate Station & New Cross, Jerningham Road) and
 N343 (Go-Ahead London Central-NX) (Trafalgar Square & New Cross, Jerningham Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- E2 (Metroline Travel-AH) (Greenford Broadway & Brentford, Commerce Road) Revised timetable for running time.
- W4 (Arriva London North-WN) (Ferry Lane Estate & Oakthorpe Park, Ostcliffe Way) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- W5 (Stagecoach East London-HK) (Harringay, Sainsbury's & Archway Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Switch (Optare) Metrocity MC940EV electric single-deck vehicles, ordered by HCT Group, are expected later in 2023.
- W6 (Arriva London North-E) (Southgate Station & Edmonton Green Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 11th February 2023:

- 36/= (Go-Ahead London Central-NX/PM) (New Cross Garage & Queens Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 11th February to Sunday 19th February 2023:

A repeat of special services 718, 719 and 720 as noted earlier.

Saturday 25th February 2023:

- 233 (Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB) (Eltham Station & Swanley, Beechenlea Lane) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- H28 (Abellio-GW) (Hayes, Bull's Bridge Tesco & Osterley, Tesco) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

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SERVICE PROPOSALS

Further to my notes about the Central London Review in TLB700, a couple of corrections to note: Route **77** is re-routed to Waterloo Station, Taxi Road – it doesn't terminate at County Hall, but via Chicheley Street, Belvedere Road to terminate at Concert Hall Approach. (Although County Hall was used in the original summary), so these roads will no longer be served. The original consultation said this would "simplify routes in the Waterloo area and would support London Borough of Lambeth's plans for Concert Hall Approach at the South Bank."

Route **133** will be re-routed at Monument via route 521 to Holborn Station, not St. Bart's Hospital, (although again this was the original proposal).

Route **C10** was a bit confused from the decision summary! The original proposal was to re-route from Elephant & Castle, Newington Causeway via London Road, Waterloo Road, and York Road, to provide a replacement for route **507** from Waterloo as far as Horseferry Road/Marsham Street.

The modification suggests that the route will be re-routed towards Victoria to still serve St. George's Road then via Westminster Bridge Road to Waterloo Road, perhaps to ease interchange at Elephant & Castle.

Routes **N133** and **N205** should also be added to the routes "remaining to be decided." Many thanks to members Alan and Brian for clarifying these notes.

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 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).

18th Mar 23: CE+2 on 138, (G-A Metrobus) 161, 181, 284 (S'ch Selkent) 172, 225 (G-A London Central).

25th Mar 23: CE+2 on 169, 247, 287 (S'ch East London).

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).

19th Aug 23: CR7 on 417* (Arriva LS)

26th Aug 23: CR7 on 64/=*, 612* (Arriva LS). See TLB700 and this month's results for later dates

OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

A new operator, **TopView Sightseeing Ltd** have applied to start a sightseeing service named the "Red Tour" to start from Lambeth Palace Road from 1st February 2023, serving the usual sights in Central London. TopView has been established in New York since December 2016. A daily service, running every 10 minutes is promised with double-decks. The application says the width of the buses are 4 metres which I hope is just a typo for the height perhaps? Further details of the intended fleet appear under vehicle news.

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DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

General: On Sunday 11th December, snow fell over London during the afternoon and evening leading to some routes being curtailed or suspended, including routes **W5 and W7**. Whilst most major roads were cleared by the next day, icy conditions remained for a few days, so some routes were diverted away from various 'back' roads that were deemed unsafe.

Central: From 23rd to 31st December, owing to water works on Blackfriars Bridge, routes **40, 63/N63 and N89** were diverted in both directions to/from Elephant & Castle via Borough High Street, London Bridge, King William Street, Cannon Street, St Paul's Churchyard and Ludgate Hill. Routes 63/N63 and N89 also had to double-run via Newington Butts northbound. From 28th December to 1st January, owing to a water leak in Kensington Church Street, routes **27/N27, 28/N28, 52/=, 70, 328, 452 and N31** were diverted northbound via Kensington High Street, Holland Road, Holland Park Avenue and Notting Hill Gate. From 7th January to 31st August, owing to urban realm works in Sloane Street, routes **19/N19, 22/N22, 137/N137 and 452** are diverted northbound via Cliveden Place, Eaton Gate, Eaton Square, Hobart Place, Grosvenor Place. Route **C1** is diverted northbound via Eaton Square, Belgrave Place, Chesham Place, Pont Street, Beauchamp Place to Brompton Road. This is expected to be reversed southbound approx. halfway through the works.

South-East: From 15th to 23rd December, owing to a water leak in Winn Road, Grove Park, route **273** was diverted southbound via Guibal Road, Woodyates Road and Westhorne Avenue. From 23rd to 29th December route **273** was also curtailed at Lewisham Station owing to bridge works, with routes **N89, 129, 199/N199 and 380** diverting in both directions via route 47 via Thurston Road and Brookmill Road, then Deptford Bridge, Blackheath Road, with route 380 serving Lewisham Road to regain its route the other side of the bridge. Route **P4** diversion at Brockley Rise (*see TLB694*) has apparently not been resolved and remains in force until 31st March 2023.

South: Whilst overnight diversions owing to resurfacing are not normally recorded, member Stephen reported that because Morden Hall Road, was being resurfaced overnight on 24/25th November, Routes **80, 157 and 164** were diverted southbound via London Road, Central Road, Green Lane to Rosehill Roundabout, Wrythe Lane. Routes **118, 201 and N133** were diverted towards Morden via Bishopsford Road, Rose Hill Roundabout, St Helier Avenue, St Helier Roundabout and Malden Hall Road. From 19th to 23rd December, owing to water works in Kenley Lane, Kenley, route **434** was diverted in both directions via Hayes Lane and Godstone Road. From 5th January to 3rd March, owing to gas works in Galpins Road, Thornton Heath, route **60** is diverted in both directions via London Road, Stanford Road and Stanford Way.

West: Member Chris reports that the work to resolve the weight restriction at West Drayton Station Approach is planned to start in mid-March 2023 to last until the end of June 2023. The Uxbridge bus stop trial (*see TLB697*) was extended again to the end of January 2023. From 25th November to 14th January 2023, owing to security issues in Chiswick Business Park, route **440** was diverted in both directions via Bollo Lane, Acton Lane and Chiswick High Road. Route **70** was revised to start and finish in Bollo Lane.

North: Further to the gas works in Hunters Way, noted in TLB700, these were postponed so the diversions to routes **313, W8 and W9** will take place from 23rd January to 2nd February 2023.

North-East: From 9th to 16th December, owing to a water leak in New North Road, Hainault routes **150 and N8** were curtailed at Barkingside, Fullwell Cross. Route **247** was diverted in both direction via Baron Gardens (towards Romford only), Horns Road, Eastern Avenue and Whalebone Lane North, not serving Hainault area. Route **462** was also diverted in both directions via Brockey Way and The Lowe. Thanks to member Graham for the report, who adds because of adverse weather from 12th December, routes **167 and 362** were curtailed, at Barkingside or Marks Gate, leaving Hainault with no bus service at all!

East: Route **EL1/= and EL3** (sdo) diversion at Barking Riverside (*see TLB697*) was extended to 15th January.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Monday 21st November: The 71/72 entry in TLB700: Actually operated by the Hedingham segment of the Konect Bus group.

Boxing Day Monday 26th December:

X10 (*Ensignbus*) One day only route: Lakeside via Basildon, Pitsea, Hadleigh to Southend,

Sunday 1st January: 14/b, 22/a (*Vectare*) Changes in TLB700 were cancelled.

Tuesday 3rd January: 22,33,44,66.73/a, 83 Minor tweaks to timetables for reliability. On the 44 certain early and evening journeys withdrawn and on the 66 the 04:45 from Grays is withdrawn.

HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Monday 24th October:

231 (*Centrebus*) (Dunstable & Luton via Caddington, M-S) The SDO journeys at 08:05 from Luton and 15:15 from Dunstable were rerouted via normal route instead of diverting via Latimer Road and Holly Street.

Friday 23rd December:

231 (*Centrebus*) (Dunstable & Luton via Caddington, M-S) Last day of operation.

Wednesday 28th December:

346/346A (*Red Rose*) New route that replaces W19, Mon-Sat hourly: Ascot Road Morrisons via Whippendell Road, Watford Town Centre, Bushey Station, then alternately as 346 in a clockwise loop via Carpenders Park (Delta Gain), South Oxhey (Muirfield Road), Brookdene Avenue to Bushey Station and back to Watford and Ascot Road or anti-clockwise as 346A.

W19 (*Red Rose*) Withdrawn (see 346/A above). Last day 24th December.

Sunday 1st January 2023 (or first normal M-F day on Tuesday 3rd):

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.

53 (*Landmark*) (Letchworth town service) After all, service restored with no change.

61/A,62/A (*Red Eagle*) (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.

230 (*Centrebus*) (Luton Interchange & L&D Hospital via Caddington, M-F) Revised timetable from 'irregular' to hourly and introduced also on Saturdays (thus on Sat 7th). Now operates a circular in one direction anti clockwise) from Luton Interchange direct to L&D Hospital, then via Skimpot Tesco, Caddington Woods, Caddington (Elm Avenue), Woodside, Slip End, Parkway Station back to Luton Interchange. The section Airport Parkway and Interchange is clarified as Osborne Street, Park Street and Church Street. This is a free service.

304/357 (*Arriva KT*) A combined HertsCC Sunday service transferred to *Red Rose Travel* from 2nd January. 304 St Albans & Wheathampstead and 357 St Albans & Harpenden. The Mon-Sat services are on different contracts (see below).

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.

357 (Harpenden, Broadstone Road & Borehamwood, Manor Way, M-S), This main *Arriva KT* service was handed back to Herts CC. A limited Mon-Sat two-hourly service (it had been hourly) is operating by *Red Rose Travel*, initially until mid-February and/or more drivers can be found.

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Sunday 1st January 2023, continued

- 385A (*Red Rose*) New route that replaces W18: Ascot Road Morrisons via Whippendell Road, Watford Town Centre, Radlett Road to North Bushey (Mead Way) and return the same way. Operation Mon-Sat approx. 09:30 to 16:00.
- 385 (*Red Eagle*) As per 385A except via Mill Way at North Bushey instead of Mead Way. Just three Mon-Fri peak hour journeys.
- 387/389/397 (*Red Rose*): (Tring locals, M-S). The current 'Covid' timetable made permanent.
- W18 (*Red Rose*) Withdrawn (see 385A above). Last day presumed 31st December.

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

- Monday 2nd January: SR1 and & 7 (*Red Rose*) (Aylesbury locals) Certain early and late jnys withdrawn.
- 61/61A/X61 (*Red Eagle*) (Aylesbury & Dunstable) and
- 62 (*Red Eagle*) (Aylesbury & Cheddington) Minor timetable changes. The 61 at 19:40 Ivinghoe to Aylesbury withdrawn from passenger use. (Sorry, AtS in TLB700 should be Red Eagle).
- 280 (*AtS*) (Aylesbury & Oxford, Daily) Timing adjustments at school times.

Sunday 8th January:

- 5 (*Carousel*) Desborough Avenue & Sir William Ramsey School, SDO) Timetable changes.
- 32/32a (*AtS*) (Booker & Micklefield) Timetable changes. (M-F x20, Sat x30, M-S evgs x30, Sun).
- 33/33A (*AtS*) (Castlefield & Totteridge, Daily) Timetable changes (M-F x15, Sat x20, M-S evgs, Sun x60,
- 39 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Totteridge, M-S) Withdrasn via Hillary Road and Wingate Avenue so now runs direct on Hatters Lane.
- 41 (High Wycombe & Great Missenden, M-S hourly) Transferred from *AtS* to *Carousel*.
- 48 (*AtS*) (High Wycombe & Lane End) Timetable changes but still hourly.
- 101 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Uxbridge) and
- 102 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Heathrow via Uxbridge) In Beaconsfield, resumed on Maxwell Road. The Wycombe & Beaconsfield short journeys on 102 renumbered 101. Some night journeys projected at Beaconsfield to/from High Wycombe.
- 103 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Slough) Timetable changes M-S evenings.
- 104 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Uxbridge via Chalfonts) Timetable changes M-F.
- 106/107 (*Carousel*) (Slough & Amersham) Timetable changes.
- 800 (*AtS*) (High Wycombe & Reading) Between Henley and Reading rerouted direct via A4155, thus withdrawn via Binfield Heath and Dunsden Green. However school journeys are unchanged.
- AIRLINE (*Oxford Bus Co*) (Oxford & Heathrow and Gatwick) Timetable changes.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Thursday 5th January:

- C1/C3 (*ESRTP Chatterbus*) (Cobham local service, M-F) Revised timetable for reliability.

Tuesday 10th January:

- X94 (*White Bus*) (Ascot, Heatherwood Hospital & Frimley Park Hospital, M-F) Revised timetable – deferred from 1st January as in TLB700. Additional stop at Yeovil Road, Owlsmoor.

Saturday 4th February:

- 442 (*Carlone*) Staines Bus Station & Heathrow T5, Daily) Revised timetable. Re-introduction of X442 non-stop journeys: 06:10 (M-F) or 06:23 (Sat+Sun) T5 to Staines, 20:06 (Daily) Staines to T5.
- Wisley Shuttle (*Woking Community Transport*) (Woking Station southside & Wisley Gardens) Minor timing adjustments and expanded to operate 7 days a week.

North and west KENT

- Monday 12th December, Centaur: Delete entry in TLB700, the 9 August 2021 remains current.

OVERVIEW OF CHRISTMAS 2022 AND NEW YEAR 2023 SERVICES (excluding TfL services in Greater London)

Written with editorial thanks by our special guest sub-editor John Bull.

Christmas Day 25 Dec: There was another increase in the number of express services operating around Greater London on Christmas Day compared with 2021, almost restoring the position to the pre-pandemic situation in 2019. *LHR, LGW, LTN, STN=Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton, Stansted airports. CBS = Central Bus Station, T4 = Terminal 4, T5 = Terminal 5. NX = National Express; VCS = Victoria Coach Station, BPR = Buckingham Palace Road.*

For the first time since 1995, two separate Green Line routes operated on Christmas Day. Returning after its last 25 Dec appearance in 2019, Green Line 757 (Vic, BPR - LTN & Luton Stn. 0505, 0635 x 60 to 2245, ex Luton 0640 x60 - 2345). Then its first 25 Dec appearance, 703X Slough - LHR T5 (run by Firstbus, not Reading) 0400 x60 -2300, T5 0430 - 2330.

Again NX ran special 800 series one-day Christmas Day routes:
NX821 VCS - Heathrow CBS, T5, T4 0330, 0415, 0500 - 2230. every 20 mins (30mins before 0700 & after 2000, 51 trips); NX821 LHR T4, T5 & CBS - VCS 0600 - 2330, 51 trips, every 20 mins (30mins before 0800 & after 2200).

NX823 LGW (South & North) - VCS 0520, 0600, 0640 x 20 mins -2200, 2300, 2340. 51 trips (inc 11 on NX817 from Brighton). NX823 VCS - LGW (North & South) 0520, 0600 x 20 mins - 2200. 50 trips (inc 10 on NX817 on to Brighton)

NX824 VCS - Marble Arch - Baker Street - Finchley Road Stn - Golders Green - LTN 45 trips 0100 x 30 mins 2300. X824 LTN - Golders Green - Finchley Road Stn - Baker St - Marble Arch - VCS 48 trips 0001, 0030 x 30 mins -2330.

NX826 VCS - Stratford - STN - Cambridge 4 trips 0800, 1100, 1500, 1900.

NX826 Cambridge - STN - Stratford - VCS 4 trips 0830, 1215, 1615, 1915 ex STN.
NX813 VCS 0900, 1330, 1700- LHR CBS & T5 - STN(arr 1125, 1555, 1925) - Cambridge - Norwich - Great Yarmouth. NX813 Great Yarmouth - Norwich - Cambridge - STN (dep 1015, 1330, 1745) - LHR T5 & CBS - VCS. X816 VCS - Stratford - STN - Colchester - Ipswich 1200, 2000. NX816 Ipswich etc - STN 0930, 1700 - Stratford - VCS. Thus NX813, 816, 826 combined VCS - STN: 9 trips 0800 - 2000. STN - VCS 9 trips 0830 - 1915.

Oxford Bus Co restored The Airline back to 2019 levels: OXF - LHR CBS 0550 x60-1700, OXF - LGW 0550 x 120- 1550 : LHR CBS (not via T5 as before) - Oxford 12 trips 0920 - 2030, LGW - OXF 6 trips 0925 -1925. First Berkshire Railair ran special services to LHR T5, T3, T2, CBS: RA1 ex Reading Stn 0246, 0355, 0525 x60mins 2225. ex CBS 0415, 0515, 0645 x60 2345, RA2 (Guildford, Woking) ex GF 0325 x90mins 2255, ex CBS 0450 x90 2250.

In addition NX, Megabus and Flixbus ran coaches from VCS the length of Britain, many via LHR.

The only other public transport known to be operating on Christmas Day within the LOTS area was: TfL Dial-a-Ride available 0700 - 0100 the following morning (ie into Boxing Day, also to 0100 from 24 Dec into 25 Dec). Vintage RTs on route 430 Putney Bridge Stn 1000 x 30 mins 1530- Roehampton Danebury Avenue 0930 x 30 1500. Heathrow Hotel Hoppa normal shuttle service between T2, T3, T4, T5 and 34 local hotels 0430 - 2330.

First Bus Berkshire route 4 Slough 0355 x60 2255 - LHR CBS, ex CBS 0425 x60 2325. Route 7 Britwell - Slough - Langley -LHR T5 0300 x60 2300, ex T5 0508 x60 0008. Also First operated Reading/Thames Valley's route 703 (nominally Green Line but with buses in First livery) for one day as route 703X, Slough 0400 x60 2300 - T5, ex T5 0430 x60 2330.

Arriva KT routes to STN: 133 from Braintree 8 trips 0250 - 2150; 310 Thorley Park (B Stortford) hourly 0310 - 2210; 510 Harlow 8 trips 0250 - 2150 connecting with 133 times at STN.

Metrobus route 10 LGW North & South Terminals - Crawley - Bewbush, mostly x 30 mins, 24 hours.

Big Bus Red Route open-top tour 0900 x15-20 mins -1630 from Victoria. Home James 1630 x 20 - 1830 ex Marble Arch. Golden Tours ran various coach tours on Christmas Day. The usual Heathrow Express Christmas Day rail shuttle service between Heathrow T 2 & 3 and T5 did not run in 2022. Nor did Elizabeth Line to T2&3, T4 or T5.

----- Christmas/New Year Services -----

It is noteworthy that while London continues to experience a famine of public transport each 25 December, which dates from 1980, several places along the South Coast now enjoy a limited bus service on Christmas Day: Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, all of them Go-Ahead operations.

Greater London 26 December: In addition to TfL bus services: London General operated a P&R shuttle service from BP car park at Sunbury-on-Thames to Kempton Park racecourse from 0900 x20min to 1700. Dial-a-Ride available 0700-2300. No national rail or London Overground ran on 26Dec because of the RMT rail strike. DLR and most of London Underground operated except District line Wimbledon- Parsons Green, Turnham Green- Richmond, Kensington Olympia; Bakerloo Q ueens Park- Harrow & Wealdstone; Waterloo & City and Elizabeth line.

Country buses serving Heathrow: Carlone 442 T5- Staines, Egham and Englefield Green 0725-2320; Carousel 102 CBS- High Wycombe (0355-0300); Diamond Bus H30 (Hatton Cross, T4, T5, CBS (0315-0500); Diamond Bus 555 CBS-T4-Sunbury 0405-2305); First Berkshire 4 CBS- Slough- Maidenhead (0300-2354 with 0100 and 0200 to Slough); 7 T5- Slough- Britwell (0446-0010); 8 T5- Staines, Egham, Windsor, Slough (0845-1930). Hotel Hoppa normal shuttle service (0430-2330).

Oxford Airline (0300 OXF-CBS, 0350 to LGW), Last to OXF 2125 ex LGW, 2230 ex CBS. RailAir RA1 Reading -T5,T2,T3 (0246-2346). RA2 Guildford- Woking- CBS (0310-2300). Reading 703 T5-Slough- Windsor (0400-2330). NX resumed normal services.

Other services: Airport Bus Express Liverpool Street- Stratford (0305-0000)- STN. Arriva Green Line 757 Vic BPR- LTN- Luton Interchange (0540-2400). Berry's Superfast to Taunton etc (afternoon and evening only). Oxford Tube – which has not run on 25Dec since 2019 – Vic BPR- Hillingdon- Oxtord (0810-0325). Reading Green Line 702 Vic BPR- Slough- Reading (0912-1817). Not via Windsor on 26Dec but connected with 703 at Slough in both directions.

West and South Essex inc Thurrock

First Essex: 24 Dec: Sat times, X30 early finish; 25 Dec: no services; 26 Dec: no services except X10 (Basildon - STN) normal hourly service, X30 (Southend - STN) late start then normal hourly; 100, 300, Z3, Z4 special services. 27 Dec: Sunday times; 28-31 Dec: Saturday times, except Z3, Z4 pm changes on 31st. 1 Jan: no services except X10, X30 normal. 2 Jan: normal Sunday times except Z3, Z4 morning changes. 3 Jan normal MF.

NIBS: 25-27 Dec, 1 - 2 Jan: no service, 28-30 Dec: MF service, Sats on 21, 81, 24,31 Dec: Sats. 3 Jan: normal.

Ensignbus: 24 Dec: MF early finishes. 25 Dec: no services 26 Dec: Sunday, late start later finish on 22, 44,73A only. Special X10 Lakeside- Basildon- Southend 0600, 0700, 0800 x30mins1600 x hourly 2000, 2030, return 0720 - 2150. 1 No am trips FROM Amazon Tilbury. 27 Dec: Only 22, 44, 73A as 26 Dec, Z1 normal; 28-31 Dec: Sats, some early finishes on 31 Dec. 1-2 Jan: only 22, 44, 73A Sunday. 3 Jan: normal services.

Arriva Harlow and Stansted: 24, 28-31 Dec: Saturday with early finish on 24th, 31st on 510 (2250ex HA, 2350 ex STN) 724 (1930 exHA, 2240 ex LHR, arr HA 0117). 25-26 Dec, 1 Jan : no service except 133, 309, 510, as above on 25 Dec. 27 Dec, 2 Jan: Sunday service. 3 Jan: normal MF service.

Central Connect: 24, 31 Dec: Sats. 25-26 Dec, 1 Jan: no service, 27 Dec: Sunday times, 28-30 Dec: normal MF.

Epping Ongar Railway 339 ran 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 20- 24 Dec for Santa Specials. No service after Christmas. TfL routes as for London. **Vectare :** 24, 28-31 Dec: Sats, 25-27 Dec, 1-2 Jan: No service.



50 years ago in Jan-Feb 1973 the entire class of XA Atlanteans were withdrawn and sold to China Motor Bus in Hong Kong. On 20th January XA 50 is seen on Croydon's C-routes that – with P3 at Peckham – last ran on 13th February. *(Mike Harris)*

Three years later on 23rd February 1976 XA 30 is seen in Hum Hong. CMB used the same 50 XA fleet numbers as did LT but altered the windows in true HK fashion to combat possible effects of typhoons. *(David Stewart)*





At the Ensignbus event on 3rd December a fine display was a trio of former Southend buses, RMs 1543 and 44 plus Fleetline 233 leaving Lakeside in convoy.
(Richard Godfrey)

RM 371 was decorated by Ensignbus as this year's 'Christmas Bus', fitted out suitably for mobile illuminations! (David Heath)





Former Jersey Motor Transport 1932-vintage Leyland TD 2 6332J, now a rare survivor by being kept so long by JMT and now cherished by Ensignbus, operated some local trips out of Lakeside. *(Richard Godfrey)*

Also now a great rarity, London Bus Company's Marshall-bodied AEC Swift SM 1 from 1969 also appeared, seen here at Brook Street, Brentwood. True to its class, it did develop a minor fault later in the day. *(Richard Godfrey)*





Brighton & Hove Buses withdrew all their Citaro-G 'bendy buses' on 31st October 2022. They were used on route 25 to the university complex up the Lewes Road. Former London General MAL104 is on the Lewes Road. *(Richard Godfrey)*

The artics at Brighton were replaced by a batch of redundant London General Volvo B9TL/Wright/Geminis. The former WVL 452 is part of the new order of route 25. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Hertfordshire and southern Bedfordshire

(Mainly Arriva, Centrebus, Grant Palmer, Sullivan, Uno and HCC contracts) 24 Dec: mainly Sat service with early finish by 2000, (AKT 2215 Luton A, 2130 Luton 31, Z, 2240 724, 2250 AKT 510, 757; Stagecoach MK1 LTN - MK 2010, LTN - Bedford 2145). Normal last bus on AKT 309 and TfL.. 25 Dec: No service except special services on AKT 309, 510. 757 NX 824, as above. 757 not stopping Bricket Wood on this day. 26 Dec: No services except 757 Sunday times from 0345 ex LTN, 0540 ex Vic; Luton A Sunday from 0435, AKT 309, 510 as above. Red Line S1, S4 normal PH service.(0815-1931) Arriva Click Watford 0800-1900. Grant Palmer CX Sunday times (0440 - 1940),

Herts Lynx: no service. TfL normal Sunday times. NX A1, A11, 737 normal. 27 Dec: Sunday services. 28-30 Dec: mainly Saturday times, Normal MF on HCC shopping services, Arriva 308/380, 335/336, 378/379, C1, M3. EFCT C392, Little Jim's, Richmond's 20, Red Eagle 29/30/31, 34, 307, 319, H11, HA1, ML1, R1/R2, W1, W2. Uno 635, HH1.STSH. Special times 386. No service AKT 6 (WGC) 31 Dec as 24 Dec, except 757 normal last bus. 1 Jan: No services except: AKT 309, 510 as 25 Dec; Sunday times on Luton A (from 0435), Green Line 757, NX A1, A11, 737, TfL. Herts Lynx 1000-1600 2 Jan: Sunday times. 3 Jan: back to normal.

Buckinghamshire and east Berkshire

24 Dec: Mainly Saturday times with early finish up to: Arriva 280 1958 ex Oxford to AY. Carousel 102 to HE 1905 ex CBS. Oxford Airline 2020 ex LGW, 2125 ex CBS; Reading 702 ex BPR 1925 to WR etc, 2035 to Slough, 703 ex T5 2050 to Bracknell, 2335 to Slough. First Berkshire normal Sat times, TfL full Saturday times. 25 Dec: no service except Oxford Airline, First 4, 7, 703X routes and Railair RA1, as above. 26 Dec: no service except as above for 25-26 Dec for Carousel 102, Oxford Airline. Green Line 702, 703. Sunday times on First Berkshire and TfL. Thames Valley local routes in Bracknell 0900-1800. 27 Dec: Sunday times, with Arriva early finish c1900. 28-31 Dec: Saturday times with early finishes on 31st except for 702, 703, First Berkshire, Railair, TfL. 1 Jan: As 26 Dec except Sunday times on Green Line 702, 703, Thames Valley Bracknell.. 2 Jan: Sunday times, with Arriva early finish. 3 Jan: back to normal.

Surrey and Sussex

24 Dec: Normal Saturday service, except Stagecoach early finish, c2000. 25 Dec: Only NX817, NX823, Railair RA2 and Metrobus 10, as above. 26 Dec: First Berkshire, Railair RA2, Stagecoach and TfL Sunday times, Metrobus: special times on 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 100, 200. normal Sunday 400. Carlone 442 and Diamond Bus 555 special times 27 Dec: Sunday times. 28-30 Dec: Generally Saturday times, but weekday where no Saturday service. Southdown 236 special times. Compass 23, 24, 25, 42 MF times. 31 Dec: Saturday times Stagecoach early finish, c2000 1-2 Jan: Sunday times except Stagecoach no service on 1 Jan. 3 Jan: Normal times.

North West Kent

24 Dec: AKT, Go-Coach, TfL Saturday times (AKT early finish c2100, AZ c1500), Arriva Click Ebbsfleet 0600-1900; 25 Dec: no service; 26 Dec: no service except Fastrack A 0935 x30 1635 x60 1935 ex DT, 1007 x30 1707 x60 2007 ex Bluewater. Fastrack B 0940 x30 1710 ex Temple Hill, 0933 x30 1633 ex Gravesend. TfL normal Sunday, AZ Sunday with later start 0717 ex Gravesend, 0735 ex DT. Arriva Click Ebbsfleet 0800-1900; 27 Dec: AKT, TfL Sunday times, Go-Coach go2 only; 28-31 Dec: Saturday times, AKT early finish on 31st c2100, AZ c1500. 1 Jan: AKT, TfL Sunday times. Arriva Click no service. 2 Jan as 1st plus Go2. 3 Jan: normal,

PUBLICITY NEWS

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A misprinted version of the May 2022 **“Tube map”** has been reported by an eagle-eyed reader. It shows, just south of Hayes & Harlington station, two branches of the Elizabeth line, one going direct to Heathrow Terminal 5 instead of branching off after Heathrow Terminals 2 & 3.

Between 1 and 24 December visitors to Tower Gateway DLR station could visit **“Santa’s Grotto”** details of which are outlined on a double sided A5 sheet finished in a suitably festive colour scheme. After visiting passengers had the opportunity to search the DLR network for presents and reindeers lost following ‘a gust of magical wind.’ Full details are on **“Express Telegram”** another double sided A5 finished in the same style.

Unreported for a decade is **“Travel to Greenford Gospel Church”** a multifold slimline published in 2013 by WestTrans who are / were a partnership formed of ‘the six west London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow working with Transport for London to identify, develop and implement transport projects to the benefit of the sub-region’. The Pindar designed multifold slimline features the church on the front cover. Inside is narrative about routes to the church plus the benefits of walking and cycling. When opened fully a map centred on the church shows bus and rail routes in an area bounded by South Harrow, Perivale, Greenford and Northolt, accompanied by a frequency table for eight bus routes. Whilst the frequencies and operators are outdated, the map itself is still broadly accurate with only the relatively recent X140 missing from the network. The rear cover carries a print date of ’03.13’.

“Next stop London Transport Museum” is a green multifold slimline offering information and illustrations to tempt visitors to the Covent Garden museum.

Passengers on the excellent Ensignbus Running Day could pick up **“Saturday 3rd December 2022”**, a four-page A4 leaflet giving a timetable for each of the four routes complete with vehicle allocation and duty numbers.

Issues 9 and 10 of **“Bus Times for Slip End and Caddington”** are now available, both presented as A4 four-page leaflets in landscape format. Issue 9 is valid from Monday 24th October 2022, and contains a Christmas timetable valid from Wednesday 28th until Friday 30th December, consisting of the current Monday to Friday 230 service, the usual “Christmas timetable” on the 232, and the Saturday service on the 46 between Woodside Animal Farm and Luton. The recent withdrawal of the Saturday service on route 231 meant that the usual weekday service ran on these dates, but this was confirmed too late to be included. Issue 10 is valid from Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

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)

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

A few of the Electroliners that had been stored at TF waiting for power supply at Fulwell had been intended to be use on route U5 (from DH) but that hadn't happened as we closed for press on 7 January – but may well have done so by the time you read this.

New MetroCity 1004 ran for just one week to 4th August but returned to service on 20th December.

One of the new order for Caetano e.City Gold buses for route 433 arrived at BC Garage on 9th December; at that stage it had no fleet numbers nor registration. Having said that, the batch is allocated thus: 1535-43 BV72 XJA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/J.

On 28th December at Herne Hill 2578 on route N68 collided with LT 700 on route 3. On 20th December E40D 2009 was unusually on the U7.

Recent repaints/ refurbs include LT 154, 160, 162, 169;

New vehicles: A howler in TLB700:- Electroliners are of course 3001, etc (not 34**)

Transfers: Correction to SUP39C; LT 692 is WL (not QB).

Livery change: LT 623 to advert for itvX.

Subsequent disposals:

8481 (KP02 PVU) noted for re-sale by M Kennealy Commercials, Hemel Hempstead.

9401 (LJ67 VSZ) to Phoenix, Blyth, Northumberland.

9431 (LJ09 CAU) is now with Nu Venture in Kent.

9487/88 (LJ09 OKW), 9490-93 (LJ09 OLA/B/C/E), 9495-98 (LJ09 OLH/K/M/N), 9500-03 (LJ09 OLP/R/T/U) to Green Bus, Birmingham.

ARRIVA LONDON (part of Deutsche Bahn)

ARRIVA LONDON NORTH - AD, AE, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY and WN.

ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH - BN, N, TC and TH.

Recent refurbs/ repaints include LT 88, 92, 94, 136, 202, 211, 212, 214, 336; DW 547; HV 43, 108, 121, 147, 151, 171, 176; T 306, 309, 322, 325. Additionally EMC 5 and 6 are now all-red, having lost its green leaves; EMC 1 is the only one of the batch still sporting those.

On 1st January, RM 2217 was used on the shuttle from Edgware to the Saracens ground at Mill Hill. HTs have wandered occasionally but HT 27 on the 60 on 20th and HT 26 on 22nd December brought the first of type on that route. LT 954 (N) was finally back in service on 4th January after being off since 15th November 2021.

The Electroliners for route 307 are likely to be delivered in April and May.

Transfers (December):

DW 190, 191, 503, 507 TC/E. DW 334 DT/E. DT 414 DT/E (it didn't go to ASC T>Wells);

DW 501, 511 EC/E. DW 508, 512 DT/E. HV 334 ARu/AR.

Livery changes:

EA 11 to advert for Lenovo.

EA 22 to advert for OVO Energy.

HV 248 to advert for Let's do London.

HV 337 from advert for Verkada to one for Let's do London.

HV 368 from advert for Slipstream back to red.

HV 374 from advert for Pure Gym back to red.

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

ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:

LT 323 from advert for Gant to one for itvX.
LT 534 from advert for Qatar 2022 back to red.
LT 723 from advert for Battersea Power Station back to red.
LT 737 to advert for itvX.
LT 744 to advert for Hayu.
LT 967 to advert for Uniqlo..

Disposals:

DW 272-297 off lease (April 2022) - additional to note in TLB692.
RM 5 is already owned by Mr P Swallow, Shropshire (it had been loaned to Arriva).

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

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

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

Out of Area: 3985 to area 3 and 4042 to Area 2.

Disposals (November): 3983 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

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

Watford's Sprinter 1015 has acquired a grey front and back and 'CLICK' names. 'Arriva Click' Sprinter AC 012 is now back from NF to Watford.

Recent repaints to the lighter blue: 3759, 4190, 4193, 4214, 4217, 4291.

Former Hemel-based E400 6528, now in Kent, has been treated to a 'heritage' green and cream livery, similar to M&D; it also carries the slogan 'Arriva – proud to serve for over 100 years' Of course they really mean to say 'Arriva and its predecessors ..' but never mind!

3771 (HA) has been treated to an odd livery - lime green front/ white middle/ purple rear. It carries very modest route 724 branding, including on its sides the letters GL in yellow and green. One presumes that other SB200s usually on the 724 (eg. 3770-70/97-99) will follow suit.

Into this area from Area 3: 3985 (GN07 GLK) AD E200Dart- AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F- 2007.

Into this area from Arriva Midlands (Tamworth):

3741 YJ57 AZU VDL SB200 – Wrightbus Puilsar 11.9m B44F – 2007. Now at WE.

Correction to TLB700: 4042 is reg GN09 AWR (not GN07), thus new in 2009.

Transfers: 3569 HH/HHu(accident). 3741 Mids/HH/WE. 3742 HHu/HH. 3759 HA/HAw.
3985 WB(3)/WE.

Disposals: 3570 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

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

Into this area from Midlands at Leicester: (January):

2951-58 (YX61 MHO/U/V/X/Y/Z, YJ11 OKD,OKC) Optare Versa V1110 B37F – 2011.

Apart from 2952, all others are in the newest lighter blue livery. All are for High Wycombe.

Latest repaints to the lighter blue are 2315, 2316.

Out of area to Area 2: 3985 (GN07 DLK).

Into this area from Kent: 1616 (GN04 UDK) TransBus Dart SLF- TBus Pointer 8.8m B29F- 2004.

Transfers: 1616 --/LD. 2951-58 Mids/WB. 3658 LD/LDu. 3985 WB/WE (area 2). 5429 LD/LDw.

Disposals: 3509, 3510, 3602, 3640, 5427 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey.

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

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

Citaros 869 and 870 have gone on loan to Thames Travel but Volvo dds 938, 939, 940 are is back at Carousel. Scania 215 is back in service after some time off.

Routes 581/583 use Sprinters but on 23rd December the usual vehicle was replaced by 971, the Sprinter in Blenheim Palace Shuttle livery. Indeed it has stayed at Carousel into January and is usually on the 'Pick-me-up' DRT in Wycombe.

On 26Dec and 01Jan the special service on route 102 (Wycombe & Heathrow) was covered by buses from Oxford, including E400MMC No.604 with City 100 route branding.

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

All Solos have now been withdrawn. They are still with the operator but in due course should go for scrap. 1089 is delicensed in store at North Weald and is not expected to return to service. Scania YP59 OEX has been withdrawn and is being used as a source of spares.

A new operating centre in River Way Harlow will be opening soon and the Hailes Farm site in Roydon will be closing at the same time, probably the end of February.

CENTREBUS, Luton

Acquired (December), last known at TLC Travel, Bradford, West Yorkshire:
553 (MX12 DZF) AD E20D – AD Enviro200 9.0m B28F - 2012

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

On the grand Running Day on 3rd December a large selection from the heritage fleet appeared:

RT 8, 191, 3232; RTL 453; RLH 61; RM 371(Christmas bus), 1843; RMA 50; RML 2588; DM 2646; M 1; MD 60; T 986; Southend 122 (RM 54), Southend 116 (RM 1543), Southend Fleetline 233, Astromega 245, Tiger 250 and Daimler 263; St Helens 'RT' BDJ 807; JMT TD2 6332 J; 'B-type replica Bedford SB5 946 WAE; RF 463; T 499; Cub C 4; Bedford WTB EYE 599; Metrobus 192.

Visitors in service included London Bus Co RTW 335 and SM 1 plus private owned M 1440, AN 264, Olympian J135 PVC, Lynx G293 KWY.

Volvo B9TL 129 was noted on TfL route 25 on 7th January.

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

E20Ds YX70 OKW and YX71 OJN have gained route 461 branding.

1ST BUS STOP, Gravesend

Correction to TLB700: VX54 MTY is a TransBus Trident. It was ex 33402 (not 34402).

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.

After a long stint on route 119 from Croydon Garage, the Electroliner demonstrator EL 1 moved to Camberwell and entered service on route 40 on 5th and 6th December but then was stood down. However on 4th January it was back on route 40.

A surprise was the move of three stored EHVs into Stockwell from 1st December, being used on routes 77, 87/N87, 88/N88, 155.

The Ee buses at Croydon Garage finally got their power supply and were gradually introduced to route 264 on 13th December with route 119 following on 15th and gradually through the month although as at 3rd January Ee 75 was still outstanding.

Next up are two batches of E200EVs. SEe 168-172 are 9.7m B24D for route B13 at BX likely to be due around late February, although the route is taken over from Arriva on 21st January. Following these are SEe 173-199, 10.8m B29D versions and due for Merton routes 163 and 164.

I was a bit premature in TLB700, it was only part (not all) of the allocation on route 76 that moved to SW, the rest stayed at NP.

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued:

EH visits to route 403 became quite common during December, with two (EH 231 and 236) on 15th. MetroCity OM 4 went off service on 31st August but was back in use on 13th December. Just after midnight on 25th December, WVN 1 on route 476 at King's Cross collided with the rear of an NRM (ST 812) on the 390. The X26 often sees an E, EH or WHV along with its WVLs.

After a long time, both 'General' heritage liveried buses, LT 50 and LT 60, have succumbed to all red. A sense of history and heritage in the company seems to have been lost here!

Normal recent repaints/ refurbishes include EHV 2, 14, 16; LT 52, 54, 57, 68, 118; SE 238, 239. Delete LT 115 in TLB700.

New deliveries:

Ref. TLB699 p22, Ee 70-93 have in fact a seat total of H42/22D and ULW 13594kg. Having said that, lower deck might be 23 rather than 22- someone check please!

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, RG=Ringmer, KL King's Lynn. (August): LT 309 Q/SW.

(September): LT 308 Q/SW. E 61 AL/A.

(November): LT 880, 882, 889-898 stayed at NP (so not to SW).

(December): EL 1 C/Q. EHV 1. 2, 16 RRu/SW. Ee 71, 78 Ct/C. Ee 70, 72-74. 76-77, 79-93 Qu/C.

LT 308, 309 SW/NP. LT 478 SW/NP. SE 236 SW/AL. SE 237 MB/AL.

Livery changes:

E 140 from advert for Bumbu back to red.

Ee 8 to advert for Ovo Energy.

LT 50 and LT 60 from heritage London General livery back to normal red.

LT 438 from advert for Stuart Weitzman. Back to red.

LT 441 from advert for Moncler back to red,

LT 450 from advert for IHG Hotels back to red.

LT 456 from advert for Levi's back to red.

LT 854 to advert for itvX.

LT 873 from Call of Duty back to red.

LT 875 from advert for Gant to one for Marc Jacobs.

ME 17 to advert for OVO Energy.

WHV 90 to advert for Let's do London.

L.B. of HAVERING

Further E200s have been delivered recently: YX72 OLE 8.9m B28F and YX72 OLG 10.8m B39F.

Also due in early January 2023 is another 8.9m B28F expected to be YX72 OMH.

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

Recent repaints include 6016. 6785.

Disposal: 6110 to Go Ahead Ireland (30th November).

6108/09/10 are now Nos.12141/2/3. 12141 reg 162-D-36161, 12142 reg 162-D-36140.

Registration changes: 6785 from 192-D-19498 to GX69 EAW.

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

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

The new premises at Athlon Road, Alperton has been used for a while as an outstation from Perivale (PV) for overnight parking - and some daytime layovers. In early December the place was formalised (in N&P) with a 30-disc vehicle allocation.

Apparently a 48th Volvo BZL has been ordered but don't know which length.

Recent repaints / refurbishments noted include TEH 1462, TEH 2076 (after being off service since January 2022), VWH 2189, 2190, 2193 and DEL 2147, 2151.

On 26th December Go-Ahead's WVN 1 on route 476 at King's Cross collided with the rear of Metroline's ST 812 on the 390. The ST suffered considerable rear end damage.

LT 98 visited Kent on 27 December as part of the Maidstone (and 70th birthday of Norman Kemp) Bus Running Day.

DEL 2612 has had its cameras removed and has reverted to wing mirrors.

Most of the WHD class hydrogen fuel cell buses were stood down by 13th December, although LVF shows a one-off WHD 2708 on route 7 on the 29th.

Transfers; (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

Correction to SUP-39C: VW 1397 is PV (not W), VW 1398 is AH (not PV).

(December): LT 113, 114 HT/PAu.

TE 1074-78/80-81/84-88 PB/WJ. TE 1079/82 PB/WJ/PB. VW 1274 EW/PV/EW. TE 1308/09 PB/WJ.

TE 1313 W/PAw. VW 1392/95 W/PV/W. VW 1468 PB/PV/PB.

VW 1818 PAu/PV. VW 1819/23/24/26/27/33/36 HZu/PV. VW 1822.PB/PV. VW 1825 HT/PV.

VW 1829 AH/PV/AH. VW 1830 AH/PV. VWH 2134/35 WJ/HZu.

DE 874 PAu/W (not Wu/W). DE 1618 is still at WJ (corrects TLB700). DE 1588 UX/W.

DEL 2259/60 HZu/WJt. DEL 2261/62/64 HZu/WJ.

TEs into WJ are to cover the closures of the Bakerloo line from 17 December and off and on to mid - February. The influx into PV are to cover the standing down of the WHD (hydrogen fuel cell) class due to fuel supply issues.

(7th January): TE 1074/78/80/81/82/84/86/87/88/95 WJ/EW. TE 1079/82 PB/EW.

TE 1308/09 WJ/EW. TE 1311/15/16 PB/EW.

TEH 1217/18/20/21, 1223-27, 1229/31, 1233-38 EW/W. DEL 2605-12 W/WJ.

Livery changes:

Correction: LT 649 remains advert for M&S (not Back Market).

LT 653 from advert for Call of Duty back to red.

LT 751 from advert for Conversa back to red.

LT 804 to advert for itvX.

VWH 2306 from advert for Let's do London to one for Lenovo.

VWH 2329 to advert for Ami.

VWH 2422 to advert for Let's do London.

Disposals:

TE 1983-91/93-99, 2000 to Ensign Bus (December). Those in TLB700 to Barclays Finance duly went on to Ensign Bus.

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

MULLANY'S BUSES, Watford

The company's depot at Brookdell Yard off the A405 near Garston has been closed by Watford Borough Council so as to expand the waste depot next door. Although buses would have moved, no formal base has been listed officially. However, they have been noted at a yard off the A4147 by the M1/M10 *now part of A414) bridges at Hemel Business Park, Appspond Lane.

Disposals: Dart SLF LX06 EZW sold in Ireland.

Trident KU02 YBH, Volvo B9TLs HP07 NUS and HP08 BUS – all have left the fleet.

Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds

Further to the entry in TLB695 page 27, corrections to the details:

LJ09 ONN AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D – new 2009.

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 at BT is now fully stocked with BCEs although there are still the odd VH, ADH or VHR visits to the route. Route 295 at X continues to use mostly VHs. Meanwhile the batch of BCEs ordered for the 295 (47157-177) have been drifting into stock but the first few that went into service did so at Fulwell on routes 65 and 281.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include LT 126, 127, 128.

On 28th December evening at Kenton on route 183, BCE 47113 was involved in an accident.

SPs from WK last ran on routes 116 and 423 on 30th November.

New deliveries (December)

As at our closing date of 8th January, none of BE 37085-101 have yet surfaced, while just four (see transfers below) of the batch BCE 47157-177 have been noted.

Transfers:

Correction to TLB700: DLE 30061 remained at WK (thus not to TV).

(December): DE 20154 Xu/V. DDE 20287/88/89/90/92/93 TV/NCu then DDE 20287 NCu/BT.

DDE 20288/290 NCu/AV. DDE 20292/93 NCu/V. WLS 30037 Xu/X.

SP 40170/171/172/175 WK/NCu. SP 40192 WK/AV.

VH 45129 V/TV. VH 45130 X/TV. VH 45133/134/137/143/144 V/FW. VH 45136 FW/V.

VH 45140/141 X/FW. VH 45150 WK/V. VH 45164 V/FW.

BCE 47087 BT/FW. BCE 47132 u/SO. BCE 47146 SO/BT.

BCE 47161 --/SO. BCE 47162/163 –FW/BT. BCE 47164 --/FW.

(7th January): DE 20094 V/BT. DDE 20289 NCu/BT. DDE 20291 TV/BT. DDE 20292/293 V/BT.

Livery changes:

BCE 47026 to advert for Lenovo.

BCE 47031 and BCE 47120 to adverts for OVO Energy.

Disposals:

SP 40170/171/172/175 to Ensign Bus (December).

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

Following the fire at Slough Bus Station and the loss of one bus, the outstation of a few TVB buses moved to the First Berkshire garage nearby.

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

RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury

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

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

De-licensed for scrapping – Solo MX58 KYS and Volvo B12B KB07 OXF are de-licensed for disposal and are parked up at Red Rose. On long term loan from Red Rose to Redline is Scania/East Lancs d/d - YN07 EYK. It is the intention that the four silver E20D / E200MMCs will transfer to Red Rose for the new route 357 contract (Harpenden & Borehamwood). Another four replacement E200s will be sourced.
Disposals: Volvo B7R coach X458 KUT and Dart SLF SN51 TCJ to ASM, Aylesbury for scrap:

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

EAST LONDON – AW, BK, BW, CS, HK, NS, RM, T and WH.

SELKENT - KB, PD, TB and TL; **LEA INTERCHANGE BUS CO** – LI.

Recent refurb/ repaints include LT 366; 374; 13154 (ex MV 38249), 36628, 37726 (ex HCT 1226)) StreetLite 39121 (ex T/T 44700) to purple training livery.

On 16th December at Elm Park, 19729 skidded into fence and a tree; looks an easy mend though!.

The first bus fire of 2023 in London occurred in the late evening of 5th January when on route 165 at Rainham. E20D 37530 was severely damaged by the fire.

Transfers:

(December): 10346/347 NS/RM. 19739/740 NS/RM.

19829/830/831/832 RM/NS.

(January): 37530 RM/RMw.

Livery changes:

11031 and 11053 from advert for Elizabeth line back to red.

12320 to advert for Lenovo.

14105 from Poppy Appeal livery back to red.

14141 from advert for San Pellegrino back to red.

14160 to advert for OVO energy.

14170 from advert for Elizabeth line back to red.

18915 from advert for Let's do London back to red.

LT 239 from advert for Boss to one for Marc Jacobs.

LT 240 to advert for Marc Jacobs.

LT 265 from advert for Converse back to red.

LT 364 from advert for Stuart Weitzman to one for Hayu.

LT 377 to advert for itvX.

LT 379 from advert for Moncler to one for Hayu.

LT 384 from advert for K-way to one for Hayu.

LT 390 from advert for IHG Hotels to one for Hayu.

Disposals

Correction to TLB700; 15032/033/073 formally to Stagecoach East Kent after a period of loan.t
36288 (accident victim) to Trevor Wigley, Barnsley (December).

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

Scania 207 is now in use as a trainer and is in all-purple. One oddity on 9th December was B8RLE 361 on route 614.

VALE TRAVEL, Aylesbury

Acquired (December): YX12 AEO AD E20D – AD Enviro200 10.8m B38F – 2012.

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 1262 (VYJ 876) from SpeedKing Tools to Carvery & Grill, Alfreton, Derbyshire (May) and has been noted in use as a bar bus at Chatsworth House in November and December.

RM 1971 from Mr F Innes to Ensign Bus (November).

RML 2451 from Stagecoach South West to Barkers Motors, Llan-y-Pwll, Clywd (December).

RML 2733 was seen passing though the docks at Dover at the end of December and has now been assumed as exported; does anyone know where ?

RML 2742 from Mr N Bird to Ensign Bus (July).

Olympians:

NV 34 (N534 LHG) (ex GAL) was sold from Marshalls Coaches (by August).

NV 67 (R267 LGH) (ex GAL) was sold from Collins (by September).

NV 104, 107 (P904, 907 RYO) (ex GAL) were sold from Cambridge Buses (June).

VA 1 (N131 YRW) (ex LU) was sold from Steve Stockdale Coaches (March 2021), but has not been reported subsequently; is this first of a class now preserved ?

VA 48 (R148 VPU) (ex SLN) is reported as sold from Sun Fun to sister company Cambridge Bus & Coach (May 2018) but this is actually the same company.

VA 56 (R156 VPU) (ex SLN) was sold from Fords Coaches (by August).

VA 77 (R177 VPU) (ex SLN) was sold from Eurotaxi (January 2022) for scrap.

VA 141 (R141 EVX, ex J333 ETC) (ex SLN) from Sun Fun to KIS Coaches, Far Cotton, Northants. (September).

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 329 (LG52 DCE) (ex ALN) was noted in early January in Hounslow area and on the day of the Hendon running day in November it was seen near Hendon Central. Can anyone confirm if it is still with Manchester based Message Trust or has it been sold ?

DLA 365 (LJ03 MWE) (ex ALN) was sold from Bullock Coaches (by December).

DLA 380, 389 (LJ03 MTY, MZD, ex JRZ 3266, 8516) (ex ALN) re-gained their original registrations and were then sold from Tyrers Coaches to Country Bus, Heathfield, Devon (December).

DLP 1 (V123 BUS, ex V601 LGC) (ex ALN) was sold from Buses 4 Homeless (by August) and was later seen being towed in Buckinghamshire in November; does anyone know who has this DLP now ?

DW 1 (LJ03 MWM, ex HRF 1K, ex 801 DYE) (ex ALN) further to TLB694, this DW is confirmed as passing to Cawthorne Travel, Aston, South Yorkshire (May).

DW 70 (LJ04 LDV) (ex ALN) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by June).

DW 130 (LJ05 GKZ, ex X23 SPT) (ex ALN) from McGills Buses to Campbell (dlr), Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire (September).

DW 278, 289 (LJ59 LXB, LVU) (ex ALN) are now with Garnetts Coaches, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham (September).

DW 279 (LJ59 LWF) (ex ALN) has been noted with Bus & Coach Centre, Forest Hill, Oxon.

DW 288 (LJ59 LWR) (ex ALN) was missed from the list in TLB700 and is now with Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (October).

HW 100 (SK68 TNJ) (ex ALN) from CT Plus to Proctor, Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire (August), and then to Weardale Motor Services, Stanhope, Co. Durham (September).

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VLA 76 (LJ54 BEU) (ex ALN) not previously recorded was that this VLA returned to Base Coach Sales from First South West (August).

VLA 125 (LJ05 BJF) (ex ALN) updating TLB698, it passed to Eagle Coaches via East Anglian Motor Auction at Wymondsham, Norfolk.

VLA 158 (LJ55 BSV) (ex ALN) was sold from Stotts Coaches (September) for scrap.

VLW 41 (LJ51 OSK), 43 (LF02 PKU), 102 (LG52 DDJ), 105 (LJ03 MHU) (ex ALN) from Arriva North East to Alpha Recovery (all in October, except VLW 105 which was September).

VLW 63 (LF02 PVK) (ex ALN) from A2B Newquay Travel to Shears (dlr), Northam Devon (September).

DN 33519 (LK08 FND) (ex FLN) updating TLB698, this DN was renumbered to 8924 in September when First Scotland East was acquired by Eastern Scottish as part of the McGills Group.

TN 33049 (LN51 GKE) (ex FLN) from The Burnley Bus Company to Parton, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (November) for scrap.

TN 33191 (LT52 XAB) (ex FLN) from First Essex to Blackwater Preservation Group (October).

TN 33352 (LK53 FCY) (ex FLN) correcting TLB700, the registration should have read LK53 FCY not LK53 FEY.

TNL 33075 (LN51 GOJ) (ex FLN) from The Burnley Bus Company to Parton, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (November) for scrap.

VN 36137 (BJ11 DVW) (ex FLN) has received a partial wrap livery with First South Yorkshire for *Heaven 17*.

VN 37778, 37786 (LK59 CWU, CXC) (ex FLN) are now in HD Connect blue and white livery in Huddersfield with First West Yorkshire

VN 37773, 37775, 37779, 37781, 37790, 37799, 37800 (LK59 CWN, CWP, CWV, CWX, CXG, FCP, FCU) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to First West Yorkshire (December) where they have re-gained their First fleet numbers.

VN 37803 (LK59 FCY) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus to First South West (December) where it has re-gained its First fleet number.

VN 37822 (LK59 FDM), 37828 (BG59 FXB) (ex GAL) from Go Ahead London to Go North East (October) as fleet numbers 6198 and 6197 respectively. (Note – this corrects the incorrect entry for VN 37822 and 37825 in TLB700.)

VN 37896 (BF60 UUI) (ex FLN) passed from Xplore Dundee to McGills Buses, Greenock, Renfrewshire (September) and was re-numbered from 2854 to 2908. Note – this corrects the previous report.

VN 37897, 37899 (BF60 UUG, UUH) (ex FLN) have been re-numbered from 2852 and 2853 to 2906 and 2907 respectively with McGills Buses. Note – this corrects the previous report.

VNL 32210 (LT52 WTR) (ex FLN) was sold from First Eastern Counties (December).

VNL 32226 (LT52 WUL), 32297 (LK03 NGV) (ex FLN) were renumbered to 2845 and 2846 in September when First Scotland East was acquired by Eastern Scottish as part of the McGills Group.

VNZ 32345 (LK53 LZP) (ex FLN) was sold from First Eastern Counties (December).

AVL 4 (V104 LGC) (ex GAL) from Warrington's Own Buses to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (June).

AVL 13 (V113 LGC) (ex GAL) was sold from CT Plus to Proctors Coach & Bus Sales (dlr), Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire (August), and then passed to Hodgson Travel, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (September).

AVL 17 (MJI 2379, ex V117 LGC) (ex GAL) from Rosevidney Travel to Marchant Coaches, Cheltenham, Glos. (August).

AVL 20 (V120 LGC) (ex GAL) was sold from CT Plus (June) for scrap.

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AVL 27 (D10 ASD, ex V127 LGC) (ex GAL) was re-registered to V463 UKE in July and then passed from ASD Coaches to Kent Life Rural Museum, Sandling, Kent (November).

AVL 38 (V138 LGC) (ex ML) was sold from Arrowebrook Coaches (August) and was noted for sale with Bus & Coach Centre, Forest Hill, Oxon in October.

EVL 4, 23 (PL51 LGE, LFJ) (ex GAL) from Roselyn Coaches to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (September).

PVL 47 (W447 WGH) (ex GAL) was sold from CT Plus (August) for scrap.

PVL 54 (W454 WGH) further to TLB692, this PVL was subsequently reported as passing to Harlequin Travel, High Wycombe, Bucks. (August) but it instead passed to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (October) for scrap.

PVL 154 (X554 EGK, ex P6 YMS) (ex GAL) was sold from WB Chambers (by November 2021).

PVL 167 (X567 EGK) (ex GAL) updating TLB691, this PVL subsequently passed to A&A Coach Travel, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire (March).

PVL 202 (X702 EGK) (ex GAL) from A2B Newquay Travel to Shears (dlr), Northam, Devon and then to unknown owner, Liskeard, Cornwall (September).

PVL 220 (Y802 TGH, ex P3 YMS) (ex GAL) was sold from Vinson Transport (January 2022).

PVL 296 (PJ02 RFE) (ex GAL) from Lianne Coaches to Stotts Coaches, Oldham, Greater Manchester (August), and then to Grey Line, High Walton, Cheshire (December).

PVL 408 (LX54 GYY) (ex GAL) from DM Motor Services to A&A Coach Travel, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire (August).

VP 1, 11 (X149, 163 FBB) (ex GAL) were sold from CT Plus (August) for scrap.

VP 2 (X151 FBB) (ex GAL) from CT Plus to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (August) for scrap.

VWL 1 (LB02 YWX) (ex GAL) was sold from Go East Anglia (September).

WVL 28, 29, 30, 34, 36, 40, 55, 63, 65, 69, 71 (LF52 ZSO, ZSP, ZSR, ZRR, ZRU, ZRZ, ZPR, ZTH, ZTK, ZTO, ZTR) (ex GAL) were sold from CT Plus (August). WVL 28, 29 were subsequently confirmed to Lethers Coaches, Bramley, West Yorkshire (November). WVL 30, 34, 40 and 69 were confirmed to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (November) for scrap. WVL 55 subsequently passed to Ridley's Coaches, Leamington Spa, Warks. (September).

WVL 42 (LF52 ZPZ) (ex GAL) was sold from CT Plus (February 2022) after it was de-roofed.

WVL 54 (LF52 ZPP) (ex GAL) from Fowlers Coaches to GDS 2016, Long Sutton, Lincs. (May), and then to Towlers Coaches, Walsoken, Norfolk (August).

WVL 61 (LF52 ZPY) (ex GAL) further to TLB694, this WVL is confirmed as passing to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (February 2022).

WVL 157 (LX53 BAA, ex A12 VXH) (ex GAL) from Ace Coaches to Reddin's, Culmore, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland (October).

WVL 186 (LX05 FAU) (ex GAL) from Country Bus to Cambraco, Melling, Merseyside (December).

WVL 224 (WSV 541, ex WSV 506, ex LX06 DZG) (ex GAL) passed in August from Go Goodwins to sister company Maynes Coaches.

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

WVL 315, 318, 319 (LX59 DAO, DBU, DBV) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus to First Eastern Counties (all in December, except 319 which was November) where they have been numbered 36282, 36285 and 36286.

WVL 370 (LX60 DXA) (ex GAL) has been re-numbered from 2855 to 2909 with McGills Buses.

WVN 19 (LK59 FDM), 25 (BG59 FXB) (ex GAL) – see the corresponding entries for VN 37822 and 37828 (ex FLN) above. (Note – this corrects the incorrect entry in TLB700 for WVN 19 and 25.)

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SLE 35 (YN55 NKD) (ex LU) was burnt out with Carrs Loch Lomond in June.

SP 89, 101 (YT59 SFN, SGZ) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus to Highland Council, Inverness, Scotland (December).

SP 124 (YR59 FZF), 129 (YT59 PBX), 169, 172, 173, 174, 175 (YT10 UWG, XBV, XBW, XBX, XBY) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus to Top View London (December). This is not a known company but maybe Top View Travel Services, London W1.

SP 141 (YP59 ODX) (ex LU) from Belle Vue to J&B Travel, Stanningley, West Yorkshire (by December).

SP 163 (YP59 AEY) (ex LU) from Belle Vue to Hunters Coaches, Leeds, West Yorkshire (November). We have received several reports of the sale of this SP :- from Belle Vue to J&B Travel and now to Hunters, please check the correct version.

TA 278 (LG02 FDU) (ex LU) was sold from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (March 2015).

VE 8 (PG04 WGZ) (ex LU) from Keighley & District to Team Pennine, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire (September).

TE 684 (LK55 KKT), 897, 898, 899 (LK08 NVN, NVO, NVP), 901, 902 (LK58 CNF, CNN) (ex ML) were renumbered to 8923, 8925, 8926, 8927, 8928, 8929 in September when First Scotland East was acquired by Eastern Scottish as part of the McGills Group.

TE 1982, 1990 (SN12 EHE, EHS) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus to Als Coaches, Birkenhead, Merseyside (December).

TP 382 (LR52 KXA) (ex ML) from Routec to unknown owner (February 2019) for an aborted caravan conversion and then passed to The Otters Pocket, Gainsborough, Lincs. (May).

TP 436 (LK03 GGJ) (ex ML) was sold from CT Plus (March) for scrap.

VP 319 (LR52 BLV) (ex ML) the report in TLB681 has now been shown to be incorrect and it remains with L&G Coaches.

VP 325 (LR52 BMY) (ex ML) was sold from APT Coaches (March).

VP 346 (LR52 BOV) (ex ML) updating TLB695, this VP passed to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (by January 2022) and then passed to A&A Coach Travel, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire (March).

VPL 159 (X659 LLX, ex R18 PLK) (ex ML) updating TLB699, this VPL re-gained its original registration prior to sale to Wright Group.

VPL 173, 174 (Y173, 174 NLK) (ex ML) have been sold from Archway (by November) for scrap.

VPL 192 (Y192 NLK) (ex ML) from Ruxley Nursery to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (December).

VPL 235 (Y235 NLK) (ex ML) the entry in TLB700 should have read "from Ridleys to Premier Minibus & Coach Hire".

VPL 589 (LK04 NMX) (ex ML) is now in Snowdon Sherpa livery with Gwynfor Coaches.

VPL 596 (LK04 NNE), 631, 636 (LK54 FWL, FWR) (ex ML) further to TLB697, these VPLs were sold for scrap from Diamond Buses (East Midland) (August).

VW 1752, 1754, 1758, 1760, 1769, 1778, 1779, 1782 (LK59 CWN, CWP, CWV, CWX, CXG, FCP, FCU, FCY) (ex ML) - see corresponding entry for VN 37773, 37775, 37779, 37781, 37790, 37799, 37800, 37803 (ex FLN) above.

TA 17079 (TSU 640, ex T679 KPU), 17099 (ACZ 7489, ex V473 KJN, ex VLT 14), 17274 (ACZ 7494, ex X274 NNO), 17275 (ACZ 7492, ex X377 NNO), 17276 (ACZ 7493, X276 NNO), 17515 (LX51 FNT, ex NIB 5233), 18497 (LX06 AHD) (ex SLN) were renumbered to 9900, 9903, 9905, 9906, 9904, 9907, 9908 in September when First Scotland East was acquired by Eastern Scottish as part of the McGills Group.

TA 17097 (T697 KPU) (ex SLN) was sold from Fords Coaches (by August) for scrap.

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

TA 17126 (R400 SSB, ex V126 MEV) (ex SLN) re-gained its original registration in July and was sold to unknown owner, Buxton, Derbys. (August) for scrap.

TA 17210 (V210 MEV), 17281 (X281 NNO) (ex SLN) have been sold from Archway (by November) for scrap.

TA 17539 (LY02 OAE) (ex SLN) was sold from City Sightseeing Oxford (December 2020) for scrap.

TAS 17585 (LV52 HFT) (ex SLN) from Six Counties Preservation Group to Hamill (dlr), Ahoghill, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland (September) for scrap.

TA 17609 (LV52 HHU) (ex SLN) was sold from Hunter Executive (August 2019).

TA 17822 (LX03 BXU) (ex SLN) was sold from WB Chambers (February) for scrap.

15056, 15065, 15121 (LX09 AEA, AEL, FZT) (ex SLN) from Belle Vue to Hunters Coaches, Leeds, West Yorkshire (November).

15094 (LX09 AHD) (ex SLN) from Belle Vue to JH Coaches, Birtley, Tyne & Wear (August) and was re-registered to YSV 815 in October.

15124 (LX09 FZW) (ex SLN) has been re-registered to VNP 893 by JH Coaches in October.

Low-floor single deck types:

DMC 41535 (LK53 FDP) (ex FLN) was sold from Coastal Liner (August 2020) for scrap.

DML 44099 (RRU 345, ex YX09 AEU) (ex FLN) re-gained its original registration upon withdrawal by Faresavers in April 2022.

DML 44102 (LVR 164, ex YX09 AEY) (ex FLN) similarly re-gained its original registration upon withdrawal by Faresavers in April 2022., and then passed to Crosskeys Coaches, Folkestone, Kent (August).

DML 44108 (YE54 BUS, ex YX09 AFK) (ex FLN) from Faresavers to Huyton Travel, Huyton, Merseyside (December).

DML 44140 (YX10 BEJ) (ex FLN) although not previously recorded, it had been re-registered to T66 NND by Thandi Executive (date unknown) and then regained its original registration in September.

DML 44141 (T77 NND, ex YX10 BED) (ex FLN) regained its original registration with Thandi Executive in September, and was then sold (by November).

DML 44142 (YX10 BEU) (ex FLN) although not previously recorded, it had been re-registered to T88 NND by Thandi Executive (date unknown) and then regained its original registration in September.

DML 44143 (YX10 BEY) (ex FLN) although not previously recorded, it had been re-registered to T99 NND by Thandi Executive (date unknown) and then regained its original registration in September.

OOL 53102 (EO02 FLB) (ex FLN) left the First Glasgow fleet (October).

LDP 189 (Y989 TGH) (ex GAL) had left the Eifion fleet for scrap (by December 2020).

LDP 291 (LX06 EZW) (ex GAL) was sold from Mullanys Coaches to unknown owner, Ireland (November).

SDE 21 (YX60 BZD) (ex LU) from McGills Buses to Campbell (dlr), Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire (June).

SDE 22, 23, 24 (YX60 BZE, BZF, BZG) (ex LU) were sold from McGills Buses (by December).

OV 30105 (YJ58 VBE) (ex LU) updating TLB700, this OV is confirmed as passing to A&A Coach Travel, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire (November).

DE 952 (G2 PSV, ex LK58 CSX) (ex ML) updating TLB699, it passed from Thomas to Dave's Driver Training, Yatton, Somerset (May) and then to Shears (dlr), Northam, Devon (August).

DM 963 (LK09 EKL) (ex ML) has been used by Go Goodwins for spares and passed to sister company Mayne Coaches in August for continued use for spares.

25307, 25308 (LX58 CHN, CHO) (ex SLN) were sold from Go Coach (by December).

SLD 34555 (LX53 LGL) (ex SLN) was sold from Stagecoach West (June) for scrap.

36328, 36335 (LX58 CCO, CDN) (ex SLN) have left the Stagecoach South East fleet (by December).

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

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

Overground: 09/10, 15/16 Oct, 22/23Oct, 29/30Oct, 06Nov. Hampstead Heath & Stratford by Abellio E400s,LTs.

19Nov Seven Sisters & Enfield Town/ Cheshunt by Sullivans DSs.

19Nov Stratford & Romford by Abellio LTs.

26Nov and 03/04 Dec Seven Sisters & Enfield Town/ Cheshunt by Sullivans DSs.

Elizabeth: 19Nov Newbury Park & Shenfield by Sullivans E400s,

Greater Anglia: 19Nov Newbury Park & Billericay/ Ingatestone by Double Decks from Galleon, Air-Sym, Ensignbus; Single deck from Redwing, Central Connect, BM Coaches, Golden Line, Angie's Tours, Grange Travel, REL Davian, St Edmunds Travel, M&M, Felixstowe Travel, Bates Coaches, Marc 1 Travel, Lewis Coaches, Completely Coach Travel, Peter Godward Coaches.

Great Western: 22nd to 30th October a closure of the Maidenhead Marlow branch line saw coaches replacing trains; operators noted included Angel Executive Travel and City Wide Travel.

Great Northern: 16Oct King's Cross & New Barnet by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 16Oct and 23Oct Alexandra Palace & Stevenage by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 17-20Oct New Barnet & Potters Bar by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 23Oct, 30Oct, 06Nov Finsbury Park & New Barnet b Go-Ahead and Metroline. 05/06Nov,12/13Nov West Hampstead & Harpenden by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

19Nov, 20Nov (early am), 28/29/30Nov, 01Dec (overnight) Welwyn Garden City & Potters Bar by Go-Ahead and Metroline. 28/29/30Nov, 01Dec (night) Finsbury Park & Gordon Hill by Go Ahead and Metroline.

Thameslink: 20Nov (early am) West Hampstead & Luton by Go-Ahead and Metroline.

District: 29/30Oct Canning Town & Dagenham East by Arriva London and Metroline.

DLR 15/16Oct, 29/30Oct Prince Regent & Beckton by Abellio E400s,LTs.

03/04Dec Island Gardens & West Ferry by Metroline. 12/13Nov Prince Regent & Beckton by Abellio LTs.

South Eastern 15/16Oct New Cross & Dartford (via Bexleyheath) Go Ahead MHVs, WHVs

20Nov Lewisham & Hayes by Go Ahead MHVs. WHVs.

27Nov Lewisham & Dartford via Bexleyheath by Go Ahead WVLs ,MHVs.

27Dec New Cross & Dartford via Bexleyheath by GoAhead dda, plus SEs and at least one WS). The latter service was slightly bizarre in that although the railways didn't start running until middayish, the buses ran all day from early morning, even though there were no connecting trains at either end!

Southern:

19 June Three Bridges & Pulborough by Brighton & Hove (Volvo/Wright dds), Brighton Horizon (Scania Omnicity sd), Crawley Luxury (Citaro & Volvo/Plaxton coach), Go Ahead London (E400 and Scania sd), Seaford & District (Volvo/Wright sd), Southdown (E200MMCs) and Southern Transit (E 400 Citys). 18/19June Norwood Junction & Sutton by Go Ahead ENs(Commercial), Es, EHs, MHVs and single-deck SE and WS.

25/26June Crystal Palace & Sutton/ Epsom Downs by Go Ahead d/ds.

26June Purley & Redhill by Go-Ahead Es&ENs(Commercial), MHVs.

03July Sutton & Tulse Hill va Mitcham Junc by Go Ahead WHVs, MHVs.

02/03July Purley & East Grinstead by Go Ahead WHVs, MHVs, ENs(Commercial), Brighton & Hove, Metrobus(CY). Also Upper Warlingham & Woldingham by Southdown PSV E200s.

09/10. 16/17July East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead Es,ENs(Commercial),WHVs.

30/31 July Purley & Tattenham Corner by Go Ahead SEs,SOEs.

06/07Aug Purley & East Grinstead by Go Ahead Es & ENs(Commercial), SEs, Southdown PSV.

Also Oxted & East Grinstead by Go Ahead SEs(Commercial) and Southdown PSV (E200) and Wattsway. Also Oxted & Crowborough by Metrobus Darts. Also Upper Warlingham & Woldingham by Crawley Luxury.

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

Suuthern: 06/07Aug London Bridge & Tulse Hill by Go Ahead EHs.
 13/14Aug West Croydon & Balham by Go AheadWVNs,EHs.Es,SEes
 21Aug Three Bridges & Billingshurst by Go Ahead London (DOE, Es, EHs, ENs, SEs and VWL, Enviro 200 and Scania sd's).
 27Aug Three Bridges & Horsham by Access Travel, Crawley Luxury, Go Ahead London (Es & VWL), Southdown.
 28Aug Three Bridges & Horsham by Brighton & Hove, Go Ahead London (E. EH, VWL and Scania sd)
 28Aug Horsham & Littlehampton by Crawley Luxury, Go Ahead London (SOE, Enviro 200 and Scania sd's)
 28Aug Horsham & Barnham by Brighton & Hove, , Go Ahead London (E and EN), Seaford & District and Southdown.
 2728Aug London Bridge & Streatham Common by Go-Ahead WHVs. MHVs, Es(Commercial).

03/04Sep West Croydon & Balham (via Crystal Palace) by Go-Ahead WHVs, Ns(Commercial).
 10/11September London Bridge & Streatham Common by Go -Ahead-MHVs.WHVs
 10 Sep Redhill & Tonbridge : noted were London General (VWL48 and SE116) plus coaches from Wattsway Travel of Sutton.

24/25Sep East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go-Ahead MHVs, WHVs, Es, ENs(Commercial)
 01/02October West Croydon & Balham via Crystal Palace by Go-Ahead MHVs and Arriva HVs.
 01OctThree Bridges to Brighton and 02Oct Three Bridges to Lewes/Brighton; Noted on the 2nd were BM Coaches, Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon Coaches, Crawley Luxury, LJ Edwards, Go Ahead London (E, EH, EN, WHV, WVl and a Scania sd), Passenger Plus. Seaford & District, Southdown, Stagecoach South East, United Coaches and Wattsway Travel. Also noted were some former Go Ahead London & Abellio E400s.

15/16Oct East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead Commercial Es & ENs. EHs, DOEs, WHVs, MHVs , also Arriva London South HVs. 16Oct Sutton & Leatherhead/ Dorking by Go Ahead Commercial Es&EN and Brighton & Hove.
 29/30Oct East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead Es, s(Commercial), EHs, WVNs, WHVs
 02 Nov Three Bridges to Lewes/Brighton – Reduced services due to driver shortage by BM Coaches, Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon Coaches, Go Ahead London (E, EH, EN, WHV, WVl) Metrobus, Passenger Plus Redwing Coaches, Regency Coaches, Seaford & District and, Woods Coaches
 06Nov Purley & East Grinstead- by Go Ahead WVls, Es(Commercial) .MHVs.
 11Nov Three Bridges & Brighton/ Lewes by Go Ahead -Es & ENs (Commercial), EHs, WVNs, WVls Double Deck etrobus(CY), Regency Coaches, Southdown PSV,B M Coaches. Seaford&District; Single deck Brighton Horizon Coaches, Regency Coaches, Woods Travel, Redwing.
 12Nov West Croydon & Crystal Palace by the usual assorted London General 'deckers, including LT909 in East London Transit livery.
 13Nov West Croydon & New Cross Gate by Go Ahead Es(Commercial), MHVs, WHVs
 13Nov Three Bridges to Pulborough by Brighton & Hove, Go Ahead London (E, EN, SE), Passenger Plus, Southdown and Stagecoach South.
 20Nov East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead Es(Commercial), WHVs.
 20Nov until 09:30ish only Streatham Common & Epsom and West Croydon & Epsom Downs, noted were the usual assorted Go-Ahead d/ds.
 26/27Nov East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go Ahead s,Es (Commercial), EHs, MHVs, WHVs,WS Arriva HAs, HVs,
 03/04 Dec London Bridge & Tulse Hill by Go Ahead WHVs,WVls.

----- Rail Replacements -----

Chiltern:The 'Parliamentary' rail replacement bus - West Ealing to West Ruislip - got off to a bad start, failing to turn up at West Ealing on 14Dec (when it should have started) nor on 21Dec. It may actually run from 11Jan23.

South Western Railway:

28May Epsom & Effingham Junction, 29May Worcester Park & Effingham Junction by Bear Buses. Westbus. Cardinal Buses.

11/12June Hounslow & Ascot./ Woking/ Windsor by Horseferry Coaches, Westbus, Red Routemaster, Cardinal Buses, Aldermaston Coaches, Bear Buses. Candy Coaches, Olympia Travel, ALM Travel, NP Coaches. 21 and 23 June: emergency rail strike cover at Feltham by Bear Buses (VN) & Cardinal Buses (TE).

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9026F LR20 GKO Ford Transit MWB Crew Van LUL Wh/Blu/Red SDD

Additional information and updates

9026F has most likely been in use since 2020 but was not seen until last September. A second sighting has now provided the registration number and other details. 8933VW is confirmed to be in unmarked white (like 8932VW) and is with LUL at SDD.

Allocations and transfers include 8551T ?-SDD, 8562R ?-ACM, 8565P ACH-SDD, 8883VW LBD-SDD, 8884VW NPD-SDD, 8893T ?-ACB, 9021F SDD and 9147VW SDD.

Further vehicles withdrawn are 7674F, 7675F, 8169F, 8184S, 8198VW, 8203F, 8204F, 8207M, 8210N, 8218S, 8220VW, 8225F, 8239VW, 8292P, 8325VW, 8329VW, 8335F, 8376F, 8379F, 8429F, 8490T, 8581VW, 8605C and 8607C. Also, 8448F and 8819R are both at Acton Works with accident damage and seem unlikely to return to service. On the other hand, 8427F, reported as withdrawn in TLB699, is still in use, now at SDD. This is another vehicle that had a V5C (suggesting a change of ownership) issued during 2022, but perhaps these merely relate to changes in the leasing arrangement.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

?	SG67 VFV	Vauxhall Astra Hatchback	Abellio	Silver	?
810	LC66 TWY	Ford Fiesta Van	Ensignbus	White	PT
-	AV72 UCO	Ford Transit Custom Minibus	Metroline	Red #	?
FB10000	HX15 OTK	Mitsubishi Fuso Canter Flatbed Truck	RATP-Dev	White	FW
B77006	LK66 KVH	BYD E6Y Electric Car	RATP-Dev	Black #	FW
B77007	LK66 KVO	BYD E6Y Electric Car	RATP-Dev	Black #	S
B77008	OU19 EWO	BYD E6Y Electric Car	RATP-Dev	Black #	S
B77009	OU19 FDP	BYD E6Y Electric Car	RATP-Dev	Black #	S
75219	WP19 XEH	Vauxhall Vivaro Van	RATP-Dev	White #	HH
75218	WV19 HRL	Vauxhall Vivaro Van	RATP-Dev	White #	HH
D75135	NU72 GBE	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	AV
D75136	NU72 GBF	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	WK
D75137	NU72 GBO	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	WK
D75138	NU72 GBV	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	WK
D75139	NU72 GBX	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	WK
D75140	NU72 GBZ	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	X
D75141	NU72 GCF	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	X
D75142	NU72 GCK	Dacia Sandero Car	RATP-Dev	White #	X

----- Service Vehicles -----

Additional information

Abellio YS56 XAK is withdrawn.

Arriva London cars WM66 AEA and WM66 AAO have local (Norwood) fleetnumbers S1 and S2 respectively.

Arriva the Shires WP70 VUJ has been withdrawn (or returned off hire).

Ensignbus 810 (above) was in evidence at Lakeside Bus Station during the recent running day. Also visiting was van 802 (WG14 FMZ), though this has since been withdrawn.

Go-Ahead London hired minibuses CY68 KKB and GL68 HFF/HGO/LJC have not been seen for a while and are assumed to have left the fleet. Likewise for Metroline GL68 HHN.

RATP has taken a second batch of 11 Dacia Sandero cars. Examples seen so far have all been in unmarked white. NU72 FZP/X/Z listed last month are numbered D75132/33/34 and allocated to AV. Fleetnumber 75131 was skipped, for reasons unknown. Updated allocations for older vehicles are D75101/05/06/07/08 now at TV, D75109 at V, D75110 at FW, D75113 at TV, D75116/24/28 at RP, D75130 at FW, R70032 at WK, R70036 at NC and R70041 at V. Van 75068 (LC18 GJO) has not been withdrawn and remains in stock, now at FW. It is thought that the Tower Transit vans at Westbourne Park did not pass to RATP and have now moved on, but confirmation would be welcomed. They were SP15 XOW, BL19 YKG and SM70 OFW. Similarly, fork-lift truck J542 ONR and sweeper SN03 OHC that were at Epsom are presumed departed.

At Stagecoach, the last four vans that came up from Kent in late 2021 are confirmed as having returned home. They were MK67 MJE, MJ18 PVE, MT70 ANP and MW70 XDR. This would suggest that there are some more new Vauxhall Vivaro vans that have yet to be reported, in particular at Bow and Leyton.

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On 2nd December route 470 (Colliers Wood & Epsom) changed hands once again, this time from London United to London General. Enviro200 SE 239 travels through Morden. *(Terry Wong Min)*

The swansong for Arriva's heritage fleet – now being sold – and RM 2217 worked some journeys on route 137 on 2nd December. Here it is in King's Avenue, Clapham Park. *(Richard Godfrey)*



Rear cover: Enviro200MMC 6784 is one of three acquired by Metrobus from Go-Ahead in Ireland. It is integrated with the rest of the fleet and in this instance it visits Goodwyns at Dorking on route 93. *(David Heath)*



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