



# Newsletter 39

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*Simon Norton in the background of a vintage bus event at Totnes Station in 2017. © Brian Bell*

**Rest In Peace**  
**Dr Simon Philips Norton (1952-2019)**

# Welcome to BABUS Newsletter 39

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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 Mr **Raymond Smith, BABUS Membership Secretary, 8 St Peters Close, SHARNBROOK, Bedford, MK44 1PD**, or join online at **[www.babus.org.uk](http://www.babus.org.uk)**



**Death of BABUS Treasurer and  
Membership Secretary Dr Simon  
Norton 1952-2019 – Rest In Peace**

***Text by Suzy Scott, incorporating  
parts of a more comprehensive  
feature by Richard Wood of  
Cambridge Area Bus Users – samples  
from printed media under fair use.***



*Author and screenwriter Alexander Masters  
(left) sits with his downstairs neighbour,  
mathematical prodigy Simon Norton.  
Alexander Masters/Courtesy of Delacorte*

*Here's a basic summary from Suzy a few  
days after hearing the news... Simon was  
our Membership Secretary which later  
expanded to include the role of  
Treasurer. BABUS was represented at  
the funeral (Golders Green Crematorium,  
north London) on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
I still genuinely feel totally gobsmacked  
that he has gone... and I guess it's still  
not quite sunk in even as I type this on  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019... keep thing "he's  
quiet..."*

I was really surprised and shocked to hear the news of Simon's passing. I knew he had missed the last BABUS committee meeting because of cold weather, because of his knees, but I simply put this down to partially getting older, and partially other ongoing life-long health

conditions. I genuinely had no idea he had a heart condition, but this may have been a sudden/undiagnosed thing.

I first heard of Simon via his Campaign for Better Transport/Transport 2000 Cambs and Suffolk branch I think it was, and when I joined BABUS in 2009, he'd heard of my work on the Forum now known as Anglia & Thames Valley Bus Forum. It had been mentioned that they were looking for a website person, having been left the lurch by their previous person. Subsequently I expanded my role with BABUS, and have currently done ten years this month.

It's clear that we didn't always see eye to eye, but we did 9 times out of 10 – but he still respected and supported everyone around him. Just like most local councillors or trade unions, I kind of supported most of his thoughts, even if there were a few that might seem to be more unsuitable.

Following the launching of his biography of sorts (The Genius In My Basement), I kinda liked and respected him even more. Without trying to make this all about me, I see certain aspects of his personality are like me (early start late finish, distributing information in person) – and some of his other aspects (hygiene etc.) might be more like the old me than the new me. But I'm sad to say, no matter how many bumps in the road over the years we've known each other, that I have truly lost a friend.

*.... And part of much more of a collection  
of texts from and assembled by Richard  
Wood/Cambridge Area Bus Users...*

"Mathematical prodigy," "genius in the basement," "eccentric," "passionate campaigner for public transport," "wise and dedicated grass-roots campaigner" – there is no simple way of summing up the late Dr Simon Norton who has died just days short of his 67th birthday.

We, at Cambridge Area Bus Users, were delighted when Simon agreed to be a member of our Executive Committee. His encyclopædic knowledge of public transport, particularly of bus routes past and present, brought a depth of expertise available nowhere else in any one individual.

Simon's "grief at the Transport Act 1985" (under which bus services outside of London were deregulated) was only partly assuaged by the passing of the Bus Services Act 2017 under which regional mayors – including Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's James Palmer have enhanced powers to co-ordinate and improve local bus services.

As well as Cambridge Area Bus Users, Simon had a longstanding involvement in the Campaign for Better Transport, locally and nationally, supported the Association of British Commuters from its early days, attended many meetings of Airport Watch and generously donated about £3 million to the grant-making charity Foundation for Integrated Transport, of which he was chair of trustees.

In Memoriam Simon Norton  
*Posted on Feb 15, 2019 in Foundation News*

*With great sadness we announce that Simon Norton, founder and chair of the*

*Foundation for Integrated Transport, died suddenly on 12th February 2019. Simon campaigned passionately for equitable, safe, logical and environmentally friendly transport networks, with a particular passion for buses. The Foundation sends condolences to Simon's family at this sad time.*

News of Simon's passing comes as a great shock and loss to Cambridge Area Bus Users. Simon gave such valuable input to our Executive Committee. He will be irreplaceable.

Readers may also appreciate parts of the Guardian obituary of Simon, by Alexander Masters, author of *The Genius In My Basement*.

#### *Simon Norton obituary*

*Mathematical prodigy who was a brilliant problem solver with an infectious sense of humour*

*Simon's fortunes revived when he started to work with the charismatic John Conway, a brilliant and playful mathematician at the university. Together they worked on the Atlas of Finite Groups. Group theory concerns the study of symmetries. Turn a triangle on its side and it will still look like a triangle: that is a group theory result. At its most complex – in the rarefied landscapes where Simon gambolled – group theory underpins our understanding of the universe.*

*The job of the atlas was to catalogue all the fundamental types of symmetry: the atoms of the subject. Simon's attention was caught by one of these "atoms",*

known as "the Monster". You can turn a triangle three times, and it looks the same each time. For the Monster, the equivalent number is 808,017,424,794,512,875,886,459,904,961,710,757,005,754,368,000,000,000.

*Simon became the world expert on an unearthly mathematical aspect of this group called Monstrous Moonshine. "I can explain what Monstrous Moonshine is in one sentence," said Simon. "It is the voice of God."*

*In later years, he owned a house in Cambridge and was famous for his generosity. He was the only landlord in the city to reduce his rent when Margaret Thatcher brought in the poll tax. Sometimes he would set potential tenants a mathematics puzzle. One was to replace the letters with the right numbers in the following multiplication: SIMON x P = NORTON. (There are two possible solutions.) I first met him in 1995, when I became one of his tenants, and in 2011 I published a biography of him: Simon, The Genius in My Basement. The other love of Simon's life was public transport. Even as a boy he would rush away to ride around the country on buses and trains. As an adult, he became a vehement campaigner against cars, wrote a regular, remarkably funny newsletter for the Campaign for Better Transport, and donated £10,000 annually to fund a prize for transport activism (he was especially pleased when one of his winners superglued himself to Gordon Brown). Despite Simon's collapse into mathematical obscurity, he was a triumphant and inspiring figure: a person unburdened by rancour, jealousy or sense of loss.*

*He is survived by his brothers, Michael and Francis.*

**Summary report of joint liaison  
meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
***By Frances Horwood***

This meeting was attended by representatives of Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Stagecoach; nobody from Uno was able to attend.

At our last meeting, in November 2018, we were told that there would be changes to some Stagecoach services from December 30th 2018 but that these would be mostly minor timing changes. In fact there were major changes to Bedford to Hitchin services and BABUS had been contacted by members living in Central Bedfordshire who considered that the services had deteriorated. The journey between Bedford and Hitchin now took longer, with a less direct route on the Shortstown section. In addition, people who had formerly used the service to get to work, had found there was now no morning service which would get them there on time. ***(ED: These were supposed to be in Newsletter 37 and 38 – I can genuinely apologise for those people who never got hard copies of their Newsletters, but this is now being done by Colin Franklin).***

Stagecoach were aware of the dissatisfaction with the changes. The new timetable was not convenient for students travelling to college and buses from Hitchin became delayed at peak periods. The services were being reviewed; at the time of our meeting,

the company was asking for feedback from drivers. The timetable would be altered in May, with a different route through Shortstown. Residents of Shortstown would still have a good service.

There were a few other changes. In Bedford Borough, the diversion for work on Bromham Road Bridge was about to start. This would affect buses on Routes X5 and 41, travelling from Bedford only. The No. 41 would be diverted via Ford End Road and the X5 via the bypass, the official diversionary route. This stage of the work, with one way traffic on a section of Bromham Road, would last about a month (***ED The first stage should have finished the week before this is sent out***) then, after an interval, the bridge would be closed for a year.

In Central Bedfordshire there were some changes. Whitbread Wanderer services had changed because they had a new parking area. Uno would introduce enhanced Sunday services - the same frequency as Saturdays - from April.

We received an update on the plans for Flitwick Station Interchange. This would be going out to tender for design and building. There were plans for a cycle way from Center Parcs to Flitwick Station, where there would be ample provision for the storage of cycles.

Another matter which appears regularly on the agenda for liaison meetings is the availability of printed timetables. BABUS was pleased that Stagecoach had produced booklets showing Bedford town services and hoped they would be

available in all outlets which stocked bus information. Stagecoach had taken a stock of them to the Central Library.

Bedford Borough Council's Transporting Bedford 2020 scheme was touched on as Manton Lane and Shakespeare Road were included and the replacement of the two mini roundabouts in Bromham Road by traffic lights. Thus traffic flow in the area of the Railway Station should be improved and it was hoped that fewer delays to buses would encourage more people to use them.

A date for our next meeting has not yet been arranged but it is likely to take place in June.

**Finally Getting Rid of Me – But  
Your Society Still Needs You!  
(More Than Ever...)**  
***By Suzy Scott***

As you will know, Caroline (my former partner) and I split up back in July 2018, and I moved back to my home of Dundee. After various temporary accommodation, I moved into the new home in Wolseley Street – half way between Hilltown and Stobswell (and just round from the football grounds) at the end of November 2018. Of course, Dundee has two football clubs in the same street... Dundee United and Dundee United Reserves... but I digress. I'm fine and settled in, and have a new partner who has kept me busy over the last month and a bit!!!

I subsequently have moved to Dundee, but have agreed to maintain the work from afar up to the 2019 AGM. So what

this means is that from there, BABUS will definitely be needing some fresh blood to join our committee, including people responsible for Newsletters (since 2012) and Website (since 2007). I have personally been on the committee now since 2007, and I feel this is the right time to call it to an end.

Following the death of Dr Simon Norton, the pressure on our existing committee members continues to grow to the extreme. Please therefore think if you would be in a position to anything you can to help, then please get in touch with our Secretary Frances Horwood, whose details you can find on Page 2.

**BABUS comes to Dundee. Well almost!**  
***By Suzy Scott***



Further to my move to Dundee last summer, imagine my surprise when I saw a Facebook Sponsored Post advert for a new food outlet in Dundee's Hilltown, recommended by a good friend of mine. Quite a surprise when I read the link... they are **Babu's**, with the website / domain name **www.babus.co.uk** !

They sell a variety of classic ethnic fast food, and while I have not partaken of any of the menu yet, I would suggest anyone who actually goes to **babus.co.uk** instead of our own version of the domain name (**www.babus.org.uk**) just might not be able to order a munchie box (Scottish delicacy of variety of finger foods like bhajis, onion rings, pakora,

chicken tikka, chips etc.) for delivery to Biggleswade or Kempston...

... So, for the critics of our Society who suggest we couldn't organize a drink up in a brewery... well our namesake can certainly sell something for you to eat on the cab ride home!

**UK's first Driverless Bus**  
***By Stagecoach PLC and Alexander Dennis***



**UK's first full-sized autonomous bus begins depot trials**

The UK's first full-sized autonomous bus is now being trialled in a Manchester bus depot. The ground-breaking project – involving a single-deck vehicle – is part of a programme being delivered by transport operator Stagecoach in partnership with bus manufacturer Alexander Dennis Limited (ADL) and technology company Fusion Processing.

The 11.5m ADL Enviro200 vehicle is now able to operate autonomously within Sharston depot, and the technology being used could also provide future road safety benefits for vehicles operating in manual mode.



The ADL-manufactured bus has been fitted with the CAVstar® system provided by Fusion Processing Ltd, and is being trialled by Stagecoach. The trial includes the bus being used in autonomous mode within the depot environment, to carry out movements such as parking and moving into the bus wash.

The first public demonstration of the bus was held today (Monday 18 March), attended by the Chief Executives of each partner organisation.

The CAVstar® control and sensing system was utilised successfully in the UK's largest public trial of autonomous vehicles to date, in Greenwich last year, and a number of other projects.

The system uses multiple sensor types including radar, LIDAR, optical cameras and ultrasound, along with satellite navigation to detect and avoid objects, in all weathers, day and night, and plan an optimum path for the vehicle.

The software being used in the pilot vehicle also forms the basis for a significant autonomous vehicle trial due to get underway in 2020 when a fleet of five autonomous buses similar to this one will operate – carrying passengers - between Fife and Edinburgh, across the Forth Road Bridge Corridor.

Funding of £4.35m from the UK Government's Innovate UK fund was awarded last year to the CAVForth project team which includes Stagecoach along with partners Transport Scotland, Alexander Dennis Limited (ADL), Fusion

Processing Ltd, ESP Group, Edinburgh Napier University and University of West of England.

The vehicles in both trials will be used autonomously to Level 4 standard which means that a safety driver must remain on board in line with UK regulations. The technology can also be used to help improve the safety of road users in manually driven vehicles. For example, the sensor system on the vehicle can be used to provide assistance to the driver by warning of cyclists or pedestrians that may be in the blind spot or arrive unexpectedly close to the vehicle.

Stagecoach Chief Executive Martin Griffiths said: "Stagecoach was the original transport disruptor, trying new things and breaking new ground, and that has never changed. This is an exciting project to trial autonomous technology on a full-sized bus for the first time in the UK.

"Our employees are the beating heart of our business and I believe that will remain the case, but the world is changing fast, particularly where new technology is involved, and it's our job to lead the way in looking at ways to continually progress and improve our operations for the good of the many people who use our bus services every day."

### **Dundee Calling!!!**

***By Suzy Scott***

So Pages 7-8 show (for those who didn't know already) that I no longer live in Hertfordshire. But, I felt it might be worthwhile to do a small feature here on

transport in Dundee – so you can compare and contrast with these in your locality. Dundee is the fourth biggest city in Scotland, and with has a population of 148,270 (thanks to Wikipedia!) The city has two universities, many vast parks, housing schemes (estates down south), and seems to be more into cultural since the opening of the DCA (Dundee Contemporary Arts), and last September, the opening of the V&A Design Museum.

Of course, Dundee has two football clubs in the same street... now from Page 7 you will probably guess I'm a dyed-in-the-wool (long suffering more like it!) Arab – the term for a Dundee United supporter. Over the road there's Dundee – but we are the only team in Europe to have a 100% record against Barcelona. But, there's more to the city than football – did you know Dundee is home to the UK's only conductor-operated service running six days a week, taking fares, cash and contactless? (London has recently changed to be summer weekends and bank holidays only, and they don't handle cash). Got your attention now?

Dundee City has several bus operators, and a transport museum. Other than the recent ABC ticket, bus operators don't take each other tickets, except in some cases where the neighbouring council area specifies this for the subsidised evening service, for example, so tickets can still be used to get home. A basic colour-coded Dundee City Map can be found on Page 13 (more detailed ABC network due to be coming later this Spring).



The largest in the City is **Xplore Dundee** – formerly Dundee Corporation since 1899 (as tramways, 1922 from buses) before passing to Tayside Regional Council at the 1975 reorganisation. At deregulation, the company had to become stand-alone, and subsequently traded as Tayside Buses from 1986 to 1997, when the company was acquired by National Express Group. Despite my personal cynicism at the time (as NatEx did a lot of selling in the 1990's), they are still at the helm today. They use exact fare money hoppers, but Contactless is coming in the near future. They were the first large operator outside London to have a 100% low floor fleet in 2004. A fleet of varied vehicles is used including a recent batch of 14 stop-start Enviro400MMC's (see above at launch) and 9 Hybrid Enviro400's a little bit older.

The services cover most of the city, with some in surrounding areas won on tender. Fares are generally one of two - £1.75 or £2.25, with an on-bus day ticket costing £3.70, or £3.50 on the M-Ticket app (and these are valid genuinely on every service the company does – such as Fife school services to St Andrews, and Perth via Blairgowrie weekend evenings too). Having said that – guess how much a day ticket cost in 2017?

£3.80 ! Yes – not a misprint – all day, 10 journey and period tickets have been held for the past two years – with a 10p cut for day tickets in 2018. Having said this, single fares (on which the concession fares are based) continue to rise annually.



**Stagecoach East Scotland** comes next, and have three constituent parts – Stagecoach Perth (founded in 1981 for cross-border express services), Stagecoach in Fife (former Scottish Bus Group subsidiary bought in 1991), and Stagecoach Strathclyde (immediately adjacent SBG operator covering former Tayside, bought by Yorkshire Traction in 1991, who sold to Stagecoach in 2005). They have a varied network of rural services in and out, local services in Angus Perthshire and Fife towns, and an interurban coach network.

The coach services in Fife especially are very frequent, with Dundee-St Andrews corridor now the most frequent route in Fife with 8 buses per hour (4 on Sundays) – and a weekend night service – can you imagine that from Bedford to Sandy? Park & Ride is part of this growth, but there was growth and innovation years before this. As a result, Fife-Glasgow is four coaches an hour, with

Fife-Edinburgh (to the first park and ride after the Forth Bridges at Ferrytoll) getting 8 buses an hour – by the way, that's off peak!

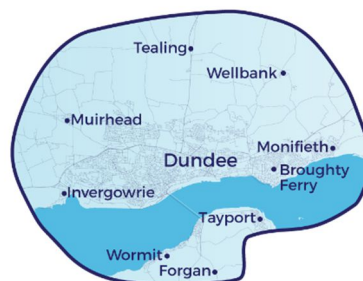
Fares vary depending on the service and area, but a Dundee local day ticket will cost £3.50, Dundee Plus £3.90 (further out with Carnoustie etc.), up to the East Scotland Zone (all Stagecoach in Tayside, Fife, Glasgow, Central, to/from Edinburgh and Aberdeen on the hourly X7 CoastRider service) for £16.00 per day. They give change on the bus, and of course Tayway73 feature conductors, even 27 – 28 years after the Routemasters left! The customer-friendly aspect in a competitive atmosphere is clearly an advantage, but why? In various times, the use of conductors has been reviewed – even when they used Darts during the day – but the cost vs. time saved is always won out. (Maybe also partially as Yorkshire Traction were less keen on profits than Stagecoach?) However even recent estimations show that six extra buses – all hybrid Volvo/AD double deckers now – would be needed if this ended tomorrow – each was about £250,000 – before you look at staff and fuel costs!





The third operator in and around the City (and ABC ticket holder), is **Moffat & Williamson**. This is a long established coach company formed in 1945 by the merger of James Moffat of Cardenden, and Williamson of Gauldry. During 2012 the last of the original owners retired, and the company is now owned by a former Strathtay / Stagecoach senior manager. They first started running commercial routes into the city in 1990, added contracts in 1991, but all lost or given up during 1994 (in terms of Dundee). During mid-2010's they won the evening contract for a service from Dundee-Tayport-St Andrews, and the company won their first Dundee City contracts during 2015 (Service 236 to the former Suzy homes in Mid Craigie and Linlathen before Claverhouse), and a Service 88 that uses funding from Sainsbury's (the Scottish version of Section 106 planning funding). Subsequent further expansion has meant further contracted wins to Fowlis/Muirhead (not Sundays, still XD), and from March 2019, the Monikie Circular. The company also took on a service to Wormit scheduled to be abandoned by Stagecoach. The Dundee services are operated by Enviro200 single deckers on several, but smaller buses (like brand new 17 seat Mercedes Sprinters for more rural stuff).

The Dundee Day Ticket costs £3.20 (this covers the same as Stagecoach/ABC plus also Gauldry on this operator's services only), and a £6.00 Fife / Dundee ticket valid on all services from this operator. An interesting aspect of these is that at weekends, two children under 16 go free with an Adult buying a day ticket.



**ABC Bus Ticket** (All Bus Company ticket, as opposed to the former Safeway loyalty card!) is another recent introduction in Autumn 2015. These tickets have been unchanged in price at £4.20 for unlimited travel on the three previously mentioned bus operators, within the City and surrounding areas (see map at top of this column). These are only sold on smartcards – and the largest operator (XD) don't give their driver cards. That and the promotional smartcards given away at the launch having an unknown expiry date of one year later, meant the system was a bit unusual in terms of starting up. **Holiday Hop** uses the same funding as the ABC scheme, giving up to three accompanied children travel with another Adult Season/Day or Single Fare or Concession Passes Holder for 20p each, during Dundee City school holidays only.

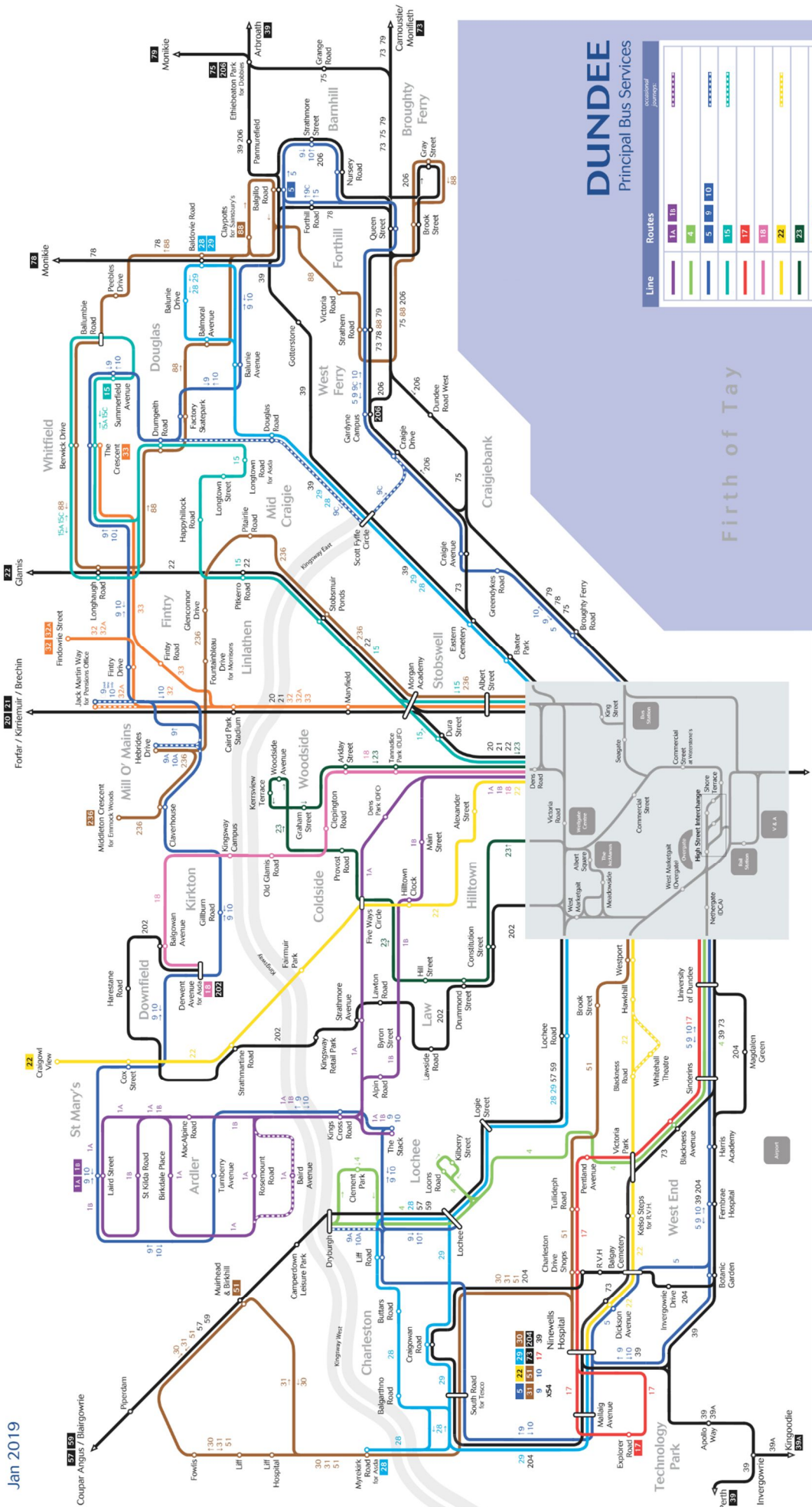
**Concession Passes** are valid throughout the day across Scotland – and the elderly get them from the earlier age of 60. These can be used on long distance coach services, with Scottish Citylink offering a £1 booking fee for free concession pass holders who wish to guarantee a seat. The official exceptions are things like sightseeing tours and night services, but there are exceptions to the rule too.

So, hope you've enjoyed this comparison – now draw your own conclusions!



# Your Local Bus Network

Jan 2019



**DUNDEE**  
Principal Bus Services

Line	Routes	Seasonal Services
1A	1B	1A 1B
4	5	4 5
8	10	8 10
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18	22	18 22
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***By Suzy Scott***

Those of you who require to renew your Membership will find a pink Renewal Form in with this envelope. (Normally these go in with AGM papers but see below). Following on the death of Dr Simon Norton, our Membership Secretary is now Ray Smith, while a new treasurer will be announced in due course. Please follow the form instructions carefully, and remember to return to the address in Sharnbrook given either on Page 2, or on the name/address side of the pink form.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is currently scheduled for **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**, for which more details will be given in Newsletter 40.

p.s. Ignore the fact this area of text is one column only – Microsoft Word doesn't want to know without screwing it all up!

### **Bus service changes in 2019 in Central Bedfordshire (since the last Newsletter)**

*Using information from the Central Bedfordshire Council website*

<b>From</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Change</b>
12 May 2019	Stagecoach 9A/9B: Bedford, Shefford, Henlow Camp, Arlesey, Hitchin	Minor timing changes to address issues in Bedford Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W1: Meppershall, Stotfold, Henlow, Langford, Bedford	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W2: Meppershall, Clifton Park, Shillington, Gravenhurst, Bedford	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W3: Meppershall, Campton, Gravenhurst, Henlow, Biggleswade	Change of starting location and timetable alterations and routing within Stotfold
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W4: Meppershall, Clifton, Stanford, Southill, Langford, Welwyn Garden City	Change of starting location and timetable alterations and routing within Stotfold
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W5: Meppershall, Shefford, Clifton, Langford, Biggleswade	Destination changed from Baldock to Biggleswade, starting location and timetables changed, also
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W6: Shefford Circular via Campton, Gravenhurst, Southill, Broom	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W7: Meppershall, Clifton, Henlow, Arlesey, Letchworth Garden City	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W8: Meppershall, Southill	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W9: Meppershall, Shefford, Clifton, Henlow, Broom, St. Neots	Change of starting location and timetable alterations

<b>From</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Change</b>
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W10: Meppershall, Shillington, Henlow Camp, St. Neots	Change of starting location and timetable alterations and routing within Stotfold
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W11: Meppershall, Shillington, Gravenhurst, Clophill, Milton Keynes	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W12: Meppershall, Shillington, Gravenhurst, Clophill, Milton Keynes	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W13: Meppershall, Southill, Langford, Clifton, Shefford, Milton Keynes	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus W14: Meppershall, Gravenhurst, Shillington, Shefford, Welwyn Garden City	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
6 May 2019	Wanderbus WX: Meppershall, Shefford, Stotfold Library	Change of starting location and timetable alterations
21 April 2019	UNO C1/C11: Bedford, Marston Moretaine, Cranfield, Milton Keynes	Sunday timetable improvements, now the same as Saturday timetable
15 April 2019	Grant Palmer 42: Bedford, Toddington, Dunstable	Minor timetable change to one morning peak journey
15 April 2019	Grant Palmer C/CX: Weatherby, Dunstable, Luton	Revised timetable to peak journeys, one journey to Luton, non-Busway
1 April 2019	Red Eagle 61: Aylesbury, Dunstable	Amendment to the 7:30am school and 7:43am non-school journeys to aid reliability and Saturday running times
1 April 2019	Marshalls 772: Leighton Buzzard, London	Additional stops added
25 February 2019	Centrebus 89 / 89A: Hitchin, Pirton, Shillington, Meppershall, Henlow Camp	Short notice variation due to road closure between Holwell and A600. Buses diverting from Pirton via Hexton Road until end of June 2019
17 February 2019	Centrebus X31: Luton, Dunstable	Additional later journey from Dunstable to Luton.
17 February 2019	Centrebus 188/190: Hitchin, Biggleswade, Potton, Sandy	A revised timetable will be introduced as previously discussed in response to the recent changes to the Stagecoach network in the area.
17 February 2019	Arriva 150: Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes	Minor timetable changes to improve punctuality.
10 February 2019	Arriva 31: Luton, L&D Hospital, Dunstable	Revised timetable.
10 February 2019	Arriva 321: Luton, Harpenden, Watford	Revised timetable

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