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Our very own Alan Hayward owns this former Blackpool Transport Metrorider now repainted in original Handybus colours and seen here at Fleetwood on "Tram Sunday" on July 19th

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Noticeboard

Editors Bit

As you may have noticed we have a new design of Front cover, we hope you like it, if not let us know. Next month I am also hoping to put together a list of websites that are useful to us as we go about our hobby, so if you use one regularly, please let me know then I can pass it on to the rest of the membership. No gallery this month, due to the large amount of fleet news I have caught up with. We are however still lacking information on fleets from the south coast, so if you hear of anything even if it is just a line please do let us know

Group News

It is with regret that I have to announce that membership secretary and Publications manager, Maurice Brown has had to resign from his posts within the group, a founder member and stalwart of the society and who many of you will know, has finally decided that he wants his life back. Previous attempts to resign were resisted, but the inevitable has happened.

Many thanks Maurice for all your efforts on several fronts and we wish you all the very best for the future...more time to spend on that allotment and annoy Sue.

Hopefully no disruption should be apparent to members but all membership matters are now being dealt with by our Chairman **Trevor Roots**, to whom all correspondence should be addressed. Publication issues are also in the hands of Trevor for now.

As this is our second trip, around Transdev depots in the north of England will be under our belts and a full report will appear next time, if you haven't sampled one of our tours yet, don't despair as our trip co-ordinators will be organising further and don't forget if you have any ideas for places you want to go, just let them know and they will see what they can do

Magazine

The closing date for the September magazine will be August 28th.

Contributions

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A warm welcome on board to the following new members, we hope you enjoying being part:

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News from the Industry

Stagecoach just before we went to press announced its orders for new vehicles for the forthcoming year, so you will now be able to get hold of the "Stagecoach Handbook", from British Bus Publishing, which has been held back pending this announcement.

Details of the order are below

100	Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 double-deckers with Scania chassis
100	Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 double-deckers with Trident 2 chassis
100	Alexander Dennis Enviro 300 single-deckers with MAN chassis
15	Alexander Dennis Enviro 300 single-deckers with ADL chassis
33	Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 midi-buses
9	Plaxton Profile Volvo B7 inter-urban coaches
7	Plaxton Panther Volvo B12 inter-urban coaches (12.3m)
29	Plaxton Panther Volvo B12 inter-urban coaches (15m)
10	Optare Versa midi-buses
1	Optare Solo minibus

All 404 of the new vehicles will meet new Euro 5 emissions standards, that come into force on September 1st. This order is in addition to the 30 Van Hool Astromega double-deck coaches that are currently being delivered to the Oxford Tube and Megabus.com

Edinburgh Coach Lines have, after 40 years in existence as a coach operator branched out in to bus work commencing a new

Isle of Man Transport said goodbye to its last Leyland buses when the school term ended on July 24th. The last five Olympians 65 (BMN65P), 68 (BMN68P), 83 (BMN83G), 87 (BMN87G) and 99 (DMN16R) were withdrawn. It is possible that two of the type may be retained as back up vehicles next term, but their use would be very limited. 83 and 99 operated commemorative services as part of the Manx Transport Festival between July 30th and August 5th following which they were loaned to the new Jurby Transport Museum.

Oxford Bus Company has taken over operation of the Brookes bus contract linking various parts of the city with the Brookes University. A new fleet of Enviro 400 double decks has been acquired for use on this prestigious service, previously operated by Stagecoach using Dennis Tridents.

Rosendale Transport is to remain in council ownership, after offers from various interested parties failed to come up to the valuation that the Council was expecting for the company

Stagecoach in Wales was subject to two serious acts of vandalism over two nights in early June, Merthyr Tydfil depot was attacked by vandals which around 30 buses having tyres slashed and windows broken. The following night Aberdare depot was subject to an arson attack which completely destroyed nine buses. Fuller details are in the fleet news section.

Green Line now has a new website www.greenline.co.uk, which allows people to gain all the information they require on the express coach services, operated by Arriva and First, it even allows tickets to be purchased. A new service was added to the network on July 4th, the 712 linking St Albans with London, with eight departures southbound and nine return trips spread evenly throughout the day time.

West Midlands Service News

These are due to take place from September 6th

- NXWM services 8A/C will have various amendments made to its timetable.
- Central Connect service 10 is amended in Quinton and will have a new timetable re-drawn.
- NXWM service 12 will have its reduced summer holiday frequency maintained during peak and shopping hours, Monday to Saturday.
- NXWM service 13 is reduced to every 20 mins.
- NXWM service 17 will have various timetable amendments.
- NXWM service 27 is extended to Alcester Lanes End during the Monday - Saturday evening with reduced summer holiday timetable maintained.
- NXWM service 35 will have minor changes to its timetable and withdrawal of certain journeys.
- NXWM service 65 is further reduced to every 20 mins from current 15 mins.
- NXWM service 74 will have its Sunday evening frequency reduced to every 20 mins.
- NXWM 94, 97 & 97A will have various timetable amendments made.
- Diamond service 144 will have its AM and PM journeys re-timed to improve reliability. Off-peak times are also slightly amended. Change was effective 26th July 2009.
- First service 144 will have its contracted Sunday evening journeys withdrawn, with the 20 min service visible between Birmingham and Droitwich Spa. Additional 144's will be seen at between Droitwich Spa and Worcester.
- Choice Travel service 646 will have all its commercial journeys withdrawn.
- Arriva Midlands North services 891/892 will have minor timetable amendments.

National Express Service News

First Northampton depot ceased operating on National Express services at the end of June. Service 302 Northampton – Bristol and the 707 Northampton – Heathrow – Gatwick are now operated by MK Metro using new 09 registered Caetano Levantes

Fleet News

Arriva

Classic Regular performer on the North East to Blackpool service DAF SB4000 / Van Hool NL52XZY has been re-registered to OSU985.

Excel: With the sudden collapse of Stansted Transit in early June, Excel managed to put together a largish fleet overnight to cover the majority of services that had been operated by ST. Ensignbus loaned the following from its sales stock, Former Stagecoach B10Ms K723 DAO, K726 DAO, K729 DAO, N202LTN and M767 RAX along with Dennis Darts N412MBW, N413 MBW, N414 MBW, N415 MBW and N424 MBW. Ensign hadn't even got around to taking fleet names or numbers of the majority. Ex Metroline Dennis Darts R143RLY, R146 RLY, R147 RLY and R153 RLY. Also seeing use were some former Arriva double decks G904 SKP, H656 GPF, H659 GPF and M169 GRY. Dawson Rentals also provided several Dennis Dart SLFs with various body makes KM51 BFX, KP51 UFL, KU52 RXG, KU52 RYO, KX04 HRE, KX04 HRF, KX04 HRG, KP54 BYY and KP54 BYZ along with a single MAN / MCV Evolution AE55 VGK. It is likely that buses will be

swapped as maintenance is required on them. It remains to be seen how long these vehicles will be kept, dependent on Essex CC tenders.

London: A quiet spell here, the Volvo B9s HV1-6 have finally entered service at Wood Green after many months of being driven around on test. The second Wrightbus DB300, for route 38, has now arrived DW202 (LJ09 SUO). The original hybrid HEV1 has moved to East Thames Buses, but was not used there and has returned to Wrightbus. Just a couple of moves, that of trainer buses DLA22 to TH and DLA34 now at TC.

Midlands: all ten of the latest batch of Optare Solo SRs have entered service at Derby

2913	YJ09 MLL	2916	YJ09 MLV	2919	YJ09 MLZ	2921	YJ09 MME
2914	YJ09 MLN	2917	YJ09 MLX	2920	YJ09 MMA	2922	YJ09 MMF
2915	YJ09 MLO	2918	YJ09 MLY				

Plenty of fleet movements to keep track of once again have been 1181 sold: 2025 w - CK: 2030 SD - w: 2036, 2040 CE-w: 2041 SS - TN: 2042 CE - w: 2052-2054 SS - TN: 2104 WL - w: 2105 CE - w: 2114, 2120, 2122 CK - w: 2131 CE - TN: 2201, 2203, 2204 SS - CE: 2209-2212 SS - WS: 2234 res - DY: 2242 DY - BN: 2246, 2249 DY - CK: 2274 DY - WL: 2325 CK - CE: 2340, 2341 BR - SY: 2354-2358 SS - TN: 2733 res - SD: 2734 res - WL: 2735, 2736 SD - CK: 2981 BR - SY: 2988, 2997 SY - BR: 3060 CK - BN: 3426 SY - w: 3467 CE - w: 3469, 3471 SS - w: 3472 SS - WS: 3476, 3477 CE - w: 3489 res - TH: 3490, 3493 CE - w: 3606 CK - BN: 3810, 3811, 3812 DY - WG: 3900-3908 SS-TN: 4001-4014 SS - WS: 4159, 4160, 4165 to Arriva Scotland: 4606, 4608, 4609, 4610, 4612 TN - w: 4623 CE - WS: 4647 CE - TN: 4651 SS - WS: 4669 SS - w: 4730-4734 SS - CE: 4735 WS - CE: 4736, 4745, 4747 SS - CE: 4738, 4740, 4741 WS - CE: 4745 res - CE: 6001 BR - SY: A bit of a tidy up with buses no longer here 1177, 1182, 1243, 1360, 2002, 2010, 2069, 2075, 2092, 2094, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2123, 2192, 2194, 2196, 2197, 3082, 3399, 4602, 4604, 4605, 4636, 4669 and 9529

North East: Volvo Olympians 7363/4 (R640MNU/R648KJU) are both in service at Peterlee while 7362 (R636MNU) is under preparation for service at Ashington. The first of 8 initial Dennis Trident Enviro 400's have been delivered NK09FNC and NK09 FND. These are expected to be for Bishop Auckland however it seems they may see initial use at Ashington and Blyth beforehand. Optare Delta 4022 (L422FHN) is under conversion to a promotion bus outside of Arriva with 4015 soon to follow suite. 4098 remains in use but has been sold to Arriva Bus & Coach.

North West: More DAF SB200 / Wright Pulsar B44F single decks have been arriving of late 2954 - 2964 at Green Lane and, still in the course of delivery 2965 - 2982 at St Helens. For those interested in such things these buses have been arriving from Ireland via Heysham, of late and not Fleetwood

2954	MX09 JHH	2962	MX09 JJE	2969	MX09 OOH	2976	MX09 OPG
2955	MX09 JHK	2963	MX09 JJF	2970	MX09 OPA	2977	MX09 OPH
2956	MX09 JHL	2964	MX09 JTY	2971	MX09 OPB	2978	MX09 OPJ
2957	MX09 JHO	2965	MX09 OOJ	2972	MX09 OPC	2979	MX09 OPK
2958	MX09 JHU	2966	MX09 OOU	2973	MX09 OPD	2980	MX09 OPL
2959	MX09 JHV	2967	MX09 OOV	2974	MX09 OPE	2981	MX09 OPM
2960	MX09 JHY	2968	MX09 OOW	2975	MX09 OPF	2982	MX09 OPN
2961	MX09 JHZ						

Also new are a twelve ADL Enviro 400s DPH47/33F. These buses are destined from Bootle depot, but will initially operate from Wythenshawe depot on route 263, Altrincham - Manchester, which is being double decked whilst the Metrolink is closed

4423	MX09 LXE	4426	MX09 LXH	4429	MX09 LXL	4432	MX09 LXO
4424	MX09 LXF	4427	MX09 LXJ	4430	MX09 LXM	4433	MX09 LXR
4425	MX09 LXG	4428	MX09 LXK	4431	MX09 LXN	4434	MX09 LXS

The Original Tour: It turns out that EMB785 is actually NKJ785, a bit of jiggling has also been occurring with the fleet numbers of the batch, it is complicated but suffice to say EMB776 is now UAR 776Y (having previously carried EMB778), EMB777 is now A735 WEV (had been EMB776) and EMB778 is now A737 WEV (had also been EMB776)

The Shires: Volvo B10 BLE 3454 (W454 XKX) has been transferred across from Stevenage to High Wycombe along with B10B / Wright Endurance 3850 (R370 TWR) and 3851 (R371 TWR). They are to allow the Reading service to be converted to low floor operation. The former Motts Volvo B6s 3138 (L922 LJO) and 3139 (L923 LJO) have both been sold. Withdrawn at Luton have been Volvo B6s 3130, 3135 and 3136. Transfers of late have been 3441 HH - LD: 3356, 3418 HA - HAU: 2173 MK - AY: 2244 AY - w: 3226 GR - WB: 4055 GRt - HH: 4056, 4353 GRt - w

(MK Metro): The company has returned to National Express work once more, following its operation on the short lived commuter service to the City. Seven Scania K340EB4 / Caetano Levantes have joined the fleet for take up of route 707 from late June.

0418	FJ09 DXG	0420	FJ09 DXL	0422	FJ09 DXO	0424	FJ09 DXR
0419	FJ09 DXK	0421	FJ09 DXM	0423	FJ09 DXP		

The remaining numbers of ADL Enviro 300s have now arrived 3575 (KX09 GZD) in red livery for route 4/4a, like those already in service 3576 (KX09 GZE0, 3577 (KX09 GXW) and 3578 (KX09 GXY). These last three in orange for route 5.

The fleet has recently moved to expanded premises on Colt Holms Rd at Wolverton after the depot at nearby Arden Park was outgrown.

Southern Counties:

(Kent Thameside) The latest eight ADL Enviro 200s due at Northfleet for use on TfL route 499 should now have arrived and in use as you read this.

4036	GN09 AWG	4038	GN09 AWJ	4040	GN09 AWO	4042	GN09 AWR
4037	GN09 AWH	4039	GN09 AWM	4041	GN09 AWP	4043	GN09 AWU

(Medway Towns): At Gillingham 16 10.2m B38F ADL Enviro 200s are due for delivery any time now, for use on routes 132 and 182

4044	GN09 AWW	4048	GN09 AWZ	4052	GN09 AXD	4056	
4045	GN09 AWW	4049	GN09 AXA	4053	GN09 AXF	4057	
4046	GN09 AWX	4050	GN09 AXB	4054	GN09 AXG	4058	
4047	GN09 AWY	4051	GN09 AXC	4055	GN09 AXH	4059	

West Scotland: Arthur notes that three Dennis Dart /Plaxton Pointers are new here 1466 (P210LKJ), 1467 (P211LKJ) and 1468 (P212LKJ), transferred up from Arriva Southern Counties.

Whilst transferred from Manchester, at Inchinan garage have been M-B Vario / Plaxton 2601 (MV02 XJK), 2602 (MV02XYK) and 2603 (MK52 XNS)

Yorkshire: More new buses, this time allocated to Castleford, Optare Tempos fitted with Mercedes Euro 5 engines and seating 45. The majority carry branding for the 163/166 services.

1300	YJ09 EYA	1304	YJ09 EYG	1307	YJ09 EYL	1310	YJ09 EYP
1301	YJ09 EYB	1305	YJ09 EYH	1308	YJ09 EYM	1311	YJ09 EYR
1302	YJ09 EYC	1306	YJ09 EYK	1309	YJ09 EYO	1312	YJ09 EYS
1303	YJ09 EYF						

With the arrival of these buses and the ADL Enviro 200s at Dewsbury, quite a few buses have swapped around, DAF / Ikarus 22-28 have now been de-licensed from Dewsbury, ready for disposal, Dennis Darts 140 and 157 have been put into the pool fleet at Belle Isle. Dennis Dart / Alexander ALX200s 171-176 and 182-185 have moved to Belle Isle from Dewsbury. Lastly the collection of all white buses Volvo B7RLE 1094, 1095 and ALD Enviro 200s 1096-1099, at Castleford are now moved to the Pool fleet.

Still for delivery later this year are eight Wright DB300 double deckers for Selby and four more Wright single decks to Wakefield.

First Group

Cymru: More of the of Wright Streetcars now in service on Metro route 4 are 19029 (S100 FTR), 19030 (S10 FTR) and 19037 (A60 FTR) have been noted operating

Essex: Four ADL Enviro 200s have been delivered, 44516 (YX09 ACV), 44517 (YX09 ACY), 44518 (YX09 ACX) and 44519 (YX09 ADO), they are seeing use on local routes around Harwich.

Glasgow: Quite a few buses have been sold for scrap lately 30228, 62323, 62324, 62334, 62335, 62339, 62340 and 62341. Five more new Volvo B9TL/ Wright Geminis are at Cumbernauld

37736 SF09 LDD 37738 SF09 LDJ 37739 SF09 LDK 37740 SF09 LDL
37737 SF09 LDE

Hampshire & Dorset: Most remiss of me not to record the new arrivals at Portsmouth a while ago Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse Urban, at least 69380-69393 carrying branding for the 40 service.

69380 HY09 AJX 69386 HY09 AZB 69392 HY09 AOR 69397 HY09 AZL
69381 HY09 AKG 69387 HY09 AHW 69393 HY09 AZD 69398 HY08 AUX
69382 HY09 AOU 69388 HY09 AOT 69394 HY09 AZC 69399 HY09 AZN
69383 HY09 AZA 69389 HY09 AUO 69395 HY09 AZF 69400 HY09 AZJ
69384 HY09 AKF 69390 HY09 AOS 69396 HY09 AZO 69401 HY09 AZG
69385 HY09 AJV 69391 HY09 AUV

London: The last few of the ADL Enviro 400s due at Greenford for routes E1 and E3 are 33605 (SN09 CGE), 33606 (SN09 CGF), 33607 (SN09 CGG), 33608 (SN09 CGK), 33609 (SN09 CGO), 33610 (SN09 CGU) and 33611 (SN09 CGV)

Now also in service at Greenford are two batches of ADL Enviro 200s, first are eleven of the, 10.2m B29D versions for route E7, with others of the type DML44120 - 44128 due for the E9

DML44109 YX09 FLA DML44113 YX09 FLE DML44117 YX09 FLJ
DML44110 YX09 FLB DML44114 YX09 FLF DML44118 YX09 FLK
DML44111 YX09 FLC DML44115 YX09 FLG DML44119 YX09 FLL
DML44112 YX09 FLD DML44116 YX09 FLH
DML44120 YX09 FNJ DML44123 YX09 FKT DML44126 YX09 FKW
DML44121 YX09 FNK DML44124 YX09 FKU DML44127 YX09 FKY
DML44122 YX09 FKS DML44125 YX09 FKV DML44128 YX09 FLM

The second batch are shorter 8.9m versions with DMS44401-12 being for the E5

DMS44401 YX09 FMA DMS44405 YX09 FMF DMS44409 YX09 FML
DMS44402 YX09 FMC DMS44406 YX09 FMG DMS44410 YX09 FMM
DMS44403 YX09 FMD DMS44407 YX09 FMJ DMS44411 YX09 FMO
DMS44404 YX09 FME DMS44408 YX09 FMK DMS44412 YX09 FMP

With the remaining number for the shorter type for the E10, I would imagine, however they will interchange between the two routes.

DMS44413 YX09 FLN DMS44416 YX09 FLV DMS44419 YX09 FMU
DMS44414 YX09 FLP DMS44417 YX09 FLW DMS44420 YX09 FMV
DMS44415 YX09 FLR DMS44418 YX09 FLZ DMS44421

Potteries: Finger slipped with the last two Park & Ride Volvos DYJ and DYN are GYJ and GYN.

Rail support: With the Wright Streetcars transferred to Swansea their place on the Luton Parkway to Airport service has been taken by Mercedes-Benz Citaro bendibuses from the Aircoach fleet at Dublin Airport. Two were in operation in late June T3 FCC ex 02-D-74688 and T5 FCC ex 02-D-76812. The third of the batch remains to be delivered.

Somerset & Avon: 16 new VolvoB9TL / Wright Geminis have entered service at Muller Road

37757 WX09 KBK 37761 WX09 KBU 37765 WX09 KCA 37769 WX09 KCG
37758 WX09 KBN 37762 WX09 KBV 37766 WX09 KCC 37770 WX09 KCJ
37759 WX09 KBO 37763 WX09 KBY 37767 WX09 KCE 37771 WX09 KCK
37760 WX09 KBP 37764 WX09 KBZ 37768 WX09 KCF 37772 WX09 KCN

They replace K registered Olympians, amongst others, which are transferring to Devon & Cornwall, 34623, 34625, 34626, 34629, 34630 and Hampshire 34627, 34628.

New at Bridgwater are ADL Enviro 200 B28F single decks 44921 (YX09 ADU), 44922 (YX09 ADV), 44923 (YX09 ADZ) and 44924 (YX09 AHK) for town service 1 to Rhode Lane.

Other fleet movements over the last couple of months 20455 TN-w: 34010, 34044 MR- Hampshire: 34041, 34043 MR-MH: 34139 LH-scrap: 34140 MH-scrap: 40588-40594 BR/TN-BH: 46216 MR-scrap: 46236 TN-w: 46245 w-scrap: 46246 BH-w: , 46614 w-scrap: 46632 HE-LH: 51241 WM-w:

51305 YL-w: 51592 BR-w: 51593, 51594 BR-YL: 51602 BR-w: 51659 YL-w: 51679 TN-w: 51684 w-scrap: 60597 u-TN: 60971, 60975 LH-MH: 66159 BH-TN: 66352-66356 BH-BR: 67228 MH-w:

West Yorkshire: Yet more new Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini have arrived

37721	YJ09 OBS	37725	YJ09 OBW	37729	YJ09 OCA	37733	YJ09 OCE
37722	YJ09 OBT	37726	YJ09 OBX	37730	YJ09 OCB	37734	YJ09 OCF
37723	YJ09 OBU	37727	YJ09 OBY	37731	YJ09 OCC	37735	YJ09 OCG
37724	YJ09 OBV	37728	YJ09 OBZ	37732	YJ09 OCD		

37721-37723, 37729-37735 at Bradford with 37724-37728 at Bramley. A further four 37753 (YJ09 NZC), 37754 (YJ09 NZD), 37755 (YJ09 NZE) and 37756 (YJ09 NZF) have been noted but I am unsure as to which depot they are allocated.

The full batch of twenty new Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse are now in service at Bradford.

69466	YJ09 NYA	69471	YJ09 NYG	69476	YJ09 NYO	69481	YJ09 NYU
69467	YJ09 NYB	69472	YJ09 NYH	69477	YJ09 NYP	69482	YJ09 NYV
69468	YJ09 NYC	69473	YJ09 NYK	69478	YJ09 NYR	69483	YJ09 NYW
69469	YJ09 NYD	69474	YJ09 NYM	69479	YJ09 NYS	69484	YJ09 NYX
69470	YJ09 NYF	69475	YJ09 NYN	69480	YJ09 NYT	69485	YJ09 NYY

More changes are afoot at Halifax see 32514-32520 transfer to Huddersfield for use on the Holmfirth Connection and these vehicles being withdrawn have been 30737-30739 and 30786-30788.

Go Ahead Group

Brighton & Hove: The latest delivery of new buses here consist of more Scania OmniCity double-deckers H45/31F

714	YP09 HWA	719	YP09 HWF	724	YP09 HWL	728	YP09 HWR
715	YP09 HWB	720	YP09 HWG	725	YP09 HWM	729	YP09 HWS
716	YP09 HWC	721	YP09 HWH	726	YP09 HWN	730	YP09 HWT
717	YP09 HWD	722	YP09 HWJ	727	YP09 HWO	731	YP09 HWU
718	YP09 HWE	723	YP09 HWK				

London: The remainder of the batch of Enviro 400s due for the 345 at Stockwell have now all been delivered and should be out and about as you read this.

E116	LX09 FBG	E120	LX09 FBO	E123	LX09 FBX	E126	LX09 FCC
E117	LX09 FBJ	E121	LX09 FBU	E124	LX09 FBY	E127	LX09 FCD
E118	LX09 FBK	E122	LX09 FBV	E125	LX09 FCA	E128	LX09 FCE
E119	LX09 FBN						

The bendi-bus cull has now commenced with the first rigid Mercedes-Benz Citaro single decks being delivered in to the Red Arrow base at Waterloo for take up of service on the 507 route from Monday July 27th. With grateful thanks, as ever to Ian Rivett, the full batch is listed below as they are not entering service in any particular order. The 521 will follow suit. Owing to the limited space at Waterloo garage, several will run out of Mandela Way garage. It should be noted that not all the buses, by any means have been delivered, indeed some have not yet left Germany.

MEC1	BG09 JJK	MEC14	BD09 ZPU	MEC27	BD09 ZVS	MEC39	BD09 ZWF
MEC2	BG09 JJK	MEC15	BD09 ZPV	MEC28	BD09 ZVT	MEC40	BD09 ZWG
MEC3	BG09 JJU	MEC16	BD09 ZPW	MEC29	BD09 ZVU	MEC41	BD09 ZWH
MEC4	BG09 JJV	MEC17	BD09 ZPX	MEC30	BD09 ZVV	MEC42	BT09 GOH
MEC5	BG09 JJX	MEC18	BD09 ZPY	MEC31	BD09 ZVW	MEC43	BT09 GOJ
MEC6	BG09 JJY	MEC19	BD09 ZPZ	MEC32	BD09 ZVX	MEC44	BT09 GOK
MEC7	BG09 JJZ	MEC20	BD09 ZRA	MEC33	BD09 ZVY	MEC45	BT09 GOP
MEC8	BG09 JKE	MEC21	BD09 ZRC	MEC34	BD09 ZVZ	MEC46	BT09 GOU
MEC9	BG09 JKF	MEC22	BD09 ZRE	MEC35	BD09 ZWA	MEC47	BT09 GOX
MEC10	BG09 JKJ	MEC23	BD09 ZRF	MEC36	BD09 ZWB	MEC48	BT09 GPE
MEC11	BD09 ZPR	MEC24	BD09 ZRG	MEC37	BD09 ZWC	MEC49	BT09 GPF

MEC12 BD09 ZPS MEC25 BD09 ZRJ MEC38 BD09 ZWE MEC50 BT09 GPJ
MEC13 BD09 ZPT MEC26 BD09 ZRK

Delivery of the remaining examples of the Optare esteem bodied ADL Enviro 200 were all delivered into Sutton garage by the end of July and can be seen out on route 80

SOE30 LX09 AZT SOE33 LX09 BXS SOE36 LX09 EVD SOE39 LX09 EVH
SOE31 LX09 BXP SOE34 LX09 EVB SOE37 LX09 EVF SOE40 LX09 EVJ
SOE32 LX09 BXR SOE35 LX09 EVC SOE38 LX09 EVG

Metrobus: More new Scania N230UD / Optare Olympus H45/23D double decks are now being delivered, for routes 54 and 75

878 PN09 ELU 880 PN09 ELW 882 PN09 EMF 883 PN09 EMK
879 PN09 ELV 881 PN09 ELX

North East: New are a batch of Optare Versa 1110s 8294-8301 allocated to Gateshead and painted overall green with Saltwell Park Green branding, cascading the present Denis Dart SPDs on to route 87. 8302-8305 along with a further four to be delivered will be based at Deptford and carry "Drifter" branding for route 61

8294 NK09 FUP 8297 NK09 FUV 8300 NK09 FVA 8303 NK09 FVD
8295 NK09 FUT 8298 NK09 FUW 8301 NK09 FVB 8304 NK09 FVE
8296 NK09 FUU 8299 NK09 FUY 8302 NK09 FVC 8305 NK09 FVF

The first pair of what will eventually number 2 of 18 Volvo B7TL / East Lancs Vyking are both now in stock and have been refurbished and repainted by Thornton's of Ashington. They remain dual doored and have been painted Pink with Angel branding applied. They are numbered 3966 (PN02XCF) and 3967 (PN02XCL) and will be in service shortly. These will see of the current East Lancs Tridents on this route to other depots.

The refurbishment and repainting of the Volvo B10BLE's in the Lime brand at Stanley depot has now been completed. These consist of 4896 to 4902 (V986/7/8/9/0ETN/W901/2RBB). They have been painted into a revised livery and have equipment so that they can carry bikes on board.

Latest Repaints into various colours have been Mini Pointer Dart 611 (NK51KZL) Yellow at Stanley: Volvo B10BLE 4896-02 (V986/7/8/9/0/ETN/W901/2RBB) Refurbished with revised Lime Livery at Stanley: Volvo B10BLE 4848/4910 (R848PRG/W491SCU) White at Stanley: VDL SB120 Cadet 8268/9 (NK54NKU/W) White 8268 at Gateshead 8269 at Deptford: Volvo Olympian 3828/29/30 (S828/29/30OFT) Yellow at Washington: Volvo Olympian 3911/12/14 (R269/70/554LGH) Yellow at Winlaton and Volvo B7 East Lancs Vyking 3966 (PN02XCF) into Pink at Chester Le Street

Oxford Bus Compnay: July 1st was the date that Oxford took over the Brookes bus contracts with these brand new ADL Enviro 400 double decks in a blue livery.

201 AF09 OXF 204 DF09 OXF 207 GF09 OXF 210 KF09 OXF
202 BF09 OXF 205 EF09 OXF 208 HF09 OXF 211 OS09 OXF
203 CF09 OXF 206 FF09 OXF 209 JF09 OXF

Whilst awaiting delivery of the full batch Volvo B10/ Plaxton Verdes 640-643 (P640-643 FCC), until recently used on the 8 were pressed into use with temporary Brookes branding, on their base red livery.

National Express Group

West Midlands: This months allocation changes to note, with thanks as ever to Tony Hunter, 310 PB-withdrawn: 668, 677 WB - PE: 1332, 1358 WN - w: 1366, 1367 PE - WN: 1369, 1370 PE - WN: 1373, 1375 PE - PB: 1766, 1767, 1768 WA - AG: 1885 - 1907 new to WA: 2530, 2534, 2544, 2550, 2552, 2594, 2613, 2624, 2631, 2650, 2665 WA - w: 2716 PB - w: 2718 WA - w: 2732 AG - w: 2735 WA - w: 2744 WA - res: 2758 YW - w: 2760 WA - res: 2776 WA - w: 2865 WA - res, 2895 WA - w: 2900 AG - w: 2907 WN - w: 2990, 3023 WA - res: 3055 CV - w: 3058 WN - w: 3097 WA - res: 3118 CV - w: 4450, 4452, 4453, 4454 BC - CV: 4800-29 new to BC: 7114, 7257, 7301 t - w: Registrations are now to hand for the odd missing new delivery recently 1906 (BX09 PDO), 1907 (BX09 PDU), 4807 (BX09 PFF) and 4818 (BX09 PGF)

Stagecoach

Cambridgeshire & The Fens: The latest fleet card now shows Fenstanton Depot, although operations have yet to move into the former Whippets depot. Vehicle movements have been 14050, 14051 res - dis: 14052 res - FN (Fenstanton): 14053, 14850 res - dis: 16010, 16011 res - CA: 20854 EY - dis (accident damage): 30463, 30464, 30465, 30466, 32030, 32031 res - dis:

East Midlands: June didn't see as many alterations as of late, aside from the usual ins and outs of the Volvo Olympian fleet for chassis modifications, here goes 14960, 14979 dis-sold: 15225 LI - res: 18049 res - HL: 19121 res - LI: 20499 NK - LI: 20665, 20670 res - WP: 32082 dis - HL: 33206 LI - NK: 34001 HL - res: 34193 WP - res:

July however produced quite a bit of moving around, the double decks moving into reserve at Lincoln and Gainsborough are mostly down to the summer school holidays, when less are required depot codes in brackets are where the bus is parked. 14991, 14992, 14993, 14994, 14995 LI - res(LI): 14998 res(SP) - res(GY): 15222, 15226, 15229, 15230, 15231, 15232 LI - res(LI): 16475 SP - dis: 16582, 16583, 16584 GH - res(GH): 16719 HL - res (HL): 16803 res - LI: 20276, 20277, 20278 HL - res (HL): 20413 WP - dis: 20417 res(GH) - res(SP): 20494 WP - dis: 21015 GY - res(GY): 21017 res - GY: 26014 WP - dis: 32419, 32422, 32818, 32819, 32820 res - dis: 33849 LI - SP: 47398 LI - NK: 47463 NK - LI: 52357, 52381 GY - LI: 52459 GY - dis:

East Scotland:

(Fife): Movements during June have been 11093 res - S (for summer open top service): 14723, 14724 R - dis: 16288 res - D: 16323 res - C: 16401, 16402 C - R: 16430 A - res: 22253, 22256 C - S/C North West: 31495 D - res: 47228 A - D: 47482 S/C North West - D: 52012, 52017 R - S/C Highland (on loan)

(Strathay & Perth) A clear out of redundant stock has seen the following removed Leyland Olympian 14338, Volvo B10M 20403, Volvo B10B 21048, Optare Delta 26022, Dennis Darts 32104, 32477, 32478, 32479, 32480, M-B 709D 40083, Optare Metrorider 47939 and Volvo Coach 52052. Apart from these just the re-allocation to note 16717 A - res: 16718 res - A: 32904 res - M: 32905 M - dis

Highlands: The M-B 0.405 disposed from Aviemore is 23957. New arrivals, at Fort William, for use on Citylink services are three Volvo B7R / Plaxton Profiles 53331 (SV09 EGZ), 53332 (SV09 EHB) and 53333 (SV09 EHC) Latest movements have been 14490 FW - scrap: 16119 res - FW: 16712 IS - AB: 52048, 52049 IS - FW: 52297 Bluebird - Orkney: 52519 FW - d/l: 52608, 52609 FW - IS: Still in reserve awaiting to enter service at Fort William are Volvo Olympians 16117 and 16118 both still at Aberdeen along with 16120 which is destined for Inverness.

Manchester: Late June saw seven Volvo B10Ms move north to store at West Cumbria 20907, 20908, 20909, 20919, 20923, 20952 and 20967. Charles St depot closed in late July.

North East: More new MAN / Enviro 300s to record this time into Stockton garage

24101	NK09 FLL	24105	NK09 FLR	24109	NK09 FLZ	24113	NK09 FME
24102	NK09 FLM	24106	NK09 FLV	24110	NK09 FMA	24114	NK09 FMF
24103	NK09 FLN	24107	NK09 FLW	24111	NK09 FMC	24115	NK09 FMG
24104	NK09 FLP	24108	NK09 FLX	24112	NK09 FMD		

Happenings from here over the last couple of months 14672 res - dis: 16705 res - WE: 16720 WE - S/C West Scotland: 16725 HL - S/C West Scotland: 19380 res - WE: 20102-20104, 20117 sold to Ensign: 20135 SS - d/l: 20270 SL - SC: 20293 WE - SL: 20703 sold to a private buyer: 20714, 20716, 20723, 20724, 20726, 20729 sold to Ensignbus: 22012, 22022, 22346 res - WE: 32622 res - dis: 32714, 32767 sold to Wrigley: 34610, 35195 res - SS: 52082 sold to Wrigley: 52116, 52178 sold to Ensign: 52194 sold to Lister PSV. Currently awaiting disposal are 20246, 20730, 32622, 32655, 32725 and 32746.

North West: The sole Optare Versa, 25226 (PX08 CSU) allocated to West Cumbria has been transferred down to Preston in exchange for Dennis Drat SLF 34616 (PX04 HTT). Of the MANs transferred down from Fife only 22260 had entered service by late July. Volvo Olympians 16669, 16670 plus a further two have been transferred to Preston for the duration of the summer school holidays, to allow the X61 Blackpool - Manchester to be worked by double decks. Volvo B10M / Interurbans 52410 and 52414 along with two Jonckherre bodied examples are to be laid up.

Preston North End liveried Solo 47490 is to revert to fleet livery and branded for route 113 Preston – Wigan. Similar 47494 has been gained PNE livery.

Oxfordshire: The first of the new Van Hool TD927 Astromega double deck coaches for the Oxford Tube service arrived at Horspath Road depot on July 8th. 50202 had arrived on demonstration, complete with Belgian registration, ZBX269, during June and returned to Belgium. The fleet feature DAF EEV (Enhanced Environmental Vehicles) engines. The 87-seat vehicles, which have two staircases, are also equipped with toilets, air conditioning, reclining seats, generous legroom, seatbelts, power points for laptops and mobile phones, GPS tracking, and CCTV for personal security dual staircases for swifter boarding and a passenger entrance door that swings open to the front.

50201	T40 UBE	50205	T60 UBE	50209	OU09 FNC	50213	OU09 FNG
50202	T44 UBE	50206	OU09 FMY	50210	OU09 FND	50214	OU09 FNH
50203	T50 UBE	50207	OU09 FMZ	50211	OU09 FNE	50215	OU09 FNJ
50204	T55 UBE	50208	OU09 FNA	50212	OU09 FNF		

The first Neoplan to leave the fleet will be 50103 the coaches being disposed of via Plaxtons. M-B Vario 42383 has been withdrawn and is for disposal, following the loss of route B7 at Banbury. Also at Banbury Dennis Darts 44771 and 34472 have moved from Oxford displacing Volvo B6LEs 31361, 3162 and 31365 to the reserve fleet. Of the Tridents that had been used on the Brookes bus services 18051-18056 have moved to Devon, as is usual at this time of year, although it remains to be seen whether they return this year, 18195-18197 are moving up to Fife with 18198 and 18199 being painted into fleet livery and are now at the Bicester outstation replacing two MAN single decks there 22940 and 22941 which are back at Oxford.

South West: Movements over the last few weeks have comprised 14717 res - EM: 15328, 15329 res - TQ: 16721, 16722, 16723 res - TQ: 17005 EX - EM: 17006-17011 EM - PN: 31709 EM - EX:

Wales: Period 2 movements comprised 20369 CN - res: 20390 res - CN: 33602 ADL - repaint: 33615 CP - repaint: 33618 repaint - CP: 34106 loan to CP: 41417 CN - dis: 41419 d/I - CN:

The following are the nine vehicles destroyed in the arson attack at Aberdare Optare Solos 47188, 47189, 47198, 47200, 47208, 47210, Dennis Darts 32609, 32610 and Mercedes Mini 41411

To provide cover Stagecoach North West sent these reserve buses from the reserve fleet down B10Ms 20452, 20769, 20770 and 20771 along with Optare Solos 47004 and 47474, with 47482 being sent down from Fife.

Warwickshire: Two new vehicles to note are 54051 (KX09 NCE) and 54052 (KX09 NCF) Volvo B12Bs. Finally departing to the scrap yards at Barnsley, after months being parked, have been Olympians 14515 and 14517, Dennis Darts 32629 an d32630 and Volvo B10M 20205. Vehicle swaps over the last month or so mainly consist of more Volvo B10Ms being replaced by low floor buses 14023 LN-res: 16085 res-SF: 20224 SF-res: 20225 SF-LN: 20557, 20558, 20559, 20560 LN-res: 33352-33355 res-SF: 33356 RY-SF: 33910 res-LN: 33911 res-SF: 33914 res-LN: 52622 res-RY: The following Volvo B10Ms are scheduled to move across to East Midlands 20541, 20557-20560, 20803, 20804, 20808, 20821 and 20823. These will leave in the reserve fleet 20214, 20220, 20223 and 20224 along with Olympian 14023.

West: Just the one movement, that of MAN / MCV 39610 (CU04 AMV) transferred up to S/C Yorkshire. Volvo B10M coach 62265 (M165 CCD has been sold to Kinch Coaches. Still awaiting disposal are Mercedes 814s 42586 and 52588.

West Scotland: Movements covering the last two periods have been as follows:- 11083 d/I - AY: 13644 AY - res: 14612 AS - d/I: 14647 dis - sold: 16309 res - AS: 16725 S/C NE - res: 16863 del - AY: 20171, 20174, 20178 dis - sold: 20193 GW - res: 20194 GW - dis: 20454 GW - res: 20506 K - SR: 20581 AY - dis: 20583 SR - dis: 20584, 20586, 20588 res - GW: 20589 res - SR: 20590 res - GW: 20715, 20718 res - sold: 32054, 32057 dis - sold: 32058 dis - charity: 32062, 32063 dis - sold: 32394, 32395 DS - S/C Highlands: 40067 res - dis: 42024 SR - res: 47362 AY - GW:

Of the vehicles sold 14647, 20171, 20174, 20178, 20715 and 20718 have been sold to McColls Coaches of Dumbarton with Dennis Darts 32054, 32057, 32062 and 32063 to Fleetlink NW (dealer). Optare Solo 47362 is at Glasgow as spare bus for the Solos used on

Yorkshire: Only two arrivals to note in period 2 32359 Dennis Dart SLF in from Manchester and 39610 an MCV bodied MAN from West. Period 3 however is the opposite with a lot of swaps

between depots as a result of a round of service changes, full details next time

Transdev

London United: Ten ADL Enviro 200 10.2m single decks have entered service from Fulwell garage on route 371, routing through Stamford Brook for pre delivery checks.

DE22	YX09 HJJ	DE25	YX09 HJO	DE28	YX09 HJY	DE30	YX09 HKZ
DE23	YX09 HJK	DE26	YX09 HJU	DE29	YX09 HJZ	DE31	YX09 HLA
DE24	YX09 HJN	DE27	YX09 HJV				

Independents

Central England

Lowes Coaches: Recently acquired have been Two Volvo Citybus double-deckers, H672 GPF and H680 GPF, now in a dark blue livery and fully seat belted.

Nottingham City Transport: A quick correction to last month 961 is YHW and 966 is YHN. Dennis Trident 409 is now in an all over ad for Anoki a local Indian restaurant whilst 410 carries an all over from an Anti domestic Violence campaign.

Paul S Winson (Loughborough): West: A correction to last month in that the ADL Enviro 200 is OO09 PSW, easy to get wrong that one, also new here is VDL Bova Futura XX09 PSW.

Silverdale Tours (Nottingham): Three of the latest batch of National Express Caetano / Leavnte C49FT coaches are here FJ09 DWY, FJ09 DXT and FJ09 DXU.

The depot is another in the area to be subjected to a fire, with reports indicate that CCTV has captured a person throwing a petrol bomb over the fence.

Trent Barton: A big investment in new vehicles of late sees us needing to record these new batches to catch up on. At Sutton for the nines service are Optare Solos

467	FJ09 MVR	471	FJ09 MVV	474	FJ09 MVY	477	FJ09 MWC
468	FJ09 MVS	472	FJ09 MVW	475	FJ09 MWA	478	FJ09 MWD
469	FJ09 MVT	473	FJ09 MVX	476	FJ09 MWB	479	FJ09 MWE
470	FJ09 MVU						

Four Optare Solo M950s are at Derby, in blue livery for a new service to the Royal Derby Hospital, 480 (FJ09 MEF), 481 (FJ09 MWG), 482 (FJ09 MWK) and 483 (FJ09 MWL)

At Langley Mill are ten Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse single decks for the re launched Rainbow 2 route now branded as just the two between Ilkeston and Nottingham. The first nine carry a two tone orange livery with the last in fleet colours.

742	FJ09 XPA	745	FJ09 XPD	748	FJ09 XPG	750	FJ09 XPK
743	FJ09 XPB	746	FJ09 XPE	749	FJ09 XPH	751	FJ09 XPK
744	FJ09 XPC	747	FJ09 XPF				

Lastly due into service on August 9th are these Mercedes-Benz Citaro saloons for the Calverton Connection 801 (BN09 FXL), 802 (BN09 FWV), 803 (BN09 FWW), 804 (BN09 FWX), 805 (BN09 FWY) and 806 (BN09 FWZ).

Veolia East Midlands (Dunn Line): Following the fire which damaged two National Express coaches, amongst others two Volvo B10M /Plaxtons have arrived PK51 UEZ and KX04 HSJ, both having previously seen use with TGM at its Portsmouth garage. Alan Spencer also reports that it is likely the operation has now moved to Abbeyfield Rd.

Eastern Counties

Aldis (Framlingham): Acquired from Arriva Southend for school services are three Leyland Olympian/Alexander's H47/32F F574/7/8SMG

Anglian (Beccles): Sold have been Optare Solo's YN53ENL has gone to Centrebus and MX53FDN to Galloway of Mendlesham

Beeston (Hadleigh): Acquired is Mercedes Benz 0814D Plaxton Beaver 2 Y475TSU and LDV

Convoy with Olympus 16 seater bodywork from Palmer, Dunstable

Belle (Lowerstoff) A pair of Kassbohrer Setra coaches have been acquired; BU04EZJ from Ross of Featherstone and BX05UVO from City Circle. Older Setra's W254UGX and Y752DDA have been given dateless registrations MIL3503 and NJI9245

Flowsecure (Kirton): Two vehicles have been re-registered with Northern Ireland marks Volvo B10M /Jonckheere C53F L47ORC to RUI3662 and Mercedes – Benz 0814D/Autobus C33F S949RBE to RUI3663. Departed is Volvo Van Hool C51FT 271AKV to Mulley of Ixworth

Carter (Colchester): Acquired has been Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer W236DNO. Optare Excel P192SGV (former Ipswich buses) has been painted into fleet livery. Leaving the fleet has been NIL3956 Mercedes Benz 0814D Plaxton B31F to Far East Travel

Cedric (Ardleigh): Destroyed by fire was Volvo B12T/ Van Hool CH53/14CT YIL7758 whilst on rail replacement service

Gemini Travel (Ipswich): The Company are now the operators of two of Gilpatrick of Walton's Travel vehicles, following the retirement of proprietors. The vehicles are Mercedes – Benz 0814D/Autobus C29F T85RJL and Renault Master/Cymic 16 seater CV02KGG and both are in fleet livery.

Passed to Viceroy, Saffron Waldron is Mercedes – Benz 709D R111WCS

Hedingham & District: Acquired from Ensignbus are two former Arriva Derby Olympians / Northern Counties H47/29F R626/9MNU

Ipswich Buses: Further reductions in fleet; have seen the following vehicles withdrawn, which are Optare Solo 235 X235MBJ and 236 X236MBJ – rendered surplus to requirements.

John's Tours (Stowmarket): Scania / Jonckheere C49FT JIL2574 has reverted to its previous registration of B779DCP. This allows Iveco EuroRider Beulas C49FT N129HPX to take on the plate

Nightingale (Beccles): Purchased earlier in the year was a new Renault Master / Tawe minibus CN58EDF along with a second hand Mercedes-Benz AK02TXS

Purling (Ipswich) Acquired has been LDV Convoy B8LTP from Triangle Travel

Tailisman (Great Bromley): The following vehicle shave been exported to Cyprus for the Sightseeing franchise on the island: Bristol VRT/ECW CBV2S, Leyland Atlanteans YNO77/8S and Leyland Olympian H49MJN

Whincop (Peasenhall) Acquired are a pair of VolvoB10M-60 coaches with Jonckheere 53 seat bodies J30/40BBC from Bluebird, Weymouth

London / Greater London

Carousel Buses: The other two buses of the MAN single decks recently acquired are AF52 GCX and AF52 GCZ. They are being refurbished prior to entering service for the new school year in September.

East London Bus Group: The batch of 28 Scania Omnicity double deckers, ordered for take up of route 205 have al now been delivered, ahead of the take up date of August 28th. Rainham is being used to park them for the time being, although one or two have been moved to Bow and have been out and about on various routes.

15097	LX09 FYS	15104	LX09 FZA	15111	LX09 FZH	15118	LX09 FZP
15098	LX09 FYT	15105	LX09 FZB	15112	LX09 FZJ	15119	LX09 FZR
15099	LX09 FYU	15106	LX09 FZC	15113	LX09 FZK	15120	LX09 FZS
15100	LX09 FUV	15107	LX09 FZD	15114	LX09 FZL	15121	LX09 FZT
15101	LX09 FYW	15108	LX09 FZE	15115	LX09 FZM	15122	LX09 FZU
15102	LX09 FYY	15109	LX09 FZF	15116	LX09 FZN	15123	LX09 FZV
15103	LX09 FYZ	15110	LX09 FZG	15117	LX09 FZO	15124	LX09 FZW

I don't think I've recorded the Optare Tempo Hybrids that have been at work, on the 276 route from West Ham, for the last couple of months 29001 (VLT14), 29002 LX09 BGF), 29003 (LX09 BGK), 29004 (LX09 BGU) and 29005 (LX09 BGV)

Quite a few movements to record with the route swap around carried out over the last few weeks RM324, RM652, RM871 BW (misc) - RM (misc): RM1393, RM1941, RM1968, RM2050, RM2060, RM2071, RM2089 BW-WH: RML2760 BW(p) - WH(p): 15089-15096 new - PD: 17099, 17107, 17109, 17113, 17115, 17116, 17118, 17119, 17126 TL (misc) - RM (misc): 17100, 17105, 17106

WH (misc) - RM (misc): 17103 WH (misc) -TL (misc): 17101, 17102, 17111, 17120, 17127, 17128
PD - RM (misc): 17104, 17112, 17117 PD - TL (misc): 17397-17401, 17403-17407 WH - BW:
29005 new - WH: The following Dennis Darts have been sold to Ensignbus 34117, 34152, 34173,
34175, 34176, 34178, 34179, 34180, 34181, 34190, 34196, 34198, 34200, 34201, 34222, 34223,
34274 and 34275

Imperial (Southall): New a couple of months back are a pair of Volvo B9TL 6x2 / Optare Olympus
100 seater double decks PN09 EOM and PN09 EOO the former in the livery of subsidiary NPC

London Dial a Ride: More deliveries of the Tucana Bluebirds bring the fleet to nearly 100

D7086	YX09	EUF	D7090	YX09	EUL	D7093	YX09	EUT	D7096	YX09	EUZ
D7087	YX09	EUH	D7091	YX09	EUP	D7094	YX09	EUW	D7097	YX09	EVB
D7088	YX09	EUJ	D7092	YX09	EUR	D7095	YX09	EUY	D7098	YX09	EVC
D7089	YX09	EUK									

D7086-D7090 Woodford: D7091, D7092 Southall: D7093-D7098 Woodford

Metroline: A bit of catching up to do so here goes, in service for some time now on the 190 from
Brentford garage are ADL Enviro200 Dart / MCV Evolution saloons

DM961	LK58	CRF	DM964	LK58	CRV	DM967	LK58	CSF	DM969	LK58	CSU
DM962	LK09	EKJ	DM965	LK58	CRX	DM968	LK09	EKM	DM970	LK09	EKN
DM963	LK09	EKL	DM966	LK58	CRZ						

Also at Brentford, running on the E8 are Optare Tempo Hybrids OTH971 (LK58 CTY), OTH972
(LK58 CTZ), OTH973 (LK58 CUA), OTH974 (LK09 EKG) and OTH975 (LK09 EKH). Now quite a
few movements to get through many as a result of North Wembley closing operationally at the end
of May. It will continue to be used for storage however. AV34 Wt - NWw: DLD67, 70, 71 W - NWw:
DLD72 HT - NWw: DLD73 NW - w: DLD198-207 NWt - PVt: DLF80-84 PA - NWw: DP12, 14 NW -
PV:DP16, 17, 19, 22, 24, 27, 28, 32, 33, 36, 37 NW - W: DP16, 28 NW - PA: DP34, 38 NW - PA:
DP42 AC - HT: DP1001, 1002, 1004 AH - W: MM771-790 NW - PV: TA66-70, 73-78 NWu - W:
VPL220, 221 EW - HT: TP297, 298, 300-302, 304, 307, 308, 310, 312, 314, 315 PVu - NWu:
TP299 PVu - PB: TP305, 309 PV - NWu: TP303, 311 PVu - HT: TP313 W - HT: TP314 NWu - HT:
TPL242, 259, 264, 269 W - HT: TPL255, 257 PB - HT: TP351, 352, 383, 394 NWu - AH: TP384-
393, 395 W - AH: VP484 HD - AC: Sold to Ensign have been DLD24, 26, 40-43, 46-48, 51, 53.

Premier Transport: Two bus services have been commenced around Crawley, under the name of
South East Provincial Bus Service. A pair of M-B O.814D / Alexander minibuses S371DFC and
S379 DFC have been noted.

North East & Yorkshire

Burnside: Brand new is Mercedes-Benz Sprinter / Unvi YN09 HEV

CT Plus (Leeds): The company has taken delivery of quite a few Optare Solo M780SE midibuses
for use on contracted services for the PTE "mybus" operation YJ09 KZS, YJ09 KZW, YJ09 KZX,
YJ09 KZY, YJ09 KZZ, YJ09 LAA, YJ09 LAE and YJ09 LAO.

Coopers Tourmaster (Bedlington) have acquired from Kingsley (new to Cleveland Transit)
Dennis Dominator / Northern Counties C221WAJ and Dennis Dart / Plaxton M75VJO.

East Yorkshire Motor Services: New into the fleet last month were a batch of Volvo B9TL/
Wright Gemini

757	YX09	GWA	760	YX09	GWE	763	YX09	GWJ	765	YX09	GWL
758	YX09	GWC	761	YX09	GWF	764	YX09	GWK	766	YX09	GWM
759	YX09	GWD	762	YX09	GWG						

Leven Valley: is now home to a second ADL Enviro 200. 16 (T61 GAJ) named "St Columba"

Longstaff (Amble): Noted here rectley has been Volvo B12B / Plaxton EL57 LON

Low Fell Travel: new here is Optare Solo V233LWU for a recently won Sainsbury's contract

Phoenix (Blyth): New here is an Iveco Daily MX09KKC in stock, while unusual Mercedes Vario-
based coach BU06CTK in use.

Scarlet Band (West Cornforth): have acquired ex Arriva Midlands Mercedes Vario / Alexander
R150UAL and, somewhat controversially, are operating it in Arriva livery in Arriva NE territory!

Style Travel (Peterlee) A recent arrival has been LAG Panoramic K1 EOS

Tees Valley (Eaglescliffe): have ex Arriva North West Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties

H109GEV in stock. More vehicles are expected this week. John Atkin also reports that recently acquired Volvo B10M / Van Hool GNF466Y is reregistered WTL642, the former holder of this plate becoming B2TVT. B3TVT has returned to H410DPS before being sold, with that plate going on to E745JAY.

Veolia Transport: For use on newly won SYPTE tendered work around Rotherham, twelve ADL Enviro 200 B29Fs single decks have entered the fleet at Thurcroft

0901	YX09 HZA	0904	YX09 HZD	0907	YX09 HZG	0910	YX09 HYW
0902	YX09 HZB	0905	YX09 HZE	0908	YX09 HZH	0911	YX09 HYH
0903	YX09 HZC	0906	YX09 HZF	0909	YX09 HZJ	0912	YX09 HYZ

North West

Blackpool Transport: Optare Delta 110 has been stripped of useful parts and been scrapped.

Bluebird (Middleton): Currently here is Mercedes- Benz Citaro demonstrator BN09 FWS

Bullocks (Cheadle): A recent purchase is P168 BTV

Cumfy Bus: Two more Optare Solos have been note din service during July MX09 MJU and MX09 MJV

Go Goodwins: A new arrival is an ADL Enviro 200Dart/ East Lancs WSV 533. The registration was previously carried on a Dennis Lance.

JP Travel: A third new ADL Enviro 200 has entered service RT09 JPT. Four 10.8m Enviro 200s have been ordered for delivery in September.

Manchester Community Transport: Acquired from Central Connect has been Plaxton Primo YX07 HPJ, running, for the time being at least in full Connect livery.

Rossendale Transport: Fleet numbers for the recently acquired Olympians form London are 27 (R433 LGH), 28 (R335 LGH), 29 (R338 LGH), 30 (R343 LGH) and 31 (R548 LGH). A recent purchase from South Lancs Travel have been three Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointers T84 JBA, T85 JBA and T86 JBA.

Jim Stones (Leigh): 1000 ADL Enviro 200s have been built already and has been delivered here a 9.8m B29F version B1 JYM. Stones was the launch customer for the type and now operate nine of the type.

SK Solutions (Stockport): Three new ADL Enviro 200s have now arrived, and are in use on the Free Stockport Metro Shuttle, MX09 MHV, MX09 MHY and MX09 MHZ

South Lancs Trvael: A busy old month here, one or two recent purchases are form Dawson Rentals a Scania /Wright Solar single deck, added to the fleet already here, 200 (YL51 ZUD), the bus having previously run with Bus Eireann, From Scania comes 400 (YN56 EZX) a CN94UB OmniCity single deck, previously with Beestons of Hadleigh and finally an Optare Tempo 1060 demonstrator 100 (YJ58 CEY), this should look particularly nice when painted up in the latest livery. Withdrawn of late and for disposal have been Dennis Dart SLF 28 (V928 FMS) and M-B 709D 58 (N258 DUR)

The Travellers Choice (Carnforth): A recent arrival for use on National Express contracts is SF06 WDX a 15m Volvo B12 / Plaxton Panther latterly with Parks of Hamilton as KSK 977

Tyrer (Chorley): A large investment here see the arrival of a pair of Volvo B9TL / Optare Olympus double deckers PN09 OKA and PN09 OKB

Warrington Borough Transport: After a lengthy time since they were delivered to Wilderspool depot, the new Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse B45F finally entered service in mid July

83	DK09 ELU	86	DK09 EMJ	89	DK09 ELX	92	DK09 EMV
84	DK09 ELW	87	DK09 ELO	90	DK09 ELJ	93	DK09 EMX
85	DK09 ELV	88	DK09 ELH	91	DK09 EMF	94	DK09 ENC

Scotland

Bryans (Denny): Seen in Livingstone was Volvo coach with Sunsundegui body FC04UZK. The vehicle is believed to have come from Ireland

Crieff Travel: Seen in Sterling has been a new ADL Enviro 200 YN09HYV

Edinburgh Coach Lines: The company has acquired a pair of Plaxton Centros for use on its new

stage carriage service, SN09 FUW and SN09 FUY. An ex London Dart is used as back up.

Fishers Tours (Dundee): Acquired has been Volvo B10M / an Hool T9 Y304KBN ex Shearings. Also acquired is R909YBA - which at one time was also with Shearings

Lothian Transport: Now in service on the 26 from Longstone garage are these Volvo B9TL Wright Eclipse Gemini 2

301	SN09 CTK	308	SN09 CUA	314	SN09 CUO	320	SN09 CVA
302	SN09 CTO	309	SN09 CUC	315	SN09 CUU	321	SN09 CVB
303	SN09 CTU	310	SN09 CUG	316	SN08 CUV	322	SN09 CVC
304	SN09 CTV	311	SN09 CUH	317	SN09 CUW	323	SN09 CVD
305	SN09 CTX	312	SN09 CUJ	318	SN09 CUX	324	SN09 CVE
306	SN09 CTY	313	SN09 CUK	319	SN09 CUY	325	SN09 CVF
307	SN09 CTZ						
928	SN09 CVO	931	SN09 CVS	933	SN09 CVU	935	SN09 SVW
929	SN09 CVP	932	SN09 SVT	934	SN09 SVV	936	SN09 CVX
930	SN09 CVR						

MacEwans: New here is a MAN / Plaxton Centro PX09 APO

Mayne (Buckie): Coaches transferred to the Orkney operation lately have been 7 (KM07 GSM), 9 (GM07 GSM), 10 (SM07 GSM) and 15 (MM06 GSM). Also operating on Orkney is new MAN / Marcopolo C57F 18 (SV09 AOA)

Moffat & Williamson: A fleet update for here MX06ADO – sold: Acquired MX55XKK Dennis Dart 29 seater (in white livery) ex Swan, Chadderton: YR02ZMO Volvo B10/62 Plaxton – sold to Plaxton, Anston: Acquired MX58KZN Dennis Optare Versa 38 seater: Reportedly withdrawn Optare Vectra's L106YDGD & L670PWT: Acquired SF06WDZ Panther with lift & ramp ex Parks of Hamilton: Acquired are YN07OPF/OPG a pair of Volvo Plaxton Panthers C53s: Also acquired are X366GWH Dennis Dart 37 seater and S4DPC Volvo B7R Plaxton Premiere

Southern England

Yellowbuses: New to record here are several Optare Tempos R13 TYB, R14 TYB, R15 TYB, R16 TYB and R17 TYB have been recorded so far, a total of eleven are due, for use on route 1A.

South West

Abus (Bristol): Two new arrivals are a pair of Optare Solo B32F M950SLs AP09 BUS and Y555 AJP. They are in the blue, white and green colours for Bath Park & Ride work. For sale is Optare Solo M850 AP03 BUZ

North Somerset Coaches: Now in use here is former Stagecoach Volvo B10M /Alexander PS M752 LAX

Plymouth City Bus: No less than 19 former London General Volvo B7L / East Lancs double decks have been acquired from Ensignbus, to replace the aging fleet of double decks still being operated

401	PN02 XBX	406	PN02 XCJ	411	PL51 LGA	416	PL51 LGO
402	PN02 XCC	407	PN02 XCM	412	PL51LGC	417	PL51 LGU
403	PN02 XCE	408	PN02 XCO	413	PL51LGJ	418	PL51 LGW
404	PN02 XCG	409	PN02 XCP	414	PL51 LGK	419	PL51 LGX
405	PN02 XCH	410	PL51 LFE	415	PL51 LGN		

Wales

Arvonnia (Llanrug): Two new Mercedes-Benz Tourismo were delivered in June, viz. BK09 LVB and BK09 LVC.

Berwyn Coaches (Trefor): SY05 OUE, a Mercedes-Benz 311CDi has been acquired

Brent Thomas (Tonypandy): P159 FBC an Iveco Indcar came from Acorn, Bedlinog in June

Burrows (Ogmore Vale): Acquired from Sankhar, Leicester in June was N815 DKU a Scania K113CRB / Irizar

Bysiau Cwm Taf (Whitland): R940 AMB M-B O814D / Plaxton has come from Allison, Brough

with YJ05 FXF a Bova FHD12.340 arriving from Anderson, Bermondsey back in March and was re-registered to EJ05 EFF in May

Chapman (Tonyrefail): JF04 HOF and TG04 HOF Setra S315GT-HD have arrived from Docklands Minibuses in April and June respectively. The following vehicles are now withdrawn:

C813 BYY Leyland Olympian ECW by6/09, C133 CFB MCW DR by6/09, C43 GKG Leyland Tiger East Lancs by6/09, SIL 8572 (ex M328 KRY) Volvo Jonckheere has moved to an operator in Aberdeen, whilst D226 FYM Leyland Olympian ECW has gone to PVS, Carlton.

FE51 RAX, a Volvo B10M Jonckheere left in March, and JC02 HOD a M/Benz 0814D Acl has gone to Docklands Minibuses.

City Sightseeing (Cardiff): WLT 752 (ex 90-D-1004) Leyland Olympian Alexander has come from Dublin Bus

Clynnog & Trefor: R74 PHG Volvo Van Hool (ex 14 RED, R18 RED) has been re-registered to YIL 7734

Diamond (Morrison): More new Setra S416GT-HD arrived in June in the shape of the following: BK09 RLV, BK09 RLX, BK09 RLY and BK09 RLZ

Edwards (Llantwit Fardre) The following vehicles arrived in May from Stagecoach, L581, 582, 586 HSG all Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton; followed in June by EOI 4364 (ex 8845 EL, A102 VYC, XLF 622, A702 OWY) a Volvo B10M Plaxton which came from PTS, Pontyberem and JMA 880T a Bedford Plaxton and D567 MVR a Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton, both of which came from Bradford's, Ystrad Mynach. The latest coach painted in the touring blue livery is Bova Futura WA06 JFZ.

Edwards (Tiers Cross): WD03 XVN (ex 03-DL-3533) a Volvo B12M Jonckheere has arrived from Boyce, Ramelton

Express Motors (Caernarfon): A new arrival here is CX09 EMS a MAN / Plaxton Centro

Francis Drake (Blaina): MX55 WDT Enterprise EB01 Plaxton Primo is currently on loan from Plaxton, Anston (last recorded operator Veolia Cymru) to cover the warranty repair of the operator's other vehicles. These vehicles will be returning to Scarborough to have new drivelines fitted to overcome the inherent fault which has caused so many problems with these models.

YX08 HGC M/Benz 0814D Tawe was sold in June

GHA (Ruabon): Vehicles in include the following: GFM 110X Leyland Olympian ECW which came from Price, New Broughton; M169 SUX (ex MIL 2066, M169 SUX, A19 ESS, M169 SUX, 5658 RU, 9530 RU), Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton which has come from Millman, Newton Abbot; T754 EGD Bova FHD12.340 which has come from Silver Choice, East Kilbride. GFM 110X will be used for spares.

YP 52 YWN Optare Alero is currently on loan from Flintshire CC, and N205 CUD M/Benz 711D Marshall has gone to John's, Southsea. Two new Optare Solo's are on order.

GTS (Pontllanfraith): Recently received are M914 WJK and N91 RVK Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton which have come from Stagecoach. Also acquired is N106 SMY (ex N97 WVC, N2 LCT, N97 WVC) a Volvo B10M Plaxton which has come from Cavendish, Tonyrefail

Gibbons (Bedlinog): W906 MDT Neoplan N516SHD has been registered to MUI 2888

Goodsir (Holyhead): FE51 RGZ an Iveco 391E.12.35 Beulas has arrived from McLeans, Witney, whilst N832 DRP (ex GSU 368, N832 DRP, A18 CLN) a Volvo B10M Plaxton has gone to Oare's of Holywell

Harris/Shuttle (Fleur de Lys): SN51 UCJ Dennis Dart SFD Alexander has come from Quality Line, Epsom

Islwyn Borough Transport: Acquired from City of Oxford in June was P639 FFC Volvo B10B-58 Plaxton

Laser (Tonypandy): Two vehicles have been acquired from Coach Services, Thetford. Y717 HWT Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere and P803 GBA Volvo B10M-62 Van Hool

Lewis (Llanrhystyd): R28 XAO (ex 695 CWR, 472 HKE, R942 YNF) Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere was acquired from Calder, Dalston in June. M/Benz 0814D Marshall S643 MGA has gone to Lloyds, Machynlleth

Lewis (Rhyd Lewis): A recent acquisition is BN53 HJZ Ford Transit, whilst G744 YDE Dennis Javelin Plaxton (ex 521 WDE, G744 YDE) was re-registered to NIA 8778 back in September last year

P&O Lloyd (Bagillt): Scania N113CRB Alexander, M74 KTG has now been re-reg'd to POI 6312

Lloyds (Machynlleth): LL09 WYN ADL Enviro200 SFD ADL was new in May. Vehicles acquired include, KUI 6653 a Volvo B10M; R812 YJC M/Benz 0814D Plaxton from Nefyn Coaches; CV 54 ZTB Ford Transit; S643 MAG M/Benz 0814D Marshall from Lewis, Llanrhystyd. BX 56 BVE Enterprise EB01 Plaxton Primo is currently on loan. MP 03 DTZ Dennis Dart Transbus (ex B1 BUS) has been re-registered to LC 03 WYN. The following two vehicles have now left the fleet, YIL 1203 (ex P326 VWR) Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton and P397 FEA M/Benz 709D Alexander, together with P222 WYN (R813 YJC) and S825 MCC, both M/Benz Vario Plaxton, and now with Nefyn Coaches. Meanwhile L707 LKY and N514 FJC, that were reported in last month's news have, it would appear, been exported to South Africa. 'Buses' magazine for August reports that YR 52 MDF has also been reported to South Africa, but reports of this vehicle suggest that it is now with Nefyn Coaches, so any reports would be welcome of its exact whereabouts.

Mainline (Gilfach Goch): New in June was YN09 FRY MAN 18.xxx Plaxton Panther, whilst S551 KNW Scania L94B4 Irizar has been acquired from Worthing Coaches

Morris Travel (Carmarthen): Two vehicles acquired from Cheney, Banbury in May were UIL 2720 (L724 JUD) and K911 RGE both Volvo B10M-60 Jonckheere.

Nefyn Coaches: Acquired in June was YR 52 MDF M/Benz 0814D Plaxton from Lloyd's Machynlleth

Nelson (Glyn Neath): LIL 8556 (ex N771 VTT) Dennis Javelin Berkhof has been acquired from Astra, Andoversford. YP52 KSN M/Benz 0814D Plaxton which was acquired from Stevens, Birmingham back in November last year has been re-registered to JN 02 NEL. W488 YGD M/Benz 0814D Essbee has gone to WOW Bus, Blaina

New Adventure (Gabalfa): This operator has acquired the business of Croydon Coaches, Newport. Two recent acquisitions to note are M51 HUT Blubird RE Bluebird, which came from Platinum Travel, Birmingham in February, and FJ 03 ZZY Iveco 397E.12.35 Beulas which was acquired from Wrose, Cleckheaton in May

Oare's of Holywell (Brynford): Acquired in May was N832 DRP (ex GSU 368, N832 DRP, A18 CLN) Volvo B10M Plaxton which came from Goodsir, Holyhead

Owens (Four Crosses): BG09 JJO M/Benz Turismo was new in June. The following vehicles have recently been acquired; J51 EDM Dennis Dart Plaxton, L61 PDM Dennis Dart 9.5SDL Plaxton which came from Trustline, Hertford, and LX 03 KPJ M/Benz OC0500 which came from Hughes & Lee, Luton.

Padarn (Llanberis): B125 WUL, MCW Metrobus, ex KMP, has been withdrawn. Fleet numbers have begun to be applied to the fleet as follows:- 101 (M909 CEY): 102 (T228 KCC): 103, (CW51 PBX) 104 (6697 RU): 105 (N736 FJC) 106 (NUI 6003): 201(N848 FDT):202 (N776 CJC): 203 (NUI 6001) 204 (NUI6002): 301(CX58 AUA): 302 (CX57 FGU): 303 (CX05 FKO): 304 (CX56 AHK): 305 (CW51 PBZ): 306 (CX51 EZJ): 307 (Y91 RWH): 308 (CX52 VRK): 309 (W854 NFF): 310 (T72 JCC): 311 (S377 MCC): 312 (W632 RNP): 313 (R870 ACC): 314 (J987 JNJ): 315 (J989 JNJ): 316 (L908 JRN): 317 (K819 NKH): 401 (ODV 203W): 402 (M215 VSX): 403 (OJD 841Y): 404 (ROX 653Y): 405 (C889 FON): 406 (F361 WSC): 407 (L959 MSC) 408 L969 MSC): 409 (L830 LNE).

Pat's (Wrexham): H998 VRB (ex A8 RVC, H998 VRB) M/Benz 811D PIC has been acquired from John's, Southsea in June and N694 JMB (ex N7 EJS, N699 AHL, M1 JBT, N699 AHL) Scania / Irizar which came from E Jones, Ponciau, also in June. Vehicles re-registered are Y751 XDN Volvo B10M Jonckheere to H7 WXM and W382 UEL Scania Van Hool to J7 WXM. J395 SDV (ex 748 JTA, J8 TCC, J1 TCC) MAN 10.180 Jonckheere has now gone to John's, Southsea.

Richards (Cardigan): The three new Optare Solo's reported in the May edition are operating on behalf of Pembrokeshire County Council on the Poppit Rocket, Puffin Shuttle and Strumble Shuttle services which form part of the council's Greenways Coastal Services network.

Silverline (Merthyr Tydfil): DS52 AXF Optare Excel has been acquired from Shropshire CC, and YR52 WNF Optare Alero has been acquired from Sheffield Community.

South Wales Transport (Neath): R153 UAL M/Benz 0814D Alexander has been acquired from Arriva Midlands, and R168 UAL M/Benz 0814D Alexander has come from Arriva Midlands North.

St Davids Travel (Cardiff): This is the new company set up by Clayton Jones for routes in Cardiff. The following ex East London Bus Group vehicles have recently been purchased from Ensignbus

to begin operations in and around Cardiff, and all are Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer: V117 MVX, W174 DNO, W175 DNO, W176 DNO, W177 DNO, W178 DNO, W181 DNO, W196 DNO, W198 DNO, W199 DNO, W201 DNO, W224 DNO, W227 DNO, W233 DNO and W236 DNO.

Tanat Valley (Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant): Two vehicles that have recently left the fleet are C262 SPC, a Leyland Tiger East Lancs, and B102 KPF which has passed to RML Travel, Cotes Heath.

Veolia Transport Cymru: Vehicles not so far reported here are 45001 (R247 XDA) M/Benz 0814D Alexander, 45002 (R129 LNR) M/Benz 0814D Plaxton and R142 LNR M/Benz 0814D Plaxton. All arrived in February and came from Dunn-Line, 45001 and 45002 are allocated to Newport. Further vehicles acquired from the same source but in May are D200 ELJ Volvo B10M-50 East Lancs and Y338 AUT Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton, the latter being allocated to Newport.

Vehicles acquired in June were S107 HGX and S708 TCF M/Benz 0814D Plaxton which came from Pickford, Chippenham.

Vehicles re-registered are 45012, AIG 7944 to W672 DDN Optare Metrorider, 70024 V305 EAK to AIG 7944 Scania N113DRB East Lancs Cityzen, and 74040 TAZ 9658 to G465 JNH Volvo B10M-60 Jonckheere.

Williams (Brecon): BX05 UVP Setra S315GT-HD has been acquired from City Circle, Bonnyrigg

West Midlands

Choice: 140 has been repainted in new livery with 163 to follow, 102 already in new colours has gained route branding for route 510

Johnsons (Henley in Arden): I'm not at all sure that I remember noting the three Optare Olympus bodied Scania's the firm took delivery of, to operate the X20 Startford – Birmingham service so here they are PN09 EJ, PN09 EMJ and PN09 ENJ.

Midland: Former A2Z Dart SLFs S515KFL and S517 KFL are no longer in the fleet. A fleet renumbering is to be carried out from September 1st, details next time.

Rotala 1135 (R136 RLY), 1160 (R156 VLA), 1166 (R166 VLA) have gained a new Purple livery for route 119

Sunny Travel: A couple of recent additions have been Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointer L939 GYL, from Thandi and Dart / Carlyle MUI 1343 from Sunrise Travel.

Walsall Executive: A new operator noted, part of the Thandi group running on route 334 M892GBB, M892 GBB and M445 BLC have been noted

Zara Travel: Purchased has been former Travel Coventry MCW Metrobus 3118 (G118 FJW).

New Deliveries

ABC Executive	YN09 HFF	Mercedes-Benz / Unvi
Atlas Coaches (Wealdstone)	YN09 DXH	Volvo B9R / Plaxton Panther C55F
Bakers Dolphin	MX09 MJE	Optare Solo M880
Bullock (Cheadle)	PB09 BUL	Scania /Irizar PB
Chambers (Stevenage)	CC09 CRC	Marcopolo
Coastal Coaches (Warton)	BK09 LVA	Setra S416GT-HD C49FT
Coach Options	YJ09 FHU	VDL DHF127.365PR / Bova Futura 13m
Courtney Coaches	YJ09 OTV	Optare Solo M950SL
Dartline	YJ09 OTX	Optare Solo M710SE
D J Coaches (Kent)	YN09 APU	M-B Vario / Plaxton Cheetah
Group Travel Ltd	VT09 FLG	Scania /Irizar PB
Hattons	YN09 FSA	MAN / Noge Titanium
Leons (Stafford)	FT09 LCT	Scania / Irizar
Majestic	YN09 BXU	Mercedes-Benz / Unvi
Pewsey Vale Coaches	WA09 KZE	Van Hool
Reliance Motors	YJ09 PBF	Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse 2
Robin Hood (Staffordshire)	YJ09 FJX	VDL DHF127.365PR / Bova Futura 13m
Somerebus	SB09 PEG	Optare SOL M880SL
Souls Coaches	PN09 EOL	Volvo B9TL 6x2 / Optare Olympus

Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

30th June 2009, 7th July 2009

Factory Closed for holidays

14th July 2009

Stagecoach NE	Enviro 300	NK09 FLL
Arriva NE	Enviro 400	NK09 FND

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Stagecoach NE	Enviro 300	NK09FLV
City of Oxford	Enviro 400	FF09OXF (206) and JF09OXF
Go-Ahead London	Enviro 400	LX09FCE (E128)

Forthcoming Events

(Compiled by Mike Pinder)

August

- 15/16 Bluebell Railway - Vintage Transport Weekend
Bedford OB 70th Anniversary Event - Heritage Centre, Luton
- 16 Plymouth Citybus - Charity Family Fun Day, Plymouth Hoe
- 19 Bristol Greyhound - Evening road run
- 30/31 The Transport Museum (BaMMot) Bank Holiday Operating Days
- 31 East Kent Running Day - Fowlmead Country Park
North East Bus Preservation Trust - Seaburn Historic Vehicle Display
London Bus Preservation Trust - Running Day and Museum Display

September

- 6 LT Country Bus Rally – Leatherhead
Dudley Classic Car & Transport Show - Himley Hall, nr. Dudley
Torbay Vintage Bus Running Day - Torbay, Devon
Norwich Bus Rally - Norfolk Showground
Purbeck Bus Rally - Beach Car Park
Commercial Transport in Preservation - Annual Autumn Bournemouth to Bath Road Run
- 12 Keighley Bus Museum - Away Day in Bradford
- 12/13 East Anglia Transport Museum - Trolleybus Weekend
Aston Manor Road Transport Museum - Heritage Open Days Weekend
Truckfest - North West, Haddock
Manchester Museum of Transport - Heritage Open Days weekend
- 13 "Fares Please" - Classic Bus & Coach Day, Bewdley Station, Severn Valley
Amberley Working Museum - Amberley Bus Show

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

Event Reports

Reading Depot Open Day Sunday 5th July 2009 - Anthony Walton
Vehicles present:

860	858	818	830	820	833	828	823	835	836	837
826	844	802	829	845	801	855	825	839	804	832
817	805	852	838	819	840	859	807	812	850	856
803	822	827	813	811	815	806	810	861	808	809
1026	1004	1031	1035	1034	1006	1030	1014	1029	1020	1033
1005	1002	1018	1036	1032	1003	1027	1024	1028	1013	1015
1023	1007	1017	1019	1021	1010	963	828	931	927	964
962	961	925	929	113	114	262	115	109	111	122
112	310	311	1107	1101	1110	1114	1103	1102	1109	1106
1108	1112	1111	1113	1105	1104	475	471	472	474	476
473	599	708	711	712	713	729	709	710	724	1
2	3	4	5							

Preserved Vehicles in attendance:

RD7127, WVS423, ALD990B, NDP312, JRX823, MRD146, KRD258F, KCG627C
KPA369P

The Open Day is free of charge – but if you decide to go on the guided tour of the works, there is a small charge, which goes to charity

If you go by rail to the event, buses will pick you up outside Reading Station and take you to the garage

This Open Day is well worth a visit for GBBG members and I will notify you, well in advance regarding the date for next year in ‘The Trident’

Anthony also notifies us of another interesting event – On Saturday 19th September Metroline at Cricklewood are having their Open Day

Out and About

This time around Ray Davison has been Stagecoach hunting on the south coast, whilst Clive Smithson has been on the Yorkshire Coast. As usual the notes from Kent from Mel Murphy and very comprehensive coach logs from the Isle of Wight courtesy of Paul Hind will be found on the website.

15th June

Bognor Regis

Stagecoach

20834 32452 47536 47537
47538 47539 47540 47541

Winchester

14818 16281 16501 16752
16954 18191 18193 18194
18310 18311 18511 18512
18513 18519 18520 18522
18527 20835 33053 33056
33057 33058 33059 33061
33813 33814 33815 33816
33817 33818 34060 34108
34523 34527 34528 34529
34531 35250 35251 35252
47542 47644 47645 47646
47647 47648 52367
Unlisted R614 KDD (46614)
ancillary vehicle

16th June

Worthing

Stagecoach

18510 18511 18513 18514
18515 18516 18517 18518
18519 18522 18523 18524
18525 18526 18527 20543
20618 20626 20643 20652
32613 33002 33003 33004
33006 33008 33011 33012
33013 33014 33015 33017
34107 34514 34515 34516
34517 34518 34519 34520
34521 34522 34524 34525
34630 35117 35118 35119
35120 35121 35122 35123
35124 35125 35126 35253
35254 35255 35256 35257
35258 35260

17th June

Portsmouth & Havant

Stagecoach

13634 14971 16277 16278
16380 16630 16745 16748
16756 17672 18191 18510
18511 18512 18514 18515
18517 18523 18524 18526
20955 27553 27554 27555

27556 27557 27558 27559
27560 27561 27562 27563
27564 27565 27566 27567
27568 27569 27570 33025
33029 33030 33032 33033
34015 34020 34067 34073
34109 34110 34410 34411
34412 34413 34414 34415
34416 34417 34418 34445
34446 34447 34448 34449
34450 34451 34453 34454
34528 52218 52366 60003
Unlisted 33156

19th July

Bridlington North Yorkshire

Ashley's of Sheffield

HIL 2637

Barnards Kirton Lincolnshire

T9 MDC

DBC Travel Doncaster

BA02 EAF

Goodyear of Barnsley

JKZ 5003 YIL 2771

Marshalls of Glasgow 7417 SM	Wombell Coach Travel N20 TGM R3 WCT	Burrells of Richmond VPY 101 W441 DYG
McEwans of Mansfield W50 MCT	20 th July 2009	Globe Barnsley EIG 7402
Moxons of Oldcoates JIL 7889	<u>Whitby Town Centre North</u> <u>Yorkshire</u>	Godsons Leeds BJ03 OUF
Oakleaf Coaches Barnsley R952 YNF S596 KJF W900 BCL	Arriva Tees & District 1206 1207 1209 1658 1738 3014 3016 3025	P. W Jones Hereford PJ03 JMJ
Poppletons of Pontefract 522 CTF	Coastal & Country UWW 2X P254 RUM S969 CSG	PCL Travel Prudhoe PUI 9499
Stringers Pontefract Y319 KBN	Veolia Dunnline GOG 261W	Powells of Helerby R424 FWT
Sweyne / Holt of Goole JJI 1400 JJI 1989 P100 JJH P20 JJH P300 JJH	<u>North Cliffe Coach Park Whitby</u> <u>North Yorkshire</u>	Roystons Sheffield M684 RCP
Watersons of Hemsworth V202 EAL W905 JBA	Abbotts of Leeming DL05 AOL	Shearings 490 596
Whiteheads of Coinsbrough TIL 8275	Alfa Holidays PN03 PFX	Snowdens P6 SON

The non PSV bit

A little bit out of sync as this should have been in last month, Tony got a bit ahead of me.

First off some snippets from London. Former Lothian J842TSC is to be seen operating with the Prospect Education Trust of Wandsworth as ADT1 - ex London United Metroliner GYE592W previously wore this plate with them.

The London Borough of Barnet have Vo B12 KX07HFG, apparently their only full sized vehicle. Seen parked up near the bus garage on the right-hand side as you head south east, the Christ Faith Tabernacle of New Cross Gate have Toyota BB50R S59TOV.

Now a real gem! Spotted by me disgorging toffs outside a pricey watering hole in Chiswick was Leyland B1CCA. This is an open top mobile art gallery and entertainment centre run by Tilford, Surrey based CCA Galleries. Claimed to have been conceived as 'a rock 'n roll tour for artists', this Leyland Olympian has a truly stunning paint job featuring Superman, Elvis, Mickey Mouse and Marilyn Munroe as the CCA Galleries website shows. Former identities are E226WBG and XAZ1410 with Merseyside PTE, Arriva NW and Brylaine of Boston.

Now, as promised, back to the airport. The UK's premier airport at Heathrow has the bus needs of a city, and major operators with fleet sizes to match. Remember, the whole of Heathrow is private property with access only for those with legitimate business. So, with this in mind, how you get to see the buses there is a matter for you.

To begin though, the 32 National Express E200 Darts on the Hotel Hoppa transfer services are a fleet easily seen on surrounding public roads and those by the north side spectator area - as is the case with several other fleets too. Gez listed these buses on page 6 of the August 2008 magazine. If you don't have them drop me Gez a line and he will supply them for you.

On car park shuttle duties from Terminal 5 the same operator has MCV bodied MAN 14.240:

AE08DJV AE08DJX AE08DJY

A couple more odds and ends from elsewhere. Another ambulance with Across of Inveraray (mentioned in the May mag) is Volvo B12B JP02OLL - googling the reg provides a link to a piece by Across giving the specification for this one. Seen in Birmingham with Carlton TV, Toyota BB50R R199LBC.

Now courtesy of member Keith Till has sent information about the full-size bus fleet operated by Suffolk County Council. Reportedly about 40 vehicles. Anyone with details of the rest please let me know, but some of the newer ones are:

AY56BJK / BJK / BJO MAN 18.310 Marcopolo
PN57CTZ / CUA / CUC / CUG / CUH / CUJ / CUK / CUO / CUU: PO58HRA / HRC / HRE
Irisbus 391 / Marcopolo
SN06BOH / BOJ SN56AYJ / AYK / AYL / AYM / AYO / AYP ADL Enviro 300
Two of the fleet are shown below at last years Showbus event



Back to London Heathrow and more elusive, although still to be seen from certain spots landside and out on public roads from time to time, are these NSL Services (formerly NCP) Mercedes-Benz O530G Citatros for the inter-terminal airside shuttles:

MCA1	BX56VUU	MCA14	BV57JYU	MCA27	BV57VFY
MCA2	BX56VUV	MCA15	BV57JYW	MCA28	BV57VFZ
MCA3	BX56VUW	MCA16	BV57JYX	MCA29	BV57VGA
MCA4	BX56VUY	MCA17	BV57JYY	MCA30	BV57VGC
MCA5	BX56VVA	MCA18	BV57JYZ	MCA31	BV57VGD
MCA6	BX56VVB	MCA19	BV57JXR	MCA32	BV57VGE
MCA7	BX56VVC	MCA20	BV57JXS	MCA33	BV57VGF
MCA8	BX56VVD	MCA21	BV57JXT	MCA34	BV57VGG
MCA9	BX56VVE	MCA22	BV57JXU	MCA35	BV57VGJ
MCA10	BX56VVF	MCA23	BV57JXV	MCA36	BV57VGK
MCA11	BV57JYR	MCA24	BV57JXX	MCA37	BV57VGL
MCA12	BV57JYS	MCA25	BV57JXY	MCA38	BV57VGM
MCA13	BV57JYT	MCA26	BV57JXZ	MCA39	BV57VGN

That's it for now. More from Heathrow next month. The addresses on page 2 of the magazine, if you can send Gez or me reports from your local airport - or anywhere else.