

Kingston Area Travellers' Association –

[www.e-voice.org.uk/kata/](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/kata/) email: [katalog281@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:katalog281@blueyonder.co.uk)

For your diary KATA meetings are on Wednesdays:-

7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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



~ ~ ~ INDEX ~ ~ ~

- p1: **Mayoral Election**
- p2&3: **KATAList – bus route changes**
- p4: **Omnibus news in brief**
- p5: **Keeping Track – rail news**
- p5: **New Non Routemaster**
- p6: **Fulwell 'Trolleybus 50<sup>th</sup>'**

- Vote on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for London Mayor and GLA ----- Page 1 -

When the BBC recently asked BoJo how much is the cash bus fare he replied “£1.35” despite him putting it up to £2.30 ! In the 4 years as Mayor he has put up fares by 25% eliciting £1bn extra but without any real improvements. In fact he has wasted some £200million on getting rid of the perfectly good Bendies and despite the mantra that Bendies were free transport the new Non-Routemaster has the same free board-ing by three doors (see page 6). With prompting by KATA, Green GLA member Darren Johnson tabled this very question at City Hall: ‘Are the new buses open to the same fare evasion as the Bendies?’ Plus the day a Borisbus appeared on route 38 Ken was campaigning on a real Routemaster with banners: “Vanity Bus” & “Sack Boris”.

Ken is also giving away Pass Wallets depicting a Beano type fluffy haired villain whose resemblance to BoJo is purely deliberate with the message:-

**“BEWARE PICKPOCKET OPERATING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT”.**

BoJo who gets £143,000 a year as Mayor also gets £250,000 for writing a weekly column in Daily Torygraph and rarely gives Press Conferences so as to avoid giving answers and is thus a part-time mayor. Ken Livingstone on the other hand regarded it as full-time job and held press conferences every week. He has said that when elected he will cut TfL fares by 7% in October, from money currently under-spent by TfL.

BoJo’s last election promise not to close Tube ticket offices has been broken and a recent Mystery Shopper survey by London TravelWatch found that even the more recent promise to have a manned safety presence at all Tube stations is not the case.

BoJo says he wants driverless Tube trains by 2022 but as most Tube tunnels have no footway passengers will not only be helpless in an incident but also alone. This will of course cost £billions and er, has just ordered 194 new trains with cabs!

RMT’s Bob Crow said: “London Tube users know that it is the drivers who pull kids from under trains when automation fails to spot such potential tragedies, that it is drivers who evacuate in emergencies and that it was drivers who played such a crucial role in dealing with the 7/7 bombings deep underground. Boris Johnson is prepared to take a lethal gamble with passenger safety in his quest for votes”.

Meanwhile, Tube workers have rejected an £850 Olympic bonus because of the outlandish flexibility conditions attached to it. Plus bus drivers are seeking a much deserved £500 from the respective two-dozen London operators. Strikes during the election or planned for the Olympics would greatly damage BoJo’s chances.

Public transport not being BoJo’s strong point he arrived an hour late to address 200 business people in Croydon in November. He explained saying; ‘I had been experiencing the wide range of public transport services available to Londoners’ (ie confusion). He firstly arrived late and on his own at London Bridge Station where he caught the first train to “East” on the destination board. Unfortunately the train was on its way to East Dulwich, not East Croydon, but he switched trains at East Dulwich to Selhurst and then another to West Croydon where he caught a tram to East Croydon where the 200 were hoping for er, guidance.

✱At a recent LBC radio interview BoJo **lost it** when he swore at Ken, twice.

The Con-Dems also went through the charade in November of agreeing fare rises of 7%-12% and then made out that ‘after listening’ then reduced them by about 1.5%. Thus Cameron and BoJo then claimed credit for “reducing fares” which actually went up by the figure they first thought of. All this trickery was designed to make out that BoJo was looking after Londoners except that he, as Chair of TfL, had okayed the TfL increases in the first instance! What they are looking after is getting BoJo re-elected as Mayor because if Ken is elected it would be proof that the population do not support the Con-Dems and thus lessen their chances of winning the next General Election. Remember that both BoJo and Cameron were only elected by less than 25% of Britain and London respectively.

Buy giving greater tax cuts to the wealthy - BoJo being one of the beneficiaries - the Budget has demonstrated that we are not all paying for the economic collapse. We are clearly not all in this together but rather most of us are just in it – the mire. →

NB: The **Penalty Fare** for TfL passengers increased on 19 Feb from £50 to £80, albeit reduced to £40 if paid within 21 days.

**Good Friday:** All Saturday routes run on Good Friday but Easter Monday only sees Sunday services, albeit the 965 runs on both days.

**Sat 30/01/12**

**111** (Kingston – Hounslow - Heathrow) *London United (AV)*

Owing to roadworks in Hampton the temporary timetable, as per duration of Hampton Court Flower Show, introduced until about the end of April.

✳️ *Actual Flower Show (3-8 July) once again produces 111 temp t/t with delays to 111, 216, 267 (Suns), 411, 461, 513, 515A(Suns), R68. Expect delays also on Mon 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

**139 & 176** (W.Hampstead-W'loo / Tot Crt Rd Stn–Penge)

A bit out of our area but these are to have a welcome and long needed Buses Only right-turn from Strand to W'loo Bridge, thus eliminating the s/b circuit of Aldwych.

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012**

**267** (Hammersmith – Fulwell – Hampton Court Green) *London United (FW)*

Re-extended Sunday/Bank Holiday daytimes to Hampton Court till 30 Sept inc.

✳️ *Extension is from the Sunday before first Monday in May until last Sun in Sept.*

Plus has emergency timetable due to disruption at Hammersmith Flyover.

✳️ *When built in 60s it had under-road heating elements to keep it frost free except they never worked and consequently tons of salt have been used which has been washed by rain through cracks and rotted the structure!*

**Sat 21/01/12**

**290** (Twickenham – Staines on Thames) *London United (FW)*

New timetable to improve reliability. Six new 10.8m Enviro 200 Darts due in April.

**Sat 25/02/12**

**406&418** (Kingston - Epsom) *Quality Line (EB)*

Minor timing changes with slightly increased running times (was predicted for Jan).

**Sat 30 June 2012** 406 contract re-awarded while 418 gets 2year extension.

**23 March – 12 April** 406 diverted away from Beggars Hill running via Ewell bypass and London Rd (via route 293).

**Sat 30 June 2012**

**465** (Kingston - Dorking) *Quality Line (Epsom Buses) (EB)*

Contracted to Quality Line in place of Metrobus with new 5 new Versas as per 411.

✳️ *After many moons of asking TfL are to install a pair of 465 stops at Chessington Garden Centre in the Autumn. This TfL road will also get a pedestrian island etc.*

**Mon 27/02/12**

**681** (Hounslow – Teddington School) *London United (FW)*

Second journeys introduced am & pm just 5mins after the first.

**Withdrawn**

**718** (Victoria – Hampton Court) *London General* Withdrawn – last operated 10/07/11.

✳️ *However the Hampton Court Flower Show is 3-8 July and Wimbledon Tennis is 25 June - 8 July, thus the first week in July will see Kingston's traffic squeezed !*

**Sun 27 May – 21 Oct, plus Sat 1 Dec, but not during Olympics 1 July-12 Aug inc**

**775 Summer Sundays** (Kingston-Brighton- Eastbourne/Worthing | Rochester) *Ldn Gen*

Resurrected again with additional trip on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec to Rochester. Picks up at Sury Basin Sainsburys (08:50) and Cromwell Road 'A3' (08:52) and opp Raynes Park Stn (09:05) etc. Tickets (Adult: £12, OAP/Kids: £10) from LG HQ next to Merton Garage (AL) or 8545 6110 or see: [www.go-ahead-london.com/bus-services/775.html](http://www.go-ahead-london.com/bus-services/775.html)

**Mon 16 April 2012**

**K1** (Kingston – New Malden) *London United (TV)*

The SDO journey from Hook roundabout to run 10min earlier at 15:20.

**Sat 27/02/12**

**K3** (Roehampton Vale ASDA – Esher/High School ) *London United (TV)*

Extra Mon-Fri AM peak journey Esher to Roehampton.

**Mon 25 June 2012** Kingston University Shuttles *TGM-Arriva (TM)*

**KU1** (Seething Wells - Penrhyn Rd - Roehampton Vale)

This will also run Mon-Fri from end of term 25 June to 10 Aug between 08:00-18:00 about every 40mins, albeit between Penrhyn Road & Roehampton Vale.

Wed 23 May 2012 *New Route*

**KU5** (Penrhyn Road – Tolworth Sports Ground)

This will run on Wednesdays 23 May - 20 June between 12:00 & 18:00 about every 40 mins via the 406/418. \*Like the KU1/2/3 this is free for everyone, albeit limited stops but the KU4 is students only.

Sat 21/01/12

**R70** (Richmond - Hanworth 'Swan' CIRCULAR) *Abellio (TF)*  
Saturday timings changed for reliability.

Sat 26 May 2012

**S3** (Malden Manor Stn – Sutton Hospital) *Quality Line (EB)*  
Rerouted via Tesco off Sutton by pass/Oldfields Rd opp Stayton Rd.

Sat 14 April 2012

**X26** (Croydon – Kingston – Heathrow) *Quality Line (EB)*

Evenings increasing to half-hourly, currently hourly after 19:00, thus the only hourly gaps will be after first AM journey. Plus 10 new 12metre single-decker Citaro 1D. Contract currently with Metrobus (Lon Gen). New glossy slimline t/t is due. <http://www.londonbusroutes.net/times/X26.pdf> Also see next-

**X26 Mon 06/02/12** – The temporary timetable, due to Worcester Park roadworks, reverted to original of Nov 2008 but at Bentalls (P3) to Heathrow is showing times 3mins late!

\*Meanwhile between 23 Jan & 10 March was diverted westbound via Park Lane, Ruskin Rd, Carshalton Pk Rd & Beynon Rd while railings were at long last installed at Carshalton Ponds. Routes 127,157,407,627 were also affected.

Before or after Olympics *New Route*

**Tramlink #4** (Therapia Lane Depot – Elmers End) *First*

6 new Stadler trams (2554-9) are due for new route to supplement the other routes.

These Berlin made trams, costing a total £16.3m, are 2.5mtrs longer with air-con. \*On 17 Feb at 07:30 an older tram derailed upon departing East Croydon Stn n/b causing disruption for 10 hours with trams terminating each side of town.

#### DIVERSIONS...

Wed 28 March - Tue 8 May 2012 **Surbiton:** Replacement of Upper Brighton Road

Rail Bridge and Gas mains replacement means a 6week diversion of buses etc (and reverse of below):-

**71,671,(N)65** diverted at Surbiton Stn via 281 to Ditton Rd and line of route at Maypole.

**465,K1,K4** diverted at Brighton Rd via K3 Balaclava Rd, then St Mary's Rd, Lovelace Rd to line of route at Upper Brighton Rd.

**514** diverted at Brighton Rd via K3 Balaclava Rd then line of route at Effingham Rd.

**Early May:** Progression of gas works will mean a secondary diversion of **465,K1,K4** off Lovelace Rd via Corkran Rd, Langley Rd and line of route at Hook Rd mini-roundabout

**Mon 2 – Sat 15 April ?:** **Kingston:** Resurfacing of Penrhyn Road between College Roundabout and Surbiton Rd from 20:00 to 05:00 will mean delays.

**Fri 6-Sun 15 April, Kingston:** 24hr utility works in Eden St means all routes serving Dolly stops on Wheatfield Way (T1 @ Museum s/b and T2 @ Lady Booth Rd n/b).

65 continues to terminate in Brook St but no other and not 65 from Chessington.

71,281,406,418,514,515,671,691,965,K2,K3, N65 run direct between Wheatfield Way

< > Penrhyn Rd. From FBS 57,131,213,K5,N87 U turn at College Roundabout.

S/B routes 85, 371, K1, K4 U turn at College Roundabout to Brook St, Eden St, High St etc but 458,459,465 are College Roundabout, Kingston Hall Rd left High St.

N/B 458,459,465,K1,K4 are High St, Eden St, Brook St, left Wheatfield Way while 85 & 371 are Kingston Hall Rd (not expecting to pick up!) to Wheatfield Way T2.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Wed 18th 20:00-05:00:** Eden St and Brook St closed to Union St etc:

N/B routes all via Ashdown Rd right Eden St. S/B is Wheatfield Way > Penrhyn Rd.

85 & 371, and K1 & K4 in both directions turn via East Lane & The Bittoms back to Kingston Hall Rd.

465 is via Wheatfield Way, College Roundabout, KHR & reverse.

**Sat 28 & Sun 29 July & Wed 1 Aug: Olympic Cycle Races** are expected to produce the same bus chaos as last August which includes no 465 till races finish about teatime. See *KATALog #9* (p1) for an idea of what is to happen or below nearer the time: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/bus-service-alterations-2012-games.pdf>

*Past diversions...*

**6-8 March:** Burst Water Main on Kingston Hill/Brunswick Rd meant diversion of **57, 85, 213** at Norbiton Church via Cambridge Rd, Gloucester Rd/Galsworthy Rd etc.

### Changes to Stops on TfL Roads proper...

The s/b **465** stop at The Star/Surrey boundary is an unlit lay-by stop and no shelter and users have to dangerously stand in the road if buses, which are doing 40mph+, are to see them. Alas the stop is in Surrey but KATA is asking TfL to investigate lighting. Down to the boundary it's a TfL road proper! (Also see 'Routes' 465 for new stops).

Meanwhile routes 71 & 465 are set to use the new stop/layout in World of Adventures around Easter. In the interim the n/b 465 serves a Dolly on main road.

Plus on the A3 the dodgy **265** s/b bus stop has been moved from Barnfield to inside the bus gate by South Lane, thus is much safer. But the proposal to open the s/b Beverley Way service road to the 265 with stops is being met with NIMBYs. It would inside run from Coombe Lane flyover to Carters Bridge and would be much safer.

**D Day Stops** – On 14 Jan the two stops (B1 & B2) at Fairfield Bus Stn were converted to just one and redesignated “**D**” for routes 57, 131, 213, K5, KU1/3, N87.

At its peak in the 90s FBS had 4 very busy stops but solitary ‘D’ has Etils with destinations in a unique stack but the K5, despite going in two directions from here, is confusingly listed as one: | **K5** | **Ham New Malden**

### **Motspur Park Morden**

but is now to be modified by KATA request to read:- Ham or NM etc.

As part of this tidying up London Road/Tiffins changed from ‘C1’ to ‘**B**’, and opposite ‘C2’ became ‘**C**’, and at Eden St/Brook St ‘**I**’ logically became ‘**PR**’ (Park&Ride) while in Union Street ‘**L**’ became ‘**DR**’ (Dial a Ride). Simple.

TfL have reissued their **Guide to Buses From Kingston** (Jan 2012) showing the redesignation of stops (*above*). Alas, yet again this depicts a Ticket Stop logo on Eden Walk/Eden St when there is not and has never been an agent there. But like countless past editions also continues to omit the Ticket Stop in Adam's Walk - despite it being only one of three actually listed within! It does however include the Ticket Stop at Fife Rd/Clarence St but which closed down over a year earlier, not to be confused with one near Castle St. It also omits one at Kingston Library having been there for over 2 years!

Staying with this slimline it reads "Possession of open alcohol etc is prohibited at THIS bus station" – specifically applying to Cromwell Rd Bus Stn and KATA has asked TfL to reword this to: "Possession of open alcohol etc is prohibited at all bus stations" ? And similarly a universal wording for 'No Smoking at all Bus Stations'? Meanwhile BoJo has failed to ban alcohol on National Rail in Greater London.

✳️ *TfL publicity for the Kingsmeadow Fireworks Display at Kingstonian FC gave the nearest station as “Berrylands” which is a great dark hike over the Hogsmill. It should have read Norbiton Station.*

Many **K5 timetables** are headed DAILY (ie at Eden St E2) when it is of course Mon-Sat and KATA has requested replacements but TfL are saying that all these headings are to be omitted in future as the actual timetable is self-evident!

Meanwhile a year on Wimbledon Stn/Tesco stop ‘D’ still omits an **N87 suffix** “to Kingston” as the flag reads: ‘To Colliers Wood, Wimbledon Chase, South Wimbledon’.

TfL are now to amend this but bizarrely add that ‘N routes don’t normally include suffixes’, when it might be thought that Night routes needed to be even clearer !

✳️ *Bizarrely a 131 from Kingston, turned short in Wimbledon, turfed everyone off at Elys and KATA has asked why can't these set down at the station which it sailed past?*

The **Text plates** on stops giving [Text to: 87 2 87] and the stop number to text for real time departures have appeared as A4 panels on the chevron stops at Cromwell Rd Bus Stn except that the twin stops for routes 285, 111, 71 only have a single notice and KATA has requested duplicates for 285 (A5 as per A6), 111 (A8 as per A7), 71 (A15 as per A14). Meanwhile, stop ‘N’ at John Lewis is awaiting a special text plate for the brick pillar.

Alas the extra 300 Bus Countdown indicators due from TfL does not include any in the KATA area! All real time at stops is also via: <http://countdown.tfl.gov.uk/#/>

**Wood for the trees!** – Omitted from previous reports was the fact that the wooden Astolat shelter removed from Red Lion Green on 31 Oct was uniquely double sided. And although acquired by LT Museum was sent to W.Sussex pending restoration.

While on top of the bus shelter at Chessington South Stn there is a pallet/frame for the Art for All project although only ‘appreciated’ from the top deck of 71, 467 or 671.

📖 New SCC timetable book #5 **Epsom etc**, is due in late April and will, with the #4 **Guildford** book dated January, complete the new series.

New and only **Greater London Bus Map #33** from 28 April – send £2 cheque to ‘Mike Harris’ at 27 Albany Road, Wickford, Essex SS12 9BP. <http://www.busmap.co.uk/>

LB of Richmond have closed down their **Tourist Information Centre** in the Old Town Hall, albeit when asking in Hampton Library they did not know! Also the Britain & London Visitor Centre in Regent Street has recently closed, so much for encouraging tourism. Meanwhile, Kingston TIC reopened last year in Market House albeit not by RBK but Kingston First (Town Centre Management), note it is closed on Tuesdays. Plus they have set up an info kiosk on the pedestrian island in front of Kingston Station.

**And finally** in this section, on the evening of 6 January the nearside rear wheels came off a London United K2 in service. No other details are known. →

With Network Rail replacing the **Rail bridge** in Upper Brighton Rd a bus replacement service is expected west of Surbiton on Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> April and all of Easter Weekend from Fri 6<sup>th</sup> to Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April. ( *Also see Bus diversions after KATAList* )

A **wheelchair user** travelling from W'loo, who having booked a ramp for Kingston Stn on 8 Feb, found no SWT help around midnight and had to stay on to Shepperton and then phone for a cab home. Similarly, on 26 March Baroness Grey-Thompson, who is wheelchair bound having been born with spina-bifida, was forgotten at King's Cross around midnight and had to crawl off the East Coast train. She is on the TfL Board!

While **SWT's** website rightly uses the 24hr clock it confusingly gave delayed times in 12hr mode thus one train was apparently 13,834 mins late and was on show a long time!  
SWT duly reissued their **timetables** on 11 Dec but unusually runs till next December, instead of till May. London Overground is the same. WH Smiths are selling the complete and very thick National Rail Timetable Book for £16, albeit Dec-May 2012.

In December **BBC Text** announced that 'the Metropolitan Line is to be extended to Watford'. Well it already goes to Watford and after two months of Emails and phone calls the BBC finally admitted that the extension is to Watford Junction! The extension, costing £126m, will actually be from Croxley thus Watford Tube will close for good.

**Blackfriars Tube Station** finally reopened on 21 Feb two months after the Rail Stn.  
Plus the two renovated railway cartouches have returned at Blackfriars station. These are giant iron plates, weighing 16-tonne, bearing the insignia of the London, Chatham & Dover Railway of 120 years ago.

Tunnelling for **Crossrail** began on 19 March with six Tunnel Boring Machines. After inviting the public for pairs of female names these were chosen: Mary and Sophia (the wives of Isambard Kingdom Brunel & father Marc Isambard Brunel ) plus Victoria & Elizabeth and Ada & Phyllis – who dem? Two more TBMs are also expected making 8.

A new **London Rail Map** was reissued in December (green/blue cover) coming just 4 months after the previous edition. Available from all London area stations.

**--> NON-ROUTEMASER ARRIVES ----- Page 5 cont -**

The '**LT**' class is slowly appearing on route 38\* (Victoria-Hackney/Clapton Pond) but not without teething problems. Launched a week late on Mon 27 Feb only one (LT2) managed to appear and that, according to the dopey Metro paper, claimed that 'the rear door was jammed open'. Instead it was supposed to be open but that the door alarm would not switch off, plus the air-con packed-up. It gives a smooth and very quiet ride but there is a very annoying smell coming through the heating vents. Each of the three doors has an Oyster reader inside and while there is a conductor (actual drivers) their job is not to collect fares or check tickets but to check safety of the open rear platform. Conductors only work till 10pm and then the driver operates all three doors as per the old Bendies. One unnecessary association to RMs is the blinds are black&white which are not clear and really should be amber like all modern buses. They carry 87 passengers (up: 40, down: 22 & 25 standing).

LT1 was on show in Kingston Market Place (*see attached Email photo*) on Sat 3rd Dec and there was the obligatory up one flight of stairs and down the other. This bus also broke down on the M1 on 19 Dec when it ran out of diesel but ordinarily runs on a hybrid diesel-electric drive system. The batteries, running an electric motor, are charged by a generator through regenerative braking, something not happening on a motorway, and Arriva forgot to refill the diesel tank!

Users being interviewed on TV news are clearly expecting these to be on all routes but at £1.4m each that is not going to happen and next mayor Ken Livingstone has said he won't be ordering any more, thus we will have just eight.

LOTS reminded us that the BBC News is telling porkies when it says; "*These Routemasters are replacing Bendy-buses*" when neither is true. They are 'LT's and the Bendies have already been replaced by standard buses er, for no good reason save for being Bojo's obsession. Moreover all that stuff about Bendies losing money because of free boarding is er, equally true of the LTs! Getting rid of the 337 bendies has required 478 double-decks, thus an EXTRA 141 buses. These require an extra 400 drivers which is all costing £millions not counting the early and cheap sell-off of the Bendies. It travels through Mayoral marginal constituencies and the fact that BoJo's vanity project appears three months before elections is not coincidence.

\**Intelligent Life (Jan/Feb), sister magazine to The Economist, included photos of the Non-Routemaster and a 'Classic' Routemaster er, except that this Tory rag managed to show a picture of a 1939 RT from instead !*

\**The 38 was chosen as it is the most complained about and busiest route in London with 68 vehicles in use. The LTs are rented to Arriva by TfL and one 'definite' LT departure is Mon-Fri at 11:58 from Victoria. see: <http://www.lots.org.uk/> →*



**VOTING for Mayor and London Assembly on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

You will get three ballot papers: <http://www.londonelects.org.uk/im-voter/who-vote>

**PINK:** This is for Mayor wherein you put a cross for first preference and another for second preference. If no one gets 50% of the votes then the second preference votes are added to the two top candidates left, assuming 2<sup>nd</sup> votes were cast for the remaining two. Seven candidates: Lab\*, Grn, Ukip, Con, Lib, Ind and BNP - *bizarrely the BNP candidate hails from Uruguay!*

**YELLOW:** This is one vote for a named/party candidate for the Greater London Assembly. Noting that KATA area is in London South West constituency that make up 14 constituencies. Five Candidates here: Lab, Grn, Ukip, Con, Lib.

**ORANGE:** This is one vote for London-wide party candidates from a choice of 13 party/ind candidates. Votes counted across London with the top eleven being elected. These with constituency members makes 25 elected to the GLA.

\* <http://www.kenlivingstone.com/fare-deal>

**Fulwell Garage Open Day 'TROLLEYBUS 50th' on Sat 12 May (10am-4pm)**

*free*

Apart from a display of buses there will also be 3 Trolleybuses including 1521 the last Trolleybus that ran on route 604 on 8th May 1962 signifying the end of Trolleybuses in London after 31 years (*see attached photo with Email*). This L3 type departed Wimbledon Town Hall at 11:45 and arrived at Fulwell at 01:00 after passing through Raynes Park, New Malden, Kingston, Hampton Court & Hampton Hill. As an 11yr old living near The Fountain I was 'awoken' to see this historic event, though truth to tell I was too excited to sleep.

There will be special rides on an RT and a collectors' fare at *The Old Goat* opposite (ex Fulwell Arms) and the event is sponsored by London United, LT Museum, TfL and LB of Richmond. Buses: 33,267, **281**,290,481,R70. Train: Fulwell Station.

<http://hamptonpn.ning.com/events/trolleybus-50-open-day-at-fulwell-garage-saturday-12th-may>

**CORRECTION:** In previous edition about the 601 Trolleybus to Tolworth we wrongly gave the terminating point as Manor Drive North wherein it was of course WARREN DRIVE NORTH, but no one seemed to notice! →



**- Links – for further info -**

Customer Services, TfL London Buses, 4th floor, Zone B5, 14 Pier Walk, SE10 oES  
[customerservices@tfl-buses.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@tfl-buses.co.uk) or phone: 0845 300 7000 (08:00-20:00 Mon-Fri)  
 and <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>

For all London's proper bus timetables go to the marvellous and independent:

<http://www.londonbusroutes.net/routes.htm>

or

<http://www.busmap.co.uk/> (NB: New Greater London Bus Map from 28 April)

or SCC routes etc at →

[http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE\\_RTf/Bus+timetable?opendocument](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE_RTf/Bus+timetable?opendocument)

**END**

*Autumn 2011* <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/265-beverley-way>

**265** (Tolworth – Putney Bridge Stn) *London United (TV)*  
TfL are proposing to install 3 new pairs of stops on Beverley Way between Carter's Bridge and Coombe Lane Flyover.  
\* *Diversion via Malden Manor s/b (from 24 Oct) ceased on 21 Nov.*

*Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2011*

**290** (Twickenham - Staines) *London United*

*Sat 06/08/11*

**458** (Kingston – Staines) *Abellio*

*Sat 06/08/11*

**459** (Kingston – Woking) *Abellio*

\* *This service is still part funded by SCC – see p5.*

*Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2011*

**467** (Hinchley Wood – Hook – Epsom – Rosebery School) *Ldn Utd*

*Sat 07/05/11*

**481** (Kingston – West Middx Hospital) *Abellio*

*Sat 31 March 2012*

**493** (Richmond – Tooting) Retendered from Ldn Utd (NC) to Ldn General (AL).

*Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011*

**775 Summer Sundays** (Kingston - Brighton - Worthing/Eastbourne) *Ldn Gen*

Last day of Summer service. [www.go-ahead-london.com/bus-services/775.html](http://www.go-ahead-london.com/bus-services/775.html)

*Mon 31/10/11*

*Sat 10 Dec 2011?*

**213&151** (Kingston/W.Park – Sutton/Wallington) *London General (A)*

*Sat 05/11/11*

**513** (Kingston - Cobham – Downside - *Byfleet*) *Abellio (BF)*

*Sat 26/09/11*

**514/814** (Kingston – Hersham / Esher High School) *Abellio (BF)*

*Sat 1 Jan 2012* - New 8.8metre single-decks replace 12metre ones.

*Mon 31/10/11*

**627 SDO** (Worcester Park – Woodcote Green ) *Arriva, moved from CN to TC*

*Mon 31/10/11*

**668 SDO** (Worcester Park – Ashtead/St Andrews School) *Coaches Etc*

Retimed ex WP: 07:15 – arr 08:20., Ex StA: 15:10 - arr 15:55. And no longer serves Watersedge, West Ewell.

*Sat 5 Dec '11*

**A3** (Victoria Coach Station – Gatwick Airport) *National Express*

New hourly route around the clock stopping at Vauxhall, Stockwell, Streatham, Mitcham, Sutton Station, Belmont and Lower Kingswood.

*Sat 24/09/11*

**K2** (Kingston Hospital - Hook Library) *London United (TV)*

Extra bus added M-F late-afternoons with vehicle off the 665.

*Sat 12/11/11 – Sat 14 Jan 2012 inc* *London United (TV)*

**K50 Park&Ride** (Chessington WofA [South Car Park](#) - Kingston Post Office)

Duly restarted running about every 10mins from 08:00 and last from Kingston at 21:00 or Suns 18:00 or Xmas Eve & New Year's Eve 19:00, but not running Xmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. Return cash fare is £2.20 (was £2) and accompanied under 16s go free. No passes.

\* *The t/t leaflet did not appear until the start date and omits 'K50' and erroneously gives the defunct 020 7222 1234 which TfL replaced with the more expensive 0845 222 1234 last Spring.*

*Tues 3 Jan – 30 Mar 2012 | 16 Apr – 22 June 2012.*

**KU1,2,3** Kingston University Shuttles *TGM-Arriva (TM)*

Minor timing changes and just to note that these 3 services are FREE to anyone assuming you want to go to Uni sites etc. But the KU4, next, is not free.

*Sat 14 April 2012*

**KU4** Night Kingston University Shuttle *TGM-Arriva (TM)*

This Student only service (Mon,Wed,Fri nights) saw E-tiles appear on 'its' only two highway stops - Brook St 'F' and opp Kingston (Hill) Lodge - but were removed 3 weeks later after KATA questioned this private route on a public stop. These E-tiles must be Collectors' items.

- ✱ A Tfl timetable panel for the Tate&Lyle Staff Shuttle can be found on a stop at Canning Town Bus Stn, but no E-Tile, and is unique in being the only Tfl panel etc that ordinary travellers cannot use.

Sat 03/09/11

**R68** (Hampton Court Stn – Kew Retail Park) *Abellio (TF)*

Minor timing changes including less running time on first and last journeys.

Sat 19/11/11

**S3** (Malden Manor Stn – Sutton Hospital) *Quality Line (EB)*

Extra running time 2-9mins. Plus we missed the last timing changes on 28/03/11.

Sat 3 Dec 2011

**152/655** (New Malden – East Mitcham) *Abellio (BC)*

Sat 26 Nov '11

**461** (Kingston – St Peter's Hospital - *Chertsey*) *Abellio (BF)*

- ✱ **January 2012 – Kingston's Fairfield Bus Stn** sees its two stops merged into one 'B' for 57,131,213,KU1,KU3,K5 (both destinations) & N87, while **Richmond Bus Stn proper** will only have the 337 departing, for safety reasons, with the 190,391,419 having first pick-ups at 'B' nr Boots in George St. All 4 routes continue to set down at bus stn.

**Monday & Friday**

**965** (Riverhill – Kingston/Sury Basin Sainsbury's) *London United*

**2012 Tramlink 4** (Therapia Lane – Elmers End) *First M-*

**Abellio** have bizarrely informed KATA that their Surrey routes (458,459,461,513, 514, 515/A etc) do not automatically observe TfL white Compulsory Stops and TfL have said?

**Wind Shields!** – Joseph Munroe a 93yr-old blind war-veteran, and who lives alone, has been refused travel on Nexus's 333 in North Shields. The 333 is a loop service and often late so sometimes he would board to travel the opposite way round to keep out of the cold but some drivers refuse to stop. Nexus have apologised and are investigating!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-15038049>

- ✱ *On the Mon evening a 130' lorry was unable to turn right from Cambridge Rd into London Rd en route to Skerne Rd and had to reverse to park up in the Cam-bridge Rd bus lane for 24hrs while the traffic lights were removed. Since via ASDA is not the route to Skerne Rd we surmise that the artic, when in London Rd, dropp-ed its towing end and then drove to the rear and pick up a second articulated connection, then via Kingston one-way to the building site. It had a police escort. →*