

NO. 4 • WINTER • FREE

Six routes after midnight,
three ridden end to end



NIGHT
N12
N27
N41

NIGHT BUSES

BRACKNATH, 00:10 TO 06:00

AFTER THE LAST TRAIN

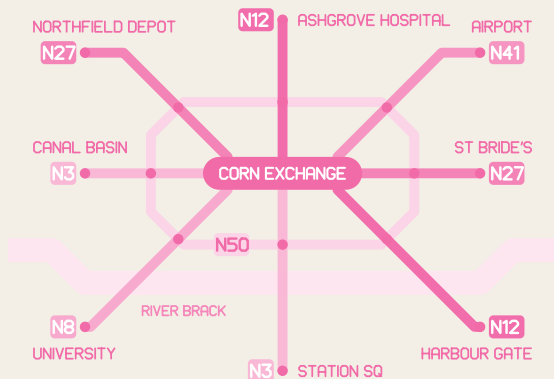
The last train leaves Station Square at 23:52. Until the first one at 05:40, about four thousand people a night ride the night buses: nurses, cleaners, bakers, kitchen staff, students, and anyone who missed the train. Five routes leave the Corn Exchange together at ten past and twenty to the hour, so a change takes three minutes, and **N50** loops round them. The **map opposite** shows all six. We rode three from end to end.

N12 Ashgrove Hospital to Harbour Gate. Every quarter of an hour, and 34 minutes from one end to the other. The first after midnight takes the evening shift home past the fish market. The 05:25 from the harbour brings the day shift in and empties at Ashgrove in under a minute.

DEE OKAFOR, DRIVER ON THE N27 SINCE 2011

At ten past three there are five buses and forty people outside the Corn Exchange. By quarter past the square is empty.

N27 Northfield Depot to St Bride's. Buses run every half hour and take 41 minutes from end to end. Kiln Street's bakers ride out on the 01:10 to light their ovens at two, and at 05:20 the



The network from the pink drum. **N50** loops round the rest. Terminals and changes only.

driver of the last N27 collects the first loaves for the depot canteen, which has not bought bread since 2019.

N41 Corn Exchange to the Airport. Buses run every half hour and take 38 minutes to the terminal, with racks for luggage. Check-in for the first flights opens at 04:45, and the 04:10 is the busiest bus of the night.



AS DRAWN

Drawn with a colour per route. The drum prints each colour as a screen of pink, denser the darker it was: navy N12 at 84%, yellow N50 at 24%.

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It follows the cleaners who get the buses ready at Northfield Depot between 05:30 and 07:00, when the day fleet goes out. Pick up a copy:

- at the Corn Exchange kiosk, open from 23:00
- in the luggage rack of any N41
- at the Northfield Depot canteen, on the counter

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