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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget that it is the Group's Annual General Meeting on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at The Aston Manor Transport Museum in Aston, Birmingham at 12 noon. The museum will be open again at 11am for those that wish to have a look around beforehand. Can you please advise the Secretary if you intend to attend, likewise any apologies for those who cannot thank you. This is YOUR chance to have an input into the way the group is run.

## Editors Bit

Well, its been a it of a long slog this month, with really very little happening fleet news wise, so not as much as you are used to, it has given me a couple of pages spare to chance to catch up with the latest London Tender news though. So enjoy the read and I will hopefully see you at this years AGM

## Group News

Eddie and Hazel Roberts have moved see page 2 for there new abode.

Our first trip of 2010 will take place on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Ken advises that will are no longer able to call at Harding but will instead be visiting Dudleys of Radford and Eurolines, instead. Departing from Birmingham Smallbrook Queensway at 10am we will be visiting Johnsons of Henley, First Midland Red at Worcester and Redditch with Diamond Bus to be confirmed, we will also be calling at Wythall Transport Museum for it first opening of the year and should be back to Birmingham by 1715.

To make sure of your place on the trip which will be operated by a 24 seater coach from Johnsons, so places are limited, then please send a cheque payable to the GB Bus Group for £15.00 to Ken Pitt at the address on page 2

## Magazine

The closing date for the March 2010 magazine will be February 26th.

## Contributions

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A very warm welcome to the following new members; Rod Allsworth (Poulton-le-Fylde), Ian Black (Preston), A Bridge (Paignton), Roger Bryant (Canterbury), David Cadden (Bedford), Paul Craggs (Middlesborough), Stephen Dyke (Tamworth), John Gorman (Chapel Cleeve), Stephen Eke (London), Alan Howes (Staines), Graham Lodge (Dewsbury), J Palmer (March), N Stockley (Northampton), David Taverner (Feltham), David Thomas (Ferndale), Tony Wallace (Wolverhampton), Michael Williams

(Nottingham), Roy Whyte (Bournemouth), T Wood (Fareham) and bringing up the rear this month Tim Woods (Eton).

We do hope you enjoy your time with us and don't forget if you spot anything new out and about do let us know then we can pass it on to everyone else.

On membership cards generally, please remember on renewal, your new card(s) will be sent out with the next issue of Trident. Now this may mean that you might wait up to five weeks if you've just missed the end of month cut off when Trevor sends cards out for distribution. So there is no need to send a separate sae for card. The way Trevor is sending out renewal forms and issuing cards now means that assuming you renew at first request, your existing card will always be valid until new one arrives. Unfortunately he can't speak for previous cards issued. But bear with him and in another three months everyone should be on this new system. Also many of you will have already received the new look card, which I hope you approve of.

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## News from the Industry

**Pegasus Travel** of Perth ceased trading on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>. The company operated ten vehicles, ranging from 33 seat buses to 53 seat coaches, and it is the major downturn in the private hire side of the business over the last six months, which has led to the closure. Two bus routes in the Perth area had been operated along with several tendered services, and these have been taken over temporarily by other operators

**CT Plus**, the commercial arm of Hackney Community Transport has pulled out from operating the three Norwich Park & Ride services, it was due to commence on March 2<sup>nd</sup> having won the tenders back in October. The services are now to be operated by Norse, a wholly owned arms length company of Norfolk County Council, whom had submitted the second lowest bid. The airport and Postwick services are already operated, but double deckers will need to be purchased for enhancement to the routes. CT Plus has blamed its withdrawal on pension liabilities which would be incurred following the transfer of current staff, which was not know at the time of the tender wins. The company is also due to take over the Priory Park & Ride service in Hull from East Yorkshire, from February 1<sup>st</sup>, but has informed Hull City Council that it may not be able to commence on the due date, due to late delivery of vehicles, being caused by adverse weather in Europe. In this case the service will be temporarily sub contracted to another unnamed operator.

**Transport for London (TfL)** has selected Wrightbus as the preferred manufacturer for the final design and build of the New Bus for London, based on the iconic Routemaster. It is to build a prototype of the diesel-electric hybrid, and deliver five pre-production vehicles for on-the-road trials in 2011.

The new bus will have an open platform (to be closed off at certain times, such as at night) allowing reinstatement of a hop-on hop-off bus service; three doors (including the rear platform); two staircases and capacity for “at least” 87 passengers. It will also incorporate the latest hybrid technology  
Mayor of London Boris Johnson says: “Londoners have waited with patience as work has continued behind the scenes to select the manufacturer to make the 21st century Routemaster a reality. Wrightbus will work on finalising their design with initial outlines expected in the New Year.

Now a bit more on the Green Bus fund mentioned last time

The Green Bus Fund awards could give hybrid buses the push they need, both to help bring costs down and to convince operators that the new technology really works. Which, as we know from elsewhere in the world, it does, it just seems to be problematic over here although several London operators are now finding some success with the various hybrid buses they run.

One feature of the funding, is that it hasn't all gone to big operators. Bids from small fleets demonstrate a real drive to see the new low-carbon technology being used in the widest possible range of operating environments, from urban London to rural Cumbria, and by a wide range of operators, from family businesses to multi-nationals as well as PTEs and TfL.

The £30million fund will support the purchase of the 349 buses noted last month, including at least 55 battery-electric vehicles. It will be some months before all the orders are signed and sealed, but early indications are that most, if not all, of the battery buses will be built by Optare, while ADL seem to be having the most success with their hybrid vehicles, it looks likely that the majority of the rest of the orders will head north of the border, but by no means all

The two biggest winners under the award were the Greater Manchester PTE and Transport for London. TfL has secured £5million to procure 46 low-carbon buses. It says that the choice of makes and models will depend on the results of tender awards and as yet has not announced which routes will benefit. So it is feasible that whichever company wins they will make the decision on vehicle type  
Greater Manchester has said that it will use its share for procuring 20 midi buses, for use on the three city centre shuttles, currently operated on its behalf by First using Optare Solos. 16 hybrid yellow school buses, and 30 hybrid single-deckers which it will make available to operators for use on tendered services.

When you add to the PTE's 66 hybrid buses to the 30 being purchased by Stagecoach Manchester, 14 for First and four for Bullocks of Cheadle, which will either be ADL Enviro400Hs or Volvo B5TLs and used to increase capacity on its service between Piccadilly Station, the University and Manchester Royal Infirmary, currently run by single-deckers, there will be 114 hybrids in service in the region.  
As well as Manchester, Stagecoach Oxford will also be in receipt of 26 ADL Enviro 400H double decks which will be delivered between July and September, and will constitute Stagecoach's share of the new timetabled operation with COMs.

First, has chosen Volvo, with its B5TL, to supply the 36 hybrids it has ordered, the 14 for Manchester plus 22 for West Yorkshire. It is expected that Wrights will build the bodywork, but unlike Stagecoach these will be delivered over three years. This may seem excessive, but given that the Hybrid B5TL is relatively untried, First may well be awaiting to see how the first six, destined for Leeds will perform.  
Reading Transport and NXWM will also be taking the Enviro400H, Reading will be putting their 20 vehicles on the 17 service which had supported the ethanol fuelled buses, until recently  
National Express is splitting its hybrid order, with ten Wright Gemini 2 HEVs being delivered alongside the ten Enviros.

The Rotala Group is taking 23 vehicles and are understood to be mainly double-deckers for operation in the Bristol area, and it is anticipated that these will be supplied by ADL.  
Ipswich Buses is taking two buses an Optare Solo and an Enviro 200H. The biggest recipient of the battery-electric Solo will be Cumfybus of Southport which will take delivery of 13 altogether, 11 for use in Liverpool City Centre and two on a service for Edge Hill University. NEXUS, (Tyne & Wear PTE) are taking six, for operation on a new cross city service in Sunderland.

On a Mission Coaches of Leighton Buzzard are also planning to take six which will be used on a shuttle service for Milton Keynes College, which was keen to enhance its green credentials by having the

current diesel buses on the contract replaced by electric. They will also be used on local service in Milton Keynes.

Whilst Optare has been promoting the Solo EV as its battery-powered bus, On A Mission wants to order Versas, as does Milton Keynes council, which has separately secured funding for three battery buses for a local service in the city and it remains to be seen Optare come up with a hybrid Versa.

Nottingham city council plans to buy four Solo EVs to replace diesel Solos on the city's free Centrelink service, introduced earlier this year with diesel-powered Solos, operated on the council's behalf by Trent Barton.

Mike de Courcey Travel is taking three Solo EVs for a park-and-ride service in Coventry, while Johnsons of Henley-in-Arden plans to take four to replace diesel Solos on a park-and-ride service in Stratford-on-Avon. There is also the probability of nine electric Solos for Hatch Green Coaches in Taunton.

One unexpected name in the frame for the buses is Egyptian builder MCV, which is to supply ten hybrids to Mike de Courcey, a long-standing user of MCV bodies on MAN chassis. MAN does not have a hybrid in its range, but de Courcey promises more details of the project later this month.

The smallest operator on the list is Blueworks Private Hire. Unless you are from my part of the world it is unlikely you will have heard of them, but they currently operate the X12 service from Ulverston to Coniston and also route around Grizedale Forest. 2 Optare Solo EV midi buses will be heading into the South Lakes later in the year.

## London Tender News

### Start date 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

*Route 59: Steatham Hill – Brixton – Waterloo – Euston – Kings Cross*

Retained by Arriva London South with 23 new and existing fleet double decks

*Route 109: Croydon – Norbury – Streatham - Brixton*

Retained by Arriva London South with 25 existing fleet double decks

*Route 125 Finchley – Whetstone – Southgate – Winchmore Hill*

Retained by Arriva London North with 12 existing fleet double decks

*Route 234 East Finchley – Muswell Hill 0 Frien Barnet – Whetstone - Barnet*

Retained by Metroline with 11 new single deck existing buses will be used until 2012

### Start date 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010

*Route W9 Southgate – Winchmore Hill Station – Enfield – Chase Farm Hospital*

Retained by Metroline with 6 new single decks existing buses will be used until 2012

### Start date 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010

*Route 58 Walthamstow – Leyton – Upton Park – East Ham*

Retained by First London with 15 new double decks

*Route 97 Chingford – Walthamstow – Leyton Green - Leyton*

Retained by East London with 14 existing fleet double decks

*Route 212 Chingford – Highams Park – Walthamstow St James Street*

Awarded to CT Plus, from First London with 9 new double decks

*Route 215 Walthamstow – Chingford Mount – Yardley Lane – Lee Valley Campsite* Awarded to East London, from First London with 4 new double decks

*Route 282 Ealing Hospital – Greenford – Northolt – Mount Vernon Hospital*

Retained by First London with 16 existing fleet double decks

*Route 300 Canning Town – Plaistow - Beckton – East Ham*

Awarded to Docklands Buses, from East London with 9 new single decks

*Route 325 Becton – East Ham – Forest Gate – West Ham – Prince Regent Station*

Awarded to Arriva London North, from East London, with 11 new single decks

*Route 444 Chingford – Upper Edmonton – Turnpike Lane Station*

Retained by Arriva London North with 8 existing fleet single decks

*Route W12 Wanstead – Snaresbrook – Walthamstow – Coppermill Lane*

Awarded to CT Plus, from First London, with 6 new single decks

**Start date 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010**

*Route 2 / N2 Marylebone Station – Victoria – Brixton – Tulse Hill – West Norwood*

Retained by Arriva London South with 24 existing fleet double decks

*Route 432 Brixton – Tulse Hill – Crystal Palace – Anerley Station*

Retained by Arriva London South with 9 existing fleet double decks

**Start date 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

*Route 427 Acton – Ealing – Southall – Hayes End - Uxbridge*

Retained by First London with 22 new double decks

**Start date 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

*Route 195 Brentford – Hanwell – Southall – Hayes – Wood End*

Retained by First London with 14 new single decks

## Fleet News

### Arriva

**Excel (Stanstead):** Several more double deck arrivals are Scania N113DRB / Northern Counties H47/33F 234 (G34 HKY), Scania N113DRB / East Lancs H47/33F 261 (M161 GRY) and Scania N113DRB / East Lancs H45/33F 264 (M834 SDA). A couple of single deck Scania L113CRL . East Lancs B51F 872 (N172 PUT) and 876 (N176 PUT) have also arrived.

You will notice that fleet numbers are noted above as the fleet has now been allocated numbers as follows

208	G806	JRH	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	327	EU56	FTO	Dennis Dart SLF / Alexander
212	F712	LFG	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	410	S310	JUA	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton
234	G34	HKY	Scania N113DRB / Northern C	411	S311	JUA	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton
239	F639	LMJ	Volvo Olympian / Alexander	412	S312	JUA	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton
240	F640	LMJ	Volvo Olympian / Alexander	413	S313	JUA	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton
261	M161	GRY	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	414	S314	JUA	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton
264	M834	SDA	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	516	HX51	LRJ	Dennis Dart SLF / Caetano
275	G725	RYJ	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	517	HX51	LSN	Dennis Dart SLF / Caetano
276	G726	RYJ	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	529	AY54	FRC	Dennis Dart SLF / Alexander
277	G727	RYJ	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	530	KP54	BYY	Dennis Dart SLF / Alexander
278	G728	RYJ	Scania N113DRB / East Lancs	551	KU52	RXT	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton
326	BU51	REG	Dennis Dart SLF / Caetano	552	KP51	UFL	Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton

554 KU52 RXF Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton  
 556 KP54 BYZ Dennis Dart SLF / Alexander  
 561 AE56 MDV MAN 14.220 / MCV  
 562 AE56 MDX MAN 14.220 / MCV  
 563 AE56 MDY MAN 14.220 / MCV  
 564 AE55 VGK MAN 14.220 / MCV  
 565 AE55 VGL MAN 14.220 / MCV  
 710 S550 BNV M-B O.814 /Plaxton  
 713 S553 BNV M-B O.814 /Plaxton

716 L316 YDU M-B 709D / Alexander  
 802 M722 CGO Dennis Dart /Paxton  
 813 L113 YVK Dennis Dart / North'n Counties  
 867 N167 PUT Scania N113CRL /East Lancs  
 869 N169 PUT Scania N113CRL /East Lancs  
 870 N430 XRC Scania N113CRL /East Lancs  
 872 N172 PUT Scania N113CRL /East Lancs  
 873 N433 XRC Scania N113CRL /East Lancs  
 876 N176 PUT Scania N113CRL /East Lancs

**London:** DW261 has gained former Routemaster registration 361 CLT. This was previously on bendibus MA61, which has reverted to BX04 NBL. Only a couple of moves to note DWL18 WN-EC: PDL43 EC-AR: DLA24 is back in service at EC after a spell training at Enfield

A further batch of 10.4m Wrightbus DL2 Gemini 2 integral double decks are in the process of delivery to Clapton, destined for service on route 242 are DW263 - DW279 whilst DW280 - DW297 are going south of the river to Brixton for the 59

DW263 LJ59 LXU	DW272 LJ59 LWV	DW281 LJ59 LWH	DW290 LJ59 LVV
DW264 LJ59 LXV	DW273 LJ59 LWW	DW282 LJ59 LWK	DW291 LJ59 LVW
DW265 LJ59 LXW	DW274 LJ59 LWX	DW283 LJ59 LWL	DW292 LJ59 LVX
DW266 LJ59 LXX	DW275 LJ59 LWY	DW284 LJ59 LWM	DW293 LJ59 LVY
DW267 LJ59 LXY	DW276 LJ59 LWZ	DW285 LJ59 LWN	DW294 LJ59 LVZ
DW268 LJ59 LXZ	DW277 LJ59 LXA	DW286 LJ59 LWO	DW295 LJ59 LWA
DW269 LJ59 LWS	DW278 LJ59 LXB	DW287 LJ59 LWP	DW296 LJ59 LWC
DW270 LJ59 LWT	DW279 LJ59 LWF	DW288 LJ59 LWR	DW297 LJ59 LWD
DW271 LJ59 LWU	DW280 LJ59 LWG	DW289 LJ59 LVU	

**MK Metro:** New arrivals in the New Year are five Mercedes-Benz 12m Citaro single decks, 3925 (BG59 FCU), 3926 (BG59 FCV), 3927 (BG59 FCX), 3928 (BG59 FCY) and 3939 (BG59 FCZ). They replace a similar number of smaller ADL Enviro 200s currently in use on route 300. They carry a silver livery and are branded "Platium MK300".

**Network Colchester:** A new arrival is Scania N113DRB / East Lancs H47/33F 262 (M162 GRY) and Dennis Dart 528 (AY54 FPZ) is back from loan to the Excel operation

**North East:** Temsa Avenue YJ59 AZV has been allocated the fleetnumber 4700 and is currently operating services on behalf of Redcar depot. 7257 has been transferred from Peterlee to Jesmond depot. Arriva Midlands have loaned 2071/2072 to Arriva North East with 2071 being allocated to Redcar and 2072 at Darlington. Redcar are also in the process of taking delivery of brand new Wright Pulsars of which 1429/31/2 are currently in service: NK59 DNE/J/N.

**North West:** Former Arriva London Mercedes-Benz Citaro bendibuses MA9, MA12 and MA40 have arrived at Green Lane, to carry out driver familiarisation before more arrive by Easter. Speke depot is also due some to work the shuttle between Liverpool South Parkway and John Lennon airport.

## First Group

**Cymru:** Not previously reported in these pages is the arrival of numerous Dennis Dart SLF's with Marshall bodywork from First London. So to bring you right up to date here is the complete list of all acquisitions for 2009: 41229 (R229 TLM), 41230 (R230 TLM), 41232 (R232 TLM), 41233 (R233 TLM): 41234 (R234 TLM), 41265 (T265 TLD): 41337 (T337 ALR), 41338 (T338 ALR), 41342 (T342 ALR), 41343 (T343 ALR), 41381-87 (X381-87 HLR), 41394 (X394 HLR), 41397 (X397 HLR), 41399 (X399 HLR), 41400 (X79 HLR), 41489 (LT02 ZFA), 41490 (LT02 ZFB), 41491 (LT02 ZFC), 41681 (W681 ULL), 41682 (W682 ULL), 41683 (W683 ULL), 41718 (W718 ULL), 41719 (W719 ULL), 41720 (W133 VLO), 41721-24 (W721-24 ULL), 41725 (W425 VLO), 41726-28 (W726-28 ULL), 41729 (X729 HLF)

41489-91 are in actual fact TransBus Darts. All vehicles are allocated to either Maesteg, Pontardawe, Port Talbot or Swansea (Ravenhill).

**London:** The latest batch of Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 double decks have slowly been delivered during January to Northumberland Park depot where they will enter service on route 476.

They should all be in service as you read this as the last few were being delivered from Wrightbus at the end of January.

VN37804	LK59 FEP	VN37810	LK59 FDZ	VN37816	LK59 FEO	VN37822	LK59 FDM
VN37805	LK59 FET	VN37811	LK59 FEF	VN37817	LK59 FDE	VN37823	LK59 FDN
VN37806	LK59 FEU	VN37812	LK59 FEG	VN37818	LK59 FDF	VN37824	LK59 FDO
VN37807	LK59 FDV	VN37813	LK59 FEH	VN37819	LK59 FDG	VN37825	LK59 FDP
VN37808	LK59 FDX	VN37814	LK59 FEJ	VN37820	LK59 FDJ	VN37826	LK59 FDU
VN37809	LK59 FDY	VN37815	LK59 FEM	VN37821	LK59 FDL		

More older Dennis Tridents have been taken out of service and put in store at Hayes pending transfer elsewhere in the group, VN32108-32112, VN32202, 32204, 32205, 32206, 32208, 32210, 32212, 32216, 32217, 32219, 33233-33240, 33242, 33244, 33247 and 33248. Just a couple of allocation changes of late TN33192, 33194, 33196 X-NP: DML41756 G-WJ:

**West Yorkshire** Allocation changes to note during January have been 30799 Halifax-withdrawn: 30800 Halifax-Hunslet Park: 30801 Halifax-withdrawn: 30815 Hunslet Park-Bradford: 30816, 30817 Huddersfield-Bradford: 31674, 31676 Huddersfield-withdrawn: 32520 Huddersfield-Halifax: 34142, 34144, 34145 Bradford-withdrawn: 34234, 34238 Huddersfield-withdrawn 40346 Halifax-withdrawn: 40771 Huddersfield-withdrawn: 40869 Halifax-withdrawn: 40874, 40875 Huddersfield-withdrawn: 40963 Halifax-scrap: 50261, 50262, 50266-50269 Halifax-scrap: 66741 Huddersfield-Halifax:

## Go Ahead

**London:** The next batch of Volvo B9TL/ Wright Eclipse Gemini deliveries are heading to Blue Triangle for use on the new East London Transit EL1 and EL2 services. They are due to enter service on February 20<sup>th</sup> and they should all have been delivered in readiness. They carry a large sunflower type pattern on the sides and rear in brown and orange colours.

VWL334	LX59 DDL	VWL338	LX59 DDV	VWL342	LX59 DFA	VWL346	LX59 DFF
VWL335	LX59 DDN	VWL339	LX59 DDY	VWL343	LX59 DFC	VWL347	LX59 DFG
VWL336	LX59 DDO	VWL340	LX59 DDZ	VWL344	LX59 DFD	VWL348	LX59 DFJ
VWL337	LX59 DDU	VWL341	LX59 DEU	VWL345	LX59 DFE	VWL349	LX59 DFK

Quite a lot of buses swapping garages of late AVL20-32, 35-39, 41-46 PM - w: ELS14 MA - BX: LDP47 PL - SW: LDP52, 53, 74 PL - AL: LDP56 BV - PL: LDP64 PL - BE: LDP69 PL - SW: LDP71 BXw - BE: LDP151 BV - BX: LDP210 BV - MA: LDP301, 302 NX - SI: NV127 BEu - BE: PVL47 PM - SW: PVL88-91 NXu - BVu: PVL120 NX - BVu: PVL137, 138 PM - BV: PVL280 NX - BVu: PVL172-177, 208-216 NX - BVu: WVL121 AF - Q: Disposals consist DP189-191 along with LDP48 and LDP59

**Metrobus:** Withdrawn from Crawley have been 817, 828, 829, 833, 834, 835, 838 and 839. Sold to the Stafford Bus Centre have been Dennis Darts 384-386, 389 and 391.

**North East:** Volvo B10BLEs 4837-9 and 4844 have been repainted into a darker shade of orange in preparation for the new Diamond network. Scania L94UBs 4956-60 are now back at Washington repainted into a revised Metrolink brand along with being refurbished. 4966 has been on loan to Deptford, with 5233 going the other way. They have now returned back to their original depots. 8234/6 have been transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street. Ex-Bargain Express Volvo B10M 7082 has been reinstated at Chester-le-Street to operate commuter express service X23.

## National Express Group

**West Midlands:** New arrivals for Yardley Wood are Scania K230UB B43F single decks

1909	BX59 NSU	1913	BX59 NTA	1917	BX59 NTF	1921	BX59 NTL
1910	BX59 NSV	1914	BX59 NTC	1918	BX59 NTG	1922	BX59 NTM
1911	BX59 NSY	1915	BX59 NTD	1919	BX59 NTJ	1923	BX59 NTN
1912	BX59 NSZ	1916	BX59 NTE	1920	BX59 NTK		

Now the latest movements 311, 318 CV - reserve: 1317, 1319, 1322, 1327, 1331, 1343 WN - reserve: 1356 PB - reserve: 1362 WN - reserve: 1478 AG - PB: 2707 PB - sold: 2985 PB - withdrawn: 2988 PB - AG: 2999, 3014 PB - withdrawn: 3022 PB - AG: 3071 PB - withdrawn: In addition 2721 & 3080 the last two Metrobuses at Lea Hall were taken out of use 31/12/09

## Stagecoach

**East Kent & Hastings:** The two new Optare Versas, owned by Kent CC 25242 (YJ59 JFK) and 25243 (YJ59 GFO) have entered service at Ashford, Dennis Trident / ALX400s 18172, 18173, 18175 and 18176 are now at Eastbourne along with Dennis Dart SLF 33315 (R772 LHP). Scania 15312 has moved temporarily to Ashford to replace 15364 which has been withdrawn for disposal.

Plenty of withdrawn stock has been sold as follows Fleetlink (NW) a dealer at Altrincham has taken former Eastbourne Buses DAF / Optare Spectra's 13970, 13971, 13972, 13973, 13974 and 13975, along with Dennis Dart 33371 (R175 VLA). Trevor Wigley & Sons at Barnsley have taken other withdrawn ex Eastbourne Buses stock 14328, 14518, 14519, 14730, 26072, 26073, 26074, 26075, 26076, 26077 and 26078. Lastly Mike Nash at Dorking has 13939, 26079, 26080 and 26081

**East Midlands:** Plenty to get through again so here goes, 16453 SK - LI: 16735 MD - LI: 16803, 16804 LI - NK: 16826 res - LI: 16904 GY - SK: 16916 SK - res: 17673, 17674 GY - res (for open top conversion): 17709 HK - GY: 19072, 19073 LI - GY: 21214 SK - res: 23954 NK - LI: 26121-26123 MD - res: 26125 res - SK: 33767, 33768 res - MD: 34006, 34182 MD - res: 52642 S/C NE - HL:

**East Scotland:** Dennis Trident / ALX400 18092 (SP04 DBV) is back at Aberhill from its engine upgrade at Cummins. Volvo Olympian 16425 has moved into the reserve fleet with an engine defect.

**Highland:** A few re-registrations to note have been 52164 (930 GJF) now K65 BAG; 52333 (TJ17291) now N583 DAS and 52335 (KLZ 858) now P491 FAS. Volvo Olympian 16190 (S960 URJ) has arrived at Inverness and is to replace the last J reg Leyland 14492. 52339 (JAZ98540 has departed, possibly to Ensign.

**Manchester:** The new ADL Enviro 200s have entered service at Stockport, and not Ashton as I said last month, these and the new ADL 400s have led to more cascading around the fleet, unfortunately I have mislaid the sheet so will have to wait until the March magazine I'm afraid

**Merseyside:** 24171 (PO59 MXE) is the latest ADL Enviro 300 to enter service, with another batch heading to Wales at Porth 34758, 34759, 34763-34770, 34774-34777 with 34778 and 34779 moving down to East Kent at Thanet. Ancillary vehicle 49606 (S995 BTA has moved here from Wellington

**North West:** Still quiet a bit of movement around the fleet, 13297 CE-dis: 14205 CE-LL(res): 16326 PR-BA: 16343 PR-CE: 16447, 16652, 16734 CE-LL: 18138, 18139, 18140, 18143 res-BA: 20306 dis-sold (Fleetlink): 20436 res-CE: 20762 BA-ME(res): 20779, 20994 LL-CE: 33166 KL-ME(res): 52268, 52635 LL-LL(res): 40648, 42562 dis-scrap (Wigleys):

Withdrawn from service at Morecambe in late January have been Morecambe & Heysham liveried Leyland Olympian 14204 along with Volvo B10Bs 21003 and 21005 and Volvo B10M 20451. Arriving at Morecambe for service has been ex Yorkshire Northern Counties bodied Olympian 16877.

**South:** 13634 (re-registered from 411 DCD back to H764 KDY to disposal): 13640 (re-registered to G283 YRJ from 413DCD): 14952 BE - dis: 16627 res - AD: 20313 WI - res: 20607 (re-registered to L427 TJK from NFX 667 to reserve): 20615 WI - res: 20631 res - WI: 20632 WI - res: 32312, 32324 AR - WI: 52365 Wlrr - BErr: 52617 (re-registered to NFX 667 from S457 BCE): 52618 (re-registered to 411 DCD from S458 BCE): 52619 (re-registered to 413 DCD from S459 BCE to PMrr): 52623 (re-registered to 456 CLT from S903 CCD to ADt):

**South West:** With all the new Park and Ride vehicles in service quite a few vehicles have been moved to reserve from Exeter 31706, 31707, 31708, 33158, 33159, 33781, 33782 and 33783. Other movements have been 32433 res - TQ: 32440 TQ - dis: 47582, 47583, 47584 EX - WN: 49613 BS - BSa

**Wales:** Following the acquisition of Islwyn Borough Transport the fleet have been renumbered into the Stagecoach national series as follows ( The Islwyn numbers are in brackets)

21028	P636 FFC	Volvo B10B / Plaxton (36)	39828	TIL 5408	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (33)
32939	N671 CLV	Dennis Dart / Marshall (34)	41370	N572 OUH	M-B 811D / Plaxton Beaver (10)
32940	N673 CLV	Dennis Dart / Marshall (35)	47715	YJ05 XOS	Optare Solo (8)
39607	PN03 OWA	MAN 14.220 / East Lancs (18)	47716	YJ05 XOU	Optare Solo (9)
39608	YN04 FKL	MAN 14.220 / East Lancs (20)	47717	YK55 ENJ	Optare Solo (1)
39609	YN04 FKJ	MAN 14.220 / East Lancs (21)	47718	YK55 APY	Optare Solo (6)
39618	AE04 PJU	MAN 14.220 / MCV (22)	47719	YJ56 ASX	Optare Solo (7)
39619	AE04 PJV	MAN 14.220 / MCV (23)	47720	YJ58 BZX	Optare Solo (11)
39620	YN05 UPY	MAN 14.220 / East Lancs (19)	52039	YIL 8340	Volvo B10M /Berkhof Axial (91)
39821	M810 PDP	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta(28)	52537	E788 MDE	Volvo B10M / Plaxton (74)
39822	M957 VWY	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (24)	52538	YIL 4360	Volvo B10M / Plaxton (88)
39823	N812 XJH	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (26)	52539	W868 AAY	Volvo B10M / Plaxton (95)
39824	N813 XJH	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (25)	52679	UIL 7808	Volvo B10M / Jonckherre (86)
39825	TIL 5405	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (30)	52680	P60 PSW	Volvo B10M / Jonckherre (76)
39826	TIL 5406	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (31)	59622	B11 JCT	Bova FHD12-290 / Futura (77)
39827	TIL 5427	MAN 11.190 / Optare Vecta (32)			

59672 UIL 4720 Volvo B10M / Jonckherre (98)

59681 RIL 1027 Volvo B10M / Jonckherre (93)

**Warwickshire:** A swap of buses between Leamington and Stratford has taken place with Dennis Dart SLFs 33351, 33352, 33353, 33354, 33355 and 33356 moving to Leamington with Optare Solos 47010, 47011, 47012, 47013, 47014 and 47354 now running from Stratford. Other Solo 47510 is now in reserve, with Volvo Olympian 16600 moving from Leamington to Stratford.

**West Scotland:** Well even less than last month 13616 res - K and 1477 K - dis and that's it!

## Transdev

**London United:** Another large batch of 10.8m Scania N230UD Omnicity double decks (SP136-SP164) entered service at Stamford Brook garage (V) on Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>. Many of them had seen service the previous day on a DLR replacement service which required a number of vehicles.

SP136	YP59 ODS	SP144	YP59 OEC	SP151	YP59 OEK	SP158	YP59 OET
SP137	YP59 ODT	SP145	YP59 OED	SP152	YP59 OEL	SP159	YP59 OEU
SP138	YP59 ODU	SP146	YP59 OEE	SP153	YP59 OEM	SP160	YP59 OEV
SP139	YP59 ODV	SP147	YP59 OEF	SP154	YP59 OEN	SP161	YP59 OEW
SP140	YP59 ODW	SP148	YP59 OEG	SP155	YP59 OEO	SP162	YP59 OEX
SP141	YP59 ODX	SP149	YP59 OEH	SP156	YP59 OER	SP163	YP59 OEY
SP142	YP59 OEA	SP150	YP59 OEJ	SP157	YP59 OES	SP164	YP59 OEZ
SP143	YP59 OEB						

More movements are DPS626, 630, 634, 679 HH - SO: DPS657 TV - SO: SDP531, 537, 553, 557 SO - w: SP1-15 S - HH: TA244 FW - TV: TA267-270, 272-274, 276, 277, 279, 280, 291 TV - w: These withdrawn TAs are being returned to the leasing company

## Independent Operators

### East Midlands

**Premiere Travel:** From January 25<sup>th</sup> the frequency of its X1 Nottingham – Bingham and X9 Nottingham – Loughborough services were increased. The X1 has been rebranded as the Red 1 and KX57 BWF and SN56 AYB have had appropriate branding applied.

**Skills Motor Services:** Alan Spencer tells me that they have taken over Patron Travel of Newark.

**TM Travel:** Courtesy of Managing Director Paul Hopkinson we have the new numbers for the fleet now it has been taken over by the Wellglade group.

1101	A111 TRP	Leyland Tiger	1121	L353 MRR	Scania N113DRB / E Lancs
1102	D188 FYM	Leyland Olympian / ECW	1122	L720 SNO	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander
1103	D192 FYM	Leyland Olympian / ECW	1123	L726 SNO	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander
1104	D229 HMT	Leyland Tiger /Van Hool	1124	P337 ROO	DAF DB250 / NC Palatine 2
1105	G370 YUR	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1125	P487 SWC	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1106	G524 VBB	Leyland Olympian / Palatine	1126	P505 OUG	Optare Excel 1070
1107	G531 VBB	Leyland Olympian / Palatine	1127	R974 KAR	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1108	G532 VBB	Leyland Olympian / Palatine	1128	R977 KAR	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1109	G535 VBB	Leyland Olympian / Palatine	1129	R983 KAR	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1110	G435 MWU	Leyland Tiger / Plaxton	1130	R32LHK	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1111	H784 PVW	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1131	R93 LHK	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1112	J619 CEV	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1132	R94 LHK	Volvo Olympian / Alexander
1113	J628 CEV	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1133	R374 DJN	Optare Excel 1070
1114	J844 TSC	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1134	R379 DJN	Optare Excel 1070
1115	J850 TSC	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1135	R211 DKG	Optare Excel 1150
1116	J854 TSC	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1136	R213 DKG	Optare Excel 1150
1117	J353 BSH	Leyland Olympian/ Alexander	1137	S779 RNE	Dennis Dart SPD / Plaxton
1118	K482 GNN	Leyland Olympian / E Lancs	1138	T455 HNH	M-B Vario / Aexander
1119	L351 MRR	Scania N113DRB / E Lancs	1139	T112 AUA	DAF SB3000 / Ikarus
1120	L352 MRR	Scania N113DRB / E Lancs	1140	V389 KVY	Optare Excel 1150

1141 W261 EWU	Optare Solo M850	1173 YN54 WWV	M-B O.814 / Plaxton Beaver
1142 W284 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1174 YT55 TMT	Dennis Dart / Eats Lancs
1143 W285 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1175 YN55 KMV	EBL Plasma / Plaxton Primo
1144 W286 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1176 YN55 YSC	EBL Plasma / Plaxton Primo
1145 W288 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1177 YN06 CYO	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1146 W289 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1178 YN06 CYP	M-B O.814 / Plaxton Cheetah
1147 W292 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1179 YJ56 KAO	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1148 W295 EYG	Optare Solo M850	1180 YN56 AHY	Optare Solo M920
1149 W924 JNF	Dennis Dart / Alexander	1181 YN56 OWP	Optare Solo M920
1150 X732 FPO	Optare Solo M920	1182 YJ56 JYA	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1151 X941 NUB	Optare Solo M850	1183 YJ07 JWA	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1152 X385 VVY	Optare Solo M850	1184 YJ07 JWW	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1153 X685 REC	DAF SB220GS / East Lancs	1185 YJ07 JNN	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1154 Y867 PWT	Optare Solo M850	1186 YJ07 JVC	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1155 Y198 KNB	Optare Solo M850	1187 YJ07 JVE	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1156 LA02 WMZ	Optare Solo M850	1188 YN07 DVO	Volvo B12B / Plaxton Panther
1157 YL02 FKU	Optare Solo M850	1189 YJ07 JWU	VDL SB120/ Plaxton Centro
1158 YL02 FKV	Optare Solo M850	1190 YN07 SYS	Optare Solo M780SL
1159 YL02 FKW	Optare Solo M850	1191 YN57 KFE	Optare Solo M780SL
1160 MW52 PZD	Optare Solo M920	1192 YN57 BXG	M-B O.814 /Plaxton Cheetah
1161 YG52 DHC	Optare Solo M920	1193 YJ57 EHB	Optare Solo M950
1162 TM52 BUS	Optare Solo M920	1194 YJ57 EHC	Optare Solo M950
1163 MX03 YCN	Optare Solo M850	1195 YJ57 EHU	Optare Versa 1100
1164 MX03 YCP	Optare Solo M850	1196 YN08 DNU	Volvo B12M / Paragon
1165 YN03 ZXE	Optare Solo M920	1197 YJ08PFN	Optare Versa 1100
1166 MX03 YDF	Optare Solo M920	1198 YN08 JWC	MAN 12.240 / Plaxton Centro
1167 1294 RU	DAF DB250 / East Lancs	1199 YN08 JWD	MAN 12.240 / Plaxton Centro
1168 YN53 EJX	M-B O.814 / Plaxton Beaver	1200 YN08 JWE	MAN 12.240 / Plaxton Centro
1169 MX04 VLM	Optare Solo M920	1201 YN08 NKW	Volvo B12m / Paragon
1170 MX04 VMK	M-B O.814 / Plaxton Beaver	1202 YN58 NDV	Optare Solo M880
1171 YN54 SYG	DAF SB250 / East Lancs	1203 YN09 AOS	Dennis Javelin / Profile
1172 YN54 WWU	M-B O.814 / Plaxton Beaver		

## ***Eastern Counties***

**Coach services (Thetford):** Scania demonstrator YN08 MRO has been returned and is now in service with Centrebus.

## ***London / Greater London***

**Abellio:** As this is being read ten second hand, but refurbished Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Dart SLFs are due from Dawson Rentals in exchange for a similar number of Caetano bodied examples. A handful of allocation changes are 8434, 8436 BC-WS: 8439 WS-BC: 9065 WL-BC: 9706, 9715, 9723 TF-BF: 9775 QB-BC: 9812, 9823 QB-w: 9823 was the bus involved in the serious accident at Clapham whilst on route C3, when a lorry carrying lengths of rail collided with the bus whilst exiting a railway yard.

**Apple (Slough):** From North West Kerry, Ballyheigue has come 04-KY-1930 a Volvo B12M / Van Hool C53F and now registered WA04 ZTE.

**Big Bus:** Dennis Condor G32 FWC suffered a collision to its offside at the hands of an East London Trident at Marble Arch. No one was injured in the crash, but the both buses received considerable damage.

**BM Coaches (Hayes):** A pair of Mercedes-Benz / Unvi mini coaches to note from last year are YN09 HZA and YN09 HZB

**Carousel Buses:** Two MAN / MCV Evolution single decks have just appeared EVO12 (AE59 AWH) and EVO15 (AE59 AWJ)

**Centrebus:** Four Scania K230UB / Wrightbus Solar B44F single decks have entered service at the groups Harlow operation. 748 (YN08 MRO), 749 (YR59 NNT), 750 (YR59 NNU) and 751 (YR59 NNV). They see use on route C3 and carrying "Lea Valley Connect" branding

**East London Bus Group:** Just a handful of movements to not this month, 17149 dis - BW: 17542 NS - dis: 17592, 17593, 17596, 17601-17609 T - dis: 17733 TL - dis: 23019, 23027, 23028, 23029 WH - res Four new ADL Enviro200 single deckers have entered service from West Ham garage on newly won route 323, 36062 (LX59 ECF), 36063 (LX59 ECJ), 36064 (LX59 ECN) and 36065 (LX59 ECT)

**Easybus:** The fleet of Mercedes minibuses that had been operated on behalf of easybus by Arriva have now been transferred into easybus ownership 0300-0329

**Lianne (Slough):** Recently acquired from TGT Holidays, Haltwhistle was YN04 AYP a Neoplan N516/3 C46FT.

**MCH (Uxbridge):** Tony Allen has noted registration MCH 98 now on a Setra, having previously adorned at M-B 311CDi, no idea of the previous id of the coach as yet.

**Menzies Aviation Services:** Noted on delivery in late January were three Scania Omnicity single decks YS59 LWF, YS59 LWG and YS59 LWH

**Metroline:** Just being delivered at the beginning of February are 22 Volvo B9TL / Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini 2 double decks. They will enter service at Brentford and are for route 237.

VW1034	LK59 JJU	VW1040	LK59 JFK	VW1046	LK59 JKX	VW1051	LK59 JLV
VW1035	LK59 JJV	VW1041	LK59 JKJ	VW1047	LK59 JKY	VW1052	LK59 JLX
VW1036	LK59 JJX	VW1042	LK59 JKN	VW1048	LK59 JKZ	VW1053	LK59 JMO
VW1037	LK59 JJY	VW1043	LK59 JKO	VW1049	LK59 JLO	VW1054	LK59 JMU
VW1038	LK59 JJZ	VW1044	LK59 JKU	VW1050	LK59 JLU	VW1055	LK59 JMV
VW1039	LK59 JKE	VW1045	LK59 JKV				

Transfers have been DLF81 W - NWw: DLF82 HT - NWw: DLF97, 98 PA - NWw: DLD113 W - PA: DLD180 W - HT: TP311 HT - PB: TP377 PB - NWw: TP410 PV - AH: TP416 HT - AH: TP433, 435 W - PB: Disposals consist DLD23, 58, 67, 68, 70, 72 DP273, 276 and EDR13, 14, 44 all scrapped DLD73 sold to Wealden PSV and not DLD 61 as noted, this being still in service. DLF33, DP1029, DP1032 and Dp1043 returned to Dawson Rentals.

**OFJ Connections:** New at Heathrow are M-B 311CDi OV59 WJY, OV59 WKB and OV59 WKC. Also noted at the depot was ADL Enviro 200 KX59 CZL.

**Redwing:** Neoplan 221 (MX59 BYK) carries Golden Tours livery on a white base

**Royale (Hounslow):** noted here of late has been A Volvo / Van Hool Alizee RE54 JAK.

**Travel with Hunny:** Two 8.9m Transbus Dart SLFs acquired during December are SJ53 AXB and SJ53 AXG.

## North East & Yorkshire

**Full Venue Minicoaches (York):** A recent acquisition for this Jurst Travel subsidiary is Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Beaver 42 (R638 EYS)

**Gordon (Rotherham):** A new arrival here at the back end of the year, in use as the Barnsley FC Team Coach is Van Hool T917 B20 WGS,, no stranger to Football work at it was previously with Eavesway as YJ54 CKO.

**Harrogate Coach travel:** A second Scania Omnicity is UK54 DRM which joins 5209 UA in the fleet

**Powells (Rotherham):** Noted here just before Christmas was Optare Solo MX57 CCJ.

**Ross Travel (Featherstone):** A new arrival has been Optare Solo SR YJ59 NNA

**York Pullman:** A recent arrival, just before Christmas is Plaxton Paragon bodied Iveco OU55 GUK coming from Plastow's of Wheatley

## North West England

**Aintree Caochline:** A third ex D & G Optare Solo M850 is in use, owned by west Cheshire County Council, YM52 TPX which finds use on newly extended Council route 272

**Bakers (Biddulph):** New, for use on recently won D1 Service between Sandbach and Crewe, is 27 seat Plaxton Primo KX59 GDA. It carries Harrier branding on Bakers yellow and blue bus livery.

**Fairway (Appleton):** Noted recently operating here is Alexander bodied Leyland Olympian L275 FVN

**JP Travel (Middleton):** ADL Enviro 400 demonstrator SN59 AWW has been returned to ADL

**Maytree Travel (Bolton):** Have taken over the running of the free Bolton Metroshuttle, from Bluebird, ADL Enviro 200s MX09 HHN and MX59 AVY are currently being used

**Oares (Holywell):** Vlvo B10M/Plaxton Excalibur N832 DRP is now registered as 604 BRK

**Rossendale Transport:** The new Volvo B7RLE / Wright single decks entered service on Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>. Registrations are 211 (PO59 MLK), 212 (PO59 MLL), 213 (PO59 MLN), 214 (PO59 MLU), 215 (PO59 MLX), 216 (PO59 MLY), 217 (PO59 MLZ) AND 218 (PO59 MMA).

**The Travellers Choice:** Two more 12.2m Volvo B12B / Jonckherre SHV entered service in the new year PO59 OEC and PO59 OEE. Three more 12.6m versions are due and will enter service on March 1<sup>st</sup> with 10 plates

## Scotland

**Coles (Falkirk):** New arrivals are Volvo B6 K567 NHC and L126 DRN

**Docherty's (Auchterarder):** Two ex Stagecoach Volvo B10M / Alexander PS have been bought M785 PRS and M793 PRS.

**E & M Horsborough:** Arthur tells me that I haven't noted three more ex TrentBarton Dennis Darts that were acquired November time; T945 BNN, T947 BNN and T948 BNN. Also now here is Midi Pointer Dart SN06 BSO latterly with Coackley.

**Henderson:** Optare Solo 254 (YJ54 UXC) suffered a fire on January 30<sup>th</sup> and is likely to be scrapped

**Houstons (Lockerbie):** Several tendered services have been won from Stagecoach, to commence in April. not yet sure if any additional vehicles are being sourced, but as five drivers are transferring from Stagecoach it is likely, extra buses will be needed.

**JJ Travel (Coatbridge):** M-B Vario / Plaxton Cheetah YR02 ZMU has been re-registered as PWV 693

**Lothian:** Word is that 744 is currently in the shop receiving new colours, We don't as yet know what, but it is said not to be too different from the current livery, but swirls have been mentioned we wait and see.

**McGills:** Running here at the moment is ADL Enviro 400 demonstrator SN59 AWV, it carries fleet number 901 and has been down with JP at Middleton for the last few months.

**Myles (Plean):** Optare Solo B23F YA02 YRO is now here from Mitchells Plean

**Passenger Transport:** New here are Optare Solo V231 LWU and a M-B Vario R785 DUB, which was operated by JP (Middleton)

**Smith (Coupar Angus):** New for Perth Park & Ride services are a pair of Optare Versas YJ59 NOF and YJ59 NOH.

## Southern England

**Amport & District (Thrupton):** SN06 AOT a Volvo B12B Van Hool C49FT has been acquired from Brown, Broxburn

**Clegg & Brooking (Middle Wallop):** Acquired from King, Dukinfield back in October was YAZ 8922 (ex D202 LWX) a Volvo B10M-61 Plaxton C51F.

**Coliseum (West End):** New in November was LX59 DGO M/Benz 515CDi. MAN 18.350 MIB 651 has reverted to its original registration of YN06 FTP

**Courtney (Bracknell):** YE52 FGX an Optare Solo Optare B29F is now with Shaw Hadwin, Carnforth.

**Dorset Heritage "Shamrock" (Holton Heath):** From East Yorkshire Motor Services has come P262 NRH Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer B41F, and from London United V186 OOE Volvo B7TL Alexander H43/20D.

**Eastonways (Ramsgate):** A clear out of withdrawn stock has led to the following being sold to Erith Commercials, for scrap, MCW Metrobus BYX247V, BYX290V and JIL8213, Dennis Dart / Wright K990 CBO and DAF / Van Hool 1560 KX.

**Kent Coach Tours (Ashford):** Acquired in December was YJ59 GFG a Optare Solo Optare B23F

**Kent Coach Travel "Travelmasters" (Sheerness):** From East London via Ensignbus have come T683KPU and T684 KPU Dennis Trident SD Alexander H51/22D

**Kent County Council "Kent Top Travel" (Aylesford):** An acquisition to note here is S200 VHO (ex S121 OEF) Volvo B7R Plaxton C53F which has come from Independent, Horsforth

**Luckett (Fareham):** A new Mercedes minibus registered BF59 NHL arrived in November.

**Renown (Bexhill-on-Sea):** Acquired from Stone, Edenbridge back in October of last year was P30 SAS DAFSB3000 / Plaxton Premiere C57F. T130 AUA the DAF DB250 with Plaxton President bodywork noted in the December issue, actually came from Autocar, Five Oak Green.

**Steventon "STS" (Steventon):** Back in September of last year, this company took delivery of L109 VDM a Scania N113CRB Alexander B48F from Smith & Lewis, Prenton.

**Shoreline (Throop):** Acquired from Heddingham & District is L69 UNG a Volvo B6-50 Alexander B38F.

## South West England

**Alansway (Heathfield):** From Reading Buses have come V112DCF and V113 DCF Optare Solo B30Fs

**Castleways (Winchcombe):** This company has taken delivery of YJ59 NNR a brand new Optare Versa Optare B38F.

**Baker (Weston Super Mare):** Acquired from Somerbus, Paulton is J129 GMP a Dennis Dart 9SDL / Plaxton Pointer DP35F.

**Bevan (Lydney):** Two vehicles acquired from Southern Vectis are N812DPL and N814 PDL Dennis Dart 8.5SDL UVG B31F.

**Bugler (Bath):** From Arriva Merseyside has come M535 WHF Volvo B10B-58 / Wrightbus B49F, and from Stagecoach East has come N132 VAO Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton Premiere C46F.

**Cotswold Green (Nailsworth):** L310 PSC a Volvo B10M-55 Alexander B49F has been acquired, latterly with Stagecoach Merseyside.

**DAC Coaches (St Ann's Chapel):** Not recorded here is the arrival back in the summer of last year, W809 AAY an Irisbus 391.12.35 Beulas C49FT and was originally with Dawes, Heydon

**Dealtop "Target Travel" (Plymouth):** The following vehicles have all now received white and green fleet livery: P401 KAV, P407 KAV along with P149LMA and P150 LMA.

**Ebley (Nailsworth):** K785 DAO a Volvo B10M-55 Alexander DP48F has been acquired, from Stagecoach North East.

**Hatch Green (Hatch Green):** Acquired in November was T225 OWG Mercedes-Benz 0814D / Plaxton C29F from Stagecoach Somerset.

**Henshaw (Moreton-in-Marsh):** Acquired in December from King, Shotts was T788 RSF M/Benz 412D Onyx M16.

**Hills Services (Stibb Cross):** A few acquisitions to note are: R916 ULA Volvo B10M-62 Berkhof C49FT, which came from Nichols, Carlton and which has now been re-registered HIL 707. R516 YWC M/Benz 0814D Plaxton Beaver B29F, which was latterly with Stagecoach Somerset. S301 JRM M/Benz 0814D Acl C31F, which came from Roberts, Rothiemay. There are also some re-registrations to note this month: HIL 3891 (ex GIL 3573, L701 AHS) a Volvo B10M-60 Van Hool to L876 HDV: HIL 8846 (ex N716 CYC) a Volvo B10M-62 Van Hool to N716 CYC: M242 VYA M/Benz 811D Wrightbus to HIL 3891: N203 CUD M/Benz 711D Marshall to HIL 8846: SA 02 VKH Bova FHD12.370 to HIL 118

**Hookways (Meeth):** Acquired for National Express work has been Volvo B12 / Jonckherre Mistral WA04 YKW, which replaces Van Hool WA04 MHK.

Acquired from Hopleys Coaches, Mount Hawke is M221 AGL Volvo B10M-62 Caetano C55F. Volvo B12B Jonckheere SF 05 XYX (ex HSK 647) has been re-registered to 4691 HP, and Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere R948 YNF has been re-registered to PIL 6581.

**James Bevan (Lydney):** Two arrivals to note are N812PDL, N814 PDL Dennis Dart UVG, ex Southern Vectis.

**Michaels (Mitcheldean):** A rather elderly acquisition here is NBZ 1676 a Leyland Leopard with East Lancs bodywork, and has come from Green Bus.

**North Somerset (Weston Super Mare):** From Hookways has come RJI 5702 (ex L314 KSS) M/Benz 0814D Plaxton C33F, and from Metrobus has come W218 CDN DAF SB120 Wrightbus B31D.

**South West (Wincanton):** Several vehicles were acquired from National Express airport in November. They were P226 AAP, P234AAP, P240 AAP, and R513 KNJ all Volvo B6LE Wrightbus B37F. From Menzies, Heathrow has come T455 HNH Mercedes-Benz 0814D Alexander B27F whilst from Eurotaxi, Siston Common has come T578 KGB Mercedes-Benz 0814D Marshall B31F. A huge collection of vehicles have been acquired from Maberley, Portland: - PJI 8360 (ex H402 XTU) Mercedes-Benz 609D NWCS C19F, HEZ 5185 (ex N527 REW) Mercedes-Benz 811D Marshall B31F, GYJ 920V Leyland National Leyland B52F, J382 GKH, K102-105 OMW Dennis Dart 8.5SDL Plaxton Pointer B33F, J509 GCD Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Alexander B41F, L306/317 AUT M/Benz 709D Alexander B25F, M459 EDH Mercedes-Benz 609D Carlyle B31F, M460 JPA Mercedes-Benz 709D Alexander B23F, M998 XRF Mercedes-Benz 811D Marshall B31F, N350 OBC Mercedes-Benz 709D Alexander B27F, P791 JKW Ford Transit and lastly X844 MBM Leyland Convoy

**Western Greyhound (Summercourt):** Acquired from Oxford Bus Company are four Dennis Trident SFD / Plaxton President H47/28F. They are NK51 UCL (R4 OXF), NK51 UCM (R5 OXF), NK51 UCV (R6 OXF) and NK51 UCW (R 7 OXF). All have now been re-registered to WK51 CAB/CAF/CAL/CAP respectively.

## Wales

**Alpine (Llandudno):** The last two Bristol VRT's have been withdrawn, namely 78, UEY 551T (originally BAU 179T) and 79 BEY 938W (originally YMB 507W).

**Berwyn (Trefor):** One acquisition to report this month is the arrival of SK52 ODE a M/Benz 0814D / Plaxton Cheetah C33F which has come from Wilson, Rhu.

**Brown (Builth Wells):** Three withdrawals to mention are E133/134 YUD DAF MB230 Plaxton Paramount and H803 WNP a Dennis Javelin Plaxton Paramount. Acquired in November from Owen, Four Crosses was N209 WMS a Toyota Coaster with Caetano Optimo bodywork.

**Bysiau Cwm Taf (Whitland):** A Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton C49F, registered R965 RCH has been acquired from Gordon's, Rotherham, while BC56 TAF Enterprise Plaxton Primo has been returned to Plaxton, Scarborough. The Volvo appears to have been re-acquired, as it was operated by Bysiau Cwm Taf back in September 2008.

**Caring Coaches (Barry):** Acquired from Roselyn, Par is G114 VDV a Bova FHD12.290 C51F.

**Clarks (Tredegar):** Optare Solo B15 EDC has regained its original registration MP51 BUZ, and has been sold to an operator in Scotland. Vehicles acquired back in November were R705MEW, R707MEW and R709 MEW Dennis Dart SLF / Marshall B32F, ex Liyell, Wednesfield.

**Clynnog & Trefor:** From Stagecoach Hampshire has come M610 APN a Volvo B10M-55 Alexander DP48F. Leyland Olympian C89 CHM was withdrawn in December.

**Davies (Cross Hands):** Acquired back in October was N716 CYC a Volvo B10M-62 Van Hool C48FT which has come from Hills Services, Stibb Cross, whilst December saw the arrival from DAC, St Anne's Chapel of WJ52 MSX a Bova FHD12.340 C51F.

**Drake (Blaina):** With the cessation of this operation, the following vehicles have been returned to lessors Enterprise Plaxton Primo's MV06 EKB (ex OO06 PSW), MX56 ABF, MX07 BAA and MX07 NTN back to Mistral, Knutsford, whilst similar vehicles MX55 WDT and MX07 BCZ have gone to Plaxton, Scarborough. Meanwhile, Optare Solo MX09 AOM is also back at Mistral

**EST (Cowbridge):** The following vehicles have been noted for sale on the company's website:

H358 UWY Leyland Lynx; L812NWY, L817 NWY Dennis Lance Alexander; P214 JKL M/Benz 709D Plaxton Beaver; P404 KAV, P853 UCA and P2 WBC Marshall Minibuses.

**Edwards (Llantwit Fardre):** Various acquisitions to note are: GIL 5102 (ex F808 TMD) Volvo B10M-61 Van Hool C51F, TAZ 9653 (ex H149 VGG) Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton Paramount C51F, E954 WEP Volvo B10M-61 Plaxton Paramount C48FT and G465 JNH Volvo B10M-61 /Jonckheere C51FT. All are ex Veolia Cymru and all are reportedly for spares only.

**Edwards Bros (Tiers Cross):** Noted in their yard over the Christmas period was Y313 KBN Volvo B10M-62 Van Hool C46FT which was ex Shearings.

**Express Motors (Penygroes):** Two vehicles noted for sale are EM02 ORS Neoplan N122/3 and JT06 LCT Scania K114EB Irizar. Meanwhile, K425 ARW and K322 YKG M/Benz 811D Wrightbus have been withdrawn.

**Glamorgan Bus & Coach (Cwmbach):** N653 CHF a Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Northern Counties B39F has been acquired from United Minibus, Crawley.

**Globe (Cwmaman):** Acquired from Stott, Milnsbridge in August was W482 ASB a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton C53F. Both W482 ASB and W483 ASB are in service with this operator.

**Gwyn Williams (Lower Tumble):** AE04 PFV a MAN 14.220 MCV B38F has been acquired from Stephenson, Tolthorpe. This vehicle was the first MCV Stirling built.

**GHA (Ruabon):** Vehicles acquired recently include AEZ 1363 (ex Y833 HHE) a M/Benz 0814D Plaxton C33F which arrived from Ali, Walsall; B95 SJA L/Olympian Northern Counties H43/30F, from Cotton, Pimbo; L155 LBW Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton C49FT, from Stagecoach Warwickshire, GT02 BUS Volvo B12M Jonckheere C46FT, from Shearings; and YC02 DJD another Volvo B12M Jonckheere C48FT which came from National Holidays. AEZ 1363 has been re-registered to 7239 VT, and YC02 DJD has been re-registered to 553 UXP. Further re-registrations include 7239 VT Volvo B10M-61 Plaxton to D875 EEH, 553 UXP M/Benz 709D Alexander to G183 PAO and M169 SUX Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton to 8177 VT. Sold to Dawson, Newcastle-under-Lyme in December was 73 G97 RGG Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton Paramount.

**Let's Go (Fforestfach):** Acquired in December from Cooke, Swayfield was 14 L15 BUS and now registered SUI 2037, a Dennis Javelin 8.5SDA WS C30F, and 16 M241 XWS, a Dennis Javelin 12SDA WS B70F which came from Bodman's, Worton. Two re-registrations to note are R10 PWD Dennis Javelin Neoplan which has reverted to its original registration of R611 GRL, and L715 KTH Dennis Javelin WS which is now SUI 2814.

Various vehicles have been noted for sale: 17 NEZ 7658 (ex N780 EUA) M/Benz 711D Plaxton Beaver; 18 SUI 2039 (ex M895 WEJ) M/Benz 814D WS; 20 N927 NAP M/Benz 709D Alexander; 21 SUI 2813 (ex K573 EKY) Volvo B10M Ikarus; 22 P639 FFC Volvo B10B Plaxton; 23 N618 FJO Volvo B10B Plaxton

**Lew Jones (Llanwrst):** P983 LKL a Scania K113CRB Irizar C49F was acquired from SMG Travel, Birmingham, while YN03 DGE a Scania K114IB Irizar C49F has come from Dunn Line.

**Mainline Coaches (Gilfach Goch):** New in November was YP59 ODY Scania K420EB Irizar C49FT

**P&O Lloyd (Bagillt):** W209 EAG a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton has been re-registered to 5093 PO.

**New Adventure Travel (Cardiff):** Acquired from Redwing, London in November was YN54 AAK another Iveco 397E.12.35 Beulas. However, other reports state the vehicle to be YN54 AAU, so can a visual check be made please to confirm which is correct and let us know thanks. Optare Excel S929 LBL has been re-registered to H2KFJ. W901 MDT Neoplan N516SHD, and Y372 UOM Setra S315GTHD have both gone to Evobus, Coventry, the latter now being with Painter, Moston.

**Padarn Bus (Llanberis):** CX59 AOK is a new Optare Solo M950 B30F which was delivered in November.

**Rhodri Evans Ffoshelig (Carmarthen):** Noted for sale in December was Setra S315GTHD YSU 366 (ex T255 GON)

**Silver Star (Caernarfon):** A new Setra S415GTHD C49F registered N20 EDW was delivered in November. Meanwhile, Setra S415GTHD BU04 UTE has gone to Evobus Coventry, presumably in part exchange.

**Sixty Sixty (Merthyr Tydfil):** Acquired in December from Manchester Airport was M359 OVU a Dennis Dart 9SDL Plaxton Pointer B29F, and from Cardiff Bus, N29 OBO a Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Alexander B40F.

**Tonna Luxury (Tonna):** Acquired from Heddingham & District is EK51 JAU a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton C53F.

**Veolia Transport Cymru:** Various vehicles have been transferred in from Dunn Line: T758 JYB Bova FHD12.340 C49FT, G569 ESD Volvo B10M-55 Plaxton B53F, N611 XVO Volvo B10B-58 Alexander B51F, P547 PNE, R128/143 LNR, R807/809 YJC M/Benz 0814D Plaxton Beaver B27F and R263 XDA M/Benz 0814D Alexander B27F. G569 ESD, N611 XVO, R127/143 LNR are allocated to Treforest

**Voel (Dyserth):** Prior to being sold, Volvo B12M Plaxton 776 VC was re-registered to X664 NWY.

**Wheadon's Greyhound (Ely):** Not reported before is the arrival of YN09 KHR a M/Benz 0816D Plaxton Cheetah C29F which arrived back in June of last year.

**Wilkins (Cymmer):** From Stainton, Kendal has come PN05 AOE a VDL SB4000 Marcopolo C57F, and has been re-registered to B10 AXL.

**Windy Corner (Pencader):** Received in November from Caledonian, Glasgow was R567 MTF a Dennis Javelin Berkhof C53F.

## West Midlands

**Midland Classic:** The B7RLEs noted last month are numbered 82 (AE57 FXW) and 83 (KX57 MTE). Leaving the fleet have been Dennis Dart SLFs 53 (V400CBC), 54 (V400 CBC) and 55 (R505 SJM).

## New Deliveries

Centaur Coaches (Sidcup)	YN59 BLV	ADL Javelin / Plaxton Profile 12m C57F
CT Plus (Wakefield)	YJ09 KZT	Optare Solo B15F
Dumfries & Galloway Council	YJ59 GJG	Optare Solo M920
Purple Parking (Southall)	LS59 YZP	Ford Transit
Star Travel (Ossett)	YJ59 NNC / NND	Optare Solo
Swans (Chadderton)	MX50 AWC	ADL Enviro 200
Tynedale	MX59 BLZ	Neoplan Starliner 2
ADL (demonstrator)	YX59 BXW	ADL Enviro 200
Dawson Rentals	KX59 GNY	ADL Enviro 200
Scania (demonstrator)	YR09 GXP	Scania CK270UD Omnilink
Wrightbus (demonstrator)	BG59 FYB	Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse 2

## Alexander Dennis (Falkirk)

### December 1<sup>st</sup>

Arriva London	<i>Enviro 400</i>	LJ59 LYV: (T86) LJ59 LZV: (T87) LJ59 LZG:
Stagecoach Merseyside	<i>Enviro 300</i>	(24164) PO59 MWX: (24165) PO59 MWY:
		(24166) PO59 MWZ:
Stagecoach East Kent	<i>Scania Enviro 400</i>	GX59 JYVL: GX59 JZF:

### December 8<sup>th</sup>

Arriva London	<i>Enviro 400</i>	(T93) LJ59 LZO: (T94) LJ59 LZO:
Stagecoach East Kent	<i>Enviro 400</i>	GX59 JYY: GX59 JZD:
Stagecoach Merseyside	<i>Enviro 300</i>	PO59 MXD

### December 15<sup>th</sup>

Arriva London	<i>Enviro 400</i>	(T89) LJ59 LZK: (T90) LJ59 LZL: (T95) LJ59 LYU:
Stagecoach East Kent	<i>Scania / Enviro 400</i>	GX59 JZF: GX59 JZG: GX59 JZH:
East London Bus Group	<i>Enviro 200</i>	LX59 EDF: LX59 EDJ:

### January 19<sup>th</sup>

Arriva London	<i>Enviro 400</i>	(T113) LJ59 LYS: (T116) LJ59 LXS:
Wilts & Dorset	<i>Scania / Enviro 400</i>	(1502) HF59 FAJ:
Stagecoach Merseyside	<i>Enviro 300</i>	PO59 MXG: PO59 MXH:

### January 26<sup>th</sup>

Wilts & Dorset	<i>Scania / Enviro 400</i>	(1505) HF59 FAO:
Stagecoach	<i>Enviro 400</i>	9419-1: 9419-3: 9419-4: (only body numbers noted, un registered but we think are destined for Cambridge)

## Around the Dealers

### Ensignbus

#### Vehicles In

From Lothian Buses: Olympians P256 / 7 / 9 / 61 / 62 / 78PSX.  
 From Stagecoach East Kent: Olympians L828BKK K823/4TKP J813NKK  
 From Stagecoach East: Olympian R702DNH.  
 From Stagecoach Highlands: Javelins N865 / 6XMO  
 From Private owner: RM577  
 From Wilts and Dorset: Spectra's K107/8VLJ L118 / 29ALJ M133HPR M137KRU.  
 From First Berkshire : Scania's N795 / 7 WAN  
 From Alpha Travel : RML882.  
 From Hookways Coaches: Scania SJI8117 (was H223LOM)

#### Vehicles Out

RM577: Michael Fuller, Rushden.  
 RML2534 / 2365: Ambassatours, Halifax , Nova Scotia.  
 Olympian F285DRJ: UFO Leisure, Northampton.  
 Olympian L682HNV: Linburg Bus and Coach, Sheffield.  
 Olympians L826 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 30BKK: Johnsons Coaches, Hodthorpe.  
 Olympian P271PSX: Hookways Coaches, Exeter.  
 Olympian P420KSX: Elemis Ltd , Harrow Weald.  
 Scania SJI 8117 : AOT Travel, Nottingham.  
 Volvo B6 L833YDS B10B M102UKX: Jim Bell Coaches, Hull.  
 Spectra's M137 / 41 / 45KRU M133HPR: Cedrics Coaches, Wivenhoe, Essex.  
 Volvo B10B M524WHF : Tates Travel, Barnsley.

Volvo B10B M551WTJ: Stathams Coaches, Ibstock, Leicester.  
Volvo B10B M577WTJ: Bugler Coaches, Bristol.  
Trident V120MEV: Anthem Productions, Barnsley.  
Trident V125MEV: Confidence Coaches, Leicester.  
Dart N412MBW: Trident 2001 LTD, Thurrock.  
Dart EU06KPA: Central Buses, Birmingham.

## Rally News

### *Rally Report*

Barry Harper, visited a very cold, but dry Winchester for the annual friends of King Alfred running day, The following vehicles were noted taking part, the list seems to grow year on year

253 KTA	Southern National 2270	JFM 575	Crosville TA5
274 KTA	Western National 427	JML 413L	North Western 413
595 LCG	King Alfred Motors	JOU 160P	Cheltenham & District 5030
596 LCG	King Alfred Motors	KLG 627C	Alder Valley 127
837 SUO	Royal Blue 2351	KDL 885F	Southern Vectis 301
972 CUF	Southdown 972	KOW 910F	Southampton 402
1013 MW	Silver Star 42	KPA 369P	Alder Valley 218
5677 EL	Hants & Dorset 1450	KRU 885W	Wilts & Dorset 3455
A301 KJT	Provincial 1	LTA 752	Western National 2094
A989 XAF	Wilts & Dorset 3906	LOW 217	Aldershot & District 71
AAA 503C	Aldershot & District 503	M321 YOT	First Hants & Dorset 1321
AFM 103G	Bristol Greyhound 2157	MMW 354G	Wilts & Dorset 824
AHC 442	Eastbourne 42	MOR 581	Aldershot & District 543
ALD 37B	London Transport RM2037	MXX 285	London Transport RE395
ALD 900B	London Transport/Reading RM990	NDL 637M	Solent Blue Line 37
BBK 236B	Portsmouth 236	OED 217	Warrington 112
BFX 666T	Wilts & Dorset 4413	OTA 640G	Royal Blue 2380
CCG 704C	King Alfred Motors	OU 9286	King Alfred Motors
D503 GHY	Badgerline 2503	PNM 757M	Eayrs (Goldington)
DSL 540	London Transport RM1033	PWS 492S	Badgerline 2098
E289 HRV	Southampton 282	RHA 919G	Midland Red 5919
EIG 9487	Brijan Tours 87	SDL 268	Southern Vectis 563
EVD 406	Wood (Mirfield) 20	UFX 858S	Hants & Dorset 5377
F135 SPX	Unknown	UOU 471H	King Alfred Motors
GLJ 748	Hants & Dorset 1540	UOU 919H	King Alfred Motors
H269 HRV	Southampton 269	USK 325	London Transport RM980
HHW 920L	Bristol C1307	VLT 24	London Transport RM24
HOD 75	Western National 596	W623 FUM	Pikes (Andover)
HOR 590E	King Alfred Motors	WCG 104	King Alfred Motors
HOR 592E	King Alfred Motors	WFX 237S	Hants & Dorset 3732
J243 TSC	Velvet Buses	WHW 374N	Stroud Valley 6062
J267 UDW	Dorset Bus Co.		

also present were

Blue Star 1130, 1134. First Bus 68537. Stagecoach 16379,22750,52623. Wilts & Dorset 163.

# Out & About

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By Rod Whitaker

## Barnsley

Arriva Yorkshire  
452, 454

## Stagecoach Yorkshire

16869, 19559, 19560, 19562,  
19564, 19565, 19566, 20877,  
20928, 20642, 22085, 20942,  
22085, 22088, 22427, 22446,  
22449, 22535, 22536, 22538,  
22539, 22540, 22627, 22629,  
22649, 31026, 31029, 13032,  
31492, 31932, 31937, 39612,  
39622, 39623, 39624, 39631,  
47272, 47282, 47283, 47284,  
47289, 47291, 47297, 47298,  
47299, 47426, 47427

Tates Travel, Darton  
L621 TDY, P443 SWX,  
P467 SBH, R143 RLY,  
R148 RLY, R378 DJN,  
R467 LGH, R653 VBM,  
R654 VBM, W176 CDN

Veolia  
YX09 HZJ

## Sheffield

### First South Yorkshire

30551, 30552, 30546, 30548,  
30552, 30561, 30571, 30572,  
30573, 30575, 30874, 30875,  
30877, 30878, 30879, 30880,  
31130, 31148, 31791, 31792,  
31797, 31800, 31802, 34053,  
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34206, 34220, 34221, 34240,  
34246, 37248, 37251, 37252,  
37254, 37265, 37472, 37478,  
37479, 37480, 37481, 37482,  
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37492, 37495, 37496, 37499,  
37509, 37512, 37515, 37517,  
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60351, 60603, 60604, 60406,  
60618, 60622, 60623, 60624,  
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60632, 60443, 60655, 60656,  
60660, 60662, 60672, 60682,  
60685, 60689, 60690, 60692,  
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60710, 60712, 60713, 60717,  
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60737, 60739, 60742, 60743,  
60745, 60760, 60761, 60763,  
60798, 60799, 60800, 60805,  
60856, 60857, 60861, 60888,

60889, 60894, 61193, 61194,  
61200, 61205, 64184, 61485,  
62235, 66113, 66119

Hulleys, Baslow  
Y293 HUA

Sheffield Community Transport  
YJ51 XSP

Stagecoach East Midlands  
18033

Stagecoach Midlands Red South  
54060

Stagecoach Yorkshire  
22424, 22426, 22427, 22431,  
22433, 22434, 22436, 22439,  
22440, 22441, 22442, 22443,  
22444, 22445, 22616, 22633,  
22634, 22635, 22636, 22637,  
22638, 22639, 26106, 26107,  
26108, 26110, 31903, 31906,  
31907, 31909, 31912, 31913,  
31934, 33233, 33239, 33240,  
33243, 33248, 33249, 34584,  
35110, 35113, 35114, 35115,  
52631

TM Travel, Halfway  
J628 CEV, L353 MRR,  
P337 ROO, R974 KAR,  
R983 KAR, YJ07 JWA,  
YJ57 EHB, YJ57 EHC,  
YN08 JWE, YN58 NDV

Veolia  
YJ06 YPU, YX09 HZE

## Rotherham

First South Yorkshire  
30879, 34222, 37249, 37253,  
37257, 37258, 40531, 40973,  
40985, 50233, 60406, 60664,  
60665, 60668

Powells, Hellaby  
F364 WSC, G923 TCU,  
MX59 AVN

Stagecoach East Midlands  
35007, 35011

Stagecoach Yorkshire  
15412, 16879, 22454

Veolia  
YX09 HZG, YX09 HZJ  
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## York to Leeds

### Acomb - York

EYMS  
699, 701

### First Group

11101, 11115, 19004, 19005,  
19010, 19011, 60882, 69002,  
69277, 69306, 69362, 69370,  
69374, 69375, 69379, 69377

Harrogate Coach Travel  
5209 UA

Stephensons of Easingwold  
R815 YJC

Transdev York  
1263, 1264

York Pullman  
M205 VWX, T101 KGP,  
W431 YBN

## York - Leeds

Arriva Yorkshire  
472, 653, 688, 1506

Arrive-in-Style, Tadcaster  
GIG 4165, M561 TJL

### First Group

11114, 19007, 30834, 30950,  
30956, 31144, 31760, 32436,  
32444, 32448, 32459, 32472,  
37028, 37366, 37651, 37675,  
60883, 60902, 60922, 61070,  
66705, 69319

Harrogate & District  
1090

Parrys International, Bromsgrove  
YJ08 NTX

Pearsons Coaches of York  
PSU 987

Transdev York  
274, 276

York Pullman  
J2 YPB

Yorkshire Coastliner  
407, 420

## Leeds City Centre

Arriva Yorkshire  
694, 1311

### First Group

30951, 31143, 31764, 31766,

32446, 32473, 32535, 37022,  
37047, 37081, 37123, 37648,  
37650, 37656, 37662, 37675,  
37681, 37693, 37699, 37724,  
37727, 53907, 53909, 66706,  
69341

Harrogate & District  
308, 1087, 3604

### Leeds - York

Arriva Yorkshire  
166, 1305, 1610

First Group  
30928, 32458, 37064, 37645,  
37648, 37649, 37664, 37669,  
37701, 53904, 60849, 61074,  
66705, 69306, 69323

Transdev York  
273

York Pullman  
MIW 5791

### York - Acomb

First Group  
60882, 60920, 69000, 69309,  
69310

Transdev York  
272

### York

Beecrofts, North Yorkshire  
N574 GSW

First Group  
30957, 30960, 30961, 30964,  
60919

York Pullman  
T103 KGP, W431 YBN

19<sup>th</sup> January 2010

By Dan Sheradon

### Worcester

First Depot  
31553, 33401, 60329, 67231,  
67240, 67301, 67314, 67315,

Yorkshire Coastliner  
406, 408

### York - Huntingdon

Enterprise Travel, Darlington  
T123 APT

EYMS

348 (eclipse York on x46 to Hull)

First Group

30955, 30958, 30959, 60881,  
60882, 60896, 60902, 69000,  
67277

Shearings

MX06 AOB (820)

### York Theatre Royal

Rigby's of Leeds  
FIG 9167

04<sup>th</sup> January 2010

By Clive Smithson

### York

#### Acomb - York

First Group

30954

30955

30962

60921

69278

York Pullman

T101 KGP

Yorkshire Coastliner

404, 415

### York - Huntingdon

First Group

30963, 69268, 69275

67632, 67657, 67663, 68520,  
90274 (recovery)

### Cheltenham Depot

Stagecoach Depot

15532, 18084, 33930, 33940,

33953, 47558, 52299

06<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### York

Acklams of Beverly

MK02 ACK

Arriva Selby

177, 181

Classic Coaches, County

Durham

FJ07 DWG

EYMS

634, 703, 743, 746

First Group

11101, 11103, 11104, 11106,

11107, 11109, 19003, 19006,

19009, 19010, 30958, 30959,

30961, 30962, 40571, 40572,

40574, 60876, 60909, 60919,

60921, 60922, 69001, 69004,

69279, 69306, 69359, 69364,

69371, 69372, 39374, 69376,

69379

Go-Ahead North East

7098

Harrogate Coach Travel

EIG 1356, K108 YTX,

L50 LOW

Just Travel York

TAZ 4047

Transdev York

271, 272, 275, 276,

450, 1263, 1264, 4008

Yorkshire Coastliner

404, 415

### Kidderminster

First Depot

20514, 20515, 31455, 40269,

42180, 42185, 46103, 46931,

47011 47013, 52502, 52503,

60311, 60946, 60954, 67111,

67120, 67201, 67207, 67216,

67217, 67220, 67242, 67248

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Thanks to John Nobbin we have a fleet list for On A Mission coaches of Soulbury near Milton Keynes, they have just commenced a bus service on routes 44 and 44A in Milton Keynes

### Buses

BIG 6885 Leyland (ex Hong Kong City Bus 2006 ex reg G374 FWC)

MJI 7855, MCW Metrobus, (ex Arriva London North – M 537)

YSV 934, LDV Convoy (registration formerly that of Volvo B10M

BYX 274V, GYE 543W, MCW Metrobuses

KYV 645X, MCW Metrobus, (ex Decker Bus Company)

LMO 190X, MCW Metrobus, (ex Owens Travel, Gravesend)

LWS 33Y, Leyland Olympian, (ex ASD Bus, Rochester)

A647 BCN, MCW Metrobus, (ex Go-Ahead North East 3647, red kite livery)  
A707 THV, MCW Metrobus, (ex Decker Bus Company)  
A978 OST, Leyland Olympian, (ex Cavalier, Hunting & District 4222)  
B153 WUL MCW Metrobus, (ex Decker Bus Company, Alec Head Coaches, Broken for parts)  
B821 AOP, B898 UAS Leyland Olympians  
C31 CHM, Leyland Olympian, (ex MK Metro 231, Arriva - 5849)  
C314 BUV, MCW Metrobus, (ex Arriva London North M 1314)  
C365 BUV, MCW Metrobus  
C635 LFT, Leyland Olympian, (ex Stagecoach East Midlands, Skegness -14635)  
C644 LFT, Leyland Olympian, (ex Stagecoach East Midlands, Skegness – 14644)  
C861 BYY, Leyland Olympian, (ex Arriva – 5836)  
D388 XRS, Leyland Olympian, (ex Stagecoach Bluebird, Aberdeen – 14488)  
F300 DRJ, Leyland Olympian, (ex Stagecoach Manchester – 13300)  
H806 AHA, Dennis Dominator (ex Arriva)  
M107 BLE, M503ALP, M504 ALP, P299 MLD Dennis Darts (ex Click Services, Skelmersdale)  
P417 KSX, P421 KSX, P423 KSX, P427 KSX Volvo Olympian (ex Lothian Buses, Edinburgh)

### **Coaches**

601 HYK, Iveco  
BIG 6885, Leyland (ex Hong Kong Citybus)  
PUI 3844, Iveco (ex Blueways, Dorset, MK Collage livery)  
B265 XNK, Setra (ex Dunn-Line Seamarks, Luton)  
N980 ODS, LDV Convoy (ex Bentley, Leighton Buzzard)  
R633 VYB, Volvo B10M-62 (Abbey, Hitchin)  
FE51 RHF, Iveco (ex Blueways, Dorset)  
CX03 YHH, Ford Transit  
KT05 PYG, Scania  
FJ55 DYS, FJ55 DYT, FJ55 DYU, FJ06 BPU, Volvo B12B (select motor racing livery), FJ06 BPV, FJ06 BPX, FJ06 BPY, Volvo B12Bs  
YN06 RVE, Volvo B7B  
MK56 DON, Ayats (MK Dons Livery)  
YN07 LGY, Scania – Irizar (ex Eurolines, Ski Express Livery, part of National Express)

## **Tony's Back bit!**

To begin this month, something a bit different. A non-spotting friend has sent me a picture taken recently at Sywell airfield in Northants of centre-doored Plaxton Bustler bodied Volvo B10M-46 C302FML, see the gallery. This has titles for the British Airports Authority at Stansted (amongst others). The Bus Lists on the Web site shows this one to have been new to Ralphs at Longford near Heathrow in 1986. Gez tells me Ralphs operated the forerunner of what is now the Hotel Hoppa service now operated by the National Express Enviro 200s.

C302FML is blinded for the 'Build a Plane Project'. One of a number of youth educational initiatives by the light and home built aircraft enthusiasts' Popular Flying Association, this project involved kids building a RANS S6 kit aircraft with sections being assembled all over the UK. The aircraft flies now as G-TSOB, and is moved between venues in a mobile hangar, which is - you've guessed it - the Bustler. This must surely be a first. Reportedly the bus was donated to the project by the British Airports Authority at Stansted where it had been employed on terminal shuttle duties. So it looks as if this one could have spent an entire non-PSV life-time around our airports.

Returning now to the goldmine of information on sightings in central Scotland sent in by John Martindale that I began to write about last month. I must apologise in advance that I have, at best, only incomplete information on most of these. Any reader with anything to add, both John and I would be delighted to hear.

First-up, John reports that alive and well is Leyland Olympian B7CCE. I believe this to be the one time Lothian Buses '765' (B765GSC), that left them in 2002. I know that this has since had some connection with Dodds of Ayr and at one time was used in promoting soft drinks.

Alexander bodied Scania N113CRB H455WGG also spent time with the Dodds group before moving the short distance to Western – now part of Stagecoach's Scottish empire. More recently it has been on non-PSV duty at Prestwick Airport. Amongst others, Prestwick has/had at least two more ex-Western Scania's in C351SVV and H466WGG. It must surely have something newer than these too but - sadly – is not a place I get to these days, So, fleet list anyone? What is on the car park/car hire runs here?

Next from John is Toyota HB31R/Caetano G961SFT, new in 1989. This spent many years with McKinnon's in John's area before moving to Wilkinson's in North Yorkshire in the late 90's. Until John spotted it, no reports for a few years now though. Who knows why it is back in Scotland? Sorry, but I don't.

Another spotted by John a long way from its former haunts is Leyland Olympian TPD103X. New to London Country as fleet number 'LR3' in 1982, this then spent several years in Kent with Nu-Venture (now part of Arriva) before moving on to Best of Camborne in Cornwall in 2005. Yet another whose recent history is not known.

Last from John this time is former LT RML2754 SMK754F. This was reported last year as having joined the Milton Keynes based Pink Punters Club. The club's website reports the acquisition of 'the biggest gayest bus in the world' and carries shots of this Routemaster in an appropriate rainbow scheme. It is apparently used in support of national gay events and interests.

Moving still further south, a couple more Routemasters. NMY665E was noted recently in London's Park Lane. Not one of the run-of-the-mill RMs this though – if ever any of these iconic buses could be described as such. It began life with BA predecessor British European Airways running between Heathrow and the West London Air Terminal that operated on the Cromwell Road until about the time the underground extended to the airport. There was quite a sizeable fleet of these buses - distinctive by their front entrance design, blue and white livery, large red/white BEA titles and the blue baggage trailers they towed.

Moving on eventually to London Transport and its successor operators as RMA65 before entering preservation, NMY665E has been seen recently titled as the 'Big Red Bus'. Researching this one turned up the fascinating 'Buses on Screen' website, which does exactly what it says on the tin. The web suggests '665E is owned now by John Letts of Dorset and used on special services to such as pop festivals. In 2003 it gained TV news fame as one of three heading off to Baghdad with people believing they could act as 'human shields' and somehow prevent the second Gulf War. Mr Letts is also said to own sister vehicle NMY662E which is used as a caravan.

Seen in nearby Bayswater, conventional design JJD573D/RML2573 spent all but the first couple of years of its service life on the hard working routes of inner south London. In retirement, it now pursues a much more glamorous existence as a promotional vehicle for the city's Capital Radio. A distinctive mainly white scheme when I saw it last Christmas.

For many years, Metrobus A629BCN was '3639' with Northern General and its successors. Then it moved on to Chariots of Stanford-le-Hope in Essex. These days it is disguised in the livery of a Fresian cow as the Asda 'Dairy Bus', the purpose of which is to visit schools teaching kids about dairy products. There is a shot of this one to be seen on the Dairy Bus Facebook page.

My own meanderings around north London in search of red bus gap-fillers have turned up a few gems in recent weeks. One-time Tayside Volvo Ailsa '99' – G99PES – is now to be found parked adjacent to the Alma pub in Scotland Green Rd, Ponders End. Latterly with Denning of Enfield this one, sadly, no longer looks to be in the prime of life

Rather more alive in nearby Edmonton was LCB bodied Iveco 100E18 SJ51LZM seemingly in use as a driver trainer. The current operator for this one is unknown after it disappeared from use with West Dunbartonshire Council a while back – amongst a fleet of about a dozen full-size buses, they had sister SJ51LZL which has also moved on.

Up the road in Waltham Cross, I had just a fleeting glimpse of Setra trainer JIL4126 which carried titles something like JSM Services. Is this the long-time missing ex Bebb/National Express F26YBO anyone know? If so, where has this been lately as the last report I have is almost 7 years old?

That's it for February. Send your reports please, however small, to the address on page 2. Tony.

# The Gallery



## Photos Credits

Front Cover: After more than 25 years service, the MCW Metrobus is now bowing out of service with West Midlands, here we see 2842 (B842 AOP) heading towards Corporation Street in Birmingham

Rear Cover: RM1398 is now used by EF Language Schools throughout Europe, but seen here at Castle Donnington

Setra ROI7435 of New City Coaches snapped by the cargo sheds at Luton Airport

The Plaxton Bustler mentioned in Tony's back bit as noted at Sywell Aerodrome

Three shots taken in the North East by Gary Hunter showing some of the recent arrivals there

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