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Mike De Courcey keeps this Metro Cammell bodied Daimler CVG6 in running order, seen here at the depot, during our visit on June 6th in immaculate condition

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GB-BG TOURS

Our next trip is being organised for Saturday August 1st and will be to the TRANSDEV BLAZEFIELD depots at Harrogate, Keighley, Burnley and Blackburn. Time will also be spent at the towns bus stations allowing time for photography. Departure from Leeds railway station will be at 10.00 with return arrival expected around 1700.

The fare for this trip will be £20 with the bus being a 08 registered Volvo B7.

To book please send a cheque, made payable to the GB Bus Group for £20 and enclose a s.a.e to Ken Pitt, address on page 2.

News from the Industry

Veolia Transport Cymru opened a new depot at Treforrest, becoming operational on June 1st. It replaces depots at Abercynon and Llantwit Fadre, although a few withdrawn vehicles are still stored at the two locations. Also moving to Treforrest have been Several buses and the main coaching fleet from Barry depot

The former Huntingdon & district depot in Huntingdon at Stukeley Rd was closed after operations on Saturday June 6th with the fleet transferring temporarily over to Ely, prior to relocating later in the year to the Whippet garage at Fenstanton.

Optare made a loss of £4 million, for 2008 on a turnover of £42 million, a lot of the loss is attributed to acquiring East Lancs coachbuilder and the subsequent restructuring of the businesses. The falling value of the pound has also lead to significantly increased costs to the aluminium extrusions used in the building of its buses.

The Stagecoach takeover of Preston Bus has been referred to the Competition Commission by the OFT following a preliminary investigation, The OFT say there is no evidence that another operator will enter the market any time soon thus leaving Stagecoach as the predominant operator. The OFT were aware that Preston Bus were in financial difficulties prior to the sale, but they say it could not be classed as a failing firm. As expected Stagecoach are not happy with this decision but will fully with the on going investigation.

West Midlands Service News

- NXWM service 2 will have its frequency reduced from 12 to 15 mins during the off-peak, and from 10 to 12 mins during peaks from 26th July 2009.
- NXWM service 12 will now have its Monday-Friday peak hour and Sunday shopping journeys extended to The Baldwin from 26th July 2009.
- NXWM service 14A will have its Sunday frequency increased to 10 mins or less from 26th July 2009.
- NXWM service 35 will have its Sunday frequency reduced to every 20 mins from 15 mins from 26th July 2009.
- NXWM service 48 is withdrawn.
- NXWM service 90 will have its service withdrawn between Marston Green to Chelmsley Wood, therefore only operating between Birmingham – Chelmsley Wood. A timetable change will also follow.
- NXWM service 97 & 97A will have its summer timetable in place from 26th July and all changes to the Saturday and Sunday timetables will be made permanent once normal timetables resume in September.
- NXWM service 126 will have its Sunday evening frequency reduced to every 30 mins from 26th July 2009.
- NXWM service 302 will have a frequency increase to every 10 mins.

- The registration on D&G service 381 has been cancelled from 06th September 2009.
- NXWM service 501 will have its Monday-Saturday evening frequency reduced from every 20 to 30 mins.
- NXWM service 503/W will have a frequency reduction during the peak Monday-Fridays.
- NXWM service 511, 512 and 513 will have their Saturday daytime frequency's reduced.
- NXWM service 528 will have all short journeys (528E's) to Ashmore Park withdrawn during off-peak.
- NXWM service 532 and 533 will have a frequency reduction to every hour during the evenings with later starting times on Saturday mornings.
- NXWM service 535 will have its Saturday frequency reduced to every 15 mins from the current 11 mins.

- NXWM service 559 will have its Monday-Saturday evening frequency reduced to every 12 mins from the current 10 mins.
- NXWM service 598 will have the number of journeys on Saturdays reduced.
- NXWM service 654A will now have all 'mid-evening journeys, Monday – Saturday, withdrawn and all commercial journeys on Sundays withdrawn. Therefore, the frequency will be every hour as opposed to the 30 mins it current is.
- NXWM services 706, 721, 745, 758 & 814 are withdrawn.
- Grosvenor Coaches service S4 will now serve Haslucks Green Road and Newborough Road and then terminating at the Baldwin. Monday to Friday service remains every 30 mins, with the Saturday reduced to every hour.

National Express Service News

The following coaches make up the fleet that will be used on the newly won contracts Volvo B12M / Jonckherre Mistrals SF06 XVX, SF05 SVY, SF05XZL, all ex Parks, WA04 MHK a Volvo B12M / Van Hool ex Chalfont and FJ57 SKF an ex demonstrator Volvo B9R / Plaxton Panther.

More services in the South West are seeing a change of operator during July

Service 328 Rochdale - Plymouth: will be operated by Selwyns of Runcorn

Service 330 Penzance - Nottingham will be operated by Coachmaster

Service 336 Penzance – Edinburgh, famous for being the longest route operated by National Express will now be run by Bruces Coaches

Fleet News

Arriva

Derby withdrawn have been 2092 and 2094

London: The first 10.4m Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 due for route 38 has been delivered to Wood Green DW201 (LJ09 KRO), It will be used on trails on route 141.

Now we have some changes to the training bus fleet to note, the present double deck DLAs presently in use are to be returned to normal service during the next couple of months. Their place will be taken by surplus DDD class Darts, DL1-14, 16. It had been expected that DWLs at Wood Green being replaced by new Enviro 200s would enter the training fleet, but most of these will now transfer to other depots. DWL 52-57 are to be refurbished and will remain at Wood Green. DWL42-49 are earmarked for Edmonton to replace ADL1-8 which will be disposed.

Now some movement of registration plates from MA bendis and onto Enviro 400s

MA5	now BX04	MXB	ex 205	CLT	is now on T5	which was LJ08	CVW
MA17	now BX04	MXR	ex 217	CLT	is now on T17	which was LJ08	CVN
MA19	now BX04	MXT	ex 519	CLT	is now on T19	which was LJ08	CVP
MA24	now BX04	MXZ	ex 324	CLT	is now on T24	which was LJ08	CUX
MA30	now BX04	MYY	ex 330	CLT	is now on T30	which was LJ08	CVE

Just a couple of allocation changes DLA147 EC-BN: DLA270 E-BN: DWL3, DWL9 TC-TH, Both T29 and T63 are currently under repair following two separate accidents befalling them.

MK Metro: nine ADL Enviro 300 B45F are in the process of delivery 3570 (KX09 GYY), 3571 (KX09 GYZ), 3572 (KX)9 GZA), 3573 (KX09 GZB) and 3574 (KX09 GZC) noted up to press. 3570-3575 are due to be painted red and will be used to increase the pvr on route 4/4A, whilst the rest are to be painted orange and used on route 5 alongside Scania's already being used. A pair of Optare Solos have also arrived 2509 (YJ09 OTY) and 2510 (YJ09 OTZ). These can normally be found on route 12. Gone for scrap have been Varios 107, 110, 113, 118, 123 along with Solo 3

Midlands: The missing couple of registrations for the new Versas last month are 2977 (YJ09 MKP) and 2983 (YJ09 MLF) It appears a couple got jumbled last time, I am not convinced I got them wrong, so they may have been re registered, 2989 certainly has been so, correct ones are 2980 (YJ09 MKX), 2981 (YJ09 MKZ), 2982 (YJ09 MLE), 2984 (YJ09 MLX), 2988 (YJ09 MKA). The batch are allocated as follows 2974-2980 Wellington: 2981 Bridgnorth: 2982-2984 Shrewsbury: 2985-2987 Burton: 2989, 2990 Bridgnorth: 2991 Shrewsbury: 2992, 2993 Oswestry: 2994 Bridgnorth: 2995 Oswestry. It should be noted that although Bridgnorth is now a depot again in its own right frequent movements occur between there and Shrewsbury.

Fleet movements over the last four weeks are 1147 SD-w: 1150 sold: 1177,1182 SD-w: 1247 SY-sold 1360 SY-w: 2007, 2013 sold: 2024 TH-SS: 2025 SY-w: 2051 BR-SY: 2054 TH-SS: 2068, 2083, 2116 sold: 2084 WL-w: 2097 OS-WL: 2248 OS-SY: 2350, 2351 OS-CK: 2393 (P81 MOR) new to CK: 2721 BR-SY: 2733 SD-WL: 2734 SD-w: 2735, 2736 WL-SD: 2988 BR-SY: 2996 SY-BR: 3205 SS-w: 3429 SY-w: 3466 SS-2: 3467 SS-CV: 3468 BN-w: 3470 TM-w: 3473 SS-w: 3474, 3475, 3478 SY-w: 3489 CV-w: 3579 new -WG: 3737-3740 WG-SD: 3810-3812 DY-WG: 4601 sols: 4604 TH-w: 4611 sold: 4739 WS-SS:

North West: The remaining members of the Pulsars noted last month 2749-2753 along with 2754 have entered service at Runcorn on "Busway" services 1 and 2 replacing Wright Pathfinders 2048-2054. The missing member of the batch at Wythenshawe has finally arrived from Wrights 2938 (MX09 EKU)

The Original Tour: The last of the Hong Kong Metrobuses has finally entered service EMB785 (WKJ 785). It was originally with China Motorbus as its ML15

The Shires: Twenty ADL Enviro 300 B45F single decks have been delivered and are entering service on routes 300/301. The first 17 at Stevenage, with the remaining three at Hemel as they operate a couple of duties on the routes

3550	KX09 GXZ	3555	KX09 GYE	3560	KX09 GYK	3565	KX09 GYS
3551	KX09 GYA	3556	KX09 GYF	3561	KX09 GYN	3566	KX09 GYT
3552	KX09 GYB	3557	KX09 GYG	3562	KX09 GYO	3567	KX09 GYU
3553	KX09 GYC	3558	KX09 GYH	3563	KX09 GYP	3568	KX09 GYV
3554	KX09 GYD	3559	KX09 GYJ	3564	KX09 GYR	3569	KX09 GYW

Spending time at Aylesbury in late May, June has been the Arriva "Bus of the future", Volvo B7L / Wright Eclipse Urban 3890 (LF02PVA). Olympians 5118 and 5120 have been withdrawn at Wycombe, couple of other movements see 2489 Harlow-Stevenage: 3160, 3294 Aylesbury – MK Metro: 3281, 3282 Luton- Stevenage:

Yorkshire: The new ADL Enviro 200s have now all been delivered into Dewsbury depot

1050	YJ09 CSU	1055	YJ09 CUA	1059	YJ09 CUK	1063	YJ09 CVB
1051	YJ09 CTV	1056	YJ09 CUC	1060	YJ09 CUO	1064	YJ09 CVC
1052	YJ09 CTX	1057	YJ09 CUG	1061	YJ09 CUY	1065	YJ09 CVD
1053	YJ09 CTY	1058	YJ09 CUH	1062	YJ09 CVA	1066	YJ09 CVE
1054	YJ09 CTZ						

First Group

Cymru: The Wright Streecars have finally begun to arrive at Swansea 19035 (S40 FTR) and 19036 (S50 FTR) being the first pair.

Glasgow: Just noticed we are still missing a couple of registrations for the batch of Enviro 200s

that were delivered a couple of months back so here we are 44914 (YX09 AGZ) and 44918 (YX09 AHE), Also missing regs fro the Enviro 500s are 38208 (SN09 CBX), 38209 (SN09 CBY) and 38216 (SN09 CCO) remaining members of the batch

38219	SN09 CCX	38221	SN09 CCZ	38223	SN09 CDF	38225	SN09 DCO
38220	SN09 CCZ	38222	SN09 CDE	38224	SN09 CDK		

Also here now in service are another batch of Volvo B7 / Wright Geminis

37741	SF09 LDN	37744	SF09 LDV	37747	SF09 LDZ	37750	SF09 LEA
37742	SF09 LDO	37745	SF09 LDX	37748	SF09 LEJ	37751	SF09 LEB
37743	SF09 LDU	37746	SF09 LDY	37749	SF09 LEU		

Norfolk & Suffolk: More ex London Dennis Trident / Plaxton Presidents noted, all at Norwich, 32849, 32883, 32884, 32886 and 32887. Moving across to Great Yarmouth have been Olympians 34333 (H132 FLX) and 34903 (H103 KVX). Further vehicles removed from Caister Road by Erith Commercials have been Dennis Darts 40288 (M944 SRE) and 46601 (L501 VHU) plus 30106 (K480 EUX) the first tri axle Olympian.

Several services have been taken on, following the demise of Country Travel and to enable this, two Solos arrived at Ipswich from Yarmouth 50274 (S305 EWU) and 50273 (S304 EWU). Both vehicles can be seen regularly on the 71 and 173.

Volvo Olympian 30903 (W758 DWX) transferred to Kings Lynn in May, Transferred to Lowestoft , from Kings Lynn in May were Volvo Olympians 34155/57 (P655/57 UFB) with coach 20106 (N606 APU) and Volvo B7TLSs 30886/88 (W741/43 DWX) arriving in return

Potteries: Now in use on Chester Park and Ride services are these Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse

69486	DK09 GXW	69490	DK09 GYA	69494	DK09 GYE	69497	DK09 GYH
69487	DK09 GXX	69491	DK09 GYB	69495	DK09 GYF	69498	DK09 DYJ
69488	DK09 GXY	69492	DK09 GYC	69496	DK09 GYG	69499	DK09 DYN
69489	DK09 GXZ	69493	DK09 GYD				

West Yorkshire: Thanks to Tony Allen registrations to hand for the missing B9s are 37699 (YJ09 OAS), 37704 (YJ09 OAY), 37705 (YJ09 OAZ), 37706 (YJ09 OBA), 37707 (YJ09 OBB), 37708 (YJ09 OBC), 37709 (YJ09 OBD), 37719 (YJ09 OBP) and 37720 (YJ09 OBR).

40575-40579 and 40587 are now at Hunslet Park having been transferred from York. Arriving from Bristol at Halifax are Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 34010 (N310JBV), 34044 (P244 UCW), 34089 (P249 UCW) and 34184 (S684 AAE). 30921 is now at Huddersfield.

More wholesale changes as new buses arrive and more services are cut or reduced in frequency, I've been toying around with the easiest way to show them all so I hope you can follow it.

30365 (G293 OGE), 30377 (G698 PNS), 30379 (G523 RDS) Huddersfield to withdrawn

30657, 30658-30671 Halifax to withdrawn (scrap)

30672-30675 Bradford to withdrawn (scrap)

30691, 30693, 30699 Bradford to scrap

30786-30797, 30808, 30809, 30835 Hunslet Park to Halifax

30798-30801, 30810 Bramley to Halifax

30846-30848, 30850-30854, 30916-30920, 31673, 31674, 31676 Leeds to Huddersfield

30866, 30867, 30869, 30870 Hunslet to Bradford

30941-30953 Bramley to Hunslet Park

31150, 31152 Halifax to withdrawn

31673-31675 Hunslet Park to Huddersfield

31737-31740 Halifax to scrap

37021-37024 Cheery Row to Hunslet Park

37043-37047 Bradford to Bramley

37048-37050, 37052-37054 Bradford to Halifax

37710-37716, 37718 to Bramley

50263-50265 Halifax to withdrawn

60768-60770, 60773-60775, 60777-60779, 60786, 60794 Halifax to withdrawn

Wyvern: Dennis Lance 67231 (L231 AAB) has been withdrawn.

Go Ahead Group

London: As we went to press sixteen of the 29 Enviro 400s being delivered into Stockwell for route 345 had arrived with many already in service.

E100	LX09 EZU	E104	LX09 FAF	E108	LX09 FAO	E112	LX09 FBC
E101	LX09 EZV	E105	LX09 FAJ	E109	LX09 FAU	E113	LX09 FBD
E102	LX09 EZW	E106	LX09 FAK	E110	LX09 FBA	E114	LX09 FBE
E103	LX09 EZZ	E107	LX09 FAM	E111	LX09 FBB	E115	LX09 FBF

Merton garage has now received all its ADL Enviro 200 allocation for routes 163 and 164

SOE13	LX09 AYU	SOE17	LX09 AYZ	SOE21	LX09 AZD	SOE25	LX09 AZL
SOE14	LX09 AYV	SOE18	LX09 AZA	SOE22	LX09 AZF	SOE26	LX09 AZN
SOE15	LX09 AYW	SOE19	LX09 AZB	SOE23	LX09 AZG	SOE27	LX09 AZO
SOE16	LX09 AYY	SOE20	LX09 AZC	SOE24	LX09 AZJ	SOE28	LX09 AZP

The first of the type has is now at Sutton for route 80 SOE29 (LX09 AZR). A few transfers to note Following the loss of contracts AVL1-19 have moved from Camberwell to storage at Rainham. Also moving there for store are trainers NV110, NV112, NV113, NV124, NV128, NV133, NV135, NV138, NV143, NV145 NV148 and NV152. A couple of transfers are AVL20-22 Q-PM: LDP76 BX-NX: LDP90-92 AL-BX: LDP101, 103, 105, 106 AL-Q: PVL43 SW-BX: WVL121 Q-AF:

Metrobus: Five ex Fastway liveried Scania Omnicity single deckers 536-540 have been repainted into red livery for use on route X26 and will see the hired in Mercedes Citaros returned to Epsom Coaches.

The new Scania / Optare Olympus double decks are now being delivered, for route 54 and 75, I would expect the hired in ELBG Tridents to be around for a while yet though

870	PN09 EKR	872	PN09 EKU	874	PN09 EKW	876	PN09 EKY
871	PN09 EKT	873	PN09 EKV	875	PN09 EKX	877	PN09 ELO

Oxford Bus Compnay: The first couple of a batch of Scania / ADL Enviro 400 double decks for the newly won Brookes Bus contracts have arrived, but will not enter service until the new term.

National Express Group

West Midlands: New ADL Enviro 400 H45/32Fs are currently being delivered into Birmingham Central garage, with just a couple to arrive as we went to press.

4800	BX09 PDV	4808	BX09 PFG	4816	BX09 PFZ	4823	BX09 PGY
4801	BX09 PDY	4809	BX09 PFJ	4817	BX09 PGE	4824	BX09 PGZ
4802	BX09 PFE	4810	BX09 PFK	4818		4825	BX09 PHA
4803	BX09 PEO	4811	BX09 PFN	4819	BX09 PGK	4826	BX09 PHF
4804	BX09 PFA	4812	BX09 PFO	4820	BX09 PGO	4827	BX09 PHJ
4805	BX09 PFD	4813	BX09 PFU	4821	BX09 PGU	4828	BX09 PHK
4806	BX09 PDE	4814	BX09 PFV	4822	BX09 PGV	4829	BX09 PHN
4807		4815	BX09 PFY				

Once all the new Enviro 400s have been delivered the Optare Spectras will move to Wolverhampton, with nine Tridents moving on, six to Coventry to replace the remaining Metrobuses and Yardley Wood

Latest allocation changes have been 1357, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365 PE - WN: 1557, 1578, 1580, 1590, 1614, 1640, 1706 WB - PE: 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 new to WB: 1883, 1884 new to WA: 2713 AG - w: 2765 PB - w: 2780, 2787 LH - w: 2984 PB - w: 2996, 3005, 3007 WN - w: 3017 LH - w 3042 WN - w: 3045 PB - w: 3061 LH - w: 3064 CV - w: 3123 PB - w: 7204, 7205 reinstated to WN:

Residing at Miller Street in mid June have been the following 116, 117, 118, 310 2561, 2658, 2713, 2741, 2756, 2787, 2788, 2805, 2807, 2812, 2813, 2816, 2841, 2843, 2859, 2861, 2878, 2893, 2907, 2976, 2994, 2996, 3005, 3007, 3017, 3018, 3042, 3054, 3061, 3064, 3118, 7114, 7257, 9171, 9942, 9948

National Express: 227, 230, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251 (These being from the Hotel Hoppa fleet) T505TOL, Y319HUA, Y327HUA

Rotala Group

Central Connect: A new X30 service commenced linking Ansty Park with Coventry using branded Plaxton Centros in a fetching Silver colour YJ07 JRO and YJ07 JRU have been noted so attired. They have been noted re registered at the end of June to X30 COV and X300 COV, not sure which way round though as yet. More new Volvo B7RLE / Plaxton Cetnro single decks are 825 (BX09 SRO), 826 (BX09 SNV), BX09 SNY) and 828 (BX09 SNZ).

Stagecoach

Cambridgeshire & The Fens: The latest Official Fleetlist has arrived and notifies that :- Olympians 14050-3/850,16010/1 are held in Reserve, along with Volvo B10M/Alexander saloons 20328/9/530, Volvo B6R 30463-30466 and Darts 32030/1.

Previously Withdrawn vehicles including Darts 32029/757/8; Minis 40184,42041/2; and Coaches 52050/74/83/340,59104 are NOT mentioned. Therefore, it is possibly(?) safe to assume that these have been taken away by Dealers [for Scrap or Resale]

Huntingdon Depot has now been vacated and most vehicles have joined the Guided Buses at the LEL compound near St Ives. However, all these vehicles are still regarded as based at Huntingdon. Whether a depot renaming will occur once the Whippet premises are revamped, [new depot site], is not known at this moment?

East: Just a couple of notes, sold to Radio Corby has been Leyland Olympian 14061 (K661 UNH) whilst heading to Erith Commercials have been M-B 709Ds 40308 (N308XRP) and 40311 (N311 XRP). Back in service at Northampton is Dennis Dart 32004 (P104 UNH) covering for 33455 (S455 CVV) which is currently receiving repairs following an accident.

East Midlands: The following on the disposal list have departed, 14341, 14356, 14679, 15085, 15092-15094, 15221, 15223, 15227, 15228, 15956, 20497, 26013, 26059, 26061, 30157, 32083, 32089, 32420 and 32427. Latest round of fleet movements are detailed as follows 14991 SP - res: 14998 SP - LI: 16826 HL - GH: 16918 GH - SK: 20283 GY - res: 20284, 20285 GY - SP: 20286 GY - res: 20455 res - GY: 20667 GY - res: 20789 GY - SP: 21014, 21015, 21016 res - GY: 21018, 21022 SP - GY: 22365 LI - WP: 22414, 22415, 22416 GH - WP: 22418 LI - WP: 27595 WP - ret to Notts CC: 32081, 32082, 32087 HL - res: 32419, 32422, 32818, 32819, 32820 MD - res: 33203, 33204, 33205 GH - LI: 33206 NK - LI: 33760-33762, 33764, 33767, 33768 res - MD: 34001-34003 WP - HL: 34008, 34009 SP - HL: 34182, 34183 MD - res: 34186-34188 LI - res: 36008, 36009 WP - ret to Notts CC: 48106 res - ret to Lincs CC: 48112 GH - res: 48118 fr Lincs CC - GH

East Scotland:

(Fife): Six MAN /Alexander ALX200s have been transferred down to North West 22253 and 22256 moving on June 14th, with two Optare Solos 47003 and 47483 heading north in return, 47003 took a while to make it though, breaking down a couple of times and eventually being abandoned at Abington for later retrieval. The following Sunday Mini Pointer Darts 34212, 34213 34216 and 34217, moved north when MANs were delivered. The MANs are destined fro Preston, where they are to be used on service 16

Highlands: Mercedes-Benz O.405 has been withdrawn at Aviemore and is awaiting disposal, as is Volvo B10M /Plaxton 52200 (DAZ1568), Whilst on Aviemore a couple of arrivals, have Volvo B10M /Plaxton Interurban 52271 (M411 WJK) transferred from Aberdeen, whilst up from Manchester Dennis Dart 32365 (R715 YWC) and also from Aberdeen Dennis Dart SLF / East Lancs Spryte 33262 (R312 MSL). M-B 709D 41363 (N103WRC) has been withdrawn from Inverness and moved to Buckie awaiting disposal. Into Inverness is Optare Alero 47807 (SV54 BYN) latterly at Aberdeen with Bluebird. Also transferred from Bluebird, from Moray is Volvo B10M/Plaxton Interurban 52269 (M808 JTY). Into Caithness from Buchan are two ADL Dart SLF /ADL Pointers 34738 (SV55 CCK) and 34739 (SV55 VCCN) Re-allocations are 47181 MY-CT: 47904 CT-dis: 52044 IV-CT: 52429 IV-AV: 52518 AV-FW: 52675 IV-CT:

Manchester: Allocations for those new Enviros listed last month are; 19502-19510 Princess Rd: 19511-19520 Hyde Rd: 19521-19526 Princess Rd: 19527-19530 Stockport: 19531-19534 Princess Rd. Being transferred out of the fleet we have Olympian 16085 to Warwickshire, Trident 16762 to South along with Volvo B10Ms 20955, 20956 . Other B10Ms are moving to North West 20909, 20918, 20919, 20923, 20949, 20962, 20966 and 20984. The following Darts are moving north of the border 32360-32362, 32365, 32366 and 32368.

Now onto quite a few internal movements to note 16004-16007 ST - res: 16087, 16090, 16103 PS - res: 16187 ST - res: 17627, 17631-17633, 17643, 17647, 17648, 17650 AZ - HE: 17665 PS - HE: 17667-17669 PS - ST: 17698, 17699 AZ - HE: 19104, 19111-19118, 19120 PS - AZ: 20920, 20925, 20926, 20936, 20950 ST - res: 20974-20976 HE - res: 22148, 22156, 22160, 22165, 22167, 22178, 22227, 22228 HE - ST: 22229, 22808 HE - PS:

North West: Fleet movements during the last period consist of the following 10728 CE-res: 14210 BA-res: 14543 PB-res (ME): 16327 dis -res (LL): 20130 CY-res: 30342 KL-res (LL): 32925 res-dis: 33167, 33168 res-LL: 40001, 40033 LL-res: The following Volvo B10Ms arrived at Carlisle from Manchester during June 20949, 20962, 20965, 20966 and 20984

Oxfordshire: The Neoplans on the Oxford Tube that carried cherished plates were re registered in late May 50121 T40 UBE to OX04 BZT, 50122 T44 UBE to OX04 BZU, 50123 T50 UBE to OX04 BZS, 50124 T55 UBE to OX04 BXP and 50125 T60 UBE to OX04 BZR.

Preston Bus: A pair of Solos have been re allocated back to Deepdale garage 47759 and 47760 for use on new Lancs CC tendered services 21 and 29, 47760 only just having been re allocated across to Selbourne St.

Wales: More Plaxtons sold to Ensign have been 52181, 52182 and 52186, whilst arriving from West have been Dennis Dart SLFs 33601 (R601 SWO), 33602 (R602 SWO) and 33603 (R603 SWO). All three are being refurbished by ADL prior to entering service. Optare Versa 25211 is back in service at Blackwood after repairs at Bulwark. A couple of movements 20370 BW - res: 20872 PT - res: 34083 ref - PT: 41417 CN - dis: 52503 BR - CN:

West Scotland: Latest happenings here have been 20171, 20174, 20178 dis-sold: 20194 GW-dis: 20506 K-res: 20581 AY-res: 20586, 20590 res-GW: 20715, 20718 dis-sold: 25235, 25236 new-DS: 32394, 32395 DS-dis: 40067 res-dis

West: Recently sold to Trevor Wrigley have been B10Ms 20204 and 20205, Into the training fleet from Wales we have Volvo B10M / Plaxton Interurbans 52298 (N448 XVA), 52299 (N449 XVA) and 52300 (N450 XVA), this has lead to the withdrawl of older 52265 (M165 CCD)

Transdev

London United: The missing Enviro 20 Hybrid appeared in early May HDE2 (SN09 CHD). The eleven new 10.8m Scania N230UD Omnicitys H41/22D due at Hounslow (AV) have now been delivered are running on route H32

SP41	YT09 BKA	SP44	YT09 BMY	SP47	YT09 BNB	SP50	YT09 BNF
SP42	YT09 BMO	SP45	YT09 BMZ	SP48	YT09 BND	SP51	YT09 BNJ
SP43	YT09 BMU	SP46	YT09 BNA	SP49	YT09 BNE		

The first of the next batch due for the 65 / N65 at Fulwell have also been delivered SP52 (YT09 BNK), SP53 (YT09 BNL), SP54 (YT09 BNN) and SP55 (YT09 BJU). Others of the batch are progressively being put into service , all initially going to Stamford Brook fro service preparation.

SP56	YT09 ZCA	SP59	YT09 ZCJ	SP62	YT09 ZCN	SP65	YT09 BJV
SP57	YT09 ZCE	SP60	YT09 ZCK	SP63	YT09 ZCO	SP66	YT09 BJX
SP58	YT09 ZCF	SP61	YT09 ZCL	SP64	YT09 ZCU	SP67	YT09 BJY

Independents

Central England

Andrews (Tideswell): Taken into stock from the erstwhile Fraser Eagle operation has been DAF / Van Hool 7529UK

AOT (Nottingham): A new acquisition has been F713 LFG a Scania N113DRB / East Lancs H47/33F which previously served with P.C. Coaches (Lincoln)

K & H Doyle: Two more Dennis Darts have been added to stock P301 HDP and P303 HDP painted in a new green based livery which Optare Solo Y812 KDP also carries, for operating on two new routes in Beeston and Hucknall the 228 and 229

Johnson Bros: A largish batch of former Stagecoach Scania double deckers have been bought from Ensign, J132 HMT, J143-145 HMT, K846-848 LMK, K851 LMK, K858 LMK, K860 LMK, K862 LMK and K871 LMK. These have been joined by Olympians G102 AAO, G864 XDX and K355 DWJ. For the coach fleet comes, from Parks of Hamilton, SF07 XNU a Volvo / Jonckherre SHV. It remains in the Parks Gold and Black livery with Johnson Bros. Tours titles.

Little's: Two ex Trent ECW bodied Leyland Olympians added are B712 HVO and B715 HVO

Nottingham City Transport: The next batch of Scanis SN270UD /Optare Olympus double decks have now been delivered and are in service in Go2 Navy Line livery, note that the registrations do not run in order.

961	YJ09 YHN	964	YJ09 YHS	967	YJ09 YHU	970	YJ09 YHK
962	YJ09 YHP	965	YJ09 YHM	968	YJ09 YHO	971	YJ09 YHL
963	YJ09 YHR	966	YJ09 YHW	969	YJ09 YHV		

Trident 411 (T411 BNN) has gained an all over advert for Amores an Italian restaurant.

Paul S Winson (Loughborough): The company has taken delivery of its first ADL Enviro 200 111 (DO09 PSW).It is being used on its Loughborough to Shepshed trunk route

Veolia Midlands: Quite a few service revisions have been carried out including a new 555 service linking Nottingham with Eastwood. The company is also waging a battle against local residents to its former Dunn line depot. It had been given twelve months to vacate the premises, as it was "outside permission for the site". However the company has still not sorted out a new depot and has said that it will remain at the Beechdale Road depot for Some months to come

Yourbus: The opening fleet are seven Plaxton Pointer Dennis darts 1001 (KU52 RXW), 1002 (KU52 RYF), 1003 (KU52 RYH), 1004 (KU52 RYJ), 1005 (KU52 RYK), 1006 (KU62 RYM) and 1007 (KU52 RYN)

Eastern Counties

ABC (Kedington) Have acquired Ford Transit 8 seaters DN54 UJX and AJ56 HTF

Anglian (Beccles) Latest demonstrator here is Optare Versa MX58 KYV which has been seen working on route 608. Optare Solo YN53 ENL has left the fleet

Awaydays (Wood Dalling) – Reintroduced in April was the Norwich City Sightseeing tour

Beeston (Hadleigh) - New are two Volvo B12R Van Hool Astobel CH61/18FT WA09 AZD and B9TL three axle double decker CH61/39FT PN09ENX. Sold have been Scania BT02 LCT plus M-B Varios AV51 EFG and AV52 GHZ. Newly acquired Dennis Dart X668 LLX has a new registration which is WPX 448

Carter (Colchester): Latest Dennis Dart Y962KRX entered service in April whilst added fro spares use is former Ipswich Optare Excel P192 SGV

Coach Services (Thetford): A recent arrival is YN08 UAK an Irizar bodied Scania. A pair of former Trent Alexander Q bodied Leyland Tigers M51 PRA and M52 PRA have also been acquired of late

County Travel: ceased operations on Monday 11th May

Felix (Long Melford) Recently acquired from Thamesroute of Highbury, is Mercedes Benz Sprinter YN55 KMK a 16 seater

First Stop (Bury St Edmunds) Added to fleet have been Ford Transit MV07 LVL, LDV Convoy S787 MGB, M-B 814D P533 UGA and Renaults T678 AJF and T621 RBX

Galloway (Mendleson): Four new vehicles have been purchased recently, of which I have previously noted one, two Van Hool T916 C49Fs 275 (AY09 BYZ) and 276 AY09 DHG), A Temsa Safari HD 274 (AY09 BWM) and a VDL SB200 / Plaxton Centro B46F 278 (AY09 BYC)

Goldline Beccles A bit of activity to note here:- acquired from Poynter (Northampton) is Setra C48FT N116 FHK and coming from Sheldon (Blundeston) is M-B 609D /Olympus C24F M272 HPF Reregistered have been DAF / Plaxton 1842PP to PAP 545 and Transit FP05 VAK to 3595HJ Vehicles departed are DAF SBs OIW1782 and VIL8260 plus Ford Transit FP03 HWD

Hansons (Wordsley): Dennis Dart SFD/Alexander B29F SF07 KCE has been sold to Coach Services of Thetford

Hedingham & District: Acquired is Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 Dart EU58 JCJ. Also acquired is Leyland Olympian K510 ESS with Alexander body CH43/27F (ex Stagecoach Scotland).

Former Dublin Bus Olympians L359 and L361 have lost their centre doors and the new seating is H47/31F. Bristol VR GGM 84W has gone to Ensign from whom an ex Arriva Derby Volvo Olympian Northern Counties H47/29F R643 MNU has been bought.

JJ's (Wingfield) Acquired from Lyles of Barnsley has been Setra WIB 7189

JR Travel (Ipswich) Have recently gained a PCV operators licence. The fleet contains Interstar SE a 15 seater OW08 LVN plus Ford Transits AV54 ZTW and YM04 KYN

Lambert, Beccles – Acquired is Volvo B10M Van Hool C53F registration GDZ8561 from Richards, Guist, the vehicle has been reregistered to YXI8897. DAF Van Hool J84UFL has been reregistered to B2LKR. Vehicles departed are Bedford YNV MIL9423, Volvo B10M PJI8635 and Leyland Tigers TJI7515 and WJI1724

Lewis Bradon New arrivals are M-B / Plaxton C53F HSK855/92 from Ruffle, MAN / Auwarter C53F Y16 CCL ex Travel of Battersea and M-B 614D/Crest C24F R244 OJR from Belfit which has been reregistered 116 XYD, The previous 116XYD a LDV Convoy has reverted back to its original registration P176 RFL. Other vehicles with original registrations are Convoy T647LAU (ex DIG8568), Mercedes – Benz 410D/Autobus L337HFU (ex LUI9624), Setra E186EPF (exHIL2838) and Van Hool T818 A675RUM ex NUI1630) have all left Bradon. The Setra has gone to Mulleys for spares and Convoy P176RFL moving to Ruffles

Mil-Ken (Kentford) DAF Plaxton C53F VWL817 reverted back its original registration ODM 540Y prior to sale. Vehicles departed Dennis Javelin/Duple C49F HIL 7596, Volvo B10M Berkhof C49FT OIL 6275, Bedford YMT Plaxton C53F XDP 951T, DAF Berkhof C57F B686 BTW and Bedford Plaxton C53F D271 HFX

New Horizon Travel (Colchester): A pair of ex Stagecoach Southdown Dennis Darts have been acquired, through Southdown PSV, M61 VJO and M63 VJO.

Nightingale (Beccles) Arrivals have been M-Benz 308D 14 seater P249 LHL, Mercedes 11 seater W357 RBU and Renault Masters CU51 EEY & FX04 LJK.

P249 LHL now carries B6 WFB plates and H15 WFB back to its original registration of YD52 TGJ and sold to Kessingland Kabs

Simonds (Diss): Recently arrived is a MAN 14.220/MCV B39F AE55MVK latterly with Lee, Holywell. Re - registered is Volvo B12M/Van Hool SB02 SOU to 166UMB

Suffolk County Council: Vehicles acquired over the past few months are Iveco minibuses Y922UKR, GN51DGE, YE52LKF, YG52LGA, and more recently MX53NZD/VHC. All from dealers Pickrell. Tony Allen will give more details on the Council operation in his bit next month.

Tourmaster (Crowland): Noted of late operating here has been ex Stagecoach/Cavalier 59104 (J860 COO) still in cavalier livery

Whippet (Fenstanton): Not sure if I have noted these two recent arrivals SF05 XYP and SF05 XYZ, Jonckherre Mistral bodied Volvo B12s

London / Greater London

Carousel Buses: Recently purchased from Ensignbus have been five ex Go Ahead London East Lancs bodied Volvo B7TLs, the latter fleet numbers noted are those carried at Go Ahead; EVL4 (PN02 XBZ) ex EVL36, EVL5 (PN02 XCA) ex EVL12, EVL6 (PN02 XCK) ex EVL26, EVL7 (PN02 XCS) ex EVL32 and EVL8 (PN02 XCT) ex EVL33. Also arriving with the fleet at the beginning of June are some ex NCP MAN / MCV Stirling single decks, that had previously seen use at Birmingham Airport, AF53 GCY,

East London Bus Group: The Tridents on hire from Wealden PSV 18875-18885 were returned at the end of April, initially remaining stored at Rainham depot. June 27th will see several services swap garages, it doesn't look as though wholesale allocation changes will result at present though Route 15 and 15H move from Bow to West Ham with routes 26 and 30 moving from West Ham to Bow. Two of the recently delivered Optare Versas have had the fleet numbers swapped 37013 (LX09 AAK) is now 37011 and 37011 (LX09AAF) now 37013. This puts them in order of chassis

number but the registrations are now out of sequence.

Movements during the last few weeks have been 17018 PD-TB:, 17099, 17107, 17109 PD-TL: 17110 PD-TB: 17113, 17115, 17116, 17118, 17119, 17126 PD-TL: 17766 T-WH: 34173, 34176, 34176, 34199, 34202 RM-RMu: 34327 Uu-U:

Ensignbus: Darts 703 and 704 have been sold to Arriva Midlands. Whilst RMA58 has been sold to Rob Duker, St Neotts, Cambs for continued preservation.

RM371 repainted red and now in private hire/heritage fleet.

London Dial a Ride: Our usual thanks to Ian Rivett and the team more news; First a correction to last month D7081 is YX09 ETY, a spot of finger trouble, others to note are D7072 (YX09 ETF), D7073 (YX09 ESY) and D7082 (YX09 ETZ). D7084 is now YX09 EUB, apparently delivered with the wrong registration (YX09 EUD) attached. Allocations for the latest ones are D7069-7071 Palmers Green: D7072-7076, 7083-7085 Woodford: D7077-7079 Southall: D7080 Wimbledon: D7081 Orpington and D7082 at Paddington

Motts: The two ex Dublin bus Olympians acquired of late have been identified as KSK965 ex 93-D-1060 and KSK966 ex 93-D-1066.

Wootens: Leyland Olympian E227 CFC has received Tiger Line branding, and very nice it looks to.

North East & Yorkshire

Ingleby (York): Now here is ex Fraser Eagle VDL SB400 / Van Hool YJ05 PWL

Tees Valley (Eaglescliffe): A new arrival is Volvo / East Lancs F104XCW,

York Pullman: Running here now is former Go North East Marshall bodied Dennis Dart T102 KGP

North West

Finglands: Volvo Olympian 1791 (N591BRH) has been withdrawn.

Leons (Stafford): A pair of Van Hool T.916 Astron 13.2m tri-axle coaches have entered service for this years coaching season.

Princess (Kendal): The order for the second Optare Solo, as been cancelled, due to being unable to sell Mercedes N657 AEO, and Iveco V589 GGS both of which will remain in the fleet

RML Travel: Arriving on June 1st, from Tanat Valley is East Lancs rebodied Leyland Tiger B102 KPF. Originally delivered to Green Line and carrying a Berkhof body

Rosendale Transport: Five former Go Ahead London Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties double decks are due for arrival shortly R335 LGH, R338 LGH, R343 LGH, R433 LGH and L548 LGH. They are currently being converted to a single door layout and when here will be used on school services

Shearings: We now have the full run down for the new fleet, arrived seconds too late for last month, anyhow 11-25 are C48FT with National Holidays, 101-110 are C48FT and are in Grand Tourer livery with the rest being C52F in the new Shearings blue livery

11	NH09 BRH	15	NH09 GRH	19	NH09 LRH	23	NH09 PRH
12	NH09 CRH	16	NH09 HRH	20	NH09 MRH	24	NH09 RRH
13	NH09 DRH	17	NH09 JRH	21	NH09 NRH	25	NH09 SRH
14	NH09 FRH	18	NH09 KRH	22	NH09 ORH		

101	BK09 RMV	109	BK09 RNF	117	BN09 FXF	124	BK09 LUO
102	BK09 RMO	110	BK09 RNJ	118	BN09 FXH	125	BK09 LUP
103	BK09 RMU	111	BN09 FXA	119	BN09 FXJ	126	BK09 LUR
104	BK09 RMX	112	BN09 FXB	120	BN09 FXK	127	BK09 LUT
105	BK09 RNA	113	BN09 FXC	121	BK09 LUH	128	BK09 LUW
106	BK09 RMY	114	BN09 FXE	122	BK09 LUJ	129	BK09 LUY
107	BK09 RMZ	115	BN09 FXD	123	BK09 LUL	130	BK09 LUZ
108	BK09 RNE	116	BN09 FXG				

Timewells: A recent arrival is a former Shearings Volvo /Plaxton W286 JBN.

Warrington Coachways: Another fleet number to record is Optare Solo 107 (T294 BNN), and M-B Vario 108 (T73 JBO). Re registered has been Volv B10M/Van Hool T10 CCE to OJZ 7021.

Scotland

Abbot Travel: Two Jonckheere Mistrals observed recently are FC04UXW ex Ireland and FJ04ERU ex Ellis, Acton

Allans (Gorebridge): B18DWA and B19DWA are carried now on Irsibus Eurorider /Plaxton Panthers, but unsure which at the moment.

Bryans (Denny) Seen at Falkirk was Dennis Dart S461LGN ex Epsom Quality Line

Dochertys Midland Coaches: Arriving during May was former stagecoach West Scotland Metrorider R609 XAO.

Moffat & Williamson: New is Dennis MPD MX55 XKK, most recently with Swans of Chadderton. Seen in Livingston Volvo B7 / Plaxton in white livery YN04WTG ex Stevenson, North Yorks

Waverley Travel: An additional vehicle noted of late is ADL Enviro 200 KX08UXU Possibly only here on loan

Whitelaw (Stonehouse): Currently in use is an all white MAN Noge Catalan YN09 FRX MAN / MCV Evolution AE08 KTD is back in service following accident repairs.

Southern England

Daish Group: Paul Hind has noted another recent addition to the coach fleet -GB03LLC Caetano? ex Linkline, (Harlesden), he says that it must only have arrived as it was his first sighting of it

Nova Travel (Rye): Recently taken into stock has been a Mercedes-Benz 1022L / Sitcar Marlin C29F carrying a cherished plate 9 RYE

South West

Hookways (Meeth): An ex Shearings Volvo B12M / Sunsundegui Sideral 350 registration YC02CHK new in 2002 has been acquired .

Wales

Cardiff City Transport: New Scania Omnicyts noted have been 736 (CN09EFH), 737 (CN09 EFJ), 738 (CN09 EFK) and 739 (CN09 EFL)

Clarkes (Tredegar): Acquired in May was L195 OVO, A M/Benz 811D Plaxton from Swanbrook, of Cheltenham

Croydon Coaches (Newport): Have reported to have ceased trading, no idea as yet as to where the vehicles have gone.

Cymru Coaches (Skewen): JUI 7461 (M736 RCP) a DAF SB3000 Van Hool was acquired in May and came from C&N Travel, Barrow-on-Soar

D Coaches (Morrison): Adding to the Bova MHD131.460 / Magiq noted last month a further nine of the type quickly followed it at the beginning of June:- WA09HTK, WA09 HTL, WA09 HTN, WA09 HTO, WA09 HTP, WA09 HTT, WA09 HTU, WA09 HTV and WA09 HTX.

Edwards (Llantwit Fardre): Vehicles acquired in May were WJI 6168 Volvo B10M Plaxton (ex E363 NEG) G&A, Bedwas and F452 DWT Volvo B10M Plaxton (ex MIB 5310, F452 DWT)

Edwards (Tiers Cross): N561 TPF Vo B10M-62 Plaxton (ex 531 FCG, N561 TPF) came from Safeguard (Farnham Coaches), Guildford back in January

EST (Cowbridge): Vehicles acquired in May were R88 MMS (R633 DNH) Optare L1000 Optare which came from now defunct Raddoneur, and R155 UAL a M/Benz 0814D Alexander, ex Arriva Midlands

GHA (Ruabon): No less than five new Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse have been put into service DK09 DZD, DK09 DZE, DK09 DZH, DK09 DZG and DK09 DZH.

Langley (Chepstow): The operator is now at St Arvans,

Lew Jones (Llanwrst): Acquired in April were two vehicles YX04 ANV a M/Benz 1836RL MB from Baker, Weston-super-Mare. and YN08 DGV a Scania K340EB Irizar ex Burtons, Haverhill

Lloyds (Machynlleth): The following vehicles were acquired in May: L707 LKY a M/Benz 711D Plaxton, N514 FJC a M/Benz 811D Mellor, both from Nefyn Coaches and MP03 DTZ a Dennis Dart SFD Transbus, ex Jim Stones, Leigh (ex B1 BUS)

Mainline Coaches (Gilfach Goch): Acquired back in February was T64 JDB a Scania L94IB Irizar, ex Mayne, Warrington

Midway Motors (Crymych): X656 LRT Iveco 391E.12.35 Beulas was purchased from Galloway, (Mendlesham) in April

Owens (Four Crosses): Acquired in April from Galleon, Harlow were J51 EDM and L61 PDM, both Dennis Dart 9SDL Plaxton Pointers

Padarn Bus (Llanberis): V397 SVV a M/Benz 0814D Plaxton was acquired in February from Guideissue, Biddulph. Whilst April saw the arrival of M215 VSX a V/Olympian Alexander, ex Lothian Buses

Silcox (Pembrke Dock): MX09 HHS is a new ADL E200 SFD Enviro 200 which arrived in May

Summerdale (Letterston): Recently acquired vehicles include M825 HNS a Volvo B10M-62 Van Hool which was acquired from Filer, Ilfracombe in April (ex FIL 3960, M825 HNS, LSK 498) and now registered JIL 4438, and also. BC04 NBC a Volvo B12M Van Hool which was new to New Bharat, Southall is also now here

Tanat Valley (Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant): Two vehicles acquired in May were MX 07 BBK an Optare Solo peviously running at Alton Towers, and L410 TKB an ex Arriva North West Neoplan

Thomas (DJ Thomas), Neath: DJ 09 DJT Volvo B12B Plaxton was new in April

Veolia Transport Cymru: The initial allocation at the new Treforrest depot is as follows
Plaxton Primo (3)

40201 (CN07 FSJ) 40203 (CN57 EFH) 40205 (CN57 EFK).

Dennis Dart (15)

40215 (CN04 NLR) 40220 (CN04 NLM) 40271 (CN04 NLL) 40272 (CN04 NLP)

45011 (M738 JKG) 45019 (J130 DUV) 45023 (H116 THE) 450?? (M737 JKG)

50214 (V674 FPO) 50216 (W394 WPX) 50217 (W396 WPX) 50223 (W395 WPX)

50222 (R708 TRV) 50225 (R705 TRV) 50227 (R752 XPO).

Optare Solo (24)

40235 (CN04 NFK) 40237 (CN04 NFM) 40239 (CN06 BXC) 40240 (CN06 BXD)

40241 (CN06 BXF) 40242 (CN06 BXH) 40243 (CN06 BXJ) 40244 (CN06 BXK)

40248 (CN06 BXS) 40249 (CN54 HFC) 40250 (CN56 FDP) 40251 (CN56 FDU)

40252 (MX56 ABK) 40255 (MX56 ABO) 40256 (MX56 ABU) 40257 (YIL 3159)

40258 (YJ06 YRC) 40259 (YJ06 YRD) 40260 (YJ06 YRE) 40263 (CN07 FSL)

40264 (CN07 FSO) 40266 (V236 LWU) 40268 (YJ54 BTV) 40270 (YJ55 BHY).

Mercedes-Benz (5)

45004 (R105 TKO) 45005 (R114 TKO) 45006 (R115 TKO) 45008 (R803 YJC)

45015 (N161 YEG).

VDL SB220/Plaxton Centro (2)

50211 (CN07 FSY) 50212 (CN07 FTC)

Volvo B7RLE/Plaxton Centro (5)

50234 (CN57 EFF) 50235 (CN57 EFC) 50236 (CN57 EFB) 50239 (CN07 HVM)

50240 (CN07 HVL)

MAN/MCV (8)

50243 (CN07 FSA) 50244 (CN07 FSC) 50245 (CN07 FSD) 50246 (CN07 FSE)

50253 (CN07 FSG) 50254 (CN07 FSF) 50247 (AE55 EHN) 50248 (AE55 MVD).

Volvo and Dennis Contract Coaches (8)

70030 (HJZ 4034) 72009 (AIG 7942) 72011 (L38 DBC) 72018 (M782 NBA)

74009 (HJZ 4035) 74032 (TJI 1698) 74046 (P395 JJU) 74077 (P960 YGG).

Bova "D-Duplication" National Express Coaches (2)

74002 (WA54 HYB) 74003 (WA54 HYC).

Setra S315HD Tour Coaches (2)

74023 (BX55 FYU) 74024 (BX55 FYV).

Volvo National Express Coaches (13)

76001 (CN05 DZF) 76002 (CN05 DZG) 76003 (CN05 DZH) 76004 (CN05 DZJ)

76005 (CN05 DZK) 76008 (CN54 HFE) 76009 (CN54 HFF) 76010 (CN54 HFG)

76011 (CN54 HFH) 76012 (CN54 HFJ) 76013 (CN54 HFK) 76016 (CN55 MUE)

76018 (CN53 NWC).

Iveco National Express Coach (1)

76020 (CN53 FVY).

Scania Levante National Express Coaches (2)

76021 (FJ07 DWK) 76022 (FJ07 DWL).

A few movements have taken place during June since the opening 40253 (CN05 ARO Solo) Barry to Trefforest: 50213 (CN07 FTD VDL/Centro) Trefforest to Cross Gates: 65008 (M82 MYM), 65010 (M650 ELA Olympian/Alexander), 74001 (WA54 HXZ Bova) 74008 (FJ03 AAX Volvo/Berkhof) 74014 (YN06 FUD, 74016 (YN06 FTU-Neoplan Euroliner) 74022 (BX05 UXB Setra S315) 79001 (YN55 NMM-Neoplan Skyliner) all Barry to Trefforest.

Operation of the Lliwlink service in Swansea has led to 40232 (YJ55 BGO) and 40233 (YJ55 BGU) being returned to City of Swansea Council

The West Midlands

Banga Buses: A new arrival is ex Arriva Mercedes-Benz Vario / Alexander R147 UAL.

Choice Travel: The company is presently going through a rebranding exercise now named Midland and have adopted a pleasing all over red livery

New Deliveries

Atkinsons (Northallerton)	HA09 ATK	Irisbus Beulas Cygnus
Chambers (Stevenage)	CC09 CRC	Marcopolo
City Circle	YJ09 CZZ	VDL Bus / Van Hool
Coastal Coaches (Warton)	BK09 LVA	Setra S415GT-HD
Doigs	FN09 AOF	Volvo B9R 12.9m /Sunsundegui Sideral C53FT
Excelsior	FN09 AOV	Volvo 9700
Hattons (St Helens)	BX09 LLD	King Long 6127
KB Coaches	BX09 LLL	King Long 6127
K & M Travel	YJ09 FHO	Bova Futura
Leons	FT09 LCT	Scania Irizar
Pearces (Oxford)	OU09 BZD	Plaxton
Pewsey Vale Coaches	WA09 KZE	Van Hool
Stuarts (Carlisle)	SF09 HKH	VDL Bova Futura
Swans (Chadderton)	YN09 HRZ	Dennis R /Plaxton Profile C57F

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

2nd June 2009

NX – West Midlands	<i>Enviro 400</i>	BX09PDV, BX09PDY, BX09PDZ, BX09PEO, BX09PFO
London General	<i>Enviro 400</i>	LX09PBC (E112), LX09 PBD (E113)
First	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SN09CGV (33611)
	<i>Enviro 500</i>	SN09CDO
Arriva	<i>Enviro 300</i>	KX09GYG (3557), KX09GYH (3558), KX09GYJ (3559) <i>Body numbers only 8310/15, 8310/22</i>

9th June 2009

Arriva Manchester	<i>Enviro 400</i>	MX09LXN, MX09LXE, MX09LXF <i>Body number only 8435/5</i>
	<i>Enviro 300</i>	KX09GYR (3564), KX09GYY (3570 in red livery)
NX	<i>Enviro 400</i>	BX09PHF, BX09PFF, BX09PFK, BX09PFU

Also on site was Arriva Northumbria - fleet number 7505

16th June 2009

Arriva	<i>Enviro 400</i>	MX09LXJ (4427), MX09LXK, MX09LXL, MX09LXO
	<i>Enviro 300</i>	KX09GYW (3569), KX09GZE (both in orange livery)
London General	<i>Enviro 400</i>	LX09FEJ (E117), LX09FBK (E118)
?	<i>Enviro 400</i>	LJ09OKA

23rd June 2009

?	<i>Enviro 400</i>	LJ09OKE
London General	<i>Enviro 400</i>	LX09FBV (E122)
Go Ahead Oxford	<i>Enviro 400</i>	BF09OXF (202) CF09OXF (?)
Arriva Manchester	<i>Enviro 400</i>	MX09LXS, MX09LXR
Arriva Northumberland	<i>Enviro 400</i>	NK09FNC
Arriva	<i>Enviro 300</i>	KX09GZD (3575), KX09GXY (3578), KX09GXW (3577)
Stagecoach	<i>Enviro 300</i>	Body number only 9300/5

(Correction for fleet numbers - London General 26th May instead of EY104 and EY105 they should of course be **E104** and **E105**)

Preservation News

Forthcoming Events

(Compiled by Mike Pinder)

July

- 19 Leeds Rally, Elland Road Stadium
Dover Transport Museum, Classic Vehicle Rally
Devon Coastal Run (01626-812912)
- 19 Beaumanor Hall Classic Car & Transport Show, Woodhouse, Leicestershire
Ipswich Transport Museum, Bus tours of old engineering sites
North Tyneside Rally, Bournemouth Gardens, car park, Whitley Bay
Alton Bus Rally & Running Day (Hampshire)
Fleetwood, Tram Sunday
Groombridge Place, E.Sussex, Wings, Wheels & Steam Day
- 24/25 London Transport Museum, Acton Depot, Tours
- 25/26 Sandtoft, Trolleybus Gathering
Pembrey Airport, Llanelli. Wings & Wheels Classic.
Plymouth Hoe, Western National Preservation Group Vehicle Rally
- 26 Worthing (W.Sussex) Sea Front Bus Rally & Running Day
Cambridge Classic & Vintage Bus Day, Museum of Technology
British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, Lancs. Bus & Coach Show
Transport Museum, Wythall, Birmingham Family Day
- 31 to 2
Aug Kemble Airfield, Steam & Vintage Extravaganza
Edinburgh, Truckfest at Ingliston

August

- 1 & 2 Kemble Airfield, Steam & Vintage Extravaganza
Edinburgh, ruckfest at Ingliston
West Somerset Railway, Norton Fitzwarren, Steam Fayre & Vintage Vehicle Rally
- 2 Gosport Bus Rally, Stokes Bay, Gosport, Hampshire
Tran Pennine Run, from Middleton (Manchester) to Harrogate Stray

- Locomotion, Shildon, Aycliffe & District Bus Rally
 Walsall Classic Transport Show
 Ipswich Transport Museum, Joint Admission Day with Mid Suffolk Railway
 Potteries Running Day, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Longton,Staffs.
 Eastbourne Running Day (Based at Miniature Railway)
- 8 & 9 Sandtoft, Blues & Twos Weekend
 Crich Tramway Village, Tram Weekend
- 9 Brislington (Bristol) Show & Running Day with Avon Valley Railway
 Corby, Northamptonshire Bedford National Rally (Deene Park)
 Herne Bay Bus Rally (William St.Car Park)
 South Yorkshire Transport Museum, Aldwarke Open Day
 British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland. ERF & Foden Gathering
- 12 to 14 Royal Blue Centenary Run Penzance to Aberdeen
- 15 Stornoway, Western Isles Transport Preservation Group Event
- 15/16 Lathalmond, Fife,Scottish Vintage Bus Museum Open Weekend
 Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park, Vintage Transport Weekend
 Luton, Bedford OB 70th Aniversary, Heritage Centre, General Motors,Luton
 Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, Ruddington Phoenix Transport Rally
- 16 British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland. Atkinson & Seddon Day
 Woburn (Bedfordshire) Rally
 Hemel Hempstead Running Day

Event Reports

“Autokana” Wollaton Park Nottingham 31st May 2009 – Geoff Siddons

YourBus, Watnell, Nottingham

1001 KU52RXW, 1002 KU52RYF, 1003 KU52RYH, 1004 KU52RYJ, 1005 KU52RYK.
 1006 KU52RYM, 1007 KU52RYN

Nottingham City Transport

YN08MS0, 961 YT09YHW, YN53CFJ

J377AWT *Midland Rider*, J852CEV, FJ55YCL, AE54NUC, YN56FGD *Solus*, YJ57AZU *Arriva*
 EBC567T and OO09PSW *Paul Winson*, ODO798 *Lukes (Fowler)*, 12 J871TSC *Notts & Derby*
 Q723GHG and R983KAR *T&M Travel*, MIB6571 and WA56ONS *Sharpes of Nottingham*
 WYV53T *J.B. Tours*, FJ58CON *Confidence*, 22634 YN08JFX *Stagecoach*

Preserved Vehicles

932GTA	9RDV	PYY28D	HPW133	KPC204P	MTV755P	EPT879S
8031PT	HRC102C	HDV628E	JGY964K	DBE187	FEL751D	XRB418L
SHL197	DBC190C	EAP937V	KRR255	E100APW	JRA635	TUO74J
CRC911	GAT180D	WWY115G	NNN479W	798UXA	ACH627	EAV428
GDM494	RVO668L	ALM33B	(RM2033)	SIL7949	CUV336C	(RML2336)
OTO570M	KAU564M	RAU804M	ONU20C	GAU728L	OTO540M	KNN254
RNU433X	VLT108	VRC611Y	HNN114V	JJD369D	(RML2369)	VUB396H
DAL771J	B155DHL	DFB704D	KNU446	LHE601W		

Out and About

This month, Mel Murphy and Simon Nicholas have been having a root around London, lots more on the website again if you don't have web access and what a list just get in touch.

6th June 2009**Vauxhall Bus Station (08:50 - 09:05)**

City Circle
 FJ07 VMM (34)
 London General Central
 (GoAhead Group)
 E - 78 85
 LDP - 83 165
 PVL - 65 108
 WHY 4

Waterloo (08:50 - 10:05)

London Duck Tours
 ESL 639 (Mistress Quickly)
 ESL 679 (Cleopatra)
 Go Ahead
 PVL - 89 166 219 220 227
 235 239 247 249 345 408
 WVW - 245 247 250 256 266

On the 189 (10:05 - 10:24)

City Circle
 FJ07 VMR (38)
 Go Ahead London
 MAL - 72 74 79 99 106 111 113
 PDL 38
 PVL 60 73 200 242
 WVW 42 81 106 112
 149
 Royale European
 RE56 JAK

Marble Arch (10:55 - 12:00)

Arriva the Shires
 4066 4364 4372 4373
 4379 4380 4382
 First London
 DN - 33511 33513 33514 33515
 33516 33517 33518
 33519
 WN 35002
 Go Goodwins
 (Cricket Australia going to The
 Oval)
 YJ09 CZG
 Hookways
 SJ04 KFS
 Kingfisher
 FJ04 ERX
 GoAhead London
 E - 96 97
 EVL 3 4 17 21 23
 MAL 33 36 42 43 45 47 49 51 54
 60
 PVL 211 234 315 391 400

13th June 2009**New Covent Garden Coach Park****Nine Elms**

Excelsior
 YN08 CKK
 National Express
 A16 XEL GU52 WSX
 WV52 KTL YN04 GKP

402 403 416
 WVW - 28 31 159 173 187 225
 Moots Travel
 6787 MT
 Moxons Worksop
 FIL 7997
 National Express
 NLX - 16
 SC - 3 20 23 29 34
 Oxford Express
 2 3 29 35 37 39 41
 P & J Ellis London
 FJ05 AOB FJ07 VXE
 P. C Coaches Lincoln
 YN08 DGE
 Selwyns Travel
 YJ04 HHZ
 Silverdale
 XIL 1581 FJ55 DZM
 Stagecoach Bluebird
 50142 54019
 Stagecoach Cambridgeshire
 GU52 WSY GU52 WTC
 Stagecoach East Midlands
 59205
 Stagecoach Oxford (Oxford Tube)
 50101 50106 50107 50123 50124
 Stagecoach Warwickshire
 S457 BCE (52617)
 Trathens
 LSK 870
 Veolia Birmingham
 YN04 GLF YN04 GPF
 Westbus
 Y464 HUA YJ07 JUA
 Yorks
 UOL 387

Park Lane (12:05 - 12:27)

Clarks London
 FJ06 URB
 Coach UK (RS Coaches)
 CX02 KEJ
 Edwards Pontypridd Wales
 BX06 UVS
 Gwyn Jones Wales
 GJ02 GOF
 Harris Coach Bromsgrove
 28 JGH
 M. Pearson Chesterfield
 YXI 3416
 National Express
 SC - 29 35
 National Holidays
 YC02 CFP
 Oxford Express
 YN04 GPF YJ54 CFD
 YN54 DDK YN55 NDL
 FJ56 OBW FJ08 KMK
 FJ08 KNX FJ58 AHG
 Veolia Transport
 T39 CNN

London Zoo Coach Park

B. M Coaches

J1 OXF (35) N1 OXF (39)
 Pulham's Bourton on the
 Water Gloucestershire
 DW09 PUL
 Souls Coaches Staffordshire
 YJ58 FJK
 Stagecoach Oxfordshire
 50105 50107
 50121 50123
 Stagecoach (Megabus)
 54019
 Target travel Plymouth
 R338 NRU
 Tates
 T55 ATE

Hyde Park Corner (12:28 - 13:30)

First London
 RM 1218 1562 1627 1735
 1913
 Go Ahead London
 EVL 23
 PVL - 208 216 224 400 402
 407
 WVW - 36 38 43 52 53 54 56 61 65
 162 166 176 181
 184 199 205 208
 Metroline
 TEH - 915 918 919
 Oxford Express
 34 41
 Stagecoach Oxfordshire
 50106
 Unkown (went up Park Lane)
 RML 2411 2588
Knightsbridge (westbound)
 BM Coaches
 BX58 URV
 Bournemouth (DTS)
 312
 Clarks London
 YT07 FLF
 Kingfisher
 FJ04 ERX
 Lucketts
 V200 RAO
 Neaves
 GHZ 4746
 RT
 KYY 628
 Westbus
 WIB 150
 Windsorian
 AC04 ALC

BK58 URV
 Chapmans
 R993 FOO (minibus)
 JF04 HBF
 Cooks Coached Hastings
 JIL 5279
 Hunters
 NIL 4999
 Jaycrest Coaches Sheppey

N710 CYC
Moorland
TJI 4700
Mortons
WA09 AZB
Mullanys Coaches
R787 WSB KX09 GKN
Premier Luxury
M633 KVV
Redwing
BX05 UVG
Trevor Bailey Mansfield
YN54 SZC

City Farm Estate

Airport Connections Thanet
Kent
M801 KJT N23 RTN
Happy Days Coaches
YT09 YHX
Harry Shaw
HST 11
Kent Coaches
YS02 XDY
L & I Coaches
P184 NAK
Lawmans
RSL 766 WA05 VYT
R & J Coaches
Y341 AUT
Target Travel
CV02 JKO

Waterloo Bridge (slip road on Southern side of bridge)

Goldline Travel Beccles
N116 FHK
Souls Coaches Tamworth
YJ08 ECT YJ58 FJK
Vision Travel
SA02 UGN (minibus)

Westbus
YJ09 CWC
Woodstones Kidderminster
FJ07 AAY

Southwark Bridge

M & M Coaches
YR52 MDJ
Major Coachways
511 PVX
Mil - Ken Travel
JKZ 1693 VJI 8204
Ogdens Travel
UKZ 5458
Rennies
SN05 FCU (29717)
Staintons
BX56 VSO
Talisman
S268 BTL
Titans Executives
YJ07 DWZ (minicoach)

Southwark Street

Bakers Dolphin
EIG 4336

Tower of London

Clarkes
YN08 HZA
Crawley Luxury
1725 LJ
Luckets
YN04 GOK
Plymouth City Coach
WA03 MGJ

Albert Embankment

A.L.S Travel
P57 XNL
Cropley Bros Boston Lincolnshire

CLZ 1860 WUY 713
D & H Harrod
N14 DHH
Milestone
W358 EOL
National Express
FJ58 AHE
Roberts
SF07 XOD
Woodstones
FJ07 ADU

Temple Place

Parking suspended for day

Victoria Embankment

Parking suspended for day
(However the following were still parked up)
Dons of Dunmow
HX54 UGN
EPI Coaches
YN06 CHY
Panache Travel
YN55 UJX
Unknown (all white minibus)
VU06 KFK

St Pauls

Coach Travel Solutions
NK51 ZSU
P & J Ellis
YN07 OPS
Princess Coaches
DB09 PAB
Seaward
YC02 DGO
West Kent
E206 GCG (double-decker)
Westway
B16 MCS

Ian Swales has once again been busy, I saw these two recently, not sure if they are reported; PC Coaches, Lincoln, PC58 PCC, PC09 PCC both Solos.

Noted in Grantham the other day was PAZ 9319 Tudor of Stamford, still in Kimes livery. I went to France from 8/06/09 to 12/06/09 and noted this en route FN09 AOV Excelsior Vo 9700(?).

Noted on the A84 in France;

W555 GSM Berkhof: YN57 AEL Dreamline, Blackburn, R7 JMJ Stones Bristol (Neoplan), SF06 VYU Taw and Torridge

Back to home I have seen (in Navenby) H297 GKN Au 722 d/d coach presume owned by Loveden Travel of Leadenham.

I went to the M1 at Northampton on 30/05/09 (Cup Final day) and recorded the following between 0955 and 1445;

National Express 79 (plus many others on hire to them), Shearings 36 (only 5 new ones!!), National Hols 4 (no new ones!!), Eavesway 7: Foreign (Orbis/Interbus/Polonia 5:

Total seen (coach and bus) 336

Although the numbers were reasonable, the quality was not. Very little new or unusual, pity!

I note these for reference; JP02 OLL Jumbalance Van Hool: 58 FA, A&B Executive no more detail, FJ09 FHY Reays , plus another FHX or Z not sure, both Bova Futura: YJ09 FHO KM Travel Bova, Shearings 130 BK09 LUY. Leon FT09 LCT Irizar. Orbit Ld On d/d bus!! B189 BLG still going strong!

Just as an aside I thought you might be interested to know about a job I did for Hodsons recently. I had to take the Flying Farmers Ass. from Wickenby airfield (ex RAF) to RAF Scampton for a private air display by the Red Arrows (not that an air display can be private).

Specially arranged I should say, including meeting the pilots, endless photo opportunities including shots with the pilots in, on and by the planes, cockpit inspections and a de-briefing with the pilots. (I took dozens of pics.)

Can't tell you how good a day it was, what with the sun out and a free dinner, it almost makes it worth while driving a coach!!

They don't come much better than that and all within sight of home!!

The non PSV bit

To begin, a few seen on the excellent GB-BG Warwickshire depot tour. At Stagecoach, Stratford was MB814 R184TKU of the Coventry Solihull Warwickshire Partnership whose 'Wheels2Work' scheme helps those whose lack of transport hinders them in finding work or training. Its 'Jobs Bus' titles might date back to an earlier non-PSV life with the Warwickshire Careers Service.

At de Courcey's Coventry yard was blood and custard coloured former West Midlands Leyland National TVP849S of the West Mids Fire Service - just google the reg to get the picture, if you see what I mean. Finally, for the sharp eyed, seen from the train home on the right-hand side going north just to the south of New Street was one-time Nottingham Atlantean ORA446W - now of the Birmingham City Mission at 75, Watery Lane in that city.

Now, some car park shuttles at Heathrow. Frequently passing on the road by the viewing area to their park/OC by BA maintenance on the Eastern Perimeter Road, Apcoa - it stands for Airport Parking Company of America, no less - have invested recently in MB Citaros:

33	BD08DZN	35	BD08DZP	37	BD08DZS	39	BD08DZU
34	BD08DZO	36	BD08DZR	38	BD08DZT		

Apcoa also operate at Heathrow under the name of Courtlands, and own numerous smaller vehicles. These include a fleet of MB 311CDIs working the Park & Fly facility on the southside Scylla Road by T4 - EU06UOT/OV/OW/OX/OY/PA. They own several other full-size buses as well, and run car parks too at Gatwick, Luton and Edinburgh airports - so let me have a log for them from your 'local'.

On the northside at Heathrow, near the police station, Meteor serve the Pink Elephant park - of which more in a future mag. From T5 they run to the long stay park, also on the northside but at the western end of the field, with Evolution bodied MAN 14.220s:

51	AE08DKJ	52	AE08DKK	53	AE08DKL	54	AE08 DKN	55	AE08DLJ
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To continue the bit in the July mag, some older Suffolk County Council buses reported are DAF SB2300/Paramount B588NJF; Javelins M40TGM, R712KGK and R713KGK; and Volvo B7R/Premieres W36XDS and W37XDS - 36 being a prize winner at Showbus 2008 as the best post 1998 Plaxton.

Near where the M1 turns to cobble, Barnsley Dial-a-Ride also have a Javelin, N867XMO. A colourful and easily seen fleet this, their OC being just north of town past the Stagecoach depot on the road to Wakefield. Another one in Yorkshire is Leeds based former open-top Leeds and West Yorkshire PTE Atlantean DUA473K of Yorkshire Post Newspapers - see a choice of pictures by putting the registration into Google

Staying in this region, several operators work the West Yorkshire access scheme for the disadvantaged with their distinctive liveried Solos. Around Huddersfield, Kirklees Council have: 2784 X166NWR 2785 X179NWR

Staying with the distinctive colours theme, Somerset County Council used to have MB 711D M56PCY. It is long gone from them, but I have seen it on the M6 a couple of times lately in a multi-coloured floral-decorated get up. Who owns it now? New age hippies maybe - whatever they are? Tell me if you know of the owner please.

The February magazine reported BOK86V with the Commbus event support fleet based on Gorse Lane, Coleshill, Birmingham. Thanks to whoever this came from, the rest of the fleet is given as one-time Nottingham Fleetline ETO161L, MAN 16.290 GIG2707 (K231WNH/K995GFL) and longtime Greater Manchester PTE Atlantean UNA777S.

Apparently, Commbus share a yard with George Lovatt PCV training - which can be seen on the left from any bus from Coleshill Parkway station. For the record, the Lovatt fleet here is said to be Setra S215HR LUI7856 (C28JBO), Iveco 395E DJ03LOV and Scania K112CRS WIJ131 (B123ECS). To trace driver trainers who might own buses in your locality just log onto Yell.com.

Noted at Portsmouth Harbour Bus Station, Thursday 4th June 2009

Still working for a living was 239 UXA AEC Routemaster Park Royal ex London Transport RM 984 Working for Local Haunts (of Southsea) Giving guided tours of the sights. The front destination blind painted out and "Local Haunts" advert painted on, The Routemaster painted in a darker red than the original London Red, and "Local Haunts guided tours" painted on the sides.

Noted at Brokenhurst station 9th June 09 still a cycle store/shop for countrylanes, GUV 86742 (Also numbered at one time 93742<->96111) of 1959 vintage, painted dark green and no sign of any numbers (except Countrylanes telephone number.)

That's it for August. Any reports, to Gez or me. Address is on page 2 of the mag.

The Warwickshire Wanderer



Well it has to be said the weather could have been a bit kinder to us on our first outing, so we could appreciate some of the pleasant Warwickshire countryside we were to traverse during the course of the day, but it really didn't detract on the day as 22 of us awaited the arrival of RML2565 in Stratford Blue colours to arrive at Coventry Railway Station. Once on board we were welcomed by Stagecoach In Warwickshire Commercial Manager, Clive Jones, and we made our way across Coventry and out through Bedworth to our first port of call Nuneaton, a short stop at the bus station allowed the travel office to be investigated for timetables and the camera to be aimed at various Stagecoach buses along with those of De Courcey, and a couple of minibuses of A Line .

Back on board it was only two minutes around the corner to the depot, which has to be said was rather bereft of vehicles with 20215 which is used on and off as a training vehicle, 31332, 31350, 34112, 34113, 39689, 47069 and 52031.

After twenty minutes or so, it was back on board for the 50 minute or so jaunt down, a bit slower than a Pendolino, to Rugby. The garage at Railway Terrace was the first port of call here where a handful of Megabus coaches were present along with Rugby's allocation of six Leyland Olympians, obviously not used at weekends, also tucked into a corner was M-B 709D 40147 long since having disappeared of the allocation sheet and not looking as though it had moved for many a year. So noted we have

14025 14026 14027 14028 14032 14034 20216 31052 31322 31324 31333 40147 27503
52621 52622 52647 52648 52358.

A good 30 minutes or so later it was back on board where we headed up to town for a lunch break, those that know me can guess where I ended up, alright for those Guinness!!, but no hand pull for me. It was rather a busy spot with quite a variety of operators working through including De Courcey, Geoff Amos, A & M Group and Centrebus, using an ex Arriva M-B 435 (R152UAL) still in Arriva colours.

The Routemaster returned to pick us up just after one and then it was the long drive over to Stratford Upon Avon, no easy straight line route this so it was neigh on an hour before we reached the birth place of the Bard, an unfortunately the rain got heavier as we pulled into the depot, which consists of a shed with a small yard to the side, one or two of the reserve fleet is kept here, along with of course the City Sightseeing fleet logged in the 30 minutes or so we were here 14516 14517 (both stored) 16072 16085 just moved from Manchester the previous week, 16527 16538 17059 20226 32575 33351 33353 33354 47028.

Then it was back up to town hoping to catch one of the new double deckers of Johnsons on the X20, but we missed it by a matter of minutes, so it was back on board, after a couple of photos, and over to Leamington Spa, I was looking forward to the depot here as you never can tell what will be parked out the back the yard. The rain had eased of a little by the time we arrived and a varied selection of buses were able to be photographed in the open yard. Quite a number were logged including Solos in the Goldline livery as well as double deckers in Pink and Purple Unibus colours 14023 16076 16514 16517 16598 16599 16600 16614 16616 16618 16620 20220 20541 20808 33910 33911 33913 33914 35178 35179 47354 47509 47653 plus parked out of use round the back we saw 14515 20214 20803 20804 20821 20823 32001 32629 32630.

Back on board once again we departed out through the town noting quite a few more Stagecoach including one of the new Versas in County colours on the X68.

It was not too long a ride back up to Coventry and our last call of the day at Mike De Courcey just by the airport, The sun finally popped out from behind the clouds we were given the run of the extensive yard here and were able to log a sizeable n

umber of the fleet around half the coach fleet and all the double deckers were seen, only a couple of the single decks were noted as was to be expected, star had to be what is on this months cover. The staff here were most obliging moving several vehicles around so we were able to get photographs of them. A swift ¾ of an hour and it was back on board for the last time, for the ten minute ride back to the Rail Station at Coventry where we bade our farewells to our hosts.

With an hour or so to wait for the train it was over to Pool Meadow to try and track down some of the new Scania's but alas they remained quite elusive. Managed to grab shots of the last handful of Metrobuses though. A few pictures are below, other can be seen on the Group website

Thanks must of course be given to the chaps at Stagecoach in Warwickshire, especially Clive Jones for the hospitality, and Mike De Courcey for allowing us access.



Nuneaton Bus Station see A Line Optare Solo YJ58 CFF in Warwickshire C C colours



Seen her inside Stratford garage is Dennis Trident 17059 (T659 KPU)



Here in a damp Rugby is Stagecoach Dennis Dart 34122 (V112 MVX)



Seen here at Leamington depot in Stagecoach Volvo Olympian 16514 Unibus colours



A wet Stratford sees Johnsons Solo YN53 YHA operating a Park and Ride



One of many buses seen At De Courcey is East Lancs decker P861 VFG

The Trident

£1.25 Where Sold