

TRANSPORT CHRONOLOGY

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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.		
1610		First stage coach introduced (Edinburgh to Leith).	
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 posts' (signposts) are made compulsory at crossroads.	
1711			Whetstone & Hightae Turnpike Trust formed.
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 Oct.	
1775		The horse drawn tram appears.	

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1783		Montgolfier takes first manned flight in a balloon on 4 Jun.	
1784		First mail coach service. Bristol - London (John Palmer).	
1790	French Revolution starts.		
1801		Richard Trevithick builds the first passenger carrying automobile. It was steam powered and ran in Camborne, Cornwall on 24 Dec.	
1803		Birth in York on 26 Oct of Joseph Aloysius Hansom inventor of the Hansom cab. Birth of Robert Stephenson (16 Oct).	
1804	Wallpaper is invented.		
1807		Pall Mall is lit by gas.	
1816		Steam locomotive working near Newcastle.	
1825		Stockton-Darlington railway opens on 27 Sep.	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.	

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1836		London's first railway opens (Deptford to Spa Road, Bermondsey) Feb 1836.	
1839	Daguerreotype photographic process. Darwin publishes Origin of the Species.	The earliest machine propelled by cranks and pedals with connecting rods was built by Kirkpatrick Macmillan of the USA.	
1841		Thomas Cook organises the first excursion by train on 5 Jul.	
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	Friern Hospital opens on 17 Jul.	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 Jan Metropolitan Railway opens between Paddington and Farringdon Street.	Whetstone's toll gate is abolished on 30 Oct.
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 Place and Palace Yard.	
		The Railway Act 1868 introduced communication cords on trains.	
1870	First postcard published in Britain.	Tramways Act 1870.	
1872		George Pullman introduces sleeping car.	Totteridge station opened 1 Apr and is later named Totteridge & Whetstone. Torrington Park station opens on 1 Apr, and is later named Woodside 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.		

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1878		Red Flag Act amended	
1879		The first railway dining car entered service between King's Cross and Leeds on 1 Nov.	
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. Start of Boer War. Aspirin invented. Eastman introduces rollfilm.	Banz & Daimler's petrol driven car.	New Southgate and Colney Hatch station moved northwards.
1890	Forth bridge opens.	First deep level 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.	
1894		Tower Bridge opens on 30 Jun.	
1895	Marconi invents wireless telegraphy.		
1896		Red Flag Act repealed. Replaced by Light Locomotives 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	
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 Dec.	Britain's first submarine launched.	
	Blood types discovered.		
	Queen Victoria dies.		
1903	Moving pictures.	First powered flight - Wright brothers (17 Dec).	
		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. Rubber bumpers are patented by Simms Manufacturing Co of Kilburn.	First tram from Highgate to North Finchley (7 Jun). Finchley tram depot opens.
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 Aug. L.G.O.C. formed.	

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1909	Leo Bakelund invents the first plastic	Bleriot flies Channel.on 24 July	First tram along Woodhouse Road to North Finchley (8 Apr.)
		Tax on petrol and road licence introduced.	
		There are 86,419 motor vehicles on the roads.	On 25 Sep at Hendon depot MET demonstrates trolleybus to be built in Britain
1910	Death of Edward VII.	B type bus introduced.	
1911	Tungsten filament light bulb is invented.	L.G.O.C. runs its last horse bus (25 Oct). First electric escalator comes into service at Earls's Court station (4 Oct).	
1912	Titanic sunk on 15 Apr.	L.G.O.C. sells out to Underground Group on 1 Jan.	
1913		William Morris builds the first bull-nosed Morris Oxford.	
1914	Outbreak of first World War on 4 Aug.	London's last horse bus runs (14 Aug). Panama Canal opens.	Change pit installed outside Archway Tavern to allow through working on LCC lines.
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 Nov.		
1919		K type bus introduced. First caravan introduced ("Eccles" by Riley). 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. Leaded per+C550 tol is introduced.	

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1921		Railways Act of 1921 introduces the big four.	
		First automatic windscreen wipers are introduced.	
		Tax discs introduced.	
1922	BBC begins broadcasting.	First 'pirate' bus appears in London.	
		Austin Seven introduced.	
1923		Pneumatic tyres introduced.	New Southgate and Colney Hatch station
		First by-pass introduced (Eltham).	renamed New Southgate and Friern Barnet.
		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.	
		Flying Scotsman (A3 Pacific no 4472) is built.	
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.	
1925	Baird invents television.		Muswell Hill bus garage opens on 23 Sep.
	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.	
		The Metropolitan Police allow roofs on buses.	
	National Grid introduces electricity nationwide.		
1927	First talking film, The Jazz Singer.	Lindbergh flies solo nonstop New York to Paris.	Experimental tram no 318 (Bluebell) introduced on service no 40 on 30 March.
		First traffic lights introduced in Princes Square, Wolverhampton.	

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1927 contd		Henry Seagrave is the first man to reach 200mph (204mph at Daytona Beach in March) Pneumatic tyres introduced on buses.	
1928	Depression starts. First Mickey Mouse film. First colour movies.	Maximum speed for buses raised from 12mph to 20mph. Croydon Airport opens.	
1929	New York Stock Exchange crash. Local Government Act abolished Poor Law and transfers their functions to local authorities.	LT type bus introduced. Germany builds first autobahn.	Muswell Hill bus garage enlarged. 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. ST type bus introduced. Britain's aisdrip, the R101, crashes in France on 3 Oct.	
1931		The Highway Code is produced for the first time. Motor Insurance is made compulsory.	Feltham tram introduced on service no 40 (1 Feb)
1932		Revolutionary side-engined Q type bus introduced Rear view mirrors are made compulsory..	Arnos Grove tube station opens on 19 Sep.
1933	Adolf Hitler becomes German Chancellor.	London Transport is formed (1 Jul). STL type bus introduced in London.	
1934		The Queen Mary is launched on 26 Sep.	Trams renumbered (40 renumbered 45). Kingsway in North Finchley opens.

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1935	Kodachrome colour film introduced.	Cats eyes are introduced.	Work completed on one way system at Tally Ho!.
	First London A-Z map introduced.	Driving tests are introduced on 15 Mar. 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 Jul.	
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 Jul. Volkswagen introduced.	Trolleybuses replace trams (5/6 Mar)
1939	War on Germany is declared on 3 Sep.	RT type bus introduced in Aug. Petrol rationing introduced 23 Sep (petrol 1/6d gallon).	
1940	The first air-raid alert sounds on 25 Jun.	Queen Elizabeth is launched on 3 Mar.	High Barnet line becomes part of Northern Line on 14 April. Aumonier's statue, The Archer, is unveiled at East Finchley Station on 22 Jul.
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 Jun. The first V2 falls on 8 Sep.		
1945	ENIAC, the world's first computer.		

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1947	Transistor first developed.	Sound barrier broken on 14 Oct by Chuck Jaeger in a Bell X1.	
1948		British Railways is formed on 1 Jan. British Transport Commission formed on 1 Jan. (BR, docks & inland waterways, Tillings).	
		First Morris Minor is built.	
1949	Clothes Rationing ends on 15 Mar.	De Havilland Comet makes its maiden flight on 27 Jul. Bristol Brabazon makes its maiden flight on 4 Sep.	
1950	Diners Club introduces credit card. The birth control pill is invented.	Petrol rationing ends (26 May).	
1951	Festival of Britain.	31 Oct First Zebra crossing introduced in Slough.	
1952	Austin and Morris merge to form British Motor Corporation. Salk polio vaccine introduced. Britain tests her first atomic bomb.	Last tram runs in London on 5 Jul. Train crash at Harrow kills 112.	
1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Watson and Crick discover DNA. Mount Everest climbed on 29 May.	Radial ply tyres introduced.	
1954		Steam passenger services withdrawn between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace (5 Jul).	
1955		First hovercraft.	
1956		Yellow lines introduced. British Rail does away with 3rd class.	
1957	Sputnik launched on 1 Oct.	First production Routemaster bus enters service.	

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	Premium Bonds introduced on 2 Jun.	Goods traffic withdrawn between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace (18 May).	
1958		First British parking meters.	
		Britain's first motorway (Preston By Pass) opens on 5 Dec.	
1959		Opening of M1 motorway on 2 Nov (Junction 5 to 18)	
		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 Jan on routes 517,617,521 & 621 and on 7 Nov on route 609.
	Berlin wall is built.		
1962	Cuban missile crisis.	Last trolleybus runs in London.	Trolleybuses routes 645 & 660 withdrawn on 2 Jan.
		Panda crossings introduced.	
1963	Great Train Robbery on 15 Sept.	The Beeching Report "Reshaping of British Railways" is published in March.	
	John F Kennedy assassinated 22 Nov.		
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 Oct.	The 1 millionth Mini is produced.	
1967	Dr Christian Barnard performs first heart transplant.	Sweden changes over to driving on right.	

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		Seat belts are first fitted to cars, although the wearing of them is not compulsory.	
	First colour TV broadcast.		
1968	Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King assassinated.	11 Aug. Last day of steam on British railways.	
1968 contd	Enoch Powell gives Rivers of Blood speech 20 Apr.		
1969	Man lands on moon on 20 Jul.	Pelican crossings introduced. Concorde 002 makes maiden flight on 9 Apr.	
1970		Boeing 747 enters service.	
1971	Decimilisation of currency.		
1972	Video recorders introduced.	Last Morris Minor is built.	
1973	Three day week. First mobile telephone, in USA. Cost £2000. Britain joins the EU on 1 Jan.		
1975	Unemployment exceeds 1 million.	Concorde enters service.	Flyover built over North Circular Road to carry Colney Hatch Lane.
1976			Great Northern Suburban line electrified and became operational on Monday 8 Nov.
1977		First transatlantic flight of Concorde.	
1977		Italy introduces high speed line Rome-Florence.	
1979		London transport introduces 'New Johnston' typeface family.	
		The last RT bus runs in London on Saturday 7 Apr.	

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1980		London Transport Museum opens in Covent Garden. Tyne & Wear Metro opens.	
1981		France opens high speed route Paris to Lyon.	
1982	Falklands War. Channel 4 launched.	Speed cameras introduced.	
1983		Britain makes the wearing of seat belts compulsory (Jan). London Regional Transport created (Jun).	
1984	First mobile phones introduced. The Motorola DynaTAC 8000X cost £3000	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 Oct.	M25 opens. Unleaded petrol is introduced.	
1987	Work on Channel Tunnel starts on 15 Dec.	Docklands Light Railway (DLR) opens on 31 Aug.	
1989	The internet starts. Sky launches. Berlin Wall comes down (9 Nov).		
1990	Hubble telescope is launched. 2 Million mobile phones in UK. On 6 May 01 number in London replaced by 071 for inner London, 081 for outer London.		Muswell Hill Garage closes on 20 Jul.
1991		Tyne & Wear Metro extended to Newcastle Airport.	
1992		Speed cameras introduced in UK.	

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		Manchester Metrolink opens.	
1994	Channel Tunnel inaugurated on 6 May.	Sheffield Supertram opens. Railways are privatised.	
1995			Finchley depot closes (4 Dec).
1996	DVD player introduced.		
1997	Dolly the sheep, the first clone, is born.	First Virgin Trains service leaves Euston on 9 Mar.	
2000	Nokia 3000 mobile phone introduced at a cost of £129.99. 126m are sold	Croydon Tramlink opens. Leaded petrol is banned by the EU.	
2001		Bendy buses introduced in London on 24 Oct.	
2002		Tyne & Wear Metro extended to Sunderland South Hylton Mercedes-Benz Citaros (bendy buses) introduced in London in June 2002.	
2003		Congestion Charging introduced in Central London on 17 Feb. Last Concorde flight (BA002) arrives from New York (24 Oct). Britain's first toll motorway (M6) opens in December.	
2004		Last Travelling Post Office (TPO) train runs in Britain on 9 Jan. First tilting Pendolino in service. Nottingham Express Transit opens.	13 Mar. Route 43 now terminates opposite Friern Barnet Library instead of outside Co-op in Woodhouse Road. Route 382 (Southgate Station to Mill Hill East via Friern Barnet) introduced on 19 Jul.
2005	65 million mobile phones in UK.	9 Dec. The last Routemaster runs, on route 159.	

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2006		First sub-four hour service between London & Glasgow.	North Finchley bus station closed after a fatal accident involving a pedestrian (Mar).
			22 people injured when 2 buses collide in Woodhouse Road on 25 Sep.
2007		Channel Tunnel Rail Link (HS1) opens on 14 Nov.	
2008		Heathrow Terminal 5 opens on Thursday 27 Mar. Singapore Airlines A380 makes inaugural flight in Mar. LNER Peppercorn Class A1 - Tornado - is completed.	
2010		Boris Bikes introduced in London.	
2011		Bendy buses withdrawn in London in Dec.	
2013		New Bus for London (Boris bus) enters service on Saturday 22 June on route 24 from Holloway (HT).	
2014		Tax discs scrapped.	
2016		Night tube opens on Central Line and Victoria Line on 19 Aug, Jubilee Line on 7 Oct, Northern Line on 18 Nov and Piccadilly Line on 16 Dec	
2017	Referendum held on 23 Jun. UK to leave EU. Donald Trump elected President of USA.		
2019	General election held on 12 Dec. Conservatives returned to power with huge majority.		Routes 43 and 134 are converted to all-electric buses. Buses on route 383 are branded.