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**For your diary KATA meetings are on Wednesdays:-**

**5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

At 15:00 (3pm) in the cosy 'Public Bar' Druids Head, Market Place (not Meerkat!)



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**Apologies** for the gap of a year in producing KATAlOG this is has been due to ill health, and future editions will be as and when it's viable. Accordingly this edition is rather shorter than previous but less is probably more, and certainly easier to read.

**Fair Ground Fares!**

Like the past two years we have yet another fares fiasco with the Con-Dems playing games er, along with BoJo who seems to playing another game. All regulated fares were originally announced at the Retail Price Index of 3.1% plus 1% = 4.1% (noting that the RPI is always more than the CPI – Consumers Price Index!). Then the Autumn Statement decreed they would only increase by the RPI of 3.1% but the small print tells us that this only applies to TfL fares with National Rail fares still rising by 4.1%. At which point BoJo bizarrely proclaimed that “fares are frozen” as if every wage earner and benefit claimant is to get an extra 3.1%.

Of course talking in terms of percentages is a right-wing trick because the cost of fares is a whacking chunk of those getting just the minimum wage, which incidentally has risen by just 5p an hour for under 20s to £5.03 & 12p an hour for over 21s to £6.31, as opposed to MPs getting 11% more to £74,000 pa.

The sound-bite from the Tories was interpreted as ‘we’re looking after you by bringing fares down’. This is not true but in all the rush of Xmas the perception is to think the Con-Dems are doing us all a favour but in reality are back to the figure they first had in mind. Note most rail fares are not regulated and go up by over 6%.

Fares change on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and the Oyster PAYG bus fare goes up from £1.40 to £1.45 but daily capping, and cash fares (£2.40) are frozen, noting that sometime in 2014 we can expect that all London’s buses will be Cashless. The 7day Bus/Tram Pass is up 80p (4.1%) to £20.40. Monthly & Annual also up 4.1%.

The Off-peak daily Travelcard is to be the Z1-6 only, albeit frozen at £8.90, but is a hefty increase if you previously used a Z1-4 @ £8.

Anytime Daily Travelcards are up 3.6% with Z1-4 up 40p to £11.40 and Z1-6 up 80p to £17. Z1 Tube fares rise by 10p (4.8%). See this web for all TfL Fares: <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/MD1243%20January%202014%20fares%20PDF.pdf>

**XMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES** (Tramlink as per buses):-

**Xmas Eve - Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013:** TfL buses are a Sat service but 24hr services finish around midnight, and NO night buses. Less Tubes after 19:00 and Trains finish around 21:00.

**Xmas Day - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December:** No buses or Night buses, Tubes or trains, except special buses to/from Heathrow.

**Boxing Day - Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> December:** TfL Bus services have a normal Sunday service starting at normal Sunday times while 24hr services start about 06:00. Almost no SCC routes. Night buses operate a Sun -Thur night service. The Tube has a Saturday service for the first time in 4 years after TfL coughed up £350 per driver for holiday working. But no TfL London Overground or SWT.

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> December:** A Saturday service, plus our **965** runs.

Night Buses run normally. Trains mostly a Saturday service.

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> December:** A Saturday service on all modes.

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> December:** A Sunday service on all modes.

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> December:** A Saturday service, plus our **965** runs.

**New Year's Eve - Tues 31<sup>st</sup> December:** A Saturday service except buses withdrawn from Central London between 17:00 & 03:00. Some 60 day routes (inc 216) and Tramlink and DLR to run through the night with enhanced 65,111,213,281,285 but Night Buses terminate outside the Central area with our N87 terminating at Vauxhall. The Tube has a Saturday service and runs through the night while London Overground has later trains. SWT run a Saturday service and between 01:00 & 04:00 expected to run the Kingston loop but will charge. All TfL modes are free between 23:45 & 04:30.

**New Years Day - Tues 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013:** Normal Sunday services but 24hr services start about 05:00. The Tube has a reduced service between 05:00-11:00 and then a Sat service. SWT trains to be a Sunday service but others either Sat or Sun.

See TfL web for Xmas/New Year services: [www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/28991.aspx](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/28991.aspx)





(Routes listed in numerical order | blue: 24hr | green: non-TfL service | SDO: school days only)  
 | Numerical date = past | Full date = future | Date in italics = not a new timetable |

This is a simplified listing and unless stated all relate to timing changes to improve reliability. They are in numerical order, plus those dates in red are for 2014 .

- 33** (02/03/13) And moved from NC to FW garage. (Both Ldn Utd).
- 57** (26/10/13) Not new t/t but mostly changed from VAs to Volvos off route 9.
- 65** (15/06 & 02/11/13) Increased in peaks from x7.5 to every 6.5mins with two extra buses off route 10.
- 71** (15/06 & 02/11/13)
- 85** (02/11/13)
- 111** (02/11/13)
- 152** (02/09/13)
- 200** (15/04 & 27/07/13)
- 216** (05/01/13 & 15/04/13 & **04 Jan 14**) The SDO Ashford Hosp -Hampton, introduced on 15/04, to be extended to Kingston, albeit operated by HH and not FW. Also running 24hr through New Year's Eve night for first time.
- 265** (**?? Feb 2014**) Expected to use modified A3 service road – Beverley Way - s/b with 3 extra stops from Coombe Lane Flyover to Carters Bridge.
- 267** (07/12/13) Evenings increased from x20 to every 15mins.  
No longer extended on Summer Sundays from Fulwell to Hampton Crt.
- 406/418** (25/02 & 17/06/13 & **28 June 14**) From next Summer both increased M-S daytime from x30 to every 20 mins thus a combined 10min service.
- 411** (09/02 & 15/06/13) Since Feb last bus deps Kingston 5min later at 00:10 to connect with last train arriving at Hampton Court.
- 461A** (20/05/13) Addition to 461 this SDO runs M-F from Walton Church St 07:20 to Walton Station 07:35 via Ambleside Ave.
- 420/460** (25/05/13) Not normally reported upon but were both extended M-S except eves beyond Redhill to East Surrey Hospital with the 460 further extended to Gatwick. 420 from Sutton, 460 from Epsom.
- 465** (11/03 & 15/06/13 & **Spring '14**) New pair of Malden Rushett stops due.
- 467** (09/03/13) Most timings shifted by 30mins from Epsom.
- 627<sup>SDO</sup>** (04/11/13)
- 662/665<sup>SDO</sup>** (**20 Jan 2014**) A double-deck required for increased number of kids to/from Holy X N.M. but cannot traverse Berrylands 'K2' etc due to low trees and so will be a 662 running via the 281 between Surbiton Station and Tolworth, while the single-decker (665) will then start/finish at Berrylands Road. (665 service was a pair of single deckers).
- 641<sup>SDO</sup>** (17/06/13)
- 655<sup>SDO</sup>** (03/06/13)
- 718** (09/07 to 13/07/13) Resurrected to/from H.Crt Flower Show but this year ran from St Pancras etc.
- 773\*** (04/11/13) Now commences at Kingston at 08:05 on non-Schooldays to Brighton similar to the Summer 775.
- 775\*** (26/05 to 27/10/13) Duly ran again to Brighton & Eastbourne.
- 776\*** (28/07 to 30/10/13) New in 2013 from Sutton, Kingston to Portsmouth & Southsea.
- 777\*** (28/07 to 30/10/13) New in 2013 to Paulton's Theme Park.  
*\*all operated by London General, and Kingston stops are: 'T' near Station, Sury Basin nr Sainsburys and Cromwell Road 'A3'.*  
*The 776/777 also picks up at Tolworth Tower 'F'. No Passes!*
- 805/805A** (09/07 to 14/07/13) H.Crt Flower Show shuttles from Hampton Wick Stn and from H.Crt Green Car Park to Palace gates.
- 965** (09/12/13) After threat of withdrawal has been rerouted via the 406/ 418 to Kingston Station then as normal to Sury Bsin but departs there an hour early at 13:00. (It is Mon&Fri including BH Mons & Good Fri, but not Xmas Day as per all TfL routes).
- K1** (29/06/13) New contract with Abellio (was LU) and the journey from Ace of Spades is now only SDO. Until **Spring '14** is unable to serve N.M. Stn forecourt due to lift installation and instead sets-down /picks up at Twin Towers 213 stops. It turns at Darley Drive as per SDO 213.
- K2** (29/06/13)
- K3** (29/06/13 & 24/08/13) New contract with Abellio (was LU) and also increased in June on Suns from x30 to every 20mins.
- K4** (23/03/13) Timings shifted by 15mins except eves.
- K5** (01/06/13)
- K50 P&R** (16/11 to 04/Jan 14) Same timetable as last Xmas.
- KU1/2/3/5** (16/09/13) Same as before. NB: These are free public services.
- KU1** (**06/01/14**) Reduced to every 20mins.
- KU4** (16/09/13) This free Night service is now shown on its 6 limited stops' Etils this is now public rather than only Students. Runs Brook St 'F' – Seething Wells/Kingston Hill on Tue, Thur & Sat nights during term times.
- R68** (05/01/13)
- R70** (05/01 & 25/05/13) Then increased Sundays from x20 to every 15mins.
- X26** (23/02/13) Odd M-F jny W.Park Stn to Croydon deps ½hr earlier at 14:15.
- N87** (01/06/13) First t/t change since 2006 plus new Hybrid double-deckers. 🚏

Local TfL contracts from next Summer have all been kept by the incumbent operator ie for 5yrs: **71,281,681,418** or 2yr extensions: **57,65,85,213,265,371**.

**‘K6’ ?** Chessington Residents Assn (Rob Robb) has asked TfL for better connections to Epsom Hospital. They proposed a route from Tolworth old Red Lion then via K2 to Hook Library, then via 71 to nr Bonesgate then via 467 to Ewell & Epsom and on to Epsom Hospital. Alas TfL pointed out that they already subsidise the cross-boundary 467 plus the K2 is every 10mins and are unable to fund the request.

The CRA and indeed KATA are still pursuing the request for a shelter and above all illumination of the s/b 465 stop at **The Star** which is totally dark wherein buses fly past. The problem is while this is a TfL stop it is just over the boundary in Surrey so that any wiring and indeed solar-panels etc needs to be done by SCC.

**New Ball Park!** Due to an enormous fat-ball blocking 90% of the main pipe at Norbiton Church water-works caused delays between 5<sup>th</sup> Aug & 29 Nov so that the 57, 85, 213, 371 & K4 were **diverted** out-bound via Birkenhead Ave with a Dolly stop.

Interestingly, **Quality Line** are regularly standing two Citaro buses & drivers at the Sury Basin (anagram of Sainsburys) stop for emergency use albeit mainly for the X26.

On 17<sup>th</sup> Nov **Merton Garage** (AL) celebrated its Centenary with an open Day. Interestingly AL routes don't serve the Kingston area.

**Roastmasters:** The annual subsidy to TfL is almost £400m which is largely paying for the new LTs (non-Routemasters) at £third of a million each which uniquely are owned by TfL unlike all other buses. Excessive heat remains a problem for passengers as KATA reported in Spring of 2012 with the air-conditioning very poor but newer vehicles will have opening windows.

Routes that have been converted to LT type are: 38, 24, 11, 390 which is 117 buses and another 483 to follow making 600. Two pure **electric buses** are due in London on a Go-Ahead (Ldn Gen etc) route.

**‘ALL ABOARD’:** By the end of 2014 all 24,500 bus drivers contracted on behalf of TfL will have undergone much needed ‘accessibility training programme’ to improve drivers understanding of the needs of the elderly and disabled etc. It has been developed with Transport for All and Age UK.

Meanwhile, between 1999/2000 & 2012/2013 bus usage in London rose by 64% from 1.4m to 2.3m and is set to rise a further 7% by 2021. Last April saw 49.5million journeys a week the highest since 1960.

London is the least car-dependent city in Britain with 66% of us not owning a car. Brighton is second while Wigan is the most car-dependent.  
● In April **First Bus sold** all their TfL routes in London for almost £80m to Metroline and Tower Transit which involved 3,200 staff and 500 buses..

**Barclays** are to end its sponsorship of ‘BoJo Bikes’ from 2015 and are not saying if its to do with the 14 cycle fatalities in London this year of which one was on a BoJo Bike. It means they will have only given half of the £50m agreed. Cycle Czar Andrew Gilligan (45) is employed by Boris for just 3 days a week on £57,000 a year plus expenses. He was a former advisor to a Labour MP but now very palley with BoJo!

TfL are converting **55 Broadway**, the Grade 1 Tube HQ, into yuppie flats from 2015. When built in 1929 it was the highest office building in London.

**New Greater London Bus Maps** (27 April 2013) is £2 for all routes and £4 for the Night Bus Map, plus the Historical 1958 & 1970 maps have been reissued as ‘Second Edition’ (£4 each) which have amended a few errors like Tolworth Broadway now shown in green (for 406,418) as Trolleybuses s/b traversed Ewell Road behind Tower. These maps are well worth the money. P&P is free, with cheques to ‘Mike Harris’ 27 Albany Rd Wickford SS12 9BP see: [www.busmap.co.uk](http://www.busmap.co.uk)

TfL reissued the 4 **quadrant bus maps** dated September 2013 and also indicate a change to the enquiry number from the expensive 0843 222 1234 to a normal 0343 222 1234 albeit had changed earlier in the year.

● (01, 02, 03 are all basic call costs).

**SCC** have reissued their free t/t books: #1 Walton etc (Jan '13), #2 Woking etc (Dec '12), #3 Blackwater etc (July '13), #4 Guildford etc (Sep '13), #5 Epsom etc (July '13), #6 Redhill etc (Dec '12) next due **Jan '14**. ☹

**Squeezing the Tube:** The announcement that the **Tube will run all night** by 2015 is not what it seems as it will only be Fri night & Sat night and only on the Central, Jubilee, Piccadilly, Northern & Victoria lines. In the same breath TfL announced that **all Tube ticket offices will close** by 2015 except those at main-line stations, adding that 'having night Tubes is just a coincidence' and er, not bribery!

**Closing Ticket Offices** will be a disaster for the public and something BoJo promised at election time that he would not do! Note that:  
1) they will close after the next Mayoral Election in May 2015 and that :  
2) BoJo won't be standing so he won't be voted out and has little to lose by 'U' turning. Meanwhile, strike action in protest is very likely which is also on behalf of travellers and must be supported.

By 2016 the Metropolitan Line will be extended from Watford to **Watford Junction** via new stations at Watford (replacing present) and Watford (FC) Stadium. Work starts June 2014. Plus the Con-Dems have loaned TfL £1bn to extend the Northern Line to **Battersea Power Stn.**


**Crossrail 2 (Chessington – Cheshunt?)** If built, will link the Shepperton/Hampton Court/Chessington lines to Cheshunt etc but would require a tunnel from Wimbledon to Hackney via Euston and cost about £12bn. Meanwhile, a local **MIND THE GAP** (One Norbiton) campaign is trying to get the horrendous gaps fixed at Norbiton Station where there have been countless accidents.

New **Rail Timetables** since 8<sup>th</sup> Dec show SWT gaining additional late evening stops at **Surbiton** & Wimbledon between W'loo <> Portsmouth.

**New Zonal Stations:** Last January Zone 7 was expanded to include Waltham X & Theobalds Grove, and Zone 8 includes Cheshunt but note that these zonal stations are unique in not accepting the Freedom Pass. See *London Councils* web for up-dated on-line FP map.

**Stagecoach** owner Sir. Brian Souter has given at least £1.2million (mostly from SWT customers) to the SNP. If the SNP get their wish for an independent Scotland we will have yet another foreign bus/train operator, albeit already alien going by all the complaints. Additionally, without the 41+ Labour MPs from Scotland the GB government will be even more right-wing for ever more!

Scotland has 59 Westminster MPs (Lab:41, Lib:11, SNP:6, Tory:1)

● *Stagecoach Manchester left a disabled passenger on a bus overnight in the depot when the driver omitted to notice the man in a wheelchair!* 



❄ *KATA sends Seasons greetings to all members and readers* ❄