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The "T" class code is now back on the streets of London thanks to Arriva with its new Enviro 400s, the first batch are at Palmers Green, for use on route 102, with T10 seen here at Golders Green

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Greeting once again, have you got your vote in yet for the combined Transport Group, if not you still just have time. Another very full magazine once again and it is nice to note quite a few new names in the contribution list. A plethora of logs has dropped onto the desk so check the website out for what we just haven't had space for.

Gez

Group News

We have received a note from member Alan Hayward who at the moment is looking at purchasing one of Blackpool Transports Metrорiders, which the company is presently withdrawing from service. He visited Rigby Rd on June 26th to view them over to see which would be a reasonable candidate. If anyone is interested in joining Alan in his quest to purchase one and become a joint owner than he can be contacted on (01253) 857185 or mobile 07849 895086

Wanted a Compiler for the Welsh Data File

If you are interested and have a computer and familiar with Excel - or if you require further information, just contact me on 0121 624 8641 or email me on maurice@gb-bg.co.uk

Magazine

The deadline for the July magazine is Friday 27th June 2008. Please can you send any contributions to the area editors a few days before to give them chance to deal with the information.

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. A very warm welcome to the following people:- J. Attwood (Worcester), Philip Brown (Swindon), Dennis Dey (West Sussex), Charles Dudley (Cardiff), Alan Grant (Leeds), Alan Hardy (Nottingham), Terence Holland (Essex), Brian James (Norfolk) and Alan Wilson (Kendal)

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News from the Industry

Browns of Edinburgh ceased operating on June 30th after its owner had his operators licence revoked at a public enquiry following a series of tachograph offences and flagrant disregard for the working time directive. The company operated a modern fleet of 15 coaches

The Darwen group has been cleared to take over Optare, owned since March by Jamesstan Investments. The Darwen name will disappear with the whole operation coming under the Optare brand.

Arriva North Wales is to take over operation of the K.M.P operated service 9/9A between Caernarfon and Bangor from August 3rd. The seven Wright bodied Volvo B7RLEs used on the route are to be purchased from K.M.P and a number of staff will also transfer to Arriva at Bangor.

South Yorkshire Motors based in Knottingley has ceased trading. The spiralling cost of fuel, and two recent severe vandalism attacks on the fleet one of which involved every window of the 14 vehicles parked at the depot being smashed and a second occasion when the firms diesel supply was stolen. 23 people have lost their jobs. Depot manager Steve Spenduff was hoping to take over running of some services.

Ensignbus have announced an order for ten Volvo B9TLs with Darwen Group Olympus bodies for delivery in October. The buses will be used to replace Darts on Ensign routes 73 and 83 between Lakeside and Grays. Passenger numbers have swelled by more than 10000 per week since the beginning of the year on the services on which the Dennis Darts presently used are now being filled to capacity at times.

Stagecoach East Midlands announced on June 3rd that its depot at Louth would be closing from the end of August. Service 10 to Mablethorpe and Lincoln, the 51 to Grimsby and the 41 Louth town service will continue but will be operated from Skegness and Grimsby depots. The company have given notice to Lincolnshire County Council that it will terminate the nine school services it operates from the end of the school year. The depot has been struggling for some time due to changing travel patterns in the area, with many of the rural communities in the area covered by the demand responsive "Call Connect" services which has led to a situation where the majority of the depots work is on the school services which operate for a couple of hours a day in the morning and afternoon.

Top Line Travel based in York is being purchased by Transdev Blazefield. The company operates ten Open Top double decks on the York City sightseeing franchise as well as several school contracts and local service work. Its present owners Peter and Susan Dew, whom set up the company in 2000 will remain with the operation under the new owners.

Veolia is selling its small York operation to Transdev Blazefield

Fraser Eagle has signed a contract for 18 months with Flybe Airlines, to transfer passengers and air crew from disrupted flights to enhance their journeys from airports in England and Southern Ireland.

Arriva Midlands are withdrawing from operating the X6 service between Coventry and Leicester. De Courcey Travel will assume operation on a 90 minute frequency using two recently purchased ex Oxford Plaxtons

Veolia Midlands is looking for a new depot site in Nottingham, after several complaints from local residents and meetings with the council this company has been given one year to vacate their current base.

Mortons Travel is to return Bristol VR operation to the Winchester area with new service 100 "THE HAMPSHIRE PULLMAN" linking Winchester with the Intech Science Centre and Planetarium, the South Downs, Hinton Ampner Gardens and The Mid Hants Railway at Alresford.

This new open-top service using Bristol VR VDV140S commences Sat 19th July 2008 and operates Tues/Fri/Sat/Suns and Bank Holiday Mon 25th Aug until Sun 7th Sept 2008, except for Fri 25th July & Fri 5th Sept.

Winchester Broadway departures 10:30 12:30 and 14:30 via Rail Stn - Intech Alresford Rd - New Cheriton X Rds - Old Cheriton Parish Hall - Alresford Stn - Itchen Abbas Trout Inn - Kingsworthy Cart & Horses - Winchester City Rd (for Rail Stn) - Winchester Broadway.

Sample fares: -

Winchester-Alresford adult single £4.00 return £6.00: child single £3.00, return £4.00.

Day tickets are also available at £8.00 for adults and £6.00 for children

Due to operational difficulties or inclement weather a substitute vehicle will be used.

For more information - 01256 889082 or www.mortonstravel.com

London Tender News

Starting December 2008

51 awarded to Selkent with 17 new DD

Starting January 2009

96 retained by Selkent with 21 new DD
375 awarded to Blue Triangle with 1 existing SD
428 retained by Arriva KT with 7 new SD
469 awarded to Selkent with 8 new SD
472 retained by Selkent with 20 existing DD
492 retained by Arriva KT with 6 existing DD
601 awarded to Selkent with 3 existing DD
602 awarded to Selkent with 2 existing DD
B12 awarded to Arriva KT with 6 existing SD
B13 retained by Arriva KT with 5 existing SD
B15 retained by Arriva KT with 5 new SD

Starting February 2009

91/N91 awarded to Metroline with 19 new DD
184 retained by Arriva LN with 17 new SD + 1 existing DD
263 retained by Metroline with 15 new DD

Starting March 2009

187 retained by First with 14 new SD
317 retained by Arriva LN with 5 existing DD
487 retained by First with 9 new SD

Not good for the Bexleyheath depot of London Central which has lost 36 buses worth of work, the 51 and 469 to Selkent along with school routes 601 and 602 and the B12 to Arriva Kent Thameside with nothing gained to fill the void.

Fleet News

Arriva

Kent Thameside: Currently passing through Fleetwood docks on delivery are a batch of VDL SB200 /Wright Pulsar buses for Northfleet for use on upgrading routes 480 and 490. The current vehicles on the routes Scania 3250-3259 and DAF SB220s 3911 and 3918 should be moving along to Southend to replace 20 year old Olympians there.

3751	YJ08DZA	3754	YJ08DZD	3757	YJ08DZG	3760	YJ08DZL
3752	YJ08DZB	3755	YJ08DZE	3758	YJ08DZH	3761	YJ08DZM
3753	YJ08DZC	3756	YJ08DZF	3759	YJ08DZK	3762	YJ08DZN

London: Palmers Green is due once again to be a stand alone garage as opposed to a sub depot of Wood Green. From July 1st it should have an allocation of 18 Ts, 19DLPs and 24VLWs. As more T are delivered they will release some VLWs back to Wood Green which will in turn allow more DLAs to move to the training school. DLA31 and 37 are both now in the white and grey training livery. This months allocation changes are DLa23, 24, 26, 37 to Enfield as trainers with DLA29 and 31 at Beddington Farm. ADL62 E - CN: DLA148 TC-BN: DLA273, 274 WN-AR: DW54 BN-CN, PDL7, 9, 10, 11, 12 EC-E: Going to PVS (Barnsley) for scrap have been Metrobuses M710, 1248 and 1405

North East: More new Optare Solos have been entering service at Darlington, The full batch should all have arrived by 20th July when major service revisions are scheduled to take place.

2811	YK08ETD	a2814	YK08ETJ	2816	reg	2818	YK08ETT
2812	YK08ETE	2815	YK08ETL	2817	awaited	2819	YK08ETU
2813	YK08ETF						

The first reports of Metroriders moving on from Darlington has seen 2631 (P631FHN) and 2640 (P640FHN) move to Bishop Auckland and 2643 (P643FHN) go to Durham. 922 (R922JNL is now back at Hexham.

The Shires: Merc Vario 2371 (R941VPU) is now at Aylesbury from Harlow and is being used for spares. Former Selwyns Van Hool SEL853 is being used from Stevenage, probably only on hire from Arriva Bus & Coach, but not confirmed. Just the one disposal Volvo B6 3105 to Hardwicks.

Yorkshire: More Volvo B9TL/ East Lancs Olympus noted in service have been 1802 (YJ08ECY)

First Group

Aberdeen: New Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse for route 23 Sheddocksley - Heathryfold are 69351 (SV08FHA), 69352 (SV08FHD), 69353 (SV08FHC), 69354 (SV08FHD), 69355 (SV08FHE), 69356 (SV08FHF) AND 69357 (SV08FHG). The batch originally entered service with allocated fleet numbers 69301-69307 until someboby realised these numbers had been applied to new First Cymru vehicles. The first Volvo B9s have just started to arrive as we go to press 37637 (SV08FXU)

Berkshire: Mercedes-Benz Citaros entering service at Slough are 64043 (LK08FMC), 64044 (LK08FMD), 64045 (LK08FME), 64046 (LK08FMF), 64047 (LK08FMG) and 64048 (LK08FMJ). The earlier batch 64012-64021 are now all in the blue 7 series colours.

Cymru: New for Swansea Park and Ride services are Volvo B7RLE/ Wright 69302 (CU08AHO), 69303 (CU08AHP), 69304 (CU08AHV) and 69305 (CU08AHX). A couple of Marshall bodied Dart SLFs have also arrived from Somerset & Avon 41199 (S199KLM) and 41200 (S220KLM)

Eastern Counties: The three Volvo B7RLEs from Yorkshire 69329-331 were due back in Leeds at the end of June. Several other vehicles have moved here from Yorkshire though as new vehicles enter service there, Volvo B7TL/ALX400 30886 (W741DWX), 30888 (W743DWX), 30889 (W744DWX) and 30902 (W757DWX) along with Volvo B10BLEs 60807 (S658RNA), 60863 (R641CVR), 60864 (R642CVR), 60865 (R643CVR) and 66126 (S116JTP).

Edinburgh: Four Leyland Olympians have been transferred up from Manchester 30216 (K601LAE), 30217 (K602LAE), 34332 (J132YRM) and 34334 (J134YRM).

Hampshire & Dorset: The Lymington CANGO service has been taken over from Wilts & Dorset along with Optare Solo YJ05XMR which has been numbered 53078

London: The full batch of six Dennis Trident / Enviro 400s allocated to Northumberland Park for route 231, taken over from Metroline, are DN33503 (LK08FNE), DN33504 (LK08FLX), DN33505 (LK08FKX), DN33506 (LK08FKY), DN33507 (LK08FKZ) and DN33508 (LK08FLA). These were originally ordered for the East London Line replacement service ELW. That route is being converted to single deck and will not now use these buses. Late news at the end of June has the batch transferred to Dagenham so DMLs can move to the 245 and the next batch of seven Enviro 400s arriving at Northumberland Park for the 231

DN33520 LK08FLH DN33522 LK08FLK DN33524 LK08FLN DN33526 LK08FLR
DN33521 LK08FLJ DN33523 LK08FLM DN33525 LK08FLP

A few re allocations to record TN32818 H-G: TNL32905 X-NP: TN33191 X-NP: VDN34218 NP-DM: DM41287 ON-DM: DM41790 WJ-ON: DM41794 WJ-DM: DMC41511 DM-UX: DML41406-41408 has have lost the Routemaster registrations they carried and are now RG51FXC, FXD and FXE. Others of the batch are also to be re registered with the RM marks moving onto the Berkshire trainer fleet. LDN34345 and DMP42404 have been moved elsewhere in first group.

As we go to press the first Enviro200Darts have been arriving at Uxbridge DML44007-021 for route A10 and 331. These will allow DML44001-006 to move to Dagenham.

Just arriving on loan for a few months trial is a MAN/MCV Evolution N26D taking fleetnumber 49000

Manchester: Arriving at Queens Rd in early June, from Glasgow were Volvo B10BLEs 62145 (R591SBA), 62146 (R326GHS), 62147 (R327GHS), 62148 (R329GHS) and 62214 (S673SVU). B10Ms 60323 and 60327 have moved from Bolton to Queens Rd.

South Yorkshire: Passing through Fleetwood Docks on delivery, during late May and early June, have been 21 Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Geminis. They have all been allocated to Olive Grove.

37472 YN08NLL 37378 YN08NLU 37483 YN08NMA 37488 YN08NMM
37473 YN08NLM 37479 YN08NLV 37484 YN08NME 37489 YN08NMU
37474 YN08NLO 37480 YN08NLX 37485 YN08NMF 37490 YN08NMV
37475 YN08NLP 37481 YN08NLY 37486 YN08NMJ 37491 YN08NMX
37476 YN08NLR 37482 YN08NLZ 37487 YN08NMK 37492 YN08NMY
37477 YN08NLT

A lot of vehicles have been transferred from West Yorkshire Volvo B7TL/ALX400s 30881-30885, 30904-30906 now at Doncaster along with Wright bodied B10BLEs 60798-60806, 60858-60862 all at Olive Grove. Quite a few Volvo B6s have been sold to PVS for scrap 40450, 40452, 40455, 40462, 40463, 40464, 40474, 40505, 40506 and 40508

West Yorkshire: More new Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban at Leeds cherry Row are

69343 YJ08CEO 69345 YJ08CEV 69347 YJ08CEY 69349 YJ08CFD
69344 YJ08CDU 69346 YJ08CEX 69348 YJ08CFA 69350 YJ08CFE

New BMC yellow school buses at Huddersfield are 68689 (YJ08XCR), 68690 (YJ08XCO), 68691 (YJ08XCP), 68692 (YJ08XCN) and 68693 (YJ08XCS). Two extra Volvo B7RLEs at Bradford are 69299 (YJ08GWX) and 69300 (YJ08GWY)

York: New Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban N44F are also being delivered here with most of the batch entering service on the Park and Ride routes. 69358-360 were delivered as 69308-310 but changed before entering service as they to clashed with Cymru vehicles

69358 YJ08ZGL 69361 YJ08ZGO 69364 YJ08XYC 69367 YJ08XYF
69359 YJ08ZGM 69362 YJ08ZGP 69365 YJ08XYD 69368 YJ08XYG
69360 YJ08KZN 69363 YJ08XYB 69366 YJ08XYE 69369 YJ08XYH

Go Ahead Group

Marchwood Motorways: New arrivals are Scania K340EB/Irizar C49FT 53 (HF08UHS), 54 (HF08UHT), 55 (HF08UHU), 56 (HF08UHV) and 57 (HF08UHW)

Metrobus: With 624-633 entering service 224, 225, 301, 303-308 have been withdrawn at Crawley

London: Just a few allocation changes to note this month LDP76 NX-BX: LDP101 SW-AL: PVL65

NX-PM: PVL72 NX-Q: PVL75 NX-AL PVL278 NX-SW. Six Metroline Tridents have been hires for use at Stockwell initially TPL243, 244, 245, 261, 262 and 265. They are intended as ibus float vehicles but may help at Docklands if the new Scania's for route 425 have not been delivered.

North East: SPDs 8211 (V211ERG) and 8212 (V212ERG) have moved from Winlaton to Gateshead with Volvo B7RLEs 4978 (NK54NUH) and 4979 (NK54NUJ) moving in the opposite direction. MPDs 618 (NK55RUV) and 619 (NK55RUW) are now at Stanley in "Venture" colours. East Yorkshire Volvo B9TL / Wright YX08FYG is currently under evaluation from Chester-le-Street using fleet number 9168. Volvo Olympian/NC 3820 (S820OFT) 3835 (R394LGH) and 3931 (R289LGH) have gained all over yellow livery. Spectra 3847 (K315FYG) has been withdrawn. Dennis Trident / East Lancs 3801 (V801EBR) is now at Deptford. An Optare Versa demonstrator 9167 (YJ57EHU) is currently seeing use at Gateshead.

Southern Vectis: A pair of Transbus Dart SLF N29Fs have been transferred from Solent Blue Line 317 (SN03ECC) and 320 (SN03LDK). Similar re numbered into the same batch 578 (SN03ECD) is now 318 and 579 (SN03LDJ) now 319

National Express Group

West Midlands: May fleet changes comprised the following 276 (S276AOX), 287 (S287AOX) PE-withdrawn: 1079 (G79EOG), 1108 (G108EOG), 1141 (G141EOG), 1151 (G151EOG), 1192 (G192EOG), 1206 (G206EOG) sold: 2672 (A672UOE) WA – withdrawn: 2679 (A679 UOE) sold 2792 (B792AOC) on loan to LH from Carlyle Bus & Coach: 2836 (B836AOP), 2902 (C902FON) YW-withdrawn: 4088 (V488MOA) BC - withdrawn: 9917 (D917 NDA) TC-withdrawn

Travel Surrey: A new arrival at Byfleet is Enviro 300 8754 (KV03ZGK) here to replace white Dart KP51UFG on routes 472 and 690. The Enviro had previously seen use at Newbury on Vodafone contracts operated by Reading Transport.

Stagecoach

Bluebird: Former West Scotland artics 51064 (126ASV), 51070 (DSV943), 51099 (127ASV) have entered service at Fraserborough on "Buchan Link" routes for which they carry a slightly updated version of the branding. Plaxton Profiles 53125-53217 also carry the new style and are back at Peterhead. 52608 (S658JSE) and 52609 (S659JSE) have gone on loan to Rapsons at Fort William for use on extra Citylink workings.

East: Northampton depot is the latest recipient of MAN 14.240 / Enviro 200s for route 9/9A

39694	KX08HRA	39696	KX08HRD	39698	KX08HRF	39700	KX08HRH
39695	KX08HRC	39697	KX08HRE	39699	KX08HRG		

Mercedes-Benz 709Ds 40306, 40320 and 40323 have been withdrawn at Bedford, with similar 40349 moving to Bedford from Kettering.

East Midlands: Latest Trident arrivals at Mansfield are 18034 (FLP), 18037 (MX53FLZ), 18039 (MX53FMC) and 18045 (MX53FML) With further arrivals at Hull of 18025 (MX53FLE), 18026 (MX53FLF), 18028 (MX53FLH), 18030 (MX53FLK) and 18050 (MX53FMZ). This latter arriving in place of 18024 which had suffered accident damage before leaving Manchester. Fleet movements comprise 14089 SP - dis: 14091 GH - dis: 14355 MD - GH: 14635, 14644 Sp - dis: 16471, 16474, 16475 HL - SP: 20497, 20498, 20499 MD - LI: 26125, 26126 LI - SK: 32071 WP - res: 32111, 32123, 32424 WP - dis: 33849 MD - LI: 34191 NK - LI: 34400 SP - MD: 40769, 40770, 40797 WK - dis: 41349 LI - dis: 42577, 42584 MD - res: 52457 LH - dis: Sold out of the fleet have been 14088, 14345, 14359, 14363, 14678, 15966, 25805, 25806, 25809, 25812 40804 and finally trainer 52091.

East Scotland:

(Fife) Moving from Aberhill to Rennies have been Volvo Olympians 14701 (J701WFS) and 14702 (J702WFS), with similar moving into reserve 14703 (J703WFS) and 14704 (J704WFS) whilst they are prepared for movement to Rennies. Scania N113s 15301 (H421BNL) and 15302 (H422BNL) are now in reserve from Rennies Aberhill now have two ex Oxford Olympians 16518 (R518XFC) and 16521 (R421XFC). As swap of Tridents has seen 18096 (SP04DCE) move from Glenrothes to

Aberhill with 18097 (SP04DCF) moving in the opposite direction. Mercedes 709s 40049 and 40097 have been sold.

(Strathtay) Volvo B10Ms 20112 (N212LTN), 20321 (N321VMS) and 20329 (N329VMS) have moved to Cambridgeshire. Merc 709D 40466 (N466RVK) is now on the disposal list

Manchester: MANs 22180 and 22181 moved from Stockport to Princess Rd with Scania 15370 now at Hyde Rd along with Tridents 18178-18191. MANs 22227, 22228, 22229, 22241 and 22242 are now at Hyde Rd from Charles St. Dennis Dominator operation ended on June 11th with 15040 being withdrawn after service that day. Members of the type sold have been 15031 to the Colletts Dance Troupe (Huddersfield) and 15032 to the Brighthouse Star Twirlers.

North East: Dennis Dart 32622 (P622PGP) spent most of June loaned to South Shields but returned to Sunderland late in the month. Volvo B10M 20714 moved from South Shields to Sunderland. With the new Enviros now in service at Hartlepool a few onward movements have been noted Volvo B10Ms 20122 (P122XCN), 20271 (M711KRH), 20300 (M410SPY), 20550 (P550ESA), 20696 (P316EFL), I can recall driving this a lot of years ago now on the Cowley Rd Park and Ride at Cambridge, and 20843 (P843GND) are now at Stockton, 20292 (M402SPY) is at Walkergate, 20298 (M408SPY) at Sunderland with 20120 (P120XCN) and 20799 (M309SPY) parked up. 20256 (R556RPY), 20270 (M710KRH) and 20296 (M406SPY) are running from Slatyford with 20264 (R554RPY) and 20299 (M409SPY) due to follow. Pointer/Darts 32133 (K133SRH), 32134 (K134SRH), 32701 (J701KCU) and 32768 (M768DRG) have been withdrawn at Slatyford with parts already being stripped off them a return to service is unlikely.

Oxfordshire: Volvo B10M 20220 (P220HBD) has moved to Leamington

Rail Replacement: A new operation set up based at Rugby to do "exactly what it says on the tin" using the following coaches 52310 (N619USS), 52446 (R456FCE), 52490 (R120VFR), 52601 (S173JVK) and 52617 (S457BCE)

South West: Exeter took delivery of five new ADL Trident / Enviro 400s 19321 (WA08NOF), 19322 (WA08NOH), 19323 (WA08NOU), 19324 (WA08NPC) and 19325 (WA08NPD). These being the first arrivals from the 2008/9 Stagecoach order. Also arriving have been Enviro 400s 19102, 19110 and 19119 from Manchester

Warwickshire: A £1.8 million investment has seen the arrival of these 14 MAN 14.240 / Enviro 200s for routes 55, 56 and 57 which have been re branded as "The Matrix" linking Coventry with Bedworth and Nuneaton on a ten minute frequency during the day.

39680	KX08KZO	39684	KX08KYZ	39688	KX08LVJ	39691	KX08LVM
39681	KX08KYT	39685	KX08KYY	39689	KX08LVK	39692	KX08LVN
39682	KX08KYU	39686	KX08KYZ	39690	KX08LVL	39693	KX08LVO
39683	KX08KYV	39687	KX08LVH				

Fleet movements comprise :- 14034 res - RY: 14382 RY - res: 16534 res - SF: 20212 LN - SF

With more Megabus services being concentrated on Rugby more coaches have arrived from Winchester 52641 (T661OBD), 52642 (T662OBD), 52643 (T663OBD), 52647 (T667XTV), 52648 (T668XTV) and 52657 (V907DDV) along with 52658 (V908DDV from Cwmbran

West: New Arrivals at Swindon comprise the following seven MAN 18.240 / Enviro 300s

22620	VX08FSZ	22622	VX08FTC	22624	VX08FTE	22626	VX08FTJ
22621	VX08FTA	22623	VX08FTC	22625	VX08FTF		

Two more ex Manchester Tridents now at Stroud are 18313 (KX05TWW) and 18322 (MX05WHP)

West Scotland: Two more Volvo B10Ms moving to Cambridgeshire have been 20110 (N210LTN) and 201513 (R513KSA). A vast amount of movements this time around with lots of Interurban movements coming about with an increase in Citylink work:- 14411 CK-d/l: 16864 d/l-AS: 20572 res-AY: 40057 res-dis: 40061 res-dis: 40100 K-dis: 40601 K-res: 40609 K-res: 47505 AS-K: 51092 res-AS: 52144 Kt-dis: 52255 res-Kt: 52284GW-GWjv: 52290 MY-GWjv: 52349 AS-GWjv: 52354 SR-GWjv: 52359 GWjv-GW: 52360 GWjv-GW: 52419 GW-GWjv: 52421 AS-Kjv: 52425 CK-GWjv: 52475 SR-GWjv: 52610 A-Kjv: 52611 A-Kjv: jv being the joint venture operation

Yorkshire: Eight more MAN 18.240 / Enviro 300s have been delivered allocated to Barnsley

22627	YN08JHH	22629	YN08JFJ	22631	YN08JFO	22633	YN08JFV
22628	YN08JHJ	22630	YN08JFK	22632	YN08JFU	22634	YN08JFX

The Latter pair, 22633 and 22634, were soon transferred to Ecclesfield along with a new delivery 22635 (YN08JFY), for a couple of weeks, before joining other new ones 22636 (YN08JFZ) 22637 (YN08JGF), 22638 (YN08JGO) and 22639 (YN08JDU) based at Holbrook

Several Volvo B10BLEs have moved to Shafton 21129-21135 (T545-551AUA), replacing older B10Bs and B10Ms 20237 (K237MAP), 21023 (P511UUG), 21024 (P512UUG) and 21025 (P513UUG) are now for disposal, 20701 (K701KAO) is in reserve with 20236 (K236MAP), 20542 (P542ESA) running from Barnsley. 30219 (M204LNC) has been sold to PVS for scrap

Transdev

London United: Three Metroline TPLs 242, 246 and 247 are still in use pending delivery of more Scania SP34-37. Ten Enviro200Darts are due in late July for route K1 and should be SDE1-10. Just the odd movement this month SO4 S-V: DP83 HH-AV and DPK625 back in service at TV.

Independents

Eastern Counties

Fowler (Holbeach Drove): Two ex Burnley and Pendle Volvo B6s have been bought L644OWY and L649OWY. Also new here is a Mercedes Benz 711D N478RNR.

Freedom Travel (Ely): In use here is former Stagecoach Mercedes 709D N977NAP (40977) KOnnectbus (Dereham): Optare Versa demonstrator YJ57EHU has seen use here of late.

Norfolk Green: Two used Solo M850s have been added of late 621 (MX53WCV) and 622 (MX54WMJ) the latter from ACE travel (Aintree) both are N33F

Peterborough Council: Two new Optare Solo M880 N28Fs are MX08MZD and MX08MZE

P & M (Wickford): Two ex Parks Volvo B12M/Plaxtons are now here SF06WDK ex KSK979 and SF06WDU ex KSK976

Reynolds (Caister): new here is a Plaxton bodied Dennis Javelin F740MVR one of the vehicles Woodward's of Glossop sold when they were taken over by Courtesy Coaches.

Soames (Otley): In here from Steeles of Addingham is Volvo B12M/ Plaxton YN04WTK

Whippet (Fenstanton): Titans KYN296X, KYV346X and OHV735Y have been sold for scrap

London / Greater London

Clarkes (Lower Sydenham): New coaches are Scania/Berkhof YN08HZA, YN08HZC, YN08HZE, YN08HZF and YN08HZG

Countryliner (Guildford): A pair of Optare Excels have been acquired from Bennetts (Gloucester) R100PAR and R200PAR both N40F. The yards at Westfield Rd are no longer used.

East London Bus Group: The route 25 bendy buses are now at home in West Ham garage after their initial move to Rainham whilst room was made at WH. A few other re allocations are 17141-17144 and 17148 PD - T : 34273 TL - WH:

P & J Ellis: Two Jonkherre/ Volvo B12Bs C57F are FJ08BZO and FJ08BZY

Ensignbus: Metrobus 175 sold to Supreme Coaches, Southend and Dart 792 (R692MEW) into traffic in blue and silver. After conversion to single door, now N37F

Hamilton (Uxbridge): Two new vehicles are FJ08BZH a Volvo B12B Berkhof C65FT and FJ08BZN a Volvo B12B/Sunsundeugi C57FT

London Bus Company: The hire fleet Darts DN184, DN185 and DN187 were returned from London United in May after many months of use there.

MCH (Uxbridge): Two Setra S415HD C49FT joining the fleet have been BN08OOH and BN08OOJ. A KVC Bodied Mercedes-Benz 515CDi has also been added YN08FET

Metroline: Eleven 10.8m Enviro200Darts have been purchased for commercial services 84 and 242 based at Potters Bar

DEL848	LK08DVZ	DEL851	LK08DWD	DEL854	LK08DWG	DEL857	LK08DWM
DEL849	LK08DWA	DEL852	LK08DWE	DEL855	LK08DWJ	DEL858	LK08DWN
DEL850	LK08DWC	DEL853	LK08DWF	DEL856	LK08DWL		

Optare Solos, latterly used as crew ferry at North Wembley, OSL1 (YJ51JWY) and OSL 2 (YJ51JWZ) have been returned to the lease company.

The batch of Marshall bodied Darts at Cricklewood DML33, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 47 have been sold to Ensign (dealer) movements are DLD22 NW-PV: TP61-65 PV-HT: TPL241 PV-PB TPL257-260, 269 W-PV: TPL261, 265 W-PB. Trainers DLF104-110 are now based at North Wembley

SM Coaches (Harlow): Darts MX56HYA and MX56HYB have been returned to lessors.

Trustline (Harlow): Four Optare Excels have been acquired from Travel West Midlands P501OUG, P504OUG, P506OUG and P508OUG. They are to replace Plaxton Pointer bodied Dart SLFs. Roe bodied Olympian TPD125X has been sold to Erith Commercials for scrap

Wings (Uxbridge): Two Mercedes Benz O816D/Plaxton C17FT added are YN08DND and YN08DNF

Midlands

Ausden Clark (Leicester): East Lancs / Scania N112s E708EFG and E710EFG have been bought from P.C. Coaches (Lincoln)

De Courcey (Coventry): One of two former City of Oxford Volvo B10 / Plaxton Excaliburs is Y23OXF. The two are being used on the X6 service.

Nottingham have received a new Optare Versa, registration no. YK08EFE (no fleet number as yet) More Optares expected - fleet numbers allocated 307 -310

New vehicles:-

Optares YK08EPD (309), ? (310), YK08EFE (311), YK08EPJ (312), YK08EPU (?)

Parrys (Cheslyn Hay): Current fleet strength stands at the following Mini Buses VH54LBE, BV57VGD/VGR: Coaches Y357ADV/EZF/EZG/EYP YJ08NTL/NTN/NTO/NTT/NTM/NTV/NTY/NTX

SMG (Smethwick): A second Scania / Irizar Century purchased of late is P457RNE

North East

Astley (Ashington): Bought from the Eden has been Optare StarRider H391SYG

Altona (Felling): A recent arrival is a MBC Probus in the shape of BX07ONU.

Dubmire (Hetton-le-Hole): New here from Ausden Clark is Scania K113T/ Van Hool XJI3831.

The Eden (West Auckland): A Rohill bodied Renault Master GK02WDJ has been bought for a new school contract. Leaving the fleet have been Metrorider DHZ3247 and LDV Convoy R468ENT.

ERB Services (Newcastle): Recently acquired from AFM Travel is Caetano bodied Volvo B10M B10AFM in whose livery it is currently operating.

Garnett (Tindale Cresent): A new vehicle is Mercedes-Benz Vario/Plaxton Cheetah YN08NKR.

Griersons (Fishburn): A Bristol VR, RUA445W, has been bought from Burns of Tarves

Hodgsons (Barnard Castle): Noted here has been Optare Solo YE52KPR complete with Metallic Pink paintwork which it has had from new when it was used on by Courtney Coaches on the Basingstoke Park and Ride service.

JSB (Coundon): Optare Solo MX56NME has been re registered as J600JSB

Lees (Durham): A new arrival is a VDL Bova Futura YJ08NSZ painted up in Leger Holidays Silver Service colours

Nightingale (Stanley): Noted here is Caetano bodied Dennis Javelin N693GBW complete with 3 + 2 seating. J200EOS has left the fleet

Martini Coaches: A recent purchase is of Volvo B10M / Caetano P774BJF.

Premier (Blyth): Three ex K & J Logistics Leyland Lynxes in stock are OKZ4787, OKZ8521 and OKZ8549. Whilst acquired for spares is ex TWM example G155EOG

Snowden (Easington): A Volvo B12B/ Plaxton recently purchased is KX07HDL

Stanley Taxis: Former Garnetts Leyland Tiger C34CWT has been re registered as B10STX.

North West

Bluebird (Middleton): Latest second hand arrivals are a two Dennis Mini Pointer Darts VX05TZO and MX56HYS, currently running in all white with Bluebird fleetnames.

Blue Bus (Lancashire): Two former Vales Mercedes 709Ds are operating T291ROF and T982OGA still in Vale colours.

Cumfybus: Two more of the East Lancs Myllenioms have been re registered V117LHG originally V17GMT is now C7MFY and V735HEO originally V15GMT is now C15MFY. The company has taken over "joblink" services previously run by Raddenour for which Optare Solo M710SEs N23F have been acquired MX08DHG, MX08DHL, MX08DHV and MX08DJE.

Go Goodwins: A recent arrival here is a Mercedes Vario /ALX100 GOG3T, the registration was previously carried on a Beaver, usually to be found on the 286

Grayway: A new arrival is an ex Parks (Hamilton) Volvo B12m / Jonckherre Mistral SF06VYX

Haytons (Manchester): A pair of Plaxton Primos have been added to the fleet to work on the 44 Manchester - Gatley, 4408 (KX08OLC) and 4508 (KX08OLE).

JP Travel: More arrivals are three Plaxton Centros MX08WCJ, MX08WCK and MX08WCT both all white and finding use on route 276 Wythenshawe - Trafford, recently taken over from Vales.

LA Coaches (Sale): Following a Public Inquiry and having their operators Licence revoked operations are due to cease on July 15th. Evening services 109 and 177 operated on behalf of GMPTE are being taken over by Arriva.

Stotts (Oldham): A pair of Mercedes 709Ds / Alexander have been acquired from Vale of Manchester M162LNC and P419HNF

Scotland

Bank Foot Buses (Perth): Three new Optare Solo M950s N33F are MX08MZF, MX08MZG and MX08MZJ

Ferguson (Stirling): Acquired from Henderson is Optare Solo M880 N29F YJ08XOT

Lothian: New Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini entering service on June 6th are 876 (SN08BWJ), 877 (SN08BWK), 878 (SN08BWL), 879 (SN08BWM) and 880 (SN08BWO). Also new into service during late June, with the Mac Tours subsidiary although in fleet livery, have been several Optare Solo SRs 35 (SN08BYW), 38 (SN08BZA), 39 (SN08BZB) and 40 (SN08BZC) this latter vehicle will carry an all over livery for Standard Life

Southern England

Brijan Tours: Two new arrivals are Dennis Javelin/Plaxton C57F 95 (HT08BJT) and 96 (BT08BJT)

Alex Cars (Cirencester): Now here is Scania/Irizar YR02ZZW previously with Golden Tours

Empress (St Leonards): Optare Aleros 71 (WIL1066) and 72 (JIL1066) have re gained their original registrations of YR02YTH and YR02YTG

Ham (Flimwell): Volvo B12BT/Van Hool WA57JZP is now registered W5HAM previously carried by Volvo B10M/Berkhof which is now W395BKN

JG Coaches (Heathfield): A pair of DAF SB3000/Van Hools have joined the fleet YJ51ELW from Woods (Barnsley) and YJ03PNX from Fannon (Torquay)

Lucketts (Fareham): New here are a pair of Scania/Irizars 4803 (YN08DFF) a K420EB6 C48FT and 4946 (YN08DFC) a K340EB4 C49FT

Morton (Chineham): New is a Temsa Opalin YJ08DZZ

Phoenix (Hastings): Arriving from MCH (Uxbridge) is YR52OCS a Mercedes 411CDi

Rambler (Hastings): Volvo B10B/Plaxtons 31 (M606UTV) has been re registered to RDY155 and 33 (M607UTV) to UDY910. This latter reg was carried by Duple bodied Volvo 33 which is back as F709WCS and will no doubt be leaving the fleet soon

Regency (Lewes): New here in from Trathens is Neoplan YN51XMK CH57/18CT

Renown (Bexhill): More Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointers here are 20 (X212ONH) 78 (T458HNN), 79 (T459HNN) and 81 (T561HNN) all from various members of the Rotala Group.

South Midlands

Cedar Coaches (Bedford): A new arrival from BASE (dealers) is a MAN 18.350 / Marcopolo PN08CPO a C57FL. Iveco Beulas W31COM went in part exchange. Several double deckers have also been purchased JSK492 and J702HMY Leyland Olympian/ Alexander RHs ex Stagecoach Manchester 13610 and 13606, F44YHB a Scania N113DRB / Alexander RH H47/33F from Lancashire United and an East Lancs Volvo Olympian P493FRR ex Nottingham 493.

Coach Miles (Deadmans Cross): Two coaches bought have been a Volvo B10M/Plaxton Y27OXF from COMS and a Setra AF03HOF previously with Hellyers

Grayline (Bicester): The companys latest acquisition is an Optare Exce P507OUG

Heyfordian: Two new MAN / Plaxton Centros have been delivered KX08OMP and KX08OMR. They are for use on tendered services around Wallingford recently won, Also new for them is Enviro 200 OU08AYF

Marhsll (Leighton Buzzard): Here from Mullanys (Watford) is Volvo B10M-61/ Van Hool FDZ3715.

On a Mission (Soulbury): Two new Volvo B12BTs/Joncherre are EL08BUS and EU08BUS both in Eurolines colours

Red Rose: In use on services in and around Hemel Hempstead is Enviro 200 OU08EHO currently running all white. Solo MX03EJY is being returned to Mistral with the other in the fleet RR03BUS expected to follow suit fairly soon. A new school contract due to commence in Henley has necessitated the purchase of a Mercedes Benz Vario R502YWC arriving from Lewis (Greenwich) but originally which Stagecoach London. The Mini Pointer Dart RR02BUS which was severely damaged by fire last year has been written off.

NCP (Luton Airport): New vehicles on car park duties are MAN 14.220 / MCV Evolutions AE08DKA, AE08DKD and AE08DKF.

South West

Bakers Dolphin: The Two New Vehicles are BD08GLD Scania K470 EB6 C41FT and HD08 GLD Scania K470 EB6 C34 FT These vehicles were checked by Steve and Ed (Bakers mechanic) by the plates inside the coaches and are not as stated in the previous magazine by Chris Rubery (Manager)

16/06/08 Fleet No.28 S102 KJF was re reg to UKZ 6725.

21/06/08 Fleet No.30 M638 KVU was sold to Express Motors of Kenfig Hill.

22/06/08 Fleet No.119 W219 JBN was re reg. to UKZ 2926.

23/06/08 Fleet No.115 FN 02 VCF was re reg.to UKZ 2915.

23/06/08 Fleet No.116 FN 02 VCK was re reg.to UKZ 2916

28/06/08 Fleet No. 114 FN2VBY was re reg to UKZ2875

28/06/08 Fleet No 123 YX04JFZ was re reg to UKZ5478

Bennetts (Gloucester): Mercedes Citao demonstrator BX56VTP has been purchased

Carmel Coaches: R639 VYB is here ex Pewsey Vale coach.

Dartline: Of the two new Solos noted last month PFU can usually be found on the 366 Exeter – Kenn service and PFV on the ED96 Exmouth town service

Dawlish Coaches: New here is a short Plaxton Primo KX08HLM

Hookways (Meath): SIL 9554 has arrived carrying Shoreline name.

Kingdom (Tiverton): MB minibus R907 FNB is being used.

Swanbrook (Cheltenham): Acquired from Beestons is Mercedes Vario/Plaxton Beaver 2 EIG1359

Wales

Clynogg & Trefor: Noted here is a former Focus Volvo B10M/Van Hool 70 seater YIL1710

D Coaches: Bova Futuras WA04MHN and WA04TYT are now with Moseley (dealer)

Edwards (Llantwit Fadre): A new arrival here is ex Classic Volvo B10M/Plaxton S5CLA

GHA Coaches: A new Solo to report is MX08DFU

K.M.P (Llanberis): As noted in the news the firms Volvo B7RLEs are being sold to Arriva, before hand they are being re registered A7KMP to CX55FAF: K7KMP to CX55FAJ: L77KMP to CX04HRR: L777KMP to CX04HRN: M7KMP to CX05JVD: N77KMP to CX57BZO: N777KMP to CX04HRP:

New Adventure (Barry): Three Iveco Beulas C49FTs have arrived from Redwing FJ03ZZN, FJ03ZZP and FJ03ZZU

Ridgway (Port Talbot): Here from Gaerlochhead is Mercedes Vario/Plaxton Cheetah SC02HLD

Silver Star (Caernarfon): New here from Jones of Flint is DAF MB200/Van Hool P866PWW re registered since arrival to N90EDW

Broydr Williams: DAF SB3000/Plaxton 44 (N984FWT) has been re reg'd to EAZ8418

Yorkshire

Abbotts (Leeming): New here is Volvo B12B / Sunsundeugi C53F XL08AOL

K & J Logistics (Rufforth): Two new Irisbus 391.e / Plaxton C61F are CB08YFB and DB08YFB

Jackson (Silsden): A new Optare Solo for tendered work is MX08MYJ

Steel (Skipton): here from the defunct Focus (Much Hoole) is Volvo B12B/Plaxton KX07HDK

T. J. Walsh (Halifax): Another Iveco acquired is S495RVM

Irish Happenings

Kavanagh's Glencullen –Newbridge Optare Solo vehicle (07 TN 1111) has replaced the similarly registered Clare vehicle (07 CE 1111) on the Blenheim/Knockboy- Tramore/ Dublin airport Coach connection shuttle service for the past month

Since the rerouting of Waterford services into the city via the Quay following the replacement of the Paxton Mini-Pointer vehicle by VW 'Eclipse' vehicles the level of congestion has increased markedly with a very negative effect on time keeping in the middle of the day.

Dublin Bus recently announced a Euro!! million order for delivery in Nov-Mar 2009 of 50 Wright Eclipse Gemini(Volvo B9TL presumably) Double deck buses. They will be about 4" longer than usual to accommodate the wider entrance which Dublin Bus prefers (also on Enviro 500 vehicles)

This marks the end of more than 28 years of supply of DD bodies from Alexanders alone to Dublin Bus following the demise of the GAC/Bombardier manufacturing operation at Shannon.in1986 .It marks also a return to Irish built (N.I) bodies after the brief period following closure of Alexanders N.I. operation 2 years or so ago when Dublin received vehicles built at Falkirk. Since about 1940 Dublin DD bus bodies were all locally built except for the 100 'Bolton cars' (R291-390) imported directly from Leyland in 1948 as a result of U.K. government orders as one of a number of measures to help the post war adverse trade balance at the time . They were followed by 50 similar but narrower 7" 6' wide bodied 'Capetown cars' (R391-410) which were the last English bodied DD until the Alexander plant in Belfast was shut down on the collapse of Transbus. In the interval CIE built all its own bodies often at the rate of 3 per fourtnite until Van-Hool took over CIE body manufacturing facility at Spa Road in Inchicore(Dublin) in1970's..

Wright are also to loan Dublin Bus one of their hybrid diesel electric DD vehicles to evaluate..

This order come shortly after a Euro10 million order from Bus Eireann for 48 low floor ('Eclipse') SD buses which is presently near completion.

Interestingly all Bus Eireann's 40 or so DD vehicles have East Lancs bodies.

The original Optare Solo 06C1111 has returned to Kennealy's Waterford's Blenheim/Knockboy-Tramore shuttle connection to the Dublin Airport service.

Sadly Mortons (Dublin) Circle line service between Leixlip and Nutgrove/Stillorgan service with a frequency of 10-30min intervals has been withdrawn, and gone into liquidation. All season ticket holders will be reimbursed fully and drivers will be paid in full including holiday money. Presumably the inexorable increase in the price of Diesel has made it unsustainable against the smothering competition from Dublin Bus who sandwiched all Mortons runs with a Dublin Bus leader and shadow. Motrons claimed Dublin Bus received e250,000 government subsidy for each bus purchased, and e80,000 a year used to compete with them. Complaint to Transport Minister Dempsey have resulted in an acknowledgement of the situation but no action to date..

Bus Eireann: New VDL SB4000/Berkhof C54FLs entering service have been

LC6	08-D-15219	LC11	08-D-20208	LC16	08-D-20214	LC20	08-D-22945
LC7	08-D-15222	LC12	08-D-20211	LC17		LC21	08-D-23899
LC8	08-D-20199	LC13	08-D-20212	LC18	08-D-22075	LC22	08-D-28455
LC9	08-D-20198	LC14	08-D-21194	LC19	08-D-21196	LC23	08-D-28426
LC10	08-D-20204	LC15	08-D-18525				

Also new new are Scania K340EB/Irizar C49F

SP103	08-D-30990	SP108	08-D-24239	SP113	08-D-22224	SP117	08-D-30040
SP104	08-D-30336	SP109	08-D-23989	SP114	08-D-22223	SP118	08-D-23316
SP105	08-D-30337	SP110	08-D-23988	SP115	08-D-23990	SP119	08-D-22002
SP106	08-D-30334	SP111	08-D-23986	SP116	08-D-27047	SP120	08-D-22001
SP107	08-D-30335	SP112	08-D-23987				

First Aircoach: Three of the ex Go Ahead London gas powered DAF SB220 have arrived here for a new service in phoenix Park, Dublin V8GMT now 99-D-88548, V9GMT now 99-D-88621 and V10GMT. Three ex Callinan Volvo B12B/Jonckherre 05-G-501, 05-G-503 and 05-G-504 have been on lease from Volvo.

Bernard Kavanagh: This years touring coaches comprise Scania K340EB/ Van Hool C49FT 08-D-20870, 08-D-38515 and 08-D-42327

J J Kavanagh: A raft of new Setra S416GT-HD to record 08-CW-1, 08-CW-11, 08-KE-1, 08-KE-11, 08-KK-1, 08-TN-11, 08-W-111, 08-WD-1 and 08-WD-11

New Deliveries

Compass (Sunderland)	YJ08PKU	Optare Solo
Euroview (Dereham)	YN08DGY	Scania /Irizar
Grayline (Bicester)	YN08AVT	MAN / Plaxton Paragon
Hodsons (Navenby)	HO08SON	Mercedes-Benz Turismo
Jefferies	YN08NWX	Volvo B12M / Plaxton Panther
Jim Bell (Hull)	YN08NXZ	Dennis Javelin / Plaxton
Lakeland (Hurst Green)	YJ08NSU	Van Hool T9
Lloyd (Baglitt)	YN08AUE	MAN 18.400 Plaxton C49FT
Motts	MT08MTT	Volvo / Plaxton Panther
Pats Coaches	YJ08NSK	Volvo B12B/Plaxton C49FT
Richard Bros (Cardigan)	YJ08DLE	VDL Bus / Van Hool T9
Weardale (Stanhope)	YN08DMW	Mercedes-Benz Vario /Plaxton Cheetah
Whitelaws	191WHW	Volvo 9700

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

3rd June 2008

First London

Enviro 400 LK08FLJ (33521) LK08FLL

Arriva London

Enviro 400 LJ08CYE (T52) LJ08CYJ (T54) LJ08CTX (T32)

Stagcoach

Enviro 400 MX08UBW, WA08NPD

Demonstrator

Enviro 300 SN08AAV

10th June 2008

Arriva London

Enviro 400 LJ08CVD (T29) LJ08CYL (T57) LJ08CYH (T55) LJO8CYF (T53)
LJ08CYK (T56) LJ08CVB (T27)

17th June 2008

Arriva

Enviro 400 LJ08CUG, LJ08CSO, LJ08CVE (T30) LJ08CTV (T31) LJ08CTY (T33)

National Express Hotel Hoppa

Enviro 200Dart SN08ABU (8329) ? (8331)

24th June 2008

Arriva

Enviro 400 LJ08CUH (T38) LJ08CUO LJ08CSU

Stagecoach

Enviro 400 MX08UOJ MX08UCE

First

Enviro 400 LK08DXV

National Express Hotel Hoppa

Alexander 200 SN08ACU (8336) SN08ACV (8337) SN08ACY (8339)

Around the Dealers

Ensign

Vehicles In

From Stagecoach Yorkshire.

Volvo B10B's M901DRG M647/8YLV N659EKD: Scania's NIL2457/8 NIL5383 M298TWB

Darts K109/10/13/14/18SRH N105CET KIRN MOGUL N349FKU.

From Stagecoach Manchester: Olympians SJI4458 H41GBD H493LNA J925FPS

Scania E705EFG Dominator H137GVM.

From Metroline: DML33/6/8/40/2/4/7.

From Dublin Bus: Olympians 96-314/319/321/323.

Vehicles Out

Metrobus NOA451X: ACE Travel, Merseyside.

Olympian D260JVR Metrobus D943NDA: A and P Brown , Soham, Cambs.

Olympian F442AKB: Peter Godward Coaches, Chelmsford.

Olympian G127WGX: Inter-Recruitment, Peterborough.

Olympians JSK492 J702HMY: Cedar Coaches, Bedford.

Olympian J703HMY: Bear Buses, Surrey.

Dublin Olympians 96-D-311/307/313 now P268/314/302SWC with Warrington Transport.

Scania E705EFG Olympian H41GBD: Heritage Coaches (Sussex Commercials), Brighton.

Scania G117SBA: NIBS, Wickford, Essex.

Scania M522UTV: Alder Valley Travel, Ashford, Middx.

Dominator H806AHA: On-A-Mission coaches, Herts.

Volvo B6 M386VWX: Epping Community Church, Loughton, Essex.

Metrorider N633LFR: Florida Coaches, Halsted, Essex.

Merc Vario's R103/5/14/16NTA: Avondale Coaches, Clydebank.

Dart N105CET: Eastonways, Ramsgate.

Dart R445LGH and KIRN MOGUL N349FKU: Aintree Coaches, Merseyside.

Volvo B10B M901DRG Beestons (Hadleigh)

Holloway (Willenhall)

Vehicles In

Merc 1120L V 2 ESC from ??

Ford Transit M14 X169 KOF from ??

LDV Convoy BX 51 XFZ (non-PSV)

Merc 413CDi M16 MK52SWW

Merc 311CDi M8 OY 03 EHZ, EJE, EJK, EJN, EJU from ??

Merc 311CDi VU 54 LOA from ??

Renault Master T384KDM

E198 LRV from Liddell, Bristol (GL)
H17 GBD from Swallow, Rainham
N343 FMA from Whitmarsh, Downton
R671 BLE from Principle Link, Northampton
T31 BUS from Busybus, Little Budworth
V589 GGS from Poynter, Northampton
W 7WEB from Swallow, Rainham
Y497 TEF from Stephenson, Workington
Y744 OBE from Stephenson, Maryport
NU 02 LXJ from Pearson, Huntington
FY 03 SVW from Dutton, Enfield
SF 03 AYX from Sidlaw, Dundee
BU 53 AKY from ??
YX 53 CKV from Windrush Transport, Witney
MX 05 CYP from Lewis Coventry
BX 56 BWM from ??

Vehicles Out

R671 BLE to "Alan King" ex Principle Link, Northampton (NO)
E198 LRV to JC, Netherton (WM) ex Liddell, Bristol (GL)
M933 CHU to Jibb, Deeping St James (LI), ex MacKenzie, Llandudno (CN)
M 60 TCC to JC Netherton (WM) ex Boughey, Walsall (WM)
N343 FMA for Non-PSV use ex Whitmarsh, Downton (WI)
R707 RSO to Evans, Hull (EY) ex Forsyth, Crieff (SE)
W594 KFE to Beaves, Bristol (GL) ex Dutton, Enfield (LN)
X584 AAK to Whitmarsh, Downton (WI) ex Myhill, Great Shelford (CM)
X322 HEE to Hoxey, Pershore (HW) ex Hickling, Stocksbridge (SY)
Y651 GNJ to Raja, Bristol (GL) ex Shreeve, Lowestoft (SK)
Y746 NAY to Poynter, Northampton (NO) ex Williamson, Stockport (GM)
BU 02 WVS to Emmerson, Chester-le-Street (DM) ex Cockram, Gosberton Clough (LI)
YR 02 YRW to "Hummer 4 U", Newton Abbot ex Springhall, Kempsey (HW)
BF 03 SFU to Principle Link, Northampton (NO) ex Stubbington, Strood (KT)
CN 03 CNY to Windrush, Witney (OX) ex JA Travel, Forest Town (NG)
WX 03 DYN to Windrush, Witney (OX) ex Collins, Barlby (NY)
BX 04 BJB to Swallow, Rainham (LN) ex Pagan, Hounslow (LN)
YX 04 FXJ to Baig & Nash, Worcester (HW) ex Sibbick, Cheltenham (GL)
YX 04 LJJ to Dutton, Enfield (LN) ex J'N'J, Beverley (EY)
BX 54 LLF to Shaw, Telford (SH) ex Swallow, Rainham (LN)
SN 54 FHU to Swallow, Rainham (LN) ex Selvey, Cambuslang (SW)
YN 54 EYO to Sidlaw, Dundee (SE) ex ??
CU 05 GKY to Heath Park (non-PSV) ex Dalton, Thornton Heath (LN)
NX 57 FWS Turner, Winterbourne Kingston (DT) ex Shaw, Telford (SH) Dalton, Thornton Heath (LN)
OIB 3508 (new MB 613CDI/? C24F) to Selvey, Cambuslang (SW)
BX 08 VBK (Ta BB50R TW1FC51860600004 Co TW0A707307101009 C26F) to Shreeve, Lowestoft (SK)
BX 08 EOS (MB 515CDI) to Forsyth, Crieff (SE)
BX 08 BZA (Ta BB50R/Co C22F) to Pagan, Heston (LN)
LT 08 MKL (new MB 515CDI) to KG Parker, Tamworth (XST)
T111 ECS (new MB/Fer) to Stentafor, Keynsham (SO)
BU 08 BGF (Ta BB50R/Co C21F) to Lakeside, Ellesmere (SH)
BX 08 VGA (Io 45C15/? M16) to Busy Bus, Little Budworth (CH)
BX 08 VGC (Io 45C15/? M16) to Busy Bus, Little Budworth (CH)

Preservation News

Vehicles

Bristol VR PFC 515W has left Hulme Hall Coaches, after 15 years, and headed back south to Oxfordshire where it will be subject to a full restoration including a return to dual door layout. Stagecoach Volvo B6/ Alexander Dash 30339 (M739BSJ) has been preserved by Stagecoach West Scotland and has been repainted into stripes.

Events

Peterborough Bus Rally	13 th July - <i>Sacrewell Farm</i>
East Anglia Transport Museum	13 th July - <i>Bus Event</i>
Reading Buses Depot Open Day	13 th July - <i>with visiting buses</i>
South Yorkshire Transport Museum	13 th July - <i>Open Day</i>
Aston Manor Transport Museum	13 th July - <i>Open Day & Outer Circle Running Day</i>
North East Preservation Trust	20 th July - <i>North Tyneside Rally</i>
Mid - Hants Railway/Alton Bus Rally & Running Day	– 20 th July
Western National Preservation Group	27 th July - <i>Plymouth Bus & Vehicle Rally</i>
Worthing Sea Front Bus Rally	27 th July - <i>Running Day</i>
Truckfest (Scotland)	2/3 rd August - <i>at Royal Highland Centre</i>
Ipswich Transport Museum	3 rd August - <i>Rail and Road Day</i>
Oxford Bus Museum	3 rd August - <i>Open Day</i>
Arriva Midlands Tamworth Open Day	3 August - <i>80 years of Aldergate Depot - Tamworth</i>
The Provincial Bus Society	3 rd August - <i>Gosport Bus Rally</i>
Herne Bay Bus Rally	3 rd August - <i>Bus Garage - High Street</i>
Dewsbury Bus Museum	9 th August - <i>Open Day</i>

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

Event Reports

Quantock Motor Services Running Days, Saturday 24th May 2008 – Barry Harper

The following were in service:-

LFM302 Leyland, <i>Crosville,</i>	KTF594 AEC Regent, (Park Royal) <i>Morcambe & Heysham,</i>
EVD406 Crossley (Roe),	JFM575 AEC (Regent Strachan) <i>Crosville,</i>
DPV65D AEC, <i>Neepsend Ipswich,</i>	890ADV AEC Reliance (Willbrook) <i>Devon General,</i>
CHG541 Leyland, (East Lancs) <i>Burnley,</i>	VDV752 Bristol Lodekka (ECW) <i>Western National,</i>
JG9938 Leyland (Park Royal) <i>East Kent,</i>	OTT43 Bristol (ECW) <i>WN Royal Blue,</i>
VDV753 Bristol (ECW) <i>Western National</i>	KHA301 BMMO (Duple) <i>Midland Red,</i>
572CNW Daimler (Roe) <i>Huddersfield,</i>	XTF96D Leyland (East Lancs) <i>Rawenstall,</i>
UFX859S Bristol VR, (ECW) <i>Quantock,</i>	
ACH441 AEC Regal (<i>Windover</i>)	
805EVT AEC Reliance, (<i>Weymann</i>) <i>PMT,</i>	

Museum Reports

Black Country Museum, Saturday 14th June 2008 – Barry Harper

I took the National Express to Birmingham on Saturday and then onto the Black Country Museum for the Trolleybus Event

The following trolleybuses were working:

DUK833 Sunbeam Roe - Wolverhampton
TDH914 Sunbeam Willowbrook - Walsall
LTN501 Sunbeam S7NC Newcastle
ONE744 BUT Burlingham – Manchester
DKY735 Karrier East Lancs – Bradford
SCH237 Sunbeam F4A – Derby

2206 01 Sunbeam F4A Harkness - Belfast
VRD186 Sunbeam Burlingham - Reading
EXV201 Leyland LPT870 - London Transport
291LJ Sunbeam MF2B Weyman -
Bournemouth

Also attending KXW234 AEC Regent, Weymann – London Transport and XDH519G Daimler
Fleetline Walsall

PS - Faggott & mushy peas were lovely with a mug of tea

Isle of Wight Bus Museum, 12th June 2008 – Mike Pinder

ADL 459B Bedford SB Pauls Tours,
CDL 479C Bristol D/D Southern Vectis 611,
DL 5084 Daimler S/D Vectis Bus Co,
FDL 676 Bedford OB Southern Vectis 216,
GDL 764 Leyland S/D Seaview Services,

KDL 885F Bristol S/D Southern Vectis 301,
ODL 400 Bedford S/D Moss Tours,
SDL 268 Bristol D/D Southern Vectis 563,
SDL 638J Bristol D/D Southern Vectis 628,
TDL 564K Bristol S/D Southern Vectis 864,

PDL 519 Bristol D/D Southern Vectis 559 in "Tadpoles" colours

YDL 315 Bristol S/D Southern Vectis 570 in "Shanklins Pony" colours Open top

Tram - Ryde Pier 1872 "Starbuck" rebuilt Pollard 1911

GXX 785 AEC Matador Tow Truck ex M.O.D & Southern Vectis

A well run museum with very nice exhibits, no cafe, no toilets, small shop, very light inside so
photography was no problem but some exhibits close together. I was given a real friendly welcome
here as were the other people who came in. Only open at odd times so check before going.

Out and About

Rail Replacement

Saturday June 14th East Midlands Trains noted at Nottingham 0900-1430

Stagecoach

Bluebird 53224 (SV55EET) 53318 (SV08DHY) 53319 (SV08DHZ) 53320 (SV08DJD)

Cambridgeshire: 23443 (R543GSF)

East Midlands: 40770 (N770EWG)

East Scotland: 52307 (WLT447)

Merseyside: 34817 (S22ABC) 34818 (S33ABC)

North West: 52268 (RBZ5459) 52408 (p108DCW) 52409 (P109DCW) 52405 (P977UBV)

Oxfordshire: 16524 (R424XFC)

South: 13634 (H764KDY) 13646 (H463EJR) 52657 (V907DDY)

South East: 20008 (R908XFC) 20445 (L345KCK)

Wales: 52496 (P776CDW) 52397 (P107FRS)

West: 13601 (BIW4977) 18438 (VU06CJO) 52396 P281XYS)

West Scotland: 51097 (T97JHN) 53356 (P156ASA)

First Eastern Counties: 20105 (N605APY)

Rennies PIB9211

Coaching International: LJZ6059 LJZ6053 (ex Greyhound)

Eurosun: K2HWT NUI5125 NUI5162

Freestones (Dereham): T9BJF

Johnsons Bros: YN06OPJ

Sander (Holt): SIB7515 V215EGV

Reynolds (Caister): SIB3139

Sunday June 22nd Brighton – Worthing

Metrobus 436 437 440 833 912 918

Countryliner MC2

May 31st
West Bromwich (12:25-13:15)
 Travel West Midlands
 519 533 568 579 590 591 593
 621 622 624 625 626 629 630
 631 632 633 646 659 664 665
 666 667 669 670 671 672 675
 676 678 680 682 1464 1507 1520
 1525 1526 1527 1528 1531 1532
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 1613 1618 1619 1622 1626 1652
 1657 1705 1707 3602 3603 3604
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 3612 4049 4055 4083 4085 4113
 4230 4231 4265 4274 4275 4293
 4295 4296 4299 4314 4321 4323
 4359 4543. 4548 4551 4558 4608
 9411
 Choice Travel
 X943 NUB
 Diamond Bus
 402 403 404 416 419 428 431
 432 434 446 453 461 462 469
 483 497 501 502 504 505 507
 508 509 511
 Ludlows
 Y283 HUA P862 PWW
 Ring & Ride
 614 713
 Midland Metro Trams
 2 3 4 7 8 11 12 13 15

Wolverhampton (13:50-14:50)
 Travel West Midlands
 277 291 292 299 401 407 411
 413 414 419 420 421 422 502
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 703 704 706 708 711 714 715
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 YIL 5368 G689 OHE L369 JBD
 L423 CPB L742 LWA P126 YTN
 P126 YTN
 Choice Travel
 JJZ 5368 OUI 9143 S2 CLA S42
 SWY S194 FFM
 Joe's Travel
 M814GFT
 Travel A2Z
 P315 MLD R702 MEW S451 LGN
 Travel Express
 H127 MOB
 National Express
 WK03 EKX YN04 GPX
 Daish's Coaches
 YN03 WYG
Walsall (15:40-15:55)
 Travel West Midlands
 545 557 560 578
 635 636 641 643 644 649 651
 656 1461 1468 1473 1503 2544
 2594 2613 2624 2650 2693 2716
 2819 2830 2888 2895 2990 4126
 4127 4128 4308 4317 4681 4774
 Arriva
 2112 2120 2294 2702 3702
 Central Connect
 W572 JVV

Travel A2Z
 ODZ8901 ODZ8902 K109XHG
 L203YAG R701MEW R702MEW
 R707MEW
 Ring & Ride
 503

June 7th
Reading
 Arriva Shires
 3205 3844 3853 3854

First Berkshire
 20367 20612 20613 23009 23012
 60165 65602 65724 65725 65726

Reading Transport
 105 106 112 114
 472 473 475 599 602 606 609
 616 630
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 802 805 814 815 817 818 819
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Motts Aylesbury
 MB04 BUS
 Thames Travel Wallingford
 KU52 RXS AE05 EUZ PF06 ENM
 AE57 LYH AE57 LYP AE57 LYP
 AE08 DKY
 Fleet Buzz
 S377 PGB RL51 CWA
 Laguna Bournemouth
 T413 OWA

Post Bus Update

Courtesy of Robin Farmer editor of "Ride the Royal Mail Post Bus we have the latest news

NEW VEHICLES

LDV Maxus 3.2/95 8 seat

7751001 (SK8)	BD57BNN	Skipton - Malham
7751002 (LU353)	BD57BNO	Luttenthorpe - Peatling Parva
7751003 (PY19)	BD57HNW	Pitlochry - Rannoch Station
7751004 (AL32)	BD57HNX	Alnwick - Bamburgh
8751001	BX08KOU	BurslemBU157 (npcv)

POSTBUS ALLOCATIONS

Reallocations

LDV Convoy high-roof 8-seat postbus plus mail

2750101	BK03YFH	Huntingdon HR5 npcv ex Southend npcv	LDV
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Convoy low roof 8-seat postbus with full height rear mail cage and unglazed rear doors

3751037 BK03ZCA Southend npcv ex Maidstone npcv - still carries 24
3751039 BL03RZX Southend npcv ex Maidstone npcv

Withdrawals

2750101, 3751006, 3751031, 3752008, 3753017

Disposal

8750100, 2750101, 3751006, 3751029, 3752003, 3752008, 3753009

For Auction

BK03 YFH For auction at Manheim, Prating
BK03 YMY For auction at Manheim, Prating
BK03 YPT For auction at BCA Glasgow
BK03 YNA For auction at Manheim, Rothwell 25/3/08 re-seated as a 10-seater
BU53 WCM For auction at Manheim, Haydock 15/4/08 as an 8 - seater
BK03 YPY For auction at Manheim, Dursley 3/4/08 as an 8 - seater

SERVICES

Ceased Services

Isle of Fetlar last day of operation 30* April 2008
Broughton - Duddon Valley last day of operation 30th June 2008
Will the withdrawl of this service spell the end of "PAT 2" ?

Bus Spots

Continuing our jaunt around South Wales we have the next instalment from Mike Pinder
Newport, South Wales

Walking

Come out of the railway station, cross the dual carriageway and walk down the street opposite, at the bottom of the street turn left and keep walking until the Bus Station comes up on the right hand side,(approx 10 minutes.) Spot from this bottom end where the Taxi rank is because now some buses have designated bus stops at the rear of the indoor market and do not come into the bus station, they can however be seen quite easily from this bottom end by looking behind you.

Taxis are available Ferris Cafe in the bus station (Excellent Faggots, Chips & Mushy Peas) and toilets at the other end of the Bus Station.

Companies using the Bus station:-

Newport Bus, Cardiff Bus, Stagecoach, First Bus, Drakes, National Express.

By car

Exit the M4 at junction 24A, Take the A4042 into Newport, TAKE CARE AT THE FIRST BRIDGE YOU GO UNDER as the speed limit goes to 30 mph and IMMEDIATELY there is a speed camera which works 24 hours. The Bus Station appears on the right hand side just past this bridge, however the nearest car park is just a bit further along on the left.

Newport Bus Depot

Walking

If when at the bus station you look to the left hand side where the buses enter the station, you would see what appears to be a two fingered salute in metal this is very near to the car park as above. If you cross this foot bridge and turn right at the other side, the Depot comes up on the right (10 -15 Minutes walk)

By car

From the car park as above turn left, at the first roundabout turn right go to the junction, turn left, cross over the river bridge and turn left at the lights, the Depot appears on the left hand side.

Teneke Coaches, Newport

Walking

From the Bus Station walk towards the two fingered metal salute forming a pedestrian bridge, stay on this road past the Castle Leisure Centre (Bingo Palace) at the next roundabout there is a BMW garage on the left, and a road on the right with Bannafynes Fitness centre on the corner, take this

road (Frederick Street) and the 2nd left, Teneke then appears in a yard on the right hand side. (Only 4 coaches) - walking time 20 minutes

By car

From the car park, turns left and follow as per the directions for walking.

Croydon Coaches (Chick) Newport

Walking

The same road that goes towards Teneke Coaches but instead of turning off into Frederick Street carry on to the traffic lights, at the junction, turn right and at the next roundabout take the second exit and Croydon Coaches comes up on the right hand side, walking time 30 minutes

By car

Same direction as on foot

No toilet facilities en route, there is an Egg on Ronnie outside or very close to both sites. (What a coincidence !).

Veolia Newport, (ex Shamrock Coaches)

Walking

Only the brave would attempt this. From the Railway Station cross the dual carriageway, turn left and go via the underpass to the other side of the roads on the roundabout, cross over the river bridge and keep walking to the monument in the centre of the road, here turn left and just keep walking (Passing the Newport Depot on the right), keep on for about another 2 miles until you come to the Southern Distributor road, cross over and keep walking, (for those interested as you go under the railway bridge there are 2 Eddie Stobart Depots on the left) the next road on the right is signed for the Transporter Bridge, take this road and the turn left into the Felnex Industrial estate, bear right and then take the first left follow this road to the end, the depot is on the left and most vehicles can be seen from the road. Approx 5 miles and a days walking time for me

(There are no public toilet facilities on this route, plenty of shops for food and drink, I think only 2 Public houses if desperate)

By car

Come off the M4 at junction 24A follow the A4042 into Newport, TAKE CARE of the Traffic Speed Cameras at the first bridge you go under, Follow this road as far as you can to a T Junction with traffic lights, here turn left, go over the river bridge and bear left only just over the crest of the bridge, at the next lights turn right, cross over the Distributor road and the follow as for walking.

Blackwood Bus station

Walking

As you travel into Blackwood from the Newport side, keep on until a garage appears on the right, in front of you there is a mini roundabout just before the shops start, there is a sign for bus station to the left, take that road and as it swings to the right the bus station is directly in front of you, Here immediately bear left up the hill and there is a car park on the right. Prices in 2008 were 30p per hour. From here walk back down the hill turn left and you are in the Bus Station. Toilets (20p) and Cafe facilities are inside the Bus Station.

Companies using the station:-

I.B.T., Stagecoach, Harris, Gary's and the odd Veolia

Newtons Travel

Walking

Take the Blackwood service bus from Newport (every 10 Minutes) After 11 miles and after the village of Abercarn the bus comes to a large roundabout and heads for Newbridge, Just after the roundabout there is a rail bridge (ask the driver to be put off at Newbridge Boxing club). Walk under the bridge, turn right and go for about 1/2 a mile Newtons then appears on the left hand side up a dedicated road. Most vehicles are difficult to see as they're locked in the garage.

From Newbridge Rail or Bus Station take the road on the right, go down the hill and turn left before the railway bridge after about 1/2 mile go up the dedicated road to Newtons

By car

From Newport or the M4 take the A 467 (signed Brynmawr)Follow this road for 13 miles to a roundabout (The Celynen) here the road splits 1st exit for Blackwood,2nd exit for Newbridge,3rd exit for Brynmawr. Take 2nd exit go under the railway bridge,turn right and after about 1/2 mile you come to the dedicated road on the left.

G.T.S.

Walking

Take the Blackwood service out of Newport (Every 10 Minutes) after the bus has gone through Newbridge and up a steep hill it comes to a roundabout at the start of the township of Pontllanfraith, alight here and G.T.S. is in a yard on the left hand side just after the first house.

Warning -The owner is very proud of his fleet and rightly so, but he will keep you for a long time whilst he reminisces on how life used to be as he tells you the history of each vehicle.

By car

Directions the same as Newtons to the Celynen roundabout, here take the first exit (Blackwood) go up the hill to the next roundabout turn right and at the roundabout directly in front of you turn left and G.T.S. is just after the first house on the left.

I.B.T. & Kingfisher Travel

Walking

Take the Newport -Blackwood service bus or the Blackwood -Newport one and alight at Oakdale Road, Pontllanfraith. Take the Oakdale road B4251 and approximately 1 mile up the road on the left is the combined yard of the Council and I.B.T. Odd vehicle can be seen through the hedge in winter, otherwise it's through the council yard and thrown out before you reach the buses. Asking for permission to look around at the office is usually met with refusal.

By car

From Newport or M4 take the A 467 (Signed Brynmawr) follow this road for 13 miles to a roundabout (The Celynen) take the first exit signed Blackwood, go up the hill to the next roundabout and turn right and at the roundabout directly in front of you turn left, go past G.T.S to some traffic lights and here turn right and after about a mile I.B.T. comes up on your left.

Harris Coaches

Walking

From Blackwood catch the bus for Fleur de Lis (Usually a Harris bus) the driver will tell you where to alight. All vehicles visible from the roads, but permission usually granted to look around

By car

From Blackwood Bus Station car park, come down the hill and turn right at the roundabout and stop on that road for about 3 miles, then a road will come upon the right signed for Fleur de Lis (the A 4049) after about 5 miles Harris coaches comes up on the left hand side.

Data File updates – John Nobbin

Redwing - Reliance Book 3 page 144 there are two fleet number 215,s one is Setra **BX 54 EDU** the other is Mercedes **LX 03 KPJ**. The latter is now white with no livery and operated by H L Travel of Luton.

L 555 SGB is listed in Book 1 2007 South Gloucestershire - Durbin as a Volvo Olympian turned up here as a D.A.F. Vanhool coach the only markings on it was a No 50.

Just a couple of book corrections book 5 page 70 Hayfordian Ayats **WA 06 SLV** should be **WX 06 SLV**. The other is that Wootens Coaches listed in book 2 on page 117 Chesham Surrey should be Chesham Buckinghamshire book 5.

The Gallery

Something a little different for this month with the artwork that will soon be adorning a Stagecoach in Lancaster Trident. As a tribute to a famous Morecambe son.



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