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A colleague of mine, Tony Wellbelove, was in Eastbourne in mid January and managed to capture this Dennis Dart SLF of Cavendish, R112RLY which will become 33369 in the Stagecoach fleet

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

Well as you read this the AGM will be imminent, a full report on the happenings next time, sorry I am unable to be there but a previous family commitment down South prevented it, not many things get in the way of me and buses, but “She who must be obeyed” is one!!

A very full magazine this time, “as usual” I hope you say, well we have an extra four pages this month mainly as a result of Stagecoach taking over Eastbourne, Cavendish and Preston, for which we have the new numbers and also with thanks to Paul we have allocations for the northern operations of Trandev.

We have also added a new bit, for which we don't actually have a name for as yet, so any suggestions would be gratefully received. It covers all those buses and coaches that aren't actually used in normal service I'll leave Tony Allen to describe it to you late in the magazine and as he says it need your input , as at present there isn't really anywhere else the information comes from, so if you are out and about and see a bus being used as a snack bar in a lay-by pass it on to Tony, who will be collating all the information for this bit.

Next month, no room this time around, we will also be adding a bit on European Coaches for which Geoff Colclough will be handling, so any reports or bits and pieces regarding these can you pass it on thank you.

Also this time we have a list of the new Dial a Ride buses in London, this has taken an awful lot of work by the people involved, as these are very elusive vehicles, and any additional information you could provide would be very much appreciated, as several hundred of these are due arrive in the coming years.

Group News

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Adrian Burch (Southend – on –Sea), Brian M. Campbell (North East Lincolnshire), Stephen Clegg (Huddersfield), John Duff (Walsall), Paul Lee (Leicester), A.C. Moxon (Hertfordshire), Richard Sandison (Aberdeen), Bruce Stone (Winchester), David P. Warren (Ipswich), Alan Wright (Warrington)

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 March magazine is Friday February 27th 2008.

Contributions

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Membership Details

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Membership renewals:

It is still taking quite a long time for members to renew their subscriptions to the society. We send out two renewal notices, emails are sent and telephone calls made to members whose renewals are overdue. It fact it can be a couple of months before the renewal is received – sometimes when members are deleted, they suddenly realise they haven't received their magazine and telephone to find out why!

Also when members return their renewal form, could they please make sure they enter their membership number.

News from the Industry

Rotala Group are merging the business of Ludlows with that of Central Connect **London Transport** is holding an open weekend at its Acton Depot on March 7th and 8th. This years theme is "London's transport in miniature" over 70 road and rail vehicles will be on show along with signs, photographs and models amongst other items.

Crawley Luxury Coaches, suffered a fire at their depot on January 20th resulting in the loss of three Plaxton Premiere bodied Volvo B10M coaches, along with three other coaches receiving extensive damaged.

First Group is investing in 14 Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse buses for enhanced operation of the Chester Park & Ride service.

Dublin Bus is in the process of removing 120 buses form its fleet, some 10% of its current operational fleet, along with 290 jobs, as recession bites in Ireland just as it is over here, with declining passenger numbers, has left it making a loss for the first time in eight years. The reduction will still leave Dublin Bus with a fleet of over 1000 buses.

Dot2Dot the loss making Shuttle service of National Express was sold to Corot plc, on January 10th. The new owners have announced a significant expansion to services in the coming months, with an application to operate from London City Airport already put forward.

Arriva North East has closed depot on Whitby Rd in Loftus on Saturday January 17th. The depot was originally opened back in 1926.

Stagecoach announced on January 9th, that it was purchasing Cavendish Motor Services one half of the Renown-Cavendish operation. Cavendish operates 28 buses from its depot at Polegate on routes that compete with the recently acquired Eastbourne Buses. Less than a week later however Stagecoach said that it was closing the operation down from March and making all 65 staff redundant as well as closing the depot on the Chaucer Industrial Estate.

Preston Bus announced, on January 23rd that the shareholders had voted to accept an offer put forward by Stagecoach. Preston Bus Managing Director Peter Bell said that "with the current economic climate the company faced an uncertain future, with forthcoming legislative changes and the new Transport Act it was felt by the directors to be in the best interests of all concerned to look at selling the company". The deal sees Stagecoach take over the 120 bus fleet, depot at Deepdale and 300 employees.

First York has regained the tender to operate the City's Park & Ride services for the next five years. 15 Mercedes-Benz Citaro articulated Buses were due to enter service on February 1st adding to 17 Wright bodied Volvos, making the services 100% low floor operated.

West Midlands Service News

NXWM services 45 & 47 will get minor timetable amendments from 22nd Feb 09.

NXWM service 45A is withdrawn from 22nd Feb 09.

The Green Bus Transport Company service 809 will be extended to Damsonwood from Dorridge from 15th Feb 09.

Johnson's of Henley will take over service X20 from Stagecoach in Warwickshire and will have additional journeys added in the week and Sunday.

Central Connect service X73 will now run from Birmingham Bull Street as opposed to Colmore Row from 25th Jan 09.

National Express Coventry service 12 will have a overall minor timetable changes, with journeys leaving Warwick University at 0923 and 1908 Mon-Fri withdrawn.

National Express Coventry service 81 will have additional Mon-Friday AM peak journeys added and additional journeys added in the evening to replace 192/194 journeys.

National Express Service News

A few changes noted for the new timetable on March 2nd

Service 010: London - Cambridge / Kings Lynn will no longer serve Canary Wharf

Service 024/025/027: London - Brighton / Hastings an additional stop at Vauxhall Station will be serviced, One evening journey on route 025 will be withdrawn.

Service 707/787: One 707 journey from Northampton and all 787 journeys extended from

Heathrow Airport Terminal 5 to terminate at Terminal 4, running via Southern Perimeter Roads.

Service 707: Revised routeing in Milton Keynes.

Service 717/797: Withdrawn between Cambridge and Madingley.

Service 717/727/797: Journeys between Brighton and Gatwick revised.

Service 797: The single late night journey from Norwich withdrawn. Initial Application

Fleet News

Arriva

Derby: B143 GAU is now with Edwards Coaches, Llantwit Fardre (South Wales). Minibuses 1383 (P483CAL), 1387 (P487CAL) and 1388 (P488CAL) have gone to a Glasgow operator 10 more Solo SRs are due in March.

Volvo / Wright Gemini deckers have started to arrive. Two have been delivered to Ascot Drive. 4208 (?), 4209 (FJ58KXG) Others are being stored at Cannock garage: 4210 (?), 4211 (FJ58KXK), 4212 (FJ58KXL), 4213 (FJ58KXM), 4214 (FJ58KXN), 4215 (FJ58KXO), 4217 (FJ58KXR) The last 2 Citybuses, former London 4324/6 have been withdrawn. Olympian 4669 has moved to Southgates garage. Citybuses (C144NRR) and 4329 (H671GPF) have been sold to Sun Fun and 4351 and 4321 have been sold to Stafford Bus Centre.

Fox County: Dennis Dart 8.8 / Plaxton Pointer 2 V428DGT has been noted in service in January, by Paul Lee, in Arriva corporate colours in service formerly with London as PDL8. On the 24th the following pair of DAF DE33WSSB3000 / Van Hools were also observed 3205 (49XBF) ex P205RWR and 3209 (815DYE) ex T209XVO.

Paul also says "ex 4698 / 4699 DAF DB250RS200505 Optare Spectra H48/29F Not yet able to find out if these have reverted back to 4698 L94HRF / 4699 L95HRF or Whether they have been scrapped – Will find out

London: The first of what will number five Wrightbus Integral Gemini 2 Hybrids has arrived at Wood Green HW1 (LJ58AVF), it is not expected to enter service any time soon though.

North East: Two very recent arrivals have been a pair of VDL SB200 / Plaxton Centro YJ58FFC in white and 03 (YJ58FFG) in fleet livery operating from Blyth. Others buse now at Blyth are 4077 (T78AUA) and 4079 (T83AUA). With Loftus closing the allocation has moved to Redcar except Optare Prisms 3018-3020 are now at Stockton.

North West: Three new Optare Solos have arrived at Wythenshawe 676 (CX58FYU), 677 (CX58FYV) and 678 (?)

Scotland: WX08SWK a MAN Wright Meridan demonstrator has been on loan noted on December 11th working route 17

The Shires: Arriva the Shires and Essex have add a new ex show bus to their 724 Greenline Fleet based in Harlow Reg no is BK58URL Fleet No is 3910 it is the same as 3901 to 3909 this was because of extending the route to terminal 5 at Heathrow which over worked the fleet of 9 on maintenance based on mileage or however they work the servicing of buses.

Kent Thameside: Five new 10.2m B29D Enviro200Darts have been delivered to Dartford for route B15 4023 (GN58BUP), 4024 (GN58BUU), 4025 (GN58BUV), 4026 (GN58LVA) and 4027 (GN58LVB).

First Group

Aberdeen: The complete collection of withdrawn vehicles in storage at Kittybrewster are Olympians 31548/9/50/2/4/6 (E122/3/4/6/8/30 DRS) joined by recent additions B10Ms 20019/20 (M1 GRT, M11 AFC) and 711D 50416 (N689 WLS). The latter three were withdrawn at the end of November. The withdrawal of 20019/20 means 20012 (N1 GRT) is the only coach in service in pre First colours.

Glasgow: Transferred we have 66281 DR1 (KV032FZ) DR3 (YN04HHW) Volvo / Plaxton coaches 34141 (L641 SEU) has entered service at Parkhead, and 34153 (L653 SEU) is at Larkfield. Also in

are 34135/6/48/59, L635/6/48 SEU, P659 UFB.

2 more additions for Blantyre are ex Manchester 69187/90, Volvo/ Wrights combos. Both should be moving there tonight. Also moving to Blantyre, are it's first full time allocation of Gemini's, in the shape of 32580/1. 20507/9 have now been painted all-over white.

Former First Glasgow, (but originally Hutchison) Plaxton Premiere P507VUS is now with Edward Thomas & Sons.

Leicester: Leyland Lynx 62602 (F602RTC) has been sold to PVS for scrap.

London: The five Wrightbus Integral Gemini 2 Hybrids were delivered into Westbourne Park garage in early January WNH39001 (LK58ECV), WNH39002 (LK58ECW), WNH39003 (LK58ECX), WNH39004 (LK58ECY) and WNH39005 (LK58ECZ). The first diesel version of the type arrived in late January WN35001 (LK58EDO)

Manchester: Transferred into Queens Rd from Oldham in early January were B7RLE 66843, 66843, 66845 and 66847 which displace 69212, 69215, 69216 and 69217 to cascade. The Mercedes O.405s withdrawn last month, 60314, 415, 418 and 420 have been towed away for scrap by PVS. 37652 is now at Bolton.

Northampton: Sold to PVS for scrap have been Volvo B10L/Alexander Ultras, which haven't seen use in a long time, 60357-60360 (N303-6WNF), 61146 (N43RRP), 61242 (N41RRP), 66009 (M394MRW), 66010 (M10ULF), 66041 (N141VDU) and 66042 (N42RRP).

Scotland East: FJ08FYK Volvo /Wright Gemini is now with this company, Volvo Olympian /Nothorn Counties 34149 and 34151 are allocated to Bannockburn ex First Bristol 36029 Scania East Lancs Omnidekka was on loan to Bannockburn on 24/12/08. 30833(R653HYG) has moved Livingston to Larbert Road and 61222 Bannockburn to Livingston

West Yorkshire: New Volvo B9 / Wright Geminis are being delivered to Cherry Row depot at Leeds for use on Turquoise Line 56, replacing W registered ALX400s.

37645	YJ58RNN	37648	YJ58RNV	37651	YJ58RNZ	37653	YJ58ROU
37646	YJ58RNO	37649	YJ58RNX	37652	YJ58ROH	37654	YJ58RPO
37647	YJ58RNU	37650	YJ58RNY				

Go Ahead Group

Brighton & Hove: Now that the seven new Omnicity buses have now arrived, all in Metro 5 colours. Scania / Eats Lancs Cityzens 765, 766, 768 and 769 have been sold and departed. More will be going shortly - they are going to see further service with PC Coaches of Lincoln or De Courcey Coaches. We had on loan for a day was 13m Scania Omnilink which has rear steering, it has gone up to the North East but is due back soon for further evaluation.

Soon to be purchased is the Routemaster RML2317 (Reg CUV 317C) currently with Metrobus, it will be used on contract work and private hires. It is expected to arrive in the next few weeks.

London: Many more of the ADL Trident / Optare Olympus H43/21D double deck arrived at Sutton during January, initially entering service on the 213 for a couple of weeks but as more arrived they started to appear on intended routes 93, 151 and 154. Delivered up to press have been

DOE1	LX58CWN	DOE8	LX58CWY	DOE14	LX58CXD	DOE20	LX58CXK
DOE2	LX58CWO	DOE9	LX58CWY	DOE15	LX58CXE	DOE21	LX58CXL
DOE3	LX58CWP	DOE10	LX58CWZ	DOE16	LX58CXF	DOE22	LX58CXN
DOE4	LX58CWR	DOE11	LX58CXA	DOE17	LX58CXG	DOE23	LX58CXO
DOE5	LX58CWT	DOE12	LX58CXB	DOE18	LX58CXH	DOE24	LX58CXP
DOE6	LX58CWU	DOE13	LX58CXC	DOE19	LX58CXJ	DOE25	LX58CXR
DOE7	LX58CWW						

The five Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 hybrids have been delivered. EH1 (LX58DDJ), EH2 (LX58DDK), EH3 (LX58DDL), EH4 (LX58DDN) and EH5 (LX58DDO), all will run from Stockwell and are expected to be used on routes 24 and 196. Joining these is the Wrightbus Gemini 2 Integral WHD1 (LX58CWJ).

Metrobus: The three new MAN 14.240 / Enviro 200 B34Ds ordered for route T32 have now been delivered, to Croydon, and entered service during the first half of January; 706 (YX58DXB), 707 (YX58DXC) and 708 (YX58DXD). Also new at Croydon is the final Scania CN230UD Omnicity of

the current order 957 (YP58UFV).

North East: Mini Pointer Darts 489 (V189ERG) & 491 (V191ERG) are both now yellow and based at Deptford depot. They are to be used on a new brand in the East Durham area. Cadets 8271/2/3/4 (NK54NKZ/NLC/D/Y291 HUA) are now all painted Green and based at Gateshead depot. They are to be used on the current Drifter service 61 in Sunderland when the next set of changes come into force. 8270 is expected to go White with 8275 going Green. Optare Deltas 4792/3 (M792/3HCU) have been reinstated at Gateshead to help with the delays on the Fab Fifty Seven.

National Express Group

National Express Operations: Thanks to Peter Hulse, who once again kindly noted what was about before heading off we have more news on the Stansted Airport operations.

Ex Meteor MB Artics: Three seen, BU53AXN, AXP, AXV none carried any NX Fleet numbers, nor their original 'B' numbers. I didn't see any of the ex Hotel Hoppa Volvos, I got to Stansted by coach so I didn't see the parking area alongside the Long Term Car Park.

Mid Term Car Park Fleet: This service now seems to be in the hands of new MB Citaro Buses, with four being seen. This is where the registrations are very similar to the E200s already reported! SA14 (KX58GVJ), SA16 (KX58GVL), SA17 (KX58GVM) and SA19 (KX58GTU) respectively. These are all in what I would call an orange livery, but others might disagree!

Long Term Car Park The three already mentioned MB Citaro Artics were being used as were the following new ones, again MB Citaro Artics. SA02 (KX58GUC), SA03 (KX58GUD), SA05 (KX58GUF), SA06 (KX58GUG) and KX58GUH which didn't carry a fleet number, or 'Legals' come to that, ownership details being given by a piece of A4 paper stuck to a nearside window! These new Artics are in a two tone scheme, I would call it yellow and orange, same orange as the Mid Term rigs. I didn't see any of the three Enviro 200s, but that doesn't mean of course that they are not there!

Travel Dundee: Coaches 7236, 7246, 7259, 7260 and 7274 are now with Wisharts.

Travel West Midlands: New Scania K230UB Omnilinks B43F have been entering service during January 1848, which appeared at the 2008 Bus Expo, to 1862 are at West Bromwich,

1848	BX58SXN	1852	BX58SXS	1856	BX58SXW	1860	BX58SYC
1849	BX58SXO	1853	BX58SXT	1857	BX58SXY	1861	BX58SYE
1850	BX58SXP	1854	BX58SXU	1858	BX58SXZ	1862	BX58SYG
1851	BX58SXR	1855	BX58SXV	1859	BX58SYA		

Another batch of similar vehicles are due for imminent delivery into Coventry.

Not a lot else happening this month, just a couple of transfers 2841, 2843 WB - w and 2861 WB - AG.

Thanks to the ever vigilant Stephen Evans we have the latest new livery list

MH 507/541/606/614/616, 1376, 1408/1413/1416/1418/1436/1446/1448/1451/1460/1464

WB 1527/1592/1707/4226/4266

WA 550/557/566/568/569/573/646/658, 1401/1504/1750, 4162, 4680/4681/4682/4684

YW 4143/4144, 4369

PL 1341/1369/1381/1382/1390

PB 290/308/309, 1346/1349/1352/1385, 1475/1477/1479, 4279/4283/4287/4289/4487

BC 4023/24/27-29/31/36-40/52/56/58-68 /70/72-81/84/92/94-99, 4101/02/04-06/09/10/18-20/22/24

AG 1405/1435/52, 4521/33, 4635/36/37/39/40/42/44-46/48/51/57/59/63/65-67/70/73/74/77

Stagecoach

Cambridgeshire & The Fens: New at Cowley Road are six more ADL Enviro 300s 36060 (AJ58PZU), 36061 (AJ58PZV), 36062 (AJ58PZW), 36063 (AJ58PZX), 36064 (AJ58PZY) and 36065 (AJ58PZZ). Optare Spectras 15997-15999 have been re numbered as 13997-13999

Devon & Somerset: Dennis Dart 32021 has been withdrawn and is for disposal, 32636 moves to Martock to take its place. Volvo B10M 20198 moves from reserve to Exeter, allowing Dennis Dart

SLF 34115 to be released to Barnstaple. Merc 709D 40732 is now on the disposal list. Leyland Olympian 14714 is now at Wellington having moved out of the reserve fleet. Arriving in January for service at Torquay have been Optare Solos 47690 (WA58MVS), 47691 (WA58MRV) and 47692 (WA58MVP).

East: Now in service at Bedford are Plaxton bodied Volvo B9Rs, operating on the upgraded X5 service between Cambridge and Oxford

53601	KX58NBJ	53606	KX58NBO	53610	KX58NCC	53614	KX58NCJ
53602	KX58NBK	53607	KX58NBY	53611	KX58NCD	53615	KX58NCN
53603	KX58NBL	53608	KX58NBZ	53612	KX58NCE	53616	KX58NCO
53604	KX58NBM	53609	KX58NCA	53613	KX58NCF	53617	KX58NCU
53605	KX58NBN						

Eastbourne Buses: Arriving just too late for inclusion in last months magazine are the new national numbers for the recently acquired business, It will come under East Kent.

DAF DB250 / Northern Counties

13969 269 M441CCD

DAF DB250 / Optare Spectra

13970	270	R870MDY	13972	272	R872MDY	13974	274	R874MDY
13971	271	R871MDY	13973	273	R873MDY	13975	275	R875MDY

DAF DB250 / Alexander ALX400

13991	403	V651LWT	13993	401	V654LWT
13992	402	V652LWT	13994	404	V655LWT

Leyland Olympian / Alexander

14729	256	J642CEV	14730	255	J644CEV
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Leyland PD2A / East Lancs

19978 282 DHC782E

DAF SB220 / Ikarus

26072	128	M528DPN	26076	118	N518LUF	26081	120	R720LDY
26073	129	M529DPN	26077	119	P719FDY			

DAF SB220 / Northern Counties

26074	132	N26FWU	26078	125	P905PWW	26080	127	P910PWW
26075	134	N27FWU	26079	126	P906PWW			

DAF SB220LF / Ikarus

26129 37 T937AYJ

Dennis Javelin / U.V.G.

27099 990 Q424CHH

Dennis Dart SLF / Marshall

33315	32	R772LHP	33317	34	S46BVC
33316	33	S45BVC	33318	35	S385DPN

Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer

33319	48	T467EGT	33320	49	T468EGT
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Dennis Dart SLF / Caetano

33321 36 T936WWV

DAF SB120 / Wright Cadet

35901	50	GX02WXS	35903	52	GX02WXU	35905	54	GX02WXW
35902	51	GX02WXT	35904	53	GX02WXV	35906	55	GX02WVY

MAN 14.220 / MCV Evolution

39632	62	AE06XRP	39636	66	AE06XRU	39640	70	AE56LWD
39633	63	AE08XRR	39637	67	AE06XRV	39641	71	AE56LWG
39634	64	AE06XRS	39638	68	AE56LWF			
39635	65	AE06XRT	39639	69	AE56LWC			

AEC Regal / East Lancs

39911	11	AHC411						
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Not long after Eastbourne was purchased it was announced that the operations and buses of Renown Cavendish in Eastbourne were also being purchased with the following buses being taken on by Stagecoach, it is not clear which will remain as rationalisation of the two quite similar networks take place. Not all Cavendish Buses had fleet numbers at the time of purchase.

Leyland Olympian / ECW

14328	27	C329HWJ						
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Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties

14518	49	G537VBB	14519	51	G541VBB			
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Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer

33362	16	P690RWU	33371	45	R175VLA	33380		T553HNNH
33363	61	P691RWU	33372	63	T63KLD	33381		T927PNV
33364		P696RWU	33373	63	T64KLD	33382		W378SVV
33365	57	P697RWU	33374		T342PNV	33383		W566JVV
33366	18	P699RWU	33375		T417MNH	33384		W671TNV
33367	58	P738RYL	33376		T440EBD	33385	20	X212ONH
33368	46	P746HND	33377	78	T458HNNH	33386		X215ONH
33369	43	R112RLY	33378	79	T459HNNH			
33370	47	R117RLY	33379	81	T461HNNH			

East Kent & Hastings: New at Ashford in the middle of December were six Optare Solo M880s 47660 (GN58NXE), 47661 (GN58NXF), 47662 (GN58NXG), 47663 (GN58NXH), 47664 (GN58NXJ) and 47665 (GN58NXX), they replace a similar number of Dennis Darts 32311, 32532, 32546, 32553, 32562 and 32585 now in reserve. Three more Solos also arrived in December 10th 47666 (GN58NXL), 47667 (GN58NXM) and 47668 (GN58NXO). Still awaiting delivery was 47669 (GN58NXP). Then delivered in January and at present in store at Hastings are 47676 (GN58PXB), 47677 (GN58PXC), 47678 (GN58PXD) and 47679 (GN58PXE). A handful of other movements are 14823 res - HY: 32606 AD - FO: 47375 HY - res:

No time was wasted in getting new vehicles into Eastbourne, where twelve Enviro 300s were delivered in the second week of January, following a period in secure store.

27571	GX58GKA	27574	GX58GKE	27577	GX58GKJ	27580	GX58GJN
27572	GX58GKC	27575	GX58GKF	27578	GX58GJK	27581	GX58GJO
27573	GX58GKD	27576	GX58GKG	27579	GX58GJL	27582	GX58GJP

East Midlands: New at Worksop are a pair of ADL Enviro 200s 36058 (FX58CSO) and 36059 (FX58CUV). They had been delivered as 36064 and 36065 but fleet numbers were soon changed to what they should be. More internal movements to record; 14186 dis - res, 14349 dis - res: 15222 res - LI: 16047 HL - res: 16341 MD - res: 16467 res - WP: 16469 WP - res: 16486 res - MD: 16802 GH - res: 16825 res - HL: 22417 LI - GH: 33251 res - SP: 33256 WP - SP: 34008 WP - SP: 47261-47263 SP-HL: 52457 dis-scrapped:

East Scotland:

(Fife) The two Volvo Olympians transferred up from Cambridge 16434 and 16435 have been allocated to Cowdenbeath, replacing there two Leyland Olympians 14724 and 14725 which have been placed into reserve. Scania 15301 and 15304 have moved to West Scotland from where they will be prepared for donation to Charity. 15310 as also been donated.

(Strathtay) Dennis Darts, 33262 (R312MSL) and 33263 (R313MSL) have moved from Dundee (reserve) across to Bluebird based at Aberdeen.

Manchester: Another batch of ADL Enviro 400s have been delivered this month :-

19447	MX58VAA	19456	MX58VAU	19465	MX58VBE	19473	MX58VBP
19448	MX58VAD	19457	MX58VAV	19466	MX58VBF	19474	MX58UTN
19449	MX58VAE	19458	MX58VAY	19467	MX58VBG	19475	MX58UTO
19450	MX58VAF	19459	MX58VBA	19468	MX58VBJ	19476	MX58UTP
19451	MX58VAH	19460	MX58VBC	19469	MX58VBK	19477	MX58UTR
19452	MX58VAJ	19461	MX58VBT	19470	MX58VBL	19478	MX58UTS
19453	MX58VAK	19462	MX58VBU	19471	MX58VBM	19479	MX58UTT
19454	MX58VAM	19463	MX58VBV	19472	MX58VBO	19480	MX58UTU
19455	MX58VAO	19464	MX58VBD				

With allocations as follows; 19447-19457 HE: 19458 ST: 19459, 19460 HE: 19461, 19462 ST: 19463-19466 HE: 19467-19473 PS: 19474-19478 HE: 19479 PS 19480 HE.

Sold have been Leyland Olympians 13234, 13282, 13289, 13295, 13298, 13300 and Scania 15315, 15316, 15333, 15336, 15340, 15341, 15352-15356, 15359, 15361, 15363, 15365, 15368, 15370, 15373, 15376-15378 and 15382. Scania /Enviro 400s 15444-15449 have moved into the reserve fleet with 15452-15455 moving to Stagecoach East: 16004, 16005 res - HE: 16007 ST - HE: 16124 ST - PS: 16184 dis - PS: 16189 res - PS: 16510 HE - PS: 16512 ST-PS: 20677, 20877, 20880 res-S/C Yorkshire: 20928, 20930, 20942 HE-S/C Yorkshire: 22097 res-CS: 22164 res-ST: 22178 res-HE: 42551 CS-res:

More new Optare Solos arriving during January, at Charles St, were 47670 (MX58HCJ) and 47671 (MX58HCK) with 47672 expected. Optare Spectras 15995 and 15996 have been re numbered as 13995 and 13996.

The Scania working on Magicbus routes are dwindling as more Volvo Olympians take there place on such duties.

The former North Western Road Car depot Glossop depot duly closed on January 25th with the allocation moving across to Ashton.

Merseyside: The Magicbus Olympians were only here helping out in the run up to Christmas and have now departed, with 13616, 13628 and 13642 being noted in store at Chesterfield in early January.

North East:

(Busways): Moving into reserve, pending re-allocation, are quite a few Olympians, displaced at Walkergate, as more Enviro 400s enter service; 16713-16718, 16721, 16723, 16725 and 16726: Other movements to record 20552 res - SS: 20703, 22664 res - SU: 22675 SU - res: 32734 res - dis: 32743 SS - dis: 32766 res - SS: Sold to RM Buses of Wem (dealer) have been Merc 709Ds 40473, 40483, 40494 and 40791, which have been languishing at the rear of Slatyford for quite a while.

(Transit): Volvo Olympian 16729 has arrived at Hartlepool, having been displaced at Walkergate by the new Enviro, this has allowed Leyland Olympian 14672 to move into reserve. Other movements this month consist 16835, 16836 SC - res: 20103 SC - res: 20550, 20843 res - SC: 21101 SC - res: 21148 res - SC: 22665 SC - res:

North West. More new buses are a further three Optare Solo M880s, based at Preston, 47673 (PX58EZL), 47674 (PX58EZM) and 47675 (PX58EZN).

The operations of Preston Bus were assumed from Midnight on January 23rd with the fleet being taken over as follows, of which Metrорiders 17, 18, 29, 30, 34 and 37 are withdrawn.

In order of New number, Old number, Registration

Optare Solo SR B32F

1	47701	PN08 SVK	2	47702	PN08 SVL	3	47703	PN08 SVO
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4	47704	PN08 SVP	6	47706	PN08 SVS	8	47708	PN08 SVU
5	47705	PN08 SVR	7	47707	PN08 SVT			

Optare Metrorider MR17 B29F

17	47903	R417 RCW	32	47913	R432 NFR	38	47918	R438 RCW
18	47909	R418 RCW	34	47914	R434 NFR	39	47919	R439 RCW
19	47910	R419 RCW	35	47915	R435 NFR	40	47920	R440 RCW
29	47911	N429 GBV	36	47916	R436 NFR			
30	47912	N430 GBV	37	47917	R437 NFR			

Optare Solo M850 B29F

51	47751	PE51 YHF	60	47760	PN52 ZVJ	69	47769	PO56 RNZ
52	47752	PE51 YHG	61	47761	PN52 ZVK	70	47770	PO56 ROH
53	47753	PE51 YHH	62	47762	PN52 ZVL	71	47771	PO56 ROU
54	47754	PE51 YHJ	63	47763	PN52 ZVM	72	47772	PO56 RPU
55	47755	PE51 YHK	64	47764	PN52 ZVO	73	47773	PO56 RPV
56	47756	PE51 YHL	65	47765	PN52 ZVP	74	47774	PO56 RPX
57	47757	PE51 YHM	66	47766	PN52 ZVR	75	47775	PO56 RPY
58	47758	PE51 YHN	67	47767	PN52 ZVS	76	47776	PO56 RPZ
59	47759	PN52 ZVH	68	47768	PO56 RNY			

Optare Solo M880 B28F

77	47777	PN07 NTK	79	47779	PN57 NFF
78	47778	PN07 NTL	80	47780	PN57 NFG

Optare Solo M920 B32F

81	47781	PE55 WMD	85	47785	PO56 RRV	89	47789	PO56 RSU
82	47782	PE55 WMF	86	47786	PO56 RRX	90	47790	PO56 RSV
83	47783	PE55 WMG	87	47787	PO56 RRY	91	47791	PO56 RSX
84	47784	PO56 RRU	88	47788	PO56 RRZ			

Optare Solo M950 B32F

92	47792	PN07 NTJ	94	47794	PN07 NTO	96	47796	PN07 NTU
93	47793	PN07 NTM	95	47795	PN07 NTT	97	47797	PN07 NTV

Leyland Olympian ON2R50C13Z4 / Northern Counties H47/30F

101	14551	H101 BFR	103	14553	H103 BFR
102	14552	H102 BFR	104	14554	H104 BFR

Leyland Olympian ON2R50C13Z4 / Leyland H47/31F (14557, 14564 are DPH43/29F)

106	14556	J976 PRW	109	14559	J109 KCW	113	14563	J113 KCW
107	14557	J107 KCW	110	14560	J110 KCW	114	14564	J114 KCW
108	14558	J108 KCW	112	14562	J112 KCW			

Leyland Olympian ONCL10/2RZ / Alexander RH H51/34F

123	14533	E323 MSG	127	14537	E327 MSG	131	14541	E331 MSG
124	14534	E324 MSG	128	14538	E328 MSG	132	14542	E332 MSG
125	14535	E325 MSG	129	14539	E329 MSG			
126	14536	E326 MSG	130	14540	E330 MSG			

Leyland Olympian ONTL11/2R / ECW H47/27F

133	14543	A33 MRN
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Leyland Olympian ONCL10/1RZ / Leyland DPH43/29F

134	14544	G34	OCK	135	14545	G35	OCK
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Leyland Olympian ONCL10/1RZ / Leyland H47/31F

136	14546	G36	OCK	137	14547	G37	OCK
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Scania N94UD / East Lancs Omnidekka H47/33F

151	15406	PO56	RSY	152	15407	PO56	RSZ
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Dennis Trident 2 / East Lancs Lolyne H45/30F

182	18582	X182	RRN	188	18588	X188	RRN	194	18594	V194	EBV
183	18583	X183	RRN	189	18589	X189	RRN	195	18595	V195	EBV
184	18584	X184	RRN	190	18590	V190	EBV	196	18596	V196	EBV
185	18585	X185	RRN	191	18591	V191	EBV	197	18597	X197	RRN
186	18586	X186	RRN	192	18592	V192	EBV	198	18598	X198	RRN
187	18587	X187	RRN	193	18593	V193	EBV	199	18599	X199	RRN

Scania N230UB / East Lancs Esteem B40F

200	28510	PRN	909
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Scania N94UB / East Lancs Esteem B41F

201	28511	PL06	RYO	205	28515	PO56	JDK	209	28519	PN57	NFC
202	28512	PL06	RYP	206	28516	PO56	JDU	210	28520	PN57	NFD
203	28513	PO56	JDF	207	28517	PO56	JDX	211	28521	PN57	NFE
204	28514	PO56	JDJ	208	28518	PN57	NFA				

Leyland Lynx / Leyland DP45F (29215 is DP49F)

212	29212	F212	YHG	218	29218	G218	KRN
215	29215	G215	KRN	228	29228	H28	YBV

DAF SB220 / Optare Delta B28F (trainer)

T128	26082	K128	UFV
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South: New vehicles at Basingstoke, arriving the week before Christmas are ADL Enviro 200s

36051	GX58GKZ	36053	GX58GLJ	36055	GX58GLV	36057	GX58GLZ
36052	GX58GLF	36054	GX58GLK	36056	GX58GLY		

Sold to Southdown PSV have been Dennis Darts 32041, 32047, 32065 and 32076. Other movements are as follows 16366 BE - PM: 16374 BE - res: 16395 res - dis: 16398 AT - dis: 16399 res - dis: 20461 CR - dis: 20628 res - dis: 32077 BE - AR: 32091 BE - dis: 33071, 33072 res - BE: 34059, 34060, 34067 BE - res:

West Scotland: A few movements to record :- 20516, 20565, 20566 AY - DS: 20591 SR - DS: 20783 DS - scrap: 32005 DS - res: 32061 DS - scrap: 32390, 32391, 32392 DS - AY: 32393 DS - res: 40064 CK - res: 40601 dis - sold (Stafford Bus Centre): 42020 SR - DS: 52328 res - AS: Scania 15301 and 15304 have moved here from Fife, neither will be used but donated to Charity.

Transdev

London United: The remaining number of Optare Versas due at Stamford Brook have now been delivered and are entering service on route 391.

OV11	YJ58VBN	OV14	YJ58VBT	OV16	YJ58VBV	OV18	YJ58VBY
OV12	YJ58VBO	OV15	YJ58VBU	OV17	YJ58VBX	OV19	YJ58VBZ
OV13	YJ58VBP						

Also arriving during January have been three Scania CN230UD Omnicity double deckers H41/22D SP38 (YP58ACF), SP39 (YP58ACJ) and SP40 (YP58ACO), they are destined for use at Hounslow on the H32.

Not to be outdone by the other London companies two ADL Hybrid 400s H37/26D are due at Hounslow Heath garage, where they will work alongside the indigenous Scania OmniCitys on the 482, ADH1 (SN58EOR) and ADH2 (SN58EOS).

With very grateful thanks to Ken Pitt courtesy of Transdev we have the allocations for the northern part of the various Transdev fleet as at the beginning of the year

Harrogate & District:

(9 double decks; 13 Twin decks; 34 single decks; 14 school buses; 1 training bus = 71 vehicles)

Volvo B7TL/President	441	2702	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2714				
Volvo B7TL / Eclipse Gemini													
3601	3602	3603	3604	3605	3606	3607	3608	3609	3610	3611	3612	3613	
Volvo B10BLE / Renown	202	305	306	307	308	309	1084	1085	1086	1087			
Volvo B7RLE / Eclipse Urban													
450	451	452	1700	1701	1702	1703	1704	1705					
Volvo B6BLE /Crusader 2													
601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	611	612	613	614	615
Dennis Javelin / Plaxton Interurban													
140	146	150	155	157	165	940	942	945	947	948	949	957	962
Dart / Pointer 2 trainer		T845											

Keighley & District

(22 double decks; 74 single decks; 1 training bus = 97 vehicles)

Olympian / ECW	349	372	385	389	390	391							
Olympian /Palatine													
963	964	971	972	973	974	975	976	977	978	983	984	986	987
988	989												
Volvo B7TL / President	2701	2703											
BMC Condor	101	102	103										
Volvo B7RLE / Eclipse Urban													
453	454	455	1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810	1811
1812	1813	1814	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850			
Volvo B10B / Strider	501												
Volvo B10BLE / Renown													
530	531	540	541	542	543	544	557	561	562	563	564	566	567
568	569	572	573	574	575	576	577	1001	1002	1003	1004	1041	1094
1095													
Dart SLF / Pointer MPD													
706	707	708	709	710	711	712	713	714	715	716	717	718	781
Dart SLF / Pointer 2		803	804										
Dart / Pointer 2 trainer		T042											

York

(4 closed top double decks; 10 open top double decks; 2 single decks; 7 midibuses = 23 vehicles)

Olympian / Alexander	2001	2002	2003										
Metrobus / Partial Open Top	4001	4002	4003										
Metrobus / MCW	4004												
Metrobus full Open Top	4005												
Olympian / East Lancs full Open Top	4006												
Olympian / Optare full Open Top	4007												
Olympian / Alexander partial Open Top	4008												
Trident / East Lancs partial Open Top	4009	4010	4011										

Volvo B10BLE	210											
DAF SB120 / Cadet	1000											
Optare Solo	1260	1261	1262	1263	1264	1265	1266					

Yorkshire Coastliner (21 double decks)

Volvo B7TL / Eclipse Gemini	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409			
Volvo B9TL / Eclipse Gemini	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420		
Volvo B7TL / President	438											

Burnley & Pendle

(3 double decks; 15 twin decks; 56 single decks; 1 coach; 1 training bus = 76 vehicles)

Olympian / Leyland	14	15										
Volvo Olympian / Royale	116											
Volvo B7TL / Eclipse Gemini												
2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762
2763	2764											
Optare Versa												
251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263
264	265	266	267	268	269							
Dart / Pointer MPD				720	779							
Dart / Pointer 2				848								
Volvo B10BLE / Renown												
1015	1039	1042	1043	1044	1046	1047	1048	1049	1051	1052	1053	1054
1057	1058	1059	1061	1062	1063	1064	1065	1066	1067	1068	1069	1071
1072	1073	1074	1090	1091	1092	1093	1129					
Volvo / Paragon Coach				302								
Dart / Pointer 2 trainer				T543								
on order	17											

Lancashire United (Manner Sutton St)

(6 double decks; 1 twin deck; 36 single decks; 1 training bus = 44 vehicles)

Volvo B7TL / President	(438)	439	440	2712	2713	2715	2716					
Volvo B7TL / Eclipse Gemini	2765											
Volvo B10BLE / Renown												
1012	1013	1014	1016	1076	1077	1078	1079	1080	1081	1082	1083	1089
1096	1097	1098	1099	1101	1102	1103						
Volvo B7RLE / Eclipse Urban												
1815	1816	1817	1818	1819	1820	1821	1822	1823	1824	1825	1826	1827
1828	1852											
Dart / Pointer 2 trainer				T550								

(438) is on loan from Coastliner and is not included on depot total

Lancashire United (Intack garage)

(26 double decks; 58 single decks; 6 midibuses = 90 vehicles)

Olympian / Leyland	11	12										
Olympian / Northern Counties	16	17	18	121	162							
Olympian / ECW												
37	38	39	40	46	47	48	50	51	52	54	55	56
57	58	345	348	369	2173							
Volvo B10BLE / Renown												
203	204	205	206	207	208	209	211	212	1088			
Optare Versa					271	272	273	274	275	276		
Volvo B6LE / Crusader					641	642	643					
Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer MPD												

651	652	653	654	655	656	657	658	659	660	661	662	663
664	665	667	701	702	703	704	705	719				
Volvo B7 / Eclipse					1104	1105						
Volvo B7RLE / Eclipse Urban												
1829	1830	1831	1832	1833	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1840	1841
1842	1851											
Optare Solo					1252	1254	1255	1256	1257	1258		

Northern Blue

16 double decks; 10 single decks; 2 mdibuses; 1 coach = 29 vehicles)

Olympian / Leyland													13								
Scania / East Lancs													111								
Scania / Alexander													122	124	139	142	143	147	151	152	156
Olympian / ECW													125	370	382						
Olympian / Northern Counties													163								
Olympian / Alexander													196								
Volvo B6 / Dash													106	676	679						
Volvo B10BLE / Renown													201								
Volvo B10B / Strider													504	505	508	509					
DAF / Ikarus													1201	1202							
Optare Solo													1253	1259							
Volvo B10M / Paragon													301								

STORED VEHICLES

at Queensgate pending sale	145	B45NDX	Leyland Olympian / East Lancs
at Queensgate pending sale	347	A604NYG	Leyland Olympian / ECW
at Queensgate pending sale	373	C484YWY	Leyland Olympian / ECW
at Queensgate pending sale	390	B522UWW	Leyland Olympian / ECW
at Queensgate pending sale	391	B524UWW	Leyland Olympian / ECW
at Intack surplus to requirements	426	K26WBV	Volvo B10M-50 / East Lancs EL2000
at Intack pending sale	503	N503HWY	Volvo B10B-59 / Alexander Strider
at Intack pending sale	510	N510HWY	Volvo B10B-59 / Alexander Strider
at Intack pending sale	647	L647OWY	Volvo B6 / Alexander Dash
at Intack pending sale	648	L648OWY	Volvo B6 / Alexander Dash
at Intack pending sale	1635	N635LFR	Optare Metrorider MR15

Independents

Central England

Centrebus: A recent arrival at the Luton operation is Optare Solo 348 (YJ05XMZ), latterly with Richmonds (Royston)

Midland Classic: New addition to fleet is Metrorider (W675 DDN), ex Lewis Coaches, Darts 53 (V400 CBC) and 54 (V700 CBC) both carry fleet livery. Both were previously operated by Gibson, Paisley.

Nottingham CT: Optare Solo 276 V276DRC has been retained for training new drivers on the ticket machines. East Lancs Omniidekka 686 YN05WFR – badly damaged by fire in June 2008, it was sent back to East Lancs for cab repairs. The vehicle has not entered service it remains in Turney Street works, Trent Bridge

Premier (Nottingham): The company has obtained P509OUG & P510OUG

TM Travel: Acquired from Mulley's are Two Van Hool bodied Tigers. These are (A784 YGL) and (B42 FCV). Withdrawn is Vario (S582 RGA) and sold to Plaxton, Anston (dealer) and ex London Olympian (D191FYM) is also withdrawn and for sale.

For sale but still in service are Varios (YN53 EJX), (YN54 WWU), (YN54 WWV) and (MX04 VMK).

Repainted into the new livery is Excel (R213 DKG)

Trent Barton: Paladin 134 has been painted white and grey for use as a driver trainer.

Paladin 102 is being painted into blue and white unibus livery.

Former Solo 434 has been painted in Trent Barton red. The other 3 are stored at Langley Mill.

Sold to Norfolk Green is Transpeak Excel 156

On loan to Notts & Derby are Former Rainbow 5 Scania 609, 611, 620 and 621 - they are expected to be used on the graduation day shuttles

H1 Solos 432/5 (replaced on H1 by Scania) are currently on loan to Kinchbus.

Painted into Rainbow 3 livery is Excel 253 to replace fire victim 250. Reported sold is Dart 926.

Dart 914 has returned to Nottingham from being on loan to Derby

It has been reported that new Volvo / Wrights are on the way for Rainbow 2 in the summer.

Thirteen new standard Solos are on order.

The new orders are on top of those placed last year, which will see Volvo / Wright single deckers introduced on the Mickleover in March, and the other for Route 15 which is expected to be extended to East Midlands Airport at some point in the near future.

Silverdale (Nottingham): New arrivals for National Express work are

Eastern Counties

Anglian (Beccles): Acquired is Dennis Javelin/Wadham Stringer B53F carries fleet number 111 and registered 784EYB. The vehicle was previously with the Armed Forces and registered CX45AA Former Dublin bus has taken the fleet number 507 a Volvo Olympian/Alexander (Belfast) P476SWC

YN08MOF a Scania demonstrator in overall white livery has been taken in, on a short term basis to cover Scania OmniCity double deckers undergoing warranty rectification

Withdrawn and sold to Western Greyhound in Cornwall is Mercedes – Benz T82JBA

Varios V451NGA and AU04BZV/T have passed to JJ Travel of Coatbridge, not JJ of Willenhall

Beeston (Hadleigh): The former Hong Kong Volvo Olympian has been registered 523FN

Carter (Colchester): New vehicle into service is Dennis Dart Alexander bodied B29F SN51SXU on the 107 Ipswich to Hadleigh service. The vehicle was new to London United in 2001

Chambers (Bures): Acquired from Stagecoach Yorkshire Traction is Volvo B10B-58 Wright bodied DP47F P515UUG

Drews (Hartwell): Drews have ceased trading – and the Bova Futra XIL9805 has been sold

Far East Travel: In service is Dennis Dart SLF/Caetano Nimbus KU02YBE. The vehicle was previously with operator Mitcham Bell

Gemini Travel: R191OHH Mercedes-Benz O.814D / Plaxton bodied has gone to Barrett of Bangor Erris

G.M. Travel (Barham): Addition to fleet is Mercedes-Benz P308UPW ex Goldline of Beccles

Heddingham & District: Additional is former Stagecoach East Midland Leyland Olympian H47/29F (obtained from Ensign) registration K357DWJ

Hunterskill Recruitment (Ipswich): Have a new Ford Transit AV08RKZ the vehicle replaces AV57LNM which has been sold

Ipswich Buses: Sold Excel 187 (R187DDX) has been reported operating the car park shuttle service at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. The vehicle was on hire to contract holder

Flights (Hallmark Ltd. 197 (T790GNW) has been acquired by Roadliner Passenger Transport Ltd Optare Delta 182 has been withdrawn whilst back in service after brake repairs is Spectra 50

M & R Travel (Woodbridge): Departed from fleet are Ford Transits T454VAX and W669NDT

Minibus & Coach Hire (Earl Stonham): Bedford YNT/Plaxton WPX448 moved to dealer SBS Spares.

Mulley (Ixworth): Obtained for spares are two Leyland Olympians – F458BKF ex Aintree Coachline, Bootle and C669LJR ex Cedric of Wivenhoe. Leyland Tiger / Van Hool A784YGL and B42ECV have been sold to TM Travel whilst Volvo B10M / Jonckheere B711EOF has gone to Thandi, Smethwick

Purling (Ipswich): Acquired are two LDV Minibuses M947KOH and R26XTP

Simonds (Diss): Volvo B10M Plaxton A379XMC (ex MSU917) has gone to Harrod, Bexwell

Talisman (Great Bromley): Acquired is H49MJN from Burton of Haverhill

Turner (Great Barton): Added to fleet are K417AFC Volkswagen Caravelle and a Mercedes-Benz KD52AKY.

London / Greater London

East London Bus Group: Of the Omnicity double decks mentions last month 15036-15039 are actually at Plumstead, the first of a batch for routes 51 and 177.

The first Hybrid Optare Tempo has been delivered into West Ham, 29011 (YJ08PGO), after driver familiarisation it, along with four others will enter service on route 276

London Buses: With very grateful thanks indeed to Ian Rivett and the team at "LondonsTransport@yahoo.com" we can bring you the full list of the new Volkswagen Tucanas that have been delivered to London Buses, over the last few months, for use on the Dial a Ride services. Several hundred are due to replace the entire fleet over the next couple of years.

D7001	YX57HBZ	Wimbledon	[WI]	D7031	YX08KXP	Woodford	[WO]
D7002	YX08FKE	Southall	[SL]	D7032	YX08KXR	Woodford	[WO]
D7003	YX08FKF	Paddington	[PN]	D7033	YX08KXM	Palmers Green	[PG]
D7004	YX08FKO	Palmers Green	[PG]	D7034	YX08KXN	Woodford	[WO]
D7005	YX08FKP	Palmers Green	[PG]	D7035	YX58EGD	Southall	[SL]
D7006	YX08FKR	Paddington	[PN]	D7036	YX08KXT	Woodford	[WO]
D7007	YX08FKS	Woodford	[WO]	D7037	YX08KXW	Southall	[SL]
D7008	YX08FKU	Paddington	[PN]	D7038	YX58EGE	Mandela Way	[MW]
D7009	YX08FKT	Southall	[SL]	D7039	YX58EGF	Mandela Way	[MW]
D7010	YX08FKZ	Southall	[SL]	D7040	YX58EGJ	Orpington	[OR]
D7011	YX08FKV	Orpington	[OR]	D7041	YX58EGZ	Orpington	[OR]
D7012	YX08FKW	Southall	[SL]	D7042	YX58EFD	Orpington	[OR]
D7013	YX08FKG	Wimbledon	[WI]	D7043	YX58EFE	Paddington	[PN]
D7014	YX08FKK	Southall	[SL]	D7044	YX58EFF	Wimbledon	[WI]
D7015	YX08FKJ	Wimbledon	[WI]	D7045	YX58EFO	Wimbledon	[WI]
D7016	YX08FKL	Wimbledon	[WI]	D7046	YX58EFN	Wimbledon	[WI]
D7017	YX08FKM	Woodford	[WO]	D7047	YX58EEU	Wimbledon	[WI]
D7018	YX08GVT	Orpington	[OR]	D7048	YX58EET	Southall	[SL]
D7019	YX08GVU	Woodford	[WO]	D7049	YX58EEW	Southall	[SL]
D7020	YX08GWF	Woodford	[WO]	D7050	YX58EEV	Southall	[SL]
D7021	YX08GVW	Woodford	[WO]	D7051	YX58EEY	Southall	[SL]
D7022	YX08GVY	Woodford	[WO]	D7052	YX58EEZ	Southall	[SL]
D7023	YX08GVZ	Palmers Green	[PG]	D7053	YX58EFC	Southall	[SL]
D7024	YX08GWA	Southall	[SL]	D7054	YX58EHB	Southall	[SL]
D7025	YX08GWC	Southall	[SL]	D7055	YX58EFA	Southall	[SL]
D7026	YX08GVV	Southall	[SL]	D7056	YX58EHG	Southall	[SL]
D7027	YX08GWG	Woodford	[WO]	D7057	YX58EHH	Southall	[SL]
D7028	YX08KXJ	Woodford	[WO]	D7058	YX58EHJ	Southall	[SL]
D7029	YX08KXK	Woodford	[WO]	D7059	YX58EHK	Southall	[SL]
D7030	YX08KXL	Southall	[SL]	D7060	YX58EHL	Southall	[SL]

Metroline: Delivered, but not yet in service, is the first Optare Tempo Hybrid OTH971 (LK58CTY).

Sold to Ensignbus have been DLD34, 35, 55-57 and 74. Recent transfers to note are VPL206, 210, 211, 213-219 HT - EW: TPL243, 245, 256, 258 PV - HT: TPL267 PB - W: DLD23-25, 39, 40, 42, 48, 50, 62 NW - (w): DLD137, 138 EW - NW: DLD139 EW - AH: DLD140-144, 146 EW - NW(u): DLD145 EW - PA.

Safeguard (Guildford): Two new Volvo B12M / Plaxton Panther C53Fs were delivered in the New Year YN58NCC, which will be operated by its Farnham Coaches division and YN58NDD for the main fleet, both will however operate out of the Upper Hale depot of Farnham Coaches. Older Volvo B10M / Plaxton Premiere N561UPF ex 531FCG has been sold.

Westbus: Fleet numbers have begun to be applied to the fleet, noted and with Denis at Windsor keeping tabs here is what we have so far 91 (WIB150): 92 (WIB255): 95 (Y462HUA): 97

(Y464HUA): 108 (YJ04HVU): 111 (BU06CUO): 112 (BU06CUV): 113 (WA06NCC) Sitcar Beluga: 120 (BIG2116): 122 (WE51BUS): 123 (WJ02VRN): 124 (D9KKA): 125 (YK07JFK): 127 (WA07BHJ): and 129 (DE03KKR):

Westway: Now here is a former Go Goodwins 33EXG now registered as 27WT

North East & Yorkshire

Astley (Ashington): have added Mercedes Vario / Plaxton P822SCL to stock.

KS (Huddersfield) are operating coaches from Red Arrow yard ex Yorkshire Traction depot, Lincoln Street, Huddersfield, vehicles registrations KP52CKY and possibly DSK660

Travel Express Bradford (Brighouse): are planning to set up an operation in Huddersfield

North West

Ashalls (Manchester): A new arrival noted in mid January was M203EUS a Dennis Dart with Alexander Dash bodywork.

Bu-Val Buses: The company has been busy of late with no less than three vehicles entering the fleet in January, for use on the 403/404 Shaw locals we have Optare Solo MX07NTF, previously used by the erstwhile Vale operation. However the real surprise is the arrival of two brand new ADL Enviro 200s MX58VGP and MX58VGR.

J P Travel: New here is MX58VCN a quite non descript ADL Enviro 200

M & M (Accrington): A brand new minibus to record for here is MC58MMC

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

RML Travel: a new addition noted on January 5th was P556PNE Mercedes 810D / Plaxton B27F ex Stagecoach Manchester fleet number 42556

Rothwells (Heywood): Double deck Neoplan A105MWT has been re registered as 163NHO

S & D Executive (Hindley): A new arrival is BMC Probus 850 SN04GFK.

Selwyns (Runcorn): Appearing on the 533 Wrexham – Glasgow National Express service on January 21st, on its first day in service, was new Caetano Leavnte FJ58AJV one of a pair.

Town & District (Winsford): Noted operated on route 47 Warrington - Knutsford in mid January has been Metrorider W674DNN.

Warrington Coachways: New here is a Volvo Citybus /Alexander double decker E909KSG painted in full livery. Also noted in the yard in early January was G134PGK a Volvo Citybus / Northern Counties yellow double deck. An Optare Excel, P541CTO, has been operating in service during the month.

Scotland

Ayrways: Present in the above operators yard today were what looked like newish acquisitions in the form of: Ex Lothian Olympian 862 (J862 TSC), ex Docherty B10M/Paramount B930 MLN, ex Stuarts of Carluke Jonckheere JCZ 2066 and lastly another ex Docherty vehicle, Merc SN05 DMV.

Blue Bus (Lanark): Having moved from Shotts, four Mercedes Benz / Plaxton Varios SF04ZXD, SF54OVB/C and SF454KHP have been acquired come from Slaemuir Coaches, Greenock.

Dickson (Erskine): Transferred in is Mercedes N812KHW

Ferguson (Stirling): Has acquired Optare Solo YJ05XOT which was with a Glasgow operator as it used to do contract work for Strathclyde Partnership - hence it is in Carmine and Cream

Glasgow Citybus: has acquired M227VSX, ex Lothian 227.

Harlequin (Dunblane): On loan has been Optare Tempo YK57FHM whilst a new one was being built, during December. Now arrived is Optare Tempo YJ58CCV and has been put to work on the new Stirling Park & Ride service the seating is B47F and it is a X1260 model. Meanwhile Optare Excel L1150 V388KVY has been acquired ex New Horizon Travel, (Alresford) as a spare vehicle for Stirling Park & Ride services

Horsburgh (Pumberston): In Tesco livery at Hermiston Gait are Optare Solo's MX58AAF, MX58AAS, MX58AAN and MX58AAO. Also noted with this operator have been MX08MYK/L Optare Solo B33F, YN08NXH Mercedes Benz Plaxton Cheetah C33F and MX57DFN ? Wright Solar Demo on loan in December

Edinburgh Airport: Seen at airport of late we have AE05EVC AE54PNG and BW05LGW Transfer vehicles KX57OVA and KX08ONL Plasma Plaxton Primo B22F, National Car Parks.

On Car park MX07BBV and MX08DHO Optare M1020 Optare Solo B20F (Secure Airparks)
Irvine (Law) this operator was using Arriva liveried Enviro 200 SN56AWZ on 8.12.08 on route X5.

Jay (Greengairs): would appear to have ceased trading.

McClean (Airdrie): Volvo B10M / Van Hool B321CGG has arrived from DB Travel

McColl (Dumbarton) Additional ex Dublin Olympians have appeared with McColls, seen so far are M258 JGB & N931 RGD, both of which are unnumbered and another unidentified example is numbered VO11. Recently acquired minicoach YX04 DLY which is still in it's previous owners livery, has a Loch Lomond Buses O-disc. Another recent arrival is Optare Solo S287 NRB.

Fleet numbers are now appearing on some of it's fleet. So far noted are 1010 (S287NRB), 1011 (S288NRB), 3014 (M274JGB), 3015 (M275JGB), 3018 (M346JGB), 3020 (N732RGD), 3021 (N883RGD), 3028 (M381JGB), 3029 (M258JGB), 3030 (N931RGD), 3031 (N920RGD) 3004 (B806AOP), 3010 (D954NDA), 3011 (E326BVO).

Morrin (Puma): Vehicles acquired M804CFT and L316JSA - Mercedes 709 in white livery

Phoenix Bussing: Seen in Glasgow were two Setra's CS06PBS and AS07PBS (left hand drives)

United (McGills): 111 (N994FNK) 127 (N799PDS) (122 K85DTD) all Mercedes Benz 108 (M702EDD) 401 (SG52XMO) 402 (SG52XMP), 404 (SG52XMK) and 405 (SG52XML). Dennis Darts Plaxton

First of the ex London Mini Pointer Darts to be noted in fleet livery is SN51 SXE. It is in use at Greenock with MCGill's fleetnames. Fleet number still to be confirmed but possibly 451 as others are now confirmed: 448 (SN51SXE), 449 (SN51SXF), 450 (SN51SXP), 452 (SN51SXS) and 454 (SN51SXW).

Whitelaw (Stonehouse): has ex-MAN/Wright demonstrator WX08DFN.

Braehead Industrial Estate (Glasgow)

Vehicles from Hill/Spa Coaches – City Sprinters in yard were:

N882AVV, N613VSS, M368LAX, M357JBO, N208VHH, N635VSS, M343UHP all Mercedes Benz 709's ex Stagecoach (stored)

Hills operating the following

N615VSS, N205UHH, and M657FYS Mercedes Benz 709's TJI1700 and G21HVH Plaxton (stored)

Southern England

Bakers Dolphin (W-S-M): A recent arrival has been former Go Ahead NE Optare Solo T462BCN which has been re-registered as 194WHT. Bova No 12 (JNZ221) is now painted all white so could be ready for sale.

Bodman & Heath (Worton): Acquired in June were the following: AJ05BUS MAN 18.220 Ikarus, ex Andybus; SN56AXM and RX57GOE both ADL Enviro 300 AD B60F, ex Alexander, Falkirk New in July was WX08RZJ ADL Enviro 300, and lastly new in December was AJ58WAA a MAN 14.240 MCV Evolution

Castleway (Winchcombe): Noted in Gloucester back in November was YJ58FGO a Temsa Safari

Compass Travel: Two Metroriders M440AVG and L808TFY – sold to Cooper Barnes, Shoreham. Sent to Eastleigh for repainting into standard livery was Dart J599DUV

Courtney (Bracknell): New in November was RX58HVJ AD Trident Optare Olympus

Grahams (Bristol): Acquired from Speedwell Bus, Hyde is ex Thamesdown Dennis Dominator East Lancs F603RPG

Eagle Line, (Andoversford): New in December was M/Benz 1023L Sitcar C33F, WA58EOU.

Kinch (Minety): TK08ADK a Volvo B9TL Optare Olympus (East Lancs) arrived here in September

Lucketts (Fareham): Now to hand are the details of the twelve Caetano Levantes C49FTL, that are now in use on National Express contracts taken over from TGM

X4951	FJ58AHE	X4954	FJ48AHK	X4957	FJ58AKF	X4960	FJ58AJX
X4952	FJ58AHF	X4955	FJ58AHL	X4958	FJ58AKG	X4961	FJ58AHO
X4953	FJ58AHG	X4956	FJ58AJY	X4959	FJ58AHN	X4962	FJ58AHP

Reading Buses: New at the beginning of January was 1037 (YR58SOU) a Scania K230UB / Wright Solar for Vodafone contracts in Newbury. Sold have been Optare Solos: 104 (S104LBL) and 108 (V108DCF) to Clarkes, Tredegar with 105 (S105LBL) to Central Buses, Birmingham.

Weavaway (Newbury): New in December were RX58KHF, RX58KHG and RX58KHH ADL Enviro 300 B53F. Currently on loan from Plaxton is YX07GVD a Plaxton Primo. Acquired in November was DN02EDN, now registered as KW02DSE a Transbus Enviro 300

Whites (Culham): Noted in their yard was a new M/Benz Vario, YN58NBY with the restyled Plaxton Cheetah bodywork. Also noted at Harwell was another M/Benz 0814D with Plaxton Cheetah, OX53CZN which came from Moore (Belfast) in July of last year.

Lucketts (Fareham): New Caetano Leavntes C49FT used on newly won Nat Ex contracts

X4951	FJ58AHE	X4954	FJ48AHK	X4957	FJ58AKF	X4960	FJ58AJX
X4952	FJ58AHF	X4955	FJ58AHL	X4958	FJ58AKG	X4961	FJ58AHO
X4953	FJ58AHG	X4956	FJ58AJY	X4959	FJ58AHN	X4962	FJ58AHP

South West

Alansway (Newton Abbot): Have ADL Dart Buses MX57HCE, WA57FXT, WA08HBL, WA58 HBL

Carmel (Okehampton): Acquired is R255BJ a Volvo B10M / Van Hool. New to Galloways Mendlesham. JJZ 6409 Bova was formerly with Crudge of Dunkeswell near Honiton.

Countrybus (Newton Abbott): A pair of Enviro 200s have been delivered, WA58HMV and WA58HMX, both used on route 75 between Newton Abbott Hospital and Newtake Estate or Decoy via the town centre, both the County Council and NHS Trust subsidise the service.

Wales

A & B, Caerau (Cardiff): Acquired in November was P634KTF a Volvo B10M-62 Berkhof C49FT, ex Castle, Horndean

Alpine (Llandudno): Acquired in December from Warrington Borough Transport was HBA278Y a Leyland Olympian ECW H45/32F, originally registered PFM129Y.

Cardiff Bus: Further to the notes in January's edition of The Trident, the fleet numbers and corresponding registration numbers should be as follows: 761 (CN58FFZ), 762 (CN58FFY), 763 (CN58FFX), 764 (CN58FFW), 765 (CN58FFV), 766 (CN58FFU) and 767 (CN58FFT),

Clarke's (Tredegar): Two second hand Optare Solo's arrived in January from Reading, namely S104LBL and V108DCF.

Clynnog & Trefor: New in December was FJ58LSE a Volvo B12B Jonckheere C57F.

JSU 986 Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere has been re-registered to W247OCC and has been sold to Volvo, Loughborough in December.

Cresta (Bridgend): W103DAK, a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton C49FT arrived from Gordon, Rotherham in November and was originally registered B10WGS.

EST (Cowbridge): Newly arrived from Thamesdown is N123JHR a Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Plaxton Pointer B40F.

Francis Drake (Blaina): M263VWU a M/Benz 709D Plaxton arrived from Humphreys, Pontypridd arrived in November.

GHA (Ruabon): Two new Optare Versa's have arrived for service in January, MX58KXE and MX58KXF, operated by the recently acquired Vale business, on route 88 between Knutaford and Altrincham.

Ex Arriva Midlands M168, 174, 175GRY Scania N113DRB East Lancs arrived in December, along with R568UOT a Dennis Javelin / UVG, ex London Borough of Havering.

Lloyds (Machynlleth): Ex Fraser Eagle Y653JSH a Scania K124IB Van Hool arrived here in December.

Morris Travel (Carmarthen): Noted here is MX06BTO a Optare Solo in Tesco livery

Padarn (Llanberis): A new Optare Versa CX58AUA arrived in December.

Rhodri Evans Ffoshelig (Carmarthen): Y586TOV Setra S315GT-HD has been re-registered to V2FOS.

Ridgway (Port Talbot): Two ex National Express coaches have been taken into stock, namely, W336CDN and W227CDN, both are DAF SB3000 Plaxton C51FT.

Silver Star (Caernarfon): Two Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Beaver, P537PNE and P559PNE have arrived from Stagecoach

Thomas (DJ Thomas) (Neath): FB53GTZ a Volvo B12B Jonckheere C53F arrived here in November from Skill of Nottingham

Voel (Dyserth): M441BDM a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton arrived from Invincible, Tamworth in September last year.

Gwyn Williams (Tumble): Not previously recorded is MX08MKV a LDV Max LDV which was new in May last year.

The West Midlands

A2Z Travel: The operator has lost its appeal against the loss of its licence and will cease operations on March 30th

AM PM Travel: A new company set up by Molinder Kang and Jasbir Gill, with an operating centre at 40 Rushley Lane, Birmingham B11 2BL. The has taken delivery of seven Darts from Metroline via Ensign. P102OLX, R122RLY, R128RLY, R133RLY, R136RLY, R163VLA & P720RYL

DeCoursey (Coventry): Vehicles purchased from Brighton & Hove are Scania double decks 862 (P862VFG), 863 (P863VFG) and 864 (P864VFG)

Go Whittle: Two Darts for from parent group EYMS, W462UAG and 468UAG are the first to receive the new Whittle livery of green/white

Midland Bus Co: A new arrival here is H148MOB a former City Way Dennis Dart

Midland Rider: Vehicle purchased is K250CBA a DAF/ Ikarus new as K133 TCP,

New Deliveries

Andrews (Tideswell)	YN58NDF	Volvo B12B / Plaxton
Claribels (Birmingham)	YJ58FDV	VDL Bus / Wright Eclipse Urban
Craig-y-Don (Llandudno)	BV58MKZ	Mercedes-Benz O.510

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

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Translink *Enviro* VEJ3519, VEJ3545

20th January 2009

Translink *Enviro 300* VEZ3527
Stagecoach Manchester *Enviro 400* MX58UTU
London? *Enviro 400* LK58KGF
Stagecoach Cambridge *Enviro 400* AJ58RBU

(The vehicle livery was blue with green stripe through middle will be used on the guided busway)

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Enviro 300 *(All that could be seen was four vehicles in orange livery)*
- *No registrations)*

Around the Dealers

Blythswood Motors (Renfrew)

Mercedes Benz P494TGA & R952JYS

Mercedes Benz Plaxton N140ESC and SF06FSP

Toyota B50 Caetano N490HBC

V272DRC and V274 DRC M900 Solo's *ex Nottingham City*

FXU355 *ex Pride of Clyde (Skyliner)* and P96GHE Scania K113 Van Hool

Dennis Lances S103WSC, S104WSC, S107WSC, and S112WSC *(Still in Arriva livery)*

F702XKR and F703JCN Scania N112 Alexander *ex Black Prince*

Holloway (Willenhall)

Vehicles In

JAW84V from MP Mini (Ketley) 12/08
R29TLL from Clevedon Retirement (Clevedon) 12/08
R187LBC from Robinson (Burbage) 12/08
S826 BFA from Baig (Worcester) 11/08
T350EJM from Brailey (Canvey Island) 12/08
T536JND from McGarry (Swindon) 10/08
W76BFR from Heels (Cromer)
W754YDM from Evans (Finedon) 12/08
Y237YAG from Hardwick (Cheshunt) 10/08
MX51CFK from Mountain Goat (Windermere) 12/08
KT51CMZ LDV Convoy 11/08
DE02BZV MB 311CDi M16 12/08
MK02FHL from Mountain Goat (Windermere) 11/08
505 KVO (LDV Convoy M16 12/08 re-registered

KW02FYX
YD52JAO Ford Transit M16 12/08
YX03HTG from Leask & Silver (Lerwick) 11/08
MV53KBY from Taxicover (Winsick) 10/08 now M16
BU04ZYV LDV Convoy M16 12/08
AE54PKV LDV Convoy M16 12/08
JG54BUS from Gorey (Carlton) 10/08 re-registered
AJ54RVY now M16
DX05JOV LDV Convoy M16) 11/08
BX06JYV from Gibson (Coventry) 10/08
BX56AYP from McGowan (Neilston) 11/08
BD57EZO from Loonat (Batley) 10/08
YN57EZE from Watkins (Biggin Hill) 10/08

Vehicles Out

M283 BLD to Amesbury, Durrington (WI)
P825ADO exported, ex Safeway (Batley)
R671BLE to King (Stickney) ex Principle Link (Corby)
W754YDM to Taylor (Stourport) ex Evans (Finedon)
X613 AVJ to Holmes (Newport)
FN54EYO to Sterry (Bristol)
VU54LOA MB 311CDi to Heels (Cromer)
N343FMA sold on ebay 12/08 to private buyer, possibly for conversion to caravan
P220OLC to Amesbury (Durrington) ex Woods (Standish)
S697SKM Iveco 49-10 M16 to Accessible Travel (Lancaster) 10/08 ex Alba
T350EJM to Coach Choice (Wolverhampton) Brailey (Canvey Island)
W76BFR to Price & Ashcroft (Essington) ex Heels (Cromer)
Y31TUX MB 413CDi M16 to Glamorgan Bus (Cwmbach) 10/08
AK52LWE to Hatch Green (Hatch Green) 9/08 ex Caradoc (Rushbury)
CU03EYD Ford Transit to House on the Corner Church non PSV
OY03EJU to Watkins (Biggin Hill) 12/08 ex Alternative Travel
BU04GVW to MP Mini (Ketley Bank) ex Feeley (Milton Keynes)
BX04VKL to McGowan (Neilston) 10/08 ex Sargeant (Hodnet)
BX05AJU to Woodford Chauffeur Services, Farnborough (HA).
CU05GKY to Heath Park High School (Wolverhampton) ex Dalton (Thornton Heath)
KY05JZW to Sim (Boot) MB 311CDi M16 converted from a van
BX55SXL LDV Convoy / LDV M16 to Hatch Green (Hatch Green)
MX55WUP LDV Convoy / LDV M16 to Hatch Green (Hatch Green)
BD58RHY Iveco 45C15 / Excel M16 to Gower Mini (Gorseinon)
BG58XLM Iveco 45C15 / Excel M16 to Mole (Kidderminster)
BX58TGY Iveco 45C15 / Excel M16 to Watkins (Biggin Hill)
W40JLS Iveco 45C15 / Excel M16 to Leask & Silver (Lerwick) New

EK07UZX Ford Transit M16 to Fenny (Wokingham)
EN57BVH Ford Transit M16 to Tracks (Brookland)
YN57EZE to Evans (Finedon) ex Watkins (Biggin Hill)
BU08CWD Iveco 45C15 to BGL Group (Peterborough)
BJ58YXH Iveco 45C15 / Excel M16 to Johnson (Brae)
JG58BUS Iveco 45C15 / Excel M16 to Gorey (Carlton)
YD58GAU MB 515CDI to Sargeant (Hodnet)

Ensign

Vehicles In

From Stagecoach Manchester: Olympians F282/95/300DRJ Scania's F112/3HNC G115SBA
J140HMT H463/6GVM K852/55/6/61/63/70LMK.
From Stagecoach Strathtay: Dart N308DSL Olympian D388XRS.
From Metroline: Darts DLD34/5/55/6/7
From Go-Ahead NE: Solo's T461/2BCN
From Ipswich Buses: Excels P194SGV P443SWX.
From Arriva Southern Counties: Olympian G903SKP.
From Metrobus: Dart MPD W795VMV.
From Dublin Bus: Olympians 96-D-262/283 97-D-332.
From Arriva the Shires: Volvo D10M F124PHM.

From Hedingham Omnibuses: Bristol VR JWT757V.
From MASS Transit: Trident W598CCW
Vehicles Out
AEC RF603 (NLE603) RH Transport, Witney , Ox.
Bristol VR VEX287X: Little London F.lli Lacatena s.r.l
Metrobus POG490Y: A and S Bone, Hook, Hants.
Scania F113HNC: Langtoft Private Hire, Peterborough.
Volvo D10M G112NGN: Farleigh Coaches, Rochester, Kent.
Volvo D10M's H658/82GPF: The Green Bus, Birmingham.
Lance K315WMV: Golden Eagle Coaches, Salsburgh, Scotland.
Olympians K508/18ESS: Hedingham Omnibuses.
Dublin Olympian 96-D-259 now N644JNO with Chalkwell, Sittingbourne.
Dublin Olympian 96-D-263: Auto Conversions Ltd , Clara, Eire.
Dublin Olympian 96-D-278 now N647JNO with Swanbrook, Cheltenham.
Volvo B10M's N446XVA M948TSX: East London Bus Group.
Dart M461LLJ: The Big Lemon, Brighton.
Dart M462LLJ: Florida Coaches, Halstead, Essex.
Dart MPD W795VMW: Clintona Minicoaches, Brentwood, Essex.
Solo's S251/4KNL : RH Transport, Witney , Ox.
Solo T462BCN: Bakers Dolphin, Weston-super-Mare.
Solo's T465/7BCN: Renown Coaches, Bexhill.
Dart MPD: SN51SXU: Carters Coaches, Ipswich.
Trident PO51UMK: Ipswich Buses.

Preservation News

Forthcoming Events

North Norfolk Railway Gala: 27th February – 1st March and 7th/8th March - (50th anniversary of closure of M&GNR) Vintage buses will be around
Enfield Spring Transport Bazaar: 28th February St Stephens Hall, Enfield
Dewsbury Bus Museum: 8th March - Open Day

Vehicles

Thomas Graham has sent in a couple of updates to the fleets at Beith,
I have sold WCW318R (Lep/Alex) to a chap in Saltcoats who has converted it to a caravan.
I have bought JHE161W, a Metrobus which I have sold again to the Sth Yorkshire Transport Trust.
ULS640X - another Metrobus was unfortunately deemed beyond repair by its new owner and was scrapped on site.
LHS747V - an Ailsa is now owned by Mr. H Gilmour of Johnstone Strathclyde. It is still part of the collection at Beith.
B33YYS - an Ailsa was purchased by an enthusiast group attached to East Midlands. They collected the bus from Beith, but suffered a failure en route to Chesterfield. The recovery vehicle unfortunately dislodged the engine and again this was deemed to be beyond repair and has been sold for scrap in Barnsley.
E187HSF - a Citybus/Alexander ex First Edinburgh is now at Beith owned by Barclay of Irvine.
HSD73V - a Fleetline/Alexander is now owned solely by Barclay of Irvine.
You will note from the above that JHE161W, LHS747V and ULS640X were all owned by Duncan, Cumbernauld.
I understand that ex North Birmingham A657HNB Leyland Atlantean will be going into preservation at Preston

Out and About

On 15th November, Alan Hayward visited the Optare factory on an arranged visit with Bill Barlow and the Merseyside bus group. On arrival, we were given a brief talk about what we would see, plus the usual safety aspects. When we started the tour, the first things we saw were bare frames of solos and Versas, as we moved along, you could begin to see the buses starting to become a familiar shape.



On the production line were Versas in one and two door layouts, the single door ones for dealer stock, the two door version were being built for use in London. Also being put together was a left hand drive two door layout solo for a German operator.

Outside at the back of the building were three red Versas minus engines, these are moved around by a small tractor/tug.



Back indoors again found us by the paint shop, and a solo was seen wrapped in brown paper, honest! Not ready to be posted off,

but being made ready for painting, I bet they go through a few rolls a week! Next part found us in the part of the factory where the bus systems were being checked, like air systems, lights, etc in the place were two stagecoach solos, five red Versas for London, and a plain white solo.



Outside at the front was a white Tempo, and the first Versa made, now being modified into a hybrid. The staff and our guide we found to be most helpful, friendly, and great to get along with. Many thanks to the staff at Optare for allowing the visit, and Bill and the bus group for letting me join them.



Forgot to mention that the factory is the old Charles H Roe bus building place, and it slopes downhill from the back to the front to aid moving the double deck buses that used to be built there. Now of course, they use little tugs to do the job.

Welbourn Lincs.

95% of the pupils are bused in, so there are plenty of buses on the yard e.g. A. C. Williams, Travel Wright and Lovedon Travel, as well as Stagecoach.

Hodson Coaches (whom I drive for) lost their only contract, so we unfortunately don't go there now. Noted on the A607 at Leadenham on 14/01/09 was PPM 206G BI RE ECW Brighton and Hove, I nearly crashed when I saw it.

As you can imagine this is quite a fish out of water here and looking absolutely immaculate.

Also noted on 14/01/09 was B633 DDW Bd Pn (maroon) owner unknown but probably KJB. Or Paul Howe?

I had a trip to Birmingham on 17/01/09 and noted the following at the National Express place opposite Digbeth around 4pm.

KSK986, FD54DHX, YJ51EKX, YJ51EKZ, FJ08KLF, YX07HJG, WX53WGG, YN55NDV, YN04GKU, YN05VRU (Moordale), YN55PXE, YN05WJU.

I found this an unpleasant area and was disinclined to stay long. I haven't been to Birmingham for years and was shocked at this second rate facility. Surely we can do better than this!! I was also unimpressed with the buses in Birmingham too. Virtually every one I saw badly dented and filthy, a far cry for what I remember.

I also couldn't help but notice the scruffy drivers and their poor driving. I say this because we are at present undergoing NVQ training at Hodson Coaches and our trainer complimented us on our appearance.

(We are doing NVQ level 2 as it helps towards the drivers CPC which is a legal requirement now; Its quite funny getting training at our time of life

Our vehicles never go out on the road unless they are spotless inside and out and undamaged. (VOSA would have a field day here with damaged vehicles!!).

Ian Swales

23rd December 2008

Digbeth Area 11:00 &

18:45

Barnes
LIL 9168
Bharat (Dhillon)
SA02 UCC
BL Line
YJ57 BOV
Black & White
JNZ 7431
Chalfont
WA54 HXV
Coachmaster
SF05 XZO
Stott
Y162 EAY
Elcock Reisen
A2 EXC, 1398 NT, CJE
32
First Truronian
W3 TRU
Go Northern
Y758 MFT (7085)
Goodes
A17 GOO
Haytons
PUI 6632
Hemmings
BJ03 JHA, UIL 8043
Hills
BU03 LYW, YN04GOP,
YN08 OCS, YN58BHX
Hookways
3427 HP, 3745 HP,
2603 HP
Llew Jones

CX03 EFS, YN04 AWU

Newbury Coaches
YR02 ZMY
Photoflash
RJI 8711
Rowell
T234 SBB
Tetleys
YSV 563
Trathens
SF07 ORZ
Travellers Choice
4150 RU, PN07 LNE,
PN08 LBK
Travelstar European
MUI 5952
Veolia Birmingham
W383 PRC, FJ03N
AAX
Weavaway
KX08 OMB

29th December 2008

Herne Bay High

Street, Kent

Stagecoach
15338, 15357, 16274,
16275,
18160, 18163, 18164,
18167,
18171, 18331, 18528,
18529,
32458
National Express
FJ06 OBT, FJ06 OBX
Kings Ferry Coaches
E75 DRM

1st January 2009

The Embankment

The following coaches
was parked along the
Embankment (I didn't
realise about the New
Years Day parade in
Whitehall)
Addisons Executive
YX07 AYM
Andersons
BN08 HNU
Armchair
BIG 2115
Bayliss
YIL 1232
Berkeley
WR02 RVX
Berry's
WA03 EYD
Bowmens
RBZ 5358
Clarks of London
LV51 ZHL
Dartline
XFJ 466
Eddie Brown
A17 EBT
Elite
YN08 HYA
Excalibur
YN06 CKG
G A C Levett
N9 RYE
GMK Travel
K50 GMX
Hardings of Redditch

M3 HCR
Hatts Travel
YX04 FXF
Johnson Bros
FJ04 ETT
Kings Ferry
A8 TKF, GJ52 DMZ,
YN06 NYH
London Borough of
Barking
HX03 MHJ
National Express
YN54 DDK (passed on
010 London Victoria ex
Cambridge)
P & J Ellis
FJ08 BYO
Redline
15 RED
Reliance Group
YN08 AVF
Richmonds
275 FUM, 426 YRA,
HDT 375
Roadliner
TO05 ELF
Ruffle's
X471 KUT, X472 KUT
Swallow
P6 WEB, FN52 MZF,
FN52 MZG, YN06 FUA
Swans Travel
BJ08 KNK, YN56 NTL
Truemans
YN58 HYR
Westway
B16 WSC, W6 STS

WH Tours
 FJ06 ZLU
 York Pullman
 B19 KJT, CB08 YPB,
 DB08 YPB, MIW 5788,
 MIW 5790
 Yorkshire Rose
 YJ03 PKL
 Unknown (all white)
 T507 EUB, BX06 UNL,
 YN03 AWZ

7th January 2009
Easingwold School,
near York

Stephensons of
 Easingwold
 DAZ 1572, KNP 182,
 FAV 8Y,
 T213 EAG
 Pearson Travel, York
 PSU 987
 Reliance Motor
 Services
 R362 DJN, R363 DJN,
 YJ05 UKR, BV55 UAZ
 Morse Coaches
 H462 BEU, M80 RCE,

R927 YBA

10th January 2009
York Train Station

(for The Rail
 Replacements, York –
 Leeds & York –
 Newcastle)
 K & J Travel, York
 Pullman
 AEZ 7248, BIG 2908,
 UEZ 2456, B2 YPB,
 K1 YPB, P405 MDT
 Eddie Brown of
 Boroughbridge
 FBZ 4780, A16 EBT,
 F51 FUX, N557 FWX,
 N60 SLK, CT06 EBT
 Geldards of Leeds
 R178 GNW, YJ04 BKK,
 YJ51 ZVE
 John Smith & Sons,
 Thirsk
 902 DCV, NSV 370,
 NSV 373, YSV 528
 Firths, Selby
 MJI 4838
 Tetleys, Leeds

687 PTO
 Hunters, Leeds
 N760 OAP, P2 HCL,
 YF54 XSE
 Not doing Rail
 Replacement
 Coopers, Sheffield
 MKZ 6301
 Compass Royston
 BX04 NBB
 Collins of Cliffe
 R790 WSE
 National Express
 FJ06 GMA
 Parks of Hamilton (Nat
 Ex work)
 LSK 609

11th January 2009
York Station (rail
replacements)

Proctors of Bedale
 149 CYY, FN05 DFU
 K & J York Pullman
 MIW5785, MIW 5788,
 B19 KJT
 John Smiths, Thirsk
 JSV 496, NSV 258,

NVS 370, YR02 UOE
 Firths of Selby
 MJI 4838, F789 DMS
 Astro Coaches,
 Newcastle
 NIL 2756 (looking a bit
 battered), NKC 921
 Eddie Browns of
 Boroughbridge
 FBZ 4780, A7 BKE,
 A16 EBT, YN05 ESG
 Rowells of Prudhoe
 V501 ERJ, R988 DFT
 Hunters of Leeds
 P3 HCL, KL08 HCL
 Lees Coaches of
 Durham
 273 GYE, OUI 9684,
 XSU 905, ALL 173Y
 GO North East
 (National Express)
 7097
 Bowens (not rail
 replacement)
 FN02 HGJ

Depot Watch

Anthony Walton visited the North East Area on Sunday 14th December 2008, where he visited Arriva, Stagecoach and Go Ahead. A useful comment Anthony made, was if you are proposing to visit any garages in the North East Area – **WRITTEN PERMISSION** is needed beforehand by the operators.

Anthony would also like to thank the garage staff at Stagecoach Shouth Sheilds (Chichester) for the kindness in showing him their preserved bus, starting it up and allowing him to take photographs. The bus is an ex South Shields Corporation Daimler registration **LCU112**

Arriva (Peterlee): 908: 1520 39: 1636 55 56: 1709 57: 2624: 2722 25 42: 2802 17 25: 4093: 4109: 7220 51 53-55 63 64 (24 buses)

Go Ahead (Washington): 486 487: 520 523-532 534 537 563-567 569: 3820 24 25 28-31: 4938 40 58 60 61 64-66: 5221 32 75 76 78-80 82: 5325 26 (46 buses)

Go Ahead (Sunderland): 417 484 491-493 497: 500 519 521 522 548 552-554 556 559 561 571 572 574 578 583 584 586-590 593 594 596 605: 3873 74: 3932-38: 44-46: 4944 70: 5202 03 05 07 13 15-17 32 33: 5305: 8209 13 15 32 34-37 40 41 76-81 (75 buses)

Stagecoach (South Sheilds): 20123 125 135 551 553 840 842: 21002 041: 21126 37 39 44-46 49 50 52-57: 32624 51 55: 32726 30 32-34 43 46 49 50 51 66 67 69 74-76 83-85 91-93 95: 34561 606 613: 35193 94: 34611 14 (56 buses)

Stagecoach (Sunderland): 20707 14 16 23 24 26 29 30: 21042: 21143: 22072 73 75 80 82: 22172 96: 22214: 22462 64 68 8-89 94 95: 22666 72 73 75: 22727 31 32 36 78 82: 22467 90 91: 29107: 32622 33 52 95: 32728 30 33 34 77 79-81 86-90: 33118 20 24-28: 33826 29 31: 35155 56 60-62 72: 52136 (75 buses)

Meanwhile at the other end of the country Barry Owens called in at the Stagecoach in Somerset garage at Wellington and noted the following -: 14263: 32021: 40180: 41350: 41953 54: 41992 93 95: 42035 36 38 39: 42108 118: 46601: 47576 78 81 89 90 91 92 93 94 96 98: 49604 06 09 12 13: 59103: 59611 12: (35 Buses)

In a yard nearby was Quantock Motor Services coach MIB767

The non PSV bit

'To equip us for our hobby most of us buy as many fleet lists as we can. But, whilst the HB books provide the very best value for money coverage, we still see lots of buses and coaches that are not amongst the commercial fleets. The Trident takes care of very many comings and goings. But what about the vehicles that are still not listed anywhere?

These can fall into any number of categories. Some – but by no means all – are non-PSV, and include:

- * bandbuses, film/TV catering/support vehicles;
- * buses used for advertising or promotional activities and by such as church groups;
- * caravans - buses converted for use in support of motorsport, etc, or as homes;
- * local authority vehicles – many of us do not bother with their minibuses but several authorities operate larger vehicles too, some of them in quite sizeable numbers;
- * 'retired' vehicles which never actually qualify for the HB preserved list but may hang about in factory yards and such like for years.

From now on, The Trident is going to try to start to fill some of these gaps. But this will not be easy and take all your help. So please send all your sightings and other information on these oddities, no matter how sketchy. If there is a photo as well, so much the better.

BIG9763 (G647KBV) Ld Swift/Elme Claymore Racing

CUV350C Routemaster RML2350 – New to London Country and later with Leaside. Reportedly owned now by the boys' boarding Old Swinford Hospital School, West Midlands.

FFV437D AEC Regent/Plaxton – Believed to be owned by the Kidswheels preservationists. Stored in a compound (with others) on the A580 Speke, Merseyside.

JJD464D Open top Routemaster RML. Formerly with London United. Used now by Masters Exhibitions, Tonbridge, Kent. As a corporate hospitality centre and mobile grandstand – as seen on TV by the waver jumps at Badminton Horse Trials in 2008.

JJD547D Routemaster RML (RML2547). Reported owner Dawber, Wigan. Kept for spares with numerous other vintage buses in the yard of PSV operator Fairway Commercials, Stretton Distribution Centre, Appleton, Cheshire.

2FFX (X766HVL) MBO814D/Autoclassique. Luxury 16-seat executive transport with darkened windows, tables and a toilet. Operator unknown. Non-PSV.

GPD302N Bristol LHS6L/ECW Originally with Rennies. Converted to caravan/mobile home.

HYS51N Vo B58.61/Pn Originally Park's, Hamilton. Converted to a caravan/mobile home.

1STU (A318XHE) Vo B10M.61/Je Originally owned by National Travel, W Yorks. Converted to a motorsport support caravan. Operated by Smith Motorsport and also carries advertising for Go-Goodwins buses, Eccles, Manchester.

CWU146T Leyland Fleetline/Roe Was operated at one time as a computer training unit by Wirral CC. Is this still the case?

BOX86V Metrobus Operated at one time – and maybe still is – by www.commbus.com who describe themselves as offering 'buses (and) coaches for a variety of roadshow, exhibition and event uses.'

GYE508W Former Leaside Metrobus Seen in use in north London in 2008 painted as 'The Greenest Party Bus Ever'. Maybe not the operator of this particular vehicle but take a look at www.partybus.co.uk for an insight into the partybus business worldwide.

KPJ259W Former London Country Leyland Atlantean. Seen in a yard at Staples Corner, N London. Operated at one time by the London and Glasgow based international location support company FilmFlow Ltd - and maybe still theirs. Take a look at www.filmflow.btinternet.co.uk for an insight into their work.

FHS752X Vo B10m/Duple. Converted to a caravan. At one time with Park's, Hamilton and later operated by a motorcycle display team. Current use/ownership not known.

The Gallery



De Courcey of Coventry run this ex Stagecoach Merc 709D on local services



The clean lines of the East Yorkshire livery are shown to good effect in this shot taken in York



New at Blyth for Arriva North East is this VDL SB200 / Plaxton Centro



Edwards of Llanwit Fadre have a large coach fleet and can be seen all over the country , here a Setra rests in Chester



Stagecoach North West still have a few Routemasters in store at Lillyhall



Peterborough Council run several local services mainly using Solos but have a pair of these VW Crafters