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PL05TCO a MAN with Marcopolo Viale bodywork on demonstration to Go North East. It is usually found on 638 service Sunderland to Crawcrook.

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Hello and welcome to the July magazine. Lots crammed into this issue once again, and many thanks to the contributors. Can I ask that bus observations be sent to Chris Morton, address on page 2, if possible typed and where you have internet access e-mailed directly to him. It saves us all a lot of time and possible transcribing errors. I have been out and about again this month, with visits to Birmingham for a GB-BG meeting, Doncaster to look at the new bus station (unfortunately not very easy for photographs), Chesterfield and Halifax. See my photo later in the mag for the perils of taking pictures of small independents. Enjoy.

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

South East of England

London

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

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Membership Details

Membership of the GB Bus Group is £12 per year. This gives you a monthly magazine and 20% discount on all HB Publication Bus Books. Please make all cheques and Postal Orders payable to GB Bus Group
Welcome to new members MR. Kelly (Newport), Bryan King (Norwich), Brian Bayley (London), Tim Head (Worthing), B. Williams (Suffolk), George Richardson (Co. Durham), Robert Cooley (Reading) & Malcolm Wood (Bromsgrove).

Contributions

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We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

Magazine

The deadline for the August magazine is Friday 28th July 2006.

Fleet News

Major Operators

Arriva

Arriva Midlands (Leicester) - Noted on Delta Way, Cannock on 31st May were Stafford Dennis Dart 2334 R334TJW, Oswestry Dennis Dart 2350 S350YOG. Noted on Delta Way, Cannock on Shrewsbury Dennis Darts 2310, 2344 S344YOG, Oswestry Dennis Dart 2349 S349YOG. Leyland Olympian 4541 G511TFT has been parked at Delta Way with with major accident damage. Transfers are Dennis Dart 2096 from Tamworth to Burton, Mercedes –Benz 0814D 1162, 1166, 1167 R162/6/7UAL from Wigston to Head Office, Scania N113DRB 4145 H805RWJ, 4158 F158DET from Wigston to Head Office, Leyland Olympian 4501 A501EJF from Coalville to Head Office, Scania Driver Trainer 9513 E23ECH from Derby to Head Office, Volvo B6 2108 L240TKA, 2109 L243TKA Head Office to Leicester Southgates. Dennis Dart 2306 is now in standard Arriva livery ex Park and Ride livery. Ex Arriva Merseyside Leyland Olympian F269YTJ and Arriva Cymru Dennis Dart L941JRN are now allocated to Wellington.

Arriva North West and Wales: New Deliveries: VDL SB120 Wright Commanders

Arriva Northumbria has now received DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7449/52 (R206/9CKO) at Ashington. Both are now single door and wear Arriva turquoise - looking particularly smart with it!

Further acquisitions for **Arriva North East** are Volvo B6s 4539 L 225 TKA, 4540 L 231 TKA, from Arriva North West; Leyland Olympians 7224 D 146 FYM, 7227 C 59 CHM from Arriva The Shires and from Arriva Southern Counties DAF DB250 7448 R 204 CKO. Also acquired, but currently unnumbered, are Leyland Olympian D 240 FYM and DAF DB250s R205/6/9-12 CKO.

Dennis Dart SLFs 1642 and 1643 have been transferred to Arriva Scotland on a permanent basis whilst Leyland Lynxes 5012 and 5013 have been transferred there on a temporary basis.

There have been re-allocations following the acquisition of Go Northern's Bishop Auckland services and major service alterations on Teesside which occurred on 30 April 2006.

The following is the vehicle allocation for **Arriva North East and Arriva Northumbria** updated to 17 June 2006.

Alnwick - 918/37, 1210-3, 4084, 7251-5/7/8, 7370, 7421/3.

Ashington - 273/81-4/9/90 , 889/92/912-5/7/9, 2658, 2711/3/4/6/8/9, 7220, 7371-7, 7410-3/4.

Bishop Auckland - 900/10/1/6/20/1, 1517/35/40/1/5/7-50,1616-8/21/5/6/35/85-8, 1711-5/36/7, 2502, 2623/44/5, 4017/28/9/31-4/7/9, 4531-40, 5009/11/6-20,7211/4/23/4/72/5/7/8/85, 7448/51.

Blyth - 271/5/7-80/5/7/8, 1702/24/6/8/31/3/74/5/99, 1801-3,2646-57/9-73, 7218/21/27/50, 7381-93, 7436-42. Darlington - 887/98/9/904/5/7, 1611-3, 1717/35/45-7/61/2/93-8, 2501, 2616/30/1/3/4/40, 2701/2/4/5/8/12/5/7/20-4/33/8, 4019-22/4/41/50/2/5-7/80/7/91 7271, 7443-6.

Durham - 604/14/22, 1704-7/9/10/63-73, 4010/35/6/59-62/4-73, 4646-59, 7425-29.

Hexham - 625, 1201-5/14, 1716/32/49/60/90/1, 4524-30.

Jesmond - 142 - 148, 272, 611/4/20/3/4/6/9/30, 922, 1701/3/29/30/40-2/50-2/8/9/92, 4501-23, 7212/3/5/7/93 7414-20/30-5.

Loftus - 1206-9, 1510/2/24/28/34/6/7, 1738/9/55/6, 3018-20/2-5, 4014/23/5-7/51/3/4/74-9/81.

Peterlee - 894, 1636-41, 1708, 2617/24/7, 2709/10/25/42,4008/9/11/3/5/83/5/93/7/8, 4108/9, 7216/9/73/4, 7422.

Redcar - 873/86/91/906/8, 1527/43/51/3/5/7, 1718-21/5/7/34/53/4, 2612/8/9/21/35/7-9/41/2, 2728/39, 3001-17/21/6/7, 4089.

Stockton - 878/80-4/8/93/7/901-3/23, 1504-9/13/4/9/21/5/6/9-31/3/42/4/6/8, 1722/3/43/4/8/57, 1901-17/20/2, 2606-9/14/5/25/36, 4030/7-40/2-6/8/58/63/96.

The following vehicles are in either in the reserve fleet or are in store. The storage location is shown; Alnwick - 890.

Ashington - 274/6, 7222, 7450.

Bishop Auckland - 1515, 2610.

Blyth - 7256.

Darlington - 2629/43, 4095.

Jesmond - 4012.

Peterlee - 1502/20/39, 2622/8, 2726, 4006, 7225/6.

Redcar - 1552, 4094, 7276.

Richmond - 2632, 2706/7, 4088, 7268.

Stockton - 1511/6/22/3/32/46/54, 2620.

The following are also in reserve but their location is unknown; 2611/3, 2703/27/9, 4016/8/82/6.

Some of the stored vehicles, including the 15xx and 2629 are being cannibalised and will not operate again for Arriva North East.

Richmond depot is closed for operational purposes but is still being used for the storage of vehicles.

Arriva Scotland West : - Metrorider 2750 is being cannibalized at Inchinnan.

Acquired are 909 R909JNL, 5012/3 J652/3UHN, all are in public service.

First

First Aberdeen :- New are 69110 SV06GRF (SF06GZW), 69122-4 SV06GRK/U/X (SF06HBD/E/G), these will be taxed from 01/07/06. The plates in brackets were the ones they were delivered with!!

Demonstrator YJ06YSG (028) is an Optare Solo.

First Edinburgh : - Acquired are 30826/7/9/33 R646/7/9/53HYG from First West Yorkshire. Optare Metrorider 50440 is still parked withdrawn at back Livingstone garage.

First Glasgow : - To Summarise new deliveries since the fleetbook are 69036 SF55UBW, 69058/9 SF06GXN/H, 69063-9 SF06GXS/T/U/GYB/C/D/E, 69070-9 SF06GYG/H/XV/W/X/Y/Z/YA/J/K, 69080-9 SF06GYN/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X, 69090-9 SF06GYY/Z/ZA/B/C/D/E/G/H/J, 69100-9 SF06GZK/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/V, 69111-9 SF06GZX/Y/Z/HAA/E/O/U/X/BA. 69120/1 SF06HBB/C.

Remaining Ailsas are 31196/212/3/5/25/34. 20007 has been re-registered 692FFC.

First in Manchester: Fleet Movements: New Deliveries in progress: 69135 – 69244 Volvo B7RLE Wright Eclipse Urbans due. 69135/6 on loan to First Aircoach Dublin.

First South Yorkshire - Low floor Volvo B6'S 40492, 40493 P454/5LWE now with G Mallinson t/a Tate Travel group South Yorkshire.

Go Ahead

Go North East

Demonstrator in Sunderland is a MAN with Marcopolo Viale registered PL05 TCO in a silver/ grey livery. It is usually found on 638 service Sunderland to Crawcrook. (See cover photo)

Also seen recently is an unusual repaint of 548 to 554 inclusive, of Dennis MPD, into all over pale yellow livery, similar to that of the Quaylink for Stagecoach in Newcastle, but there are no wording or all over adverts, on these as yet. On Wednesday 14th June Steven Hodgson seen 555 NK553 TKT in an all over BLUE Livery, seen in Sunderland, this is a lighter blue than the blue on the main livery, also the batch 555 to 560 are now done. The next colour is RED, apparently, and Steven will keep a lookout for these.

Dennis Dart / Marshall 8121 (N121WBR) has moved from Stanley to Deptford, seeing off sister 8093 (M803GFT). Driver training Leyland Nationals 4711/8 (FTN711W, TJR718Y) have

Stagecoach

Fife : - New are Optare Solos 47301-3 SP06FCF/G/J. 20301/5/6/9/10/7/20 have gone to Stagecoach Merseyside.

Strathtay : - New 18506-9 SP06EGK/U/V/X.

Stagecoach in Manchester: Fleet Movements: (P1): New Deliveries: 22391 – 9 MX06LTY/Z/UA/B/D/E/F/H MAN 18.22 ADL ALX300 B42F, All allocated to Daw Bank for Route 378. 17699 res to HE, 20876 – 8 ST to PS, 20880/93 ST to HE, 20920/2/38/48 ST to HE, 22221 res to HE. Fleet Movements: (P2): 13255 HE to Disposal, 13605 PS to HE, 13606/7/16 ex Megabus to HE, 17614 sold to Stagecoach South East, 20880/922 HE to ST, 20988/991/2 ST to PS.

Stagecoach in Merseyside: Fleet Movements: (P1): Acquired: from Stagecoach London Dennis Dart/Plaxton 34216/9 W216/9DNO allocated to Gillmoss. Disposals: 10612/24/733/850, 32188 Sold for Scrap, 32179/695 to Stagecoach North East. Fleet Movements: (P2): 21003/7 - 11/3 to Stagecoach Yorkshire, 32175/8/85/915/7/9 to SCNW store at LL, 32920/1/3/4 GM to AM, 32925 SCNW store at LL, 33131/4/6/8/9/40/75/6/7/8/9 AM to GM, 34212/3/4/6/7/8/21 SCLN to GM, 47156 – 60 GM to AM.

Stagecoach North West: Fleet Movements: (P1): 15731 PR to res, 16641/2 ME to PR, 20132 res to CE, 20759/61 res to LL, 22805/6/7/9/14 res to ME, 42090/1/2 to res. Disposals: 20713/21/51 to Yorkshire, 22801/2/3/8/11/2 to Lincs RC, 40424/2538 Scrap, 52172/9 res to Stagecoach Merseyside. Fleet Movements: (P2): 10179 Res to CE, 10698 PR to Res, 14235 KE to ME, 16335 ME to KE, 21004 Res to LL, 30309 Res to LL, 30460 Res to CE, 40395 Res to CE, 42545 Res to CE, 42559 Res to CE, 52635 Manc to LL. 12 Optare Solos on Order for Chorley details to follow.

Stagecoach North East: - Tyne and Wear

Seen on Mega-Bus work recently is 50053 T53 BBW and 50055 T617 DWL. All were seen departing Newcastle upon Tyne to London.

A batch of NEW double deck vehicles are due here in Newcastle soon, it has been suggested around August 1st 2006, and are Enviro 400's and there are 20 (?), also it has been known that some London double deck vehicles are due to convert South Shields service X34 to double deck operation. Watch this space in August.

Also news received recent is that NEW Optare Solo's are to replace the 40xxx, Mercedes Benz minibuses, again Steven Hodgson will monitor the situation, and announce if and when it happens been stood down, while Optare Deltas 4734/9 (G734/9RTY) have been sold – They has been seen and noted in a service station on the A1 near Ferrybridge.

A few further fleet movements. Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 8290/2 (S726KNV, T438EBD) have entered service at Stanley, while MPD 520 (NK51MKC) has moved from Chester-le-Street to Deptford. Deptford also gain Dennis Dart / Marshall 8102 (M812GFT), but lose SPD 8221 (V221ERG) to Winlaton. Leyland National 2 4681 (UPT681V) has been withdrawn from the driver training fleet, while Metroriders 416/7 (P416/7VRG) have replaced 401/11 (L471YVK, N411NTN) as crew ferries. Optare Metroriders 419/20/2-4/6 (P419/20/2-4/6VRG), Optare Deltas 4738/40/801-4/6 (G738/40RTY, J801-4/6VHN), Dennis Dart / Marshall 8098/100/1/4/6/7 (M808/10/1/4/6/7GFT), Dennis Dart / Plaxton 8113 (M813HCU) and Volvo B6 8422 (M422PVN) have all left the fleet. It is understood that the majority of the Darts have gone to Go Ahead's operations in the midlands and the other vehicles have mainly gone to Ensign.

Vehicle sales, since May 1st has claimed:

Metroriders – 413/5/8 – 20/22 - 24/6 and 429
Double deck – 3633, 3673, 3751, 3765, 3768; and 3777.
National - 4681
DAF – 4734/8 – 41/3/6 and 4747; 4801 – 4804 and 4806
Darts – 8098; 8100/1/4/6/7 and 8113
Volvo B6 – The entire remaining batch.

The DAF's and the Volvo B6's are at Ensign Bus for further sale, and National 4681 is for preservation if anyone is interested.

Seen at the Tyne Tees vehicle rally was 4700 in all over blue, it is preserved and its new owner intends to repaint this vehicle into "Shaw Brothers" livery.

All the info that I have on the new Go Wear Buses multi-colour liveries is a list of new routes that have made their way onto various yahoo groups. Just in case you have not seen this list, I have copied it in below:

X2 Red Arrows

Sunderland, Hastings Hill, Washington Galleries, Gateshead, Newcastle.

Replaces 186 X4 and X85.

Every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

MetroLink 1

Easington Lane, Houghton, Washington Galleries, Heworth.

Replaces 194

Every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

MetroLink 2

Waterview Park, Washington Galleries, Concord, Heworth.

Replaces 294 between Galleries and Heworth and 56A between Galleries and Waterview Park

Every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

MetroLink 3

Chester-le-Street, Washington Galleries, Heworth.

Replaces 179/180 between Chester and Concord and 291/292 between Concord and Heworth.

Every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

26 and 36 Black Cats

Pennywell, Sunderland, Castletown, Sunderland, Pennywell

26 via Castletown, Town End Farm, Witherwack

36 via Witherwack, Town End Farm, Castletown.

Replaces 126 and 135/136

Every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

33 and 42 Magic Roundabout

Silksworth, Sunderland, Silksworth.

Via Silksworth Lane and Hollycarrside

Replaces 133 and 142 and sections of 127, 134/138, 137 and 141.

Every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

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Sunderland, Hollycarrside, Esdale Estate, Tunstall Bank Estate.

Replaces 134/138 and sections of 137, 141.

Every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

39/39A Doxford Clipper

Sunderland, Ryhope, East Herrington, Sunderland.

Via Doxford International and Royal Hospital.

Replaces 139/140 and sections of 127, 134/138, 137 and 141.

Every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

Fab 56

Sunderland, Concord, Wrekenton, Gateshead, Newcastle.

Replaces 188 between Sunderland and Concord.

Every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday day time.

It is understood that the entire batch of Marshall bodied Darts in the batch 8090 – 8109, 8117 – 8124 are to transfer from the Go North east operations to Diamond operation in the West Midlands by August (end).

Veolia (Connex)

Nottingham City Transport (Nottingham) - Volvo Citybuses 341-345 R341-5RRA are believed to be up for early withdrawal as they as they are not low floor easy access vehicles, they can normally be found on school buses to Bulwell and the western half of the City on services 78/9 to Bilborough and Bulwell. New Scania Omnidekkas are due for the GO2 Pink Line services.

Independent Operators

Midlands

North Birmingham Busways - The news of the buy out by Go Ahead group mentioned in lasts months magazine never occurred in the end.

North East

Weardale Motor Services

It is a bit clearer that Ex Dublin Buses for this operator now consists of J639/640 CEV and one tri-axle, which has not been registered yet.

A tri- axle Olympian was seen at Gardners workshops, in it former owners livery of Hong Kong Citybus. The centre door has been removed under preparation for repaint, at Ensign Bus. It is understood that it would be based at Crook outstation for a Woosingham School contract and will accommodate 102 passengers seated.

Now in stock is an ex Citybus (Hong Kong) Leyland Olympian (tri-axle) / Alexander, still carrying HK registered FS5611 and fleet number 386. Also, another ex Dublin bus example is J640CEV which was seen on Service 101 in Bishop Auckland.

The latest happenings, at **Weardale**, Are MCW Metrobuses A633BCN, C751/65/8/77OCN is on loan along with Leyland Olympian / ECW C665/72LJR to work school contracts taken over from Go North East while other vehicles are sourced. These services involve two vehicles for Staindrop (expected to be outstationed at Evenwood), a service originating with Lockkeys, and five vehicles for Willington Parkside school (once a Bond Bros. operation), which are outstationed on an industrial estate near Crook. Further ex Dublin Leyland Olympian / Alexander is 91D10060/119, which are under preparation for service with 91D10112 - their English registrations are not yet known. Further Olympians are expected; including a tri-axle example (consideration had been given to a tri-axle Metrobus). A Mercedes minibus in stock is V66BJT. It is a bit clearer that Ex Dublin Buses for this operator now consists of J639/640 CEV and one tri-axle, which has not been registered yet.

North West

Blackburn Transport: Fleet Movements: 95 – 100, 429, 430, 527, 627 – 30 all Withdrawn.

Blackpool Transport: Fleet Movements: 5 AD Trident/East Lancs H??/??F. 328 - 332

Scotland

Highland Country Buses : - On loan from Stagecoach Bluebird are B6's 30318/802/3

Coakley : - New Alexander Pointer Darts are SN06BRZ, SN06BRX, SN06BSD.

Essbee : - New is 24 SF06RDO MB Vario/Essbee C24F

Henderson :- Withdrawn are E766MSC, L91NSF.

Horsburgh : - have been using Citaro Demonstrator BU05UVZ.

Hutchison : - Hired in is VoB10M/Berkhof Axial R296PTF.

Irvine, Law : - New Bova here is SF06HHN in Urquhart Tours livery.

Marbill : - New here is SJ06CBX Volvo B12T/Van Hool Alizee T9.

McGill : - acquired is Optare Solo OA02RKA.

McKindless : - Acquired here is Marshall Minibus R102VLX.

Watermill : - HSV725 is now F46TMU and ex Whytes Y288RSO is now HSV725.

West Coast Motors :- Acquired ex Henderson, Tarbert are Merc minis M995HGU,R846FDM and HC04CHS.

Whytes :- New Bova here is SF06LKV.

South East

None this month unfortunately.

South West

Centurion, Midsomer Norton have a new Mercedes Atego Esker C33F currently YN06JFY, but will shortly be re-registered OO06HAZ. It was taxed 4/06, but did not enter service until May.

Upton Garage, Wiviliscombe SO took delivery of a Sprinter from MidWest Cheltenham Q during June YX54GZG 413CDi WDB9046632R693614 Onyx C16F ex Hutchinson, Easingwold, York

Arleen, Peasedown now have Mercedes 0303 RHS MIB552, ex Williams, Brecon. It replaces the bought new Mercedes 0303 CLZ8307, which has been written off in an accident during May. A Duple 320 registered G427 YAY is in use but I have yet to get full details. A Mercedes 0303 from Brown of Bulth Wells is in use, but unsure if loan or permanent replacement for CLZ.

Abus/Munden, Bristol Yet another Scottish Olympian/Alexander is B360 LSO which has entered service, details as per the others from the B-UAS batch. The only active Bristol VR now is XHK 221X.

APL, Crudwell A pair of Optare Excell's ex Weaver, Newbury are also owned for the 33/X33 Chippenham-Devizes routes, which are V78 JKG and V81 JKG

Andybus, Easton Grey The MAN AJ05 BUS has an Ikarus body

Dart J129 GMP is badged as a Reeve Burgess body (but has a Plaxton body number) but has belted coach seats so should be DP35F

Excel N30 ARJ was written off in an accident and the remains sold to Lloyd of Hixon for scrap. The number is on Andy's car now.

Iveco's K30 ARJ and K803 WFJ have both been sold to Wacton Trading, Bromyard (dealer)

Bedford VAL70 SNT 925H has been sold to private owners in East Anglia for continued preservation

Ex Somerbus Mercedes Vario WP52 YXA is actually WP52 YZA

Owned but not on site or restored is Bedford YRQ/Plaxton Elite III RMR 101M. This is stored at the premises of (scrap) dealer Smith, Welford on Avon.

Applegate, Newport (Glos) The Scania/Irizar Century that was A18 EFA (M26 XSC) has been withdrawn and sold. LAG Panoramic A16 EFA was withdrawn some time ago and may have been scrapped locally.

In are –

A18 EFA Volvo B10M-62 Marcopolo C49FT ex ? In fleet livery

A20 EFA Volvo B10M-62 Marcopolo C49FT ex ? In white livery (with some NatExp markings)

T40 APT Scania L94IB Irizar Century C49Ft ex APT, Rayleigh

VX55 FWF Mercedes 814D Plaxton Cheetah C33F New

The Leyland National YPL 420T was upseated to B44F some time ago (last summer at least) although I do not believe this has ever been reported in other sources.

The Marcopolo bodied Volvo's A18 and A20 are proving rather difficult to trace, it has been suggested that they were actually registered in Holland from new.

Arleen, Peasedown Mercedes 0303 CLZ 8307 has been written off in an accident. A Duple 320 registered G427 YAY is in use but I have yet to get full details. A Mercedes 0303 from Brown of Bulth Wells is in use, but unsure if loan or permanent replacement for CLZ.

Berkeley Coach & Travel, Paulton Withdrawn and sold since your South West book was written are Volvo/Plaxton Paramount's YJI 4610, C110 DWR and C112 DWR. The little Bedford/Plaxton D35 ALR was broken for spares and the remains scrapped.

In are –

UIL 5952	Volvo B9M	Plaxton Paramount 3200 C43F ex Brijan of Bishops Waltham
P814 GBA	Volvo B10M-62	Van Hool Alizee C53F ex Shearings
P821 GBA	Volvo B10M-62	Van Hool Alizee C53F ex Shearings

Blue Iris, Nailsea The registration M18 LUE is now carried by a Mercedes 709D/Alexander Belfast bodied minibus.

Brean & Berrow The Atlantean/Alexander OFS 912M was scrapped some time ago.

Ebley Coaches, Nailsworth Active at the Stroud running day along with VR FDV 837V was former Crosville Cymru DOG191 B191 BLG, Leyland Olympian/ECW.

Glenvic, Stanton Wick (the postal address for Pensford Colliery)

E181 AUJ re-registered to OLZ 5412 then withdrawn and sold

M272 POS re-registered to OLZ 5414

SND 489X withdrawn and sold to local breaker (who sold it on e-bay to travellers)

F339 YTG Dennis Javelin 11SDA/Duple 320 C53F in ex Cole, Winford (Winford Queen)

W555 GSM Volvo B10M-62/Berkhof Axial C51FT in ex Wickson, Walsall Wood

The Tiger TIL 4679 was to be withdrawn and sold, but no buyer so far and it does see occasional use.

The 3 double deckers are in an all over blue livery

Ryans, Langridge (Citytours) The trading name Citytours no longer applies as they have withdrawn from open top tour operation. Withdrawn and sold to Surrey dealer Mike Nash recently were Atlantean ANA 565Y and Bristol VR's NUD 106L, TNJ 995S, TNJ 996S and TNJ 998S. The closed top VR AHW 199V remains for schools contract and convertible UWV 619S (and a roof for it) has been retained as cover.

Taw & Torridge Bristol LH/Plaxton AFJ 740T has been sold for preservation to the owners of Somerset Taxis, Paulton.

Turners, Bristol The two Volvo B7R/Jonckheere's AT02 CJT and BT02 CJT have been withdrawn and sold to Wilts & Dorset. In their place come a pair of Volvo B12B/Jonckheere Mistral's AT55 CJT and BT55 CJT. It is believed that some of the older Van Hool Alizee's have been withdrawn as well (OYY 3, K6 CJT and K7 CJT) although I cannot confirm that 100% yet.

George Young, Ross on Wye A very recent second hand arrival is N289 CVP, a Volvo B10M/Jonckheere Deauville

Wales

None this month unfortunately.

Eastern Area News

The Great Yarmouth based, First owned, Routemasters are to be used on both a Great Yarmouth seafront service and a Cromer to Sheringham service which includes the outward and return runs in service rather than empty.

Please feel free to send any snippets of news to the area editors as this will benefit all our members.

New Deliveries

On order

15 Scania OmniCity 4.4m high double decks to be built in Poland for London United

7 VDL SB120s with WrightBus Merit bodies for Warrington Borough Transport

2 Mercedes Citaro artics for Eden Project work ordered by Truronian

New

FJ06BPE Volvo B12B, Sunsundegui Sideral for Fitzcharles Coaches

GL06PUL Dennis Javelin 10m, Plaxton Profile, C41F, for Pulhams Coaches

NC06PCC Scania L94UB, WrightBus Solar, B43F, PC Coaches of Lincoln

BX06UMO-UMR Setra S415GT-HD, Setra, for Gibson of Moffat

These replace the following, Bova Futuras R50/60TPB, W365UKH, SA02UKH and Volvo B10M/Van Hool, P34UWR & W249GSE.

L10PPN, Plaxton Primo, Plaxton, for Lippens Coaches

Unknown, Mercedes ?, Optare Solera, C35F for James McNee

Unknown, Mercedes Tourino, C34F for Robin Hood Travel

Unknown, Volvo B12B 12.8M, Plaxton Panther, Expressway of Rotherham

Unknown, Volvo 9700 integral for Whitelaws of Stonehouse

Unknown, Volvo B12B, Berkhof for McEwen Travel of Mansfield



I took this photo in Birmingham on the 13th June. As I was taking it the driver started shouting at me, stopped his bus, got out and threatened me for taking his photo. I guess he thought I was from the DSS!!
It is H189RWF a Mercedes-Benz O.810D Reeves Burgess Beaver B21F of Bharat Coach Travel Photo David Sharpe

Preservation News

Preservation News & Events

Rallies:

Devon Coastal Run: 16th July – from Exeter to Bovey Tracey (Stagecoach 10th anniversary of operation in Exeter.

Western National Preservation Group Rally: 22-23rd July - at Plymouth Hoe.

N.E. Bus Preservation Trust: 23rd July – The 4th Whitley Bay Bus Rally & Seafront Bus Service (Bournemouth Gardens)

Merseyside Tramway Preservation Society: 23rd July; Four Tram Operating Day – Taylor St. Tram depot.

Eastbourne Buses: 23rd July - AEC Regent Day.

London Transport Museum Acton Depot: 28 – 29th July – Guided Tours.

*The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft: 29 -30th July – Sandtoft Gathering.

Worthing Bus Gathering and Running Day: 30th July

Herne Bay Bus Rally: 6th Aug - Bus Garage, High Street.

Crich Tramway Village: 6th Aug – Lancashire & Yorkshire Day.

Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft: 12 -13th Aug – Trolley Weekend.

Wessex Transport Society: 13th Aug – at Avon Heath Country Park

Shropshire Bus and Coach Show: 13th Aug – at Dudmaston Hall, Bridgenorth.

Bedford OB Gathering and Woburn Rally: 13th Aug at Woburn Abbey.

Bristol Vintage Bus Group: 13th Aug – Open Day

Sheffield Bus Museum: 13th Aug – Open day

*Kirklees Transport Group Event 13th Aug

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

(Look out for the Harold Peers Sales Stand)

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

Events:

Sightings Sunday 14th May 2006 - Basingstoke Festival of Transport – Barry Owens

Y662NAY (2001 Man Chassis. Marco Polo Caetano), **FJB 267** (1949 Bedford OB),

ALD955B AEC Routemaster), **274KTA** (1962 Bristol), **AJB635** (1937 Bedford)

MUF488 (1953 Leyland Tiger), **DSL540** (1961 AEC), **USK625** (1962 AEC Routemaster),

VL6 (1959 AEC Routemaster), **CUV217C** (1965 AEC Routemaster),

464CLT (1962 AEC Routemaster), **JJD396D** (1966AEC Routmaster),

VL275 (1960 AEC Routemaster), **MXX342** (1953 Guy Vixen Special),

BYJ904 (1952 Austin K8 Plaxton), **SWO986** (1958 Bristol MW6G), **KYY653** (AEC Regent), **488KOT**

(1964 Dennis Lowline), **JLJ401** (1949 Leyland Tiger PS2),

NML620E (1967 AEC Routemaster), **JXN325** (1948AEC Regent),

KGK529 (RTW29) London Transport, **WLT737** (RM737) London Transport,

CUV53C (XF3) London Transport, **HDV 624E** (2365) Royal Blue,

LTA729 (1250) Royal Blue, **CCG704C** (VAL14) King Alfred,

NKJ 849P (Commer) King Alfred, **YNW33X** (Leyland Leopard – Greenslades),

NMW329X Bedford YNT – Barnes)

Operational Buses:

EU05VBO (2005 Volvo B& Open Top

HX05BUJ (First Bus 68553), **YN06JWX** (Reading Buses 832 – Scania Omni Dekka)

WF52ESY (Coach David Urquart)

(New resident in Stagecoach Basingstoke garage was **Optare GX06DYH** – no fleet number as yet)

Sightings Sunday 21st May 2006 – Steve Jenner, Barry Harper and Barry Owen

- Bristol Harbourside Bus Rally

JFM575 AEC, FHW158D Bristol, 1013MW Leyland, A931SUL MCW, LHY976 Bristol, AFJ740T Bristol, FTT704 Bristol, 969EHW Bristol, OHY938 Bristol, HHY186D Bristol, NHU2 Bristol, JOU160P Bristol, AFB592V Bristol, 9040FM Bristol, A954SAE Leyland, PWS492S Leyland, KDD38 Bristol, BHU92C AEC,

LTA729 Bristol, VDV137S Bristol, GEL6980V Bristol, OWC182D Bristol, 924AHY Bristol, FHU59D Bristol, A968THW Leyland, UHY362 Bristol, UHY362 Bristol, VIW7423 DAF, KED546F Leyland, LAX101E Bristol, N357VRC Dennis, JMA413L Bristol, XRD23K Bristol, EWS748W Bristol, GEU371N Leyland, UHY384 Bristol

UMR199T Leyland, JMW168P Bristol, R782CDW Volvo, SDD146R, Leyland, GHY135K Bristol, WHW374H Bristol, DNY534V Leyland, LTG798P Leyland, RDB846 AEC, NNC855P AEC, D553NOE Ford, 336EDV Bristol, N324AMC Dennis, P255UCW Volvo, SHN80L Bristol, OTA290G Bristol, DAE511K Bristol,

HHA101L Leyland, XTF98D Leyland, EWS751W Bristol, KOO790V Bristol, UMR112 Daimler, SMK725F AEC, TOF702S Leyland, KLB721 AEC, D5CTB Leyland, XHK221X Bristol, 154FCY AEC, 423HCY AEC, A952SAE Leyland, DHW351W Bristol, 536JHU Bristol, YNW33X Leyland, AHU803 Bristol,

GHT154 Bristol, EMW284 Bristol, DOD518 Bristol, ETT956 Bristol, TAX235, Bristol, 357MHU Bristol, JOV714P Bristol, WDK562T AEC, MFM39 Bedford, EK8867 Leyland, LHT911 Bristol, XAP642S Bristol, 841SHW Bristol, 837SUO Bristol, TDL563K Bristol, KRU224F Bristol, UHY360 Bristol, LTA958 Bristol, KDD38 AEC

Operational Vehicles:

WX55VHK Volvo (First Somerset & Avon), CV55ANF Volvo (First Cymru), YN06JWL Scania (Reading) ERO5BUS Optare (Somersbus), WA54JWE Dennis (Plymouth Citybus), WX06JYB Scania (Thamesdown), WA05MHJ Trident (Stagecoach Devon), WJ55NMA Trident (Stagecoach Devon) BU05HFS Volvo (West Midlands Travel – Coventry), BX02AVK Trident (West Midlands Travel), VX04GHF Trident (Stagecoach Cheltenham), BU54AJP Scania (A-Bus), V244GNP Dennis Jav. (Yarrantons), KC04ABC Bova (Kings), MW55UUL Ford (Shearings) XBZ7737 Toyota (Swiftsure) BU54AJP ? (Munden Coaches), Fleet No. 52502 Volvo (Stagecoach – Red & White), Fleet No. 32324 Dart (Stagecoach Hants)

Bristol Industrial Museum – Steve Jenner

Bristol 2 ton bus chassis 1926 (Reg. was HU6681), Bristol RE bus chassis 1978 (Never registered), Bristol FLF6B ECW D/D (Reg. FHW158D)

Plus something for the Air enthusiast -

Concorde EMU (no reg.) and Sycamore HR14 XL829

Web Site – www.gb-bg.co.uk

More of your sightings and National Express Operations and Timetable.

Fleet Listings Database updated.

If you have any photos that you would like showing on the website contact Jeff Hall and he will add them into your gallery.

Bus Observations

Bus Spotting trip to Great Yarmouth 03-06-06 (Chris James)

Great Yarmouth Coach Park 12.30 – 13.00

447HWT, Mercedes O.404, Hispano, Chiltern Travel
462PXC, Leyland Tiger, Plaxton Paramount 3200, Unknown (no legal address or 'O' license)
B5CEC, Volvo B10M, Van Hool T9, Chapel End Coaches (In Fraser Eagle livery)
BU53AWO, Mercedes 1836RL, Mercedes Touro, Chiltern Travel
DC03EYC, Volvo B12M, Berkhof Axial, East Yorkshire Coaches
FJ04ERV, Volvo B12M, Sunsundegui Sideral, Geoff Amos
FN02HGO, Dennis Javelin, Marcopolo Explorer, Alec Head
LHJ376, EOS E180, EOS, Lanes Coaches
N116FHK, Setra S250, Setra, Poynters
T397OKY, Dennis Javelin, Plaxton Premiere 320, Gordons Travel
X2SET, Iveco Eurorider, Beulas Stergo e, Konzept Travel

Great Yarmouth Bus Station 13.15 – 14.30

FJ53VDL, Dennis Dart, Caetano Nimbus, AMZA
KYV670X, MCW Metrobus, MCW, City Sightseeing Gt. Yarmouth
N958FWT, DAF SB220, Ikarus, Sanders of Holt
YX55ENL, Optare Solo, Optare, Swift Taxis
Ambassador Travel
603, 603.
Anglian Coaches
303, 307.

First Eastern Counties
20107, 20122, 20142, 20503, 20504, 20505, 34533, 34821, 34823, 34921, 34950, 34954, 40290, 40291, 42441, 42442, 42446, 42447, 42448, 42450, 42757, 42780, 46041, 46042, 46043, 46044, 46062, 46602, 46607, 46807, 47209, 47216, 47217, 48001, 48011, 66950, 66957, 66959.

Great Yarmouth Coach Park 14.40 – 15.00

261HTF, Scania K113CRB, Jonckheere Deauville, Theobolds.com
M21UVH, Scania K113CRB, Irizar Century 12.35, Wigan Coachways
X662NWY, Volvo B10M, Plaxton Paragon, Bowens
Y751HWT, Volvo B10M, Plaxton Paragon, National Holidays (Wallace Arnold?)

Great Yarmouth Bus Garage 15.15

First Eastern Counties
20111, 30099, 30100, 30101, 30103, 30104, 40288, 46063, 62745, plus an unidentified Lynx

28th. June: Wimbledon Town Centre: Neal Marshall B104WUL BBC Radio London Wimbledon Tennis:

828 P828SGP [219] NV176
R376LGH open top
NV166 166CLT NV179
VLT179
NV171 R371LGH open top
NV175 R375LGH

Purley Way, Croydon:
L521 trainer DWL57
LJ03MZF [CN306]
DWS7 [CN107] DWL58
LJ03MZE [CN307]
DWS15 [CN105] PDL19 [CN106]

Homebase car park:
First Olympian 34556
A956THW having been there since 26th. June

Saturday 27th May Wolverhampton – Dudley - Pensnett Stephen Evans

Travel West Midlands

117, 119, 265, 273, 275, 278, 279, 283, 286, 287, 289, 301, 306, 501/04/08/10-13/44/50, 554/85/89/96-99, 601/03/05, 607 /08/10/11/13/15/16/18/19, 1374-77, 1445/47/48/50/51, 1563/79/94, 1656/80, 1703 3237

National Express Obs in Nottingham Monday 29th May Alan Spencer

Dunn Line

FJ06CHB (767)

East Yorkshire

42 (322)

First Manchester

23018 (350)

Silverdale

FJ55DZO (450)

Yeovil Wednesday 31st May Mike Pinder and Steve Jenner Bakers Depot, Yeovil

JRU373V, B608EYB, E343EVH, H920/1BPN, NIB8657, P878/9AJT, S590ACT, W158/9PYB.
Withdrawn at depot :
B85ACX, JUI1583, IIL4154.
On Hire from Hatts Coaches
D272BJB.

Yeovil Bus Station

Berrys P727JYA

Cooks M289CAM

First

34966, 40004-006, 46079
46115/226/227/718/728/902,
51657/659/743/745/748,
53028, 60598, 66501/716/717

Nippy Bus

S925KOD, WA04WFB,
WE04WEW

Safeway Services

H533YCX, NIB8459

South West Coaches

JIL8319, L55BUS, M103CYJ,
M807URD, N507HWY,
R614ARU, XIL8531,

Stagecoach Warwickshire

52648

Sureline M459PJA

Haynes Motor Museum

Preserved vehicles

Bristol KSW6B LTA995

Leyland Atlantean

HRN98N

National Express Obs in

Nottingham Friday 2nd June

Alan Spencer

Atlantis Coaches

A9UKC (397)

East Yorkshire

45 (322)

Hardings (Redditch)

P5HCR (310)

Stagecoach East Midlands

52656 (350)

Stagecoach in South Yorks

53029 (335)

Sunday 4th June

First Manchester

23019 (350)

Silverdale

FJ55DYW

Loughborough Railway

Station Wednesday 7th June

Alan Spencer

Kinchbus

816, 818, 829, 822

Trent Barton 917

PS Winson

CWR525Y, DW05PSW

Thursday 15th June Plymouth

D A Giles

First Devon and Cornwall

20435, 32756-760/802/817,

32846, 34193/195/200/755,
34809, 38016/844, 40002,
40033/039/448/481/667/957,
40960, 41160/177, 42436/437,
42440/444/445/449/453-455,
42459/561/563/773/784/924,
42925/926, 46022/407/453,
46663, 48262/264-266/269,
50306/307/743, 52515/532,
52534-536/541/542/547,
53011/014/015

Gee Vee GT04GVT

Girlings TIL5704

Hatts T905UKE

Hellers A18HOF

Howies WSP462

Jennings 9743HP

Mounts Bay OXI626

National Express (First)

20416/518/523/524

National Holidays

T108JBA, W226JBN

Plymouth Citybus

1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12-15, 17-19, 21,
23-27, 31-35, 38, 39, 42, 43,
46, 48, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 62,
63, 65, 68, 69, 71, 72, 75,
78-81, 102, 105, 109, 110,
113, 114, 116, 119, 121, 123,
124, 126, 129, 130, 131, 201,
203, 204, 269, 272-274, 277,
279, 283, 302

Roselyn

237AJB, G170XJF

Scharnagel ANPX955

Slacks Y803YBC

Stagecoach Devon

52341/342

Tilleys TIL1253

WA Shearings

YJ03UMW, YJ03VNS

Western Greyhound

S503SRL, WK53EUU,
WK54BHO, WK05CFF

National Express Obs in

Nottingham Friday 16th June

Alan Spencer

Alpha (Dunline)

YX53AEN (330)

East Yorkshire

39 (322)

First Manchester

23021 (350)

Saturday 17th June

Shrewsbury Bus Station

Stephen Evans

Arriva Midlands

1243/7, 1357/58/60/82,
2012-15/64/68-70/82,
2301/03-06/08-10/39-42,
2344/45/53/69/70,
2703-08/29/37, 3089,
3305/07, 3425/27-29,
3502-04, 6001/03/06/08,
6009/10

Birmingham Coach Company

X639AKW

Boultons

T345FWR

Minsterley Motors

DX03XEC, YN06NZH

Tanat Valley

F165SMT

Village Green Motors

T74JBO

Whittle

Y214HWJ

Around Oxfordshire and

Warwickshire Sunday 18th

June S J Bennett

Johnsons

B10JCT, J24GCX, J13OVA,
P914SUM, T936WWY,
X433KON, YJ51ENC/ENE,
YD02PXF, YD02RHY/Z,
YM52TSO, YJ03PMX,
YJ53VDM, YJ04GYD,
BX55OHH

Stratford Blue Depot

105, 106, 350, 400, 402,
RML2565, ANZ9187,
BYX219V, D257FYM,
GVV205, GYE446W,
H648GPF, H908DTP,
H585MOC, UKV470R

Stagecoach Warwickshire

13631/647, 14517 16054/072,
16076/078/079/517/598-600,
617-620, 20201/206/218/401,
20557-560/803/804/814/808
20821/823, 29617, 31327/328
31330, 47001/003/004/006-10

47011/013/015
Stagecoach Oxford
31353

Bolton Monday 19th June
Anthony Charlson

First Manchester
All seen working on service
501
69139/40/41/43-48/55/56

National Express Obs in
Nottingham Wednesday 21st
June Alan Spencer

Bebb
CN54HFH (450)
East Yorkshire
38 (322)
First Manchester
23021 (350)
Tellings Golden Miller
KX04HSJ (310)

Saturday 24th June
Sheffield / Doncaster
Andrew Williams

First South Yorkshire
30547/554/556/557, 34088,
34091/092/094-100/103/105,
34107/206/208/209/212-214,
34219/239/246/247, 40544,
40684/686/687/841, 50207,
50209/211/234/236, 60703,
60745, 60885-888/890,
60892-894, 61192/193/195 ,
61198/199/202-206/208-210,
61256/258, 62232/240/244,
66112/113/119

Hulleys
MX06ACV, N360VRC

Isle Coaches
L829HEF, N18ALS

Leons/ MASS
M927TYG, N598DWY,
P144RWR, P877PWW,
S154UAL, W598/99GCW

Powells
28 JDZ2363, 32 R560UOT, 33
R565UOT, 60 JDZ2363

Stagecoach Lincolnshire
202, 28641

Stagecoach Yorkshire
15935/976/993, 20713, 21008,
28714/716/761/763/963/968,
30195/198/202/203/224/226,
30227/232/23/428/429,
31902/903/907/910/911/936,
31939/942/944/946/948,
32168/192/193/486/487/491,
32593/933, 33228/231-233,
33257, 47281/282

TM Travel
YIL4058, YN54SYG

Monday 26th June Newport and
Cardiff **Andrew Williams**

Bebb
CN54HFB, CN06BXH/K/L
Cardiff Bus
105, 131, 259TR, 404, 405,
408, 417, 431, 601-603, 605,
608, 614, 616, 618

First Cymru
20355/357/361/362/364/370,
20550, 21115

Islwyn 22
Newport 20, 22, 23, 25
Pullman X4PCL

Shamrock
R702/5TRV, W391/5WPX,
YJ55BHY/Z

Stagecoach in South Wales
20385/698/890, 29708/710,
33275-277/282/557, 34041,
34088/096/124/623, 40709,
41426, 47189, 52281

Thomas of Barry
AIG7940, AE55NVD,
V674FPO, YIL3159,
YN55KNF

Noted the following vehicles
around Cardiff City Centre &
the Bay on 1st July 2006:
Chris Newsome

HHZ 1192 - G M
Coaches,Bridgend
PIL 4311 - G M
Coaches,Bridgend
R312 EHS - Briggs,Swansea
DX05 GFE - Briggs,Swansea
WA54 ECT - D
Coaches,Swansea

D298 EKS -
Wilkinson,Cinderford
G541 AGV -
Wilkinson,Cinderford
M632 OTH - Edwards,Llantwit
Fardre
V89 LYS - Edwards,Llantwit
Fardre
CN51 SXB - Edwards,Llantwit
Fardre
K18 AND - Rover
European,Stroud
855 GPT - Crockett,Hereford
R888 DEN - Stevens,Bristol
YJ05 FXV - Reays,Carlisle
FT04 CJT - Turners,Bristol
OT55 CJT - Turners,Bristol
Y351 ATR -
Thomas,Pencader(In Diamond
Holidays white livery)
H10 GBD - Dukes,Coleford
863 EKX - Ball,Bristol
R452 FWT -
Marchants,Cheltenham
RIL 6578 - Grahams,Tredegar
4148 VZ - Battersby Silver
Grey
G23 HKY - Burrows,Ogmore
Vale
V28 LUE - Tarhum,Nailsea
PKG 702Y -
Henleys,Abertillery
C499 FAX -
Henleys,Abertillery
VHY 437 - Clements,Bristol
YJI 5231 - Howells,Deri
YD02 PYB - Bradshaw,Lytham
St Annes
HSK 653 - Parks,Hamilton
TIL 1691 - IBTransport(87)
T40 APT -
Applegates,Gloucestershire
GN05 OXV - Silvergray,Rye
FJ04 SNY -
Silverdale,Nottingham
BU04 FAA - Chiltern
Travel,Berkshire???
HIL 8224 -
Hills,Torrington,Devon
G392 NPW - P G Mitchell T/A
Adlib Coach Hire,3 Houlder
Crescent,Waddon,Croydon,Surr
ey.CRO 4EL
Peter George Mitchell

PK0003144 Standard National
 12/11/02-30/11/07
 YN04 GOA - Commandery
 Coaches,Worcester
 M702 YSF - Davies,Lampeter
 YN06 FUA - Swallow,Rainham
 MAN 18.360/Noge Catalan Star
 N66 MCL -
 Deans,Leicestershire
 PN05 AZX - Travellers Choice
 Ltd,Carnforth
 DK53 VYL - Torfaen
 Community Transport
 Mercedes-Benz
 411Cdi/Minibus
 Options 15 Seater
 W24 PCL - Wilkins,Cymmer
 315 MWL - Bakers
 Dolphin,Weston-super-
 Mare(105)
 AHZ 1258 - Rees,Abergavenny
 CV52 CWJ - Ysgol Gyfyn
 Cwmtawe/Cwmtawe
 Comprehensive School
 Ford Transit
 WF0EXXGBFE2P15952 16
 Seater
 CU06 CLZ - Ysgol Gyfyn
 Cwmtawe/Cwmtawe
 Comprehensive School
 Ford Transit
 WF0EXXTTFE5C00102
 CW03 CHV - Ysgol

Ardwdwy,Harlech LDV
 Convoy
 CP02 TSZ - Coleg Gorseinon
 Citroen Relay/Advanced
 Minibus
 FF05 BUS - Rhodri
 Evans,Carmarthen
 R436 FWT - C Bodman &
 Sons,Worton
 WDZ 1232 - Woods,Leicester
 SN54 FCP -
 Forsey,Charmouth,Dorset
 Mercedes-Benz 616Cdi/Unvi
 W533 YKN - The Kings
 Ferry,Gillingham(4.23)
 WIB 7188 - R Betts T/A
 Carousel Travel 6B Palace
 Road,Hornsey,London.N8 8QJ
 Robert Betts PK0003259
 Standard National
 19/08/05-30/09/06 Mercedes-
 Benz 811D/Autobus
 R691YKJ - People Care
 Association,Southwark Ford
 Transit/UVG(Wales)
 Ltd 14 Seater
 T368 AJF - Wheadons,Cardiff
 FN52 HRP - Price,Craven Arms
 Allover white
 A9 HWC - Hyth &
 Waterside,Hyth,Southampton
 NXI 536 - Welcome
 Travel,Goytre

CV02 JSU - Brodyr
 Richards,Cardigan
 MJI 7780 - Jones,Llandeilo
 V652 DDY - Evans,Tregaron
 M759 TCF - Price,Aberdare
 N963 DWJ - Bysiau Cwm
 Taf,Whitland
 294 DDM - Jones,Flint
 L400 KAT - Top Kat,Caerphilly
 CN53 NWB - Bebb
 Travel,Llantwit Fardre
 CN04 NFF - Bebb
 Travel,Llantwit Fardre
 CN05 DZF - Bebb
 Travel,Llantwit Fardre
 CN06 BXJ - Bebb
 Travel,Llantwit Fardre
 3277 KH - East
 Yorkshire,Hull(38)
 334 EYL - East
 Yorkshire,Hull(42)
 WX53 WFP - First
 Coaches,Bristol(20544)
 WM04 NYW - First
 Cymru,Swansea(23206)
 WM04 PHK - First
 Cymru,Swansea(23207)
 AUE 760S - Flim Set Dining
 Bus
 WHA 191H - F.A.T.T.S Flim
 Set Dining Bus

Flashback

This month in Flashback look at Barnsley and District (Yorkshire Traction Group). Vehicles at the depot at Barnsley on Sunday 21st November 1999. Total vehicles on site were 50.

Leyland National Mark 1

109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 122, 124, 129

Leyland Tiger

131

Leyland National Mark 1

132, 133,

Volvo B6-50

134, 135, 136, 137

Mercedes-Benz 811D

140, 141

Mercedes-Benz 709D

142

MCW Metrorider

143, 144, 145, 146, 155

Scania K112

157, 158

Volvo B6-50

161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168

Leyland National Mark 2

202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218

Factory Sightings

Optare Factory Hellaby (Mark Watson)

03/06/06

Chesterfield/Hellaby

47317 YN06UGO Stagecoach
 47319 YN06UGR Stagecoach
 47320 YN06UGS Stagecoach
 47321 YN06UGT Stagecoach
 47322 YN06UGU Stagecoach
 47323 YN06UGV Stagecoach
 47324 YN06UGW Stagecoach
 47325 YN06UGY Stagecoach
 473xx PX06FXU Stagecoach
 473xx PX06FXU Stagecoach
 473xx PX06FYA Stagecoach
 473xx PX06FYB Stagecoach
 473xx PX06FYC Stagecoach

28/05/06

473xx PX06FXW Stagecoach
 47323 YN06UGV Stagecoach
 47325 YN06UGY Stagecoach
 Solo YN54BTV Ind?
 Solo MX06BTF Ind?
 Tempo YJ55BLX Ind?

11/06/06

473xx PX06FYF Stagecoach
 473xx PX06FYH Stagecoach

473xx KX06TYF Stagecoach
 473xx KX06TYG Stagecoach
 473xx KX06TYH Stagecoach
 473xx CN06LDX Stagecoach
 473xx CN06LEU Stagecoach
 No2407CN06xxx Stagecoach
 Solo MX06BTE Mistral
 Solo MX06BTOMistral
 Solo YJ54BTV Mistral
 Solo MX54KYJ Supertravel

East Lancs, Blackburn

27/06/06 (David Sharpe)

331 PF06EZO Blackpool

NW Bus & Coach, Blackburn

27/06/06 (David Sharpe)

23 HMN-248-J IOM Transport

24 HMN-249-J IOM Transport

806 T806RFG Brighton & Hove

Optare Factory Hellaby

(Mark Watson) 1st July 2006

Stagecoach

KX06AZD 473xx Probably for
 Stagecoach Oxford last one on
 order.

SF06OVJ 473xx Probably for
 Stagecoach Western
 SP06FNA 473xx Probably for
 Stagecoach Fife/Bluebird.

YJ06YRL Short Solo Painted
 in purple colour scheme
 YJ06YRU As above
 YJ06YRN As above

YJ54BVB Metro connect 737
 livery

211/6/7 White coloured solo
 numbers noted in blind boxes

Y867PWT Yellow coloured

X181NWR West Yorkshire
 Access scheme

MX06BPU White Coloured
 YJ06YPP White Coloured
 YJ06YRE White Coloured
 YJ06YRF SPT coloured
 scheme

YJ06YRG As above

200 MX06BPE Blue coloured

201 MX06BPK As Above

Tram and Light Rail News (Martin Hall)

Blackpool - Although the price tag for a restored tram is £120,000 it still seems the most efficient use of funds and Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramway is pressing ahead with its renovation program.

Tram **723** has had its all over advert replaced by one for *McDonalds*. Trams **715** & **721** currently in white have been given broadside ads – “*Come on England*”

Crich - At the National Tramway Museum the newly restored Leeds Tram No **345** was wheeled out after 48 years.

Docklands Light Railway - The major Ken Livingstone started the dig for the extension of the DLR, this time using a boring machine between King George V station and Woolwich town centre

Manchester – Tram **1006** is back in service, it has been observed in the new livery. Also tram **1002** is back in service after repairs.

Nottingham – Centre advert changes have been noticed on car **207** – it keeps the *Flamingo Dragon Restaurant*

ad on the one side, the other side carries the *Regent Street Clinic*. **211** carries an ad for *Morris Homes* on one side – with the other side carrying *Fill My Belly .com*. Car **214** carries ad for *Flamingo Dragon* – one side only.

Sheffield – Tram **106** now carries an all adverts for *flythomson. com*. Tram **108** carries an advert for *Engery Efficiency*

Stourbridge - The Parry Peplemover is a winner and that's official. With 1200 trips so far and with 100% reliability this could be the future for ultra-light rail travel and public transport in general

London - Many people are now looking towards putting forward schemes to ease congestion and reduce pollution and modern trams have got to be the answer.

Tyne and Wear Metro - Private money of £500m has been found to help with the modernisation of the network.

Fleet Lists

SN04 EFH 01/03/2004 Transbus Enviro Integral 44 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
BU53 AYA 15/10/2003 Mercedes Citaro Integral 42 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
YT51DZZ 24/12/2001 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
YT51EAA 24/12/2001 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
YT51EAJ 24/12/2001 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
YT51EAP 24/12/2001 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
KV51 KZC 26/11/2001 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
HX51 LPE 17/09/2001 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Caetano Nimbus 37 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
KX51 UCR 01/09/2001 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 31 Seat Belts fitted Bus All White Addlestone
X151 NGK 11/01/2001 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Beaver 2 27 Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
X212 ONH 05/01/2001 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 31 Seat Belts fitted Bus All White Addlestone
W361 ABD 24/04/2000 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
S396 HVV 16/11/1998 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 31 Seat Belts fitted Bus All White Addlestone
R211VLX 01/05/1998 Cummins Marshalls 26 SLF Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
R382GTW 03/04/1998 DAF Northern Counties Palatine 72 Surrey Connect Addlestone
P339ROO 01/07/1997 Volvo Olympian East Lancs Pyoneer 79 Surrey Connect Addlestone
P325NHJ 17/04/1997 Optare Excel 35 SLF Bus All White Addlestone
N401 SPA 15/09/1995 Dennis Dart 9.8m SDL Plaxton Pointer 40 Surrey Connect Addlestone
M83 MYM 05/05/1995 Volvo Olympian Alexander Royale 74 Surrey Connect Addlestone
L662 MSF 08/02/1994 Volvo B6 Alexander Dash 40 Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
L667 MSF 08/02/1994 Volvo B6 Alexander Dash 40 Bus Surrey Connect Addlestone
C820 BYY 11/04/1986 Leyland Olympian 68 Surrey Connect Addlestone
KV03 ZGC 07/07/2003 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus All White ATLANTIS
KX05KfV 14/07/2005 Volvo B12R Van-Hool Alcron 13.8 M 38 Sovereign Hallmark Blue Birmingham
KX04 HRC 23/04/2004 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Flights Silver Birmingham
KX04 HTD 01/03/2004 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Flights Silver Birmingham
KX04 HTE 01/03/2004 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Grand UK Birmingham
BU53 AXJ 18/09/2003 Mercedes Touro Integral 49 Premium Plus Hallmark Birmingham
KV03 ZGA 13/06/2003 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 53 Standard Plus Hallmark Birmingham
YR52 MDX 01/11/2002 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Grand UK Birmingham
FOR 35T 17/07/2002 Neoplan Starliner 2 Axle 32 Club Class Hallmark Birmingham
YR02 UMV 17/06/2002 Neoplan Starliner 2 Axle 48 Premium Plus Hallmark Birmingham
YR02 ZKV 02/05/2002 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Hallmark Birmingham
FE02 FBU 05/04/2002 Volvo B12M Sunsundegui Sideral 49 Premium Plus Flights Silver Birmingham
FE02 FBF 03/04/2002 Volvo B10M Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Flights Cream Birmingham
FE02 FBJ 03/04/2002 Volvo B10M Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Flights Cream Birmingham
FE02 FBG 03/04/2002 Volvo B10M Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Flights Silver Birmingham
FE02 FBK 03/04/2002 Volvo B10M Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Grand UK Birmingham
YR02 ZKW 28/03/2002 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 34 Club Class Hallmark Birmingham
YR02 ZKY 28/03/2002 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 34 Club Class Hallmark Birmingham
YN51 XMS 01/11/2001 Neoplan Starliner 3 Axle 32 Sovereign with Sky Dish Fitted Hallmark Birmingham

C16 PFC 28/09/2001 Volvo B12R Jonckherre Mistral 70 32 Sovereign with Sky Dish Fitted Hallmark Birmingham *WAS FE51RDO*
Y1 HMC 01/06/2001 Neoplan 3 Axle Starliner 32 Sovereign with Sky Dish Fitted Hallmark Birmingham
1 FTO 01/10/2000 Neoplan VIP Starliner 3 Axle 32 Sovereign Hallmark Birmingham
A8 FTG 08/09/2000 Volvo B10M Plaxton Paragon 32 Sovereign Hallmark Birmingham *Was X461KUT*
V448 EAL 18/11/1999 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard Grand UK Birmingham
V447 EAL 12/11/1999 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard Grand UK Birmingham
HC 6422 07/05/1999 Neoplan 3 Axle City Liner 32 Sovereign with Sky Dish Fitted Hallmark Birmingham
T4 HMC 07/05/1999 Neoplan 3 Axle City Liner 32 Sovereign Hallmark Birmingham
S295 WOA 01/01/1999 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard All White Birmingham
S296 WOA 01/01/1999 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard All White Birmingham
S297 WOA 01/01/1999 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard All White Birmingham
S365 OOB 01/12/1998 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard All White Birmingham
S160UAL 01/10/1998 Cummins C Series Optare Excel 45 SLF Bus TUI Livery Birmingham
S165UAL 01/10/1998 Cummins C Series Optare Excel 45 SLF Bus TUI Livery Birmingham
491NFC 23/04/1998 MAN Eos 30 Sovereign Hallmark Birmingham
P77 FTG 10/04/1997 Toyota Optimo Caetano 21 Standard Flights Cream Birmingham
L414JBD 02/09/1993 Volvo B6 Alexander Dash 41 Bus All White Birmingham
BW05 LGW 17/06/2005 Mercedes Citaro Integral 33 SLF Airport Racked Bus Hotel Connect Gatwick
KX05 KDZ 01/03/2005 Mercedes Citaro Integral 33 SLF Airport Racked Bus Surrey Connect Gatwick
BU04 EXS 08/03/2004 Mercedes Citaro Integral 33 SLF Airport Racked Bus Hotel Connect Gatwick
YR02 ZKX 28/03/2002 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 34 Club Class Hallmark Gatwick
Y5 HMC 05/12/2001 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 34 Club Class Hallmark Gatwick
X213 ONH 05/01/2001 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 23 SLF Airport Racked Bus Hotel Connect Gatwick
X215 ONH 05/01/2001 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 23 SLF Airport Racked Bus Hotel Connect Gatwick
V140XVL 03/09/1999 Scania Wright 42 SLF Airport Racked Bus Hotel Connect Gatwick
T6 HMC 29/07/1999 Neoplan 3 Axle City Liner 32 Sovereign Hallmark Gatwick
S298 WOA 01/01/1999 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard All White Gatwick
S488JFP 01/12/1998 Volvo B10M Plaxton Excalibur 48 Standard All White Gatwick *WAS A8FTG*
S402HVV 19/11/1998 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF East Lancs Spryte 28 SLF Airport Racked Bus All White Gatwick
M82 MYM 05/05/1995 Volvo Olympian Alexander Royale 74 Surrey Connect Gatwick
L834CDG 07/07/1994 Volvo B6 Alexander Dash 40 Bus All White Gatwick
MIL 8332 19/03/1991 Volvo B10M Plaxton Paramount 3500 53 Surrey Connect Gatwick
G119 NGN 04/01/1990 Volvo B10M Citybus Northern Counties Palatine 72 Surrey Connect Gatwick
D255 FYM 02/02/1987 Leyland Olympian 68 Surrey Connect Gatwick
TPD 125X 01/06/1982 Leyland Olympian 66 Surrey Connect Gatwick
BX05 UWH 13/06/2005 Mercedes Sprinter 16 Standard All Silver Heathrow
BX05 UWJ 13/06/2005 Mercedes Sprinter 16 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KE05 MPX 19/05/2005 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Cheetah 28 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KE05 MMF 13/05/2005 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Cheetah 28 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KE05 MMJ 13/05/2005 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Cheetah 28 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KE05 KXX 03/05/2005 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Cheetah 28 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KE05 KXZ 03/05/2005 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Cheetah 28 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KP54 BYJ 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYL 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYM 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYN 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYO 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYR 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYT 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYU 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow

KP54 BYV 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYW 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYX 20/01/2005 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYY 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BYZ 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KP54 BZA 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KX05 KFC 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KX05 KFD 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KX05 KFE 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KX05 KFF 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
KX53 SJV 06/02/2004 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus Flights Silver Heathrow
BU53 AXH 18/09/2003 Mercedes Touro Integral 34 Sovereign Hallmark Heathrow
BW03 ZUD 05/08/2003 Mercedes Sprinter 16 Standard All Silver Heathrow
KV03 ZGB 07/07/2003 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus All White Heathrow
KV03 ZFZ 05/06/2003 Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther 53 Standard Plus Flights Silver Heathrow
KP02 PVA 17/06/2002 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 24 SLF Bus All Silver Heathrow
YR02 UOE 01/05/2002 Neoplan 2 Axle Starliner 48 Premium Plus Hallmark Heathrow
FE02 FBO 05/04/2002 Volvo B12M Sunsundegui Sideral 49 Premium Plus Flights Silver Heathrow
YR02 ZKZ 28/03/2002 Dennis R Series Plaxton Panther 34 Club Class Hallmark Heathrow
T5 BUS 13/11/2001 Dennis Mini Pointer Dart 8.5 SLF Plaxton Pointer 29 SLF Bus British Airways Livery Heathrow
S364 OOB 01/12/1998 Volvo B10M Plaxton Expressliner 2 48 Standard Life Tours Livery Heathrow
P70 FTG 07/04/1997 Toyota Optimo Caetano 21 Standard Flights Cream Heathrow
P10 FTG 01/09/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P6 FTG 01/09/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P8 FTG 01/09/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus NEC Livery NEC
P9 FTG 01/09/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus NEC Livery NEC
P4 FTG 23/08/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus with W/C Ramp BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P5 FTG 23/08/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P7 FTG 23/08/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P1 FTG 16/08/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus with W/C Ramp BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P2 FTG 16/08/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus with W/C Ramp BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
P3 FTG 16/08/1996 Dennis Dart 10.6 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 36 SLF Bus with W/C Ramp BMI Baby all over wrap NEC
FE02 FBL 03/04/2002 Volvo B10M Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus All White SOLUS
FE02 FBN 03/04/2002 Volvo B10M Plaxton Panther 49 Premium Plus All White SOLUS
KP54 BYK 20/01/2005 Dennis Dart 10.7 Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 39 SLF Bus British Airways Livery VOR
Accident Damage-Plaxtons
KF02 ZXB 27/03/2002 Mercedes Vario 0.814D Plaxton Beaver 2 27 Bus Surrey Connect VOR *Accident Damage*
M78 HHB 01/08/1994 Volvo B6 Plaxton Pointer 35 Bus Surrey Connect VOR
L836CDG 07/07/1994 Volvo B6 Alexander Dash 40 Bus All White VOR

Garages

Gatwick Coach Center, Lowfield Heath, Crawley
 Heathrow International Trading Estate, Green Lane, Hounslow
 Flights Coach Station, Long Acre, Birmingham
 National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham
 Byfleet Road, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey

Fleet Profile

Company – Woottens Luxury Travel

Woottens Luxury Travel is a family run business and was formed in April 1999 with two full size coaches. Originally operating from a base in Princes Risborough, the company relocated to its existing Chesham depot during the summer of 1999.

Today the fleet stands at twenty vehicles. Most are coaches, although a number of service buses are operated. Many of the coaches have been owned from new and are all of Volvo manufacture. No stage services are operated, with the service buses in the fleet being used for local School contracts. The company operations also include tours, excursions, continental tours and private hire work

The fleet livery is White with coloured swirls.

Woottens Luxury Travel has an excellent web site, for the bus enthusiasts with loads of information on their vehicles. They also have some very good photographs. So if you want to know more about Woottens – go to their site at www.woottens.co.uk you won't be disappointed.

Fleet – Coaches:

YN06MXY	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXX	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXW	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXV	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXU	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXT	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXS	Volvo B12B 420	Plaxton Panther	2006
YN06MXR	Volvo B7R	Plaxton Profile	2006
R551TKV	Volvo B10M – 62 MK4	Plaxton Premiere 350	1998
R186TKU	Volvo B10M – 62 MK4	Plaxton Premiere 350	1998
P822GBA	Volvo B10M – 62 MK4	Van Hool Alizee	1997
P288ENT	Volvo B10M – 62 MK4	Plaxton Premiere 350	1997
N289OYE	Volvo B10M – 62 MK4	Plaxton Premiere 350	1996
N903ABL	Volvo B10M – 62 MK4	Berkhof Excellence	1996

Buses

UHG736R	Leyland National Greenway	East Lancs (Re-body) S/D 49 seats	1994
ABW310X	Leyland Leopard PSU3G/4R	Willowbrook Warrior (Re-body)	1990
E227CFC	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/RH	Alexander (Extensive Refurbishment) D/D 77 seats	1988
C66HOM	Leyland Lynx LX1126LXCTFR1	Leyland S/D 51 seats	1986
C64HOM	Leyland Lynx LX1126LXCTFR1	Leyland S/D 51 seats	1986
BBW214Y	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	Eastern Coach 75 seats	1982
JWV273W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works (Extensive Refurbishment)	1981 74 seats

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Woottens Coaches (photograph courtesy of the company)

Castleways

Castle House, Greet Road, Winchcombe
Gloucestershire
GL54 5PU

Livery : *Black and Gold*

Fleetlist June 2006

86JBF	Kassbohrer S210HI	Kassbohrer	C35F
TJF757	Kassbohrer S250	Kassbohrer	C53F
J688MFP	Kassbohrer S215HR	Kassbohrer	C53F
J689MFP	Kassbohrer S215HR	Kassbohrer	C55F
P200TCC	Kassbohrer S250	Kassbohrer	C48FT
V200OCC	Setra GT-315-HD	Setra	C48FT
W391JOG	Toyota	Caetano	C22F
BX02CME	Mercedes-Benz 0530 Citaro	Mercedes-Benz	N40F
VU02UVM	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer	N26F
YN03NJE	Volvo B7R	Plaxton Profile	C70F
BX54ECN	Mercedes-Benz 0530 Citaro	Mercedes-Benz	N40F
FJ06BNV	Volvo B7R	Sunsundegui	C55F



Easy Yorkshire 50 – DC03EYC – a Volvo B12M with Berkhof Axial C51Ft bodywork, seen at Great Yarmouth Coach Park on 3rd June 2006

Photo: Chris James

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No. 6 - East Midlands & Yorkshire to April 2006	£10.00
No. 7 - North East of England to April 2006.....	£8.00
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Publication Update

The updated **West Midlands** Book is now available. The contents have been brought in line with the neighbouring East Midlands & Yorkshire and South West Books.

The **National Coaches** Fleet Book is now available. The new book contains fleet lists of Operators providing regular National Express services plus a very comprehensive Service / Operator list.

This month we have started a new series of books - **Major Fleet Budget Series** - the idea of which is to provide you, the enthusiast, with a basic list of a major fleet. Information provided is Fleet Number, Company and Garage. This month we start with the fleet of Stagecoach priced at £5.00.

The **Welsh Fleet Book** and **North West** books should be available at the end of July.

We now have a 24 hour Telephone Sales Line and by July should be able to take Credit and Debit Cards.

The Sales Line Number is

01429 806149

Please note I am on holiday until July 17th and will deal with all orders on my return.