

## Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Changes - 2nd April 2017

### **6/6A Maidstone – East Peckham – Paddock Wood – Tunbridge Wells**

- These services will run only between Tunbridge Wells, Paddock Wood and East Peckham, with two buses an hour on Mondays to Saturdays. They will no longer run to Nettlestead, Wateringbury or Maidstone, except that there will be buses at school times to and from Maidstone for those travelling to local schools and also to Mascalls School at Paddock Wood from the Wateringbury and Nettlestead area.
- A **new Sunday service** will run between Tunbridge Wells and East Peckham every two hours.
- We will be running **new Service 66 between East Peckham and Maidstone Hospital** on Mondays to Fridays with connections available to Maidstone town centre by Service 7 from Wateringbury or Barming.
- The evening buses will no longer run due to insufficient use having been made of them.
- All buses will run as Service 6 and there will no longer be a service to Five Oak Green or Colts Hill due to very poor usage over this section of route.
- Monday to Friday **Service 6X will run beyond Maidstone Hospital to Maidstone town centre** during the off-peak period to maintain a link between Nettlestead and the southern end of Wateringbury with Maidstone.

### **6X Maidstone Hospital – Wateringbury – Colts Hill – Tunbridge Wells Hospital**

The 6X will run as at present between Tunbridge Wells Hospital and Maidstone Hospital, with some adjustment to the off-peak timetable, but will **extend from Maidstone Hospital via Tonbridge Road to and from Maidstone town centre** between approximately 0930 and 1530 hours.

### **7 Maidstone – Hadlow – Tonbridge – Tunbridge Wells**

- The main Monday to Saturday daytime service will be **improved to run every twenty minutes**.
- The **evening service** on Mondays to Saturdays will be **improved to run later**, with last departures from Maidstone at 2210 and from Tunbridge Wells at 2226.
- Buses that run across Maidstone to local schools will terminate in the town centre. This includes the 607 between Mereworth and Maidstone which will be replaced by Service 7. Students who travel to Invicta Grammar School and Maidstone Grammar School will be able to transfer onto other buses in the town centre, as they do when returning home from school.
- The **Sunday service will be improved to run hourly**.
- Between Maidstone and Barming (Fountain Lane), there will be a **ten-minute Monday to Saturday service** provided by new Service 3 and the 7.
- Between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells town centres there will be a **ten-minute Monday to Saturday service**, provided by Services 7 and 402.

### **77/147/148/149 Tunbridge Wells – Tonbridge – Kings Hill (– Maidstone on Sundays)**

- These services will no longer run during the off-peak period or on Saturdays and Sundays
- **Airfield Estate will be served by new Service 73** during the off-peak period on Mondays to Fridays, giving links to and from Kings Hill ASDA.
- Between Mereworth and Tunbridge Wells Service 7 to and from Maidstone will be **improved to run every twenty minutes** during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays and improved to run hourly on Sundays.
- Between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells there will be a **ten-minute frequency** during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays, provided by Services 7 and 402.
- Some schooltime buses will, however, continue to run as 77 or 147 to Tunbridge Wells Schools and as 148 or 148A to Weald of Kent School. The existing Service 577, 578 and 579 buses will also be numbered 148 or 148A.

### **216/217/218/219 Tunbridge Wells – Tunbridge Wells Hospital – Tonbridge – North Tonbridge**

- These services will run only between Tunbridge Wells Hospital and North Tonbridge. The section of route between the hospital and Tunbridge Wells Town Centre will be covered by Service 6 that will be **running every 30 minutes**.
- There will be **additional evening buses** on Mondays to Saturdays.
- The service numbers 216 and 217 will no longer be used.
- The Sunday frequency of Services 218 and 219 will be **improved to run every thirty minutes** between the hospital and North Tonbridge, replacing existing Sunday Service 216.

### **277 Tunbridge Wells Hospital – Knights Park – North Farm – Sherwood – Tunbridge Wells Town Centre – Old West Station**

- The morning peak period frequency on Mondays to Fridays will be **improved to run every twenty minutes** between Tunbridge Wells, Sherwood and Knights Park with an **earlier start**.
- There will be **additional evening buses** on Mondays to Saturdays.
- The **Sunday service will be significantly improved** to give two buses an hour between the town centre and Sherwood, with an hourly service to Knights Park and the hospital.

### **281 High Brooms – Upper Grosvenor Road – Tunbridge Wells Town Centre – Old West Station – Rusthall**

- There will be minor changes to the Monday to Friday timetable at peak times to **improve reliability**.
- The **Sunday service will be improved to run every twenty minutes**.

### **286 Hartfield – Tunbridge Wells**

This service will be extended beyond Hartfield to start from and terminate at Colemans Hatch.

### **400 Westerham – Sevenoaks – Tonbridge – Weald of Kent School**

There will be minor changes to the timetable to **improve reliability**.

### **402 Tunbridge Wells – Tonbridge – Hildenborough – Sevenoaks – Riverhead – Knockholt – Farnborough – Bromley**

- The through service from Tunbridge Wells to Bromley will continue to run hourly on Mondays to Saturdays but to revised times and buses will run via Weald village instead of via River Hill.
- In addition, there will be buses **every twenty minutes** during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays between Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Riverhead and Ryewood, giving a **more frequent service** between Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks and for Riverhead.
- A **new Sunday service will run hourly** between Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks Bus Station.

### **442 Tunbridge Wells – Tonbridge – Hildenborough – Sevenoaks – Knole Academy and Trinity School**

There will be minor changes to the timetable and these buses will be renumbered 402.

### **452 Dunton Green – Riverhead – Sevenoaks Town Centre – Seal – Kemsing – Noah's Ark**

- This service will be revised to run only between Sevenoaks Bus and Rail Stations and Noah's Ark but will still run **every thirty minutes** during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays except that the Rail Station will not be served in one direction on Saturdays.
- The section of route between Sevenoaks town centre and Ryewood will be replaced by Service 402 which will run direct via London Road and Tesco's. This will run **every twenty minutes** during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.
- Chipstead and Bessels Green will no longer be served due to insufficient use having been made of the service on this part of the route.
- Most buses from Kemsing will run via Sevenoaks Rail Station until late afternoon on Mondays to Saturdays and there will be three late afternoon/early evening buses back from the Rail Station to Kemsing on Mondays to Fridays. Other links between the Bus and Rail Stations continue to be provided by Services 306/308 and 402.

### **502 Riverhead – Sevenoaks – Tonbridge – Bennett Memorial School**

The times will be revised to **improve reliability** and this service will run via Weald village instead of via River Hill.

### **531 Kemsing – Sevenoaks – Weald of Kent School**

There will be no changes to the times of this service.

### **562 Dunton Green – Riverhead – Sevenoaks – Tonbridge schools**

This service will be **renumbered as Service 403** and there will be minor changes to the times to **improve reliability**.

### **572 Hildenborough – Tonbridge – Weald of Kent School**

The times will be revised to **improve reliability**.

**577/578/579 Kings Hill - Mereworth - Tonbridge - Weald of Kent School**

These buses will be **numbered as 148 or 148A.**

**581/582 Tunbridge Wells – Tonbridge – Hugh Christie Technology College**

These buses will all run as Service 582 and at Southborough will run via Powder Mill Lane and Yew Tree Road.