

## Tendered Service Replacements briefing

Service 173 (Bath – Wells) and 376 (Bristol –Wells) are operated by First, with some journeys operated under contract to Somerset County Council, with Bath & North East Somerset Council making a financial contribution to these services.

Somerset County Council have announced substantial reductions in their supported services network, and cancelled contracts for evening, Sunday and Bank Holiday journeys on the these services with effect from the 17th April 2011. Somerset County Council have also withdrawn support for the evening 267 service between Bath and Frome.

First have decided to operate some, but not all, of these journeys commercially, with service withdrawals restricted to the evening 376, and the Sunday evening and the entire Bank Holiday timetable for both the 173 and 376.

Bath & North East Somerset Council considers it important to retain these links if possible but has very limited funds available. Following an emergency tender exercise the Council has awarded short term contracts to retain services where possible. It has not been possible to retain the current level of service, but with support from Bristol City Council the following services will be supported from 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011. All these services will be operated by First.

### 376 (Bristol – Wells)

#### Monday – Saturday Evening Services

A two hourly service will operate between Bristol and Wells after 19:20, with departures from Bristol at 21:20 and 23:20. This is half the previous frequency but the last bus time is retained.

<b>BRISTOL, Bus Station</b>	2120	2320	<b>WELLS, Bus Station</b>	2019	2219
Temple Meads, Temple Gate	2128	2328	Chewton Mendip	2033	2233
Whitchurch, Maes Knoll	2140	2340	Farrington Gurney	2038	2238
Pensford, Bridge	2145	2345	Clutton, Station Road	2043	2243
Clutton, Station Road	2151	2351	Pensford, Bridge	2049	2249
Farrington Gurney	2156	2356	Whitchurch, Maes Knoll	2054	2254
Chewton Mendip	2201	0001	Temple Meads, Temple Gate	2107	2307
<b>WELLS, Bus Station</b>	2215	0015	<b>BRISTOL, Bus station</b>	2114	2314

#### Sunday Evenings

A Sunday daytime service is operated commercially on a hourly timetable. A two hourly service will operate between Bristol and Wells after 19:15, last bus departure times are retained.

<b>BRISTOL, Bus Station</b>	2020	2220	<b>WELLS, Bus Station</b>	1919	2119
Temple Meads, Temple Gate	2028	2228	Chewton Mendip	1933	2133
Whitchurch, Maes Knoll	2040	2240	Farrington Gurney	1938	2138
Pensford, Bridge	2045	2245	Clutton, Station Road	1943	2143
Clutton, Station Road	2051	2251	Pensford, Bridge	1949	2149
Farrington Gurney	2056	2256	Whitchurch, Maes Knoll	1954	2154
Chewton Mendip	2101	2301	Temple Meads, Temple Gate	2007	2207
<b>WELLS, Bus Station</b>	2115	2315	<b>BRISTOL, Bus Station</b>	2014	2214

### Bank Holidays

A Sunday timetable will operate on Bank Holidays (except for Christmas Day and Boxing Day)

<b>BRISTOL, Bus Station</b>	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915	2020	2220
Temple Meads, Temple Gate	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1725	1825	1925	2028	2228
Whitchurch, Maes Knoll	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1639	1739	1839	1939	2040	2240
Pensford, Bridge	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845	1945	2045	2245
Clutton, Station Road	0951	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1651	1751	1851	1951	2051	2251
Farrington Gurney	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1657	1757	1857	1957	2056	2256
Chewton Mendip	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1703	1803	1903	2003	2101	2301
<b>WELLS, Bus Station</b>	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818	1918	2018	2115	2315

<b>WELLS, Bus Station</b>	0805	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805	1919	2119
Chewton Mendip	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	1933	2133
Farrington Gurney	0826	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	1626	1726	1826	1938	2138
Clutton, Station Road	0832	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732	1832	1943	2143
Pensford, Bridge	0839	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1639	1739	1839	1949	2149
Whitchurch, Maes Knoll	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845	1954	2154
Temple Meads, Temple Gate	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2007	2207
<b>BRISTOL, Bus Station</b>	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1708	1808	1908	2014	2214

### 173 (Bath – Wells)

#### Sunday Evenings

The existing journeys are retained but will only operate between Bath and Midsomer Norton, the services will be renumbered 178

<b>Bath, Bus Station</b>	1835	2005	<b>Midsomer Norton, Town Hall</b>	1923	2053
Wellsway, Odd Down Corner	1844	2014	Westfield, Chapel	1928	2058
Dunkerton, Titfield thunderbolt	1848	2018	Radstock, Victoria Hall	1934	2104
Peasedown St John, Red Post	1854	2024	Peasedown St John, Red Post	1940	2110
Radstock, Victoria Hall	1901	2031	Dunkerton, Titfield Thunderbolt	1946	2116
Westfield, Chapel	1906	2036	Wellsway, Odd Down Corner	1951	2121
<b>Midsomer Norton, Town Hall</b>	1911	2041	<b>Bath, Bus Station</b>	2000	2130

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<b>Bath, Bus Station</b>	1105	1235	1405	1535	1705	1835	2005
Wellsway, Odd Down Corner	1114	1244	1414	1544	1714	1844	2014
Dunkerton, Titfield thunderbolt	1118	1248	1418	1548	1718	1848	2018
Peasedown St John, Red Post	1124	1254	1424	1554	1724	1854	2024
Radstock, Victoria Hall	1131	1301	1431	1601	1731	1901	2031
Westfield, Chapel	1136	1306	1436	1606	1736	1906	2036
Midsomer Norton, Town Hall	1141	1311	1441	1611	1741	1911	2041
Chilcompton, Church House	1147	1317	1447	1617	1747		
Chilcompton, Co-Op	1151	1321	1451	1621	1751		
Old Down	1154	1324	1454	1624	1754		
Gurney Slade	1157	1327	1457	1627	1757		
Binegar, The Green	1200	1330	1500	1630	1800		
West Horrington Road	1206	1336	1506	1636	1806		
South Horrington	1208	1338	1508	1638	1808		
<b>Wells, Bus Station</b>	1217	1347	1517	1647	1817		

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<b>Wells, Bus Station</b>	0946	1246	1416	1546	1716		
South Horrington	1954	1254	1424	1554	1724		
West Horrington Road	0956	1256	1426	1556	1726		
Binegar, The Green	1003	1303	1433	1603	1733		
Gurney Slade	1006	1306	1436	1606	1736		
Old Down	1009	1309	1439	1609	1739		
Chilcompton, Co-Op	1012	1312	1442	1612	1742		
Chilcompton, Church House	1015	1315	1445	1615	1745		
Midsomer Norton, Town Hall	1023	1323	1453	1623	1753	1923	2053
Westfield, Chapel	1028	1328	1458	1628	1758	1928	2058
Radstock, Victoria Hall	1034	1334	1504	1634	1804	1934	2104
Peasedown St John, Red Post	1040	1340	1510	1640	1810	1940	2110
Dunkerton, Titfield Thunderbolt	1046	1346	1516	1646	1816	1946	2116
Wellsway, Odd Down Corner	1051	1351	1521	1651	1821	1951	2121
<b>Bath, Bus Station</b>	1100	1400	1530	1700	1830	2000	2130

In addition to this the current 267 evening service between Bath and Frome is retained. Somerset County Council have further agreed to increase their support of the 414/424 service that serves Haydon, Radstock and Midsomer Norton.

Bath & North East Somerset Council, working with our partners in Somerset County Council and Bristol City Council have jointly been able to secure this package of services that retain important links between our major centres and serve rural communities. The total cost of this package of services is over £30,00, which could not have been afforded by B&NES alone. The Council would further gratefully acknowledge the commitment made by First in taking on the Sunday daytime and some evening services commercially. Without this commitment much more significant service reductions would have resulted.

Yours sincerely

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