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October was Black History Month and this year a suitable wrap was applied to Go-Ahead Ee 172 and was used on route 40. It is pictured here at a temporary terminal near Holborn Viaduct. *(Haydn Davies)*

Back to the 38 on 16 September and RT 4779 was 'dressed' to represent the past period when RTs were helping out on RM routes. With no suitable RT blinds, it displays an RM side blind. *(Haydn Davies)*



Front cover: November is 'Remembrance' month and a few buses have been treated to this commemorative livery. Stagecoach Enviro400H No 12538 is crossing London Bridge on route 388. *(Richard Godfrey)*



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LOTS Meetings

We now meet at The Gallery at 77 Cowcross Street, Farringdon. It is 3-mins walk from Farringdon Station (Met/H&C/Circle lines, Thameslink plus Elizabeth line). Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

The Mon20Nov meeting is a presentation by Austin Blackburn of Go Coachhire. (LSS)

Later dates in 2024 are Mondays 19Feb, 13May, June (AGM date tba), 30Sep, 18Nov.

Coming Events (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand due to attend).

Sat, 18 November: NLETE Enfield Transport Bazaar, St Stephen's Church Hall, Village Road, EN1 2EY. Open 11.00-14.30. Admission £3 (acc. children free).

Sun. 19 November: Running Day based on routes from the former Finchley Garage with RT/RM types on parts of routes 13,125,134,221,263. Details from 0795 652 8474.

Sat. 2 December: Ensignbus vintage bus Running Day.

Looking ahead: London Bus Museum's major events at Brooklands in 2024 are 14April, 23June, 20Oct.

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The Newest LOTS items:

LOTS London Bus Review 2022 (£17.00) A4 glossy, 80 pages, 135 colour pictures with extensive captions. This is the ORIGINAL annual Review made with about 50 years' experience.

SUP-45A London Bus Garages, allocations and routes (£5.50). This lists all garages (irrespective of operator) from A to X. Each has a based fleetlist and a list of routes, types allocated and basic M-F PVR figures This first edition is dated September, ie to match info in TLB709.

LOTS LBM London Bus Magazine No.205 Autumn 2023 £6.00. Principal articles are: Part 2 of Malc McDonald's history of bus services in Thamesmead, and a review of Sunday-only bus services in the 1960s and 1970s by a new (to LBM) author named Martin Reynolds but being published under his long-established nom de plume of "Watton".

LOTS Fleetbook 2023 £8.00)

LOTS SUP 24J Service Vehicles - current fleet April 2023 £5.00

LOTS LBM London Bus Magazine No.204 Summer 2023 £6.00. Principal articles are: Thamesmead half a century on (Malc McDonald) and Roving round the airfields (Graham Burnell).

LOTS LBM – London Bus Magazine No.203 Spring 2023 £6.00. Principal articles are: LT service vehicles in the 21st Century (Tom Young); Fifty years of LBM: A personal perspective (Tony Wilson); Modern destination blinds by McKenna Brothers (Bob Williamson)

Bus maps from Mike Harris: Greater London Bus Map No. 40 - 29/4/2023 £2.00
and Greater London Night Bus Map - 29/4/2023 £4.00

From Capital Transport

London's Post-War Smaller Classes (STD, TD, G436, RLH, RFW, GS, RW, XA, XF, RC) entering service between 1946 and 1965 by Ken Blacker. £35.00 Includes over 200 photos.

London Country Busman, 1975-1990 by Matthew Keyte £30.00,

Town & City Buses by Stewart J. Brown and Kevin McCormack. £35.00 , 160 pages, with over 200 colour photos from around the UK from the 1960s to 1985.

Tracks of London's Trams 1949-1952 by R J Harley. £25.00 published by Heathfield Publishing. The text tells what it was like to ride on the trams and what it was like to work on them in their final years. 80 B&W photos and 25 colour photos.

From LRTA:

Bluebird Reborn: The History and Restoration of LCC No. 1. Edited by Lynn Wagstaff. £35.00. The book tells the story of LCC No. 1 from its inception in 1929, detailing its construction, service in London and Leeds, time spent in preservation and its recent restoration at National Tramway Museum.

By Mathew Wharmby: London's Advert Buses by Matthew Wharmby. £16.99 published by Key Publishing. 230 colour photos - soft back.

From the Southdown Enthusiasts' Club; SEC Fleet List 2023 £8.00.

Sussex Independents 2023 £6.50; Southdown Fleet & Routes 1969 £8.00

Southdown Fleet History Part 34 1969 £7.00 and Southdown Fleet History Part 35 1969 £7.00. (Both books cover the assumption by Southdown of the Brighton Hove & District Fleet on 1 January 1969).

Southdown Fleet History Part 36: 1969 (thirty dual-purpose Leopards and the first rear-engine double-deckers) £7.00 (SEC)

GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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

National news, TfL and Politics

The news has been dominated by events in the Middle East where a war has begun between Israel and Gaza with considerable loss of lives on both sides. Related events have been controversial and divisive both here and abroad.

At home, fallout from the Government's announcement to cancel HS2 north of Birmingham (TLB 710 refers) has revealed that the section from Old Oak Common to Euston station will be dependent on private finance and the size of the station at Euston will be scaled back. The Government was criticised for announcing some replacement transport schemes for the north that have either been announced before or have already been implemented, including an extension of Manchester Metrolink to Manchester Airport which opened in 2014! On 23 October the Government announced an extra £150 million for bus services in the north of England and the Midlands over the next financial year, using money saved from the HS2 project.

An agreement has been reached to save the One-day Travelcard which was due to be abolished from 2024 as part of cost saving measures by TfL to meet the Government's 2022 post Covid funding deal. This follows negotiations between the Department for Transport, TfL and the Rail Delivery Group which represents train companies. The One Day Travelcard is a soft card/paper ticket sold as an add-on which generally benefits passengers travelling to London from outside the Capital. Without it, passengers would have to pay for individual Pay As You Go journeys using Contactless or Oyster for TfL services. However, there will be a small increase in the price of Travelcards from March 2024. This is expected to be around 3% which will be in addition to any general fares increase at the time. Norman Baker from the Campaign for Better Transport described the climb down as "a great decision for sustainable transport and the people who use it".

Despite the Travelcard deal, TfL has a severe budget shortfall, having budgeted for a £132 million increase in costs due to inflation in 2023/25 which, according to the Office for Budget responsibility, the predicted deficit rose to £400 million. Cost cutting measures have reduced this and a below inflation fares increase in 2024 will raise a further £98 million. Further savings, increased passenger numbers and lower inflation could reduce the gap £137 million but the DfT has so far refused to fill this. Without additional support TfL may have to defer some capital spending and short-term financing options. Overall passenger journeys have recovered from 85% of pre pandemic levels to 89%. Year on year passenger growth of 6% is predicted following a 31% increase in 2022/23.

Plans to close hundreds of ticket offices in England have been abandoned. Train companies had said on average only 12% of tickets were now purchased from ticket offices, although this hides large variations around the country. The proposals had met with huge opposition. Transport Focus and London Travelwatch received 750,000 objections during a consultation, with particular concerns expressed by disability groups. It remains to be seen how this decision will affect Government funding for train companies.

Bus speeds in London have fallen, which will be no surprise to regular bus users. Average bus speeds dropped from 9.5mph to 9.3mph over the past year. Much of this fall is thought to be a result of roadworks and The Mayor has launched a £10 million investment in his 'Infrastructure Co-ordination service' to help utility companies to address the issues.

TfL has told Lewisham Council it is considering running Overground services into London Bridge station. These would replace withdrawn Southern services through Sydenham which has led to overcrowding on Overground trains. It is envisaged that the additional Overground trains would run from Crystal Palace to London Bridge but there are several operational issues to overcome before services could begin.

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

No further national rail strikes have been announced at the time of writing, but a DLR strike on 7 & 8 November is currently planned by members of the RMT union. If it goes ahead no services are expected to run. Beckton depot upgrade for new trains could be delayed after the company contracted to build additional sidings went into administration.

There are early signs the extended Ultra-Low Emission zone is working. About 77,000 or 45% fewer non-compliant cars and vans were detected on an average day in September, the first month of operation compared with June 2023. Only 5% of cars in the newly extended zone were non-compliant according to a press release from The Mayor's office.

Corporate and company news

Arriva is being sold. The Group announced on 19 October that Deutsche Bahn (DB) had entered into agreement with I Squared Capital, which it described as 'a leading global infrastructure manager' to purchase the whole of the Arriva Group. The deal is expected to be completed in early 2024 and the Arriva brand will be retained after the transaction is completed.

National Express Solutions is to close its Clarke's of London depot at Sydenham and the King's Ferry base in Gillingham. National Express parent company Mobico says no changes are proposed to the two brands at present. At Go Ahead, Chief executive Christian Schreyer is stepping down. He joined from Transdev in 2021 replacing David Brown. The new CEO is Miguel Angel Parras who joins from another part of the Go Ahead group.

A surprise order from Stagecoach involves the purchase of 60 diesel powered Solo's from Switch for regional services. They will replace earlier Solo's and will be badged as Optare buses rather than Switch, which is now reserved for battery electric buses.

Other General News

Alexander Dennis has unveiled its new in-house battery electric range with the Enviro 400EV double decker and the Enviro 100EV single decker. The double deck is 11.1 metres long and resembles the classic Enviro 400 MMC more than the E400 City. The vehicles contain no BYD parts, and a longer battery life is promised with a range of up to 260 miles. A photo from the manufacturer appears to show more space at the back of the lower deck, addressing the very cramped seating arrangement on their existing BYD model. The single deck ADL E100EV is 8.5 metres long and 2.35 metres wide with up to 25 seats and appears to be targeted at operators currently buying from Switch. ADL says orders for 100 have already been taken for the new models and a deal with a London operator is approaching completion.

A new Yutong U11DD double decker was launched at the Busworld Europe exhibition in Brussels in October. A demonstrator is with First South Yorkshire and another is with Newport Transport, which already runs Yutong single deckers and has ordered two double deckers.

The TfL lost property office has moved to West Ham. Traditionally based at 200 Baker Street, it relocated to Pelham Street in 2019 while a larger home was found. The new facility is next to West Ham bus garage and coincides with the opening of the original facility 90 years ago on 30 October 1933. Mobile phones have replaced umbrellas as the most popular item with more than 1,300 phones returned to their owners over the past year.

Reading Buses introduced tap on tap off on contactless payments on 1 November. The facility is available on all Reading Buses vehicles and on Thames Valley buses that run into Reading, but not on Newbury & District services. To promote the launch, the Reading All Bus ticket will be discounted to £3 from £3.40 within the simply Reading fare zone until 31 December.

A new exhibition at the LT Museum in Covent Garden celebrates 100 years of LT posters. The Global Poster Gallery is its first permanent gallery dedicated to the history of poster art and design. More than 110 posters are on display, including 'no need to ask a policeman' dating from 1908 which was the first pictorial poster.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Routes 50, 130, 131, 194, 201, 250/N250, 255, 280, 289, 314, 320, 410, 663, 689, R68, R70, SL2 and SL3 from tranches 871A, 871B, 873, 882, 889, 890, 891 and 893 awarded, starting on 13th April 2024 (689), 2nd June 2024 (R68, R70), 20th July 2024 (280), 24th August 2024 (50, 130, 194, 250/N250, 255, 320, 410), 31st August 2024 (289, 314, 663), 28th September 2024 (131) and 5th October 2024 (201).

Routes 50, 131, 194, 250/N250, 255, 280, 289, 314, 320, 663, 689 and R70 are for 7 years, Routes 130 and 410 are for 6 years and routes 201 and R68 are for 3 years.

Route SL2 has a start date to be confirmed and runs until 27th February 2026;

Route SL3 has a start date to be confirmed and runs until 17th January 2025.

Both Superloop routes have short-term contracts and are assumed to slot in with tender awards with their parallel routes 123 and 269. TfL say they will start by “Spring 2024”.

See also Service Consultations, later.

- 50 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles. (pvr 15).
- 130 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
- 131 Retained by Go-Ahead London General using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 21).
- 194 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles. (pvr 14).
- 201 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 10 to 11).
- 250/N250 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles. (pvr 22).
- 255 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric single-deck vehicles. (pvr 10 to 9).
- 280 Retained by Go-Ahead London General using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 14).
- 289 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicles. (pvr 15).
- 314 Retained by Stagecoach Selkent using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 15 to 16).
- 320 Retained by Go-Ahead Metrobus using new electric double-deck vehicles (pvr 12 to 13).
- 410 Retained by Arriva London South using existing diesel single-deck vehicles. (pvr 18).
- 663 Awarded to Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicle.
Currently operated by Go-Ahead Metrobus from Croydon (C) garage (pvr 1).
- 689 Retained by Arriva London South using new electric double-deck vehicle. (pvr 1).
- R68 Retained by Abellio using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 10).
- R70 Retained by Abellio using new electric single-deck vehicles (pvr 11).
- SL2 Awarded to Arriva London North using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles.
This is a new route from Walthamstow & North Woolwich. (pvr 16).
- SL3 Awarded to Stagecoach Selkent using existing double-deck vehicles, type to be confirmed.
This is a new route from Thamesmead & Bromley North. (pvr 15).

The 2024/25 tendering programme is now as follows:-

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#871C (3-5/24)	SL5 (Bromley – Croydon)	--
#873A (03/24)	SL7 (ex X26) (GA Metrobus)	--
#874 (06/24)	E3 (London United)	--
#875 (04/24)	U1, U2, U3, U4 (Metroline West)	--
#877A (04/24)	481, E1 (London United)	--

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

#880A (05/24)	639/670 (London United)	--
#883 (06/24)	211, C1 (London United)	--
#883A (06/24)	28/N28, 328 (London Transit)	--
#884 (06/24)	465 (London United)	--
#884A (06/24)	65/N65, 71, 281/=, 371, 406/418, 681, K5 (London United)	--
#885 (7-9/24)	210, 382, C11, W7, W8 (Metroline Travel)	--
#886 (7-8/24)	17 (Metroline Travel)	--
#887 (08/24)	Tranche cancelled.....	533
#888 (08/24)	5/N15, 15, 115 (GA Blue Triangle), 66 (Arriva LN)	--
#890A (09/24)	618 (new route Ivybridge – Syon Lane)	--
#891 (8-10/24)	661 (S'ch Selkent)	--
#891A (09/24)	W12, W13 (S'ch ex HCT Group), W14 (S'ch ex T.Transit).....	--
#892 (09/24)	90 (Metroline Travel), 222/= , H13 (Metroline West), 395 (London Sovereign)	--
#892A (09/24)	640 (Sullivan)	--
#893 (9-11/24)	411 (London United), 627 (Arriva LS)	--
#894 (9-12/24)	4, 6/=, 98/N98, (Metroline Travel), 341/= (Arriva LN)	--
#895 (9-10/24)	669, 672 (S'ch Selkent)	--
#896 (10-11/24)	103, 150, 175, 370 (Arriva LN), 257 (S'ch East London)	--
#897 (10-12/24)	22/N22, 88/=, 170, (GA London General), 33/N33, 419 (London United)	--
#898A (11/24)	34/= (Arriva LN), SL1 (N. Finchley – Walthamstow) ..	--
#898B (11/24)	192 (Arriva LN)	--
#899 (11-12/24)	18/N18, 94/=, 266/N266 (London United) 218 (London Transit)	--
#900 (11-12/24)	176/=, 188/=, 360 (GA London Central), 355 (GA Metrobus)	--
#900A (11/24)	45 (Abellio)	--
#901 (12/24-2/25)	258 (London United), 278 (Abellio)	--
#902 (1-3/25)	212, 357, 444 (GA London General), 323, 497 (S'ch East London)	--
#903 (1-2/25)	121, 141, 329 (Arriva LN), 153 (GA London General) ..	--
#904 (1-3/25)	29/N29, 41/=, W4, W6 (Arriva LN) 299 (Sullivan), 657 (GA London General)	--
#905 (1-2/25)	99, 269, 401, (Arriva LN), 233, (GA Metrobus) 422, B14 (S'ch Selkent), B16 (GA London Central)	--
#905A (03/25)	R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8, R11 (GA Metrobus)	--
#906 (2-3/25)	36/=, 172, 343/N343 (GA London Central), 109/N109 (Abellio), 118 (GA London General)	--
#907 (2-3/25)	423, H22, H37, H98 (London United), H28 (Abellio)	--
#908 (03/25)	282 (Metroline West), 482 (Abellio)	--
#909 (03/25)	161, 181, 284 (S'ch Selkent), 225 (GA London Central), C10 (Abellio)	--
#910 (03/25)	126, 138 (GA Metrobus)	--
#911 (03/25)	169, 247, 287 (S'ch East London)	--
#912 (03/25)	68/N68 (Abellio) 468 (Arriva LS), SL6 (ex X68) (GA London Central)	--

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 9th September 2023: As in TLB710.

Saturday 16th September 2023: As in TLB710.

Saturday 23rd September 2023: As in TLB710.

Saturday 30th September 2023: As in TLB710.

Saturdays 30th September/7th October and Sundays 1st/8th October 2023 As in TLB710.

Monday 2nd October 2023: As in TLB710.

Saturday 7th October 2023:

- 21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Holloway, Nag's Head & Lewisham, Lewisham Centre) and
 N21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Trafalgar Square & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) Renewal
 of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters on route 21, with
 existing EH-class AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles on route N21.
- 32 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Kilburn Park Station & Edgware Station) and
 N32 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Victoria Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract
 using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters. Revised timetable for running time.
 Weekend frequency reduced from x20 to x30 mins.
- 107 (*Metroline Travel-PB*) (New Barnet Station & Edgware Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC)
 contract using existing VMH and VWH-class Volvo B5LH hybrid double-deck vehicles. Early
 morning and late evening frequency increased from x30 to x15 mins, and Sunday daytime from
 x20 to x15 mins.
- 165 (*Stagecoach East London-RM*) (Romford, The Brewery & Rainham, Abbey Wood Lane)
 Revised weekend timetables for reliability.
- 189/= (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Marble Arch & Brent Cross, Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC)
 contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
- 195 (*Abellio-GW*) (Charville Lane Estate & Brentford, County Court) New daily timetables for
 running time.
- 252 (*Stagecoach East London-RM*) (Hornchurch, Town Centre & Collier Row, Clockhouse Lane)
 Revised weekend timetables for reliability.
- 316 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Cricklewood Garage & White City, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL
 (QC) contract using VMSL-class Volvo BZL/MCV electric single-decks in due course.
- 632 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Kilburn Park Station & Grahame Park, Corner Mead, SDO) Renewal of
 LBSL (QX) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
- P12 (*Go-Ahead London Central-PM*) (Surrey Quays Shopping Centre & Brockley Rise, Chandos)
 Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new SEe-class BYD D9UR Enviro200EV electric
 single-deck vehicles in due course. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x12 to x15 mins,
 Sundays and evenings from x15 to x20 mins.

PVR Changes from Saturday 7th October 2023:

Abellio: 195 to 16/15/13 #GW1+;

Go-Ahead London Central: No change to 21/N21, P12 to 11/10/9 #PM331+;

Metroline Travel: No change to 32, N32 to 4 every night, #W781+, 107 to 11/9/11 #PB201+,

189 to 15/15/14 #W501+, no change to =189, 632 PVRs

Metroline West: No change to 316 PVRs;

Stagecoach East London: 165 to 12/12/7 #RM101+, 252 to 14*/10/11 (*256,372,499) #RM121+.

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

Saturday 14th October 2023:

Widened timetables for routes 90 and 120 for HS2 works at Northolt, route 297 for HS2 works at Perivale, 226 for HS2 works at Hanger Lane and for route 220 for road works at Old Oak Lane. Widened timetable for route 422 restored to normal.

- 206 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Kilburn Park Station & Wembley Park, The Paddocks) One working on Mon-to-Fri converted to VMH operation to cover school loadings, although this didn't start until Friday 20th October.
- 223 (Harrow, Bus Station & Wembley Central, Montrose Crescent) LBSL QC contract awarded to Metroline West from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage using existing DEL-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles. Previously operated by *London Sovereign* from Harrow (SO) garage using DLE-class AD20D Enviro200 diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 224 (*London United-RP*) (St. Raphael's Pitfield Way & Alperton, Sainsbury's) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 279 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Manor House Station & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) and N279 (*Arriva London North-EC*) (Trafalgar Square & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new ES-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner electric double-deck vehicles in due course on route 279. Note correction to garage allocation for the N279 which continues with existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters.
- W3 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Finsbury Park Station & Northumberland Park Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles and T-class Enviro400s. To correct last month, it is the Monday to Saturday daytime frequency which is reduced from every x6 to 6-7mins.

PVR Changes from Saturday 14th October 2023:

Arriva London North: 279 to 30/24/17 #E151+. No change to N279, W3 PVRs.

London Sovereign: 223 withdrawn;

London United: No change to 224 PVRs;

Metroline West: 223 to 6/6/4 #WJ271+, 206 no change to PVRs (all vehicles run all day, so no specific double-deck running identified).

Saturday 21st October 2023: Widened timetables daily for routes 261 and 273 for ongoing road works at Westhorne Avenue, Lee. Widened timetables Mon-Sat for route 419 for Manor Circus road works. A tram replacement service was operated by Abellio between New Addington & East Croydon for half-term week.

Saturday 28th October 2023: Widened timetables daily for route 286 for road works in Greenwich. Re-introduction of widened timetables daily by 5 minutes for U9 for HS2 works at Harvil Road, Denham.

- 196 (*Abellio-WL*) (Elephant & Castle & Norwood Junction, Grosvenor Road) Re-allocated from Walworth (WL) to Battersea (QB) Garage.
- 485 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Wandsworth, High Street & Hammersmith Bridge, South Side) Introduction of Winter timetable schedule for Wetlands Centre.
- 683 (*Uno-HF*) (Kingsbury JFS & Frien Barnet, Town Hall SDO) Further to the notes in TLB709 where the Friday afternoon journeys were 'missing' from the TfL working timetables, this was resolved with the introduction of Winter Friday schedules, with one additional journey operating.

PVR Changes from Saturday 28th October 2023:

Abellio: Any changes to be noted next month.

Go-Ahead London General: No change to 485 PVRs.

Uno: 683 additional running, Winter Fridays as #HF321.

Sunday 29th October 2023:

- 246 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North Station & Westerham) Last day of seasonal Su/PH extension to Chartwell. No change to PVR.

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

Saturday 4th November 2023:

221 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Edgware Station & Turnpike Lane Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH/Wrightbus hybrid double-deck vehicles.

Saturday 11th November 2023:

38 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Victoria Station & Clapton Pond) and

N38 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Victoria Station & Walthamstow Central Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters. Weekend service on the N38 revised to run every x30mins Walthamstow & Piccadilly Circus, every x30 mins Walthamstow & Victoria Station.

363 (Crystal Palace & Elephant & Castle, London Road) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Abellio from Walworth (WL) garage using a mix of new electric and hybrid double-deck vehicles, types to be confirmed. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London Central* from Peckham (PM) garage using EH-class AD E40H Enviro400H hybrid double-deck vehicles.

465 (*London United-TV*) (Kingston & Dorking, Towncourt Road) Revised timetable for running time.

Saturday 18th November 2023: Widened timetables on routes 13, 14/=, 23/= and 148/= in afternoons and evenings for ‘Winter Wonderland’ at Hyde Park, until 2nd January 2024.

14/= (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Putney Heath, Green Man & Russell Square) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-, WHV- and MHV-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H, Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3, or MCV EvoSeti vehicles. Night service increased at weekends from x20 mins to every x15 mins.

39 (*Go-Ahead London General-GM*) (Clapham Junction, Falcon Road & Putney Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using new SEe-class electric vehicles in due course.

74 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Baker Street Station & Putney, High Street) and

N74 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Baker Street Station & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-, WHV- and MHV-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H, Volvo B5LH/ Wrightbus or MCV EvoSeti vehicles.

77 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Tooting Station & Waterloo) The re-routeing at Waterloo has been deferred until next year.

211 (*London United-V*) (Hammersmith, Bus Station & Waterloo Station) The re-routeing to Battersea Park Station has been deferred until next year.

339 (*Stagecoach East London-LI*) (Leytonstone Station & Shadwell Station) Rerouted between Marshgate Lane and Wick Lane, via Bassett Lane, Monier Bridge and Monier Road, to serve the Fish Island development.

430 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (South Kensington, Natural History Museum & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-, WHV- and MHV-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H, Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3, or MCV EvoSeti vehicles.

436 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Lewisham, Lewisham Centre & Battersea Power Station) and

N136 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Oxford Circus & Chislehurst, War Memorial) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using a mix of existing EH-class hybrid double-deck AD E40H Enviro400H vehicles.

H20 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hounslow Civic Street & Twickenham, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

H25 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hatton Cross & Hanworth, Butts Farm) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

U7 (*Abellio-DH*) (Uxbridge Station & Hayes, Sainsbury’s) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-dsck vehicles. Additional SDO journeys withdrawn.

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Saturday 25th November 2023:

- 44 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Tooting Station & Victoria Station) Re-allocated to Stockwell (SW) garage.
- 112 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Ealing Broadway & North Finchley) Improved frequencies daily, mostly evenings, early mornings and Sunday daytime.
- 113 (*Metroline Travel- EW*)(Marble Arch & Edgware Station) and
- N113 (*Metroline Travel- EW*)(Trafalgar Square & Edgware Station) Revised running time. Reduced frequencies Mon-Fri morning peak.
- 183 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Pinner, Love Lane & Golders Green Station) Frequency reduced Mon-Sat daytimes from x7½ to x10 mins and Sundays and evenings from x8 to x12mins.
- 223 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Wembley Central, Montrose Crescent & Harrow, Bus Station) Extended Daily in Harrow via H14 Harrow View, terminating at “Eastman Village” Newman Avenue.
- 698 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (West Drayton, Station Road & Ickenham, Douay Martyrs School, SDO) Re-allocated to Hounslow (AV) garage, thus novated to London United.
- H14 (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Northwick Park Hospital & Hatch End, St. Thomas Drive) Re-allocated from Harrow (SO) to Edgware (BT) garage, but remaining allocated at Canons Park (CP) outstation.
- SL10 NEW ROUTE (*London Sovereign-SO*) (Harrow, Bus Station & North Finchley, Bus Station, Express) via route 183 from Harrow to Hendon, Church Lane, then via Finchley Lane, Hendon Lane, Ballards Lane to North Finchley, Bus Station. To be operated by BCE-class BYD D8UR Enviro 400EV electric double-deck vehicles, Mon-Sat daytimes every x12mins and Sundays and evenings every x15mins. Note this is a variation to the 183 contract.
- W19 (*Stagecoach East London-AW*) (Ilford High Road & Walthamstow, Argall Avenue Industrial Estate) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 2nd December 2023:

- 51 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Woolwich, High Street & Orpington Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 61 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North Station & Chislehurst, Gordon Arms) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 72 (*RATP-S*) (East Acton, Brunel Road & Hammersmith Bridge, North Side) and
- N72 (*RATP-S*) (East Acton, Brunel Road & Roehampton, Bessborough Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing DLE-class AD20D Enviro200D diesel single-deck vehicles.
- 78 (Shoreditch High Street & Nunhead, St. Mary’s Road), LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central using existing EH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles from Peckham (PM) garage. Currently operated by *Arriva London North* from Ash Grove (AE) garage using HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles.
- 152 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Pollards Hill, Westmoreland Way & New Malden, Fountain) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new SEe-class BYD D8UR Enviro200EV electric single-decks in due course.
- 157 (Crystal Palace & Morden Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London General using new Ee-class electric BYD D8UR AD Enviro 400EV City double-deck vehicles plus existing EH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles from Merton (AL) garage. Currently operated by *Arriva London South* from Thornton Heath (TH) garage, using T-class AD40D Enviro400 diesel double-deck vehicles, although using buses based at Norwood (N) garage, Mon-Sat.
- 261 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) Lewisham, Town Centre & Princess Royal University Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 321/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (New Cross Gate, Sainsbury’s & Foots Cray, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new Ee-class electric BYD D8UR AD Enviro 400EV City double-deck vehicles in due course.
- 381 (*Abellio-WL*) (County Hall & Peckham, Bus Station) and
- N381 (*Abellio-WL*) (Whitehall & Peckham, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using new electric double-deck vehicles in due course, type to be confirmed. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x10-11 to x12mins.

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Saturday 2nd December 2023, Continued:

- 452 (*London Transit-X*) (Vauxhall & Kensal Rise Stn) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
D7 (Mile End Station & Poplar, All Saints) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Stagecoach East London using new electric double-deck vehicles from Ash Grove (HK) garage in due course. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead Docklands* from Silvertown (SI) garage using WVL-class B9TL Wrightbus Gemini 2 diesel and EH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles. Mon-Sat daytime frequencies reduced from x10 to x12 mins, Sundays and evenings from x12 to x15mins.

Saturday 9th December 2023:

- 178 (*Go-Ahead London Central-MG*) (Woolwich, Calderwood Street & Lewisham, Town Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
292 (*Metroline Travel-HD*) (Borehamwood, Rossington Avenue & Colindale, ASDA) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
300 (*Go-Ahead Docklands-SI*) (Canning Town, Bus Station & East Ham, Wordsworth Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR BUSES IN LONDON

The pattern is expected to be similar to previous years, i.e. No service Christmas Day, (apart from the free service on route 430 provided by Vintage Bus Hire),
Sunday Service on Boxing Day and Saturday-type services on Wed-Fri between Christmas and New Year, with no Night Services on 24th/25th and 25th/26th December. Whilst there may be some enhancements for some services for New Year's Eve celebrations in Central London, details are not finalised until close to the event.

Saturday 30th December 2023:

- U9 (*Abellio-DH*) (Uxbridge Station & Harefield Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 6th January 2024:

- 237 (*Metroline Travel-AH*) (White City, Bus Station & Hounslow Heath) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-decks. s.
H26 (*Abellio-TF*) (Feltham, Sparrow Farm & Hatton Cross Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract using existing diesel single-deck vehicles.

Saturday 13th January 2024:

- 603 (Muswell Hill Broadway & Swiss Cottage Station SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Metroline Travel using existing VWH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicles from Holloway (HT) garage. Currently operated by *Sullivans* from South Mimms (SM garage using E-class AD40D Enviro400D diesel double-deck vehicles.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

A new consultation was issued on 16th October with a closing date of 26th November for routes **178, 335 and B16**, serving Kidbrooke Village (the redeveloped Ferrier Estate.). This is to simplify the routing and because of the future redevelopment of Cambert Way. Currently all routes, north and southbound, bifurcate from Kidbrooke Park Road in a one-way loop, via Cambert Way, Ryan Close, Tudway Road returning to Kidbrooke Park Road. It is proposed that all routes will serve an extended loop in both directions via Tudway Road, Park Terrace and Peglar Square, thus serving Kidbrooke Station directly. Therefore, route 178 will follow this route in both directions instead of Kidbrooke Park Road between Tudway Road and Peglar Square. Route 335 terminating at Wingfield School will operate via Weigall Road, Kidbrooke Park Road, Tudway Road, Park Terrace and Peglar Square, Kidbrooke Park Road to and from North Greenwich. B16 terminating at Wingfield School will operate via Weigall Road, Kidbrooke Park Road, Peglar Square, Park Terrace, Tudway Road, Kidbrooke Park Road to and from Bexleyheath.

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The consultation for Superloop **SL2** (Walthamstow & North Woolwich) was announced - *see tender results earlier*. 814 responses were received with TfL receiving “positive feedback to our proposals” although there were many suggestions about alternative routeings and stops. TfL considered these and agreed to additional stops at Royal Docks Road/ Armada Way to serve the west of Gallions Reach Shopping Park. Whilst a start date is to be announced, the contract is awarded to 27th February 2026 which is also the expiry of contract for parallel route **123**, in Tranche #950 so it could be expected to be reviewed and possibly retendered for the same date.

The consultation for Superloop **SL3** (Thamesmead & Bromley) was also announced - *see tender results earlier*. 1,101 responses were received, again with TfL receiving positive feedback, also with suggestions for alternative routes and additional stops. Whilst “Bromley” was given as a terminal, it is actually Bromley North, though there have been suggestions to serve Bromley South via Elmfield Road. However, one change that will take place is that “following a route test, it is not possible to run the express service southbound via Penhill Road.” Therefore, between Bexleyheath and Sidcup, the SL3 will be routed southbound from Townley Road, Arbuthnot Lane via Bridgen Road, Parkhill Road, Hurst Road, Foots Cray Lane, Faraday Avenue, Hatherley Crescent, and Station Road and northbound via Station Road, Hatherley Crescent, Faraday Avenue, Foots Cray Lane, Penhill Road, Danson Underpass, Lodge Lane, East Rochester Way (A2), Upton Road and Townley Road. No stops would be served on this section, however “it remains our preference to route the bus via Penhill Road in both directions” so any infrastructure work will be followed up with the LB for Bexley. Whilst a start date is to be announced, the contract is awarded to 17th January 2025 which is also the expiry of contract for parallel route **269**, in Tranche #905 so it could be expected to be reviewed and possibly retendered for the same date.

A new consultation was issued on 30th October with a closing date of 10th December to revise routes in the Wood Green/ Turnpike Lane area to serve “Haringey Heartlands”. This is to serve existing new development to the east of the East Coast railway line and Wood Green High Road as well as proposed new development in Mayes Road. Route **91** will be extended from Crouch End via route 41 to Turnpike Lane, then via Hornsey Park Road, Clarendon Road, Mary Neuner Road, Western Road, Mayes Road, Station Road to terminate at Wood Green. Route **N91** will be diverted to follow the same routing, thus withdrawn on its existing route via Wood Green High Road. Route **232** will be diverted at Wood Green via Station Road, Mayes Road to Coburg Road to terminate, departing via Western Road, Mayes Road and Station Road. This arrangement applies until “early-2028” when the route will be diverted to serve Brook Road, Silsoe Road, Coburg Road, returning via Mayes Road instead of Western Road. Frequency levels on both of these remain the same. Finally, route **123/=** is to be curtailed at Turnpike Lane Station. TfL say that “routes 123 and 232 are one of 12 day-time bus routes that currently serve Wood Green High Road. A total of approximately 80 buses per hour run in each direction during peak hours; a level of service higher than is required to provide enough capacity for customers.” Trouble is, route 123 is the only route providing a “round the corner” facility from Westbury Avenue and Wood Green High Road. No mention of frequency is made, no doubt these will be linked in with **SL2**, as noted above, but we’ll just have to wait and see!

The consultation for Wembley Park was published. There were 242 responses with 49% positive although feedback was “mixed” with concerns for the suitability of North End Road for route 206. TfL will proceed with the proposal to re-route **92** so that between Engineers Way and Great Central Way. Fifth Way and Fourth Way would be served in both directions, instead of one way. Route **440** would be re-routed between the same points, westbound via Fourth Way, Fifth Way and Engineers Way and eastbound via Engineers Way, Fifth Way, Atlas Road, Hannah Close and Great Central Way to a relocated bus stand. Following a route test, it was decided not to proceed with the proposal to re-route **206** so this will remain unchanged. This will start in “Spring 2024”.

Finally, the consultation for the extension of route **315** from Balham Station to the new development at Springfield University Hospital in Tooting was published. 399 responses were received although no percentage of positive responses was given. Generally, though in support, there was some concern over increased congestion in Glenburnie Road. However, the extension will take place once the development and infrastructure concerns with the LB of Wandsworth have been completed. See TLB709 for the latest list.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. All dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment. Just a note to say that contracts are increasingly being awarded or renewed for various lengths; all contracts do have “break” clauses” and can be terminated by the operator or TfL at any time and for any reason, which remain commercially confidential of course!

Notes: CE+2 = Contract extended by 2 years. CR5 = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 years, with a potential +2 year extension. CR2 = Contract awarded or renewed for 2 years, CR3 = Contract awarded or renewed for 3 years, CR4 = Contract awarded or renewed for 4 years, CR6 = Contract awarded or renewed for 6 years, CR7 = Contract awarded or renewed for 7 years. 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.

TBA 2024: 77, 211 as part of the Central London review, new Superloop routes SL2, SL3.

20th Jan 24: CR7 on 133/N133* (Arriva LS to Abellio), CR5 on 137/N137 (Arriva LS), CR7 on 228* (London United to Metroline West), CR7 on 333* (Arriva LS to GA London General), CR6 on 380 (S'ch Selkent), CR6 on 388 (S'ch East London).

27th Jan 24: CR5 on 9/N9 (London United to Metroline Travel), CR5 on 59 (Arriva LS), CR6 on 89/N89 (G-A London Central), CR6 on 601 (S'ch Selkent to G-A London Central), CE+2 on 96, 472/= (S'ch Selkent), CE+2 on 428, B15 (Arriva LN), CE+2 on 486 (GA London Central).

3rd Feb 24: CE+2 on 43/=, 134/= (Metroline Travel).

10th Feb 24: CE+2 on 3/N3 (Abellio), 122 (S'ch Selkent).

17th Feb 24: CR5 on EL1/=, EL2, EL3 (GA Blue Triangle).

24th Feb 24: CR7* on 242/N242 (Arriva LN to S'ch East London), CR7 on 277/N277* (S'ch East London), CR2 on 283 (London United)

2nd Mar 24: CR5 on 215 (S'ch East London), CR6 on 97 (S'ch Lea Interchange), CR7 on 58* (S'ch Lea Interchange), CR7 on 101* (G-A Blue Triangle), CR6 on 238/=, 309 (S'ch East London), CR7 on 325* (G-A Blue Triangle to Arriva LN), CR7 on 439* (G-A Metrobus), S2* (G-A London General) (Both these are new routes), CR7 on W11* (S'ch East London), CE+2 on 123/=, 158/= (Arriva LN), CE+2 on 275 (S'ch East London).

9th Mar 24: CR6 on 167 (S'ch East London), CR7* on 379 (G-A London General to S'ch East London)

23rd Mar 24: CR5 on 76/= (G-A London General to Arriva LN), 259 (Arriva LN), CR6 on 20, 362, 462 (S'ch East London), CR6 on 393 (Metroline Travel).

30th Mar 24: CR5 on 19/N19 (Arriva LN), 249 (Arriva LS), CR6 on 2/N2 (Arriva LS), CR7 on 113/N113* (Metroline Travel), 262*, 473* (S'ch East London to G-A Blue Triangle), 396* (G-A Blue Triangle), CE+2 on 317 (Metroline Travel), 372 (S'ch East London), 493 (G-A London General).

6th Apr 24: CR7 on S3* (London United to Abellio)

13th Apr 24: CR6 on 195 (Abellio), CR7 on 306* (Metroline Travel to Abellio), 689* (Arriva LS)

27th Apr 24: CR6 on 110 (London United), 236 (S'ch Lea Interchange), 394 (S'ch East London), P4 (S'ch Selkent to G-A London Central), CR7* on 206 (Metroline West).

18th May 24: CR6 on 464 (Abellio).

25th May 24: CR6 on 272, 440 (London United), E11 (Abellio), CR7 on E6* (Metroline West to Abellio),

1st Jun 24: CR5 on 253/N253, 254 (Arriva LN).

Later dates will be in a later TLB.

DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 16th October to 3rd November, owing to water works in Crowndale Road Camden Town, routes **1, 214/= and 253/N253** were diverted northbound via Oakley Square (214/=), Lidlington Place and Hampstead Road, with **N28 and N31** diverting southbound direct via Pratt Street. From 23rd October to 1st November, owing to gas works in Eastbourne Terrace, Paddington, routes **7/N7, 23/=, 27/N27 and 36** were diverted in both directions via Cleveland Terrace (return Westbourne Terrace), Westbourne Terrace and Craven Road. Routes **16 and 205/N205** diverted on departure via Cleveland Terrace (16), Westbourne Terrace and Craven Road. Route **46** curtailed to start and finish at Bishop's Bridge Road. Whilst I don't normally report short-term diversions, a car driver crashed into a bus stop in Aldwych in the early hours of 29th October, injuring several people. Aldwych was closed for most of the day, so buses were curtailed at Trafalgar Square, Waterloo, Holborn or Russell Square, or Aldwych from the east. Later in the morning buses on routes **1, 26, 68, 76 and 341** diverted around via Victoria Embankment. On 30th and 31st October, the Strand was closed eastbound for roadworks, so with demonstrations on 28th Oct, newly extended route T15 was curtailed at Aldwych on all 4 days. The curtailment to route **40** (see TLB704) was reported to have finished by 21st July, but is still in place, having been extended to 21st December.

South-East: From 25th September to 20th October, owing to a gas leak in Well Hall Road Eltham, routes **132, 161 and 286** were diverted southbound via Rochester Way, Westhorne Avenue, Eltham Hill and Well Hall Road to Eltham Bus Station. From 23rd to 31st October, owing to water works in Farnaby Avenue, Ravensbourne, route **354** was diverted in both directions via Ravensbourne Avenue (south) and Beckenham Lane. From 23rd October to 14th November, owing to gas works in Dorcis Avenue, Welling, route **B15** was diverted in both directions between 0800 and 1800 via Brampton Road, Bowford Avenue and Pickford Lane. From 16th to 26th October, owing to gas works in Heathfield Lane, Chislehurst, routes **61, 160, 162 and R7** were diverted eastbound via Green Lane, William Barefoot Drive, White Horse Hill, Red Hill and High Street, with route 61 standing at St Patrick's Church.

South: On 24/25th September roadworks closed Foxley Lane, Purley. Route **127** diverted northbound via Brighton Road, Coulsdon Town Centre, Woodcote Grove Road and Smitham Bottom Lane, with route **434** diverted northbound via Grovelands Road. Whilst the diversion was meant to take place again the following weekend, it was extended until midday on 26th September. From 21st to 29th October, owing to road works in Addiscombe Road, Croydon, routes **64/= and 433** were diverted in both directions via Fairfield Road and Addiscombe Grove. Routes **119/=, 194, 198, 466 and the Tramlink replacement service** were diverted in both directions via Chepstow Road, Fairfield Road and Addiscombe Grove. From 16th to afternoon of 20th October, owing to road works in Bridge Street, Leatherhead, buses were unable to serve the Town Centre. Route **465** was diverted in both directions via Station Road, Waterway Road. From 23rd October owing to road works at the junction with Grosvenor Road/Manor Road, Wallington, route **S4** was diverted in both directions via Parkgate Road and Park Lane. Thanks to member Martin for all these reports. From 22nd to 29th October, owing to sewer works in Burntwood Lane, route **G1** was diverted in both directions via Burntwood Lane (west), Garratt Lane, Earlsfield Road and Trinity Road, not serving Clapham South.

South-West: From 10th October to 19th January 2024, owing to utility works in Envoy Avenue, Hatton Cross, routes **90, 285/=, 423, SL7 and Diamond 555/556** are diverted southbound via Eastern Perimeter Road.

West: Member Chris advises on the latest developments at West Drayton from the LB of Hillingdon website. Public realm works will be started shortly with "Network Rail and their contractors dealing with Station Approach, where there was evidence of a partially collapsed deep sewer." Work is expected to last until March 2024, so remains closed to buses. Meanwhile, the **U1** out of service terminal working was diverted via Swan Road, Church Road and Station Road as Horton Road was closed for overnight emergency engineering work on 16th October, with route **350** diverted in both directions via Falling Lane. From 22nd to 30th October, route **U3** was also diverted via Harmondsworth Road owing to water works in Wise Lane.

North-East: From 25th to 29th October, owing to water works in Cowslip Road, South Woodford, routes **179, 549, W12, W13, W14 and N55** were diverted southbound via Victoria Road.

COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments

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HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Monday 30th October:

84B (*Central Connect*) (Potters Bar & Barnet Hospital, M-S) Revised timetable to improve punctuality On arrival from PB at Barnet High Street there is a double run to High Barnet Station and Underhill, than to Barnet Hospital. Return direct to Barnet High Street and to PB.direct. There is no longer any second double-run to Underhill.

SB6 (*Central Connect*) (Stevenage. Shephall circular, M-S) Two additional M-F peak time journeys.

Sunday 19th November:

Major changes to Arriva KT routes mainly at Watford and Hemel, more details in TLB712 once timetables are seen. 9 and 508 withdrawn; The 10/20 will be all as 20 Holywell via Watford, Leavesden, Maylands Avenue to Hemel Hempstead (10 discontinued).

Existing 320 Hemel- Leverstock Green- Garston- Watford- Maple Cross. 321 to run via Watford General Hospital. New 322 Hemel- Watford- Maple Cross or Berry Lane. New 328 Abbots Langley- Watford- Mount Vernon Hospital.

New 721 Luton Interchange, limited stop via Harpenden, St Albans to Hemel Hempstead; New 725 limited stop Stevenage Lister Hospital via Knebworth, W.G.City, Hatfield, St Albans, Watford to Rickmansworth Station. (both 721+725 part funded by BSIP).

97 (*Arriva KT*) (Hitchin & Stotfold) Revised timetable.

301 (*Arriva KT*) (Stevenage, Lister Hospital & St Albans) Revised timetable.

302 (*Arriva KT*) (W.G.City & Hemel) Extended in Hemel Hempstead from Marlowes to Riverside and Rail Station. Revised timetable.

335/336 (*Arriva KT*) (Watford & Amersham, M-S) The main 336 extended from Watford Town Centre to North Bushey via the 385A. Between Ascot Road Morrisons and Watford Town Centre rerouted via General Hospital. Withdrawn between Chorleywood, Green Street Top and Amersham. The 335 journeys that deviate via Cedars Village renumbered 336 (so the 335 number ceases). The result means that the 336 runs hourly Mon-Sat North Bushey via Watford Town Centre, Hospital, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth to Chorleywood. The section in Buckinghamshire (Chorleywood- Amersham) is no longer served.

385 (*Red Eagle*) (North Bushey & Ascot Road, Morrisons, M-F peaks). No change.

385A (*Red Rose*) (North Bushey & Ascot Road, Morrisons, M-S) Withdrawn (see 336).

821 (*Arriva KT*) New SDO route, Luton, Interchange via Harpenden to St Albans, Townsend School.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and EAST BERKSHIRE (incl. eastern borders of Oxfordshire)

Monday 2nd October:

16 (*Red Rose*) (Aylesbury & Marsh Gibbon, M-S) and

18/18A (*Langston & Tasker*) (Bicester & Buckingham, M-F) Temporary timetables until 29 October due to more HS2 works in the Steeple Claydon and Calvert area.

Monday 16th October:

17 (*Red Rose*) (Aylesbury & Bicester, M-S) Withdrawn via Westcott. Revised timetable.

617 (*Red Rose*) (Aylesbury & Westcott, SDO) Withdrawn between Waddesdon School and Westcott.



RMC 1513 has been painted to the NBC green and white livery. Now with London Bus Company, it is at Epping Station on route 339 connecting to the Epping Ongar Railway. (Keith Wood)

Superloop is spreading. In this case, on 26th August existing 'express' route X140 (Heathrow & Harrow) was transformed into the SL9. RATP BCE 47107 is on Yeading Lane. (Russell Young)





Most of Go-Ahead's DOE class have been sent to other G-A areas. DOE 14 is now with Southern Vectis and is descending the steep hill into Newport on the Isle of Wight. *(Haydn Davies)*

Former RATP SP 40112 is now Ipswich Buses 29 in commemorative livery to celebrate 120 years of transport in Ipswich, seen outside the depot at Constantine Road on 23 July. *(Martyn Hunt)*





In mid October this Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner dubbed 'EL 1' was being trialed by RATP on route 23, as shown here at Trafalgar Square. *(Haydn Davies)*

There are plenty of ex-London buses with Go North East, including WVN 19 seen leaving Wallsend for the Metrocentre, but Geordies have to decipher the blind! *(Ernest Robson)*





The small SOE class of Dart/Optare Esteem buses are declining but have remained in south London. SOE 34 is at Wallington on route 455, soon off on its way to Purley. *(Richard Godfrey)*

London Bus Museum's event on 22 October featured the 70th anniversary of the GS class and a fair few of them turned up. Most are seen here in the line-up. *(Derek Everson)*



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

Buckinghamshire, continued

Monday 30th October:

- 60/60A (Aylesbury & Buckingham, Daily) Most of Mon-Sat service from *Red Rose* to Z&S, although *Red Rose* retains two SDO journeys (one am peak into Aylesbury, one pm peak out). *Redline* still runs one early morning journey from Aylesbury to Buckingham. No change to *Vale Travel* on Sundays.
- 154 (Newton Longville & Aylesbury, Fris) From *Star Travel* to *Red Rose*,
- 162 (Stewkley & Bletchley, M-Thur and Sat) From *Star Travel* to *Red Rose* .
- 163 New number for part of the 162 for Edlesborough and Dagnall to Leighton Buzzard, Mon-Sat. Also from *Star Travel* to *Red Rose*.
- 167 (Ivinghoe & Leighton Buzzard, Fris) From *Star Travel* to *Red Rose*,
- 174 (Dagnall & Edlesborough School, SDO) (*Star Travel*) Withdrawn, covered by a contract bus.

Monday 6th November:

- 320 (Chinnor & Princes Risborough, M-F) From *Redline Buses* to *Red Rose*, but now only runs in M-F peaks and only to PR Station (not the town).

Sunday 19th November:

- 335/336 (*Arriva KT*) Withdrawn between Chorleywood to Amersham and no longer runs in Bucks.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Monday 30th October

- 500 (*White Bus*) (Staines & Frimley Park Hospital (M-F) or The Meadow, Tesco/M&S Sats). In Lightwater rerouted via Clearsprings, Badger Drive and The Avenue. However in Sunningdale withdrawn via Broomhall Lane, Station Road, Church Road and Bedford Lane.

Tuesday 1st November

On the Woking to Wisley Gardens shuttle (“The Woking Bustler”) a new regular winter timetable until 22 November. It will change to meet late afternoon and evening winter events. Then from Tuesday 2nd January it will revert to the normal winter timetable.

Monday 6th November:

- 555, 556 (*Diamond Bus*) Minor timetable changes.

Monday 4th December:

- 446 (*White Bus*) (Woking & Staines via St Peter’s Hospital, Daily) Extended from Staines via Ashford Hospital to Hatton Cross. (Deferred from earlier dates).

North and west KENT

Go Coach: 6 Sept:- SDO bus HC2 withdrawn. 11 Sept school bus 401 timetable change.

25 Sept 5/S5, D12, 208 timetable change. 02Oct: school bus 234 timetable change.

From Monday 30th October Go-Coach resurrected the 3/S3 route numbers.

Route 3 Sevenoaks Bus Station via Sevenoaks Station, Riverhead Tesco, Dunton Green, Knockholt Pound, Halstead, Polhill Garden Centre, Pratts Bottom, Green Street Green and Orpington to the Princess Royal University Hospital at Locks Bottom. Operation Mon-Fri daytime offpeak with three journeys each way.

Route S3 (SDO) from Orpington, War Memorial via Green Street Green, Halstead, Knockholt Pound, Dunton Green and Riverhead to and from Knole Academy and Sevenoaks Bus Station. This should relieve overcrowding on the S32, S34 and S8. n route s3.

1st Bus Stop: 30 Oct timetable changes on school buses D2, VIGO-1, NAG1 and 2, 305, 423.

PUBLICITY NEWS

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New poems have been added to **“Black History Month New Expanded Edition”**, which has grown from twenty eight to forty four pages since the last edition was reviewed in TLB675. The latest Poems on the Underground slimline book includes a foreword from Winsome Hull, Senior Business Strategy Manager at TfL. It has been published in part to celebrate Windrush 75.

“Sightseeing Bus Tours” is a multifold slimline from Tootbus which opens out to show a map of the company’s three tour routes across the capital. The cover features an open top Optare passing St Paul’s Cathedral. Whilst undated, an advert for other European Tootbus operations does not mention the Windsor operation which ceased operation earlier this year.

A rare publication from Luton Council is **“Better Buses Luton, Discounting Bus Fares in Luton and beyond!”**, a slimline with purple masthead and a cover photo of people sitting in a bus. It brings news that Luton Council and local bus operators have been awarded £19m to improve local bus services. Consequently, concessionary pass validity has been extended to provide free travel all day and not just after 09:30 (bringing it into line with Hertfordshire). Another benefit is a price reduction for weekly multi-operator Hip-Hop tickets valid on Arriva, Centrebus, Grant Palmer, Stagecoach and Uno within the Luton, Dunstable and Houghton Regis conurbation. Adult weekly tickets were slashed from £17.50 to £13 and child weekly from £12.50 to £10. This item is undated but it mentions the Get Around for £2 ticket that has been capped until 31 October 2023 so this must have been published between May and September this year.

A red corner flash: ‘free buses until Christmas 2023’ is found on the cover of **“Your handy guide to Leighton’s buses, bringing you a better bus service for Leighton Buzzard”** from Arriva. Valid from 9 May 2023 the slimline multifold has full timetables for routes L1 – L5. There is a footnote on L5 explaining that L6 runs anticlockwise around Linslade (L5 runs clockwise) on weekdays but no timetable. A route map provides an overview of the network.

Passengers needing a timetable for route L6 can use **“Leighton Buzzard and Linslade Local Bus Services, From 3rd September 2023”**, a sixteen page A5 book published by Central Bedfordshire Council. The cover carries the strapline: ‘All the services in this booklet are free to use until Christmas 2023!’ This is the first Central Bedfordshire Council book since 2015 (see TLB608) but retains their usual house style of a pink cover with a cover photo of a local landmark. As well as timetables for all six routes it has town wide and town centre bus stop maps which also show other bus routes in the town.

A minor correction to ‘High Wycombe / Your bus network’s had a blow up / New and improved network from 3 September’ reviewed in TLB709. The title is in fact **“High Wycombe / Your bus network’s had a glow up / New and improved network from 3 September”** although what the phrase ‘glow up’ means in relation to bus services is something of a mystery!

Surrey County Council has issued two new timetable books, both dated “Updated 10.23” and the first issues for more than a year. These two issues are for **East Surrey, Horley and Redhill** (red cover) and for **Guildford, Godalming and Haslemere** (green cover). Both have the usual rear cover with a fold-out section that depicts town maps.

CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

This section covers the current vehicle news (including initial disposals) pertaining to bus operators within the “TLB” area, roughly comprising the old LT/LCBS areas. All current vehicle reports to David Stewart at 5 Kathleen Avenue, Wembley, HA0 4JH (e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com)

General news:

The first electric double-deck from Yutong is being trialled in Sheffield. Model type is the U11DD and is registered UU11DDD. (!)

On 22 October the London Bus Museum at Brooklands staged their third special event for this year. There were around 50 visiting buses, numerous Routemasters and dwindling number of RTs. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the GS class, a special line-up of GSs produced ten of the breed (26 were preserved!), GS 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 32, 34, 42, 44 in the customary country-bus green but also GS 40, one of two sold in 1961 to West Bromwich Corporation and kept in preservation in their livery.

In a separate display there were several former Service Vehicles: 1279LD, 971J, 738J. 830J, 832J. The Museum’s 1456MR was also present, while RT 1 adopted its earlier number 1037J the day, albeit it never went outside the museum building.

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

Adding TLB710, The Eleetroliners 3027-47 are for routes C3 and 363.

The re-opening of Wandsworth Bridge removed the need for route 728 and its E400s have been dispersed as a result.

On 29 October when on rail replacement, 9521 struck the low bridge in Headstone Drive, Wealdstone, causing minor roof damage.

Recent refurb/ repaints noted are 2570, 8893, 8894, 8895.

New Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner 10.9m 1701 (LV73 FGU) due for delivery as we closed.

New deliveries: 1012-24 = YJ73 BWA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/K/L/M/N/O. Switch MetroCity-EV 8.7m B20F.

Transfers

(January 2023): 1515 WL/WLu. (June): 1500 WL/WLu. (July): 2414 QB/WL.

(October): 1012-24 --/QB. 2416, 2417, 2419 QB/WL. 2418, 2420, 2422 QB/GW.

2421 QB/WL/BC. 8585 GWu/QBu. 8781 BC/GW. 8785 BC/DH.

(November): 2418, 2422 GW/WL.

Livery changes:

2034 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

3011 to advert for Poppy Appeal

LT20 from advert for Starfield to one for British Gas

LT170 to advert for Gucci Cosmos

LT682 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT695 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT699 to advert for Gucci Cosmos

LT711 to advert for EE Mobile

LT773 to advert for Hunger Games

Disposals:

2441 to Go Coachhire (The Bus Doctor), Swanley, Kent.

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

ARRIVA LONDON (part of Deutsche Bahn)

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

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

Ref.TLB719, the order for StreetDeck Electroliners for route 279 will now number 34 (ES 51-84).

ES-class Electroliners are entering service at Brixton on route 417, the first in service was ES 43 on 9th October. One of the batch, ES 44, wandered onto route 133 on the 17th. The 'rogue zeros' on ES fleet numbers has started to be removed from bses.

EMN 1-4 (YJ73 BVB/C/D/E) MetroCity 8.7m buses are due soon for route 377 at Enfield.

Recent refurb/ repaints noted are LT 7, 216, 225, 227, 467, 476, 569, 576, 578, 581, 588, 597, 602 and HV 219, 220, 227, 230, 231, 251.380.

In TLB710 delete LT 487 and 506 (they are Go-Ahead buses).

New deliveries (October):

ES 38-50 (LV23 ZCA/E/F/J/K/L/N/O/T/U/X/Y/Z) Wrightbus Electroliner 10.5m H30/20D

Transfers::

In TLB710 delete transfer detail T 43, it was actually at TC all 2022 and to 15 August 2023, when it then transferred to TH. It had been loaned to N once or twice (from TH).

(May 2023): LT 237 AE/AEu. EMC TC/TCu.

(October) ES 29, 20, 31, 32 --/BN. ES 38-47, 49, 50 --/BN (most via ECu),.

LT 225, 226 EC/E. LT 476, 491, 515, 590 AR/CT. LT 516 AR/BN.

SW 2, 4 TC/ECu. T 292, 294, 298, 299 BN/N. T 290, 291, 296 BN/DT. T 300 BN/E.

ENS 15, 16, 20, 21, 27 N/Nu. ENS 18, 25 TH/N. SLS 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22 N/TH.

Livery changes

HV15 to advert for Royal Mail Harry Potter Stamps

HV115 from advert for Pistachios back to Red

HV411 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

LT185 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT491 from advert for Fires Of Rubicon back to Red

LT538 from advert for Top Boy to one for British Gas

LT719 to advert for X-Box

LT731 to advert for Gucci Cosmos

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) Southend (SEt). Nothing for this area.

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

Into our area (from Arriva NW, Bolton): 3757 (CX58 EUW) and 3759 (CX58 EVB) VDL SB200 – Wright Pulsar 11.9m B44F' ANW fleet nos 2678 and 2681.

Transfers 3757, 3759 --/HH. 4190, 4214 HH/WE.

Disposals: 3753, 3877 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs.

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

Into this area (from MK): 3319 (FJ64 ETU) Wrightbus StreetLite DF B44F- 2015. (at LD)

Out of area (to MK): 3813 (YJ58 FFC) VDL SB200- Plaxton Centro B45F – 2008.

Transfers: 3955 LDu/LD. 3914, 3920 AYw/AY.

Disposals: 3915, 3923 to Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs.

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

BEAR BUSES, Shepperton

Correction to TLB710: GX56 OGE is a Dart SLF – AD Pointer 10.7m B38F- 2006.

CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey

YX73 FFN Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 516CDi into the fleet but already branded for the 442.

CAROUSEL, High Wycombe

Citaro 869 suffered a serious engine fire on 26th October and has been withdrawn. All Carousel Citaros were grounded for checks but were able to return on 28th. To cover their absence loans came from Thames Travel (E400s 207, 209), Oxford Bus (E400s 251, 301; Citaros 844, 846).

CENTREBUS, Luton

Out of area: Solo SR 328 to Leicester.

DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark connections Ltd) Stanwell

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc

Disposals (October): StreetDeck 40714 (SL16 YPH) to Diamond North West Bus after being repaired since its low bridge accident in April 2023.

FALCON COACHES, Byfleet

Into the fleet:

SK07 CFP Volvo B7RLE – Wrightbus B38F – 2007 (in use here in Lothian livery).

YX17 NZA AD E20D – AD Enviro200 MMC 10.8m B39F – 2017 (from Town Lynx, Holywell).

YX72 OJY AD E20D – Enviro200(MMC) 10.9m B41F.

In TLB709, loaned YX12 DLE/F are not MMC but just standard E200 bodies.

FIRST in BERKSHIRE (First Beeline Buses Ltd) (RG, SH depots)

StreetLite 47695 to the orange front/ purple rear livery. This bus had been off service from 18 February 2023 and back to service on 10 October.

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON

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

Recent refurb/ repaints noted are LT 420, 424, 426, 487, 506, 507; EH 27 (EH 11-30 all done); WHV 71, 72, 73, 74. (Delete repaint of WHV 81, not done yet).

Adding to TLB710 p23, WVL 339 and 340 also have Superloop branding (337 to check please).

On Saturday 7 October Go-Ahead provided a shuttle service from Wood Green to Alexandra Palace for a 'Knitting and Stitching' event. SE 85, 91; and E 5, 10, 257 were used.

LT 283 (NX) was in a traffic accident on 12th October when on the 453 at Oxford Circus.

WVL 356, NX's last of the class, seems to have expired after used on route 129 on 12th October.

In TLB710 I said that route 366 was diesel for now – that should be route 265. The 366 did have diesel SE buses in April but gained SEe buses in June. When the D3 was taken over on 16 September this mostly used batch SEe 200-219 (pending delivery of 233-242) with the 366 temporarily gaining additional SEe 220-229 from the batch intended for the 265. The last three of the 265 batch (SEe 230-232) have not yet been used and the 265 has continued with diesels, initially from batch SE 268-282, though they were mainly replaced by batch SE 125-138.

As at the end of October, new SEe 233-242 are now at DS for the D3, thus SEs in the 200-219 range are back on the 366 instead.

SE 269-274, 276, 280, 281 appear to have been stood down.

The move of MHVs into RR brought a fresh type to the garage, Starting on 11th October, these have settled on route 147 and local school routes.

Three Ee (190, 192, 199) from Q on route 35 on 12th October brought a fresh type to the route. though more followed on later days and months.

SEe 261 and 262 were noted recently at Go-Ahead's Swindon depot.

Another new order is for route 157 (AL) Ee 243-262 BYD D8UR/ AD E400EV 10.9m.

As we closed for press the first of the SEe (batch 276-290) for route 152 were on delivery.

3rd November saw the start of route 185 being converted to electric buses.

Booked registrations for IE 1, 3-8 (LJ23 FHW/T/V, LJ73 CHX/V, LJ23 FHU/S).

New deliveries (October):

Correction to TLB710: In batch Ee 187-204 delete reg LG73 FTL (making the correct total of 18 regs). Ee 99 (LG23 FJN) was delivered in August but was put into store. Ee 100 (now LG73 FVY) was held up and should arrived in London during November (but then in temporary storage).

Ee 218-242 - LG73 FPV/X/Y/Z FRC/D/F/J/K/L/N/O/P/R/U/V/X/Z FSA/C/D/E/F/J/K.

BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H42/23D. ULW 13614kg.

SEe 260-271 - LG73 FZM/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y.

BYD D8UR – AD Enviro200-EV (MMC) 10.9m B25D, ULW12305kg.

SEe 276-290 Full detail not yet available (but regs for 276/8/9 LG73 FSL/O.P):.

Transfers: Outstations: LZ=Leighton Buzzard, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, RG=Ringmer, KL=King's Lynn.

Correction to TLB710: WHV 111 stayed at MG (not to Q). SE 132 GM/AF (not SI/AF).

SEe 200-209 had been at DS since new. SEe 210, 212-222, 224-229:- up to 219 were already at DS.

SEe 223 (in LVF as NP in August) seems to be wrong and should be Slu/DS.

(April): WS 34 C/Cu.

(September): E 180 NX/AL. WHV 70 Q/RR. WHV 183, 184 Q/MG. SE 138 SI/AF.

(October): E 180 AL/NX (again), E 181, 182, 183 NX/AL. E 184 RR/NX.

Ee 220, 222, 224, 225, 227, 229, 231, 234 u/Q. LT 459 NPu/RR. LT 478 NP/RR/

MHV 1-7 Q/RR. MHV 12, 17, 18 Q/NX. WHV 167 AL/RR. WHV 185, 187 Q/MG.

WVL 292 NX/AL. WVL 356 NX/NXu. SE 234 RR/MG.

SE 275, 279 AF/MG, SEe 233-242 --/DS.

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

GO-AHEAD LONDON, Continued

Livery changes

Ee200 to advert for Poppy Appeal
LT58 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2
LT234 to advert for Gucci Cosmos
LT411 from advert for Top Boy back to Red
LT420 from advert for Cos back to Red
LT421 from advert for Top Boy back to Red
LT435 from advert for Fires of Rubicon back to Red
LT443 to advert for British Gas
LT447 to advert for Mentos
LT485 from advert for Cos to one for Hunger Games
LT501 to advert for Gucci Cosmos
LT847 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2
LT854 from advert for Top Boy to one for Gucci Cosmos
LT861 from advert for Battersea C&D to one for X-Box
LT865 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2
LT869 from advert for Fury v Ngannou back to Red
LT872 from advert for Asahi to one for EE Mobile
LT874 from advert for Asahi to one for Hunger Games
LT913 to advert for Gucci Cosmos
LT931 to advert for Brewdog
WHV79 from advert for Highland Spring back to Red
WHV192 from advert for Altery X back to Red
WVL296 to advert for £1.75 Hopper

Disposals:

MEC 18, 35,40 stored at East Yorkshire Motor Services, Hull (October).

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

Acquired (October) from Abellio 2441 (SN12 AUJ) AD E40H- AD E400H 10.2m H37/24D

This is expected to be for parts recovery.

E20D-MMC 8345 has been repainted to yellow and purple and branded for new route 3. This bus had been painted in purple and white for the Coronation of King Charles III.

LONDONER BUSES (MANCHESTER BUS TOURS) and TOP VIEW SIGHTSEEING, LONDON (Wandsworth)

On Thursday 28th September the fleet was moved into to the Wandsworth (WD) Garage, where they share premises with TootBus. The new T15 service is to begin on Saturday 21st October. That runs between Piccadilly and Tower Gateway via Aldwych, St Paul's and Cannon Street. Certain journeys project from Piccadilly to and from Waterloo. It is a Routemaster operation at a x30/x40min frequency.

These are RML 887, RM 1357, RM 1941, RML 2290 and RML2583, all closed top.

Later in November, RM 1650 is to join; this is the silver Routemaster SRM 3, as described in the Where are they now? section in TLB710.

A novelty item is 724 XUW *Sir Martin Frobisher* which is on loan until the end of this year for use on the Christmas Lights Tour which will operate on certain evenings as will Routemasters. 724 XUW is an open-top ex-Davon General Atlantean, Formerly ABV 669A and 927 KTA. It is on hire from Berkshire's Big Red Bus Company, Reading.

Routemaster Route A has been renumbered T1. A Christmas Lights Tour will be the T2 and start from 17 November.

RM 1357 and RML 2583 are on loan from London Bus 4 Hire.

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

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

Disposals:

Volvo B7RLE 6001 noted at EYMS, Hull (October).

Volvo B7RLE 6004/05 to Brighton & Hove Buses (Nos.152,153) and being repainted to the teal and aqua B&H livery.

METROLINE TRAVEL – AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, KC, PA, PB, PV, SG and W, also

METROLINE WEST – G, HZ, UX and WJ.

(within the Comfort DelGro of Singapore).

Recent repaint/ refurb include LT 560; VWH 2048, 2060, 2124/25/26/27/29/32/37, 2167/73/84, 2200, 2202, 2223, 2231, 2242, 2293.

VMSS 2840 was exhibited at the recent Busworld Europe exhibition.

Route U1 was all-TE on 7/8th October while there were no trains at the Uxbridge end of the Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines. Indeed the U1 has been slowly going double-deck.

VWH 1413, off since 3rd December 2022, was back in use on 2nd October 2023.

A 'first' for the route was VMH 2543 (WJ) on the 206 on 20th October while VMH 2445 was an oddity on route 204 on 30th October.

New vehicles:

WDE 2857 has now been delivered. It has a different front panel styling below the windscreen. All others of the batch have the current standard style.

In TLB710, VMS 2834 should be VMSS 2834, this has arrived at PB..

We now have slightly corrected details of the BZLs.

VMS Volvo BZL – MCV 10.3m B25D, ULW 12242kg.

VMSS Volvo BZL – MCV 9.7m B23D, ULW 11745kg.

VMSL Volvo BZL - MCV 10.8m B29D, ULW 12725,kg.

More deliveries in October are VMS 2809-12 (LF73 DVN/OP/R), VMS 2814-17 (LF73 DVU/V/W/X), VMS 2819 (LF73 DVY), 2821-29 (LF73 DWA/C/D/E/G/J/K/L/M), VMS 2831 (LF73 DWO).

VMSS 2838/39/41 (LF73 DXB/C/E),

VMSL 2843/44/55/56 (LF73 DXG/H/V/W) All these batches to PAu

Transfers; (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(September) TLB710 VMH 2453 stayed at PV (and is still there). (Confusion with 2543 see below)

(October 2023): VWH 1413 ACu/AC. VWH 2305/06/07/08 HT/UX.

VMH 2433/34 PAu/HT. VMH 2543 G/WJ.

DE 957 W/WJ. DE 1166 WJ/UX. DE 1586 AH/WJ. DEL 2154/56/58, 2244 UX/WJ.

VHS 2748 PVu/HZw. VHS 2749 CELFu/HZw.

Livery changes:

(Corrections to :LT 548 and LT 751- see below):

LT548 to advert for NAKD Bar (not LT 584)

LT563 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT641 from advert for Battersea C&D to one for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT642 to advert for X-Box

LT658 from advert for Asahi to one for EE Mobile

LT662 from advert for Expo 2030 Korea back to Red

LT748 to advert for British Gas

LT751 to advert for Brewdog (not LT 752)

LT752 to advert for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT765 to advert for Gucci Cosmos

METROLINE, Continued

LT790 to advert for Brewdog
LT799 from advert for Paramount+ Sol back to Red
VWH2301 to advert for Low Emissions
VWH2338 to advert for Low Emissions
VWH2427 to advert for Low Emissions
VWH2430 to advert for Poppy Appeal

Disposals:

VW 1819, 1829, 1830, 1836, 1837 to Close Brothers Asset Finance.

Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds

Dart SLFs 204 and 206 were stood down, joining sisters 201/2/3 in that state.

RATP-DEV TRANSIT LONDON including

LONDON UNITED - AV, FW, RP, S, TV, V and WK (ex HH)

LONDON SOVEREIGN – BT, CP and SO. (c suffix= commercial) and

LONDON TRANSIT – X garage.

Wrightbus Electroliner demonstrator EL1 (LY71 GHZ) was on trials from X on route 23, first noted on 23 October.

Recent repaints/ refurbishes include ADE 40482., VH 45152, 45154, DLE 30218.

ADH 45010 back in service on 11 October, it had been off since 27 December 2021. Sister ADH 45013 was back in use on 23 October after a short absence.

Transfers:

Correction to TLB710: DLE 30230 RP/BT should be DLE 30270. .

(July): DE 20115/117, 20171/173 RP/RPu. DE 20160 BT/BTu.

(August): DE 20049, 20172 RP/RPw. DE 20118 RP/RPu. DE 20158/161 BT/BTu.

(September): DE 20149/151/153 BT/X. DE 20157/159/162-165/167-170 BT/BTu.,

(October): LT 121 S/V. ADH 45010 Vu/V. ADH 45013 Vu/V. VH 45190 RP/V.

DE 20094 BT/X. DE 20152, 20156 BT/X. DLE 30267 RP/BT.

BE 37043 WK/FW. BE 37062 FW/WK.

Livery changes:

BCE47008 from advert for Chiquita Bananas to one for Poppy Appeal

LT70 to advert for X-Box

LT665 from advert for Battersea C&D to one for Expo 2030 Korea v2

LT667 to advert for Gucci Cosmos

LT678 to advert for Mentos

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

E20D MMC 670 (YX67 UYM) has been repainted into the Thames Valley livery, with yellow relief for use on the 'Bracknell' services. Previously in yellow with blue bumper skirt.

E40D 1208 (GO11 LDN) from Greenline livery to pink and purple for "Pride in Reading".

E40D 1203/04 transferred out of our area to Newbury.

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

Acquired from Red Rose: MX58 KYR Solo M710 B21F

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

E20D MMCs SF66 SRV/W stood down for disposal.

Disposal: Solo MX58 KYR to Redline.

REDROUTEMASTER, Brentford

Volvo B7TL PJ02 RCX and Dart LX06 EZJ went for scrap in October 2022, followed by Dart LX06 EZK in December and Dart GX06 DXE in June 2023.

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 reported: LT 257; 10335, 10343, 10344, 12396, 37538, 37584, 37722, 37731.
New Electroliner 82006 visited the Transportfest at LBM Brooklands on 22 October and it carried its first passengers on the 462 link from Weybridge.

More new orders are for 10x MetroCityEV 9.5m for route W11 (67013-22) and 4x for MetroCityEV 8.7m for route 379 (45009-012).

Transfers

12354 PDU/PD. 15118 PD/WH. 19131/2/3/4 BW/BWw. 19761 WHu/WH.
36280 TL/WHt. 36282 TB/WHt. 36345 LIu/LI. 36368 WHc/WHt.

Livery changes

11362 to advert for £1.75 Hopper
12538 to advert for Poppy Appeal
18918 to advert for Low Emissions
84127 from advert for Ovo Energy back to Red
LT239 from advert for Naked Drinks to one for Hunger Games
LT240 from advert for Final Fantasy to advert for X-Box
LT244 from advert for Top Boy to one for ELF Cosmetics
LT260 to advert for EE Mobile
LT359 to advert for Brewdog
LT372 from advert for Top Boy to one for British Gas

Disposals

19135/36 to Stagecoach East Kent.

SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms

Disposals: Scania DS 50, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 50, 61, 62, 64 to Ensignbus (dealer).

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton

BYD double-deck 1475 (LJ16 EZR) has been withdrawn (last used on 20 July 2022) to be used for spares for the other four (1471-4). Citaro 304 has also been stood down for some time. Enviro200 605 (C17 UNO) has also been stood down (last used in August 2023). Sister Enviro200s 601-604 and StreetLite 46 are now the dedicated vehicle for TfL route 383 (pvr 4).

VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex

Into the fleet: HV22 OJJ AD E20D – AD Enviro200(MMC) 10.9m B39F.

WESTBUS (within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

Disposals: 188 (LK57 KBJ, ex Metroline SEL 806), Scania d/d, Splitz Facilities Ltd, Longcross, Surrey
Scania 190 (LK57 KBJ) to Manchester Bus Tours, Wimbledon .

WHITE BUS SERVICES, Winkfield and Horsell

Reported as being on loan recently:

YX68 UNY AD E20D – AD Enviro200 (MMC) 10.9m B41F - 2019. Fleet no 50 used, last known with Xelabus, Eastleigh: Also 66 (YX21 RVK) and 67 (YX17 NTN). As at 1st November, none of the above are recorded on bustimes.org so are presumed to have gone.

Acquired: 76, 77 (SJ16 CRX, CRZ) Volvo B8RLE – MCV Evolution B46F. Last recorded at Robertson of Ulsta, Shetland.

New deliveries: 78-85 (BV73 MKF/G/J/K/L/M/N/O) Volvo B8RLE – MCV EvoRa 10.8m B38F.

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.

Olympians:

L 297 (G297 UYK) (ex LU) from My Fun Bus to Gainsborough Trinity Foundation, Gainsborough, Lincs. (June 2020).

NV 72 (R272 LGH) (ex GAL) from Barnetts to unknown owner, Castleford (February 2022) for conversion into mobile home.

NV 176 (R376 LGH, ex LFZ 7980) (ex GAL) was sold from Used Coach Sales via US Bus, Salt Lake City, for conversion to a cafe/restaurant in Ontario, Oregon. It was shipped from Southampton docks on MV 'Tugela' to Tacoma, where it arrived on the 1st July.

NV 184 (R384 LGH, ex K6 YCC, ex VLT 284) (ex GAL) was re-registered in November 2022 to MIL 7163 by Collins Coaches.

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

DLA 235 (X435 FGP, ex MIG 9501) (ex ALN) from Presidential to Affric Bar, Cannich, Scotland (August) for use as a café.

DLP 104 (LF52 URK) (ex ALN) further to TLB709, this DLP is now confirmed with London Routemaster Bus Hire, Sittingbourne, Kent. It is still in Tootbus livery, carrying English Riveira Sightseeing branding.

DW 57, 65 (LJ04 LFB, LDF) (ex ALN) were sold from Chalkwell Coaches (December and June 2022 respectively).

DW 82, 87 (LJ04 LFV, LGA) (ex ALN) from Diamond Midlands to Willenhall Commercials, Willenhall, West Midlands (July).

DW 105 (LJ05 BGY) (ex ALN) from Abbey Travel to A & A Coach Travel, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire (August).

DW 277, 281 (LJ59 LXA, LWH) (ex ALN) from Bus & Coach Centre (dlr) to Tomorrow's Travel, Wimborne, Dorset (June). DW 277 has been noted on all over purple livery with white branding for Twynham Sixth Form and has been converted to single door.

VLA 24 (LJ53 BFN, ex BU53 TOP), 30 (LJ53 BDU, ex B22 TOP), 32 (LJ53 BDX, ex BU22 TOP) (ex ALN) further to TLB709, these VLAs were sold to Harpur's Coaches, Derby, Derbyshire (August).

VLA 70 (BU51 TOP, ex LJ04 YWZ) (ex ALN) has been numbered 104 with 1st Bus Stop.

VLA 179 (LJ55 BVM) (ex ALN) from Seven Sisters Bus & Coach to Troopers Lodge Bus Hire, Bourton-on-the-Hill, Glos. (July).

VLW 84 (LF52 USY) (ex ALN) further to TLB710, this VLW was confirmed as passing to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (June).

VLW 151 (LJ03 MBY) (ex ALN) from East Anglian Playbus to Island Inflatables, West Mersea, Essex (August) for continued use as a playbus.

VN 37867 (BV10 WVP), 37877, 37878 (BF10 LSO, LSU), 37884, 37885 (BV10 WVN, WVO) (ex FLN) from Metroline to Close Brothers Asset Finance (October); these were latterly VW 1819, 1829, 1830, 1836, 1837 with Metroline.

VN 37870 (BV10 WVT), 37879, 37880, 37881 (BF10 LSV, LSX, LSY) (ex FLN) from North West Bus Sales to Vision Bus, Blackrod, Lancs. (October). These, Bolton, Lancs. (September); prior to arrival, these have been converted to single door (H41/26F) and repainted to fleet livery.

----- *Where are they now?* -----
VN 37953, 37955 (BN61 MXB, MXE) (ex FLN) from Atlantic Travel to Tanat Valley Coaches, Llanrhaeadr-Ym-Mochnant, Powys (postal address Oswestry, Shropshire) (September).
VNW 32372 (LK04 HZB) (ex FLN) from Ellie Rose to Nu-Venture (October), and was re-registered to KGZ 6147 also in October.

PVL 236 (Y736 TGH) (ex GAL) from Finch to Poynters Coaches, Northampton, Northants. (October), and is believed now to have been re-registered.

PVL 273 (FKL 296, ex PJ02 RAU) (ex GAL) re-gained its original registration in June 2021 and was then sold from Chalkwell Coaches (December 2021).

PVL 397 (K700 GDS, ex LX54 GZH) (ex GAL) regained its original registration in March and was sold from GDS Travel (by September).

PVL 415 (LX54 GZU) (ex GAL) has been noted in use with DM Motor Services in September; it had latterly been with Kilvington's of Leeds.

WVL 18 (LG02 KHT) (ex GAL) was used by the charity Hope in 2019 and has now passed to the 1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group, Pontllanfraith, Gwent (April). It is now to be used as a static 12-berth accommodation complete with showers toilet and a kitchen.

WVL 176 (LX05 EZJ) (ex GAL) was sold from Finch (September).

WVL 238 (MT55 BUS, ex A10 VXH, ex LX06 DZW) (ex GAL) has been numbered as 105 with 1st Bus Stop.

WVL 239 (LX06 DZW, ex A14 VXH) (ex GAL) from Chiltern Automotive to Nu-Venture, Aylesford, Kent (October) and was re-registered to KGZ 6146 also in October.

WVL 249 (MT06 BUS, ex LX06 EAO) (ex GAL) has been numbered 106 with 1st Bus Stop.

SP 122 (YR59 FZD) (ex LU) further to TLB709, this returned to service in August with Cardiff Bus.

TA 208 (SN51 SYG) (ex LU) correcting TLB704, this remains with RedRoute Buses and was not sold.

TA 257 (LG02 FCJ, ex X666 EMH) (ex LU) from E&M Horsburgh to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by October 2022).

TA 312 (SN03 DZJ) (ex LU) has been re-registered to L60 LTL by Littles Travel in June.

VA 103 (W139 EON) (ex LU) from Finch to Confidence Bus, Leicester, Leics. (August), and has been numbered 102.

TE 936 (LK09 EKR) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet, Essex to Chalkwell Coaches, Sittingbourne, Kent (June) and was re-registered in July to K25 CWL.

TE 941 (LK58 KHF), 978, 987 (LK59 DZB, DZM) (ex ML) were re-registered to K28, 26, 27 CWL by Chalkwell Coaches in September.

TE 977, 979, 980, 981, 985, 988, 989, 990 (LK59 DZA, DZC, DZD, DZE, DZJ, DZN, DZO, DZP) (ex ML) further to TLB709, these TEs were re-registered by 1st Bus Stop to MT04 BUS, B22 TOP, MT56 BUS, BU02 TOP, BU53 TOP, MT51 MMG, MT09 BUS, MT51 BUS respectively in September. This fleet is gaining fleet numbers and these TEs have been numbered 114, 111, 115, 110, 109, 113, 116 and 112 respectively.

TP 303 (LT02 ZZH) (ex ML) was reported as sold in 2019 and has finally been confirmed as passing to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (August) for scrap.

TPL 271 (LR02 BAO) (ex ML) from Newport Bus to Abba Scrap Metals, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid-Glamorgan (by September 2021).

VPL 158 (X658 LLX) (ex ML) had previously been reported as sold for scrap, but has now been reported as passing to an unknown owner, Colchester, Essex (November 2022) for mobile home conversion.

VPL 178 (IIG 9296, ex T700 TMG, ex Y178 NLK) (ex ML) from Finch to Confidence Bus, Leicester, Leics. (August), and has been numbered 101.

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VPL 597 (LK04 NNF) (ex ML) from Diamond Midlands to Willenhall Commercials, Willenhall, West Midlands (July).

VPL 601 (LK04 NNL), 634 (LK54 FWO) (ex ML) from Diamond Midlands to Mr J Boddice, Swadlincote, Derbyshire. (August).

VW 1819 (BV10 WVP), 1829, 1830 (BF10 LSO, LSU), 1836, 1837 (BV10 WVN, WVO) (ex ML) – see corresponding entries for VN 37867, 37877, 37878, 37884, 37885 (ex FLN) above.

TA 17110 (V476 KJN), 17147 (V147 MEV), 17322 (X322 NNO), 17371, 17376, 17385 (Y371, 376, 385 NHK), 17782 (LX03 BVU) (ex SLN) from Brylaine Travel to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (all by July).

TA 17192 (V192 MEV) (ex SLN) was sold from Landmark Coaches (April) for scrap.

TA 17336 (X336 NNO) (ex SLN) from London Gangster Tour to Underworld Tours, Harlow (June).

TA 17386 (Y386 NHK) (ex SLN) was latterly with Southern Transit and was noted on 8th October at Bermondsey Spa being used for the filming of a forthcoming television programme. It had had most of its top deck removed to replicate TA 17758 which was the bus that was destroyed by the terrorist bomb in Tavistock Square on 7th July 2005.

TAS 17558 (LY02 OBK) (ex SLN) from BBPG to London Gangster Tour, London N1 (June), indirectly replacing TA17336 (see above).

TA 17795 (LX03 BWJ) (ex SLN) from Dilwyns Coaches to Stafford Bus Centre, Stone, Staffs. (March). It was subsequently sold in August and has been re-registered, but no details are yet known.

TA 17966 (LX53 JZJ) (ex SLN) correcting TLB709, this TA is still part of the 1st Bus Stop fleet and has been numbered 101.

TA 17970 (LX53 JZN, ex B21 USS) (ex SLN) further to TLB707, this TA has now been sold by 1st Bus Stop (September).

TA 18247 (B21 USS, ex LX04 FYP) (ex SLN) has been numbered 102 by 1st Bus Stop.

TA 18253 (LX04 FYW, ex MT51 BUS) (ex SLN) was sold by 1st Bus Stop (August).

TA 18256 (BU04 TOP, ex LX04 FZA) (ex SLN) has been numbered 103 with 1st Bus Stop.

15148 (LX59 CNZ) (ex SLN) was sold from Diamond South East (September), and has been re-registered, but no details are yet known.

Low-floor single deck types:

DML 44026 (YX58 DVY) (ex FLN) further to TLB710, this DML is confirmed as passing to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire for scrap.

DML 44047 (YX58 FPE), 44049 (MT07 BUS, ex YX58 FPG) (ex FLN) have been numbered 108 and 107 with 1st Bus Stop.

SE 25 (SN57 DWM) (ex GAL) from K & P Coaches to Keane's Coaches, Broughton, Cheshire (by July), and then to Star Cruiser Bussing, Garston, Merseyside (August).

SE 41 (LX10 AUV) (ex GAL) was re-registered to AM05 BUS by Faresaver in August 2020.

SE 225, 228, 230, 231 (YY64 TXK, TXN, TXP, TXR) (ex GAL) from Go South West to Go East Anglia (by October).

DP 17 (T417 KAG) (ex LU) was sold from Dents Coaches for scrap (by December 2022).

DLM 160 (Y151 NLK) (ex ML) further to TLB703, this DLM is confirmed as sold to Lawsons of Corby, Corby, Northants (August 2022).

DM 969 (LK58 CSU) (ex ML) has been sold from Hulley's (by October) for scrap.

SLD 34033 (R933 FOO) (ex SLN) from Astons Coaches to UK Bus Dismantlers, Bromyard, Herefordshire (October 2015).

SLD 34208 (W208 DNO) (ex SLN) was sold from Meridian Bus / Britannia (by July).

SERVICE VEHICLES

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Additional information and updates

The Emergency Control Unit demountable body (DB25) is now carried by MAN TGM lorry LV66 XYD. It is not yet known if the lorry has had emergency lettering added to its cab, and the combination is kept out of sight in a secure shed within Acton Works. The previous carrier, MAN LE 2587 (RX06 FCA), has been moved to the lorry yard and fitted with curtainsided body DB15, with both likely to be disposed of shortly. Updating last month's TLB, YT70 VHC has been returned to use. This is the sole remaining Staff Welfare Facilities van in the fleet. Ford Fiesta car 8231F is currently unlicensed so is either out of use or has been returned off-lease.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	GD23 FVJ	Skoda Karoq SUV Car	Abellio	White #	GW
-	GD23 HJG	Audi Q2 SUV Car	Abellio	White #	GW
-	GJ23 ODN	Audi A1 Hatchback Car	Abellio	Grey #	GW
-	GJ23 PXL	Audi A1 Hatchback Car	Abellio	Grey #	GW
-	GJ23 TSO	Audi A3 Saloon Car	Abellio	Grey #	GW
-	GJ23 TSZ	Audi A1 Hatchback Car	Abellio	Grey #	GW
MTR75217	VA68 FPK	VW Golf Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	FW
MTR75206	VE68 WJM	Volvo V40 Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Blue #	TV
FT70017	BL19 YKG	Ford Transit Courier Van	RATP Dev	White #	X
MTR75203	BP19 VJC	Hyundai I30 Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	BT
MTR75204	VX19 MGZ	Volvo V40 Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Blue #	TV
MTR75232	WV20 FWN	Skoda Scala Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Silver #	BT
MTR75145	YF20 CVC	Seat Leon Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	WK
V70042	SM70 OFW	VW Transporter Van	RATP Dev	Grey #	NC
MTR75229	FH21 BRZ	Vauxhall Astra Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	RP
STR75236	VO21 ONF	Vauxhall Crossland SUV Car	RATP Dev	Black #	TV
MTR75214	WT21 EFX	Skoda Scala Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	WK
MTR75213	WT21 ETK	Skoda Scala Hatchback Car	RATP Dev	Silver #	RP
MTR75234	WV71 XVO	Vauxhall Mokka SUV Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	TV
MTR75144	WV22 OVR	Vauxhall Mokka SUV Car	RATP Dev	Grey #	RP
MTR75143	WV22 PHA	Vauxhall Mokka SUV Car	RATP Dev	Black #	WK
?	DV73 CUX	Vauxhall Combo Life Electric Car	Stagecoach London	White	LI
91803	DV73 FSE	Vauxhall Combo Life Electric Car	Stagecoach London	White	RM
93	LC08 ETF	Chevrolet Matiz S Hatchback Car	White Bus	Blue	n/a
?	NG08 HTJ	Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback Car	White Bus	Silver	n/a

Additional information

Given the number and variety of cars listed above, I thought I should lead with a note about coverage policy. Cars that are known (or believed) to be used by management or individual members of staff are not listed. All the cars shown above are understood to be in use as crew ferry vehicles.

Arriva London Seat car DE69 HYW (ex DX) has been withdrawn.

Metroline minibuses AV68 AYZ and AV68 BCK (both ex HT) have been withdrawn and sold.

RATP vans BL19 YKG and SM70 OFW above were previously with Tower Transit, although it was initially believed that they had not passed to RATP. Both have now been allocated RATP fleetnumbers. Also allocated numbers are van MX71 VJP at X (now FT70018) and car GU21 JWZ at BT (MTR75231). Fleetnumbers in the MTR and ST/R ranges are not carried on the vehicles themselves and they possibly relate to Medium-Term and Short-Term Rentals respectively. Van LC18 GJO at NC was ST75068 but is now referred to as MTR75068. Dacia Sandero cars D75111 (MJ69 ZDP, ex WK) and D75119 (MJ69 ZKF, ex WK) have been withdrawn, along with van MTR75148 (WR21 FUD, ex TV). Reallocations are D75110 (MJ69 ZKV) V to FW, D75113 (MJ69 ZKU) TV to RP and D75117 (MJ69 ZKT) WK to TV.

Stagecoach SJ69NBX (ex RM) and WM69 JFA (ex LI) have been withdrawn. WM69 GEJ has been delicensed though is still listed with the company.

Correction in TLB710: The Top View picture in the centre was former SP 170 (not 70).

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This TLB closed on 1-5 November and due for posting on 14 November.. Closing date for TLB712 is Weds 29 November and due for posting on posting on Tues 11 December. Contributions to Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Later closing dates are Weds 29Nov. 06Jan.



The Chesham Running Day on 1st October was sure to feature some RFs. Standard green RF 673 fits the bill, off out from Chesham Broadway to remote Hyde End on the old 348. (Haydn Davies)

In 1966 RF 136 gained this experimental Green Line livery but it didn't last long. Now with London Bus Company, it is back in that livery and it ran on the Gravesend Running Day. (Richard Godfrey)



Rear cover: Now an in-house advert promoting the Hopper fare. RATP London United's historic route 116 is still going strong, upon which VH 45271 is caught at Ashford Hospital. (Richard Godfrey)



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- _____ £4.50 **SUP 39C** TfL Bus Operators Fleet Allocations and PVRs May 2022
- _____ £5.50 **SUP 45A** London Bus Garages Allocations & TfL Routes Sept 2023 **** NEW ****

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- _____ £4.00 each LBM 128/ 129/ 130/ 131/ 132/ 133/ 134/ 135/ 136/ 137/ 138/ 139/ 140/ 141/ 142
- _____ £4.00 each LBM 143/ 144/ 145/ 146/ 147/ 148/ 149/ 150/ 151/ 152/ 153/ 154/ 155/ 156/ 157
- _____ £5.00 each LBM 158/ 159/ 160/ 161/ 162/ 163/ 164/ 165/ 166/ 167/ 168/ 169/ 170/ 171/ 172
- _____ £5.00 each LBM 173/ 174/ 175/ 176/ 177/ 178/ 179/ 180/ 181/ 182/ 183/ 184/ 185/ 186/ 187
- _____ £5.00 each LBM 188/ 189/ 190/ 191/ 192/ 193/ 194/ 196/ 197/ 198/ 199/ 200/ 201/ 202
- _____ £6.00 each LBM 203/ 204/ 205 **** NEW ****

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