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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Welcome to the last magazine of the year, another year having flown by. Last months plea for information certainly didn't go unheeded and we have been overwhelmed with information this month, I would like to thank each and every one of you that have taken the trouble to send in information. Please be rest assured that it is all of use, even if it doesn't all appear in print, each extra piece helps with the jigsaw.

Juts remains to pass on the compliments of the season from all of us here at the group and hope you enjoy yourselves.

Group News

Committee

We shall be strengthening the committee over the coming couple of months, as we take the group forward to give you even better value for your membership.

I am stepping down as Chairman, to concentrate on editing the magazine, to make it even better. We shall let you know who will be taking over on a temporary measure until the AGM next month.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will once again be held at the Aston Manor Transport Museum at 12.00 on February 14th 2009. Further details next month.

We were looking at visiting a few depots afterwards, but as only a single member has expressed an interest it has been decided not to press forward with the idea.

Bus Data File Compilers

Three more of our members have joined the bus publications team. They are Mike Pinder who takes on the Preserved; Lee Wardle will look after the Scottish and John Donner takes on the Welsh. So welcome to the publications team gents If any other members are interested in getting involved with compiling - please contact Maurice Brown

Visits

Anthony Walton, who reports on garage visits for the magazine, has raised the question of visits by the group to bus operators in the midlands. As we have a large number of members in the West Midlands area – would anyone be interested?

The same applies to other parts of the country, depending on where a visit was arranged for; pick up arrangements could probably be made. If you are interested and want to get involved with arranging a visit, would you please contact Maurice Brown - address on page 2

Anthony has agreed to take on the role as Visits Coordinator

Website

Mark has now re designed the website and it is back up and running, with a much more fresher look, look out for extra features being added over the coming months, as Mark gets to grips.

UK Transport Group:

Although only in it's infancy, the creation of UK Transport Group has been a success and has already attracted 75 members to joint membership of the two constituent bodies, ICRS and GBBG. The following membership renewal from M Smedley of Derby neatly sums up the advantages of the new group.

"I would like to renew my ICRS membership for another wonderful year's enjoyment and also, now join the GB - Bus Group to cater for my bus needs. Both organisations along with HB Publications cater for the needs of today's transport enthusiast, at value for money prices. "

Watch this space over the coming months as far as developments are concerned in providing more benefits for members."

Magazine

The deadline for the January magazine is Wednesday December 31st 2008.

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 warm welcome to:

V. Arnold (Nottinghamshire), Brian Holmes (Surrey), William Jones (Stroud), Nigel King (Cambridge), David Miller (Halifax), Geoff Moseley (Gloucester), Michael Smedley (Derbyshire), James Thorton (London) and Lee Wardle (Newcastle)

Contributions

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News from the Industry

Stockport (Gtr Manchester) now has a Town centre Shuttle service, numbered 300 operated by SK Solutions using a Plaxton Primo KX07KNZ and a pair of Optare Solos MX03EHC/D.

Bolton Council has also introduced a free City centre shuttle operating every ten minutes linking the bus station and railway station with various shops and offices, operated by Bluebird using a pair of Enviro 200s

Optare have announced that it is to supply 53 new buses to Arriva in the Midlands, North West, Wales and Yorkshire during February to April 2009. 30 9.5m Solos will be supplied to Wales including 17 Slim Line versions, Ten Versas will go to Midlands, following the successful trail of one. Making up the rest of the order are 13 Tempos for Castleford, which will be fitted with guide wheel to allow operation along the Leeds guided busway.

Arriva in addition to the new deliveries expected from Optare, Alexander Dennis will supply 117 Enviro 200s, 30 Enviro 300s and 43 Enviro 400s to the company next year. 268 buses, the majority of which are to be Pulsar 2s have also been ordered from Wrightbus.

Halesowen now has a new £3.5million bus station, built as a joint partnership between Dudley Council and Centro.

Quantock motor Services will be operating a Christmas Shoppers service into Taunton from the Deane Gate Park & Ride site. Several vintage buses will be used including a former Rossendale PD2. The service will run daily until December 20th and is being funded by Taunton Deane Borough, and Somerset Councils

Latest Orders:

Big Bus Company	10 Volvo B9TL / Optare Visionaire
Isle Of Man Transport	11 Volvo B9TL / Wrightbus Gemini
Metrobus	30 Scania / Optare Olympus, 16 Scania Omnicity due for April 2009
Transdev (Blazefield)	19 Volvo B7RLE / Wright
Travel London	57 Trident 2 / Enviro 400 due for April 2009
Trent Barton	14 Wrightbus
Warrington	12 Volvo B7RLE / Wright

London Tender News

Starting June 27th 2009

8/N8 Bow - Oxford Circus (Curtailed from Victoria)

Retained by East London (BW) with existing double decks pvr reduced by 7 to 27

Starting July 18th 2009

86/N86

Retained by East London with existing double decks pvr remains 28

Starting August 29th 2009

205/N205 Paddington - Mile End (extended to Bow Garage)

Awarded to East London with new double decks pvr increased to 25

West Midlands Service News

Service 8 - Warstones Green Bus are changing the route in Essington with as light timetable change from December 28th

Service 9 - Warstones Green Bus will operate this service between Cheslyn Hay and Wolverhampton only from December 28th operating every 30 minutes during the day.

Service 16 - Redwing Contracts will only operate two journeys in peak time from December 14th

Service 17 - Central Logistics are reducing the frequency of this and the 79 service from December 14th

Service 87 - operated by Midland Rider is curtailed to operate between Birmingham and Spon End, Smethwick only. Timetable amendments have also been made as a result

Service 79 - Operated by Scorpio Travel is withdrawn from December 7th

Service 97 - Redwing Contracts will reduce the frequency from December 14th

Service 123 - Central Connect will add additional running time to the schedule from November 30th
 Service 224 - Choice Travel will run along Farrington Rd instead of Grosvenor Rd from November 30th
 Service 335 - The Midland Bus Company will operate against TWM operating every 30 minutes M-S
 Service 414 - TWM will cease to serve Morrisons, terminating at Wallows Lane
 Service 737 - De Courcey service will end at 2000 and withdraw the Sunday service from November 2nd
 Service X73 – Central Connect have re-instated this service on contract to Staffordshire CC

Fleet News

Arriva

Easybus: The depot serving Gatwick has moved to The Gatwick Business Park at Hookwood.
Burton (Haverhill): New to the fleet is VDL SB4000/Van Hool C51FT YJ57BOU. Another addition is Optare Excel N204LCK

North East: Scania L113 / East Lancs 288 (N288NCN) is now at Bishop Auckland, while Optare Vectas 1549/51 (L549/51GHN) have moved from there to Stockton. Optare Metroriders 892/7 (P892XCU, P56XTN) are now withdrawn at Redcar and that Dennis Dart / Plaxton 1697 (M197YKA) has moved to Jesmond via Ashington. Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 7377 (M377FTY) has gained an overall advert for Nokia and Scania L113 / East Lancs 282 (N282NCN) is a second one repainted and on the X1 for Durham. Optare Metrorider 2724 (R724MHN) is now at Alnwick, while 2722 (R722MHN) is now stored at Peterlee. Vehicles removed from Redcar depot (largely by Trevor Wigley) are Optare Metroriders 887-9/92/3/7/901, 2630/6/7/45, 2720/1 (N887RTN, N192RVK, N889RTN, P892/3XCU, P56/61XTN, P630/6/7/45FHN, R720/1MHN) and DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4087 (J414NCP).

The ten vehicles transferred from Loftus to Redcar with the transfer of services X3/X4, comprising Optare Prisma 3003/6-8/14/6 (M303SAJ, N806-8XHN, N514/6XVN) and Optare Vectas 1524/8/34/6 (L524/8/34/6FHN). Prisma 3002 (M302SAJ) is at Loftus from Durham. Blyth now have DAF SB220GS / Ikarus 4075 (T75AUA) in use after repaint. Three further red Scania N113 / East Lancs have arrived at Jesmond from the Midlands, these being N160/3/4VVO. Optare Metrorider 2643 (P643FHN) is now stored at Bishop Auckland sister 921 (R921JNL) is stored at Hexham. DAF SB220GS / Plaxton 4056 (S356KHN) is out of use with minor fire damage.

London: Six Volvo B5L / Wright Gemini Hybrids are due shortly for use on route 141. Five of the new Integral Wright double decks are also to be evaluated. Just a couple of movements to note DLA142 WN - TC: and DLP66, 69 AD – WN. T7 has been re registered from LJ08CVY to 7CLT

North West:

(Liverpool) The batch of VDL SB200 / Wright Pulsars noted at Bolton up to press usually to be found on the 575 service to Wigan via Horwich

2676	CX58EUU	2680	CX58UEZ	2683	CX58EVD	2686	CX58EVH
2677	CX58EUV	2681	CX58EVB	2684	CX58EVF	2687	CX58EVJ
2678	CX58EUW	2682	CX58EVC	2685	CX58EVG	2688	CX58EVK
2679	CX58EUY						

Manchester) Now in service from Manchester depot are a batch of ADL Enviro 300 B45F, for use primarily on route 263 between Manchester and Altrincham.

2740	CX58EVL	2743	CX58EVR	2746	CX58EVV	2748	CX58EVY
2741	CX58EVN	2744	CX58EVT	2747	CX58EVW	2749	CX58EWA
2742	CX58EVP	2745	CX58EVU				

(Merseyside) The latest two batches batch of VDL200CS / Wright Pulsars are now at St Helens and Green Lane arriving during October and November have been

2689	CX58 EVL	2692	CX58 EWD	2695	CX58 EWH	2698	CX58 EWL
2690	CX58 EWB	2693	CX58 EWF	2696	CX58 EWJ	2699	CX58 EWM
2691	CX58 EWC	2694	CX58 EWG	2697	CX58 EWK	2700	CX58 EWN

2900	CX58EWO	2903	CX58EWS	2906	CX58EWV	2909	CX58CWZ
2901	CX58EWP	2904	CX58EWT	2907	CX58EWW	2910	CX58EXA
2902	CX58EWR	2905	CX58EWU	2908	CX58EWY		

Quite a few Dennis Darts have been sold to Hardwicks at Barnsley 7203, 7206, 7209, 7222, 7228, 7242. Whilst sold to the Stafford Bus Centre have been 1142, 1790, 1792, 1793 and 1794

Scotland West: Just into service have been new Scania K230UB4 / Omnilinks for service 23 Erskine-Glasgow.

4665	YR58SUH	4667	YR58SUU	4669	YR58SUX	4670	YR58SUY
4666	YR58SUO	4668	YR58SUV				

A couple of arrivals from elsewhere in the group are 7268, 7269 Scania East Lancs ex Midlands North and 7304 (F575SMG) a Leyland Olympian Alexander ex Southend Transferred from Arriva Midlands M832SDA (4192) Scania N113 East Lancs - renumbered to 7268 Metrorider N804BKN in new livery Glasgow Airport – used as a rest bus

The Shires: A few different batches of vehicles have been added during the last month first we have Mercedes-Benz Ciatro B42Fs at Aylesbury for use on the 300 service to High Wycombe

3919	BK58URM	3921	BK58URO	3923	BK58URR	3924	BK58URS
3920	BK58URN	3922	BK58URP				

Also at Aylesbury are the firsts ADL Trident / Enviro 400 H51/29F for the 280 route to Oxford 5434 (SN58EOF), 5435 (SN58EOH) and 5436 (SN58EOJ)

Similar are arriving at Hemel Hempstead for route 6 a couple have had to be returned to ADL

5452	SN58ENX	5454	SN08EOA	5456	SN58EOC	5458	SN58EOE
5453	SN58ENY	5455	SN58EOB	5457	SN58EOD		

Wales: The company will once again stand alone being split from North West, with head Office sited at Llandudno Jnc. Michael Morton, formerly MD at Fylde and Blackburn Transport has been appointed as MD. Optare Solos are on order, with 17 for Bangor, 5 for Llandudno Jnc, 5 for Wrexham and 3 for Aberystwyth.

First Group

Bristol; Apologies are due as I thought I had mentioned the new Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse GeminiH45/29F that have been delivered over the last few weeks, but I hadn't so here they are

37587	WX58JWU	37599	WX58JXH	37611	WX58JXV	37622	WX58JYH
37588	WX58JWV	37600	WX58JXJ	37612	WX58JXW	37623	WX58JYJ
37589	WX58JWW	37601	WX58JXK	37613	WX58JXY	37624	WX58JYK
37590	WX58JWY	37602	WX58JXL	37614	WX58JXZ	37625	WX58JYL
37591	WX58JWZ	37603	WX58JXM	37615	WX58JYA	37626	WX58JYN
37592	WX58JXA	37604	WX58JXN	37616	WX58JYB	37627	WX58JYO
37593	WX58JXB	37605	WX58JXO	37617	WX58JYC	37628	WX58JYP
37594	WX58JXC	37606	WX58JXP	37618	WX58JYD	37629	WX58JYR
37595	WX58JXD	37607	WX58JXR	37619	WX58JYE	37630	WX58JYS
37596	WX58JXE	37608	WX58JXS	37620	WX58JYF	37631	WX58JYT
37597	WX58JXF	37609	WX58JXT	37621	WX58JYG	37632	WX58JYU
37598	WX58JXG	37610	WX58JXU				

37587-37602 are at Hengrove for use on routes 76 and 77, whilst the rest have been allocated to Lawrence Hill for routes 1 and 54. The last few just filtering in through Fleetwood Docks on delivery at the end of November

Following the arrival of these new buses, quite a bit of movement has occurred, 32001-3, 32006, 32007 to Marlborough St (MH): 34137, 34138 to Cornwall: 34139, 34140 to MH; 34134, 34141 to Glasgow:, 34142, 34144, 34145 to Bradford; 60947, 60949, 60950, 60952 to MH; whilst scrapped has been 60982

Devon & Cornwall: Now here from Manchester are Volvo B7s 69218 (MX56AEG), 69220 (MX56AEJ), 69222 (MX56AEM), 69224 (MX56AEO) and 69225 (MX56AEP), currently plying their trade on the Penzance – Truro route. More of the batch should arrive in due course

Eastern Counties: The missing few Volvo B9/Wright on the Excel are 37570 (AU58ECT), 37572 (AU58ECW) and not as already noted, 37574 (AU58ECY), 37575 (AU58ECZ), 37576 (AU58EDC), 37577 (AU58EDF) and 37578 (AU58ECJ).

Now at Lowestoft are Volvo Olympians, transferred from Bristol 34108 (W435CWX), 34109 (W436CWX), 34110 (W437CWX), 34111 (W431CWX), 34112 (W432CWX), 34113 (W433CWX) and 34114 (W434CWX).

Edinburgh: transferred into Bannochburn has been 34151

Glasgow: In Larkfield, Alexander Volvo B10M's 60512, 60477, 60504 also 34202/5 Ex South Yorkshire are 66770/1, YJ05 VVN/O, the usual B7RLE/ Wrights mixture. Both are currently being prepared for service and have been allocated to Blantyre.

Coaches on loan; YN04PTL (DR2) Volvo B12B Plaxton, KV03ZGA (DR4) Volvo 12B Transbus, KV03ZGB (DR7) Volvo B12B Transbus, KP51UEZ (DR5) Volvo B10M Plaxton, KX53SJV (DR8) Volvo B12B Transbus

Leicester: Leyland Lynxes 62733, 62749, 66309 and 66310 have been placed in to the reserve fleet and are unlikely to see further use

London: The 22 10.2m Enviro200Darts B29Ds for route 245 have now been delivered to Alperton;

DML44022	YX58DUA	DML44030	YX58DWD	DML44037	YX58DWN
DML44023	YX58DUH	DML44031	YX58DWE	DML44038	YX58DWO
DML44024	YX58DUJ	DML44032	YX58DWF	DML44039	YX58DWP
DML44025	YX58DUU	DML44033	YX58DWG	DML44040	YX58DWU
DML44026	YX58DVY	DML44034	YX58DWJ	DML44041	YX58DWV
DML44027	YX58DVZ	DML44035	YX58DWL	DML44042	YX58DWY
DML44028	YX58DWA	DML44036	YX58DWM	DML44043	YX58DWZ
DML44029	YX58DWC				

Also new are the remaining Trident 2 / ADL Enviro 400s currently on order DN33542 (SN58CFG) is the last at Nothumberland Park, with the remaining number allocated to Dagenham.

DN33543	SN58CFJ	DN33551	SN58CFX	DN33559	SN58CGU	DN33567	SN58CHG
DN33544	SN58CFK	DN33552	SN58CFY	DN33560	SN58CGV	DN33568	SN58CHH
DN33545	SN58CFL	DN33553	SN58CFZ	DN33561	SN58CGX	DN33669	SN58CHJ
DN33546	SN58CFM	DN33554	SN58CGE	DN33562	SN58CGY	DN33570	SN58CHK
DN33547	SN58CFO	DN33555	SN58CGF	DN33563	SN58CGZ	DN33571	SN58CHL
DN33548	SN58CFP	DN33556	SN58CGG	DN33564	SN58CHC	DN33572	SN58CHO
DN33549	SN58CFU	DN33557	SN58CGK	DN33565	SN58CHD	DN33573	SN58ENR
DN33550	SN58CFV	DN33558	SN58CGO	DN33566	SN58CHF	DN33574	SN58ENT

Early Trident 32884 has been repainted into Barbie colours and moved to Eastern Counties. Whilst Darts DM41302, 41304 and 41306 have gone to Glasgow. Movements have been TN32809 G-H: TNL32928 H-DM: TN33047, 33061, 33062, 33066 DM-NP:, TN33232 X-DM: DM41264 DM-H: DM41286 ON-H DML44024, 44026 are now trainers at Alperton

Manchester: More new VolvoB9TL/Wrights up to 37431 at Bolton with the others at Oldham

37426	MX58DYW	37432	MX58DZE	37437	MX58DZK	37442	MX58DZR
37427	MX58DYY	37433	MX58DZF	37438	MX58DZL	37443	MX58DZS
37428	MX58DZA	37434	MX58DZG	37439	MX58DZN	37444	MX58DZT
37429	MX58DZB	37435	MX58DZH	37440	MX58DZO	37445	MX58DZU
37430	MX58DZC	37436	MX58DZJ	37441	MX58DZP	37446	MX58DZV
37431	MX58DZD						

Volvo B7RLEs 69171-69176 have moved across to Oldham from Bolton. 40194 and 62145 have been scrapped, being removed to PVS on November 14th. 60304, 60305, 60310, 60312 and 60313 have been reactivated at Queens Rd, after store. Withdrawn has been 60418. 69182 is the first of several to head to Glasgow, allocated to Balntyre.

Midlands: Now at Derby are MPD 2249 (W249SNR) and Olympians 4607 (P607CAY) 4611 (P611CAY). Volvo Citibuses sold to Ensign are: Marshall: 4335 (B135 GAU), Northern Counties: 4344 (C144 NRR), 4348 (C148 NRR), 4349 (E149 BTO), 4352 (E152 BTO), 4353 (E153 BTO) and East Lancs: 4322 (H653 GPF), 4325 (H659 GPF), 4327 (H664 GPF), 4329 (H671 GPF), 4333 (H682 GPF), 4334 (H684 GPF), 4389 (H649 GPF), 4391 (H656 GPF), and 4393 (H658 GPF).

Somerset & Avon: Taunton has been the recipient of five ADL Enviro200Darts B28F

45111 YX58FRJ 45113 YX58FRL 45114 YX58FRN 45115 YX58FRP
45112 YX58FRK

They are to be used on routes 1 and 1A and should be joined by 50466 (SJ03DPF) and 50467 (SJ03DPY being transferred down from Glasgow.

With newer buses transferred into Marlborough St 61015, 67124, 67125 and 67127 have been sold for scrap. 34153, 34155, 34156, 34157 and 34160 have been withdrawn for onward movement to Glasgow. 51684 and 51686 have been withdrawn from Taunton for scrap. Volvo B7s 32282-32290 have arrived at Bath from First Bristol at Hengrove, where they have been replaced by the new Volvo B9s allowing in turn for Volvo Olympians 34108-34114 to move from Bath to Eastern Counties.

Wales: The following eight Volvo B7/Wrights have arrived here from Manchester.

69231 MX56AEZ 69233 MX56AFE 69235 MX56AFJ 69237 MX56AFN
69232 MX56AFA 69234 MX56AFF 69236 MX56AFK 69238 MX56AFO

They are to be based at Port for use on the X2 Porthcawl to Cardiff service replacing 42685-42692 which are due to transfer to Llanelli. Olympians 34161 and 34163 have been transferred from Bristol to be based at Pontadawe.

West Yorkshire:

(Bradford): Noted at Bowling Back Lane recently were former First Bristol Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 34142 (L642SEU), 34144 (L644SEU) and 34145 (L645SEU).

Go Ahead Group

Brighton & Hove: Scania P861VFG has been sold to De Courcey Travel. Also sold has been coach T504RPN unsure whom to as yet though

London: Tridents PDL1-5 are now back at Stockwell after quite a spell at Blue Trainge. Loaned Tridents TN32958-963 and 33233 have now been returned to First.

Metrobus: The three MAN 14.240 / Enviro 200s have finally arrived at Croydon for use on route T32 706 (YX58DXB), 707 (YX58DXC) and 708 (YX58DXD). Also new are two new Polish built Scania OmniCity double deck H41/22D have been delivered 955 (YR55SNY) and 956 (YR58SNZ) allocated to route 405. Also arriving have been five Mercedes-Benz Citaros hired from Epsom Coaches, for use on the X26 Croydon – Heathrow service that has been increased to run every 30 minutes 501 (BU53AWW), 502 (BU53AWX), 503 (BU53AWY), 504 (BU53AWZ) and 505 (BU53AXA).

North East: A vast number of fleet movements over the last few weeks have been 487 (V187ERG) to Washington: 488 (V188ERG), 489 (V189ERG) to C-L-St: 491 (V191ERG), 496-499 (V196-9ERG), 500 (V820ERG) to Deptford: 613 (NM02DNU), 615 (VU52UEE), 617 (MX53FEF) to Stanley: 3811 (S811FVK), 3812 (S812FVK), 3813 (S813FVK) to Ashington: 3824 (S824OFT), 3825 (S825OFT) to Percy Main: 3831 (S831OFT) to Washington: 3896 (R524LGH), 3897 (R255LGH) to Gateshead: 3932 (R391LGH) to Deptford: 3952 (H550PVW), 3955 (G528VBB) to Stanley: 3953 (G522VBB), 3956 (G529VBB), 3960 (G546VBB), 3961 (G545VBB) to C-L-St: 4823-4825 (P323-5AFT) to Winlaton: 4865, 4867, 4868 (S865/7/8ONL) to Ashington: 4896-98 (V986-8ETN), 4911 (W411SCU) 4912 (X912WGR) to Stanley: 4922 (X922WRG) to Gateshead: 4923 (X923WGR) to Percy Main: 4941 (NK51OLC) to Washington: 4970 (NK53UMW) to Deptford: 5264 (NK56KJZ) to Percy Main: 8212 (V212ERG), 8213 (V213ERG) to C-L-St: 8214 (V214ERG), 8215 (V215ERG) to Deptford: 8216 (V216ERG), 8217 (V217ERG) to Winlaton: 8282 (T429LGP), 8283 (T430LGP), 8284 (V424KGF), 8289 (Y558KUX) 8290 (S726KNV), 8291 (S783RNE), 8292 (T438EBD) to C-L St:

Withdrawn have been Dennis Dart SLF/Marshall 575, 576, 579-582: Optare Delta 4759, 4889-4891 and Optare Sigma 4779. The following buses have been sold out of the fleet Optare Delta 4752 (G752UCU), Leyland Tiger / East Lancs 4994 (C141SPB), Leyland Lynx II 4995 (J652UHN) and Optare Solos 449/52/63/5 (S249/52KNL, T463/5BCN).

National Express Group

National Express Operations: The Internal services at Stansted Airport were taken over from the beginning of November, with the following vehicles noted initially, are new Enviro 200 KX58GUJ, SA23 (KX58GUK) and KX58GUO from Meteor, Citaro Bendis B7 (BU53AXN), B8 (BU53AXO), B9 (BU53AXP), B10 (BU53AXR), B11 (BU53AXT), the latter carrying SA12 its new NE fleet number. A former Hotel Hoppa Volvo B6LE NEST05 (P248AAP), from APCOA are Scania L94UB / Wright NEST10 (T362JWA), NEST12 (T746JHE), NEST13 (T743JHE). A pair of hired Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointers DD62 (KW02CXG) and DD63 (KP51SXY). Lastly is a Volvo B7L / Wright B26D Y185HNN. Obviously many more are operated and details will appear when I have them.

Travel West Midlands: The following changes took place during October; 119 sold: 287 reinstated at CV: 301 transferred to Dundee: 2550 YW-WA: 2558, 2605 sold for scrap: 2672 sold for further use: 2746 YW-withdrawn: 2783 sold for further use: 2784, 2795, 2908 sold for scrap: 2926 WA-withdrawn: 3056 YW-withdrawn: 4227 BC-WB: 4264 BC-WB: 7257 (L55SAS), 7301 (L44SAS) to training: 9928 reinstated as trainer: 9942, 9948 to training.

in addition, but not showing on the company fleetlist 236/239/241 (P236/39/41AAP) have arrived for storage from National Express.

I know some of you like to keep tabs so here are the latest buses now in the new livery, by garage
AG 1405/4533/4635/4636/4637/4643/4644/4645/4646/4651/4657/4663/4665/4666/4667/4673/
4674/4677

BC 4023/24/27/28/29/31/34/36/37/38/39/40/52/56/58/59/60/62/63/64/67/68/70/72/73/74/75/
4077/78/79/80/81/84/94/95/96/97/98/99 4101/02/04/05/10/18/19/22 4237

MH 606/614/616/1413/1416/1418/1436/1451/1460/1464

PB 280/308/1349/1352/1474/1477/1479/4283/4287/4487

PL 13412/1369/1382/1390

WA 550/557/569/1401/1504/1750/4162/4680/4681/4682/4684

WB 1527/1592/4226/4266

YW 4143/4144/4369

Stagecoach

East Kent & Hastings: Latest moves have been 14823 AD - HY: 14825 AD - res: 17689, 17690 res - AD: 22004, 22005, 22007, 22008, 22009 res - HY: 20639, 32223 TH - res: 42381 DO - res:

East: Just a couple of changes 32006 BD - res and 47416 KT - CB. Olympians 14476 and 14484 along with Dart 32008 have been sold to Wigan Bus.

East Midlands: Volvo B10M/NC Paladin 20668 (M668ECD) has arrived at Lincoln on loan from South, generally to be found on schools services. This Period movements have seen the following take place; 14354 Reserve - Deacon Rd: 15085, 15093 GY - dis: 15221 res - dis: 15934, 15952 SK - res: 15956 SK - dis: 15958, 15972, 15977, 15991, 15994 SK - res: 16147 HL - res: 16461 res - WP: 16465 WP - res: 16482 MD - res: 16485, 16490, 16491, 16493, 16582, 16583 Yorkshire - reserve: 16584 Yorkshire - GH: 16586 Yorkshire - HL: 16719 Yorkshire - res: 16801 GH - res: 16804 LI - res: 16910 LI - res: 20417 res - LI: 26059, 26061 res - dis: 27594 res - WP 30157 SP - res

East Scotland:

(Fife) The delivery of Slimline Optare Solo 47657 (SP58AZC) is also imminent. It will replace the final Merc 709, 40642, on the B1 local service in Burntisland operating out of Aberhill.

Recent arrivals from Bluebird are 4 further Volvo B6BLE/ALX200's from the P-BRS batch. They are 31491/3/6/9, and are currently being prepared for service at Aberhill depot.

Earlier arrival 31494 (P494BRS) has finally entered service, also at Aberhill - where it has replaced Dart 32212 (P612CMS), which is temporarily in reserve.

(Perth) Metrorider 47951 (N151DSL) is now in the reserve fleet, with Mercedes Vario 42356 (S356KEF) being placed back in service

(Rennies) Two coaches transferred down from Highlands have been Setra 59671 (LIJ595) and DAF SB3000 59793 (YBZ818). This has allowed Volvo B10Ms 52012 and 52017 to move to reserve.

(Strathtay) Volvo B10B 21048 (N108GVS) has been placed into reserve, after an engine failure, its place at Arbroath being taken by similar 21167 (T132AST) arriving from Aberdeen.

Highlands: Two Optare Excels have transferred down to Yorkshire at Chesterfield 35023 (JAZ9851) 35025 (P937SSK). A third Volvo B6BLE/Wright 31932 (V32JST) is also due to transfer

Manchester: The last of the current batch of Enviro 400s have been entering service during November, 19408 at ST; 19409-19413 at HE; 19414-19429 at PS

19408	MX58FTE	19414	MX58FTP	19420	MX58FUB	19425	MX58FUH
19409	MX58FTF	19415	MX58FTT	19421	MX58FUD	19426	MX58FUM
19410	MX58FTJ	19416	MX58FTU	19422	MX58FUE	19427	MX58FUO
19411	MX58FTK	19417	MX58FTV	19423	MX58FUF	19428	MX58FUP
19412	MX58FTN	19418	MX58FTY	19424	MX58FUG	19429	MX58FUT
19413	MX58FTO	19419	MX58FUA				

Scania 15313, 15315, 15316, 15340 and 15385 are presently in store at Glossop along with ex Bullocks 14432, 16180, 16184 and Mayne 15378. Withdrawn at the end of November from Princes Rd were GM Olympians 13282 and 13295. Volvo Olympian 16124 has moved from ST-PS:

North East: Latest movements see MANs 22174 (T174MVM), 22193 (T193MVM), 22198 (T198MVM), 22199 (T199MVM), 22464 (T464BNL) and 22466 (T466BNL) move to Stockton. 21042 (M42PVN) has now joined the rest of the batch in the training fleet whilst 52082 (KSU466) and 52194 (NUF276) have been de-licensed. Dennis Dart 32744 (L744VNL) and Merc 709D 40475 (N475RVK) have been sold for scrap.

The latest batch of Enviro 400s had just started to filter into Walkergate in late November 19430 (NK58FMO), 19431 (NK58FMP), 19432 (NK58NPU) and 19433 (NK58FMV).

North West. The two new Solos due at Preston for the Ribble Valley services have now arrived 47655 (PX58AZR) and 47656 (PX58AZT). Volvo Olympians 16669 and 16670 have moved from Preston to Chorley in exchange for Dennis Tridents 17013 and 17014. Volvo B10M 20451 returned to use at Lancaster on November 27th after repairs. With the seasonal services now ended the operational Titan fleet has been put into reserve, whether they make it back into traffic next season remains to be seen, but a suspect a couple will still be seen next year. Now quite a few fleet movements to record 13296, 13297, 14201 CE-res: 14210 CE-BA: 16294 KL-res: 16331 res-PR: 16734 PR-res: 20306 BA-CE: 20743 CE-BA: 20770 LL-CY: 20777 res-LL: 20784 CE-dis: 30455, 30457, 30458 res-dis: 30456 PR-res: 32921 res-dis: 32925 PR-res 33161, 33162, 33174, 34048, 34079, 34212, 34213, 34216, 34217 GM-res: 40452, 40647, 40648 CE-res: 40649 LL-res: 42090, 42091 CE-res: 47021 res-ME: 52179 BA-res: 52414 PR-res 52635 BA-res

South: New arrivals at Chichester are Optare Solos 47644 (GX58GJO), 47645 (GX58GJU), 47646 (GX58GJV), 47657 (GX58GJY) and 47648 (GX58GJZ). The Darts withdrawn from Portsmouth following the arrival of the new Enviros are still awaiting onward re allocation. Other internal movements have been 16277 res - PM: 16632 AT - res: 20833 CR - WI: 31043, 31046, 31049 - 31051 PM - dis: 32088 dis - res: 32090, 32098 WG - dis: 32613, 32614 CR - WG: 33025 BE - WI: 40655, 40945 CR - res: 46612 WI (a) - dis:

Wales: More new Optare Solos at Cwmbran are 47641 (CN58BYL), 47642 (CN58BYM) and 47643 (CN58BYX). Other movements of late have been 20358 AE - dt: 20810, 33272 d/l - MR: 23951 PT - d/l: 33559 CP - res: 33607 refurb - PT: 33613 d/l - CP: 34099, 34100 PT - d/l 41416 PT - d/l: 41421 d/l - PT: 41424 res - MR: 52180 MR - d/l:

Warwickshire: Just a couple of movements to note 14023 res - LN: 14028 res - RY: 20215 RY - res 31045 res - RY:

West: Two Scania/Enviro 400s have arrived from Manchester 15450 (MX08GHV) and 15451 (MX08GHY) residing at Gloucester. Other fleet movements are 16449 GR - res: 20203 res - CO:

20205 CO - res: 20805, 20817, 20828, 33915, 33917 GR - res: 26002 trg - dis: 40347 dis - SD: 40543 dis - res: 42588 res - SN: 52122 Merseyside - trg:

West Scotland: Leyland Olympian 14964 (G214SSL) has been transferred from Bluebird to Dumfries where it has been painted into the yellow School Bus livery

Transdev

Lancashire United: Volvo B10BLEs 208 (V208EBV) and 209 (V209EBV) have been transferred to Northern Blue along with Olympian 163 (F263YTJ).

London United: Re allocations to note of late DP80 HH-AV: DPK611 TV-u: DPS567 AV-HH: DPS673 FWu-S: DP80 AV-V: DPS3-10, 12, 15 V-S: DPS559-561 HH-AV: DPS562-570 HH-V: DPS571, 572 HHu-V: DPS573 HH-SO: DPS665 AV-V:

The two Darts loaned from ELBG 34274 and 34275 have finally been returned after two years.

Northern Blue: Scania N113 /Alexander Striders K107YTX and K108YTX have been sold to Harrogate Coach Travel.

Independents

Central England

Accet Coaches (Honeydon): Acquired is Dennis Javelin P242KJM coming from the now defunct Caroline Seagull.

Midland Classic: New additions are Darts V400CBC (53) and V700CBC (54) Bus 53 is being repainted - 54 is in service. Previous operator of the vehicles was Gibson of Paisley

Premiere Travel (Nottingham): Former Nottingham CT Optare Solo V280DRC is now here.

Trent Barton: The new buses for Indigo the new name for the Rainbow 5 are now in service

701	FJ58KJK	708	FJ58KJZ	714	FJ58KKF	720	FJ58KKO
702	FJ58KJN	709	FJ58KKA	715	FJ58KKG	721	FJ58KKP
703	FJ58KJO	710	FJ58KKB	716	FJ58KKH	722	FJ58KKR
704	FJ58KJU	711	FJ58KKC	717	FJ58KKL	723	FJ58KKS
705	FJ58KJV	712	FJ58KKD	718	FJ58KKM	724	FJ58KKT
706	FJ68KJX	713	FJ58KKE	719	FJ58KKN	725	FJ58KKU
707	FJ68KJY						

Coach 72 has been repainted white and sold to the Volvo dealership. Trent Barton has placed an order for 13 Optare Solos. The vehicles will be fitted with hi-spec interiors.

Darts 891 and 892 have been on loan to Sutton, due to a number of buses being damaged by locals with missiles. New Unibus liveries have been applied to Paladins 114 and 116 106 has returned to Dove Holes 103 and 113 are being repainted in blue and white (Unibus livery)

Route 15 is to be extended to East Midlands Airport from 25th January

Eastern Counties

Anglian (Beccles): Another new vehicle here is Scania Omnilink AU58AUV. Also purchased are Scania R81EMB and R82EMB. Seen on X47 Norwich – Gorleston on 4th October was Scania demonstrator YN08MRO. Vehicles departed are Mercedes-Benz Varios V415NGA, AU04BZV and AU04BZT and are now with JJ Travel of Willenhall, West Midlands, Optare Spectra YJ56ASZ has gone to New Zealand whilst Mercedes coach 784EYB has been scrapped

Beeston (Hadleigh): Volvo Olympian 3 axle D/D M192BNO has been re-registered 532FN. Optare Metrorider M214EDX is now for sale. Vario AY55DFZ has been sold to Paul S Winson coaches of Loughborough

Belle Coaches (Lowerstoft): The operator has purchased another Setra 49 seater Y961VOP previously with Stainton of Kendal. Gone is Toyota Caetano Y651GNJ to Raja, Bristol

Carter (Colchester): It is understood that a Stagecoach Dennis Dart N713YWC has been acquired. Dart N762SAV has been withdrawn and sold to one-time operator Travel with Honey

Coach Services (Thetford): Additional to fleet are Mercedes – Benz Vario Plaxton Beaver R477GFM and Volvo B10M Alexander Belfast Q type M52PRA

DJM (Brandon): Purchased by the company is Iveco midicoach X649GJU

Far East Travel (Ipswich): Man P190SHR has received a repaint into a new livery

Glew (Colchester): The operator has obtained its first double decker – a former Reading MCW Metrobus A144AMO

Lewis (Brandon): Coach TJI4816 has gone to Mulley, Ixworth for spares

M & R Travel (Woodbridge): Addition to fleet is a Mercedes 0814D / Plaxton Cheetah V594DSM ex MacEwan of Amisfield

Purling (Ipswich): The LDV200 K463WBA is now in private ownership

Talisman (Great Bromley): The four Kassbohrer Setra 250s owned, have been advertised for sale

London / Greater London

East London Bus Group: Ten Tridents have now been purchased, initially based at Rainham, until the new Scania arrived at the end of November when they will move to West Ham

18875	T402SMV	18878	LV51YCO	18881	LV51YCF	18883	LV51YCJ
18876	T411SMV	18879	LV51YCC	18882	LV51YCG	18884	LV51YCK
18877	LV51YCN	18880	LV51YCE				

As noted above the first Scania Omnicity buses have now arrived at Rainham for route 248

15001	LX58CDV	15005	LX58CEF	15009	LX58CEO	15012	LX58CEY
15002	LX58CDY	15006	LX58CEJ	15010	LX58CEU	15013	LX58CFA
15003	LX58CDZ	15007	LX58CEK	15011	LX58CEV	15014	LX58CFD
15004	LX58CEA	15008	LX58CEN				

Ensignbus: Dart 782 sold to AM-PM Travel, Birmingham. Spectra's 101/2 sold to Geldards Coaches, Leeds. Ex Metroline Volvo Olympians in the fleet as follows: S124/5RLE now 124 and 125 , S126RLE now 156 , S128RLE now re-registered WJY759 and numbered 159 , S132RLE now 132 , S136RLE now 136 and S138RLE now 138. All are blue and silver and single door.

Metroline: As has become the norm of late we have quite a few movements to get through DLD22, 27 AH-sold: DLD28, 29, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38 NW-sold: DLD23, 24 AC-NW: DLD25 PB-NW: DLD26, 49 EW-NW: DLD59, 60 HT-EW: DLD61 HT-AC: DLD64 NW-w: DLD67 HT-W: DLD68 HT-W: DLD74 HT-EW: DP17, 18, 24, 33 PA-NW: DT7-22 AH-store: TA67, 78 W-PVu: TA72 PVu-W: TPL247, 278 HT-PB: TPL257 PV-PB:

NCP Challenger: An additional 10.2m Enviro 200 is ADL36 (YX58DXA), which is needed for an extension of route 440 from Chiswick High Rd to Chiswick Business Park.

Sullivan Buses: Recently arrived is WVL1 (GD52SYC) a Volvo B7TL / Wright that had latterly seen use in Eire by Circleline as 03-D-8046.

North East & Yorkshire

A1 Coaches (South Bank): have returned Volvo-engined Leyland Tiger / Van Hool MIL9320 to use, still in full Abbey Coaches livery.

Coatham Coaches have Mercedes Vario / Plaxton Cheetah YN57MDO in stock.

Durham City Coaches: A recent purchase from Sims of Boot is A16TVL a Volvo B10M/Van Hool

Hunters (Tantobie): have ex Low Fell Mercedes 709 / Alexander M196SRR in stock.

Leven Valley fleet has returned Optare Solo 1 "Iona" (T11GAJ) to Mistral at the end of its lease, freshly repainted white. Note that the cherished plate has been retained, so the Solo will presumably gain an MX56xxx plate.

Loonat (Huddersfield): In service is ex Stagecoach West Mercedes-Benz 711/U.V.G N153MTG

M&D Travel (Thornaby): have Toyota Coaster / Caetano J71JUR in stock.

Scarlet Band (West Cornforth): have acquired Mercedes Vario / Mellor S280LGA.

Tates Travel: Now here in full livery is former Roadcar Volvo B6 N328JTL.

Tees Valley (Eaglescliffe): A pair of Plaxton bodied Dennis Javelins are in stock, one being WLT642, the other arriving as WIL9574, but reverting to an "E" plate. Also in stock is Volvo B10M / Van Hool 852YYC. Leyland Tiger / Plaxton C212PPE is sold to Skelton Coaches, while JIL and PIL

are sold and POG592Y, RPP514 and M10TVT are for sale. Dennis Condor / Duple Metsec G863FVX is confirmed as having left the fleet.

North West

Ace Travel: Two new arrivals from Ensignbus are former Go North East Optare Solos 714 (T469BCN) and 715 (T466BCN)

Bluebird (Middleton): Two ADL Enviro200s have joined the fleet to operate the new Bolton Metro Shuttle town service 76 (MX58SGU) and 77 (MX58SGV)

Cass (Wirral): A new arrival is Scania /Irizar PB YN54AKK which has been re registered as CAS724A, which was until recently on Setra W237TRX which has now been sold.

Happy Als Another Dublin Bus Olympian has gained UK marks RA189 is now L85VDM

Helms (Eastham): Now operating here is former Arriva Wales Dart K911OEM

Houltons (Warrington) Operating on the 339 lately has been Merc 709D N472XRC

Huggins: Another Dublin Bus Olympians now with UK marks is RA184 now N104VDM

Tyrer (Nelson): Optare Solo PN03UFW has been acquired from Travel For All

Scotland

Aberfoyle Coaches: are using a new 16 seat Iveco, SF58 DHA, on the C13, Balfron to Balloch service

Clyde Coast (Ardrossan): A pair of Volvo B12B / Sunsundeugi have arrived FJ58LSC and FJ58LSD. They have replaced two older examples FN04JZK and FN04JZM.

Dodds of Troon: Acquired Leyland Olympian Alexander G343CSG being prepared as Sun Bus

Dunn (Greenock): Mercedes Plaxton Cheetah MDM371 ex Hunters of Alloa is now here

Essbee (Coatbridge): Leyland National 2 AKG109W has been re-registered NIB2796. The following are advertised for sale, in the trade press SF07LLD Mercedes Vario and SF08FDK Mercedes Sprinter. Both are unregistered

Ferryhill Motors: are being used by C. Sprinter on service 38. Vehicles used are M736BSJ, M677SSX & M721ECS

Ferguson (Stirling): Noted operating here of late has been Optare Solo YJ05XOT and also an Optare Excel V388KVY.

Henderson Travel: Acquired Enviro 300 WX56HLO (256) previously with Buglers from Bristol. Mercedes 0405 S905DUD in all over yellow – allegedly heading for Malta

Irvines (Law) have 2 East Lancs bodied Volvo Olympian ex-Nottingham Transport. One is P492FRR, the other would appear to be from a different registration batch and is P491CVO.

Lothian Solo's commenced work on 28th October route 35 with Lothian branding replacing the MAC livery.

Dennis Trident 548 is in Seafield works having major repairs after being involved in an accident. Dennis Trident 617 has been converted from dual door to single door and has been repainted in the simplified harlequin livery after a major accident.

Dennis Trident 620 now in simplified harlequin livery.

Dennis Tridents 564, 566 in for a repaint.

Dennis Trident 619 in Seafield undergoing repair after a 3 bus pile up on the guided busway. Along with Volvo /Wirght 104

The V reg Dennis / Pointers; fleet numbers 165 to 175 have been renumbered having the first digit replaced with a 4.

Dennis pointer 176 has been repainted into simplified harlequin livery.

Dennis Tridents 667 to 700 will all be repainted from branded service 26 livery into simplified harlequin livery.

Volvo Royale's 430 and 432 are now in the Lothian Buses pink livery and are on service 15. Both these vehicles have been converted from dual door to single door. Service changes.

service 2 from The Jewel to The Gyle Centre is now operated by single deck Vehicles. service 45 Newcraighall to RBS Gogarburn now operated by single deck vehicles.

service X48 Sheriffhall to Ratho has been transferred onto the double deck rotas but is operated with a mixture of double and single deck vehicles.

Tram News.

There is to be a full size mock up tram to be on display in Princes street gardens in the very near future. The model tram is now at Lothian buses central garage, Annandale Street Edinburgh. Details about the mock up tram can be found in today's edition of the Edinburgh evening news (24/11/08) click onto the website and look at back issues.

M. Line (Alloa) A new arrival here is Iveco EU52UAS

Malcom (Blythswood): Recent sightings have been; TIL2780 previous registration (S108KJFD) aN Iveco in white livery and TIL9195 previous registration (S55AMH) Dennis Javelin SM53URT previous registration BMC 850 in white livery. S925RBE Mercedes ACI in white and orange livery

McKindless: have Optare Excel P540CTO in service from Newmains. Seems strange they are buying older Excels when there is at least 6 of the S/V reg Trent Barton ones newly added to the Newmains scrapline.

Two Mini Pointer Darts have appeared SJ04DZY and SJ04DZZ. Metrobus A990SYF has been scrapped. P544GAU is another ex-Nottingham C.T Optare Excel L1150 currently being prepared for service.

Mitchells (Plean) A recent addition is Mercedes / Plaxton Vario VX05BVG

Moffat & Williamson: MX58 KZN in full livery on service 2. It is an OPTARE, probably a Versa (not a Solo!)

Passanger Transport (Barthgate): Two ex Nottingham City Transport Solo's have been noted of late T299BNN and N277DRC plus S282NRB which is in fleet livery

Smith (Coupar Angus): Smith & Sons are running three brand new Optare Versas on the above 301 service between Broxden and Mill St. Unlike the VDL SB120s which they are (presumably) replacing, they are in all-over metallic blue, rather than Perth & Kinross Council colours and have electronic destination displays which not only show "Park & Ride" but also the termini plus a couple of "via" points. SP 58 DPE, SP 58 DPF, SP 58 DPK, all V1110 models seating 38

Stepend Coaches (Airdrie) SF57JSY is a low floor Mercedes-Benz Sprinter/B25F in use on the 32C

Stuarts (Carlisle): are using Optare Solo MX06ACF all over white apart from the word 'Coaches' on the rear which looks to be in the same style as previous operator Mitchells, who's legal lettering it still carries. It was on service 299 in Bellshill when I saw it.

TSV266 is Stuarts Mellor C29F bodied MB 0814D, originally Y368TGE

W J C Coaches (Chapel Hall): G863FVX (Fleet number EE863) due to arrive from Kees Valley Coaches. Another coach owned - numbered EE452 which is double door, will operate in all over yellow

West Coast Motors: DAF Van Hool T9 M600WCM allocated to Dunoon. DAF T8 transferred from Dunoon to Rothesay depot. Will replace B10M Duple 300 E870BGG which is being withdrawn.

Received Dennis Dart Plaxton J70WCM has moved to Dunoon from Ardrishaig. Dennis Dart Alexander J304BRM is allocated to Ardrishaig

Southern England

Charlbury Travel (Oxfordshire): A pair of recent arrivals are F488YSC a Kasshober Setra and SIB2633 a Plaxton Excalibur

Compass Travel: MJ13084 a DAF / Van Hool coach has been reregistered to J811KHD, W426CWX a Metrorider W426CWX is now back in service after being up seated

Goeff Amos: A surprise arrival here is Optare Excel V390KVY

Heyfordian (Bicester): two recent arrivals from Arriva (Cymru) are Dennis Dominators H47/29F G802THA and H804AHA

Rambler Coaches (Hastings): KDY 814 Volvo Van Hool has been reregistered to H973KDY and sold to Hodges Coaches, Sandhurst. Still in store is GDY500X – but has been re- registered to HWV260X. Renumbered to 20 is Duple F709WCS

Renown – Cavendish: Leaving the fleet recently have been Optare Solos V931VUB, YG52DHD, YJ05WCA, V932VUB, V649EEF, YJ05WCD, YJ05WCE and Dennis Dart L881YVK.

South West

Dawlish Coaches: Volvo B10M/Van Hool C70F has been sold to Moseleys

Hookways (Meith): Volvo B10M / Plaxton is now with Airways

Hopleys (Mount Hawke): An ex Dublin Bus Olympian has been bought P426SWC ex RA308

Liskerd & District: A pair of BMC Falcon school buses have arrived from First West Yorkshire YJ54YCR ex 68517 and YK54GZE ex 68524.

Summercourt Travel: A few second hand arrivals to note from Arriva Yorkshire comes L816NNY a Dennis Lance and N804TPK a Dennis Arrow / East Lancs, which has been re registered as OUI 8953 on arrival . Also an ex Stagecoach North West Mercedes Vario S195RAO. I would say they have been purchased from the Stafford Bus Centre

Western Greyhound: Mercedes Vario 578 (YK53HSN) has been re registered as 578PTA

Wheal Briton Travel (Blackwater): A pair of Volvo B10M / Plaxton C53Fs have been bought from The Traveller Choice N281OYE ex 6267UA, and N282OYE ex UD1100

Wales

Berwyn Coaches (Trefor): Optare Solo MX56NLF has been re registered as T11CBC

Edwards (Llanwit Fadre): Have purchased the coaching arm of Islwyn Borough Council which includes the following vehicles Volvo B10M/ Joncherre LIL3934 ex (E35MVC), PIL7240 ex (K905RGE), TIL1690 ex (K123CAW) and Volvo B10M / Van Hool TIL1691 ex (K494VVR)

The West Midlands

Banga Buses: A recent arrival is Mercedes-Benz 811D/Plaxton Beaver N175DWM

Green Transport: Currently on hire from Arriva Derby are C148NRR and H658GPF. Dennis Lance L209YAG has been withdrawn

Hansons (Stourbridge): A third Enviro 200 now being operated is SF07KCE

National Express Service News

The depot of TGM at Portsmouth is to close from January 12th 2009 when the services it operates are being taken over by Lucketts of Fareham. Lucketts have reportedly 12 Scania on order First Cymru`s Scania / Levante 23501 (FJ56 OBO) has been repainted into the new "Welsh National Express" livery, large red dragons applied to nearside rear, off-side rear and rear of existing current National Express livery.

New Deliveries

Airparks (Manchester)	KX58BHU / V	Plaxton Centro
Beacon Bus (Doiton)	MX58ACO	Optare Versa
Confidence (Leicester)	FJ58CON (71)	Volvo B9TL / Optare Olympus
Reays (Wigton):	YJ58LXO	Bova Futura
Stotts (Milsbridge)	MX58KYY / Z	Optare Solo
Swanns (Chadderton)	BV58MKM	Mercedes-Benz Tourismo
Wardle Transport	WT58SOT	Optare Versa

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

31st October 2008

First London

Enviro 400 SN58CGZ (DN33563), [8424/14]

Stagecoach

Enviro 400 MX58FTY [8421/29], MX58FUM

Dublin Bus

Enviro 400 08-D-30051, 08-D-30052 [8417/02],

08-D-30053 [8417/03], [8417/10]

Ulsterbus

Enviro 300 VEZ3545

4th November 2008

Arriva	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN58ENY
Stagecoach	<i>Enviro 400</i>	MX58FTV, MX58FUP, MX58FUF, MX58FUA
	<i>Enviro 200</i>	Chassis only – numbered [8302/3]
First London	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN58EOB, SN58CHG (33567), SN58CHF (33566)
Dublin Bus	<i>Enviro 400</i>	08-D-30053 - 057

11th November 2008

Dublin Bus	<i>Enviro 400</i>	08-D-30058, 08-D-30059, 08-D-30060, 08-D-30061
Arriva Sthn Counties	<i>Enviro 400</i>	GN58BSZ, GN58BTE, GN58BTF (6457)
Arriva The Shires	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN58ENY (5453)
First London	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN58CGG (33556), SN58CHK (33570), SN58CHH (33568), SN58CHO
Hackney C.T.	<i>Enviro 200</i> (dual doors)	ADH3, ADH5 (in London red)
Stagecoach Manchester		MX58FUG
Stagecoach North East	<i>Enviro 400</i>	NK58FMU
Stagecoach	<i>Enviro 300</i>	SP58BYX, SP58BZC
Ulster Bus	<i>Enviro S/D</i>	VEJ3510

(Also in yard were SF578LUB (22521) Clyde Coaster livery and KX570VB Scot Park – Plaxton Primo)

18th November 2008

Stagecoach	<i>Enviro 300</i>	SP58BZA, SP58BZB, SP58BZD, SP58BZF
Arriva Southern Counties	<i>Enviro 400</i>	GN58BSZ (6455), GN58BTE (6456), GN58BTF
Arriva Shires Essex	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN58EOE (5458)
Stagecoach North East	<i>Enviro 400</i>	NK58FNC
Translink Northern Ireland	<i>Enviro 200</i>	FN521

25th November 2008

Translink - Belfast	<i>Enviro 200</i>	VEZ3503, VEZ3504, VEZ3505, VEZ3507, VEZ3510, VEZ3518
Dublin Bus	<i>Enviro 400</i>	08-D-30069, 08-D-30071-73, 08-D-30088, 08-D-30093
Stagecoach North East	<i>Enviro 400</i>	NK58FMY, NK58FMV, NK58FNH
Stagecoach South	<i>Enviro 300</i>	GX58GKD
?		Chassis only 8304/12

Around the Dealers

Blythswood (Renfrew)

In Stock in early November

J26UMY Leyland Tiger Plaxton in Arriva livery ex Shires 4371
Dennis 'R' Caetano ex Red Line
BX05UVV Mercedes 500 ex DAC Coaches
AH51AAC Ayats
FJ07DWM MAN / Caetano
M204EUS Volvo B6 ex Stagecoach 30224
N781EUA Mercedes Alexander ex First Step
T294BNN Solo ex Nottingham in green livery
V273DRS Solo in white livery
V85EAK CSEL ex Aztec Bird
Gibson of Renfrew GIB6135 (previous registration D392TAU) Leyland Lion, Northern Counties ex Nottingham

Ensign

Vehicles In

From London United: Dart MPD's SN51SXD/E/F/P/R/S/T/U/V/W.
From Blue Triangle: Tridents V901/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9FEC PO51UMG/J
From Stagecoach Bluebird: Olympian G213SSL.
From Stagecoach E Mids: Olympians SHE620Y B502/3FFW B516UWW G342KKW K357DWJ
C635/44LFT Tigers BSG550W KSP329X Dart N424MBW.
From Dublin Bus: Olympians 96-D-258/9/80/304 97-D-326/334.
From Metroline: Darts R122/27/28/29/31/33/36/37/38RLY R154/63RLA.
From Transdev Bournemouth: Darts M459/60/61/62LLJ N463TPR.
From Arriva Midlands: Olympian G511SFT.
From Veolia Midlands: Leyland Lion E635CDS Volvo B10M MIL8437.
From Go-Ahead NE: Solo's S249/52KNL T463/5BCN
From Rotala Group: Volvo D10M's G112/9NGN G850WGW Volvo Olympian N122UHP.

Vehicles Out

M777: Sarah Ambrose, Spain.
M1130: Bankfoot Buses, Perth.
Fleetline NFX136P Metrobus EWF453V: Talisman Coaches, Colchester.
Tigers BSG550W KSP329X: TM Travel, Chesterfield.
Leyland Lion E635CDS: Aintree Coachlines.
Volvo D10M E736HFW: Direct Location Services, Chertsey, Surrey.
Olympians B503FFW B516UWW: Johnsons Coaches, Hodthorpe.
Olympians H492LNA J688TNF: Carvers Coaches, Ellesmere Port.
Olympian K357DWJ: Hedingham Omnibuses, Essex.
Dublin Olympian 96-D-281 now N624JNO with Chalkwell Coaches, Sittingbourne
Dublin Olympians 96-D-305/6 now P476/8SWC with Anglian Bus, Norwich.
Dublin Olympian 96-D-322 now P462SWC with Warrington Transport.
Dart N110CET: Eastonways, Ramsgate.
Darts R154VLA R127/9/37RLY: Rotala Group, Birmingham.
Dart R874MCE: Imperial Buses, Rainham.
Dart S523KFL: Carousel Buses, High Wycombe.
Solo's T457/64BCN: RH Transport Services, Chipping Norton, Ox.
Solo's T466/9BCN: ACE Travel, Liverpool.
Tridents V902/4/5/8FEC: Tappins Holdings for City Sightseeing Oxford.
Tridents PO51UMG/J: Blackpool Transport.

Preservation News

Vehicles

Passing on A1 heading south on October 31st on a low loader was JUE860 Webb of Amcote a 1950 Duple C29F

Mr McKindless (of Wishaw fame) has recently acquired 2 Bristol FLF,s . Ex Central BL341 and an unidentified English example . BL341 will be used as a donor vehicle to help restore the English vehicle which is in better condition . BL341 would have needed fortunes spent on her to return her to her former glory.

On a small farm road at Yonderton north of Glasgow Airport – resides a plain white Duple bodied Bedford YM7 LTJ730R

Noted in the yard next to Gibsons at the beginning of November were
D702EES Dodge 536 ex Tayside (202)

HCS793N Leyland PSU Alexander ex Western (AL2508)

E346WYS Renault S56 ex Clydeside (346)
B124NUS Mercedes L608D Alexander Ex Kelvin (1124)

Event Reports

Barton Transport Centenary Event, Nottingham Old Market Square, Wednesday 1st October 2008 - Alan Spencer

JRR930 Leyland (509), KAV564 Leyland Leopard (564), WAL782 Leyland (782), XAL784 AEC Regent (784), 851FNN AEC Regent (851), 861HAL Dennis (861), DAL771J AEC (1146), RVO668L Leyland Leopard (1246), W963 Daimler (Replica), FJ58KJN Volvo (702)
Also Scammell Lorry HXC709L (149), Towing vehicle NAS624 (14), 01-1391 Lancia Lorry

Bristol Greyhound Run - A report by Barry Harper

On Sunday I took a coach to Marlborough from Bristol. It was a Bristol RELH Coach registration AFM108G belonging to Bristol Greyhound.

Coaches Present:

BHU92C	Bristol MW	AFM108G	Bristol RELH	LTA958	Bristol LL6B
GHY135K	Bristol RE	EDV502D	Bristol MW	PWS492S	Leyland Leopard
KHY385	Bristol LS5G	924AHY	Bristol MW5	OTA632G	Bristol RELH6G
253KTA	Bristol MW	617 DDV	Bristol	LTA529	Bristol LL6B

Then coach carried on to Warminster for Mine Bus Rally & Running

Day - Buses and Coaches attending

TRU947J	Bristol RE	FTT704	Bristol K6H	KCG627L	Leyland National
538JHU	?	MMR552	Leyland Tiger	CCG704C	Bedford VAL
A952SAE	Leyland Olympian	SMK735F	AEC RM	KLJ749	Bristol LL6G
DAE511K	Bristol RE	RLJ341H	Bristol RE	KEL405	Bristol LL6B
LHT911	Bristol L5G	KYY653	AEC Regent	MXX8	AEC Regal
OHY938	Bristol KSW6B	UFX858S	Bristol VR	KPW986	Bedford OB
SFJ904	Bedford SBG				

Nocturnal event at Piece Hall, Halifax - 26th October 2008 Mike Pinder

Still very cold and blustery with heavy rain showers now, a good job the cafe in Piece Hall was open. I viewed from 13.00 to 15.00 and saw the following vehicles.

GAU 728L Leyland National (Nottingham 728) promotional vehicle

B632 DWF Leyland Tiger (East Midland 632) BUT legal writing was Cleveland Transit.

WLT 835 AEC Routemaster (RM 835) But in Clydesdale Scottish Colours

RDV 419H Bristol REL (Western National 1468)

8332 U AEC Reliance (Wallace Arnold)

This looks as though it could once again become a regular event at Piece Hall and if the weather could have been better maybe some more vehicles would have attended, well worth visiting even if only for the bacon an egg butty

Museum Reports

National Museum of Mining, Overton, Wakefield, Transport Festival 26th October Mike Pinder

A very cold and blustery day saw a good turnout of vehicles for the festival, Cars, Motor cycles, Commercial vehicles including an Atkinson 1/4 size steam lorry however only the one preserved bus was spotted,

CHG 540, Leyland Tiger 9Burnley Colne & Nelson) 40. Also there and rotting away nicely were Steam loco Peckett 1567 "Acton Hall 3", Diesels, Hill 294v (47), Hunslet 7307 (40), Hunslet 6684

(44) all standard gauge. Narrow Gauge was represented by 4 diesels with no markings on them.

Out and About

First off, a few days away down in Devon, by our resident of Windsor Coach Park, Denis Smith produced these various vehicles. Incidentally Denis produces full logs for Windsor, but space precludes them being able to appear in the magazine, once the website is back up and running they will sit on there, along with the rest of the sightings that don't squeeze into the magazine.

7th to 9th October 2008 North Devon

Filers

YX56 EZP (park & ride),
YX56 EZR (park & ride),
WV06 FDC (WV Transport)
L251 YOD, HHZ 5929,
P224 LKK, WK04 HKT,
W883 MDT

Mclean, Witney

FJ03 VMT, FJ03 VMU

Pencoed Coaches Pencoed, Wales
YIL 4475

Wombwell, Barnsley
PG02 YVY

Battersby's / David Urquhart
3182 NF

? / David Urquhart
XLC 1S

Shreeve / Belle, Leiston
AR03 JKX

Lynns Coaches, Eastbourne
TF02 JHE

Diamond Holidays, Swansea
WA54 ECV

Minsterley, Stiperstones
FJ54 ZDO

Appleys Coaches / Bowen
TSU 324

Taw and Torridge
NDO 856

WA / Shearings (468)
YC02 DFL

Forest Travel, Arnold
K288 GDT

Abbot, Newton Abbot
S21 ACT

Webberbus, Bridgewater
T46 RJL

Solus Coaches, Tamworth
SN51 GBO

National Express
WK02 UMC

David Urquhart
LEZ 5647

National Holidays
YC02 CFO

BeconBus, Dolton Holesworthy
YJ56 WBV, YJ56 WBW

Royal Blues, Newton Abbot
LIB 806

TWC Coaches, South Molton
M500 TWC, M600 TWC,
V1 TWC, N869 XMO,
W714 HNH

Turner Tours, Chulmleigh
K488 XPG (Tesco shuttle
Barnstaple), S724 KNV,
S725 KNV, L535 YCC,
BX06 ULS

8th October 2008

Lynton & Lynmouth North Devon
Saunton Sands Hotel, Braunton
FX06 YFW

West Exmoor Federation of Primary
Schools
HN57 NYZ

Kilvrough Manor (location no given as
more than one unit it seems)
WR06 JYV, VW minibus

Kilvrough Manor, Swansea

WA08 PFJ, VW Crafter (W. Glam GM
Coaches conversion)

Barnstaple

Stagecoach Crew bus
SW03 OYB, MB Mini 110CDI

Stagecoach
W637 RYB, LDV Convoy

10th October 2008

Glastonbury, Somerset

Mendip Community, Shepton Mallet
WA04 CXG, Iveco

Devon to Windsor, London

Ridler's small base at Williton, near
the WSR Railway
YVD 890, WFD 46,
Y824 NAY

Truemans, Ash Vale
J30 TRU

Kingston Coaches, Salisbury
701 GOO

Parks, Hamilton
SF07 OSC

Brighton & Hove (505)
W505 OCD

South West Coaches, Wincanton
N506 HWY

Avalon Coaches, Somerton
N924 NWW

Redwood, Hemyock
USV 630

Webberbus?
M418 VYD

All white Beulas (any help?)
FG03 JCZ

Visit to Wrights of Newark, Jessop Close, off Stephenson Way 10 minutes walk from Newark Northgate Station (Marriotts Haulage just down the road)

Very friendly, no problem with spotters if you ask first!

Vehicles in depot

V577FFE, S166UAL, F692PAY, W322SBC, W222LAY, LIL9842, W648RCG, G378NRC,
P179ANR, TIW5645, P918HNA, W221UGX, FN52MZT, YN56BKK, L32CAY, X962KUT,
W889MDT, HX51LPE, KV51KZM H621UWR – Glen Rider

Lincolnshire Log – Ian Swales

This is at the same place from 7am -10am Lincoln, top of Lindum Hill

Mon. 29/09/08

Shearings 542
Style Arrival V11 PSA, (Reads V11P SA -naughty);
This is a Sprinter.
Eagre YN08 MPV, YN08MPX.
Translinc TC04 TLC,
Applebys TSU 324 Ir., YJB 717 Ir.
Stagecoach 16498,
Cavalier (S/C in the Fens?), NC06
AVU MB Vito
Acorn, Y851 BGB
First 20537
The Coach Hol com. (Chiltern Coaches), 243 ELU.

Johnson Bros, YN06 OPJ
Sleafordian YN05 VSJ
Johnson Goxhill, K687 DWN
Tues. 30/09/08
Stagecoach M481 ASW (20510?),
52259 (M942TSX)
TC's ND57 UMV Rt. Mtr.? , PN04
JZW Vito
First 20518
Wed. 01/10/08
Stagecoach 20789 (N789VRM),
P149KWJ
First 20522
Applebys TRX 615 Ir.
PC. Y2 PCC Ir.

Crusader EU06 JBY
Thurs. 02/10/08
PC. C14 PCC
Stagecoach 14997.14999. P157 KWJ
Applebys - NDO 609 Sca Ir
First 20530
Translinc MX04 WJV Io.
Abacus N343 CEG
Unkown Neoplan d/d VJI 2988
Fri. 03/10/08
Stagecoach 16456, 16457.
Applebys VFJ 627, Ir.
First 20540
Translinc HX03 WHK (coach)

Sightings whilst I was surveying traffic in Boston 7am-10am each day (on Spalding Road) .

Brylaine N720FKK, N721 FKK, N722 FKK, N723 FKK, N724 FKK, N725 FKK, (Solos in light green livery for " In To Town" work, viz. YJ08 PHV, YJ08 PHX, YJ08 PHY, FY02 VH.G.), P129RWR, YJ05 JXL, YJ05 JXH, BU05 EER, XAK 1312, YJ57 BNB, XAZ 1310, R686 MEW (single decker), H908 PTW (ex Dublin ON), XAZ 1408, YJ05 JXK Translinc, YN05 XKE Beaver, MX07 UDS Io., TC53 TLC, S66 TLC, MV04 CTZ Io., X224 AWB, Cheetah, FJ07 UDN Citroen, MX56 NKT Io., MX07 UFN Io., MX07 VUF Io. P128 RWR, XAZ 1316, P205 RUM, (fleet list has 201 and 215, I may be wrong but see 14/10/08), S401 JUA, YJ05 JXF.
Phil Haines, HIL7896 BaF, BL52 OVH LDV, TLZ2624 Co. Enigma, AE03 AUB LDV, LJ04 LZW LDV, N855 XMO Bf., P427 JDT Ds. Jv., MF52 FUG LDV,

Mon. 06/10/08

Shearings MX03 ADU.
Kimes, TAZ 4064 (64), PO51 WNN,
Applebys YN06 CHV Ir.?, VFJ 627 Ir.,
Dickinson, Wrangle, W222DJD,
SN05 FPL,
Cropley, 4506 UB, EAZ 5347,
Cavalier, C2 BCP (53200), C38 CHM (14388), N376 JGS MB minibus,
Hunts, NDZ 7934 minibus
Lawtons R123 HEV Sa.250,
Sable, Kings Lynn, PIJ9274 old Pn.
Cockrams, Gosberton, YN57 LRA VW minibus, YA52 OAJ Tt.,
Carnells, IAZ 8156 Pn., FDZ4731 VH.,
Unkown 6 wheel coach all white, FJ04 ETF.

Tues. 07/10/08

Unknown, YN07OZL Pn. all white
Kimes YAZ 8774 (74), TAZ 8278 (78),
Translinc, Y77 TLC, TC03 TLC, MX07 UDS Io., FJ07 UDN Citroen, FJ07 UDM Citroen,
Cropley 8302 NF Ssd., MEZ 2313 Ssd.,
Phil Haines, T365 AJF Co. Enigma,
Cavalier G360 REG coach, H151 GGS d/d.
Noted en route ; Call Connect BX08
JCV minibus noted in Heckington.

Wed. 08/10/08

Brylaine YJ57 BBE, J717CEV,
Translinc, W55 TLC, noted en route
Y99 TLC,
Phil mHaines, W77 WEB Co. Enigma,
Lawtons FV55 ARX Vito,
Cropley, 610 LYB, 4506 UB,
Cavalier H152 GGS (14852), H139

GGs, both d/d,
Swift Falcon Gt. Yarmouth, AE07
NZC midibus,
Kings Boston, MX08 HSA minibus,
Carnells 129 SDV,
Dickinson, Wrangle, ND51 DJD,
Thurs. 09/10/08
Cropley DCZ 1119 Ssd., BHZ 1880 Vo Pn. ,
Translinc TC03 TLC, MX07 VVO Io.,
S66 TLC,
Kings, Boston, SF03 SEY, MB
Cheetah?,
Brylaine, R687 MEW, XAZ 1314,
R23 GNW,
Kimes TAZ 4063 (63),
Dickinsons Wrangle, JD04 DJD Pn.,
Cavalier H140 GGS (14840) d/d,
Fri. 10/10/08

Dickinson Wrangle, JD51 DJD
Autobus,
Grylaine, P201 RUM,
Kings Ferry, YN07 LKD.
Noted in our village - Call Connect
BX08 JCF minibus
Mon. 13/10/08
Translinc, MX56 NKU, Io., MX56 NKT Io., FY52 UCF Io. (all white!),
Balmoral coaches FY02 OTE
Sprinter.
Brylaine YJ05 JXE,
Cropley, CLZ 1860 Ssd.,
Cavalier?, H653VVV (14053)
Huntigdon and District Livery,
Phil Haines, M233 TBP MB 0814,
MV03 JAU LDV,
Carnells H84 RUX,
Grayscroft, NLZ 1681 MB coach,
en route Sharpes (Nottingham) ZBZ

801 Bf.,
Tues 14/10/08
MX05 WGK Io.,
Unknown (again) FJ04 ETF 6 wheel coach.
Kimes D2,
Brylaine P205 RUM , (again) (see 07/10/08 query), BU05 EEP, YJ05 JXD,
Translinc, YX54 DJO Io., FD04 JZG,
Ashley Travel HIL2367 VH.,
Wed. 15/10/08
Cropley WUY 713 Ssd.,
Cavalier, H152 GGS (14852),
Sleafordian, YN05 VSJ,
Brylaine BU05 EEO,
Translinc, MX05 WGK Io., W414 KFE (still going!).
Firth Travel, W439 NDE VH.
KJB, IUI 3595.
en route Butler Bros. V10 BUT Bf.
Thurs 16/10/08
Brylaine XAZ 1411 on their Transit Van,
Cropley VSK 207 Pn?,
Cavalier H152 GGS (14852), H653 VVV (14053),
Fri. 17/10/08
Lawtons YN06 RUY (high capacity Pn.).
Kings Boston MX08 HSA Io.,
Kimes PAZ 3184,
Dickinson JD04 DJD,
Cropley MEZ 2305 Ssd., OCZ1119 Ssd.,
Cavalier B898 UAS ex Huntigdon and dist.
Brylaine P201 RUM,
Grand UK, FJ08 FYA.

Believe it or not that's it!!

As you can imagine after 2 weeks of early starts in Lincoln and 2 weeks even earlier starts in Boston (33 miles from my home), counting traffic and logging buses and coaches I was completely exhausted.

You will note I refer to "Cavalier" in my notes but most of them showed lettering for s/c in the fens. I still haven't worked out if the smaller vehicles remain with the old business or not.

Most notable are Brylaine YN57 BBE which is not on fleet list and R686/7 MEW (Marshall Dt. ?) and N720-5FKK (ex Dublin On.?) also new arrivals. Also the lack of certain Brylaine vehicles which may be withdrawn or allocated elsewhere.

I was on Spalding Road which is south of Boston near to their London Road depot, so it is possible that vehicles from the north of Boston wouldn't pass my way. I also saw what I thought was H903 PTW but I didn't include it as I was not 100% sure.

I hope to be in touch again after half term when things get back to normal and I start to see "new" vehicles around here. The last thing I saw here was s/c 20493 (M603 VHE), another one on the stream of cast-offs we seem to fall for. The trouble is you can never tell if they are allocated to Lincoln or just passing through.

Rail Replacement

November 16th Clapham Junction – Surbiton (South West Trains)

Stagecoach South 18504 (KX06LYW), 18505 (KX06LVY), 18517 (GX06DXR), 18521 (GX06DXV), 27511 (GX06DZF), 27515 (GX06DZK), 27554 (GX58GMF), 27557 (GX58GMU), 27565 (GX58GNO), 34633 (GX54DWC), 34639 (GX54DWK), 34640 (GX54DWL), 35152 (GX56KWG), 35210 (GX56KWH), 35216 (GX56KWO), 36010 (GX07HUZ), 36021 (GX07FXJ), 36025 (GX07HUO),

Arriva OLST OA328 (J328BSH), OA330 (J330BSH), OA351 (J351BSH)

Countryliner DC37 (KU02YBG), DP34 (RX56BWE), MRM3 (AE56MDF), MRM4 (AE56MDJ), MRM6 (AE56MBY), S365VKW Epsom Coaches BX56VTZ Quality Line DD08 (SK07DZH)

Sussex Coaches T36DFC Wootens W100TEN, YN06MXV, YN06MXX

Royal Mail Post Bus

Courtesy of Robin Farmer editor of "Ride the Royal Mail Post Bus"

NEW VEHICLES

Vauxhall Combo 1.3 CDTi 4-seat postbus

8760021 WP08HXA Aberfeldy - Killin PY6 replacing 3910331

8760022 WM08MXK Portree Reserve replacing 3751018

A further six vehicles to be numbered 8760023-28 are due for delivery at the beginning of November.

LDV Maxus 3.2/95 8-seat postbus

7751005 BX08MZV Thurso-Tongue replacing 3752002

7751006 BX08MZW Aberfoyle - Inversnaid AB9 replacing 3753010

7751007 BX08MZY Callander - Trossachs CL39 replacing 3753005

7751008 BX08NHJ Grangemouth Reserve R26 replacing 3753004

7751009 BX08NHK Crianlarich - Killin - Tyndrum C22 replacing 3753014

7751010 BX08NHL Kirriemuir - Glen Clova K6 8.08 replacing 3753015

8751002 BX08XYM Alligin - Diabaig-Achnasheen replacing 3752004

8751003 BX58OBD Redhill - Outwood PB9 replacing 3753007

LDV Maxus long wheel base extra high roof 14-seat postbus

8753001 BX58OAO Isle of Luing LUI replacing 1750001

8753002 BX58OBB Lochmaddy Reserve replacing 3753001

in spring 2009.

A Ford Ranger double crew cab postbus, 8110002, is also due in the first week of November to replace Mitsubishi Demonstrator DN06 BJZ at Lairg

LDV Maxus 3.2/95 8-seat postbus

7751006 BX08 MZW Grangemouth Reserve ex Aberfoyle Inversnaid

Withdrawals

0110001 X413 AHT Withdrawn as Omagh workshop van 12.2.08
1750001 Y698 BOA Withdrawn at Oban VSW 9.08
3 751009 BK03 YNU Passed to sales 11.3.08 ex Alnwick - Bamburgh
3751013 BK03 YNY Retained as npcv following withdrawal of the Arran South route in December 2007, it was officially withdrawn 25.8.08 but was not at Brodick on 3.8.08
3753004 BK03 YON Withdrawn at Grangemouth VSW 8.08
3753005 BK03 YOP Withdrawn at Grangemouth VSW 8.08
3753010 BK03 ZBY Withdrawn at Grangemouth VSW 8.08
3753014 BX53 ZGB Withdrawn at Perth VSW 9.08
5110025 HX55 KVT Understood to have been written off 9.08 with a shattered gearbox and propshaft

Disposals

J257 SAN, P877 RSC, X657 ATC, WX51 VUE, X653 ATC, X996 FLK, BK03 YNU, BX53 YXR, BU53 WJA, BK03 YON, BK03 YOP, BK03 ZBY, BX53 ZGC, X04HDV, BU53 AHA

Cassandra's Corner (or the posh birds view from the North Midlands)

Cassandra is not too well at the moment, so hasn't been out and about as much, but still managed a few bits for us, so get well soon chuck.

D300RFC Bedford YNT Plaxton C53F

Owned by Aimee (Goldstraw) since 2001 the beast has suddenly re-appeared in an all white livery D&G - Additional to fleet R987EWU an Optare

P346JND Volvo B6LE Alexander ex Burnley & Pendle fleet number 211 in Red/White livery but no markings (owned by Baker Bus Biddulph)

Wardle - M113BNR now sports M113 BMR (*Very curious*)

Proctors - M109BLE to TLZ9420

Anthony Walton visited Vanguard Commercials on October 27th and noted the following

1194PO	FIL7297	JIL2075	LIL2662	RJ14578	UBZ7045	WAZ8276
OUC33R	B889AJX	H506YCX	J11ALP	J555SSD	M231TBV	N215BCH
N716CYC	N208HWX	N863WVP	P14PCC	P555TCC	P654VWX	P2WAL
X22SMC	R14CNG					

Reading Transport 628 (P914XUG): Newport Transport 116 (S116TDW)

Ludlows V331EAK

Stoke City F.C. S789ERE

Also present: a Flights Airport coach with no reg, a former Just Travel of York with no reg, fire victim and a further ten vehicles totally destroyed by fire.

Back Loader

A couple of requests from Denis if anyone can help

26th October 2008 Req Near Legoland Voel, Dyserth

27th October 2008 Thorpe Park

N614 LEU, Untitled, Scania Irizar?

V991 MDA, ex Royal Mail, LDV all red with Royal Mail 62 still visible?

Just a reminder that the 2009 GB Bus Group fleet books will be hitting the shops in January

The Gallery



Ian Roberts was lurking around North Lincs when he came across this former London Transport Leyland National BYW434V



Taking a breather between tour duties is Leyland Titan LB7739 of the Big Bus Company



Arthur & Debbie were in Leicester recently where they captured this Plaxton Centro, FD57VYB, on Park & Ride duties



Quite a view vehicles around the country are being adorned this advert for Nokia, this one being on Arriva North East Olympian 7377



Also in Leicester we have Arriva Vovo B7RLE/Wright 3613 working a Sky Link service to East Midlands Airport.



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