

TRANSPORT CHRONOLOGY

<i>Year</i>	<i>World Events</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Local Transport</i>
43	Romans arrive in Britain		
450	Romans leave Britain		
1066	William the Conqueror		
1168	Oxford University founded. Becket murdered		
1215	Magna Carta signed		
1295	Model Parliament		
1348	The Black Death		
1431	Joan of Arc burnt at the stake		
1471	Battle of Barnet		
1476	Printing press invented by Caxton		
1492	Columbus discovers the New World		
1536	Dissolution of the monasteries starts		
1549	Book of Common Prayer		
1588	Defeat of the Spanish Armada		
1600	East India Company founded		
1607	First settlement of Virginia		
1620	Pilgrim Fathers		
1625		Hackney carriage appears in London	

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1640		Nicolas Sauvage introduces the first taxi in Paris	
1642	English Civil War		
1660	Samuel Pepys begins his diary		
1662		Blaise Pascal starts regular horse drawn service in Paris	
1666	Great Fire of London		
1683	Newton's Theory of Gravity		
1694	Bank of England founded		
1697		'Direction posts' (sign posts) are required by law	
1706		Gated turnpike roads introduced. 'Direction posts' (signposts) are made compulsory at crossroads	
1712		Newcomen's steam pump invented	
1754			Whetstone High Road was turnpiked
1763		The first cast-iron rails are produced	
1767		Hargreaves's Jenny invented	
1769		The earliest full-scale automobile is a military steam tractor made by Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot at the Paris Arsenal in October	
1775		The horse drawn tram appears	
1783		Montgolfier takes first manned flight in a balloon on 4 June	
1784		First mail coach service. Bristol - London (John Plamer)	

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1790	French Revolution starts		
1801		Richard Trevithick builds the first passenger carrying automobile. It was steam powered and ran in Camborne Cornwall on 24 December	
1803		Birth in York on 26 October of Joseph Aloysius Hansom, inventor of the Hansom cab	
		Birth of Robert Stephenson (16 October)	
1804	Wallpaper is invented		
1807		Pall Mall is lit by gas	
1816		Steam locomotive working near Newcastle	
1825		Stockton-Darlington railway opens on 27 September	Work begins on Finchley Road
1829	Metropolitan Police Force created	Shillibeer's horse bus service in London	
		Stephen's Rocket is built	
1830		Liverpool - Manchester railway built - it features the first passenger carriages	
1831		Walter Hancock introduces the first motorised bus, powered by steam	
1833	Abolition of Slavery		
1834		The Hansom cab is introduced	
1836		London's first railway opens (Deptford to Spa Road, Bermondsey) in February	

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1839	Daguerreotype photographic process	The earliest machine propelled by cranks and pedals with connecting rods was built by Kirkpatrick	
	Darwin publishes Origin of the Species		
1841		Thomas Cook organises the first excursion by train (5 July)	
1842		Queen Victoria took her first train ride, from Slough to Paddington, on 14 June	
1845		Great Britain, first iron ship	
		Rotherhithe tunnel opens	
		Railway companies lobby Parliament to introduce Standard Time	
1846	Repeal of the Corn Law		
	First popular newspaper Daily News		
1850			Colney Hatch station opens
1851		Great Exhibition generates new traffic	
1852		King's Cross station is completed	
1855			Colney Hatch station renamed Southgate and Colney Hatch
1856		Companie Generale de Omnibuses de Londres starts operations	
1858		Bessemer introduces the first steel rails	

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1859	First oil well drilled, in Pennsylvania		
1860	Abraham Lincoln elected President of USA	First street tramway in Britain, in Birkenhead	
1861		Horse drawn trams in London	
1863		On 9 January Metropolitan Railway opens between Paddington and Farringdon Street	Whetstone's toll gate is abolished (30 October)
1865		Locomotives Act 1865 ("Red Flag" Act)	
		The first Pullman car appears in USA	
1867		Metropolitan Streets Act introduced	
1868		The first traffic lights (gas powered) are introduced in London at the corner of Bridge Street and Palace Yard	
1870	First postcard published in Britain	Tramways Act 1870	
1872		George Pullman introduces sleeping car	Totteridge & Whetstone station opened
			Woodside Park station opens on 1 April, and is named Torrington Park
1873			Oakleigh Park station opened
			Highgate-Alexandra Palace branch opens
1876	Alexander Graham Bell patents telephone		Southgate and Colney Hatch station renamed New Southgate and Colney Hatch
1877	First Wimbledon championships		
	First England v Australia Test Match		
1878		Red Flag Act amended	

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1879		The first railway dining car entered service between King's Cross and Leeds on 1 November	
1880s		Brighton is first town in Britain to have street lighting	
1882		First trolleybus appears, in Germany	Torrington Park station is renamed Woodside Park on 1 May 1882
1887	Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee		
1888		John Dunlop patents the pneumatic tyre	
1889	Eiffel Tower built	Banz & Daimler's petrol driven car	New Southgate and Colney Hatch station moved northwards
	Start of Boer War		
	Aspirin invented		
	Eastman introduces rollfilm		
1890	Forth bridge opens	First deep leve tube line opens between King William Street and Stockwell	
1892		Diesel engine invented	
		First petrol driven tractor is produced	
		Last broad gauge train runs on GWR on 20 May	
1893		Henry Ford builds his first car	
1895	Marconi invents wireless telegraphy		
1896		Red Flag Act repealed. Replaced by Light Locomotives on Highways Act	
		Light Railways Act. Max speed 14mph	

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1897		The first motor bike is exhibited at the Paris Salon	
		The Automobile Club of Great Britian is formed (later renamed Royal Automobile Club)	
1899		The Great Central Railway introduces the buffet car	
1900	Bayer produces aspirin	Central Line opens	
1901	Marconi sends radio message across the Atlantic on 12 December	Britain's first submarine launched	
	Blood types discovered		
	Queen Victoria dies		
1903	Moving pictures	First powered flight - Wright brothers (17 December)	
		The first windscreen is introduced - it is made from normal glass	
		Motor Car Act raises speed limit to 20mph	
1904		Number plates introduced	
		Rolls-Royce founded	
1905	Einstein publishes Special Theory of Relativity	Automobile Association is founded	First tram from Highgate to North Finchley (7 June). Finchley tram depot opens
		Rubber bumpers are patented by Simms Manufacturing Co Co of Kilburn	
1906			Tram from Wood Green reaches Oakleigh Road
1907		Rolls and Royce produce their first car, the Silver Ghost	
1908		First model T Ford car produced on 12 August	

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		L.G.O.C. formed	
1909	Leo Bakelund invents the first plastic	Bleriot flies Channel on 24 July	First Tram along Woodhouse Road to North Finchley (Apr 8)
		Tax on petrol and road licence introduced	
		There are 86,419 motor vehicles on the roads	On 25 Sept, at Hendon depot MET demonstrates trolleybus to be built in Britain
		First roundabout in Britain at Letchworth Garden City	
1910		B type bus introduced	
1911	Tungsten filament light bulb is invented	L.G.O.C. runs its last horse bus (25 October)	
		First electric escalator comes into service at Earl's Court station (4 October)	
1912	Titanic sunk	L.G.O.C. sells out to Underground Group (1 January)	
1913		William Morris builds the first bull-nosed Morris Oxford	
1914	Outbreak of first World War on 4 August	London's last horse bus runs (14 August)	Change pit installed outside Archway Tavern to allow through working on LCC lines
		Panama Canal opens	
1918	Representation of the People Act gives votes to all men over 21 and to women over 30 who are ratepayers or wives of ratepayers		
	Armistice Day 1 November		
1919		K type bus introduced	
		First caravan introduced ("Eccles" by Riley)	

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		First bus stop introduced in London	
		Ministry of Transport formed	
		First commercial passenger flight, to Paris	
1920		First laminated windscreen is introduced	
		First filling station in the UK is opened in Aldermaston	
1921		Railways Act of 1921 introduces the big four	
		First automatic windscreen wipers are introduced	
1922	BBC begins broadcasting	First 'pirate' bus appears in London	
		Austin Seven introduced	
1923		Pneumatic tyres introduced	New Southgate and Colney Hatch station renamed New Southgate and Friern Barnet
		First by-pass introduced (Eltham)	
		L.N.E.R formed, along with LMS, GWR and Southern	
		One million motor vehicles on the road	
		NS bus introduced - first purpose built motorbus	
1924	Clarence Birdseye invents frozen food	London Traffic Act introduces route licensing	
	First Labour government under Ramsay Macdonald	First white lines are painted on a road in London	
		First one-way street introduced in Mare Street, Hackney	
		Imperial Airways is formed	

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1925	Baird invents television		Muswell Hill bus garage opens on 23 September
	The invention of the condenser microphone enables music to be recorded		
1926	General strike lasts for 9 days, from 4 May to 14 May	Robert Goddard invents the liquid fuel rocket	
	National Grid introduces electricity nationwide	The Metropolitan Police allow roofs on buses	
		Traffic lights introduced in Wolverhampton	
1927	First talking film, The Jazz Singer	Lindbergh flies solo nonstop New York to Paris	Experimental car no 318 (Bluebell) introduced on service no 40 on 30 March
	BBC's first live sports broadcast	First traffic lights introduced in Princes Square, Wolverhampton	Post Office Railway opens on 3 December
		Henry Seagrave is the first man to reach 200mph (204mph at Daytona Beach in March)	
		Pneumatic tyres introduced on buses	
1928	Depression starts.	Maximum speed for buses raised from 12mph to 20mph	
	First Mickey Mouse film	Croydon Airport opens	
	First colour movies	Automatic traffic lights introduced, in Wolverhampton	
1929	New York Stock Exchange crash	LT type bus introduced	Muswell Hill bus garage enlarged
	Local Government Act abolished Poor Law and transfers their functions to local authorities	Germany builds first autobahn	North Circular Road at Colney Hatch
1930	Amy Johnson flies from London to Australia	Road Traffic Act 1930 introduced bus licensing	
		Metropolitan Police introduce motorcycles	

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		ST type bus introduced	
1931		The Highway Code is produced for the first time	Feltham tram introduced on service no 40 (1 February)
		Motor Insurance is made compulsory	
1932		Revolutionary side-engined Q type bus introduced	Arnos Grove tube station opens on 19 September
		Rear view mirrors are made compulsory	
1933	Adolf Hitler becomes German Chancellor	London Transport is formed (1 July)	
		STL type bus introduced	
1934		The Queen Mary is launched	Trams renumbered (40 renumbered 45)
1935	Kodachrome colour film introduced	Cats eyes are introduced	Work completed on one way system at Tally Ho! (20 January)
	First London A-Z map introduced	Driving tests are introduced on March 15. People who have been driving for over two years are exempt	
	Rowntree's introduce Chocolate Crisp, later renamed Kit Kat		
1936	Death of George V	999 Emergency Service introduced on 1 July	
1937	999 service begins in London in July	Road Traffic Act 1937 (Hore-Belisha) introduces pedestrian crossings.	
		Speedometers made compulsory on cars	
		The Hindenburg airship crashes on 6 May	
1938	Peace in our time	Mallard breaks steam speed record (126mph) on 3 July	Trolleybuses replace trams (5/6 Mach)
		Volkswagen introduced	
1939	War on Germany is declared on 3 September	RT type bus introduced	

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		Petrol rationing introduced 23 September (petrol 1/6d gallon)	
1940	The first air-raid alert sounds on 25 June		High Barnet line becomes part of Northern Line on 14 April. Aumonier's statue, The Archer, is unveiled at East Finchley on 22 July
1941	The last great air-raid on London takes place on the night of 10/11 May		
1942	Scuba diving system invented		
1944	The first V1 falls on London on 13 June		
	The first V2 falls on 8 September		
1945	ENIAC, the world's first computer		
	Germany surrenders on 7 May		
	Japan surrenders on 15 August		
1947	Transistor first developed	Sound barrier broken on 14 October by Chuck Jaeger in a Bell X1	
1948		British Railways is formed on 1 January	
		British Transport Commission formed on 1 January (BR, docks & inland waterways, Tillings)	
		First Morris Minor is shown at Motor Show on 20 September	
1949	Clothes Rationing ends on 15 March	De Havilland Comet makes its maiden flight on 27 July	
		Bristol Brabazon makes its maiden flight on 4 September	
1950	Diners Club introduces credit card	Petrol rationing ends (26 May)	

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	The birth control pill is invented		
1951	Festival of Britain	31 October First Zebra crossing introduced in Slough	
1952	Austin and Morris merge to form British Motor Corporation	Last tram runs in London on 5 July	
		Train crash at Harrow kills 112	
	Salk polio vaccine introduced		
	Britain tests her first atomic bomb		
1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II	Radial ply tyres introduced	
	Watson and Crick discover DNA.		
	Mount Everest climbed on 29 May		
1954		Steam passenger services withdrawn between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace (5 July)	
1955		First hovercraft	
1956		Yellow lines introduced	
1957	Sputnik launched on 1 October	First production Routemaster bus enters service	
	Premium Bonds introduced on 2 June	Goods traffic withdrawn between Finsbury Park	Goods traffic withdrawn between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace on 18 May
1958		First British parking meters	
		Britain's first motorway (Preston By Pass) opens on 5 December	
1959		Opening of M1 motorway on 2 November (Junction 5 to 18)	

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		First motorway service area opens at Watford Gap	
		The Mini is launched. Cost £500	
1960	Laser is invented	Last British steam locomotive built (Evening Star)	
		Boeing 707 enters service	
		MoT tests introduced	
1961	First manned spaceflight.	Jaguar E Type is launched. Cost £2196	Trolleybuses withdrawn on 31 January on routes 517,617,521 & 621 and on 7 November on route 609
	Berlin wall is built.		
1962	Cuban missile crisis	Last trolleybus runs in London	Trolleybuses routes 645 & 660 withdrawn on 2 January
		Panda crossings introduced	
1963	Great Train Robbery on 15 September	The Beeching Report "Reshaping of British Railways" is published in March	
	John F Kennedy assassinated 22 November		
1964	BBC 2 is launched	Japan introduces bullet train	
1965	Death penalty abolished in Britain.	London Borough of Barnet formed	
	Post Office Tower opens on 8 October	The 1 millionth Mini is produced	
1967	Dr Christian Barnard performs first heart transplant	Sweden changes over to driving on right	
	First colour TV broadcast	Seat belts are first fitted to cars, although the wearing of them is not compulsory	
1968	Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King assassinated.	11 August. Last day of steam on British railways	

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	Enoch Powell gives Rivers of Blood speech on 20 April		
1969	Man lands on moon on 20 July	Pelican crossings introduced	
		Concorde 002 makes maiden flight on 9 April	
1970		Boeing 747 enters service	
1971	Decimilisation of currency on 15 February	Zig zag lines introduced at zebra crossings	
1972	Video recorders introduced	Last Morris Minor is built	
1973	Three day week First mobile telephone, in USA. Cost £2000		
1975	Unemployment exceeds 1 million UK Referendum on 5 June to join the EU (67.23% voted 'Yes')	Concorde enters service	Flyover built over North Circular Road to carry Colney Hatch Lane
1977		First transatlantic flight of Concorde	
1977		Italy introduces high speed line Rome-Florence	
1979		London Transport introduces New Johnston typeface family	
		Last RT (RT 624) runs on 7 April from Barking garage	
1980		London Transport Museum opens in Covent Garden	
		Tyne & Wear Metro opens	
1981		France opens high speed route Paris to Lyon	

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1982	Falklands War	Speed cameras introduced	
	Channel 4 launched		
1983		Britain makes the wearing of seat belts compulsory (January)	
		London Regional Transport created (June)	
1984	First mobile phones introduced	50% of population had driving licences	
		London Underground Ltd (LUL) formed	
		Tyne & Wear Metro extended to South Shields	
1986	The Independent newspaper is launched on 7 October	M25 opens	
1987	Work on Channel Tunnel starts on 15 Dec	DLR opens	
1989	The internet starts		
	Sky launches		
	Berlin Wall comes down (9 November)		
1990	Hubble telescope is launched.		Muswell Hill Garage closes on 21 July
	2 Million mobile phones in UK.		
	On 6 May 01 number in London replaced by 071 for inner London, 081 for outer London		
1991		Tyne & Wear Metro extended to Newcastle Airport	
1992		Speed cameras introduced in UK	

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		Manchester Metrolink opens	
1993		The Railways Act 1993 privatises the railways	
1994	Channel Tunnel inaugurated on 6 May	Sheffield Supertram opens	
1995			Finchley depot closes (4 Dec)
1996	DVD player introduced		
1997	Dolly the sheep, the first clone, is born		
2000		Croydon Tramlink opens in May	Hatfield rail crash on 17 October
2001	Wikipedia is created on 15 January	Bendy buses introduced in London on 24 October	
2002		Tyne & Wear Metro extended to Sunderland and South Hylton	Potters Bar rail crash 12 May
2003		Congestion Charging introduced in Central London on 17 February	Post Office Railway closes on 31 May
		Last Concorde flight (BA002) arrives from New York (24 October)	
		Britain's first toll motorway (M6) opens in December	
2004		Last Travelling Post Office (TPO) train runs in Britain on 9 January	13 March. Route 43 now terminates opposite Friern Barnet Library instead of outside Co-op in Woodhouse Road
		Nottingham Express Transit opens	19 July. Route 382 (Southgate Station to Mill Hill East via Friern Barnet) introduced
2005	65 million mobile phones in UK	The last Routemaster runs, on route 159, on 9 December	
2006			North Finchley bus station closed after a fatal

