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T2RED Scania K124IB6 Irizar C49FT of Redwoods (DN) seen at St James Park

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Hello and welcome to August's magazine. A bumper catch up from the NE this month now that Stephen's computer problems have been sorted. Trip down to London, my first for over a year resulted in a large log which I have yet to sort out. Some interesting foreign coaches, but as usual very difficult to get registration, owner and type. If anyone knows of a resource for identifying these beasties I would be grateful, and please send to my e-mail address above. Packed as usual, so I'll just leave you to get on with it.

David

Membership Details

Membership of the GB Bus Group is £13 per year. This gives you a monthly magazine and 20% discount on all HB Publication Bus Books. Please make all cheques and Postal Orders payable to GB Bus Group

Welcome to new members D. Bird, Kenneth French, Nigel Nicholls, R. K. Sisson and Stephen Skuce.

Contributions

Thanks go to contributors : Dave Stewart, LOTS, Terry Wong Min and Angie at SiW, Emma Balme (Go Northern), Tony Mason, Peter Weller and apologies to anyone whom we have inadvertently missed.

We look forward to receiving your valued contributions.

Magazine

The deadline for the magazine is August 31st 2007. I am away until this date so I will only have a short time to put the next mag together, so no late offerings please. If you are submitting items to the area reps please do so a few days prior to this date to give them a chance to add it to their sections. Many thanks.

Fleet News

Arriva

Arriva Herts & Essex

Transferred from Stevenage to Milton Keynes (and in MK Metro livery) in Dennis Dart/NC Paladin 3334 (L124YVK). Also transferred to Milton Keynes from Aylesbury, but remaining in Arriva livery is Dennis Dart/Marshall C36 3104 (L400BUS). Optare Excels 3002/3 (V392/3KVY) are now in MK Metro livery.

Kent Thameside: Tf1 route 286 was taken up from July 14th and 15 10.7m Enviro200 B32D's were ordered of which eight 3982-89 were delivered to Dartford garage by early July, the remainder to follow later in the summer, with older Darts of the 32xx batch making up the shortfall in the meantime.

3982 GN07DLE 3984 GN07DLJ 3986 GN07DLO 3988 GN07DLV 3989 GN07DLX
3983 GN07DLF 3985 GN07DLK 3987 GN07DLU

London North: Can't recall if I noted these but four more 9.3m Enviro200s, for the extension of route 393 from July 28th, are ENS11 (LJ07ECF), ENS12 (LJ07ECN), ENS13 (LJ07ECT) and ENS14 (LJ07ECV) delivered in early June. Hybrid HEV1 headed back to Wrights on June 18th for rectification work 'should' be back in London as this is read. With the I-Bus upgrades at Tottenham now complete the float vehicles DLA137-148 were moved to Stamford Hill which is the next depot to be done. DW31 has been re-reg'd to LJ53NHX with WLT531 being returned to the owner of RM531.

Arriva Midlands North (Cannock) - Fresh vehicles in are Volvo B6-50 : 2118 L601EKM, 2119 L516CPJ both are allocated to Cannock

North East

26/05/07 – Reports as mentioned in Buses “fleet news” that Arriva North East are to receive 4 VDL DB250 East Lancs Lowlander double deck are due, as to the knowledge of company officials as is the details of 25 Enviro 400 due in the next six months. If the Enviro 200 is successful there will be orders is also known but unconfirmed. 06/05/07 - Neil Wise tells me that Arriva Durham County usefully made a temporary swap of Darlington's DAF DB250 / East Lancs 7443 (Y693EBR) for Durham's Scania OmniCity 4655 (NK05GXJ) last weekend, allowing 7443 to make itself useful for the X61 and 4655 to work on Moorsbus. Additionally, Wayne Picknett tells me that Peterlee used Durham OmniCity 4656 (NK05GXL) on their Moorsbus working. 09/06/07 - Arriva Durham County Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4536 (L232TKA) remains in use at Bishop Auckland, though Stuart Gray reports that this, along with sister 4534 (L219TKA) and DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4083 (J926CYL) are expected to be removed from use at Bishop Auckland soon. Stuart has also reported the return to service of

Dennis Dart / Northern Counties 1685 (L141YVK) with a new engine (I noted this out on the 1/1B today) and the onward movement of Volvo B6 4535 (L235TKA) to Stockton to take up training duties. Darlington today had Scania OmniCity 4656 on the 723 (this will presumably do Moorsbus tomorrow) and Durham had Lowlander 7444 on the X61, so it seems such weekend swaps may become commonplace. Arriva Northumbria currently have Volvo B6 / Plaxton 4539 (L225TKA) parked up at Ashington. Arriva Tees & District's Redcar depot has Mini Pointer Dart 1703 (V703DNL) on loan from Durham. 11/06/07 - Arriva Teesside Scania OmniCity 4663 (NK07FZF) [the one without the funky leather seats] has been swapped with 4649 (NK05GXC) from Durham. This is because the X1, upon which 4663 had been a regular, is now operated using vehicles fitted with analogue tachographs. 4663 is too new to be fitted with an analogue tacho under recently introduced regulations. 14/06/07 - Arriva Northumbria Leyland Olympian / ECW 7221 (D157FYM) is back on the road at Blyth with a new engine, while Scania N113 / Northern Counties 7256 (N181OYH), which has been out of use for many months after a fire, is now fitted with a new engine and the majority of the other parts it will need for a return to service - I look forward to travelling on this one again! 18/06/07 - Arriva Northumbria are starting to brand some buses for the X31/X32/X33 - first one done being DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7452 (R209CKO). Paul Francis and Danny Howard note that Leyland Olympian / ECW 7212 (D198FYM) is now operating for Peterlee ex Jesmond, while Scania N113 / Northern Counties 7255 (M180LYP) has been noted at Ashington ex Peterlee. Arriva Tees & District now have Durham MPD 1701 (T701RCN) at Durham on loan from Redcar in place of sister 1703 (V703DNL). Optare Prisma 3006 (N806XHN) has now returned from repair following its accident with DAF Coach 1206. 25/06/07 - Arriva Northumbria Volvo Olympian 7414 (P414CCU) has gained prominent rear-end advertising for daily and weekly tickets and that sister 7413 (P413CCU) has gained "The Express" branding, with Colin Davidson reporting that sister 7411 (P411CCU) and DAF DB250 / Northern Counties 7449/50 (R206/7CKO) have also gained this branding.

Arriva Durham County Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton 1617 (S617KHN) is on loan from Bishop Auckland to Darlington. Arriva Teesside Leyland Lynx driver trainer 9990 (G512EAJ) is on loan to Loftus to be used for road safety demonstrations at schools. 28/06/07 - Arriva Tees & District have DAF SB220 / Ikarus P127RWR and DAF SB220GS / Ikarus T793TWX on loan at Redcar. Mark Gibbon reports that three Optare Metroriders are expected on loan from Blackpool Transport in the next day or two. Alex Kennedy has noted Optare Prisma 3016 (N516XVN) over the pits at Durham - though the latest allocation sheets do not show this as a transfer. They do, however, show that Darlington are due to gain MPDs 1703-6 (V703, 612, 705/6DNL) from Durham in exchange for Optare Metroriders 2616/33/7/702 (P616/33/7FHN, R702MHN). 01/07/07 - Arriva Teesside Optare Metrorider 902 (P902DRG) has returned from the paint shop at Jesmond in a revised version of Arriva livery, with more turquoise (as per the slightly poor enlarged section of a photo above, which was grabbed from within the bus station building with the camera at knee height just as my bus was pulling on the stand!). This is to facilitate some forthcoming route branding for service 7 and several others are to be so painted. Arriva Tees & District has received their three Optare Metroriders on loan from Blackpool. The two that could be identified yesterday were N585GRN in a pink version of Blackpool livery and N595LFV in a green version with branding for service 2 Poulton - South Pier. 595 entered service today on the 64/64A, its bright livery and unfamiliar route branding causing much amusement! Alex Kennedy advises that the third is pink 584 (M924TYG). Wayne Picknett advises that Optare Prisma 3016 (N516XVN) was visiting Durham for testing 08/07/07 - Arriva Northumbria MPD 1702 (T702RCN) has been given a green-based overall advert for "Go Wansbeck" (as per Steven Hodgson's photo above), which is a regeneration of the Wansbeck area, rather than a new name for Northumbria Coaches under Go North East ownership..... Also note that somebody forgot to re-livery the doors! Arriva Durham County's Durham depot have been using Optare Prisma 3016 (N516XVN) on the X1. This may be a prelude to some rumoured vehicle movements in the coming months. Danny Howard confirms that Peterlee occasion, though Neil Wise anticipates that this is to move to Darlington to see-off sister 4086 (J413NCP). 13/07/07 - Arriva Durham County's Durham depot have, in an interesting move, placed their recently arrived Optare Metroriders on soon to be withdrawn service X21 Durham - Newcastle, rather than on service 62 as had been anticipated. Presumably, more movements will

occur when the X21 ends in mid August. 13/07/07 - Arriva Tees & District have regained Optare Prisma 3016 (N516XVN) at Redcar. The Arriva DAFs and Blackpool Metroriders remain on loan.

15/07/07 - Dave has advised that Arriva Northumbria now have Volvo B6 / Plaxton L225TKA (ex 4539) in its new driver training garb as 1005 at Ashington. 23/07/07 - Arriva Tees & District's Redcar depot are now thinning out their hired-in buses. Optare Metrorider 595 (N595LFV) has gone to Jesmond (replacing the Enviro 200 demonstrator as the extra M55 vehicle), while Wayne Picknett reports that the two hired DAFs, P127RWR and T793TWX, and are expected to be returned at the end of the week. Some significant vehicle movements are expected to take place on the second weekend in August - more on this soon! 23/07/07 - Arriva Durham County are swapping Durham's Scania OmniCity 4656 (NK05GXL) with Darlington's Lowlander 7444 (Y694EBR) for the summer for Moorsbus and the X61 respectively. Darlington is transferring a 713/23 working to Durham (with DAF 4052) and their 213 working to Peterlee (with Dart SLF 1613) on a temporary basis. 25/07/07 - Steven Hodgson passes on some news from one of his correspondents (thanks to both of you) that Arriva Northumbria have received Optare Solo demonstrator YJ07EGC on loan at Jesmond. Neil Wise advises that this is expected to do three weeks at Jesmond followed by just one week at Darlington. The arrival of the Solo means that Jesmond can live without Metrorider 595 (N595LFV), so it has gone on loan to Darlington. Thanks to Neil Wise for the photo of it deputising for the Durham County Council Solo on the 70.

25/07/07 - Arriva Durham County Leyland Olympian / ECW 7211 (C102CHM) is now in use at Peterlee. This should be there for the summer owing to the increased PVR caused by Moorsbus.

Arriva Scotland West : Acquired from Arriva North East are Metroriders 2703/7 (R703/7MHN) and 2729 (M443HPF) in service from Inchinnan Depot.

First

First Aberdeen : 69133 (SV07EHK) eventually entered service in June.

First Berkshire: Three new coaches for the Reading – Heathrow Rail Link service are 20601 (LK07CDE), 20602 (LK07CDF) and 20603 (LK07CDN) being 12m Volvo B12B/ Plaxton Panther. Darts 46921/23/28 and Scania 60295v have been sold to Erith Commercials for scrap

First Eastern Counties

The following depot transfers have been recorded

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Premiere 350 20105 (N605APU) – Roundtree Way to Kings Lynn.

Dennis Dart/NC Paladin 40187 (M621SBA) – Yarmouth to Lowestoft.

Dennis Dart/NC Paladin 40245/84 (M101RRJ, N652CDB) – Norwich to Manchester.

Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer 40301 (N608XJM) – Norwich to Manchester.

Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 42429 (P429ORL) – Vulcan Road to Lowestoft.

Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 2 42458 (R458CCV) – Vulcan Road to Lowestoft.

Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer 46375 (M375YEX) – Lowestoft to Yarmouth.

Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer 46377-9 (M377-379YEX) Lowestoft to Norwich.

The following are currently unfit for service/Withdrawn.

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Premiere 350 20140 (R342GHS).

Leyland Olympian/ECW 34711 (A711DAU).

Leyland Olympian/Alexander RH 34946 (G46XLO).

Leyland Olympian/Leyland 34975 (J625BVG).

Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 2 43475 (R475CAH).

Dennis Dart/Alexander Dash 46014/5 (J514/5FPS).

Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer 46041/380/47216 (K741JAH, M380YEX, M216VWW).

Volvo B6-50/Plaxton Pointer 48091 (M590ANG).

Leyland Lynx/Leyland 62722/745 (G122/45HNP).

The following are used as training Vehicles.

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Premiere 350 20122 (P732NVG) at Ipswich.

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Premiere 350 20125 (P765XHS) at Norwich.

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Premiere 350 20129 (P769XHS) at Great Yarmouth.

Transferred in from elsewhere are.

Volvo B10B-58/Wright Endurance 60306/7/9 (M511/2/4PNA) from Manchester.

Volvo B10BLE/Wright Renown 60766/7/812/3 (R644CVR, S657/9/663/4RNA) from Bradford.

60766/812 have been noted at Ipswich. 60766/60812 are in service at Ipswich.

First Edinburgh : New are Volvo B7?Wright 69254-6(SK07JVN-P) also 69271-4 (YJ07WFX-Z,WGA). 69271-4 were on short term loan from Bradford to where they have returned along with all the loaned vehicles from Manchester. They were all here from 21 June for about 4 weeks. 21 Volvo B9TL/Wright DD and 23 Volvo B7RLE/Wright SD have been ordered. An Eviro 400 has been on loan from Alexander Dennis at Larbert and Livingston. It was tried on various routes from Larbert Depot and appears to be on Rail Replacement Work from Livingston. Volvo B7 Plaxton Profiles 20357 and 20364 are now operating from Livingstone Depot.

First Glasgow : The only outstanding Volvo B9 from the current order is 37186, which is stored at Volvo with fire damage sustained on delivery. The current rumour is that First Glasgow has cancelled 37205 onwards, therefore the batch is 37186-204. This operator has taken the following vehicles from the business of Hutchison which it recently acquired :- P507/8VUS, R91/2HUS Volvo B10M/Plaxton, SF04ZPE/G,HXW/X Volvo B7RLE/Wright, SK02ZYG/H, SN03CLX/Y Scania L94UB/Wright, Y181/2BGB Volvo B10BLE/Wright and X303/4JGE Volvo B10BLE/ALX300.

London: Darts sold for scrap are 40289, 41290, 46104, 46106 46852, 46853 and 46854.

Go Ahead

Docklands Minibuses: The batch of twelve Caetano Darts have been withdrawn.

London: More Darts transferred north to Diamond Bus are LDP40, 42, 54, 61 and 82. WVL150 (LX53BJO) is now back in service at Camberwell (Q) after having a new body at Wrights following its very bad accident back in December 2005.

The buses purchased off Blue Triangle are Darts DP189-209, Enviros DE210-212, Tridents TL901-915, 917-923, TPL925-297, Scania SO1-5, Titan 1011 and Metrobuses 271, 468, 693, 801, 809, 981 and 1200. The other two, of four, driving test buses are PVL142 and PVL143. Transferring from SW to AF for the pvr increase on the 85 are WVL121, 123 and 124.

Metrobus: I really must write my notes down so that I can read them myself! Anyway the new Scania Omnidekka/EL are 947-952 not as in the June magazine

947 YN07EXF 949 YN07EXH 950 YN07EHK 951 YN07EXM 952 YN07EXO
948 YN07EXG

Go North East

30/05/07 – FTR Street Car with Go North East is still white and has company names and logos on it and is now duly registered YN07 SYJ and will enter service tomorrow operating between 1000 – 1800 only on the X66 “Centre Link” Gateshead to Metro Centre. This is due to end on Friday 08/06/07 and returned to FIRST Group. 04/06/07 – Moved on to Redby Bus and Coach, is Go North East 4782 L482 CFT Dennis Lance Optare Sigma and is in Redby’s white with red skirt livery, also added are two Volvo Olympian with Northern Counties and ex London Central/ General examples as one is apparent 3900 R549 LGH, these are all painted Yellow – all over yellow for school services formerly (and may still) operated by Go North East. Last year Go North East was considering franchising their Works and School services all operated to Nexus (Tyne and Wear PTE). 05/06/07 - Go North East have taken on Optare Solos VU52UEF and MX03YDD from Jayline. The former is in use at Deptford with fleet number 480 applied, while the latter has been parked up at Saltmeadows. It is anticipated that these, together with native Solos 452/3 (S252/3KNL) and MPDs 8192-5 (V192-5ERG) will don a modified Go North East Jayline identity. (Thanks to Paul Francis, Ian Wilson and an anonymous informant for the above). Prior to the start of GNE operation yesterday, Chris Hall and Ian Wilson both noted MPDs out on driver familiarisation for the 211 09/06/07 - Go North East ex Jayline Solo MX03YDD is in use as 481. This now carries Go North East Jayline fleet names. 11/06/07 - Go North East Optare Solo 481 (MX03YDD) sporting its new fleet names. 25/06/07 - Go North East Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 3929 working for Percy Main - believed to be one of two on loan. A couple of correspondents have noted that Solos 452/3/80/1 and MPDs 8192-5 all now have Go North East Jayline fleet names. 03/07/07 - Steven Hodgson have noted the entry into service of Go North East Mercedes Citaros 5282/3 (NK07KPT/U). The Go North East [website](#) shows detail that the full batch in the process of entering service. 13/07/07 - Go North East today officially launched their new Mercedes Citaros. 5281 (NK07KPR) was used to for press purposes. Also noted on the road (in addition to some previously listed here) were 5277/8/80(NK07KPL/N/P). It would seem that all

of the pink Scania OmniCity's are now at Chester-le-Street (5263/6/7/9 have certainly transferred), displacing East Lancs bodied Tridents (including 3876/8) to Gateshead and allowing more of the Plaxton bodied examples to head to Oxford. One that isn't off to Oxford is 3888, which is freshly repainted pink like 3887. 18/07/07 - Reports that Go North East's Northumbria Coaches operation are currently using a Dart in all over white on the 332 and that the Northumbria fleet was today being fitted up with Go North East ticketing equipment ready for the "Buzz Fare" ticketing scheme that replaces Go & Save from Monday. 23/07/07 - Thanks to those people (you know who you are!) who confirmed that the Go North East Dart with Northumbria Coaches is SLF / Marshall 590 (T421AGP). 26/07/07 - Steven Hodgson noted that Go North East have started to brand their pink vehicles on the 21 as "The Angel", considerably enhancing their appearance

26/07/07 – The full Mercedes Benz details are:

5275	NK07 KPG	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5276	NK07 KPJ	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5277	NK07 KPL	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5278	NK07 KPN	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5279	NK07 KPO	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5280	NK07 KPP	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5281	NK07 KPR	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5282	NK07 KPT	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington
5283	NK07 KPU	Mercedes Citaro	Merc. OM906HLA	Mercedes	40	2007	Washington

National Express

Travel London: Five Wright Electrocities are due in September for route 129 from Walworth to be numbered 8801-8805. The tridents that had been moved to Wets Midlands are to return following the win of tenders for East London Line services when the line shuts later in the year.

Travel West Midlands: The full batch of the first ten Enviros at Perry Barr are

4718	BU07LGO	4720	BU07LGW	4722	BU07LGY	4724	BU07LHA	4726	BU07LHC
4719	BU07LGV	4721	BU07LGX	4723	BU07LGZ	4725	BU07LHB	4727	BU07LHD

So far, they usually see service on the Sutton lines. Metrobus 2792 has recently been operating from LH, it is leased to TWM by Carlyle Bus & Coach. 2529, the oldest Metrobus still operated by TWM is also at LH, routes 55 & 590 are the best bet for anyone wanting to see or photograph this pair. It is understood future deliveries will feature a new design of ticket machine, capable of multi-colour printing. This is so that the popular 'Daysaver' tickets can be day/date colour coded to counter misuse of expired tickets. Dennis Tridents 4173, 4177 allocated to Wolverhampton are ex works and are no longer branded for service 559.

Stagecoach

Bluebird: Neoplans 50142, 50144 and 50147 have been repainted in corporate colours and have had Buchan Link branding applied. New for Aberdeen Council dial-a-bus is 47808(SJ07EHY), an Optare B16F Alero.

Cambridgeshire: The first three Tridents displaced by new Enviro 400s on Park and Ride services were dispatched to Devon on July 22nd being 17008, 17009 and 17010. This follows the arrival of the first three of the new vehicles, which are H41/29D, 19295 (AE07KYV), 19296 (AE07KYW) and 19297 (AE07KYX) being allocated to the Trumpington P & R. Also new for the extended Citi4 route are 10.9m Enviro200 Darts 36011 (AE07KYS), 36012 (AE07KYT) and 36013 (AE07KYU). They were delivered as 36016-018 which are at Winchester, the numbers being corrected within a couple of day

Stagecoach Devon : Exeter Bus Station. One evening, somebody entered into Stagecoach bus FN 16602 which was in a line of parked buses and started it up. This person used this bus to ram into the back of a parked bus in front of it, which was FN 20480. He then reversed the bus into FN 16064 pushing this vehicle into FN 17736, which were the two vehicles immediately parked behind. The double decker he used received extensive damage, after assessment and cosmetic repairs to make it roadworthy, it was despatched to Bristol, to a specialist repair centre.

Exeter Depot are waiting for a delivery of sixteen Tridents and four Dennis Darts. The first three Tridents are expected to be FN.TA 8/9/10, reg no S808/9/10 BWC.

Stagecoach East

Transferred out have been.

Volvo Olympian/NC Palatine 16008/673/8/9 (P808GMU, L673/8/9HNV) to East Scotland.

Volvo Olympian/Alexander RL 16686/8 (P686/8JBD) also to East Scotland.

Transferred to the training fleet are.

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton premiere Interurban 52398/415 (P108FRS, R115OPS).

New deliveries are.

ADL Enviro200Dart/ADL 36011-13 (AE07KYS-U) for Cambridge

ADL Enviro400/ADL 19295-315 (AE07KYV-Z/KZA-D/F-H/J-P/R/S) also for Cambridge for the Park 'N' Ride routes replacing Dennis Tridents which will be transferred to Devon..

East Scotland: The next batch of Volvo B7R / Plaxton Profile coaches arrived during July

53277 SP07HHD 53279 SP07HHF 53281 SP07HHJ 53283 SP07HHL 53284 SP07HHM
53278 SP07HHE 53280 SP07HHG 53282

Three Volvo Olympians were transferred north from Bedford in mid July have been 16673 (L673HNV), 16678 (L678HNV) and 16679 (L679HNV) more are reported to follow

Stagecoach Fife : There are 8 new Plaxton Profile coaches in store at the former Kirkcaldy Garage.

Stagecoach Hampshire Bus Basingstoke Depot received three new single deckers on the 9 July 2007 these being 36028 to 36030 registrations being GX07 HUV HUY HUZ also seen on 15th July at Alton a Stagecoach Hampshire Bus Winchester Depot 36023 registration GX07 HUJ.

Stagecoach North East

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

03/05/07 – Stagecoach in Newcastle has entered their new Enviro 400 into service which is:

19141 – NK07 HBE 19142 – NK07 GZV 19143 – NK07 GZW 19144 – NK07 GZX

10/05/07 – Enviro 400 19023 – 19026 has left the North East and are now at Folkestone for the Folkestone to Ashford service. 19145 NK07 GZY entered service today. 13/05/07 - Steven Hodgson reports that Stagecoach North East now have Enviro 400 19144 (NK07GZX) in use.

Internet reports suggest that existing Enviro 400s 19023-6 are the first of eight to go to Stagecoach South Coast, with 19031-45 expected to head to Stagecoach North West - though anything could happen! 16/05/07 – More new Enviro 400 numbered as follows:

19145 – NK07 GZY 19146 – NK07 HBF 19147 – NK07 HBG 19148 – NK07 HBH

19149 – NK07 HBJ 19150 – NK07 GZZ 19151 – NK07 HBL 19152 – NK07 HBN

Apart from 19145 all the others are under preparation for service 19145 entered last Thursday.

20/05/07 – Reports of sightings of Enviro 400 19151 and 19152 from the list above were seen at Kilmarnock Depot after delivery, as they were also inspected at Lothian at Edinburgh last week before delivery. 22/05/07 - In addition to the list of Enviro 400 above Stagecoach North East revealed the remaining of the batch of vehicle left to be delivered are:

19153 - NK07HAA 19154 - NK07HAE 19155 - NK07HAO 19156 - NK07HAU

19157 - NK07HAX 19158 - NK07HBA 19159 - NK07HBB 19160 - NK07HBC

19161 - NK07HBD 19162 - NK07HBO 19163 - NK07HBP

05/06/07 - Stagecoach North East Dennis Dart / Alexander 32563/711 (K563NHC, K711PCN), Leyland Lynx II 29630 (K630YVN) and 14636 (C636LFT) are now listed for scrap. 18/06/07 -

Stagecoach Yorkshire Volvo B7TL / East Lancs 16938 (YM02CLZ) was on Saturday used on the first section of the Megabus Newcastle - London via Sunderland and Middlesbrough service. Neil Broadley snapped it in Middlesbrough. Stagecoach North East Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21032

(L32HHN) are now complete as a driver trainer. I noted that 21037 (L37HHN) is under conversion at Stockton, now featuring supplementary brake and tachometer 01/07/07 - Stagecoach North

East's recently acquired driver training Volvo B10M / Plaxton. The sticker in the cab shows it to be 52136, which is K566GSA. The second photo illustrates freshly repainted driver training Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21032 (L32HHN), while the third, of sister 21037 (L37HHN), clearly shows the unusual modifications, whereby one half of the door has been fastened shut and a platform installed with supplementary brake pedal for the instructor and a footrest. 08/07/07 - The new

Alexander Dennis Enviro's continue to enter service at Stagecoach North East. Sightings from Colin Oakley and Neil Watson confirm 19153/8/9 (NK07HAA/BA/BH) in use, so presumably 19154-7 (NK07HAE/O/U/X) are too. The movement of older examples to Preston continues apace too,

with Gez reporting that just 19039/44/5 (SN56AWJ/U/W) have yet to make the move. 19042 (SN56AWP) was noted at today's rally in Leyland. Danny Howard reports that a second Volvo B10M / Plaxton are under conversion to a driver trainer, as is Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21035 (L35HHN). It is not clear what has replaced the latter at Stockton or, indeed, Leyland Olympian 14675 (H675BNL) which has not been seen in the yard or in service for some time. 15/07/07 - Danny Howard kindly supplies an update of goings on at Stagecoach North East. Dennis Dart / Alexander 32711/579 (K711PCN, K579NHC) are confirmed as under cannibalisation at Darlington, while following the loss of service 18 to Compass Royston, Dennis Dart / Plaxton 32173 (K582MGT) is now parked up. He confirms that Scania N113 / Alexander 28901/5 (F901/5JRG) both remain in service at Slatyford (both officially now withdrawn). Volvo B10B / Plaxton trainer 21035 (L35HHN) is now at Stockton, while the disappearance of Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 14675 (H675BNL) from Stockton is explained by the fact that it is receiving major surgery following engine trouble. 23/07/07 - Stagecoach on Teesside now have Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21037 (L37HHN) in use as a driver trainer, replacing Lynx 29122 (F122HVK) which is now stored. The stored minibuses have now been removed, leaving just Olympians 14192/636 (H192WFR, C636LFT), Lynx II 29630 (K630YVN) and the unused ex GTL Dart.

North West

In Cumbria: Being trialled at Kendal for a couple of week in early July was Manchester Trident 18179 (MX54LPA).

In Lancashire: Enviros arriving at Preston in mid June were 19031-038, 041. These were followed on July 1st by 19040/042/043. New Solos in service at the end of June are 47470 (PX07GXU), 47471 (PX07GZV), 47472 (PX07GZW), 47473 (PX07GZY) and 47474 (PX07GZZ). Five Solo demonstrators were also in use, mainly at Fleetwood allowing liveried vehicles to operate in Preston, due to a delay in new vehicles being available. YJ07URK/P/R/U and YJ07EGC. Six more had arrived in early July 47475 (PX07HAA), 47476 (PX07HAE), 47477 (PX07HAO), 47478 (PX07HAU), 47479 (PX07HBA) and 47480 (PX07HBB). Mid July saw yet more arrive with the remaining numbers of the batch of 25 due in August.

In Lancaster: Our new Vario 42091 finally made it out on the road on July 3rd, lasting almost two weeks before being towed in on the 15th with its EMS failing. Another B10M transferred in is 20133 into service on July 24th. It will take the place of Volvo B6 30335 which has suffered much engine trouble of late and is now withdrawn from use, This bus having managed to hang onto its Western fleetnames. Road works on the main road into Morecambe have been causing major disruption and delays which were compounded a couple of Fridays ago with an accident closing the only other road for over four hours. Delays are set to continue through August when a major road in Lancaster is dug up for three weeks.

Oxfordshire: On loan to Devon during the summer University vacation are Brookes Bus Tridents 18054, 055 and 195. Darts 32625 and 32626 are now at South

South: The full batch of Enviro 300s now arriving at Winchester are

34014	GX07FXB	34017	GX07FXE	34020	GX07FXH	34023	GX07HUJ	34025	GX07HUO
34015	GX07FXC	34018	GX07FXF	34021	GX07FXJ	34024	GX07HUK	34026	GX07HUP
34016	GX07FXD	34019	GX07FXG	34022	GX07FXK				

South West: Following the arrival of new buses at Winchester three 53 plate Darts have been moved here 34406 at Barnstaple, 34407 and 34408 at Torquay leaving 34409 to collect.

Wales: Latest fleet movements courtesy of the company are :- 47431, 47432 Blackwood – Merthyr, 47190, 47191 Merthyr – Blackwood, 34042 Merthyr – Porth, 33273 returned to Blackwood, 33557 returned to Brynmawr, 20350 Blackwood – Porth, 52300 back at Cwmbran after refurbishment at Plaxton. For all the current allocations please see the website.

Western: Three B10Ms new to Kilmarnock are 20454, 20455 and 20789, which had been in store at Lillyhall. Another Neoplan at Ayr in X77 livery is 50127. Acquired are Neoplan Skyliners 50134/8 from within the group.

Transdev

Yellow Buses: New Volvo Caetanos for the National Express 035 service are 321 (FY07DVY), 322 (FJ07DVZ) and 323 (FJ07DWA)

Veolia

North East

14/06/07 - Veolia North East [formerly Dunn-Line (Durham)] has repainted Volvo B10M / Plaxton W389PRC into Veolia livery...

Independents

East

Beestons of Hadleigh

Sold via Ebay is Scania K113CRB.Van Hool Alizee T8 NCZ1912.

C&G Coaches of Chatteris

Advertised for sale have been Scania K114EB4/Irizar Century CG03/04CNG

Dews of Somersham

A recent arrival noted here is new to Derby Volvo Citybus/Marshall B138GAU.

Golden Boy of Hoddesdon

Advertised for sale are.

Mercedes Sprinter/Crest XX51/52BOY

Mercedes Vario/Sitcar Beluga OO52BOY

Volvo B10M-62/Van Hool Alizee T8 N66/99BOY

Volvo B10MT-53/Van Hool Alizee T9 T44/88/99BOY

S&M Harlow

The following have been placed for sale via auction house Malcolm Harrison Auctions

Dennis Dart/Plaxton Pointer J313WHJ

Irisbus Scolabus/Vehixel FD54E00/P

Irisbus Agora Line/Irisbus EU06KHK

Iveco EuroRider/Beulas Stergo e S234HGU, T936HTR, LV02LKD

Iveco EuroMidi/Carroceria N179OUT

Iveco 59.12/Mellor L699NWXm M530VWT

Iveco 59.12/Marshall C31 L722OVX, M291AJC

Bova FHD12.280/Futura HIL2923, WSV486

Iveco 50C13/Oclap LK03PZW

Simonds of Botesdale

Advertised for sale have been

Ford R1114/Plaxton Supreme WDX663X

Leyland Tiger/Plaxton Paramount 3200 378BNG

London

Blue Triangle: Following sale to Go Ahead buses retained are DN181-188, TPL924 & 928 along with the heritage fleet of which two new additions are Volvo /Ailsa V3 (A3SUU) and RMC4 (SLT59)

Carousel Buses: A new arrival is Enterprise EB01/Plaxton primo B28F RK07BNF, it can usually be found operating a new route 27 in High Wycombe.

Countryliner (Guildford): Three Darts have been acquired from Metrobus, for use on more routes from Petersfield, DS16 (N726KGF), DS17 (P895PWW) and DS18 (R58GNW)

Ensignbus: Dart SLF's R83MOR and R561UOT into service in blue and silver as 783 and 761.

Metrobus 143 re-instated at an outstation in Faversham for South Eastern rail replacement. Delta 605 withdrawn and scrapped after serious rear end damage sustained in Dartford Tunnel.

RMA58 and RCL2220 both in use on Central Line replacement services on 05 and 06/07/07.

Metroline: Twelve B26F 8.9m E200Darts have now been delivered to Perivale West (PA) for use on recently won route E6. Until they arrived DMS1-12 were moved from Potters Bar.

DES791 LK07BDO DES794 LK07BDX DES797 LK07BEJ DES799 LK07BEU DES801 LK07ELJ

DES792 LK07BDU DES795 LK07BDY DES798 LK07BEO DES800 LK07BEY DES802 LK07ELO

DES793 LK07BDV DES796 LK07BDZ

The first of the East Lancs Olympus bodied Scania N230UD, for route 7 began arriving at Perivale [PV] for driver familiarisation SEL743 (LK07BAA) and SEL749 (LK07BBN) being noted on July 25th with several more arriving during the following days but not in service as we closed for press.

Potters Bar Darts DLF109 and 110 have been moved to Holloway as trainers. The remaining V

class Olympians have all been sold to Ensignbus. with several DMLs being sold to Southdown PSV (see elsewhere in the magazine for full details)

Quality Line: the company entered a new era with the arrival of its first double decks, 10.1M Trident/Enviro 400s for use on routes 406 and 418.

DD1 SK07DZA DD3 SK07DZC DD5 SK07DZE DD7 SK07DZG DD9 SK07DZJ
DD2 SK07DZB DD4 SK07DZD DD6 SK07DZF DD8 SK07DZH DD10 SK07DZL

Wiltax: In use is Network Colchester Olympian H48MJN

Midlands

A line buses: J516GCD now registered to Golden Line Buses (and in there colours) H106MOB seen still all white, may now belong to another Thandi company.

Macpherson: A new 7.8m Optare Solo SE B27F has just been delivered MX07LPJ. It replaces a Mercedes on local route 23

Nottingham City Transport: A whole raft of Scania deliveries to record of late Omnilink's 301 (YN07LDX), 302 (YN07LDY) and 303 (YN07LDZ) in Citylink 1 livery, Omnicity's 515 (YN07EYA), 516 (YN07EYB), 517 (YN07EYC) and 518 (YN07EYD), Scania /EL Omnidekka's 671 (YN07EYO), 672 (YN07EYP), 755 (YN07EYR), 756 (YN07EYT), 757 (YN07EYU), 758 (YN07EYW), 759 (YN07EYX), 760 (YN07EYY) and 761 (YN07EYZ), 940 (YN07EYH), 941 (YN07EYJ), 942 (YN07EYK), 943 (YN07EYL) and 944 (YN07EYM); 671/2, 755-61 in GO₂ Orange and 940-4 in GO₂ Lilac. Olympians 458, 459, 461 and 466 have been withdrawn. Excel 561 is now in the training fleet.

Travel DeCourcey: A new MCV Evolution is AE07DJZ

North East

Abbey Coaches/ A1

11/06/07 - Abbey Coaches / A1, Middlesbrough have applied the A1 version of their unusual new livery to recently acquired Iveco minibus MX06KXC. 28/06/07 - Abbey / A1 Coaches Volvo B10M / Plaxton 801CXK is now in full use following the fitment of a modernised front end.

Compass Royston Stockton

09/06/07 - Compass Royston, Stockton began operation of service 686 Middlesbrough - Middlehaven today. Mercedes Sprinter BX55FYF has been given a special multi-colour "Middlehaven Mover" livery for the service. 14/06/07 - Compass Royston, Stockton Mercedes Sprinter BX55FYF in it's, err, "colourful" new livery for service 686. John Atkin, Alex Kennedy and Graham Mottram report that Compass Royston have new Optare Solo MX07MTO in use.

23/07/07 - Reports that Compass Royston, Stockton have a rather swanky new coach in stock - see photo above. It is lettered as being for Corporate Travel, though I would suspect that it may also double as the Middlesbrough FC team coach - something that should become obvious in the new season. Ian Wilson advises that one of the ex Proctors Solos in stock for work in Darlington is MMW52PYX. 25/07/07 - Tony Walshaw confirms that the new coach with Compass Royston, Stockton NX07BOU is an Ayatts Bravo and will indeed be the Middlesbrough FC team coach. He also reports the arrival from Proctors of Optare Solo W87NDW and Volvo B10M / Van Hool JIL6176.

Classic Coaches, Annfield Plain, Stanley, Co Durham

22/05/07 – New coaches here are Scania as to the tri-axle Volvo's in the Stagecoach Megabus and Scottish Citylink fleets are:

8274 YN07 LHE – Scania – Berkhof – C65Ft 8275 YN07 LHF – Scania – Irizzar – C59Ft

8276 YN07 LHG – Scania – Irizzar – C59Ft

These are all in Classic's traditional livery of all red based. 09/06/07 – Further new vehicles for National Express work are:

8925 FJ07 DWF – Scania – Caetano – C49Ft 8926 FJ07 DWG – Scania – Caetano – C49Ft

Hodgson's Barnard Castle

13/05/07 - Hodgsons, Barnard Castle have a new 12.8m long Irisbus (Iveco) Eurorider / Beulas in use 19/05/07 – New coach here is Iveco EuroRider HC07 BUS

Hunters of Tantobie

15/07/07 - Hunters, Tantobie have further updated their fleet with Mercedes Vario / Plaxton R946AMB.

Jayline, Horden

02/06/07 – Please note under Go North East of this operator recent events.

Kingsleys – Birtley

08/07/07 - Added to stock at Kingsleys, Birtley is Leyland Tiger / Plaxton C162LBW. This features a manual gearbox

Leven Valley

15/07/07 - Former Leven Valley, South Bank Mercedes / LCB M479YSG has been sighted working in LV livery with Tommy's, Cleadon, South Shields

Low Fell Coaches – Gateshead

03/07/07 - Low Fell, Gateshead still operate the Tesco (Kingston Park) free bus contract and have repainted MPD S465LGN in a suitable style.

Nightingales- Stanley

08/07/07 - A significant vehicle in stock at Nightingale, Stanley is DAF MB230 / Duple E907MDC, new, of course, to OK Travel. All the more pleasing is that it retains OK moquette

Northumbria Coaches, Ashington

03/06/07 –Are looking for 12 drivers to expand their operations under the Go Ahead Group to operate the “Bargain Bus” services.

Perrymans, Berwick

05/06/07 - Perrymans, Berwick have new Mercedes Vario / Plaxton Cheetah YN07OPA. It differs from previous examples by having different seats, air conditioning and an automatic gearbox.

25/06/07 - Perrymans, Berwick have yet another new Optare Solo! This one is MX07NTU, making a total of ten Solos in stock.

Proctors, Leeming Bar

13/05/08 - Steven Hodgson has provided the details of Proctors, Leeming Bar Mercedes Vario / Plaxton R47LNU working service 97 for Compass Royston in Darlington.

Redby Travel – Sunderland

29/05/07 – The BMC that has been noted seems to have LEFT the fleet and is now with Brylane, Boston. Dart NK55KBU (the long one that got sent back) is currently up at E&M Horsburgh operating in Edinburgh. 30/05/07 - Redby, Sunderland The Volvo B7RLE Wright MX07 OYT remains in use here, while acquired are two NEW Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 Darts. They are KX07 OOW and KX07 OOO and wear all-over white with Redby fleet names. Also, it should be noted that services 14/14A have continued beyond the finish date published by Nexus and will in fact come to an end on 12/06/07. The VOSA site also shows that Redby will operate a tourist-type service to/from South Shields hourly every day over the summer - presumably a use for their Metrobus open topper and Routemaster. Whilst we talk of the Routemaster and Metrobus, these appeared at the Metro Centre rally and reported here previously the RM is 2546 JJD 546D; while Metrobus M533 GYE 533W and in stock is M539 GYE 539W as the RM and M533 has been totally refurbished inside with official LT style seat covering insides repainted and re-floored and all of outside are re-panelled and repainted in all LT Red livery and LT logos, some in gold, as they have Redby Bus and Coach legal lettering but use the name “promotionbus.com” and based in the same Redby Sunderland premises. 03/06/07 – It was revealed today that Redby Bus and Coach are considering to add an extra 2 Enviro 200 and another Volvo B7RLE, for their expanding service 9 now a Sunderland clockwise circular and a new 99 operating anti-clockwise and from Sunderland (99) via Seaburn, Southwick Green, Hylton Castle and University returning to Sunderland Fawcett Street as 9 operates the reverse from John Street, these do not serve the Park Lane Interchange.

04/06/07 – Acquired is Go North East former 4782 L482 CFT Dennis Lance Optare Sigma and is in Redby's white with red skirt livery, also added are two Volvo Olympian with Northern Counties and ex London Central/ General examples as one is apparent 3900 R549 LGH, these are all painted Yellow – all over yellow for school services formerly (and may still) operated by Go North East.

Last year Go North East was considering franchising their Works and School services all operated to Nexus (Tyne and Wear PTE). 22/06/07 - List of the current Redby Bus fleet for you (sorry not sure of all the coaches they have, so are not included those):

Leyland Titans - NUW668Y, A944SYE (suspect the A-reg one is withdrawn - it may well have now gone!).

Olympians/ECW - A653OCX, A657OCX (653 just been painted in latest red & white livery as like the Yorkshire Traction livery but in Redby's colours)

Olympian/Alexander - E221WBG in traditional red and cream with black lining livery.

Volvo B6/Plaxton Pointer - L608WWK (yellow livery with all-over ad for Newcastle Vipers)

Optare Excel - P322KAR, P325NHJ, P329NHJ, P333HBC. 322/329 carries all-over ads for South Tyneside College.

Optare Solo - R13DBY

MPD Dart - NK55RUV, NK55RUW

Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse - MX07OYT

Enviro 200 - KX07OOW, KX07OOY

Skelton Coaches Teesside

14/06/07 - Skelton Coaches, Charltons. One time Hartlepool Transport and Stagecoach Transit Leyland Freighter towing vehicle A898OBV. Leyland Leopard OUF50W is to be sold. A Leyland Royal Tiger Doyen is being prepared for service and it is planned to follow this with former Cleveland Transit Leyland Leopard / Plaxton EDC406V and former Northern Leyland Tiger / Plaxton A716ABB

Tees Valley, Teesside

09/06/07 - Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe's recently acquired Leyland Olympian JTY396X, which was noted previously. John-Paul Lavery notes that Tees Valley currently have a Volvo B10M for sale on

08/07/07 - Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe have sold Leyland Olympian / ECW JTY386X to a film company. Added to stock are Volvo B10M / Plaxton H410DPS, Volvo B10M / Jonkheere M869NRH and as yet unidentified PIL2861.

Weardale Stanhope

15/07/07 - Peter Tuck has kindly supplied an update on goings-on at Weardale, Stanhope. New is Mercedes Vario / Plaxton Cheetah YN07VRG, while an Olympian (believed to be one of the two ex Go North East ones) has been re-registered RIB6199.

North West

Archway (Poulton): Another Metrobus here is B803AOP ex 351 of Rapsons.

Blackburn Transport: Now the sale to Transdev has gone through the small schools operation at Blackpool no longer fits in and the seven Olympians covering six contracts has been sold to Blackpool Transport.

Blackpool Transport: Have purchased the five Dennis Trident / East Lancs that had been operated by Blackburn Transport.

Bu-Val (Smithybridge): A recent acquisition from Jim Stones is MPD MH02NGN the erstwhile BUS1N. MH02NGG ex JB51BUS

Jim Stones: New here are a pair of Enviro 200s BUS1N and JB51BUS, the plates previously adorning a couple of MPDs.

Prestonbus: New arrivals to assist in service expansion are Solo M880 77 (PN07NTK) and 78 (PN07NTL), along with M950 versions 92 (PN07NTJ), 93 (PN07NTM), 94 (PN07NTO), 95 (PN07NTT), 96 (PN07NTU) and 97 (PN07NTV)

Rosendale Transport: Five ex Centra Caetano bodied Darts have been acquired. They are being converted to a single door layout before entering service.

167 HV52WSJ 168 HV52WSK 169 HV52WSL 170 HV52WSN 171 HV52WSO

Speedwell (Hyde): Several ex Stagecoach Manchester Mercedes Varios are now in use here R501/510/511/513YWC

Scotland

Highland Country : New are Volvo B9TL/East Lancs 365-8 (SY07CVA/B, CUW/X). They are at Inverness for the new airport services.

Allander, Milngavie : New are AT103 (SK07SVE) - Mercedes-Benz 616/Esker Riada C22F and AT104 (SF07PZU) – Volvo B12M/Jonckheere C53F.

Brown, Broxburn : New are SK07FUW/Y, FVA – Volvo B12B/Van Hool C49Ft. Sold are FN04JZD-F – Volvo B12M/Berkhof.

City Sprinter, Renfrew : Acquired are Leyland Lynx B43F – G110OUG, H343UWX, H357WWX.

Creiff Travel – Noted in use here are : YX56ORW, YX56ORX.

Henderson, Hamilton : New are 701/2 (YJ07EHV/W) Optare Solo/B25F.

Horsburgh, Pumpherston : New for the Livingston – Edinburgh Airport Circular 555/777 service are Volvo B9TL/Wright X555/777EMH and Y555/777EMH.

Lothian Buses : Another 10 Volvo B7RLE/Wright have been ordered.

McKindless, Wishaw : Acquired are Volvo B6/Alexander L833CDG, Volvo B6/E.Lancs N322-5JTL and Volvo B6LE/Plaxton N421/2PWV.

Mitchells of Plean – A fresh vehicle noted in use here is FN06AFK and was noted operating around Falkirk.

Whitelaw, Stonehouse : New are MAN/Evolution – AE07DZL-N.

South East

Eastbourne Buses: Currently on hire from Blue Triangle are Darts DN183 and DN186

Zee Bus (Canterbury): The first new bus for the company is an Optare Solo MX07JOV used on Uni Hopper services.

South West

New vehicles –

Berry, Taunton – WA07 KYC (Volvo B12B/Van Hool)

Cooks, Wellington – YJ07 EHX (Optare Solo M880 B28F ordered by LandyLines but delivered in Stagecoach livery)

Flights-Hallmark (Wessex Connect), Patchway – BX07 BRV (Volvo B7RLE/Plaxton Centro)

Hopley, Mount Hawke – WK07 AOJ (Mercedes 814D/Plaxton Cheetah), WK07 EBP (Mercedes 814D/Plaxton Beaver III)

South West Coaches, Wincanton – YJ07 EHK, YJ07 EHL, YJ07 EHM, YJ07 EHN (all Optare Solo's in "Silver Service" livery for Yeovil town routes)

Other news –

ACL, Hewish – the Weston Super Mare to Bristol service is up and running using Dennis Lance/Plaxton Verde M201 DRG which has been reregistered RLZ 7378

Berry, Taunton – withdrawn and sold is Volvo B10M/Van Hool R199 WYD

Cooks, Wellington – In from Stagecoach Devon is Mercedes 814D/Alexander ALX 200 R115 NTA

Filers, Stanton Wick Mercedes 609D C19F PJI8360 has gone from Mid West Cheltenham Q to Sureline, Weymouth 7/07. Acquired is Y144 HWE MAN Au. via Moseleys.

Lucketts Fareham YN 07 LGV is an ex Scania Demonstrator.

Redwoods Hemyock Acquired is YN 03 WPV Scania Irizar.

South Gloucestershire, Patchway – In from Birmingham Coach Company (but possibly only a short term loan) are National Express spec Scania K114/Van Hool Alizee's YP02 AAV & YP02 AAX. Withdrawn and sold are Lynx's: H34 HBG, H342 UWT, H343 UWT, H343 UWX, K625 YVN & K628 YVN.

South West Coaches, Wincanton – acquired from Gunn, South Petherton is NIB 8459, and East Lancs bodied Volvo B10M, along with the bus service from South Petherton to Yeovil. This vehicle is usually outbased in South Petherton.

Western Greyhound, Summercourt – in from Bysiau Cwm Taf, Whitland is Mercedes 814D/Plaxton Beaver T961 ACC, formerly registered T5 TAF

Woods Buckfastleigh. X487 OBW vw ex Norris Clyst Honiton.

Young, Radstock (C T Travel) – In from First Bristol is Mercedes 709D/Plaxton N885 NWS, now DP25F, and from Arriva (Stephensons) the unique Wadham Stringer coach bodied Dennis Dart L766 DPE.

Rail Replacement

Work around Bristol Parkway on Sunday's has seen Virgin Cross Country operating replacement services between Bristol TM, Bristol Parkway and Gloucester. For the first six weeks this was worked by South Gloucestershire using Volvo coaches ; PJI 5013, PJI 5016, M338 EEC, M339 EEC, L300 SGB, L400 SGB, L500 SGB, L600 SGB & L888 SGB. For the next two weeks Bakers-Dolphin of Weston Super Mare were the main operator with assistance from Blue Iris of Nailsea, Arnold Liddell of Bristol and Mike's Tavel of Thornbury. The First Great Western local services between Bristol and Gloucester have been operated by Eagle Coaches of Bristol and George Young of Ross on Wye. FGW services between Newport and Swindon via Bristol Parkway have

been worked by Barnes of Aldbourne, Blue Iris, Brewers of Ogmere Vale, First Cymru, Griffiths of Brinkworth, South Gloucester and Turners of Bristol.

Wales

Alpine (Llandudno) A recent acquisition is an MAN/ Marco Polo C49ft W761AAY latterly with Owens (Oswestry). Bristol VRs XAK910T and OCA419V have gone for scrap.

Clynnog & Trefor: Berkhof bodied Volvo B10 Y10TTL has been re-reg'd to YSU446. Merc 709D VIA8311 has been re-reg'd to K804SFP with VIA8311 now adorning B10M/ Plaxton H837AHS.

Express Mototrs: Rare Wadham Stringer bodied Merc 811 8297ME is now G59BEL

Company News

Preston as you are no doubt all aware Stagecoach in Lancashire commenced competitive services on Preston Bus routes 11 to Ribblesdale (24th June) and 16 Farrington Park (25th June) . At the same time introducing Enviro 400 vehicles onto the service 2/2A Longridge- New Longton / Southport. Preston bus routes 19 and 22 were the next to be targeted commencing on July 29th and the 33/35 scheduled to commence in late August. Preston Bus countered by registering a Service 3 to Penwortham and a couple of peak time journeys each way to Southport currently the latter employing Lynxes. Scenes like those in Manchester late last year have been common place with buses blocking stops loading in the middle of the road and being held at stops until the other company's buses have been sited along with passengers being hassled by road side staff has lead NW traffic commissioner Beverley Bell to step in and impose traffic orders on both operators licences preventing them from being at stops longer than to board passengers.

East Yorkshire have just ordered a further 13 buses for delivery this year, eight Enviro 37 seaters for Scarborough and five 77 seat Volvo B9TL/ Enviro 400s. These follow on from eight B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini buses that are currently arriving seven are to be allocated to Driffield for the 121 service from Hull to Scarborough with the eighth being allocated to Hornsea for the 246.

Rapsons have taken delivery of four Volvo B9L /East Lancs Olympus double decks, for upgrading the Inverness to airport service. The new enhanced service, now running every 30 minutes, is now branded as Jet with a new striking dark blue and silver livery. Further service enhancements see a third Optare Solo on the Nairn service.

Rotala Continues its buying spree with agreeing to take over the bus operations of South Gloucs Bus and Coach for £1.26M. The deal is unusual in that it is spread over several months. Routes are operated for Bristol City and South Gloucs councils and each route will be taken over as they come up for renewal over the next nine months. Coach operation will remain in the hands of Roger Durbin.

Ensignbus (dealer)

VEHICLES IN.

From Stagecoach E Mids: Olympians C632/64LFT.

From Metroline: V208/10/13.

From Mike Fuller: RT3865.

From Arriva London: L520/38.

VEHICLES OUT.

RML2624: Mike Fuller, Beds.

RML2270: Challenge House Business Centre, Croydon.

Olympians L206/216SKD: Men at Work Prop Hire, London W7.

Metrorider M978WWR: OTT Tours, Faversham.

Olympian L215TWM: Geldards Coaches, Leeds.

Merc 709 N943NAP: ACL Travel, Hewish, Somerset.

Olympians L203/8/9/10 J769CEV: Dunn-Line, Nottingham.

Dominator F75TFU: AS Bone&Son, Hook, Hampshire.

Lance M202DRG: Central Buses, Sutton Coldfield.

Dominator H261MFX: Inchmere Design, Banbury, Ox.

Olympians F455/9BKF G645/9EVV: Golden Eagle Coaches,

Salsburgh, Shotts, Scotland.

Olympian C67CHM: Red Kite, Beds.

Olympians C632/64LFT: McKindless, Wishaw.

Dart H908DTP: S and M, Benfleet, Essex.

Volvo B10B's L58/9UNS DAF SB220's M630/822/845RCP: Reading Buses for export.

Spectra's K301/17/22/24FYG K124/60PGO: MASS, Sheffield.

Olympian G553VBB: Herberts Coaches, Shefford, Beds.

Spectra L705FRD: Alder Valley Travel, Alton, Hants.

DAF DB250's V652/4LWT: Eastbourne Buses.

Updates to National Coaches (Bus Datafile no. 12)

Bebb (Veolia Birmingham)

NXL16-25 have been noted so far at Birmingham, leaving NXL26-9/32 with National Express.

Bharat Travel (Dhillon)

(NXVP5) YP52KRZ has had it's 'Vaisakhi' brandings removed & is now back in standard NX livery (livery code NE).

Bournemouth Transport

Confirming the Levante deliveries, they are Volvo B12B 321-4 FJ07DVY/Z, DWA/C.

Burton's Coaches

YN54DDJ is now livery code NX after losing its SHUTTLE branding.

First Cymru

A correction to 20544, it carries SHUTTLE branding & is thus livery code NES.

Flights-Hallmark

Bebb (Birmingham) assumed Flights 777 diagram from 9 July, though in reality, this turn had been covered by Hills for a few weeks already. Due to a vehicle shortage at Bebb, this turn continues to be provided by Hills or Leons of Stafford.

Go Northern

7076 YSU876 (Volvo B10M-62, Plaxton Premiere 350) has been confirmed as being back in NX livery (code NE), & should be added back to the list accordingly.

Go West Midlands

NX operations ceased after 1 July. Some Coaches have already left the fleet. YJ03PNN has gone to South Gloucestershire Bus & Coach, & is currently on loan to NX at Sipson Road.

Haytons, Burnage

Probably my most glaring error in the book, MX56HYZ/ZA are of course on Scania K340EB4 chassis. I hang my head in shame....

Hills, Wolverhampton

As mentioned above, Hills continue to provide Coaches for the 777.

National Express owned Operations.

Tri-axle Scania/Levante's are now in course of delivery, registrations so far are FJ07DVH/K/L/M/N/O. On entry to service they should free up V29-31/4-9/41-3 for transfer to Crawley or Sipson Road & release the remaining PB's to Bebb (Birmingham) & the withdrawal of D5-8/10/11/21-8, S359/928, V208/13. A correction to the previous registration of S928, it was 00D41921.

Selwyns, Runcorn

74 T174AUA is now all over white, but continues to see use on NX work.

Tellings Golden Miller

KX04HSJ is a B12M, & is livery code NX (no SHUTTLE branding).

From Steve Swain Southdown PSV. Thank you for making me President I hope I will do the job justice. I will write an article about Southdown soon in the meanwhile I attach a list of Buses sold from Jan 1st 07 to the end of June, any questions let me know, by the way we have the following Buses on hire to Arriva Southern Counties until the end of July:

From fleet, DAF DB250 Plaxton President T139 AUA.

From fleet, Dart East Lancs SLF P353 EUA.

From fleet, Dart Plaxton SLF V387 SVV.

From fleet, Dart Plaxton SLF V388 SVV.

From sales stock, Olympian Northern Counties F514 NJE

2007	REG NUMBER	TYPE	PURCHASED FROM	SOLD TO	DATE
1	GX06 BKY	ENVIRO 200 10.4m	ADL	FAR EAST	18/01/2007
2	GX06 BKZ	ENVIRO 200 10.4m	ADL	FAR EAST	18/01/2007
3	M212 EGF	DART PLAXTON	MINERVA	PEOPLE MOVER	19/01/2007
4	R413 XFL	MAN MARSHALL	NORTHUMBRIA	BODMANS	24/01/2007
5	LK07 GTF	ENVIRO 200 DART 8.9m	ADL	TRUSTLINE	09/03/2007
6	H180 HPV	DAF SB220 OPTARE	IPSWICH BUS	OR JONES	12/02/2007
7	T418 LGP	DART CAETANO	TRUSTLINE	LB of WF	27/02/2007
8	W632 RNP	DART MPD	NORTHUMBRIA	KMP	04/04/2007
9	X291 ABU	DART ALEXANDER	SOUTHDOWN	BODMANS	26/03/2007
10	GX07 ARF	IRISBUS AGORA	IRISBUS UK	SILVERDALE	30/03/2007
11	F709 SBL	OLYMPIAN	SOLENT BLUE	EASTONWAYS	17/04/2007
12	GX07 BAU	IRISBUS AGORA	IRISBUS UK	STEPEND	23/04/2007
13	G722 SDL	OLYMPIAN	SOLENT BLUE	ROUNABOUT	23/04/2007
14	K719 PCN	DART ALEXANDER	SOLENT BLUE	REGAL BUS	23/05/2007
15	K719 PCN	DART ALEXANDER	SOLENT BLUE	REGAL BUS	23/05/2007
16	WAZ 8276	SCANIA ALEXANDER	KIMES	OVERLAND	24/05/2007
17	SN03 WKV	ENVIRO 300 12m	SOUTHDOWN	FAR EAST	30/05/2007
18	P190 SHR	MAN MARSHALL	NORTHUMBRIA	FAR EAST	30/05/2007
19	R413 XFL	MAN MARSHALL	BODMANS	FAR EAST	30/05/2007
20	V942 DCF	OPTARE EXCEL	KEY LEASE	OR JONES	13/06/2007
21	GU52 HKB	DART PLAXTON	COASTAL	READING BUS	14/06/2007
22	GU52 HKA	DART PLAXTON	COASTAL	READING BUS	14/06/2007
23	T401 SMV	TRIDENT EAST LANCS	KEY LEASE	NELSONS	15/06/2007
24	T404 SMV	TRIDENT EAST LANCS	KEY LEASE	NELSONS	15/06/2007
25	T410 SMV	TRIDENT EAST LANCS	KEY LEASE	NELSONS	15/06/2007
26	R684 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
27	R685 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
28	R686 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
29	R688 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
30	R689 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
31	R695 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
32	R697 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
33	R687 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	CLICK	15/06/2007
34	R690 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	HOGGANS	22/06/2007
35	R691 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	HOGGANS	22/06/2007
36	R693 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	HOGGANS	22/06/2007
37	R694 MEW	DART MARSHALL	METROLINE	HOGGANS	22/06/2007
38	GX07 BYO	ADL ENVIRO 10.7	ADL	COASTAL	26/06/2007

New Deliveries

Alexander Dennis Factory, Falkirk - Arthur Moose

3rd July 2007

Dublin Bus 07-D-30001 07-D-30002 07-D-30004 07-D-30010 07-D-30011
 Stagecoach Cambus AE07KYY AE07KZA

24th July 2007

Arriva SK07HLX
 Stagecoach Cambus AE07KYH
 Stagecoach SV07FCC
 Demonstrator SN56AYB

A to B Executive Travel

BX07NLA, Mercedes Benz Tourismo, Mercedes, C28FT

Aberdeen Dial-a-Bus

YJ07EHY, Optare Alero A720, Optare, B16F

Acorn Travel (Trelewis)

YS56AAF, Ford Transit, Optare Bonito, C16F

Allenby Hire (Caterham)

Unknown, Mercedes Benz Sprinter 616CDi, Esker Riada 22, C22F

Unknown, Mercedes Benz 1022L, Esker Cimo, C33F

Arrowebrook Coaches (Croughton, Cheshire)

MX07MTT, Optare Solo M880SL, Optare, B25F

Banstead Coaches (Banstead, Surrey)

AH07BAN, Volvo B12B, Plaxton Panther, C53F

Bibby's of Ingleton

PB07DAF, VDL SB4000XF, Van Hool Alizee T9, C48FT

Brent Thomas (Tonypandy)

FJ07ABX/ACY, Volvo B12B, Jonckheere Mistral 50, C51FT

Clare Accessible Transport (County Clare, R.O.I.)

07-CE-4130, Optare Alero A720, Optare, B13F

Coastal Coaches (Warton)

2 x Unknown, Mercedes Benz Vario O.815DT, Esker Riada, C29F

D. Jones & Son (Chester)

DK07MPV (+1), Optare Solo M880, Optare, B29F

D&G Travel (Buckinghamshire)

Unknown, Volvo B12B, Jonckheere Mistral 50, C51FT

Dalesman (Guisley)

2x Unknown, VDL SB4000XF, Van Hool Alizee T9, C42FT

Day Tours of Wicklow

Unknown, Mercedes 1523L, Esker Touring, C41F

DCH Corporate (Dundram Co. Dublin)

Unknown, VDL SB4000XF, Esker Diva, C53FT

DRM (Bromyard)

UK56DRM, Scania CN230UB, Scania OmniLink, B43F

EYMS

YX07HKA-H, Volvo B9TL, Wright Eclipse Gemini, H(74)F (f/nos. unknown)

Finglands (Manchester)

FC07MCF, Volvo 9700 13.8m, Volvo, C32FT (Manchester City FC team coach)

First Coaches (Part of First Group)

FJ07ACF (+1), Volvo B12B, Sunsundegui Sideral, C??FT, (f/nos. unknown)

Focus Coaches (Preston)

YJ07DVV/X, Bova FHD127.365, Bova Futura, C53FT

Fourway Coaches (Leeds)

YN07DUA, Mercedes Benz Vario O.814D, Plaxton Cheetah, C33F

Bradshaws - G-Line Coaches (Lytham St. Annes)

YJ07JWL, VDL SB4000XF, Van Hool Alizee T9, C48FT

Galvins Coaches, Dunmanway

Unknown, Mercedes Benz Vario O.815DT, Esker Riada 815, C??F

Go Goodwins (Manchester)

C1ECB, Volvo 9700 Prestige Plus, Volvo, C37FT (England cricket team coach)

Go North East

9x Unknown, Mercedes Benz O.530, Mercedes Citaro, B40F

Golden Green (Buxton)

BD07GGG, Mercedes Benz 1523L, Esker Touring, C41F

Grey's Coach Travel (Petersfield)

YN07EAX, MAN R33 18.360, Plaxton Panther, C49FT

Hemmings Coaches (Bideford)

Unknown, Mercedes Benz Turismo, Mercedes, C49FT

Hythe & Waterside

Unknown, Mercedes Benz Vario O.815DT, Esker Riada 815, C29F

John Hoban (Workington)

Unknown, Mercedes Benz Vario O.814D, KVC, C24F

Mayday Travel (Croydon)

BX07NLN, Mercedes Benz Turismo, Mercedes, C49FT

MCH Minibuses (Uxbridge)

YN07NUX, Mercedes Benz Sprinter 516CDi, Esker Riada, C22F

Metrobus (Part of the Go Ahead group)

PN07KRK/O/U/V/X, MAN 12.240, East Lancs Esteem, B27F (f/nos. 701-705)

YN07LKF/G, Scania CN230UB, Scania OmniCity, C36D (f/nos. 559/60)

NCP Challenger (London)

SK07HLO (+16), ADL Enviro200 Dart 10.2m, ADL, B28D

7x Unknown, ADL Enviro200Dart 8.9m, ADL, B28F

On a Mission (Leighton Buzzard)

YN07LGY, Scania K430EB6 14m, Irizar PB, C??FT

Orkney Coaches

YJ56WVE, Optare Solo M780SE, Optare, B19F

Owen's Coaches (Four Crosses)

BX07NKC, Mercedes Benz Turismo, Mercedes, C49FT

Panache Travel (Southampton)

YX07GYB, Mercedes Benz Sprinter 515CDi, Optare Sorocco, C19F

Park's of Hamilton

SF07OSA-F, Volvo B12BT 13.8m, Berkhof Axial 100, CH(83)DT

25x Unknown, Volvo B12M 12.57m, Jonckheere HV, C53FT

Perryman's (Berwick-on-Tweed)

YN56ORP, Mercedes Benz Vario O.814D, Plaxton Cheetah, C33F

YN07OPA, Mercedes Benz Vario O.814D, Plaxton Cheetah, C25F

Unknown, Optare Solo M990, Optare, B30F

Preston Bus

PN07NTK/L, Optare Solo M880, Optare, B??F (f/nos. 77/8)

PN07NTJ/M/O/T-V, Optare Solo M950, Optare, B??F (f/nos. 92-97)

Readibus (Reading)

DK07BMU (+1), Mercedes Benz Sprinter 311CDi, Mercedes, M16L

Reay's (Wigton)

Unknown, Mercedes Vario O.814D, KVC, C24F

Ross Travel (West Yorkshire)

YJ07DWN, Volvo B12B, Van Hool Alizee T9 Alicron, C49FT

Silverline (Solihull)

YN07LFL, Scania K340EB, Irizar PB, C41FT

Unknown, Scania K340EB, Irizar PB, C49FT

Sim's Travel (Boot, Cumbria)

YJ07DWX, Bova FHD127.365, Bova Futura, C53FT

Staffordshire County Council

Unknown, Optare Alero A720, Optare, B13F (Operates as the Shugborough Shuttle)

Stagecoach East

AE07KYS/T/U, ADL Enviro200 Dart 10.7m, ADL, B38F (f/nos. 36011-3) For Cambridge.

AE07KYV-Z/KZA-D/F-H/J-P/R/S, ADL Enviro400 10.2m, ADL, H41/29D (f/nos. 19295-315) also for Cambridge.

Stagecoach South

GX07FXB-H/J/K/HUJ/K/O/P/U/V/Y/Z, ADL Enviro200 Dart 10.7m, ADL, B38F (f/nos. 36014-30) for Winchester.

Stanley Coaches (County Durham)

Unknown, Mercedes Benz Vario O.814D, KVC, C28F

Swann Tours (Blackpool)

YJ07JJK, VDL SB4000XF, Van Hool Alizee T9, C51FT

Timberbush Tours (Scotland)

YX07AWP (+1), Mercedes Benz Sprinter 515CDi, Optare Sorocco, C19F

TM Travel (Staveley)

YJ07JVC/E, VDL SB120CS, Plaxton Centro, B40F (for the Tesco Park 'N' Ride)

Tours Designed (Chesterfield)

BX07NKN, Setra S416GT-HD Comfort Class, Setra, C49FT

Travel DeCourcey (Coventry)

DC07MDC, MAN 18.350, Marcopolo Viaggio, C53DL

Weardale Motor Services (Stanhope)

YN07KHC, IrisBus EuroRider 395E.12.31, Plaxton Panther, C57F

Woodstones (Kidderminster)

FJ07AAY (+1), Volvo B7R, Plaxton Profile, C53DL

On Order

EazyBus

15 x Mercedes Sprinter 515CDI, Optare Sorocco, C19F

Lancashire United (Part of Transdev)

19 x Optare Versa V1100, Optare, B??F

Preservation News

Events:

North East Bus Preservation Trust: 22nd July – North Tyneside Bus Rally

Crich Tramway Village: 22nd July – Lancashire and Yorkshire Day

Western National Preservation Group: 22nd July – Rally at Plymouth Hoe

LT Country Bus Rally: 22nd July – Eastbourne Mini Event

The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft: 29th July – Sandtoft Gathering

Worthing Bus Gathering & Running Day: 29th July – 10th Anniversary

Truckfest (Scotland): 4/5th Aug (25th Anniversary Year) Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh

Stevenson's of Uttoxeter: 5th Aug – 80th Anniversary, will be operating between Uttoxeter and Burton

Bedford OB Coach Gathering: 5th Aug - at Kemble Airfield, Wiltshire

Historic Commercial Vehicle Society: 5th Aug – Trans Pennine Run

Herne Bay Bus Rally: 5th Aug – at Bus Garage, Herne Bay

The Trolleybus Museum: 11/12th Aug – Trolley Weekend (1940s/50s theme)

Crich Tramway Village: 11/12th Aug – 1940s/50s theme Weekend

Huddersfield Festival of Transport: 12th Aug – at Greenhead Park

Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre: 12th Aug Annual Bus Gala

Bristol Vintage Bus Group: 12th Aug – Open Day (jointly with Avon Valley Railway) Display at Brislington Park & Ride

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

21-6-2007 Lincolnshire Road Transport Museum North Hykeham – Mike Pinder

BFE 419 Leyland Titan TD7, **DBE 187** Bristol K6A, **FFU 860** AEC Regal 111,

FW 5698 Leyland Tiger TS7, **HPW 133** Bristol K5G, **DN 668** AEC Regent 111,

KW 474 Leyland Lion PLSC1, **KW 7604** Leyland Badger TA4, **OHK 432** Daimler CVD6DD,

OLD 714 AEC Regent 111, **PFE 542V** Bristol VR, **RFE 416** Leyland Titan PD2/41,

TE 8318 Chevrolet LQ, **TF 818** Leyland Lion, **VL 1263** Leyland Lion, **WH 1553** Leyland TitanTD1

Trolleybus Museum, Sandtoft, Lincolnshire – Mike Pinder

Service Vehicles

BCK 939 Leyland PD2 Tower1949 Preston 6 **EKV 594** Karrier QCK3 Tower 1947 Bradford 034
FTO 614 AEC RegentTower1939 Nottingham 812 **XKW 832** Austin 550 Tower 1963 Bradford
032

Trams (Lower Saloons Used as Shops)

Sheffield **419** 4w enclosed top 1920 Sheffield **442**. 4w enclosed top 1920

Buses

657 BWB Leyland Atlantean, **9629 WU** AEC Reliance, **D 472 OWG** Dennis Dominator,

D 479 OWG Dennis Dominator, **EDT 703** Leyland Titan, **F 100 AKB** Renault,

JMN 727 AEC Regent (ex MSL 294), **LYR 542** AEC Regent 111, **MDT 222** AEC Regal 111,

OTV 131 AEC Regent 111, **WWJ 754M** Daimler Fleetline

Plus another 5 not identified, as with my "sylph" like figure I could not squeeze between some of the vehicles in the shed.

ALJ 973 Sunbeam MS2, **BDJ 87** BUT 9611T, **CKG 193** AEC 664T, **CU 3593** Karrier E4

DRD 130 BUT 9611T, **EKU 746** BUT 9611T, **ERD 152** Sunbeam S7, **FET 617** Daimler CTE6,

FW 8990 AEC 661T, **FYS 839** BUT 9613T, **GAJ 12** Sunbeam F4, **GHN 574** Karrier W,

GKP 511 Sunbeam W, **HYM 812** BUT 9641T, **JWW 375** Sunbeam F4, **JWW 377** Sunbeam F4,

KTV 493 BUT 9611T, **KTV 506** BUT 9641T, **LTN 501** Sunbeam S7, **PVH 931** Sunbeam S7A,

VRD 193 Sunbeam F4A,

Belgium 5425P Fabrique Nationale B26D 1932 Liege 425

France 7830LG69 Vetra VBH85 B22D 1964 Lyon 1704

France 8319JD13 Renault ER100 B--D 1980 Marseilles 202

France 964H87 Vetra CB60 CTL body 1943 Limoges 5

Germany ACL 379 Henschel 562E Ludewig body B61 1956 AAachen 22

Portugal 66 Lancia 12003 Dalfa body H68 1967 Oporto 140

Plus another 17 not identified due to me not losing weight quick enough to squeeze between the parked vehicles in a partly closed shed. Mike

28-6-2007 Yorkshire Air Museum,Elvington,York – Mike Pinder

Bus - XAT 368 Commer Commando Park Royal RC18C 1947 Ex Royal Air Force.

The following vehicles were observed at the North Weald bus Rally at North Weald Airfield on Sunday 1st July 2007 – Peter E. Weller

Ex London Transport vehicles

JJ4379 832J, **HLX 421** RT604, **FXT 288** RT113, **KYY 529** RT1702, **KYY 622** RT1784, **LYR 672** RT2688, **KYY 957** RT 3228, **LLU 613** RT3254, **LYR915** RT3496, **KYY 647** RTL 1004, **LYF 464** RF113, **MLL 806** RF269, **MXX 434** RF457, **MXX 480** RF503, **MXX 481** RF504, **MLL 818** RF281, **NLE 538** RF538, **VLT 5** RM5, **VLT 8** RM8, **VLT 44** RM44, **VLT 85** RM85, **WLT 349** RM349, **WLT 642** RM642, **WLT 882** RML882, **WLT 903** RML903, **WLT 912** RML 912, **USK 625** RM980, **100 BXL** RM1000, **1 CLT** RM1001, **63 CLT** RM 1063, **JSJ 797** RM1174, **476 CLT** RMC 1476, **507 CLT** RMC1507, **ALD 871B** SRM7 (RM 1872), **NML 620E** RM2620, **699 DYE** RM1699, **ALD 993B** RM 1993, **ALM 97B** RM 2097, **CUV 217C** RM2217, **CUV 306C** RML 2306, **CUV 323C** RML2323, **JJD 364D** RML2364, **JJD 368D** RML 2368, **JJD 446D** RML2446, **JJD 472D** RML 2472, **JJD 508D** RML2508, **JJD 535D** RML 2535, **NML 613E** RM2613, **NML 623E** RML 2623, **NMY 631E** RML 2631, **SMK 708F** RML2708, **SMK 755F** RM 2755, **MXX 342** G42, **ULO 524R** BL49, **UPB 340S** SNB340, **GUW 444W** LS444, **A700** THV M1000, **A714** THV M1014, **A905** SYE T905, **A630** THV T1030, **F105** YVP MRL105.

Other Preserved Vehicles:

AJN825, **BOR 767**, **FOP 429**, **HAP 985**, **VNO 859**, **LIL 4612**, **TOI2316**, **5290NW**, **BKT 821C**, **KTJ 204C**, **FHW 154D**, **MFN 946F**, **TYC 250G**, **FWC 439H**, **TUO 74J**, **ARY 225K**, **PNM 757M**, **JFJ 506N**, **LER 866P**, **LKP 386P**, **YNJ 455S**, **BJU 13T**, **CNR 274T**, **EAP 937V**, **JWV 270W**, **RLN 230W**, **SW 587W**, **SND 285X**, **B203** DTU, **B654** HCD.

Current in use vehicles – (early ones possibly preserved):

LBZ 4329, **RJI 8722**, **TDZ 4705**, **RAH 265W**, **SVU 64W**, **CUL 122Y**, **FWL 781Y**, **G618** BPH, **G555** BPJ, **G75** OCV, **G285** UMJ, **G891** VMA, **G722** WDL, **J994** JNJ, **K310** FYG, **L163** UNS, **M513** VJO, **N821** KWS,

R221 CRW, R701 DNH, R122 EVX, T133 AUA, Y197 NLK, LK04 FZA, YK05 CCY, YN05 GXV, GX06 DZH, WX06 JYA, EU07 GNY, HY07 FSX, LK07 AYH, LK07 CCN, LK07 GTF, PN07 KRK, AY56 BJO

Blue Triangle buses used for working special services:

339 and 381 were **LYR 854 RT3435, LLU 670 RT3871, SLT 59 CRL4, VLT 298 RM298, SMK 760F RML2760, GHV52N DM1052, WYV 23T T23, A103 SUU V3,**

Alton Bus Rally Sunday 15th July 2007 – Peter Weller

Ex London Buses attending **WLT 349 RM 349, JXN 325 RT935, USK 625 RM980, KLB 662 RT 1574, LUC 291 RT2043, KLB 915 RTW 185, MXX 342 GS 42, MLL 763 RF 226, MXX 410 RF 433, MXX 480 RF 503, WLT 903 RML 903,100 BXL RM 1000, DSL 540 RM 1033, 453 CLT RMC 1453, 461 CLT RMC1461, 476 CLT RMC1476, ALD 955B RM 1955, ALD 990B RM 1990, CUV 233C RCL 2233, CUV 284C RML 2284, CUV 360C RML 2360, JJD 396D RML 2396, JJD 412D RML 2412, JJD 504D RML 2504, JJD 508D RML 2508, SMK 700F RML 2700, SMK 71IF RML 2711, CUV 53C XF 3, GHV 999N DM999, JIL 2157 (ex NPD 142L) LNC 42, OJD 95R BL 95, OJD 898R LS 98, GUW 443W GLS 443, AYR 343T LS 343, G526VYE DT26,**

Other Preserved Vehicles

23 ACD, 200 APB, 274 KTA, 336 EDV, 338 EDV, 408 KOT, 416 DCD, 759 MDV, 766 MDV, 890 ADV, 972 CUF, 7017 HK, CDX 516, DXI 3370, FUF 63, HAP 985, JLJ 401, JRX 823, KEL 405, KLJ 749, LOU 48, LRV 992, MLL 740, MOR 581, MUF 488, PFN 874, PSU 788, SOU 465, UMR 112, XHO 370, AOR 158B, BBK 236B, AAA 503C, AAA 506C, BKT 821C, BUF 122C, HAC 628D, LFS 296F, RAH 681F, AFM 103G, OSF 307G, UOU 419H, WHW 374H, TCD 481J, WOW 529J, ARY 225K, DAE 51 IK, JPA 190K, UVE 593K, HOR 413L, HOR 416L, XDL 122L, PNM 757M, KPA 369P, NPJ 472R, PRR 454R, RUF 37R, UHG 736R, PWS 492S, TOP 702S, TPN 103S, UPB 312S, VKE 556S, WFX 257S, XAP 642S, STK 125T, TTR 167V, DHW 351W, RLN 230W, SW 587W, A62 HPG, A301 KJT, B67 WUL, J384 GKH.

Current in use vehicles

2003 RU, URU 691S, WTG 360T, WDD 17X F75 TFU, G515 VYE, G516 VYE, G283 YRJ, J501 GCD, J502 GCD, M203 DRG, M502 RKO, P228 VCK, R236 HCD, R654 HCD, R714 KGK, R863 SDT, T699 FTX, WA54 JWC, HX05 BUJ, HF06 FTX, WX06 JXZ, YN06 NYL, YN56 FAO, GX07 HUJ.

Observations

Oswestry 12 July: Tony Mason

Arriva: 1283 (on depot), 2113, 2297, 2345/7/9-52, 2742.

Worths Motor Services, Enstone depot visit on 10th JULY 2007 Peter Weller

DCZ 2322, WJI 2322, 774 YPG, SKG 406Y, W5 WMS, Y4 WMS, TW53 WMS, all Volvo's CUD 220Y Leyland Olympian.WM55 BUS and LUD 606 Bedford SBG awaiting restoration all other vehicles were out on tour.

Garage Visits - Anthony Walton

PLEASE REMEMBER PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE ENETERING ANY BUS GARAGE

Saturday 16th June	2100hours					
Stagecoach East Corby Depot						
Leyland Olympian :	14055	14056	14057	14058	14059	14060
	14061	14062	14482			
Scania Omnidekka :	15401	15402	15403	15404		
Dennis Trident :	18101	18110	18407	18409		
Dennis Dart :	34823					
Opore Solo :	47033	47034	47036	47037	47038	47039
	47042	47044	47045	47046	47050	47338

Sunday 17th June 2007**Redline. Aylesbury**

A8HOF	KIW7606	LIL9966	F101TML
G638DPH	G639DPH	H156XYU	H534KRG
H557GKX	H743PTW	K576NHC	L983MSC
M65HHB	P558PNE	T507TOL	W313NWA
YN04LXF	YN04LXG	YN04LXH	LX56ARV

Sunday 17th June 2007**Arriva the Shires and Essex. Aylesbury**

217	0442	0446	0447	0448	0449	2061	2240	3099	3101
3103	3157	3164	3165	3166	3172	3178	3294	3295	3296
3297	3325	3377	3378	3445	3446	3447	3484	3486	3487
3509	3823	5101	5102	5103	5108	5117	5121	5123	5124
5126	5157	5158	5172	5421	5422	5432	5826	5830	5832
5834	5836	5851	5853						

Fleet Profile

Dudley's Coaches

Having served his motor vehicle apprenticeship at Victor Morralls in Evesham, Ernie Dudley moved to Evesham's Ford dealer Coulters. In 1938 he decided to go it alone, and using land adjacent to his parents' house, he set up a repair workshop repairing agricultural & motor vehicles, and soon added petrol sales.

As there was no mains electricity in the area until the late 1950s, important sidelines included recharging accumulator batteries and selling paraffin for heating. However it was not until 1954 that the company had its first proper involvement in passenger transport: an orange Cheverolet school bus was used to take children from Abbots Morton & Radford to Rous Lench school.

In 1960 the first PSV specification vehicle was purchased. Supplied new by Wakefields of Worcester, the 14 seater Karrier with Reading body was painted in black & silver (the only Dudley's Coach ever to receive this livery). During these early years many different makes were added to the fleet including chassis from Sentinel, Commer, Bedford and of course, Ford. These used bodies by Plaxton, Duple, Burlingham, Churchill, and also a rare 24 seat King & Barnes body. During the 60s the coach fleet colours changed from Red and cream to Lilac and cream.

In 1968 Ernie's son Christopher left school and joined the company. In 1973 the fleet colours changed to blue and white. The early 1970s also saw changes to the buildings: an old Nissan hut which had been used as a workshop was demolished, and a new workshop was built in its place.

Not having his father's natural ability in mechanics, Chris' interest lay with the coach operation. In 1976 the company's first new large coach was purchased: a 53 seated Ford R1114 with Plaxton Supreme body. This heralded a change in the colour scheme, and the current company livery of green and cream was adopted. In 1978 the narrowing margin in petrol sales persuaded the company to discontinue retail sales of petrol. With dwindling vehicle repairs from outside customers, the workshop was almost wholly committed to maintaining the coach fleet.

1984 saw the first coach to feature a village Name the Inkberrow Cruiser was so named and proved such a talking point that all future 'high floor' vehicles featured a village name currently 11 of the vehicles feature village names.

In 1986 the coach fleet and business of Royal Motorways of Redditch was purchased; the amalgamation of the two fleets led to changes at the Radford premises as a large parking area was made at the rear of the workshop, and in 1988 new offices were built on the site, replacing the then redundant original workshop.

Currently the fleet consists of 18 vehicles, and because Ford ceased production of coach chassis', the majority of the vehicles are Volvos with Plaxton and Van Hool bodywork. In 1998, Dudley's

Coaches celebrated their 60th anniversary of service, and in recognition, painted two coaches using a special livery of coloured swatches, showing the Dudley's colours across the ages.

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Seat.</u>	<u>1st Reg</u>	
EFP 51 EUJ	Volvo B12M	Jonckeere Mistral	51	23.01.02	<i>Radford Explorer 2</i>
T 361 JAU	Volkeswagen	Mini Bus	14TL	01.03.99	<i>Waiting to be painted and named</i>
S557 KJF	Volvo B10M	Paxton Excalibur	53	04.01.99	<i>Flyford Connection 2</i>
S753 CKO	Volvo B10M	Plaston Premier	53	27.08.98	<i>Waiting to be painted and named</i>
R726 TYC	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premier	57	01.03.98	<i>Waiting to be painted and named</i>
P894 TCK	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premier	53R	01.08.96	<i>Feckenham Voyager</i>
P346 VWR	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premier	53R	23.04.97	<i>Lady of the Lenches</i>
N468 PYS	Volvo B10M	Van Hool	51R	24.03.96	<i>Grafton Traveller</i>
M659 KVU	Volvo B10M	Van Hool	49TRT	01.01.95	<i>Kington Wanderer</i>
M750 VYB	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premier	57	02.03.95	<i>Pham Thi Bi</i>
L908 NWW	Volvo B10M	Van Hool	48RT	09.03.94	<i>Inkberrow Cruiser 2</i>
L238 MUX	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premier	70	16.05.94	<i>Not named</i>
K123 CUR	Dennis Javelin	Plaxton Premier	57	25.06.93	<i>Not named</i>
MIW 1607	Volvo B10M	Van Hool	53	18.05.92	<i>Pride of Rous Lench</i>
J3 DCL	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Paramount	53	01.08.91	<i>Dormston Harrier</i>
H18 CED	Volvo B10M	Van Hool	53	14.01.91	<i>Spirit of Morton</i>
H630 UWR	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Paramount	53R	01.03.91	<i>Tanworth Tourer</i>
G862 VAY	Dennis Javelin	Plaxton Paramount	57	04.01.90	<i>Alexandra</i>
STO 244X	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton Supreme	53	04.03.82	<i>Royal Motorways Livery</i>
UWP 96R	Ford R1114	Plaxton Supreme	53	01.09.76	<i>Not named First new coach bought by the company but currently not in service</i>
Workshop					
V926 JHB	Ford Ranger	Pick-up		11.10.99	



P946VWR at Cheltenham Racecourse 16th March 2007 Photo © Paul J