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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Welcome once again to yet another packed magazine, work took me to Sleaford one Sunday late in the month, not a day for logging many buses nor trains for that matter! I couldn't find any services that actually ran on a Sunday except for the National Express down to London. Apologies for the look of the Gallery page I just couldn't get it to sit right, may look better in print *Gez*

Group News

Lee Wardle is unable to provide any North East news at the moment so if anyone can assist with that area then please get in touch.

Alan Hayward has purchased the Blackpool Metrorider registration N589 GRN. To date no one has joined him in the project. If any members are still interested, it's not too late to get involved – Just telephone Alan on 01253 857 185 or 07849 895 086

Transport Group Ballot - number of votes received:-

For the proposal ICRS **134**
GB-BG **84**

Against

ICRS **11**
GB-BG **5**

As you can see we have a large majority in favour of the proposal. So we now have a mandate to set up the transport group. The Committee would like to thank all the members who took the time to take part in the ballot and will bring you news of developments next month.

Magazine

The deadline for the September magazine is Friday 29th August 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:- Keith Bassett (Hants), Nathaniel Clifford (Devon), John Evans (Devon), M.I. French (Luton), Bernard Hall (Hereford), B. Howson (Lancaster), Roy Harding (Lancashire), D. Smith (Berkshire). We hope you will find membership most rewarding.

Contributions

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News from the Industry

First Eastern Counties has been awarded the contract to operate the Ipswich Park and Ride service, currently run by Ipswich Buses, from November.

Optare have announced its biggest ever order for 94 buses, 54 double deck and 40 single deck. The order worth £14.25 million has come from Go Ahead subsidiary London General and will cover tender gains at Sutton garage.

West Coast Motors are again to operate express services between Glasgow and Oban and Campbelltown. The new contract will come into operation in September when West Coast will again operate the services on behalf of Scottish Citylink, after withdrawing their own services on the routes. Coaches will however operate in WCM colours.

The operating licences of four related Scottish bus companies have been withdrawn, The operating licence of Barrhead Bus Co, First Stop Travel, Local Bus Co and Gullivers Travel have been revoked and director of all four companies, John Walker, has been disqualified from holding an O – Licence for a period of ten years and fined a total of £42,000. Walker had lied to the Scottish Traffic Commissioner at a previous public inquiry and made false declarations on licence applications.

Easybus is to commence a second minibus route from Gatwick Airport EB4 this time linking with Fulham Broadway, running every 30 minutes

You may recall that Reading Transport is relinquishing its Goldline coaching arm from later in the year. It has now announced that the contract operation will transfer to Stewarts of Mortimer (Private Hire) gradually between October and February 2009. Discussions are being held with another operator to take over its 2009 program of tours and holidays. Reading Transport will continue to sell these on behalf of the new operator.

Mentor Coach and Bus the dealership based at Hellaby, has been forced into administration owing to continuing cash flow problems. Its initial problems stem from February when MAN gave the company six months notice that it was terminating its MAN and Neoplan franchise. A few staff remain, but the workshops and after sales department are now unmanned.

Diamond Bus have introduced 15 new buses in partnership with Centro and Sandwell Council (see fleet news) on routes 404B and 404H linking Merry Hill with West Bromwich and Walsall from

July 20th. The buses are all fitted with leather seats and are equipped with CCTV. A further 17 buses will be delivered by the autumn for upgrading three more routes in the area.

Lothian Buses have placed an order for 50 11.3m Volvo B9TLs with Wright Eclipse Gemini double deck bodies, which are in the course of delivery, and ten single deck Eclipse Volvo B7RLE. The single decks will be used on the Edinburgh Guided Busway system.

Merseypride Travel of Speke suffered at the hand of vandals overnight on July 13th when the company's premises were broken into and over £30,000 worth of damage was caused to the fleet including windows in five buses being smashed, resulting in the company being unable to operate some school services, assistance was provided by Anthonys Travel and Peoples Bus

FreeBee The free bus service operated around Sheffield City Centre by TM Travel on behalf of SYPTTE is to gain larger buses in the shape of 37 Seat Plaxton Centros to cope with increasing usage with over 10,000 people a week currently making use of the service.

MK Metro Optare S403 ERP came to grief in the City Centre on Monday 30 June whilst running empty on service 17A. According to the report in the Citizen Newspaper it careered into the central reservation and damaged two cars and hit a tree. The report did not state whether the driver was injured and looking at the paper, the bus looks unscathed apart from a smashed windscreen. Also, MK Metro increased their fares from 30 June – there is a statement on their web site: http://www.mkmetro.co.uk/mk_metro_news.aspx

London Tender News

Starting late March 2009

262 retained by East London with 12 existing DD

372 awarded to East London with 6 new SD

396 retained by East London with 4 new DD

473 retained by East London with 10 existing DD

Starting early April 2009

463 retained by Quality Line with 8 new SD and one new DD

The only change of operator being on the 372 which Blue Triangle currently operates.

Fleet News

Arriva

Kent Thameside: The Wright Pulsars noted last month were borrowed by Merseyside for use on the Wirral Park and Ride service into Liverpool whilst the Tall Ships were docked in the city.

London: More new 10.1m Trident / Enviro 400s H41/26D having arrived are

T27	LJ08CVB	T32	LJ08CTX	T37	LJ08CUG	T53	LJ08CYF
T28	LJ08CVC	T33	LJ08CTY	T38	LJ08CUH	T54	LJ08CYG
T29	LJ08CVD	T34	LJ08CTZ	T39	LJ08CUK	T55	LJ08CYH
T30	LJ08CVE	T35	LJ08CUA	T51	LJ08CYC	T56	LJ08CYK
T31	LJ08CTV	T36	LJ08CUC	T52	LJ08CYE	T57	LJ08CYL

They are all now in service from Palmers Green, the batch T51-T57, temporarily until required at Croydon from August 30th for use on route 466, indeed T51 and T52 have already been despatched for driver familiarization.

Following the arrival of the London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Arriva now no longer operates any MCW Metrobuses with M573, 617, 777, 1084, 1126, 1136, 1140, 1170, 1253, 1300, 1312, 1320 and 1332 passing to Ensignbus and M1124 to PVS (Barnsley). The training fleet now comprises DLAs with DLA1, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33 and 35 at E: DLA21 at EC: DLA22, 34, 36, 45, 56 and 62 at CN: Other re allocations this month are DLA94 E-SF: DLA142-145 TC-WN: DLA146 TC-BN: DLA212 BN-WN: DLA233 WN-SF: DLA349 back in service at EC: DLP75 E-AD: PDL8, 13 EC-E

PDL83 LV-EC. Also now with the ibus installation complete the float vehicles have been allocated thus PDL1, 2 TH: PDL3 E: PDL4, 5 EC:

North East: More new Optare Solo M950s are entering service at Darlington

2820	YK08ETV	2824	YJ08XBD	2828	YJ08XBH	2831	YJ08XBM
2821	YK08ETX	2825	YJ08XBE	2829	YJ08XBK	2832	YJ08XBN
2822	YK08ETY	2826	YJ08BXF	2830	YJ08XBL	2833	YJ08XBO
2823	YK08ETZ	2827	YJ08XBG				

Registrations for the missing pair from last month are 2816 (YK08ETO) and 2817 (YK08ETR)

These have allowed earlier examples to move on 2804 (YK08ERX) has moved to Durham where it replaces Metrorider 873 (M873LBB) along with 2808 (YK08ESV) which has allowed MPD 1772 (NK05GWO) to move to Bishop Auckland where it replaces Metrorider 900 (P59XTN). 2633 (P633FHN) and 2640 (P640FHN) are now at Redcar with 2721 (R721MHN) at Loftus.

North West & Wales: New at Southport for Park and Ride services are Enviro200Darts 2141 (CX08DJJ), 2142 (CX08DJK), 2143 (CX08DJO) and 2144 (CX08DJU). Moving into Wythenshaw have been Mercedes 811D/Plaxton 0182 (P182GND) and Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 0864 (X214JOF). Scania 2049 (RDZ1709) is now at Skelmersdale with DAF/Wright Commander 2432 moving to Runcorn. Plaxton Bodied B6s 7212 (L212TKA) and 7213 (L213TKA) on the disposal list have been sold to Hardwicks for scrap.

East Scotland: New arrivals from Midlands North have been Dennis Darts 1693 (K543ORH) at I with 1694 (L508BNX) and 1695 (L504BNX) at J

First Group

Aberdeen: The full batch of 12 Volvo B9TL/Wright Geminis are as follows with most entering service on July 1st presently not carrying any form of route branding.

37633	SV08FXP	37636	SV08FXT	37639	SV08FXX	37642	SV08FYA
37634	SV08FXR	37637	SV08FXU	37640	SV08FXY	37643	SV08FYB
37635	SV08FXS	37638	SV08FXW	37641	SV08FXZ	37644	SV08FYC

Heading south to Manchester have been 62145-62148 and 62214

Edinburgh: Transferred into Livingstone from Glasgow have been Volvo B10Ms 60578, 60579, 60581, 60583, 60585, 60588, 60590-92, 60596 and 60601.

Glasgow: In from Edinburgh have been two Scania N113CRBs 62323 (L558JLS) and 62324 (L559JLS) both now at Larkfield.

London: The new 10.2m Enviro200Darts N29D have now entered service at Uxbridge are thus.

DML44007	LK08FNF	DML44011	LK08FKU	DML44015	LK08FLD	DML44019	LK08FLV
DML44008	LK08FNG	DML44012	LK08FKV	DML44016	LK08FLE	DML44020	LK08FLW
DML44009	LK08FNH	DML44013	LK08FKW	DML44017	LK08FLF	DML44021	LK08FLZ
DML44010	LK08FKT	DML44014	LK08FLC	DML44018	LK08FLG		

Manchester: Volvo B9TLs 37279 and 37280 have moved from Queens Rd over to Oldham for use on driver training. Due to move to Potteries in mid July were Scania L94s 60206, 60207 and 60209-60211. Mercedes O.405s 60416-60420 were also due to depart back up to Scotland

Somerset & Avon: Impending service revisions throughout the area in early August will see the following movements:- Olympians 34113 will move to Eastern Counties, 34149 to Scotland and 34966, 34967 to Devon & Cornwall. Darts 46603, 46604, 46611, 46621, 46624, 46629, 46638, 46909 and 46911 to be scrapped along with Dennis Lances 60132, 60224, 60971 and 60972. A lot more changes are expected once 46 more Volvo B9TLs are delivered.

Go Ahead Group

Brighton & Hove: A new delivery is 501 (YN08JAU) a Scania K114 / Irizar C49FT. A DAF / Van Hool HSV342 (ex N68FWU) has been transferred from Tourist Coaches.

Docklands Buses: New route 425 was taken up from July 5th due to be operated using nine Scania double deck, but like most deliveries these days they were behind and so six Metroline

TPLs 243-245, 261,262 and 265 have been hired in to help out along with PDL3 and PDL4 from Stockwell. The first of the Scania's were just beginning to be delivered as we went to press SOC1 (LX08ECD) and SOC2 (LX08ECE) both in London General colours.

Metrobus: Two new Scania Omnicity double deckers were delivered in mid July 953 (YN08OBP) and 954 (YN08OBR) for operating routes 409 and 411. Late news is that due to damage to the two vehicles caused by overhanging trees they have been taken off the said routes and are currently being used around Crawley.

North East: Big news is the order for nine three axle Scania K340EB6 / Caetano Levante C53FTL for National Express work 7094-7102. 7094 (FJ08KLF), 7098 (FJ08KLZ), 7099 (FJ08KMU), 7100 (FJ08KMV) and 7101 (FJ08KNV) had been delivered, and were in service, as we went to press. Dennis Trident / East Lancs 3878 (W188SCU) has returned to Chester-le-Street, Scania L94UB / Wright 4937/70/92 (NK51OLV, NK53UNW, YR02ZYM) are now at Deptford, while sisters 4944/5/7/8 (NK51OLH/J/N/O) are all at Gateshead. All five of the Volvo B7RLEs are now at Winlaton. Scania L94UB / Wright 4990 (YN51MKX) is back from refurbishment and is painted purple.

VDL SB120 / Wright 8258 (NK04FPC) is now at Precy Main. 8211/2 (V211/2ERG) are now at Gateshead, while Optare Metrorider 416 (P416VRG) is out of service and Optare Solos 456/8 (T456/8BCN) and Mercedes Sprinter 470 (BU53KXC) are Sold

National Express Group

Dot2Dot: An additional KVC bodied Mercedes 515CDi is KX08OLH

Hotel Hoppa: The entire Hotel Hoppa fleet, hitherto using Wright bodied Volvo B6Les has been replaced with 32 new 9.2m Enviro 200Darts

8321	SN08AAU	8329	SN08ABU	8337	SN08ACV	8345	SN08ADZ
8322	SN08AAV	8330	SN08ABV	8338	SN08ACX	8346	SN08AEA
8323	SN08AAX	8331	SN08ABX	8339	SN08ACFY	8347	SN08AEB
8324	SN08AAY	8332	SN08ABZ	8340	SN08ACZ	8348	SN08AEC
8325	SN08AAZ	8333	SN08ACF	8341	SN08ADO	8349	SN08AED
8326	SN08ABF	8334	SN08ACJ	8342	SN08ADU	8350	SN08AEE
8327	SN08AKF	8335	SN08ACO	8343	SN08ADV	8351	SN08AEF
8328	SN08ABO	8336	SN08ACU	8344	SN08ADX	8352	SN08AEG

West Midlands: The following movements have taken place over the last six weeks 1659 (T659 FOB) PE - CV: 1676 (T676 FOB) LH - BY: 1703 (V703 MOA) PE - CV: 2634 (ROX 634Y) WA - (w): 2714 (A714 UOE) AG - (w): 2833 (B833 AOP) WN - (w): 2843 (B843 AOP) reinstated to WB: 2901 (C901 FON) LH - (w): 2989 (E989 VUK) and 3013 (F313 XOF) sold To Green Transport, Oldbury 3060 (F 60 XOF) PB - (w): 9917 (D917 NDA) sold for scrap

Rotala

Diamond Bus: As noted in the news ten new Volvo B7RLE with Plaxton Centro B45F bodies have entered service running in an all over black colour scheme with "Black Diamond" branding the details of the ones I have so far are 803 (DC08DBO), 807 (BU08DCO), 808 (BU08DCE), 809 (BU08DCX), 810 (BU08DCF). Also in service are Volvo B7RLE / Wright B45Fs running on service 57/58 in all over red colours in "Red Diamond" 850 (BU08DAO), 851 (BU08DBX), 852 (BU08DBV), 853 (BU08DBY).

Five former Whitelaws Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse single decks have been acquired SJ04DVG, SJ04DVH, SJ04DVJ, SJ04DVL and SJ04DVM. They are to retain Whitelaws Grey livery.

Two second hand arrival, both painted into all over red are KU02YUA a Dennis Dart SLF/ADL Pointer 2 B29F from Jones (Llanfaethu) and transferred from Flights W142WGT a Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer.

Wessex Connect: Former North Birmingham Busways Plaxton President Y2NBB has transferred here from Central Connect.

Stagecoach

Bluebird: Very little happening internally but here is a list of vehicles that have gone "on loan" to Rapsons Leyland Olympians 14490 (J120XHH), 14491 (J121XHH), 14492 (J122XHH) and Volvo B10Ms 52605 (S655JSE), 52607 (S657JSE), 52608 (S658JSE), 52609 (S659JSE) and 52612 (S662JSE) to Fort William, Mercedes 709D 40548 (M358JBO) to Portree Volvo B10Ms 52227 (M527RSO), 52233 (M533RSO), 52239 (M539RSO), 52241 (WFO311) and 52242 (OFA990) to Orkney, Volvo B7Rs 53318 (SV08DHY), 53319 (SV08DHZ) and 53320 (SV08DJD) to Caithness

East Kent & Hastings: Fleet movements of late have been 16370 DO - FO, 16740 res - FO: 16739 res - FO: 20007, 20009, 20010 res - DO: 20008 res - TH: 32327 HY - TH: 32515 FO - HY: 32537 South - TH:

East Midlands: This months fleet movements 14085 GH - dis: 14358 res - GH: 15949 NK - dis: 16346 SK - res: 16348 GY - res: 16453 res - SK: 16455 res - WP: 16456 res - GY: 16710 res - pool: 16736 HL - pool: 16880 Yorkshire - GY: 18035 HE - WP: 18024, 18046-18049 Hyde Road - HL: 20491 WP - res: 32713 WP - dis: 33835 res - MD:

East Scotland:

East Scotland: New arrivals, in mid July, at Glenrothes are new Optare Solos 47607 (SP08FMA), 47608 (SP08FMC), 47609 (SP08FMD), 47610 (SP08FME) and 47611 (SP08FLZ)

Manchester: More new ADL Enviro 400s H47/33F arriving during late June and July are:-

19327	MX08UBY	19332	MX08UCB	19337	MX08UCG	19342	MX08UCN
19328	MX08UBU	19333	MX08UCC	19338	MX08UCH	19343	MX08UCO
19329	MX08UBW	19334	MX08UCD	19339	MX08UCJ	19344	MX08UCP
19330	MX08UBY	19335	MX08UCE	19340	MX08UCL	19345	MX08UCR
19331	MX08UBZ	19336	MX08UCF	19341	MX08UCM	19346	XM08UCS

Of these 19327 to 19334 are at Hyde Rd and 19335-19346 at Stockport.

Being stored for the summer at Glossop are 13289, 13300, 13616, 13628, 13632, 13642 and 15376. Volvo B10Ms 20653, 20968 and 20970 have now moved into the training fleet. Tridents 18193, 18310 and 18311 have moved across to HE from PS to allow more Presidents to be released. Enviro 400s 19047, 19050, 19052 and 19057 have moved north to East Scotland at Glenrothes. New arrivals at the end of July to Charles St are, the first of seven Optare Solos, 47618 (MX08UPA), 47619 (MX08UPC), 47620 (MX08UPD), 47621 (MX08UPE) and 47622 (MX08UPF).

North West:

(In Cumbria) New arrivals at West Cumbria are a pair of Optare Solos 47616 (PX08FMP) and 47617 (PX08FMU) for use on Whitehaven locals. Kendal based Volvo B10M 20775 was involved in an accident mid July and is now parked for disposal

(In Lancaster) Two Optare Solos are expected to be transferred from Fleetwood to replace Merc 709 40641 and Vario 42091. Volvo B10Ms 20793 and 20794 will be moving to Chorley with 20793 being withdrawn off the active Lancaster Fleet on July 31st. Two K registered examples should be coming in the opposite direction.

(In Lancashire) Nine new Optare Versas should have entered service, as you read this, on route 84 from Fleetwood outstation they are 25226 (PX08FMV), 25227 (PX08FMY), 25228 (PX08FMZ), 25229 (PX08FNA), 25230 (PX08FNC), 25231 (PX08FND), 25232 (PX08FNE), 25233 (PX08FNF), 25234 (PX08FNG). After a lengthy refurbishment Volvo Olympian 16339 is now at Preston complete with X2 route branding with 16331 following suit.

The current disposal list is as follows Leyland Titan 11003, Volvo B10M 20775, Volvo B6R, 30270, 30307, 30461 and 30846 Mercedes 709 40031, Mercedes 814 42559 Volvo B10M trg 52061

Rapsons: We now have the new national numbers for the, Highland Country and Orkney Coaches fleets recently purchased

Highland Country

Leyland Olympian

14142	B742GSC	14145	B745GSC	14152	C794SFS	14727	G807GSX
14143	B743GSC	14151	C791SFS	14726	G805GSX	14728	G818GSX

14144	B744GSC						
Volvo B9TL							
16945	SY07CVA	16946	SY07CVB	16947	SY07CUW	16948	SY07CUX
Volvo B10M							
20013	B858XYR	20014	B857XYR	20015	H925XYT	20016	H923XYT
Volvo B10BLE							
21167	T132AST	21168	W747NAS				
Volvo B7RLE							
21203	SY07CEX	21204	SY07CFA	21206	SY07CFU		
Mercedes-Benz O405							
23956	M211YAS	23957	N4SKY				
DAF DE02CSSB200							
26127	YJ04HLC						
Dennis Javelin							
27051	SY51EHT	27053	SY51EHV	27056	MXI694	27090	G636WJS
27052	SY51EHU	27054	SY51EHX	27057	YX05FEK	27098	R849CJS
ADL Enviro 300							
27586	SN06BSU	27588	SN56SXA	27590	SN56AXU	27591	SN56AXV
27587	SN56AXR	27589	SN56AXT				
Scania L94UB							
28804	Y336VST						
Volvo B6BLE							
31932	V32JST						
Dennis Dart							
32289	J610KCU	32328	K602ESH	32200	MIL6675		
32290	J623KCU	32329	K603ESH				
Dennis Dart SLF							
33186	X461UKS	33187	X462UKS	33188	X467UKS		
Optare Excel							
35023	JAZ8951	35024	GAZ4632	35025	P937SSK		
ADL Enviro 200							
36066	SY57AXR	36068	SY57AYF	36069	SY57AYG	36070	SY57AYH
36067	SY57AXU						
MAN 11.220							
39600	S389JPS						
Mercedes-Benz O814							
42047	S751SCJ	42048	W691NST	42049	W692NST		
Mercedes-Benz 811D							
41310	K310YKG	41354	M623WAS	41363	N103WRC	41368	N108WRC
41325	K325YKG	41361	N101WRC	41366	N106WRC	41369	N109WRC
41352	M243JHB						
Mercedes Benz 810							
42044	HRO2Y						
Optare Solo M850							
47564	YJ05XOB	47566	YJ08XOD	47568	YJ05XOF	47569	YJ05XOG
47565	YJ08XOC	47567	YJ05XOE				
Optare Metrorider							
47904	P904DST	47906	P906DST	47907	P907DST	47908	T133AST
47905	P905DST						
Volkswagen							

49756	YX07DXC						
Volvo B10M							
52042	J257NNC	52044	200UWX	52049	TRM144	52068	F469WFX
52043	448GWL	52048	TFX966				
52100	F828APS	52101	YAZ6428	52148	SIL1895		
52163	JIL8813	52165	FSU797	52166	FSU331	52167	ESK985
52164	930GJF						
52198	DAZ1561	52201	DAZ1571	52202	EAZ2575	52204	EAZ2590
52200	DAZ1568						
52205	ESK981	52222	HDZ5407	52223	KLZ2316	52224	162EKH
52206	ESK983						
52333	TJI7192	52335	KLZ858	52337	IDZ636	52339	JAZ9854
52334	650GXJ						
52428	ESK932	52429	YSU882	52430	ESK934		
52529	ESK986	52531	OXI459	52533	444VNX	52535	900RWX
52530	OXI413	52532	XIJ602	52534	DSU707		
52673	WFO331	52675	MIL5573	52676	540FFX		
Volvo B12M							
52677	FN04JZR	52678	FN04JZT				
Dennis Javelin							
59171	XIB3473	59174	R412YWJ	59176	JAZ9852	59178	WXI878
59173	719CEL	59175	FSU718	59177	JAZ9855		
Toyota Coaster							
59661	T993PFH						
Setra S250							
59671	LIJ595						
DAFSB3000DKV601							
59791	673EXA	59792	OFA990				
DAFDE33WSSSB3000							
59793	YBZ818						
Orkney Coaches							
Volvo B7RLE							
21205	SY07CFD	21207	SY07CNJ				
Mercedes-Benz O.814							
42045	PIL6829	42046	WIB7085				
Mercedes-Benz 811D							
41353	M486WAS	41362	N102WRC				
Optare Solo							
47562	YK04KWH	47570	YJ05XOH	47572	YJ05XOL	47574	YJ56WVE
47563	YJ05XOA	47571	YJ05XOK	47573	YJ05XOM		
Volvo B10M							
52040	A199PBS	52046	KBZ4631	52203	EAZ2587	52338	LTU284
52041	A128TAS	52060	F259VJS	52336	900HKU	52674	GSU375
52045	JAZ8950	52199	DAZ1566				
Dennis Javelin							
59107	520PXR	59144	L144BFV	59156	550XBV	59182	EUI656
59131	700KXL	59153	UIJ442	59172	535LXB	59183	IDZ828
59142	PDZ7762	59155	720RXJ	59181	L500GSM		
Mercedes-Benz							
814L							Scania K93CRB

59616 KKZ5534 59653 G803TNC

Bedford YNT/YNV

59741 B460KRM 59743 A416SPS 59751 B509YAT 59756 D31RYB

59742 A106MAC 59747 C322PRM 59755 D523TUJ 59757 SIJ1631

South: Basingstoke has received two Dennis Tridents from Manchester 18185 (MX54LPL) and 18186 (MX54LPN). Volvo B10M trainer 20663 has moved to Winchester, 40924 is now back in service at AR with 40922 being withdrawn. Recent fleet movement 16320 AT – PM: 16468 PM - AT: 32620, 32650 North East - AT: 34010 AT – WG. 33029, 33030, 33032, 33033 and 34020 are now in reserve with 32536 and 32577 being withdrawn. Dennis Dart 32556 has been sold to Emsworth & District.

South West: More Enviro 400s transferred from Manchester have been 19093, 19094 and 19095, these being destined for Barnstaple for use on the 21 service, however at present it appears they are to stay at Exeter for the X38. 19105, 19016, 19107 and 19119 will join the earlier batch on service 2. Dennis Dart SLF 32021 is now with Cooks Coaches. Leyland Olympians 14987 and 14989 are due to re enter service at Exeter after spending some time in store. With the arrival of the Enviros from Manchester Olympians 16052, 16058 and 16062 are due to move to Exeter with Dennis Darts 09999, 32252, 32253, 32260 and 32262 now parked up withdrawn.

Wales: Latest fleet movements consist of 20355 (M755LAX) res - MR: 20357 (M757LAX) BR - res: 20368 (M768LAX) BW - res: 20806 (N806DNE) MR - d/l: 25102 (YJ55YFZ) Rotherham - MR: 29710 (CN53GWP) res - BW: 32051 (N51KBW) CP - res: 33277 (R422AOR) PT - CP: 33606 (R606SWO) d/l - PT: 33609 (R609SWO) on repaint: 33623 (S623TDW) PT - Bristol: 34037 (R937FOO) CP - PT: 41405 (N405WVR) res - BR: BR - del: 41428 (N428WVR) fr C&G: 47384 (CN56EYV) BR - AE: 52403 (P773TTG) CN - Cogent: 52404 (P774TTG) back to Brynmar after repaint: 52645 (KSU462) del - CN:

West Scotland: The latest fleet movements taking place are 11083 (B83WUV) res - AY: 16863 (N863VHH) res - AY: 20323 (N323VMS) K – AS: 40062 (M662FYS) K - res: 40066 (M651FYS) K - res: 40525 (J217XKY) SR - d/l: 40601 (V601VSS) res - AY: 40628 (N628VSS) K - AN: 40635 (N635VSS) K – SR: 52144 (K574DFS) to East Midlands: 52421 (R121OPS) K(jv) - GW(jv): 52425 (R103LSO) GW(jv) - CK: 52464 (R84SEF) GW(jv) - K(jv): 52610 (S660JSE), 52611 (S661JSE) K(jv) - GW(jv): 52668 (X678NSE) Fife - K(jv): 14411 has been sold to Bedlams paintball.

Volvo B10M 52525 (X466SAS) was loaned to Kilmarnock from Bluebird for several weeks in June/July with similar 52668 (X678NSE) loaned from Fife. Mercedes 709Ds 40057, 40061, 40100 and 40606 have been sold

New are Optare Solo 47612 (SF08GUO), 47613 (SF08GUU), 47614 (SF08GUW) and 47615 (SF08GUX) in service at Kilmarnock. Scania 28952 (M952DRG) has gone on loan to Bluebird at Inverness. Two Enviro200s have been bought off Shuttle buses 36071 (SN56AYF) and 36072 (SN56AYG).

Yorkshire: With the closure of Doncaster depot quite a bit of fleet movement has occurred this month Olympians 16431, 16436, 14347 and 16867 are withdrawn for disposal: 16877, 16879 move to Rawmarsh, Volvo B10Ms 20412, 20440-20442 to Shafton: 20439, 20443, 20444 and 20496 to Barnsley: 20700 into reserve, although noted in service at Barnsley in late July, along with 20701 and 20713: Ex Manchester B10Ms 20869 (P869MNE), 20886 (P886MNE) and 20892 (P892MNE) are at Shafton from West. 21026 and 21027 are for disposal. 21129-21135 are back at Barnsley The batch of MANs 22545-22556 move to Rawmarsh: 31901 and 31945 to reserve: Darts 31933, 31934, 31936 move to reserve, but are seeing use at Barnsley and 33094 is now at Rawmarsh. Optare Solo 47280 moves Barnsley to Chesterfield with 47281-47282 move from Barnsley to Ecclesfield with 47425-47427 move in the opposite direction with 47428 heading to Chesterfield. Whilst at Ecclesfield Solos 47421, 47422, 47429 and 47430 are due to return to SYPTE with the first two allocated to Sheffield CT and the latter two for TM Travel. Chesterfield Darts 32067, 32069, 32417 and 32418 are now due to be placed on the disposal list.

Transdev

Lancashire United: Former Blackburn Metroriders 633 (N633LFR) and 638 (P638ARN) have

been sold to Ensign and I noted 631 (N631LFR) on hire to B Line travel of Barnsley on July 28th.

London United: The four remaining Scania Omnicitys are now in use, at Shepherd's Bush, SP34 (YN08MRU), SP35 (YN08MRV), SP36 (YN08MRX) and SP37 (YN08MRY). SO1, SO2 and SO3 move S - V: Darts DPK619 - DPK623 have been sold to McKindless (Wishaw). The Enviro200 Darts for route K1 at Kingston arrived in late July and entered service quite quickly

Veolia

Birmingham: Three new Scania K340EB6 / Caetano Levante C53FTL for National Express work have been added FJ08KMK is one details of the other pair are awaited.

Independents

Eastern Counties

Bryline (Boston): Quite a few ex Dublin Bus Olympians have been bought of late N720FKK (95-D-238), N721FKK (95-D-240), N722FKK (95-D-240) N723FKK (95-D-241) and N724FKK (95-D-242)

Florida (Halstead): Now here is ex Blackburn Transport Metrorider N633LFR.

Kings Tours (Stanway): Arriving from City Circle has been SB4000/Van Hool C51FT

Goodward (Woodham Ferrers): A couple of recent additions are NC bodied Olympian F442AKB H51/34F from Aintree Coachline and S332SET a Scania K94 / Irizar from Irvine of Law

Stephenson (Rochford): Four Leyland Olympians have been bought from east Yorkshire G292UYK, G294UYK, G296UYK and G299UYK.

London / Greater London

Countryliner (Guildford): More second hand acquisitions are Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer P307HDP, P724RYL and P725RYL all from Metrobus.

East London Bus Group: Just a couple of allocation changes to note this month 17134 BK-PD and 17592 BW-T The original Leyland Titan T1 was donated to Roger Wright after a LOTS Tour on June 30th. It not being LEZ compliant means that it must now be based outside London and this was seen as an ideal way of keeping it running.

Ensignbus: Dart 620 sold to Eastonways, Ramsgate. This was the last step entrance bus in our service fleet (as opposed to rail fleet) Dart P514CVO into service in blue/silver as 714.

Flights Hallmark: The company has taken delivery of the first short B12Bs to be built for a couple of years FJ08FYR and FJ08FYS they have Sunsundeugi bodywork and are C42FT

Impact (Perivale): New are a pair of Irisbus 65C18 / Unvi C33F YN08FDZ and YN08FFB

Lewis (Greenwich): Bought from National Express has been S324VNM a Volvo B10M /Plaxton Premiere C48FT

Metroline: A vast amount fleet movement to note this month:- AV26, 27 and 38 are withdrawn and sold to Ensign, following the entry into service of the DELs at PB, DLD57 PB - PA: DLD58 PB - AC: DLD149 KX - HT: DLD180 PA - W: DLD195 PV - PB: DLF9 PB - PA DLS101, 102 PB - PA: DMS18, 24 PB - Ensign: DP27 PB - W: DP28, 32, 34, 36, 37, 43 PB - PA: DP273, 276 AH(w) - NW(w): MM788, 789 NW - PV: MM810, 811 PV - NW: TP48-54 HT - PB: TP55, 56 HT - PA: TP57 HT - PV: TPL239, 255 PV - PB: TPL263 W - HT: TP358-362 PB - PV: VPL210, 211 HT - AC: VP483 AC - HD, VP484 HT - HD. The company lost route 245 at the end of June with an allocation of some twenty DLD class Darts, these moved on to a large DLR replacement service taking place during July and August

Reynolds Diplomat (Watford): Enviro 300s SN55DUV and SN55DUY are now here having previously served with Courtney Coaches (Bracknell)

Swallow (Rainham): Added recently has been SN54FHU a Mercedes O.814D / KVC C24F.

Wings (Uxbridge): Two ACI bodied Varios have been re-registered W1NGS to W837PPD and W11NGS to W836PPD and sold to Plaxtons (Anston)

Midlands

Midland Rider: Two Dennis Dart SLF / East Lancs Spryte B38F have just been added R694WAW ex R287OFV and R695WAW ex R286OFV. The company has introduced a modified livery on these buses, keeping the same yellow and blue colours but giving it a fresh modern feel. Also being added are two former South Yorkshire Volvo B6 / Wright Cadets have been bought N450DWG and N451DWG. They will enter service in Tesco colours on routes serving a new Tesco store at Witton

Nottingham The new Versas are now in service on route 100 between the City Centre and Southwell:- 307 (YK08EPA), 309 (YK08EPD), 310 (YK08EPE), 311 (YK08EPF), 312 (YK08EPJ) and 313 (YK08EPI)

Yeomans (Hereford): New here for use on National Express routes 413 and 444 are four Scania K340EB/Caetano Leavnte C49FTL 41 (FJ08KNK), 42 (FJ08KNX), 43 (FJ08KNZ) and 44 (FJ08KOB)

Yorks: A new arrival is 64 (YN08OWD) A Volvo B12B /Plaxton C49FT. leaving the fleet have been 71 (LUI1525) and 99 (PUI9499).

North East

Henry Cooper (Anntisford): In use here, in all white, is E516KWY a Scania / Jonckherre

JSB (Coundon): Another Solo SE in use, operating in all white, is MX07NTG

Tees Valley: In service here is Dennis Javelin /UVG R308RCJ

Weardale: Currently on loan is MAN / Wright Meridian WX08DFN

North West

Avon Buses: The Volvo B6/Wright Crusader purchases earlier in the year from Happy Als N100ALS has been re-registered as A10AVN.

Bluebird (Middleton): Two more new vehicles joining the fleet are MCV Evolutions UU08BLU and VV08BLU. These have replaced the two, all white, hired versions PL06TFZ and PL08TGE. OO05BLU has been repainted into SELNEC Southern colours

Go Goodwins: Two coaches are currently up for sale Scania 124 /Van Hool C11ECB and Volvo B10M / Plaxton Premier 772URB, they are W and P reg respectively and will gain their original plates back before sale.

Helms (Eastham): Ex Arriva Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointer L2SLT has been re-registered as L86VDM

HTL Buses (Huyton): A pair of Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer, P305HDP and P306HDP have been acquired from Metrobus

Reays (Wigton): A recent arrival from Maynes of Buckie is RM07 GSM an MB 1022L /Unvi C33F. Upon arrival it was re registered as 445UXM. The previous holder of this mark Bova is now back as YJ07DVV.

Scotland

Avondale Clydebank): Operating here are ex Stagecoach Devon Mercedes Varios R103NTA, R105NTA, R114NTA and R116NTA.

City Circle (Bonnyrigg): Three new Van Hool T911s have joined the fleet 17 (YJ08DXC), 18 (YJ08DXD) and 19 (YJ08DXE). Setras DSK588 and DSK589 have been reregistered as SN02SYK and SN02SZA.

Coakley (Motherwell) In from P Canavan are Wright bodied Mercedes 811Ds NDZ7927, NDZ7928 and NDZ7930 along with two Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointer H533XGK and K871LGN.

Doigs (Glasgow) A pair of Ferqui bodied Mercedes 515CDi are YX08AOP and YX08AUA

Earnside (Glenfarg): Volvo B12B TM06ONE has been re-registered to T22DAF with the DAF SB300 that has carried the reg of late is once again V678LWT.

Edinburgh Coach Lines: A pair if Scania K114 / Van Hool C49FT have been acquired from Bernard Kavvanagh (Eire) 05-D-7792 now SN54LWT and 05-D-7799 now SN54LWW

First Stop (Renfrew): A couple of acquisitions are from Millport Motors is L910JRN an East Lancs bodied Dennis Dart and from Go North East M185GFT a Dennis Dart / Marshall.

Henderson (Hamilton): New Optare Solo M780SE are 108 (YJ08PKV), 208 (YJ08PKA), 308 (YJ08PHK) and 408 (YJ08PGE).

Jay (Greengairs) Two Bova Futuras have been re registered W1JAY to SF05YKK and W2JAY to SF05YHH.

Local Link (Erskine): In use here are two former Fife Mercedes 709Ds N97ALS (40097) and P349ASO (40049)

McColl (Dumbarton): Several Dublin Bus Olympians have been acquired 95-D-215, 95-D-229, 95-D-245, 95-D-285 and 95-D-286. Several Mercedes 709Ds have been added from Stagecoach West Scotland, during the early part of the year M649FYS (40099), M660FYS (40060), M663FYS (40063) and N622VSS (40622). Also from the same source comes Volvo B6 / Alexander Dash M772BCS (30312).

Milligans (Mauchline): Scania /Irizar MIL1920 has been re registered back to YN51MHZ

Moffat & Williamson: A pair of Volvo B10M/Plaxtons to gain their original registrations, upon sale to Plaxtons (Anston) are FSU372 154SSN and FSU394 to R155SSN

Oban & District: entering service in May was Plaxton Primo YN08NXP B28F

Stonehouse (Larkhall): from Nottingham CT comes Volvo Olympian R468RRA. A pair of Mercedes O.814 / Plaxton Cheetah KE54FUV and KE54FVL have been added.

Whitelaws: Entering service in early July have been five new MAN/Wright Meridians SF08RNY, SF08RNZ, SF08ROH, SF08ROU and SF08RRO. These replace Volvo B7RLEs SJ04DVG, SJ04DVH, SJ04DVK, SJ04DVL and SJ04DVM which have been returned to Volvo and are now with Central Connect at Birmingham.

Yule (Pitlochry): A swap around of regs to note Volvo B10M L15YUL is now back as M434ECS with similar B10M, just bought from Hunter (Sauchie), Y222GSM is now carrying L15YUL

Southern England

ALS Travel (Isle of Wight): A pair of Setra 315GT-HDs have been brought from Clarkes of London X474ROA now C6DUR and X477ROA now C5DUR

Barcroft (Hastings): A recent arrival is Volvo B10M / Caetano C49FT FJ51JYF

D & K (Seaford): Dennis R410 / Plaxton C32FT Y2HMC has been noted here with registration B9DKC along with Neoplan T778JWA. Which carries B10DKC

Javelin Coaches (Basingstoke): Noted hereof late is Leyland Lynx C66HOM

Lucketts (Fareham): More new arrivals are a pair of Mercedes-Benz O.816D / Plaxton Cheetah C33Fs KX08ONB and KX08ONF

Rambler (Hastings): 22 (H533WGH) has been renumbered to 32 the previous incumbent GDY500X being withdrawn.

Reliance (Gravesend): It has been brought to my notice, thanks Ian, that I haven't noted the new sizeable intake of Iribus 397E / Beulas C53FL delivered in April / May so here they are

271	YN08AVV	274	YN08AVU	277	YN08AWA	289	YN08AVX
272	YN08AWC	275	YN08AVW	278	YN08AVY	290	YN08AVZ
273	YN08AVG	276	YN08AWF	279	YN08AWG		

The previous holder of the fleet numbers similar coaches

Renown (Bexhill): Some NC bodied DAF SB220s added from Ensign but with GM Buses (UK North) before that R396XDA, R397XDA, T164AUA and W178CDN

Southdown PSV:

130 - DAF DB250 President T130 AUA has been sold to Wealden PSV.

242 - Dart Alexander X242 ABU (one of our Airport contract buses) has been sold to Shamrock Buses, Poole along with ex Metroline Darts R685/R689 MEW all 3 buses have had seat belts fitted with 242 gaining a brand new set of seats supplied by Rowan Telmac.

105 - Dart Plaxton SN53 LWL has replaced 242 on the Airport contract, this vehicle was purchased from Wealden PSV. 107 - Dart Plaxton W107 RNC has replaced 130 (due to a change in our contracts we had too many deckers) 107 was purchased from Bluebird Manchester along with East Lancs Darts W167/168 ABA & X366 GWH which are now in our sales stock.

Dont forget to check our website www.southdownpsv.co.uk for our current sales stock & fleet photos.

South West

Bakers Dolphin: More coaches gaining new registrations are 19 N308OGJ to UKZ6724, 71 N194EMJ to UKZ5491 and 122 YX04HKK to UKZ5476

Wales

D Coaches: New coaches to note are Bova FHD131.460 C49FT WA08AOX, WA08GOP, WA08GOU and WA08GPV not sure whether Futura or Magiq though. These take the place of WA04MHU and WA04MHV which were traded into Moseley (dealer)

Ferris (Nantgarw): Two new Volvo B12B (T) / Berkhof CH71CTs are FJ08FZA and FJ08FZB. Leaving the fleet to Volvo at Loughborough are older Volvo B10M / Berkhof Y342AUT and Y797HPG

Islwyn Borough Transport: A pair of Optare Solo M880s have entered service 8 (YJ05XOS) and 9 (YJ05XOU) both previously seeing service with Henderson (Motherwell)

Newport Transport: Optare Solos 68 and 69 are now employed across the network, after the Rail Link service they were used on ended in May.

Silcox (Pembroke Dock): Two recent arrivals are 33 (CU07HVK) a Renault Master with local Brecon bodywork as a M5L and 34 (SN08AAJ) an ADL Enviro B55F

Silver Star (Caernarfon): Noted here is MB 811D/Plaxton Beaver P183GND latterly with Arriva in Manchester.

Voel Coaches (Dyserth): Passing to Volvo (Loughborough) are Volvo B12M SA02LHC and Neoplan CX02KDV.

Irish Happenings

Suirway have expanded timetable for Dunmore East Waterford service for July-August summer timetable. Buses now run hourly during busy periods, and have been extended up to last bus to Dunmore at 2300 returning from Dunmore at midnight on Thurs, Fri and Sat.

A second Optare Solo could be added to JJ Kavanagh/Kenealys fleet- 06 CE 111-presently assigned to the Blenheim/Knockboy -Tramore shuttle for Kavanaghs Dublin Airport service

Bus Eireann: More new Scania K340EB / Irizar up to SC210 are C51FL, SC211 upwards C55FL

SC202	08-D-22221	SC210	08-D-37540	SC232	08-D-37541
SC203	08-D-34765	SC211	08-D-37539	SC234	08-D-15069
SC204	08-D-34766	SC225	08-D-37538	SC250	08-D-15072
SC205	08-D-34760	SC228	08-D-37542		

First Aircoach: Three ex Go Ahead London DAF SB220 / East Lancs Myllynyum have entered service here GB1 (99-D-88548 ex V8GMT), GB2 (99-D-88621 ex V9GMT) and GB3 (99-D-88702 ex V10GMT)

Callinan (Claregalway): New Volvo 9700 are 2 axle 08-G-801 to 08-G-803 and 3 axle 08-G-804/5

New Deliveries

Centaur (Sidcup)	YN07ECF	MAN Noge C53F
Clarkes of London	YN08HZZ	Scania K340EB4 / Berkhof
Edinburgh Coach Lines	SN08KBZ	Scania Van Hool
Edwards (Llantwit Fadre)	BK08NJU	Setra S416GT-HD C49FT
Eve (Dunbar)	YN08HGE	Irisbis 397E. Plaxton C61F
Excel Passenger Logistics	YN08MPF	Scania K340EB4 / Irizar
King (Kirkcowan)	YN08CWX	Volvo B12M /Plaxton Paragon C57F

Lloyds (Machynlleth)	LC08WYN	Volvo B12B / Plaxton Paragon C57F
OFJ Connections	KX08ONG	Mercedes-Benz O816D/Plaxton Cheetah
Mayday (Croydon)	BN08OOU	Setra S416GT-HD C49FT
Prentice (Haddington)	SS08PCH	Dennis Javelin / Plaxton Profile C70F
Richards (Cardigan)	YJ08DLE	VDL SB4000 / Van Hool C53F
Robin Hood (Rudyard)	YJ08NSN	VDL Bova
Scotland & Bates (Kent)	WA08GSP	Volvo B12B / Van Hool
Tellings Golden Miller	YN08DDL	Scania K340EB4 / Irizar

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

1st July 2008

First Devon & Cornwall

Enviro 400 WA08WVE (33420), WA08WVS (33421) WA08WVG (33422)

Arriva

Enviro 400 LJ08CSX (T42), LJ08CSV (T43)

8th July 2008

Stagecoach Manchester

Enviro 400 MX08UCM

Metroline

Enviro 400 LK08DXP

15th July 2008 *Factory on holiday*

22nd July 2008

Metroline

Enviro 400 LK08DXS (TE881), LK08DXU (TE882)

National Express Hotel Hoppa

Enviro 200 SN08AED

Stagecoach

Enviro 300 YN08JCF

29th July 2008

Metroline

Enviro 400 LK08DXX (TE885), LK08DXY (TE886)

Arriva London

Enviro 400 LJ08CSY (T45)

Stagecoach Manchester

Enviro 400 MX08UDE

Around the Dealers

Ensign

Vehicles In

From Stagecoach Manchester: Olympians A28ORJ, C207CBU, C236EVU, F285DRJ, J122AAO, J734HNY Dominators H133/4/7GVM.

From Stagecoach Devon: Olympians H724/5/63KDY H492LNA

From Stagecoach SE: Darts J517/36GCD K565NHC Volvo D10M F302MYJ.

From Stagecoach West: Lance K312WMV

From Metroline: DMS 13/14/15/18/21/22/24/25/27 AV24/25/28/36.

From Arriva Southern Counties: Olympian F896DKK

From Go-Ahead NE: Solo's S255KNL, T456/458/466/468BCN Spectra K315FYG.

From Dublin Bus: Olympians 90-D-1004/1021/1024.

From Hedingham Omnibuses: Bristol VR's HJB455/56/64W RAH265W.

From Bob Vale Coach Sales: Volvo D10M G618BPH.

From CIS, Southend: Olympian A17ALS.

Vehicles Out

M1084: Direct Location Services, Surrey.

Olympian A17ALS: Mr A Haner, Peterborough for preservation.

Olympian C649LFT: Moxons Tours, Notts.

Olympian H763KDY: Interrecruit, Peterborough.

Olympian S127RLE: Hedingham Omnibuses.

Metrobus E971SON and Olympian 91-D-1062: Erith Commercials for scrap.

Scania M298TWB and M953DRG: TWH, Ongar, Essex.

Dart K565NHC: ACL Travel, Somerset.

Olympians J841/43/51TSC and Volvo D10M F302MYJ: Black Velvet Travel, Hants.

Olympian 92-D-133 now J942CEV with Halifax Joint Committee.

Dart NDZ3160: PVS for scrap.

Dart K565NHC: ACL Travel, Somerset.

Dart R863MCE: South East Coachworks.

Volvo B10B's N659/60EKD: People's Bus, Liverpool.

Preservation News

Vehicles

Leyland National 2 GCK428W fleet number 7 of J Fishwick & Sons (Leyland) was purchased from the company by Matthew Reynolds and Mark Amis on July 8th. They hope it to be the first of several vehicles they intend to buy for preservation.

Events

Scottish Vintage Bus Museum:	17 th August – Open Weekend
Leighton Buzzard Running Day	17 th Aug – 1950s /60s London Transport
South Yorkshire Transport Museum:	24 th Aug – Open Day
Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway:	24/25 th Aug – Transport Rally
North East Preservation Trust:	25 th Aug – Seaburn Historic Vehicle Display
London Bus Preservation Trust:	25 th Aug – Road Rail Running Day
Torbay Bus & Coach Festival:	31 st Aug – Paignton Sea Front
LT Country Bus Rally:	7 th Sept – Dorking and Guildford
Oxford Bus Museum:	7 th Sept – Open Day
Cardiff Transport Preservation Group:	7 th Sept – Bus Rally & Running Day
Aston Manor Road Transport Museum:	13/14 th Sept – Heritage Open Days Weekend
Manchester Museum of Transport:	13/14 th Sept – Heritage Open Days weekend
Amberley Working Museum:	14 th Sept – Bus Show
Southampton Circular Routes 4 & 6:	14 th Sept – With classic buses operating 20 minute service during the day

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

Event Reports

Stroud Classic Bus Running Day, Sunday 29th June 2008 – Barry Harper & Ray Wilson,

WHW374H Bristol RE
AFM103G Bristol RE
EHL336 Leyland PS2
VAE499T Leyland National
GHY135K Bristol RE
KHW309E Bristol RE
YHT802J Bristol RE
JMA413L Bristol RELH6L
929AHY Bristol MW
LWS34Y Leyland Olympian
BXI2590 Bristol RE
889AAX Leyland Tiger Cub
SWO986 Bristol MW6G
BKG713B AEC Renown
C41GKG Leyland Tiger
UHY384 Bristol K
FTT704 Bristol K6A

HWO342 Guy Arab
TOF702S Leyland National
FDV780V Bristol VR
XAW431T Bristol VR
RUA475W Bristol VR
KPM91E Bristol FLF
NPJ472R Leyland National
675COD Bristol SUS
CDB206 Bristol L5G
DOD518 Bristol L
F705BAT Scania N112CR
H430EFT Scania N112CRB
H843NOC Dennis Dart
B191BLG Leyland
Olympian
LAX101E Bristol RESL6L
OLG855 Foden

EDV505D Bristol MW
BHU92C Bristol MW
MHU193 Bedford OB
PRW137M Leyland Leopard
REU326S Bristol LH
EWS753W Bristol VR
EWS748W Bristol VR
LHT911 Bristol L
536JHU Bristol MW
KDL202W Bristol LHS
VHK177L Leyland Leopard
BOU6V Leyland National
OHY938 Bristol
EWS751W VRT
LWS347Y Olympian
EWS741W VRT
BV51EME MB801

Alftunstall Bus Rally, Froghall Station C.V.R - 8th June 2008 Ray Wilson

NSG869 Nimbus
TVT128G Leopard
PTY28D BDJ2
BEP882 Bedford O.B.
URE281 Regal 3
KFM774 L5G
GBF78N Bristol VRT
URF6775 Bristol VRT
OEH604M Bristol VRT

PVT207L Bristol RESL6G
YRC191 Tiger Cub
JJD518 RML
EXI6301 Leyland Leopard
EHA424D D9
TCH274L Bristol RELH6G
LJF16F PD3
G142HNP Leyland Lynx
NNC855P AEC Reliance

RNA2365 Fleetline
HOD30 L6A
KHA301 C1
WPH139Y Leyland Tiger
WLT467 RM
WPH118Y Leyland Tiger
DJP754 PD2

Chatsworth Preserved Bus Gathering - 22nd June 2008

WLT467 RM
YNU351G Bristol FLF
225LRB Leyland PD2
HOV685 Leyland PD2
CDB224 Leyland PD2
LJF16F Leyland PD3
DBC190C AEC Renown
AJA152 Bristol K5G
CUV276C RML
KET220 CVG6DD
BJK673D Leyland PD2
HNN114V Fleetline
LRA801P Bristol VRT
NNU123M Fleetline
NNU124M Fleetline
HOD30 L6A
HD7905 PS1
NSG869 Nimbus

JFJ873 CVD6SD
SHL917 AEC Reliance
LTA629 Regal 3
NNN7M Bristol RELH6L
XR415L National
PYD28D BDJ2
TVT128G Leopard
ENU93H Panther
FEL751D MW6G
KPC204P YRQ
DAL771J RELL6L
GAU728L National
RAA804M Atlantean
JOX506P National
PRA109R Leopard
D278FAS Tiger
FRB208H RELL6G
USS416L VAS5

LAG188V National
KAU564V Leopard
YRC191 Tiger Cub
ATS408 OB
LYH148P Reliance
MJB481 Reliance
JRA635 PS1
D229HMT Tiger
RHE969X Tiger
DCK219 PD2
L351MRR N113CRB
3904WE PD3
EHA424D D9
FWW596 OB
WPH139Y Tiger
EPT879S Leyland National
MTV757P Leyland Leopard
VHK177L Bristol RELH6G

50 Years of the Southdown Queen Marys – 6th July 2008

401DCD PD3
412DCD PD3

416DCD PD3
419DCD PD3

424DCD PD3
972CUF PD3

PRX189B PD3
PRX200B PD3
BUF276C PD3
BUF279C PD3
PUF647 Arab 4
KUF199F Leopard
PUF165H Leopard

TCD418J RESL6L
HCD347E PD3
RUF37R National
LRV992 PD2
ORV992 PD2
HOR416L National
HOR305N Atlantean

JOU160P VRT
GFY406 PD2
8859VR Regent 4
WKJ787 Commer TS3
GX06DXH ALX400

Leyland's at Crich – 13th July 2008

LN7270 X2
HE12 S3.30
LF9967 S3.30
CC1087 S.4.36
C2367 G
BD209 G7
DM2583 SG7
XU7498 LB5
KW474 PLSC1
DM6228 LTB1
HL7538 ITPZ2/1
LEV917 PD1
JRA635 PS1

DDR414 PD1
HD7905 PS1
EAS956 PS1
GWU12 PD2
NEH466 PD2
KGU4 7RT
KLB908 6RT
JOJ245 PS2
LYF104 7RT
OKP980 TD4
EHL336 PS2
MMR553 PSUC1/2
DJP754 PD2

ARN911C PSU3/3R
CDK448C PSU3/3R
LFJ16F PD3A
ENU93H PSUR/1A
VUB396H PSU3A/4R
RSD732J PSU3/3R
NJA568W B45
ANA8Y B45
KGS4927 B43
B926KWM AN68/1R
CU1841 B43
MAZ7584 Royal Tiger

Out and About

Rail Replacement

Sunday July 27th East Midlands Trains noted at Sleaford 0951-2156

928	Johnson Bros	YN03AVE	937	Johnson Bros	M1JBT replaced later
929	Fowlers	333SXU		by L3JBT	
930	Stagecoach	52440	938	Stagecoach	52658 (Megabus)
931	Johnson Bros	P1JBT	939	AOT Coaches	Y789DRA
932	Nottinham Mini	TIB5901	940	Stagecoach	52618 (Megabus)
935	Tiger European	JSV488		Spare Stagecoach	52405 52409
936	AOT Coaches	TAZ8112			

July 1st

Shrewsbury

Arriva Midlands

1243 1247 1357 1358 1360 2013
2015 2025 2064 2065 2069 2070
2082 2301 2303 2304 2305 2307
2308 2309 2310 2339 2340 2341
2343 2344 2346 2348 2353 2367
2368 2369 2370 2702 2703 2704
2706 2707 2708 2729 3246 3307
3399 3425 3426 3429 3478 3501
3502 3503 3504 6000 6002 6003
6005 6006 6008 6009
Boultons (Cardington)
S559 SMJ BX55 OGO
Happy Days
G969 KTA

Go Whittle

VX55 OBO

Long Mynd Travel

R956 RCH

Minsterly Motors

DX57 JXS

YN08 NKH YN08 NLG

Tanat Valley

YJ56 ATU YJ56 ATV

Wolverhampton

Arriva Midlands

2119

Travel West Midlands

291 293 401 412 609 650 684

688 692 693 698 704 706 707

710 713 714 716 717

1319 1324 1332 1335 1372 1383

1389 1404 2790 2907 3075 3077

3080 3108 3113 3116 4138 4169

4172 4177 4305 4315 4318 4321

4327 4328 4539 4544 4550 4554

4557 4565 4566 4571 4590 4592

4593 4599 4601 4604 4608 4680

4682 4686

Choice Travel

JJZ 5368 R987 EWU S2 CLA

DX04 WVR

Travel Express

H172 MOB

Walsall

Arriva Midlands
2074 2125 2290 2355
3703 3704 3706
Travel West Midlands
551 557 573 575 586 639 646
650 679
1312 2552 2744 2765 2830 2895
3020 4126 4129 4131 4132 4133
4140 4307 4632 4684 4770 4774
A2Z Travel
ODZ 8910 K704 NDO L708 HFU
L307 VFE L203 YAG P942 EMG
P286 MLD R703 MEW
Central Connect
W902 JNF
Diamond Bus
KU52 RYH

Birmingham

Arriva Midlands
3423 3807
First
67637 67646
Stagecoach
27542 27544
Travel West Midlands
285 319 1350 1370
1455 1477 1478
1507 1513 1519 1580 1584
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Central Connect
T418 MNH W571 JVV W573 JVV
YX07 HNP
Claribels
YJ03 PKA YJ54 CEF YJ55 KZX
YJ57 BOF YJ57 BOH
Diamond Bus
N606 WND P741 HND P740 RYL
P744 RYL R454 LGH R404 FFC
R405 FFC R407 FFC R409 FFC
R463 LGH R488 LGH R87 XNE
R92 XNE R95 XNE R528 YRP
R529 YRP R530 YRP R252 YRS
S404 JUA S405 JUA S772 RNE
S377 TMB W336 VGX Y386 JWK
Y466 LGH YJ51EKF YD02PZL
YD02PZO KU52RXT KU52RYH

July 4th

Windsor Coach Park

Nuttalls (Longton) 14 RED
Weavaway KX08 OMD

July 5th

Windsor Coach Park

Lewis Travel Greenwich SE10
S320 VNM
McLeans Coaches Witney Oxon
W234 CDN
Blackburn Private Hire
223ASV
Whippet Coaches (on operator
disc no legal lettering)
BV03 ZGA

July 6th

Windsor Coach Park

Private Hire UK Blackburn
A3 FTG
Tittleshall Weasenham Norfolk
S139 RWA
Tranz Care Radcliffe Manchester
YN07 EXR

July 8th

Windsor Coach Park

Plan It Travel Chelsfield Kent
YN55 KWK
Leos Pride Herne Bay Kent
R33 SBC

July 9th

Windsor Coach Park

Hardings
TR57 HCR

July 10th

Windsor Coach Park

Marshalls Leighton Buzzard
FDZ 3715
Hanson Coaches Warwick
RJI 2713

July 11th

Windsor Coach Park

U K Travel Services W12
BX06 UNK
John Smith & Sons Thirsk
BH52 HAY

July 12th

Windsor Coach Park

Tellings Golden Miller
W100 FFC
Viceroy of Essex Saffron Walden
HOI 7544

July 13th

Windsor Coach Park

A A Jewitt Hexham
R20 WSJ
Garcia Tours London W9
YX08 HWJ
M J Nichols Wickford Essex
FE02 FBN
Bliss Travel Victoria London
YN05 VVS
M G Coaches Waltham Grimsby
S6 PCL
Invincible Coaches Tamworth
JSK 958
Griffin Management Services
Sevenoaks Kent
M216 UYD

July 14th

Windsor Coach Park

Hamiltons of Uxbridge
YN54 JUE
A.F.Chauffeur London SW17
BN08 ZFM

July 16th

Windsor Coach Park

C.S.Hunn Rainham
F306MYJ
Hoggies Travel Barnsley S Yorks
YN04AYA
Weavaway Thatcham
NDZ 70

July 18th

Windsor Coach Park

Travel Partners Rochester Kent
FG03 JDK

July 19th

Windsor Coach Park

Stuart's Coaches Carlisle ML8
MSV 452
Ryder Transport Services
Colchester (Olive Green)
GK04 JUH
Ace Travel (Sussex) Brighton
FE52 HFV

Visit to Hanley & Newcastle –under – Lyme Bus stations (approx 4 hours in total) 10th July 2008 – Geoff Siddons

First Potteries

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60006/15/56/57/60/61/62/64/65/70/71/72/73/74/79/81/82:

60119/128/131/132/133/134/136/137/138/170/171/173/175/176/177/189/193/194/196/456:

61141/143/145/159/239/243: 65003/04/05/26/27/37/38/40/42: 65706/727/728/729/730/731/732/733

Arriva

3427, 3428, 3748

National Express

YJ04BOV, YN05WJD, YJ05PXF

Independents

Bakers 5946RU, R948AMB, T4JBA, MX54KXY, YJ55CEY, MX07BAV

Scraggs 1580NT, NUI6172, NUI6174, K6LVS, K8LVS, VT9284

Proctors TLZ2659, HIL7386

Bennetts A14BNT, A20BNT

Wardle DG52TYU, EEZ2362, YX56DJB

D&B CHZ8960, JJZ5248, R726EGO, M67HHB, CNZ2250, J45GCD, YN05JXR, T467HNNH,

YN53EMJ, YN53EMK, YJ54BSY

Dobsons of Wincham, Cheshire 6th July 2008

NNN476W, A704LNC, A750NNA, B101UAT, A695HNB, G421YAY, P974UKG, M561SRE, A622THV, L483DOA (*unlicensed*), E137SAT, H620RAH, G627EKA

Yates (Dealers), Loughborough 8th July 2008

(View through fence only)

S104KJF, L514EHD, J864KHD,

J707CWT & J708CWT *Angel Motors (Edmonton)*

LXI1100 (*Ulsterbus*),

Y313KDP, Y157CGF, FB53GFY, W302SBC, J3JOP, J511LRY, P187NAK,

504KJF (*Majestic*)

48227 W827PFB *First Devon & Cornwall*

YJ08DXF *City Circle Edinburgh (no fleet number)*

No registration visible City Circle Edinburgh – fleet number 32

Bus Spots

Our final look for now around South Wales and over the border into England courtesy once more of Mike Pinder

Perry's Coaches (South Wales)

Walking

Take the Newport - Blackwood bus and alight at Oakdale road, Pontllanfraith. Take the Oakdale road B4251 and go as far as the second roundabout, here take the first left, first left again, and then first left again Perry's is now on the right hand side. All vehicles can be read off the road.

By car

From Newport or M4 take the A467 (Signed Brynmawr) follow this road for 13 miles to a roundabout (The Celyn) take the first exit signed Blackwood go up the hill to the next roundabout turn right and at the roundabout directly in front of you turn left, got to the traffic lights turn right onto the B4251 and go to the second roundabout, here take the first left, first left again and the first left again, Perrys now on the right hand side

White Lion Coaches, Tredegar

By car

From the A 465 (Heads of the Valleys Road) take the road signed Tredegar and at the first roundabout White Lion coaches are on the right hand side.

Gary's Coaches, Tredgar

By car

As above to the first roundabout, carry straight on to the Town Centre, at the Roundabout in the Town Centre there is a car park on the left and Gary's coaches have their depot next to this car park.

Highway Travel & Lewis Coaches (Henstridge)

By car

Off the A30 between Yeovil and Shaftesbury, From the Yeovil direction about 2 miles after the A357 junction on the right hand side follow the signs for Airfield and Industrial area. Just after the entrance to the airfield Highway Travel comes up on the left hand side. Lewis Coaches are up the road opposite and on the right at the top of the hill, most visible from the roads.

Nearest toilets in the airfield clubhouse and Joe (the owner) also provides one of the best breakfasts I've ever had.

J. D. Langley

By car

Off the M48 junction 2 take the road towards Chepstow, at the first roundabout follow the signs for the racecourse the A466 as you enter the village of St. Arvans Langleys is on the left hand side of the main road through the village

Classic Coaches and Stagecoach (Chepstow outstation)

By car

From the M48 at junction 2 take the A48 to Chepstow carry on over the first roundabout past the garage on the right and then turn right half way down the steep hill into Chepstow signed Bulwark, both depots on the left hand side.

Walking

From the rail station turn left, From the bus station turn right and then right again, go up the steep hill to the first turn on the left signed Bulwark, both depots are on the left hand side near to the shopping precinct. walking time uphill 35 minutes, downhill 20.

Mundens (Bristol)

Walking

From Temple Meads Railway Station walk down the approach road and turn left at the traffic lights, at the next set of traffic lights turn left again and continue into Freestone Road, Mundens have a yard and then a compound both on the left hand side. some vehicles visible from the road at the compound.

No toilet facilities en route.

Turners (Bristol)

Walking

As above, then walk on further up the road and Turners are on both sides of the road. The garage is on the left hand side and a yard for the busses is on the right hand side, most vehicles are visible from the road.

Walking time about 15 minutes

Swanbrook (Golden Valley)

Walking

On the service bus the route between Gloucester and Cheltenham.

By car

From the M5 Junction 11 take the A40 towards Cheltenham, at the first roundabout turn left onto the B4063. (At this roundabout on the left there is a yard in which Stagecoach National Express park their vehicles, visible from the road). Follow the signs for Staverton or Gloucestershire Airport and after about a mile Swanbrooks is on the right hand side just back from the road.

Nothing much visible from the road, but a request at the office to view is usually OK

Bennetts (Gloucester)

By car

From the M5 junction 11 take the A40 towards Gloucester, as you near the first set of traffic lights Bennetts coaches can be seen on the left hand side. Turn left into Eastern Avenue and Bennetts are on the left most but not all vehicles can be seen from the road.

No toilet facilities, sometimes an Egg on Ronnie in the industrial area nearby.

Stagecoach (Stroud)

By car

From the M4 Junction 18 take the A46 (North). Stroud depot is approximately 3 to 4 miles before Stroud in a compound on the right hand side of the road. Only the front row of vehicles is visible from the road. The compound is locked nights and Sundays, with the only chance of viewing being if a fitter or driver is on site.

No toilet facilities and no food outlets.

Stagecoach (Gloucester)

Walking

From the Railway Station the Bus Station is right in front of you. The Depot from the Railway Station is turn right at the Bus Station, go under the Railway Bridge turn right again and the depot is about 250 yards up this road on the left hand side. No vehicles can be seen from the road, unless the garage doors are open.

Toilets in the Railway and Bus Stations

First (Wells)

By car

From M5 Junction 21 take the A370 towards Weston Super Mare, then the A371 (Going past the Helicopter Museum) to Cheddar and Wells. On entering Wells still on the A371 turn right at the first set of traffic lights, go straight over the next set of traffic lights to a roundabout, here take the first exit and the depot is on the left. You can Park on the road outside, most vehicles are visible from the road and a car park by the side of the depot. Request to view always refused.

First (Taunton)

Walking

From the Bus Station turn left then first right, left again and follow this road to a "T" junction, turn left and walk through the Town Centre to the second set of traffic lights, here turn right and immediately left to the depot. Walking time is about 30 minutes.

Some buses park in the Bus Station compound. Plenty of Public Houses en route for toilet facilities and food.

By car

From M5 junction 25 follow the A 38 into Taunton to the first roundabout, bear left and at the first set of traffic lights turn left and immediately left again, follow this road and the depot appears on the right hand side. Quite a lot of vehicles can be seen from the road outside.

The Gallery

This months gallery comes courtesy of Bryan King, Tony Allen and me. The bottom left picture took the prize for furthest travelled to the recent Fleetwood Festival of Transport



Go Ahead **WHY7** LX57CLZ at Bow Depot



AEC Routemaster **RM1** SLT56 also at



First Student **60041** CX02EGJ resting at the First depot in Wrexham



Looking resplendent in LUT colours is Leopard 438.



Sitting at Sleaford in typical Lincolnshire weather is AOT Coaches Scania Van Hool TAZ8112

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