

# BABUS

## Newsletter 37

### Autumn / early Winter 2018



*Following their introduction of brand new buses onto Service 610 on the edge of our area, Uno have gone one step further and bought five brand new Wright Streetlite buses for Cranfield services. These buses were launched with a new livery in October, and here we can see 57 (SK 68 TNN) the launch. © James Thorpe of uno (photo)/Ray Stenning of Best Impressions (livery) 2018*

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# Welcome to BABUS Newsletter 37

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	<p>Our <b>Treasurer and Membership Secretary</b> is Mr <b>Simon Norton</b> who you can contact by post at <b>6 Hertford Street, CAMBRIDGE, CB4 3AG</b> or by email to <a href="mailto:simon.norton@babus.org.uk">simon.norton@babus.org.uk</a>. Simon can deal with Changes of Address, Change from Paper to Digital newsletter (or vice-versa,) Membership Renewals and queries on Payments, and Accounts Payable.</p>
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## Who Are We?

BABUS – or Bedford Area Bus Users Society in full – are a voluntary Bus User Group. Our aims are threefold;

- to represent the interests of bus users who either live, work or travel through the Bedford area
- to encourage people to use buses
- to act as a focal point between bus users, bus companies and local authorities

BABUS has an interest in all bus services operating in Bedford Borough, and most of Central Bedfordshire. BABUS is affiliated to Bus Users UK, the national watchdog for bus passengers, and liaises with several other groups which have areas bordering our own.

Members receive a Newsletter, usually every quarter, to keep you informed of our activities. If you have access to the Internet, either at home or at a library, café etc. you will be able to access our website, **[www.babus.org.uk](http://www.babus.org.uk)** This includes Members Area access to our Bulletin Board, which keeps you updated between Newsletters.

If you are not already a member, why not join us? Send a Cheque/Postal Order (payable to BABUS) for £5 (Individual/Family) or £12 (Group/Corporate) to Simon Norton, **6 Hertford Street, CAMBRIDGE, CB4 3AG**, or join online at **[www.babus.org.uk](http://www.babus.org.uk)**

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**A quick update from Suzy – and the Newsletter in future (including CNY)**

***By Suzy Scott (oddly enough!)***

Okay, some personal news firstly from Planet Suzy. After eleven years together with my business and life partner (and recently wife) Caroline – ten almost flawless – we've split up at the end of July 2018.

I've been staying in two temporary accommodation places – the current one over the road from the Xplore Dundee bus garage – but as we speak I'm in the overlap period between this temporary place and a new place in Wolseley Street Dundee, which is listed on Page 2. It's a phased move, got keys 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, last bits out of temp place 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018. As part of this, my company is closing at the end of the year, so my BABUS volunteering reverts to being just through me. BABUS Newsletters are being printed by someone now in Bedford, with distribution part by hand, part Royal Mail.

This hopefully explains the delay of over two months with this Newsletter, which I can only apologise for, but my survival had to come first! The printed timetable I advertised in Newsletter 37 won't be happening – both of you who ordered one have been told!

This (37) is an Autumn and early Winter 2018 edition, including all the Stagecoach permanent timetable changes in late December 2018. However, our Christmas and New Year information will continue, in Newsletter 38. This is likely to be only the CNY stuff, plus also summaries of the two liaison meetings w/c 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, and anything else that crops up. **Operators (other than Stagecoach Bedford and National Express who I already have)**

are kindly requested to email me their plans for the holidays ASAP, deadline will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**Joint Liaison Meeting Summary, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

***By Frances Horwood***

***ED: There hasn't been a Grant Palmer liaison meeting around the same time. However we've just had another Joint and GP meeting w/c 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018. It is hoped to have these in with Newsletter 38.***

Since our last meeting, there was a new Operations Manager at Stagecoach, Shaun Cooper. We met him for the first time at this meeting and hope we can work well together.

There were some changes to routes, timetables and operators but these were fairly minor, such as bus timetables being altered slightly to fit in with new train timetables. There were also some diversions in place but these would not cause major disruption.

BABUS keeps abreast of work planned for the future. Hence we received an update on Flitwick Railway Station Interchange, which was still at the planning stage, though there would be visible evidence of surveying. The plans would include step-free access to the station platforms. It was envisaged that BABUS representatives would be able to view the plans in September but, at the time of writing, this is unlikely to happen until the New Year.

Another major scheme would be the closure of Bromham Road Bridge in Bedford, for



work by Network Rail, in 2019 - 20. It is too soon for plans for diversionary routes to be in place but BABUS is keen to know what the effect on journey times and reliability will be.

Some items appear frequently on meeting agendas and one of these is the availability of printed timetables. The difficulty in obtaining these is a perennial topic of conversation on buses and at bus stops. For those people living in places served by Grant Palmer, the company's timetables are available in the Mobility Hub at Bedford Bus Station and in Bedford Central Library, as well as post offices in various places. I know from personal experience that Stagecoach timetables are not so easy to obtain: some have not been reprinted since times changed some months ago, since Stagecoach are seeking to reduce their carbon footprint. (This only seems to apply to Stagecoach East, since Stagecoach Midlands, at Northampton Bus Station, have stocks of printed timetables and had new ones available promptly when times changed.)

Bus stop information in Bedford Borough will be able to be updated more easily when the Borough Council implement new software but this isn't ready for use yet.

BABUS representatives raised two matters reported by our members. One was long delays on the X5; details of the date and time when a particular problem was experienced, were given to the Stagecoach representative.

We also raised a drawback of the Real Time Information screens: if a bus is late, it tends to disappear from the screens once the departure time has passed, so people waiting do not know when, or if, the service

will arrive. Unfortunately, this seems to be how the system operates and is not something that can be rectified.

### **Uno Bus invests in the Cranfield Connect fleet** ***Information from the operator and Coach and Bus Week.***



Uno Bus have invested in five new 10.8m Wright StreetLite DFs (door forward) for the Cranfield Connect service which operates between Bedford and Milton Keynes via Cranfield University.

Commenting on the new vehicles Jim Thorpe, Managing Director of Uno Bus, told *CBW*: "We've welcomed five new buses to Cranfield this month. Each bus has free WiFi and a striking livery design which refreshes our Cranfield Connect brand.

"We're looking forward to building on the success of the last five years and establishing links between Milton Keynes, Cranfield and Bedford. We're confident our customers are going to be delighted with the upgrade!"

## **Toddington Chaos**

### ***By Simon Norton***

Several years ago Stagecoach abandoned their long standing route between Bedford and Dunstable. Since the guided busway opened, we have had a situation that has been stable for some years, whereby buses from Bedford, Ampthill and Flitwick (Grant Palmer 42) arrive Toddington at 57 or 00 past the hour and return to Bedford at 58 or 03, while buses from Luton and Dunstable (Centrebus E) arrive at 55 and leave at 00. This means that connections both ways are possible if the buses run on time.

Unfortunately neither operator seems to recognise the connection, which they could do by advertising it in their timetables and undertaking to hold their buses a few minutes if the connection is running late. And as from 6 Jan 2019 the whole thing will collapse when Centrebus retime their E to arrive Toddington at 17 past the hour and leave at 20. Southbound passengers won't be so badly off, with a wait of 17-20min offset by a lowered risk of being stranded for an hour, but northbound passengers will have a wait of 41-44min in a village with few amenities.

There have been other changes in the area over the years, almost all of them detrimental. The E no longer runs on Saturdays. The X31 no longer provides a direct link between Dunstable and Milton Keynes via the A5. And the 20, which used to provide a direct link between Luton and Toddington via the B579, has been replaced by the 74 to/from Dunstable which is much less frequent.

Meanwhile, people with access to cars have had huge amounts of money lavished on

their needs in the very same area, with the new dual carriageway A5 running from a new motorway junction to pick up the old route close to the A5 junction. As the junction is adjacent to the Midland Main Line, one would need few brains to see the opportunity for a park & ride station. This could have acted as a focus for local bus services to the surrounding area -- and as this area includes both Toddington and Dunstable this would have solved the problem. But it seems to be too much to ask to expect the Department for Transport to think in these terms.

We need to bang heads between Central Beds Council, Grant Palmer and Centrebus so that they can provide either an end to end through service or connectional arrangements that work reliably and are advertised to passengers (preferably with through ticketing). And restore the Saturday service, this being the one day when people who work normal office hours are free to travel to Dunstable for whatever purpose, including shopping at Houghton Regis Morrisons and a day out at Whipsnade Zoo or walking on Dunstable Downs (preferably with some later buses on route 40/A). The gap between Toddington and Houghton Regis is only 9min -- yet this is enough to act as a substantial restriction on people's movements.

**Central Bedfordshire announce new demand responsive transport services from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
***Information from the council***

Our new contract for community transport services will start on Monday 15 October, providing 'dial-a-ride' services throughout the mid and east Bedfordshire areas. We are delighted to help fund these services, which make it easier for the elderly, frail or disabled to take all sorts of journeys, whether that's for their shopping trips, medical appointments, visiting friends and relations, or any other reason.

Under the new contract, the service now collects residents from a wider area than previously. From Monday, the Greensand Country Link will provide a bookable and fully accessible door-to-door minibus service for those people who find it difficult to use traditional buses, trains or other forms of transport. Its 'dial-a-ride' service will operate between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays, and journeys can be booked up to a week in advance.

The Greensand Country Link services are provided by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC), a well-respected local charity who provide a range of community transport services across Bedfordshire, including the Door-to-Door service in Bedford. The Greensand Country Link 'dial-a-ride' service is available on a membership basis. This will normally cost £20 a year, but BRCC have a special launch offer of free membership until 31 March 2020 for anyone joining before the end of 2018. Fares then range from £2.25 for shorter journeys, to £3.75 for longer journeys.

Information on how to become a member is available from BRCC on 01234 834933 or email **[communitytransport@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:communitytransport@bedsrcc.org.uk)**. Current users of the existing 'dial-a-ride' service in the mid and east Bedfordshire areas are encouraged to contact BRCC to set up their new Greensand Country Link membership.

The new service will cover: Ampthill, Flitwick, Westoning, Harlington, Greenfield, Pulloxhill, Flitton, Wardhedges, Silsoe, Clophill, Maulden, Houghton Conquest, Millbrook, Steppingley, Eversholt, Lidlington, Brogborough, Salford, Cranfield, Bourne End, Upper and Lower Shelton, Marston Moretaine, Biggleswade, Sandy, Beeston, Hatch, Northill, Ickwell, Upper Caldecote, Old Warden, Broom, Southill, Stanford, Shefford, Campton, Upper and Lower Gravenhurst, Meppershall, Upper and Lower Stondon, Clifton, Arlesey, Henlow, Fairfield Park, Stotfold, Langford, Dunton, Eyeworth, Wrestlingworth, Sutton, Potton, Everton, Moggerhanger, Chalton, Blunham, and Tempsford.

We also fund similar 'dial-a-ride' services in other areas of Central Bedfordshire: Buzzer Buses cover the Leighton Buzzard area, and South Beds Dial-a-Ride cover the Dunstable area. These arrangements remain unchanged.

***[Simon Norton]; can visitors to Woburn Abbey or the Shuttleworth complex (both of which seem to be within the operating area) use the service?***

**Major Service Changes from Stagecoach, from 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – ADVANCE WARNING!**

*From the Stagecoach Website – we have the full selection of new timetables over the coming pages too.... There is also a brief list of some other recent changes on Page 37.*

**Service 2 (Bedford Bus Station – Elstow Park and Ride) and Service 42 (Bedford Bus Station – Ampthill)**

Service 42 will be withdrawn. To compensate for this, one bus an hour will continue from Elstow Park & Ride on to Ampthill and Flitwick. There are timing changes to accommodate this route change.

**Service 9 (Bedford Bus Station – Shortstown) and Services 71/72 (Bedford Bus Station – Hitchin)**

Services 71+72 will be withdrawn and replaced in part by route 9. Route 9 will operate a revised route/frequency between Bedford and Shortstown. Buses will operate up to every 15 minutes in both directions between Bedford and A600/Harrowden Lane junction. 2 buses per hour will serve new bus stops on the A600 for the New Cardington development, then operate back to Bedford town centre via Southcote, Greycote, South Drive and the Hwy. 2 buses per hour will serve North Drive, Greycote and Southcote before continuing on to Hitchin. One hourly route 9 journey will continue onto Hitchin from Shortstown through Arlesey and Ickelford, one hourly journey will continue to Hitchin via Henlow Camp.

**Service 51 (Bedford Bus Station – Oakley/Rushden)** Due to low passenger use, this service will no longer operate beyond Oakley. Passengers for Rushden are

advised to use the Route 50 service operated by Stagecoach Midlands. There is also a change to the timetable with additional journeys between Oakley and Bedford.

**Service 53 (Bedford Bus Station – Wootton/Cranfield)**

Due to low passenger use, this service will no longer serve Marston Moretaine, Upper Shelton, Lower Shelton and Cranfield. Buses will instead terminate at Wootton. There are timing changes throughout to accommodate this route change. One journey is rerouted in Kempston as a 53A to replace closed door school service 857.

**Service 73 (Bedford Bus Station – Sandy – Biggleswade)**

There are timing changes throughout the timetable to help improve service reliability. Some journeys will now depart 10 minutes later and operate 10 minutes later throughout.

**Service 81 (Bedford Bus Station – Luton)**

There are timing changes throughout the timetable to help improve service reliability.

**Service X5 (Oxford – Bedford – Cambridge)**

There are timing changes throughout the timetable to help improve service reliability. Additional time has been added throughout the timetable.

**Closed Door School Services 852 and 857 also withdrawn, but see Service 53 for a replacement for the 857.**

**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bedford bus station stop J	0639	0654	0709	0724		39	54	09	24		1839	1854	1909	1924	1944	2044	2144	2244
Bedford Ampthill Road	0650	0705	0720	0735		50	05	20	35		1850	1905	1920	1935	1955	2055	2155	2255
Elstow Park & Ride Site	0654	0709	0724	0739		54	09	24	39		1854	1909	1924	1939	1959	2059	2159	2259
Interchange Retail Park	0700	-	-	-	THEN AT	00	-	-	-		1900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampthill Prince of Wales	0710	-	-	-	THESE	10	-	-	-	UNTIL	1910	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampthill The Albion	0712	-	-	-	TIMES	12	-	-	-		1912	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ampthill Sidney Road	0714	-	-	-	EACH	14	-	-	-		1914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Post Office	0718	-	-	-	HOUR	18	-	-	-		1918	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Hinksley Road	0720	-	-	-		20	-	-	-		1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Steppingley Road	0726	-	-	-		26	-	-	-		1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**SATURDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2
Bedford bus station stop J	0739	0809	0839	0909	0924	0939	0954		09	24	39	54		1809	1824	1839	1854	1909	1924
Bedford Ampthill Road	0750	0820	0850	0920	0935	0950	1005		20	35	50	05		1820	1835	1850	1905	1920	1935
Elstow Park & Ride Site	0754	0824	0854	0924	0939	0954	1009		24	39	54	09		1824	1839	1854	1909	1924	1939
Interchange Retail Park	0800	-	0900	-	-	1000	-	THEN AT	-	-	00	-		-	-	1900	-	-	-
Ampthill Prince of Wales	0810	-	0910	-	-	1010	-	THESE	-	-	10	-	UNTIL	-	-	1910	-	-	-
Ampthill The Albion	0812	-	0912	-	-	1012	-	TIMES	-	-	12	-		-	-	1912	-	-	-
Ampthill Sidney Road	0814	-	0914	-	-	1014	-	EACH	-	-	14	-		-	-	1914	-	-	-
Flitwick Post Office	0818	-	0918	-	-	1018	-	HOUR	-	-	18	-		-	-	1918	-	-	-
Flitwick Hinksley Road	0820	-	0920	-	-	1020	-		-	-	20	-		-	-	1920	-	-	-
Flitwick Steppingley Road	0826	-	0926	-	-	1026	-		-	-	26	-		-	-	1926	-	-	-

**SATURDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)

route number	2	2	2	2
Bedford bus station stop J	1944	2044	2144	2244
Bedford Ampthill Road	1955	2055	2155	2255
Elstow Park & Ride Site	1959	2059	2159	2259
Interchange Retail Park	-	-	-	-
Ampthill Prince of Wales	-	-	-	-
Ampthill The Albion	-	-	-	-
Ampthill Sidney Road	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Post Office	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Hinksley Road	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Steppingley Road	-	-	-	-

**SUNDAYS** INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	2		2		2
Bedford bus station stop J	0954	THEN	54		1654
Bedford Ampthill Road	1003	EVERY	03	UNTIL	1703
Elstow Park & Ride Site	1007	HOUR	07		1707

This timetable starts **30 December 2018**

All of our vehicles are low floor and wheelchair accessible. Each vehicle can carry one wheelchair user.



**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Flitwick Hinksley Road	0620	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flitwick Steppingley Road	0626	-	-	-	0726	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	1726	-	-	-	1826	-
Flitwick Pennine Rise	0628	-	-	-	0728	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	1728	-	-	-	1828	-
Flitwick Dunstable Close Village Hall	0632	-	-	-	0732	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	1732	-	-	-	1832	-
Flitwick Post Office	0634	-	-	-	0734	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	1734	-	-	-	1834	-
Ampthill Sidney Road	0638	-	-	-	0738	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	1738	-	-	-	1838	-
Ampthill The Albion	0641	-	-	-	0741	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	1741	-	-	-	1841	-
Ampthill Prince of Wales	0643	-	-	-	0743	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	1743	-	-	-	1843	-
Interchange Retail Park	0654	-	-	-	0754	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	1754	-	-	-	1854	-
Elstow Park & Ride Site	0700	0715	0730	0745	0800	15	30	45	00	1715	1730	1745	1800	1815	1830	1845	1859	-
Bedford Ampthill Road	0706	0721	0736	0751	0806	21	36	51	06	1721	1736	1751	1806	1821	1836	1851	1905	-
Bedford bus station stop J	0719	0734	0749	0804	0819	34	49	04	19	1734	1749	1804	1819	1834	1849	1904	1918	-

**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)**

route number	2	2	2
Flitwick Hinksley Road	-	-	-
Flitwick Steppingley Road	1926	-	-
Flitwick Pennine Rise	1928	-	-
Flitwick Dunstable Close Village Hall	1932	-	-
Flitwick Post Office	1934	-	-
Ampthill Sidney Road	1938	-	-
Ampthill The Albion	1941	-	-
Ampthill Prince of Wales	1943	-	-
Interchange Retail Park	1954	-	-
Elstow Park & Ride Site	1959	2059	2159
Bedford Ampthill Road	2005	2105	2205
Bedford bus station stop J	2015	2115	2215

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Flitwick Steppingley Road	-	0726	-	0826	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	1726	-	-	-	1826	1926	-
Flitwick Pennine Rise	-	0728	-	0828	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	1728	-	-	-	1828	1928	-
Flitwick Dunstable Close Village Hall	-	0732	-	0832	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	1732	-	-	-	1832	1932	-
Flitwick Post Office	-	0734	-	0834	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	1734	-	-	-	1834	1934	-
Ampthill Sidney Road	-	0738	-	0838	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	1738	-	-	-	1838	1938	-
Ampthill The Albion	-	0741	-	0841	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	1741	-	-	-	1841	1941	-
Ampthill Prince of Wales	-	0743	-	0843	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	1743	-	-	-	1843	1943	-
Interchange Retail Park	-	0754	-	0854	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	1754	-	-	-	1854	1954	-
Elstow Park & Ride Site	0730	0800	0830	0900	0915	0930	0945	00	15	30	45	1800	1815	1830	1845	1859	1959	-
Bedford Ampthill Road	0736	0806	0836	0906	0921	0936	0951	06	21	36	51	1806	1821	1836	1851	1905	2005	-
Bedford bus station stop J	0749	0819	0849	0919	0934	0949	1004	19	34	49	04	1819	1834	1849	1904	1918	2015	-

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)**

route number	2	2
Elstow Park & Ride Site	2059	2159
Bedford Ampthill Road	2105	2205
Bedford bus station stop J	2115	2215

**SUNDAYS INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	2	2	2
Elstow Park & Ride Site	1010	10	1710
Bedford Ampthill Road	1014	14	1714
Bedford bus station stop J	1027	27	1727

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route number	9A	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9A
Bedford bus station stop F	0610	0640	0655	0710	0725	40	55	10	25	1540	1555	1610	1625	1640	1655	1710
Elstow Road Brackley Road	0620	0650	0705	0720	0735	50	05	20	35	1550	1605	1620	1635	1650	1705	1720
Mile Road	0623	0653	0708	0723	0738	53	08	23	38	1553	1608	1623	1638	1653	1708	1723
Harrowden Road opp. shops	0625	0655	0710	0725	0740	55	10	25	40	1555	1610	1625	1640	1655	1710	1725
Shortstown North Drive	0630	0700	0715	0730	0745	00	15	30	45	1600	1615	1630	1645	1700	1715	1730
Southcote Eastbound	0632	0702	0717	0732	0747	02	17	32	47	1602	1617	1632	1647	1702	1717	1732
Carmichael Drive Southbound	▼	▼	0720	▼	0750	▼	20	▼	50	▼	1620	▼	1650	▼	1720	▼
Shortstown A6 Main Road	▼	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼
Cotton End The Bell	0635	0705	-	0735	-	05	-	35	-	1605	-	1635	-	1705	-	1735
Haynes Turn	0638	▼	-	0738	-	▼	-	38	-	▼	-	1638	-	▼	-	1738
Haynes Turn	▼	0708	-	▼	-	08	-	▼	-	1608	-	▼	-	1708	-	▼
Haynes The Greyhound	▼	0711	-	▼	-	11	-	▼	-	1611	-	▼	-	1711	-	▼
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	▼	0721	-	▼	-	21	-	▼	-	1621	-	▼	-	1721	-	▼
Shefford Ivel Road	0646	0723	-	0746	-	23	-	46	-	1623	-	1646	-	1723	-	1746
Clifton Post Office	0649	0726	-	0749	-	26	-	49	-	1626	-	1649	-	1726	-	1749
Henlow Newtown	▼	0730	-	▼	-	30	-	▼	-	1630	-	▼	-	1730	-	-
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	0652	▼	-	0752	-	▼	-	52	-	▼	-	1652	-	▼	-	1752
Henlow The Crown High Street	▼	0732	-	▼	-	32	-	▼	-	1632	-	▼	-	1732	-	▼
Henlow Camp	▼	0737	-	▼	-	37	-	▼	-	1637	-	▼	-	1737	-	▼
Arlesey The Old Oak	0657	▼	-	0757	-	▼	-	57	-	▼	-	1657	-	▼	-	1757
Arlesey Hospital Gates	0702	▼	-	0802	-	▼	-	02	-	▼	-	1702	-	▼	-	1802
Ickleford Church	0707	▼	-	0807	-	▼	-	07	-	▼	-	1707	-	▼	-	1807
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	0722	0752	-	0822	-	52	-	22	-	1652	-	1722	-	1752	-	1820

**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)

route number	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9	9	9	9	9
Bedford bus station stop F	1725	1740	1755	1810	1825	1840	1855	1915	1945	2015	2115	2215
Elstow Road Brackley Road	1735	1750	1805	1820	1835	1850	1905	1925	1955	2025	2125	2225
Mile Road	1738	1753	1808	1823	1838	1853	1908	1928	1958	2028	2128	2228
Harrowden Road opp. shops	1740	1755	1810	1825	1840	1855	1910	1930	2000	2030	2130	2230
Shortstown North Drive	1745	1800	1815	1830	▼	1900	1915	1935	2005	2035	▼	▼
Southcote Eastbound	1747	1802	1817	1832	▼	1902	1917	1937	2007	2037	▼	▼
Carmichael Drive Southbound	1750	▼	1820	▼	1843	▼	1920	1940	2010	2040	2133	2233
Shortstown A6 Main Road	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	-	-	-	2138	2238
Cotton End The Bell	-	1805	-	1835	-	1905	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haynes Turn	-	▼	-	1838	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haynes Turn	-	1808	-	▼	-	1908	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haynes The Greyhound	-	1811	-	▼	-	1911	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	-	1821	-	▼	-	1921	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shefford Ivel Road	-	1823	-	1846	-	1923	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clifton Post Office	-	1826	-	1849	-	1926	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow Newtown	-	1830	-	▼	-	1930	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	-	▼	-	1852	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow The Crown High Street	-	1832	-	▼	-	1932	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow Camp	-	1837	-	▼	-	1937	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arlesey The Old Oak	-	▼	-	1857	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arlesey Hospital Gates	-	▼	-	1902	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ickleford Church	-	▼	-	1907	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	-	1850	-	1920	-	1950	-	-	-	-	-	-

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route number	9A	9B	9A	9B	9A	9B	9	9A	9		9B	9	9A	9		9B	9	9A
Bedford bus station stop F	0610	0640	0710	0740	0810	0840	0855	0910	0925	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	40	55	10	25	UNTIL	1540	1555	1610
Elstow Road Brackley Road	0620	0650	0720	0750	0820	0850	0905	0920	0935		50	05	20	35		1550	1605	1620
Mile Road	0623	0653	0723	0753	0823	0853	0908	0923	0938		53	08	23	38		1553	1608	1623
Harrowden Road opp. shops	0625	0655	0725	0755	0825	0855	0910	0925	0940		55	10	25	40		1555	1610	1625
Shortstown North Drive	0630	0700	0730	0800	0830	0900	0915	0930	0945		00	15	30	45		1600	1615	1630
Southcote Eastbound	0632	0702	0732	0802	0832	0902	0917	0932	0947		02	17	32	47		1602	1617	1632
Carmichael Drive Southbound	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	0920	▼	0950		▼	20	▼	50		▼	1620	▼
Shortstown A6 Main Road	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-	▼	-		▼	-	▼	-		▼	-	▼
Cotton End The Bell	0635	0705	0735	0805	0835	0905	-	0935	-		05	-	35	-		1605	-	1635
Haynes Turn	0638	▼	0738	▼	0838	▼	-	0938	-		▼	-	38	-		▼	-	1638
Haynes Turn	▼	0708	▼	0808	▼	0908	-	▼	-		08	-	▼	-		1608	-	▼
Haynes The Greyhound	▼	0711	▼	0811	▼	0911	-	▼	-		11	-	▼	-		1611	-	▼
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	▼	0721	▼	0821	▼	0921	-	▼	-		21	-	▼	-		1621	-	▼
Shefford Ivel Road	0646	0723	0746	0823	0846	0923	-	0946	-		23	-	46	-		1623	-	1646
Clifton Post Office	0649	0726	0749	0826	0849	0926	-	0949	-		26	-	49	-		1626	-	1649
Henlow Newtown	▼	0730	▼	0830	▼	0930	-	▼	-		30	-	▼	-		1630	-	▼
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	0652	▼	0752	▼	0852	▼	-	0952	-		▼	-	52	-		▼	-	1652
Henlow The Crown High Street	▼	0732	▼	0832	▼	0932	-	▼	-		32	-	▼	-		1632	-	▼
Henlow Camp	▼	0737	▼	0837	▼	0937	-	▼	-		37	-	▼	-		1637	-	▼
Arlesey The Old Oak	0657	▼	0757	▼	0857	▼	-	0957	-		▼	-	57	-		▼	-	1657
Arlesey Hospital Gates	0702	▼	0802	▼	0902	▼	-	1002	-	▼	-	02	-	▼	-	1702		
Ickleford Church	0707	▼	0807	▼	0907	▼	-	1007	-	▼	-	07	-	▼	-	1707		
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	0722	0752	0822	0852	0922	0952	-	1022	-	52	-	22	-	1652	-	1722		

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)**

route number	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9	9	9	9	9
Bedford bus station stop F	1625	1640	1655	1710	1725	1740	1755	1810	1825	1840	1855	1915	1945	2015	2115	2215
Elstow Road Brackley Road	1635	1650	1705	1720	1735	1750	1805	1820	1835	1850	1905	1925	1955	2025	2125	2225
Mile Road	1638	1653	1708	1723	1738	1753	1808	1823	1838	1853	1908	1928	1958	2028	2128	2228
Harrowden Road opp. shops	1640	1655	1710	1725	1740	1755	1810	1825	1840	1855	1910	1930	2000	2030	2130	2230
Shortstown North Drive	1645	1700	1715	1730	1745	1800	1815	1830	▼	1900	1915	1935	2005	2035	▼	▼
Southcote Eastbound	1647	1702	1717	1732	1747	1802	1817	1832	▼	1902	1917	1937	2007	2037	▼	▼
Carmichael Drive Southbound	1650	▼	1720	▼	1750	▼	1820	▼	1843	▼	1920	1940	2010	2040	2133	2233
Shortstown A6 Main Road	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	▼	-	-	-	-	2138	2238
Cotton End The Bell	-	1705	-	1735	-	1805	-	1835	-	1905	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haynes Turn	-	▼	-	1738	-	▼	-	1838	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haynes Turn	-	1708	-	▼	-	1808	-	▼	-	1908	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haynes The Greyhound	-	1711	-	▼	-	1811	-	▼	-	1911	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	-	1721	-	▼	-	1821	-	▼	-	1921	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shefford Ivel Road	-	1723	-	1746	-	1823	-	1846	-	1923	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clifton Post Office	-	1726	-	1749	-	1826	-	1849	-	1926	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow Newtown	-	1730	-	▼	-	1830	-	▼	-	1930	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	-	▼	-	1752	-	▼	-	1852	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow The Crown High Street	-	1732	-	▼	-	1832	-	▼	-	1932	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henlow Camp	-	1737	-	▼	-	1837	-	▼	-	1937	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arlesey The Old Oak	-	▼	-	1757	-	▼	-	1857	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arlesey Hospital Gates	-	▼	-	1802	-	▼	-	1902	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ickleford Church	-	▼	-	1807	-	▼	-	1907	-	▼	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	-	1752	-	1820	-	1850	-	1920	-	1950	-	-	-	-	-	-

**SUNDAYS INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	9	9	9
Bedford bus station stop F	0900	00	1700
Elstow Road Brackley Road	0908	08	1708
Mile Road	0911	11	1711
Harrowden Road opp. shops	0913	13	1713
Carmichael Drive Southbound	0918	18	1718
Shortstown A6 Main Road	0923	23	1723

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route number	9	9	9	9B	9	9A		9	9B	9	9A		9	9B	9	9A	9	9B
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	-	-	-	0655	-	0725	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	-	55	-	25	UNTIL	-	1655	-	1725	-	1755
Ickleford Church	-	-	-	▼	-	0733		-	▼	-	33		-	▼	-	1733	-	▼
Arlesey Hospital Gates	-	-	-	▼	-	0739		-	▼	-	39		-	▼	-	1739	-	▼
Arlesey The Old Oak	-	-	-	▼	-	0744		-	▼	-	44		-	▼	-	1744	-	▼
Henlow Camp	-	-	-	0705	-	▼		-	05	-	▼		-	1705	-	▼	-	1805
Henlow The Crown High Street	-	-	-	0709	-	▼		-	09	-	▼		-	1709	-	▼	-	1809
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	-	-	-	▼	-	0749		-	▼	-	49		-	▼	-	1749	-	▼
Henlow Newtown	-	-	-	0711	-	▼		-	11	-	▼		-	1711	-	▼	-	1811
Clifton Post Office	-	-	-	0715	-	0752		-	15	-	52		-	1715	-	1752	-	1815
Shefford Ivel Road	-	-	-	0720	-	0756		-	20	-	56		-	1720	-	1756	-	1820
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	-	-	-	0722	-	▼	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	-	22	-	▼	UNTIL	-	1722	-	▼	-	1822
Haynes The Greyhound	-	-	-	0729	-	▼		-	29	-	▼		-	1729	-	▼	-	1829
Haynes Turn	-	-	-	0733	-	0803		-	33	-	03		-	1733	-	1803	-	1833
Cotton End The Bell	-	-	-	0737	-	0807		-	37	-	07		-	1737	-	1807	-	1837
Carmichael Drive Southbound	0650	0705	0720	▼	0750	▼		20	▼	50	▼		1720	▼	1750	▼	1820	▼
Shortstown A6 Main Road	0657	0712	0727	0742	0757	0812		27	42	57	12		1727	1742	1757	1812	1827	1842
Harrowden Road opp. shops	0703	0718	0733	0748	0803	0818		33	48	03	18		1733	1748	1803	1818	1833	1848
Mile Road	0706	0721	0736	0751	0806	0821		36	51	06	21		1736	1751	1806	1821	1836	1851
Elstow Road Brackley Road	0709	0724	0739	0754	0809	0824		39	54	09	24		1739	1754	1809	1824	1839	1854
Bedford bus station stop F	0721	0736	0751	0806	0821	0836		51	06	21	36		1751	1806	1821	1836	1851	1906

**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)**

route number	9A	9B	9A	9B	9	9
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	1821	1851	1921	1951	-	-
Ickleford Church	1829	▼	1929	▼	-	-
Arlesey Hospital Gates	1835	▼	1935	▼	-	-
Arlesey The Old Oak	1840	▼	1940	▼	-	-
Henlow Camp	▼	1901	▼	2001	-	-
Henlow The Crown High Street	▼	1905	▼	2005	-	-
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	1845	▼	1945	▼	-	-
Henlow Newtown	▼	1907	▼	2007	-	-
Clifton Post Office	1848	1911	1948	2011	-	-
Shefford Ivel Road	1852	1916	1952	2016	-	-
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	▼	1918	▼	2018	-	-
Haynes The Greyhound	▼	1925	▼	2025	-	-
Haynes Turn	1859	1929	1959	2029	-	-
Cotton End The Bell	1903	1933	2003	2033	-	-
Carmichael Drive Southbound	▼	▼	▼	▼	2133	2233
Shortstown A6 Main Road	1908	1938	2008	2038	2138	2238
Harrowden Road opp. shops	1914	1944	2014	2044	2144	2244
Mile Road	1917	1947	2017	2047	2147	2247
Elstow Road Brackley Road	1920	1950	2020	2050	2150	2250
Bedford bus station stop F	1932	1959	2029	2059	2159	2259

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route number	9	9B	9A	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B	9	9A	9	9B
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	-	0655	0725	0755	-	0825	-	55	-	25	-	1655	-	1725	-	1755
Ickleford Church	-	▼	0733	▼	-	0833	-	▼	-	33	-	▼	-	1733	-	▼
Arlesey Hospital Gates	-	▼	0739	▼	-	0839	-	▼	-	39	-	▼	-	1739	-	▼
Arlesey The Old Oak	-	▼	0744	▼	-	0844	-	▼	-	44	-	▼	-	1744	-	▼
Henlow Camp	-	0705	▼	0805	-	▼	-	05	-	▼	-	1705	-	▼	-	1805
Henlow The Crown High Street	-	0709	▼	0809	-	▼	-	09	-	▼	-	1709	-	▼	-	1809
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	-	▼	0749	▼	-	0849	-	▼	-	49	-	▼	-	1749	-	▼
Henlow Newtown	-	0711	▼	0811	-	▼	-	11	-	▼	-	1711	-	▼	-	1811
Clifton Post Office	-	0715	0752	0815	-	0852	-	15	-	52	-	1715	-	1752	-	1815
Shefford Ivel Road	-	0720	0756	0820	-	0856	-	20	-	56	-	1720	-	1756	-	1820
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	-	0722	▼	0822	-	▼	-	22	-	▼	-	1722	-	▼	-	1822
Haynes The Greyhound	-	0729	▼	0829	-	▼	-	29	-	▼	-	1729	-	▼	-	1829
Haynes Turn	-	0733	0803	0833	-	0903	-	33	-	03	-	1733	-	1803	-	1833
Cotton End The Bell	-	0737	0807	0837	-	0907	-	37	-	07	-	1737	-	1807	-	1837
Carmichael Drive Southbound	0705	▼	▼	▼	0850	▼	0920	▼	50	▼	20	▼	1750	▼	1820	▼
Shortstown A6 Main Road	0712	0742	0812	0842	0857	0912	0927	42	57	12	27	1742	1757	1812	1827	1842
Harrowden Road opp. shops	0718	0748	0818	0848	0903	0918	0933	48	03	18	33	1748	1803	1818	1833	1848
Mile Road	0721	0751	0821	0851	0906	0921	0936	51	06	21	36	1751	1806	1821	1836	1851
Elstow Road Brackley Road	0724	0754	0824	0854	0909	0924	0939	54	09	24	39	1754	1809	1824	1839	1854
Bedford bus station stop F	0736	0806	0836	0906	0921	0936	0951	06	21	36	51	1806	1821	1836	1851	1906

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)**

route number	9A	9B	9A	9B	9	9
Hitchin Bancroft Stop D	1821	1851	1921	1951	-	-
Ickleford Church	1829	▼	1929	▼	-	-
Arlesey Hospital Gates	1835	▼	1935	▼	-	-
Arlesey The Old Oak	1840	▼	1940	▼	-	-
Henlow Camp	▼	1901	▼	2001	-	-
Henlow The Crown High Street	▼	1905	▼	2005	-	-
Henlow The Crown Clifton Road	1845	▼	1945	▼	-	-
Henlow Newtown	▼	1907	▼	2007	-	-
Clifton Post Office	1848	1911	1948	2011	-	-
Shefford Ivel Road	1852	1916	1952	2016	-	-
Shefford Bloomfield Drive	▼	1918	▼	2018	-	-
Haynes The Greyhound	▼	1925	▼	2025	-	-
Haynes Turn	1859	1929	1959	2029	-	-
Cotton End The Bell	1903	1933	2003	2033	-	-
Carmichael Drive Southbound	▼	▼	▼	▼	2133	2233
Shortstown A6 Main Road	1908	1938	2008	2038	2138	2238
Harrowden Road opp. shops	1914	1944	2014	2044	2144	2244
Mile Road	1917	1947	2017	2047	2147	2247
Elstow Road Brackley Road	1920	1950	2020	2050	2150	2250
Bedford bus station stop F	1932	1959	2029	2059	2159	2259

**SUNDAYS INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	9	9	9
Carmichael Drive Southbound	0918	18	1718
Shortstown A6 Main Road	0923	23	1723
Harrowden Road opp. shops	0929	29	1729
Mile Road	0932	32	1732
Elstow Road Brackley Road	0935	35	1735
Bedford bus station stop F	0944	44	1744

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route number	51	51		51	51		51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
Bedford bus station stop E	0645	0715	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	45	15	UNTIL	1445	1515	1545	1615	1645	1715	1745	1820
Bedford Sainsbury's	0650	0720		50	20		1450	1520	1550	1625	1655	1725	1755	1825
Clapham High Street	0655	0725		55	25		1455	1525	1555	1630	1700	1730	1800	1830
Clapham Knights Avenue	0658	0728		58	28		1458	1528	1558	1633	1703	1733	1803	1833
Oakley Station Road	0704	0734		04	34		1504	1534	1604	1639	1709	1739	1809	1839
Oakley Memorial	0706	0736		06	36		1506	1536	1606	1641	1711	1741	1811	1841

**SATURDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	51	51		51	51		51	51
Bedford bus station stop E	0645	0715	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	45	15	UNTIL	1745	1815
Bedford Sainsbury's	0650	0720		50	20		1750	1820
Clapham High Street	0655	0725		55	25		1755	1825
Clapham Knights Avenue	0658	0728		58	28		1758	1828
Oakley Station Road	0704	0734		04	34		1804	1834
Oakley Memorial	0706	0736		06	36		1806	1836

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route number	51	51	51	51	51	51		51	51		51	51	51	51	51	51	51
			#Sch	Sch													
Oakley Memorial	0707	0737	0807	0807	0837	0907	THEN	37	07	UNTIL	1537	1607	1642	1712	1742	1812	1842
Oakley Station Road	0709	0739	0809	0809	0839	0909	AT	39	09		1539	1609	1644	1714	1744	1814	1844
Clapham Knights Avenue	0715	0745	0815	0815	0845	0915	THESE	45	15		1545	1615	1650	1720	1750	1820	1850
Clapham High Street	0718	0748	0818	0818	0848	0918	TIMES	48	18		1548	1618	1653	1723	1753	1823	1853
Bedford Sainsbury's	0722	0752	0822	0832	0852	0922	EACH	52	22		1552	1622	1657	1727	1757	1827	1857
Bedford bus station stop E	0728	0758	0828	0838	0858	0928	HOUR	58	28	1558	1628	1703	1733	1803	1833	1903	

**SATURDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	51	51		51	51		51	51
Oakley Memorial	0707	0737	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	07	37	UNTIL	1807	1837
Oakley Station Road	0709	0739		09	39		1809	1839
Clapham Knights Avenue	0715	0745		15	45		1815	1845
Clapham High Street	0718	0748		18	48		1818	1848
Bedford Sainsbury's	0722	0752		22	52		1822	1852
Bedford bus station stop E	0728	0758		28	58		1828	1858

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route number	53	53	53	53	53	53A	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
					#Sch	Sch											
Bedford bus station stop D	0610	0630	0650	0710	0730	0730	0800	0820	0840				00	20	40		1400 1420 1440 1500
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop B	0618	0638	0658	0718	0738	0738	0808	0828	0848				08	28	48		1408 1428 1448 1508
Kempston Hillgrounds	0624	0644	0704	0724	0744	0744	0814	0834	0854				14	34	54		1414 1434 1454 1514
Kempston opp. Sainsburys	0628	0648	0708	0728	0748	0748	0818	0838	0858				18	38	58		1418 1438 1458 1518
Kempston Orchard Street	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	0753	▼	▼	▼				▼	▼	▼		▼
Kempston Williamson Road	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	0757	▼	▼	▼				▼	▼	▼		▼
Gibraltar Corner	0634	0654	0714	0734	0754	0803	0824	0844	0904				24	44	04		1424 1444 1504 1524
Wootton Cause End Road	0641	0701	0721	0741	0801	0810	0831	0851	0911				31	51	11		1431 1451 1511 1531
Wootton Church End	0642	0702	0722	0742	0802	0811	0832	0852	0912				32	52	12		1432 1452 1512 1532
Wootton Fields Road South	0646	0706	0726	0746	0806	0815	0836	0856	0916				36	56	16		1436 1456 1516 1536

**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)**

route number	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
Bedford bus station stop D	1520	1550	1610	1630	1650	1710	1730	1750	1810	1830	1850	1910	1930
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop B	1528	1558	1622	1642	1702	1722	1742	1802	1822	1838	1858	1918	1938
Kempston Hillgrounds	1534	1604	1628	1648	1708	1728	1748	1808	1828	1844	1904	1924	1944
Kempston opp. Sainsburys	1538	1608	1632	1652	1712	1732	1752	1812	1832	1848	1908	1928	1948
Kempston Orchard Street	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Kempston Williamson Road	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Gibraltar Corner	1544	1614	1638	1658	1718	1738	1758	1818	1838	1854	1914	1934	1954
Wootton Cause End Road	1551	1621	1645	1705	1725	1745	1805	1825	1845	1901	1921	1941	2001
Wootton Church End	1552	1622	1646	1706	1726	1746	1806	1826	1846	1902	1922	1942	2002
Wootton Fields Road South	1556	1626	1650	1710	1730	1750	1810	1830	1850	1906	1926	1946	2006

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
Bedford bus station stop D	0615	0635	0655		15	35	55		1815	1835	1855	1915
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop B	0623	0643	0703		23	43	03		1823	1843	1903	1923
Kempston Hillgrounds	0629	0649	0709		29	49	09		1829	1849	1909	1929
Kempston opp. Sainsburys	0633	0653	0713		33	53	13		1833	1853	1913	1933
Gibraltar Corner	0639	0659	0719		39	59	19		1839	1859	1919	1939
Wootton Cause End Road	0646	0706	0726		46	06	26		1846	1906	1926	1946
Wootton Church End	0647	0707	0727		47	07	27		1847	1907	1927	1947
Wootton Fields Road South	0651	0711	0731		51	11	31		1851	1911	1931	1951

**SUNDAYS INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	53	53	53	53
Bedford bus station stop D	0850		50	1650
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop B	0858		58	1658
Kempston Hillgrounds	0904		04	1704
Kempston opp. Sainsburys	0906		06	1706
Gibraltar Corner	0910		10	1710
Wootton Cause End Road	0916		16	1716
Wootton Church End	0917		17	1717
Wootton Fields Road South	0921		21	1721

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route number	53	53	53	53	53		53	53	53		53	53	53	53	53	53	53A	53		
																	#Sch	Sch		
Wootton Fields Road South	0631	0651	0721	0741	0801	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	21	41	01	UNTIL	1321	1341	1401	1421	1441		1501	1501	1521	
Wootton Village Hall	0634	0654	0724	0744	0804		24	44	04		1324	1344	1404	1424	1444		1504	1504	1524	
Wootton Cause End Road	0635	0655	0725	0745	0805		25	45	05		1325	1345	1405	1425	1445		1505	1505	1525	
Gibraltar Corner	0641	0701	0731	0751	0811		31	51	11		1331	1351	1411	1431	1451		1511	1511	1531	
Kempston Williamson Road	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		1516	▼
Kempston Orchard Street	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		1520	▼
Kempston Elstow Road	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		1523	▼
Kempston Sainsburys	0647	0707	0737	0757	0817		37	57	17		1337	1357	1417	1437	1457		1517	1527	1537	
Kempston Hillgrounds	0650	0710	0740	0800	0820		40	00	20		1340	1400	1420	1440	1500		1520	1530	1540	
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop A	0655	0715	0745	0805	0825	45	05	25	1345	1405	1425	1445	1505		1525	1535	1545			
Bedford bus station stop D	0705	0725	0755	0815	0835	55	15	35	1355	1415	1435	1455	1515		1535	1545	1555			

## MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)

route number	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
Wootton Fields Road South	1541	1601	1631	1651	1711	1731	1751	1814	1834	1854	1914	1934	1954	2014				
Wootton Village Hall	1544	1604	1634	1654	1714	1734	1754	1817	1837	1857	1917	1937	1957	2017				
Wootton Cause End Road	1545	1605	1635	1655	1715	1735	1755	1818	1838	1858	1918	1938	1958	2018				
Gibraltar Corner	1551	1611	1641	1701	1721	1741	1801	1823	1843	1903	1923	1943	2003	2023				
Kempston Sainsburys	1557	1617	1647	1707	1727	1747	1807	1827	1847	1907	1927	1947	2007	2027				
Kempston Hillgrounds	1600	1620	1650	1710	1730	1750	1810	1830	1850	1910	1930	1950	2010	2030				
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop A	1605	1625	1655	1715	1735	1755	1815	1835	1855	1915	1935	1955	2015	2035				
Bedford bus station stop D	1615	1635	1705	1725	1745	1805	1825	1845	1905	1925	1945	2005	2025	2045				

## SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
Wootton Fields Road South	0656	0716	0736		56	16	36		1656	1716	1736	1756	1816	1836	1856	1916	1936	1956
Wootton Village Hall	0659	0719	0739	THEN	59	19	39		1659	1719	1739	1759	1819	1839	1859	1919	1939	1959
Wootton Cause End Road	0700	0720	0740	AT	00	20	40		1700	1720	1740	1800	1820	1840	1900	1920	1940	2000
Gibraltar Corner	0706	0726	0746	THESE	06	26	46		1706	1726	1746	1805	1825	1845	1905	1925	1945	2005
Kempston Sainsburys	0712	0732	0752	TIMES	12	32	52	UNTIL	1712	1732	1752	1809	1829	1849	1909	1929	1949	2009
Kempston Hillgrounds	0715	0735	0755	EACH	15	35	55		1715	1735	1755	1812	1832	1852	1912	1932	1952	2012
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop A	0720	0740	0800	HOUR	20	40	00		1720	1740	1800	1817	1837	1857	1917	1937	1957	2017
Bedford bus station stop D	0730	0750	0810		30	50	10		1730	1750	1810	1827	1847	1907	1927	1947	2007	2027

## SUNDAYS INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
Wootton Fields Road South	0925		25		1725													
Wootton Village Hall	0927		27		1727													
Wootton Cause End Road	0928		28		1728													
Gibraltar Corner	0932	THEN	32		1732													
Kempston Sainsburys	0936	AT	36		1736													
Kempston Hillgrounds	0939	THESE	39		1739													
+ Bedford South Wing Hospital stop A	0945	TIMES	45		1745													
Bedford bus station stop D	0953	EACH	53		1753													

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route number	73	73	73	73	73	73		73	73		73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
Bedford bus station stop F	0552	0622	0727	0810	0845	0915	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	45	15	UNTIL	1345	1415	1445	1525	1555	1625	1745	1745
Harrowden Road opp. Shops	0601	0631	0736	0819	0854	0924		54	24		1354	1424	1454	1534	1607	1637	1757	1757
Priory Business Park	▼	▼	▼	0824	▼	▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Willington Crossroads	0608	0638	0743	0833	0901	0931		01	31		1401	1431	1501	1541	1614	1644	1804	1804
Moggerhanger The Guinea	0613	0643	0748	0838	0906	0936		06	36		1406	1436	1506	1546	1619	1649	1809	1809
Sandy Engayne Avenue	0620	0650	0755	0845	0913	0943		13	43		1413	1443	1513	1553	1626	1656	1816	1816
Sandy Market Place	0627	0657	0802	0852	0920	0950		20	50		1420	1450	1520	1600	1633	1703	1823	1823
Sandy Tesco	0632	0702	0807	0857	0925	0955		25	55		1425	1455	1525	1605	1638	1708	1828	1828
Sandy Market Place	0637	0707	0812	0902	0930	1000		30	00		1430	1500	1530	1610	1643	1713	1833	1833
Beeston Footbridge	0641	0711	0816	0906	0934	1004		34	04		1434	1504	1534	1614	1647	1717	1837	1837
Biggleswade Drove Road	0648	0718	0823	0913	0941	1011	41	11	1441	1511	1541	1621	1654	1724	1844	1844		
Biggleswade Bus Station bay A	0655	0725	0830	0920	0948	1018	48	18	1448	1518	1548	1628	1701	1731	1851	1851		

**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS (CONTINUED)

route number	73	73	73	73
Bedford bus station stop F	1815	1845	1915	2005
Harrowden Road opp. Shops	1824	1851	1921	2011
Priory Business Park	▼	▼	▼	▼
Willington Crossroads	1831	1858	1928	2018
Moggerhanger The Guinea	1836	1902	1932	2022
Sandy Engayne Avenue	1843	1907	1937	2027
Sandy Market Place	1850	1914	1944	2034
Sandy Tesco	1855	1919	1949	2039
Sandy Market Place	1900	1924	1954	2044
Beeston Footbridge	1904	1927	1958	2048
Biggleswade Drove Road	1911	1934	2004	2054
Biggleswade Bus Station bay A	1918	1940	2010	2100

**SATURDAYS** EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

route number	73	73	73	73		73	73		73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
Bedford bus station stop F	0615	0735	0815	0845	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	15	45	UNTIL	1515	1545	1615	1645	1715	1745	1815	1845	1950
Harrowden Road opp. Shops	0624	0744	0824	0854		24	54		1524	1554	1627	1657	1727	1757	1824	1851	1956
Willington Crossroads	0631	0751	0831	0901		31	01		1531	1601	1634	1704	1734	1804	1831	1858	2003
Moggerhanger The Guinea	0636	0756	0836	0906		36	06		1536	1606	1639	1709	1739	1809	1836	1902	2007
Sandy Engayne Avenue	0643	0803	0843	0913		43	13		1543	1613	1646	1716	1746	1816	1843	1907	2012
Sandy Market Place	0650	0810	0850	0920		50	20		1550	1620	1653	1723	1753	1823	1850	1914	2019
Sandy Tesco	0655	0815	0855	0925		55	25		1555	1625	1658	1728	1758	1828	1855	1919	2024
Sandy Market Place	0700	0820	0900	0930		00	30		1600	1630	1703	1733	1803	1833	1900	1924	2029
Beeston Footbridge	0704	0824	0904	0934		04	34		1604	1634	1707	1737	1807	1837	1904	1927	2033
Biggleswade Drove Road	0711	0831	0911	0941		11	41		1611	1641	1714	1744	1814	1844	1911	1934	2039
Biggleswade Bus Station bay A	0718	0838	0918	0948		18	48		1618	1648	1721	1751	1821	1851	1918	1940	2045

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route number	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73		73	73		73	73	73	73	73
Biggleswade Bus Station bay A	0545	0615	0630	0700	0735	0805	0845	0927	0957	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	27	57	UNTIL	1427	1457	1527	1602	1637
Biggleswade Drove Road	0548	0618	0633	0703	0742	0811	0848	0930	1000		30	00		1430	1500	1530	1605	1640
Beeston Footbridge	0557	0627	0642	0712	0755	0822	0857	0939	1009		39	09		1439	1509	1539	1614	1649
Sandy Market Place	0601	0631	0646	0716	0801	0828	0901	0943	1013		43	13		1443	1513	1543	1618	1653
Sandy Tesco	0605	0635	0650	0720	0805	0832	0905	0947	1017		47	17		1447	1517	1547	1622	1657
Sandy Market Place	0609	0639	0654	0724	0809	0836	0909	0951	1021		51	21		1451	1521	1551	1626	1701
Sandy St Neots Road	0611	0641	0656	0726	0811	0838	0911	0953	1023		53	23		1453	1523	1553	1628	1703
Sandy Engayne Avenue	0615	0645	0700	0730	0815	0842	0915	0957	1027		57	27		1457	1527	1557	1632	1707
Moggerhanger The Guinea	0621	0651	0706	0735	0822	0848	0920	1002	1032		02	32		1502	1532	1602	1637	1712
Willington Post Office	0625	0655	0710	0739	0826	0852	0924	1006	1036		06	36		1506	1536	1606	1641	1716
Harrowden Road opp. Shops	0633	0703	0718	0747	0837	0900	0932	1014	1044	14	44	1514	1544	1614	1649	1723		
Bedford Bus Station stop F	0643	0713	0728	0757	0854	0912	0942	1024	1054	24	54	1524	1554	1624	1659	1743		

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route number	73	73	73	73
Biggleswade Bus Station bay A	1707	1742	1822	1922
Biggleswade Drove Road	1710	1745	1825	1925
Beeston Footbridge	1719	1754	1834	1929
Sandy Market Place	1723	1758	1838	1933
Sandy Tesco	1727	1802	1842	1937
Sandy Market Place	1731	1806	1846	1941
Sandy St Neots Road	1733	1808	1848	1943
Sandy Engayne Avenue	1737	1812	1852	1947
Moggerhanger The Guinea	1742	1818	1858	1952
Willington Post Office	1746	1822	1902	1956
Harrowden Road opp. Shops	1753	1830	1910	2003
Bedford Bus Station stop F	1803	1840	1920	2013

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route number	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73		73	73		73	73	73	73	73	73
Biggleswade Bus Station bay A	0615	0645	0715	0745	0815	0845	0927	0957	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	27	57	UNTIL	1557	1627	1657	1732	1802	1902
Biggleswade Drove Road	0618	0648	0718	0748	0818	0848	0930	1000		30	00		1600	1630	1700	1735	1805	1905
Beeston Footbridge	0627	0657	0727	0757	0827	0857	0939	1009		39	09		1609	1639	1709	1744	1814	1914
Sandy Market Place	0631	0701	0731	0801	0831	0901	0943	1013		43	13		1613	1643	1713	1748	1818	1918
Sandy Tesco	0635	0705	0735	0805	0835	0905	0947	1017		47	17		1617	1647	1717	1752	1822	1922
Sandy Market Place	0639	0709	0739	0809	0839	0909	0951	1021		51	21		1621	1651	1721	1756	1826	1926
Sandy St Neots Road	0641	0711	0741	0811	0841	0911	0953	1023		53	23		1623	1653	1723	1758	1828	1928
Sandy Engayne Avenue	0645	0715	0745	0815	0845	0915	0957	1027		57	27		1627	1657	1727	1802	1832	1932
Moggerhanger The Guinea	0651	0721	0750	0820	0850	0920	1002	1032		02	32		1632	1702	1732	1807	1838	1938
Willington Post Office	0655	0725	0754	0824	0854	0924	1006	1036		06	36		1636	1706	1736	1811	1842	1942
Harrowden Road opp. Shops	0703	0733	0802	0832	0902	0932	1014	1044	14	44	1644	1714	1743	1818	1850	1950		
Bedford Bus Station stop F	0713	0743	0812	0842	0912	0942	1024	1054	24	54	1654	1724	1803	1828	1900	2000		

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route number	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	
Bedford bus station stop L	0425	0545	0620	0715	0900	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	00	UNTIL	1200	1245	1400	1500	1630	1730	1830	1930
Elstow Red Lion	0435	0555	0635	0730	0915		15		1215	1300	1415	1515	1650	1750	1845	1945
Wixams Dove Lane	0440	0600	0640	0735	0920		20		1220	1305	1420	1520	1655	1755	1850	1950
Wilsted The Woolpack	0445	0605	0645	0740	0925		25		1225	1310	1425	1525	1700	1800	1855	1955
Clophill Flying Horse	0452	0612	0652	0755	0932		32		1232	1317	1432	1532	1707	1807	1902	2002
Silsoe Church	0457	0617	0657	0800	0937		37		1237	1322	1437	1537	1712	1812	1907	2007
Barton The Bull	0502	0622	0702	0808	0942		42		1242	1327	1442	1542	1717	1817	1912	2012
Luton Galaxy Centre stop GI	0522	0642	0722	0843	1002		02		1302	1347	1502	1602	1747	1847	1932	2032

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
Bedford bus station stop L	0425	0550	0620	0715	0900	00	UNTIL	1500	1615	1715	1830	1930
Elstow Red Lion	0435	0600	0635	0730	0915	15	UNTIL	1515	1630	1730	1840	1940
Wixams Dove Lane	0440	0605	0640	0735	0920	20	UNTIL	1520	1635	1735	1845	1945
Wilsted The Woolpack	0445	0610	0645	0740	0925	25	UNTIL	1525	1640	1740	1850	1950
Clophill Flying Horse	0452	0617	0652	0747	0932	32	UNTIL	1532	1647	1747	1857	1957
Silsoe Church	0457	0622	0657	0752	0937	37	UNTIL	1537	1652	1752	1902	2002
Barton The Bull	0502	0627	0702	0757	0942	42	UNTIL	1542	1657	1757	1907	2007
Luton Galaxy Centre stop GI	0522	0647	0722	0817	1002	02	UNTIL	1602	1717	1817	1927	2027

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**MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	81	81		81		81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
Luton Galaxy Centre stop GI	0735	0910	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	10	UNTIL	1310	1355	1510	1625	1755	1855	1940	2040	2225	2325
Barton The Bull	0800	0929		29		1329	1414	1529	1644	1814	1914	1959	2059	2244	2344
Silsoe Church	0810	0939		39		1339	1424	1539	1654	1824	1924	2009	2109	2254	2354
Clophill Green High Street	0815	0944		44		1344	1429	1544	1659	1829	1929	2014	2114	2259	2359
Wilsted The Woolpack	0822	0951		51		1351	1436	1551	1706	1836	1936	2021	2121	2306	0006
Wixams opp. Dove Lane	0825	0954		54		1354	1439	1554	1709	1839	1939	2024	2124	2309	0009
Elstow Red Lion	0830	0959		59		1359	1444	1559	1714	1844	1944	2029	2129	2314	0014
Bedford bus station stop L	0845	1015		15		1415	1500	1615	1730	1900	2000	2045	2145	2330	0030

**SATURDAYS EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS**

route number	81	81	81		81		81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81
Luton Galaxy Centre stop GI	0735	0925	1010	THEN AT THESE TIMES EACH HOUR	10	UNTIL	1510	1625	1735	1835	1940	2040	2125	2225
Barton The Bull	0800	0944	1029		29		1529	1644	1754	1854	1959	2059	2144	2244
Silsoe Church	0810	0954	1039		39		1539	1654	1804	1904	2009	2109	2154	2254
Clophill Green High Street	0815	0959	1044		44		1544	1659	1809	1909	2014	2114	2159	2259
Wilsted The Woolpack	0822	1006	1051		51		1551	1706	1816	1916	2021	2121	2206	2306
Wixams opp. Dove Lane	0825	1009	1054		54		1554	1709	1819	1919	2024	2124	2209	2309
Elstow Red Lion	0830	1014	1059		59		1559	1714	1824	1924	2029	2129	2214	2314
Bedford bus station stop L	0845	1030	1115		15		1615	1730	1840	1940	2045	2145	2230	2330

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## MONDAY TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Cambridge Parkside Bay 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0620	0650	0710	0800	0815	0830	0910	0940	1010	1040	1110
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0632	0702	0722	0812	0827	0842	0922	0952	1022	1052	1122
Loves Farm Cambridge Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0650	0720	0740	0835	0850	0905	0940	1010	1040	1110	1140
St. Neots Cambridge Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0653	0723	0743	0838	0853	0908	0943	1013	1043	1113	1143
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0700	0730	0800	0845	0900	0915	0950	1020	1050	1120	1150
same coach - no need to change								8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0700	0730	0800	0850	0900	0920	0950	1020	1050	1120	1150
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0704	0734	0804	0854	0904	0924	0954	1024	1054	1124	1154
Great Barford Golden Cross	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0716	0746	0816	0906	0916	0936	1006	1036	1106	1136	1206
Goldington Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0725	0755	0825	0915	0925	0945	1015	1045	1115	1145	1215
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0739	0814	0844	0922	0929	0952	1022	1052	1122	1152	1222
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	dep.	0435	0505	0520	0540	0610	0640	0705	0745	0825	0850	0930	-	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	0501	0531	0546	0606	0636	0706	0730	0816	0851	0921	0956	-	1026	1056	1126	1156	1256
same coach - no need to change								8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	0506	0536	0551	0611	0641	0711	0735	0821	0856	0926	1001	-	1031	1101	1131	1201	1301
Central Milton Keynes Stop H4	-	0518	0548	0603	0623	0653	0723	0753	0833	0908	0938	1013	-	1043	1113	1143	1213	1313
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Z4	-	0530	0600	0615	0635	0705	0735	0805	0855	0920	1000	1025	-	1055	1125	1155	1225	1325
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	0552	0622	0637	0657	0727	0757	0827	0917	0942	1022	1047	-	1117	1147	1217	1247	1347
same coach - no need to change								8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	0552	0622	0637	0707	0737	0807	0837	0917	0942	1022	1047	-	1117	1147	1217	1247	1347
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	-	0557	0627	0642	0712	0742	0812	0842	0922	0947	1027	1052	-	1122	1152	1222	1252	1352
Bicester Bus Station Stand 3	-	0620	0650	0705	0735	0805	0835	0905	0945	1010	1050	1115	-	1145	1215	1245	1315	1415
Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	-	0650	0720	0750	0820	0855	0910	0945	1015	1040	1120	1145	-	1215	1245	1315	1345	1445

Cambridge Parkside Bay 16	1140		10	40		1340	1410	1440	1510	1540	1610	1640	1710	1725	1740	1810	1840	1910
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2	1152		22	52		1352	1422	1452	1527	1557	1627	1657	1727	1742	1757	1827	1857	1927
Loves Farm Cambridge Road	1210		40	10		1410	1440	1510	1545	1615	1645	1715	1745	1800	1815	1845	1915	1945
St. Neots Cambridge Street	1213		43	13		1413	1443	1513	1548	1618	1648	1718	1748	1803	1818	1848	1918	1948
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr. 1220		50	20		1420	1450	1520	1555	1625	1655	1725	1755	1810	1825	1855	1925	1955
same coach - no need to change								8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep. 1220		50	20		1420	1450	1520	1555	1625	1655	1725	1755	1810	1825	1855	1925	2000
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road	1224		54	24		1424	1454	1524	1559	1629	1659	1729	1759	1814	1829	1859	1929	2004
Great Barford Golden Cross	1236		06	36		1436	1506	1539	1614	1644	1714	1744	1814	1829	1844	1914	1944	2016
Goldington Green	1245		15	45		1445	1515	1548	1623	1653	1723	1753	1823	1838	1853	1923	1953	2025
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr. 1252		22	52		1452	1522	1554	1629	1659	1729	1759	1829	1844	1859	1929	1959	2029
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	dep. 1300		30	00	until	1500	1530	1605	1640	1710	1740	1810	-	-	1910	-	2010	-
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr. 1326		56	26		1526	1556	1631	1706	1736	1806	1836	-	-	1936	-	2036	-
same coach - no need to change								8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep. 1331		01	31		1531	1601	1631	1706	1736	1806	1836	-	-	1941	-	2041	-
Central Milton Keynes Stop H4	1343		13	43		1543	1613	1643	1718	1748	1813	1848	-	-	1948	-	2048	-
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Z4	1355		25	55		1555	1625	1655	1730	1800	1820	1900	-	-	1955	-	2055	-
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr. 1417		47	17		1617	1647	1717	1752	1822	-	1922	-	-	2017	-	2117	-
same coach - no need to change								8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep. 1417		47	17		1617	1647	1717	1752	1822	-	1922	-	-	2017	-	2117	-
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	1422		52	22		1622	1652	1722	1757	1827	-	1927	-	-	2022	-	2122	-
Bicester Bus Station Stand 3	1445		15	45		1645	1715	1745	1820	1850	-	1950	-	-	2045	-	2145	-
Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	1515		45	15		1715	1745	1815	1850	1920	-	2020	-	-	2115	-	2215	-

Cambridge Parkside Bay 16	1945	2015	2045	2145	2245	2340
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2	1957	2027	2057	2157	2257	2352
Loves Farm Cambridge Road	2015	2045	2115	2215	2315	0010
St. Neots Cambridge Street	2018	2048	2118	2218	2318	0013
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr. 2025	2055	2125	2225	2325	0020
same coach - no need to change						
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep. 2025	2055	2125	2225	2325	0020
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road	2029	2059	2129	2229	2329	0024
Great Barford Golden Cross	2041	2111	2141	2241	2341	0036
Goldington Green	2050	2120	2150	2250	2350	0045
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr. 2054	2124	2154	2254	2354	0049

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






















Cambridge Parkside Bay 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0710	0740		10	40		1510	1540	1610	1640
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0722	0752		22	52		1522	1552	1622	1652
Loves Farm Cambridge Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0740	0810		40	10		1540	1610	1640	1710
St. Neots Cambridge Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0743	0813		43	13		1543	1613	1643	1713
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0750	0820		50	20		1550	1620	1650	1720
same coach - no need to change													8	8		8	8	8	8
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0750	0820		50	20		1550	1620	1650	1720
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0754	0824		54	24		1554	1624	1654	1724
Great Barford Golden Cross	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0806	0836		06	36		1606	1636	1706	1736
Goldington Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0815	0845	then at these times each hour	15	45		1615	1645	1715	1745
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0819	0849		19	49		1619	1649	1719	1749
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	dep.	0435	0505	0530	0600	0630	0700	0730	0800	0830	0900	until	30	00		1630	1700	1730	1800
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	0501	0531	0556	0626	0656	0726	0756	0826	0856	0926		56	26		1656	1726	1756	1826
same coach - no need to change													8	8		8	8	8	8
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	0506	0536	0601	0631	0701	0731	0801	0831	0901	0931		01	31		1701	1731	1801	1831
Central Milton Keynes Stop H4		0518	0548	0613	0643	0713	0743	0813	0843	0913	0943		13	43		1713	1743	1813	1843
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Z4		0530	0600	0625	0655	0725	0755	0825	0855	0925	0955		25	55		1725	1755	1825	1855
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	0552	0622	0647	0717	0747	0817	0847	0917	0947	1017		47	17		1747	1817	-	1917
same coach - no need to change													8	8		8	8	-	8
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	0552	0622	0647	0717	0747	0817	0847	0917	0947	1017		47	17		1747	1817	-	1917
Buckingham Tesco Stop B		0557	0627	0652	0722	0752	0822	0852	0922	0952	1022		52	22		1752	1822	-	1922
Bicester Bus Station Stand 3		0620	0650	0715	0745	0815	0845	0915	0945	1015	1045		15	45		1815	1845	-	1945
Oxford Bus Station Stop 11		0650	0720	0745	0815	0845	0915	0945	1015	1045	1115		45	15		1845	1915	-	2015

Cambridge Parkside Bay 16	1710	1740	1810	1840	1910	1945	2015	2045	2145	2245	2340								
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2	1722	1752	1822	1852	1922	1957	2027	2057	2157	2257	2352								
Loves Farm Cambridge Road	1740	1810	1840	1910	1940	2015	2045	2115	2215	2315	0010								
St. Neots Cambridge Street	1743	1813	1843	1913	1943	2018	2048	2118	2218	2318	0013								
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr.	1750	1820	1850	1920	1950	2025	2055	2125	2225	2325	0020							
same coach - no need to change													8	8	8	8	8	8	8
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep.	1750	1830	1850	1930	1950	2025	2055	2125	2225	2325	0020							
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road		1754	1834	1854	1934	1954	2029	2059	2129	2229	2329	0024							
Great Barford Golden Cross		1806	1846	1906	1946	2006	2041	2111	2141	2241	2341	0036							
Goldington Green		1815	1855	1915	1955	2015	2050	2120	2150	2250	2350	0045							
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr.	1819	1859	1919	1959	2019	2054	2124	2154	2254	2354	0049							
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	dep.	-	1910	-	2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	-	1936	-	2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
same coach - no need to change													8	8					
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	-	1941	-	2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Central Milton Keynes Stop H4		-	1948	-	2048	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Z4		-	1955	-	2055	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	-	2017	-	2117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
same coach - no need to change													8	8					
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	-	2017	-	2117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Buckingham Tesco Stop B		-	2022	-	2122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Bicester Bus Station Stand 3		-	2045	-	2145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Oxford Bus Station Stop 11		-	2115	-	2215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							

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## SUNDAYS INCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS


Cambridge Parkside Bay 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	0840	-	0940	-	1040	-	1140	1210	then at these times each hour	40	10	until
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0852	-	0952	-	1052	-	1152	1222		52	22	
Loves Farm Cambridge Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	0910	-	1010	-	1110	-	1210	1240		10	40	
St. Neots Cambridge Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	0913	-	1013	-	1113	-	1213	1243		13	43	
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	0920	-	1020	-	1120	-	1220	1250		20	50	
same coach - no need to change							8		8		8		8	8		8	8	
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	0920	-	1020	-	1120	-	1220	1250		20	50	
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	0924	-	1024	-	1124	-	1224	1254		24	54	
Great Barford Golden Cross	-	-	-	-	-	-	0936	-	1036	-	1136	-	1236	1306		36	06	
Goldington Green	-	-	-	-	-	-	0945	-	1045	-	1145	-	1245	1315		45	15	
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	0949	-	1049	-	1149	-	1249	1319	then at these times each hour	49	19	until
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	dep.	0530	0630	0730	0830	0900	0930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300		00	30	
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	0556	0656	0756	0856	0926	0956	1026	1056	1126	1156	1226	1256	1326		26	56	
same coach - no need to change							8		8		8		8	8		8	8	
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	0601	0701	0801	0901	0931	1001	1031	1101	1131	1201	1231	1301	1331		31	01	
Central Milton Keynes Stop H4	-	0613	0713	0813	0913	0943	1013	1043	1113	1143	1213	1243	1313	1343		43	13	
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Z4	-	0625	0725	0825	0925	0955	1025	1055	1125	1155	1225	1255	1325	1355		55	25	
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	0647	0747	0847	0947	1017	1047	1117	1147	1217	1247	1317	1347	1417		17	47	
same coach - no need to change							8		8		8		8	8		8	8	
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	0647	0747	0847	0947	1017	1047	1117	1147	1217	1247	1317	1347	1417		17	47	
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	-	0652	0752	0852	0952	1022	1052	1122	1152	1222	1252	1322	1352	1422	15	52		
Bicester Bus Station Stand 3	-	0715	0815	0915	1015	1045	1115	1145	1215	1245	1315	1345	1415	1445		45	15	
Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	-	0745	0845	0945	1045	1115	1145	1215	1245	1315	1345	1415	1445	1515		15	45	

Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		1510	1540	1610	1640	1710	1740	1810	1840	1910	1940	2010	2030	2130	2230	2330
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		1522	1552	1622	1652	1722	1752	1822	1852	1922	1952	2022	2042	2142	2242	2342
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		1540	1610	1640	1710	1740	1810	1840	1910	1940	2010	2040	2100	2200	2300	0000
St. Neots Cambridge Street		1543	1613	1643	1713	1743	1813	1843	1913	1943	2013	2043	2103	2203	2303	0003
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	arr.	1550	1620	1650	1720	1750	1820	1850	1920	1950	2020	2050	2110	2210	2310	0010
same coach - no need to change																
St. Neots Market Square Stop D	dep.	1550	1620	1650	1720	1750	1820	1850	1920	1950	2020	2050	2110	2210	2310	0010
Eaton Socon Field Cottage Road		1554	1624	1654	1724	1754	1824	1854	1924	1954	2024	2054	2114	2214	2314	0014
Great Barford Golden Cross		1606	1636	1706	1736	1806	1836	1906	1936	2006	2036	2106	2126	2226	2326	0026
Goldington Green		1615	1645	1715	1745	1815	1845	1915	1945	2015	2045	2115	2135	2235	2335	0035
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	arr.	1619	1649	1719	1749	1819	1849	1919	1949	2019	2049	2119	2139	2239	2339	0039
Bedford Bus Station Stop N	dep.	1630	1700	1730	1800	-	1900	-	2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	1656	1726	1756	1826	-	1926	-	2026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
same coach - no need to change																
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	1701	1731	1801	1831	-	1931	-	2031	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Milton Keynes Stop H4		1713	1743	1813	1843	-	1943	-	2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
 Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Z4		1725	1755	1825	1855	-	1955	-	2055	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	1747	1817	-	1917	-	2017	-	2117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
same coach - no need to change																
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	1747	1817	-	1917	-	2017	-	2117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buckingham Tesco Stop B		1752	1822	-	1922	-	2022	-	2122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bicester Bus Station Stand 3		1815	1845	-	1945	-	2045	-	2145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Bus Station Stop 11		1845	1915	-	2015	-	2115	-	2215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## MONDAY TO FRIDAYS EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0700	0730	then at these times each hour	00	30	until	1200	1230	
Bicester Bus Station Stand 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0730	0800		30	00		1230	1300	
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0751	0821		51	21		1251	1321	
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0802	0832		02	32		1302	1332	
same coach - no need to change												0805		0805	0805		0805		
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0805		0835	05		35	1305	1335
 Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Y4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0700	0730		0825	25		55	1325	1355
Central Milton Keynes Stop G3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0710	0740		0835	35		05	1335	1405
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0726	0756		0851	51		21	1351	1421
same coach - no need to change												0801		0801	0801		0801		
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0731	0801		0851	51		21	1351	1421
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0821	0851		0916	16		46	1416	1446
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	dep.	0451	0521	0541	0556	0611	0626	0656	0726	0826	0856	0926		0956	26		56	1426	1456
Goldington Green		0500	0530	0550	0605	0620	0635	0705	0735	0835	0905	0935		1005	35		05	1435	1505
Great Barford Golden Cross		0507	0537	0557	0612	0627	0642	0712	0742	0842	0912	0942		1012	42		12	1442	1512
Eaton Socon George & Dragon		0517	0547	0607	0622	0637	0652	0722	0752	0856	0926	0956		1026	56		26	1456	1526
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	arr.	0521	0551	0611	0626	0641	0658	0728	0758	0902	0932	1002		1032	02		32	1502	1532
same coach - no need to change												1005		1005	1005		1005		
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	dep.	0522	0552	0612	0630	0645	0700	0730	0800	0905	0935	1005		1035	05		35	1505	1535
St. Neots Cambridge Street		0525	0555	0615	0633	0648	0703	0733	0803	0908	0938	1008		1038	08		38	1508	1538
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		0528	0558	0618	0637	0652	0706	0736	0806	0911	0941	1011	1041	11	41	1511	1541		
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		0548	0618	0638	0658	0713	0727	0757	0827	0933	1003	1033	1103	33	03	1533	1603		
Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		0600	0630	0650	0740	0755	0809	0839	0909	0950	1020	1050	1120	50	20	1550	1620		

Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	1300	-	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730	1800	1830	1900	1930	2030	2130	2230
Bicester Bus Station Stand 2	1330	-	1400	1430	1500	1531	1600	1630	1700	1730	1800	1830	1900	1930	2000	2100	2200	2300
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	1351	-	1421	1451	1521	1551	1621	1651	1721	1751	1821	1851	1921	1951	2021	2121	2221	2321
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	1402	-	1432	1502	1532	1602	1632	1702	1732	1802	1832	1902	1932	2002	2032	2132	2232
same coach - no need to change																		
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	1405	-	1435	1505	1535	1605	1635	1705	1735	1805	1835	1905	1940	2010	2040	2140	2240
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Y4		1425	-	1455	1525	1555	1625	1655	1725	1755	1825	1855	1925	2000	2030	2100	2200	2300
Central Milton Keynes Stop G3		1435	-	1505	1535	1605	1635	1705	1735	1805	1835	1905	1935	2010	2040	2110	2210	2310
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	1451	-	1521	1551	1621	1651	1721	1751	1821	1851	1921	1951	2026	2056	2126	2226	2326
same coach - no need to change																		
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	1451	-	1521	1551	1621	1651	1721	1751	1821	1851	1921	1951	2036	2106	2126	2226	2326
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	arr.	1516	-	1546	1616	1646	1726	1756	1826	1856	1926	1956	2026	2111	2131	2201	2251	2351
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	dep.	1526	1541	1556	1626	1656	1736	1806	1836	1906	-	2006	-	2121	-	2211	-	-
Goldington Green		1535	1550	1605	1635	1705	1745	1815	1845	1915	-	2015	-	2130	-	2220	-	-
Great Barford Golden Cross		1542	1557	1612	1642	1712	1752	1822	1852	1922	-	2022	-	2137	-	2227	-	-
Eaton Socon George & Dragon		1556	1608	1626	1656	1726	1806	1836	1906	1936	-	2036	-	2148	-	2238	-	-
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	arr.	1602	1612	1632	1702	1732	1812	1842	1912	1942	-	2042	-	2152	-	2242	-	-
same coach - no need to change																		
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	dep.	1605	1620	1635	1705	1735	1815	1845	1915	1945	-	2045	-	2152	-	2247	-	-
St. Neots Cambridge Street		1608	1623	1638	1708	1738	1818	1848	1918	1948	-	2048	-	2155	-	2250	-	-
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		1611	1626	1641	1711	1741	1821	1851	1921	1951	-	2051	-	2158	-	2253	-	-
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		1633	1648	1703	1733	1803	1843	1913	1943	2013	-	2113	-	2218	-	2313	-	-
Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		1650	1705	1720	1750	1820	1900	1930	2000	2030	-	2130	-	2235	-	2330	-	-

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## SATURDAYS EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0700	0730	then at these times each hour	00	30	until	1600	1630	1700	1730			
Bicester Bus Station Stand 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0730	0800		30	00		1630	1700	1730	1800			
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0751	0821		51	21		1651	1721	1751	1821			
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0804	0834		04	34		1704	1734	1804	1834			
same coach - no need to change										⌚		⌚	⌚		⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚		
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0805	0835		05	35		1705	1735	1805	1835			
🚆 Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Y4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0725	0755	0825		0855	25		55	1725	1755	1825	1855		
Central Milton Keynes Stop G3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0735	0805	0835		0905	35		05	1735	1805	1835	1905		
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0751	0821	0851		0921	51		21	1751	1821	1851	1921		
same coach - no need to change										⌚		⌚	⌚		⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚		
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0751	0821	0851		0921	51		21	1751	1821	1851	1921		
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	arr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0816	0846	0916		0946	16		46	until	1816	1846	1916	1946	
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	dep.	0526	0556	0626	0656	0726	0756	0826	0856	0926		0956	26		56		1826	1856	-	1956	
Goldington Green		0535	0605	0635	0705	0735	0805	0835	0905	0935		1005	35		05		1835	1905	-	2005	
Great Barford Golden Cross		0542	0612	0642	0712	0742	0812	0842	0912	0942		1012	42		12		1842	1912	-	2012	
Eaton Socon George & Dragon		0553	0623	0653	0723	0753	0823	0856	0926	0952		1026	56		26		1856	1926	-	2026	
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	arr.	0557	0627	0657	0727	0757	0827	0902	0932	1002		1032	02		32		1902	1932	-	2032	
same coach - no need to change										⌚		⌚	⌚		⌚		⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	dep.	0557	0630	0700	0730	0800	0835	0905	0935	1005		1035	05		35		1905	1935	-	2035	
St. Neots Cambridge Street		0600	0633	0703	0733	0803	0838	0908	0938	1008		1038	08		38		1908	1938	-	2038	
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		0603	0636	0706	0736	0806	0841	0911	0941	1011	1041	11	41	1911	1941		-	2041			
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		0623	0656	0726	0756	0826	0901	0933	1003	1033	1103	33	03	1933	2003	-	2103				
Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		0640	0713	0743	0813	0843	0918	0950	1020	1050	1120	50	20	1950	2020	-	2120				

Oxford Bus Station Stop 11		1800	1830	1910	1940	2040	2140	2240
Bicester Bus Station Stand 2		1830	1900	1940	2010	2110	2210	2310
Buckingham Tesco Stop B		1851	1921	2001	2031	2131	2231	2331
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	1904	1934	2014	2044	2144	2244	2344
same coach - no need to change		🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	1905	1950	2020	2050	2150	2250	2350
🚆 Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Y4		1925	2010	2040	2110	2210	2310	0010
Central Milton Keynes Stop G3		1935	2020	2050	2120	2220	2320	0020
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	1951	2036	2106	2136	2236	2336	0036
same coach - no need to change		🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	1951	2036	2106	2136	2236	2336	0036
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	arr.	2016	2101	2131	2201	2301	0001	0101
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	dep.	-	2111	-	2211	-	-	-
Goldington Green		-	2120	-	2220	-	-	-
Great Barford Golden Cross		-	2127	-	2227	-	-	-
Eaton Socon George & Dragon		-	2141	-	2241	-	-	-
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	arr.	-	2147	-	2247	-	-	-
same coach - no need to change			🕒		🕒			
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	dep.	-	2152	-	2247	-	-	-
St. Neots Cambridge Street		-	2155	-	2250	-	-	-
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		-	2158	-	2253	-	-	-
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		-	2218	-	2313	-	-	-
Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		-	2235	-	2330	-	-	-

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## SUNDAYS INCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	-	-	-	-	0800	-	0900	-	1000	-	1100	1130	then at these times each hour	00	30	until	1530	1600	
Bicester Bus Station Stand 2	-	-	-	-	0830	-	0930	-	1030	-	1130	1200		30	00		1600	1630	
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	-	-	-	-	0851	-	0951	-	1051	-	1151	1221		51	21		1621	1651	
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	-	-	-	-	0902	-	1002	-	1102	-	1202		1232	02		32	1632	1702
same coach - no need to change																			
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	-	-	-	-	0902	-	1002	-	1102	-	1202		1232	02		32	1632	1702
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Y4	-	-	-	-	-	0925	-	1025	-	1125	-	1225		1255	25		55	1655	1725
Central Milton Keynes Stop G3	-	-	-	-	-	0935	-	1035	-	1135	-	1235		1305	35		05	1705	1735
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	-	-	-	-	0951	-	1051	-	1151	-	1251		1321	51		21	1721	1751
same coach - no need to change																			
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	-	-	-	-	0951	-	1051	-	1151	-	1251		1321	51		21	1721	1751
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	arr.	-	-	-	-	1016	-	1116	-	1216	-	1316		1346	16		46	1746	1816
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	dep.	0656	0756	0856	0956	1026	1056	1126	1156	1226	1256	1326		1356	26		56	1756	1826
Goldington Green		0705	0805	0905	1005	1035	1105	1135	1205	1235	1305	1335		1405	35		05	1805	1835
Great Barford Golden Cross		0712	0812	0912	1012	1042	1112	1142	1212	1242	1312	1342		1412	42		12	1812	1842
Eaton Socon George & Dragon		0723	0823	0923	1023	1053	1123	1153	1223	1253	1323	1353		1423	53		23	1823	1853
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	arr.	0727	0827	0927	1027	1057	1127	1157	1227	1257	1327	1357		1427	57		27	1827	1857
same coach - no need to change																			
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	dep.	0727	0827	0927	1027	1057	1127	1157	1227	1257	1327	1357		1427	57		27	1827	1857
St. Neots Cambridge Street		0730	0830	0930	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300	1330	1400	1430	00	30	1830	1900		
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		0733	0833	0933	1033	1103	1133	1203	1233	1303	1333	1403	1433	03	33	1833	1903		
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		0753	0853	0953	1053	1123	1153	1223	1253	1323	1353	1423	1453	23	53	1853	1923		
Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		0810	0910	1010	1110	1140	1210	1240	1310	1340	1410	1440	1510	40	10	1910	1940		

Oxford Bus Station Stop 11	1630	1700	1730	1800	1830	1900	1930	2030	2130	2230		
Bicester Bus Station Stand 2	1700	1730	1800	1830	1900	1930	2000	2100	2200	2300		
Buckingham Tesco Stop B	1721	1751	1821	1851	1921	1951	2021	2121	2221	2321		
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	arr.	1732	1802	1832	1902	1932	2002	2032	2132	2232	2332	
same coach - no need to change												
Buckingham High Street Bus Stand	dep.	1732	1802	1832	1902	1932	2002	2032	2132	2232	2332	
Milton Keynes Rail Station Stop Y4	1755	1825	1855	1925	1955	2025	2055	2155	2255	2355		
Central Milton Keynes Stop G3	1805	1835	1905	1935	2005	2035	2105	2205	2305	0005		
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	arr.	1821	1851	1921	1951	2021	2051	2121	2221	2321	0021	
same coach - no need to change												
Milton Keynes Coachway Bay 1	dep.	1821	1851	1921	1951	2021	2051	2121	2221	2321	0021	
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	arr.	1846	1916	1946	2016	2046	2116	2146	2246	2346	0046	
Bedford Bus Station Stop O	dep.	1856	-	1956	-	2056	-	2156	-	-	-	
Goldington Green		1905	-	2005	-	2105	-	2205	-	-	-	
Great Barford Golden Cross		1912	-	2012	-	2112	-	2212	-	-	-	
Eaton Socon George & Dragon		1923	-	2023	-	2123	-	2223	-	-	-	
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	arr.	1927	-	2027	-	2127	-	2227	-	-	-	
same coach - no need to change												
St. Neots Market Square Stop E	dep.	1927	-	2027	-	2127	-	2227	-	-	-	
St. Neots Cambridge Street		1930	-	2030	-	2130	-	2230	-	-	-	
Loves Farm Cambridge Road		1933	-	2033	-	2133	-	2233	-	-	-	
Madingley Road Park & Ride Bay 2		1953	-	2053	-	2153	-	2253	-	-	-	
Cambridge Parkside Bay 16		2010	-	2110	-	2210	-	2310	-	-	-	

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## Improving Your Roads

Various options have been considered and their impacts assessed, including the benefits of an extra road bridge over the river. Strong evidence has been required to secure funding and our extensive surveys and traffic modelling shows that no single large project delivers the improvements which are required.

The proposals brought forward have been demonstrated to best tackle congestion and deliver value for money. The benefits will not only be for motorists but all road users and pedestrians, with ambitious schemes to revitalise our town centre and High Street environment with new roads, cycle lanes and pavements.

### 1. Manton Lane / Clapham Road / Bypass Roundabout:

Introduction of signals at Manton Lane/A6 roundabout and linking with existing Manton Lane signals to reduce congestion. Increasing capacity at Great Ouse Way (Bypass) / A6 junction.

### 2. Bromham Road / Shakespeare Road / Ashburnham Road:

Introducing signals to replace the mini roundabouts.

### 3. Britannia Road / Ampthill Road / Kempston Road:

Signal modifications to increase capacity for vehicles.

### 4. Cow Bridge / B530 Ampthill Road & Progress Park Junctions:

Additional pedestrian/cycle bridges over the railway to increase road space and capacity for vehicles & modifications to traffic signalled junctions to increase capacity.

### 5. Cauldwell Street / St. John's Street:

Signal modifications to increase capacity.

### 6. Ampthill Road:

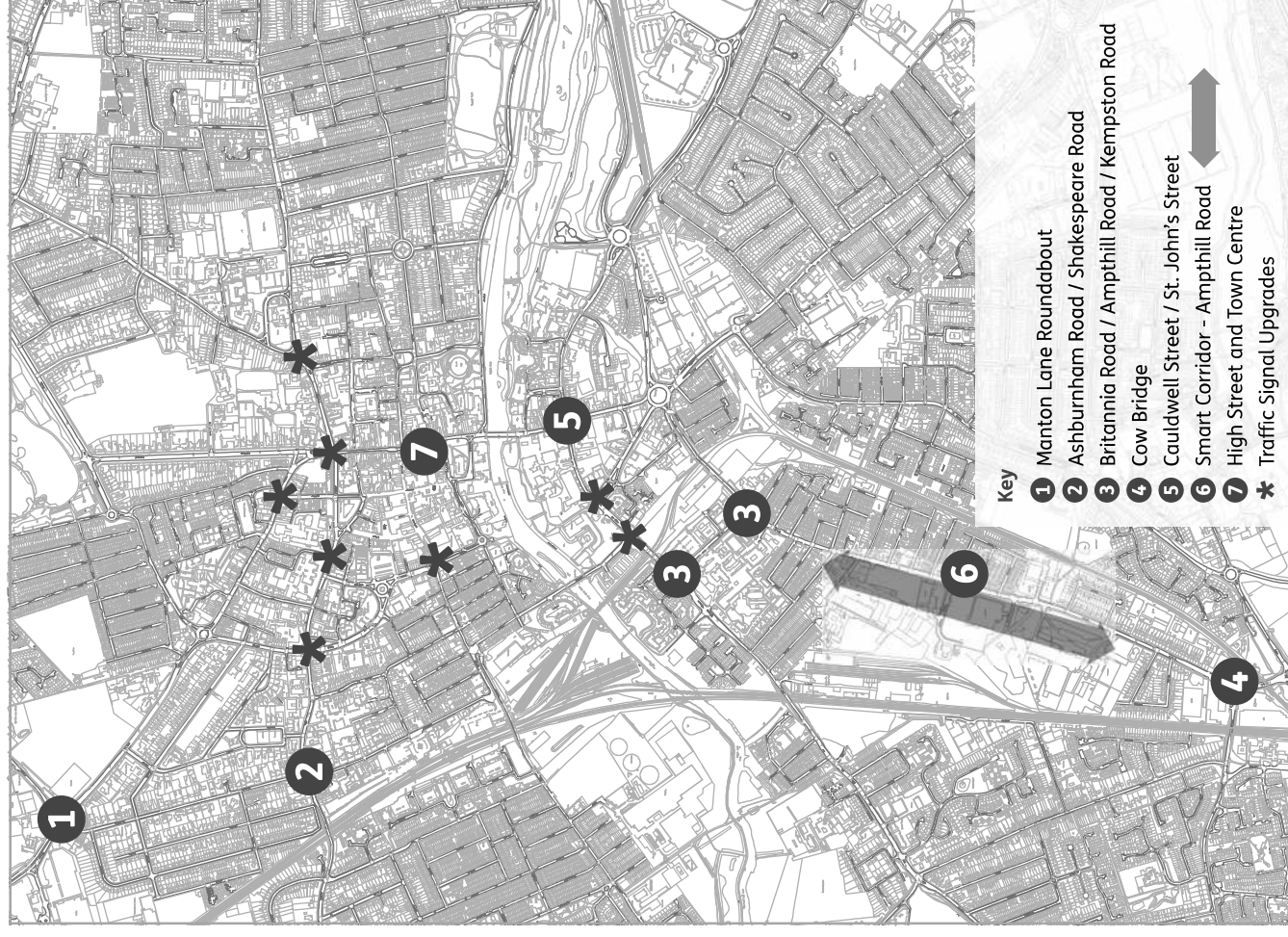
Using latest technology to co-ordinate traffic lights to create a smart corridor moving traffic faster to reduce congestion.

### 7. High Street and Town Centre:

Major refurbishment of High Street creating more space for shoppers by reducing traffic to one lane with parking spaces for deliveries to keep traffic moving. Alongside improvements to St Paul's Square this will give a significant boost to our thriving town centre economy.

### \* Traffic Signal Upgrades:

Modifications to a number of traffic signals to improve capacity and reduce congestion.



Map showing location of congestion busting and public realm schemes identified on the previous page.

**Transporting Bedford 2020**  
***Information from Bedford Borough Council – a map showing the areas affected is on the previous page.***

Mayor Dave Hodgson has announced 'Transporting Bedford 2020' an £18 million investment to tackle traffic congestion across our town centre.

Major works will take place at key points in the Bedford road network to reduce congestion including the creation of a 'Smart Corridor' on Ampthill Road; the signalisation of Shakespeare Road / Ashburnham Road junction; and increased capacity round the Hospital with modifications to the Ampthill Road/Britannia Road/Kempston Road junctions.

A number of other traffic signalled junctions will be modernised and the towns urban traffic management and control system - which controls all the traffic lights across the town - will receive a major overhaul.

We will also carry out major refurbishment works in the heart of our town centre with traffic reduced to one lane on the High Street, creating more space for shoppers. Alongside improvements on St Pauls Square, this will give a significant boost to our thriving town centre.

All road users will benefit, including pedestrians and cyclists. Additional pedestrian and cycling bridges at Cow Bridge junction will make it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use this route, while increasing capacity for cars and other vehicles and so reducing congestion.

The announcement follows confirmation that the Council's bid for Government funding was successful, after winning the support of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership.

Understanding how traffic moves in and around Bedford town centre is critical to being able to improve the situation for all road users. To help inform decision making and take advantage of funding opportunities, the Council commissioned an in depth study of traffic in the town centre in 2014. This included a survey of traffic and car park use, and also the development of a traffic model which helps to test options for new or reassigned roads.

The Bedford Town Centre Strategy study provided us with a baseline to make a bid to the Department for Transport for Local Growth Funding (Round 2). The allocation of £11M was approved by Government for the Bedford Town Centre Regeneration scheme at which the centre was an additional river crossing. These funds were retained by DfT. Subsequently the scope of the scheme (which primarily focused on a new river crossing at Batts Ford) bridge has been deemed unaffordable and alternative ways of delivering the same economic outcomes have been sought. In 2016, Bedford BC was successful in bidding for Local Growth Funding (round 3) funds, securing £4.5M of funds for the Southern Gateway project which is technology and junction improvements along the Ampthill Road. The Borough has now reviewed the totality of the funding and has developed a business case for a combined project worth £18.4M with three main objectives to:

- Enhance the permeability of the core town centre, creating better connections between the retail quarter, the cultural quarter, and the Great River Ouse
- Enhance the management of traffic movements into and across the town to improve journey time reliability
- To significantly improve the Urban Traffic Management Control Technology provision across the core urban area by introducing smart technology that informs travel behaviour and reacts to transport conditions, and provides travellers with real-time information about traffic and travel conditions to allow them to make informed decisions about travel behaviour

The intention is to deliver a range of public realm, junction improvement and SMART traffic control and traffic signal technology on key routes and junctions and within the town centre between spring 2018 and 2021. The remaining funds are from the Borough's own contribution.

The total funding package is being administered through the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) To be compliant with the SEMLEP Local Assurance Framework, the revised project and funds need to be subject to the due diligence process, as approved by DfT for projects of the size.

## **What Happens Next?**

Over the winter of 2017 and the spring of 2018 we carried out ANPR and video traffic surveys to better understand

traffic movements at the pinch point areas. We also carried out topographical surveys, notified utility companies about future changes and carried out surveys of trees and drainage systems. We then used this information to start drawing up detailed designs for the pinch point improvement works. Construction work on some advanced work at Manton lane is planned to start in the summer of 2018. We will be procuring contractors to carry out the main body of works which are scheduled to start early in 2019 and continue through to spring 2019.

## **How to Find Out More & Have Your Say**

For more information or to make any comments you can email the project team directly at [transportingbedford2020@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:transportingbedford2020@bedford.gov.uk)

Or write to us at : Transporting Bedford 2020, Borough Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP

**Bus Timetables at the Mobility Hub**  
***A reply to what was in Newsletter 36***  
***(Summer 2018) by Jonathan Farr.***

I feel I should correct some inaccuracies in the latest newsletter regarding the provision of bus timetables at The Mobility Hub in the former tourist office. I have been volunteering at the Mobility Hub for Bedford Shopmobility since it re-opened in September and have recently become involved in this issue on their behalf.

The Mobility Hub did have discussions regarding stocking bus information for the main bus operators in the Bedford area. There was no objection to stocking timetables, but as Shopmobility is a registered charity that receives no funding from Bedford Borough Council towards the running costs, pays full rent for the premises occupied and currently operates at a net deficit, it was felt by the trustees and volunteers that a consideration should be sought from bus operators in exchange for providing their timetables. My understanding is that at the time, the main operator in Bedford refused to consider offering any consideration for providing this service.

Following delays in pursuing the issue, I was tasked with contacting the other main operator, Grant Palmer Ltd with a view to pursuing opportunities with them. I am pleased to say that agreement has been reached with Grant Palmer Ltd for them to produce and display on-bus advertising for the Shopmobility service in exchange for the Mobility Hub stocking Grant Palmer timetables. The stand for the timetables was delivered on Monday this week (18th June 2018) along with a supply of service 44 timetables. We are currently awaiting stock for other services. We would of

course welcome reaching agreements with other operators and I will discuss with the trustees whether we wish to approach the main operator again.

Please remember that Bedford Shopmobility is a registered charity and is not a tourist information centre or travel information service, it just happens to be located in the former Travel and Tourism Centre. Therefore, any agreement to offer services outside of the core Shopmobility/Mobility Hub functions needs to bring some benefit to our organisation. Certainly, we cannot be reasonably expected nor afford to give up space on which we pay rent for no return.

Grant Palmer has been very generous in their offer. We hope the much needed free advertising they are providing will bring in new users to the service and thus create additional income.

We remain open to working with any organisation, not just bus operators in any way that can be mutually beneficial.

# **House Of Commons Transport Committee Launches Bus Market Inquiry**

***By Colin Franklin***

In July this year the House Of Commons Transport Committee launched an inquiry into the decline of the bus market in England outside of London.

Bus service use is in decline in England, according to annual statistics from the Department for Transport (DfT). While bus use per person has increased by 52% in London over the last 25 years, it has fallen by 40% in other metropolitan areas.

During the inquiry, MPs will consider:

- bus service reliability.
- how services are run in metro-mayor, metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas.
- how they are financed.
- examples of innovation and best practice.

They are also interested in evidence on:

- the effectiveness of the DfT's bus policies.
- factors affecting bus use, including reliability, congestion and the ways bus companies are dealing with congestion, and the effectiveness of bus priority measures (for example bus lanes and priority signalling).
- How bus services are provided to isolated rural and urban communities and their dependence on services.
- the viability and sustainability of bus services, including the

effectiveness of funding, fare structures and public grants.

- regulations affecting bus service provision and the quality of guidance to operators and local authorities.

*The following is the submission that BABUS sent prior to the deadline of Monday 24th September 2018. To view all submissions to the Transport Committee go to: **[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)** and click on the search box "Bus Market Inquiry".*

The following comments relate to the geographical sphere of interest of the Bedford Area Bus Users Society (BABUS) which encompasses Bedford Borough Council, and the eastern part of Central Bedfordshire Council area.

We confer with both local authorities together with operators Stagecoach (East), Grant Palmer and Uno managements at quarterly liaison meetings to discuss bus related issues, and we are affiliated to Bus Users UK.

One of the biggest obstacles to the funding of bus services at a local level is the shortfall in Central Government funding to local authorities which has been declining year on year. This means that local authorities are having to find savings or economies in their budgets in order to fund council services such as refuse collecting, social services etc. As a consequence of this public transport spending comes bottom of the pile for funding. As a consequence of this bus subsidies have been cut especially with cross border services with neighbouring authorities, for example the withdrawal of evening or Sunday services.

Bus service reliability is becoming more and more problematic due to the ever growing issue of congestion. This impacts not only on the punctuality of a bus service, but also results in extended journey times. However, bus operators have not amended their timetables to reflect these extended journey times as they seem to be in denial. For example, if there is a delay on an outbound journey, say Bedford to Hitchin on routes 71 or 72 operated by Stagecoach, then this can only result in delays to the return working from Hitchin to Bedford. Timetables and Real Time Information screens do not reflect the reality of these operations.

Another factor that determines the level of congestion in towns and cities is the number of cars that each household owns. This can be anywhere up to four or more and whenever you see vehicles go past you they are mostly occupied by one person, the driver. Motorists think nothing of jumping in their cars to get from A to B, but by so doing so they are contributing to congestion. Is it not time for this government to start educating them about this?

The layout of roads in towns and cities can also be a factor that can contribute to the punctuality of bus services, considering that as a nation we are in love with the motor car.

Bus priority measures in both local authority areas are limited to putting in the odd bus lane here and there, with little impetus to increase priority measures for buses due to funding cuts. Difficulties have been encountered in bus provision for new residential developments where some residents have effectively blocked bus routes through inconsiderate parking of

cars causing services to be withdrawn. An example of this is Fairfield Park in Stotfold.

Bus priority measures are also non-existent in large scale house building schemes that are submitted to local authorities. With plans for thousands of new homes in the Oxford to Cambridge Arc, and with our geographical area being in the centre of this Arc, local authorities have to ensure that not only the road layout is in place, but also for bus routes to be included in any major developments. Section 106 money must be in place prior to any major planning application being approved. This also acts as a Unique Selling Point to developers and estate agents when selling these homes to know that there is a high quality bus route for these new homeowners to use.

The Department for Transport (DfT) policies on buses need to be made more robust in order for bus usage to be made more attractive for people to use. There needs to be more emphasis on how travelling by bus can get people out of their cars and on to buses. An example of this might be to give local authorities the powers to implement congestion charging in towns and cities at certain times when congestion is at its worst at strategic locations with a town or city, for example, during the peak hours of the morning or afternoon and any money raised could be ploughed back into providing good, or better bus services and information systems. Its policies also need to be easy to find on its website, summaries of each document so that people can download.

Currently, bus services outside London are deregulated with the financial interests of commercial operators taking precedence over the needs of communities and individuals, especially if commercial



operators have shareholders to service in order to make a profit and boost their revenues as they tend to cherry pick the best routes.

Bus services in rural and urban communities are particularly poor given the frequency of the bus service during the course of the week, with little or no service on Sundays. Timetables have been pared to the bone because of budget cuts with parish and town councils not willing to help fund improvements to services through their village or town.

Rural communities also have to deal with poor reliability from bus operators should a vehicle break down or fail to appear as scheduled. For example, if you live in a village with an hourly service and the bus doesn't show up, you have to wait up to another hour for the next bus. This doesn't help if you have an appointment at the doctors or the hospital in a neighbouring town, or are using the bus for shopping, leisure or to access educational facilities as bus users feel abandoned as most rural bus stops don't have Real Time Information (RTI) screens fitted due to the costs being prohibitive. Bus operators and local authorities seem ignorant of this issue.

Too much reliance is being placed on Community Transport groups by local authorities to "plug the gaps" in the rural network as these groups have limited vehicles and manpower to be really effective.

Communities do not have to be "isolated" to experience difficulties. East Central Bedfordshire has no further education provision, no secondary health care provision, no core centre for services (e.g.

cinema) and retail, and limited connectivity with the inter-city rail network. As a result residents face higher costs and extended journey times. The draft Central Bedfordshire Local Transport Plan 3, published in January 2011 noted that "residents average (travel time) of 46 minutes by public transport to hospital compared to 30 minutes nationally".

There has been no serious attempt to integrate bus routes and times with rail services. Within Central Bedfordshire bus services are occasionally unavailable for passengers using trains to and from London at a time that they wish to travel, or after the evening peak restrictions have been lifted. Within Bedford Borough, whilst it is possible to still catch a bus in the evenings, the frequency of them means that large gaps appear in the timetables as bus services wind down for the day. Bus services on Sundays and Bank Holidays have largely disappeared, or do not serve the railway station at the same time that rail services have seen enhancements in the network.

People who work on Sundays and Bank Holidays can face difficulties in getting to or from work if they don't own a car and taxis can be expensive. This is exacerbated by the fact that some of the larger bus operators actually run rail franchises and their bus operations don't talk to their rail operations and vice versa when planning bus/rail integration schemes!!

Whilst BABUS welcomes the proposed bus/rail interchange proposals for Flitwick station we are disappointed that there are no such proposals for the railway station in Bedford, or for Sandy, Biggleswade and Arlesey stations. More needs to be done to

achieve this goal from all participants in order to achieve better results.

More needs to be done in order to have integrated bus ticketing on all bus operators services. Currently, the only operators to do so in our area are Stagecoach and Grant Palmer with their Cygnet which allows people to buy one for five pounds and is valid for one days travel on both operators services. We are not aware if Centrebus and Uno have any plans to join this scheme within our geographical area.

Printed timetable availability in towns, villages, bus stations, railway stations and at other strategic locations is as important a marketing tool as well as downloading them off bus operators websites. Not everybody has access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, or knows how to operate one of these devices, unfortunately, bus companies don't seem to understand this fact. Some bus companies are bad at marketing their services this way.

Are Railway Station Travel Plans fit for purpose when it comes to promoting bus usage and bus/rail integration? My own view of the Bedford Station Travel Plan group is no, it isn't as it's little more than "a talking shop" with very little done to address these issues when most people drive to the railway station. Not enough emphasis is laid on Station Travel Plans to promote the usage of bus services that serve railway stations to car drivers. We are not aware of any Station Travel Plan groups that cover Sandy, Biggleswade and Arlesley railway stations. Indeed, the company behind Govia Thameslink paid consultants to produce their own Station Travel Plan for Bedford which was then rejected as not good enough, although they had the discourtesy of not asking bus users for their

thoughts so that they could be included in the final draft.

At all bus stops there should be up to date timetable displays for all bus operators, as well as Real Time Information (RTI) screens, especially in rural or urban areas. Whilst the installation of RTI screens at bus stops can help identify if a service is running on time, or late with the aid of electronic apps on your smartphone or tablet, there are those passengers who don't possess either of these devices and have to rely on the information as displayed on the RTI screen to ascertain if that particular service is running on time, or is late. We also believe that bus companies should be doing more to help fund the provision of RTI screens, especially on routes that go through rural areas.

Whilst bus companies have good management in place who understand the local needs of the communities that they serve, there are those who don't quite understand this principle. This leads to them making poor operating decisions that impact on the bus user. An example of this is if a major bus company continually changes its management at a local level you end up losing continuity with bus users over local issues that affect bus users on a day to day basis.

Councils up and down the country have to "practice what they preach" when it comes to promoting bus services. This has to start "on their doorstep", i.e. how council employees get to work every day, as most of them will drive to work instead of using some form of public transport, including the bus. Why build your main council offices in the middle of no where so that the only way to get to work is by car, motorbike or bicycle? Why can't they have a regular bus

service so that members of the public can access the council offices to attend meetings, which start in the evening? This also applies to councilors who attend meetings at their council offices as they invariably drive, whilst claiming an allowance for their car journey as they don't often even use the bus. Do Members of Parliament use buses on a regular basis in their constituency or in the capital?

Why are Bus Quality Contracts not available for scrutiny by bus users, even in summarised format? Whilst we agree about the commercial confidentiality of any information contained therein, bus users can suggest additional data which can be included to strengthen the wording in the contract.

## **Conclusions**

It has not come as a surprise that the bus market in England outside London has declined considerably over the last 25 years. With the increase in car ownership, traffic congestion and financial cutbacks by local authorities as a consequence of receiving less money by Central Government, it is no wonder that bus services are suffering. Local authorities are having to prioritise where they spend their money and bus service provision comes "at the bottom of the pile" for funding.

Instead of this government wasting money it should instead invest money in providing the people of this country with a bus market that allows residents in villages, towns and urban areas the right to access the services that they require and is "fit for purpose". The government also has to find ways of helping to reduce car usage by giving local authorities the powers to do make this a reality. Failure to do so will result in congestion getting even worse. Its mantra

at the moment is to build more bypasses, but this doesn't solve the problem of congestion as it will just move on to another part of the town, city or village that the bypass goes around, especially with the number of new cars bought each year coming onto our roads. Local authorities and bus companies have to be more creative in how they provide not only bus services, the infrastructure to go with it but also the marketing of these services, with the emphasis on routes that run through rural or urban areas.

What all sides have to understand is that the bus market is in a battle with the motorist. Unfortunately, it is losing that battle on a daily basis as bus routes have not evolved over time to reflect changes in the local economy and patterns of population growth.

## **Interesting ideas elsewhere in Europe**

***By Frances Horwood***

I've recently returned from a trip to Brussels, where I became aware of a couple of interesting events. During my stay, September 16th was Car Free Sunday in Brussels. Private cars were banned, except for those belonging to people with a valid reason for using them (I assume a disability, for example), who had to apply for permission beforehand.

Public transport was free of charge and trains on the Metro were more frequent than usual. The streets were very quiet, with so few motor vehicles. There were plenty of cyclists, including families with

quite young children on small bikes. Fortunately, the weather was good.

The free paper the following day had a photo on the front page of a street full of cyclists. Car Free Sunday took place during the Heritage Open Days but, according to the paper, there were various special events, some devoted to cycling. The Minister for Mobility considered the event a great success and a good example for Europe. Needless to say, the air quality that day was very much better than on a normal Sunday.

While I was there, I saw a piece on the TV news relating to Dunkirk, where buses had been made free of charge, all day, every day. Dunkirk (population 200,000) was said to be the largest town in Europe to have introduced free bus travel. (Around twenty towns in France already had free bus travel.) On my return home, I looked for further information on this, on the Internet, and found plenty. Dunkirk had had free bus travel at weekends for three years. With free travel extended to every day of the week, more buses had been purchased (which had wi-fi and ran on natural gas) and more drivers taken on, so that buses were more frequent, and more bus routes introduced. In addition, there were new bus lanes and traffic lights giving priority to buses. It was anticipated that the percentage of residents using buses would double, from 5% to 10%.

The local authority had several aims when taking the decision to make bus travel free. The town is not prosperous and has a lot of empty shops in the centre. Free bus travel would be a help to people on low incomes (with almost a

third of people in some parts of the town not owning a car) and would enable them to spend more on other things, so benefitting local businesses. Businesses were contributing to the cost of providing free bus travel; residents would not see their taxes rising to pay for it.

Then there would be less congestion and better air quality, which would benefit everybody, whether they used the buses or not. Another benefit was that bus drivers were getting less abuse from passengers and, of course, they no longer had to take fares, which speeded things up considerably.

Other towns and cities are considering introducing free bus travel. There is a lot of information on this subject on the Internet, including lists of all the towns which have, or have had, free bus travel, either completely free or free on some days of the week or routes. I obtained the above information from French websites on my return from my holiday in September. Since then, in October, there has been an article about the free bus services in Dunkirk, on The Guardian website. The article is entitled ' " I leave the car at home " : how free buses are revolutionising one French city '.

## **Other service changes**

***By Suzy Scott***

There are major changes from Stagecoach at the end of the year, and a recently introduced DRT service in Central Beds (see elsewhere) but this is a brief summary of what has already happened;

### **From w/c 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Centrebus Service 34/34 (St Albans – Dunstable)** and **NEW Service 40/40A (Dunstable Circular)** 35 withdrawn but new Service 40/40A covers the Kensworth and Whipsnade Zoo.

### **From w/c 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

**Arriva Leighton Buzzard Local Services 32, 34, 35, D1** Revised timetables, with more buses on D1.

**Grant Palmer Service 42 (Bedford - Flitwick)** 07.15 from Flitwick / 16.05 from Bedford journeys withdrawn.

**Stagecoach Service 71/72 (Bedford – Hitchin)** Minor time changes – see under 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 changes too.

**Grant Palmer Service 74 (Bedford – Cople - Biggleswade)** Extended to Stratton Upper School, 1 journey am/pm on school days only and minor timetable changes in the afternoon.

**Red Kite 162 (Stewkley – Bletchley) and 164 (Leighton Buzzard – Cheddington)** As part of a Bucks CC retendering package, these services will now be operated by Aylesbury-based Star Travel, with timetable changes.

**Centrebus Service X31 (Luton – Dunstable)** Revised timetable.

### **From w/c 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Arriva Service 25 (Luton – Marsh Farm)** Additional journey from Marsh Farm at 06.26.

**Arriva Service 31 (Luton – Dunstable)** Arriva are extending journeys that currently start/finish at Luton & Dunstable Hospital to Browning Road/Poynters Road roundabout.

**Arriva Service 38 (Luton – Houghton Regis/Dunstable)** Arriva have made some minor changes to the route in Luton Town Centre and some changes to timing points at the Hospital.

**Arriva Services F70/F77 (Luton - Bletchley/Milton Keynes)** Most F77 journeys are extended to the MK1 Shopping Park, near MK Stadium.

### **From w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Grant Palmer Services CX (Luton – Dunstable)** Sunday journeys for 6 weeks leading up to Christmas.

### **From w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Centrebus 85/85A (Biggleswade Town Services)** Minor timetable changes for reliability, as well as having changes to accommodate the new Thameslink train timetable.

**Annual General Meeting of the Bedford Area Bus Users' Society  
held at Bedford Central Library on Saturday, July 7th 2018 at 11.30**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Colin Franklin - Chairman  
Ray Smith - Vice Chairman  
Simon Norton - Treasurer and Membership Secretary  
Frances Horwood - Secretary  
Suzy Scott - Committee Member  
Paul Begley - Committee Member  
Vanessa Wray - Committee Member  
Stephen Sleight - Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity  
Eighteen others were present.

**1. Chairman's welcome**

Colin Franklin welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Dave Hodgson (Mayor of Bedford), Councillor Brian Saunders, Ian Wigley, Godfrey Willis, Jean Tipple and Paul Owen.

**3. Minutes of the AGM of 8th July 2017**

Suzy Scott proposed that these be accepted as a true record and Vanessa Wray seconded. The Minutes were accepted.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were none.

**5. Chairman's annual report**

Colin Franklin gave his report for the year ending 31st March 2018.

**6. Treasurer's report**

Simon Norton gave the Treasurer's report.

**7. Election of officers**

The following were prepared to stand:-

For Chairman: Colin Franklin

For Vice Chairman: Ray Smith

For Secretary: Frances Horwood

Leonard Lean proposed that they be elected *en bloc* and Vanessa Wray seconded.

They were duly elected as officers.

## **8. Election of Executive Committee**

The following were prepared to stand:-

Vanessa Wray, Paul Begley, Simon Norton and Suzy Scott (on a part-time basis).

Ray Smith proposed that they be elected *en bloc* and Martin Brookes seconded.

They were duly elected as committee members.

## **9. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **10. Guest speaker: Nigel Tarrant, Commercial Manager, Stagecoach East**

Nigel gave an interesting and informative talk on Developing a Bus Network Around Bedfordshire. This was followed by a question and answer session.

### **Simon Tilley, Data Protection Officer of the Association of British Commuters**

We were pleased to introduce Simon Tilley of the ABC. He explained that the Association was a passenger group which was set up in Sussex during the Southern Rail crisis. It is a not for profit group to represent passengers and lobby for integrated transport. It has some integration with Transport Focus.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

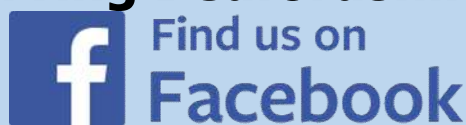
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