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RS658 KVF658E a Bristol RE with ECW bodywork at Mid Norfolk Railway, Dereham

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Hello and welcome to August's magazine, once again packed with information. A very busy start to the month with trips to London, Doncaster, Sheffield, Stockport amongst other shorter visits and I attended the East Lancs Open Day in conjunction with the Darwen Transport Museum Trust. A report is in the preserved section. The back half of the month was very quiet, with hardly any spotting at all. Last month the gremlins got in and deleted the title **Flights/Hallmark**, who's Fleet List it was. All that's left to say is 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

London

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

Possible Trip?

Are there any group members that would be interested in a tour of bus and coach operators in the Anglia area?

At the moment I am looking into the feasibility of such a tour, and if enough interest is shown it will go ahead with exact dates, time and itinerary finalised later. I have managed to get provisional permission to visit various depots, including Anglian of Beccles and Dereham Coachways, talks with First are continuing, and if there is enough interest I will try and get permission to visit more, possibly including Caroline Seagull (Cobholm Hire Services) and Konect of Dereham.

I am looking to run the tour in September, on a Saturday, and for people wishing to stay in the area there are numerous B&Bs in Great Yarmouth that offer inexpensive accommodation and a minibus would be laid on from Norwich station.

The cost of a tour will be around £7 per head, depending on numbers, which should include all transportation and entry to depots but accommodation would be at your own expense (around £18-£20 a night should be possible in Yarmouth).

If this does interest you, please email me on chrisj@gb-bg.co.uk or you can write to me at the address in the front of the magazine.

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East Anglia area correspondent.

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 Andrew Harvey – Adams (Bedfordshire) Brian Bayley (London) Robert Cooley (Reading) Alan Daker (Manchester) Kenneth Harris (Birmingham) Tim Head (Worthing) Paul Kay (Lancashire) Keith Nichols (Bromsgrove) George Richardson (Co. Durham) Alan Smith (Gloucester) Anthony Smith (Nuneaton) B.O. Williams (Suffolk)

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We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

Magazine

The deadline for the September magazine is Monday 28th August 2006. If you could ensure that any information for any of the editors or area reps is sent a few days before this deadline as it will give them time to do their bit before sending it on to me. Many thanks, David.

Fleet News

Arriva

Arriva Cymru, Manchester, Merseyside, North West – Ex Arriva Merseyside Dennis Darts with Marshall bodywork 7623-6/30 were noted parked at the back of Wrexham garage on 23/07. The following Dennis Darts have been transferred from Birkenhead to Chester : 1124/42/3 L123/26/7YVK, 1278 J8SLT, 1283 K817NKH, 1289 N678GUM, Volvo Olympians 3343/6/9 R233/6/9AEY and Dennis Dominator 3837 N716TPK have transferred from Chester to Winsford. New Deliveries: 2867 Optare Tempo for Traws Cambria.

Arriva Fox County : New Deliveries: DAF 250DB Wright Gemini 4746 – 52 FJ06ZTO/P/ST – X

Arriva Midlands - Scania N113DRB 4163 noted on Cannock depot on 7/07. New vehicles are VDL DB250's with Wright Gemini bodywork are : 4746 FJ06ZTO, 4747 FJ06ZTP, 4748 FJ06ZST, 4749 FJ06ZSU, 4750 FJ06ZSV, 4751 FJ06ZSW, 4752 FJ06ZSX they are allocated to Wigston garage and are lettered on the front upper window Local Linx, and the slogan turn up & go on the side and beneath front windscreen.

Arriva North East, (Northumbria). **Arriva Northumbria** now have DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7450 (R207CKO) at Ashington off loan to Scotland West. This will allow another Scania to move south (to Peterlee or Durham). **Arriva Northumbria** have (presumably temporarily) swapped Blyth VDL SB200 / Wright 1803 (NK53HHZ) and Jesmond Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4515 (V515DFT). Arriva Northumbria DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7452 (R209CKO) is now under preparation for service at Ashington, there are to be 3 of these based here, 7448 R205 CKO, was seen on Service X32.

Arriva North East, (Peterlee). **Arriva North East** Leyland Olympian / Alexander 7273 (L273FVN), and DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7450 (R207CKO), are with **Arriva Scotland West**. They are working special shuttles for T in the Park for the next 7 days, so are presumed only on loan. **Arriva Durham County** now have Scania N113 / Northern Counties 7251 (L160GYL) at Peterlee. This would appear to have displaced Olympian 7274 to Scotland – but has since returned to the North East as at 22nd July. A visit to Peterlee Depot, and a quick look round (with written authorisation, I should add!) **Arriva Durham County's** proved interesting, as. Scania N113 / Northern Counties 7254 (M179LYP) has now been joined by sister 7255 (M180LYP). It would appear that these are to displace Leyland Olympian / Alexander 7273/4 (L273/4FVN) elsewhere, as 7274 at least has had its blinds removed. Peterlee is also now home to a large number of stored/cannibalised vehicles. Noted today were Optare Vectas 1502/20/39 (J620UHN, L520/39FHN), Optare Deltas 4006 (J866UPY), Optare Metroriders 2610/1/22/8/726/7/9 (P610/1/22/8FHN, M440/1/3HPF) and Leyland Olympian / ECW 7225/6 (D231/40FYM). **Arriva Durham County** DAF DB250 / Northern Counties R204CKO have now been renumbered 7447 ex 7448. Additionally, Scania N113 / Northern Counties 7254 (M179LYP), which had been at Durham, is currently working for Peterlee. **Arriva Teesside** Optare Metrorider 878 (N878RTN), once re-tested, will shortly emerge as crew ferry 9962. Sister 882 (N882RTN) will follow as 9963. Following the end of **Arriva Teesside** service 567 Billingham - Sedgfield, MPD 1743 (V743ECU) has been transferred to Redcar (Tees & District) Indeed, that **Arriva Durham County** reports that further Volvo Olympian / East Lancs are expected at Bishop Auckland to

replace Leyland Olympian / ECW 7211/4/23/4 (C102CHM, D187/203/146FYM) and Lynx 5019 (H338TYG) following on from 5020 (H338UWT) which is now withdrawn also. Optare Vecta 1548 (L548GHN) remains out of use following engine failure in April and sister 1545 (L545GHN) is also away from Bishop Auckland currently. DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7451 (R208CKO) has gone for single door conversion

Arriva OLST: Acquired: EMB776/7 A737/5WEV MCW Metrobus O61/35D

Arriva Scotland West Transfers -7273 L273VFN, 7450 R207CKO were both in service at T in the Park.

Arriva Shires and Essex: New Deliveries: 2468 – 72 Optare Solos YJ06YRP – U, 3704 – 15 VDL SB120 Cadets B28D YJ06LFE – H/K/L/DK/YE06HRA/C/D/F/G. This order to be upto 3728. Allocated to Watford. New Citaros on Order for Green Line route 724 (3901 – 9 BU06HSD – G/J/K/L/N/O.)

First

First Aberdeen Withdrawn - 31538/43/44/46.

First Eastern Counties – As already mentioned RML2623 based at Great Yarmouth has been painted into the yellow and green livery of independent 'Flying Banana' that First took over in the mid '90s. It also carries the legend 'Fruitmaster' above its fleetnumber below the cab window.

Dart/Marshall 40113 has been sighted in both Yarmouth and Norwich despite carrying route branding for a Birkenhead route.

The Ex. Glasgow (and Manchester) tri-axle Olympians have seen quite a lot of use on the 603/4 Martham to Lowestoft route, and also sporadic use on other local services, mind you Norwich park and ride buses are also used on Yarmouth local services, Olympians on the X2 Lowestoft to Norwich route, Scania/Wright and Dart/Plaxton single decks on the X1 Lowestoft to Peterborough route (throughout) and Volvo B10M/Plaxton Premiere coaches on a Norwich to Mulbarton local route on the same day that Olympians were on the X2). Obviously FEC has an interesting vehicle use policy. Dennis Dart 40185 M610JBA has been transferred from First Manchester to Lowestoft, transferred from Norwich to Lowestoft are 46601 L501VHU, 46375/7/8 M375/7/8YEX, also operating out of Lowestoft at the moment are Leyland Olympians 34746/50 G46/50XLO.

First Edinburgh – Volvo Olympians with Alexander Royale bodywork 30826/7/9/33 R646/8/9/53HYG have been transferred here from First Yorkshire at Bradford, Allocations - 30826/8 L, 30827/30/1 M, 30832 D. Withdrawn - 40949 (Fire), 30386/31282. 31756 NTC135Y has gone to Kells Transport Museum, Co Cork.

First Glasgow The Ailsa's and most of the Citybuses had gone by 11 July.

First in Manchester: Fleet Movements: New Deliveries Volvo Wright Eclipse Urbans: 69139 – 76 MX06VOP/T/U/V/Y/Z/NW/Y/Z/OA/B/C/D/F/G/H/NL/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/MWM/Z/NB/C/D/E/F/G/J/K/P O/P, 69195 – 212 MX06VPR/T/U/V/W/Y/Z/RC/PC/D/E/F/G/J/K/L/M/N Allocated to Bolton.

Go Ahead

Diamond Bus (West Midlands) – Former Peoples Express Dennis Dart SLF V391SVV has been resprayed in to full fleet livery, this makes 3 vehicles have been resprayed now the other 2 being P829BUD, P113HCH.

London Central/General: New Deliveries: ADL Enviro 400 H41/26D E16 – 39 LX06EZL – T/YY/Z/ZA – H/FKL – O. E16 – 37 Allocated to PM, E38/9 Allocated to SW. On Loan Volvo B9TL Wright Gemini (B9 BX06ETF) Allocated to SW.

Metrobus: Disposals. 194 – 6 Rtd to TGM, 248 Scrapped, 401 – 8/10 – 4/6 Sold, 724/5/30/51/6/9/60/805/888/9/90 Sold to Dealer.

Go North East It would be fair to mention the sudden resignation of Chris Moyes from Chairman of the Go Ahead Group PLC.; his departure was due to ill health, I'm sure we would all miss him dearly as he had a great connection within the bus enthusiast side of the industry as well as the business side too. It was

reported in the “Shields Gazette that this operator has 42 single deck vehicles, this was in the paper on 15th July. However it did not reveal which type of vehicles they are expecting. The Volvo B10B / Plaxton Verde on loan from Oxford at Chester-le-Street is 603 N603FJO. The articulated Scania “bendy buses” have been off service since the early - middle part of June, there are no precise details as yet, but it has been suggested for bright LED destination fitment. Although I cannot see this taking a month or two, but with the heavy repaints into various liveries might put this work on hold. Repainted Volvo 4912 and 4913 and two sisters have busy on the X66. Other suggestions that they may have LEFT the fleet already, but to where? I have been informed that **Go North East** have repainted Winlaton-based Super Pointer Dart 8219 and 8220 (V219/220 ERG) in dark yellow and Scania Wrights 5201 is in PALE ORANGE livery- another livery variations! Talking about orange liveries I wonder if any readers remember the “big orange”, which Gateshead used, with drivers in orange ties, and give out boiled sweet orange lollypops in orange mark II Nationals. Perhaps someone could guess the year? In order to simonize the new route branding liveries I have listed them here:

519 and 522 are in WHITE

544 and 547 are in METALIC SILVER

548 to 554 inclusive are in PALE YELLOW

555 to 563 inclusive are in PALE BLUE

8219 to 8222 inclusive are in DARK YELLOW

5201 to 5210 is in PALE ORANGE (5202 as additional features on its livery) now known as “Bright Tangerine” (as quoted and verified in fab fifty six. timetable)

7058 M58 LBB; 7062 GSK 962; 7074 YSU 874 and 7075 YSU 875, are all in X2 Red Arrows red livery.

These vehicles have been allocated to the Sunderland area operations, but to assist the repainting program, some like 548 has migrated to Washington, except 8219 to 8222 remain at Winlaton Go North East’s services routes branding in the Sunderland and Washington Areas are as follows

X2 Red Arrows

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

Replace 186, X4 and X85.

Livery: red with circles in the shape of arrow point going from red, orange and yellow with red lettering in red and Arrows in white with route details in grey box fading out to red on the right with red lettering (?)

MetroLink 1

Easington Lane, Houghton, Washington Galleries to Heworth.

Replace 194

Livery: Standard Go North East Livery with route details of Metro Link1

MetroLink 2

Waterview Park, Washington Galleries, Concord to Heworth.

Replace 294 between Galleries and Heworth and 56A between Galleries and Waterview Park.

Livery: In standard Go North East Livery with a darker red version with roué Metro Link 2

MetroLink 3

Chester-le-Street, Washington Galleries to Heworth.

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

Livery: In standard Go North East Livery with a darker red version with roué Metro Link 3.

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

Livery: Pale Yellow with white and orange lines, with Black Cats lettering in Black and “cross river services” in a blue box with white lettering, with also route details in yellow letters in a orange box.

33 and 42 Magic Roundabout

Silksworth, Sunderland, Silksworth.

Via Silksworth Lane and Hollycarrside.

Replace 133 and 142 and sections of route127, 134/138, 137 and 141.

Livery: Pale blue with white and red stripe/ flash, but with Magic Roundabout lettering will be in Gold with pictures of the Magic Roundabout characters from the latest film rather than the children’s 1970 series.

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Sunderland, Hollycarrside, Esdale Estate, Tunstall Bank Estate.

Replace 134/138 and sections of 137, 141.

Livery: Normal Go North East Livery

39/39A Doxford Clipper

Sunderland, Ryhope, East Herrington, Sunderland.

Via Doxford International and Royal Hospital.

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

Livery: Metallic Silver with white and purple lines with Doxford Park Clipper in silver or white lettering on an overlapping purple bullet shaped box, with route details in purple box above windows in white or silver lettering with the addition of purple shapes dotted around.

Fab 56

Sunderland, Concord, Wrekenton, Gateshead to Newcastle.

Replace 188 between Sunderland and Concord.

Livery: Orange with yellow and white a line that has been seen, this is the same for all of the above liveries. Route details above window yellow lettering in a blue box wording, with route branding "fab fifty six" from small to large yellow 3d on blue shading with the addition of yes wait for it "yellow and orange flowers" dotted in various places

News of the all white MPD's 519 to 522 are apparently spare coloured vehicles to go on the other coloured, routes such as the 26, 36, 33, 42, and M1 to M3.

Livery to be allocated is the Dark Yellow Darts 8219 to 8222; we still not know which route these are for, as they are to remain for Gateshead area multi colour scheme due in September.

Other news within Go North East: It is understood that the entire batch of Darts in the batch 8090 – 8124 are to transfer from the Go North east operations to Birmingham Coach Company operations in the West Midlands by end of August. **Go North East** Volvo B10BLE / Alexander 4993 (S590KJF) with branding for new service X11 Peterlee - Heworth. Loadings are, as yet, poor. A more conventional repaint is Washington's MPD 568 (NK53TLY), though it appears to be wearing a deeper shade of red than previous repaints. A further demonstrator here is a return visit of Optare tempo YJ55 BLX and is numbered 9177 during it stay. It was seen on service X2, and was previous with Go North East last November at Winlaton Depot. A piece appeared in the Shields Gazette, on Saturday 15th July; stating that **Go North East** has ordered 42 new buses. Reports suggest that these may be Mercedes Citaros, though the re-appearance of the Optare Tempo demonstrator could be seen as suggesting otherwise. In addition some of the Volvo B10M / Plaxton coaches that have been used for driver training are being painted red. Some additional info has been placed on the Go North East [website](#) and shows what some of the above colour schemes will be used for. The red Volvo B10Ms are for "Red Arrows" service X2, the Orange Scania for "Fab 56" service 56, the Light Yellow MPDs for "Black Cats" services 26/36, the Light Blue MPDs for "Magic Roundabout" services 33/42 and the Silver MPDs for "Doxford Clipper" services 39/39A. Quite where the white MPDs and dark yellow SPDs will be used is anyone's guess, though the only dark yellow route shown on the new route map is service M1 which replaces the 194. **Go North East** have today been using freshly repainted (red) Volvo B10M / Plaxton 7058 (M58LBB) for route learning of Red Arrows service X2. Although hard to be sure, due to the noise of the radiator fan, it would appear that this may have been converted to automatic. Sister 7060 (N760RCU), remains in use in white with the driver training school. There have also been internet reports of an Oxford Volvo B10B in use at Chester-le-Street, though I was unable to find it at the moment. Confirmation is that Scania 5201-8 are now all in orange (tangerine?) livery. Further news from other correspondents is that the white MPDs (519 – 522), will be used as spare cover for the colour coded examples. It is also confirmed that Volvo B10M 7058 retains MANUAL transmission but sports a cab door, assault screen and ticket machine bases. It has also been reported that Scania L94UA / Wright 4950 has been refurbished and given a new livery - more on this later I hope!

National Express

Travel West Midlands

Perry Barr (PB) - Fresh respray is Volvo B7TL 4113, 4231 has received large white fleet numbers on the front. Optare Solo 3239 is allocated to the private hire fleet here, it has been noted working the Waterlinks contract service around Birmingham City Centre at lunch times.

West Bromwich (WB)– Fresh respray is 1585 which was previously branded for service 74.

Wolverhampton (WN)- Volvo B10B's 1336, 1338 are resprayed into the low floor livery. Optare Solo 299 is off the road with major mechanical failure.

Stagecoach

Stagecoach Bluebird: New Deliveries: 53246/7 SV06FTF/J to be allocated to Elgin.

Re-Reg's - 52103 now J403HDS, 52118 now K760FYG Withdrawn - 51062.

Stagecoach in Cambridgeshire: New Deliveries: ADL Dart ADL Pointer 35103 – 6 AE06WXO/P/R/S, Allocated to Cambridge. Optare Solos 47351 – 5 AE06TWN/P/U/V/X Allocated to Cambridge.

Stagecoach East In reserve at Bedford are 14030, 40301/11/82/3 these have come off the disposal list. 40308 has gone from Kettering to Corby for staff transport replacing 40318 which has been placed on the disposal list.

16245 is now de-licensed at Corby

On the disposal list are;

14020 & 14021 at Biggleswade

14022, 14024, 14036, 14040, 40140, 40304, 40373, 52121, 52123 and Virgin coach 52329 at Bedford

14179, 14520, 14631, 14935 at Corby, 40137, 40139, 40316, 40381 at Northampton

The training fleet is:-

52021 at Corby, 52024, 52035, 52036, 52108 at Bedford, 52032, 52109 at Northampton, 52033 at Kettering

The following all Leyland Olympians have been sold to EnsignBus; 14020-22/24 (F620-22/24MSL)

Volvo Olympians 16686/96 are still in old striped livery. Optare Solo 47129 was noted working on X42

Daventry - Northants service on 11/07. 4 new Optare Solo's have entered service at Corby they are : 47338

KX06TYF, 47339 KX06TYG, 47340 KX06TYH, 47341 KX06TYK, they are working on local Corby

services. The double deck Scania's allocated to Corby now working on service X3 Corby – Kettering.

Stagecoach Fife: New Deliveries: Optare Solos 47364/6 – 8 SP06FNA/C/D/E Allocated to Dumfirmline 47364/6/7, Aberhill 47368. Volvo B7 Profiles 53248 – 61 SP06FVA – O, to be Allocated to 53248 – 55 Dumfirmline and 53256 – 61 Aberhill all replacements for older B10M Coaches.

New - Darts/Pointer 35101/35102 SP06FMY/Z

Stagecoach in Manchester: Fleet Movements: (P3): New Deliveries ADL Enviro 400 19001 – 22 in process of delivery MX06LUO/XAA – E/G/H/J – P/R – W/Y.

Stagecoach in Merseyside: Fleet Movements: (P3): 13205 Rtd to SC Manc, 52172/9 Tfd to SCNW.

Disposal: 29134 Scrapped. Volvo B10M's 20152/77/91/2/4/7 have been transferred back to Stagecoach

Western. Volvo B10L 21073 is now in corporate Stagecoach livery.

Stagecoach North East: Firstly apologies for someone who managed to merge Go North East news with Stagecoach North East last month; I hoped you all figured it out okay. This might be a change to delivery profile as to the new vehicles mentioned last month, but it appears no one knows what is happening at the moment. I have been kindly informed of the latest movements at **Stagecoach North East**. Other than vehicles coming on and off service for repairs etc, the only move of any consequence is the transfer of Dennis Dart / Alexander 32762 (L762ARG) from Sunderland to Hartlepool - presumably reflecting the start of service 5 Middlegate - Hart Station, though it is also understood that reserve fleet Leyland Olympian / Alexander 14655 (C655LFT) has returned to Sunderland from Hartlepool. The VOSA search facility shows that Stagecoach is to operate this year's Badgerbus 401 on Teesside.

Stagecoach North West: Fleet Movements: (P3): New Vehicles: Optare Solos 47326 – 37 PX06FXV/W/Y/Z/YA – H. Allocated to Chorley. 14259 CY to Res, 20757 Res to LL, 20305 GM Liverpool to PR, 20430 Scrapped due to Fire damage, 30303/7 CY to Res, 30456 Res to LL, 40007 – 10/24/396 CY to Res, 52172/9 AM Liverpool to PR. Disposals: Following vehicles to be Scrapped 10332/7, 30241/301/5/945/2175/83/5/280 – 3/666/72/5/7

Stagecoach Oxford - The vehicles noted working of Chipping Norton outstation during mid July were Volvo Olympians 16519-21/3/5.

Stagecoach South: New Deliveries: ADL Enviros B44F 300's for Dover 27516 – 23 GX06DYV/W/Y/ZA – E, Allocated to Dover 27511 – 5 GX06DZF – K to be Allocated to Winchester Park & Ride. Optare Solos 47369 – 79 GX06JXS- W/Y/Z/YA – D Allocated to East Kent Area, ADL Dart ADL Pointer 35117 GX06AZG Allocated to Worthing

Stagecoach Strathtay Re-Regs - 812/4/5 now E412/4/5GES. 451 - 453 now ORU738/ YJU694/ 143CLT. Transfers 52250/4 have come from Fife.

Stagecoach Yorkshire: New Deliveries: ADL Dart ADL Pointer 35107 – 16 Allocated to Sheffield area depots Ecclesfield/Holbrook. Dennis Dart SLF 35110/5 YN06WCL/T have received branding for Sheffield service 88. Volvo B6BLE 31951 V501EFR allocated to Huddersfield caught fire on 26th July in Dewsbury.

Stagecoach Western Titan 10005 WYV5T is now a Citylink Publicity Vehicle B10M 20192 is back from Merseyside in Glasgow.

Transdev

Nottingham City Transport: New Deliveries: Scania N94UB, East Lancs Omni Dekkers 669/70, 748 – 54 YN06TGY/Z/GE/F/K/O/U/V/X. They entered service on 17/07/06 and have Go 2 Pink Line branding. Optare Solo's 290/1 are off the road at Trent Bridge garage 291 is being used for spares following an RTA.

Transdev Yellow Buses: Acquired: Dennis Darts East Lancs 483 - 6, Plaxton Pointer 486 – 95. 483 – 95 P989/90/1/3AFV, P135LNF, R524YRP, S399/401HVV, T464HNNH, W681/9TNNV, Y431/2TBD.

Veolia

Dunn Line (Nottingham) – National Express liveried Caetano Levante's 0622 FN06FLB and 0623 FN06FLE were noted on the 767 Nottingham – Stanstead Airport service on 22/07. New here are Optare Solos for Nexus Contracts, seen are YJ06 YRN and YJ06 YPR are in Nexus "Link up" livery, these are apparently part of a batch of 10 .

Independents

Eastern Counties

AMZA Believed new here is a second BMC Probus, your correspondent couldn't stop to take details as his nagging wife was complaining about the fish 'n' chips getting cold!!!

Network Colchester/Burtons of Haverhill (TGM Group) Dart/Caetano X194/6/8FOR has gone to Network Colchester in exchange for Volvo B10BLE/Alexander W901/2/5UJM. All Leyland Olympian F246MTW has also returned to Network Colchester.

Semmence Coaches A malicious fire at the Norwich Road, Wymondham, depot has destroyed 4 vehicles and damaged another. Vehicle IDs are, as yet, unknown.

Waylands Ltd t/a Goldline Minicoaches (Lowestoft) - 2 fresh Minibuses are in service here and are registered A14/8WFB, the plates have been taken off 2 other Mercedes Minibuses they had which may have been sold.

London

Metroliner: Further 12 ADL Enviro 400's Ordered

Midlands

J Line (Smethwick, West Midlands) - Fresh vehicles noted here are ex WA Shearings coaches T115/6JBA.

Star Bus Services (West Midlands) – A fresh Dennis Dart noted in use here is K820NKH.

Ring and Ride (Birmingham) – New vehicles noted here are 0604/5/7 at Garretts Green depot, 0622/3 at Bloxwich depot

Wicksons (Walsall Wood) - A fresh coach noted here is YLO5PLU.

North East

Alrite, Middlesbrough appears to have adopted a new identity with hints of a South Yorkshire connection. Optare Metrorider N413NTN now carries a new livery of all over red with a bluey-purple band and white lining out and ATL fleet names. The livery is reminiscent of that used by Doncaster Transport at around the turn of the 70s and ATL were of course an early post-deregulation bus group with operations in Sheffield!

Classic Coaches, Stanley Seen in Washington was Optare Solo Y291 PDN (also have Y296 PDN), which was from Metrobus of Orpington, and new to Crystals operating on “R” group of routes in the Orpington area. Mini Pointer Dart YT51EAK is still operating in all over white livery, and was recently seen in Washington. Additional Optare Solo has joined Classic is YJ51JWW, is from the same source as those above, as it was also revealed that this is the NEW livery for all bus operation apart from the yellow School Bus livery. A new Telling Golden Millar corporate livery is based on this design and a picture of the new bus livery in next month news, but for now it is similar to the picture of the solo but Classic is in two tone red on a white base. The Hylton Castle name and vehicles will eventually be phased out, leaving only the operating licence. All of the school buses in yellow are used under the Moordale Coaches operating licence, whilst all Classic buses and Coaches operate under the Classic Coaches licence, whilst Classic buses operators licence would eventually also phase out.

Compass Royston, Stockton. The final double deck vehicles, Bristol VR / ECW MOU746R, PAG512/3/7V are to be withdrawn following the end of the school year. The two main drivers for this are the upgrading of many contracts to require seatbelts etc and an offer from Carl Ireland, Hull to take the three "PAGs" together with previously withdrawn Fleetline HSD85V and Atlantean AUP350W. It will be interesting to see where in the world these may end up! VR MOU746R is for sale at £1500. Transferred in from Procters are Volvo B10M / Plaxton P432JJU and Ford Transit NV53YVE. Mercedes L608D / Reeve Burgess C401VVN and Leyland Leopard / Duple 322XTJ have both been sold for scrap.

Emmanuel Travel, Middlesbrough Now have Leyland Tiger / Duple A185MKE ex Travelsure, Seahouses.

Garnetts, Tindale Crescent is ex MOD Dennis Javelin / Wadham Stringer L717ASD.

Leven Valley, Middlesbrough has kindly provided details of the latest changes to his fleet. Mercedes 811 / Dormobile 23 (L923UGA) - St Columba - was taken away yesterday by Snaiths, Otterburn. It had been withdrawn when the most recent Optare Solo arrived and had been partly cannibalised. On loan to cover for increased work due to Moorsbus is Mistral Optare Solo MX06OSW, which had previously been used by Stanley Taxis. **Scarlet Band** Into the fleet is Mercedes Benz with Wright Nimbus B31F bodywork M274 URC, seen in Sunderland on service 217. It was previous in the Trent, Barton and Kinchbus fleet.

Northumbria Coaches Has refurbished, and repainted, Northern Counties Bodied Olympian 30 B115 SJA, a former Greater Manchester vehicle and is due to re-enter service soon.

Weardale Motor Services An ex Citybus (Hong Kong) Leyland Olympian (tri-axle) / Alexander, former HK registered FS5611 is now L666 WMS, and should be ready for service by the time you read these notes. As you can see from the registration mark of this vehicle, the company continues it's tradition of having a 6 in the registration. In from Stagecoach United Counties come Leyland Olympian / Alexander G340EVV, which is to be joined by a pair of F-reg examples. Leyland Atlantean / Alexander AVK176V and very-rare Leyland Olympian / Marshall TJT18X are to be withdrawn at then end of the school year. See next paragraph. **Weardale, Stanhope.** Two of the three ex Dublin Olympians are now in livery with an ex Go North East Metrobus next to be repainted. Leyland Atlantean / Alexander AVK176V has been sold for preservation, Leyland Olympian / East Lancashire B101PHC has gone to Procters, Bedale for non-PSV use and rare Leyland Olympian / Marshall TJT189X is to be scrapped on site at Frosterley to provide spares.

North West

Blackpool Transport: New Deliveries: 5 ADL Trident/East Lancs. 328 - 332 PX06EZL/M/N/O/P.

Finglands: Fleet Movements: Acquired: ex East Yorkshire 660/1 X585/4XKH

Rosendale Transport: Fleet Movements: Acquired: ex Munro's 13 – 6 X463 – 6UKS Volvo B10 ADL ALX300.

Scotland

City Sightseeing - Acquired Volvo Olympian/Alexander P479MBY ex Metroline.

Harte - New Citaros are BU06CTE, BU06HSV

Jays - New Solos here are YJ06YRF/G in SPT livery

Lothian The first of the Airlink Scania Omnidekkas are registered SK06AHF/G, delivered but not yet in service.

McKindless - Withdrawn JDZ2404/12, J609XHL, K102SAG.

Acquired - Daf/Optare Delta - G741/3RTY, Darts/Carlyle - RIL9304/9654, H880LOX, H82/125/134MOB, H160NON. Dart/Wright - K368RTY. Marshall Mini - R103VLX B6/Alexander - P343JND.

Munro - New Man/Evolution - AE06VPO/VPPVPR.

Simpson, Rosehearty - Volvo B12/ Caetano - SM06SON.

Slaemuir - Acquired MPD's are NK06UTJ/L

South East

Ensign (Essex) – The following vehicles have recently been acquired : From Arriva Midlands Leyland Olympian 4509 A509EJF, this was new to Midland Fox. Acquired from Stagecoach West are Leyland Olympians 14500/1 E500/1LFL, these were new to Cambus.

South West

Biggest news is that **South Gloucester** have re-registered their entire coach fleet (including the Airbus Olympians) with Lxxx SGB marks, though not all are believed to be carried as yet.

X913ERA - L60SGB X915ERA - L70SGB P502XGA - L80SGB N24EYB - L90SGB
T118UCH - L300SGB T215UCH - L400SGB T323UCH - L500SGB T463UCH - L600SGB
N306BNU - L700SGB M419VYD - L800SGB S627ETV - L900SGB M861TYC - L777SGB
M862TYC - L888SGB N114UHP - L222SGB N119UHP - L333SGB N120UHP - L444SGB
N122UHP - L555SGB N600WGL - L666SGB N857AHP - OIL9262 OIL9262 - F615XWY

Applegate's Agoraline bus has been seen undergoing mechanical repairs in Bristol, which usually means the Leyland National working the Dursley station link bus service. Not seen for myself though, it may be minibus operated instead.

Eurotaxis have given Bristol City Council notice that they are quitting all the stage carriage work recently won on City routes (but keeping the Solo operated Chew Valley and Portishead routes).

Centurion of Welton have a new Esker bodied Mercedes midi-coach, OO06 HAZ, which ran briefly as YN06 JFY.

Hookway's have had a massive influx of second hand coaches, mainly Volvo/Plaxton Premiere's, but I really need to sit down and take a long and slow look at what is what with their fleet as this massive upgrade has seen much juggling of the cherished registrations, along with the introduction of a simplified all yellow livery.

Somerbus BX02BCY Mercedes 0814 Midland Coach Concepts C33F ex Coffin, Fleet via Heatons, Wigan Q 7/06. Dennis Lance Optare Sigma N357VRC is now withdrawn, awaiting sale.

Yorkshire

East Yorkshire Motor Services: New Deliveries: Enterprise Bus Plaxton B??F 496 – 501 YX06HVJ – O 496 – 9 Allocated to Bridlington, 500/1 Allocated to Hull. Acquired (on loan) 111 KE51WUP Volvo B12M Plaxton Allocated to Hull.

Wales

Cardiff Transport – The future of the remaining Ailsa’s is looking bleak, as it has been rumoured that Cardiff Council want all school services to be operated by single deckers from September.

Express Motors (Kenfig Hill) - Fresh vehicles noted with this operator at Volvo B10M’s A707YKG and J40KCL, A Bristol VRT is parked at there depot it is FDV835V which was new to as in 1980 AS Wetsern National 1191.

Hafan Coaches (Blaenau Ffestiniog) - A fresh vehicle noted here is Leyland Tiger with Plaxton Paramount bodywork JEY554Y.

Company News

New Stagecoach Solos Delivered up to July 06.

F N	Reg	Company	Depot	Livery	Route Allocation
47301	SP06FCF	East Scotland Fife	Aberhill	SCS	For Route 13 Aberhill - Kircaldy
47302	SP06FCG	East Scotland Fife	Aberhill	SCS	For Route 13 Aberhill - Kircaldy
47303	SP06FCJ	East Scotland Fife	Aberhill	SCS	For Route 13 Aberhill - Kircaldy
47304	GX06DYD	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47305	GX06DYF	South East	Aldershot	SCS	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47306	GX06DYG	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47307	GX06DYH	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47308	GX06DYJ	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47309	GX06DYM	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47310	GX06DYN	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47311	GX06DYO	South East	Aldershot	4 & 5 Connect	For Routes 4 & 5 Aldershot Area
47312	GX06DYP	South East	Aldershot	SCS	
47313	WA06NHF	South West	Exeter	SCS	
47314	SF06OVE	Western Buses	Kilmarnock	SPT Maroon	
47315	KX06KZB	South Midlands	Oxford	SCS	
47316	KX06KZC	South Midlands	Oxford	SCS	
47317	YN06UGO	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47318	YN06UGP	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47319	YN06UGR	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47320	YN06UGS	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47321	YN06UGT	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47322	YN06UGU	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47323	YN06UGV	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47324	YN06UGW	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47325	YN06UGY	East Midlands	Chesterfield	SCS	
47326	PX06FXV	North West	Chorley	SCS	
47327	PX06FXW	North West	Chorley	SCS	
47328	PX06FXY	North West	Chorley	SCS	
47329	PX06FXZ	North West	Chorley	SCS	

47330	PX06FYA	North West	Chorley	SCS
47331	PX06FYB	North West	Chorley	SCS
47332	PX06FYC	North West	Chorley	SCS
47333	PX06FYD	North West	Chorley	SCS
47334	PX06FYE	North West	Chorley	SCS
47335	PX06FYF	North West	Chorley	SCS
47336	PX06FYG	North West	Chorley	SCS
47337	PX06FYH	North West	Chorley	SCS
47338	KX06TYF	East	Corby	Corby Stars
47339	KX06TYG	East	Corby	Corby Stars
47340	KX06TYH	East	Corby	Corby Stars
47341	KX06TYK	East	Corby	Corby Stars
47342	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47343	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47344	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47345	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47346	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47347	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47348	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47349	CN06L	South Wales	Porth	SCS
47350	CN06L	South Wales	Aberdare	SCS
47351	AE06TWN	East	Cambridge	SCS
47352	AE06TWP	East	Cambridge	SCS
47353	AE06TWU	East	Cambridge	SCS
47354	AE06TWV	East	Cambridge	SCS
47355	AE06TWX	East	Cambridge	SCS
47356	SF06OVG	Western Buses	Ayr	SCS
47357	SF06OVH	Western Buses	Ayr	SCS
47358	SF06OVJ	Western Buses	Ayr	SCS
47359	SF06OVN	Western Buses	Ayr	SCS
47360				SCS
47361				SCS
47362				SCS
47363	KX06AZD	South Midlands	Oxford	SCS
47364	SP06FNA	East Scotland Fife	Dunfirmline	SCS
47365				SCS
47366	SP06FNC	East Scotland Fife	Dunfirmline	SCS
47367	SP06FND	East Scotland Fife	Dunfirmline	SCS
47368	SP06FNE	East Scotland Fife	Aberhill	SCS
47369	GX06JXS	East Kent		SCS
47370	GX06JXT	East Kent		SCS
47371	GX06JXU	East Kent		SCS
47372	GX06JXV	East Kent		SCS
47373	GX06JXW	East Kent		SCS
47374	GX06JXY	East Kent		SCS
47375	GX06JXZ	East Kent		SCS
47376	GX06JYA	East Kent		SCS
47377	GX06JYB	East Kent		SCS
47378	GX06JYC	East Kent		SCS
47379	GX06JYD	East Kent		SCS

New Vehicles noted at Scanlinks Hull in June 06 were: First Potteries Scania Omni City's 65033 – 42 not yet registered, most branded for route 101 Hanley – Stafford. Also noted Black Liveried Omni City's 65028 – 32 YN06TDO/U/V/X/Z for First Essex at Chelmsford.

New Deliveries

Applegates (Gloucester)

HN06FXB, MAN R33, Plaxton Panther, C49FT

Blackpool Corporation Transport

PF06EZP (+4 others) ADL Trident, East Lancs, H77F (to be used on Line 11)

Coliseum Coaches (Southampton)

MIB651 MAN 18.360 (R33 chassis), Noge Catalan, C53F

Constellation Travel (Salisbury)

YN55UWP, Ford Transit 430, Ferqui Bonito, C16F

CT Plus (Hackney Community Transport)

YN06CYS/MXG/O + 6 other unknown examples, Mercedes-Benz Vario O.814D, Plaxton Beaver 3, B8FL

Dodds of Troon

2x Volvo B12B, Jonckheere Mistral, C51FT (registrations unknown)

Eurotaxi (Bristol)

2x Mercedes Vario O.814D, Plaxton Cheetah, C33F (registrations not known)

Ferris Holidays (Nantgarw)

FJ06ZKU (+3 others) Volvo B12BT, Berkhof Axial 100, CH(72)DT

GHA Coaches (Wrexham)

BA06GHA, Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C70F

Halpenny Travel (Dundalk)

Unknown, Volvo B12B, Sunundegui Sideral 2000, C49FT

Harte Buses (Greenock)

BU06CTE, Mercedes Citaro O.530, B42F

Henderson Travel (Hamilton)

YJ06YSH Optare Tempo X1160, B34+20F

J&S Travel (Darwen)

BX06UMM, Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 616Cdi, Mercedes, B25F

Johnson's Tours (Worksop)

YJ06YRA, Ford Transit 350, Ferqui Bonito, C16F

Lawmans (Kettering)

YJ06GLZ, Volvo B12B, Van Hool Alicron T9, C49FT (+ 1 other)

Lodges (High Easter)

AL06DGE, Setra S415GT-HD (Comfort Class), C49FT

Marshalls (Leighton Buzzard)

2x Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther to executive specification.

2x Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile.

Registrations for the above are unknown.

Matthews Coaches (County Louth)

06-XE-4890 + (6 other unknown examples), DAF SB4000, Marcopolo Explorer, C53F

Mortons of Basingstoke

VDL SB4000PF, Van Hool Alizee T9 (registration unknown)

National Express Operations

On order 44x Scania, Caetano Levante to Euro 4 Spec.

North Holderness Community Transport

YN06PDK, Mercedes Sprinter 413CDi, Plaxton Pronto, C16F

Prentice Coaches (Haddington)

SS06PCH, Mercedes-Benz Vario O.815DT, Plaxton Cheetah, C27F

Prospect Coaches (Lye, West Midlands)

PR06BET/PET, Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C??F

Robin Hood Travel

The Mercedes Tourino coach is registered BX06ULZ

Safeguard (Guildford)

YJ06FMX, Optare Tempo X1130

Sea View Coaches

2x Temsa Safari HD, C55F (registrations unknown)

Taf Valley Coaches

BC06TAF, Irisbus EuroRider, Plaxton Panther, C49/53F

Terravision.

YN06CFY + 4 Scania K114EB6 13.7m, Irizar Century 12.37, C61FL

2 Scania K114EB4, Irizar Century 12.35, C51FL (further registration details are unknown)

The above are a trial order from Scania/Irizar, despite Irizar stating that all coaches sold that were longer than 12m will feature the PB style of bodywork. It is believed that they will be used on a London to Stansted airport service.

Thomas Brothers (Llangadog)

CC06TBC Mercedes 613Cdi, Optare Soroco, C16F

TM Travel (Chesterfield)

YN06CYP, Mercedes-Benz Vario O.815DT, Plaxton Cheetah, C29F

West End Travel (Melton Mowbray)

JP55SET, Setra S315, C53F

Preservation News

Preservation News & Events

Rallies:

London Transport 1950/60s Rally & Running Day 20th Aug – Leighton Buzzard

London Transport Museum Acton Depot 25/26th Aug – Guided Tours

Bedford Gathering (75 years of Bedford's) - Huntingdon Racecourse

London Bus Preservation Trust 28th Aug – Routemaster Day at Cobham

***North East Bus Preservation Trust** 28th Aug – Seaburn Rally at Recreation Park

North London Transport Society 2nd Sept Vintage Bus Running day

LT Country Bus Rally & Running Day 3rd Sept – Dorking, Surrey

Eastern Transport Collection 3rd Sept – Norwich Bus Rally

Manchester Museum of Transport 9/10 Sept – Heritage Open Days Weekend

Aston Manor Transport Museum 9/10 Sept – Heritage Open Days Weekend
Sheffield Bus Museum 10th Sept Open Day, Tinsley Tram Sheds
Sheffield Transport Rally 10th Sept – Meadowhall Shopping & Leisure Centre Coach Park
Amberley Working Museum 17th Sept – London to Brighton Bus Show

***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

Sightings Friday 9th June 2006 -Mike Pinder - Coventry Bus Museum

JNB416 1948	Maudslay Marathon 2	Trans United	Hackett's (Manchester)	C33F
KOM150 1950	Daimler CVD6	Wilson	Birmingham Post & Mail	
SRB424 1953	Daimler	Willowbrook	Blue Bus (Willington)	D/D 27/28
PDU125M (No. 125) 1973	Daimler Fleetline	East Lancs	Coventry (Open top)	D/D44/30
333CRW (No. 333) 1963	Daimler	Metro Cammell	Coventry	D/D34/29

Sightings – Bryan King - Mid Norfolk Railway

JJD401D (2401)	AEC Routemaster	London Transport	
KVF658E	Bristol	Eastern Counties	S/D

2nd July 2006 East Lancashire Coachbuilders – Darwen Transport Museum Trust – David Sharpe

Number	Registration	Chassis	Company
1609	YJ06WML	Omnidekka	Arriva Yorkshire
104	LEO734Y	Leyland Atlantean	Barrow
152	GCM152E	Leyland Titan	Birkenhead
5	PCB24	Dennis Trident	Blackburn
39	JTF217F	Leyland Titan	Blackburn
133	CBV433	Guy Arab	Blackburn
526	BYW361V	Leyland National Greenway	Blackburn
364	B364UBV	Leyland Atlantean	Blackpool
-	YN06TGE	Scania N230 EL Esteem	Demonstrator on loan to NCT
RML2716	SMK716F	Routemaster	ex Arriva London
96	XHG96V	Leyland Atlantean	Fylde
-	BX06UUM	Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 616Cdi	J & J Coaches, Darwen
13	JTF218F	Leyland Titan	Mac Tours, Edinburgh
-	RAR690J	Bedford VAL	Magull Coaches
14	UIL7814	Volvo B58	Northern Blue
145	B45NDX	Leyland Olympian	Northern Blue
(754)	YN06TGX	Omnidekka	Nottingham
(753)	YN06TGV	Omnidekka	Nottingham
(752)	YN06TGU	Omnidekka	Nottingham
55	MTB848	Leyland Tiger	Rawtenstall
1847	TCK847	Leyland	Ribble
140	PF51KMX	Dennis Dart SLF	Rossendale
14835	K5YCL	Leyland Olympian	Stagecoach Yorkshire Traction
33147	P459DCW	Dennis Dart SLF	Stagecoach Merseyside
28	DLA924T	Bedford	Tours, IOM

9	NEK9K	Leyland	Wigan
115	DJP754	Leyland	Wigan
14	192OTB	Leyland	?
RM2208	CUV208C	Routemaster	?

Preservation Story

Birmingham City Transport (No. 2548) Registration No. JOJ 548

1950 Guy Arab IV

This is the story of a preserved bus, which is currently under restoration at Aston Manor Road Transport Museum in Birmingham. Since the vehicle came into the ownership of the 2548 Group, a considerable amount has been learned about it, mainly due to the thorough record keeping of Birmingham City Transport and its successor, West Midlands PTE, which has helped me to write this history. If you would like to learn more about 2548's home and the other vehicles kept there, visit www.amrtm.org

Rob Handford, 2548 Group Secretary

Part 1 - Background History

Between 1947 and 1954 Birmingham City Transport purchased 1748 new buses to replace its entire fleet of trams and trolleybuses, all buses built to inferior standards during the Second World War (known as 'Utility' buses), and all except 40 or so of its pre-War fleet. They were built by five different chassis manufacturers; Daimler of Coventry (926 buses), AEC of Southall (15 buses), Crossley of Stockport (270 buses), Leyland of Leyland (236 buses) and Guy of Wolverhampton (301 buses). The mass use of public transport at the time is reflected by the fact that only 35 of these vehicles were single-deckers.

2548 was one of a batch of 100 double-deck vehicles built for BCT in 1950 and 1951 with chassis by Guy Motors Ltd of Fallings Park, Wolverhampton and 54 seat bodywork by Metropolitan-Cammell Carriage and Wagon Co Ltd of Birmingham, the bodies being built at the Elmdon plant, Bickenhill Lane. The buses were equipped with 8.4 litre six cylinder Gardner 6LW diesel engines developing 102bhp at 1700rpm. They were constructed to a design specifically developed for BCT by Guy Motors incorporating a new frontal style dubbed the 'New Look', which concealed the radiator. Eventually 902 buses were built to this design for BCT by Guy, Daimler and Crossley and were known as Birmingham Standards. The Guy buses were a development of the 'Arab III' chassis modified for BCT with fluid clutch, pre-selective four-speed gearbox and automatic chassis lubrication system. This updated model gained the designation 'Arab IV'.

From new, this batch was divided between the newly opened garage in Ridgacre Road, Quinton which had the first 40, numbered 2526 to 2565 (Registrations JOJ 526 – JOJ 565), and Acocks Green which had the remaining 60, numbered 2566 to 2625 (JOJ 566 – JOJ 625). 2548 (JOJ 548), chassis number 71023 entered service from Quinton Garage on 1st October 1950 fitted with engine number 82315.

BCT was very particular about coordinating the registration numbers of its buses with the fleet numbers. Accordingly, they reserved registrations JOJ 1 to JOJ 999 for a large part of the post-War replacement fleet numbered 2001 to 2999. Most of the 'New Look' buses were JOJ registered with the remainder in the series MOF 3 to MOF 227, fleet numbers 3003 to 3227 and just three of them registered LOG 300 to LOG 302, fleet numbers 3000 to 3002. To be continued.....



Photo of 2548 by Maurice Brown



Rawtenstall 55 MTS848 at East Lancs Photo David Sharpe

Observations

Friday 30th June
Saturday 1st July
Shuttle between Nottingham
Rail Station and Nottingham
University
A E Spencer

Dunn Line
 C306/8/9NRC, D234FYM,
 D957NDA, E935CDS,
 FE51RCX

Saturday 1st July
Manchester Airport
Stephen Evans

Arriva North West
 180, 2262, 2304/5/10/11
 7622

First Devon and Cornwall
 20547 (328)

Go Northern
 7077 (380), 7082 (381),

Parks of Hamilton
 KSK950 (538)

Trathens
 HSK647/9 (540)

Stagecoach East Midlands
 52656 (350)

Stagecoach Manchester
 17701/03-07/10/11,
 18314/30/57, 22083/97,
 22102/31/33/54/57/88/89
 2235/236,

Trent/ Barton
 206/08/58-60

Sunday 2nd July
Nottingham Rail Station
Rail Replacements
A E Spencer

Atlantis (Leicestershire)
 A8UKC, YIL1195
Travelstar European (Walsall,
West Mids)
 MUI5952

Saturday 8th July
Birmingham New Street
Rail Replacements
Stephen Evans

Audsen Clarke (Leicester)

GAZ4501, MIW4890,
 NIB8179, YN05GXY
Coach Leasing (Nuneaton)
 A608RNM, OUD106
Elcock Reisen (Wellington)
 OIW7026

Grosevenor (Solihull)
 K55/999MRG

Hardings (Redditch)
 DSK514-6, KU52RXL
Hills (Wolverhampton)
 YN04GOP

Johnsons (Henley)
 L932XHW, N10JRJ

L S Court (Fillongley)
 PSV216, PSV483

Major Coachways (Walsall)
 XXI2489

Newbury Coaches (Ledbury)
 T428EUB

Sania (Wolverhampton)
 SK02DHL

South Gloucestershire
 T215UCH

Travel West Midlands
 4150, 4202, 4262, 4277, 4434,
 4507, 4653

Travel Coventry
 4214, 4221, 4401

Zaks (Birmingham)
 KBZ3618, KBZ3619

Saturday 8th July
York
Andrew Williams

Arriva Yorkshire
 102/4/83, 202, 677/9

East Yorkshire
 300, 590, 634, 703-5

First York
 10036-8/40, 19001/2/5-10
 30954-7/9/61/3-5, 40571-86,
 40588/90-5/7/8, 50298,
 60876-8/80-4/95/6/8/901/2
 60909/11-8/20/1/2/6/8
 69000-004

Haytons T448UCH
Parks of Hamilton

HSK651

Reliance YJ52HEA

Top Line Travel

A517VKG. BYX115V,
 C426BUV, GYE603W,
 GSC663X, T409SMV
Yorkshire Coastliner
 401/2/4/52/55

Sunday 9th July
Chris Newsome

Weston-super-Mare
Burrows,Bridgend
 TIL9073, 147EFJ, G23HKY,
 J6TCC

Beard,Cinderford
 KLZ1148/9

Thomas,Porth W353UWO
Jewitt,Hexham Y437OAB

Marchant,Cheltenham
 R452 FWT

Edwards,Llantwit Fardre
 BHZ1260, NUI3217,
 TIL8238, R704 RNN

Lawrence,
Weston-super-Mare (Hutton
Coach Hire) C942DHT

Graham Fulcher T/A Gen
Travel AIG7273

Denwell Minicoaches Ltd,
Gloucestershire W602KFE
Cled Williams,Blackwood

BNZ 4922
Hutchinson,Wishaw

T732JGB
Andrews,Chippenham
 KIW3768

Endeavor,Birmingham

GO03END
Four Square, West Yorkshire
 FJ54ZDM

Gordano Motorway Services

Bakers Dolphin,Weston-
super-Mare
 3 R373XYD, 37 XIL8422,
 40 XIL8425, 76 T327JRH,
 116 FN02VCK

Ball,Bristol VWF 328

Dartline,Exeter N40 TCC

Dawlish,Devon
 R208WYD, R2AVC

**E & M Minibus Ltd, Maesteg
(WA Shuttle)**

W602XTH, DE03XAW,
CU54 BVE

Evergreen, West Midlands
Y747DOA

**Harris, Blackwood R294RJM
Kingdoms, Tiverton**
R629VYB

National Holidays

902 T102JBA

Taw & Torridge, Devon

NDO856

Warren, Neath

N230HWX, P200GTA,
R123XWF

WA Shearings, Wigan

408/9 MV02UMH/J
477 YC02DHK,
545/6 GT03EEE/FFF,
552/4/61 YJ03VMK/M/Y,
616 MX04AEV
680 MW55UUL
726 MX05AJO
816 MX06ANR

Bakers Dolphin

Weston-super-Mare Depot

1 P725JYA, 2 R372XYD,
8 SIL6716, 9 SIL6715,
11 7740KO, 15 UJI3791,
18 NIL4981, 21 WJI2321,
22 958VKM, 24 NIL5381,
27 YXI2732, 29 WJI6879,
31 NIL4983, 34 NIL4986,
39 XIL8424, 41 WJI3491,
43 WJI3493, 44 WJI3490,
48 XJI6330, 52 XJI5459,
53 XJI5458, 57 XJI5457,
58 WJI3494, 59 WJI3495,
60 WJI3497, 65 P726JYA,
71 N194EMJ, 74 V946UBD,
77 V646DFA, 78 YT04KSK,
79 KU02GXE, 81 YRY1Y,
87 XEL542X, 104 T920UEU,
114 FN02VBY

Saturday 15th July

**Birmingham New Street
Rail Replacements
Stephen Evans**

Audsen Clarke

GAZ4503, P133GHE,

R300LCT

Atlantis (Leicester)

YIL1197

Catterals (Southam)

D524TBD

Coaching International

T857JBC

Elcock Reisen (Wellington)

OIW7027, R922LAA

Happy Days (Stafford)

195 HSV674

Hardings (Redditch)

DSK515, KU52RXL

Hills (Wolverhampton)

L400CLA, SIB6719

W317SBC

Johnsons (Henley)

M173SBT, N10JRJ, N10RGJ,
P257XUM, W162DYG

Johnson Brothers (Mansfield)

C656LJR, M1JBT, M2JBT,
YN04HJJ

LS Court (Fillongley)

PSV216

McPhearsons (Donisthorpe)

N204PUL

Newbury Coaches (Ledbury)

R442FWT, T528EUB

Price (Wolverhampton)

SIB3932

Proctors

T996JBC

South Gloucestershire

OIL9264, T215UCH,
T463UCH

Travel Coventry

4205, 4405

Travel West Midlands

4159, 4160, 4186, 4201, 4256
4506, 4657

Travel De Courcey (Coventry)

MJI2370, ROX656Y

Zaks (Birmingham)

Y32YVV

Tuesday 18th July

Manchester Airport

Stephen Evans

Arriva North West

2261, 2303-06/101, 7621/76

Birmingham Coach Company

W432RRB (325)

First Devon and Cornwall

20540 (328)

Go Northern

7078 (381), 7080 (380)

7081 (380)

National Express

NXL15 (325)

Parks of Hamilton

KSK950 (538), LSK650

LSK873 (540), LSK876 (538)

Stagecoach East Midlands

52654 (350)

Stagecoach Manchester

16774, 17623/61/702/3/6/7/9

17712/3, 18315/25/8/63

22083/6/9/130/42/50/3/63/7/84

22188/223/4/8

Tuesday 18th July

Great Yarmouth Bus Station

10.00 – 11.00

Chris James

Ambassador Coaches 602

AMZA of Blofield

L138XDS

Anglian Coaches

213, 302

Caroline Seagull

(Cobholm Hire Services)

TXI2424

Chenery of Dickleborough

NBU207

City Sightseeing

KYV670X

David Urquhart Travel

Y94HTX

First Eastern Counties

20107/14/500/5, 30100/1/4/5,

34954/72/95, 40113/257/91,

42441/2/6-8/50/1, 42757/79,

46041/2/62/802/807, 47203,

48014, 66950/7/9, 69005

Reynolds of Caister

CNZ4794, N966DMJ

Sanders Coaches

J994GCP, N988FWT

Swift Taxis

YK55ENL

Tuesday 18th July

Carlisle near Bus Station

11.30 till 12.30

Thomas Graham

First

65745

Hillarys, Prudhoe

SP53BGK

Irving

M635UCT

Ladybird W762GPS
Staceys, Carlisle YJ03GYF
Selwyns, Runcorn
 104 YJ03PPZ
Stagecoach North West
 14265, 16649, 20146/761/84
 20924/43/59/79, 30460,
 34681-3/6/7/89-99, 34701-19,
 40395/7/401/55, 42531/59
 42670/2, 52196/268
Trathens, Plymouth
 518 YN51XNC

Thursday 20th July
Great Yarmouth Coach Park
16.00

Chris James
Alan C. Towler 131HOU

Battersby Silver Grey
 7017UN

Chambers
 M42MOU, P619FTU

Company Coaches YIW1735

Gee-Vee Travel
 GT06GVT

Golden Eagle J15GEC

Hedingham & District
 L286

Len Wright Band Services
 WX03YDV

MacEwans 7842KR

Robinsons S620VKU

Shearings 305

Simpsons SM06SUN

Toolans Executive TCZ6277

Woods Executive YG52CJX

Lambetts Coaches
 A16LKR

Our Bus (Acle) SN53LWL

Sanders Coaches T271EWW

Sheldon Coaches M372HPF

AMZA L138XDS

Great Yarmouth Bus Station
16.20 – 16.50

Ambassador Coaches
 106/44, 601

First Eastern Counties
 20504/8, 30100, 32480, 40113,
 40257/91, 42450/780, 46042
 46063/807, 47203, 66950/9,
 69007

Swift Taxis YK55ENL

Anglian Coaches depot
Beccles 17.30

Anglian

101-8/10, 201/7/8/9/22/3/6/30,
 302/3/5/8, 401/5,

504 B912NBF, Leyland
 Olympian, ECW (Still in
 Sanders Coaches colours)

Unknown VX51RCO

Andrew Williams
Saturday 22nd July
Reading – Heathrow Airport -
Staines

Reading
Arriva the Shires
 3205, 3841

Countrywide Travel
 63 BX53LNJ

First Berkshire
 65602/724-726

Reading Transport 1013

Thames Travel
 506 KX06LXN
 651 KP51UFH

WA Shearings 503

Heathrow Airport
A 2 Z AEZ1361

Armchair
 W15/7APT, WA03HRG

Arriva North East 145

Arriva The Shires
 3269, 3442, 3858

Bournemouth 310/9

Dunn Line 5401

Excelsior
 907/10/2 A15/8/20XEL

Carousel MB52

First Berkshire
 41176, 43833/4, 64012-
 6/8/20/1

First Capital
 32989/93/4, 33046/143
 33147-9/56/66/291

41237/8/41, 41404/9

41526/8/34/7/767,
 42401/2/5/17

First Bristol 20514/6

First Coaches
 23203/5/21/5, 23319/24

First Cymru

20550, 23207

First Devon and Cornwall

20536

Flights Hallmark
 YR02ZKV, KP54BYU/X

Go Ahead London
 NV183/7, PVL262

London United
 DPS560/1/4/5/8/70-6

LA100, TA210/2/313/4/6
 VA101/4, VP107

Metrobus 544/5

Metroline
 VP319/20/5/6/33/5/467/606

VP607/17/9/22/7/8

National Express Operations
 NXVC2/3, NXVP4, 659COP,
 N826DKU, P226/8-35AAP,

P239/41/2/4/6/49-51AAP,
 R512KNJ, R100/500SPK,

S322-4VNM, T325APP,
 T207/8AUA, W337CDN,

Y324/9HUA

NCP

165-7 AE54HYT/U/V

Pink Elephant

5 T415DUB,
 6-8/10/1 YJ06FYA-C/E/F

12 YA02YRT, YA02YRP

South Gloucestershire

L900SGB

Tellings Golden Miller
 6963MW, GB04TGM,
 R957/9RCH, UK03TGM,

W433UMX, X153/8/9ENJ,
 X216/23HCD, Y501TGJ,

Y15/30TGM, KX04HSJ,
 YN55WSW

Trathens HSK647

Travel London

DP88/94, 342, 501

Wilts and Dorset 3217/8

Yeomans YP52CTV

Staines

Armchair

DP1001/6/14/8

First Berkshire 41166/8

Flights Hallmark

HX51LPE, YT51EAA/J

London United

DPS516/81/2/6/689/90/2/3

Sullivan Buses

DN2, L25/37WLH

Travel London

DH25, DP81/95/436/8/718

M86, 326, 414-6, 504-6/10/7

Truronian
TT06NEX

Saturday 22nd. July
10:30-12:30
Dudley Bus Station
James Holloway

Travel West Midlands
116/8/9, 262/7/75/6/8
283/6/7/90, 300-302/6
502-4/7/9/11/20/38/43/550
552/4/7/63/8/89/96/7, 600/1
604/6/7/11/2/4/5-7/20/6/59
696, 703/18, 1317/22/31
1345-8/50-4/6/72/4-7/84
1404/43/4/8/50, 1530/3
1558/63/79/81/2/5-9/92,
1614/6/9/20/56/80, 1703,
1705/7/43, 2621/31/46/78,
2805, 2902/7/71, 3005/47,
3076/84/90, 4264/90/6/8,
4316, 4535/9/45/9/52/3,
4557-9/63/7/71/6-79/81/2,
4584/48/94-6/98, 4601/3/7/49

Birmingham Coach Company
J605/6XHL, K304/13/6YJA
L207YAG, N902PFC,
P113HCH

Hansons (Wordsley)
J120HGF, K450PGO

National Express Operations
YN04GKL, YN55PXC

Zaks
412WJA, G227VWD,
J375GKH

Monday 24th July
Daventry
Mike Enstone

WA Shearings
MX04AMU
(GRAND TOURER)

Monday 24th July
Andrew Williams

Preston
Blue Bus N910ETM
Fishwick 1, 7, 34/7/8, 40
Preston Bus
100/1/4/6/12/24/9/30/1/43/77
217

Stagecoach North West
13297, 16351/647/68,
18138/59, 20435/74/6,
20737/8, 30308, 34619/20,
47059/60

Blackpool
Blackpool Transport
Buses
101/4/8/9/12-4/7-9/22/5-7/9,
130/3, 211/3-8/49-58/62-4,
266/7/9/72/6/9/82/3, 304-10,
312/4/6-9/22/4/6-32/68/9,
371/2/5/7-9, 402/3/5/7, 501-7,
509/14-8/84/6-8/90/3-5, 813/5

Trams
602/4/5/26/31/45/78/80,
700/1/6/7/9-11/3/5/21/3/6/61
Stagecoach North West

16326-8/52/3/640/2/8/58,
16665/6/9/70, 20743,
47018/9/22/3/62, 52189/408

Tuesday 25th. July
16:00-17:00
Coventry City Centre
and Bus Station
James Holloway

Travel West Midlands
318, 582/3, 663, 1545-7/9/51,
1553/67/95/8/9, 1600/4/8/9,
1610/2, 2617/8, 2840/91,
2979/80, 3019/20/3/36/74,
3240, 4205/6/8-10/12-6/20,
4396/9, 4402/4/6/7/9/15
4416-9/21/4/9, 4687/8/91/3-5,
6001/2/4-8/11-3/6/9-21

Stagecoach Warwickshire
[Midland Red South]
20201/8/21/24/803/8,
31330/54, 34495-7/626/42

Travel De Courcey
HV52WJC/E, AE54MVX,
AE06OPK/J

Peoples Express
KU52RYK/M

National Express
YN55PXU

Cosmos/Pullmanworld Ltd t/a
Redwing Coaches
BX06UMC

Tram and Light Rail News (Martin Hall)

Blackpool –Tram **680** is back in service with new all over advert. It has a new dark base coat in blue with blank ends and vinyls carrying an advert on the sides for “*Merry England/Joey Blower*”
Car **642** is now in a yellow base coat, for new advert. **715** and **721** have had there Come on England ads removed. Car **648** is all white; both are waiting for new adverts

Blackpool (LTT) – Standard **143** has had its cab ends removed from car body

Derby - It has been reported in the local media that Derbyshire City Council have been looking at a scheme to have an elevated monorail using driverless pods.

DLR - Nearly all the units have been refurbished (internally & externally)

Edinburgh - Now that it has successfully got the scheme approved by the Scottish Parliament, the next stage is to find out how much it is all going to cost by putting out tenders.

Ipswich - The scheme to use existing rail tracks in the Dock area using Parry People Movers is not now going ahead because of the high costs although it would cost much less than a completely new tram system

Manchester - Tram **1026** is back in service after its midlife refurbishment. No services ran between G-Mex and Piccadilly on the 16th July due to essential engineering works. A replacement bus service operated

Midland Metro - Midland Metro is now inviting tenders for the construction of the extensions although they still have to wait for the Government to approve the plans.

Nottingham - Due to a power cut no trams ran between Hucknall and Bulwell on Wednesday 12th July

Sheffield -Tram **101** has now returned to service in its new livery. **107** has been taken out of service for its repaint

West London Tram - With a change of political party in West London it looks like the tram scheme may now not go ahead.

York- The Trambus scheme which began in May, run by First Group has had problems with delays, vehicle breakdowns and congestion and now does not seem such a good idea as it was first thought.

IRELAND

Dublin Tram- The southern extension to the LUAS tram system will now go-ahead and should be completed by 2010.

Fleet Lists

Norfolk County Council.

Norfolk County Services Ltd, The Annex, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich. NR1 2UQ.

Mercedes-Benz O814D, Leicester Carriage Builders.

2137 V252KCL B12FL

Iveco 49-10, Leicester Carriage Builders.

2978 L 61SAH B12FL

Dennis Javelin, SCC Cutlass.

7101 T703APX BC70F
7102 T702APX BC70F
7103 T704APX BC70F
7104 V667FPO BC70F
7105 V668FPO BC70F
7106 V669FPO BC70F
7107 V670FPO BC70F
7108 V671FPO BC70F
7109 V672FPO BC70F
7110 V673FPO BC70F
7112 Y324YUT BC70F
7113 Y326YUT BC70F
7114 Y327YUT BC70F
7115 Y332YUT BC70F
7116 Y329YUT BC70F
7117 Y331YUT BC70F
7118 Y334YUT BC70F
7119 Y335YUT BC70F
7120 Y336YUT BC70F
7121 Y337YUT BC70F

7122 Y339YUT BC70F
7123 FJ51JYD BC70F
7124 FJ51JYA BC70F
7125 FJ51JYB BC70F
7126 FJ51JYC BC70F

Volvo B10M-62, Plaxton.

7127 M757XET C53F
7128 NIL7043 C51FT (P235AUT)

Transbus Javelin, SCC Cutlass.

7129 FJ03VMG BC70F

Irisbus Agora, Irisbus.

7130 OY53RDU N44F
7131 OY53RDX N44F
7132 OY53RDY N44F
7133 OY53RDV N44F
7134 OY53REU N44F
7135 OY53RFE N44F
7136 OY53RFF N44F

Mercedes-Benz Vario 0814, Plaxton.

7137 YN53VBZ

Irisbus Agora, Irisbus.

7138 AU05FGK
7139 AU05FKE

7140 AU05FKF
 7141 AU05FKB
 7142 AU05FKC
 7143 AU05FKD
 7144 AU05FKG
 7145 AU05FKH

Optare Solo M880, Optare.

7146 YJ55YHG
 7147 YJ55YHH

7148 YJ55YHK
 7149 YJ55YHL
 7150 YJ55YHO
 7151 YJ55YHM
 7152 YJ55YHP
 7153 YJ55YHR
 7154 YJ55YHN

Irisbus Agora, Irisbus.

7155 OW03FXG

Fleet Profile

Company – Fraser Eagle Ltd

The company is based at Shuttleworth Mead, Padiham, Lancashire. It has a great many years of coaching experience (The company first commenced business in 1919) The fleet contains mainly executive coaches, which are equipped with gallery area, bar, full entertainment systems, drinks machines and wash room. Operations include: excursions, tours, continental tours, private hire and school contracts. The Fraser Eagle fleet livery is Blue/White/Green

Coach Fleet:

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Vehicle Type</u>	<u>Seating</u>	<u>Year</u>	
1606 UK	DAF VanHool	49 EXEC	1991	
7529 UK	DAF VanHool	51 EXEC	1994	
C6 TYR	DAF EOS	41 EXEC	1995	4 Tables (Full Cap. 49)
C7 TYR	DAF VanHool	51 EXEC	1998	
VIA 197	Volvo VanHool	53 STAN	1986	
P405 MDT	Mercedes Plaxton	32 MIDI	1997	
PX51 KFE	Neoplan Starliner	44 EXEC	2002	
Y151 HWE	Neoplan Starliner	34 EXEC	2001	6 Tables (Full Cap. 44)
YN03 AVC	Neoplan Starliner	44 EXEC	2003	
Y653 JSH	Scania VanHool	49 EXEC	2001	
Y654 JSH	Scania VanHool	49 EXEC	2001	
Y716 SUB	Bova Futura	48 EXEC	2001	
YJ04 BYB	DAF VanHool	49 EXEC	2004	Photo below @ Chester Nov 2005 (DS)
YJ04 BYC	DAF Vanhool	49 EXEC	2004	
YJ05 PWL	DAF VanHool	49 EXEC	2005	
YJ05 PYL	DAF VanHool	49 EXEC	2005	
YJ05 XXK	Volvo VanHool	49 EXEC	2005	
YJ54 CFL	DAF VanHool	32 EXEC	2004	6 Tables (Full Cap. 44)
YJ06 GNO	Bova Magiq	49 EXEC	2006	
YJ06 GOC	Bova Magiq	49 EXEC	2006	
YR02 ZZN	Scania VanHool	49 EXEC	2002	
YR02 ZZO	Scania VanHool	49 EXEC	2002	
YR02 ZZS	Scania VanHool	49 EXEC	2002	

Mini Fleet:

MJ55 FXU	Merc Travel Liner	8 MINI	2005
MJ55 FXW	Merc Travel Liner	8 MINI	2005
MJ55 FXY	Merc Travel Liner	8 MINI	2005

Photo of YJ04BYB on Rail Replacement at Chester Sept 2005. Photo David Sharpe



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Publication Update

The **Welsh Fleet Book** and **North West** books are now available. The North West Book is an expanded version of the Liverpool and Manchester Book. The Wales Book has had more fleets added to it.

Now we have covered the UK mainland, we are now compiling the full list which should be available next month. We anticipate two volumes containing all vehicles listed in the HB Publication Area series. Each entry will contain Registration Number, Operator and Fleet Number, with a cross reference to the relevant HB Publications Volume.

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

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