



**Issue 041    Incorporating Public Transport Unit Newsletter    Mon 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009**

**DELAYS IN DALKEITH'S LONDON ROAD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DEC**

There will be temporary traffic signals on the stretch of London Road between Buccleuch Street and Newmills Road from 0930 to 1600 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009.

This is to allow Scottish Power to use a mobile crane to facilitate the removal and replacement of a transformer.

London Road is used by buses **3, 3A, 51, 52, 86, 86A, X86, 90, 302** and **328** travelling south from Dalkeith.



**LOTHIAN CHANGES FROM SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2010**

Lothian Buses has just announced the first round of service changes to its bus network in Midlothian in 2010.

The changes, which are on a lesser scale than those made in 2009, will bring savings for the bus operator,

**3/3A**  
Gorebridge/Mayfield – Dalkeith – Edinburgh – Clovenstone

**N & P ENTRIES**

Two Notices & Proceedings [N&P] have been circulated by the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland since the last Travel Team Newsletter.

**1917 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**PM 1081073R** A PSV Operator License variation has been granted to Myra J Rodger and Stuart F Leonard trading as **L & R Executive** of 30 Namur Road, Penicuik, Midlothian.

First Scotland East trading as First Edinburgh have amended their registration for service **90** Polton – TESCO – Dalkeith – Woodburn so that a Saturday service will operate on Mondays 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**1918 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

First Scotland East trading as First Borders have amended their registration for service **X95** Edinburgh – Newtongrange – Galashiels – Hawick – Carlisle to introduce special timetables south of Galashiels during the holiday season. There is no effect on the section of **X95** route running through Midlothian.

Two operators in Midlothian have been involved in public inquiries with decisions announced in N+P 1918.

**McKendry Coaches** of 100 Straiton Road, Loanhead, EH20 9NP – Inquiry held on 30/09/09 – Decision : Vehicle authorization has

<p>Minor timetable changes, also loss of a small number of journeys including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon-Sat 2351 Mayfield-Dalkeith withdrawn</li> <li>• Sat 0707 Mayfield-Clovenstone withdrawn</li> </ul> <p><b>15/15A</b>  <b>Penicuik – Roslin/Bush – Fairmilehead – Edinburgh – Eastfield</b></p> <p>Minor timetable changes, but with no loss of journeys.</p> <p><b>29/X29</b>  <b>Gorebridge/Mayfield – TESCO – Gilmerton – Edinburgh – Western General – Silverknowes/Muirhouse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The X29's northern terminus will switch from Silverknowes to Muirhouse [2 journeys each way Mon-Fri]</li> <li>• Saturday 29s currently running to Mayfield will terminate at Gilmerton. No change to Saturday 29s currently running to Gorebridge.</li> <li>• Also, some loss of journeys during the wind-down from daytime to evening services including Mon-Fri 1947 Mayfield to Hanover Street withdrawn</li> </ul> <p><b>31</b>  <b>Rosewell/Hopefield/Polton Mill – Bonnyrigg – Edinburgh – East Craigs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor timetable changes</li> <li>• Loss of small number of journeys including Mon-Fri 1814 East Craigs – Polton Mill will run 1812 East Craigs to</li> </ul>	<p>been reduced to 10 with effect from 2359 on 31/12/09.</p> <p><b>Jenkins Travel of Dryden Bank Nursery, Polton Road, Loanhead, EH230 9DB – Inquiry held on 30/11/09 – Decision : Vehicle authority reduced from 9 to 7 vehicles with immediate effect.</b></p> <p><b>EDINBURGH TO BORDERS RAIL LINK – CONTRACT BIDS SOUGHT</b></p> <p>The process of appointing a contractor to build the £295m rail link between Edinburgh and the Borders has started.</p> <p>The notice for the construction has been submitted for publication in the Official Journal of European Union (OJEU) by Transport Scotland.</p> <p>It is hoped the contract can be awarded in 2011 with completion due in 2014.</p> <p><b>THREE NEW BUS SHELTERS FOR THE LOAN, LOANHEAD</b></p> <p>Passengers heading for Bilston/Roslin/Penicuik from Loanhead will soon have new bus shelters at three extra stops on The Loan. The purchase of the shelters is being progressed with installation expected to take place in February 2010.</p> <p><b>SHERIFFHALL PARK AND RIDE</b></p> <p>The Terminal Building is not staffed all the time. When no staff are present, the waiting area is closed for security reasons. Outwith weekday peak periods, and all day Saturday and Sunday, the Terminal Building is closed.</p> <p>A 3-bay bus shelter will soon be provided not far from the waste/recycling bins at the southern end of the Terminal Building to provide shelter when the internal waiting area is not open. It is expected that the new shelter will be installed by late February 2010.</p>
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<p><b>Scott Monument</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Mon-Fri bus to Polton Mill is currently 2015 from North Bridge, but will become 1930 from North Bridge from mid February 2010</li> </ul> <p><b>N31</b> Nightbus City Centre – Bonnyrigg – Hopefield – Polton Street one-way loop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This service will be withdrawn on Sunday to Thursday nights. It will continue to run on Friday and Saturday nights [actually running in the wee hours of Saturday and Sunday morning].</li> <li>• From February 2010 the Friday/Saturday N31 will run a one-way loop running from Bonnyrigg Toll along Cockpen Road to Hopefield, then via the new link road to Rosewell Road, and so back to Bonnyrigg Toll via Polton Street. The service will not reach Rosewell village or Polton Mill, although this is a long-term aim.</li> </ul> <p><b>37/47/X47</b> Penicuik {Ladywood / Deanburn} – Bilston – Edinburgh – Silverknowes/Granton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor timetable changes, but no loss of journeys in the Midlothian section</li> <li>• On Sundays, the 47 is curtailed to run between Penicuik Ladywood and Frederick Street only. Northbound buses will show “Waverley” on the destination screen. The section of 47 between the city centre and Granton will be withdrawn on Sundays.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PENICUIK TERMINUS</b></p> <p>Two bus services use the new bus stops in Penicuik Town Centre as a terminus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15/15A Lothian Buses</li> <li>• 141 First Edinburgh</li> </ul> <p>On both bus services drivers take their layover break parked up on the inner layby where the buses do not obstruct through services such as the 37, 47, 62 or 101/102 buses that call at the outer layby.</p> <p>When the 15/15A and 141 buses are ready to leave the terminus, drivers must allow passengers to board. This is particularly useful for those who have just attended the Penicuik Medical Centre or have just come from the newly built superstore. These bus users will avoid having to cross the main road to reach the northbound stop on the other side of the road.</p> <p>Some bus users may end their shopping on the John Street side of the main road. To save these people having to cross the main road to reach the terminus stop, buses on 15/15A and 141 will also stop at the first northbound stop before heading north out of the town.</p> <p>Correspondence from Penicuik CC reported that whilst most drivers do follow the rules outlined above, there are a limited few who do not. The two bus companies have reinforced the procedure to be followed with their staff and now if anyone experiences a driver refusing to uplift at the terminus, please pass details [date, time, route no, bus no etc] so that the matter can be followed up with the operator concerned.</p>
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<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS 2009, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010</b>	<b>FROM THE TRAVEL TEAM, IN BONNYRIGG</b>
<p><b>Are there any topics that you want to be covered in future editions? Please let the editor know by e-mail to <a href="mailto:karl.vanters@midlothian.gov.uk">karl.vanters@midlothian.gov.uk</a></b></p> <p><b>The next Issue 042 is due on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.</b></p> <p><b>The following issue 043 is due on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.</b></p>	<p><b>Attachments to this newsletter</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p> <p><b>Travel Team attendance at community meetings</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">None in diary at moment</p>

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### Bus Passengers' Platform

**If you have had to complain to a bus operator in Scotland and don't feel that you have received a satisfactory response, or you have received no response within a reasonable time, you can appeal to Bus Passengers' Platform (BPP). BPP is part of Passengers' Transport Users' Committee Scotland (PTUCS), an advisory body set up by Scottish Ministers to consider public transport. If you think you have a relevant complaint for consideration by BPP please contact:**

**Bus Passengers' Platform, c/o Transport Directorate, 2-D North, Victoria Quay, Leith,**

**Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ // Tel: **0131 244 1709** or **0131 244 1525** // Fax: **0131 244 7281****

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**Traveline Scotland – public transport information call centre**

**[covers all of Scotland including all bus services to/from/within Midlothian]**

**0871 200 22 33 [24 hours a day/365 days a year]**

**[www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)**

**Edinburgh Airport Aircraft Noise Line – **0800 731 3397****

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# FREE BUSES

**New Year's Day Morning, 1 January 2010**

**CITY CENTRE DEPARTURE POINTS**  
First Buses leave at approx. 0010  
Last Buses leave at approx. 0400  
Frequencies & departures subject to changes depending on demand.

**EDINBURGH'S HOGMANAY**  
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**Free Night Buses**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>from <b>YORK PLACE</b> N8 to Muirhouse every 30mins</li> <li>from <b>ELM ROW</b> N11 to Ocean Terminal every 15mins N22 to Ocean Terminal every 10mins</li> <li>from <b>LEOPOLD PLACE</b> N26 to Port Seton every 15mins N44 to Tranent every 15mins</li> <li>from <b>NICOLSON STREET</b> N3 to Gorebridge every 20mins N30 to Clovenstone every 30mins N31 to Bonnyrigg every 20mins N33 to Fairmilehead every 20mins N37 to Penicuik every 15mins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>from <b>LOTHIAN ROAD</b> N11 to Ferniehill every 20mins N16 to Torphin every 20mins N27 to Hunter's Tryst every 20mins</li> <li>from <b>DALRY ROAD</b> N22 to Airport every 30mins N25 to Riccarton every 15mins N30 to Clovenstone every 30mins N44 to Balerno every 15mins</li> <li>from <b>HAYMARKET</b> N26 to Clerwood every 15mins N31 to East Craigs every 15mins</li> <li>from <b>QUEENSFERRY STREET</b> N37 to Silverknowes every 30mins</li> </ul>
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