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Ulsterbus 2999 EEZ2999 Volvo B7TL (YV3S2G6225A107946) with Alexander (5406/22) H49/27F bodywork in Great Victoria Street depot

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Many thanks to Jeff for covering last month's magazine, for me due to my operation and hospitalisation. Unfortunately I have to go back in again in April for two more operations, so I will not be getting about very much in the coming weeks. Very packed magazine this month, in fact I have had to leave some bits out as there was just not enough room for it all. Anything not used now will be used in the future. All that's left for me to say is enjoy. *David*

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
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Sightings/Observations

Sightings can only be accepted on Microsoft Word, Excel, CD or by email and should be sent to - Maurice Brown, address on page 2.

If a member comes forward and offers assistance with sightings – hand written reports will then be accepted

Preserved Sightings

Preserved sighting reports can be accepted either **hand written** or sent on Microsoft Word, Excel or by email and sent to Maurice Brown

We are still looking for Area Representatives for the following areas: **West Midlands, East Midlands and Wales**. You would need to have access to a computer. For further details - please contact Maurice Brown

Contributions

Thanks go to contributors : Bob Moore, M&D and East Kent Bus Club, Southdown Enthusiasts Club, John Hatch , your sub editors, and apologies to anyone whom we have inadvertently missed.

We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

Magazine

The deadline for the May magazine is April 27th 2007. Please can all items be passed to Jeff Hall jeff@gb-bg.co.uk for this magazine as I will be unable to compile it due to hospitalisation. Many thanks. I'll be back for June.

Fleet News

Arriva

Arriva London: The double deck hybrid has finally entered service from Wood Green garage on route 141 as LJ07ECE. Beddington Farm based DWL (LJ51DDO) has been loaned to Arriva Southend at Grays. It is expected to stay around a month.

The new Enviro 200s began to drift into Ash Grove in early March, all being delivered by the third week of the month, maintenance of the buses will be carried out at Edmonton. Four further vehicles of the type ENS11-ENS14 are scheduled to arrive in July when route 393 extension to Chalk Farm is due to take place.

Route 462 Ilford – Hainault was taken over from First on march 24th, and three Darts PDL52, 53 and 58 were transferred into Barking during February to allow type training to take place.

Arriva Midlands : Allocation changes are as follows :

1149	Hinckley to Head Office	3318	To Service at Cannock
1178	Hinckley to Market Harbough	3474	Southgates to Market Harbough
2058	Head Office to Tamworth	3489	Southgates to Market Harbough
2105	Market Harbough to Thurmaston	3491	Southgates to Market Harbough
2242	Wigston to Burton	3492	Wigston to Market Harbough
2274	Market Harbough to Shrewsbury	4612	Coalville to Thurmaston
2275	Market Harbough to Head Office	9503	Shrewsbury to Wellington
3101	Cannock to Head Office	9515	Wigston to Head Office
3317	To Service at Cannock		

The following vehicles are sold : 1130, 1146, 1382, 3108, 3111, 3308, 4141, 4154, 4341, 4561, 4570, 4571, 4572, 9505.

Arriva North East - 03/02/07 - Neil Wise passes on a report from Daniel Duffy that **Arriva Durham County** now have well-travelled Optare Delta 4014 (K414BHN) at Darlington. This is presumably an interim replacement for 4055, though Neil also reports that DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4086 (J413NCP) has now been moved over the pits for pre-MOT work, suggesting it is being reinstated for this role. **04/02/07 - Arriva Tees & District** have reinstated Optare Vecta 1557 (L102MEH) at Redcar **08/02/07 - Arriva Northumbria** today inspected Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 LX56EUA at Ashington. It would appear that consideration is being given to some new vehicles for the X31 - let's hope so. **11/02/07** - Former **Arriva Durham County** Leyland National Greenway 3505 (SIB6705) is currently for sale on [eBay](#) in its new guise as a motorhome. I don't remember it being quite so luxurious when I caught it on the 98!

11/02/07 - Andrew Chadwick has noted a couple of other North East vehicles for sale on eBay. **Shoreline Suncruisers, Scarborough** are selling former United/EYMS Leyland Tiger / Plaxton [A521EVN](#), while a well-known Stockton-based enthusiast is selling ex Go North East Leyland National 2 [4697 \(FTN697W\)](#). **14/02/07** - Reports the removal of **Arriva Teesside / Tees & District** Leyland Olympian 7276 (G21HHG) and Optare Vectas 1511/6/22/3/32/46 (K511/6BHN, L522/3/32FHN, L546GHN) by Wigley, Carlton for scrap. **16/01/07** - Stuart Gray kindly reports that **Arriva Durham County's** Bishop Auckland depot are to receive refurbished Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1646-51 (R421-6COO) and Optare Deltas 4011/98 (K411BHN, P130RWR) to replace Volvo B6s and DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4083 (J926CYL). 1648 (R423COO) arrived at Bishop Auckland today following brief storage at Peterlee **19/02/07** - Reports the arrival at **Arriva Durham County's** Darlington depot of Dennis Dart / Plaxton 1655 (R430COO).

21/02/07 - Stuart Gray reports that **Arriva Durham County's** Bishop Auckland depot is also now home to Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1647 (R422COO). This and 1648 are expected in use by Thursday, primarily on services 5/5A/6/8/8B. Reports the somewhat surprising, of the reinstatement of, MCW Metrobus 630 (B90WUL), at Peterlee Depot **21/02/07** - Reports of the inspection of a second Alexander Dennis Enviro400 by **Arriva Northumbria** at Ashington. This one is demonstrator SN56AWW, and has Arriva names and legal lettering for its stay.

01/03/07 - Stuart Gray reports that **Arriva Durham County** Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4538 (L244TKA) has been removed from use at Bishop Auckland and taken to Peterlee. It may see temporary use there. **03/03/07 - Arriva Northumbria** still have Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 demonstrator SN56AWW on loan at Ashington. I can confirm that this is a Euro-4 model, with the ad-blue filler located just above skirt level behind the front wheel on the offside. **03/03/07 - Arriva Durham County** have in fact put Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4536 (L232TKA) to work at Peterlee, rather than more sprightly sister 4538! One of the R-COO (unidentified) was today noted in Durham depot. Joe Makepeace has provided a [link](#) to an interesting photo of an Arriva Optare Delta that has been heavily stripped at Gardiners of Spennymoor. Neil Wise confirms that it is not 4095, but the number "15" on the destination does suggest that it is ex Darlington. Could this be preserved 4090 (G251SRG), under (heavy!) rebuild or another example?

04/03/07 - Paul Francis tells me that **Arriva Durham County** Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4538 (L244TKA) is also operating for Peterlee. This and 4536 would seem to have replaced MCW Metrobuses 611/30 (GYE396W, B90WUL) as extras at Peterlee, which in turn replaced Lynxes 5009/11 (H253PAJ, J651UHN). 5009/11, along with 5016/20/9988 (J656UHN, H338UWT,

G510EAJ), have been sold to Wigleys (Dealer/Breaker). **07/03/07** - Paul Francis and Stuart Gray report that **Arriva Durham County's** Peterlee depot were today using Dennis Dart SLF 1652 (R427COO) and Optare Metrorider 2623 (P623FHN) on the 230/242. **08/03/07** - Stuart Gray reports that **Arriva Durham County** Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4535 (L220TKA) has suffered engine failure. Fortunately, Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1646 (R421COO) has now arrived at Bishop Auckland. **09/03/07** – It is understood that a Volvo B9TL Alexander Dennis Enviro400 is due at Ashington as with E400 SN56 AWW is at the moment **11/03/07** - Ex **Arriva Durham County** Optare Metrorider 2730 (M444HPF) is for sale on [eBay](#) **17/03/07** - Reports that **Arriva Northumbria** Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 demonstrator SN56AWW was due to leave at lunchtime yesterday. **17/03/07** - Paul Francis reports that **Arriva Durham County's** Peterlee depot is now operating Dennis Dart SLF / 1655 (R430COO) - maybe this will be permanent? That said, he also notes MCW Metrobus 630 (B90WUL) from the disposal pool still in use! **19/03/07** - Neil Wise reports that **Arriva Northumbria's** Jesmond depot now have Mini Pointer Dart 1721 (V721DNL) ex Redcar, in place of 1759 (NK53VKA) which has gone to Hexham, which in turn displaced Optare Metrorider 2612 (P612FHN) out - believed to Loftus, so presumably something will have moved to Redcar to complete the circle. **20/03/07** - Report that **Arriva Tees & District** currently have Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1648 (R423COO) at Redcar - presumably on loan from Bishop Auckland. **23/03/07** - Neil Wise and Stuart Gray advise of some movements at **Arriva Durham County**. Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1650 (R425COO) has returned from loan to Scotland West and is currently parked up at Darlington. In its place has gone Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4537 (L235TKA), which had failed on its previous attempt to reach Scotland. Sister 4535 (L220TKA) has surprisingly returned to use at Bishop Auckland with a new engine. It is also reported that Olympians 7211 (C102CHM) and 7425 (M689HPF) should take up their official allocations of Durham and Bishop Auckland, respectively in the next few weeks **26/03/07** - Mark Gibbon reports that **Arriva Teesside** have Optare Metrorider 2612 (P612FHN) on temporary loan following the failure of Vecta 1513 (K513BHN) and pending arrival of the new Scania Omnicities for the X6, which are now receiving the final preparations at Jesmond. **26/03/07** - Paul Francis reports that **Arriva Durham County** now have Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1652/4/5 (R427/9/30COO) at Peterlee. Neil Wise reports that sister 1650 (R425COO) moved to Bishop Auckland from Darlington. However, Stuart Gray reports that this will imminently move down to Pickerings of Thurmaston for refurbishment, with 1651 (R426COO) and one other coming the other way. It is anticipated that 1651 will go to Bishop Auckland and that the other will go to Peterlee and displace Optare Delta 4098 (P130RWR) to Bishop Auckland. Bishop currently have DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4084 (J927CYL) on loan from Durham. **28/03/07** - Stuart Gray confirms that the other **Arriva Durham County** Dart collected from Pickerings was 1656 (R431COO). Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4540 (L231TKA) is expected to be the next to be withdrawn. **28/03/07** - Neil Wise has spotted what appears to be former **United/Tees & District** Leyland Tiger / Plaxton 1346 (C41CWT) on [eBay](#) **28/03/07** - reports that one of the five new Scania Omnicities that are being prepared at Jesmond for **Arriva Teesside** is 4664 (NK07GZF), suggesting that the batch will be 4660-4. **30/03/07** - Mark Gibbon reports the arrival of **Arriva Teesside's** five much-delayed new Scania Omnicities at Stockton! They are 4660-4 (NK07FZC-G), with 4660-2/4 having rather funky leather seats for the X6 and 4663 having more normal moquette seating - this will presumably be the spare bus for the X6, which is also likely to see regular use on the X1 alongside 4659. All being well, these should hopefully enter service tomorrow

Arriva Scotland : Transferred from Arriva North East are 1559, 1689.

First

First Cymru: Three B12/Paragons have been transferred from Lawrence Hill 20542 (WX53WFA), 20543 (WX53WEW) and 20544 (WX53WFP)

First Eastern Counties - Delivered have been Volvo B7TL (Not B9TL)/Wright Eclipse Gemini 37156-60 which are registered AU07DXS/T/V/W/X.

First Edinburgh : Allocations confirmed are 30740, 30750 Bannockburn, 30742, 30744-30746, 30749 Livingstone, 60178, 60179, 60184, 60185, 60220, 60221 Larbert..

First Glasgow : A new vehicle noted in service here is 66990 SF56GYS. Transferred from First Manchester are Dennis Dart 40186 and Volvo B10L 60351.

First Hampshire: New arrivals at Portsmouth are Volvo B7TL/Wright 37161 HY07FTA 37162 HY07FSV 37163 HY07FSZ 37164 HY07FSU 37165 HY07FSX

Go Ahead

Go Ahead London: The last day of MD operation at Bexleyheath was February 27th The batch have now been de-licensed awaiting movement elsewhere.

The extra Enviro 400 ordered E57 is being allocated to Stockwell, with Merton receiving a PVL for the 200. The new Enviro 200s began arriving at Merton garage in early March, for type training before entering service during the last week of the month.

SE1 LX07BXH SE5 LX07BXM SE9 LX07BXR SE12 LX07BXV SE15 LX07BXZ
SE2 LX07BXJ SE6 LX07BXN SE10 LX07BXS SE13 LX07BXW SE16 LX07BYA
SE3 LX07BXK SE7 LX07BXO SE11 LX07BXU SE14 LX07BXY SE17 LX07BYB
SE4 LX07BXL SE8 LX07BXP

An additional four Enviro 400s have been ordered for a pvr increase on the 213

E58 LX07BYC E59 LX07BYD E60 LX07BYF E61 LX07BYG

Go North East - 01/03/07 - Neil Watson reports that **Go North East** Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 3818 (S818OFT) and Volvo B10B / Alexander 4875 (N950TVK) are both now at Percy Main. Steven Hodgson provides the details of Dennis Dart SLF / Marshall 598 (T429AGP) in the new Drifter livery of cream and white and blue lines swirls. **03/03/07** - Further Scania Omnicities noted in use with **Go North East** today were 5254/60/71/4 (NK56KJA/U/KG/L) at Chester-le-Street in red (54), white (60) and pink (71/4) and 5261/9 (NK56KJV/KE) at Washington in white (61) and pink (69). Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 3816/7/9/22 (S816/7FVK, S819/22OFT) are now at Percy Main. Still in use at Percy Main are Dennis dart / Marshall 8095 (M805GFT) and Optare Sigma 4777 (L477CFT). SPD 8204 (V204ERG) is another painted lilac and Scania 5247 (NK56KHT) is branded as West Durham Swift. **04/03/07** - **Go North East** also have Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 3821 (S821OFT) at Percy Main, while Dennis Dart / Marshall 8124 (N124WBR) also remains in service. **06/03/07** - **Go North East** have all of 3813-22 at Percy Main replacing all but two Spectras. The company website at <http://www.gonortheast.co.uk/> now has updated fleet information. **17/03/07** - **Go North East** currently have MAN-engine Optare Solo demonstrator YJ07ECG on loan at Gateshead as 9175. It was seen today on the 53. Scania Omnicity 5268, having not entered service until this month, has now hit the road on a "07" plate - **NK07GJO**. It is working for Washington in pink on the Red Arrows routes pending delivery of the Mercedes Citaros. This presumably has allowed sister 5255 to go for preparation for the 309 which begins on 26/03/07. Indeed, David reports that Percy Main has now received 5258 for this. **20/03/07** - **Go North East's** new park and ride livery for experimental service X67 which will take people from dedicated parking at the Metro Centre into the centre of Newcastle. Optare Solo 462 (T462BNL) suits the scheme well, and 461 T461 is also in this scheme. 20/03/07 – In a statement from **Northumbria Coaches of Ashington** reads: After months of speculation and rumours today we are proud to announce the sale of Northumbria Coaches to Go North East. Adrian Smith commented "The sale to Go North East is fantastic news and will bring many benefits to our staff and customers, Go North East are market leaders in the bus industry and with their support and expertise Northumbria has a bright and prosperous future in buses". All staff is to be transferred over to Go North East including Adrian Smith who will become the depot manager at Ashington, Glenn Smith will continue running the 2 touring coaches under a new trading name The fleets of Northumbria Coaches consist of:

F No	Registration	Chassis.	Body	Seat	Year
10	W632 RNP	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Mini Pointer	N29F	2000
14	BU53 AXC	Mercedes Benz 411D	Mercedes	15 seat	2003
22	R 9 HUA	Optare Metrorider		B31F	1997
23	GP02 DPV	Optare Solo		N30F	2002
24	W769 URP	Dennis Dart	Plaxton Mini Pointer	B29F	2000
25	NK53 TJV	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer	N29F	2003

26*	P190 SHR	MAN	Marshall Capital	B38F	1996
28	R413 XFL	MAN	Marshall Capital	B40F	1997
30**	B115 SJA	Leyland Olympian	Northern Counties	H74F	1985
31	VFW 721	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer	N29F	2000
32	W298 PTS	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer	N29F	2000
35	P459 EFL	Dennis Dart SLF	Marshall Capital	N26F	1997
36	S141 SPB	Leyland Tiger	East Lancashire	B61F	1986
37	KV51 KZL	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer	N29F	2001
38	KV51 KZK	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton Pointer	N29F	2001
39	NK54 PHV	Volvo B6BLE	Plaxton Concept 2000	N38F	2004
40	K101 JMV	Leyland Lynx II		B49F	1993
26*	J653 UHN	Leyland Lynx II		B49F	1992
34	J652 UHN	Leyland Lynx II		B49F	1992
33	J657 UHN	Leyland Lynx II		B49F	1992
27	J658 UHN	Leyland Lynx II		B49F	1992
39	M813 GFT	Dennis Dart	Marshall	B40F	1994
-- ++	Y 2WGT	Ayats	Ayats	CH57/18DT	2001
-- +	E186 XKO	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	(YSU 870)	
-- +	E187 XKO	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	(YSU 871)	

*- 26 is either used twice or P190SHR is withdrawn

** - 30 B115 SJA is understood to be sold to First Choice Travel Co Durham

+ - These two coaches ARE NOT in the deal and used with another company name

++ - We are NOT sure if this vehicle is within the deal

22 - Optare Metrorider was on loan to Gardiners recently

SERVICES OPERATED and included in the deal

- **Service A6:** [Ashington Bus Station - Woodhorn Museum.](#)
- **Service 105:** [Newcastle Shopping Park - Byker - Morrisons Circular.](#)
- **Service 318:** [Ashington - Silverlink: Commuter Service](#)
- **Service 332:** [Four Lane Ends Metro to Newcastle Great Park.](#)
- **Service 414:** [Newcastle to Pegswood via Morpeth.](#)
- **Service 516:** [Morpeth to Thropton via Rothbury.](#)
- **Service K1:** [Four Lane Ends to Killingworth Circular.](#)
- **Service K2:** [Four Lane Ends to Forest Hall via Killingworth.](#)
- **Service 31/438/445:** [Morpeth County School Services.](#)
- **Service M71:** [Kingston Park Metro to Bank Foot Metro via Westerhope.](#)
- **Service X23:** [Newcastle Central Station - Newburn Riverside Park Circular.](#)

Go West Midlands : Fresh vehicles in are 481 R50XF from City of Oxford, 621 N813WGR, 622 N814WGR, 623 N815WGR, 624 N816WGR from Go North East. Fresh vehicle to service are W335VGX, W338VGX which came from Metrobus.

Wilts & Dorset

Bristol VR KRU 853W has been withdrawn and broken for spares. Two new Scania K340 Caetano Lavante's have arrived, 3250/3251 YN07 EWS/EWT for National Express work.

National Express

Travel West Midlands

Rumours are that new Scania N94 are on order for service 50 Birmingham – Druids Heath, also new single decks are on order for service 97/97A Birmingham – Chelmsley Wood

Acocks Green (AG) : Fresh resprays are Volvo B6LE : 530, Volvo B10L : 1412, 1435.

Birmingham Central (BC) : Fresh resprays are 4033 into the new livery which is similar to the livery carried by 4700-4718.

Miller Street (XS) : The following vehicles have been sold, Metrobus Mark 2: 2622, 2633, 2678, 2845, 2912, 2941. The scrap row on 22nd March 2007 was Volvo B10B : 1374, Metrobus Mark 2's 2572, 2588, 2599, 2623, 3094, 9147. Also noted on garage were Mercedes 0810D : 271, Leyland Lynx : 1079, 1120, 1156, 1192, 1195, 1206, 1208, 1233, 1237, 1275, 1299, Metrobus Mark 2's : 2503, 2729, 2735, 2915, 2927, 2932, 2939, 2945, 3026, 3044.

Lea Hall (LH) : Fresh resprays are Metrobus Mark 2 : 3066.

Yardley Wood (YW) : Fresh resprays are Volvo B10L : 1455, Dennis Trident : 4359. Volvo B6LE 594 and 594 are in Walsall Works being sprayed in to a special livery for service 166 Solihull – Blythe Valley Business Park.

Travel London:- A renumbering exercise is being implemented to bring the fleet in line with that of TWM DC/DP400 etc are to be 84xxx, DC/DP700 etc to 87xx, DPs under 100 will be 80xx whilst those 101 above will be 83xx. ED's will be 94xx, ES1-6 will be 8101-8106, ES401-406 will be 8501-8506 TAs 1-99 to 9701-9799 100 and above to 98xx and finally Vs will be 90xx.

Route 490 has been retained on tender from August using existing single decks. The pvr is to increase to 14 from March 2008 when Terminal 5 opens at Heathrow.

Several of the new batch of Enviro 400s for the 452 were not delivered by the end of February so the 56 plates were cancelled in favour of 07s

ED18 LJ07OPE ED21 LJ07OPG ED23 LJ07OPK ED25 LJ07OPL ED27 LJ07OPM
ED20 LJ07OPF ED22 LJ07OPH

Stagecoach

28/02/07 – Stagecoach Group announces a massive 444 vehicle order as below:

Orders are as follows:

- 175 Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 double-deckers (ADL E400 chassis)
- 25 Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 double-deckers (Scania 230UD chassis)
- 18 Alexander Dennis Enviro 300 single-deckers (ADL E300 chassis – 12metre)
- 95 Alexander Dennis Enviro 300 single-deckers (MAN 18.240 chassis – 12metre)
- 5 Alexander Dennis Enviro 300 single-deckers (MAN 18.240 chassis – 12.8metre)
- 25 Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 midi-buses (ADL E200 chassis – 10.9metre)
- 50 Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 midi-buses (MAN 14.240 chassis – 10.9metre)
- 11 Optare Solo mini-buses (8.5metre)
- 6 Optare Solo mini-buses (9.5metre)
- 25 Plaxton Profile Volvo B7R coaches
- 9 Scania OmniLink single-deckers (13.7metre)

Stagecoach Devon

A second Megabus Olympian, 13627 (HIL 8410) arrived on Saturday 17th after use at Cheltenham Races. It joins 13601 which is now in bus livery. They are for the Plymouth-Exeter service. Exeter based Mega bus drivers went to Winchester in February to be type trained with one of the new Vo Pn 15 metre 3 axle coaches which will replace the Neoplans being used at the moment. The vehicle used was FN 54001 reg no CN 56 LSL.

Stagecoach East - Allocated to Peterborough is Volvo B10M-55/Alexander PS 20845 (P845GND). Transferred from Peterborough to Cambridge is Volvo Olympian/Alexander RL 16588 (S588BCE). Transferred from Bedford to Stagecoach South at Winchester are Volvo B10M-60/Jonckheere Deauville 52021/4 (L156/9LBW) for continued use as driver trainers.

Stagecoach Fife : Noted in service are Volvo B12's 54027 SF07AMV, 54028 SF07AMX.

Stagecoach in Lancashire: Leyland Titan 10884 had a coming together with a wall in Preston Depot and was towed to Morecambe on March 7th for repair. However on inspection the damage was greater than first thought and it has now been withdrawn. It will be replaced at Easter by one from Lancaster as three are being withdrawn following tender losses. Regrettably for me it means the end of the road for my favourite T56. But one never know it may have more lives than the fabled VRT having first been put into reserve around three years ago.

Stagecoach in Lancaster: Withdrawn Titan 10340 was towed away to Barnsley scrap yard on March 12th. Dart 32922 which has been parked at Morecambe for several months with a blown engine departed behind a tow truck on March 5th heading to Hardwicks scrapyards at Barnsley.

Stagecoach in Manchester: Dennis Trident 17725 (MK02EGJ) has joined 17719 at Hull. Others of the batch awaiting collection in mid March were 17709-17714. 18309 was also parked up at PS mid March. Meanwhile more MANs heading to Yorkshire have been 22088 / 089 / 803 / 812

Stagecoach on Merseyside: Aintree depot is to close at the end of April with services being transferred to Gillmoss, I'm surprised it has lasted as long as it has with the constant trimming

back of buses on Merseyside. A pair of B10Ms 20418 and 20419 both of which have been in store at Lillyhall for quite a while were collected on March 10th by Stagecoach Devon. The ex ABC Solos 47156-47160 have been placed in reserve prior to onward movement the first 47158 has been transferred to StrathTay. Also into reserve go the five remaining Marshall bodied Darts

Stagecoach North East - The **Stagecoach Group** have announced their latest substantial vehicle [order](#). While it is not known exactly how these will be distributed, it seems highly likely that at least some of these will come to the north east - early indications are the some Enviro 400s could be destined for Newcastle, though this is yet to be confirmed. The MANs currently used by Walkergate on Megabus work are due to be replaced as part of the process that sees the new 15m Volvo B12Bs rolled out on Megabus, though exactly what will replace the MANs has yet to be firmed up. Scott Cooper reports that Volvo Olympian / NCME 16431/3 (VLT255, WLT528) remain in use at Stockton. **02/03/07** - Noted **Stagecoach North East** Leyland Olympian / Alexander 14191/2/4/8 (H191/2/4WFR, J198HFR) heading down the A19 for Yorkshire today. **04/03/07** - A contact advises that **Stagecoach North East** Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 16431/6 (VLT255, 647DYE), Volvo Olympian / Alexander 16719 (N701LTN) and Volvo B10B / Alexander 21001 (M901DRG) were today transferred to Yorkshire (though 21001 may temporary in lieu of unavailable B10M 20269). Noted at Stockton this afternoon, however, were Leyland Olympian / Alexander 14192 (H192WFR). It is not clear whether that has been to Yorkshire and come back or has not reached Yorkshire. **06/03/07**- Ian (Yorkshirebus) confirms that **Stagecoach North East** Leyland Olympian / Alexander 14192 (H192WFR) did not reach Yorkshire **08/03/07** - It is reported that **Stagecoach North East** today had one of the new Megabus 15m long Volvo B12Bs visit for driver familiarisation. It is also understood that a coach from another operator may come on temporary loan for Megabus work. Volvo B10Ms 20244/69/72 (M544SPY, M709/12KRH) and Leyland Olympian 14192 (H192WFR) are expected to go to Yorkshire on Sunday. **11/03/07** - The vehicles that today went from **Stagecoach North East** to **Stagecoach Yorkshire** were not the four first expected, but Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21031/3/38/9 (L31/3HHN, M38/9PVN). The coach that is on loan at Walkergate for Megabus work is plain white Neoplan Euroliner YV03XUZ. Lee Johnson has noted Volvo B10M / Alexander 20261 (N551VDC) refurbished and in use at Stockton. **17/03/07** - Reports that **Stagecoach North East** Volvo B10M / Northern Counties 20244/69 (M544SPY, M709KRH) are both now back in use at Stockton. Steven Hodgson reports that Dennis Dart / Plaxton 32117 (K117SRH) is now in use in Newcastle **20/03/07** - David Helmsley advises that preserved **Newcastle Busways** Leyland Atlantean / Alexander 111 (EJR111W), in the care of the treble one group, now has its own [website](#) and is expected to make the trip to the annual rally at Kirkby Stephen & Brough on Easter Sunday **30/03/07** - **Stagecoach North East** start operation of the Newcastle-Gateshead City Sightseeing tour as a franchise from tomorrow. To celebrate services will operate for free on Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April - surely a good opportunity to travel on some fine vehicles! Full details are on the Stagecoach [website](#), along with a photo of MD John Conroy in front of Olympian 14669.

Stagecoach South East Movements:

To:	From:	Date:
SC East Kent 59208 FJ56OBT	Sca/Cae C49FT	New 02/07
SC East Kent 59209 FJ56OBW	Sca/Cae C49FT	New 02/07
SC East Kent 59210 FJ56OBX	Sca/Cae C49FT	New 02/07
SC East Mids 53006 GU52WTD		SC East Kent 02/07
SC East Mids 53007 GU52WTE		SC East Kent 02/07
SC East Mids 53008 GU52WTF		SC East Kent 02/07
SC East Kent 42371 S371DFC	MB/Alex B29F SC Oxford	02/07
9 Vehicles 42371-74/77/79-82 S371-74/77/7-82DFC – further 2 awaited		

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Independents

Eastern Counties

APT Travel, Rayleigh - Sold, on Ebay, has been Leyland Olympian/ECW ARP619X.

Beeston's, Hadleigh - Sold, via Ebay, have been Leyland Olympian/Leyland G285UMD, Volvo B6-50/Plaxton Pointer EIG1355 and Scania L113CRL/Wright Access EIG1356.

Carter's Coaches, Ipswich - Recently purchased from Ensignbus (dealer) are DAF DB250/Optare Spectra K310FYG and Dennis Lance/Optare Sigma M204DRG.

Cavalier Travel, Long Sutton - New here are ADL Dart SLF/MCV Evolution AE07DZB/C, fleetnumber 5335/6.

Excel Coaches, Stansted Airport - New here is tri-axle Scania K113TRB/Irizar Century R852SDT

Galloway Coaches, Mendlesham- Bought from Ensignbus (dealer) is ex Eire Leyland Olympian/Alexander (Belfast) 93-D-10159, now registered L842SNO.

Purchased new is Temsa Safari AY07CUC.

Konectbus, Dereham - Purchased new here are Optare Tempo X1200s YJ56WVA/B, they are to be used on the new high frequency 5 route in Norwich.

Mil-Ken Travel, Newmarket - Sold, also via Ebay, is Bedford YNV/Duple 320 E957WAH.

Sun Fun, Earith - Sold to Ensignbus (dealer) is Leyland Lynx F47ENF;

Trustline, Ware. - Sold, again via Ebay, has been Volvo B6-50/Alexander Dash M424PVN.

London

Blue Triangle: Have been awarded route 364 with 13 new single deck vehicles First currently operate the route.

Metroline: The first MAN 12.240/MCVs for route 251 have began to arrive in early March at NW, Being 10.2m B26D versions.

MM771 LK07ELH MM774 LK07AYE MM776 LK07AYG MM778 LK07AYJ MM780 LK07AYM
MM772 LK07AYC MM775 LK07AYF MM777 LK07AYH MM779 LJ07AYL MM781 LK07AYN
MM773 LK07AYD

NCP Challenger: The company took on route 493 on March 31st using long Enviro 200s the first of which are

ADL01 SK07DXE ADL04 SK07DXH ADL07 SK07DXM ADL09 SK07DXP ADL11 SK07DXS
ADL02 SK07DXF ADL05 SK07DXJ ADL08 SK07DXO ADL10 SK07DXR ADL12 SK07DXT
ADL03 SK07DXG ADL06 SK07DXL

East Midlands Notes from Cassandra Sweeting

Former Potteries 449 **K449XRF** Talbot Pullman is now a mobile fish & chip van in Leek

K716KBC is a Staffs C.C. – staff transport

A232GNR is now a promotional vehicle for TYREFIT, Barnfields Industrial Estate, Leek. Usually parked on road outside

152CLT RM (immaculate) – Parked in driveway at Morridge off A523 on minor road to Coombes Valley Nature Reserve

W57EON & N13PSV Leyland Convoy's owned by Mason's of Ashbourne

Trent 265/6 (**Y265/266DRC**) Optare Excel's are regulary out stationed at Ashbourne for service 107 – Mayfield to Derby

A new Solo **MX07BBU** belonging to Alton Towers has been seen in service

Boydons of Winkhill near Leek was finally auctioned off at the beginning of March. The company had been in business for 85 years. There were eleven coaches sold, plus workshop equipment. The premises are being turned into a wagon repair shop by the new owners.

Visit to Wints of Butterton (31.08.06)

Vehicles present: **DYY198, IIL7480, FT05PAY, HIL8244, SG52VFO, GIL9382 and H284WLM**

Midlands

Green Bus (Great Wyrley) : A fresh vehicle here is Mercedes Benz 709D with Alexander Sprint Bodywork M370LAX which is number 7, the previous number 7 E67MVV is sold.

M370LAX was new to Stagecoach Red and White

Yeomans: FJ07TKD Scania/Caetano Levante (National Express colours)

Yorks: 80 (YN07DZV), 81 (YN07DZU) Irisbus Cygnus C49FT

North East

Abbey Coaches - 20/02/07 - Reports the latest from **Abbey Coaches, Middlesbrough**. Optare Metrorider K392KUA has been repainted light blue, while sister VIL6938 (ex H176WWT) is withdrawn. Bedford / Plaxton A700OCJ, Leyland Leopard / Plaxton LWC444V (ex IIL4019) and Leyland Tiger / Duple AKG162A are being scrapped.

Alrite Travel Teesside - 27/02/07 - John Atkin reports that **Alrite Travel, Middlesbrough** Volvo B6 / Alexander L842CDG appears to be being used for spares, while two of the three (the third was missing) Dennis Dart / Carlyle H91/4/101MOB are parked up looking like they have not been used for some time. **01/03/07** - Scott Cooper has noted **Alrite Travel** Volvo B6 / Plaxton L842CDG is service today, meaning that the one being cannibalised must be either L409JBD or L445LWA **03/03/07** - It can be confirmed that **Alrite Travel** Volvo B6 / Alexander L445LWA and L842CDG are both still in use, so it must be L409JBD that is laid up.

Classic Coaches, Annfield Plain, Stanley, Co Durham - 03/02/07 - Steven Hodgson and Mark McCann have kindly provided the latest news from **Classic, Annfield Plain**. Volvo B12B / Plaxton UK05BCL have come from Burtons, Haverhill, while Volvo Olympian / East Lancs S10BCL has received a fresh application of bus livery and Volvo B12B / Van Hool WA56ENN has gained full coach livery.

Compass of Royston, Teesside - 28/03/07 - Tony Walshaw has kindly provided an update on goings on at **Compass Royston, Stockton**. Dennis Javelin / Duple (72 seaters) F481KFM and PIL9276 have been sold to Blueways Travel, Bournemouth, while Scania / Van Hool K5URE has been sold apparently to a midlands operator. Volvo B10M / Plaxton Excalibur YIL1232 (ex S1MFC), which had been stored, is now with Procters. Volvo B10M / Plaxton R512WDC, which had also been stored, have gone to Esk Valley Coaches. Ex-Commercial Coaches Mercedes 814 minicoach P557 DPY is now overhauled and for sale at ITC. Volvo B10Ms USU345, DSU313 & Y2POB (on loan from Procters) are now classed as permanent Stockton-based vehicles, whereas T730UOS has returned to Procters. Y2POB is branded for Delta Holidays in the latest livery style. Procters DAF / Van Hool tri-axle PR05TER is operating as the MFC team coach for Compass. Sold for disposal are Leyland Atlantean / Alexander EJR 107W (PVS Barnsley) & Dennis Dart / Wright K127 LGO (sold locally).

The EDEN, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham - 02/01/07 - The management and staff of **The Eden, West Auckland** would like to wish all contributors and readers of Jeff's Bus Lane a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. 2007 is to be a very special year, as it will be the 80th Anniversary of The Eden, and some special events are planned to commemorate the event, including a classic bus rally which will be staged in June at Bishop Auckland town centre (more details later), also there will be the opportunity to buy a The Eden @ 80 fleece together with other souvenirs which will be available after mid January. Anyone wanting more information on The Eden's anniversary souvenirs or the Rally can contact Graeme Scarlett or Traffic Manager Carl Irwin at TheEden80@aol.com

Gardiners, Spennymoor - 06/03/07 - Stuart Gray reports that **Gardiners, Spennymoor** have Northumbria Coaches MPD W769URP in use on the 109. Gardiners also has Northumbria Metrorider R92 HUA on loan ONLY.

Jayline, Horden - 06/03/07 - The VOSA website shows that **Jayline, Horden** have deregistered all of their service work from 28/04/07. This would seem to suggest that they are concentrating on their pop star work

JSB Travel Newton Aycliffe - 03/03/07 - **JSB Travel's** new Plaxton Primo was today noted in service in Chester-le-Street **01/03/07** -Stuart Gray yesterday noted new **JSB Travel, Newton Aycliffe** Plaxton Primo MX07BCZ on trade plates in Bishop Auckland.

Kingsley's Birtley - 03/02/07 -Steven Hodgson and Mark McCann have also been down to **Kingsleys, Birtley**. Open top MCW Metroliner B824AAT (ML28) has been acquired ex Arriva London Sightseeing Tour, apparently for the re-use of its gearbox. In stock ex Harry Shaw is Volvo B10M / Berkhof R78VVP.

Leven Valley, Teesside - 20/01/07 - Paul Thompson of **Leven Valley, Middlesbrough** tells me that his fifth new Cummins-engine Optare Solo T12GAJ "St Columba" entered service yesterday. This is to be the last new Euro-3 engine vehicle for this fleet. Paul hopes to be

operating all services (other than a single school contract) with low floor vehicles by the end of 2007. **26/03/07** - In a surprise move, **Leven Valley, South Bank** have added a sixth Optare Solo to stock. This is (Euro 3) Mercedes-engine 111 (T111PDC) "St Chad" and is expected to be used on Moorsbus work this summer. **28/03/07** - Paul Thompson of **Leven Valley** has very kindly provided some photos of his latest new vehicle. Optare Solo 111 (T111PDC) "St Chad" arrived on 22/03/07, entered service on 25/03/07 and, as can be seen, is of the shortest variant built

Northumbria Coaches, Ashington - 15/02/07 - Steven Hodgson also reports that **Northumbria Coaches, Ashington** Leyland Lynx II 26 (J653UHN) is now branded for service 414 with details of fare offers on the windows. It seems that the whole of services 414/516 will now be regularly Lynx operated. **17/02/07** - Colin Davidson tells me that **Northumbria Coaches, Ashington** Leyland Lynx II 33 (J657UHN) is now branded for service 516, the branding for this having been removed from Optare Solo GP02DPV. **17/03/07** - Andrew Lawson has noted that **Northumbria Coaches** Optare Metrorider R92HUA has been on loan to Gardiners of Spennymoor, following neatly on from the loan of MPD W769URP. **20/03/07** - This operating Company was merged into Go North East operations from today see under Go North East for more details. Major news is the sale of **Northumbria Coaches to Go North East**, as announced this evening on their [website](#). Northumbria is to retain their identity and continue to operate from their Ashington base. It will be interesting to see what happens as time progresses and how Go North East choose to use this strategic (and spacious) base in Arriva Northumbria heartland. It would also seem to be potentially bad news for Lynx and Tiger fans.

26/03/07 - Daniel Stazicker reports that **Northumbria Coaches** have sold Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties B115SJA to First Choice Travel.

Perryman's Berwick - 17/03/07 - **Perrymans, Berwick** still have Metrorider M865KCU in service. The 55-reg Optare Solo is confirmed as MX55EEB. Solo X733FPO has been on loan while accident repairs were undertaken to MX56AAN

Phoenix Taxis, Blyth - 09/01/07 - Added to stock at **Phoenix Taxis, Blyth** is Iveco Daily MX56FWJ, which was seen today on the 430 in Ashington.

Premier Travel, Blyth - 04/03/07 - Dave reports that **Premier, Blyth** has acquired MCW Metrobus C428BUV. Also present is preserved ex Busways Scania 413 JFT413X.

Redby Travel – Sunderland - 04/02/07 - **Redby, Sunderland** has repainted ex Northern Blue Leyland Olympian / Alexander E221WBG in red and cream, to a style not dissimilar to the old Coastline livery.

Smalls Thornaby - 01/03/07 - Alex Betteney confirms that **Smalls, Thornaby** Ford R1015 / Plaxton RAJ2X were the vehicle scrapped at Thompsons, Stockton a month or two back. Mercedes 811 / Reeve Burgess H156DJU appears now to be operating for Metro, Middlesbrough and the remaining vehicles are all listed as SORN by the DVLA, suggesting that Smalls are no longer operating. **20/03/07** - It is reported that a Stockton-based enthusiast has acquired one of the remaining vehicles of **Smalls, Thornaby** - more information will be posted if/when known

Stanley Taxis, Stanley Co. Durham - 26/03/07 - Steven Hodgson has noted **Stanley Taxis** Optare Solo VU52UEE in use - it retains Metroconnect livery, with vinyls removed

Tees Valley, Teesside- 08/02/07 - **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** has just sold Leyland Leopard / Duple (rebody) DWF23V on [eBay](#). **11/02/07** - John Atkin reports that **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** have acquired Dennis Dominator / Northern Counties B909TVR from the Coachmasters, Rochdale. Peter NArdone has noted a Van Hool coach registered C87CWX working here. Scott Cooper has noted Volvo B10M / Plaxton JBW68Y for sale on [eBay](#) **11/03/07** - James Stoker corrects the registration of the recently reported **Tees Valley Coach**. It is C87HCX rather than C87CWX **17/03/07** - **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** have acquired Volvo B10M / Plaxton D783SGB ex Rapsons. **23/03/07** - James Stoker reports that **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** have Leyland Olympian / ECW JWF146Y ex Stevensons of Easingwold. If I recall correctly, this is one of Yorkshire Traction's SHE6xxY examples re-registered. Dominator B909TVR is for sale on [eBay](#).

Weardale Stanhope - 06/03/07 - Garry Luck reports that **Weardale, Stanhope** has acquired ex Go North East Leyland Olympian / Alexander 3676/7 (G676/7TCN). These are supplementary

to existing Olympians, though may see off some of the ex Go North East Metrobuses in the interests of standardisation. Olympian F622MSL is now repainted, but not yet in use, while Leyland PD2 YUP6 has been repainted after many months of repair at Gardiners and now requires fitting out. Ex Weardale Leyland Atlantean / Alexander AVK176V has been back for repairs, now owned by a driver.

North West

A1 Travel (Warrington): Are now operating in St Helens after gaining the tender for routes 141/155 and 197. Four Darts R402/3/7XFL and R554UOT have been acquired from Ogdens the previous operator and are currently running them from Ogdens yard

Alfa: The five Volvo B12B/Plaxton due are 41 (PN07LLE), 42 (PN07LLF), 43 (PN07LLG), 44 (PN07LLH) and 45 (PN07LLK)

Blackpool Transport : DAF SB220's converted to driver trainers are 129 K129UFV which is now 969 and 130 K130UFV which is now 970.

Coastal Coaches (Warton): Arriving in March was YN07EEA an UNVI bodied Mercedes

J Fishwick & Sons: A new arrival is a Plaxton Centro 24 (YJ07JWD). This was the one on display at Coach & Bus. A pair of Van Hool bodied coaches (YJ07JWF/G) probably on VDL chassis but confirmation is awaited have also been added to the coaching fleet.

Fraser Eagle: New into the fleet is VDL / Van Hool Astron six legger YJ07JFE. One missing from the new North West Book is C7TYR a DAF / Van Hool Alizee

Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire: Will take over school route 503 from Ripley to Carnforth from April 16th one return journey per day, currently operated by Stagecoach.

Ogdens (St Helens): The pair of former Claribels Optare Excels V392/3KVY have been sold and have been noted with Arriva in Milton Keynes

Preston Bus: A pair of Lynx 211 and 213 have been sold to Malta both leaving Preston on March 3rd.

Rossendale Transport: The company is holding an open day /rally on July 28th celebrating 100 years of municipal transport in Rossendale. Olympian 23 is being repainted into Haslingden Corporation colours of blue and cream. A Scania Omnilink YN56NTJ was taken on demonstration for two weeks at the end of February. The coaching units three Volvo B12/Sunsundegui 301-303 have all been returned to Volvo at the end of their lease. All private hire work has been taken over by Courtesy Coaches of Oldham. The four remaining coaches 300, 358, 359 and 366 will be kept mainly for contract work. Updating the North West book Darts 120-123 are at Rochdale.

Staintons of Kendal: A pair of Setra S415GT HDs were registered in February BX56VUP and BX56VUP. Both had been bought last year and had been stored in the Yard of Silver Fern prior to being used. Also noted on rail replacement has been Volvo B10M / Plaxton Premiere P2 TYR. Formerly with Tyrers I don't know how long it has been here.

Swans (Chadderton) - New is BX07NLV

The Travellers Choice: New arrivals are a pair of Mercedes Benz / Plaxton Cheetah PN07LJA and LJB These will replace two Autobus bodied 0814s S958RBE and FX51BRV

WA/Shearings: A large batch of VW Transporter's for the new home pick up service have been delivered to the various interchanges

M001	YK07NXF	M012	YK07NXV	M023	YK07NYH	M034	YK07NYY	M045	YK07NzM
M002	YK07NXG	M013	YK07NXW	M024	YK07NYL	M035	YK07NYZ	M046	YK07NZN
M003	YK07NXH	M014	YK07NXX	M025	YK07NYM	M036	YK07NZA	M047	YK07NZO
M004	YK07NXJ	M015	YK07NXY	M026	YK07NYN	M037	YK07Nzb	M048	YK07NZP
M005	YK07NXL	M016	YK07NXZ	M027	YK07NYP	M038	YK07NZC	M049	YK07NZR
M006	YK07NXM	M017	YK07NYA	M028	YK07NYR	M039	YK07NZD	M050	YK07NZS
M007	YK07NXO	M018	YK07NYB	M029	YK07NYS	M040	YK07NZE	M051	YK07RRU
M008	YK07NXP	M019	YK07NYC	M030	YK07NYT	M041	YK07NZF	M052	YK07RRV
M009	YK07NXR	M020	YK07NYD	M031	YK07NYU	M042	YL07NZG	M053	YK06RRX
M010	YK07NXT	M021	YK07NYF	M032	YK07NYW	M043	YK07NZH	M054	YK07RRY
M011	YK07NXU	M022	YK07NYG	M033	YK07NYX	M044	YK07NZJ	M055	YK07RRZ

Warrington Borough Transport: New VDL 120/Wright Cadet B39F are 66-77 67/68/77 were still awaiting delivery as we went to press

66	DK07EZJ	69	DK07EZG	72	DK07EZO	74	DK07EZM	76	DK07EZH
67		70	DK07EZR	73	DK07EZN	75	DK07EZL	77	
68		71	DK07EZP						

Scotland

Bulldog : A fresh vehicle here is Optare Solo X248VWR.

Dixons of Erskine : In use here are ex Edinburgh Airport Dennis Darts N884HSC, N301JSC.

Fairline (Glasgow) : A new vehicle here is Optare Solo MX56NLT and is in Scottish Citylink livery.

Ferryhill Motors : A fresh vehicle here is Dennis Dart SF04RHJ it was with Horsborough but is now with First Edinburgh at Larbert.

Glasgow Citybus (Glasgow) : A fresh vehicle noted here is Optare Metrorider T915XUG.

Horsborough : 4 Low floor double deckers are due here for Airport services 555, 777.

Passenger Transport Services : A fresh vehicle here is Optare Solo X733FPO.

South East

Eastonways, Ramsgate - More Darts noted are 226 (L226SWM), 227 (L227SWM) and 235 (L235SWM)

Horseman Coaches: RX07KDF, KDJ, KDK, KDN, KDO, KDV, KDZ, KEJ Volvo B12B/ Plaxton Panthers.

South West

A1, Hewish - A relatively new operator based in a new Trading Estate just off the A370 after Congesbury, they have been awarded a contract for a local bus service in Weston Super Mare and have acquired Mercedes 709D M654 FYS from Ensign.

Alansway Newton Abbot - Oe YL 51 XCT, Oe R91 HUA, MB P922 LPO, P923 LPO, P213 JKL, P324 TGS, X532 AAV, X534 AAV.

Arleen, Peasedown - Mercedes minibus P7 ARL has passed to Mid West (dealer) of Cheltenham but the registration has returned and is believed to be on ex National Holiday's Volvo P321 VWR. Incoming from Mid West was YN05 VVR, a Mercedes 814D with KVC C28F body ex Hutchinson (Yorkshire). Also acquired from Somerbus, Paulton is the Midlands Coach Concept bodied Vario BX02 BCY.

Several elderly Bedford's have been disposed of.

Bakers Dolphin, Weston Super Mare - This year's influx of coaches have arrived, all second hand. From Shearings come Volvo B10M/Van Hool's C46Ft: W216 W217 & W219 JBN. From Dunline come ex Alpha of Hull Mercedes Touro's C49Ft: YN04 ANV, GSZ, HKK & JFZ. Fleet numbers will be 117-123 in order as above (Thanks go to Chris Rubuary, Traffic Manager, Bakers Dolphin) and Steve Jenner.

Barnes, Aldbourne - Ex Excelsior Volvo B10M/Plaxton Paramount 3200 VIB 3903 (F452 WFX) has passed to Roselyn, Par. The new Volvo B12B/Van Hool has been registered WA07 BGX

Blue Iris, Nailsea - New Toyota/Caetano Optimo V C22F WX56 TNN arrived in the new year replacing R18 LUE which has passed to Knight, Thornfalcon.

County Bus Newton Abbott Depot 25 2 07 - K324 YKG, L856 ENP, M464 JPA, M188 RLS, N283 VDA, N617 UEW, N 31 YJW, P100 AYD, P679 APA, P481 CEG, P394/5/9 FEA P922 LPO, R418/9 XFL, R616 BWO, W626 RKE

Eurotaxi, Syston Common - Another Volvo B7R/Plaxton has arrived from Mid Wales Motors, W875 UGY. Their replacements at Mid Wales are a batch of 70 seat B7R's from the Weaverway fleet.

Filer, Stanton Wick - Mercedes 609D PJI 8360 has been sold and replaced by RIL 6758, a Mercedes 614D/Onyx C24F ex Davies, Tredegar

Flights-Hallmark, Patchway (Rotala Group) - First of all, this company have not purchased South Gloucester Bus & Coach from Roger Durbin, but are operating out of his depot. They have won two Park & Ride contracts currently operated by First. New buses are on order, 7 Volvo B7RLE/Plaxton Centra's for the Shirehampton route and 7 Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini's

for the Long Ashton. Pending delivery, the services will commence (on 2nd April) using Volvo Olympian/East Lancs buses from the defunct UK North fleet. So far P346 ROO & P350 ROO have been painted up and are at Bristol. The fleet name "Wessex Connect" is to be used. The Olympians will be sent to Birmingham for schools work when new buses are delivered.

Grey Cars Newton Abbott Depot 25 2 07 - GIL 3113, MIL 2088, PJI 2803/4, SIL 3066, SIL 4470, 2091 MX, D603 MVR, E506 CTT, F105 SSE, G637 UHU, K 3 BUS, M 7/10 CCH, M169 SUX,

Hookways, Meeth - Volvo/Plaxton Paramount F980 HE is now registered NIW 8290, in are MB A20 KHA, Vo Pn X783 BTT

Libra Travel, Chilcompton - A fairly new operator, they have been awarded the new contract for the 94 Trowbridge to Bath service currently operated by First. An ex Arriva Cymru Mercedes Vario is owned so is the most likely bus to operate this.

Plymouth Citybus - The Council have announced that the City Coach operation is to be put on the market, and if no buyer is found by the end of the year it will be closed down.

Dart/Plaxton K102 SFJ has passed to Aquarius Travel at Penzance

Quantock Motor Services, Wiviliscoombe - A third Lynx has arrived in the shape of F556 NJM from Skylark PSV Two open top Bristol VR's have been aquired from Southern Vectis, UFX 856S and VDL 613S which was originally UFX 855S..

Ridlers Dulverton - Sca Ir YN O5 HDH from Haytons, Burnage.

SHEARINGS - Amendment, EURO TOURER not EUROPE TOURER, is the new name for their European tours.

Spa Link, Radstock - A recent arrival in this small fleet is ex Doig's Scania/Irizar Century W363 MKY

South Gloucester, Patchway - Dart W146 WGT has returned to Ventura ex loan, replaced by T152 OGC. A Dennis Javelin/Plaxton originally aquired for spares from Shaw, Carnforth, M338 EEC, has entered service.

Tally Ho!, Kingsbridge - With First cutting the 93 back to a Plymouth to Dartmouth service next month, Tally Ho! step into the breach to replace the Dartmouth to Salcombe legs as service 92.

Trathens Plymouth - Prior to Christmas 2006 they received a fleet of new Neoplan Coaches. One came to grief on an M4 interchange in London. From the enquiries to this accident, it was decided to return this batch of coaches to the dealer. The vehicles were LSK 507, LSK 807, LSK 808, LSK 815, LSK 819, LSK 821, LSK 824, LSK 825, LSK 827, 290 WE, SF 56 OLM plus one other. These vehicles are reported to be replaced by a fleet of Vo Pn 3 axle coaches 15 metres long.

Turners Coachways, Bristol - Two new Setra S415's were delivered in April last year but so far only one has seen any use. They are ST06 CJT and TT06 CJT.

It is believed two 05 plate Volvo B12M/Jonckheere's have been aquired from Parks of Hamilton.

Western Greyhound, Newquay - Ex Shearings Volvo/Van Hool J232 NNC has been sold to Newport Transport

Williams, Camborne - Three ex Stagecoach Volvo Olympians have arrived from Ensign, these are P801 GMU, P802 GMU and P803 GMU ex Stagecoach 16001-16003 and originally VN1-VN3. Older Olympian PJI 4983 passed the other way in part exchange and has gone to Travel with Hunny, Ipswich.

Wales

Clynnog & Trefor : Acquired is B660CET Leyland Olympian, Eastern Coach Works which was new to Yorkshire Traction.

Company News

West Midland's Bus News – Bob Moore

Ex Dundee vehicles now at Park Lane 3125 & 3126. A-Z have taken over route 698 and from the 1st April they take over the 512/513 route from TWM. Also from the first of April, Choice takes over route 613 from TWM. TWM 1448 Volvo B10L has received a repaint and refurbishment. The first Chase bus repainted in new livery is DAF Ikarus YBJ403

TWM Route 49A Rubery (Morrisons) to Northfield is to be withdrawn. Two of the YW B6LEs that operate on the route are being transferred to route 166 Blythe Valley

Ensign (dealer):

VEHICLES IN.

From UK North: Olympians R369DJN; R919/20WOE; R941/2/3/4YOV

Volvo B6's L407GDC L242/54CCK

DAF SB220's R396/7XDA: T164AUA: M630/763/822/33/45RCP: P902/9PWW W176/7/8CDN.

DAF DB250's P317KTW: V651/2/4/5LWT

From Stagecoach E Midlands: Olympians C335HWJ C649LFT

Lances M201/2/3/4DRG; K701/2/3/4NDO; L705/6/7/8/9HFU.

From SunFun: Lynx F47ENF.

From Metroline: Olympians V212/5/6.

From Go-Ahead NE: Spectra's K306/9/10/12/16FYG K125PGO

From Stagecoach Devon: Olympians F510/1/2NJE

From Williams Coaches: Olympian PJI4983.

From Carters Coaches: RML2270.

From S and M: M675.

VEHICLES OUT.

RML2339: Erik Lopez, Colombia.

L46/50/56/247: S and M Coaches, Benfleet, Essex.

L183 M697 M1339 M1395: Scania H234LOM: PVS for scrap.

L244 L258: Blackpool Transport, converted to partial open top.

Atlantean OTO558M: Nottingham Heritage Vehicle Trust, Mansfield.

Metrobuses WYW24T BYX214V: City Sightseeing San Francisco.

Metrobus BYX245V: City Sightseeing San Diego.

Olympian B275LPH: Grange Farm , Peterborough.

Olympians C602/33/49/53LFT: A2Z Travel, Walsall.

Olympian 91-D-1090: Foxhill Commercials, Foxhill, Co. Kildare, Eire.

Olympian 92-D-146: Alan Martin Coaches, Dublin.

Olympian 93-D-10159 now L842SNO with Galloway, Mendlesham, Suffolk.

Olympians P801/2/3GMU: Williams Coaches, Camborne, Cornwall.

Scania F154DET: Newport Council, Wales.

Lance M204DRG: Spectra K310FYG: Carters Coaches, Ipswich.

Lynx's K622/7YVN: Shamrock Travel, Wales.

Dart L89CWO: Pier Metals, Rainham for scrap.

Volvo B6's L407GDC L254CCK: McKindless, Wishaw.

Merc 709's M343LHP N625VSS: Caledonia Buses, Glasgow.

Merc 709 M654FYS: A1 Travel Services, Hewish, Somerset.

Volvo B10M's M407/9BFG: Swanbrook Coaches, Cheltenham.

DAF SB220's P902/9PWW: Bannisters Coaches, Owston Ferry, S Yorks.

Olympian PJI4983: Travel with Hunny, Ipswich.

New Deliveries

Barnes Aldbourne - WA 07 BZ.

Alfa Holidays - PN 07 LLE/G.

V I P London - YN 07 EXC.

W/A Shearing mini - buses. YK 07 NZH /J fn OO43 & OO44.

Hills Wolverhampton - BX 07 NKM.

Holmeswood - PN 07 EHB..

Panther Birmingham - YN 07 DVHACE Travel, Liverpool - MX06BRF (+2 others) Optare Solo M920, B33F

Andrews Coaches, Shetland Islands - AM07MSM, Volvo B12B, Volvo 9700 Prestige Plus, C49FT

Cavalier Travel, Long Sutton – AE07DZB/C, ADL Dart SLF/MCV Evolution, B40F (f/n 5335/6)
Felix Bus Services, Stanley - YJ56KBF, VDL SB200CS, Plaxton Centro, B45F
First Eastern Counties - AU07DXS/T/V-X, Volvo B7TL, Wright Eclipse Gemini, H????F (f/n 37156-60)
First Hants & Dorset - HY07FTA/SV/Z/U/X, Volvo B7TL, Wright Eclipse Gemini, H????F (f/n 37161-5)
Fraser Eagle, Accrington - YJ07JFE, Van Hool T916 Astron, C49FT
Galloway Coaches, Mendlesham - AY07CUC, Temsa TB282W Safari, Temsa, C53F
GG Carriages, Swansea - Unknown, Mercedes Benz Sprinter 515Cdi, Mercedes, C16F
Go North East - 41x Scania CN240UB, Scania OmniCity, B41F (registrations unknown)
Group Travel, Stourbridge - FJ56KUB/C, Volvo B12B, Volvo 9700 Prestige Plus, C42FT
Hargreaves Coaches, Hebden - YN56ORS/T, Mercedes Benz Vario O.814D, Plaxton Cheetah, C29F
Kinch Coaches, Minety, Wiltshire - TK07ADK, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther 12.8m, C53FT
Konectbus, Dereham - YJ56WVA/B, Optare Tempo X1200, B42F
McDermott Coach Hire, County Down - Unknown, Volvo B12B, Jonckheere JHV, C51FT
Metrobus - PN07KRX, ADL Dart SLF, East Lancs Esteem, B??F
Pershore Volunteer Centre - YJ56WVD, Optare Alero, Optare, B16F
Phillips International Travel, Bewdley - YN07DUU, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Paragon, C48FT
Readybus, Harrow - FJ07AEG (+1 other), Volvo B7R, Sunsundegui Sideral, C53F
Richmond Coaches, County Antrim - PBZ2222, Scania K114EB, Irizar PB, C49FT
Silcox, Pembrokeshire - MX07??? (+1 other), Optare Solo M950 (Cummins), B33F
Stagecoach Cheltenham & Gloucester - VX07CYT-V, ADL Enviro 400, ADL, H????F (f/n 19128-30)
Stagecoach Manchester - MX07HLP/V/Y/MO/U/V/Y/Z/NA-C, ADL Enviro 400, ADL, H????F (f/n 19096/100/11-8)
Stagecoach South Yorkshire - YN56OSO/P/R/U-X MAN 14.220, MCV Evolution, B40F (f/n39611-7)
Stagecoach Western - SF56FKN, MAN 14.220, East Lancs Kinetic, B??F (f/n 22510)
Surry County Council - LK07CBF/V, ADL Dart SLF, East Lancs Myllennium, B??F (f/n DME43928/31)
TM Travel, Stavely - YJ07JWA, VDL SB120CS, Plaxton Centro, B40F
TW Coaches, South Molton, Devon - M800TWC, Mercedes Benz Vario O.815DT, Optare Toro, C32F
Weavaway, Newbury - WA56ENV/W, Bova HD122-340XE, Bova Magiq, C32FT
Wilts & Dorset - YN07EWS/T, Scania K340EB, Caetano Levante, C49FTL (f/n 3250/1)

Preservation News

News & Events

Brighton Coach Rally: 14/15th April – Maderia Drive, Brighton
Carshalton LT Running Day: 15th April
Brijan Tours Charity Open Day: 15th April – The coach station, Bishop Waltham
Lancastrian Transport Trust: 15th April – Depot Open Day (12.00 -16.00) marking 80 years of the Leyland Titan
Plaxton 100th Anniversary: 21/22nd April – Works Open day, Scarborough
Manchester Museum of Transport: 22nd April – London Bus Day
Teeside Vintage Running Day: 22nd April – Middlesborough
LT Country Bus Rally: 22nd April – East Grinstead
East Anglia Transport Museum: 28/29th April – Steam & Vintage Weekend
Southampton & District Transport Heritage Trust: 5th May – Heritage Bus Link Day
Magnificent Motors: 5/6th May - Eastbourne Seafront, East Sussex
Cavalcade of Transport & Country Fair: 5/7th May - Rushden, Northants

Quantock Motor Services (Minehead): 5/7th May – Vintage Bus Rally
Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft: 5/7th May – European Trolley Weekend
Llandudno Transport Festival: 5/7th May – East Midlands Transport Gala (buses trucks & cars)
North East Bus Preservation Trust: 6th May – Gateshead Metrocentre
Catton Hall Classic Car & Transport Show (near Lichfield) 6/7th May
Truckfest: (25th anniversary year): 6/7th May - East of England Showground, Peterborough
BaMMoT (Transport Museum): 6/7th May – Holiday Operating Days
Ribble Vehicle Preservation Trust: 7th May “Brief Encounter 5” at Carnforth railway station
Manchester Museum of Transport: 12/13th May “Simply Red Weekend” (ride on red buses)
Sandwell Historic Vehicle Show: 13th May
Bus Driver of the Year (Area Final): 13th May - Charity Fun Day at Kent Showground, Detling

Events for the Tram Enthusiast:

Crich Tramway Village: 22nd April – Morris Minor day – a celebration of this British classic
The Llandudno & Colwyn Bay Tramway Society: 5 -7th May - Transport Festival/Extravangza
 “Big Launch of the full size replica tram 7.
Crich tramway Village: 12/13th May – A Model Weekend “Transport in miniature” which will include model, trams, railways, road transport and Meccano

Sometimes the above rallies can be cancelled at short notice – so please check before hand, as you don’t want a wasted journey

Sightings Report:

Victoria Coach Station, 11th March 2007 (Celebrating 75 years of service) - Ian Turn

JG9938 (1938) Leyland Tiger Park Royal C32R *East Kent*
CFN104 (1947) Leyland Tiger Park Royal C32R *East Kent*
WSL115 (1950) Bedford OB Duple C29F *Shamrock & Rambler*
LTA729 (1951) Bristol TS8 Duple C37F *Royal Blue* Fleet No. 1250
MUF488 (1953) Beadle – Leyland B31F *Southdown* Fleet No. 649
MOR581 (1954) AEC Reliance Weymann B40F *Aldershot & District* Fleet No. 543
390DKK (1958) AEC Reliance Harrington DP36F *Maidstone & District* Fleet No.C 390
5789AH (1959) Bristol MW6G ECW C39F *Eastern Counties* Fleet No. LS784
XUF141 (1959) Leyland Tiger Cub PSUC1/2 Weymann *Southdown* Fleet No. 1141
573UVX (1961) Bristol MW6G ECW C39F *Eastern National* Fleet No. 350
275KTA (1962) Bristol SUL4A ECW C33F *Western National* Fleet No. 425
ABO145B (1964) AEC Reliance Harrington C36F *Western Welsh* Fleet No. 145
FHW154D (1966) Bristol MW6G ECW C39F *Bristol Greyhound* Fleet No. 2148
OWC182D (1966) Bristol MW6G ECW C39F *Tilling* Fleet NoT312
HDV624E (1967) Bristol RELH6G ECW C45F *Royal Blue* Fleet No. 2365
PUF165H (1969) Leyland Leopard *Northern Counties* C45F *Southdown* Fleet No. 465
ANJ306T (1978) Leyland leopard Plaxton C53F *Southdown* Fleet No. 1306
KAD359V *National Express*
500146R *National express*
675OCV *Crimson Tours*

Preserved Bus on Shuttle Service Dunster Station – Village – Dunster Castle & Return Sunday 18th March 2007, Steve Jenner & Barry Harper

KFM893 (SLG131) Bristol LSG ECW B35R

A fleet of 10 West Midland’s classic buses gathered in Centenary Square, Birmingham on Sunday 25th March, for a charity event, to raise money for the Acorn Children’s Hospice.

In the fleet was a vehicle dating back to 1937 – Midland Red single decker.
The vehicles for the event were loaned by the Aston and Wythall museums

Vehicles disposed of from operator's fleets in to the preservation movement (First part)
- Jeff Hall

Last Operator	Reg	Fleet No.	Chassis	Seating	Built
Ulsterbus	GEZ8109 (AXI286)	286	Leyland Leopard	B53F	1982
Nu-Venture	IUI2142 (KYV341X)		Leyland Titan	H44/32F	1981
Flexibus	IXI7015	15	Mercedes-Benz	C18FL	1987
Ulsterbus	JEZ2954 (AXI299)	299	Leyland Leopard	B53F	1982
Marshall, Sutton-on-Trent	KNN959		Daimler	H30/26RD	1949
Ulsterbus	LKZ6715 (VOI187)	187	Leyland Leopard	DP49F	1980
Ulsterbus	LOI878	4878	Bedford YLQ	Rec	1977
Stagecoach Devon	LRV992	19992	Leyland Titan	O33/26R	1956
First Hants & Dorset	MBZ7140 (OTO151R)	39940	Bristol VRT	O43/31F	1976
Cherry, Bootle	RIL9158 (BFV222Y)		Leyland Atlantean	H45/32F	1983
Fox, Blackwood	UIB5303 (572RKJ, FKK846Y)		MCW Metroliner	C53F	1983
Gilkes, West Kingsdown	WKG287		AEC Reliance	B41F	1961
First Glasgow	WLT759 (WTS329A, WLT759)	39859	AEC Routemaster	H36/28R	1961
Ulsterbus	WOI2211	211	Leyland Leopard	B53F	1981
Ulsterbus	YOI2274	274	Leyland Leopard	DP49F	1982
Metrobus	719UXA (WLT298)	RM928	AEC Routemaster	H36/28R	1961
Guide Friday	ERV250D		Leyland Atlantean	O43/33F	1966
Arriva London North	JJD394D	RML2394	AEC Routemaster	H40/32R	1966
Arriva London North	JJD582D	RML2582	AEC Routemaster	H40/32R	1966
Arriva London North	SMK660F	RML2660	AEC Routemaster	H40/32R	1967
Arriva London North	SMK730F	RML2730	AEC Routemaster	H40/32R	1967
Newport	YDW758K	102	Scania	B40D	1972
Little, Ilkeston	PUO328M		Bristol	C39F	1974
Little, Ilkeston	LUG523P		Leyland Cub	DP43F	1976
Taw & Torridge, Merton	ODV287P (676GDV, KTT316P)		Volvo B58-56	C53F	1995
Mallard Weir's Tourlink	NMS576M		Leyland Leopard	B53F	1973
Mallard Weir's Tourlink	WCW318R		Leyland Leopard	DP49F	1977

Observations

Sightings – From the South end of Stockton High Street, Stockton - outside the Swallow
(National Holiday pick up point) Saturday 24th March 2007 (07.55 to 08.55) – Jeff Hall

Company	Fleet	Reg	Service	Company	Fleet	Reg	Service
Arriva North East	884		7	Stagecoach Transit	16433		58
Arriva North East	888		20	Stagecoach Transit	16437		58
Arriva North East	893		7	Stagecoach Transit	16832		58
Arriva North East	903		7	Stagecoach Transit	16833		
Arriva North East	1506		15	Stagecoach Transit	16834		
Arriva North East	1529		17A	Stagecoach Transit	16836		
Arriva North East	1531		X14	Stagecoach Transit	20102		35
Arriva North East	1533		17A	Stagecoach Transit	20104		61
Arriva North East	1640		214	Stagecoach Transit	20106		
Arriva North East	1723		20	Stagecoach Transit	20253		61
Arriva North East	1901		15	Stagecoach Transit	20254		
Arriva North East	1902		15B	Stagecoach Transit	20261		
Arriva North East	1906		X6	Stagecoach Transit	20837		52
Arriva North East	1907		X6	Stagecoach Transit	21102		61
Arriva North East	1908		15	Stagecoach Transit	21105		52
Arriva North East	1911		15	Stagecoach Transit	21142		61

Arriva North East	1912		15B	Stagecoach Transit	21148	36
Arriva North East	2607			Stagecoach Transit	21149	36
Arriva North East	2609			Stagecoach Transit	22061	37
Arriva North East	2612		7	Stagecoach Transit	22063	
Arriva North East	2618		7	Stagecoach Transit	22066	37
Arriva North East	2636		7	Stagecoach Transit	22451	38
Arriva North East	4038		7	Stagecoach Transit	22452	
Arriva North East	4063		15B	Stagecoach Transit	22454	38
Arriva North East	7271		X14	Stagecoach Transit	22456	38
Arriva North East	9962			Stagecoach Transit	22658	36
Arriva North East		W304PPT	15B	Stagecoach Transit	22659	36
ATL		P418VRG	66	Stagecoach Transit	22665	36
Compass Royston		BX04NBB		Stagecoach Transit	22668	36
Durham City Coaches		JSV487		Stagecoach Transit	22669	36
Leven Valley	LV77		505	Stagecoach Transit	22670	36
National Express	7077	S977ABR	380	Stagecoach Transit	22674	36
National Holidays	901	T101JBA		Stagecoach Transit	32182	3
National Holidays	905	T105JBA		Stagecoach Transit	33101	59
National Holidays	949	W229JBN		Stagecoach Transit	33489	59
National Holidays	950	W288JBN		Stagecoach Transit	33490	59
National Holidays	954	T125JBA		Stagecoach Transit	33492	59
National Holidays	955	T126JBA		Stagecoach Transit	33826	60
National Holidays		T199JBA		Stagecoach Transit	34401	60
National Holidays		T129JBA				

**Southport (Lord St) 31st
Jan (Alan Hayward)**

Arriva - 2214. 2291. 2292.
2726. 2802. 2803. 2813.
2815. 2817. 6521. 6534.
6589. 6616. 7639. 7655
Stagecoach - 16329.
16650. 20133. 52172.
52179. 52614

**Wigan (Wallgate) 31st
Jan**

Arriva - 1035. 1057. 2806.
6607. 6611. 6613. 7639.
7643. 7650.
First - 40066. 393. 394.
399, 60140. 141. 142. 145.
147. 148. 151. 152. 154.
156. 160.
60302. 303. 311. 318. 321.
331. 341. 342. 349. 364.
366. 368. 369. 378. 389.
390. 392. 395.
60663. 60930.
South Lancs - L812CJF
M51PRA. M99SLT
T84JBA V22SLT.
V928FMS W44SLT.
W187YBW. W396PRC.

W397PRC X195FOR.
X196FOR. X883OBA
Y66SLT. Y77SLT

**Saturday 10th March 2007
Andrew Williams**

**Gloucester
Astons (Kempsey)**
K544OGA

Bennetts
VU03DZC/D/E

Ebley Bus
3513 H887LOX

**Stagecoach Cheltenham
and Gloucester**

16411 18376/7/8/9/85/6/8
20694 34843

Swanbrook
L194OVO, VX55FWE

**Newport & Cwmbran
Bebb CN05DZG**

First Bristol
67136

First Cymru
21136
23504 FJ56PFN Levante

First Coaches
23205, 23324

Shearings

815

**Stagecoach in South
Wales**

20350/1/6/66 33554
34044/5/6/51/2/5/8/100
34101/6/37 35196-207/9
40566/74/6/708/9
41150/4 41405/8/17
42025 47432

**Stagecoach South Wales
Cwmbran Depot**

13619 16444/6
20362/5/6/870/87
29626 34049/56/88/105
40572/5/7/9/81
41332/401/3/22 42028
52152/281/300
52401/2/80 59601

**Saturday / Sunday 3rd/4th
March 2007**

Harry Metcalf

“The Gynn Square”

Blackpool

Byewater (Rochdale)

R473YDT

**Evergreen (Blackheath,
West Midlands)**

W466EON
Hitchen (Wantage)
 MJ11679
Limbert (Royton)
 J727SNE
Swan (Oldham)
 YN56FGE, YN56NTL

**Saturday 10th / Sunday
 11th March 2007**
 Harry Metcalf

**“The Gynn Square”
 Blackpool**
Dodds (Troon)
 YXD507
Fraser (Ormskirk)
 GSV304
Holmewsood
 PO54NAA
Vee Gee Travel
 TIL5084
Woods (Wigston, Leices)
 SIB1999

**Saturday 17th / Sunday
 18th March 2007**
 Harry Metcalf

**“The Gynn Square”
 Blackpool**
**Caigian Travel (South
 Wales)**
 G491SGO
**Filer (Babbacombe,
 Devon)**
 W445CFR
**Jordinson (Tyne and
 Wear)**
 W623NWG
Mainline (Evanstown)
 CNZ8261

Saturday 10th March 2007
 Andrew Williams

**Oxford and Witmey
 Heyfordian**

943YKN
Oxford Bus Company
 850, 951, 952, 953, 954
Stagecoach Oxford
 47449, 47450, 47452-9,
 59214, 59215

**Saturday 24th / Sunday
 25th March 2007**
 Harry Metcalf

**“The Gynn Square”
 Blackpool**

Compass Royston
 FL02ZXF
Holmeswood
 PN06TVL
Leons (Stafford)
 BT06LCT
**Oakleaf Coaches
 (Barnsley)**
 M146EAH, R952YNF

Football /Rugby Match Sightings

West Bromwich V Sunderland - D. Lines
 FN04FSF, P744BUF Style
 J335BBR Low Fell
 NUI6641 Unknown
 FJ51JYN, GO02STS, NK51ZSK, GB05BCL
 Classic
 GO04STX Scott Stanley
 GJZ5501 Grierson
 YR52ZKO Longstaff
 RJI2244 Pygalls
 UJI8782 Frans – Durham
 NUI5243 Hey Le Hole
 273GVE, 720HKM Lees
 EH2468 Cooper Cramlington
 YN03AXB 258NOG Tyneside
 YJOPXU Cooper Durham
 JJZ9129 Overlander, Chilton

Exeter v York 24 3 07
 Dodsworth GB 04 GDC team coach.
 Pearsons York FX 53 EGF supporters
 coach

Exeter v Rushden & Diamonds
 Yorks Cogenoe OUI 3916, sc SYK 901 tc

**Visiting coaches for the Wales v Ireland
 Millenium stadium**

Irish Coaches
 O5 CN 476, 07 CN 224, Sca Ir Whartons
 Cross Doney
 O4 D 23565 Murrays Mallow
 99 C 27387 EOS VH Cronin Cork
 06 WW 4000 Bray
 06 KK 4468 Rowan Kilkenny
 YN 06 RWF Cie Tours new 5 06
 06 D 6286 Eire Bus team coach f/n SP85
 Hodsons Navenby JC 02 HOD
 Edwards Llantwit Fardre BX 05 UVT
 Impact London FN 03 DXE
 Williams LowerTumble A 17 AVT, YDR 224
 BEZ 7230.
 Nelson Glyn Neath M647 UCT
 Taylor Stourport CC 05 BUS
 Williams Brecon WIL 2645, MIB 552
 Hayward Carmarthen TIL 4527
 Rees llanelly Hill H228 TCP
 Jones Login CU 06 ABX, CV 55 AVK,
 Price Trimsaran J796 KHD
 Anderson Bermondsey YJ 06 GKY
 Owens Four Crosses R504 XAW
 Brodyr Williams XIJ 616, EAZ 8418,
 Lakeside Ellesmere YN 56 ORZ, YX 54 BGO
 Richards Cardigan K530 RJX, CV 02 JSU,
 W894 NDE,

W439 NDE, P916 DEJ, T141 RDE
 Silcox Pembroke CU 51 HVS, CV 55 AZM,
 CU 54 KWS, W109 NDE
 Davies & Jones Letterson YDE 734
 Solus Fazeley P721 JYA
 Jones International 730 MM, B10 MM,
 MJI 3560
 Williams Newtown N 21 BDT

Thomas Neath T936 KEC
 Davies Lampeter X998 JOH
 Brown Builth Wells W208 CDN
 Thomas Llangadog CSU 936
 Lane Tredegar R132 XWF
 Hughes Llanelli SF 56 GLP
 Williams Felingwm PO 54 MKG, X915 CWN

Tram and Light Rail News (Martin Hall)

Clyde Fastlink – The project for ‘trams on tyres’ - (buses) has been delayed in Glasgow because of the lack of funding.

Edinburgh – The tram system in Edinburgh has now got the green light and the first part of the scheme is to begin in April with a completion date of 2010

LUAS – The Dublin system is doing well with a 17% increase of passenger numbers so they hope to increase the number of trams they operate

Manchester Metrolink – MML is to relay some 20 miles of track in an upgrade of the system and order 8 more trams to work on the Bury section.

Midland Metro – Because of a crash between two trams on 19th December 2006 the frequency of the services are to be cut

Tyne and Wear Metro – TWM needs a mass injection of cash if it is to modernize its trains, ticketing machines and control barriers, if not passengers will leave the metro and revert to cars causing congestion on the roads.

Nottingham Express Transit – A new survey has found that passenger numbers on buses has fell by at least 10% since the tram system was launched but I thought the idea was to have an integrated public transport system where bus, train and trams work in harmony with each other having their own areas to cover or is that wishful thinking.

Sheffield Supertram – Stagecoach has now completed 8 refurbishments on its tram fleet with **105, 107, 115, 119, 104, 101, 121** and **122** completed and **120** being the next.

Tram Briefs:

Blackpool - Railcoach **678** is now out of service and tram **147** is now back in service. Trams in service for Easter - **40, 147, 602, 605, 622, 623, 626, 630, 631, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 680 700, 701, 707, 709, 711, 712, 713, 718, 719, 722, 723, 724 761 & 762**

DLR – Buses replaced services between Stratford and Bow Church on 10/11th March. This was due to a new station being built at Stratford.

Nottingham – It is reported that on the Hucknall line more than 26,000 journeys a day are being taken.

Fleet Profile

E. Stott & Sons

E. Stott & Sons is a family run business with over 50 years experience in coach operations and is one of the leading operators in West Yorkshire. Stott's fleet contains Executive and Standard coaches.

The company operate excursions & tours, private hire, continental tours, school contracts and local bus services the fleet is garaged at Colne Vale, Milnsbridge, in Huddersfield. The livery is White/red/Black.

Ticket system is Wayfarer. There is also an informative web site at – www.stottscoaches.co.uk

REG NO	MODEL/MAKE		
WIB2951	VOLVO	PLAXTON	?
SA02CCY	VOLVO	SUNSUNDEGUI	?
SA02CCZ	VOLVO	SUNSUNDEGUI	?
SA02CCX	VOLVO	SUNSUNDEGUI	C49
SC02MXD	VOLVO	SUNSUNDEGUI	C49
Y162EAY	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49
X215AWB	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49

W482ASB	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49
W483ASB	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49
R480GLG	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49
R481GLG	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49
S577XOM	MERC	PLAXTON	B27
S578XOM	MERC	PLAXTON	B27
S579XOM	MERC	PLAXTON	B27
T293ROF	MERC	PLAXTON	B31
M80TGM	MERC	PLAXTON	B23
M90TGM	MERC	PLAXTON	B23
H920FGS	MERC	PLAXTON	B23
G914UPP	MERC	PLAXTON	B23
G293KWY	LEYLAND	LYNX	B49
F290AWW	LEYLAND	LYNX	B49
E258TUB	LEYLAND	LYNX	B49
D102NDW	LEYLAND	LYNX	B49

Vehicles recently sold

A12ESS	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49
NSV894	VOLVO	PLAXTON	C49

Local Bus Services

- H1 H2** Holmfirth to Totties Circular *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday service)*
- H3** Holmfirth to Upperthong - *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday Service)*
- H4** Holmfirth to Brockholes - *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday Service)*
- H5** Holmfirth to Deanhouse - *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday service)*
- H7** Holmfirth to Holmbridge Circular – *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday Service)*
- 335** Holmfirth – Meltham – Slaithwaite – Marsden – *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday Service)*
- 390/391** Colne Valley Circular – *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday Service)*
- 396/397** Colne Valley Circular – *Monday to Saturday (No Sunday Service)*



SC02MXD Volvo B12M with Sunsundegui C49F bodywork Photo courtesy of Stott's

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