

John Parkin's Last Journeys

Over a number of years I have had a fascination in riding last journeys (and in some cases the first of the new order), normally with a conversion to one-man operation or the withdrawal of a route number in its entirety. In route order, these are some of the local last journeys I have done (I will probably have unintentionally left out a few), in many cases taking flash photographs, often with the crew posing in front. I have done scores of other last journeys throughout the LT area.

77 - last RT and RM from Wallington

77 - last RT garage journey from Wallington to Merton Garage via Western Road

77A- last Worcester Park journey

77B – last bus

80/A - the last RFs

88 - last Stockwell Garage journey from Merton Garage via Phipps Bridge.

88 – last at Belmont. I may have done the last Banstead Hospital bus

93 – the last scheduled RT (my records show the crew were Peggy and Derek Upson)

93 - Sutton 's last conductor – conductor Peel

109 – last RM

RT 1831 works the last RT bus from Wallington to Whyteleafe from the Belmont Road stand, prior to one-man operation – the crew from Thornton Heath (TH) Garage have their photo taken before departure



115/A – the last RT and RM workings

127/A – the last red bus (driver Andy Cakebread drove the last red 127) (before tendering to LCBS)

151 – the first DMS

151 – the first RF

151 – the last RT from Hackbridge

154 - the last RT;

154 - the last DMS via Ruskin Road and the first via Carshalton Beeches

157 -certain last RT workings, including the last Elmers End bus on a Saturday

164 – the last RT

164 – the last Merton Garage peak allocation, which worked between Morden Station and St Helier Avenue Middleton Road

190 – last RM

213 – last DMS in 1978

213 – last Glenthorne Schools

233 – the last journey
234 – the first on the Mitcham Extension
234 – the last XA and FRM workings
234A – the last bus (LS operated) (Cannot remember if I did the last RF on the 234A)
254 – the first and last serving Beddington Lane (Driver Neville Gaskin from Sutton
Garage worked the first on the night that Beddington Lane signal box was gutted by
fire!!)
293 – the last red bus (before tendering to LCBS)
403 – the last night of Chelsham Garage
403 – last scheduled RMC from Wallington
413 – last M from Belmont
420 – the first from Walton On The Hill
472 – the last journey (LS operated)
709 – last journeys
719 – last from East Grinstead
725 – flash journeys of the last coaches as they served the Carshalton High Street stop
M1 – the first from Hackbridge
N88 – the last journey from Sutton

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