

Nu-Venture News Bulletin 21 July 2018



Nu-Venture Bus 14 – Grafty Green/Ulcombe/Kingswood/Cornwallis Academy -please check in late August for a further announcement.

Nu-Venture Buses 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 – timetable/route changes resulting from major Highways works during the summer at Hunton Hill and at Marden (*Plain Road*) are in operation. Bus 23 serves Yalding / Marden / Goudhurst. Very reduced services at Hunton and Benover, with diversions in place and longer journey times. From 29 July, child and return fares are available only after 0900 on these services on Mondays to Fridays.

Nu-Venture Bus 77 – new off-peak bus times now in operation, ahead of significant highways works taking place outside Tonbridge Station. An off-peak journey now links Airfield Estate (A228) with West Malling High Street.

Nu-Venture Bus 78 – From 4 to 12 August, unable to serve NORTH STREET, HEATH ROAD AND BEVERLEY ROAD, Barming - highways works taking place in North Street. Buses will continue to serve Barming Bull at normal times.

Nu-Venture Bus 79 serving Boxley Rd/Penenden Heath – discontinued after 27 July. Passengers are warmly thanked for past support for this service - sadly, continuation can't be justified by the small number of users in the light of various recent significant increases in the our costs including fuel, insurance.

Nu-Venture Bus 130 – On Saturday 8 September, unable to serve Wigmore Road/Bredhurst/Boxley in either direction during a road closure at Boxley.

Nu-Venture Bus 142 – From 29 July, during the closure of FAIRLEAD ROAD for five weeks, DIVERTED, NOT SERVING BUS STOPS IN ST WILLIAMS WAY.

Nu-Venture Buses 172/173 - From 6 August, NOT serving Salters Cross/Rede Court Road during highways works. Divert non-stop via A226 Gravesend Road.

Nu-Venture Bus 282 towards Speldhurst– From 6 August during building works, CANNOT SERVE TUNBRIDGE WELLS STATION. Buses still stop at War Memorial.

TRAFFIC AND OTHER CONGESTION UPDATES

BARMING - A26 closure continues. Delays to buses remain likely, because of local traffic congestion. Nu-Venture Bus 1 serves normal route/stops, but with delays. Nu-Venture buses 58, 78 and 88 remain locally diverted to and from Maidstone, serving all stops on diversion routes but unable to serve bus stops at Barming Fountain and at St Andrew's Church.

M20 – during long-term road works until 2020, a speed limit applies locally on the M20 and this is causing significant traffic congestion in the local area as traffic diverts onto local roads to avoid the M20. A full closure from 27 to 30 July between Junctions 4 and 6 in the Maidstone area is likely to lead to delays on service 151 on 28 and 29 July, and perhaps on other services on these days, when local roads become motorway diversion routes.

STROOD – ongoing regeneration/highways works are causing delays, with bus stop and route changes to follow as works progress.

We have vacancies for qualified bus drivers, full- and part-time. Please call 01622 882288

BUS FARES - Significant cost increases - eg for fuel/oils and insurances - mean that we have to increase bus fares – in some cases, the first rise for several years. This particularly applies to some return fares which have not been increased for many years.