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Hodson's of Clitheroe YN04AWH a MAN 18.310 with Noge C49Ft bodywork at their garage on 24th December 2006

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Hello and a Happy New Year to you all. I have managed a couple of small local look arounds over the Christmas period mainly just to check up if any of my local small companies have anything new on show. The answer was nearly nothing.

We now start the second year of the GB-BG and I hope that we will continue to provide you with a good mix of information, sightings and fleet information throughout 2007. Enjoy

David

East Midland and Welsh Area Members

To all members who reside in the East Midlands and Welsh areas. As you know, we are looking for representatives for your areas. To date no one has come forward. So what I am asking is - can members who live in the above areas who do sightings, have access to information for what is happening in their areas and could spare a few minutes each month in compiling notes for the magazine. We would require company intake of new or second hand buses, vehicles sold or scrapped, plus any route changes. You can send the notes typed or hand written, better still if you have access to a computer they can be emailed, you can even telephone them to me, if I am not there just leave a message on the answer machine to call you back and I will do so at my earliest convenience. My address, telephone number and email address can be found on page 2.

Thanks. **Maurice Brown, Secretary**

We also still need representation in the following areas:-

Ireland

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 **Maurice Brown, Secretary**

Membership Details

Membership of the GB Bus Group is £13.00 per year. This gives a monthly magazine and 20% discount on all HB Publications Bus Books. Please make cheques and Postal Orders to GB Bus Group

Welcome to new members – G. Butterworth (Todmorden), Paul Clifton (West Midlands), Geoff Colclough (Exeter), Eric Everett (Biggleswade) Richard Hammond (Slough), Ray Mulligan (Devon), Roderick Warner (Pontyclun), G. Yeates (Redcar),

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We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

Magazine

The deadline for the sub editors February magazine is January 28th 2007. Can you please submit to them a few days before this to give them time to deal with your information. Many thanks.

Fleet News

Arriva

Arriva Cymru/Mersydeide /Manchester/North West – All the VDL Centro's allocated to Winsford 2608-19 were noted with the exception of 2615, on Crewe – Winsford services on 27/12.

Arriva Midlands – Volvo B10B's 3314-8 have been transferred here from Arriva Merseyside they are K103/1/5/4/6OHF these were new to Liverline in 1994, 3314 is allocated to Cannock, 3315/6 are allocated to Tamworth, 3317/8 are allocated to Head Office, also acquired are 9516/7 K108/7OHF for use as driver trainers. Vehicle transfers are 2104 L154UKB from Thurmaston to Wellington (Telford), 2107 -9 L239/40/3TKA from Arriva North West to Wellington (Telford). DAF SB 2714 Y354UON allocated to Wellington has received route branding for service '55'.

Arriva North East 27/11/06 - Reports that **Arriva North East/Northumbria's** next driver trainers (the Lynxes will not meet new legislation from April next year) are to be some of the Volvo B6s from Bishop Auckland. Equipment such as a tachograph and ABS will be required and it is understood that the B6s may require lengthened bumpers to make them long enough to meet the new rules. Possibly connected to this, 4531-3 (L201/10/6TKA) are due to move to Scotland - presumably this is to allow the Lynx trainers there to be retired? Dave also reports that Scania N113 / Northern Counties 7256 (N181OYH) is over the pits at Blyth, so looks likely to make a return to service soon (it had been damaged by fire and the bodywork repaired, but has been sat engineless for some time). Paul Francis reports that Volvo B6s 4534/5 (L219/20TKA) are currently in use at Peterlee.

05/12/06 - Arriva North East National Express vehicles 142 to 148 are now Classic's 8942 to 8948 as:

8942 (142) – V142 EJR	8943 (143) – X143 WNL	8944 (144) – X144 WNL
8945 (145) – NL52 XZV	8946 (146) – NL52 XZW	8947 (147) – NL52 XZX
8948 (148) – NL52 XZY		

14/12/06 - Bryn McGloin, Stephen Johns and Lee-James Worsfold all report that **Arriva Tees & District** have Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1650 (R425COO) now freshly repainted at Loftus. Wayne Picknett reports that Optare Delta 4016 (K416BHN) has been taken from Redcar to ITC - reason unknown. He also reports that the service changes in January should see 1557, 2621/37/8 and 3027 leave Redcar.

24/12/06 - **Arriva Northumbria** Leyland Olympian / ECW 7229 (A584NWX) was noted yesterday parked forlornly in the back corner of Ashington depot. Fortunately, this is due to move to Jesmond in January with Scania L113 / East Lancs 282 (N282NCN), allowing Volvo B10BLEs 4502/3 (V502/3DFT) to go to Blyth. North East DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4086 (J413NCP) was yesterday noted parked up at Ashington freshly repainted, believed to be awaiting MOT.

Service changes at **Arriva North East** in January are to lead to a number of vehicle movements. As well as those previously mentioned for Redcar, Stockton are to lose DAF SB120 / Wright 1913-7/22 () to Peterlee, in turn displacing a selection of DAF SB220 / Ikarus and Optare Deltas, mainly to Darlington. The official allocation does give identities for these, but at least one has not been seen on the road for many weeks, so I suspect it could change! Some of these are to go to Darlington to replace similar sisters, including freshly repainted 4086 mentioned above! again, I am suspecting the exact details will change. I will provide updates on this as things happen.

Arriva Kent T/side VU56GFF Vo B7 Ha H43/31F From Stagecoach EK 11/06

Arriva London North:- The hybrid decker did not make it to London, instead heading for testing and is not expected to enter service until maybe February.

Arriva Scotland West : - Transferred in are Dart/NC 1689 – 1692 L114/29/49/52YVK all are at Inchinnan depot. Disposals are Leyland Lynx 5012/3 back to Northumbria.

Arriva The Shires: - Two solos have entered service for use on route 381 at Harlow 2473 YJ56ATY and 2474 YJ56ATZ. B10B 3855 caught fire at Marlow in late October and is unlikely to be repaired.

Garston based Cadet was involved in an accident and will be away being repaired for a while.

Javelin 4037 has been placed in store at Hemel and is destined for disposal.

Hitchin depot is to close on 13th January with the site earmarked for re-development.

First

First Aberdeen : - Transferred here from Devon & Cornwall is MB/Pn B22F 50077(P420MEH).

Disposals are Metrobus(Guide Friday) 224(WYW24T) and 31538.

First Cymru – the Pontardawe allocated Volvo B7R/Plaxton Profile's 20366/20367/20373/20374 have gone to First Berkshire for trials on Greenline work.

First Eastern Counties

An order has been placed for 5 new Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini, it is unknown where they will be based at present.

First Essex Buses

Volvo Olympian/Northern Counties 34304 (L304PWR) suffered slight roof damage when it scraped the underside of Duke Street railway bridge in Chelmsford on 28th November, no passenger injuries were reported but it caused some delays to the rail services through Chelmsford.

First Edinburgh : - Recent arrivals are from Manchester 60178/9/90/1(V126/27/38/39DND) and 61674(W723PSF), the latter was new to First Glasgow. Disposal 62271(J301ASH) for scrap.

First Glasgow : - Recent arrivals are 60464-6(G609/10/13NWA), 61256(G601NWA) from S.Yorkshire and 69022/7/42(SF55UAP/V/BB) from Northern Ireland.

Recent Disposals are Ailsas 31196/212/25/34 to preservationists and 30168,39859/39904/39988/39989, and to dealers are 50306/59/65/69/75/9.

First Wyvern - Former First Glasgow Dennis Dart SLF 40830 R670DUS is parked at Worcester garage. Dennis Lance 67232 has seatbelts throughout.

Go Ahead

Brighton and Hove – Volvo B10M-62 Coach 507 is now in the new livery. Dennis Trident 871 is now in the new livery with Metro 5 vinyls. Dennis Dart 12 is currently in the paint shop.

Go Ahead London:- Putney is to receive an extra 13 WVLS coming from Stockwell for pvr increases on the 14, 22 and 430. The Stockwell allocation will be made up with the PVLs that have been out on various leases. Route 39 and 485 are to be moved to be run from Waterside Way which will now take an allocation Darts

Metrobus: More new vehicles that should now be in service are two narrow solos 101 YJ56WVF and 102 YJ56WVG for the R8 and five MAN/E Lancs for the R2 701-705 no regs as yet.

Go Midlands - Fresh resprays are Dennis Dart SLF's W906JNF, X632/4AKW. Ex Oxford Bus Dennis Dart P739RYL has received new LED blinds. From Metrobus have come Dennis Dart SLF's W337/8VGX, expected to be transferred from Oxford Bus are Volvo B10B N604FJO, Dennis Dart SLF's P732RYL, R3-7/10OXF. Returned off loan to Oxford Bus are Volvo B10M's R257/8DWL.

Go North East 27/11/06 - The latest movements at Go North East, as reported by their excellent <http://www.gonortheast.co.uk/>, see Optare Deltas 4756/7 (K756/7SBB) become driver trainers, while 4791/2 (M791/2HCU) are reinstated at Winlaton. Volvo B10B / Plaxton 4814 (N814WGR) is reinstated to Deptford, while Dennis Dart / Marshall 8108/24 (M818GFT, N124WBR) are now at Gateshead

05/12/06 - Reports that Go North East today named Scania L94UB / Wright 5217 (NK54NVN) "Christopher Moyes OBE" at a ceremony at Collingwood College, Durham University in memory of their former Chief Executive. As can be seen the name has been tastefully added to the Prince Bishops livery. On a slightly different note, advertising for various tickets is being added to the white "spare" vehicles. Noted was such advertising on MPD 519 on Saturday and Steven Hodgson noted similar on SPD 8232 today advertising Get around 7 Day Saver.

14/12/06 - Steven Hodgson reports that Go North East MPD 522 is another with vinyls added to its white livery for various tickets. He also reports that SPDs 8167-74 are to be named after key figures in the history of Gateshead, complete with internal posters describing their contribution. The names (in order) are William Cotesworth, Sir Joseph Cowen, George Hawks, Thomas Bewick, Robert Spence Watson, Thomas Hepburn, William Henry Borcket and Sir Charles Parsons.

21/12/06 - Reports from (via Steven Hodgson) Richard Henderson show that Go North East have repainted Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4848/9 (R848/9PRG) in white and orange respectively.

24/12/06 - Further repaints into orange at Go North East are Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4842/908 (R842PRG, W908RBB).

26/12/06 - I have revised the detail the Go North East report from 21/12/06, as I have been informed that an error. Fortunately, Daz Taylor has supplied me a list of recent repaints (may include some in progress/to come by the looks of it) and these are as follows:

Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4839/40/42 and 4908 (R839PRG, 340GUP R842PRG, W908RBB) - Orange

Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4848/9 (R848/9PRG) - White

Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4850-5/96-905 (R856/1-5PRG, V986-90ETN, W901-5RBB) - Green

Scania L94UB / Wright 4926-36/8 (Y926-9ERG, Y493ETN, Y931-6ERG, NK51OKX) - Blue

Scania L94UB / Wright 4941 (NK51OLC) – White

27/12/06 – A one time Go North East 8114 M814 MCU, new as Shaws Bros., and last with Go West Midlands is with Ogdens Travel St Helens, as is DAF Optare Delta 4801 J201 VHN with Ogdens's.

Wilts & Dorset – an internal transfer, but Optare Solo's 2633/2634 T633 AJT & T634 AJT are now 333/334 in the Marchwood Motorways fleet.

National Express

Stagecoach

Stagecoach Bluebird : - New here are Optare Solo M850 B27F 47391/2 SP56CXD/E

Volvo B7R Plaxton C49FL 53262 – 53270 SV56BVR/S/T/U/W/X/Y/Z/BWA

Transfers from Manchester are 13502(C160HBA), 13503/5/10(C42/4/6HNF), 13512(C152HBA),

13513(C38HNF), 13514/8(C157/8HBA) also 13506/7(C170/69HBA); From Fife comes

40932(N932NAP); From Cleveland Transit comes 42355/6(S355/6KEF); From JW Coaches comes

49802(R251VVX), 52306(DSV943) and from Glasgow 52386(FSU739).

Recent disposals, some to other Stagecoach companies, comprise 10874/921, 13210, 14608/706,

15046/9, 15212/90, 20704, 30318/37/8/427/651/3/5/81, 30802/3, 32104, 40810, and coaches

52004/6/11, 52245/48/58/72/91/2. Optare Solo 47215 has been involved in a major collision with a lorry.

Stagecoach East / United Counties (Northampton) – Volvo B10m-55's 20201/6, 20809/14/16 M201LHP, N206TDU, N809/15/6DNE have been transferred to Northampton from Nuneaton. ADL Dart 34592 has been transferred from Northampton to Bedford. Mercedes 709's 40303/9/17-9 N303/7/17-9XRP, 40377/82 L377/82JBD, Volvo B10M 52109 ACZ7491 have been sold to Erith Commercials. New deliveries to Northampton are ADL Dart SLFs 35218-26 (KX56JYY/Z/JZA/C-H). Transferred from Bedford to Northampton is Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Interurban 52373 (P173KBD). To Bedford from reserve are Volvo B12M/Plaxton Paragons 53275/6 (KX56JZN/O) and Mercedes 709D 40306 (N306XRP). To reserve from Northampton are Dennis Dart SLF/Alexander ALX200s 33453-60 (S453/60CVV) and Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Interurban 52368 (P168KBD). To reserve from Kettering are Mercedes 709Ds 40307/47 (N307XRP, M347DRP).

To reserve from Bedford is Mercedes 709D 40323 (N323XRP). Unlicensed at Cambridge is driver training Leyland Lynx 29607 (F607UVN). Transferred to Warwickshire is Optare Solo 47354 (AE06TWV). Transferred to Yorkshire are Volvo Olympian/Alexander RLs 16580/2/3/6 (R580/2/3/6JVA). For disposal is Mercedes 709D 40307 (N307XRP) and driver training Volvo B10M-62/Berkhof Excellence 52035 (N45MJO). Other vehicles out include Mercedes 709Ds 40303/9/17-9/332/4-7/43/77/82 (N303/9/17-9XRP, M332/4-7/43DRP, L377JBD, L382NBD) and driver training Volvo B10M-60/Plaxton Premiere 52109 (ACZ7491) sold to Erith Commercials and 40339 (M339DRP) for scrap.

Stagecoach Fife : - New here is Optare Solo M850/B27F 47393(SP56CXF). Transferred from Bluebird is 14706. Recent disposals, some to other Stagecoach companies, comprise 10236, 15292/5, 20322/9, 30430,32106, 32202 – 5, 34085, 40076/466/88/932, and coaches 52246/52/5/6, 52352/4/6/61/92. The Perth operation now comes under the control of this company. Expected at Perth in the new year are MAN/East Lancs 22501-7 SP56FGO/U/V/X/Z/AGO/U. The reg order is not confirmed.

Stagecoach North East 05/12/06 - Steven Hodgson reports that **Stagecoach North East** are using Dennis Dart SLF / Alexander ALX 200 on their new service 12 in competition with Go North East Magic Roundabout route 33 and 42, and that black-liveried Volvo B10Ms 20243/5 (M543/5SPY) are now in service on the X77/X78/X79. Information passed on a report that the Mercedes Minis at Slatyford are expected to last into next year at least, so appear not to be getting replaced by the 321xx K-SRH Darts from South Shields.

14/12/06 - Ross Sherwood reports that **Stagecoach North East** have moved Dennis Dart / Plaxton 32173 (K582MGN) from Stockton to Darlington. Andrew Scott reports that five of the K-SRH Darts withdrawn from South Shields are now parked up at Slatyford.

21/12/06 - Daniel Smith reports that **Stagecoach in Newcastle** now has Dennis Darts 32117/21/5/8/9/33/4 (K117/21/5/8/9/33/4SRH) at Slatyford and these are expected to replace Mercedes 709s.

05/12/06 - News that A2Z Travel of Walsall has 5 out of possible 10 ex Stagecoach North East nee' Busways Olympians such as:

C605 LFT C611 LFT C631 LFT C645 LFT C646 LFT

It is not clear whether that these are all of them or if there is 5 more to join them, all from Ensign of Purfleet.

Stagecoach South Yorkshire (Barnsley)- Volvo B6BLE's 31935/8 have been transferred from Rawmarsh to Shafton, withdrawn is Dennis Dart 32168 with has suffered engine failure. Dennis Dart 32492 has been withdrawn at Doncaster. Volvo B10M with Jonckheere bodywork 52659 V909DDY has been transferred from Preston, Stagecoach North West for continued use on National Express work. New vehicles for National Express work are Scania K340EB's with Caetano Levante bodywork are : 59201 FJ56PDX, 59202 FJ56PEO, 59203 FJ56PFA, 59204 FJ56PFD, 59205 FJ56OBR, 59206 FJ56OBS.

Stagecoach Warwickshire (Rugby) – Optare Solo 47354 has been transferred to Leamington from Cambridge (may only be on loan). Former National Express vehicles 52641-3 T661-3OBD, 52657 V907DPN have been transferred to Stagecoach South as possible replacements for Honk Kong Olympians on Megabus work.

Stagecoach Western : - New vehicles at Cummnock for town services are Optare Solo M850/B27F 47386 – 47388(SF56FLA/B/C). Transfers from Merseyside are 20174(K574LTS), from Bluebird 52245(M945TSX) and from Fife are 52246/55(M946/55TSX), 52291(N151XSA), 52352/4/6(P152/4/6ASA). Recent disposals are 14454, 28929, 30332/40, 40605 all for scrap and 52295/6 to Strathtay. Vehicles re-registered are 52026 fromM103XBW to YSV735, 52216 from M406BFG to WLT978, and 52279 fromN871MSU to WLT809.

Strathtay Scottish : - Recent arrivals from Bluebird are 13210(C210CBU), 14608(C608LFT), 20704(K704ERM), 32104(K2104XHG); from Fife are 20322/9(N322/9VMS), 34085(NSU133),

52252/6(M952/6TSX), 52361(P568MSX), 52392(703DYE): from Western are 52295/6(N445/6XVA) and from Cleveland are 42357/8(S357/8KEF). Disposals are 14687, 25724/87, 47994 and 59069. Re-registered are 15896 from IIB6015 to E36LSL, 16921 from SP51AWV to WLT427, 21124/5/6 from R127HNK,R521/2TWR to PSU374 -376 respectively.

Transdev

Transdev: Two of the hired Darts, 34273, 34275 from ELBG have been moved to Tolworth and have after all ended up on the K50 as well as most other TV routes.

Travel Group

Travel Dundee(Tayside) : - Transferred from London is Optare Excel/B33F 209 – 212(R990/2/1/85EWU), and from West Midlands comes Volvo Olympian N125YRW. Volvo Olympian TC26 USU665 has been replated from USU662.

Travel London:- A whole raft of new arrivals firstly for a pvr increase on the C1 are six single door Enviro200s ES1 LJ56VSP, ES2 LJ56VST, ES3 LJ56VSU, ES4 LJ56VSV, ES5 LJ56VSX, ES6 LJ56VSY. Six dual door Enviro 200s for the 152 ES401 LJ56ONN, ES402 LJ56ONO, ES403 LJ56ONP, ES404 LJ56ONR, ES405 LJ56ONS ES406 LJ56ONT. Finally a large batch of Enviro 400s for the new 452 service operating out of Battersea should start arriving in the new year, ED1-27 LJ56VSZ, ED2 LJ56VTA, ED3 LJ56VTC, ED4 LJ56VTD, ED5 LJ56VTE, ED6 LJ56VTF, ED7 LJ56VTG, ED8 LJ56VTK, ED9 LJ56VTL, ED10 LJ56VTM, ED11 LJ56VTN, ED12 LJ56 VTO, ED13 LJ56VTP, ED14 LJ56VTT, ED15 LJ56VTU, ED16 LJ56VTV, ED17 LJ56VTW, ED18 LJ56VTX, ED19 LJ56VTY, ED20 LJ56VTZ, ED21 LJ56VUA, ED22 LJ56VUB, ED23 LJ56VUC, ED24 LJ56VUD, ED25 LJ56VUE, ED26 LJ56VUF, ED27 LJ56VUG. Out of these five are to go onto the 344 releasing five Vs which will then go to Beddington for the 3 which is also seeing an increase in its pvr .

Travel West Midlands

Acocks Green (AG) - Volvo B7RLE 1771 was noted on the garage on 05/12, 1772 was noted on the garage on 28/12. Volvo 4058 is ex works ex advert livery. Leyland Lynx 1312 remains parked in the yard.

Lea Hall (LH) – Fresh withdrawal is Metrobus 2588 which is parked up at Miller Street (XS), noted on loan from Bordesley are 1670/3.

National Express Aiport (Service 210) - A fresh vehicle on loan here is Scania YN06CHX and is temporarily numbered C012.

Travel Merry Hill - Freshly branded for service 222 Dudley – Merry Hill Centre are Volvo B6's: 554/88, 645.

Yardley Wood (YW) – Dennis Trident 4375 is ex works. Leyland Lynx 1299 has not been seen for several weeks.

Voelia

Dunn-Line (Durham) – New for National Express work are Volvo B12's : 5621 FJ56YWA, 5622 FJ56YWB, 5623 FJ56YWC, 5624 FJ56YWD, 5625 FJ56YWE, 5626 FJ56YWF, 5627 FJ56YWG, 5628 FJ56YWH, 5629 FJ56YWK.

Independents

Eastern Counties

Delaine, Bourne - A new delivery in March is expected, another Volvo B9TL/East Lancs. Olympus AD07DBL (fleetnumber 142) which will be named "Hugh Delaine-Smith MBE".

Headingham & District

Sold to Ensign are Leyland Lynxes L318/21/7 (G326NUM, G995VWV, J41GGB).

Konect, Dereham

New here is Optare Excel L1150 T789XVO (fleetnumber 289) meaning that when it enters service in a few weeks Leyland National 152 (UFX852S) will be stored.

Neaves of Catfield

A far more modern bus than their usual fare is now in service, this being Optare Excel V90EEN. It was spotted in Norwich on 1st December in plain white with red Neaves fleetnames, does this mean that the Leyland National/East Lancs. Greenway's days are numbered? Apparently only three are left in everyday service.

Another new entry to the fleet is Mercedes 709D/Plaxton Beaver N374JGS purchased for a Norwich city route.

As an aside to the above, if there are any Greenway fans out there, mileage can still be had on an ASDA supermarket free bus in Great Yarmouth. This was spotted from my car whilst dodging bargain hunters in Yarmouth on 28th December. It is PJT267R of the Ambassador fleet and is in full green and white ASDA livery,

Network Colchester

Dennis Trident/Alexander ALX400 100 (T50BCL) has been transferred in from Burton's of Haverhill.

Sanders of Holt

Sanders of Holt have parted with Dennis Javelin/Neoplan Transliners R11/22SCH, and Volvo B10M-60/Plaxton Paramount 3500s SJ11617/22. They have also sold 2 unidentified Mercedes 814D/Autobus Nouvelles.

Norfolk Green – Optare Solo YN03YDB is fleet number 615 and was noted in use on 23/12.

Stansted Transit

Sold to Ensign are Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointers, P512RYM and P695RWU.

SunFun, Ely

New in is ex Heddingham Leyland Lynx J41GGB.

Whippet, Fenstanton

New in from Nottingham City Transport is Scania L113CRL/Wright Access N633XBU plus one other.

East Midlands

Bowers (Derbyshire)

Noted at Stafford Bus Centre was former Arriva Fox County Mercedes with ALX bodywork P120HCH.

London

Countryliner :- More new arrivals are further MAN 14.220/MCV Evolution MRM3 AE56MDF, MRM4 AE56MDP, MRM5 AE56MBX and MRM6 AE56MBY entering service in late November on the Guildford -Epsom route. Also new is Dart/Pointer DP34 RX56BWE.

CT Plus:- Six Enviro200s have been ordered to have East Lancs Esteem bodywork

Docklands Minibuses:- The new Dart/MCV Evolutions should now be in service on the W19 AE56OUH, OUJ, OUK, OUL, OUM, OUN, OUO, OUP and OUS. They were late arriving with Docklands hiring in some former Centra vehicles.

East London Bus Group: The new batch of Enviro 400 duly arrived at Bromley during December as 19131 LX56EAF, 19132 LX56EAG, 19133 LX56EAJ, 19134 LX56EAK, 19135 LX56EAM, 19136 LX56EAO, 19137 LX56EAP, 19138 LX56EAW, 19139 LX56EAY AND 19140 LX56EBA. As mentioned last time their arrival was delayed necessitating the use of Tridents loaned in from other depots with at least these being used 17114, 17227, 17263, 17416, 17434, 17517, 17550 and 17570

Ensign: another ex Metroliner Dart SLF added is 719 R619VEG. Into service are Dennis Dart SLF/Marshall Capitals 719/30/1 (R619/30/1VEG). In other news the City Sightseeing/Ensign depot

at Ely passed into the hands of Stagecoach East on 2nd December, existing vehicles will be used for a short time.

Ensign (dealer): Vehicles into stock

From Manns Travel: Metrobus LMO190X

From Reown, Bexhill: D10M G133PGK

From Quantock M.S: Olympian F621MSL.

From Stagecoach NE: Olympians C605/11/18/39/45/51/58LFT.

Vehicles Out

RML895: Dr Corcoran and MR Mercer, Bristol.

M1034: PVS for scrap.

Dublin Olympian 93-D-10174 now L80BUS with PeoplesBus, Liverpool.

Olympians B187/90BLG E160OMD: C and N Travel, Leicester.

Olympians C605/11/31/45/46LFT: A2Z Travel, Walsall.

Olympian G540VBB: Renown Coaces, Bexhill.

Olympian G552VBB: Herberts Coaches, Bedford.

Lynx J41GGB: Sunfun, Ely, Cambs.

Lynx G326NUM G995VWV: Qunatock Motor Services.

Volvo B10B's M605/6/7UTV N610XRR: Gemini Travel, Swansea.

Darts M501PJ M502RKO: AtBus, Surrey.

Metroline:- Another batch of Enviro 400s have been delivered to Holloway mainly for the 134 but they have been appearing on many Holloway routes TE712 LK56FHE, TE713 LK56FHF, TE714 LK56FHG, TE715 LK56FHH, TE716 LK56FHJ, TE717 LK56FHM, TE718 LK56FHN, TE719 LK56FHO, TE720 LK56FHP, TE721 LK56FHR, TE722 LK56FHS and TE723 LK56FHT. The 16 has seen an increase of eight vehicles on its pvr so a few transfers into Cricklewood are TP402 and TP403 along with TPL 256, 258, 260, 262, 266 and 272. Route E6 has been gained from May taking 11 new single decks. Three TAs of which 81 is one have been moved to the former Armchair depot at Brentford for an increase on the 237. The Armchair and Thope name disappear from January as the respective fleet come under and increased Metroline O Licence. The Armchair coach fleet is now operated under the Westbus licence.

NCP Challenger:- The company has been successful in the latest batch of tenders to be announced taking up the 272, 440 and E11 from May needing 21 new single deck buses. A new depot is to be sourced in the Willesden area for the routes.

Midlands

A 2 Z (Walsall) - Leyland Olympians C450BKM new to Maidstone and District in 1985, C605/11/31/9/45/6/58LFT new to Busways (Newcastle) in 1986. Fleet number 111 C605LFT was noted working through Pleck (Walsall) on service 339 on 29/12.

Birmingham Motor Traction/ Central Connect – This operator is now part of Central Connect (Zaks, Rotala Group). Several vehicles have been withdrawn/ sold and several fresh vehicles have arrived. The only original BMT vehicles noted by 28/12 are Dennis Darts H107/23/33 MOB, H548XGK, Marshall Minibus R110VLX, LDV Convoys BIG5149, AK02HCL, BL02XYH, YR02ODX. Fresh vehicles in are Dennis Darts : T74JBA (Supertravel, Speke livery), X212/3/5ONH, Y3JPT (JP Travel livery), Y263KNB (South Gloucestershire livery).

Copelands (Stoke on Trent) – Former First PMT Dennis Dart 914 J914SEH is now in service here and is replated MIB783.

Choice (Wednesfield) - Fresh vehicle here are Dennis Dart SLF's : 135 Y301KNB, 136 Y302KNB from Happy Als (Birkenhead).

De Courcey Travel (Coventry) – A new vehicle here is MAN, MCV Evolution 557 AE56LWH.

European Coachways (Dudley) - Noted here is Auewaerter Neoplan N516SHD YN04AVD, this was new to Stainton, Kendal.

Evergreen (Blackheath) – Noted here is YNO6BKD.

Hansons (Lye, Near Stourbridge) – A new vehicle here is Optare Solo MX56ABZ and can normally be found working on Stourbridge local service 288. Dennis Dart G518VYE is still parked in the yard and is being used as a store, Mercedes Minicoach AOR947A is apparently up for sale.

Ludlows (Halesowen) - A fresh vehicle in is DAF SB120 YJ51EKM which has come from Selwyns (Runcorn), Scania N1EOS has been replated back to YN04AHA.

North Birmingham Busways (Erdington, Birmingham) – Former Stagecoach Manchester Leyland Atlantean ANA568Y has been sold to a preservationist in Carlisle.

Thandi Group (Smethwick) – Several Volvo B6's have been acquired ex First Group they are : L103/4PWR, L5/6GML.

North East

Classic Coaches, Annfield Plain, Stanley, Co Durham 05/12/06 – Former Arriva North East National Express vehicles 142 to 148 are now Classic's

8942 – V142 EJR 8943 – X143 WNL 8944 – X144 WNL 8945 – NL52 XZV
8946 – NL52 XZW 8947 – NL52 XZX 8948 – NL52 XZY

Please note information taken from Classic's website at: <http://www.classic-coaches.co.uk/>

Leven Valley 05/12/06 proprietor Paul Thompson has kindly supplied an update on his smart fleet. Newly delivered today is Optare Solo 1 "Iona" (T11GAJ), which is expected to enter service around the weekend. Mercedes 709 / Alexander 95 (N595WND) have been sold to Morrison's Coaches, Stirling.

Northumbria Coaches, Ashington 01/11/06 -News of that **Northumbria Coaches, Ashington** has, ex Go North East Dennis Dart / Marshall 8103 (M813MFT) in use and is still in Go North East Livery Correction at 01/12/06. 33 NK04 UTJ and 34 NK04, which was sold to a Scottish operator mentioned in an earlier issue, are now known with Slaemuir of Greenock

Weardale Motor Services, Stanhope 24/12/06 - Steven Hodgson notes a previously unseen **Weardale Motor Services** vehicle. It is Mercedes Vario / Plaxton Cheetah NK06FKF

And finally Steven Hodgson wishes to all members and staff of GB-BG a Happy New Year. And I hope that 2007 bring lots of happenings in the Bus Industry for us enthusiasts and to good health to you all too.

North West

Ace Travel (Liverpool) – DAF SB220 with Optare Delta bodywork H512YCX is in use here.

Travellers / John Shaw (Carnforth) - A fresh vehicle for National Express work is Volvo B12 PE56UJX which was working the Southbound 570 on 28/12.

Via Travel – Noted operating around Crewe on a local service was Mercedes 709D with Alexander bodywork K617UFR, this vehicle was new to Ribble in 12/92.

Scotland

Caledonian Buses (Glasgow) - Ex Preston Bus Optare Metroriders : 14 P414TFR, 24 N424GBV, 25 N425GBV are in service here. Most of the fleet is painted white.

Highland Country : - Recent arrivals are 192(K602ESH) and K603ESH Dart/Alexander from Fife, G805/7GSX Leyland Olympian/Alexander from Lothian, SIL1895 Volvo B10M/Plaxton C49FT and JIL8613 Volvo B10M/Plaxton C51F from Irvine, Law. Disposal is 534(G289EOG).

JW Coaches : - Transfer from Bluebird is 52292(N152XSA)

James Meffan : - Transfer from Fife is 40466(N466RVK) Re-registered is 42239 from R966MGB to SOI9994. The previous owner of this registration has been re-registered with its original mark VAL54S and withdrawn.

Lothian Group : - Tridents 501 – 503 have been transferred to Edinburgh Tours Ltd.. The new Volvo B7TL's continue to trickle into service with 805 having been seen and 817 delivered.

Mc Gills (Greenock) - Mercedes 0405's with Citaro bodywork in service here are :
BX06UFP/UNR, BX06UNR are used on a new service Service 901 Largs – Greenock – Gourrock – IBN – Inverkip – Wemyss Bay - Glasgow, both vehicles are route branded.

McKindless (Wishaw) - Former Reading Transport DAF SB220 507 G507XBL is in service here.

South East

New South East Rep:

Please send notes etc to Ken Pitt – address on Page 2 who will be covering:
Arriva Southern Counties: Kent & Sussex, Kent Thameside, Medway.
Stagecoach South East: East Kent, Hastings, Southdown.
Stagecoach South: Hampshire Bus, Hants & Surrey.
First: Hants & Dorset
Boroline – Maidstone Brighton & Hove
Eastbourne Bus & Minor Operators

Rambler (Hastings) - Leyland Olympian Alexander RH's H649PVW, J706CEV have been accured from Ensign they are numbered 28 and 29 and have been reregistered FDY83/383.

South West

A-Bus, Bristol – In is S333 AJP, a Mercedes 814D/Plaxton Beaver B27F

Arleen, Peasedown St John – In is P321 VWR, a former Wallace Arnold Volvo B10M/Plaxton Premiere 350 (probably ex National Holidays not WA)

Beeline, Warminster – Some Volvo B10M/Plaxton Premiere's have been re-registered, M231 LYT is now FNZ 7669 & M372 CRL is CNZ 9494

Eagle Coaches, Bristol – The aquired DAF DE23RSSD/Smit is T732 GPR, Note the correct seating capacity is C36FT. It is believed to have since been re-registered! Also have two ex Seaview of Poole DAF DE33/Ikarus Danube's which have been upseated to C70F.

Ebley Bus & Coach, Nailsworth – an ex First escapee here is P818 REX, a Mercedes 0810D/Plaxton Beaver B27F ex First Glasgow No 1 50380

Filer, Stanton Wick – the withdrawn Volvo/Plaxton Paramount H633 UWR has passed to Wheadon, Hereford (Ace Coaches)

Frome Minicoaches – new is Optare Solo M850 B27F VX56 NAA, which replaces accessible Beaver VX55 FWN which has gone to McDade, Glasgow

Hookways, Meeth – the ex Spearing Plaxcton Excalibur J798 EUM is now MIL 4680, the Tiger/Paramount formerly carrying that registration is now AEF 315A. Expected shortly is ex Dunn Line Volvo B10M/Jonckheere L48 ORC.

Quantock Motor Services, Wilviscombe – Olympian F621 MSL has gone to Ensign (dealer) and in it's place have arrived Lynx's G326 NUM & G995 VWV.
The heritage vehicles from the Quantock fleet have seen weekend use recently on a pre Christmas Saturday shoppers park & ride from a retail park near the M5 to the town centre. Fare is 50p return and it appears to have been very popular.

Roadliner (Poole) - Fresh vehicles in here are Leyland Tigers E785BTV, E46TYG, 785 was new to Nottingham City Coaches, 46 was new to West Riding.

Roselyn, Par – The cherished registration NIL 6486 is now carried by F968 HGE, an ex Plymouth Citybus Volvo/Plaxton Paramount

South Gloucester, Patchway – following on from the Eastbourne/Reading/Cardiff Optare Excel's, another 7 have been purchased from East Thames.

These are : P320 KAR, P321 KAR, P326 NHJ, P327 NHJ, P330 NHJ, P332 NHJ, P334 NHJ

Trathens, Plymouth – the 8 new Neoplan Skyliners are in the course of delivery and 522, 523 & 524 have passed to Neoplan (dealer) Hellaby in part exchange

Western Greyhound, Newquay – In from Nottingham are Volvo Olympian/East Lancs H49/35F's R478 RRA, R479 RRA & R480 RRA. Leyland Olympian D824 UTF has been withdrawn, the other two are to convert previously Vario operated workings to double deck.

New Deliveries

Anglian Coaches (Beccles)

YJ56ASZ VDL DB250RS, Optare Spectra, H(74)F

B&C Coaches (Portadown)

SLZ8614 Optare Solo M850 (Mercedes), Optare, B29F

Babs Dial-a-Bus (Fife)

YJ56KSU Optare Alero Plus, Optare, B12F

Beacon Bus (Bideford)

YJ56WBV (+2 others) Optare Solo M920 (Mercedes), Optare, B29F

Eurotaxi (Somerset)

YJ06YSB Optare Solo M920SL (Mercedes), Optare, B29F

Ferris Holidays (Wales)

CN56DGV/X (+1 other) Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C70F

Graham Urquhart Travel (Inverness)

Unknown Mercedes Sprinter 413Cdi, Mercedes, C16F

Greys of Ely

Unknown Volvo B12B, Jonckheere Mistral, C49FT

Hayton's Executive (Manchester)

BU06HSY Mercedes OC500, Mercedes Touro, C35FT

Hodson's (Clitheroe)

YN56BGE Neoplan N122/3, Neoplan Skyliner, CH(83)DT

Hodson's of Navenby (Lincolnshire)

CC06HOD Mercedes Tourino, Mercedes, C34FT

Hunter's Coaches (Daventry)

YJ06GNY Mercedes Vario O.815DT, Sitcar Beluga, C33F

Landscape Travel (Halesowen)

BU05HTA Setra S415HD, Setra, C44FT

Mallaig CTA

Unknown Optare Alero, Optare, B16F

Oxford City Sightseeing

PD56JEJ Volvo B7TL, East Lancs. Vyking, PO(84)F

Plymouth Citybus

WA56HHO (+2 others) ADL Enviro 200Dart, ADL, B38F

Preston Bus

PO56RSX (+10 others) Optare Solo M920 (Mercedes), Optare, B29F
6x (unknown registrations) Optare Solo M850 9Mercedes), Optare, B25F

Selkent (East London)

LX56DZY ADL Enviro200 Dart, ADL, B29F

Sewards Coaches (Axminster)

WA06CBV Mercedes Vario O.815DT, Sitcar Beluga, C27F

Slacks (Matlock)

YN06FWB Neoplan N316SHD, Neoplan Euroliner, C49FT

Silverline Landflight (Solihull)

YJ56APK (+2 others) Optare Solo M850, Optare, B29F

Spot Hire (Bearstead, Kent)

MIL9316 Mercedes Vario O.815DT, Esker Riada, C29F

Stagecoach Bluebird

SP06FVF(53253) (+24 other) Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C49FL

Stagecoach East

6x (unknown registrations) Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C49FL

Stagecoach South

8x (unknown registrations) ADL Dart SLF, ADL Pointer 2, B38F

Sunray Travel (Epsom)

GX56AEB ADL Enviro 200Dart, ADL, B38F

Taf Valley Coaches (West Wales)

BC06TAF Plaxton Primo, Plaxton, B27F

Tanat Valley Coaches

TJ56ATU/X (+1 other) Optare Tempo X1200, Optare, B46F

Taw & Torridge (Devon)

VL05VBL Volvo 9700 Prestige Plus, Volvo, C43FT

Travel Green Coaches (Doncaster)

YX56AFF Mercedes Sprinter 412Cdi, Optare Sorocco, C16F

Travel West Midlands

BX56XCZ/Z (1778/9) Volvo B7RLE, Wright Eclipse Urban, B??F

Travel Wright (Newark)

KX06LXP Plaxton primo, Plaxton, B27F

Utopia Coaches (Allerton Bywater, West Yorkshire)

BX56VUT Mercedes Sprinter 616Cdi, Mercedes, B25F

Westbus (Hounslow)

WA06NCC Mercedes Vario O.815DT, Sitcar Beluga, C25F

Westway (Raynes Park, London)

Unknown (x2) Volvo B12BT (13m), Van Hool Astrobel, CH61/18DT

Whites Coaches (Oxfordshire)

YJ06YSC Optare Solo M850, Optare, B29F

Preservation News

Preservation News & Events

St. Albans Country Bus Running Weekend: 13th – 14th Jan

Sightings Report:

- **Portsmouth Bus Display, Saturday 4th November 2006 - Ian Turner**

(This event commemorates the 75 years of continuous operation of their busiest route – the 17/18.)

HOR4162 Leyland National – Provincial 16, **RV3411** Leyland TD2 tower wagon TW1, **LRV992** Leyland Titan PD2/12, **LRV996** Leyland Titan PD2/12, **BBK236B** Leyland Atlantean PDR1/1, **XTP287L** Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R, **KCR108P** Leyland National MK1 – 10351/2R, **JWW275W** Bristol VRT, **A301KJT** Leyland National MK11 – NL116TL11/1R, **H523CTR** ACE Cougar, **S361XCR** Volvo B10BLE, **GX06DXH** Alexander Dennis Trident

(A number of buses that should have attended the event – didn't)

Free Heritage Bus Service in Opertaion – Timetable

11.00 Service 17 - operated by buses **LRV992/LRV996**

12.00 Service 18 – operated by buses **H523CTR/BBK236B**

13.00 Service 17 – operated by bus **LRV992**

14.00 Service 18 – operated by buses **A301KJT/KCR108P**

15.00 Service 17 – operated by bus **XTP287L**

The route was via Guildhall, Anglesea Road, Queen Street, The Hard, Queen Street, Edinburgh Road,

Commercial Road, Isambard Brunel Road, Greetham Street/Blackfriars Road, or Winston Churchill Avenue and Bradford Junction

The (17) journeys via Victoria Road North, Albert Road, Highland Road, Eastney Road, Goldsmith Avenue and Bradford Junction. The (18) operates in the reverse direction.

Lathlomond Open Weekend

August 19th 2006

Arthur Moorse

Reg No.	DD / SD	Type	Bodywork	Year
CD7045	DD	Leyland N Special	Short	1922
GE2446	DD	Leyland Titan PD1	SBG	1928
SO3740	SD	Leyland Tiger TS2	Alexander	1929
VD3433	SD	Leyland Lion	Alexander	1934
AAA756	SD	Albion Victor PK114	Abbott	1935
ATF477	SD	Leyland Tiger	Fowler	1936
DSG169	DD	Leyland Titan TD5	Leyland	1942
CDR679	DD	Guy Arab	Duple	1943
JWS594	DD	Guy Arab	Duple	1943
AWG623	SD	AEC Regal	Alexander	1947
ACB904	DD	Guy Arab	Northern Counties	1947
AWG639	SD	AEC Regal	Alexander	1947
AWG393	DD	Guy Arab	Cravens	1948
ESG652	SD	Guy Arab III	Metro Cammell	1948

FSC182	DD	Daimler CVG6DD	Metro Cammell	1949
JA5515	SD	Leyland Tiger	Windover	1950
EVA324	DD	Guy Arab	Guy	1950
GVD647	DD	Guy Arab	Duple	1950
DCS616	DD	Daimler CVD6	Massey	1950
SS7486	SD	Bedford OB	Duple	1950
SS7501	SD	Bedford OB	Duple	1950
FVA854	SD	Albion Valiant	Duple	1950
CWG283	SD	Leyland Tiger PS1	Alexander	1950
HGG359	SD	Thornycroft	Croft	1950
DGS625	SD	Leyland PS1	McLennan	1951
DGS536	SD	Leyland Tiger PS1	McLennan	1951
AYJ379	DD	Daimler CVG6DD	Croft	1951
MTE639	DD	AEC Regent III	Weymann	1951
CYJ252	DD	AEC Regent III	Alexander	1953
CHG541	SD	Leyland Tiger PS2	East Lancashire	1954
GM6384	DD	Leyland Titan PD2	Leyland	1954
TYD888	SD	AEC Reliance	Duple	1955
ETS964	DD	Daimler CVG6DD	Croft	1955
OWS620	DD	Bristol LDG6	Eastern Coach Works	1957
WAT652	DD	AEC Regent V	Roe	1957
OFS777	DD	Leyland Titan PD2	Metro Cammell	1957
OFS798	DD	Leyland Titan PD2	Metro Cammell	1957
528CTF	DD	Leyland Titan PD2	Weymann	1958
SWS671	SD	AEC Reliance	Alexander	1959
SWS715	SD	AEC Reliance	Park Royal	1959
MSD408	DD	Leyland Titan PD3	Alexander	1959
RAG578	DD	Daimler CVG6LX	Northern Counties	1960
NMS538	SD	AEC Reliance	Alexander	1960
LDS50A	DD	AEC Routemaster	Park Royal	1960
YYS674	SD	Bedford CSZI	Duple	1960
RCS382	DD	Leyland Titan PD3	Alexander	1961
RAG411	DD	Bristol Loddeka LD6G	Eastern Coach Works	1961
60CYS	SD	Bedford CSCI	Duple	1961
198CUS	SD	AEC Reliance	Duple Midland	1961
YSG101	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1961
VSC86	SD	Leyland Tiger Cub	Weymann	1961
811BWR	SD	Bristol SUL4A	Eastern Coach Works	1962
221JVK	DD	Leyland Atlantean	Alexander	1962
NSJ502	SD	AEC Reliance	Alexander	1962
7424SP	SD	AEC Reliance	Alexander	1962
YWS611	DD	Leyland Titan PD2	Alexander	1962
UCS659	DD	Albion Lowlander LR3	Alexander	1963
380FGB	SD	Bedford VAS I	Duple Northern	1963
AWA124B	SD	Bedford SB	Plaxton	1964
AFS91B	SD	AEC Reliance	Alexander	1964
BXA464B	DD	Bristol Loddeka FS6G	Eastern Coach Works	1964
CSG29C	DD	Bristol Lodekka		1965
DMS359C	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1965
DMS329C	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1965
CSG43C	DD	Bristol Lodekka FLF	Eastern Coach Works	1965
ARN811C	SD	Leyland Leopard	Weymann	1965
HDV639E	SD	Bristol MW6G	Eastern Coach Works	1967
HGM346E	DD	Bristol FLF6G	Eastern Coach Works	1967
GRS343E	SD	Albion Viking	Alexander	1967
ASC665B	DD	Leyland Titan PD3	Alexander	1967
VMP8G	SD	Albion Viking	Alexander	1968
LFS303F	DD	Bristol VR/LL	Eastern Coach Works	1968
LFS288F	DD	Bristol VRT	Eastern Coach Works	1968

LRG14G	SD	AEC Reliance	Alexander	1968
UFJ974R	SD	Bedford J25Z2	Willowbrook	1969
XFM42G	DD	Guy Arab V	Northern Counties	1969
JSC900E	DD	Leyland Atlantean	Alexander	1970
SSF237H	SD	Bedford VAL70	Duple	1970
TGM214J	DD	Daimler Fleetline	Eastern Coach Works	1971
XWS165K	SD	Bedford J2	Plaxton	1971
XON41J	DD	Daimler Fleetline	Park Royal	1971
BFS471L	SD	Bedford YRQ	Alexander	1972
BFS1L	DD	Leyland Atlantean	Alexander	1972
BWS105L	SD	Seddon Pennine	Pennine	1972
BFS463L	SD	Bedford YRQ	Alexander	1973
XDL122L	SD	Bristol RE	Eastern Coach Works	1973
YSD350L	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1973
SCS333M	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1974
LSX16P	DD	Volvo Ailsa B55	Alexander	1975
MSF750P	SD	Seddon Penine 7	Alexander	1976
SMS120P	DD	Daimler Fleetline	Alexander	1976
MSF465P	DD	Leyland Atlantean	Alexander	1976
ORS60R	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1977
RRS46R	SD	Leyland Leopard	Duple	1977
NDL656R	DD	Bristol VRT3	Eastern Coach Works	1977
CSG773S	DD	Ailsa Volovo	Alexander	1978
XBO121T	DD	Bristol VRT3	Eastern Coach Works	1978
SSX602V	SD	Seddon	Alexander	1979
JTU588T	SD	Leyland National 1	Leyland	1979
HRS270V	DD	Leyland Atlantean	Alexander	1979
WTS266T	DD	Volvo Ailsa B55	Alexander	1979
GSO92V	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1980
GSO80V	SD	Leyland PSU3	Alexander	1980
ESF647W	DD	Guy Victory	Alexander	1980
LMS168W	DD	Leyland Fleetline	Alexander	1980
LMS374W	SD	Leyland PSU3	Alexander	1980
HSD73V	DD	Leyland Fleetline	Alexander	1980
YFS310W	SD	Leyland National 2	Leyland	1981
RMS400W	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander AT	1981
ULS716X	SD	Leyland Leopard	Alexander	1982
TSO16X	DD	Leyland Olympian	Eastern Coach Works	1982
KYV781X	DD	MCW Metrobus	MCW	1982
KSX102X	SD	Leyland National 2	Leyland	1982
GSC667X	DD	Leyland Olympian	Alexander	1982
XSS43Y	SD	Leyland PSU3	Alexander	1983
A737PSU	DD	Volvo Ailsa B55-10	Alexander	1983
B100PKS	DD	MCW Metrobus	Alexander RH	1985
B97PKS	DD	MCW Metrobus	Alexander RL	1985
C777FFS	DD	Leyland Olympian	Eastern Coach Works	1985
B349LSO	DD	Leyland Olympian	Alexander RL	1985
D177CSF	SD	Leyland Lion	Alexander	1986
D553NOE	SD	Ford Transit	Carlyle	1986
E186BNS	SD	MCW Metrorider	MCW	1988
G700RDS	DD	Volvo B10M Citybus	Alexander	1990

Bus Observations

All observations are gratefully received some observations will be posted on Website

Saturday 7th October
Simon Wilson

260/78/85/94/7,
302/35/42,
360/8/70/1, 401/3/7/21,

Dunn-Line (Durham)
NL52XZY, W389PRC
East London

Around Scotland

Allens of Gorebridge
B13/4DWA

DJ International
M10DVS, T715UOS

Edinburgh Coach Lines
PSU610

Fairline YJ55BJZ

Henry Crawford
HCC551

Hunters Coaches,

Loanhead
HIL5347

Linn Park Buses
M859/62KCU

Logans, N Ireland
YN05VSA

McKendry Coaches
K544RFX, N600SAS

Parks of Hamilton
KSK878/953/78,
LSK444,
LSK511

Red Lion
P96GHE, V289JTO

Rennies
CCZ5897, C12RNY

First Edinburgh - Midland

Bluebird - Inc Borders
56596, 62334,

65714/9/42

First Edinburgh
30376/827, 31636/58,

32671,
36007/17, 38089/90,

40915,
40931/6, 61227/32,

62394

First Glasgow
32553, 40813,

61470/504,
61617/26

Lothian Buses

1/33/47/56/9/60/6/85/6/90,
115/24/8/33/5/75/9/89,
205/7/9/12/3/7/32-4/51/3,

506/21/7/31/6/49/53/87/8,
594/5,

612/29/35/43/5/64,
668-72/80-3/5/91/4,

701/4,707/9/12/24/5/33/9/4
1/50,

811/2/6/8/67/71/8/81/4,
955/78/95-7

Marine Garage (Lothian)

171, 412, 693, 884

Seafield Garage (Lothian)

195/9, 200, 314/33/58,
763/72/4

Monday 30th October
Ian S Turner

Horsham

Crawley Luxury
N7CLC

Flights Hallmark
L667MSF (Driver
Trainer)

Wednesday 1st November
Ian S Turner

Various locations around London

Andersons
YT03GXN, FJ05FXG

Arriva London
DLA 143, 213/7,
317/82

DW 56, 110/29
MA 70/5/88/90,

100/6

MA 118/24/34
VLA 1/36/40/96

VLW 102/34/57

Arriva Sightseeing
VLV610

Clarkes of London
GG04TWU (Globus
Tours

Livery), YN06NYW
CT Plus

DCS 2/31

17196/295/413/9/571/601,
17768/93/814/915,

18210/4,
18223/33, 23012/40

East Thames Buses

VWL 6/7/13/6

First London

11012/7/21/31,
32224/71/317,

32318/884,

33008/124/344,

33367/377/381,

41687/720,

64993

Flights Hallmark

FE02FBJ

Go Ahead London

LDP 183,

213/21/83/5

PVL 170/4, 208/11,
351

PVL 408

WVL 140 /51/3,

227/39

Jasons Tours

VX04KTL

Marshalls (Bedford)

P792AHR

Meagabus

50046/140, 52618

Metroline

DLD 149, 699

TE 676

TP

19/36/42/9/54/61

TPL 113, 281

VP 477/83/91

VPL 168/71/81,

583/5

VPL 629

Nashs (Birmingham)

NUI6161

National Express Ops

T207/10AUA

Peter Reynolds

L573VRW

P & J Ellis
 FJ04ETZ
PPH of St Albans
 YN54AKX
Silver Service
 YJ55EYH
Silverdale (Notts)
 FN02UBZ
The Kings Ferry
 GJ02LUZ
Transdev London
SP 2
SLE 54/63/4
VA 293,
 303/7/8/10
VLE 26
Travel London
DA 17
DP 20
TA 110/5/26
V 7/24/40/4
V P Tours
 BX55FYZ
Westway
 LIB378
Wings
 BX06UMY

Thursday 16th November
Mike Enstone

Blaby, Leicester
Aikens Travel
 103UTW, K8WBC,
 MLZ9623/4, YJI8763
Leicester
Ambassador Travel
 FD54DHY
Arriva Midlands
 1168, 2024/37/9/50-3/96,
 2201/3/5/7-9,
 2248/51/3/4,
 2256-9/61/4/7/8, 2321,
 3204,
 3207-9,
 3466/7/9/73/4/6/8/89,
 3490/2, 3601-3/6-11/4,
 3702,
 3704/20/1/3/5/6, 4001-4,
 4008-13/7, 4160/9/72-
 8/80-3,
 4532/41, 4601-
 3/6/10/4/5/7,

4620/1//2/32/3/7/45/6/69/9
 8/9,
 4701-3/6-9/11/3-
 5/7/9/20/2-6,
 4728/31-3/8/40/4/6-50/2-
 8,
 4760-71/3-5/7
Arriva North East 142
Atlantic Travel
 YIL1197
Audsen Clarke
 KAZ4524, R300LCT
Centrebus
 A708UOE,
 A113/770WVP,
 B831/46AOP,
 G374/7NRC,
 H223/7/31/42/LOM,
 M204EGF,
 P27/31/2MLE,
 S466LGN, X194FOR
DD Travel A592NWX
Dunline
 0626, 5406, FNO6FLG
First Leicester
 32053/5-9/61/2/4-
 74/6/80-5,
 320807-93/5-9/277,
 32631/3,
 32635/9/40/1/3-5/8,
 62601/3,
 62716/35/6/42/4/9,
 66301/3/4,
 66306/7/9-13/5/6/8-
 23/966,
 66968-75/8-81,
 67233/614/23
Hardings P2HCR
Kinch Bus 921/3-5
Minsterley Motor Services
 FJ54BDN
McPhearsons
 N202PVL
Paul S Winson
 N3PSW, R282RAU
Stagecoach United Counties
 52368/9
Stagecoach Warwickshire
 31329/52,
 34112/493/4/9,

34628/43, 35174
Stagecoach Yorkshire
 70
Tellings Golden Miller
 YN54WWF, YN55WSV
West End Travel
 FN06FLL
Woods
 AHZ5195, CHZ4746,
 GNZ8153-6, LKZ3624,
 RIL4537, RKZ3624,
 TIL4048, XIL1447/8
Audsen Clarke Depot
 ASV895, CAZ6832,
 KAZ4524, KBZ8726,
 NIL8992, PIJ6075,
 TIL8251/2,
Arriva Midlands Wigston Depot
 as Buses are running in
 after evening peak
 1179, 2105, 2242-4/88,
 4701-5/7/11-5/35/8/40/1,
 4746-50/2/4/8-60/2-
 4/6/8/9,
 4770/1/2/4/7,
 9508/10/1/5
Stagecoach Warwickshire Rugby Depot
 13608/11/2, 14023/5-
 8/371,
 14381/2/7, 14516,
 20202,
 20221/3-5/813, 27502-4,
 31321-6, 32001,
 33351/2/5/6,
 40147, 50150, 52020,
 52446,
 52622

Saturday 18th November
Steve Jenner and Barry Harper

London
 London United
 SP1- 15
Registraion numbers below
 YN56FCA/C-G/J/FBA/B/D
 FBU/V/X-Z

Saturday 26th November
2006 Steve Jenner and Barry Harper

Bath**First - Depot**

10151/82, 20515/27,
43822,

51080/91/346,
53811/2/5/6,

52564, 66504,

First – Working

10174/8,
20205/514/25/42,
32684–32691,
42889/91/3,
53802/7/10/8/9,
66940/8/9/58,

Bath Bus Company

272 EU05VBG
274 EU05VBK
381 EU04CPV

Coach Park**Anderson, Bermondsey**

YJ03GXR, YJ05FXG

Applegates, Berkeley

AA02EFA

Berrys, Taunton

WA05JWU

Commandery, Worcester

YN04GOA

Copelands, Meir

MIB236

Crusader, Clacton

EU030JJ, W114BHJ

Docklands, Upminster

YN05AUE

Edwards, Llantwit Fardre

Y38HHE

Evan Evans, Herne Hill

YR52VEW

Harry Shaw, Coventry

M687KVU

Haytons, Manchester

BH53HAY

Holman, Mary Tavy

N42FWU

London Mini Coaches,**Hounslow**

TG04HOF

Newtons, Crumlin

WJ11726

Plymouth Citycoach

WA03MGJ

Ridgways, Wantage

M365VUD

Shaw, Carnforth

PN05AZW

Silcox, Pembroke Dock

Y199JDE

Thomas, Neath

8845EL

Saturday 2nd December**Andrew Williams****Central Manchester****Arriva Manchester**

1219/39/40/51,
2243/4/7/52/3,
2563/4/6/8/9, 3603/6/8,
7556

Bluebird

Y254KNB, CU04AMK,
SN04EGF

Bullocks S958URJ**Finglands**

1703 YX56DZL
1705 YX56DZO
1759 X585XKH
1760 X584XKH

First Manchester

30217, 31932,
40305/21/5/6,
40564, **61360tr**, 62236,
66921, 69189/92-
4/209/16,
69239/40

JP Travel

M77ABC, P2JPT,
S3JPT,
X703UKS, Y3JPT

Selwyns

FJ56PBF

Stagecoach Manchester

13628, 14239/40, 17067,
18024,
19017/8/48/51/6/60,
19063/72/7/8/81/7/8

Stagecoach South**Yorkshire**

4

Transdev Lancashire**United**

2750/64

Trathens 650**UK North**

153/6/66,
201/10/5/8/9/24

Vale of Llangollen

VLT483

Thursday 7th December**Mike Enstone and Chris Morton****Solihull****Central Connect****Claribels**

V390KVY, YJ53VDL

Nashs N8SHS**Ring and Ride**

0513, 0604,

Travel West Midlands

313, 1414/29, 2599,
2750
2866/71, 3041, 4020,
4143,
4146/8/55/7/60/83, 4257,
4338/62, 4453, 4520/2,
4676

Yardley Travel

N294OYE

Silverline

YJ56APU

Silverline Depot, Solihull

P123GHE, R188JBC,
T870JBC, W413KBE,
YN54BHA,
YJ55BKX (On Loan),
YN06CFA, BF56UAX

Travel West Midlands**Yardley Wood Depot**

1080/4, 1216/36/99,
1402/20,
2550, 2823,
4142/4,4366/8,

Yardley Wood / Kings**Heath****Midland Rider**

CAZ6617

Ring and Ride 0363,
0558

Travel West Midlands

1358/62/4/6, 1456/7,
2572,
2654, 2727/51/8/88/95,
2857,
4146, 4374, 9249

Kings Norton /**Cotteridge/ Northfield****Choice Travel**

Y392HKE

Ring and Ride

Y132BJW, 0344/7/65,
0617

Travel West Midlands
2710/31, 4334, 4613/49

Den Caney Depot
California

B2DEN, DEN17/69/83D,
DC52DEN, L600DEN,
R401FWT

*B2DEN is parked in the
corner of the yard in a
withdrawn state.*

Quinton/ Bearwood

AK Travel

L402JBD

Ludlows

N1EOS, Y283HUA

Major Coachways

T12MCW

Travel West Midlands

4007, 4566/90, 4700/7

Smethwick/ Winson

Green

Travel West Midlands

631, 1590, 1629, 3015,
4076,
4671, 4712

Hockley/ Lozells

Choice Travel

123 Y384HKE

Travel West Midlands

1665

Perry Barr

Endeavour

S453JRV

Travel West Midlands

3051, 4044, 4134, 4269,
4651

Travel West Midlands

Perry Barr Depot

2932, 3030, 3126,
4111/2,
4229/31/2, 4479, 4501/2,
6027 /30

Attain Midland Systems

Depot, Witton

DU02YBS, MIL1030,
N267MUS, R175GGR,
R183TKU, R268YJW,
R527CPW, R962WKX,
T50APT, VIL1487/8,
YN06CJO

Erdington

Arriva Midlands

2063, 3422, 4194

Central Connect

Y36YVV

Go Midlands 981

Midland Rider

CAZ6641

North Birmingham

Busways

6, 41/5/7, 73

Ring and Ride

0348

Travel West Midlands

280, 310, 1408,
1666/8/70/4,
1679/83/4/7/97,
3002/11/7/8,
3040/5/60/1/71, 3234,
4044,
4202/25/81, 4506,
4638/40,
4645/8/57/60/4/70/2/97/8

Flights Hallmark/ Central

Connect Depot, Long

Acre, Nechells

BU04EXS, KBZ4067,
KP51UFG, S81DOX,
T714EJB, X215ONH,
Y843/57XEW

Bordesley Green /

Stechford/ Yardley

Go Midlands

M109BLE, M810GFT,
P453BPH

Travel West Midlands

1572/6, 1628, 4436/7/57

Saturday 16th December

Stephen Evans

Dudley Bus Station

Travel West Midlands

116,
262/4/6/75/8/83/7/90,
300-2/17,
504/6/10/1/38/40/1,
54/3/5/53/4/87-9/96/7,
602/5,
606/10/19/20/45, 707,
1317,
1335/71/5-7/81/7,
1417/8/43,
1449/51,
1558/79/80/2/5/91/2,
1614/5/20/1/56/9,
1704/5/51,

1752-4/6/9/62/4/5/7,
3237,
4314/29,
4542/4/8/9/56/9/62,
4572/5-7/9/80/2/91/8,
4606/7,
4700/04/05/10/4/5/7,

West Bromwich Bus
Station

Travel West Midlands

278, 302,
519/33/40/7/52/78,
590-3, 621-
6/9/30/2/64/5/7,
668-70 /2/7/9-81/3, 1469,
1524/5/7-9/32/4/5/7/8/57,
1581/2/6/7-9, 1613/8/40
/2/58,
1704/5/7/43, 2646/96,
2782/6,
2806/59-61/79, 2903/4/7,
3601-5/7/13/4, 4294/6/7,
4315/6/9/20/3/4,
4543/59-61
4600

Sunday 17th December

Chris James

Norwich Rail Station
(1820)

Ambassador Travel
FNZ1019

Belle Coaches

SIL9243, W216UGX

Flights Halmark

BU51ZAK, YR52MDX

Galloways

3379PP, 5048PP,
5611PP,
AY53EEX

Happy Days WHA325

Simmonds HIB644

Staffordian KTF3V

Thursday 21st December

Ian S Turner

Peas Pottage Service
Station (M23)

Imperial Coaches
(Greenford)
Y158YDP

Friday 22nd December

Stephen Evans

Cannock Bus Station

Arriva Midlands

1150/9/60,
2010/2/20/2/71/3,
2087, 2286/92-4,
2323/5/55,
2357/8, 2701/2,
3301/3/14,
4165, 4696

Choice

28, 110

Stafford Town Centre

Arriva Midlands

1158/82,
2012/28/73/81/99,
2106, 2280/4/5,
2311/3/29-31,
2334-8/72-6, 2731/3/4/6,
3301/6/10/3

Bakers

YJ54CFA, MX05OTP,
YJ55KZT

Choice

107, Y391HKE

First PMT

65026/33/4/8/40/2

Saturday 23rd December

Ian S Turner

Rail Replacements

Horley (Surrey)

Go London

NV183, PVL344

Rail Replacements

Redhill Rail Station (Surrey)

Redhill-Horley Service

Go London

NV 176/83/7

PVL 223/52, 344

Metrobus

217/8/71, 357/61,
825/40/5

*217/8/71 are in the Red
Livery while all the others
are in Blue Livery*

Redhill Bus Station

Metrobus

224/95,
301/30/61/2/7/73/9,
380, 830/5/6, 935-8/40

Southdown PSV

T130AUA, GX06AOE

Chichester Bus Station

Compass Bus

J599DGV (Tesco livery)

Emsworth and District

G767CDU

Stagecoach

14818, 20623/65/7/831,
32532, 34523/7-9

Rail Replacements

Chichester Rail Station

Countryliner

WDL695Y, C521LJR,
W692MDT

Go London

NV 168/85

Go Wilts and Dorset

403, 3101/30

Marchwood

W232CDN, YJ05PXN

Metrobus

488, 841

Solent Blue Line

728/31-4, 818

Stagecoach

16260/307/9/10/4

Tram and Light Rail News (Martin Hall)

Croydon Tramlink- The new extension to Crystal Palace has the backing of 80% of residents but the tram will not be running until at least 2013.

Docklands Light Railway- Tunnelling work has begun on the Woolwich Arsenal extension and the station will be ready by 2009. There will be two tunnels built using a TBM called 'Carla', built in Canada by Lovat. The Woolwich Arsenal extension will be a vital link that will regenerate the area and play an important role during the 2012 'London Olympic Games'.

Edinburgh- Alfred McAlpine has been chosen to do the infrastructure for the new tram system.

Manchester Metrolink- MM will undertake upgrades of its existing track before it begins with the new extensions.

Nottingham Express Transit- Two new routes have now been given approval, one to Chilwell and the other to Rushcliffe. The scheme will cost £400m and the government will pay 75% of the costs

Fleet Profile

Nelson Independent Bus Services

The company is based at The Coach Station, Bruce Grove, Wickford in Essex. Nelson's operate stage carrying services and a number of school contracts. The fleet livery is yellow and red.

Fleet

BIL4710

Scania N113DRB

Alexander RHH45/31F

C51CHM	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH	ECW	H42/30F
C70CHM	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH	ECW	H42/30F
C73CHM	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH	ECW	H42/30F
C80CHM	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH	ECW	H42/30F
EU05ECV	Scania CN94UD	East Lancs.	H51/33F
G601KTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H47/33F
G603KTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H47/33F
G604KTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H47/33F
G605KTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H47/33F
G607KTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H47/33F
H228LOM	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H45/31F
H229LOM	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H45/31F
H241LOM	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H45/31F
H245LOM	Scania N113DRB	Alexander RH	H45/31F
H258MFX	Dennis Dominator DDA1033	East Lancs.	H47/33F
H264MFX	Dennis Dominator DDA1033	East Lancs.	H47/33F
H265MFX	Dennis Dominator DDA1033	East Lancs.	H47/33F
J266SPR	Dennis Dominator DDA1033	East Lancs.	H47/33F
J296SPR	Dennis Dominator DDA1033	East Lancs.	H47/33F
L890UVE	Mercedes 811D	Marshall C16	B33F
L891UVE	Mercedes 811D	Marshall C16	B33F
N811CSC	Mercedes 811D	Alexander Sprint	B33F
NDL652R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
P653VWX	Scania L113CRL	East Lancs Flyte	B49F
P654VWX	Scania L113CRL	East Lancs Flyte	B49F
P655VW	Scania L113CRL	East Lancs Flyte	B49F

Routes operated

- 2 The Wick - Wickford - Downham - Ramsden Heath - Billericay - Stock - Ingatestone (schooldays only)
- 3 Shotgate - Wickford - Ramsden Bellhouse - Ramsden Heath - Billericay (schooldays only)
- 12 Wickford - Billericay (schooldays only)
- 21 Basildon - Basildon Hospital - Vange - Pitsea - North Benfleet (Monday to Saturdays)
- 37 South Woodham Ferrers Circular Route (Monday - Fridays)
- 41 Shotgate - Wickford - The Wick - Crays Hill - South Green - Billericay - Queens Park - Hutton - Shenfield - Brentwood (schooldays only)
- 43 Shotgate - Basildon - Laindon - Billericay (schooldays only)
- 44 Shotgate - Wickford - Basildon Bus Station - Laindon Station - Billericay (schooldays only)
- 46 Langdon Hills - Laindon - Billericay (schooldays only)
- 47 Shotgate - Wickford - Laindon West - South Green - Billericay - Stock - Galleywood – Chelmsford (schooldays only)
- 50 Shotgate -Wickford - Basildon - Laindon - South Green - Billericay (schooldays only)
- 67 Burnham - Southminster - Latchingdon - Maldon - Danbury - Ingatestone
- 221 Wickford (The Wick) - Wickford Town Centre (Mondays - Fridays)
- 222 Shotgate - Wickford - South Green - Billericay (extends to Southend and Brentwood on Sundays)
- 237 South Woodham Ferrers - Wickford - Ramsden Heath - Crays Hill - Noak Bridge - Basildon Hospital
- 430 Nine Ashes – Stondon Massey – Hook End – Shenfield
- 431 Blackmore – Wyatts Green – Shenfield
- 432 Doddinghurst – Shenfield
- 434 Shelley – Kelvedon Hatch – Pilgrims Hatch – Brentwood – Shenfield
- 435 Kelvedon Hatch – Wyatts Green – Mountnessing – Shenfield
- 436 Ongar – Kelvedon Hatch – Brentwood – Shenfield
- 437 Ongar – Kelvedon Hatch – Brentwood – Shenfield

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