

Changes to Arriva bus times in the Medway area from 15th January 2012

We will be making a number of changes to some of our services in the Medway Towns, including:

- Brand-new buses for the 116
- Free Wi-fi on most 101 and 116 buses
- New late-night/early morning journeys on the 101
- More frequent service for Warren Wood
- Minor timetable changes on a number of routes.

Full details of the changes are shown in this leaflet. New timetable leaflets are available from the Travel Shop at Chatham Waterfront Bus Station or by phoning 0844 800 4411. They can also be viewed online at www.arrivabus.co.uk.

We're making changes to the times of some buses in the Medway Towns as well as investing in more new buses, this time for Service 116, and introducing free Wi-fi on those buses and on the 101.

The five new buses, built in Northern Ireland and the first of their kind to enter service, represent an investment of £600,000 and they will carry an eye-catching livery for 'XBus 116'. The free Wi-fi facility on board means that customers will be able to use their laptops and mobile phones to access the internet free of charge. This facility will also be introduced on the eight double-deckers used on the 101 between Medway and Maidstone.

The frequency of Medway Mainline 145 to Warren Wood will be increased to give buses every 7 or 8 minutes for the main part of the day on Mondays to Fridays and we're introducing a new late night/early morning facility on the 101 on Friday/Saturday nights and Saturday/Sunday mornings.

Because buses are able to enter and exit Chatham Waterfront Bus Station quicker than they could the Pentagon, and as a result of time savings from the new Bus Lane in Rochester, we are able to reduce journey times slightly on a number of services.

A few buses which were poorly used will no longer run, and there are significant changes to the evening times of Service 155 between Chatham and Maidstone as a result of the withdrawal of financial support by Kent County Council for this service.

Full details of the changes are as follows:

SERVICE 100 CHATHAM - ST. MARY'S ISLAND

● The 0836, 0846, 0956 and 1056 hours buses from Chatham which terminate at the Ship and Trades will be extended to run to St. Mary's Island.

SERVICE 101 MEDWAY TOWNS - DAVIS ESTATE - MAIDSTONE

The timetable will be revised slightly to incorporate a number of adjustments whilst continuing to run **every 15 minutes** for the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays, hourly in the evening and every 30 minutes on Sundays.

● **New late night/early morning buses** will run on Friday and Saturday evenings from Twydall at 2308 hours to Maidstone (serving Gillingham at 2321 and Chatham at 2331) returning from Maidstone (Chequers Bus Station) at 0010 hours to Gillingham (Duncan Road) on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

● Some late afternoon buses will be extended beyond Gillingham to Twydall.

● The running time between Gillingham (Duncan Road) and Chatham will be revised so that it matches the time taken by Service 182.

● Most buses used on Service 101 will be fitted with **free Wi-fi**.

SERVICE 116 CHATHAM - UNIVERSITIES - GILLINGHAM - HEMPSTEAD VALLEY

● Extra evening buses will run between Chatham and Medway Maritime Hospital.

● **Brand-new buses with free Wi-fi and representing another investment by Arriva of £600,000** will be running on most Service 116 journeys from late January.

SERVICE 133 CHATHAM - ROCHESTER- STROOD - CLIFFE

- The following buses will no longer run:
 - 0616 hours (Mondays to Fridays) Chatham to Cliffe
 - 0645 hours (Mondays to Fridays) Cliffe to Chatham
 - 0825 hours (Saturdays) Chatham to Cliffe
 - 0900 hours (Saturdays) Cliffe to Chatham.
- The running time between Rochester and Strood (Canal Road) will be reduced by two minutes during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.

SERVICE 135 CHATHAM - ROCHESTER - WARREN WOOD - BORSTAL - MAIDSTONE

- See Service 155 below.

SERVICE 136 CHATHAM - ROCHESTER - STROOD - HIGHAM - GRAVESEND

- The 0703 hours bus on Mondays to Fridays from Gravesend to Chatham will run to revised timings to improve reliability.
- The running time between Rochester and Strood (Canal Road) will be reduced by two minutes during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.
- The evening timetable will be revised.

SERVICES 140/141 STROOD ESTATES - STROOD - ROCHESTER- CHATHAM - DOCKSIDE OUTLET CENTRE

- The running time between Rochester and Strood (Canal Road) will be reduced by two minutes during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.
- The 0725 hours bus on Mondays to Fridays from Marlowe Park and Earl Estate to Chatham will be extended to run through to Dockside Outlet Centre.

SERVICE 145 CHATHAM - ROCHESTER - WARREN WOOD

- On Mondays to Fridays the frequency will be increased to run every 7 or 8 minutes between 0845 and 1500 hours.

SERVICE 155 CHATHAM - ROCHESTER - BORSTAL - MAIDSTONE

- The 0712 hours Non-Schooldays bus from Chatham will no longer run.
- As a result of the withdrawal of financial support by Kent County Council, the evening service will be considerably reduced. The last bus from Maidstone to Chatham will be at 1742 on Saturdays and 1750 on Mondays to Fridays. The last bus from Chatham to Maidstone will be at 1745 on Saturdays and 1750 on Mondays to Fridays. The last bus from Borstal into Chatham will be at 1901 on Mondays to Saturdays, with a late evening Service 135 bus back to Borstal via Warren Wood at 2300 hours from Chatham Waterfront Bus Station.

SERVICE 176 WOODLANDS ROAD - GILLINGHAM - MEDWAY MARITIME HOSPITAL - CHATHAM - HUNTSMAN'S CORNER - WALDESLADE

- The times of some early morning buses will be revised
- New evening journeys will run on Mondays to Saturdays at:
 - 2022 hours from Grange Road to Walderslade (Alexandra Hospital)
 - 2118 hours from Walderslade (Alexandra Hospital) to Grange Road.
- General adjustments to the timetable to improve reliability include the addition of stand time at Medway Maritime Hospital, a reduction in the amount

of time spent at Chatham Waterfront Bus Station and a slight reduction in the time taken between Chatham Rail Station and Huntsman's Corner.

SERVICE 182 CHATHAM - BROMPTON - GILLINGHAM - TWYDALL

- Some early evening journeys on Mondays to Saturdays will be replaced by the extension of certain Service 101 buses through to Twydall.
- The Saturday afternoon timetable will be reduced to run every 12 minutes between 1600 and 1700 hours.

SERVICE 184 CHATHAM - HUNTSMAN'S CORNER - WALDERSLADE

- Service 184 will no longer run but the changes to the early morning Service 176 timetable will provide some replacement facilities.

SERVICES 191/193/198 CHATHAM - ROCHESTER - STROOD - HOO - GRAIN

- The afternoon and evening timetable will be revised.
- The running time between Rochester and Strood (Canal Road) will be reduced by two minutes during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.
- The 1830 hours Service 191 bus on Mondays to Fridays from Chatham to Hoo will be extended to run through to Grain.

SERVICES 196/796 CHATHAM - MEDWAY TUNNEL - HOO - GRAIN

- The 0737 hours Monday to Friday Service 196 bus from Hoo (St. John's Road) to Chatham **will no longer run**.
- The 1827 hours Monday to Friday Service 196 bus from Chatham to Grain **will no longer run** but will be replaced by the 1830 Service 191 bus from Chatham to Hoo which will be extended to run through to Grain.
- The 1925 hours Monday to Friday Service 796 bus from Grain to Chatham will run **20 minutes later**.

SERVICE 199 HOO SCHOOL BUSES

The afternoon Bus 11 **will no longer run** but will be replaced by the re-routeing of Bus 6 via Upper Stoke.

SERVICE 668 CHALK - ROCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

- In order to improve reliability, the 0739 bus from Chalk to Rochester Grammar Schools will run **FIVE MINUTES EARLIER** between Chalk and Higham. There will be no change to the times between Higham and the Rochester schools.

EXPRESSLINE 700/701 MEDWAY TOWNS - BLUEWATER

- The running time between Rochester and Strood (Canal Road) will be reduced by two minutes during the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.

There are no changes to the times of Services 113, 114, 120, 121, 132, 134, 142, 156, 158, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 173, 179, 181, 185, 197, 327 or the 600-series school services (except for the change to Service 668 noted above).
