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Editors Bit

Plenty of news to be filling the magazine this month, I've manage to mislay the next batch of "Bus Spots" from Mike Pinder so none of those this month, just as well really as there is a lot of news to cram in, they will be back next month, speaking of which if you pay a visit anywhere or a garage please take time to note directions and send them in. Don't forget the groups fopic site at GB-BG.forpic.net which I am slowly adding pictures to, again if you have any to share send them in. Showbus takes place on Spetember 28th at the IWM airfield at Duxford, this is the show in the annual rally calendar, Hopefully I shall be there with the Stagecoach In Lancaster "Eric & Ernie" bus so if you attend come and say hello, Hopefully we will have the new West Midlands Pocket Book printed in time and available to purchase

Gez

Group News

Transport Group - Update:

The name for the group will be **UK Transport Group**. There will be a meeting in November to sort out the finer points.

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The deadline for the October magazine is Friday 26th 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.

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News from the Industry

First Glasgow has reopened the depot at Overtown, North Lanarkshire, making it the third in the county along with Cumbernauld and Blantyre. The depot was previously the base of Hutchinsons business which First acquired last year.

Southampton University's Uni Link bus network is set to get a £3 million makeover after the University signed a deal with Go ahead subsidiary Solent Blue Line to take over running of the network from September 28th. Nine single and nine double deck Scania are being purchased to meet additional capacity needs being rolled out between September and March.

Rossendale Transport move depots on August 31st when they vacate the present depot on Bacup Road for new premises at Knowsley Park Way, off Broadway, Haslingden.

Stagecoach Manchester has exchanged contracts for the purchase of the bus business of Bullocks and will take over the responsibility of operating a number of commercial and tendered bus routes and school services from Sunday 10 August 2008. Initially the Bullocks services will operate separately to Stagecoach Manchester services, and there will be no changes to timetables, services, or fares.

The 42, 42A, 157 and 310 services will run to their current timetable. The 42 Bullocks service

between East Didsbury and Manchester Piccadilly Gardens will operate as a 42B to avoid confusion with the Stagecoach 42 buses.

Go Ahead: The London operations are being merged under the Go Ahead name, in practice the companies have operated as one for quite a while but with individual names.

Transdev London United have placed an order with Optare for a total of 19 dual door Versas. These will be the first for operation in London.

First Essex have introduced the first ever Volvo B9Rs with Plaxton Panther bodies to be built on its re-launched X30 service between Southend and Stansted Airport now re-branded as the "Stansted Aircoach".

Stagecoach is to trail another ferry link, this time a 138 seat catamaran will link Torquay with Brixham. The trail will run from August 29th until September 29th and if successful the company is hoping a permanent link can be set up. The 3200,000 trial is being organised in partnership with Torbay Council. 15 return trips a day taking 15 minutes will be run. Currently the only link between the two towns is 12 service of Stagecoach which carries some 4.5 million passengers a year but has hit at times by congestion which can lead to journeys taking up to 90 minutes.

Reading Transport has now formalised an agreement with Truemans Travel of North Camp to carry out its excursion and tours programme for the coming year.

Dot2Dot The National Express subsidiary has launched a new service from Liverpool Street allowing passengers on the company's East Anglia trains to pre-book onward travel to Heathrow Airport.

Alexander-Dennis have secured a contract from First Group to supply 250 buses over twelve months, with the option of a similar number during 2009-2010. The order includes 115 Enviro200, 100 plus Enviro 400s and 25 Enviro 500 these latter for Glasgow.

London Tender News

Starting February 2009

283 awarded to NCP with 15 new single decks was with Transdev London United

Starting March 2009

H32 retained by Transdev London United with 12 new double decks

H91 retained by Transdev London United with 14 new buses double decks subject to funding

Starting September 2009

156 retained by Travel London with 16 new double decks

Fleet News

Arriva

Derby: Several East Lancs bodied Scania double decks have been transferred from Midlands North 41600 (M160GRY), 4194 (M834SDA) and 4195 (M835SDA) along with a pair of single decks 3467 (N167PUT) and 3469 (N169PUT).

Easybus: More new Mercedes-Benz 515CDi / Optare Soroco C19F are 0324 (YX08HWK), 0325 (YX08HWL) and 0326 (YX08HLM) all allocated to New Enterprise. These have allowed 0293, 0297 and 0298 to move up to Luton

Southern Counties

(Guildford & West Surrey): The Hybrid Solo at Horsham GX55LNF has been returned to Traction Technology as that company recently went into liquidation.

(Kent Thameside): A transfer of Darts sees 3730 move to Northfleet from Guildford with 3187 heading to Northfleet to cover for a Fastrack B7RLE. Red Dart 3218 has gone to Tunbridge Wells from Dartford as an additional spare for TfL route 402.

London: The latest three T Class Enviro noted have been T40 (LJ08CUO), T41 (LJ08CSO), T42 (LJ08CSU) and T43 (LJ08CSV) allocated to Palmers Green (AD). The remaining Metrobuses

M1130, 1231, 1313, 1326, 1327 and 1367 have now all been sold to Ensign (dealer). The trainer fleet now includes DWL37 at CN and DWL38-41 at E along with DLA21.

North East: Optare Prisma 3004 (M304SAJ) is back at Durham from Loftus, with Metrorider 2715 (R715MHN) now residing at Redcar. Three Plaxton Pointer / Darts have arrived from North West 1186 (M186YKA) which has taken fleet number 1696, at Loftus, 1197 (M197YKA) at Redcar and 1211 (M211YKD) at Durham. More new Solos at Darlington are 2838 (YJ08XBU), 2839 (YJ08XBV) and 2840 (YJ08XBY).

North West & Wales: Now to hand are the fleet numbers for the former KMP Volvo B7s joining the fleet at Bangor once they have been repainted in to Arriva colours; 2793 (CX04HRN), 2794 (CX04HRP), 2795 (CX04HRR), 2796 (CX05JVD), 2797 (CX55FAF), 2798 (CX55FAJ) and 2799 (CX55BZO). Volvo B10Bs 6538, 6548 and 6558 are now at Bootle from Southport, With Darts 1174 and 1186 moving from Laird St to Bootle, Similar 1343 has moved Llandudno Jnc to Bootle

Tellings Golden Miller: Withdrawn Volvo B10M/Plaxton KP51UEY has been sold to Veolia Wales.

The Original Tour: Former Hong Kong Metrobus EMB776 is now registered as UAR776Y and another one to note is EMB780 (A755WEV).

Yorkshire: I don't think I have noted the new Volvo B7RLE/Wright B44Fs new in service from Heckmondwike all in the Inter Urban version of Arriva livery

1100	YJ08DVA	1104	YJ08DVG	1107	YJ08DVN	1110	YJ08DVR
1101	YJ08DVB	1105	YJ08DVH	1108	YJ08DVO	1111	YJ08DVT
1102	YJ08DVC	1106	YJ08DVK	1109	YJ08DVP	1112	YJ08DVU
1103	YJ08DVF						

Vehicles leaving the fleet are Dennis Arrows 502 (N802TPK), 504 (N804TPK), 508 (N808TPK) and 509 (N809TPK) to the Stafford Bus Centre and Dennis Lances 803-806 K803-806NNW to PSV Products (Warrington) with 814 going to PVS (Carlton)

First Group

Aberdeen: Withdrawn from service have been 31548, 31554 and 31556.

Berkshire: Three Volvo B6s have transferred to Essex 60755 (N420MWY), 60756 (N421NMY) and 60758 (N423MWY). Arriving from First London are Dennis Darts SLFs 41234 (R234TLM) and 41259 (T259JLD) allocated to Slough replacing 42161 and 42350 that have returned to London.

Bristol: This months allocation changes 46604, 46611, 46629 LH-Wales: 46606, 46621 LH-w: 46624 LH-MR: 46637 LH-WM: 46638 w-LH: 46645 HE-MR: 46907 MR-w: 46909, 46911 HE-w: 60972 HE-w

Devon & Cornwall: Volvo B12Bs 20559 (TT07NEX) and 20560 (TX06NEX) have moved here from Truronian. Volvo B10M-62 20416 (T316KVC) has been noted re registered as WSV408

Glasgow: More Volvo B9TL/ Wright are being delivered into Larkfield 37530 (SF08SMU), 37531 (SF08SMV), 37532 (SF08SMX), 37533 (SF08SNJ), 37535 (SF08SNN), 37536 (SF08SNU) and 37537 (SF08SNV) noted up to now with the batch due to finish at 37544. Arriving from South Yorkshire have been Volvo B10M / Alex PS 60463 (G608NWA), 60465 (G610NWA), 60488 (H643RKU), 60489 (H645RKU), 60492 (H648RKU), 60493 (H649RKU) and 60494 (H650RKU). July re allocations are 61374-382, 61466, 61495, 61496 to Larkfield with 61627, 61628, 61631-635, 61638-640 to Scotsun. Optare Solos 40851-854 are now at Cumbernauld.

Leicester: In from Manchester are two Mercedes-Benz 411CDi / Koch 54097 (LT02NVC) and 54099 (LT02NVD) they will be used on staff shuttles. Leyland Lynxes 62603 (F603RTC) and 62738 (G138HNP) have been sold to PVS (Barnsley) for scrap. Volvo B7 66322 (KV02VWA) is back in service from reserve with 66318 (KV02VWV) entering reserve, this is believed to be for repaint.

London: Just a few re allocations to note this month; TNL32929 X - H: TN32954 X - HS: TN33229, 231 DM - NP: LDN34329, 330, 339, 340 DM - HSs (these being non LEZ compliant): DML41409, 410 UX - WJ: DML44004 - 006 UX-DM:

Manchester: Several long stored Olympians at Oldham have been removed by PVS Barnsley, 30232, 30234, 30236, 30237 and 31121. Withdrawals are Scania 60209-211 and Mercedes 60416-420. Allocation changes of late have been 30580 WN-BN: 60315WN-IE: 62214 ua-MR: 66932 MR-BY: The first of a large number of Wright bodied Volvo B9TLs due for Bolton have been

arriving through Fleetwood Docks and moving onto Thomas Hardie (Bryn) for pre delivery checks,
Northampton: Dennis Lance 67236 (L236AAB) has entered service here, Olympian 31454 (N965SOS) has moved to the reserve fleet

Somerset & Avon: Several buses have been transferred down from York, following the arrival of new buses there:- Bridgwater sees Volvo B6BLE 40588 (YG51RGO), 40589 (YG51RGU), 40590 (YG51RGV), 40591 (YG51RGX) and 40592 (YG51DHP). Taunton receives 40593 (YG51DHY) with Weston getting Volvo B7RLEs 60895 (YJ51RFE), 60910 (YJ51RFK), 60911 (YG02DLO), 60912 (YG02DLD), 60913 (YG02DLY), 60914 (YG02DKO), 60915 (YG02DLZ), 60916 (YG02DKU), 60917 (YG02DKV) and 60918 (YG02DLJ) Those at Weston are for route 7. These will cause some cascading of older vehicles Plaxton bodied Darts 46221, 46222, 46263, 46264 and 46279 will move from Weston to Yeovil with 46258-46262 moving to Bath which will in turn allow the Volvo B7RLEs to return to Leeds. 46079, 46117 and 46227 will be scrapped along with 66503. At Bridgwater Dart/East Lancs 42830-42834 move along to Taunton with 46228, 46605 moving on to the disposal list along with Lances 60968, 60969, 60971, 67123 and 67135. Other movements this month consist 34177 TN-BH: 34966, 34967 YL-D&C: 46219 has been scrapped along with 51382, 51556, 51661 and 51748: 46731 TN-WM: 67134, 67224 MH-w:

West Yorkshire: 31090, 40601, 40611, 40625 and 40630 have all been sold to PVC (Carlton)

Go Ahead Group

Docklands Buses: From the next issue I will record both Docklands and Blue Triangle under the Go Ahead London heading as the new Scania have arrived with new Go Ahead London logos. Any how the new buses are Scania N230UD Omnicity 10.8m H41/22D

SOC1	LX08ECD	SOC4	LX08ECJ	SOC6	LX08ECT	SOC8	LX08ECW
SOC2	LX08ECE	SOC5	LX08ECN	SOC7	LX08ECV	SOC9	LX08ECY
SOC3	LX08ECF						

London: Just a few transfers to note; LDP150 A - Q: LDP151 NX - BX: PVL58, 60 Q - BX: PVL65, 73 Q - BX: PVL71, 72, 266 Q - PM: PVL82 Qt - SW: PVL139 Q - Qt: PVL196 AL - SW: PVL199 A - SW: WV123, 125 AF - SW:

Metrobus: Operation of route 293, Morden to Epsom General Hospital commenced on August 30th for which new 12m Scania CN230UB Omnicity B33Ds have been procured.

561	YN08OAS	563	YN08OAV	565	YN08OAX	567	YN08OAZ
562	YN08OAU	564	YN08OAW	566	YN08OAY		

North East: The company's very informative website notes the delivery of new silver Mercedes-Benz Citaros 5310 (NK08MXY), 5311 (NK08MXZ), 5312 (NK08MYA), 5315 (NK08MYD), 5316 (NK08MYF), 5317 (NK08MYG) and 5318 (NK08MZV) of which 5315 is in use on driver familiarisation. It is likely that these will receive 58 plates before entering service.

It also notes the movement of Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4911 (W411SCU) to Winlaton and the sale of Optare Metrorider 416 (P416VRG), Optare Deltas 4736/53/4 (G736RTY, G753/4UCU), Optare Sigmas 4786/7 (L486/7CFT) and Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 3954 (G527VBB).

Scania L94UB / Wright 4937 (NK51OKV) is back at Deptford.

Mini Pointer Darts 8186-200 (V186-199/820ERG) have been renumbered 486-500 the reason is as yet unclear.

Further fleet movements of late are thus 4996 and 4997 withdrawn: 7084 Chester Le-St withdrawn: 7079, 7081 to driver trainers: 4790-4793 to Ashington: 448, 454, 457, 469 3959 and ex Redby vehicle E221WBG are sold, it turning up in late August at the yard of Houlton (Warrington).

National Express Group

West Midlands: New vehicles are due at Birmingham Central garage to replace the Optare Spectra. The Spectras are said to be moving to Wolverhampton. The terminus of the 29 route is due to move to into Lockwood Road as soon as works there are complete.

Ex Hotel Hoppa Volvo B6 P229AAP is expected to enter service at Walsall

Rotala

Diamond Bus: Darts 518 (KU02 YUA), 519 (KP51UFC) and 520 (W142WGT) are now in the new Red Diamond livery. More of the MAN /Plaxton Centros in Black Diamond colours are 802 (KX08HMZ), 804 (KX57OVV) and 811 (WX58FSA). More Red Diamond Volvo B7RLEs are 854 (WX58___), 855 (WX58FRZ) and un numbered BH08DHO and BU08DHP.

Ludlows: Dennis Darts T153OGC and T154OGC have been transferred here.

Stagecoach

Bluebird: Several ex Hong Kong deckers have been re-registered 13617 WLT194 to H445EGU: 13625 WLT439 to H511FRP: 13643 MSU463 to G280YRJ: 13645 WLT774 to H51SKG: 13648 TSU641 to J515WAX. Also regain their original registrations are Volvo B10M coaches 52227 HSV194 to M527RSO: 52229 TSV779 to M529RSO and 52233 CSU921 to M533RSO. Volvo Olympian 16200 (L28JSA) is now NIB4138

Cambridgeshire: This months movements comprise: 16167, 16174, 16175 CA - PE: 16056, 16070, 16125 PE - HU: 14053, 14839, 14850, 14852 HU - LS: 14390, 14394, 14397, 14691 LS - res: 20574 LS - EY:

East Kent & Hastings: Just a couple of transfers to note this month 14982 (G702TCD) HY - TH: 15357 (K857LMK) TH - HY: 16739 (N739LTN) FO - HS: 32519 (J519GCD) ATr - THt:

East Midlands: A new vehicle is 48111 (BX08JCU) a Renault Master based at Gainsborough for "Call Connect service, the vehicle replacing similar 48102 which has left the fleet following accident damage. Sold to Whippets have been 14184, 14340, 14348 and 14983. Volvo Olympian 16867 has transferred from Yorkshire, currently in reserve whilst Varios 42577 and 42584 have moved to North West. Other movements this month comprise:- 14090 GH - dis: 14342 SK - res: 14347 SP - res: 14354 MD - res: 14979 SP - GH: 14993, 14994 LH - LI: 14999 LH - res: 15221, 15222 LI - res: 15227, 15228 LI - NK: 15954, 15981 NK - dis: 15394 SK - GY: 16456 GY - SK: 16457 res - SK: 16462 HL - WP: 16499 HL - SK: 16735, 16736 pool - GY: 16807, 16808 LH - HL: 16880 GY - SK: 18120 WP - HL: 20417 GH - res: 20423 YK - res: 20493 WP - GY: 20733 GH - GY: 23952 NK - GH: 25807 LH - dis: 25810, 26037 GY - dis: 26060 GY - dis: 27593 new - WP: 28636 SK - dis: 28647 NK - dis: 30152, 30159 LH - dis: 52378, 52379 HL - LH: 52459 LH - GY:

East Scotland:

(Fife) Glenrothes based Mercedes-Benz 709Ds 40044, 40472, 40479 and 40931 have been withdrawn, being replaced on routes G6 and 40A by Darts. Other re allocations are 14415, 14498 A - res: 14705, 14706 res - Rennies: 14707, 14718, 14719 C - res: 14720 A - Rennies: 14721, 14722 C - res: 14723 A - res: 15303, 304, 307 Rennies - withdrawn: 16244, 16245 res - C: 16248, 16249 A - C: 15403 res - C: 20304 S - A: 20307 S - res: 20318 G - res: 20332 G - S: 22266 A - G: 31494, 495 G - A 31497 G - Perth: 31498 G - A: 32206, 207 A - G: 32306 A - res: 32307 G - res: 32308 S - res: 34086, 34087 S - D: 47178, 179 D - S: 47607-611 new - G: 52460 D - S: 52481 G - S: 52667 C - Glasgow: 53107 new - C. Not all have yet taken place and may be subject to slight change.

Manchester: The last two Optare Solo M880s are 47623 (MX08UPG) and 47624 (MX08UPH). The first of six MAN /ALX300s has been painted into "Magicbus" colours 22113 and 22126. Personally the livery doesn't look right on an MAN. The buses will be used on Princess Rd operated services 46/47 which are being converted to Magicbus operation.

Most of the bus operations of R. Bullock and Sons (Cheadle) were taken over from August 10th along with most of the double deck and one single deck:- Stagecoach numbers have been allocated thus 14431 (F231YTJ), 14432 (F232YTJ), 14438 (F238YTJ), 14439 (F239YTJ): 14853 (L829LNE ex L10BUL), 14854 (L830LNE ex L20BUL): 15995 (R290CVM), 15996 (R291CVM): 16180 (M790NBA): 16183 (P483HBA), 16184 (P484HBA), 16185 (P485HBA), 16186 (P486HBA): 16187 (S957URJ) 16188 (S958URJ), 16189 (S959URJ), 16190 (S960URJ): 18281 (W671PTD), 18282 (W672PTD), 18283 (W683PTD), 18284 (W674PTD), 18293 (X939NBU) and finally 26128 (R990FNW).

More new Enviro 400s arriving have been 18360 (MX08UDM) and 18362 (MX08UDN)

North East: Dennis Darts 32726 (K726PCN) and 32731 (K731PCN) have been withdrawn at South Shields. Volvo B10M 20262 (N552VDC) is now at Slatyford whilst MAN 22195 (T195MVM) is at Stockton.

North West:

(In Cumbria) Two Mercedes Benz Varios were collected from Lincoln mid month for Carlisle 42577 (T57KJG) and 42584 (T584SJK). No less than 18 double decks are needed for additional school contracts so the following are now here: 13296, 297: 14197, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 209, 210: 16330, 336-338, 351, 355

Rapsons: Following on from the acquired fleet I now have the current fleet disposition, to note is that Inverness is going to be merged with the Bluebird operations in the town.

(In Caithness): Covers Thurso and Wick depots:

20016: 27588: 33186-33188: 35025: 39600: 41316: 41325: 41352: 41361: 42048, 049: 47904: 52042, 043: 52164, 165: 52223, 224: 52333: 52335: 52337: 52339: 52529: 52531: 52676: 59171: 59177: 59661 also from the main Stagecoach Fleet 53318-53320

(In Lochaber): Covers Fort William

14142: 21167: 26127: 27052: 27590: 31962: 36067, 069: 47905, 908: 52429: 52676 and from the main fleet 14490-14492: 52518: 52608, 609, 612: 52638:

(On Skye) Covers Portree along with Kyle outstation

27051, 053, 055, 056: 27090: 27586, 587, 589: 32200: 32290: 32329: 41310: 41366: 42044, 047: 47564-566: 52044: 52166: 52198: 52206: 52530, 534: 59176, 178: and 40548

(In Inverness) Covers Inverness and Nairn outstation

14143, 144, 152: 16945-948: 21203, 204, 206: 27098: 27591: 28804: 32328: 35023: 36066, 068, 070: 41354, 363, 368, 369: 47567, 569: 47906: 49756: 52048, 049: 52148, 149: 52202, 205: 52430: 52536: 52677, 678: 59173: 59671: 59793: and from the main fleet 52519, 25605 and 52607 2047 and 52535 are on loan to Rennies

(In the Highlands) Covers Aviemore

20015: 21168: 23957: 27057: 32289: 47568: 52163, 167: 52200: 52222, 225, 226: 52428

The large reserve fleet consists of the following vehicles, many unlicensed,

14145, 151: 14726-728: 20013, 014: 29147: 35024: 41314: 47907: 52040, 041, 060, 066, 068: 52100, 101, 127: 52201, 204: 52334: 52532, 533: 59653, 673: 59791, 792:

On the disposal list we have

59742, 743, 751, 755-757: 59741: 59747:

South: With the arrival of the two Tridents from Manchester Olympians 14138 (A138MRN) and 16319 (S319CCD) have entered the reserve fleet. 13613 (J939MHC) has been sold to Ensignbus for scrap. Merc 709D 40922 (N922NAP) has been sold to Chepstow Classic Bus.

South West: ADL Trident Enviro 400s have been named as follows 19102 Starcross, 19105 Exe Estuary, 19106 Cockwood, 19107 Newton Abbott Racecourse, 19109 Dawlish Warren, 19110 Teign Estuary, 19321 Powderham Castle, 19322 Newton Abbott 19323 Teignmouth 19324 Exeter, 19325 Dawlish. Withdrawn have been 09999, 32253 and 32263. Dennis Dart 32021 has been despatched to Cooks Coaches replacing Volvo B10M 20479 which has been involved in a collision with a milk tanker and is unlikely to see further service.

Wales: Quite a lot of movements to get through this month, firstly two new arrivals at Cwmbran are Optare Solos 47380 (YE08EZF) and 47629 (YE08EZG). Volvo B10M 52152 (L51CNY) has been sold to Fleetlink (dealer): 16446 (N346HGK) CN - Cambridge: 20351 (M751LAX) training - res: 20355 (M755LAX) MR - res: 20357 (M757LAX) res - MR: 20369 (M769LAX) BR - training: 20370 (M770LAX) CN - res: 23950 (N550MTG) PT - res: 23951 (N551MTG) PT - d/l: 25101 YJ55YFY MR - d/l: 32051 (N51KBW) res - training: 33271 (P423PBP) d/l - BW: 33293 (HX51LRZ) d/l - PT: 33609 (R609SWO) d/l - CP: 33623 (S623TDW) d/l - PT: 34043, 34044, 34045 (R943-4FOO) CN - ADL Bristol (refurb): 34144 (V144MVX), 34145 (V145MVX) BW - CN: 41408 (N408WVR) res - CN: 41416 (N416WVR), 41428 (N428WVR) res - BR: 47380 (CN56EYR), 47381 (CN56EYS) BR - BW: 52215 (M405BFG) CN - d/l: 52276 (M916WJK) BR - d/l: 52403 (P773TTG) d/l - CN:

Warwickshire: Transferred into Rugby depot from Portsmouth have been Volvo B6RLE/ Alexander ALX300s 31044 (R144RPN), 31048 (R178RPN) and 31052 (R152RPN). They are here for use on the Rugby to Northampton service taken over from First.

West: Now at Swindon, having transferred from Manchester, are Dennis Trident / ALX400s 18177 (MX04XFV), 18178 (MX04XFW), 18179 (MX54LPC), 18180 (MX54LPC), 18182 (MX54LPF) 18183 (MX54LPJ), 18184 (MX54LPK) AND 18189(MX54LPU) WITH Gloucester taking similar 18181 (MX54LPE), 18187 (MX54LPO) and 18188 (MX54LPP). Wrigleys (Carlton) have taken several withdrawn vehicles Volvo B10M 20402 (E62JFV), Optare Delta 26015 (J715DAP), Darts 32241 (K986CBO), 32313 (N313AMC) and 33969 (V959DDG) and Merc 709 40145 (M345LHP). Volvo B10Ms 20682-685 have moved from Swindon to Gloucester partly replacing 20869, 20886 and 20892 that have moved to Yorkshire.

West Scotland: New arrivals for Citylink work at Glasgow are 53105 (SF08GTY) and 53106 (SF08GTZ) 12.3m Volvo B12B /Plaxton Panther and a 15m version 54049 (SF08GTU). Neoplan 50133 (CN05APV) has gone on loan to Oxford for a spell to help out on "The Tube". Leyland Titans 10462 (KYV462X) and 10473 (KYV473X) have moved to Ardrossan. With the new coaches now in service at Glasgow 52349 has moved back to Ardrossan. Two new Enviro 300s in school bus yellow, with 3 + 2 seating have arrived at Kilmarnock SN08AEJ and SN08AEK, They are used on contracts to St Matthews Academy in Saltcoats. Mercedes 709Ds 40057, 40061 and 40100 have been sold to the Stafford Bus Centre.

Yorkshire: Volvo B10Bs 21019, 21023-026, 21038 and 21039 have been sold to Ensignbus (dealer) with the three remaining Scania / East Lancs 28712, 28714 and 286715 have gone to Wrigley for disposal. Volvo B10M 20441 (L341KCK) is now at Shafton. Also being sold to Ensign are Dennis Darts 32353 (R703YWC), 32356 (R706YWC), 32357 (R707YWC), 32663 (R713YWC), 32367 (R717YWC) and 32934 (N110CET).

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Keighley & District: In store at Burnley and Pendle are Volvo B10BLEs 530, 531, 540-544, 1001, 1004 and 1041 all will be converted to 57 seat school buses and are due to return to Keighley. Transferred from Coastliner have been Volvo B7RLEs 453 (YJ05FNM), 454 (FJ05FNN) and 455 (YJ05FNO)

Lancashire United: The Optare Solos have now all been re numbered to the 12xx series

London United: The new 8.9m Enviro200Darts are now in service on the K1 based at Fulwell (TV)

SDE1	YX08MFO	SDE4	YX08MDZ	SDE7	YX08MEV	SDE9	YX08MHM
SDE2	YX08MDV	SDE5	YX08MFN	SDE8	YX08MFA	SDE10	YX08MFK
SDE3	YX08MDY	SDE6	YX08MEU				

Following the arrival of these new buses Darts DPK603-612 were withdrawn, although DPK611 remained in service for a short while, and ferried to HH prior to being returned to the lessor.

Veolia

North East: Former Veolia York Optare Solo MX05EMK is now here.

Wales: New at Bebb, for National Express work is FJ08KMK a Scania K340EB6/Caetano Levante C53FLT. The three Optare Solo M920s formerly used by Courtney (Bracknell) are now here KX03SBY, KX03SCV and KX03SCZ.

Independents

Eastern Counties

Bryline (Boston): Another Dublin Bus Olympian to note is N725FKK ex 95-D-244 and a correction is N721FKK was ex 95-D-239 and not as noted last month. All have been converted to single door

Burtons: New for the Network Colchester operations, on route 1 with appropriate branding, are a pair of Scania N230UD/Daren Olympus 103 (YN08OBY) and 104 (YN08OBZ).

Deliane (Bourne): Leyland Tiger / Duple Dominant 100 (E100AFW) was withdrawn from service on July 23rd, it will however be retained in the company's preserved fleet. The bus is significant in being the last Leyland vehicle in the operational fleet.

Emblings (Guyhirn): Three vehicles purchased at the auction of Caroline Seagull in May have been Bedford YMP / Plaxton 6539FN ex D792SGB, Scania K112CRS / Plaxton 6544FN ex B547KHJ and TXI2424 a DAF MB200 / Plaxton ex THB440Y

Kimes: Another double deck has been added to the fleet T648KPU an Alexander ALX 400 bodied Trident new to Stagecoach London, but acquired from Redroute Buses (Northfleet)

Norfolk Green: Three Optare Excel B45Fs have arrived here from Konectbus (Dereham) 170 (S170UAL), 171 (S171UAL) and 172 (S172UAL). They will be used to release Optare Solos on to the CoastHopper service which has seen an increase in frequency to every 30 minutes. Speaking of the CoastHopper, the Slimline Optare Solos used on the route have been renumbered into the 300 series and carry livery for the route; 301 (YJ07EGE), 302 (YJ07EGF), 302 (YJ57EHO) and new delivered 304 (YK08EUC).

Peterborough Council: Two Optare Solo M950s on lease are 603 (MX08MZE) and 604 (MX08MZD)

A C Williams (Ancaster) Volvo B10M / Van Hol F509AAB is now WAC828

Whippet (Fenstanton): Four, ex Stagecoach East Midlands Leyland Olympians have arrived 14184 (G184JHG), 14340 (G340KKW), 14348 (H348SWA) and 14983 (G703TCD). As a result Leyland Titans T265, T633, T681 and T872 have been withdrawn and will be scrapped

London / Greater London

Anderson: Catching up with new deliveries we have Mercedes-Benz Tourismo C49FT M104 (BX04HNM), M106 (BN08HNO), M107 (BN08HNT) and M109 (BN08HNU). Along with these are four VDLL Bova FHD 120.365PR C49Fs WA08GPE, WA08GPF, WA08GPJ and WA08GPK.

Big Bus: The first brand new buses to be purchased comes in the form of Volvo B9TL / Optare Visionaire open tops, ten are due, of which these had been noted by the end of August. DA201 (PF08URP), DA202 (PF08URR), DA203 (PF08URS), DA204 (PF08URU), DA205 (PF08URV) and DA206 (PF08URW).

Clarks: A further two Scania / Berkhof are YN08HZZ and YN08HZZ

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

CCH (West Drayton): New here is an Excel bodied Volkswagen Crafter G5CCH

Chalfont Coaches: Left the fleet is Volvo B12M / Van Hool WA03EYK now with Moseley (dealer)

CT Plus: A new addition is Optare Solo M950 B33F OS1 (YJ08XDH)

P & J Ellis (Acton): Two more new Volvo B12B / Jonckherre SHV to record are FJ08BYD and FJ08BYO. Sold to Atlas (Harrow) is Volvo B10M FL02ZXT

Lewis (Greenwich): Here from National Express (Operations) is S324VNM a Volvo B10M / Plaxton Premiere.

Mayday (Croydon): New here is a Setra S416GT-HD BN0800U

Metroline: New ADL Trident / Enviro 400s have been entering service at Cricklewood (W) intended for use on route 16 but have been noted on other W routes. These being noted by the time we went to press. Indeed the batch of the 332 route are now sneaking onto the 16.

TE878	LK08DXO	TE882	LK08DXU	TE886	LK08DXY	TE890	LK08NVE
TE879	LK08DXP	TE883	LK08DXV	TE887	LK08DXZ	TE891	LK08NVF
TE880	LK08DXR	TE884	LK08DXW	TE888	LK08DYA	TE892	LK08NVG
TE881	LK08DXS	TE885	LK08DXX	TE889	LK08NVD	TE893	LK08NVH

Also entering service, from Perivale (PA) are new Enviro200Darts for the E6

DE859	LK08DWO	DE862	LK08DWV	DE864	LK08DWX	DE867	LK08DXA
DE860	LK08DWP	DE863	LK08DWW	DE865	LK08DWY	DE868	LK08DXB
DE861	LK08DWU						

Once again quite a lot of feet movements to note this time around, quite a few due to the ibus programme:- AV24, 25, 28, 36, 37 are all sold, leaving just 33 and 34 as ibus trainers at Cricklewood: DLD22 PV - PA: DLD71, 72 AH - PA: DLD73 PV - W: DLD74 PV - PA: DLD187 PA - PB: DMS13-15, 21-23, 27 PB - PBw: DP27 W - PA: DP38, 49 AH - PA: DP1001-1007 AH - PA: DP1021 AH - HT: TP46, 47 HT - AH: TP48-53 PB - PV: TP54 PB - AH TP57 PV - PA: TPL239 PB - PV: TPL263 HT - W: TP354, 355, 357-362 PV - AH: TP409-411 PB - PV:

OFJ Connections: Another new style Mercedes-Benz O.816D / Plaxton Cheetah C29F is KX08ONG. Scania / Irizar GO03CLA has been noted here, along with a second, from Classic

Phoenix (Nunhead): Now here from Excalibur Coaches are Scania K114 / Irizar YN04UKB, YN08UKC and YN04UKD.

Premium Coaches: More new vehicles are LDV Maxus M16 30 (PN08HWO) and Iveco 65C18 / Unvi C33F 33 (YN08FEF).

The Midlands

Cedar Coaches (Bedford): MAN / Marcopolo PN08CPO has been re registered as W31COM

Confidence: Leyland Olympian, one of the early number delivered to Ribble when new, 58 (JFR 5W) has been withdrawn and will be broken up.

Green Transport: Leyland Atlanteans A705LNC and A725LNC have been sold to PVS (Barnsley) for scrap.

Midland Rider: The company borrowed Routemaster 798UXA from Midland Classic for use on route 177 to Wythall on August 30th, the last day on operation on the route.

Minsterley Motors: Three new Volvo B7RLE/Plaxton Centros in service are YN08NKH, YN08NLG and YN08NLG and are used on the firms 552/553 service linking Shrewsbury with Bishops Castle.

Nottingham News from here, courtesy of Alan Spencer and Geoff Siddons, records more new Optare Versas B38F

314	YK08EPN	318	YK08EPW	321	YK08EPY	324	YK08ESG
315	YK08EPO	319	YK08EPJ	322	YK08EPZ	325	YK08ESN
316	YK08EPP	320	YK08EPX	323	YK08ESF	326	YK08ESO
317	YK08EPV						

314-318 in Go2 Green, 319 White with 320-326 in Blueline

Along with these a large quantity of Scania Omnidekkas have also been delivered

945	YN08MSO	949	YN08MSY	953	YN08MLJ	957	YN08MLU
946	YN08MSU	950	YN08MTE	954	YN08MLK	958	YN08MLV
947	YN08MSV	951	YN08MLE	955	YN08MLL	959	YN08MLX
948	YN08MSX	952	YN08MLF	956	YN08MLO	960	YN08MLY

Of these 945-957 are in Green Go2 livery for routes 6 and 10 with 958-960 being in white with Go2 titles..

Trent Barton: 424 (W424RTO) and 425 (W425RTO) are now in Ruddington Connection Livery.

Yorks: Another new coach is a Scania / Irizar C40FT 50 (YN08OBW) "HMS Ocean" and a Volvo B12R/Plaxton C49FT 63 (YN08OWC) "HMS Vanguard". Transferred from the parent Bowens fleet have been MAN Noge 76 (593UXJ) and 77 (UOL387) with Scania / Irizars 45 (oui3916) and 47 (OUI4659) heading in the opposite direction.

North East

Tees Valley: Acquired is Dennis Javelin/Plaxton Premiere RPP514. Leyland Tiger /Duple 321 J48SNY has been noted for sale on E Bay

North West

Bluebird (Middleton): Fleet numbers for the two additional Evolutions noted last month are 95 (UU08BLU) and 96 (VV08BLU).

Finches (Wigan): A recent purchase from South Lancs Travel is Olympian N530LHG

Franklin (Southport): Noted here of late, complete in Alfa Holidays livery, has been Bova Futura NIL810 ex XIL5453 with Martin (Midsomer Norton) but originally W163RYB

Finches of Wigan: Volvo Olympian N530LHG has been purchased from South Lancs Travel.

Halton Transport: Arriving from Uno, following an increase in school work are three Marshall bodied Darts N421ENM, N422ENM and N424ENM which will be used exclusively on the new school runs.

Hayton (Burnage): Leaving the fleet have been 205 (YN05HDJ) and 14229 (R229SCG)

Reays (Wigton): The former Carlisle United team coach, Neoplan C1UFC, has been re registered as PX04MPU and has been advertised for sale in the trade press

Red Kite (St Helens): Two recent arrivals have been a pair of Opatre Prismas from East Yorkshire MS. N265KAG and N268KAG with the former already noted in fleet colours

Red Line (Preston): More vehicles gaining new registrations are 37RN (ex R327RNU) to 15RED; 9553PX (ex R343RRA) to YIL6984 and T331AFX to 14RED.

Silver Fern Coaches (Arkolme): Mercedes-Benz O.815 / Sirtcar C33F YJ03GYF was noted at the end of August as T3FWS.

Swans (Chadderton): New are several Mercedes-Benz Tourismo BJ08KNF, BJ08KNH and BJ08KNK all C49FT also new is BV08ZWS A Mercedes O.510 C30FT

Tyrer (Adlington) Volvo B10M / Northern Counties F304MYJ has been re registered as BIG9783

Warrington Borough Transport: Now that they are all here I will list the nine former Dublin Bus Volvo Olympians that have been arriving here over the last couple of months, to replace Dennis Dominators 191-199, all have had the centre doors removed and are now H47/31F. Listed below as New No / New Reg / Dublin Number

171	N584JNO	RA296	174	P324SWC	RA312	177	P384SWC	RA314
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172	P314SWC	RA307	175	P302SWC	RA313	178	P411SWC	RA319
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173	P268SWC	RA311	176	P337SWC	RA324	179	P368SWC	RA321
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One 172 clashes with the ex Crosville Olympian 172 (PFM129Y) although this is withdrawn. I had mentioned about the new Cadets 81 (YJ57BRX) and 82 (YJ57BRZ) has entered service, they had actually been held back until July 21st when they commenced new service 17 Warrington - Chapelford – Westbrook, The service is being underwritten by house builder of the Chapelford Urban Village project, David Wilson Homes, to the tune of some £900,000, which each of the 2000 households being allowed a free family pass for a year or two six monthly ones.

Warrington Coachways: New here in full livery is ex Stagecoach Manchester Vario R446YNF

Scotland

Aberfeldy Motors: Mercedes/Sitcar 40 (XSV892) has been re registered back to SA52JLV and passed on to Moseleys.

Bankfoot Buses (Perth): A pair of ex stagecoach Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointers have been purchased K113SRH and K114SRH

Coakley (Motherwell): Now here is Optare Metrorider R707MHN ex Arriva 2707.

Fairline (Glasgow): Mercedes Vario / Onyx C24F MX04DTF is now here, ex Ready Pay of Blyth.

Lochs & Glens: Volvo B12B / Jonckheere FJ05AOP has been sold to Walls (Wigan)

Lothian Buses: More new Wright bodied Volvo B9TLs have been entering service in the last few weeks. Registrations are still awaited for quite a few, but they are in service. An additional one of the type is 98 (SN08BYB). Their arrival has seen Olympians 876-881, 883 and 885 put in reserve.

876	SN08BWJ	883	SN08BWV	889		895	
877	SN08BWK	884	SN08BWW	890		896	
878	SN08BWL	885	SN08BWX	891	SN08BXD	897	
879	SN08BWM	886	SN08BWY	892		898	SN08BXL
880	SN08BWO	887		893		899	
881	SN08BWP	888		894		902	SN08BXR
882	SN08BWU						

McColls (Dumbarton): I now have to hand the new registrations for the ex Dublin Bus Olympians M271JGB (RA231), M277JGB (RA227), M345JGB (RA233), M346JGB (RA232), N883RGD (RA285) and N920RGD (RA284).

McGills (Greenock): Added of late is 606 (IIB379) ex N203HWX a Volvo B10M / Plaxton

McKindless: More Dennis Dart SLFs have been bought from regular source, London United, LG02FFE, LG02FFH and LG02FFJ ex DPK621-623. A pair of Pointer bodied Darts SLF have also arrived from Irvine of Law SJ51BZA and SN51UDW. Dennis Lances WIL9207 and 9218 have been scrapped as have Metrobuses GYE469W, KYV652X, B109WUL and B131WUL.

Moffat & Williamson: Now here is ex TM Travel is Volvo B12M / Plaxton C53F YN05HVT. Volvo

B10M Y676ASN has been sold to Plaxton (Anston), possibly in part exchange for the above.

Parks of Hamilton: Volvo B10M/Jonckherres re registered have been 1RWM back to SJ06AXB, 2RWM to SJ06AXA, 3RWM to SJ06AXC and 15RWM to SJ06AXD. The private plates are now on Jonckherre SHVs. Transferred to Trathens have been Volvo B12BT / Berkhof double decks KSK982 (SF07OSB), LSK473 (R262OFJ), LSK481 (R263OFJ), LSK611-LSK613, Similar with Joncherre bodies LSK614 an dLSK615 and Van Hools LSK812, LSK814 and LSK870 (B320HSC)

Pride of the Clyde: Volvo B10M R134XWF is now C14POC.

Stuarts (Carlake): A couple of additional vehicles to record are Volvo Citybus C806USG ex Stagecoach 15276 and an Optare Solo M710SL YJ07VRR from Bebb. Bova SP03ANV is now MSV452.

West Coast Motors: Now here is MPD DK05FWB one of a pair that was operated by King travel of Accrington.

Southern England

Motts (Aylesbury): A few re registrations are Volvo B10M/Jonckherree 6787MT to L744YGE, which has now left the fleet, with similar 90WFC now 6787MT, Neoplan HL03HCA now carries 90WFC.

Reading Transport: I appear to have missed noting the new Scania CN270s H47/30F entering service on route 17 in a purple and Green colour scheme.

1108	YN08MMA	1110	YN08MMF	1112	YN08MMK	1114	YN08MMU
1109	YN08MME	1111	YN08MMJ	1113	YN08MMO		

Thamesdown Transport: New Wright bodied Scania K230UB B40Fs have entered service 517 (WX08SXD), 518 (WX08SXE), 519 (WX08SXF), 520 (WX08VDG), 521 (WX08SXG) and 522 (WX08SXH).

South West

Bakers Dolphin: This months fleet changes are 9 (SIL6715) re-registered to XLH570: 22 (958VKM) re-registered to DEZ8804 and sold to Lawrence (W-S-M): 102 58 (WKI3494) and 59 (WJI3495) have been repainted white and will be sold: XLH570 re-registered to SIL6715 and sold: 104 DEZ8804 re-registered to 958VKM: 117 (W216JBN) re-registered to UKZ2917: 118 (W217JBN) re-registered to UKZ2923: 121 (YX04GSZ) re-registered UKZ2932

Dartline: Quite a few re-registrations to note are Volvo B10M/Plaxton V341JTO to SLZ6750; Optare Solo M850 MP51BUS to SLZ6715; Volvo B12M /Sunsun FE02FBU to SLZ5480 and Bova Futura WJ02KDZ to SLZ5680.

Hookways (Meath): Coaches no longer in the fleet are N110GLO and N522XTT both Platxon bodied Volvo B10Ms. Volvo B10M/Van Hool Alizee L919NWW is now RIL1578

Mounts Bay (Penzance): A recent purchase is Scania K113 / Van Hool C49FT N914DWJ now re-registered on arrival to OXI499.

Plymouth Citybus: The company has recently invested £1.4million in 11 new Enviro 4.5 engined Enviro200Darts B38F

136	WA08LDF	139	WA08LDL	142	WA08LDV	145	WA08LEF
137	WA08LDJ	140	WA08LDN	143	WA08LDX	146	WA08LEJ
138	WA08LDK	141	WA08LDU	144	WA08LDZ		

Western Greyhound: New here are Mercedes-Benz O.530s 210 (WK08ESU), 203 (WK08ESV), 204 (WK08ESY) and 205 (WK08ETA) all B29F

Wales

Edwards (Llanwit Fadre): New here is a 70 seat Volvo B7R/Plaxton Profile YN08SOC. Volvo B10M/Plaxton V89LYS ex KSK948 has been sold to Moseley (dealer) and is now with Simmons (Kingswood)

GHA Coaches: Noted in Chester on August 8th was an Optare Solo MX08DFU

Voel Coaches: Neoplan CX02KDV has been sold to Keeber (Leicester)

Irish Happenings

Dublinbus: The company bade farewell to the RA class Olympian in August and on Sunday the 3rd operated a farewell tour using the last two serviceable examples RA302 and RA305 with the first one, trainer RA176 joining the run which took in the 46A and 14 routes through Dun Laoghaire, Dundrum LUAS station and St Stephens Green.

The Flexibus operation of Ulsterbus is to cease operations on September 1st after 24 years, The Renault and Mercedes minibuses are to be sold, with the remaining fleet transferred into the Citybus fleet.

Bus Eireann: A handful of VD SB4000/Berkhof C54FL deliveries to note LC2 (08-D-28465), LC23 (08-D-30607), LC24 (08-D-28426), LC25 (08-D-28427) and LC27 (08-D-28429). MC2 (00-D-79723) has been withdrawn following an engine fire. A second hand arrival at Longford is VP110 (01-D-8063) a Volvo B10M / Plaxton C49FT ex X437BTT.

Ulsterbus: Being used at present, on Scottish Citylink runs are a pair of Volvo B12 / Joncherre Mistrals SF05XYY ex HSK646 and SF05XZL ex HSK650.

Callinan (Claregalway): Details of this years intake of coaches are now to hand all of the integral Volvo 9700 08-G-801-805; 801-803 are C53F whilst 804 and 805 are C53FT

New Deliveries

Bruce (Salsburgh)	FJ58AKK / Y	Caetano Levante 3 Axle
Diamond Bus	WX58FRU / V	MAN 14.220 /Plaxton Centro B45F
	WX58FRR, FSC-FSE	Volvo B7RLE / Wright B45F
Deliane (Bourne)	144 (AD58DBL)	Volvo B9TL / Darwen H47/31F

Barnes (Aldbourn)	WA08JVO	Bova FHD13-340 C54F
Buckleys (Doncaster)	BK08XYL	Mercedes-Benz Turismo
G-Line (Lytham St Annes)	YK08CBG	Van Hool T815 Alicron
Knights Travel (Horsham)	KC08KTC	MAN Beulas Aura 13.7m C57F
Red Kite (Tilsworth)	MX08DFV	Optare Solo M950
Roadrunner (Kempston)	DK08CCU	Mercedes-Benz 613D C25F
Swans (Chadderton)	BV08ZWS	Mercedes-Benz O.510

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

5th August 2008

Metroline

Enviro 400 LK08NVD (TE889), LK08NVE (TE890)

Arriva

Enviro 400 LJ08CYO

12th August 2008 *Correspondent Unavailable to report*

19th August 2008

Metroline

Enviro 200 LK08DWY (TE865) *Enviro 400* LK08NVN, LK08NVL

Enviro 200 Chassis number only 8202/12

Stagecoach

Enviro 400 MX08UDL, NK58AEV *Enviro 300* YN58CEF

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Enviro LX08HMF (Chassis number 8408/2)

26th August 2008 *Correspondent on holiday*

Around the Dealers

Ensign

Vehicles In

From Dublin Bus: Olympians 96-D322/3.

From Stagecoach Yorkshire: Volvo B10B's P511/3/4/5UUG P366UUG L31HHN M39PVN Darts R703/6/7/13/17YWC.

From Galleon Travel: Olympians H764PVW J820CEV.

From Go-Ahead NE: Solo's S254KNL T457/64/69BCN

From S and M Coaches: M1215.

From Peter Godward Coaches: Olympians E915/7DRD.

From TWH Coaches: Volvo D10M F306MYJ.

Vehicles Out

M446 M1253 M1215: Delta Force Paintball Ltd, Newcastle.

M573: Vincent Tractors, Saint Columb, Cornwall.

M1327: North West Media, Manchester.

Metrobus EWF450V: George Massouras, Cyprus.

Metrobus F817YLV: Direct Location Services, Chertsey.

Olympians C205CBU F294DRJ: PVS for scrap.

Olympian E917DRD: Moxons Tours, Worksop.

Olympian F285DRJ Dart R707YWC: Carters Coaches, Ipswich.

Olympian F896DKK: Towlers Coaches, Emneth, Cambs.

Olympian H724KDY: Greys Coaches, Ely.

Olympian H764PVW: Halifax Joint Committee.

Olympian J820CEV: Holloways Coaches, Scunthorpe.

Olympian J845TSC: Hornsby's Travel Services, Scunthorpe.

Tiger J25UNY: New Adventure Travel, Llandow, Vale of Glamorgan.

Dublin Olympian 96-D-289 now N607JNO with Brylaine Travel, Boston, Lincs.

Dublin Olympian 96-D-308 now P426SWC with Hopley's Coaches, Truro.

Dublin Olympians 96-D-321/314/319 now P368/384/411SWC with Warrington Transport.

Volvo B10B M647YLV: Mullaney's Coaches, Watford.

Volvo B10B P511UUG: J Docherty and Sons, Auchterarder, Perth.

Volvo B10B P513UUG: D and G Coach and Bus, Stoke-on-Trent.

Darts R703/6/11YWC: Pennine Motor Services, Skipton.

Dart S521KFL: Galleon Travel, Herts.

Scania's NIL2457/8: Rooney International, Hilltown, Co Down, N Ireland.

Solo T458BCN: Star Travel, Ayelsbury.

Moseley (South West)

A recent visit to the yard produced the following vehicles in stock

FIL3960 Volvo B10M / Van Hool Alizee T8 C53F ex Filers Travel

LIL 8556 Dennis Javelin / Berkhof Excellence 1000 C41F ex Eagleline

NBZ 1360 / H622FUT Bova 12.290 Futura C55F ex Barnes (Aldbourne)

RLZ 1671 Bova FHD 12.330L Futura C51F ex Dartline Coaches

SIL 4469 Bova Futura C49F ex Sureline

VIB 6175 Bova FHD 12.340 Futura C49F ex Victoria Coaches

WIB 137 Scania K124 ' Tri Axle Irizar Century C51FT ex Blakes Coaches

YBZ 9558 EOS 90 Integral C51F ex Arleen

C384 KGG Scania K112 / Jonckherre P95 Double Deck ex Darley Ford Travel

G25 YRY Bova FHD 12.290 Futura C57F ex Poynters Coaches

G715 TTY Kassbohrer Setra S215HR C49FT ex Forward Travel

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Oxford Bus Museum	5 th Oct - <i>Open day</i>
Routemaster Owners Club	5 th Oct - <i>Rally & Running day</i>
Amersham & District Motorbus Society	5 th Oct - <i>Bus running day</i>
Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre	11/12 th Oct - <i>End of Season Diesel Gala</i>
Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust	12 th Oct - <i>Open day</i>
BaMMot	12 th Oct - <i>Midland Red Day</i>
South Yorkshire Transport Museum	12 th Oct - <i>Open day</i>

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

Event Reports

West Somerset Steam Fayre, Norton Fitzwarren, 2nd August 2008 – M.P. & S.J.

Noted - 3 x Fire Engines, 2 x Police Cars, 8 x Steam Traction Engines & Railway wagons

Buses giving rides between Taunton, Bishops Lydeard and Rally Site

572 CNW Daimler D/D Leeds City 574, **BAS 563** Bristol D/D Southern Vectis 501

DPV 65D AEC D/D Ipswich 65, **EVD 406** Crossley D/D Woods (Mirfield)

HJA 965E Leyland D/D Stockport 65, **JG 9938** Leyland S/D East Kent

Noted static in Taunton near bus station.

ACH 441 AEC S/D Burtons (Alfreton)

Outside Quantock Depot

(Preserved 4x unidentified vehicles)

805 EVT AEC S/D/ Potteries SL805, **CDB 206** Bristol S/D North Western 206

CTF 625B Leyland D/D Lytham St Annes 68, **LFM 302** Leyland S/D Crosville KS 226

NNC 854P AEC S/D Yellowway

Also buses **G326 NUM** Leyland Lynx and **G813 RNC** Leyland Tiger.

2 more Steam Traction Engines on Beach Lawns, Weston Super Mare with Carters Steam Fair on way home.

Kemble Airfield, 3rd August 2008 – Mike Pinder & Steve Jenner

243 AJB AEC AERE Harwel

536 JHU Bristol Bristol 2514

675 COD Bristol Western National 603

924 AHY Bristol Bristol 2934

A954 SAE Leyland Bristol 9554

AJT 176 Bedford Vincents

BJU 13T Bedford Theobalds

DBC 190C AEC Leicester 190

EAJ 679 Bedford Howard

338 EDV Bristol Southern National 624

573 UVX Bristol Eastern Counties 350

756 KFC AEC Oxford 756

929 AHY Bristol Bristol 2939

ABO147B AEC Western Welsh 147

BHU 92C Bristol Bristol Greyhound

CLJ 413Y Bristol Bere Regis

DOD 518 Bristol Western National 333

EDV 505D Bristol Royal Blue 1423

ETL 221 Bedford Gem
EWS 753W Bristol Badgerline 5545
GHY 135K Bristol Bristol 2073
GTX 762W Bristol National Welsh MD 8027
HOT 339 Bedford Tanner
JAB 867 Bedford Valley Rambler
JJD 478D AEC London RML 2478
KEL 679 Bedford Hants & Dorset 687
KGN 433 Bedford Metropolitan Police
KPW 986 Bedford Lewis
LDV 483 Bedford Plad Valley
LNy 536D Leyland Caerphilly 6
LTA 752 Bedford Royal Blue 1413
LWS 34Y Leyland Stroud Valley 9518
MHU 193 Bedford Bristol 219
NCY 626 AEC South Wales 1032
OLG 855 Foden Foden Works Band
OVL 473 Bristol Lincolnshire 2378
PDW 484 Leyland Newport 178
PRW 137M Leyland Bristol
REU 326S Bristol Bristol 415
SWO 986 Bristol Red & White UC758
UMR 112 Daimler Swindon 112

EWS 748W Bristol Stroud Valley 5540
FFX 458 Bedford Doset C.C.
GNF 10V Leyland GMPTE
GWV 101 Bedford Leathers
HVJ 583 Leyland Wye Valley
JHW 107P Bristol Gloucester 5033
JXN 325 AEC London RT 935
KEL 94 Bedford Shamrock & Rambler
KHW 309E Bristol Cheltenham 1003
LDF 833 Bedford Bowles
LHT 911 Bristol Bristol 2388
LTA 750 Bedford Royal Blue 1411
LTA 904 Bedford Southern National 1428
LYC 731 Bedford Express Motors
MJP 59K AEC Tomlinson
OHY 938 Bristol Bath L8089
OTT 43 Bristol Royal Blue 2200
OWC 182D Bristol Tillings T 312
PNM 757M Bedford Great Ouse Valley
PWS 492S Leyland Badgerline 2098
SHL 917 AEC Brown (Caistor)
UHY 362 Bristol Bristol C8322
WHW 374H Bristol Bristol 2062

The following two are not preserved

EEU 902Y Leyland Olympian ECW H45/32F Marchants is for sale .
JDL 760 Bristol LSG6G ECW ex Southern Vectis 371 is a converted caravan

This show at Kemble Airfield is highly recommended for any enthusiast, It has Aircraft, Pedal cycles, Motor cycles, Cars, Commercial vehicles, Emergency vehicles, A good fun fair(Some steam operated) Military Vehicles ,and at this show 66 Steam Road Vehicles. All seem to move around at will giving plenty of good photographic opportunities.

The gates open at 0900, the car park is free and everyone seems to be willing to answer any question about their own preserved vehicle. Last but not least even the buses get a chance to enter into the show ring. All the proceeds are for charity which makes this an event to see even more of a bonus.

Museum Reports

Bristol Collection, Kemble, 03/08/2008 – Mike Pinder & Steve Jenner

Noted - 7 x Air connected items, 2x Fire, and only the one bus TWS 910T Bristol VRT D/D Bristol 5129 A tram body S/D is under restoration with no markings whatsoever to identify it. A nice little museum, in less the size of half an aircraft hanger, photographically OK but everything close together. Toilets and small shop - could be moving again soon as building permission granted for another museum on Filton Airfield, Would this include the buses owned by the group? We wait to see.

Out and About

21st June 2008
Vehicles sighted at Stafford:
 YN08 NXL – Alton Towers
 T551 HNH – Choice

First
 40542 40171 40383 60073 60202
Nantwich

YJ04 GYC Johnsons
 YJ57 BTX Wicksons
Vehicles in Preston Depot

OJI 4371 N429 GBV
BSG 5372 K128 UFV (training
vehicle)
30 33 34 52 61 62 66 67 70
75 90 101 102 106 107 109
110 112 113 114 123 124
125 126 127 128 130 131
132 133 135 136 137 182
183 185 187 190 198 210
212 218 229
Sighted at Bus Station
Preston Bus
38 76 78 85 194 205
Stagecoach
19036 F/W R827

Arrived LTT at 12.50

*We were met by one of the
trustees*

and given a conducted tour

Vehicles sighted:

OCK 995K Bristol VRT ECW
1972

Ribble

GRU164 V Leyland Fleetline 1980

Bournemouth

LFR 529 F Leyland Titan MCW
1968

Blackpool

GTB 903 Leyland Titan Leyland
1946

Lytham St Annes

561 TD Daimler Fleetline

Northern Counties 1962

Lancashire United

OBU 163F AHG 334F

UUF 1103 CTF 627B

C 198YBA

Vehicles in Blackpool Depot

113 114 126 127 210 213 217

219 251 275 294 323 364 404

410

516 594 858

Trams recorded at depot:-

147 604 605 717752 761 762

14Th August 2008

West Bromwich Bus Station

TWM

515 542 549 591 620 621 623

625 629 632 634 643 664 668

670 671 674 675 676 677 678

680 681 682

1449 1524 1525 1529 1530 1538

1539 1559 1580 1585 1586 1590

1613 1618 1622 1658 1705 2861

3602 3604 3604 3608 3611 3612

3614 4044 4083 4265 4266 4290

4293 4319 4586

Diamond

201 403 406 409 412 415 416

427 439 449 460 472 478 488

516 803 808 809 810

(803 to 810 are new buses for
them)

Ludlows
YJ51 EKM R76 GNW
Y283 HUA

Oldbury

TWM

1367 1525 1526 1533 1536 1538

1584 1589 1621 1658 1706 3602

4275

Diamond

422 423 481 484 487 492 803

808

19Th August 2008

West Bromwich Bus Station

(12:40 – 13:40)

TWM

501 515 519 540 542 549 580

591 593 603 620 621 622 623

624 625 626 269 630 631 632

633 634 641 643 649 664 666

667 668 669 670 671 672 673

674 675 676 677 678 680 681

682 1149 1520 1524 1525

1526 1527 1529 1530 1531 1532

1535 1537 1538 1539 1559 1560

1578 1580 1582 1584 1585 1586

1589 1590 1593 1613 1618 1622

1626 1652 1658 1705 1706 1707

1743 3601 3602 3604 3605 3606

3607 3608 3611 3612 3613 3614

4044 4049 4054 4083 4085 4087

4114 4265 4266 4274 4290 4291

4292 4293 4319 4325 4543 4545

4548 4566 4567 4568 4570 4586

4600 4606 4702

Diamond

210 402 406 407 408 409 411

412 413 414 415 417 419 422

433 435 439 446 447 459 460

464 469 472 473 476 486 488

496 511 803 804 807 809 810

KX 08HMY (This is one of 800's)

Choice

X349 AUX

Ludlows

P 863PWW Y 283HUA

19Th August 2008

Birmingham

TWM

1365 1504 1530 1536 1575 1589

1613 1620 1643 1652 1657 1668

1669 1772 1774 1780 1782 1784

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1835 1837 1838 1841 2561 2751

2842 2859 2861 3028 3040 3043

4004 4009 4018 4027 4099 4108

4113 4118 4125 4138 4147 4148

4189 4228 4230 4231 4247 4249

4262 4265 4271 4276 4302 4338

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4506 4507 4508 4511 4535 4539
4543 4557 4600 4611 4620 4625
4626 4700 4705 4707 4708 4709
4715 4718 4725 4730 4764 4769
4781 6025

Diamond

202 204 207 211 212 403 416

429 444 485 487 513 514

A.K Travel

L425 MVV

Arriva Midlands

3419 3800 3802 4204

Claribels

YJ54 CEF

Central Connect

YX 07HNP

Midland Rider

R695 HNP K860 PCN

Travel Express

R695 WAW H112 MOB G227

VWD

21St August 2008

Coventry

TWM

321 322 583 586 1541 1542 1543

1544 1547 1548 1549 1550 1551

1552 1554 1558 1564 1566 1567

1568 1569 1571 1572 1579 1591

1594 1595 1596 1598 1601 1604

1605 1606 1607 1608 1609 1612

1656 1680 1787 3036 3037 3053

3054 3064 3068 3073 3074 3118

3236 4200 4203 4204 4205 4206

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4214 4216 4217 4219 4220 4221

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4401 4402 4403 4405 4406 4407

4408 4409 4410 4411 4413 4414

4415 4418 4419 4420 4423 4426

4427 4626 4628 4687 4688 4690

4691 4692 4693 4694 4696 6001

6002 6004 6005 6007 6008 6011

6012 6013 6014 6015 6016 6017

6018 6019 6020

Travel DeCoursey

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558 559 562 564 565 566 569

630 684

ROX663Y

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Stagecoach Warwickshire

16072 20223 31323 21325 31332

33185 34492 34493 34494 34495

34625 34627 34627 34628 34642

34644 35179 35180 35181 35183

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39683 39685 39686 39689 39692

39693

National Express

FJ56 PBX YN56 NDX

YR52 VFC

A-Line Travel

L838 CDG

A few days on the Isle of Man

A few days away with the family and their coming up with the ludicrous notion that they were going to do the whole place by bike gave me just the excuse I needed to get away and explore the Isle of Man's unique public transport system.

There are several ticket options for doing this, with price varying with the number of days chosen. I opted for the 3-day version, which proved more than enough time. This gave me, for £26, unlimited travel on Isle of Man Transport buses, the Douglas - Port Erin steam railway, the Douglas Promenade horse-drawn tram, and Manx Electric Railway from Douglas to Laxey and Ramsey (with a branch from Laxey to the summit of the Snaefell mountain). These tickets may be bought at information offices such as at the ferry terminal, at Douglas train station, but not on buses themselves.

Apart from a couple of other minor railways, this is just about all the public transport available. The local branch of Protours is the one coach company of significance. There are also quite a few minibuses about of the non-PSV variety, plus a few visiting coaches from the mainland. Isle of Man Transport maintain a modern bus fleet composed largely of double deckers of types DAF-VDL 250LF/EL Myllenum Lowlander, Trident/EL Myllenum Lolyne, DAF/ 250LF/Optare and Leyland Olympian (these seemingly largely reserved for schools work). The few single deckers are Dart/Marshall plus one Dart/E Lancs. There are also a number of preserved older vehicles. Vehicles are in a red/yellow livery reminiscent of the carmine and cream coaches of early BR days. They are kept very clean but their appearance takes a bit of getting used to, being entirely without external advertising. In common with my native Warrington, drivers were generally very friendly and helpful.

The company is based on 4 centres in Douglas, Ramsey, Port Erin and Peel. In Douglas all services appear to operate from just 5 stands in Lord Street and two nearby on the Promenade - all very close to the ferry terminal. These are OK for the spotter, although I found the ever present queueing traffic made photos problematic in these areas.

Company HQ is about half a mile away behind the steam railway station, and drivers park their vehicles here during breaks too. There are fairish views and photo shots of the yard through the fence. Several more vehicles can be identified from the station platform - notably the school bus Olympians which did not move during my stay - and more still from departing/arriving trains. But the long, thin nature of the site with no obvious rear entrance/obvious viewing point means you are not going to get vehicles garaged/under maintenance from outside - including the preserved vehicles. 'School run' departure/arrival would be particularly handy times to be here for the photographer, although general comings and goings are fairly constant.

The 'depot' at Port Erin seems to be a yard adjacent to the station with all easily viewable from outside. Turn right outside the station and there is a yard for coaches behind the Shell station. All services seem to use a single stop that is signposted from the station.

Ramsey has a shed capable of holding one or maybe two vehicles at the bus station where all local service appear to call - and a largish yard behind that is good for pictures from the public road. I know from photos that Peel has garage building holding about four buses, but did not try to find this. Services here all appear to stop outside the town hall.

In my three days, I logged all but 7 of the 85 or so company vehicles using my ticket around the island. I would guess that, even if you chose not to travel around, you would see most of these in similar time by staying in Douglas. I would not recommend this though as the scenery is awesome and some of the experiences travelling the local roads in large double-deck vehicles sure gets the adrenalin going. Those into aircraft, would also miss the chance to log easily everything on the apron at Ronaldsway airport whilst passing on the top deck!

Apart from the small yard at Port Erin, most visiting coaches I found parked on the promenade at Douglas. Ferry arrivals were also an obvious time to catch these when spotting at the nearby Douglas bus stands.

Protours coaches - there are about 30 in total - and the many minibuses were seen just around and about all over the island. The Protours OC appears to be at Summerhill, Douglas although I did not look for this or even manage to find it on the map.

For those interested, the local enthusiasts' group has a website at www.mers.org.im. - includes fleetlists. Anyone with any question, just contact me direct on lizandtony_2000@yahoo.com.

Exeter Universities Open day

Plymouth City WA 03 MGJ
Turners Bristol NT 05 CJT, MT 05 CJT, FT 04 CJT,
South West Wincanton ANZ 4373, ECZ 4634 MD 53 VOC
Hamilton Mid Devon MIL 5993, MIL 6685, NSU 205, TSU 609, WIL 3621, YJI 8594 K926 TTA,
M305 BAV, M373 CRL, P 2 POW, T908 LKE W341 MKY
Hookways 1434 HP, 3785 HP, 5351 HP, RIL 1578, RJI 5702
Stones Bath L18 RMS YN 06 TBV.
North Dorset W 4 FTG, SF 03 ACJ

Alton Incident C18.99 18th August 2008 (Cassandra Sweeting)

This is the accident that was always going to happen, the only good thing to come out of this is that it's a MIRACLE there were not many more fatalities. Had it happened further up the hill, where the drop into the valley is greater there would have been fewer survivors. I question the wisdom of sending a double decker coach, with a high centre of gravity, a vehicle built for high speed cruising on a motorway, along this viciously twisting/steep hill/narrow route.

The accident happened during heavy rain at the bottom of a narrow, steep hill descending from Alton Towers (Farley gate) into Alton Village. Ironically, it happened close to the intact Alton Station (c1. 7/11/1960). The road B5032 Cheadle – Rochester Road was not built for 21st traffic. The road remaining closed today (19.08.08) for recovery work which closes the South/East access to the park, plus First Potteries 32AWanley – Uttoxeter will be diverted.

Residents of Alton Village report damaged walls/houses, and gridlock in the summer. The common opinion prior to this incident was 'someone's going to be killed on this road' well now its happened. The problem is that in a steep valley, a place of outstanding natural beauty there is no where for a relief road to go except the former trackbed.

First Potteries used to use double deckers via Cheadle to the pleasure park down an equally notoriously steep hill through Oakamoor – the problem is that Alton Towers popularity has out stripped the capacity of the roads to handle such a large volume of large vehicles. In high summer I've witnessed two continuous streams of coaches thru the narrow streets in Leek, ct 20 coaches , cars, stone lorries, large 38 tonners all competing for road space on the A53/A523, (the latter has a disproportional amount of large trucks including many continental registered. The current view in Leek is that someone's going to be killed here! Sounds familiar.....

Well, a reopened steam railway would have moved the crowds far safely; it's a tragedy that Alton Towers became popular nationally long after the railway closed. Currently the Churnet Valley Railway looks towards Oakamoor a few miles short of Alton. The problem is the access via Stoke (a nature forest, ruined track formation) but a coach/park and ride at Leek would succeed if coaches/HGV's were banned in the towns locality. Without such a ban this tragedy will happen again

It's very pleasant to sit in Leek observing coaches en route to Alton, the look of expressions on the faces of the kids who've been told 'we are 20 minutes away! The excitement etched on their faces,

I wave to them and get 50 waves in return. The kids on coaches were often on an early start have travelled c. 150 miles – you can hear a mass chorus of “are we there yet?” to be told nearly there, we’ll be there at 10.55 then they see the large clock on The Monument (war memorial) reading 10.30 and their faces suddenly brighten. On their return the passengers are worn out, soundly asleep and still its miles to go

Bridge strengthening on the A523 just north of Ruston Spencer has brought problems to Longnor - based ‘Bus company Clowes Coaches who operate service 108 Macclesfield – Leek – Ashbourne using Mercedes 709s. The route with advertise connections (Arriva to Stockport and Trent to Derby) has been diverted along a narrow, twisting, street lanes shared with 38 tonners artics to Congleton where Clowes connects with Arriva Crewe to Macclesfield service. A problem is that our free passes are valid on this first service departing leek at 0810 as far as Macclesfield valid on the diverted route to Congleton but not on the pre 0930 bus to Macclesfield (stop whinging - Ed)

Under the bridge they found a Time Capsule inside was the message ‘Cassandra’s Great –Great Granny woz here before Pinder, so there

Fleet Look

Dons of Dunmow

The company was set up in 1949 by Don Hale operating motor coaches from a base at the Malting where the company remained, before moving to its current premises at Parsonage Downs. One of the older coaches operated a 1957 Yates Europa NKY can still be seen attending rallies.



Thanks go to Tristan Noble who supplied the information to Barry Harper for inclusion in the magazine

Regsitration	Make	Seating
<i>Executive Coaches</i>		
SF05YKK	Bova Futura	55
YJ05KWP	Bova Futura	53
HX54UGN	MAN Neoplan Euroliner	49
AE04FUV	MAN Ayats Bravo	37
YR02UOG	Mercedes Neoplan Euroliner	49
DUI672	Dennis Neoplan Transliner	49
TXI8765	Dennis Jonckherre	35
<i>Other Coaches</i>		
M707HBC	Dennis Marcopolo	69
P99TCC	Dennis Plaxton Premiere	53
P432JDT	Dennis Plaxton Premiere	57
NIW4122	Dennis Duple	57
M9KFC	Toyota Caetano Optimo	21
<i>Double Deckers</i>		
BIG8726	Leyland Olympian	102
DHG211W	Leyland Atlantean	88
A482HBK	Leyland Atlantean	88

The Gallery

To go with the report from Tony Allen on his recent visit to the Isle of Man here are just a few of the pictures he took for others check out the Group fopic site at www.gb-bg.fopic.net



A line up of the different types of double decks that IOMT use at a damp Ramsey



Iveco minibus EMN-2-L of Protours, the only other significant operator on the Island.



Seen here on Lord Street in Douglas is Dennis Dart SLF /Marshall No 37 (DMN-37-R)



This very tidy Duple 320 MAN-505-F is operated by Premier Instruction



Resting at Douglas depot is No7 (GMN-71-E) a DAF250LF / East Lancs Lowlander



Several Mainland can usually be seen on tours here is YN57 OAU a Mercedes 616CDi / Unvi of Yorkshire Rose.

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