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Noticeboard

Welcome to the first magazine that I have edited for the Group. If you have any comments, information or anything you would like to see in your magazine contact me on the e-mail, or phone details on page 2. David

Area Representation

Are you interested in helping us? As we are a newly formed Society we are looking for you, our membership, to help us operate and grow.

We still need representation in the following areas

Ireland

London

North East of England

South East of England

South West of England

The Area Representative would need access to a personal e-mail system, as a GB-BG e-mail address would be allocated, and would be responsible for the collation of information for use in the Magazine and Web Site. If you are interested please contact me at jeff@gb-bg.co.uk

If you have any news, sightings, photographs etc. for inclusion in the magazine please contact the relevant representative. E-mail addresses are shown on page 2.

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We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

Teaser

What is National Express's longest route, and between what points does it operate? The coach has to be refuelled en route in each direction, where?

Answer: 336 2130 Edinburgh to Penzance via Glasgow & 336 1300 Penzance to Edinburgh via Glasgow – operated by First Devon & Cornwall (3 Vehicle cycle)

Refuelled at Birmingham Digbeth: Southbound 0645 to 0700 – Northbound 2220 to 2230.

Duplicate vehicles North of Birmingham (Service 334) normally supplied by Park's of Hamilton.

Did You Know ??:

That the large NEX Timetable (the one Agents use) is available to the public but only by post. The current issue is valid from 6th March 2006 to 4th March 2007. Unlike its Rail counterpart it does not include a supplement!! For a copy send a Cheque for £12.50 payable to National Express, to:

National Express Ltd., Sales Support – Floor 13, 1 Hagley Road, Edgbaston, BIRMINGHAM. B16 8TG.

Magazine

The deadline for the June magazine is 26th May 2006.

Fleet News

Arriva

Arriva Kent & Sussex - New is 3006 L508CPJ Dennis Dart B40F Ex-Burton, Haverhill, & 3616 M616PKP has been scrapped.

Arriva Midlands - Dennis Dart MPD's 2263, 2264, 2269 have been noted parked at Delta Way, Cannock. Dennis Dart 2015 has had a respray.

Arriva North East - Fresh vehicles in are ECW bodied Leyland Olympians mentioned in issue 4 of The Trident are 7211 C102CHM, 7212 D198FYM, 7213 D223FYM, 7214 D187FYM, 7223 D203FYM and unnumbered D231FYM. D231FYM is the vehicle which was deemed to be unsuitable for use by Arriva North East and was towed away for disposal from Bishop Auckland in early April 2006. The acquired Alexander bodied Olympians are 7277 J353BSH and 7278 J354BSH. The Northern Counties Palatine 2 bodied DAFDB250's have started to arrive from Arriva Southern Counties is 7450 R207CKO, 7451 R208CKO. Vehicles were transferred to Arriva North East from Go Northern following the closure of Go Northern's Bishop Auckland depot were Optare Solo 2501 YM52TOU and Optare Alero 2502 YN53UXW. These vehicles are owned by Durham County Council and are allocated to Darlington (2501) and Bishop Auckland (2502). 2501 is used on contracted service 70 (Darlington - Barnard Castle) whilst 2502, when it is serviceable, is used on contracted service 83 (Cockfield-Woodland). Vehicles allocated to Bishop Auckland for the former Go Northern services include 911, 916, 1685-1688, 2610, 2739, 7212-7214, 7277, 7278 and 7450. Mini Pointer Dart 1794 is allocated to Darlington whilst similar 1798 has been transferred from Blyth to Darlington. Richmond depot closed after operation on 04 March 2006. Operation of the main Darlington - Richmond & Catterick Garrison services 27, 27B, 28, 34, X26 and X27 passed to Darlington depot whilst all but one of the remaining services were taken over by Dales and District. Dennis Dart SLFs 8290 S726KNV, 8291 S783RNE and 8292 T438EBD. These were formerly owned by Supertravel, Speke and are allocated to Stanley.

Arriva North West/ Liverpool, Merseyside - VDL Commanders 2574 CX06BHA, 2575 CX06BHD, 2576 CX06BHE, 2577 CX06BHF, 2578 CX06BHJ, 2579 CX06BHK, 2580 CX06BHL, 2581 CX06BHN, 2582 CX06BHO, 2583 CX06BHP and Leyland Olympians 3266 F266YTJ, 3268 F268YTJ were noted on Merseyrail Rail Replacement between Formby and Southport on 31/03.

Arriva Shires and Essex - New Deliveries: Optare Solos 2454/5 YJ06PVT/K Allocated to HA.

Arriva Scotland West - Fresh vehicle acquired is Dennis Dart SLF S624KHN.

Connex (Veolia Environment)

Bebb (Llantwit Fadre) – A new Optare Solo M920 in service here is CN06BXF.

Nottingham City Transport - Dennis Trident 408 has recently received a black and white advert livery for an Anti Drink and drugs campaign. Scania's with Wright Fusion bodywork 701-705 work on an Inter Campus Shuttle from Nottingham to Clifton, they are only in use during university time.

First

First Aberdeen – 50413 has been withdrawn.

First Cymru - Fresh withdrawals are Mercedes Minibuses 50100 and 51548.

First Eastern Counties – The vehicles used on the Chelmsford Park and Ride are 65680-65684. Recent resprays into First Barbie livery are 34903 H103FVX, 43444 P844OAH. Leyland Olympian 34862 is parked withdrawn at Great Yarmouth garage.

First Edinburgh - Acquired is Volvo B10M-50 Alexander RV bodywork 30354 G412OGD from First Manchester and similar 31283 G300OGE from First Edinburgh. Rumour has it that all of these ex-Glasgow Volvo Citybuses are to be replaced soon. Likely replacements would appear to be J-YRM Leyland Olympians from Rider. 31585 has been broken up and 31631 has been withdrawn.

First Glasgow - New vehicles in are : 69068 SF06GYD, 69071 SF06GYH, 69075 SF06GXY, 69077 SF06GYA, 69079 SF06GYK, 69081 SF06GYO, 69082 SF06GYP, 69084-69086 SF06GYS/T/U, 69088-69090 SF06GYW/X/Y, 69093 SF06GZB, 69111-69113 SF06GZX/Y/Z, 69114-69116 SF06HAA/E/O

Allocations 69068-S, 69071-P, 69073/5/7-S, 69079/81/2/4-6/8-90/3-P, 69111-6 -P. Vehicles transferred out are :31283 G300OGE to First Edinburgh, 40786/92/5 have left the fleet. 31312/5/7/8 have been withdrawn. 31316 has been broken up.

First Wyvern - Several vehicles are being painted into Greenbus livery for schools contracts so far resprayed are Volvo B10M Citybus 38123, Dennis Lance 67241.

Go Ahead

Brighton & Hove: New Livery – Dart 98, Omnidekka 605. Lance 102. Trident 676, 876, 885, 886. Route 25 Metro Branding Removed – 767, 769, 773. On Tuesday 11th a special Running Day was arranged for the 1953 Bristol K between 1000 and 1645 working Routes 5 / 6.

London Central/General: New Deliveries: Volvo B7 Wright Eclipse Gemini WVL212 - 73 LX06DYS - W/Y/ZA - W/Y/Z/EAA/C/E - G/J/K/M/O/P/W/Y/BA/C/D/F/G/J/K - P/U/V/Z/CA/C - F/J. All allocated to Camberwell for Routes 68/468/X68. Disposals:

Metrobus: New Deliveries: Scania Omnidekers 917 - 27 YN06JYB/C/D/E/F/G/H/J/K/L/O

Go Northern

The Wright bodied Volvo B7TLs mentioned in issue 4 of The Trident are 3962 NK 06 JXE, 3963 NK 06 JXD, 3964 NK 06 JXC and 3965 NK 06 JXB

Go North East

Further acquisitions fare Dennis Dart SLFs 8290 S726KNV, 8291 S783RNE and 8292 T438EBD. These were formerly owned by Supertravel, Speke and are allocated to Stanley

National Express

Airlinks – P237AAP is parked burnt out at Sipson Road Depot.

Travel West Midlands (Birmingham) –

Acocks Green (AG) – Volvo B& 4070 V470MOA remains out of service and is parked at the front of the garage.

Bordesley (BY) – Mercedes 0405 1661 was on loan here on 28/04.

Miller Street (XS) – Fresh vehicles noted here Optare Solo's 3231 S231EWU, 3240 S240EWU in full Travel West Midlands Livery, Metrobus 2918 has been transferred here from Walsall. Vehicles sold are Leyland Lynxs 1093 G93EOG, 1166 G166EOG, 9076 F76DDA, and Metrobuses 2701 A701UOE, 2759 A759WVP, 2950 D950NDA.

Pensnett (PT) – Mercedes 0405's 1558, 1563, 1579, 1591, 1594, 1625, 1656, 1659, 1680 1703 transferred from West Bromwich to work services 140 Bimringham – Blackheath – Dudley and 241 Halesowen – Blackheath – Dudley.

Perry Barr (PB) – 4698 has still not been seen back in service. Fresh respray is Volvo B7TL 4229 which was previously branded for service 65 Birmingham – Perry Common via Short Heath.

Walsall (WA) – Volvo B10L 1469 is a fresh respray and is no longer branded for service 301. Dennis Trident suffered major rta damage on 26/04 in Willenhall while working on service 529.

West Bromwich (WB) – Volvo B6's 541/2 have been transferred from Pensnett to replace some of the Mercedes 0405's transferred there.

Yardley Wood (YW) – Fresh respray is Dennis Trident 4369.

Stagecoach

Stagecoach Bluebird - Acquired from Highland Country Buses are 52518/9 T536/5EUB, 52523/4 W743/5NAS, 52525 X466NAS, 52528 Y285VST.

Stagecoach East Kent - New are 34844-7 GX06DWV/W/Y/Z Dennis Dart with Pointer B38F. On Order are 8 x Dennis Enviro; 4 x Dennis Dart; 3 x Dennis Trident.

Stagecoach Fife - New are MAN/ALX300 22400 - 22407 SP06DAO/U/DBO/U/V/X/Y/Z.

Re-registration 52308 is now GSU341. MAN 50040 is now in Megabus livery. Vehicles which have now left this fleet either for scrap or to charities are Leyland Titans :10246/10562/10571/10593/10825/ 10996/ 11084 and 10615 and 10622. Leyland Olympians : 13022/13173, Volvo B10M Citybus 15269, Volvo B10's 20597/20599/52272, Fire damaged Dennis Dart SLF 34023 and Mercedes Minibuses 40089/40277.

Stagecoach London - Movements (P13): 17139/226 - 9/31 - 3 TL to U, 17143/50/1/3 TL to PD, 17427 NS to T, 18493 - 9 New to TL, 28615/7/20 - 3/5 - 8/30 U to Ut, 34152/6 TB to PD, 34173/7/80/200/1 TL to BK,

34196 WA to U, 34203/12 - 4/7/8/20 - 3 On Loan to Arriva Southern Counties, 34303 - 7 On Loan to Docklands Buses, 34308/9 TL to NS, 34310 - 2 TL to TB, 34551 - 60 PD to TL.

Stagecoach in Manchester - Fleet Movements: (P13): New Deliveries: MAN 18.220 ALX300 22391/2 MX06LTY/Z (On Order MAN 18.220 ALX300 22393 - 9 MX06LUA/B/D/E/F/H/L. All for Daw Bank, Stockport). Arrivals from other Stagecoach companies: 16004/5 UCOC to Daw Bank, 15333 ST to GP, 15356 ST to PS, 15358 ST to PS, 15359 ST to PS, 15360 ST to HE, 20602 - 5/53/74/7 Liverpool to ST, 20908/9/38 GP to ST, 20932/3 HE to ST, 33084 GP to CS, 40430 GP to CSw, 42558 GP to CSw, Disposals, 20914/5 to United Counties

Stagecoach in Merseyside - Fleet Movements: (P13): New Deliveries: AD Dart SLF ADL B36F 34809 - 20 PX06DVR/T/U/V/W/Y/Z/WA/C/D/E/F, All allocated to GM. Movements 30652/905/40/6 GM to Stagecoach NW at CE for Storage, 20934/80 AM to GM, Arrivals from other Stagecoach companies: 20194 East Scotland to GM, Disposals, 20602 - 5/53/74/7 GM to Stagecoach Manchester,

Stagecoach North West - Fleet Movements: (P13): 10254 Res to KL, 10281 Res to KL, 10728 Res to CE, 11081 Res to KL, 11091 Res to KL, 11100 Res to KL, 11110 Res to KL, 16294 o/t Res to KL, 30241 CY to Res, 30342 Res to CY, 40001 CE to Res, 40395/6 CE to Res, 40614 Res to KL, 40645 Res to KL, 42531/3 Res to CE, 42670 Res to CE, Disposals: 30659 - 72 Sold, 42000 Scrapped

Stagecoach Western - Transfers out are 20145 to Stagecoach Merseyside. MAN's 50041/5 are now in Citylink Livery

Strathtay Scottish - Four new Dennis Trident/ALX400 have been delivered with SP06 registrations, but I have no further details.

Stagecoach in Yorkshire (Barnsley) - Fresh resprays into Stagecoach livery are 28762, 30196. Dennis Dart 32932 (448) allocated to Shafton has respray and received and a interior refurbishment with Stagecoach style seat cloth. Metrobus 15879 has major RTA damage and is not likely to return to service.

Transdev

Bournemouth Transport - A new vehicle here for National Express work is FJ06GGE and is numbered 319.

Independents

London

Metroline: New Deliveries: AD Trident Enviro 400: TE691/2 LK06FLB/C

Midlands

Birmingham Motor Traction (Great Barr) - Several LDV Convoy minibuses are in use here on contract work they are AK02HCL, BL02XYH , YR02ODX.

North West

Fleet Movements: In view of the large number of changes that have taken place I have decided to list the complete official current fleet listing as of 04/06:

201/2/4 - 220 W201/2/4/82/3/7 - 9/84/11 - 9/85JBN Volvo B10M VH C46Ft

301 - 15 Y301 - 4/85/6/7 - 9/87/11 - 5KBN Volvo B10M VH C46Ft

316 - 21/41 Y388/17/89/19/91/2KBN/Y174RVY Volvo B10M Je C46Ft

361/2 Y721/2HWT Volvo B10M Je C46Ft

401 - 33 MV02UMA - H/J - O/R - U/W/X/LK - P/R - U/W - Z Volvo B12M VH C42Ft/C46Ft

441 - 50 GT02BUS/Z/WAG/M/P/R/S/X/Y/Z Volvo B12M Je C46Ft

460 - 5 YC02CHD/F/G/H/J/K Volvo B12M Sunsundegui C48Ft

466 - 84/7/8/90 YC02DFJ/K/L/N/P/V/X/Z/GE/F/O/HK/L/M/O/P/V/X/Z/JF/J/U Volvo B12M Je C48Ft

491 YC02DJX Volvo B12B Je C48Ft

501 - 20 MX03AAE/F/K/N/U/V/Y/Z/BF/K/N/U/V/Z/CF/J/U/V/Y/Z Volvo B12M VH C42Ft/C48Ft

521 - 30 MX03ADU/V/Z/EA - G Volvo B12M Je C48Ft

531 - 40 MX03AEJ - N/P/T/U/V/W Volvo B12M Pn C48Ft

541 - 50 GT03AAA/BBB/CCC/DDD/EEE/FFF/GGG/HHH/JJJ/KKK Volvo B12M Je C36Ft

551 - 72 YJ03VMH/K/L/M/P/R/T/U/W/X/Y/Z/NA - G/S/V/OA Volvo B12M Pn C48Ft
 582/3 YJ03VOT/Y Volvo B12M Pn C46Ft
 591 - 6 GT03LLL/MMM/PPP/SSS/TTT/VVV Volvo B12M Je C46Ft
 597 GT03WWW Volvo B12M Pn C46Ft
 601 - 10 MX04AEA - G/J - L Volvo B12M VH C42Ft
 611 - 26 MX04AEM/N/P/T/U/V/W/Y/Z/FA/E/F/J/K/N/U Volvo 12M Pn C48Ft
 641 - 50 GT04AGT/BGT/CGT/DGT/EGT/NNN/RRR/UUU/YYY/ZZZ Volvo B12M Pn C36Ft
 671 - 4 DG03OMC/K/RS/SR Ford Tourneo Fd M8
 675 - 8 MW55UVL/UB/NN/UK Ford Tourneo Fd M8
 679 MK55SYP Ford Tourneo Fd M8
 680 - 3 MW55UUL/MW05ZHR/MK55SXU/MW55UUM Ford Tourneo Fd M8
 685 - YC03HNY VW Caravelle VW M8
 687 - 97 DF53LKU/NU/RL/GX/NP/LK/RK/DEU/DF04YWH/SL/PG Ford Tourneo Fd M8
 701 - 15 MX05AFU/V/Y/Z/GO/U/V/Y/Z/HA/C - G Volvo B12M VH C42Ft
 716 - 20 MX05AHJ - L/N/O Volvo B12M Je C42Ft
 721 - 30 MX05AHP/U/V/Y/Z/JO/U/V/Y/KF Volvo B12M Pn C42Ft
 801 - 10 MX06AKN/O/P/U/V/Y/Z/LO/U/MK Volvo B12M VH C36Ft
 811 - 15 MX06AMO/U/V/NF/P Volvo B12M Pn C36Ft
 816 - 20 MX06ANR/U/V/OA/B Volvo B12M Pn C42Ft
 901/2/4 - 13 T101/2/4 - 10/97/12/3JBA Volvo B10M VH C46Ft
 917 - 21 T117 - 20/98JBA Volvo B10M Je C46Ft
 923 - 6 Y723/4/6/7HWT Volvo B10M Je C48Ft
 927 Y731HWT Volvo B10M Pn C48Ft
 928 YJ03VOD Volvo B12M Pn C48Ft
 929 YJ03VPA Volvo B12B Pn C48Ft
 930 - 2 YC02DJD/E/K Volvo B12M Je C48Ft
 942 - 51 W286/23/4/87/26 - 9/88/21JBN Volvo B10M Pn C50F
 952 - 8 T199/24/5/6 - 9JBA Volvo B10M Je C50F
 962 Y702HWT Volvo B10M Je C48Ft
 963 - 70 Y703 - 8/18/9HWT Volvo B10M C48Ft
 971 Y701HWT Volvo B10M Je C48Ft
 972 - 81 Y732 - 8/51 - 3HWT Volvo B10M Pn C48Ft
 982 - 90 YC02CFK/L/M/O/P/U/V/X/FJ Volvo B12M Pn C48Ft
 991 - 8 YJ03VOF/G/H/K/M/P/OB/C Volvo B12M Pn C48Ft
 998 - YD02FDZ VW Caravelle VW M8
 All older National Holidays coaches now sold to dealers

Scotland

Fishers Tours - New DAF's here are S151/2JUA and an acquired Volvo is TIW9829 which was once Shearings H192DVM.

Henderson Travel - **New 106 YJ06FZH Optare Solo M880 B29F.**

Highland Country Buses (Rapsons) - Acquired are H917/23/5XYT which are Volvo B10M East Lancs single deckers. Transfers out are T535EUB, T536EUB, W743NAS, W745NAS, X466SAS, Y285VST to Stagecoach Bluebird.

Highland Heritage - New are SN06ACO/U Volvo B12B Van Hool C59F

Mackie of Alloa - New SN06GGJ is a new Bova Magiq.

Mayne of Buckie - X444GSM and GM02GSM have left the fleet.

McKindless - Acquired S162UAL Optare Excel L1150 Optare N45F This vehicle has come from Centrebus (Leicester), but was net to Trent Buses.

Parks of Hamilton - Transfers are LSK499/511/512 to Trathens of Plymouth.

Southern Coaches - New SO06SOU Volvo B12B Van Hool Ailzee T9 C51F. W600SOU and Y800SOU have left the fleet.

South East

Eastonways-Ramsgate 1560KX DAF Van Hool C53F Ex-Leo's Pride

Kings Ferry-Gillingham New vehicles are BV55FPL/N Chassis ? C53FT, MX06ADU/Z Chassis? Plaxton B26F

Nu Venture-Aylesford J228HGY Dennis Dart Pointer B35F Ex-Laurel

Rambler-St Leonards DDY222 re registered W222KDY then sold, and Y222PDY re registered DDY222

South West

Mid West Dealers (Cheltenham) – New Vehicles out Mercedes-Benz 0814 VU06KFD, VU06KFE, VU06KDX, VU06KEJ, VU06KEK to Hutchinson, York, Mercedes-Benz 0814 UK06LYN to Offord, Eastbourne, Optare Solo M850 VU06KFC due for Frome Minibuses 5/06. Second hand vehicles in are Mercedes-Benz 413Cdi YX54GZG, MX05CYP, MX05UPB ex Hutchinson York, Mercedes-Benz 0814 YN05VRR ex Hutchinson, York, YX05DWA ex Hutchinson York to Swanbrook, Gloucester, YX54GY ex Hutchinson York to Western Greyhound, VX55FEW ex Hutchinson, York 06 to Swanbrook, Gloucester. Mercedes-Benz 0814 ex Bodman to Cresswell, Evesham, Mercedes-Benz 412D W611KFE ex Travelbilly, Weston-Super-Mare to Hockey, Longwell Green, Bristol, Leyland Tiger ALZ6244 ex Bodman to Williams, Camborne, Volvo B10M V54HAX ex Wicksons.

St Ives Minibus Company – A fresh vehicle here is Mercedes 811D L858COD and has come from Dartline of Exeter.

Wales

Geminis Travel (Swansea) – Mercedes Minibus 814D with Wright Nimbus bodywork J204REH has been sold to Stafford Bus Centre. This vehicle was new to Stevensons of Uttoxeter.

Goodsir Coaches (Holyhead) – Ex Shearings 946 Volvo B10M R946YNF is in service here.

Lewis-y-Llan (Amlwch) – Volvo b6 with Marshall bodywork L83CNY is in use here.

Shamrock Group (Newport) - Mercedes Minibus L432APC is withdrawn at Abercynon garage, with front end accident damage.

Web Site - www.gb-bg.co.uk

If we want the site to succeed we need information from you to keep it as up to date as possible. If you have any information to help, us please forward it to jeff@gb-bg.co.uk or by post to Jeff Hall at the address on page 2.

New features on the web site are a National Express page and e-bay sales.

With the National Express page we hope to show which Companies are providing vehicles for particular routes based on your sightings. If you have any information on National Express workings please send it to Jeff Hall (contact details are on page 2)

Chris James is supplying us details of vehicles for sale on e-bay - you never know you may pick up a bargain!

Also to be found on the pages are observations which we could not manage to find soace for within the magazine.

Company News

Shamrock Travel in South Wales has closed its Bridgend Depot. The closure, which took place on April 8th, was due to loss of contracts in the Bridgend area. All staff and vehicles (20) was transfer to the company's Barry and Pontycynon depots.

Wrightbus has announced its first collaboration with German manufacturer MAN. The first 12m A22 chassis will be delivered to Wrightbus's Ballymena factory for use with the Wrightbus Meridian, which is a low floor vehicle for use in Airports. Initial orders are for 20 vehicles with a further 20 awaiting customer confirmation.

Beaumont of Gloucester is to cease trading, with its contracts and work being placed with local operators. The decision, which was taken by the Managing Director Mike Sadler, was due to Mike's ill health and the subsequent problems trying to cover him.

Hookways has bought Paignton based **Classic Tours** taking on its management, staff and one of its vehicles. The Exeter Company gets Classic's tour and excursion programme along with the Paignton Booking Office. This acquisition expands Hookway's portfolio as they also own Dorset Queen.

Plaxton has won its first order for the Centro Midibus. Arriva North West has ordered 12 vehicles for delivery this summer for use on some its Cheshire routes. The vehicles will be supplied on a VDL Bus SB120 10.7m chassis.

Traction Group – the Office of Fair Trading has announced that it will not refer the completed acquisition of Traction Group by Stagecoach Group last December to the Competition Commission. Traction Group was the sixth largest bus operator in the UK, and the largest in private ownership. Still with the OFT – they are considering whether to refer the acquisition of **Premier Bus** by Arriva in February to the Competition Commission. Premier is the parent company of **M K Metro** in Milton Keynes.

Amberlee Buses, which runs stage carriage work in Medway, Kent, has gone into administration. The company, which ran 14 services from its base in Rochester, ceased trading on April 19th. This followed a series of creditors meetings in February and the appointment of an administrator in January. The services the company used to operate are being covered by Arriva. Medway routes 1 - 8 are being operated by Chalkwell of Sittingbourne on a short-term contract. On the 29th April services were being operated by CAZ 6602 (taken off the 326/327 cycle) and VIB 5241.

Dunn-Line has bought PPKS Gdynia, a Polish coach and bus operator, for £1m. The deal and subsequent investment will be financed by the Veolia Group, who recently bought Dunn-Line itself. PPKS has a fleet of nearly 50 vehicles and 172 employees.

New Deliveries

AAA Coaches of Midlothian have taken delivery a Volvo B7R / Jonckheere Mistral (FJ06BNZ) to support their expanding coach hire business. The 55 seat vehicle was supplied by Volvo Coach Sales.

Alba Travel of Penrith have recently upgraded their fleet with a Mercedes 1018L Esker Cimo. The vehicle, which has 33 Ergos reclining seats was supplied by Harry Ferguson Coach Sales Ltd.

Ambassador Travel have taken delivery of two Volvo B12M / Sunsundegui coaches for use in a long term contract with Grand UK Holidays. The 49 seat vehicles will carry the Grand UK Holiday livery, which is not unlike the National Express livery some of the company's carry. The vehicles were supplied by Volvo Bus.

Coastal Coaches of Warton, Lancashire, have taken delivery of Mercedes Tourino (BX55FYN). The 34 seat vehicle is for use on corporate charter work, where a high quality midi-coach is required. The coach was supplied by Evobus.

Dereham Coachways have taken delivery of a Volvo B12B / Van Hool Alizee T9 Alicron. The vehicle, whose seating can be 49 or 53, will be operating the company's tour programme. It was supplied by Moseley PCV.

Drury Coaches of Goole has taken delivery of a Volvo B7R ./ Plaxton Profile with a side-mounted wheel chair lift. The vehicle was purchased to try to ensure the company can satisfy most customers' needs. It has 53 / 49 seats and was supplied by Plaxton Coach Sales.

Earnside Coaches of Perthshire has taken delivery of a Volvo B12B / Berkhof (WSV490). The 49 seat vehicle was supplied by Volvo Coach Sales.

East Yorkshire Motor Services have taken delivery of six Volvo B7TL / Wright Eclipse Geminis (YX55DHJ-DHO) fleet 702-707. The vehicles are for use on the company's Hull to Scarborough route which will see mileages of 80,000 miles per year.

Fishwick and Sons have taken delivery of a VDL Bus SB4000XF / Van Hool Alicron T9. The vehicle, which has 42 seats, folding tables, rear servery and a washroom is for use in their tour market and was supplied by Arriva Bus & Coach.

Fraser Eagle now two Bova Magiqs to add to the three Scania / Van Hool T9's delivered last month. The 49 seat Bova's are for use in private hire and European touring work. The company is already providing high specification transport, using Neoplan Starliners, to Burnley Football Club, Oldham Athletic and the newly promoted Accrington Stanley.

Isleworth Coaches have taken delivery of a Volvo B7R / Sunsundegui for use in the company's private hire business. The 57 seat vehicle was supplied by Volvo Coach Sales.

Lawmans of Kettering have taken delivery of two Volvo B12B / Van Hool Alizee T9 Alicrons. The 49 and 53 seat vehicles (YJ06GLY & GLZ) were supplied by Moseley (PCV) Ltd.

Lincolnshire RoadCar are the first Stagecoach subsidiary to take delivery of six B7TL / Wright Eclipse Geminis. The vehicles, which were originally ordered by the Yorkshire Traction Group, will be used on the Coastal Connect service between Lincoln and Skegness.

Neals Travel have taken delivery of two Volvo B7R / Sunsundegui to join its 19 strong fleet carrying out school contract, hire work and airport transfers. The 57 seat coaches were supplied by Volvo bus.

Scotline (Austin Coach Travel) has taken delivery of the high specification tri-axle Bova Magiq. The 52 seater vehicle will be used alongside fellow Austin Coach Travel subsidiary Capital Coaches.

Thomas of Barry have taken delivery of a tri-axle Setra S416GT HD Integral. The vehicle, BX55FXZ, was purchased in response to the company winning the contact to supply the Cardiff City Team Coach. The coach has been supplied to a high specification with 36 seats, 6 tables, fully equipped servery and a floor level walk in wash room. In addition the vehicle has flat screen monitors that can receive Sky TV, show DVD's or be linked to its Satellite Navigation System. The coach was supplied by Evobus UK.

Timberbush Tours of Edinburgh have taken delivery of Mercedes Tourino. The 34 seat vehicle joins a 10-strong all Mercedes fleet engaged on Scottish Tours and corporate charter work. The coach was supplied by Evobus.

Preservation News

Preservation News & Events

Events:

North London Transport Society: 20th May-Vintage Bus Display
Manchester Museum of Transport: 20/21st May - Lancashire United 100th
Scottish Vintage Bus Museum: 21st May - Bus Running Day, Lathalmond
London Transport Museum: 26/27th May - Acton Depot Guided Tours
Sandoft Trolleybus Museum: 27-29th May - (70th Anniversary.)
B&MMOT, Wythall: 28th May - Spring Operating Day
Oxford Bus Museum: 28th May Open day and "Memories Day"
B&MMOT and *Aston Manor Transport Museum: 29th May, Two - Museums Day
AEC: "Autokarna" Rally 3/4th June - Main Rally on the 4th at Woolton Park, Nottingham
Southend Bus & Transport Show: 4th June, Southchurch Park East
Aldershot & District Bus Interest: Group: 4th June - Running Day
Ipswich Transport Museum: 4th June 'Family Fun Day'
*Historic Commercial Vehicle Society: 4th June Go -Ahead Tyne - Tees Run
LT County Bus Rally: 4th June - Hertford, Hitchin and Stevenage
Seaton Tramway: 10th June - 12th Annual Bus & Vintage Vehicle Rally
Glasgow Bus World Museum: 11th June - Open day at Hillington Park.
Churnet Valley Steam Railway: 11th June - Bus Rally
Crich Tramway Museum: 11th June -Tramathon
Sheffield Bus Museum: 11th June - Open Day, Tinsley Tram Sheds
*East Coast Road Run: 11th June - at Hull

*HB Publications - Bus Data Files will be on sale at these Rallies

(Look out for the Harold Peers Sales Stand)

Sometimes the above Rallies can be cancelled at short notice - so please check before hand, as you don't want a wasted journey

Ancillary vehicles:

Aston Manor:

AOG 679 Daimler COG5 BCT Bus converted to a bank van - built in 1935

Birmingham & Midland Museum of Transport:

CKO988 Leyland Titan ex Maidstone & District Towing Lorry - built in 1936

390FHA Land Rover ex Midland Red Service vehicle - built in 1958

Sightings Sunday 9th April 2006 - Steve Jenner

- BRIJAN Tours Depot Open Day and Rally, Bishops Waltham, Hants

BRIJAN - XJJ668V, BT05BJT, N5BJT, G258TSL, N356OBC, S35KRV, P73VWO, R83EDW, V381FPT, BT06BJT, R10APT, S9BJT, R9 BJT, Y252OHC, N129MBW, TIL4557, BEP968V, HJI3932, UVY412, A581HDB, TIL4754.

N746OYR (Just painted all white – no legal writing or licence on yet)

Visitors:

TDL563K	Bristol RE	ECW	S/D	Southern Vectis
SFJ904	Bedford OB	Duple	CH	Lewis Stalbridge
AFJ86B	AEC Reliance	Harrington	CH	Greenslades
FTR268X	Leyland Atlantean	EL	D/D	Rubbed down – Ready for repaint
G283YRJ	Leyland	AR	D/D	Stagecoach
L131ELJ	DAF	Optare	D/D	Wilts & Dorset

LFJ855W	Bristol VRT	ECW	D/D	Western National
596LCG	AEC Renown	PR	D/D	Winchester
CCG704C	Bedford Val	PN	CH	King Alfred
CC8671	Dennis G	Roberts	S/D	Llandudno
DAE511K	Bristol RE	ECW	S/D	Badgerline
LRV996	Leyland PD2	MC	D/D	Portsmouth
KCR108P	Leyland National		S/D	White
KJD431P	Bristol LH	ECW	S/D	White
H523CTR	ACE Cougar	WS	S/D	First Provincial
KAD359V	Leyland Leopard	PN	CH	Unity Coaches
JJD543D	AEC Routemaster	PR	D/D	London Transport
MUF488	Beadle – Leyland	Beadle	S/D	Southdown
7017HK	Bristol MW	ECW	CH	Eastern National
SPK203M	AEC Reliance	PN	CH	Green Line
NKN650	Commer Avenger	Harrington	CH	Maidstone & District
AHC442	AEC Regent	Bruce	D/D	Eastbourne Corporation
F302MYJ	Volvo	NC	D/D	Southdown
CUV308C	AEC Routemaster	PR	D/D	Black/Diner
CUV116C	AEC Routemaster	PR	D/D	London Transport
COL677V	Bedford	PN	CH	Normans Coaches
P276VPN	Volvo	AR	D/D	Stagecoach
N325AMC	Dennis Dart	AR	S/D	Stagecoach
H816CBP	Leyland Olympian	AR	D/D	Stagecoach
N354MPN	Volvo	AR	D/D	Stagecoach
DSL540	AEC Routemaster	PR	D/D	London Central
KDD38	AEC Regal	Harrington	CH	Soudley Valley
USK625	AEC Routemaster	PR	D/D	London Transport
EHV65	Bedford OB	Duple	S/D	Hants & Sussex
FTR514	Guy Arab	PR	D/D	Soton Corporation
MMR552	Leyland Tiger Cub	Harrington	CH	Silver Star
YN05GXW	Scania	Wright	S/D	Reading Transport
SWO986	Bristol MW	ECW	CH	Red & White

Sightings Sunday 23rd April - Teesside Vintage Bus Running Day – Jeff Hall

Heritage Buses:

AHN451B	Daimler	(7)	D/D	Darlington Corporation
FNV557	Leyland		S/D	Royal Blue
WBR248	Atkinson	(48)	S/D	Sunderland Corporation
221JYK	Leyland	(221)	D/D	Newcastle Transport
HHN202	Bristol	(DB 216)	S/D	Durham District Services
JDC544L	Daimler	(L544)	D/D	Teesside Municipal Transport
WYW14T	MCW Metrobus	(142FW M14)	D/D	London Transport
JDC599	Dennis Loline	(99)	D/D	Middlesbrough Corporation

Operational Buses:

A97KUM	Leyland Olympian		D/D	Youth Bus
NUW648Y	Leyland Titan		D/D	A1 Coaches
MHN131W	Leyland National		S/D	Kings
VX04MSG	Designline Olympus (61001)		S/D	Stagecoach Busways Quaylink

News

For Preservation News please contact Maurice Brown

Observations

**On Easter Monday a quick visit to Blackpool and Fleetwood saw the following trams.
(David Sharpe)**

Operational Tram Fleet

633, 645, 677 – 679, 708, 711, 713, 720, 721, 754, 762,

Heritage Trams

Blackpool & Fleetwood 40, Bolton 66, Blackpool 147, Sheffield 513.

Broadmarsh Bus Station, Nottingham 1520-1550

(Inside and passing outside) 30th March 2006 (E A Spencer)

Arriva Midlands

3479

Dunn-Line

KSK932, MIL8330, FJ55YCL

Motorvation

L816SAE

Nottingham City Transport

121, 124, 126, 127, 138, 139, 209, 212, 216, 250, 265, 268, 283, 501, 504, 506,
560, 562, 642, 651, 655, 666, 668, 714, 715, 716, 746, 774, 778, 779

Paul James

YJ06FXW

Premier Travel

NIL9017

Trent Barton

57, 213, 214, 301, 305, 306, 414, 418, 422, 431, 437, 439, 602, 603, 604, 606, 609,
612, 668, 669, 671, 674, 675, 678, 680, 911, 912, 948

Swindon Town Centre and Bus Station. 1st April 2006 (Andrew Williams)

First Somerset & Avon

66941

Stagecoach Hants & Dorset

16295

Stagecoach Oxford

20805, 42379

Stagecoach West

14263, 14271, 14275, 14609, 16044, 16055, 16081, 16099, 16449, 20684, 20685, 20689, 32317, 33904,
33905, 33907, 33909, 33911, 33912, 33924, 33942, 33967, 33969, 33970, 33971, 33501, 33502, 33504,
33505

Thamesdown

106, 111, 112, 115, 117, 119, 120, 122, 126, 128, 129, 141, 143, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 158, 159, 160,
161, 162, 163, 164, 180, 182, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 193, 195, 196, 197, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207,
208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 501, 502, 503, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510

Wilts & Dorset

2525

Thamesdown Depot

69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 110, 113, 116, 123, 127, 130, 131, 132, 142, 145, 165, 183, 190, 194, 200, 201, 262,
263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 281, 299, 300, 303, 304, 305, 504

Gloucester

Stagecoach West

17061, 18437

Cheltenham

Stagecoach West Cheltenham Depot

26028, 34836/8-42

Visitor Centre, Northern Perimeter Road, Heathrow Airport Friday 7th April 2006 (08.30 -14.30) (Steve Jenner & Mike Pinder)

Allied, Hayes

BF52SYV

APCOA Parking, Heathrow

39 to 47/49

Aron, Hayes

BX05UWA

Arriva New Enterprise

2902

Ashford, Bedford

ALO5ASH

AVIS Rent-A-Car, Heathrow

P212CAY, W248/262/264/265OLA, FD04ZWX/ZWY, RK04BCU/BCV
Back Roads, North Acton MX05NYY
Berkeley, Paulton R201WYD,
British Airways, Heathrow FLY747T, K821PLX
Burtons, Haverhill YN54ZHK, YN05VRU
Centra, London KV51ZKE, KP54BYR/BYU-BYW
Dunn Line, Basford FJ54ZDF
Excelsior, Bournemouth 910-912 A18/19/20XEL
First Bus –
20539/544/549/538 23308/10, 32268, 32935/75/84/86/88/91/96/99, 33145/160
33162/77, 33736,41244, 90162
Go Ahead Oxford Citycoach 54/57/58/60/62/63
Hotelink, Lowfield Heath W523NNJ, Y957GFG
Isleworth, Heston AB55BUS
Kings, Colchester KC55ABC
Laurel, Egham N60TCC
London United –
DP16/17/35/37/43/44/47/59/65/68/76/93/98, 501/506/507
DPS 527/564/570/571/575/664/671/688, TA314/315, VA92/93/96, VP110/111
Mainline, Tonyrefail CAZ7446
Menzies Aviation, Heathrow
H01-04/08-10/13-16/18/19/21-24, B26/27/30-32
Metrobus, Orpington 541-545
Metroline –
DLD199, EDR13, TA92, VP319/323/333/336/467/468/605/615/616/619-622 /626/628
NXL, Birmingham NXL5-7/11/12
National Express Airlinks
227/230/233/244/247/251/512, D2/9/19/21/30 D313/317/319/327, V320/322/323
V324/325
OFJ, Staines YS02YXV
Robinsons, Burbage FG03JDJ
Target, Plymouth R338NRU
Tellings Golden Miller
W627UMV, X218HCD, Y506TGJ, Y30TGM
Travel West Midlands (Nex Coaches) YN55PXC/PXE/PXH/PXK/PXU

Whitby 16th April 2006. (Jeff Hall)

Birk Brow
Shearings YJ03VOY

South of Birk Brow
Kings KC04ABC

Scaling Dam
David Palmer M222DPC

Entering Whitby
Celtic Travel K826HUM
Whitby Coach Park
Acklams of Beverley YX05DXK
Bakewell Coaches W10ALN
Bellamy Holidays WRC419
Butler Brothers 83BUT
Castle Coaches J444SAS
Gillinghams N622PUS

Globe Holidays	N868XMO
Hawkes	W214UGX
Humble of Shildon	M1HUM
Ian Grimshaw	LUI1507
Maxfields	MXI503
Oakleaf	TIL4230
Ralph Cole	A9TRC
Ross Travel Group	P810VLT
Rowe & Tudhope	YM52UVV
Royles Travel	A2PMX
Tim Drapers	20VWC
Woods of Leicester	WDZ1232

Swing Bridge
Coastal & Country Coaches UWV623S (Sightseeing)

Whitby Bus Station
 Arriva North East
 1209 V209DJR, 1739 V739DNL (94 Whitby)

Whitby Coop
East Yorkshire 670 YY52LCK, 671 YY52LCL

Skelton Coaches Yard - Skelton Coaches
 SKU274 1, H56VRH 2, H596SWY 3, A3FFC 4, F435DUG 5, PDZ6270 6,
 LIL8200 7, 789GTD 9, XSV691 10, DMJ224X 17, E786BTU, EDC406V,
 F705ENE, F711ENE, OUF50W, SG03ZBB

Central London. 20th April 2006 (Andrew Williams)

Arriva London
 ADL 18
 DLA 70, 72, 379
 DW 82, 131
 MA 55, 92, 107, 124, 132, 134, 135, 140
 PDL 39
 VLA 9, 13, 17, 20, 22, 24, 36, 39, 49, 146, 150, 166, 170, 177
 VLW 177, 186, 188, 195, 199

Arriva Sightseeing
 EMB 772
 ML 12, 17
 OA 323
 VLY 601

Big Bus D943
East Thames Buses VWL 6, 8, 13, 16, 24

First Capital
 11003, 11024, 11064, 32332, 33121, 33180

Go Ahead
 AVL 1, 10, 16, 31, 36, 37, 39
 LDP 3, 64, 146, 153, 284
 MAL 67, 69, 75, 77, 85, 92, 94
 PDL 9, 22, 23, 24, 39
 PVL 75, 91, 124, 160, 162, 213, 217, 232, 243, 266, 283, 286, 293, 297, 301, 306,
 311, 314, 324, 326, 328, 329, 330, 342, 343, 358, 374, 377, 378, 383, 388
 WVL 2, 5, 8, 69, 76, 92, 96, 112, 113, 116, 153, 201, 221, 227, 231, 240, 242, 251, 269

Metroline
 TE 667, 668, 675, 676, 687, 690

TP 422, 423

VP 546

London United

VA 296, 305, 306

VLE 41

SLE 49, 60

Stagecoach London

17105, 17107, 17215, 17276, 17311, 17422, 17179, 17753, 17759, 18222, 23002, 23048

Travel London

DP 39, 101, 102, 106, 113, 115, 116, 119

TA 14, 18, 79, 80, 84, 85, 109, 122

V 6, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 48, 52, 57, 58, 64

Central Manchester. 21st April 2006 (Andrew Williams)

Arriva North West/ Manchester

365, 1123, 1133, 1169, 1254, 2249, 2241, 2244, 2251, 2253, 2400, 2851, 3102, 3106, 3107, 7556, 7562

Bluebird

W6BLU, Y8BLU, MA02LBU, MC02BLU, MD02BLU, MJ53BLU, MK53BLU, ML52BLU, CU04AMK, AJ54AMJ, MW54BLU

Bullocks

F237YTF, M788NBA, M790MBA, P483HBA, P484HBA, S959URJ, S960URJ, MX04MYW

Burnley and Pendle

2712, 2714, 2754, 2760, 2764

Finglands

1706, 1707, 1709, 1713, 1716, 1739, 1740, 1743, 1747, 1748, 1761, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1781, 1782, 1785

First Manchester

30340, 30347, 31100, 34260, 40200, 40201, 40203, 40209, 40212, 40215, 40216, 40219, 40226, 40241, 40314, 40318, 40321, 40326, 40352, 40407, 40423, 40567, 40568, 60170, 60166, 60167, 60174, 60177, 60178, 60184, 60185, 60193, 60200, 60201, 60249, 60278, 60281, 60307, 60309, 60312, 60317, 60323, 60326, 60330, 60332, 60335, 60336, 60342, 60343, 60368, 60386, 60608, 60425, 60434, 60446, 60450, 61151, 62233

J P Travel

M448HPF, P879PWW, S3JPT, V387HGG, Y3JPT,

Mayne

4, 5, 12, 14, 25, 38, 39, 42, 43

Parks of Hamilton

LSK876

Selwyns

SEL853

Stagecoach Manchester

13282, 13295, 13503, 13504, 13508, 13509, 13510, 13515, 13516, 13518, 13519, 13605, 13632, 13639, 13641, 14240, 15031, 15033, 15034, 15035, 15036, 15039, 15180, 15186, 15189, 15191, 15336, 15341, 15344, 15345, 15346, 15347, 15355, 15356, 15359, 15360, 15362, 16085, 16087, 16513, 17649, 17650, 17698, 17699

18022, 18023, 18024, 18025, 18026, 18027, 18029, 18031, 18033, 18034, 18037, 18038, 18041, 18043, 18046, 18047, 18050, 18314, 18321, 18330, 18350, 18351, 18352, 18353, 18354, 18356, 18357, 18358, 18359, 18360, 18362, 18364, 18365, 18366, 18372, 18373, 18376, 18377, 18380

UK North

120, 150, 151, 154, 155, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 168, 169, 172, 173, 223, 226, 227

Cambridge. 22nd April 2006 (Andrew Williams)

Stagecoach in Cambridge

16008, 16011, 16015, 16018, 16022, 16024, 16025, 16082, 16091, 16210, 16213, 16216, 16541, 16593, 17007, 17009, 17010, 17036, 17037, 17038, 17052, 17053, 17054, 17055, 17056, 17057, 17058, 17059, 17076, 17078, 17079, 17695, 17697, 18335, 18340, 18341, 18342, 18345, 18348, 22060, 22278, 22306, 22307, 22309, 22310, 22311, 22312, 22314, 22315, 22316, 22317, 22318, 22319, 22320, 22322, 22323, 22325, 22327, 22328, 22329, 22330, 22331, 22335, 22336, 22337, 22338, 22339, 22475, 47988

Cannock Bus Station. 22nd April 2006 (Stephen Evans)

Arriva Midlands

1150, 1160, 1170, 2005, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2058, 2071, 2074, 2081, 2085, 2086, 2276, 2277, 2287, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2318, 2325, 2354, 2357, 2701, 2702, 3102, 3103, 3106, 3301, 3302, 3303, 4569, 4572

Chase	THX209S, AYR343T, TRN809V
Green Bus	N114YAB
Choice	158, 163
Diamond Bus	X632AKW
Hills (Wolverhampton)	BU03LYW
Leons (Stafford)	BT05LCT (Dunwood Travel livery)
Wicksons	Y729OBE

Penzance Bus Station 1100-1305. 25th April 2006 (Ken Pitt)

First Devon & Cornwall

1003, 20518, 20522, 31539, 39907, 39911, 42871, 42872, 42873, 42875, 42876, 42929, 42933, 46419, 46425, 48142, 48273, 52510, 52543, 52548, 52551, 52563,

notes : 1003 in GWR livery, 39907 Open Top, 48273 Light Blue livery

Alfa Coaches, Chorley	R118CNN, PN06KJZ
Heliport Shuttle	N330EFG
Sunset Buses	N210DNL, T296ROX
Williams	P695JON

Dublin Observations 27th – 29th March 2006 Part 1 (Jeff Hall)

Following Jeff's location report last month here is part one of his sightings over the three days. Some buses were seen all three days others just on one or two of them. This first part covers Dublin Bus. Next month will be Aircoach, Bus Eirrean and other independents.

Bus Atha Cliath (Dublin Bus)

DAF SB220 AD 46 – 53, 55, 56, 59 – 64.

Volvo B7TL AV 3, 9, 18, 22 – 25, 27, 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 58, 60, 61, 69, 70, 73 – 82, 84, 86 – 90, 92, 93, 95, 97 – 99, 102, 104, 106, 110, 112, 113, 115 – 127, 129 – 131, 139 – 141, 145, 146, 148, 152 – 157, 159, 161, 162, 169 – 173, 175 – 179, 181 – 183, 186 – 188, 190 – 193, 200 – 203, 210, 212, 213, 215, 217, 220, 221, 223 – 225, 231, 235, 236, 240 – 242, 244, 249, 252, 256, 258, 260 – 269, 272 – 274, 276, 278, 281, 282, 285, 290, 299, 300, 302, 305, 306, 321, 322, 324, 329 – 332, 334 – 339, 342, 347, 361, 363 – 368, 371, 375 – 377, 380 – 383, 386 – 388, 390 – 392, 396 – 398, 403, 408, 411, 415, 417, 419 – 423, 425 – 429, 432, 434 – 439, 441, 442, 445, 446.

Volvo B7TLA AW 1 – 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18.

Transbus Trident DW 1, 2, 5 – 7, 9.

Volvo Olympian RA 176, 180, 183 – 185, 187, 190, 194, 197 – 199, 211, 215 – 219, 222 – 225, 237, 238, 241, 243, 246, 247, 249, 251, 255, 258 – 261, 265, 267, 269, 274, 275, 278, 280, 281, 283, 286, 288, 291, 296, 300, 301, 306, 316, 317, 320 – 322, 324, 325.

Volvo Olympian RH 2 – 4, 20, 32, 40, 61, 66, 87, 89, 91, 142 – 144, 146, 148, 149, 161, 162, 172, 174

Volvo Olympian RV 326, 328 – 330, 335, 344, 350 – 356, 358, 362 – 364, 366 – 370, 372 – 375, 377 – 381, 383 – 385, 401, 405, 408, 409, 412 – 414, 418, 420, 422, 423, 429, 431 – 433, 435, 436, 438 – 443, 445 – 451, 453 – 459, 462, 464, 471, 473 – 477, 479, 480, 482, 483, 486 – 490, 493 – 495, 500 – 502, 508, 513, 514, 520, 523, 526, 527, 529, 530, 541, 545, 548, 552, 553, 555 – 557, 559, 561, 563, 564, 568 – 571, 574 – 581, 583, 584, 586 – 590, 594, 598, 599, 601 – 604, 606, 607, 612, 613, 615, 616, 618, 619, 621, 622, 625, 630, 633 – 639.

Volvo D9 VT 1 – 20

Volvo B6BLE VW 3, 15, 16, 18, 21 – 24, 27 – 32, 34 – 40, 46.

Tram and Light Rail News (Martin Hall)

Birkenhead - Restoration work is still continuing on **Warrington 2**.

Blackpool - Vinyls reapplied for *Sealife Centre* to **Balloon tram 709**

Edinburgh Tram - The route diagrams have now been finalised although as usual there are many people who are not happy but things are now on the move and the tram system hopes to be running by 2010

Nottingham - Adverts observed on the following trams: **205** - *Optique* **206** - *Pulse*, **207** - *Flaming Dragon Restaurant/Two Seasons*, **210** - *Angels By Day Nursery*, **211** - *Morris Homes*, **214** - *Two Seasons*

Seaton - Tram **11** has been tested daily on the tramway and is expected to enter service soon.

South Hampshire Supertram - I reported last month that the project was dead but the main parties are now talking again and there may yet be a solution to their problems.

Sheffield Supertram - It looks like a new park-and-ride facility will be built in Sheffield at the Martin Bridge Terminus which would have space for 140 cars. More trams have been equipped with LED destination indicators and GPS systems these now being trams 101,104,107,108,110,113,115,118,119,124 and 125.

West Midlands - The Parry People Mover is causing quite a stir as more people are seeing the benefit of this vehicle. Since its first runs at Stourbridge the wish for it to move further a field is growing. The ultra light weight vehicle can be used anywhere and could even open up long closed lines in rural areas were a normal train service would be uneconomical.

Preservation:

Black Country Museum - Single deck trams - **No. 5 & 34** are both now in need of a major overhaul to bring them back up to standard. The restored double deck car **No. 49** remains in use.

*For the followers of preserved trams, Inter City Railway Society have just published a new publication called **Preserved Trams & Funicular Railways** priced £4.99 to GB-BG members £3.99. Available from Jeff Hall, address on page 2.*

Fleet Lists

Rossendale Transport

35 Bacup Road, Rawtensall BB4 7BNG

Depots

		RE	Rochdale.	RW	Rawtensall	
1	BX04MZU	RW	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter	Koch		N12F
2	BX04MZV	RW	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter	Koch		N12F
3	BX04MZW	RW	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter	Koch		N12F
4	BX04MZZ	RW	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter	Koch		N12F
19	S859DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties		H47/29F
20	S860DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties		H47/29F
21	S861DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties		H47/29F

22	S862DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
23	S863DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
24	S864DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
25	S865DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
26	S866DGX	RW	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
29	M529RHG	RE	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
30	M530RHG	RE	Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H47/29F
34	G304UYK	RW	Leyland Olympian	Leyland	H47/31F
35	G307UYK	RW	Leyland Olympian	Leyland	H47/31F
36	G312UYK	RW	Leyland Olympian	Leyland	H43/29F
37	G313UYK	RW	Leyland Olympian	Leyland	H43/29F
38	G314UYK	RW	Leyland Olympian	Leyland	H43/29F
41	YJ54BUA	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
42	YJ54BUE	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
43	YJ54BUF	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
44	YJ54BUH	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
45	YJ54BUO	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
46	YJ54BUP	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
47	YJ54BUU	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
48	YJ54BUV	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
49	YJ54BUW	RE	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
50	YJ54UXT	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
51	YJ54UXU	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
52	YJ54UXV	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
53	YJ54UXW	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
54	YJ05JWC	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
55	YJ05JWD	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
56	YJ05JWE	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
57	YJ05JWF	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
58	YJ05JWG	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
59	YJ05JWK	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
60	YJ05JWL	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
61	YJ05JWM	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
62	YJ05JWN	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
63	YJ05JWO	RW	Optare Solo (Slimline)	Optare	N25F
66	G728JJC	w	Volvo B10M-55	Plaxton Derwent 2	TV
67	G727JJC	RE	Volvo B10M-55	Plaxton Derwent 2	BC53F
74	PJ19174	w	Leyland Tiger	East Lancashire EL2000	
106	N106LCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
107	N107LCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
108	N108LCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
109	N109LCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
110	N110LCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
111	P211DCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
112	P212DCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
113	P213DCK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 10.1m	East Lancs Spryte	N26F
114	S114KRN	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
115	S115KRN	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
116	S116KRN	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
117	S117KRN	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
118	S118KRN	RE	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
119	S119KRN	RW	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
120	S120KRN	RW	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
121	S121KRN	RW	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F

122	S122KRN	RW	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
123	S123KRN	RW	Dennis Dart SLF 11.3m	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
124	R6BLU	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer 2	N33F
125	R7BLU	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer 2	N33F
126	L26FNE	RE	Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3035	Marshall C37	B36F
127	L27FNE	RE	Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3035	Marshall C37	B36F
128	K28XBA	RE	Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3012	Marshall C27	B36F
129	K29XBA	RE	Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3012	Marshall C27	B36F
130	R8BLU	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer 2	N33F
131	X131JCW	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
132	X132JCW	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
133	X133JCW	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
134	X134JCW	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer SPD	N40F
135	PO51WEC	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
136	PF51KMM	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
137	PF51KMO	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
138	PF51KMU	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
139	PF51KMV	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
140	PF51KMX	RW	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
141	PF02XMX	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
142	PF02XMW	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
143	PN52WWK	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
144	PN52WWL	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
145	PN52WWM	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
146	PN52WWO	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
147	PN52WWP	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
148	PN52WWR	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	East Lancs Spryte	N39F
149	S9BLU	RE	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer 2	N37F
150	PO53OBU	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
151	PO53OBM	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
152	PO53OBN	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
153	PO53OBP	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
154	PO53OBR	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
155	PO53OBT	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
156	PJ53UHV	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
157	BX03BKU	RW	Volvo B7RLE	Wrightbus Eclipse	N42F
158	CU04AMX	RW	MAN 14.220	MCV Sitrling	N40F
159	CU04AOP	RW	MAN 14.220	MCV Sitrling	N40F
160	CU04AUV	RW	MAN 14.220	MCV Sitrling	N40F
177	H177OSG	w	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B47F
178	H178OSG	w	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B51F
179	H179OSG	RE	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B49F
181	H181OSG	RE	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B51F
182	H182OSG	RE	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B49F
183	H183OSG	RE	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B47F
184	H184OSG	RE	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B49F
185	H185OSG	RE	Leyland Lynx LX112	Leyland	B47F
300	N300EST	RW	Dennis Javelin	Plaxton Premiere 350	C46FT
301	FP53JYC	RE	Volvo B12B	Sunsundegui Sideral	C49FT
302	FP53JYD	RE	Volvo B12B	Sunsundegui Sideral	C49FT
303	FP51JYD	RE	Volvo B12B	Sunsundegui Sideral	C49FT
358	P958YGG	RE	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Expressliner	C48FT
359	P959YGG	RE	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Expressliner	C48FT
366	R466GUA	RW	Bova Futura	Bova	C53F



Rossendale 63 YJ05JWO RW Optare Solo (Slimline) Optare N25F (Andrew Williams)

Flashback

In this new section we will be recording sightings from the past from members visits to various locations including Bus Garages. The first flashback takes us to Go Ahead, Bishop Auckland depot which has recently closed.

Go Ahead, Bishop Auckland Depot. 12th July 1998 (Anthony Walton)

Leyland Atlantean 3456 AUP456W
 MCW Metrobus
 3489 DVK489W, 3491 DVK491W, 3494 DVK494W, 3495 DVK495W
 Leyland Atlantean
 3539 MBR439T, 3558 MBR458T,
 Leyland Olympian 3583 JTY383X
 Leyland Atlantean
 3682 TSD611S, 3699 VFT199T, 3708 YNL208V, 3719 YNL219V,
 3790 XUP349L, 3791 SCN269S, 3792 SCN284S, 3793 AVK152V,
 3795 AVK165V, 3796 AVK199T
 Leyland Olympian
 3807 F107UEF, 3809 K109YVN
 Leyland National 4721 TJR721Y
 Volvo B10M-61 4749 E107DJR
 DAF (Optare) 4803 J203VHN
 DAF (Duple)
 5131 D903EAJ, 5137 YSU882
 Volvo B6
 8421 M421PVN, M427RDC

Fleet Profile

Company Profile – Acklams Coaches

Acklams Coaches are based in Beverley again it is a family run business. The company was started in 1953 by Bernard Acklam, who ran a black cab taxi service. His son Paul came into the business after qualifying from Bolton College in mechanical engineering around 1970 and after Bernard's death in 1998, Paul became the proprietor of the company.

Paul developed the company, bringing in mini buses and then bought a large coach in about 1986. Paul's son Alan came into the business in 1996 and in the past seven or eight years the business has grown steadily. The company now has an impressive fleet of coaches from 8 seater transits to 57 seater executive coaches. These vehicles do school contract and private hire work, used by Ice hockey teams, Rugby clubs etc., and are kept very busy. The company also operate some local Beverley town service – No's 5, 6,142 & 246. They will shortly be taking delivery of a new service bus with wheelchair access plus a new Plaxton executive coach also with wheelchair access.

Paul Acklam, is the sole proprietor, Alan Acklam is the transport manager and Jo Acklam (Paul's wife) deals with the day today running of the office. Paul does the maintenance on all of the vehicles, so they don't see much of him in the office.

The company livery is Red/Grey

Acklams are actively looking for new premises for their fleet of vehicles and on site office which would make more logistic sense.

<u>Reg.</u>	<u>Make.</u>	<u>Body.</u>	<u>Seating.</u>	<u>Year</u>
YX05DXK	Volvo	Plaxton Panther	49/45	2004
YX54ACY	Volvo	Plaxton Paragon	49	2004
AL03ACK	Dennis	Plaxton Paragon	57	2002
MR02ACK	Dennis	Plaxton Panther	49	2002
W200ACK	DAF	Plaxton Excalibur	C49FT	2000
W100ACK	Dennis Jav.	Plaxton Premiere	C57F	2000
YX54AHN	Mercedes	Plaxton Cheetah	33	2004
R769ECT	Mercedes	Novelle	32	1997
V150KAG	Mercedes	Plaxton Beaver 2	27	1999
T781FWW	LDV	Convoy	16	1998
MU51ELH	LDV	Convoy	16	2001
YX55AHC	LDV	Convoy	16	2005
YX06DDZ	LDV	Convoy	16	2005
T229BRA	Mazda	E2200	13	1998

Plus two new 06 regs just delivered details hopefully next month.

Services Operated:

5 Model Farm – Norwood Grange – Swinemoor - (Monday to Saturday)

6 Beckside – Grovehill – Flemingate -(Monday to Saturday)

142 Beverley – Middleton – Driffield - (Monday to Saturday)

246 Beverly to Hornsea - (Monday to Saturday – Evenings)

We wish to thank the Acklam family – (Paul, Jo and Alan) for their cooperation with this profile.



Acklams Coaches – L – R AL03ACK, MR02ACK & YX54ACY at their depot. (Acklams Coaches)

Football Match Sightings

Riverside Stadium – Middlesbrough v Newcastle United 9th April 2006 (Jeff Hall)

Newcastle United Team Coach

Classis YN55PXX

Supporters Coaches

Henry Cooper EX180

First Choice ROX615Y

(ex?) Go Ahead London T1019 A619THV

Unknown BL-ZS-19

Unknown BP-SB-96

Unknown BL-ZS-20 The last three appear to be Dutch registrations.

Riverside Stadium – Middlesbrough v West Ham 16th April 2006 (Jeff Hall)

West Ham Team Coach

Flights Hallmark T6HMC

Supporters Coaches

The Kings Ferry GJ52MUV

W558RYC

GN51WCA

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Publication Update

The **East Midlands & Yorkshire** and **North East** Books are now available.

The **North West** Book, which expands the Liverpool and Manchester Book to encompass more fleets in the North West of England, should be available in May.

The **National Coaches** Fleet Book is due to be updated in June. The new book will contain a full fleet list to allow cross-referencing of vehicles to facilitate easier identification plus Service / Operator listings.

The **Welsh Fleet Book** is currently undergoing updating

With the completion of the North West Book we will have all the areas in the UK covered which will allow us to produce Volume 14 the Full UK Registration List, which we believe will be the first book of its kind. This volume will contain all Registrations featured in Volumes in 1 to 12 with details of the Operating Company and the Volume the vehicle is featured in.

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