

# The Trident

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This month we feature Wilfreda Beehive in our Fleet Profile series. Seen at Doncaster is Wilfreda Beehive's Optare Tempo YJ05XOO with a 707 service (Jeff Hall)

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# Noticeboard

## Editors Bit

This month we welcome Dave Francis as your West Midlands area representative. By the time you receive this magazine, David Sharpe should have undergone surgery on his back, so I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

## 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 - Gerry Allen (Surrey), Dave Francis (Birmingham) and Ernest Wilson (West Lothian)

## Contributions

Thanks go to contributors Arthur Moorse, John Hatch, Cassandra Sweeting, Mike Enstone, Malcom Hicks, Stephen Evans, Chris Morton, Anthony Walton, Andrew Williams, Merv Price and apologies to anyone whom we have inadvertently missed.

We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

## Magazine

The deadline for the June magazine is May 27<sup>th</sup> 2007.

# Fleet News

## Arriva

**Arriva Midlands (Chase)** - The following Leyland Nationals have had their fronts painted in to Arriva Livery : 31, 38, 40, 53, 55, the 3 Dennis Darts and the DAF SB220 are already in full Arriva livery.

**Arriva London:** Operation of route 20 was moved from Barking to Edmonton, which has resulted in a swap around of double decks with VLW86-96 moving from Barking to Stamford Hill releasing DLA299-307, 309 and 310 to Edmonton. Haeding into Barking for use on route 462 have been PDL52-60.

**Arriva Kent Thameside:** The second Fastrack service, route A Dartford – Bluewater, isn't due to commence for a while yet but the first buses, Volvo B7RLE/Wrights, have been filtering in through Fleetwood docks. The full batch will be

3815	GN07AVB	3818	GN07AVE	3821	GN07AVJ	3823	GN07AVL	3825	GN07AVN
3816	GN07AVC	3819	GN07AVF	3822	GN07AVK	3824	GN07AVM	3826	GN07AVO
3817	GN07AVD	3820	GN07AVG						

Metrorider 1850 has been sold to Erith Commercials

## Arriva North East:

**30/03/07** - Mark Gibbon reports the arrival of **Arriva Teesside's** five much-delayed new Scania OmniCity's 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.

**07/04/07** - Neil Watson has reported **Arriva Northumbria** Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 7414 (P414CCU) working for Ashington in recent days, as confirmed by my photo of it on the X31 today.

**Arriva Durham County's** Durham depot resumed operation of the X61 Durham - Scarborough this weekend, with Volvo Olympian / East Lancs 7422 (M686HPF) again the regular bus. This, of course, meant that it's usual Saturday task of the X27 had to be worked by something else, this today being MCW Metrobus 630 (B90WUL), which is currently listed for disposal, but has been in use at Peterlee.

Alex Kennedy reports that **Arriva Tees & District's** Loftus depot were unable to send DAF Coaches 1206/7 (V206/7DJR) to Redcar to work the summer 93 and have instead send sister 1208 (V208DJR), partnered by Optare Vecta 1509 (K509BHN) which had been supposed to move from Stockton to Loftus. Loftus instead have reserve fleet 1514 (K514BHN).

**13/04/07** - Last week **Tyne Blue Line / Kimberleys of Prudhoe** went out of business. Neil Wise, Mark Westgarth and Robert Hall all report that, for a period of one week while Northumberland County Council sorted out what/who would operate their services in the longer term, **Arriva Northumbria** took on operation of services 601 (Prudhoe Town) and 686 (Prudhoe - Ovington) and **Classic** took on service 673 Newcastle - Whittingstall. It will be interesting to see what happens to these over the next week. Dave reports that Leyland Olympian / ECW 7224 (D146FYM) is on loan to Blyth from Durham.

**17/04/07** - **Arriva Tees & District** Optare Prisma 3006 (N806XHN) and DAF SB3000 / Plaxton 1206 (V206DJR) were both damaged in an accident in Middlesbrough Bus Station on Saturday. Having seen the damage to 1206, it would seem that the will both be off for a good few weeks. Thanks to all who reported this?

Ian Wilson confirms that **Arriva Teesside** Optare Vecta 1525 (L525FHN) has been removed from service in place of 1521 (L521FHN).

**Arriva Durham County** Optare Delta 4015 (K415BHN) has taken its place in reserve, now stored at Ashington.

**23/04/07** - Wayne Picknett reports that **Arriva Tees & District** Optare Metrorider 2642 (P642FHN) has been sent to Hexham

This is presumably because **Arriva Northumbria** has been awarded the contract to run former Tyne Blue Line services 601 and 686 until September following the initial 1-week emergency contract.

Steve reports that **Arriva Durham County** have taken Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4534/5/40 (L219/20/33TKA) out of service, leaving Bishop Auckland B6-free. However, I noted on Saturday that Peterlee are again using reserve fleet B6 4536 (L232TKA).

**24/04/07** - Ray Parnaby reports that **Arriva Northumbria** have reinstated Optare Delta 4015 (K415BHN) to Jesmond and had it out on the 356 today.

**29/04/07** - Neil Wise and Wayne Picknett report that **Arriva Tees & District** have gained freshly refurbished Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1650 (R425COO) at Redcar. This has allowed Mini Pointer Dart 1727 (V727DNL) to be moved to Darlington - see below. James Ingram reports that reserve fleet Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4536 (L232TKA) has been working service 94 in Whitby for the last week - a very unusual place to see a B6!

As noted above **Arriva Durham County** have gained Mini Pointer Dart 1727 (V727DNL) at Darlington. This is for service 72/X72 Darlington - Northallerton, which has been won back from Proctors on NYCC tender. Stuart Gray reports that Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4539 (L225TKA) has returned from Scotland and is now parked up at Durham, along with sister 4540 (L231TKA), which is receiving attention there. Sister 4534 (L219TKA) still sees service at the moment, but will be withdrawn soon. Optare Delta 4098 (P130RWR) has now arrived at Bishop Auckland, but Dennis Dart / Northern Counties 1685 (L141YVK) has suffered engine failure. Optare Vecta 1550 (L550GHN) is now in reserve, while sister 1548 (L548GHN) is now heavily cannibalised. Mark Williams tells me that the **Arriva Northumbria** vehicle that was badly damaged in an accident this week was Scania L113 / East Lancs 273 (P273VRG) and is likely to be written off. Optare Delta 4015 (K415BHN) is now filling in at Ashington

## First

### First Eastern Counties

Transfers are;

From Lowestoft to Great Yarmouth, Dennis Dart/Northern Counties Paladin 40185/7 (M610/2SBA) and Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer 46041/2, 46601 (K741/2JAH, L501VHU).

From Norwich to Lowestoft via Great Yarmouth, Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 2 43463-7 (R463-7CAH).

From Lowestoft to Ipswich, Dennis Dart/Alexander Dash 46014/5 (J514/5FPS).

From Great Yarmouth to Ipswich, Volvo B6-50/Alexander Dash 48011/4 (L101/4WYS).

Withdrawn from Lowestoft is Dennis Dart/Wright Handybus 45426 (LDZ9126), withdrawn from Ipswich is Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer 46380 (M380YEX) and Volvo B6-50/Plaxton Pointer 48091 (M591ANG), withdrawn from Great Yarmouth (and collected by Wigley, Carlton) is Volvo B6-50/Alexander Dash 48001 (L101PWR).

Dennis Darts 43463, 43465, 43466, 43467 have been noted working of Lowestoft depot, so may have been transferred from Norwich.

Collected for scrap from Ipswich are Volvo B6-50/Alexander Dash 48071 (M871DYS) and Plaxton Pointer bodied 48088 (M588ANG).

**First Edinburgh** - Volvo Olympian 30747 is now working of Livingstone depot joining 30742/4-6/8/9. Fresh respray is Volvo Olympian 34067. Volvo B10 38089 is now being used as a driver trainer, and is in the new style barbie livery. 62333 is part cannibalised in Livingstone depot. 20371 has now joined 20370 for use on Borderlink service, 20370 is at Hawick, 20371 is at Kelso.

**First Berkshire:** The last of the Dart SLF / East Lancs for Ride Pegasus services have now been delivered coded DME.

43928 LK07CBF 43929 LJ07CBO 43930 LJ07CBU 43931 LJ07CBV  
43932 LJ07CBX

Scania's 64811 and 64812 have been transferred to Glasgow

**First Leeds:** Now in service at Bramley for Route 4 are "ftr" Wright Streetcars

19012 YJ06XLR 19015 YJ56EAC 19017 YJ56EAF 19019 YJ07LVL 19021 YJ07LVN  
19013 YJ06XLS 19016 YJ56EAE 19018 YJ56EAG 19020 YJ07LVM 19022 YJ07LVO  
19014 YJ56EAA

Also new into service at Cherry Row are four Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban

66995 YJ07LWC 66996 YJ07LWD 66997 YJ07LWD 66998 YJ07LWF

**First London:** Following the loss of routes 362 and 462 the DMS class Darts were moved to the 193 displacing the incumbent Solo's 53101-111 which have now been moved to store at Hayes pending reallocation elsewhere in First.

**First PMT:** Route 18 (Leek – Hanley) this service is usually operated by Darts 40003, 40030, 40148 -155 – occasionally by Solo's like on the 10<sup>th</sup> April and even Mercedes 814s.

Fleet additions are 40180 **V41DTE** Solo, 60173 **V142DND** Scania, 60174 **V122DND**, 60175 **V330DBU**, 60183 **V131DND**

## Go Ahead

**Docklands Minibuses: Darts** LDP16, 65 and 79 have gone back to Go Ahead London after their spell on loan. Fleet numbers have started to be applied I will list them next month when more of the buses have been done.

**Oxford Bus Company:** "the airline" service between Oxford and Heathrow / Gatwick has seen a major investment following the arrival of ten Plaxton Panther bodied Volvo B12Bs C48FT equipped with Plaxton's "Magic Floor" to enable a wheelchair to be carried.

81 AB07OXS 83 CB07OXS 85 EB07OXS 87 GB07OXS 89 JB07OXS  
82 B07OXS 84 DB07OXS 86 FB07OXS 88 HB07OXS 90 KB07OXS

The arrival of these has led to some cascading amongst the coach fleet, with Volvo B12b/ Jonckheere's 51-56 being re-numbered to 29-34 and transferred to the Oxford Express. 8, 11, 69 and 70 have been transferred to Wilts & Dorset, 9 and 12 to Go West Midlands whilst 17 is being retained as a trainer being renumbered to 961

**Go North East:** Steven Hodgson reports that the three remaining red Scania OmniCity's at **Go North East**, 5251-3, have gained vinyls with a large Go North East logo. These three are usually found on the 15 Consett - Durham, but deputise elsewhere. Graeme Warnes reports Dart SLF 583 now in Drifter livery, but without vinyls.

**04/04/07** - Steven Hodgson reports that **Go North East** have Scania OmniCity demonstrator YN07EXP on loan at Chester-le-Street while native examples receive warranty work. He also reports that Dennis Trident 3868 (W178SCU) is now in "spare" white. Neil Watson confirms sister 3864 (W864PNL) also in Coaster livery.

**07/04/07** - **Go North East** have painted Super Pointer Dart 8206 (V206EBR) white, while Volvo Olympian 3823 (S823OFT) was in use on Bargain Bus work this afternoon.

**13/04/07** - Today I noted that **Go North East** DAF SB120 / Wright 8252 is now at Chester-le-Street ex Deptford (part of an experimental swap, I believe) and Scania 4955 is all over blue as spare for 309/R19.

**17/04/07** - Andrew reports that **Go North East** Dennis Dart SLF / Marshall 585/6 are both now in full drifter livery and 587 is in beige

**23/04/07** - Andrew Tyldsley reports that **Go North East** has inspected Optare Versa YJ56ATF at Bensham Head Office. This was not used in service. It is now well known that service 30 is to be altered to replace Jayline service 211 between Peterlee and Middlesbrough from 04/06/07, but reports from two anonymous informers suggest that some sort of deal may have been done for Jayline's staff and service buses. It is also understood that some divisional changes are in the pipeline

**25/04/07** - Steven Hodgson has kindly provided the details of **Go North East** Volvo B10M / Plaxton 7074 (YSU874), which is now branded for use on the revamped X23 Durham – Metro Centre/Newcastle.

## **National Express**

### **Travel West Midlands**

**Acocks Green (AG)** – 539 is still off the road.

**Birmingham Central (BC)** - 4123 is a fresh respray

**Lea Hall (LH)** – 2758 was noted working on service 26 on 16/04, but was back at Yardley Wood on 17/04.

**Miller Street (XS)** – Parked in the main garage are about 6 ex Travel London Tridents the only ones that are identifiable are TA9, TA17.

**Perry Barr (PB)** -1462 is a fresh respray

**National Express** started their 370 Birmingham - Southall service on Monday 23/04. The service, provided by **Bharat of Cranford**, usually uses YP52KRZ, a B12M / Paragon. This is ex NXVP5 of the National Express fleet and is no stranger to Birmingham, previously based with Birmingham Coach Company who operated it on behalf of NX.

## **Stagecoach**

**Stagecoach Cambridge** – Volvo Olympian 16543 P543EFL has been ACZ7493 and is converted to open top.

**Stagecoach East/ United Counties** – The following vehicles are awaiting disposal : Leyland Olympians 14472 C472SSO, 14477 D377XRS, Mercedes 709D's 40302 N302XRP, 40313 N313XRP, 40315 N315XRP, 40341 M341DRP, 40342 M342DRP, 40346 M346DRP, 40348 M348DRP, Volvo B10M 52108 ACZ7490.

Transferred from Northampton to Bedford are Volvo Olympian/Northern Counties Palatine 16671/5/81/2 (L671/5/81/2HNV).

Transferred from Northampton to Kettering are Volvo Olympian/Northern Counties Palatine 16683/5 (L683HNV, L685JBD).

Transferred from Corby to Bedford for Schools services is Leyland Olympian/Alexander RL 14482 (D382XRS).

**Stagecoach in Lancaster:** 10340 didn't actually go to Barnsley merely being towed into the body shop, but it will not see service again. Anyway much better news for me at least is that T56 has escaped again, remaining in service. The three Titans withdrawn being 10073, 10334 and 10686. The four ex ABC Solos 47156, 157, 158 and 159 have now all arrived, the last on April 25<sup>th</sup>. They are taking some fettling, as expected and it will be a while longer yet before all make it into regular service. . When we went to collect the first two one didn't even make it out of Gillmoss yard. These together with a Vario from Preston are due to replace our manual Varios. Two B10Ms 20175 arriving on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 20131 from Chorley are due to replace two B6s, one of which 30668 has already been withdrawn. An odd arrival has been Olympian 14046 which has been sitting at the back of Hyde Rd for quite a while. Olympian 16640 has seen a couple of days use before heading to Chorley.

**Stagecoach in Lincolnshire** now have Alexander / Dennis Enviro 400's FX07CME/F route Branded for Route 1 – Lincoln – Grantham. Both vehicles sighted in service pm 16<sup>th</sup> April.

**Stagecoach Manchester** - 13638 F265LSA has been transferred from Bluebird.

**Stagecoach North East** - Steven Hodgson and Neil Wise report that **Stagecoach North East** started operation of Newcastle & Gateshead's City Sightseeing with Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 14669/70 (H669/70BNL) and Dennis Dart (!) 32763 (L763ARG)..... Danny Howard reports that 14671 (H671BNL) should be ready soon, with the other two following as workshop time permits. Ian (Yorkshire bus) reports that Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 16433 (VLT528) were today transferred to **Yorkshire**.

**04/04/07** - Steven also reports that **Stagecoach North East** Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 14671 (H671BNL) is now back in use in open top form.

**13/04/07** - Danny Howard and James Stoker both report that **Stagecoach on Teesside** have regained Volvo B10M / Northern Counties 20246 (M546SPY) in addition to 20244 (M544SPY). News from Chris Redpath is that Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21034 (L34HHN) is now in reserve (I noted it stored alongside 21032 on Sunday) and fire-damaged MAN 18.220 / Alexander 22662 (T662OEF) is now for scrap

**17/04/07** - Through a combination of my own sightings and those of Danny Howard, vehicles currently stored at **Stagecoach on Teesside's** Stockton depot are Leyland Olympian / Alexander 14192/636 (H192WFR, C636LFT), Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21032/4 (L32/4HHN), Leyland Lynx II 29630 (K630YVN), Mercedes 709 / Alexander 40461/3/4 (N461/3/4RVK) and the unused pair of ex GTL Darts that arrived a year ago. Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 16437 (685DYE) were transferred to Yorkshire on Sunday.

**24/04/07** - Gary Mitchelhill reports the arrival of six new Alexander Dennis Enviro 400s at **Stagecoach North East's** Slatyford depot. These are understood to be the first of 23 and are expected to displace the existing Enviro 400s to elsewhere in the UK. I'm not exactly sure what the rationale is for this, but I believe there is a good reason somewhere! Danny Howard reports that Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 14674 (H674BNL) is now in the paint shop and confirms that Lynx II 29629 (K629YVN) remains in service at Sunderland. Scania N113 / Alexander 28906 (F906JRG) are now withdrawn to the rear of Slatyford.

**25/04/07** - Danny Howard reports that **Stagecoach in Newcastle** now have freshly converted open top Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 14674 (H674BNL) at Slatyford.

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**Stagecoach Oxford** – Mercedes 814D's 42375 S375DFC, 42378 S378DFC have been transferred to East Kent. The reserve fleet consists of Dennis Darts 32625 P625PGP, 32626 P626PGP and Mercedes 709D 40172 N172AVV. Volvo B10M 52211 L641LDT is still being used as a trainer here.

A new arrival for the training department is 52251 from Fife.

**Stagecoach South East:** 13622, 13631 (Hants) 13635, 15760 (Southdown), 16262 (Hants), 16631 (Hants & Surrey) loaned to Cheltenham 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March for assisting with Horse Racing crowds.

**Stagecoach Southdown:** 14970-2 (J720-2GAP) Modified DP47/27F+15 to H51/31F+10.

**Stagecoach in Wales** - Volvo B10M's 20420 H620ACK, 20404 E64JFV, Mercedes 709D's 40723 N723RDD have been sold to Fleetlink. Allocations changes are 20706 K706DAO Res to Porth, 20708 K708DAO Res to Porth, 20869 P869MNE Cwmbran to Cheltenham and Gloucester, 20886 P886MNE Cwmbran to Cheltenham and Gloucester, 20892 P892MNE Cwmbran to Cheltenham and Gloucester, 41421 N421WVR Delicensed to Porth. Panthers 54004-007 are still awaiting delivery.

**Stagecoach West:** Swindon's three new Enviro 400s have arrived, 19128 (VX07CYT), 18129 (VX07CYU) and 19130 (VX07CYV). They are for use on service 49 to Trowbridge.

**Stagecoach Devon** acquired vehicles, Mega Coach OSK784 FN 13611 for

X38 Service to Plymouth. Volvo B10 Bus FN 20419 registration H619 ACK

There are rumours the Mega Bus services are to be increased with additional services from Cornwall, and also, from Newcastle on Tyne, further information is awaited. Exeter depot will be used to accommodate four of the new vehicles, as it has the facilities to prepare them for daily services.

There is also a rumour Stagecoach have acquired the 346 service, plus another one, serving Holsworthy. These services work out of Barnstaple.

A new coach for the training department at Stagecoach Devon is 52029 from Fife whilst joining the PSV fleet is Volvo / Berkhof LSK545.

**Stagecoach Yorkshire** - Metrobuses 15877 D707NKY, 15989 POG602Y gone to PVS, Carlton. 32495 K421HWG withdrawn. 28631 H270THL has gone for scrap.

## **Veolia Dunn-Line North East**

**Note the new title, and perhaps livery and identity.**

**17/04/07 - Dunn Line (Durham), Easington Lane** have repainted their Whitby Tour MCW Metrobus GOG216W into the smart Veolia livery. Steven Hodgson passes on a report that a further Optare Solo in stock is YJ07EFZ

**26/04/07** – Optare Solo 0701 YJ07 EFY and 0702 YJ07 EFZ are new very short slim-line type in Nexus Link Up livery.

**Veolia** are due to open their Birmingham depot on Monday 30/04, assuming the NX duties of National Express (Digbeth), Go West Midlands & Travel West Midlands. The Scania / PB's from the former two will transfer to Veolia. New Vehicles are expected to cover the ex-GWM turns, it has been intimated that some of the GWM Coaches will be used on their 192 service from Birmingham to Kidderminster, with the remainder transferring to Go Northern.

## **Independents**

### **Eastern Counties**

**Waylands Ltd t/a Goldline Minicoaches** – A fresh addition to the fleet is Mercedes Minibus HIL8446 and normally works on Lowesfoft town servicers 107 and 108.

**Huntingdon & District (Cavalier Travel)** - New arrivals here are Dennis Dart/Caetano Compass R562UOT, which has been allocated fleetnumber 5337, and Dennis Dart/Caetano Nimbus HV52WTK, which has B31D bodywork and has been allocated fleetnumber 5338. ADL Dart SLF/ADL Pointer 2 5333 (AE06ZBR) has returned to its supplying dealer.

### **London**

**East Thames Buses:** With route 393 now being operated by Arriva the DW class used have been moved to route 201 with DWL13-21 in use on that route being reallocated to Belvedere for route 132. The four PVLs (198, 202/3/5) on loan from Go Ahead were returned at the end of March

**Epsom Coaches/ Quality Line:** The company has successfully retained the tender from November for the 470 and S4 keeping existing vehicles.

**Hackney Community Transport:** Several ex Centra Darts have had to be hired in from Dawson rentals for use on newly won route W13 owing to the late delivery of its own East Lancs bodied Enviro 200s.

HDC14 KM51BFO    HDC15 KU02YBB    HDC16 KU02YBC

HDC17 KU02YBD    HDC18 KU02YBE

**Metroline:** More new vehicles, this time another batch of Enviro 400s for use on route 204, retained on tender, from Edgware

TE724 LK07AYZ    TE727 LK07AZC    TE730 LK07AZG    TE733 LK07AZN    TE736 LK07AZR

TE725 LK07AZA    TE728 LK07AZD    TE731 LK07AZJ    TE734 LK07AZO    TE737 LK07AZT

TE726 LK07AZB    TE729 LK07AZF    TE732 LK07AZL    TE735 LK07AZP    TE738 LK07AZU

## Midlands

**A 2 Z (Walsall)** – More fresh Leyland Olympians here are : 123 C602LFT, 124 C633LFT, 125 C649LFT, 126 C653LFT, all were new to Busways.

**Central Connect** – The full list of Plaxton Primo's in use here are : YNO6CYE, YX06LJY, BX56BJZ, BX56BKA, BX56BPU, BX56BPY, BX56BVE, BX56BVF, YX56JUC, YX56JUE, BX07AOS, YX07HNN.

**Choice Travel (Wednesfield)** - Fresh vehicles here are Dennis Dart SLF : S118RCS, Dennis Dart MPD's : S582PGB, W895AGA, X209ONH, Optare Solo M850 X322MBU, Optare Solo M950 : WL03AOL.

**Travelstar Europen (Walsall)** – A fresh vehicle here is Volkswagen LT46 W468JJW, which was previously operated by West Midlands Special Needs Transport (Ring and Ride).

Out of the wreckage of **Boydton, Winkhill** (Company was auctioned off) comes Boydton Private Hire. On the 31<sup>st</sup> March, many coaches remained on site including the Yellowway - seemingly unsold/abandoned. **TO16161** Toyota Caetano was bought by Clowes Coaches of Barrowmoor.

Clowes also operate **FNZ7765 & MJ15762**

**Aimee's** owned by Gary Goldstraw – out of use vehicles at Kelcoats, Barnfield Close, 5<sup>th</sup> March **A105RGE, DFE503Y, JUI5077 and SAL7238**

(On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were **UKE609X, TIL5977, GAZ7227, JUI5077, B23DSA, A105RGE, DKE503X, SAZ7238, K553SRK** - so there seems to have been a clear out)

In **Simpsons** Yard, Station Road, Leek **TIL2878**

**Leek** is the destination for mystery trips. Our market is very good. On 11<sup>th</sup> April saw **OUI7584** Van Hool C49F O'Brien's, Hall Lane, Bolton (*never seen them listed*) **YN56FGF** Scania IRIZAR of Elite, Stockport (*Neither listed in NW Book*)

**Leek** – The Co-Op free bus ceases at the end of April **KAZ777** Mercedes 709 is the dedicated vehicle whilst **BX06OAO** is the dedicated yellow school bus

Ex Arriva Fox County **N354OBC** (1354) is usually found on 423 Leek – Biddulph – Mow Cop **MK02HOA** LDV Convoy is used on the Postbus service along with **Y231CFS** Mercedes 810.

**Heyfordian:** Two former Parks B12M/Jonckheeres have recently been added to the fleet SJ04KNK and SJ04KAE. These are joined by a Dart/Pointer L268ULX. Scania 9467MU was sold as C182LBW the reg now sitting on Volvo B10M M639KVU

**Red Rose** have two new Enviro 200s running routes around Watford of which OV07FKH is one.

**Haytons of Burnage** look like they're renumbering their fleet. Noticed have been 1006 YN06TFY on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 2455 YN55WSO on the 25<sup>th</sup>

## North East & Yorkshire

**Abbey Coaches:** John Atkin reports that **Abbey Coaches, Middlesbrough** have acquired Dennis Dart / Carlyle H107MOB from Birmingham Motor Traction. Also acquired are Volvo B10M / Plaxton KXI150, though this is still undergoing preparation for use. Leyland National VIW6243 (ex LMA411P) and Leyland Leopard / Plaxton WSV517 (ex EWW212T) have been scrapped after use by Cleveland Fire Brigade for rescue exercises. Leyland Leopard / Plaxton CTD133V (ex 89HBC) has also been scrapped

**Classic Coaches, Annfield Plain, Stanley, Co Durham:** 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:** 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).

**East Yorkshire:** S250XUY has been transferred here from Whittle Bus to be numbered 297. 593 N593BRH transferred from Hull to Bridlington. 594 N594BRH transferred from Hull to Bridlington. 693 P565EFL transferred from Bridlington to Hull. 694 P574EFL transferred from Bridlington to Hull

**Gardiners, Spennymoor:** 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.

**Howard Snaith, Otterburn:** Another new coach noted at Plaxton Centenary, by Steven Hodgson was Volvo B12M (I think!) / Plaxton, YN07KHA for **Howard Snaith, Otterburn**.

**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. On **23/04/07** - David Mallon notes that **Jayline, Horden** are to operate their services until 04/06/07, the point at which Go North East's 30 replaces the 211 and the other Jayline services are taken over.

It is now well known that Go North East service 30 is to be altered to replace Jayline service 211 between Peterlee and Middlesbrough **from 04/06/07**, but reports from two anonymous informers suggest that some sort of deal may have been done for Jayline's staff and service buses. It is also understood that some divisional changes are in the pipeline.

**JSB Travel Newton Aycliffe:** New at **JSB**, is Optare Solo MX07JPV, currently operating in plain white.

**Nightingale, Stanley Co. Durham:** A smart addition to stock reported by Steven Hodgson at Nightingale, Stanley is one time Midland Fox Leyland Olympian / Alexander G524WJF.

**Northumbria Coaches, Ashington:** Are looking for 12 drivers to expand their operations under the Go Ahead Group

**Redby Travel – Sunderland:** Peter Barclay reports that **Redby, Sunderland** have sold Alexander Dennis Dart NK55KBU. Leyland Titan NUW668Y is repainted all over blue, though this and some of the other older deckers may be sold after the end of the Summer school term 13/04/07 – I do not remember if it's been noted before, but **Redby, Sunderland** has Volvo B12BT / Jonkherre FJ04ETK for Lochs & Glens holiday work

**Stanley Taxis, Stanley Co. Durham: 26/04/07** - Steven Hodgson has noted **Stanley Taxis** Optare Solo VU52UEE in use - it retains Metroconnect livery, with vinyls removed. This has NOW been re-registered T2 STX, and has Stanley Buses vinyl added.

**25/04/07** - Steven Hodgson also reports that **Stanley Taxis, Stanley** have added fleet names to Solo VU52UEE and re-registered it T2STX

**Tees Valley, Teesside: 13/04/07** - Scott Cooper reports that **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** have been buying more vehicles (for probably resale) from Highland/Rapsons. In addition to B10M C56HOM, recently sold on eBay, a second B10M and a Bristol VRT have been noted.

**25/04/07** -. James Stoker reports that **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** have Leyland Olympian / ECW B184BLG (new to Crossville) and JTY396X (new to Northern) in stock.

**Tyne Blue Line/ Kimberley Coaches:** Last week **Tyne Blue Line / Kimberleys of Prudhoe** went out of business. Neil Wise, Mark Westgarth and Robert Hall all report that, for a period of one week while Northumberland County Council sorted out what/who would operate their services in the longer term, **Arriva Northumbria** took on operation of services 601 (Prudhoe Town) and 686 (Prudhoe - Ovington) and **Classic** took on service 673 Newcastle - Whittingstall. It will be interesting to see what happens to these over the next week. Dave reports that Leyland Olympian / ECW 7224 (D146FYM) is on loan to Blyth from Durham

**Tyne Valley, Acomb** has the contract for the 880/2 (and a Solo to go with it) and **Classic, Annfield Plain** has the 673 of Tyne Blue Line's services up to September

**Weardale Stanhope:** Steven Hodgson, Mark McCann and Peter Tuck all report that a new Iveco Eurorider / Plaxton YN07KHC for **Weardale, Stanhope** was exhibited at Plaxton's Centenary event this weekend. In addition, I have noted an all-over white Scania / Irizar coach in stock

### **North East Ambulance Service**

**13/04/07** - Daniel Stazicker reports that Leyland National medical unit KCR111P has been sold on eBay to a private hospital in the Newcastle area - any sightings would be most welcome of this unusual beast!

**23/04/07** - It would seem that Leyland National medical unit KCR111P headed north to the region on Thursday, as Richard Dunhill noted it heading north on the A1 at Letchworth at 1.30pm and Mark Wilson noted it still on the A1 near Doncaster at 8pm doing around 30mph and accompanied by an ambulance!

### **Metro replacement**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2007** - A number of operators have been taking part in a rail/Metro replacement operation between Heworth and Sunderland/South Hylton this week, while the overheads are replaced through the tunnel at Sunderland. Operators have included **Redby, Kingsleys, Arriva Durham County** and, an operator not previously noted, **AA&H Travel, Seaton Burn**. This operator has one time Stagecoach Leyland Titan A846SUL and appears to be something of a reincarnation of Rush Travel.

### **North West**

**A1A Travel:** Another pair of Solo's have been added to the fleet is MX07JOA and MX07JNZ

**ACE Travel:** A pair of former Speedwell Solo M920s have been acquired MX54WMJ and WMK. A new example of the type is MX56LNR

**Blackpool Transport:** The Lifestyle Line service have become Line 16 with a blue and yellow colours complete with a new batch of M950 Solos

286 YJ07EJA 288 YJ07EJD 290 YJ07EJG 292 YJ07EJL 293 YJ07EJN

287 YJ07EJC 289 YJ07EJE 291 YJ07EJK

**Bluebird:** New into stock are two VDL/Plaxton Centros 81 (KK07BLU) and 82 (LL07BLU)

**Cumfybus:** A slimline Solo MX05OSY has been bought from TLC of Yorkshire

**HTL Buses:** Solo's 63 (MX06BPV) and 64 (MX06BPO) have been returned to Mistral after a spell on lease

**J Fishwick & Sons:** A second VDL Sb120/Centro is in service 25 YJ07JWE

**Focus:** Have a new Scania/Irizar YN07EXS

**Reays (Wigton):** Noted on delivery on April 5<sup>th</sup> passing through Carlisle was all white Volvo /Jonckheere Mistral PX07GXT. Two more of the type GXS and GXU are in Trafalgar colours. Also not noted as yet is a Plaxton Cheetah YN56ORV.

**Staintons of Kendal:** The first Setra last month should have said VUO

**The Travellers Choice:** More Gremlins the other Cheetah is PN07LHZ not LJB a major lack of proof reading (aka typing my notes up under the influence of some fine brew from Bowland Brewery). New Volvo B12B.Jonc HV14s noted so far have been PN07LLZ and PN07LMK. Also seen is PN07LMD or O couldn't be sure. White livery doesn't do the new body any justice.

## Scotland

**Bulldog** – Demonstrators that have been in use here are ADL Enviro's SN56AXJ, SN56AYA. A fresh vehicle noted in service here is Marshall Minibus R211VLX which has come from Flights Hallmark.

**Prentice of Westwood** – A new Optare Solo noted in use here is YJ56WTW.

## South East (movements)

To:			From:	Date:
Emsworth&D	32524	J524DCD	SC Southdown	03/07
D. Beresford	40899	N199LPN	SC Hampshire	03/07
Erith Comms	40927	N927NAP	SC East Kent	03/07
Erith Comms	40964	N964NAP	SC East Kent	03/07

## South West

**Bakers-Dolphin, Weston Super Mare** – a number of former Northern Ireland registrations have been acquired for existing coaches and are slowly beginning to appear.

Re Registrations March 07 were:

1 P725JYA to JNZ4301, 2 R372XYD to JNZ4302 3 R373XYD to JNZ4393,  
4 Y227NYA to JNZ4304, 5 T761JYB to JNZ4395, 6 T762JYB to JNZ4326,  
10 Y228NYA to JNZ2310, 12 Y229NYA to JNZ2212 35 T708UOS to EIG4335,  
36 T721UOS to EIG4336, 65 P726JYA to EIG4965, 66 R632VYB to EIG4966,  
104 T920UEU to DEZ8804, 110 T398VHO to IHZ3110

Many thanks to Ed (The mechanic) for the info

**Barnes, Aldbourne** – a new Bova Futura is **WA07 BHL** (FHD127.365/C57F) which has replaced Volvo/Plaxton Paramount JIB 1451.

**Bluebird, Weymouth** – a new arrival is Bova Futura **DC07 BBC**. A Bova Majiq is also due.

**Bowden & Jones, Hewish (ACL Travel)** – two ex Stagecoach Mercedes 709D/Alexanders were aquired **M653 FYS** and **M654 FYS**.

As well as the Council contracted Town service in Weston, a commercial service Weston SM to Bristol has been registered (but not yet started).

**South Gloucester Bus & Coach** - Patchway Out are ex MoD Tiger **C822 EHU** and Dennis Dart **M102 BLE**. Two Volvo B10M/Van Hool Alizee T9 coaches have been aquired from White Lion of Tredegar, these are **YXI 903** (ex S752 XYA) and **YXI 235** (ex T103 JBA)

**Turners Coachways, Bristol** – another ex MoD Dennis Javelin is **R33 CJT**, an SFD113 model with UVG C37F body

**Wessex Connect, Patchway** – the operation of the Long Ashton Park & Ride started on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April using ex UK North Volvo Olympian/East Lancs deckers pending delivery of new Volvo/Wright's. Theses are **P340/342/344/346/349 & 350 ROO**.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April the company took over the Avonmouth Park & Ride operation, initially using DAF/Plaxton Centro's **YJ07 JJO/JJU/JRO/JRU/JRV**. These are not the batch specially ordered, which were Plaxton Centro bodied Volvo B7RLE's, and will remain on this work until the Volvo's are delivered. There are also a few loan buses from other fleets in the Rotalia Group as well as a MAN/MCV demonstrator.

**Landylines Cooks, Wellington, Somerset**. It is reported that this business is for sale, there are strong rumours connecting it with Stagecoach, however, none of this has been confirmed.

**Hookways** the Explorer tickets issued on the X90 service from Newquay to Exeter are now being accepted on the Stagecoach Devon services

### Acquired Coaches

Carmel,Okehampton, Ba Fh	L796 KTT	Holmans Mary Tavy	
Forward,Tiverton,	R645 NPY	Y337 AUT	
Dawlish, Coaches	YK 04 FVV	Downs Otter Coaches	NUI 5275
Wills, Mid Devon Coaches	T359 AJF		

## **Wales**

**Castell Coaches**, KUI 1350, DAF Plaxton C53F noted being crunched by JCB at Sims, Newport on Saturday 14th April.

**Clynnog & Trefor**- Bristol VRT LFJ874W has been gone for scrap.

**GHA Coaches**: Latest news from here, courtesy of my mate Charlie, see new arrivals Merc 0814/Pn Cheetah C33F AA07HGA and a Mistral 50 bodied Volvo B12B GA07GHA the later will be operated in David Urqhart colours. A pair of Duple bodied Dennis Javelins have been bought from Peter Evans and Sons 708WPG and F721KCA.

**Pats Coaches**: Currently on loan from GHA is Mercedes 709 M206SKE

## **Alexander Dennis Factory, Falkirk (Arthur Moorse)**

### **13<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Arriva London**: ENS7 (LJ07EDV), ENS8 (LJ07EDX), ENS9, ENS10 (LJ07EBB)

**Go Ahead London General**: LX07BXT, SE12 (LX07BXV), SE13 (LX07BXW)

**Jim Stones (Leigh, Manchester)**: BUS51T

**Metroline (London) ALX400** - LK07AZA

**NCP Challenger (London) ALX300** - ADL01 (SK07DXE), ADL02 (SK07DXF), ADL03 (SK07DXG), ADL05 (SK07DXJ), ADL06 (SK07DXL), SK07DXO/DXP

**Stagecoach Cheltenham and Gloucester: ALX 400 for Swindon** VX07CYT

**Stagecoach Lincolnshire - ALX 400**: FX07CMK/KMK/TMO

**Stagecoach Manchester - ALX 400**: MX07HMD/HME/HMF/HMG

**Stagecoach Yorkshire - ALX300**: YN07KPO/KPU/KPV/KPY/KPZ/KRD

### **20<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Arriva Livery – Enviro** SN56AWY

**NCP Challenger (London) - ALX300**: ADL04 (SK07DXH), ADL10 (SK07DXR), ADL12 (SK07DXT), ADL14 (SK07DXV), ADL16 (SK07DXX), SK07DXM/DXU

**Stagecoach Manchester - AIX400**: MX07HMJ

**Stagecoach Yorkshire- ALX300**: YN07KPL/KPR/KPT, YN07KRE

### **10<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Arriva London**: ENL1 (LJ07ECW), ENL4 (LJ07ECZ), ENL8 (LJ07EVP)

**NCP Challenger**: ADL21 (SK07DYF), ADL22 (SK07DYD), ADL23 (SK07DYH), ADL25 (SK07DYM)

**Stagecoach**: NK07GZV/GZW/GZX, NK07HBG

### **17<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Arriva London**: ENL9 (LJ07EBV)

**Metroline**: TE738 (LX07AZU)

**NCP Challenger**: ADL19 (SK07DYC), ADL20 (SK07DYG)

**Stagecoach**: NK07GZY

**Stagecoach Yorkshire**: 22445 (YN07KSK), 22446 (YN07KSO), 22447 (YN07KSU), 22449 (YN07KSX)

### **24<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Arriva London** ENL3 (LJ07ECY)

**Jim Stones (Leigh, Manchester)** JB51BUS

**NCP Challenger (London) ALX300**: ADL24 (SK07DYJ), ADL25 (SK07DYM), ADL26 (SK07DYN), ADL31 (SK07DYU), ADL32 (SK07DYV), SK07DWM

**Stagecoach**: NK07HBF

**NCP Challenger**: ADL19 (SK07DYC)

# Ensign (Dealer)

## Vehicles In

From Go-Ahead NE: Optare Spectra's K304/5/7/8/13/17/21/22/23FYG K124/60PGO.  
From Renown Coaches: Volvo D10M G127NGN  
From S and M Coaches: Metrobuses BYX307V WYW88T  
From Wards Coaches: Olympian C67CHM.  
From Metrobus: Volvo B10B's: L58/9UNS.

## Vehicles Out

Metrobus BYX341V: San Diego City Sightseeing.  
Metrobus LAT505V: Jabatan Ketua Menteri, Malaka, Malaysia.  
Spectra's K304/5/6/7/8/9/16FYG: Johnsons Coaches, Hodthorpe.  
Spectra K125PGO: W. Harris, Braintree, Essex.  
Lance M203DRG: ATbus, Ashford, Middlesex.  
Olympians C329HWJ G537VBB: Renown Coaches, Bexhill.  
Olympians C808BYY C78CHM: Red Kite, Beds.  
Volvo B6's L242CCK M428RDC M420PVN: McKindless, Wishaw.  
Olympian P481MBY: Scotguide, Glasgow.  
RML2637: Snack-Attack, Bucharest, Romania.  
Iveco S398SKK: Scarper Tours, Bath.  
Fleetline UKV470R: Michael Bourgignon, Kazilhal, France.  
Olympian C27CHM: S and M, Benfleet, Essex.  
Olympian L212TWM: Beestons, Suffolk.  
Olympian F255YTJ: Halls of Kennoway, Scotland.  
Olympian LWS33Y: On-A-Mission, Solbury, Beds.  
Dublin Olympian 91-D-1069 now H693PVW and 91-D-1063 now H694PVW with Wards Coaches, Colchester.  
Dublin Olympians 91-D-10117 now J769CEV and 92-D-138 now J765CEV with Z and S Coaches, Aylesbury.  
Olympian E913DRD: Eastonways, Ramsgate.

## New Vehicles via Ensign

**AAA Coaches (Scotland):** YN07KHK Cheetah  
**G & M Coaches (Lampeter)** YN07DVM Irisbus Euro rider/ Paragon  
**Johnson Bros:** YJ07DWF  
**Loch and Glens:** FJ07AEA and AED Volvo B12B, Jonckheere HV14, C??FT (Five due in total)  
**Nova Tours:** YJ07DWD Bova Futura  
**Parks:** LSK498, 500, 505 Jonc HV14s  
**Smith & Sons (Coupar Angus):** SP07FHA Bova Futura  
**Woodstone (Kidderminster):** FJ07AAY, FJ07ADU Volvo B7R / Plaxton Profile C57F

## New Deliveries

**AAA Coaches (Midlothian):** FJ56KUH, Vol B7R, Jonckheere Mistral, C55F.  
**Aberfoyle Coaches:** FJ07ABF, Vol B12B, Volvo 9700 Prestige Plus, C49FT.  
**Alliance & Leicester Finance (Vehicle leasers):** 3x Volvo B7RLE, Wright Eclipse Urban,  
**Anderson Travel (London):** WA07BGV, MBO.816D, Sitcar Beluga, C27F  
WA07BHD/E, Bova FHD13.340, Bova Futura, C??F.  
**Angela Coaches (Southampton):** 600WTV, N316SHD, Neo E/liner, C44FT.  
**Arriva Kent/Thameside:** GN07AVB/K/M/P, Volvo B7RLE, Wright Eclipse Urban, B43F.  
**Banstead Coaches:** AH07BAN, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C??F.  
**Barnes Coaches (London):** WA07BGX, Volvo B12B, VH Alizee T9, C49FT.

**Bibby's, Ingleton:** PB07DAF  
**Blackpool Transport:** YJ07EJA/C/D/E/G, Optare Solo M950C, Optare, B33F. (f/no 286-90)  
**Blake Travel (St. Albans):** YX56DHL, MB Sprinter 616CDA, Optare Sorocco Plus, C19F.  
**Blakes Coaches:** BC07JAB, Scania K124EB6, Irizar PB, C49FT.  
**Bostock Coaches:** PN07EHK, IrisBus EuroRider, Marcopolo, C?/F  
**Carters Coach Services (Ipswich):** AY07CUA, ADL Enviro300, ADL, B38F.  
**Connex Jersey Transport:** J108028-31, Optare Solo M???, Optare, B??F. (f/no 672-5)  
**Crieff Travel:** YN56ORW/X, VDL SB120CS, Plaxton Centro, B40F.  
**Dan's, Woodford Green** YN07DUY (Mercedes 815)  
**Eavesway:** SK07FOM Bova  
**Edwards Coaches (Llantwit Fadre):** BX07NMO, Setra S416GT-HD, Setra, C??FT  
**First South Yorkshire:** YN07KMP, Volvo B9TL, Wright Eclipse Gemini, H??/??F. (f/no 37255)  
**Go Goodwins:** C1ECB, Volvo B12B, Volvo 9700 Prestige Plus, C??FT. (team coach for the English cricket team)  
**Happy Days, Stafford:** YN07EYG Scania Irizar  
**Hodgsons Coaches (Barnard Castle):** HC07BUS, IrisBus EuroRider, Beulas Cygnus, C53FT.  
**Hodsons Coaches (Lancashire):** FJ07AAU, Volvo B12B, Jonckheere Mistral 50, C53FT.  
**Hollins Travel (Greater Manchester):** YN56OSA, MB Vario O.814D, Plaxton Cheetah, C29F.  
**JG Coaches (Heathfield):** VDL SB4000XF, Van Hool Alizee T9, C51FT (registration unknown).  
**Johnsons Coaches (Henley-in-Arden):** YJ07EHG/H, Optare X1200 B43F.  
**Kings Ferry:** YN07DZH/DZJ  
**Lancashire United (Blazefield):** YJ56YDP/R, Volvo B7RLE, Wright Eclipse Urban, B??F.  
**Lloyds Coaches (Machynlleth):** LC07WYN, MB Vario O.816D, Plaxton Cheetah. C29F.  
**Marshalls (Sutton-on-Trent):** PM07JAM, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C53F.  
**Maynes (Buckie):** KM07GSM, Volvo B12B, Van Hool Alizee T9, C??F.  
**McGills:** BX56VTL, Mercedes Benz Citaro O.530, Mercedes, B42F.  
**McKenzie, Llandudno:** BX07NMK  
**Metrobus (Go Ahead Group):** PN07KRK/O/U/V/X, MAN 12.240NL, EL Esteem.(f/no 701-5)  
**Norfolk Green (Kings Lynn):** YJ56WUG, Optare Tempo X1200, Optare, B42F.  
**Northern Blue:** 2x Optare Solo M810M, Optare, B24F. (registrations unknown)  
**O'Connor Coaches (Co. Cork):** 07-C-5062, Volvo B7R, Sunsundegui Sideral, C57F.  
**Oxford Citybus (Go Ahead):** AB/BB/CB/DB/EB/FB/GB/HB/JB/KB07OXF, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C53FL. (f/no 81-90)  
**P&R Coaches (Southall):** RY07RAJ, Volvo B12BT 13.4m, Jonckheere HV14, C55FT  
**Pegasus Travel, (Perth):** YN56SGV, VDL SB120CS, Plaxton Centro, B41F.  
**Peter Godward:** YN07DZX  
**Pulham's Coaches (Bourton-on-the-Water):** GL07PUL, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C49FT.  
**Richmond Coaches (Co. Antrim):** Volvo B12B, Jonckheere HV14, C51FT. (reg. unknown)  
**Silverdale Coaches (Nottingham):** FJ07ACO/U, Volvo B12B 12.8m, J/ere Mistral 50, C53FT.  
**South West Coaches (Yeovil):** YJ07EHK, Optare Solo M880SLC, Optare, B25F  
**Stagecoach Megabus:** SP07CAE/N/O  
**Stephenson's of Essex (Rochford):** EU07FVO, Optare Solo M780M, Optare, B24F.  
**Stokes Coaches (Carstairs):** FJ07AAV, Volvo B12B 12.8m, Jonckheere Mistral 50, C49FT. (operated in Glenton Holidays Livery)  
**Swans, Lancashire:** BX07NLV, YN07JJK  
**TM Travel:** YN07DVO, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C??F.  
**Taf Valley Coaches:** BC07TAF, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Paragon, C??F.  
**Travel Green:** YN07KHL, Mercedes Benz Vario O.816D, Plaxton Cheetah, C29F.  
**Travel West Midlands:** 38x Volvo B7RLE, Wright Eclipse Urban, B41F.  
**Travellers Choice:** FN07LMW (?), PM07LRN, Volvo B12BT, Berkhof Axial, C??F.  
**Tyrers (Adlington):** YJ07DWN, Volvo B12B, Van Hool Alizee T9, C49FT.  
**VIP, London:** YN07EXC  
**Warwickshire County Council:** YJ07EGX, Optare Solo M950Mn, B16F  
**Weardale Motor Services:** YN07ECC (?), YN07KXC, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C??F.

Westbus, London: WA07BHJ, Mercedes-Benz 815  
White Star Coaches (Batley): ST07ARR, Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C70F.  
Wings, Uxbridge: BX07NKE

## Preservation News

### News & Events

**North London Transport Society:** 19<sup>th</sup> May Vintage Bus Running Day at Theydon Village Hall, Essex

**Potteries Omnibus Preservation Society:** 20<sup>th</sup> May Rally & Running Day, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent

**LT Country Bus Rally:** 20<sup>th</sup> May – Potters Bar

**Bristol Harbourside Rally:** 20<sup>th</sup> May – Celebrating 50 years of the Bristol Omnibus Company

**Scottish Vintage Bus Museum:** 20<sup>th</sup> May – Bus Running Day, Fife

**Hastings Trolleybus Society:** 20<sup>th</sup> May – Show at The Oval, Hastings

**AEC Society:** 26 -27<sup>th</sup> May - Great North Road Transport Extravaganza, Newark Showground

**The Trolley Bus Museum at Sandtoft:** 26 -28<sup>th</sup> May -“Southern Weekend”

**The Transport Museum: (BaMMot)** 27 – 28<sup>th</sup> May - Holiday Operating Days

**Tilford Preserved Bus & Coach Rally:** 27<sup>th</sup> May -Tilford, Surrey

**Devon General Society:** 27<sup>th</sup> May – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, Oldway Mansion, near Paignton

**Buckinghamshire Railway Centre:** 28<sup>th</sup> May – Bus Rally at Quainton

**Historic Commercial Vehicle Society:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tyne Tees Run

**Ipswich Transport Day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Family Fun Day

**Southend Bus & Transport Show:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Southchurch Park East, Southend

**Chesterfield Bus Station:** 9<sup>th</sup> June - Chesterfield Preserved Buses Running Day

**Seaton Tramway:** 9<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> - Annual Bus & Vintage Vehicle Rally

**Cardiff Transport Preservation Group:** 9-10<sup>th</sup> June – Festival of Transport at Barry Waterfront

**Churnet Valley Steam Railway:** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Bus Rally, Froghall Station

**Luton Festival of Transport:** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Stockwood Park, Luton

**The Trolley Bus Museum:** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Trolley Day

**LT Country Bus Rally:** 10<sup>th</sup> June at Hertford, Harlow & Stevenage

**Amberley Working Museum:** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Harrington Gathering

**Eden 80 Rally:** 10<sup>th</sup> June - (80 years of Eden Bus Service) at Co. Durham

**Crich Tramway Village:** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Tramathon

**Peterborough Bus Rally:** 10<sup>th</sup> June – Sacrewell Farm (A47/A1 junction)

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

### **Cobham Bus Museum 34<sup>th</sup> Bus & Coach Gathering, Longcross Test**

**Track, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – Steve Jenner, Mike Pinder and Marc Baker**

LYR910 AEC, 469CLT AEC, JXC 288 Leyland, KGU322 AEC, WYW6T MCW, HE12 Leyland, XX951 Dennis, GJ2098 AEC, EGO426 AEC, KHC369 AEC, SMK700F AEC, HLX421 AEC, ARY255K Scania, CFN104 Leyland, JJD504D AEC, UPB340S Leyland, MLL963 AEC, 573UVX Bristol, PNM757M Bedford, 889AAX Leyland, A630THV Leyland MXX463 AEC, MLL740 AEC, KYY957 AEC, HLX410 AEC, 900SAF AEC, SMK730F AEC, OWEC182D Bristol, LEV917 Leyland, WFX257S Leyland, CG 9607 AEC, OJD95R Bristol, SVU64W Volvo, AAA506C Dennis, YPL449T Leyland, JG9938 Leyland, AJA132 Bristol, D5CTB Leyland, 759MDV Bristol, BJU13T Bedford, JWV275W Bristol, BAS562 Bristol, KOW909F AEC, RLN230W Bristol, BUF122C Leyland, BTA59 Dennis, FDG468L AEC, GHV999N Daimler, 487GFR AEC, D553NOE Ford, AAA503C Dennis, 5056HA BMMO, ACA603A Bristol, HLX462 AEC, KAD359V Leyland, SDD146R Leyland, TUO74J AEC, GPC731N Leyland, RD7127 AEC, WRD162T MCW, KYY529 AEC, KR258F Bristol, GRD576D Dennis, CRD152C AEC, NPJ472R Leyland, JWV270W Bristol, WYL137 Bristol, KHA301 BMMO, SWO986 Bristol,

**VPB121M** Leyland, **274KTA** Bristol, **766MDV**, Bristol, **MXX342** Guy, **AML641H** AEC, **EAV458** Leyland, **NLE539** AEC, **LPB218P** Leyland, **BKT218C** AEC, **PUF165H** Leyland, **HDL23E** Bristol, **7017HK** Bristol, **WYV6T** Leyland, **557BNG** Bristol, **YJN455S** DAF, **VF8157** Chevrolet, **WLT938** AEC, **CUL122V** Leyland, **BCS256C** Albion, **HLW178** AEC, **368CLT** AEC, **MXX466** AEC, **837SUO** Bristol, **KJD524P** Leyland, **GHV52N** Daimler, **VVV952W** Bristol, **SMK676F** AEC, **JJD440D** AEC **859DYE** AEC, **JJD445D** AEC, **JJD508D** AEC, **A986SYE** Leyland, **SLT59** Leyland, **100BXL** AEC, **JJD463D** AEC, **SMK731F** AEC, **476CLT** AEC, **ALD990B** AEC, **DGW130B** AEC, **VL275** AEC, **VL28** AEC, **368CLT** AEC, **DSL540** AEC, **ALD955B** AEC, **ALM37B** AEC, **CUV233C** AEC, **CUV116C** AEC, **SMK711F** AEC, **JJD368D** AEC, **JJD396D** AEC **63CLT** AEC, **JJD514D** AEC, **ALM97B** AEC, **UYJ654** AEC, **USK625** AEC, **CUV278C** AEC, **MXX261** AEC, **LLU670** AEC, **KGK803** Leyland, **STK125T** Leyland, **461CLT** AEC, **GHV52N** Daimler, **LYR854** AEC, **SLT58** AEC, **WLT903** AEC, **JPA190K** AEC, **CDL899** Bristol, **JXC194** AEC, **JJD394D** AEC, **THX646S** Leyland, **MXX223** AEC

**Other vehicles that attended the Rally:**

**2003RU** Iveco, **YJ06FXM** Optare, **PJ52BYP** Transbus, **YN05GXM** Scania, **C351BUV** MCW, **FJ54ZDU** VDL, **W569XRO** Dennis, **FJ56ZWC** Volvo, **J980JNJ** Dennis, **G801BPG** Volvo, **YJ56WVF** Optare, **HF06FTY** Mercedes, **LK07AYH** Man, **BX02AVK** Dennis, **HX05BUJ** BMC, **LX55HGC** Ad Trident, **GX05DZH** Volvo, **BU53ZWP** Kassbohrer, **PE56UFP** Ad E222, **AD56DBL** Volvo, **HY07FSX** Volvo, **P246VDL** Iveco, **HIL4017** Leyland, **N361LPN** Volvo, **L246SDY** Volvo, **LX04FZA** Dennis, **V337DBO** Dennis, **1924RH** ?, **GX54AWH** ?, **K816HMV** Leyland, **WX04CZL** Dennis, **J316DUV** Dennis, **GP55DEC** Optare, **NSU513** ?, **WYW38T** ?, **EL04SUL** Volvo, **KX56OVL** ?, **YJB68T** Leyland, **H155PVM** Leyland, **YN06MXX** Volvo, **WA54JWD** Dennis, **J205VHW** DAF, **F635LMJ** Leyland, **EGB90T** Leyland, **YG52CEN** DAF, **FRA534V** Leyland, **T411SMV** Dennis, **M513VJO** Dennis, **R701DNH** Volvo, **435UPD** Leyland, **Y144NLK** Volvo, **L132YVK** Dennis, **MUI4841** DAF, **CCG376** Volvo, **N126YRW** Volvo, **V54HAX** Volvo, **J502GCD** Dennis, **F516NJE** Leyland, **SND285X** Leyland, **WYV23T** Leyland, **A714THV** MCW, **D601GHY** ?, **SN54GRU** Dennis, **TIL6710** Leyland, **VL26** AEC, **WLT901** AEC, **VL29** AEC, **WLT644** AEC, **53948** AEC, **453CLT** AEC, **JJD401D** AEC, **CUV315C** AEC, **BX55XNU** Volvo, **LJ07OPM** AD Trident, **202UXJ** AEC, **C41CHM** Leyland, **LK06BWC** Dennis, **F253YTJ** Leyland, **LJ56ONH** AD Dart, **562CLT** AEC, **1924RH**, **GX54AWH**, **K816HMV**, **NSU513**, **KX56OVL**, **D601GHY**

**Additional vehicles spotted – not in to the Preserved Bus book:**

**SMK730F**, **SVU64W**, **487GFR**, **KAD359V**, **CUL122V**, **JJD445D**, **VL275**

**Vehicles disposed of from operator's fleets into the preservation movement (Part 2)**

<b>Last Operator</b>	<b>Reg</b>	<b>Fleet</b>	<b>Chassis</b>	<b>Seating</b>	<b>Built</b>
Mallard Weir's Tourlink	TSJ79S		Leyland Leopard	B53F	1978
First Hants & Dorset	VDV142S	22435	Bristol VRT	CO43/31F	1978
Strathtay Scottish	YSF88S	25788	Leyland Leopard	B53F	1977
Meffan	EGB70T	25770	Leyland Leopard	B53F	1979
Hardy, Helmington Row	LGR45T		Bedford YLQ	C45F	1978
Robson, Thorpe Thewles	CBO29V		Leyland National	B49F	1979
Pride of the Clyde,	ECS883V		Leyland Fleetline	H44/31F	1979
East Yorkshire	EPH229V	936	Leyland Atlantean	H43/30F	1980
Strathtay Scottish	GSO86V		Leyland Leopard	B53F	1980
Blenkinsop, West Cornforth	OAT536V		Leyland Leopard	C49F	1979
Newport	ATK154W		Leyland Atlantean	O43/28D	1980
Stagecoach Transit	EJR111W		Leyland Atlantean	H49/37F	1980
Meffan	LMS385W		Leyland Leopard	DP49F	1980
Yorkshire Traction	LWE229W	25488	Leyland National	B--F	1981
Grayscroft, Mablethorpe	RJ11654, MVO414W		Leyland Atlantean	H47/33D	1981
Travel Wright, Newark	NAU292W		Volvo B58-61	C57F	1981
Stagecoach North West	PHH149W (KRM431W)	15731	Bristol VRT	H43/31F	1980

Alansway Coaches, Heathfield	PNM682W		Bedford YLQ	C35F	1980
Turner & Gilson, Chulmleigh	YUY94W		Ford R1114	C53F	1980
Plymouth Citybus	TTT171X	171	Leyland Atlantean	H43/31F	1981
First Devon & Cornwall	VEX287X	38887	Bristol VRT	CH41/25F	1981
Walton, Freckelton	ANA159Y		MCW Metrobus	H43/30F	1982
Classic, Annfield Plain	DEM762Y		MCW Metrobus	H45/33F	1982
First Hants & Dorset	KOW274Y	38274	Leyland Atlantean	H40/31F	1982
Blackpool Transport	A362HHG	362	Leyland Atlantean	H49/36F	1983
Hatton KG&R, St Helens	A150LFR		Leyland Tiger	C51F	1983
First Glasgow	A733PSU	31212	Volvo B55-10	H44/35F	1983
First Glasgow	A737PSU	31215	Volvo B55-10	H44/35F	1983

## Observations

Please send your observations to Maurice Brown

**Sightings West Midlands  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
Maurice Brown**

**Midland Metro Sightings  
from Birmingham to Bilston**  
01 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 11, 12,  
13, 14, 15, 16

**Bilston Bus Station  
(11.25 – 11.55)**

TWM 569, 1331, 616, 415,  
3089, 412, 3058, 1333, 1332,  
262, 3100, 540, 1342, 3607,  
412, 1339, 599, 4603, 697,  
1330, 413

**Cityway Travel H98MOB**  
**Banga Travel K168FYG,**  
E206GPV

**ZAKS W142WGT**  
**A2Z Travel C605LFT**  
**Go WM 440, 444**

**Birmingham to Northfield  
via Bristol Road  
(12.40 – 13.05)**

TWM 4096, 4244, 4256,  
4257, 4252, 4243, 4240,  
4002, 4302, 4120, 4632,  
4093, 4640, 4082, 1460,  
4263, 4097, 4238, 4106,  
4057, 4343  
**First 67242, 67659, 66964**  
**Go WM 337, 308, 622, 242,**  
313

**J line H466UGO, H541XGK,**  
**Golden Line H465UGO**

**Handy Rider H117OOB**  
**Northfield to West Heath  
(13.16 – 13.31)**

TWM 1364, 4247, 4069,  
1476, 1366, 4304, 1467,  
1456,

**Tourmaster M271POS**  
**Coach Choice A11BHX**

**Sightings Northfield  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 -  
Sue Brown**

TWM 4088, 4624, 1360,  
1411, 4257, 1477, 2788  
**Central Connect KX03JBE,**  
KP02PUV

**Choice Y385HKE**

**Sightings 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Sue  
Brown**

**Cotteridge**  
TWM 2811, 4648, 4679

**Northfield**  
TWM 2827, 4058, 1439

**Kings Heath**  
TWM 4362, 4143, 4347,  
4390, 1457, 4338, 4388,  
4368, 2876, 4218, 2788,  
4393, 4365, 4675, 4392,  
4391, 1365, 4644, 4521,  
4667

**Go WM 402, 479, 437, 426,**  
482

**Johnsons YJ07EHH**

**Wed 4th April 2007**  
**Kings Heath**

**TWM 4654, 4640**

**Cotteridge**

TWM 4672, 4637, 2727

**First 67208**

**Northfield**

TWM 516, 1358

4093,

**First 67657**

**Choice 152**

**Go WM 109**

**Birmingham**

TWM 1420, 4389, 1461,  
4258, 1635, 4160, 1634,  
1690, 1518, 4432, 4444,  
1775, 2827, 1515, 4152,  
4360, 4375, 4130, 4490,  
4375, 4130, 4490, 1561,  
2561, 1577

**Claribels YJ54CEK**

**Central Connect MX06BRV**

**Small Heath**

TWM 4070, 1645, 4092,  
1568, 1571, 2605, 1632

**OXFORD on Saturday April  
14th 2007. Trevor Preston**  
**Oxford Bus Co.**

1/3/4/5 18 25/6 53/5/6/7/8  
60/3 103 114/6/8//9 401/2/8  
620/9 633 640/1  
801/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9  
810/1/2/3/6/7/9  
820/1/2/3/6/7/8 832/8/9  
840/2/3/4/6/7/8/9  
850/2/3/4/5/6/7/9 904 + brand

new Volvo B12B/Paragons  
81/2/3/4/6/7/8/9/90 all in  
AIRLINE blue/yellow livery  
operating on the X70 service.

#### **Stagecoach Oxford**

16519 16521/2/4/6  
18051/2/4/5 18127  
18131/2/4/5/6/7 18196/7/8/9  
18394/5/6/7/8/9 20006/7/8  
20011/2 20228 20543 20822  
22052/3/4/7 22203/5/7 22279  
22923/6 22936  
22942/4/5/6/7/8 32627  
33651/3/4 33763 33821/2  
34466/7/8/9 34470 40653  
47363 47451/4/6/8  
50101/3/4/6/7/8/9  
50110/1/3/4/6/7 50120/1/2  
59214/5

#### **Stagecoach United Counties**

52434/5/6/9 52453 52484

#### **Stagecoach Gloucester**

20685/8

#### **Arriva Shires**

2247 5104 5156/7 5161

**Seen at Banbury 16.00-  
17.00 same day**

#### **Stagecoach Midland Red**

31319 31320 31331 31353  
31361/2/5 31852/4 32625  
42624 47236/7/8/9  
**TWM - C008**  
**Shearings - 707**

#### **Vehicle sightings Friday 20th April 2007**

**- Trevor Preston**

*(Which I hope are of interest  
to fellow members)*

**Redditch Bus Station**  
**10.30 - 11.30**

#### **First Midland Red**

33401/2/3/4/5, 67216/7/9  
67231/8, 67243/4/6/8  
67600, 67632/3/5/6/7/8  
67640/1/3/4, 67650

#### **Go West Midlands**

407, 409, 421, 425, 426,  
457, 458, 459

#### **Whittle**

M423RRN

#### **Worcester City Centre**

**14.00 - 15.30**

#### **First Midland Red**

1722 40072/88 40833/8  
42217/9 42220 42351/2/3/4/6  
42641  
42890/1/3 53042/3/5/6/7/8/9  
53051 66964/5 66985  
67218/36/56 67311/3/4/8/9  
67321/4 67601/2/3 67646/7  
67652/3/4/5/7/8 67660/1/2/3/4

#### **Podmore Street 15.45**

31455 40805 40837 46103  
67118 67301 67312/5  
67323 67642/8 90274

#### **Nottingham Broadmarsh Bus station 31.3.07**

#### **(C Sweeting)**

**MCT612** Silverdale

*(additional to fleet)*

**E480UOF** Skills *(looked like  
MCW Metrobus)*

Nottingham City – *additional*  
**625,642,643,404** *seen around  
the city, as they do not use  
Broadmarsh*

Broadmarsh '**NEX**' **FJ55DZK**

Stagecoach East Midlands  
(**NEX**) **GU52WTD** (53006)

**FN06FLE** Dunn Line (**NEX**)

## **West Country Sightings from Alan Hayward**

2nd April 2007 we drove down the M6 and due to congestion deviated into Stoke and saw the following: All First Group: 60072, 65279, 40143, 50048, 40168

**Wolverhampton:** Choice 162; Arriva 3313; WMT 3113, 3313, 694, 696, 716, 4558, 1317, 3084, 1337, 700, 4596, 139, 3089, 4594, 1334, 506, 607, 4604, 587, 4600, 543, 587, 1444, 1763, 513

On arrival at **Bristol** YHA we noted the following from the hostel kitchen window:

All First Group 60975, 37009, 37005, 37017, 37015, 37012, 37018, 37006, 32286, 32703, 32284, 32705, 32707, 32704, 32285, 32706, 66353, 66220, 66352, 66356, 66351, 46024, 46647, 46646, 46643, 46656, 46652, 46659, 46631, 46908, 46603, 42708, 42736, 42706, 42734, 43752, 42707, 47232, 48214, 48224, 34117, 34629, 30230, 48216, V736FAE, P343ROO, P349ROO, P354ROO, P350ROO, R719RAD. Bugles Solo YJ05WCV

Next day on our journey South passing through **Chard** we saw: First 34964, then at **Seaton** (to visit the tramway) we saw M742GCO, J622HMH, both Axe Valley and an unidentified Vario P110 HCH

Following day on our journey towards North Devon, at **Honiton** we saw two Solos belonging to Cooks YJ55 BHL and YK05 CAX, at **Tiverton** we saw P687 RWU Turners Tours, at **Barnstaple** Stagecoach 52342, N998RCD, 14717, 47445, 47446, 47447, 47448, 35154, 16017, 35245

First Group: 32753, 32752, 32751, 40961, 46662, 34115, 52653, 48269, 48839.  
 Turners Tours S724KNV, BX06ULS and K488XPS On park and ride duties at Barnstaple  
 Filers Plaxton Primos YX56 EZR and YX56 EZP.

Up at **Lynton, North Devon**, on 5th April, TW Coaches M600TWC, M700TWC both Solos.  
 Whilst at Lynton we saw an advert for the open-top double decker service between Lynton and  
 Minehead which of course has to traverse two of the steepest gradient hills in England, Porlock  
 and Countisbury hills, and not wishing to take the car up and down these, we decided to avail  
 ourselves of this very exhilarating journey. We rode on Scania double decker YN55RDV on  
 both our journeys from Lynton to Porlock and the same vehicle on the return journey.

6th and 7th April we were in **Minehead** and saw: First Group 66173, 46198, 46173, 46195,  
 Webber Bus Solos MX55BYA plus WA56SYG. Blue Coach T159 AUA of Jones Motors from  
 Flint North Wales.

We enjoyed a trip on the West Somerset Railway and at **Bishops Lideard** station we saw Vario  
 S863 LRV and at Watchet on the return journey we saw Dart 46731 First, returning home on 8th  
 April at **Glastonbury** we saw First Group 66724, at **Wells**, 66935 and at **Temple Cloud** 66716.

## Garage Visits

Please remember permission must be obtained before entering any bus garage

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 by Anthony Walton

A visit to the garages of Trent Barton, TM Travel, Stagecoach South Yorkshire, First South  
 Yorkshire

#### Trent Barton - Belper Garage (Out Station)

661      686      687      688      690      691      692      935      938      939

#### TM Travel - Fan Road, Staveley, Chesterfield (Main Garage)

5	YN05HVT	6	YN06CYO	26	J26GCX	55	YN54SYG	83	R83GNW
102	YS02UGY	104	YN04PNL	111	A111TRP	147	D147FYM	153	YJ53VBM
155	YN55KMV	156	YN56AHY	191	D191FYM	204	YN04HHW	253	YN53SSZ
256	YIL4058	267	KUI9267	276	S276RGA	283	R283RAU	337	P337ROO
403	NX03YCP	444	W444TMT	482	K482GNN	551	W551BHG	561	R561UOT
562	R562UOT	582	S582RGA	664	M664KHP	668	R668LFV	669	R669LFV
685	X685REC	779	S779RNE	852	1294RU	919	M919MRW	923	W923JNF
933	R933AMB		KGS489Y		A604THV		H803RWJ		J619CEV
	L353NRR		N779DRH		TM06ONE		YJ56JYA		YJ56KAO

Preserved JRA635

#### Stagecoach South Yorkshire - Rawmarsh Garage

14832	14833	14834	14835	14836	14837	25488	28631	28632	28633	28634
28635	28712	28713	28714	28715	28716	28717	28965	28966	28967	28968
28969	30218	30220	31347	31358	31942	31945	31946	31947	31948	31949
32482	32483	32484	32485	32487	32589	32590	32593	35228	35229	35230
35231	35232	35233	35234	35235	35236	39612	39613	39615	39616	47285
47292	47295	47296								

#### First South Yorkshire - Rotherham inside Workshop

30350	30377	30575	30700	31269	31284	31387	31388	31390	32803
32819	32846	34013	34089	34097	34189	34206	34210	40465	41763
50233	60458	60509	60524	60586	60594	60639	60651	60696	62726

#### Rotherham Garage

20066	20463	20464	21091	30013	30362	30365	31270	31297	31315	31389
31391	32802	34207	34208	34211	34212	34213	34217	34219	34220	34221
34222	34239	34241	34242	34246	34247	34952	40449	40450	40453	40456
40458	40459	40460	40461	40463	40466	40467	40468	40469	40470	40471
40472	40473	40475	40476	40477	40478	40479	40482	40503	40504	40532

40535 40536 40684 40685 40686 40687 40821 40841 40843 40844 40973  
 45322 53034 60096 60462 60463 60465 60470 60503 60505 60508 60510  
 60511 60512 60513 60514 60516 60517 60522 60523 60524 60525 60554  
 60555 60559 60560 60570 60571 60572 60574 60573 60591 60592 60593  
 60634 60645 60636 60642 62609 62612 62631 62706 62728 90092 90096  
 90097 N321NHY N472KHU

## Garage Reports from John Hatch

**Heards Coaches Bideford 16 03 07** RJI 4668, M329 MKY, K502 YOD, B156YFJ, T404OWA, R252EMV, G226DGM, LIW3221, A162OOT

**Tally Ho Kingsbridge 18 03 07** N151MTG, G179/86PAO, YIL8773, PNO5DOU, VX51RCV, G253TSL, G841DVX, M584WLV, E809MOU, A131DTO, JDE973X, AIW 257, L322OUT, J616/8KCU, LIL6148, VMX234X, R159OOK, WDR598, KHL460W, MJI5013, M297LOD, E39SBO, FIL4145, JCZ3604, HIL4966, R24NFT, GN03CKL

**Tally Ho Lee Mill 11 03 07** MLZ 2393, FNM 854Y, LUB512P, KIW 6512, JDE 973X, A896 KCL, C195 CYO, H538 CTR, K309 YKG

**Pointmost Lee Mill 11 03 07** TIL 2177/5703/4, 7906/9, YAZ 2182, P878 LCC, J333 SAS, G996 OKK, E754 NWP, AXI462, FDZ 3014, FDZ 3014, 701 UDE, WIB 1113

**Target Travel Plymouth 11 03 07** 4011LJ, M359/60 LFX, NUI 1588/99, CSU 929, P4 FTC, 643 HAA, L76 DPE, K854/9 ODY, V89/98 JBM, T510/22 EUB, L853 WDS, F951 HTT, L168 ETR, N94/5 BNF, NIL 656O, X315 WFX, JLZ 3074, M 3/12 YCL, R417 XFL

### **A B C Totnes 18 03 07**

SAZ9140, NBZ1639, FBC 1C, MIL1031, JIW297, XIL812

## Anthony Walton Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007

### **First Somerset and Avon, Taunton Garage**

Volvo B10M: 20070, 20072  
 Dennis Javelin : 21064  
 Volvo Olympian: 34063  
 Leyland Olympian: 34962, 34964, 34969  
 Dennis Dart SLF: 41129, 41131, 41156, 42835, 42841, 42844  
 Dennis Dart 9.8SDL: 46196, 46197, 46198  
 Mercedes 709D: 51405  
 Mercedes 711D: 51680, 51682, 51686, 51746, 51880  
 Mercedes 0814D: 52573, 52574, 52640  
 Volvo B10M-55: 60599  
 Volvo B10BLE-58: 66173  
 Dennis Lance 11SDA :67123  
 Volvo B9M-46: 90188

## WINTS 'Montana' Butterton (C Sweeting)

If you like your company bus garages in the back of beyond, WINTS are the place to visit!

**A WARNING** do not attempt to take a double decker to the garage or take a bus past it, as there are low branches, steep narrow lane, hairpin bend and a hidden culvert (dodgy)

By car past WINTS – acceptable to very good café (summer) by Wetton (on trackbed of Leek & Manifold Light Railway

One line of buses visible from public road, permission **must** be sought to view second line or servicing garage

Vehicles at garage: a number of Mercedes 303 coaches with Mercedes bodies. A Mercedes 814 **SG52VFO** C29F ex Ace of Manchester

(Correction to April magazine entry for Wints **FT05PAY** should read **F705PAY**)

# Football Match Sightings

## **Blackpool v Northampton, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

Jefferies, Elmdon NKZ2490, SIL3924, 3493CD, M850LFP  
Amos, Eydon FJ04ESV

## **Middlesbrough v Aston Villa, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

Team Coach: Hallmark 1FTO  
Away Supporters: Attain R175GGR  
Endeavour GO03END, Y2END  
Chauffeurs YR52VEW, Y605JSH  
Newbury Travel 2322DG  
Nash's NUI6161  
Unknown KX56OUP

## **Middlesbrough v Spurs, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

Team Coach: Ellison's ONU77  
Away Supporters: Shire Coaches YN54AAK

## Tram and Light Rail News (Martin Hall)

**Birmingham** – Midland Metro has been hit by more problems since the collision last December. A derailment at points caused severe disruption and a collision with a car meant that one tram was out of service for some time.

**Blackpool** – Work is well underway to replace the entire worn out rail, the first section being ready at Easter with the next section being penciled in for next winter. A fire in the prototype TRAM Power vehicle caused disruption to services on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Docklands** – DLR are to use the former North London Line as an extension to its services from Stratford International and new platforms will be built on the existing Stratford Station. The work will be carried out jointly by Skanska and GrantRail. DLR is also to order new stock as capacity on the system is up and in readiness for the Olympics. The first order is for 24 trains which will be numbered 101-124 and the second order is for 31 trains numbered 125-155.

**Edinburgh** – It has been decided that although the system would not be finished by 2010 the Line 1 section could be opened in 2009 before the rest of the system

**Glasgow** – Due to a mechanical problem, passengers had to be evacuated from the underground and services did not return to normal for about two hours and as this was rush hour it did cause severe problems for commuters

**Manchester** – Metrolink has awarded Carillion the task of replacing some 20 miles of track on the Manchester, Bury and Altrincham lines. Services were disrupted at Pomona Station by a derailment on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Tram Briefs

**Blackpool:** Brush **623** is now back in service. **719** has been in the workshop receiving attention.

**Crich:** Record attendances for the 1940s weekend at Easter

**DLR:** Free travel has been granted to children under 11 years of age on the DLR and Underground when travelling with an adult.

**Edinburgh:** Preparatory work began on the Trams for Edinburgh system on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Manchester:** Adverts have reappeared on windows of 1001/02/03/04/08/10/13/16/18/20/21

**Sheffield:** No trams ran between Spring Lane and Gleadless Townend on Easter Sunday and Monday, due to essential engineering work. Tram **114** returned to service after refurbishment.

Tram **110** is now out of service for refurbishment

# Fleet Profile

## Wilfreda Beehive

Wilfred Beehive is a well known family coaching business which was started by Bill Scoley and his wife Marie – back in 1949. They are based at Apex House, Church Lane, Adwick Le Street at Doncaster

It operates a very modern fleet of coaches including executive, standard, plus mini coaches and mini buses. The 8 seater Volkswagen mini buses are purpose built and are ideal for trips or private hire/taxi work. All their vehicles are all easy access.

The fleet also includes an interesting vintage Daimler double decker built in 1964 which has been restored and painted in Wilfreda's original livery. The vehicle is mainly used for transporting large numbers of wedding guests and it can be hired fully decorated.

Another vehicle the company owns is a 1965 Routemaster which is also very popular for weddings and corporate social events. For weddings it comes complete with its own chimney sweep in full regalia (he doubles up as a conductor to ensure that no one falls off the back of it) In 2002 the company purchased a 1955 AEC Reliance MU3RV Burlington Seagull with centre entrance, which is being restored. The vehicle was new to B.T.S Motorways of Coventry.

Wilfreda operate excursions & tours, private hire, continental tours plus local bus services and school contacts. The fleet livery is Blue, white and yellow. Their web site which contains an area for enthusiasts is at: [www.wilfredagroup.com](http://www.wilfredagroup.com)

Make / Model	Year	Seats	Reg	Make / Model	Year	Seats	Reg
Scania Irizar	1999	49	T410 OWA	BMC	2004	60	YN54 XBM
				Scania S-Kool	2004	70	YN54 OAU
Neoplan Euroliner	2004	49	YN04 AXC	Scania S-Kool	2004	70	YN54 OAV
Optare Solara	2002	35	FY02 WHR	Scania S-Kool	2004	70	YN54 OAP
Scania D/Decker	1999	78	V320 EAK	Scania S-Kool	2004	70	YN54 OAO
Scania D/Decker	1999	78	V330 EAK	Scania S-Kool	2004	70	YN54 OAW
				Optare Solo	2004	27	YJ54 UBP
Daimler Bus D/Decker	1984	77	A541 HAC	Optare Solo	2004	27	YJ54 UBR
Daimler D/Decker	1964	61	304 VHN	Optare Solo	2004	27	YJ54 UBT
				Optare Solo	2004	27	YJ54 UBU
Bristol D/Decker	1975	78	JWL 997N	Optare Solo	2004	27	YJ54 UBW
Optare Solo	2001	27	Y334 HWT	Optare Solo	2004	27	YJ54 UBW
Mercedes	2006	16	MX06 BNV	Optare Tempo	2005	37	YJ05XOO
Mercedes	2005	16	MX55VJN	VW Transporter	2001	8	YT51 YHV
Routemaster	1965	68	CUV 280 C	VW Transporter	2002	8	YR02 BRZ
Optare Solo	2001	27	Y337 HWT	Mercedes Vito	2005	8	DA05 BTE
Optare Solo	2001	27	Y338 HWT	Mercedes Vito	2005	8	DA05 BTF
Mercedes 431Cdi	2001	16	Y747 OBE	Mercedes Vito	2006	8	YS06 WAU
Plaxton Beaver 2	2002	33	YR02 ZMX	Skoda Octavia	2001	5	Y961 HET
Plaxton Beaver 2	2002	33	YS02 XPB	Skoda Octavia	2001	5	W343 NWB
Plaxton Beaver 2	2004	33	YN54 DCE				
BMC	2004	60	YN54 VVP	Chrysler Grand Voyager	2003	7	YH53 EWN
BMC	2004	60	YN54 VVR				
BMC	2004	60	YN54 XBO	Mercedes Vario*	2007	24	YJ07UOG

\*Note - Two more Mercedes Varios due shortly

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