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Chas Ackroyd visited the immaculate depot of Horseman Coaches at Reading on November 1st
capturing this Plaxton bodied Volvo awaiting its next duty (Chas Ackroyd)

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Noticeboard

Group News

This month we welcome Geoff Moseley, who has already taken the bull by its horns, as you will be able to see in the fleet news section, is taking on the Wales news section, so if you pick any snippets up please pass them on he will be pleased to hear from you.

We also welcome Trevor Roots who has agreed to take over the reigns of the Chairmanship, from myself, to allow me to concentrate on the Trident. I am sure once he has settled in he will guide the group forward in a positive direction as we go from strength to strength.

On the Sightings front as well as Denis Smith watching over Windsor, we now have Mel Murphy keeping us in touch with movements in Kent, as there are lots of them, like the logs from Denis, Mels listings will appear on the web site

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Aston Manor Transport Museum, Witton Lane, Birmingham. On Saturday February 14th at 1200. We are intending to meet up around 11.00 to give time for a look around the museum beforehand. If you are attending, would you be kind enough, to let Maurice know Thank you.

The museum is easily reached from the M6 with car parking on site, Witton railway station with a half hourly service from New St is only 400 yards away, around the corner and TWM service 7, which runs every ten minutes, passes the museum. If you any further help with directions just let us know.

Magazine

The deadline for the February magazine is Friday January 30th 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 the following new members:

Robin Avery (Sutton Coldfield), Michael Bradley (Chester), Graham Cook (Birmingham), Nigel Crittle (Birmingham), Alan Ferguson (Birmingham), G. Fincher (Wilmslow) Fred Honey (Kent), A.E. Kent (Stockport), Christopher Reimoser (Littlehampton), Eddie Roberts (Crewe), Laurie Rufus (Kent), Alan Urquhart (Scarborough)

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News from the Industry

It was looking increasingly likely, as we went to press that Preston bus would finally become part of Stagecoach. After a meeting on December 22nd it was disclosed that the management were in discussions with Stagecoach about a possible takeover, As I get more details we shall get them up on the website.

Shearings Holidays have announced a large order for Setra coaches for the forthcoming season, see fleet news for full details

Stagecoach has completed its takeover of Eastbourne buses, and has stated that it will initially invest £1.5m in new vehicles for the town.

First Glasgow Has purchased the operation of the Scotland to London services of Silver Choice. Taking over from December 19th

Borismaster the infamous competition to come up with a new 21st century Routemaster has come to an end with joint winners a team from Aston Martin aided by Foster & Partners and Capoco Design. The winning designs both quite similar, will now be passed on to manufacturers where a final design will be produced with a contract to build hopefully let my the end of 2009. Interesting that the names of Wrights, ADL Volvo or Scania didn't feature during the competition, perhaps they have more vision of what will not be hitting the street of London come 2011, still both winners are now £25,000 better off!!!

New Enterprise coaches, part of Arriva, have announced that from January 16th 2009 they will cease to operate the two commuter runs they do, 781 and 784 from Maidstone into London. Escalating costs have been cited for the decision. However Chalkwell Coaches of Sittingbourne are introducing a new service to Maidstone to fill the gap.

Stagecoach South will take over operation of the Hoverlink service, linking Commercial Rd and Southsea Clarence Pier when TGM closes its Portsmouth operation.

TfL and the Mayor of London showed off four Hybrid Buses at Horse Guards on December 2nd, a Wrightbus Integral WNH39003 (LK58ECX) for First, A Volvo B5L /Gemini for Arriva on trade plates, an Enviro 400H TEH918 (LK08CPU) of Metroline and an East Lonodn Optare Tempo 29001 (YJ08PGO)

Royal Mail The remaining services in Northumbria were withdrawn from the 2nd 276 Alnwick – Bamburgh or 3rd January 270 Morpeth - Alwinton, 271 Morpeth - Alwinton and 277 Hexham - Keilder

West Midlands Service News

Changes will come into effect from January 25th 2009 unless otherwise stated

Service S1 - New service operated by NXWM Solihull - Damson Parkway operating every 30 mins

Service S2 - New service operated by NXWM Olton Station - Solihull - Dorridge (every 30minutes) Balsall Common (every hour)

Service S2 - New service operated by Central Connect (On behalf of Centro) Solihull - Hockley Heath operating every hour during the evenings

Service S3 - New service operated by NXWM Acocks Green - Hockley Heath operating hourly

Service S4 - New service operated by Grosvenor Coaches Solihull - Shirley - Cheswick Green - Hall Green operating every 30 minutes Mon-Sat daytime

Service S7 - Shirley - Solihull Central Connect and Central Buses will now also run this service along side NXWM making it hourly under contract to Centro

Service S8 - Operated by NXWM (under contract to Centro) Cheswick Green - Solihull operating hourly evenings and Sundays

Service S9 - Operated by NXWM Solihull - Blythe Valley Business Park operating every 30 minutes

Service S10 - Operated by Silverline Solihull - Cranes Park operating every 30 minutes

Service S11 - Operated by Central Buses (under contract to Centro) Solihull Circular an irregular frequency

Service S12 – Operated by Silverline (under contract to Centro) Sheldon - Olton - Acocks Green operating hourly Monday to Saturday

Service 4 - NXWM withdraws replaced by service 5 and 5A

Service 5 - Operated by NXWM Birmingham - Widney Manor operates every 20 minutes Monday - Saturday, every 30 mins Sundays

Service 5A - Operated by NXWM Birmingham - Solihull Station via Monkspath early mornings

Service 6 - NXWM will slightly reduce the frequency

Service 19 - NXC will completely revise the timetable

Service 19X - NXC will run between Coventry - Balsall Common - Solihull hourly Monday - Saturday

Service 30 - NXWM service is withdrawn

Service 37 - NXWM will increase the frequency to operate every 5 minutes

Service 38 - NXWM service is withdrawn partly replaced by service S12

Service 42C - NXWM is withdrawn, replaced by rerouting service 41

Service 49 - NXWM is extended by Royal Orthopaedic Hospital with minor timetable changes

Service 69 - NXWM is re-routed in Yardley Wood no longer serving the garage

Service 71/72 - NXWM both services have minor timetable changes in the mornings

Service 76 - NXWM is curtailed to operate between Kings Heath and Solihull only with an increased frequency of every 15 minutes replaced by services S1 and 85

Service 85 - NXWM Kings Heath - Brandwood - Druids Heath operating every 30 minutes

Service 152 - Silverline service is withdrawn

Service 166 - NXWM is withdrawn

Service 169 - NXWM will have minor timetable amendments during the morning

Service 192/194 - NXWM service are withdrawn replaced by services 19W and 19X

Service 301 - Travel A2Z Saturday service will commence later

Service 328/9 - Travel A2Z will have minor timetable amendments

Service 338 - New service operated by Travel A2Z Walsall - Pleck - Darlaston operating every 6 minutes Monday - Saturday daytimes following the route of NXWM service 337

Service 374 - Diamond Bus will operate this service commercially from January 4th 2009

Service 424 - Choice Travel will amend the timetable in the Perry Barr area

Service 511 - Travel A2Z will withdraw its service

Service 523 - NXWM will reduce the frequency from every 10 minutes to every 12 minutes

Service 529 - Travel A2Z will withdraw its service

Service 598 - NXWM will increase the frequency to every 10 minutes from every 15 currently operated

Service 671 - NXWM will withdraw its service replaced by S1, S3 and S11

Service 698 - NXWM will reduce the frequency from every 15 minutes to every 20 minutes

Service 991 - Travel A2Z will withdraw all off peak journeys

Fleet News

Arriva

Burton (Haverhill): MAN / Jonckheere double deck coach T57BBW (former Oxford Tube) has been reregistered 593CCE. Meanwhile Metrobus Mk11 TVE804 (ex C950HWF) – sold for preservation

Derby: 4352 (E152 BTO) is now with Dews Coaches, Cambridge, Citybus 4321 has been withdrawn, leaving 4324 and 4326 left in service. Also withdrawn is 4351. . This was the last Derby City Transport vehicle in use here. Now at Derby are Olympians 4601 (P601CAY), 4607 (P607CAY) and 4611 (P611CAY)

London: Now that new ENL class Enviro are at Enfield on route 491, the PDLs previously used are surplus and several PDL3-9 and 11 have migrated to Arriva Midlands PDL10 is being used as a trainer whilst PDL12 and 13 have moved to AR. Other moves DLA142 TC - WN: DLA143 WN - TC: PDL90 AR – EC.

Midlands North: Just a couple of transfers to note are 2122 BN to CK 2301 SY to CK

Milton Keynes Citybus: A batch of new Optare Solos entered service at the end of November when major service revisions also took place

2452	YJ58PKA	2500	YJ58PKE	2503	YJ58PKN	2506	YJ58PKV
2498	YJ58PKC	2501	YJ58PKF	2504	YJ58PKO	2507	YJ58PKY
2499	YJ58PKD	2502	YJ58PKK	2505	YJ58PKU		

North East: A batch of East Lancs bodied Scania N113 double decks have arrived from Arriva Midlands; 7259 (M177GRY), 7260 (M170GRY) at Durham, 7261 (M172GRY), 7262 (M176GRY) at Jesmond, 7263 (N162VVO), 7264 (N164VVO) at Peterlee, 7265 (N160VVO) at Blyth and 7266 (N163VVO) at Ashington. Also arriving from the Midlands have been Optare Spectras 7457 (L94HRF) and 7458 (L95HRF) in use at Bishop Auckland. Leyland Olympians 7271 and 7272 have left the fleet, the latter noted at the yard of Fairways Commercials (Warrington).

North West: Laird Street (Birkenhead) is currently receiving a batch of ADL Enviro 400s

4400	CX58FZM	4406	CX58FZT	4412	CX58GAA	4418	CX58GBU
4401	CX58FZN	4407	CX58FZU	4413	CX58GAO	4419	CX58GBV
4402	CX58FZO	4408	CX58FZV	4414	CX58GAU	4420	CX58GBY
4403	CX58FZP	4409	CX58FZW	4415	CX58GBE	4421	CX58GBZ
4404	CX58FZR	4410	CX58FZY	4416	CX58GBF	4422	CX58CGF
4405	CX58FZS	4411	CX58FZZ	4417	CX58GBO		

They are for use on Cross River service, for which they will carry suitable branding. They are unlikely to see use until late January, once, the driving staff have been trained on them.

A few corrections to last months list 2689 is CX58EWB, 2690 is CX58EWC 2691 is CX58EWD and 2691 is CX58EWE, the rest of the batch are correct, 2900-2905 are at Green Lane with 2906-2910 actually at Wrexham (see below).

This next batch has been noted through Fleetwood Docks during December, but I am unsure as to which depot they are heading for.

2916	CX58EXH	2919	CX58EXL	2922	CX58FZC	2925	CX58FZG
2917	CX58EXJ	2920	CX58FZA	2923	CX58FZE	2926	CX58FZH
2918	CX58EXK	2921	CX58FZB	2924	CX58FZF		

The Shires: The New VDL BS4000 /Van Hool T917 C63FL for the 757 service Luton Airport - London Victoria service began gradually entering service from December 15th

4372	YJ58FJN	4376	YJ58FJV	4379	YJ58FJZ	4382	YJ58FHY
4373	YJ58FJO	4377	YJ58FJX	4380	YJ58FKA	4383	YJ58FHZ
4374	YJ58FJP	4378	YJ58FJY	4381	YJ58FHX	4384	YJ58FJA
4375	TJ58FJU						

I'm not sure if I have mentioned yet five Optare Versas having entered service in the eastern half of the group; at Ware for route 331 we have three B34Fs 2403 (YJ58PFU), 2404 (YJ58PFV) and

2405 (YJ58PFX) and at Harlow for route 59 are 2406 (YJ58PFY) and 2407 (YJ58PFZ). YJ05PZD, formerly of Bibbys (Ingleton) is another Temsa Safari seeing use on various Green Line services.

The seven ADL Enviro 400s at Aylesbury are, noting the swap of registration on a couple, 5434 (SN58EOF), 5435 (SN58EOG), 5436 (SN58EOH) 5437 (SN58EOJ), 5438 (SN58EOK) and 5439 (SN58EOM), 5440 (SN58EOO). A single Optare Solo is also new into service at Garston 2508 (YJ58VCG).

Southern Counties

(Guildford & West Surrey): Due to enter service during January at Guildford are six ADL Enviro 200s for route 91 4017 (GN58BUA), 4018 (GN58BUE), 4019 (GN58BUF), 4020 (GN58BUH), 4021 (GN58BUJ) and 4022 (GN58BUO).

(Kent & Sussex): Six new ADL Enviro200 have entered service in Maidstone on route 82 linking the town centre with Park Wood operating every ten minutes; 4011 (GN58BTO), 4012 (GN58BTU), 4013 (GN58BTV), 4014 (GN58BTX), 4015 (GN58BTY) and 4016 (GN58BTZ). These buses replace eleven year old Dennis Darts which will be cascaded elsewhere in the group. Also new into service at Tunbridge Wells are three Optare Solo SRs 1501 (YJ58CDZ), 1502 (YJ58CEA) and 1503 (YJ58CEF)

(Medway Towns): Entering service in early December at Gillingham are these Enviro 400s

6450	GN58BSO	6452	GN58BSV	6454	GN58BSY	6456	GN58BTE
6451	GN58BSU	6453	GN58BSX	6455	GN58BSZ	6457	GN58BTF

They will be used on route 101, for which route branding is applied. The Volvo B7TLs being replaced on the route will be re allocated 6438, 6439, 6444 and 6445 to Tunbridge Wells, with 6446-6449 moving to Maidstone.

Wales: A batch of VDL SB200 /Wright Pulsars are being delivered into Wrexham for use on the trunk route 1 to Chester. 2906-2910 already noted last month along with 2911-15.

Yorkshire: Disposals of late have been 412, 421, 427, 506, 823-826. 801 is now the last Dennis Lance in service, operating out of Heckmondwike.

First Group

Berkshire: A new arrival here, complete with "Slough Trading Estate Hoppa" branding is Optare Solo B28F OOL53065 (YJ58CEV)

Devon & Cornwall: Now here from S & A are 34961, 34964, 34968 and Roe bodied Olympians 378001, 38006 and 38008.

Eastern Counties: Volvo Olympian 34155 (P655UFB) is now at Kings Lynn. Similar 34187 (S687AAE) is at Great Yarmouth.

Essex: The following vehicles are currently in store at Clacton pending sale to Erith Commercials, 46129, 46143, 46144, 46813, 46816, 46817, 46821 and 46828. Similar 46822 is now at Chelmsford depot for CPC training. Also stored prior to entering service are Volvo B7RLEs 66820-830 and 66837.

Glasgow: 60483 and 64811 have now allocated to training duties.

London: More new Enviro 200s have arrived, this time based at Willesden Junction depot for working on new route 226

DML44044	YX58FPA	DML44049	YX58FPG	DML44054	YX58FPO
DML44045	YX58FPC	DML44050	YX58FPJ	DML44055	YX58FPT
DML44046	YX58FPD	DML44051	YX58FPK	DML44056	YX58FPU
DML44047	YX58FPE	DML44052	YX58FPL	DML44057	YX58FPV
DML44048	YX58FPF	DML44053	YX58FPN	DML44058	YX58FPY

Now off fleet strength are early Dennis Tridents TN32801, 809, 839, 840, 847, 852-854, 857, 858, 872, 873, 875-880, 882, 883, 886 and 887, most if not all are already at Firsts Rotherham facility prior to placement elsewhere in the group.

Manchester: At Queens Rd Mercedes 60413, 60415, 60418, 60419 and 60420 were withdrawn at the beginning of December with 60419 being donated to MANCAT for training purposes.

Northampton: As a result of First taking on some extra services several Optare Solos have been

transferred in 53049 (VU03YKC), 53050 (VU03YKD), 53051 (VU03YKE) from Worcester along with 53058 (VX53OEV) and 53059 (VX53OEN from Hereford).

Somerset & Avon: Transferred to Bath from Aberdeen have been Volvo B10BLEs /Wright 62193 (X687ADK) and 62194 (X688ADK). Allocation changes are 21032 BR - YK: 34041, 34048, 34051 LH - MR: 34165 LH - WM: 34172 LH - BR: 34562-564 MR - w: 39912 WM - w: 41199, 41200 WM - YL: 46115 YL - TN: 66603 TN - scrap:

Go Ahead Group

Brighton & Hove: Omnidekka's repaints (rear adverts) 624 (*a year's bus travel*), 631 (*a month's free travel*) and 633 (*red is green*) – All retain Metro 1 livery.

New adverts have been applied to Tridents 865 (*I'm on the bus*), 866 (*John and Alex*), 869 (*George Warner*) and 885 (*Savannah Elliot*) Trident 808 has gone to be converted to an open topper

London: The first of the new ADL / Optare Olympus double decks for Sutton began arriving in early December DOE1 (LX58CWN), DOE2 (LX58CWO), DOE3 (LX58CWP), DOE4 (LX58CWR), DOE5 (LX58CWT), DOE6 (LX58CWU), DOE7 (LX58CWW), DOE8 (LX58CWY) and DOE9 (LX58CWZ). More were parked at the former Leyland Motors plant in late December awaiting onward delivery down to London. Quite a few allocation changes to record; LDP150 Q - NX: LDP151 BX - AL: LDP152 SW - BX: LDP240 PL - SW: NV128 BX(t) - Q(t): NV162 BE - PL(t): NV165 NX(c) - BX(c): PVL62 SW - AL: PVL70 Q - AL: PVL196 AL - SW: WV105 MW - SW: WV121, 124 AF - Q: PVL56, 57, 58, 71 are now at BX with PVL60, 65, 73, 266, 277, 278 at SW and PVL72 at AL after acting as the float vehicles for the ibus fitment programme.

North East: Volvo B10M/Plaxton's 7082 and 7084 have joined 7083 at Gateshead for use on duplicate journeys on the X10 service. Darts 8214 and 8215 are now at Chester-Le-St, 8212 and 8282 are at Deptford. Leyland Olympians

National Express Group

National Express Operations: Two more ex Hotel Hoppa Volvo B6s noted at Stansted by Peter Hulse have been NEST02 (P230AAP) and NEST06 (P245AAP).

Travel West Midlands: The latest changes affecting the fleet 231 (P231AAP), 238 (P238AAP), 239 (P239AAP), 241 (P241AAP) London - WM Trainer, the later showing on NXWM computer as T0241 to avoid clashing with trainer 241 (R241XDA): 276 reinstated to CV: 300 transferred to Dundee: 306 reinstated to PB: 637 WA - withdrawn: 1523 LH - WB: 2550 YW - WA: 2779 WN - withdrawn: 2790 WN - WA: 2949 WA - withdrawn: 3008, 3012 sold/export to Malta: 3015 PB - withdrawn (also believed to be Malta bound): 4175, 4196, 4201 BC - reserve: 4227, 4232, 4262, 4270, 4273 BC - WB: 7114 (L602SES) Dundee to WM trainer: 7202 (R410HWU), 7203 (R404HWU), 7208 (R409HWU) Dundee - reserve: 9090, 9107, 9264 trainer - withdrawn: T0023 (M723KPD), T0315 (P315DVE) London - WM Trainer

Stagecoach

Cambridgeshire & The Fens: New buses arriving at Cowley Road in early December have been a pair of Optare Solos 47658 (AJ58RBF) and 47659 (AJ58RBO), these will be allocated to Huntingdon for use on St Neots locals. Changes at Long Sutton has seen its status change to an outstation with several allocation changes as a result Dennis Darts 33302-33304, 33308-33314 have been re allocated to Peterborough. Leyland Olympians 14388, 14389, 14390 and 14852 along with Volvo B10M 52074 and Dennis Javelin 59104 are on hire to Carnell The three Renault Master minibuses, 48108 (BU06LNC), 48109 (BX07XPW) and 48110 (BX54FOA) used on Call Connect services for Lincolnshire County Council are now with Norfolk Green along with the services they operate on. This leaves just Olympians 14839, 14840, 14849, 14850 and 14851 as the official allocation. Other movements have been 14

Devon & Somerset: Mercedes-Benz 709D 40732 has been placed into the reserve fleet after a gearbox failure. Vehicles sold recently have been Olympian 14189 (G189JHG), Optare

Deltas26023 (J723CYG) and 26032 (J732HWX) along with M-B 709s 40508 (N508BJA) and 40717 (N717KAM).

East: A pair of Scantias, from Manchester, 15452 (MX08GHZ) and 15453 (MX08GHE) are currently in store at Kettering, Optare Solo 47417 is currently on loan Corby from Kettering, whilst Corbys Solos go through their MOTs. Olympians 14708 and 14713 have been sold to Whippet Coaches, Olympians 14061 and 14710 have been placed in reserve along with Merc 709 40308. The first few, of a total of 17 (53601-53617) Volvo B9R / Plaxton Panther coaches from the X5 Cambridge - Oxford service have begun arriving and are out and about on driver familiarisation duties, full details next time. KX58NBJ, NBN, NBO and NBZ being noted.

East Kent & Hastings: Just a couple of moves to note 17402 res-AD: 14823 HY-res: 14827 AD-res: Around 30 Scania / Enviro 400s are due within the next few months.

East Midlands: Another raft of movements this period:- 14186 SP-dis: 14349, 14354 res-dis: 14355, 14358, 14979 GH-dis: 15092, 15094 GY-dis: 15224, 15227, 15228 res-dis: 16147 res-HL: 16465 res-WP: 16467 WP-res: 16482 res-MD: 16485 res-GY: 16486 MD-res: 16491 res-GY: 16497 Yorkshire - SP: 16582, 16583, 16719 res-GH: 16825 HL-res: 20413 WP-res: 20417 GH-res: 20423 LI-res: 20497 GY-dis: 20498 NK-GY: 20664, 20665, 20667 South-GY: 20668 res-LI: 20669, 20670 South-res: 30157, 32089, 32419, 32420, 32423, 32425, 32426 res-dis: 33251 SP-res: 48103 GH-Lincs CC: 48112 (BX54FOT) Lincs CC-GH: 52351 GY-NK: Catching up with buses sold of late we have 14344, 15949, 15954 and 15981 to Ensinbus, 26037, 26039, 26060 and 52125 to PVS, Carlton and finally 28636, 28647, 30159 and 32713 to Wigley, Carlton.

East Scotland:

(Fife) Scania 113s 15302 and 15307 have both been donated to charity. Arriving from Cambridge have been Volvo Olympians 16434 (N334HGK) and 16435 (N335HGK) both currently in reserve pending allocation. Also entering the reserve feet have been Dennis Darts 32206, 32207, 32208 and 32210 from Aberhill as the ex Bluebird B6LEs entered service.

(Perth) Two more ADL Enviro300s entered service in November 27545 (SP58BYX) and 27546 (SP58BYY), as a result Volvo B10Ms 20113 and 20234 have moved to the reserve fleet.

(Strathtay) Four ADL Enviro 300s have been added at Dundee 27547 (SP58BZA), 27550 (SP58BZD), 27551 (SP58BZE) and 27551 (SP58BZF). Moving into reserve have been Dennis Darts 33260, 33262, 33263 and 33264

Manchester: A slight amendment to the new Enviro 400 allocations sees 19414-19416 at PS: 19417-19419 at HE and 19420-19429 at PS: Following the influx of the new buses quite a few older vehicles are now for disposal: GM Olympians 13295; Scania N113s 15354, 15355, 15356, 15359, 15361, 15363 and 15368. Other internal movements are 15381 res-ST: 15383 ST-res: 15385 res-HE: 16004, 16005 ST-res: 16183, 16185 res-PS: 16187, 16188 res-ST: 16190 res-PS: 16758 ST-PS: 16762 HE-PS: 20677, 20877, 20880 HE-res: 20923 HE-ST: 22164, 22178 PS-res: 22179, 22180, 22181 PS-ST: 33347 CS-res: Leyland Olympian 14853 has moved to Carlisle for open top conversion. Ensignbus have taken Olympian 13282 and Scantias 15352, 15370 and 15382.

Merseyside: Six Olympians have arrived at Gillmoss, from princess Rd garage at Manchester 14239, 14240, 13616, 13628, 13632 and 13642 all carrying Magicbus colours and seeing use on route 14C

North East: Details are to hand for the latest 17 new ADL Enviro 400s based at Walkergate seeing use on the busy route 1 past Newcastle University.

19430	NK58FMO	19435	NK58 FMY	19439	NK58 FND	19443	NK58 FNH
19431	NK58FMP	19436	NK58 FMZ	19440	NK58 FNE	19444	NK58 FNJ
19432	NK58FMU	19437	NK58 FNA	19441	NK58 FNF	19445	NK58 FNM
19433	NK58FMV	19438	NK58 FNC	19442	NK58 FNG	19446	NK58 FNN
19434	NK58FMX						

One of the earlier batch 19380 (NK58AEU) took a wrong turn in Wallsend on December 30th and ended up going under a low bridge taking off the roof, thankfully nobody was injured and it is expected that the vehicle will be repaired.

Other movements this period have been 16724 WE - res: 20102 SC - dis: 20249 SL - res: 21137 SS - res: 21145 res - SS: 22012 WE - res: 22348 res - WE: 32121 at WE for Quaylink duties:

32128 res - dis: Volvo B10Ms 20269 and 20271 have moved to Yorkshire

North West. This years open day will take place at Morecambe on May 23rd

Two vehicles currently stored following accidents are The Ribble painted Volvo Olymian 16635 (P235VCK) and Optare Solo 47474 (PX07GZZ). Trident 17013 has headed to Lillyhall for open top conversion, leaving 17014 still running at Preston. Similar 17020 was sent to Carlisle for repaint on December 23rd following repair. This months movements are thus:- 14201 res - CY: 14854 CS - res: 20752 CE - LL: 30342 KE - res: 30460 dis - sold: 33161, 33162 res - CE: 33174 res - CY: 34048 res - CE: 34079 res - PR: 34213 res - KL: 40004 BA - dis: 40012 LL - res: 40023, 40328 res - dis: 40396 CE - dis: 40441 res - dis: 40455 CE - res: 40648 res - BA: 40649 res - dis:

South: This Months changes are as follows:- Volvo B10Ms 20664, 20665, 20667, 20669 and 20670 have been transferred to East Midlands, with B6LEs 31043, 31046, 31049, 31050 and 31051 being transferred to Warwickshire. Internal moves are thus 16632 res-AT: 20628 CR-res: 20830 CR-BE: 33053, 33056 PM-CR:, 33057 res-CR: 33058 PM-CR, 33059, 33061 res-CR: 33062, 33063, 33064, 33066 res-BE: 33067 res-PM: 33068, 33069 res-BE: 33407 PM-BE: 34068 34072, 34073 BE-PM: Volvo Olympian 16395 is currently at Portsmouth covering the double deck refurbishment programme and Dennis Dart SLF 33016 is at Basingstoke covering for ALX200s going through body modifications. Sold have been Dennis Darts 32088 and 32094 to Chepstow Classic Buses, with similar 32090 and 32098 now with Clynnog & Trefor.

Wales: Currently de-licenced following an accident is Versa 25211. Scrapped have been BMC Falcon 29705 and B10M Interurbans 52180 and 52215. Sold to Fleetlink (dealer) have been Mercedes minis 42537 and 59601 along with Dennis Dart 33561. Away at ADL Bristol on refurbishment are Dennis Dart SLFs 33626 and 34099 whilst 34106 is at ADL Harlow, other movements have been 20356, 20367, 20370 CN - res: 20871, 20885, 20890 PT - CN: 29707 d/l - BW: 34096 d/l - PT: 33559 CP - res: 34055 d/l - PT: 41411 AE - res:

Warwickshire: More Volvo B6LEs arriving from South have been 31043 (R133NPN), 31046 (R136NPN), 31049 (R119NPN), 31050 (R270NPN) and 31051 (R71NPN) , all will go through refurbishment before entering service. Earlier arrival 31044 (R144NPN) is now at Rugby. A pair of Dennis Dart SLFs have also arrived, from West 33910 (P910SMR) and 33911 (P911SMR) currently awaiting allocation. Volvo B10Ms 20215 and 20216 have been converted in driver trainers, releasing 52020 and 52031 for disposal.

Yorkshire: Being used at Ecclesfield during early December was ADL Enviro 300 SN57DXC, covering for modification work to the indigenous fleet, along with a pair of B10Ms from North East 20269 and 20271. Just a couple of allocations to record, 13601 res - BN: 13611 res - RW: 13627 res - BN. 59651 CH - dis:. The Scania has been re-registered from FHE428 to G890VNA prior to sale. Three Volvo B10M/ NC Paladins have arrived from Manchester, 20677 (R677HCD), 20877 (P877MNE) and 20880 (P880MNE), all entering service at Shafton in mid December, although they were soon drafted into Ecclesfield to assist with a vehicle shortage caused by warranty work being carried out by Alexander Dennis

The coaching unit at Barnsley which operate National Express services is to re locate to Chesterfield in the new year.

Transdev

London United: The first of the, 19 ordered, 10.4m Optare Versas ordered for route 391 at Stamford Brook have been delivered, but as yet they are in store at Hounslow Heath.

OV1	YJ58VBA	OV4	YJ58VBD	OV7	YJ58VBG	OV9	YJ58VBL
OV2	YJ58VBB	OV5	YJ58VBE	OV8	YJ58VBK	OV10	YJ58VBM
OV3	YJ58VBC	OV6	YJ58VBF				

Independents

Central England

Felix: Scania YN04AGY has gone for repaint into the revised Ilkeston Flyer livery, whilst Mercedes

Vario V707ENN has been sold to an as yet unidentified operator in the Aylesbury area.

Meridin Bus (Northampton): Two former Go North East Optare Solos T293BNN and T296BNN have been bought to operate service 87 in Northampton recently won on tender.

Nottingham City Transport: A further eleven Scania Omnidekkas have been ordered for delivery this Spring for Go2 service 48 between the City Centre and Clifton, the route will also see a slight increase³ in frequency to operate every eight minutes. The Omnidekkas currently employed on the route will be cascaded to South Nottinghamshire to replace the very last step entrance vehicles in the fleet, a batch of Leyland Olympians.

TM Travel: A new Optare Solo is YN58NDV is now in service as are a pair of East Lancs rebodied Leyland Tigers BSG550W and KSP329X.

Trent Barton: Excel 250 is now withdrawn following a fire. Scania 687 has been sent away to Yates at Loughborough for repairs, following an accident Scantias 601-3 (ex R) now carry H1 livery. Transpeak Excel 156 remains at Meadow Road garage along with 199 both are withdrawn. Tempo 306 is away for repaint into a pale blue livery for the Ilkeston Flyer route.

Scantias 601- 4 are being painted for the H1. The green livery will be retained, although the section beyond the rear wheel arches will be bright orange.

Former Rainbow 5 Scantias 623, 624 and 625 have all been repainted into standard Trent Barton livery. All have had LED displays fitted.

14 more Wrightbus Volvos have yet to be delivered. 8 will be based at Derby for the Mickleover, and 6 at Langley Mill for route 15

Vals Classic Coaches: Leyland Olympian G918LHA ex-Midland Red has been sold to Marchants of Cheltenham for a school contract work. Heading in the opposite direction we have Leyland Olympian EEH 902Y which been acquired from Marchants for Preservation.

Eastern Counties

Aldis (Framlington): Additional to fleet Leyland Leopard / Plaxton XRR615M – obtained from The Running Footman's fleet.

Ambassador Travel: Additional to fleet is a Scania S350SET / Wright B41F previously with Irish Bus ex registered 98-D-76402

Route 731 New Rackheath - Great Yarmouth (Mon-Fri) has been taken over from Anglian, Beccles

Beeston (Hadleigh): A 27year old Bedford YNT Plaxton C53F RRT888W has been take in from Goldsmith, Sicklesmore.

Galloway (Mendlesham): Van Hool C53F P203RWR is now with Coach Hire of Partridge Green

Goldline (Beccles): In use by mid November was N574CEH a Mercedes-Benz / Plaxton Beaver B25F minibus It was new to PMT as MMM574.

Heddingham & District: Bristol VR RAH265W has been sold to the dealer Ensignbus

Mulley (Ixworth): Iveco Indcar C29F X88MUL has been sold to Salec of Carbrooke

Sidlines Norfolk: A New venture by the operator - is the operation of a 1959 Bedford SB3/Duple C41F WLO685, for use on excursions and wedding hires

Simonds (Diss): Added to fleet is WJ55TRV Volvo Van Hool Alizee, seen visiting the Old Cattle Market.

Soames (Otley): L46CNY Volvo Plaxton C53F has gone to Bevan of Cwmrhydceirw

Talisman (Great Bromley): Acquired is a Bristol RELH6L Plaxton - registration SGF483L from Running Footman's sale

London / Greater London

CT Plus: Noted in use as a driver trainer has been Dennis Dart / Caetano HV02OZT

East London Bus Group: The last Scania Omnicity into Rainham for the 248 is 15015 (LX58CFE) The next batch entered service on route 106 in early December operating from West Ham garage

15016	LX58CFF	15022	LX58CFN	15028	LX58CFZ	15034	LX58CGU
15017	LX58CFG	15023	LX58CFO	15029	LX58CGE	15035	LX58CGV
15018	LX58CFJ	15024	LX58CFP	15030	LX58CGF	15036	LX58CGY
15019	LX58CFK	15025	LX58CFU	15031	LX58CGG	15037	LX58CGZ
15020	LX58CFL	15026	LX58CFV	15032	LX58CGK	15038	LX58CHC

15021 LX58CFM 15027 LX58CFY 15033 LX58CGO 15039 LX58CHD

Ensignbus: More Darts sold to AM-PM Travel (Birmingham) Darts 700, 711, 712, 753, 753 was re-registered P720RYL. Spectra's 103 and 105 have been sold to Renown Coaches, Bexhill. Dublin Olympian 97-D-334 is now registered P495SWC and numbered 195.

Metroline: More new ADL Enviro 200s at PA to complete the allocation of new buses on route 326

DE952 LK58CSX DE955 LK58CTE DE957 LK08CTO DE959 LK58CTV
DE953 LK58CSY DE956 LK58CTF DE958 LK58CTU DE960 LK58CTX
DE954 LK58CSZ

Not as many movements as of late withdrawn have been DLD24, 26, 35, 55-57 and 74: DLD61 AC - HT: DLD70, 71 AH - W: TPL267, 279 PV - PB: TP382 HD - AH: TE909 - 914 W-HT:

Two commercial routes around Watford 318 and 346 will cease on February 7th.

North East & Yorkshire

Altona: BX08FBA is a second BMC Probus 850 operated

Durham City Coaches: Volvo B12 / Plaxton demonstrator YN08OWK has seen use here

Franks (Haswell): Bought from Premiere of Nottingham has been Volvo B10M /Plaxton F660RTL.

Lyles (Batley): A recent arrival is Bova Futura T301MUA

Style Travel (Horden): Added to the fleet of late have been MCW Metrobus LOA383X and a Plaxton Paramount bodied Volvo B58 B187XJD.

Tees Valley: A new arrival is Leyland Olympian B151TRN, originally new to Ribble as 2151 in 1984. Metrobus POG592 has been exported to Malta, where it is to undergo conversion to open top form.

Weardale: Now here is Optare Solo M950 MX07NTJ, Originally with Britannia Parking at Manchester Airport, but had recently had a spell on loan to Bakers for that operators Crew-Nantwich service.

North West

Alfa Holidays: Noted in use, probably as a feeder has been Ford Transit YA02FYH

Ellenbrook Travel (Worsley): A new vehicle noted is SA02LHC a Volvo B12M / Van Hool

Fairway Commercials (Appleton): Noted parked in the yard in mid December were a pair of ex Arriva North East Olympians L271FVN and L272FVN, most probably part of the North West bus Sales stock, who use the yard for parking on occasions.

Freshfield Coaches: Operation of the Stockport town centre shuttle has transferred to this operator along with the vehicles Plaxton primo KX07KNZ and Optare Solos HX53SDO and MX03EHC.

Happy AIs: Volvo B12B /Jonckherre Mistral SF05KWB is now carrying BB05ALS

PMJ Travel (Altrincham): Now here is Volvo B6 M738BSJ from Bennetts.

Shearings Holidays: As noted in the headline an order for no less than 45 Setra coaches have been ordered for delivery by April for the 2009 season. Twenty are for the main touring fleet, featuring a new livery and will be three axle 13.02m 52 seat Comfort Class S416GT-HD models, ten will be to an enhanced specification for "Grand Tourer" use. The final 15 which will be 48 seat 12.2m S415GT-HD are being allocated to subsidiary National Holidays, the first brand new coaches whilst under the tenure of Shearing.

Warrington Coachways: A recent arrival is a tri-axle Volvo B10M / Van Hool T10CAE still carrying the livery of its previous owner Red Lion of Blantyre, but with Bennetts titles. Also now in use is all white Optare Solo T294BNN

Scotland

Hill: New arrival is N348AVV Mercedes 709 with Alexander body

Malcolm (Paisley): Vehicles seen here in early December were KFS347N Bedford YRQ Panorama plus two Dennis Javelins WDR598 with Plaxton Premiere body & R11SCH with Auwerter body Also there - another Dennis Javelin P779BJF and Metrorider in white livery N427GBV

Phoenix: A new arrival is N350AVV a Mercedes 709 with an Alexander body

United Bus: New to fleet Mercedes 709 M7JPT (128), N943MGG (124) and 711 P527UGA (121)

Southern England

Bennett (Gloucester): New here back in July was BT08SZR a Mercedes-Benz 1836RL. Acquired vehicles include a Mercedes-Benz O.530 Citaro which was an ex Evobus demonstrator, BX56VTP; together with an ex Lothian Buses V/Olympian Alexander M 225 VSX.

Cotswold Green (Nailsworth): Noted in Stroud in October was L720JUD a Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer ex Stagecoach Devon in allover blue livery. Also seen in Stroud in November was P637ARN an Optare Metrorider ex Blackburn.

Rambler Coaches (Hastings): On loan for a week in November was demonstrator FJ57SKD a Sunsundegui Volvo B9R and was given a temporary fleet number 13. Also delivered in November was Bedford WLB with Duple bodied coachwork registration number CMG30. The vehicle was new to Garner of Ealing in June 1935. It was acquired from Taylors of Tintinhull, having been in store. Some restoration work to be carried out.

Renown – Cavendish: Seen in service, leaving Hailsham High Street in Ensigns blue and silver livery, was Optare low -floor YJ51ZVK which was formally 732 in the Reading fleet.

Stewarts (Grazeley Green): New here in October were 3 Mercedes-Benz O.816D Unvi, YN58AGU/AGX/AGZ and a Mercedes-Benz O.816D Plaxton Cheetah YN58FXT.

This company has now taken over the private hire business and two commercial contracts from Reading Buses, and along with 4 Scania K114EB Irizar's, YN53OZK, YN53OZL, YN04AHE and YN04AHF

Turners (Bristol): Noted in the yard on the 19th November was YN04GGE a Scania K114EB Irizar PB, originally Chambers, Moneymore (NI). Also noted in the depot was a Setra S416GTHD.

South West

Carmel Coaches (Okehampton): Vehicle loan returned was Volvo / Jonckherre R202WYD. Vehicle acquired Bova FHD JJZ6409,

Dartline Coaches (Exeter): New Bus is Optare YJ 58 VCK

Hookways (Exeter): Vehicles acquired; Volvo / Van Vool LIL 7802 ex Fricker (Weston Super Mare. and Volvo Jonckherre SF05XYX formerly with Parks of Hamilton

Wales

1st Choice (Llanelli): Acquired in November was M110PWN a Dennis Javelin / Plaxton Premiere, ex First Cymru 21110

Bysiau Cwm Taf (Whitland): New here in August was YX08MHZ Enterprise Plasma Plaxton Primo B28F. This is a dealer loan for around three months

Cardiff Bus: Now in service are seven Scania / Wright Pulsars 761 (CN58FFT), 762 (CN58FFU), 763 (CN58FFV), 764 (CN58FFW), 765 (CN58FFX), 766 (CN58FFY) AND 767 (CN58FFZ).

CATS/Top Kat (Bedwas): Acquired in October from Bayview Enterprises, Glasgow was K469SKO a Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Plaxton Pointer B40F.

Clynnog & Trefor: Just acquired from Stagecoach South has been Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointers M98WBW and M102WBW. Volvo B10M Plaxton YIL 7734 (ex 820 YKE, E805 DPN) was re - registered to E774 AJC in October and is now deemed to be withdrawn.

Creigiau Travel (Cardiff): CNZ3829 (ex S88CCH) a Volvo B7R Plaxton C57F was acquired from Hatts, Foxham in November.

Cymru Coaches (Skewen): Two vehicles offered for sale in November in the trade press were K792OTC and L62VAG, both Volvo B10M Plaxton.

Davies (Llanelli): Vehicle reregistered in August was Volvo B10M-60 Van Hool, H813TEP (ex PJI6389, OIL3925, H157DVM) to PIL9276.

Diamond Tours (Morriston): The following coaches should now have arrived here from the now closed coaching arm of Islwyn Borough Transport: A neoplan N316SHD YN07EAO and Jonckherre bodies Volvo B12s FJ53KZM, FJ53KZN and FJ04ERX.

Drake, (Blaina): Acquired vehicles in June and July respectively include MX07NTN and MX07BCZ Enterprise Plasma Plaxton Primo ex Raddoneur.

Edwards, (Tiers Cross): Delivered in August was KUI9600, orig. L46CNY Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton Premiere C53F ex Bevan, Cwmrhydyceirw.

Edwards (Llanwit Fadre): The following vehicles have been reregistered in November:

PVV 315 a DAF / Duple 320 back to B890AJX (ex B890 AJX) to B890, YAP104 a DAF / Jonckherre back to B495 CBD, W228 JBN a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton to PVV 315 and W288 JBN a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton to YAP 104. LAG Panoramic PJI 8994 (ex B732 TEL) was sold in October.

Ferris (Nantgarw): Delivered in May were two Volvo B12BT Berkhof CH71CT, FJ08FZA and FJ08FZB. In September they took delivery of FL02ZXW a Volvo B12M Berkhof, ex Jones of Bryncethin, and also WA04MHM and WA04TYU Bova FHD12.340 from D Coaches, Morriston. YN55 KMF a Mercedes-Benz O814D / Plaxton Cheetah C29F came from Four Square, Guiseley in October

Francis Drake (Blaina): L404TKB a Neoplan N4016 B40F came from Arriva North West & Wales in October. G680AAD a M/Benz 709D PMT has been scrapped on site (November). WX54NRN a Mercedes-Benz 413CDI was sold to Jumbo, Malpas (September). L65MWJ a Mercedes-Benz 609D (ex L90WOW, L65 MWJ, LUI 7627, L65 MWJ) has been sold to the Stafford Bus Centre in November

GHA (Ruabon): The following vehicles from Vale Travel, Ruabon were acquired in September: 7239VT a Volvo B10M Plaxton (ex PNH182, D875EEH); 9975VT a Volvo B55 Alexander (ex A157HLV); A209OKJ a Metrobus MCW; N149BOF a Optare Metrodider;

Further vehicles acquired in September/October were: M10GHA an Iveco Wadham Stringer (ex M290OUR) transferred from the Bryn Melyn fleet; NDZ3161, K129LGO Dennis Dart 8.5SDL Wright B29F ex Stagecoach Manchester; L408NUA, L409LUA Volvo B10B / Wright Endeavour B49F ex Arriva Yorkshire; M200TPT a Vo B10M-62 Plaxton C49FT ex Travel Dundee; R7SOU a DAF Van Hool ex Welcome Travel, New Inn (for spares) X814HCT a Mercedes-Benz O.814D / ACI Nouvelle 2 C33F ex Jacobite Cruises, Inverness (ex 2080 NT)

The following vehicles were reregistered in October: L51CNY Volvo Plaxton to 9509VT; N603FJO Volvo B10B Plaxton to N8GHA and N612FJO Volvo B10B Plaxton to N9GHA

Jones International (Llandeilo): MJI7780 DAF Van Hool (ex LIL9454, K521RJX) has been sold to Llynfi, Maesteg in October.

Langley (Chepstow): LJZ2922 DAF / Van Hool (ex E352FNU,179BUT, E549MWP, DSK594, E442LNP), and SIL1898 Volvo Plaxton (ex J267NNC) have been acquired from Tanner's of Newport in September. Also bought of late has been NIW6506 DAF / Caetano Algarve (ex A48BWJ) has been acquired from Sixty Sixty (Merthyr Tydfil) whilst G731XLO Mercedes-Benz 609D Reeve Burgess C24F has come from Graham, Epsom

Laugharne Travel (St Clears): G997OKK Volvo Caetano (ex XSU761)has arrived from Malcolm Bevan, Neath in October.

P&O Lloyd (Bagillt): Arrivals from Stagecoach in October were; K707DAO, K708DAO and K709DAO Volvo B10M-55 Alexander PS B49F. They are now registered RUI 5269, RUI 5270 and RUI 5271 respectively.

Two ex Dublin Bus Volvo Olympian Alexander were acquired in October.

Lloyd's (Machynlleth): YR52 MDF Mercedes-Benz O.814D Plaxton B27F has arrived from Logan, Dunloy in October.

Llynfi (Maesteg): The following vehicles were noted for sale in November: B312YBX Volvo Van Hool (ex B10 MMJ, HIL 4424, B238 VBH); MX56FXG Irisbus 45C14 and YN08AVK a MAN Noge

Mainline (Gilfach Goch): YN06ZWH Scania K94IB4 Irizar arrived from Allan's, Gorebridge in October

Morris Travel (Carmarthen): D877WEY Volvo B10M Jonckheere (ex WAZ4435, D877WEY, WSV553, D106BNV) has come from M&H, Trefnant, while D196WJC Leyland Tiger Plaxton (ex D900STU, NEY819, 815DYE) arrived from Bennett, Warrington, both in October.

Padarn (Llanberis): The following vehicles have been transferred from KMP, Llanberis on the acquisition of that business in December.

6697RU Volvo B10M Plaxton (ex N663THO, A17XEL)

ODV203W Leyland Atlantean East Lancs

OJD841Y MCW Metrobus

ROX653Y MCW Metrobus

B125WUL MCW Metrobus

C889FON MCW Metrobus

F361WSC Volvo Olympian Alexander

J138DUV Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer

J987JNJ Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer

K819NKH Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer

L908JRN Dennis Dart East Lancs

L959MSC Volvo Olympian Alexander

L969MSC Volvo Olympian Alexander

M637BEY M/Benz 811D Mellor

Richard Bros, (Cardigan): New in May was YJ08DLE DAF DE4000 Van Hool C53F. The following vehicles have joined the fleet during the year: M817GFT Dennis Dart 9.8SDL MI B40F ex Birmingham Coach delivered January, P106HCH M/Benz 0814D Alexander B29F ex Birmingham Coach delivered January, X673OKH LDV Convoy M16 ex Copas, Birmingham delivered January, J785KHD DAF SB3000 Van Hool ex Eastville, Bristol delivered February, M10RCC M/Benz 0814D T923MAW LDV Convoy ex Copas, Birmingham delivered June, T564PNV Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer ex Thames Travel delivered July, K235EHG DAF SB3000 Van Hool ex Arriva The Shires delivered September and K508RJX DAF SB3000 Van Hool ex Arriva The Shires delivered September.

Silcox (Pembroke): New in April was WA08JVX Bova FHD126.365 Bova, whilst YN08NKJ AD Javelin Plaxton Profile C53F was new in May.

The following vehicles are currently for sale: Optare Solos 14 (YC51HAO), 15 (YC51HAE), Dennis Javelin / UVG 177 (P384YHT) and Dennis Javelin /Caetano 179 (P779WDE)

Silverline (Merthyr Tydfil): Acquired in November was X703UKS a Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer B29F, ex Bluebird, Middleton

Silver Star (Caernarfon): New here is an ex Stagecoach M-B Vario P559PNE.

Sixty Sixty (Merthyr Tydfil): New in September were A17UMC (ex P997NKU) and A18UMC (ex P998NKU), Dennis Javelin Plaxton C49FT ex Martins, New Cross.

Summerdale (Letterston): NIL7042 Vo B10M-60 Plaxton Excalibur C70F (ex 366EKH, J423HDS) came from Bank View, Penwortham in September.

TRC (Treorchy):

Acquired in August was B360LSO a Leyland Olympian Alexander H45/32F from A-Bus in Bristol

Williams, (Brecon): New in September was YN56FGA Scania K94IB Irizar C70F ex Jackson, Blackpool.

M77KMP Optare Solo Optare

M777KMP Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer

N776CJC M/Benz 814D Mellor

N848FDT M/Benz 811D Mellor

N736FJC Volvo B10M Plaxton (ex N77 KMP)

P7KMP Dennis Dart Alexander

R7KMP Volvo B10M Caetano

S377MCC Dennis Dart Alexander

T72JCC Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer

T7KMP Neoplan N116/2

W632RNP Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer

Y91RWH Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer (ex BUS 51T)

CX51EZJ Dennis Dart Alexander

CX52VRK Dennis Dart Alexander

The West Midlands

Green Transport: Metrobus E458SON that damaged the garage roof is being repaired and should be back in service during the latter half of January. Meanwhile the former Arriva Volvo Citybus H658GPF that had previously been on loan from Ensign has now joined the fleet

National Express Service News

As noted last month Lucketts of Fareham are due to take over the contract for services 030/031/032 from TGM in January, Caetano Levantes FJ58AHK, AHN and AHU have been noted at the depot ready for the take up of the services.

East Yorkshire operated 390 Hull to Manchester service was withdrawn on November 24th due to low passenger numbers, other changes effecting the East Riding are the loss of the 0810 562 journey from Hull to London and the 1530 return north. The extension to Beverley is also to be cut.

New Deliveries

Beacon Bus	MX58ACU	Optare Versa
Buzzlines	YR58BUH	
Golden Boy	EU58ACX	ADL Enviro200Dart / Enviro 200 B29F
Golden Boy	VV58BOY	Mercedes-Benz O.816D
JSB Travel	SB58BUS	Optare Solo
NCP Challenger	YX58DXA (ADL36)	ADL Enviro200Dart / Enviro 200 B29D
Pulmans (Bourton on Water)	GL58PUL	Volvo B12M Plaxton Panther
Roberts (Porth)	RR58RCR	Mercedes-Benz / Sitcar
Ross Travel (Featherstone)	YJ58PGK	Optare Solo
Safeguard	MX58ABF	Optare Versa

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

Not too much this month with Arthur not visiting over the Christmas holidays

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Stagecoach South	<i>Enviro 300</i>	GX58GKA, GKE, GKG, GKK, GKL
Arriva Shires & Essex	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN58EOK, SN58EOM
Dublin Bus	<i>Enviro 400</i>	08D30091, 08D30076, 08D30094
Translink	<i>Enviro 200</i>	UEZ3509
Stagecoach North East	<i>Enviro 400</i>	NK58FMC

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Stagecoach North East	<i>Enviro 400</i>	NX58FMN
Stagecoach South	<i>Enviro 300</i>	GX58GKP
Translink	<i>Enviro 200</i>	VEJ3512, VEJ3514
Dublin Bus	<i>Enviro 400</i>	08D30088, 08D30092
Arriva North West	<i>Enviro 400</i>	CX58FZN

Around the Dealers

Blythswood (Renfrew)

Noted in December

Stagecoach Yorkshire Volvo B6s 30188 (K272ERM), 30196 (L507OAL), 30197 (L504OAL), 30209 (L860WVC) and 30224 (M204EUF)

Mercedes (white) P494TGA, R952JYS, Mercedes 0814D N140ESC (Alexander body) and SF06FSP (Onyx body)

Two Solo's V272DRC and V274DRC ex Nottingham

FXU355 Skyliner and P96GAE Scania K11D Van Hool

J103WSC, J104WSC, J107WSC and J112WSC all ex Arriva and still in their colours

E703XKR and F703JCN Scania N112

Ensign

Vehicles In

From Stagecoach Manchester: Scania's H465GVM / J136/41HMT K853LMK E706EFG

From Stagecoach E Midlands: H344SWA.

From Stagecoach Strathtay: Olympians K508/10/18ESS J196YSS

From Arriva Midlands: Volvo D10M's: H649/53/56/58/64/84GPF E149BTO C144NRR

From Metroline: Darts R164VLA R130RLY.

From Dublin Bus: Olympians 96-D-258/9/262/278/279/280/283.

From Blue Triangle: Tridents P051UM/H/K/L/R.

From Rotala Group: Volvo D10M G647SGT

From private preservation: Bristol VR VEX287X.

Vehicles Out

Bristol VR's HJB464W RAH265W: Little London Ltd, Safano, Italy

MIL8341: Hilton Hire Services , Merseyside.

Bristol VR's RUA461W HJB455W: BBC Wales.

Volvo D10M's B306KVO C308/9NRC: A and P Brown, Ely, Cambs.

Volvo D10M E153DTO: Dews Coaches, Somersahm, Cambs.

Volvo D10M's G119NGN G850WGW: Farleigh Coaches , Rochester, Kent.

Volvo B10B M648YLV: Kearney Coach Hire, Eire.

Olympian G511SFT: Johnsons coaches, Hodthorpe.

Dublin Olympian 96-D-304: TM Travel, Sheffield.

Darts L714/9JUD: ACL Travel, Hewish, Somerset.

Darts P303/10MLD: Renown Coaches, Bexhill

Dart R131RLY: Rotala Group, Birmingham.

Dart MPD SN51SXV: Clinton Coaches, Brentwood.

Dart MPD's SN51 SXD/E/F/P/R/S/T/W : McGill's Bus Services, Greenock.

Chepstow Classic Buses

Acquired from Stagecoach Devon in October were 5 Dennis Dart 8.5SDL Wrightbus B28F: JDZ 2360, JDZ 2362, JDZ 2371, NDZ 3152, NDZ 3153 along with a single Dart 9SDL N410MBW.

JDZ 2371 has now gone,

NDZ 3152 has been exported to Antigua

NDZ 3153 has been sold to Munden, Bristol.

Preservation News

Vehicles

Driving through Cambridge recently AEC Routemaster **CUV291C** (RML2291) was espied in The Master Mariner Pub car park. It has been there about 2 weeks. One to add to the preserved bus group publication

Event Reports

From B.R. Owens

One of my interests is steam traction engines and rollers as well as buses. I have attended 23 steam rallies this year and have seen a few buses and coaches at some of them (also fire engines, for those interested) Your comment in the November magazine regarding the lack of news items coming in spurred me to pen the following list. Some are from earlier part in the year, so it's a little stale.

If anyone wants to know the registrations of the fire engines they can ring me on 01454 311 468

Mon 5th May 2008 Abbey Hill Steam Rally, Yeovil

JUO943 coach CLJ413J coach C869DYD minibus WOW529J bus

Plus 3 fire engines

Sat 24th May 2008 Tortworth Steam Rally

MJP59K coach

Sat 21st June 2008 Lister - Tyndale Steam Rally, Berkeley Castle, Gloucester

MJP59K coach AYS9B coach GTX762W bus

Plus 1 steam car

Sun 22nd June 2008 Shugborough Hull Steam Rally, Staffs

FDB334C bus YOX133K WMPTE URE281 coach

Sun 29th June 2008 Banbury Steam Rally

KEL94 OB LTA750 OB CUF842 bus MJP59K coach

PWL413 bus HOT339 OB 243AJB bus DBL154 bus

Plus 1 steam car

Sat 5th July 2008 Heddington & Stockley Steam Rally, Wilts

GWV101 OB Plus 2 fire engines & 1 steam car

Sun 6th July 2008 Chiltern Steam Rally, Gt. Missenden, Bucks

MUR200H coach Plus 1 fire engine

Wed 9th July 2008 Hampshire C.C. Mus, Store, Chilcomb

No 57 Southampton tram (in need of restoration)

EY5218 1935 Thorneycroft coach (in need of restoration)

Plus 1 steam car & 6 traction engines/rollers

Sat 12th July 2008 Woodcote Steam Rally

PWL413 bus JRX823 Bus 859DYE (RM859)

Sun 13th July 2008 Cheshire Steam Rally

GJB279 bus EVD580 coach FDB334C bus

YOX133K WMPTE NNC855P coach EUU117J AEC coach

TBB938 Leyland Coment Rescue Unit + 2 fire engines, 2 steam cars

and 1 helicopter

Sat 19th July 2008 Much Marcle Steam Rally, Herefordshire

YSK263 coach ETL221 OB HWO342 bus

AYS9B coach GTX762W Bus MJP59K coach

Plus 1 steam car

Sun 20th July 2008 Bo connac Steam Rally, Nr Liskeard

GNM235N coach Plus 1 fire engine, 1 steam car & 1 helicopter

Sun 20th July 2008 Langport Steam Rally, Somerset

GWV101 OB MRL765 coach Plus 1 steam car & 1 helicopter

Sun 27th July 2008 Welland Steam Rally, Nr. Great Malvern

AYS9B coach HJP59K coach GTX762W bus CVF842 bus

EDV505D coach L908NWW coach R276TYC Coach

Sun 3rd August 2008 West Somerset Railway Steam Rally

2 additions to add to the report in the September magazine

CCX777 XTF98D

Sat 16th August 2008 Lincolnshire Steam Rally

RSL383 coach SHL917 coach 8031PT Bus

Plus 3 steam cars

Sat 30th August 2008 Gt. Dorset Steam Fair

LTA772 bus ETL221 OB VHO200 Coach LBT380N coach

DS8768 st. bus OVL473 Bus MLL554 Bus

Plus 1 fire engine & 10 steam cars also 35005 MN 4-6-2 loco

Sat 11th October 2008 GWR Steam Rally, Cheltenham Race Course

MJP59K coach OAX500M coach KUL344D Bedford Vas 2 coach

converted to a mobile home

Sat 1st November 2008 Hanbury Steam Rally, Stoke Prior, Worc's

HKX553V Bedford JJJ Plus 1 steam car

Amersham Running Day 5th October 2008

VLT8	RM	JJD412D	RML	CUV168	RML	476CLT	RML
LLU613	Regent 3	461CLT	RML	DSL540	RML	HLX421	Regent 3
FUF63	Regent 3	D101NDW	Lynx	TAL2507	Tiger	5056HA	BMMO S15
MXX434	Regal 4	MXX313	GS	MXX317	GS	MXX334	GS
MXX8	Regent 4	MXX294	Regal 4	JD446D	RML	MLL818	Regal 4
MOR581	Reliance	NLE667	Regal 4	NLE636	Regal 4	NLE644	Regal 4

Out and About

Just a short trip out by Steve Jenner and Barry Harper on Sunday 14th December 2008 - Weather was sunny but chilly

Bridgewater

FB 20547 on NX service

FB Depot (All can be seen from Road outside)

34178, 34179, 34180 40588, 40593, 42634, 43821, 43823, 51404, 51590, 51592, 51593, 51594, 51602, 51685, 51688, 60598 (*plus one unidentified*)

Bishops Lydeard, West Somerset Railway

In station area BR D3462, D6566 plus coach 10521

Working:

Santa Express GWR class 2800 2-8-0 No. 3850 with coaches 35257 - 4987- 4911 - 4909 - 4449

Santa Special S&DJR Class 7F 2-8-0 No. 88 with coaches 9380 – 3058 – 4435 – 4260 – 5002

Dinner Special GWR Class 9351 2-6-0 No. 9351 with coaches 1804 – 3108 – 1909 – 21174

Taunton

Bus Station

FB 20456, 34063, 40594, 41156, 42832, 42841, 42844, 42845, 42913, 42916, 45115, 46236, 51683, 51880, 66172, and 66961

(FB) Taunton Depot (All can be seen from the Road outside or Forecourt)

34173, 34714, 34716, 41134, 41135, 42834, 42912, 45111, 45112, 45114, 50466, 50467, 51747, 52573, 52640, 60599, 66166, 66167, 66173 and 66178

On way back to Weston

Bridgewater – YYD699 South Gloucestershire (Bristol)

Highbridge – BIG9307 Buglers (Bath)
34168 (First)

East Brent (Sanders Garden World) BIG6695 (Buglers (Bath))

Note: Buglers have moved from Old School Road, Brislington to London Road, Bath

ACL Travel have moved from Hewish to - Unit 6 Moor Park, Locking Moor Road, WSM, BS24 8RA

On 16/11/08 Ian Swain went to Anglesey for a short break and noted the following on the island;

A2B Bs. A2 BDO, reading A2B DO naughty!!

YJ06 LCY Mid Wales VH B10 MPT Griffiths Bf

VIA 8311 Pn Clnnog & Trefor and B110 SJA d/d plus L661 MSF s/d

Arriva 0821, 398 (MK52 XNS), S631KHN, R559 ABA, R561 ABA, MV02 XYJ.

K4 KMT KM, VH. M222 ALP, Co. Alpine

Pritchards B20 PCL Je, Battersby Silver Grey (Leger), YN06 MXC Pn Mc Ewans, B12 VOL., Pn

Eifion Coaches. minicoach, OX06 AGO. M343 NOD, OJD 814Y and IJI 3294 -VH, of W. E. Jones? noted near Amlwch

X256 DEP Lewis-Y- Llan, And on depot A122 GSA s/d.

On A5025 in pub yard ("Pilot Boat"), ONF 673R a play bus. Most of the COACHES above noted in and around Beaumaris/Menai and Llanfairpg. In Beaumaris coach park; MLC 3P Memory Lane

VH, National Hols, YJ03 VMP.

Holyhead;

Arriva CX04 AXZ (2482), R521 UCC (2325), CX55 EAJ could have been EAF?, also P942 MKL, P833 RWU. Goodsir M119 XSR s/d, YJ55 BLZ Solo, YJ05 WCK Solo, FX03 ECE Solaro, R114 VLX short s/d,

I also saw 2 VR's overall green not seen close-to, owner unknown.

A55 Junction 4 in lay-by on the old road, Goodsir, GSU 368 Pn Excal. ROX 667Y, ROX 614Y and C897 FON.

Llangefni; Lewis-Y-Llan T6 AHL Solo.

Beaumaris coach park seems productive even this late in the year

Please note, if anyone is going to North Wales or Anglesey via the A55 please take extra care as the police are out trying to catch the unwary motorist. The speed limits vary and can be confusing, so best bet is to go slowly. They seem to be particularly active from before St Asaph all the way along to Anglesey.

Something a tiny bit different for this month's sightings log; Don't know how many of you collect European Coaches but here are a few passing through Windsor by Denis, with a couple noted at Canterbury by Mel (Please note fleet numbers are in brackets at the end of reg)

29th November 2008

Sulli's Reisen / Gerhard Sulkowski,
Hetersberg (paper legals only)
[D] PS-BS 274, Scania Irizar Century

All white no legals or lettering
[D] UL-V 734, Setra S415 HD

Europamundo Vacaciones
[E] 1824 FTP, Mercedes Irizar

Bak Reize, Alkmaar
[NL] BN-Nv-56 (69)

3rd December 2008

Student Agency, Brno
[CZ] 5B7 5104 (104), Scania Irizar

5th December 2008

HM-Voyages, Thenezay
[F] 1749 VK 79, Renault

6th December 2008

Les Cars Fraizy, Pithiviers
[F] 1826 ZQ 45, Temsa Safari RD

Europamundo
[E] 1781 FTP, Mercedes Irizar

14th December 2008

Blitz-Reisen, Overath
[D] GL-BR 304, Setra S415HDH

16th December 2008

Unidentified
[PL] WY-91478, (all white older Style,
Kassbohrer-Setra, no titles visible.

Had Zorpidis on seats, previous
operator or owner of seats?)

17th December 2008

Menguy-Burban Voyages, Josselin
[F] 9609 XX 56, Van Hool T918
Astron

Nombalais, Coex
[F] 4422 XS 85, Bova

Maisonneuve-Voyages, Auvergne
[F] 8321 ZC 69, Setra S319GT-HD

Cars Delgrange, Oost Cappel
[F] 509 CFT 59, Van Hool T916
Alicorn

18th December 2008

Garnier, La Cote St Andre
[F] 986 CHN 38, Van Hool T917
Acron

Rignon, Briancon
[F] 1547 KW 05, Van Hool T917
Acron

De Jong, Ridderkerk
[NL] BP-GX-66, Bova (782)

19th December 2008

Ed Slangen en Zonen, Kerkrade
[NL] BN-BJ-18, Bova (54)

20th December 2008

By Mel Murphy
Canterbury Coach Park, Kent

Evadys Travel
[B] VXJ-089

Marcel Cars
[B] 3424-P

Simatours
[B] DHY-806

Verhoeven
[B] KIC-394

BVBA International Tours
[B] RIW-438

Noyon Cars
[F] 451-AFN-60

Picards
[F] 1082-XE-80

24th December 2008

Confort bus
[E] 9110 GCB, Iveco Irisbus noge

VIP Cars
[E] 1478 CST, Mercedes Beulas Aura

Unmarked
[GR] IBH 3464, Bova (last noted by
Denis on 4th July 2008, owner not
known then either. The coach has
had a reprint in a deeper purple
overall, without the futura titles seen
earlier.)

Peterborough Bus Station 16th December 2008 (10:15 - 12:15) - Geoff Siddons

Stagecoach - 16125/130/139/146/175/589/593

18102/408/411/412/413/414/415/416/417/419/422/423/424, 20531

33297/304/309/311/313/323/324/393/395/396/397/398

34479/526/530/532/533/534/535/536/537/538/539/541/542/543/544/545/546/547/548/878/

879/881/882

35186, 36041/042/044/045
National Express – 53001/04, *Ambassador* FD54DEV
First – 37563/569/571/575
Judds – PFM128Y
Peterborough City Council – 584/586/587/588/589/594/595/600/604
Kimes – TAZ4062, YJ04BMV
Delaine – P87SAF, P112RGS
AD07DBL, AD04ACT, AD56EBL, AD03OCT, AD58DBL, AD08DBL
Tourmaster – R291NYB
Whitelaws Coaches, Stonehouse – AE56MDN

Depot Watch

Chas Ackroyd had permission to visit the depot of Horseman's of Reading on November 1st

N660VJB, R204STF, S193WAN, T10/20DMB, W56/57SJH, FJ03ZTU/ZTV/ZTW/ZTY, RX04STF,
RX06WVC/WVD/WVE/WVL/WVM/WVN,
RX07KDF/KDJ/KDK/KDN/KDO/KEJ, RX51EXM/EXN/EXO/EXP,
RX57GXL/GXO/GXM/GXN/GXT/GXU/GXV/GXW,

I must add that the staff were very friendly, and only too proud to show of their immaculate depot.

Meanwhile Geoff Siddons called in at a couple of operators on December 16th

Shaws of Maxey

FN52GVE, Y665HWY, D298XCZX, SC02JHY, DM04GSM, R291NPN, K395PJU, Y648HWY,
X67CNY, HEW174Y, T2SHW, F259OFP, W7VHW, N268PTL,, Y698WRM, S167UAL, B23UJR,
CL52LAE, M519RCG

Also, in derelict state

ELP554T, UFL256, XEW323T, PFL965R, PFL363R

West End Travel, (Melton Mowbray)

M465LPG, D1WET, AV51AVA, XLC1S, L1WET,
M1WET, BV57VHD, M675VRR, H1WET, T1WET, Y1WET, C876CYX, BV57VGP, MX56HYO,
J7WET
C366LFF, PIL7972 *Rutland Travel*
VUB396H *Wallace Arnold - Preserved*

Rail Replacement

November 29th 2008 Exeter - Taunton

AXE Vale WA03HRC

Quantock 157TYB, TYR95, TCZ6123

Hookways 4415HP

First 20044, 20085, 20144, 20145, 20304, 20436, 20441, 20442, 20443, 20472, 20475, 20531,
68301

Cassandra's Corner

(or the posh birds view from the North Midlands)

Berresfords (Cheddleton)

The company was bought out by PMT in 1987 is back in the news. Their increasingly derelict garage alongside the A820 is to be finally demolished to be replaced by an Eco – Park (what do that be then? – Ed) (Haven't a clue CS)

They were one of the pioneering independents that sprung up after the Great War and operated around the Moorlands and to Hanley using a bizarre mixture of exotic beasts (stop waffling – Ed!) At the rear of the garage were the stores – ie a field littered with pre – war (2) buses which provided preservationists with rare parts.

The stores so named because if a driver wanted a spare part he was given a screwdriver and told to go to the stores! We shall not see his (Jim Berresford) like again. He was the Traffic Commissioners worst nightmare, Health & Safety would have a fit, but the buses always turned up and the crews were personal friends of the passengers/customers. They provided a personal service to a rural community very different from the likes of First (Hey fellas the Posh Bird talks sense – Ed)

Procter (Fenton)

Additional (hired from Stoke – on – Trent Council) Solo **YN53EMJ**

In 2003 after First Potteries contretemps with the Traffic Commissioners over poor maintenance leading to a loss of licences/routes Stoke – on –Trent council bought three Darts Alexander body N29F

DA51XTC/XTD/XTE and five Solo's MB 850 Optare N27F **YN53EMF/EMJ/EMK/EMV/EMX**

These buses have been operated by D & G Buses and Wardles (Burslem) Deju Vu and by First (Fleet number 43804) **DA51XTD**

Procter's have gained a school contract in Bentiles and have been allocated **YN53EMJ** as their fully low floor bus. A source states that the two remaining Metroriders **K320FYG** and **K355SCN** were replaced due being past their rust - by - date and being removed by Beeches a local HGV graveyard (wots that? A PCV undertaker undertaking – Ed)

Bus Spots

What to do if you are spotting in London and get tired of logging red buses (unthinkable, I know) - or maybe once you have got them all! For those wanting a slightly different kind of enjoyment from the hobby, try The Embankment.

Through the day , a variety of sightseeing coaches is to be found parked up here - from all over the UK, and Europe too. But around 4.30 pm, when these are starting to load up to depart, the place really comes to life. About this time each weekday, the London commuter exodus begins - and The Embankment is one of the major pick-up points and thoroughfares for the coaches involved.

The steady stream continues of National Express, tourist coaches from elsewhere in the city, Arriva OLST and Big Bus open-toppers, SELKENT buses turning back into Whitehall at the end of the 53 and CT Plus double decks on the recently extended 388. For those into this kind of thing, the really interesting stuff from the Far East passes overhead too on the approach to Heathrow. And, for about 90 minutes or so until the rush dies down, the commuter coaches go by at about one a minute.

For me, the best place to oversee the action is the island at the middle of the pedestrian crossing immediately before Embankment station as you approach from Parliament Square. This way, you catch what comes down from Trafalgar Square too.

After 1800, the commuters carry on for a while, albeit at a diminished rate. Then, a steady procession takes over of coaches either taking theatre goers up to West End or heading off to find parking spaces for the evening. It always surprises me that some odd folk will travel almost as far to see a show as us normal people will go to see our buses. So, an interesting geographical selection is guaranteed here - good enough to keep me occupied well into several evenings

I have included one of my recent logs (of the commuters only, give or take a few of my inevitable mistakes) as an illustration of what is to be seen. This covers only 90 minutes or so up to about 6

pm (which saves me having to type too much). On this occasion, an icy wind and driving rain drove me into the nearby and justly famous Sherlock Holmes boozery, where a visit is a worthwhile experience in itself. It is true what they say about an ill wind, you know! Another evening, same operators of course. But quite a bit of variety in the individual vehicles involved.

Arriva, New Enterprise: SCZ7651, R903/4/8BKO, YN53VBX (ceases January 16th)
 Clarke, Lower Sydenham: Y585/7TOV, Y377UOM, LW52AKN, YN04GHK/F/J/H/G/U/V/X/Y, YN06NYU/V
 Kings Ferry (fine place, this, to make a dent in these): M8KFC, H3/6KFC, K5,7,8KFC, A4,14/5/9TKF, H9TKF, GN51WCA, FN02VBD, GJ02JL, GJ52MUV, YR52VFB, GN03TYB, FD54DHL, FJ05ANV, YN06NYF/G, YN07DZJ/O/R,ECE,LKC, BV57FPL, J6TKF
 Reliance, Gravesend: BX06UMK/L, YN08AVW/G/Z/F/V, AWA
 Chalkwell, Sittingbourne: 187NKH, R109AKP, R105CKN, R110JKP, FC02DRX
 Excalibur, New Cross: YP52CTY, YN06CHJ/K, JXA,NYP
 Marshall, Leighton Buzzard: SJ18103/6, FN52MZO, YN06OPR
 Anderson, Bermondsey: YJ05FXD, WA08GPT, BN08HNO
 Telling Golden Miller: YN07OOX Travel Partners, Hoo: YN54WFD
 Buzzlines, Hythe: YN08JBX Gillies (Aylesham): Y796UDT
 Olympus, Harlow: V282/3SBW Cavalier (Heston): YN07EAK
 Swallow (Rainham): FN52MZF BJS Travel (Great Wakering): R915ULA

I have included below the various timetables of the commuter operations at Embankment / Charing Cross, merged together, to give you an idea of just how busy it gets. It is effective from January 19th.

Departure time / Operator / service Number

1551	Kings Ferry	C4a	1705	Marshalls	771	1738	Chalkwell	E6
1601	Kings Ferry	C1a	1707	Clarkes	761	1740	Chalkwell	J4
1607	Clarkes	761	1707	Kings Ferry	C2b	1742	Kings Ferry	M2a
1612	Clarkes	762	1708	Chalkwell	E4	1742	Clarkes	770
1621	Chalkwell	E1	1708	Reliance	736	1745	Reliance	735
1621	Kings Ferry	C4b	1712	Clarkes	764	1747	Kings Ferry	C1f
1625	Reliance	735	1712	Kings Ferry	M1a	1747	Clarkes	762
1628	Chalkwell	J1	1712	Kings Ferry	C1d	1752	Kings Ferry	C2c
1629	Clarkes	770	1714	Clarkes	770	1752	Clarkes	761
1630	Marshalls	771	1715	Reliance	735	1802	Reliance	736
1631	Kings Ferry	C2a	1717	Kings Ferry	C11b	1806	Kings Ferry	C4e
1636	Kings Ferry	C1b	1720	Chalkwell	J3	1806	Kings Ferry	C1g
1638	Chalkwell	E2	1722	Kings Ferry	C12a	1807	Clarkes	763
1642	Clarkes	761	1723	Chalkwell	E5	1809	Clarkes	769
1648	Reliance	736	1723	Reliance	736	1810	Marshalls	771
1652	Clarkes	763	1727	Kings Ferry	C1e	1810	Chalkwell	E7
1652	Clarkes	769	1727	Clarkes	763	1815	Reiance	735
1652	Kings Ferry	C1c	1731	Marshalls	773	1822	Clarkes	761
1653	Chalkwell	E3	1734	Clarkes	769	1832	Clarkes	770
1655	Reliance	735	1736	Marshalls	772	1834	Kings Ferry	C4f
1657	Kings Ferry	C4c	1737	Clarkes	761	1849	Kings Ferry	C8a
1657	Kings Ferry	C11a	1737	Kings Ferry	C11c	1900	Reiance	736
1705	Chalkwell	J2	1738	Reliance	736			

The Gallery



Ian Roberts has been lurking around North Lancs this time noting the latest Wrightbus arrivals through Fleetwood Docks on December 30th



West Yorkshire is the place to go to see yellow school buses, here is one of the BMC Falcons operated by CT Plus on behalf of Metro



Meanwhile Tony Allen has been along to Widnes to get the latest MCV Evolution arrival at Halton Borough



Here we have a Stagecoach in Cambridge Optare Solo having just been through the wash



Lee Wardle was up at Classic capturing this former Burtons Caetano Levante, now running from Anfield Plain



Whilst not seen in large numbers around the country the Temsa safari does sell in some numbers here we a one operated by Solus Coaches

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