

**Members Bulletin:**

**Bus Service Update for March 2006**



First has registered a number of service changes from 27 March 2006, centred on the company's East Lothian and Midlothian networks. Some of these are minor timetable changes, and the following services fall into this category:

- X6** (Haymarket-City Centre-The Jewel ASDA-Haddington-Dunbar)
- X8** (Haymarket-City Centre-The Jewel ASDA-Tranent-Haddington)
- 44** (Wallyford-Musselburgh-Willowbrae-City Centre-Currie-Balerno)
- X81** (Haymarket-City Centre-Gilmerton-Eskbank-Newtongrange-Gorebridge)
- 129** (Silverknowes-City Centre-Portobello-Musselburgh-Seton Sands)

Changes to the following services are more significant:

- X29** (Haymarket-City Centre-The Jewel-Asda-Wallyford-Seton Sands)

Daytime service withdrawn. Remaining service will operate in weekday peaks only.

- X12** (Tranent-Elphinstone-Edinburgh)

Terminus moved from Elphinstone to Pencaitland, and service renumbered X13.

- 7N** (Edinburgh-Dalkeith Mayfield-Polton Night Service)

Service withdrawn.

### **X77 (Edinburgh-Lasswade-Polton-Rosewell)**

Service withdrawn.

### **X78 (Haymarket-City Centre-Gilmerton-Bonnyrigg-Cockpen)**

Terminus moved from Cockpen to Rosewell.

### **79 (Haymarket-City Centre-RIE-Danderhall-Bonnyrigg-Rosewell)**

**New Service.** Replaces withdrawn service X77 - operates on a 30-minute frequency, Monday to Saturday, hourly evenings and Sundays. Route via RIE, Danderhall, Dalkeith and Bonnyrigg.

### **44D (Edinburgh-Musselburgh-Wallyford-Haddington-Dunbar)**

Service renumbered service 6 in the evenings and on Sundays.

### **86/X86 (Clerwood-Haymarket-City Centre-Bridges-RIE-Dalkeith-Mayfield-Birkenside)**

Minor timetable changes, however, all 86's except the X86 will now call into the RIE (formerly only service 86A and 86B did so - two buses per hour). This contrasts with the position on the opening of the RIE, when no First service called into the site.

### **140 (RIE-Fort Kinnaird-Musselburgh-Dalkeith-Polton-Rosewell)**

Evening service Monday to Saturday and Sunday service withdrawn. On Sundays, this service replaced by new service 79 (see above).

# Lothian Buses

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Lothian Buses has registered a large number of service changes for 26 March, the vast majority of which are of a minor nature, designed to improve reliability.

Changes to the following services fall into this category:

- 1** (Clermiston-Gorgie-Princes St-Easter Rd-Ocean Terminal)
- 14** (West Granton-Pilton-Goldenacre-Leith-Nth Bridge-Prestonfield-Greendykes)
- 16** (Silverknowes-Granton-Leith-Princes St-Tollcross-Morningside-Oxgangs)
- 17** (Drylaw-Waterfront-Granton-Canonmills-Princes St-Morningside-Craighouse)
- 21** (Gyle-Edinburgh Pk-Clermiston-Davidson's Mains-Ferry Rd-Leith)
- 24/24A** (Edinburgh Pk-Gyle-D' Mains-Stockbridge-Tollcross-Marchmont-RIE)
- X25** (Riccarton-Sighthill-NON-STOP -Princes ST-Waterloo Place)
- X26** (Seton Sands-Portobello-City Centre-Edinburgh Park Station)
- 25** (Riccarton-Sighthill-Gorgie-Haymarket-Princes ST-Leith-Lochend-Restalrig)
- 27** Silverknowes-Muirhouse-Crewe Toll-Canonmills- Tollcross-Oxgangs)
- 34** (Riccarton-Hermiston-Longstone-Slateford-Princes St-Lochend-Ocean Term.)
- 42** (Silverknowes- Stockbridge-Mound-Cameron Toll-Duddingston-Portobello)
- 45** (Riccarton-Currie-Craiglockart-Tollcross-Mound-Willowbrae-Brunstane)

Changes to the following services are more significant:

- 2** (Gogarburn-Gyle-Broomhouse-Haymarket-Prestonfield-Niddrie-Jewel)

Service to RBS Gogarburn reduced from 3 buses per hour to 1 bus per hour.

- 12** (Jewel-Portobello-Pirniefeld-Princes St-Haymarket-Gyle-Gogarburn)

Journeys to the RBS at Gogarburn have been withdrawn - replaced by service X48 (see below).

- 13** (Lochend-New Town-City Centre-West End-Ravelston Dykes-Blackhall)

This service is curtailed to Craigleith Rise off-peak on weekdays. Weekday peak journeys and all Saturday journeys will continue to serve March Road, Blackhall.

- 15/15A** (Tranent-Musselburgh-Portobello-Princes St-Morningside-Roslin-Penicuik)

Saturday journeys extended to serve Penicuik. Between 30 April and 24 September, a limited Sunday service will be provided between St Andrew Square and Penicuik.

**35 (Ocean Terminal-Leith-Canongate-Fountainbridge-South Gyle-Airport)**

Diverted to serve Gyle Centre.

**37/47/X47 (Penicuik-Liberton-Cameron Toll-Princes St-Silverknowes/Granton Sq)**

As a result of a successful joint bid by this Council and Midlothian Council for Bus Route Development Grant, this service will be enhanced to provide eight buses per hour between Penicuik and the City Centre. The three variants will operate as follows:

- 37 Operates from Deanburn, Penicuik, to Silverknowes (4 buses per hour)
- 47 Operates from Penicuik town centre to Granton Square via the Waterfront. (2 buses per hour)
- X47 Operates from Deanburn, Penicuik, to Granton Square via the Waterfront. (2 buses per hour). The service operates non-stop between Straiton and Salisbury Place.

**41 (Craighouse-Grange-Mound-Blackhall-Barnton-Cramond)**

Now serves Cramond Road in both directions. Gamekeeper's road will no longer be served.

**X48 (Waverley Bridge-Haymarket-Maybury-Ingliston P&R)**

Some journeys will extend to serve Ratho Station and Ratho village (Hallcroft Park) on a 30-minute frequency (40 -mins evenings and Sundays). Stopping pattern changed from non-stop to limited-stop between Maybury and Haymarket. Some journeys will serve the RBS site at Gogarburn during the morning and evening peak periods.

**100 (Waverley Bridge-Haymarket-Zoo-Corstorphine-Airport)**

Stopping pattern altered: between Airport and Maybury, only Airport Hilton Hotel observed. A new stopping point will be introduced at West Coates.

***Mac Tours***

**67 (Edinburgh-A8-Ratho Station-Ratho Village-Hermiston-Wester Hailes)**

Service withdrawn. (See Lothian Buses X48 above)

## ***Waverley Travel***

### **67 (Ratho Village-Hermiston-Wester Hailes-ASDA)**

Following the withdrawal of Mac Tours service 67 (and its partial replacement by Lothian Buses service X48), a bus service between Ratho village and Wester Hailes (extending to ASDA at Chesser Avenue) will be provided by Waverley Travel from 27 March, under an emergency 3-month contract let by the Council.

#### **Fares**

Lothian Buses has announced the introduction of a £1 adult single flat fare on all of its services from 26 March 2006. Currently two adult single fares are in use - 80p (up to 8 stages) and £1 (9 or more stages).

There are no changes to Day Ticket prices, or to child, Airlink, or night bus fares. Some 'Ridacard' prices are revised. Details of these changes can be found on Lothian Buses website: [www.lothianbuses.co.uk](http://www.lothianbuses.co.uk)

First has announced that from 1 April their fares will follow suit in areas where the company competes with Lothian Buses. It is expected that other bus companies will do likewise in due course.

#### **Industrial Action**

The majority of Lothian Buses' employees are covered by the Local Government Pension Scheme and, therefore, the company will be involved in the planned industrial action by Local Government Employees on 28 March.

On that day no Lothian Buses services will operate, with the exception of service 100 (Airlink) which will be operated by a contractor.

Other bus operator's services are unaffected by the industrial action.

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