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Editorial

A rather poignant photograph on the cover this month, sent by Tony Allen, after having just lost a very close colleague to cancer and whom had spent his last days in the care of Macmillan, so if you see the Solo out and about call in and put a couple of quid in the tin, their work is invaluable. Arthur and Debbie are in the process of moving to a new address as we go to press so can only be reached by e mail at the moment.

A few of you have been asking where Cassandra is, well a couple of week ago she called to tell me that unfortunately she is now unable to get around at all, owing to her illness and has regrettably had to give up the hobby. She will be missed I am sure.

The summer rally season it slowly getting under way, with the first big event being the UK Coach Rally, this year held at Peterborough, a report appears later in the magazine. Tony Allen has done me a report on the Brijan Tours open day he attended as well.

We would like to say a very special thanks to David Blaen who is now supplying Geoff with fleet news from Wales, I'd like to mention as well Alan Spencer and Andrew Churchill who spend many hours with pen in hand getting fleet news to me, thanks chaps it is appreciated.

Next month I will catch up with the latest tendering news in London, not enough room this month.

The first of our new series of fleet books are progressing and we are aiming for an August / September launch for the first ones, we will keep you informed on progress.

Just a reminder that the membership, the first time ever, has been increased to £15.00 from this month, or jointly with ICRS membership for £27.00 per year

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A very warm welcome to the following new members: Alan Beresford (Olney), Mark Watson (Hull), Keith Symes (Haslemere), Kenneth Jones (Hyde), Michael Wiley (Birmingham), John Harrold (Frome), Eric Walter (Wigan)

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.

News from the Industry

Wrightbus has announced that it will be entering the midi bus market at the end of the year with the launch of a new small bus. Early sightings indicate that it is similar in style to the Solo albeit with the usual Wrightbus styling. The first one is currently at the Millbrook test facility with the bus due to make its public debut at this years Bus Expo at the NEC in November.

The biggest news this month is the purchase of Arriva by Deutsche Bahn, There are still quiet a few

stages to go through and conditions to be met before the take over can be fully implemented which is expected to take several months.

Diamond Bus have announced that it is making cuts to the Worcester network, with the two commercial services it operates being withdrawn, and a further will not be commenced. The company blames not being able to access the Crown Gate bus station as it needs, which First Midlands, which runs the station strongly refutes.

Reading Transport has announced that its share of the money from the "Green Bus Fund" will go towards purchasing six ADL Enviro 400H double decks. The buses each cost £300,000 and it is hoped a further 12 of the type will follow in the next two years.

Three bus companies operating in Glasgow, First in Glasgow, Arriva West Scotland and S & A Coaches, better known as City Sprinter have all been summoned to appear before the Scottish Traffic Commissioner, Joan Aitken, at a public inquiry. Glasgow City Traffic Regulations were introduced three years ago to crack down on buses that were blocking stops and causing severe traffic disruption in the city centre. Now after recording by officials over the last six months, buses belonging to all three companies have been noted dropping off passengers in areas other than designated bus stops, picking up passengers at stops designated for other services and blocking bus stops by remaining stationary for long periods.

TfL have announced the manufacturers of the 50 Hybrid buses that it is receiving through the Green Bus funding. 20 will be built by Volvo and operated by Arriva, with 30 coming from Alexander Dennis Ltd ten of which will go to Metroline with the remaining twenty operated by London United.

Safeguard and Arriva will end the joint operation of two routes in Guildford from May 23rd, route 3 linking Bellfields with the University and Royal Surrey Hospital will be run by Arriva from that date with Safeguard taking over full operation of route 4 out to the Hospital and Park Barn. The ending of joint operations will give each operator the freedom to enhance the services as each see fit, with Arriva already announcing that the 3 will see an increase in frequency.

Fleet News

Arriva

Classic Coaches: Optare Solo 303 (Y292 PDN) has arrived here, having been transferred up from Network Colchester. It replaces the Hadrians Wall Solo written off earlier in the year.

Cymru: Vehicles sold have been 394 (W194 CDN) to Stafford Bus Centre and 1778 (H78 DVM) to Lloyds. 694 and 694 are now at Chester with 2362 and 2640 moving to Aberystwyth

Excel (Stansted): Five ex Arriva London Dennis Dart SLFs have been converted to single door as B32F 410 (S310 JUA), 411 (S311 JUA), 412 (S312 JUA), 413 (S313 JUA) and 414 (S314 JUA).

London: Peter Hulse informs me that when HV3 and HV4 went for their first MOT recently the paperwork did not match the chassis numbers, not the first time this has happened of late so HV3 is now LJ09 KOU with HV4 now LJ04 KOH. He also notes some of the myriad of DLAs that have been shuffling about recently 8, 9 TH - Nu: 26, 27 E - CNt: 101, 103, 104 SF - Su: 106-115 SF - E: 126-128, 130, 131 TH - E: 139 TH - N: 140, 141 TH - E: 146 BN - N: 150-153, 159-165 BN - E: 190-199, 202, 203, 210, 211, E - AR: 214 WN - AR: 225-228 E - AR: 233 SF - AR: 237, 238, 248, 249 E - AR: 291-298 SF - AR: 311 BN - N: 246 SF - T: 374, 381 BN - TH: 382 N - TH: 387, 388 CT - TH: in addition VLWs 170, 171, 174, 176-181, 183-185, 187-192, 194-197, 199 move AR - SF and can be found now making up nearly all the pvr on route 253 and 254. A couple of DDLs have also moved 63 AR - LV and 69 EC - LV: DDL7 and DDL8 moved to Arriva The Shires at Garston in early April.

Manchester: Anybody notice last months note, should have been under First, apologies.

Midlands: All the companies National Express diagrams now come under the control of The Shires at Milton Keynes, the coaches still operate from Derby and Leicester, but are now classed as out stationed. No less than fourteen coaches being transferred there, with their new fleet numbers VDL Bus SB4000 / Van Hool Alizee C49FT 4070 (YJ03 PFX), 4071 (YJ53 VFY), 4072 (YJ04 BKF), 4073 (YJ54 CFE), 4074 (YJ54 CFF), 4075 (YJ05 PVT), 4076 (YJ55 KZS) these Scania K340EB4 / Caetano Levante C49FT 4104 (FJ56 PCY), 4105 (FJ56 PCX), 4106 (FJ56 PCZ), 4107 (FJ56 PDK), 4108 (FJ56 PDO) and 4109 (FJ56 OBP) also moving has been DAF SB3000 / Van Hool Alizee C51FT 815 DYE ex T209 XVO, new fleet number is awaited.

MK Metro: The fleet name disappeared on April 25th when the network was officially changed over to Arriva.

North East: As noted last time Arriva has now taken over the depot and operations of Go Ahead North East at Ashington, with the following vehicles being taken on as well Leyland Olympians 7201 (H481 PVW), 7202 (H485 PVW), 7203 (G529 VBB), 7204 (G546 VBB), 7205 (G545 VBB), Volvo B10B / Alexander 4535 (L209 KEF), 4536 (L210KEF), 4537 (L211 KEF), 4538 (N950 TVK) and DAF SB220s 4001 (S868 ONL), 4002 (S869 ONL), 4003 (S870 ONL), 4004 (S890 ONL), 4005 (S891 ONL), 4006 (S892 ONL) and 4007 (S893 ONL). In addition to these buses other Arriva vehicles have been re allocated here Dennis Dart 1688 (J468 OKP), 1698 (M211 YKD) Volvo B10BLE 4504 (V504 DFT), DAF SB220 / Plaxton 4049 (S349 KHN), DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4108 (L532 EHD) and Volvo Olympian 7366 (R639 MNU). The other half of the swap see Hexham depot move to Go Ahead, aside from the operation of the Newcastle – Carlisle 685 group of services which are now being operated from Jesmond garage using the same coaches.

The batch of VDL bus SB200 / Wright Pulsar 2s, delivered so far are thus 1433-1440 at Redcar with the rest at Stockton

1433	NK10 CEJ	1438	NK10 CEX	1443	NK10 CFF	1448	NK10 CFN
1434	NK10 CEN	1439	NK10 CEY	1444	NK10 CFG	1449	NK10 CFO
1435	NK10 CEO	1440	NK10 CFA	1445	NK10 CFJ	1450	NK10 CFP
1436	NK10 CEU	1441	NK10 CFD	1446	NK10 CFL	1451	NK10 CFU
1437	NK10 CEV	1442	NK10 CFE	1447	NK10 CFM	1452	NK10 CFV

The Plaxton Centros that have been running for a while have been reallocated with 02 (YJ58 FFB) now at Durham with 03 (YJ58 FFG) and 04 (YJ58 FFC) at Ashington. Mini Pointer Dart 1715 (V715 DNL) is now at Blyth with larger cousin 2716 (R716 MHN) running out of Stockton.

The missing Temsa Avenue's have been identified thus 4712 (YJ10 DHP), 4716 (YJ10 DHM) and 4717 (YJ10 DFP)

North West: New VDL Bus SB200 / Wright Pulsars continue to arrive the latest batch at Green Lane, not in any order and the registrations on some are still awaited.

3049	MX10 DAU	3053	MX10 DBY	3056	MX10 DCF	3059	MX10 DCV
3050	MX10 DBO	3054		3057	MX10 DCO	3060	
3051		3055	MX10 DCE	3058	MX10 DCU	3061	MX10 DCZ
3052							

Dennis Darts 1249, 1250, 1251 and 1254 are now at Winsford. Withdrawn have been 1940-1944, 1946-1948, 6594 and 6596.

Scotland West: More of the ex London Dennis Darts in drifting into service 1481 (V611 LGC), 1483 (V613 LGC)

The Shires: A clear out of redundant Volvo B6s has seen the following sold to Hardwicks, for scrap; 3117, 3120-3122, 3124, 3127, 3130, 3132-3134 and 3137. A few movements 2373 w - HH: 3161 AY - WB: 3164 AY - u: 3190 HH - WB: 3418 HAU - WEw: 3854 w - WB: 4426 GR - u: 5097 AY - w: 5121 WB - w: DDL16, from London has been given fleet number 3222 and is allocated to Garston.

Yorkshire: The latest changes to the fleet with thanks to Tony Salmon are as follows 22-28 Sold: 29, 53, 54 Dewsbury-Pool: 161 Wakefield-Pool: 173 Castleford-Pool: 180 Selby-Pool: 183, 185, 223 Castleford-Pool 411, 413, 415, 417, 420, 423, 424 Sold: 489 Pool-Wakefield: 511-514 Sold:

First Group

Berkshire: The batch of former First Manchester Wright bodied Volvo single decks 60162-60168, at Bracknell depot, are expected to transfer north to Glasgow.

Glasgow: Several ex London Dennis Tridents have been arriving during April 32888 (X966 HLT), 32889 (V889 HLH), 32890 (V890 HLH), 32904 (W904 VLN), 33040 (LN51 DWE) and 33089 (LN51 GMV).

Greyhound: A new service to Bournemouth was launched on May 1st. Coaches leave Bournemouth, Pier Approach at 07:05 and 18:05, also picking up at the railway station. In the return direction Coaches leave London at 08:45 and 17:30 with a journey time of 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Hampshire: A recent arrival, from Scotland is BMC School bus 68565 (SF5 TXB)

London: Yet another batch of Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini 2s H39/23D to record this month, this time the batch is allocated to Hayes (HS) garage for route 427

VN37865	BF10 LSZ	VN37871	BK10 MEV	VN37877	BF10 LSO	VN37883	BF10 LTJ
VN37866	BF10 LTA	VN37872	BK10 MFA	VN37878	BF10 LSU	VN37884	BV10 WVN
VN37867	BV10 WVP	VN37873	BK10 MFE	VN37879	BF10 LSV	VN37885	BV10 WVO
VN37868	BV10 WVR	VN37874	BK10 MFM	VN37880	BF10 LSX	VN37886	BV10 WVU
VN37869	BV10 WVS	VN37875	BK10 MFF	VN37881	BF10 LSY	VN37887	BV10 WVW

VN37870 BV10 WVT VN37876 BK10 MFJ VN37882 BF10 LTE VN37888 BV10 WVX
Also new are 15 10.2m ADL Enviro200Darts B29D at Greenford garage (G) for route 195

DML44129 YX10 BCU DML44133 YX10 BDE DML44137 YX10 BDV DML44141 YX10 BEO
DML44130 YX10 BCV DML44134 YX10 BDF DML44138 YX10 BDY DML44142 YX10 BEU
DML44131 YX10 BCY DML44135 YX10 BDO DML44139 YX10 BDZ DML44143 YX10 BEY
DML44132 YX10 BCZ DML44136 YX10 BDU DML44140 YX10 BEJ

A large array of fleet movements again this month, many of the Dart moves are as a result of routes D6 and D8 now being operated from LI garage. The Optare Solos have been withdrawn following the loss of routes 212 and W12 on which they operated; VNL32214, 32215, 32218 ON - HSw: TNL32894 NP - NPw: TNL32904 DM - DMw: TN32957 NP - DM: TN32964 DM - DMw: TN32965, 32966 NP - Xw: TNL33001 NP - NPw: TNL33002, 33003 NP - Xw: 33004 NP - NPw: TNL33010, 33012 LI - DMu: TN33191, 33194 NP - UX: TN33230 X - G: DM41272 NP - DM: DM41285 DM - LI: DML41328, 41329, 41403-41410, 41414-41418 DM - LI: DML41420 LI - WJ: DML41422, 41428 DM - LI: DM41438, 41439, 41443 DM - LI: DMC41497 LI - UX: DMC41499 UX - LI: DML41730, 41732, 41735-41737, 41739, 41761, 41762 LI - DMu: DM41751, 41753, 41756, 41757 G - HSw: DM41790-41795 DM - LI: OOS53701-53706 NP - NPw: Volvo Olympians VN34274-34276 with 34278 and 34279 have all been sold to Erith Commercials for scrap. The following have moved to the First Cascade Pool VNL32214, 32215, 32218, VNL32251-32276, TN33040, TNL33089, TN33245, 33246, DMS41262, DM41264 and DML41317.

Manchester: With Ince depot now closed the allocation has been dispersed to Bolton 31917-31921, 31926, 31928, 31930, 31935, 3193631938-31942, 60333, 60335 and 60346. Whilst Wigan have taken 30586, 30587, 31902, 31903, 31915, 31943-31948, 31950-31954, 68211-68217, 68220-68224 and 68501. Into the reserve fleet go 30579, 30585, 31904-31906

Northampton: Volvo Citybus 38123 (K123 URP) has been transferred to Wyvern at Redditch.

Scotland East: 20366 is at Larbert with similar 20369 currently running out of Livingston. A large clear out of redundant vehicles has taken place over the last few weeks with the following being sold to Campbell for scrap 30230 (G177 JYG), 34332 (J132 YRM), 34334 (J134 YRM), 38129 (K129 GNH), 38132 (K132 GNH), 40905 (N617 XJM), 40936 (R433 PSH), 41220 (R220 TLM), 62272 (J302 ASH), 62284 (N537 VSA), 62287 (N539 VSA), 62293 (P505 XSH), 62337 (M570 RMS), 62338 (M571 RMS), 62362 (N 61 CSC), 62368 (N 70 CSC), 62399 (N 67 CSC)

Somerset & Avon: The former Bristol Omnibus depot at Muller Road is due to close in July with the routes along with 250 staff based at the depot due to relocate to other depots at Hengrove and Lawrence Hill. The site will remain open to park buses overnight, but all support operations will move to other sites. First have said that a significant amount of money needs to be spent on the garage to bring it up to modern standards, money which they say cannot be justified in the present climate.

The artics at Bath now carry registrations as follows 10180 (T3 FCC), 10181 (T4 FCC) and 10182 (T5 FCC).

Wyvern: Following the arrival of the two Scania coaches from Bristol Volvos 20514 (WV02 EUP) and 20515 (WV02 EUR) have been placed in reserve. Dennis Dart 47007 is now back in service following repairs with both 47005 and 47008 in reserve with engine failure. Dennis Lance 67322 (ODZ 8922) and Dennis Dart 47013 (N313 XAB) have been re activated to cover.

Go Ahead Group

London: DP192 BE - Q: LDP47 BV - MA: LDP64 BE - PL: LDP71 BE - SI: LDP151 BX - Q: LDP206 AF - A: NV183 BXc - BE: PVL41 SW - BVu: PVL43, 44 BX - BXu: PVL45 Qt - BVu: PVL47 SW - BVu: PVL50 BX - BXu: PVL53 NX - BVu: PVL55 BX - BXu: PVL79 SW - MA: 90, 91 BX - BXu: PVL102, 111 AL - NX: PVL112 AL - AF PVL120 BVu - Qt: PVL132 AL - BX: PVL137, 138 BV - AL: PVL149 AL - AF: PVL150, 151 AL - BV: PVL169 SW - MA: PVL250, 258-260, 266, 267 BX - BVu: PVL271 MWw - PM: PVL273, 275, 277, 278 PM - AF: VP18, 19 MWt - Qt: VWL27-44 BV - MW: WVL72, 73, 75, 77 MW - AL: WVL78, 82, 89, 90, 94, 99 MW - BEu: WVL100 MW - AL: 103 MW - BEu:

North East: As its part of the depot swap with Arriva Hexham depot was taken over from the end of March. Volvo B10BLEs acquired from Arriva, are these 620 (V729 DNL), 621 (V730 DNL), 622 (V731 DNL), 623 (V732 DNL), 624 (V74 ECU), 5144 (V530 GDS), 5145 (V531 GDS) 5146 (V532 GDS), 5147 (V533 GDS), 5148 (V534 GDS), 5149 (V535 GDS) and 5150 (V536 GDS). Also transferred into Hexham from elsewhere in the Go Ahead fleet have been Mini Pointer Dart 561 (NK53 TLF), 562 (NK53 TLJ) and Super Pointer Dart 8239 (NK51 MKN). DAF SB220s 4983-4987 are now branded as "Waggonway" for routes 28/28A linking Newcastle and Chester-Le-Street via Beamish Open Air Museum. A few re allocations see 563, 571-574 now at Gateshead with 4862-4867 at Winlaton

Plymouth Citybus: Well in a change of plan , not all of the Optare Solos expected from the North East arrived here 210 (VU52 UEE) being the only one noted as yet, most of the others went to Wilts & Dorset, with older W & D ones now due here instead

Southern Vectis: Acquired from Marchwood Motorways are 67 P125 RWR and 91 P887 PWW DAF SB3000 Ikarus.

Wilts & Dorset: I probably caused a bit of confusion last month, because I certainly was, any how there is as yet no Solo with fleet number 2700. the last four from the north east are thus 2701 (GP02 DPV), 2702 (VU52 TTK), 2703 (VU42 UES) and 2704 (MX03 YDD)

National Express Group

Operations: 8351, 8352 CY - SR: C001 CY - SR: C051,C052 SH - SR: C053 SR - SH: C065 CY - SH

The Kings Ferry: Nine very impressive Caetano CT650 bodied Mercedes-Benz OC500RF C53FT coaches are on order for imminent delivery, the first being an un resgitered example shoen at the UK Coach Rally.

West Midlands: 626 WB - res: 639 WA - res: 673 WB - res: 1324, 1326,WN - res(last two Alexander strider bodied B10Bs): 1328, 1336, 1338, 1359, 1366 WN - res: 1368 reinstated as trainer: 1403 YW - PB: 1417, 1448, 1460, 1464 PE - WN: 1502 (P502 KOX) trainer - WA: 1524, 1533 WB - PE: 1553, 1575, 1576 LH - PE: 1593, 1615, 1705, 1707, 1743 WB - PE: 1788, 1789 LH - YW: 3022 AG - w: 4145, 4148, 4149, 4152, 4158, 4336, 4338, 4358, 4371, 4375 YW - LH: 9240, 9266, 9410, 9411 trainer - w: 7304 (YX06AWM) new to Wisharts: 7373 Dundee-unallocated:

Registrations for a couple of the missing Scania Omnilinks are 1945 (BX10 AED), 1946 (BX10 AEE) and 1948. The last four of the current batch are 1950 (), 1951 (XA10 AEL), 1952 (BX10 AEM) and 1953 (BX10 AEN).

Stagecoach

Bluebird: This months changes see many of the ex Hong Kong Olympians move on to the disposal list 13512, 13513, 13514, 13645 and 13648. Also for disposal are Volvo Olympian 16202 and Mercedes 709D 40046. Just a couple of allocation changes 16190, 52227 Highland - Aberdeen, 20327 Aberdeen - Macduff

Cambridgeshire: As mentioned last month Cambridge depot has taken delivery of no less than 50 new ADL Trident 2 / Enviro 400 double decks this month

19567	AE10 BWC	19584	AE10 BWV	19597	AE10 BXK	19609	AE10 BXY
19568	AE10 BWD	19585	AE10 BWW	19598	AE10 BXL	19610	AE10 BXZ
19573	AE10 BWF	19586	AE10 BWX	19599	AE10 BXM	19611	AE10 BYA
19574	AE10 BWG	19587	AE10 BWY	19600	AE10 BXN	19612	AE10 BYB
19575	AE10 BWH	19588	AE10 BWZ	19601	AE10 BXO	19613	AE10 BYC
19576	AE10 BWJ	19589	AE10 BXA	19602	AE10 BXP	19614	AE10 BYD
19577	AE10 BWK	19590	AE10 BXB	19603	AE10 BXR	19615	AE10 BYF
19578	AE10 BWL	19591	AE10 BXC	19604	AE10 BXS	19616	AE10 BYG
19579	AE10 BWM	19592	AE10 BXD	19605	AE10 BXU	19617	AE10 BYH
19580	AE10 BWN	19593	AE10 BXF	19606	AE10 BXV	19618	AE10 BYJ
19581	AE10 BWO	19594	AE10 BXG	19607	AE10 BXW	19619	AE10 BYK
19582	AE10 BWP	19595	AE10 BXH	19608	AE10 BXX	19620	AE10 BYL
19583	AE10 BWU	19596	AE10 BXJ				

This leaves the fleet disposition as follows

Cambridge (incl Haverhill & Royston): are Volvo Olympians (3) 16591-16593; Dennis Tridents (13) 17078, 17079, 18339-18349; Enviro 400s 19295-19316, 19567, 19568, 15573-19620 (72); MAN 18.220s 22058-22060, 22278, 22316-22329 (18); Enviro 200s 36011-36013, 36041-36045, 36060-36065 (14); Optare Solos 47351-47353, 47394, 47395 (8)

Ely (incl City Sightseeing) Volvo Olympians 16528, 16541-16545 (6); Dennis Tridents 18057, 18292, 18335-18338 (6); MAN 18.220s 22301-22313 (13)

Fenstanton (incl St Neots, Havehill, March & Ely): Volvo Olympians 16049, 16056, 16070, 16125, 16130, 16139, 16146, 16210, 16212-16214, 16216-16218, 16581, 16587-16590 (19); Dennis Tridents 18058-18060 (3); Volvo B10 21160-21166 (7) Dennis Dart SLFs 33305-33308, 33462-33464 (7); Optare Solos

47658, 47659 (2)

Guided Bus; Enviro 400s 15456-15465 (10); Volvo B7RLE 21221-21230 (10)

Peterborough (incl Holbeach Drove, Oundle & March): Dennis Trident 17691-17697, 18411-18424 (21); MAN 18.220s 22330-22340 (11); Dennis Dart SLFs 33297, 33393-33396, 33398, 33399, 33461, 34479, 34530, 34532-34549, 34878-34882, 35103-35106 (39) National Express Volvo B12M 52678, 53001-53005, 53022 (6)

Reserve: MAN 18.220: 22314, 22315, 22457-22461 (7)

For disposal: Volvo Olympians 16010-16015, 16018-16026, 16082, 16083, 16086, 16089, 16091, 16095, 16097, 16102, 16106, 16109, 16113, 16162, 16167, 16174, 16175 (30); Volvo B10Ms 20110, 20112, 20114, 20321, 20328, 20329, 20530, 20531, 20533, 20534, 20568, 20573-20575, 20845, 20846, 20849-20851, 20855, 20857 (21); Dennis Dart SLFs 33298, 33299, 33302, 33310, 33312, 33322-33324, 33397, 33604, 33802, 33806 (12)

East: Volvo B10M coaches 52033 and 52330 are now off fleet strength after finally being sold on by Plaxtons. Other movements have been 14056 KT - dis: 14057, 14064 CB - dis: 18105, 18407, 18408 KT - NO: 32139, 32141 NO - dis: 33819, 33820 NO - res: 47339 CB - NO:

East Kent & Hastings: Currently in store awaiting deployment at Folkestone are four ADL Enviro200Darts 36122 (GN0 JCY), 36123 (GN10 JCZ), 36124 (GN10 JDF) and 36125 (GN10 JDJ). Several Volvo Olympians are in the process of being transferred in, from South to replace Leyland Olympians, the first two 16374 and 16379 are now at Ashford with 14806 and 14808 moving to disposal. A couple of other movements have been 33387 res - FO: 32603 FO - res: 52231 S/C South - res 40933 trg - dis:

East Midlands: This month sees a start being made in replacing the open top fleet of MCW Metrobuses with Dennis Tridents, The first two being 17673 which has been re-registered as BLZ 1423 formerly on 15958 which is back as POG 495Y and 17674 which is now TIL 7901 off 15991 which is back as ROX 627Y both of which are now withdrawn. Summer season see others activated at Skegness 15934, 15952, 15972, 15977 with Atlantean 14667 back in use at Grimsby depot for use at Cleethorpes. Other allocation changes this month we have 15994 res - w: 16047 HL - res: 16314 res - GY: 16431 res - LI: 16465 HL - res: 16472, 16473, 16476, 16478 SP - res: 16807 HL - LI: 16808 HL - res: 16823-16825 HL - SP: 16919 LI - res: 19074 LI - GH: 22796-22799 LI - HL: 23955 LI - DR: 34001, 34002 HL - LI: 34003, 34006, 34007 HL - res: 34460 res - LI: 34570 HL - res: 34571 HL - LI: 34572 HL - res: 34573 HL - LI: The last Renault minibuses operated in the fleet 48105, 48107, 48111, 48113 and 48114 have all been retuned to Translinc.

A batch of new ADL Enviro200 Darts should be in service at Lincoln as you read this

36114	FX10 AEV	36116	FX10 AEY	36118	FX10 AFA	36120	FX10 AFF
36115	FX10 AEW	36117	FX10 AEZ	36119	FX10 AFE	36121	FX10 AFJ

East Scotland

(Fife): A quiet month with just these to note 16248 dis - P: 16417 dis - P: 18099 C - A: 18195 A - C: 42223 A - res: 47228 D - A: 53276, 53297 res - R:

(Strathay & Perth): Arrivals from Stagecoach South are a pair of Dennis Dart SLF / ALX200s 34059 (S459 BWC) and 34060 (S460 BWC) allocated to Perth where they displace two Volvo B10Ms 20173 and 20176 to the disposal list. Also moving in to Perth. From Fife have been Volvo Olympians 16248 and 16417 which allow Leyland Olympian 14409 and Volvo Olympian 14199 have been sold to RGC Recyclers for scrap MAN / ALX300 22252 is back in service at Dundee, after engine repairs. Finally the last Metrorider 47949 is now on the disposal list with a u/s engine

Manchester: Only a single movement this month 22146 res - HE:

Merseyside: Dennis Darts 33139 and 33141 have been transferred north to Bluebird and should appear in service at Aberdeen. Volvo Olympians 16441 and 16870 have moved to North West, seeing use at Carlisle after repaint, with 16411 back in service. Volvo B10Ms 20744 and 20748 have been sold to Springfield Bus Company, for onward sale

North East

(Busways) More buses sold for scrap have been Dennis Darts 32724 and 32764. Allocation changes are 16705 res - WE: 19380 WE - d/l: 20123 SS - d/l 21137 SS - d/l: 35190 res - SS:

(Transit): Volvo B10M 20124 moving from reserve over to South Shields is the only thing to note this month.

North West: Morecambe & Heysham liveried Leyland Olympian 14204 has been sold to the Springfield Bus Co,. Other sales have been Leyland Olympian 14233 and Volvo Olympian 16648 to Wigleys , for scrap, along with Volvo B10Ms 20737 and 20754 with many more of these to follow over the coming couple of months, Ensignbus have taken Plaxton Interurbans 52196, 52410 and 52413. Other re allocations consist 18139-18142, 18144 res-BA: 18374 KL-PR: 20107, 20301 BA-BAR: 20305 KL-KLR: 20735 LL-dis: 20755, 20756, 20758, 20760 BA-BAR: 20778 LL-dis: 33143, 33144 PR-PRr: 40017, 40018, 40026 LL-dis: 40269 ME-dis: 40395 LL-dis: 42545 res-CE: 47148, 47149 PR-BAR: 47474 PR-res

Mercedes-Benz 709Ds 40011 and 40033 have been converted for use as promotions vehicles and were undergoing repaint at Carlisle in early May. Four Optare Solos are due at Lancaster during the course of the month 47728-47731, two are registere PX10 DZG and PX10 DZH.

Oxfordshire: With the new Scania / ADL Enviro 400s now in service at Witney, The ALX40 bodied Dennis Tridents 18131-18137 and 18393-18397 have moved to Devon,, where they are expected to enter service at Barnstaple

Preston Bus: Back on fleet strength are Dennis Tridents 18582 and 18583 along with Scania Esteems 28510-28521 and Optare Solo 47767

South: Ensignbus have taken Leyland Olympians 14816-14818, 14952 and 14954. Volvo Olympian has been sold to Wigleys (Barnsley) with Clynogg & Trefor taking Volvo B10M 20631. Movements see Volvo Olympians 16366, 16367, 16374, 16379, 16380 and 16501 move across to East Kent, to replace Leylands there. Also moving there is 52231. Internal movements have been 14970 AR - res: 14972 WI - res: 16278 res - CR: 16503 AR - dis: 16504 AT - dis: 16506, 16507 WI - dis: 16513 WI - AT: 18519, 18520, 18523 res - WI:

South West: A quiet month this time 15328, 15329 res - dis: 16050 EX - EM: 17005 res - EM: 17050 EM - EX: 32164 dis - res: 32450 TQ - res: 33159 res - TQ: 40979 dis - res: Next month will see more action with the Tridents transferring from Oxford and new Scania / Enviro 400s in the pipeline.

Wales: Movements this time to note 33558 BR - res: 33608 d/l - IB: 33618 CP - d/l: 33621 PT - BR: 33624 d/l - IB: 33625 PT - IB: 33626 d/l - IB: 34046 res - CP: 34756, 34763 res - PT: 41427 scrapped: 47383 BR - CN: 59622, 59681 IB - dis:

Warwickshire: Another Leyland Olympian 14023 is now for disposal, having been replaced by one of the Olympian arrivals, 16782, from Manchester. 16085 has been placed in the reserve fleet from Stratford, replaced there by the other Olympian from Manchester 16768. 16729 has moved from Leamington to Rugby. Volvo B10M 20223 is another now on the disposal list.

West: Three new ADL Enviro 200s have arrived at Swindon 36126 (VX10 COA), 36127 (VX10 COH) and 36128 (VX10 COJ). Also due imminently are three Scania / ADL Enviro 400s 1548-15650

West Scotland: 27 Scana / ADL Enviro 400 double decks 15621-15647 are just about to be delivered for use on the 11 route linking Kilmarnock with Ardrossan. On loan at Glasgow depot during April has been an MAN / Plaxton Panther coach MX10 DDN which has seen use on various Citylink and Megabus work. Changes this time around revolve around the new Enviro 300s with the displaced MANs now heading to Dumfries rather than Glasgow, replacing Volvo B10Ms of which several have already been taken out of service due to losing Contracts around Lockerbie of late. 14656 DS - res: 20507 res - AN: 20512, 20565, 20571, 20577 DS - dis: 31370, 40530, 40634 K - res: 42019, 42020 DS - res: 47357, 47358 res - K: Enviro 300 24183 has been re registered as B10 PSV previously carried by 22601 which has regained its old registration of V601 GCS.

Yorkshire: New at Barnsley are Optare Solos 47723 (YN10 AGO), 47724 (YN10 AGU), 47725 (YN10 AGV), 47726 (YN10 AGW) and 47727 (YN10 AGY). With the arrival of these several older Solos 47425-47428 are moving to Bluebird with 47287 transferring from Barnsley to Chesterfield.

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Lancashire United: Mini Pointer Darts 656 (V656 HEC), 657 (V657 HEC)and 660 (V660 HEC) have been sold to Ensign bus and have found a new home with Central Connect in Birmingham. Optare Solos 1257 (MX07 BCV) and 1258 (MX07 BCY) have also left the fleet.

London United: just a few allocation changes to report this time VA102 AVw - AV: VP107 BTw - AV: TA312 AV - TV: TA316 FW - TV: VA297-299 have been returned to the leasing company

Independent Operators

Scotland

AAA Coaches: Arthur has noted PO58 HPF here recently he did not note the type although I believe it may be a Marcopolo

Aberfoyle Coaches: Another company that has a new ADL Enviro200 Dart MX10 DXW

Ayrways: Ex Gibsons Direct Optare Solo SF54 ORL is now in use here

Coakley (Motherwell): Two ex Arriva Leyland Olympian / Alexander RLs have been added to the fleet recently F572 SMG and F575 SMG. Also coming from Arriva West Scotland come two more Scania M110 RMS and M121 RMS

Cumbrae Coaches: A third ADL Enviro 300 B45F is new SN10 CAA

Henderson Travel: A new arrival is of ADL Enviro 200 B29F 110 (SN10 CAU)

E & M Horsburgh: Optare Solo MX58 AAF is now in the yellow fleet livery after repaint out of Tesco colours. A further Dennis Dart SLF is SN06 HRZ from Coakley

Glasgow Citybus: New arrivals here are five ADL Enviro200Darts YX10 EAJ, YX10 EAK, YX10 EAM, YX10 EAO and YX10 EAP.

Lothian Buses: Now in service on the "Airlink" route linking the City Centre with the airport are fourteen Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini double decks, which feature leather seats and additional luggage space on the lower deck. They carry two tone blue livery and branding for the service

937	SN10 DKE	941	SN10 DKL	945	SN10 DKX	948	SN10 DLE
938	SN10 DKF	942	SN10 DKO	946	SN10 DKY	949	SN10 DLF
939	SN10 DKJ	943	SN10 DKU	947	SN10 DLD	950	SN10 DLJ
940	SN10 DKK	944	SN10 DKV				

MacPhails: New arrival, in late April was VDLBus FHD127.365 / Bova Futura SN10 AVG. It is being operated in Caledonian Travel colours

McColls (Dumbarton): A further Volvo B10M / Alexander PS purchased from Western is K577 LTS. Olympian 3015 (M275 JGB) has been sold to HBC Salvage for scrap.

Moffat & Williamson: New are a pair of C57F Plaxton bodied Javelins are YN10 ABX and YN10 ABZ. These are joined by a Volvo B9 / Plaxton Elite in a new blue and yellow colour scheme MW10 JNR

Milligan (Mauchline): An impressive new coach arriving in time for this years summer season is Neoplan N2216 MX10 DK

Parks of Hamilton: New is Plaxton Elite 1 RWM in a revised version of Parks black and gold colours

West Coast Motors: Former Lothian Olympian E309 MSG is due at Oban to replace Titan GYW 273W.

Whitelaws: A pair of Volvo 9700 C49FT integral coaches are now in use SF10 GCK and SF10 GVL

North East & Yorkshire

Centrebus (Huddersfield): Recent arrivals at Huddersfield have been Scania N230UD / Optare Olympus double decks 904 (YN07 LHT) 905 (YN07 LHW) and 906 (YN07 LHZ), whilst Dennis Dart 510 (R141 RLY) has transferred to the Grantham operation with Volvo B7TL 925 (Y366 GRR) now at Leicester.

Centrebus (Leeds): A new operation set up to operate the 737/747/757 series of services to Leeds Bradford Airport. It uses the White Rose Bus Co license but Caentrebus fleet names. Several former Menzies Scania single decks have been acquired still in their original Silver but carrying "Airport Direct" branding; 781 (YN03 UVW), 783 (YN03 UWA), 785 (YN03 UWR) and 786 (YN03 UWS)

Coopers (Bedlington): Now operating here is Volvo B12B / Van Hool WSV 497

East Yorkshire: The latest changes see a clear out of redundant stock with 463, 467, 474, 475, 574-576 and 580 all being sold. Open top Volvo Citybuses 892, 895, 896 and 897 are now back on fleet strength for the summer season at Scarborough. Transbus Dart SLFs 335 and 336 have been transferred to the associate Whittle fleet as their 35 and 36. Fleet movements have been 587 Scarborough-Hull: 684, 686 Hull-Bridlington: 687, 688 Hull-Scarborough: 771 Withernsea-Hull: 774 Hull-Withernsea.

Six new Volvo B7RLE / Wrightbus Eclipse single deckers are being delivered over the next couple of week 367 (YX10 EYS), 368 (YX10 YET), 369 (YX10 EYU), 370 (YX10 EYV) 371 (YX10 EYW) and 372 (YX10 EYY). 367 and 368 have entered service on the new "Petuaria Express" service linking Gilberdyke, Elloughton and Brough with Hull which commenced on April 26th.

Gem Travel (Stanley): Now here is Volvo B10M / Plaxton Paramount G66 R

Gillinghams (Catchgate): Former Primrose Leyland Tiger / Duple 340 C74 KLG has been withdrawn

National Holidays: This years intake of coaches sees more Setra S415GT-HD C48FT

26	NH10 BSH	30	NH10 GSH	34	NH10 LSH	38	NH10 PSH
27	NH10 CSH	31	NH10 HSH	35	NH10 MSH	39	NH10 RSH
28	NH10 DSH	32	NH10 JSH	36	NH10 NSH	40	NH10 SSH
29	NH10 FSH	33	NH10 KSH	37	NH10 OSH		

Redline: Now running here is L86 VDM latterly operated by JP Travel of Middleton which had passed through BCA Auctions late last year.

Howard Snaith (Otterburn): A huge investment sees the arrival of a pair of new Plaxton Elite coaches YN10 EOT a 2 axle with a three axle model YN10 ADX. These are joined by a Mercedes-Benz / Plaxton Cheetah 2 YN10 EOS.

Perrymans (Berwick): New here is a Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse 041 (BK10 MFP), the Birmingham registration probably meaning that it is a leased from Volvo Bus. Also here is Volvo B7R / Plaxton Profile YN03 NHX.

Tates Travel: Acquired from Wigleys is former Stagecoach Volvo B10M / Alexander PS K754 DAO

Tees Valley (Eaglescliffe): Boroughbus services 758 /759 was taken over on emergency tender, having been latterly operated by A 1 Coaches, from early April with Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Beaver X182 BNH acquired for use on them.

Tyneside Travel: Having taken over services 73/74 running between Sunderland and Washington two buses have been added, a former Go Ahead London Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Dart SLF R465 LGH along with an ex Reading Optare Excel P503 OUG

North West England

Alba Travel (Great Salkeld): The company has taken over the operation of the Cumbrian based turns of the AD122 Hadrians Wall bus service. It has taken delivery of a pair of Optare Solos for use on the service YJ10 EZA and YJ10 EZZ

Alfa Travel (Chorley): This years intake of new touring coaches are the now standard Plaxton Paragon bodied C4FT Volvo B12B 56 (YN10 EOC), 57 (YN10 EOF), 58 (YN10 EOG) and 59 (YN10 EOK).

Blue Bus (Middleton): Noted in use in April has been ADL Enviro 300 SN08 AAF

Bullocks (Cheadle): A new coach is Scania Omniexpress YT10 WLF, which has been joined by a Scania / Irizar PB10 BUL

Grand Prix Coaches (Brough): Currently being used here is VDL Bus Sb200 / Plaxton Centro YJ58 FFO. It is usually to be found the on 563 Penrith – Kirkby Stephen service

Haytons (Manchester): A Solo acquired is SH51 MKO up until recently leased to First Glasgow as its 40857.

JP Travel (Midleton): Second hand arrival is Optare Excel 171 (S928 LBL)

Maytree Travel (Bolton): New here is ADL Enviro200Dart MX10 DXT.

NBM Hire (Penrith): Due very shortly is an ex Redwing of London coach, NBM wasn't sure of its exact registration but is currently away for repaint.

Rosendale Transport: Added to the fleet has been a Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse Urban 208 (FJ57 CVX). The bus has over the passed couple of years been trialled by a number of operators throughout the north west. Following the loss of school contracts Dennis Javelin / Plaxton Premiere 300 (N300EST) was withdrawn on April 16th.

Shearings: Here are this years new arrivals, like last year a split with a couple batches of Setra S416GT-HD 201-210 are C48FT with 211-230 being C52FT

201	BK10 EJA	204	BK10 EJE	207	BK10 EJJ	209	BK10 EJN
202	BK10 EJC	205	BK10 EJF	208	BK10 EJL	210	BK10 EJO
203	BK10 EJD	206	BK10 EJG				
211	BF10 VCA	216	BF10 VCJ	221	BF10 VCO	226	BF10 VCW
212	BF10 VCC	217	BF10 VCK	222	BF10 VCP	227	BF10 VCX
213	BF10 VCD	218	BF10 VCL	223	BF10 VCT	228	BF10 VCY
214	BF10 VCE	219	BF10 VCM	224	BF10 VCU	229	BF10 VCZ
215	BF10 VCG	220	BF10 VCN	225	BF10 VCV	230	BF10 VDA

South Lancs Travel: Dennis Trident X80 SLT was re registered to PL52 XAD and has been sold to Blackpool Transport. Its place in the fleet being taken by brand new Scania N230UD / Optare Olympus 10 (D10 SLT). Volvo B7TL180 (X645 XDA) now carries registration X80 SLT.

Warrington Coachways: Mercedes-Benz Vario R446 YNF has been sold to Mulleys Motorways of Ixworth who have acquired it for spares use.

Central England

Cedar Coaches (Bedford): A new arrival is a King Long XQ6900 C31F ER10 EJR

Centrebus (Grantham): Several MCW Metrobuses have been sold to Ripleys for scrap A113 WVP, B828 AOP and B831 AOP.

Central Connect: Two ALX bodied Dennis Darts have arrived from Bluebird (Middleton) Y252 KNB and Y254 KNB. These have been joined by three Mini Pointer Darts formerly with Lancashire United V656

HEC, V657 HEC and V660 HEC.

De Courcey (Coventry): Brand new for use on the is Scania N230 / Optare Olympus CV10 COV

Heartlands Travel (Tamworth): A number of former Arriva vehicles have been bought from the Stafford Bus Centre; M301 YBG, M302 YBG, M303 YBG, M517 KPA, M519 KPA, M762 JPA, M763 JPA and N527 SPA.

Johnson Bros (Hodthorpe): Paul Hind noted a new coach on his native Isle of Wight on April 10th YN10 AAF a Plaxton Bodied Irisbus. It carries Coach Holidays.com livery

Johnsons (Henley-in-Arden): Two of the recently delivered VDL Bova Futuras are YJ10 JYC and YJ10 JYD.

Nottingham City Transport: Two demonstrators have seen use of late a blue & White Optare Solo numbered 100 (YJ10 EZB) and an ADL Enviro 200 numbered 101 YX59 BXW, this in ADL demonstrator livery with a large Union Jack on the rear, both being trailed on various routes including the 70 to Arnold and 100 to Southwell services. New are nine leather seated Scania Omnidekka H51/35F double decks

980	YT10 UWJ	983	YT10 UWM	985	YT10 UWO	987	YT10 UWR
981	YT10 UWK	984	YT10 UWN	986	YT10 UWP	988	YT10 UWS
982	YT10 UWL						

980-988 are in Go2 Turquoise and Silver livery which have entered service on route 77

Alan Spencer tell me he thinks he has seen a white one as well 989 (YT10 UWU)

Trentbarton: More new Optare Solos are a single one running in pink livery for the Dash service in Burton 484 (FJ10 EHF) and for the newly re-launched Radcliffe Line service we have these six, each being given a different rear ad, 485 (FJ10 EHG)[*Whats my Line*], 486 (FJ10 EHH)[*Bass Line*], 487 (FJ10 EHK), 488 (FJ10 EHL), 489 (FJ10 EHM)[*Get the latest Lines*] and 490 (FJ10 EHN)[*designer Line*], these being complete with leather and wood effect flooring.

Veolia East Midlands: It has been reported that more services will cease at the end of May with Heanor garage now closed and Tuxford reported as closing at the end of May

Yourbus: On loan, from Red Diamond in late April has been Dennis Dart SLF / Wright Crusader R410 FFC. Further expansions sees five Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Dart SLFs enter the fleet 1501 (LG02 FFC), 1502 (LG02 FFD), 1503 (LG02 FFE), 1504 (LG02 FFH) and 1505 (LG02 FFJ). They will be used on the Y81 service and have been purchased from Ensignbus, but were latterly running with the defunct McKindless operation in Glasgow. The present bigger darts used on the Y81 are due to move onto the Y36

Wales

A&B (Caerau) Two vehicles acquired in March were W937 DGU a Dennis Javelin / Berkhof C51FT, ex D&J Gravesend, and Y317 KBN a Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere C46FT, ex Shearings.

AP Travel (rynmenyn) Acquired from Kent Coach Tours is a Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton C50F, ACZ 7490 (ex J740 CWT)

Airparks (Rhoose): From Airparks, Birmingham has come AE57 FBU a MAN 14.220 MCV Evolution B27F.

Alpine (Llandudno): New here is AP10 ALP a Volvo B12M Plaxton Panther C53FT. Meanwhile M888 ALP (ex M942 JJU) Volvo B10M Plaxton has been sold. Also now gone are 79 BEY 938W (ex YMB 507W) Bristol VRT ECW and 71 D735 PJW (ex 7326 KF) a Duple 425, both have gone for scrap. Evidently, 71 was never relicensed as D735 PJW.

Berwyn (Trefor): K312 YKG a Mercedes-Benz 811D Wright was sold in March.

Bysiau Cwm Taf (Whitland): In the January issue I reported that Plaxton Primo BC56 TAF had been returned to Plaxton, Scarborough. The vehicle in fact had only gone for modification work and is now back in Whitland. In March FE 51 RHO an Irisbus 391E.12.35 Beulas C70F arrived from Jeffs, Helmdon. EK 51 JBE a Volvo B10M Plaxton has been re-registered to 279 NDE. Meanwhile, TIL 8886 (ex G951 WNR) Dennis Javelin Plaxton has gone to Windy Corner, Pencader and R607 USP a Dennis Javelin Caetano Algarve has gone to Plaxton, Anston.

C&R (Aberbeeg): A13 GOO (ex R88 CCH) a Volvo B10M-62 / Jonckheere has arrived from George Young, Ross-on-Wye, and from Ken Hopkins, Tonna has come M99 KMH (ex W411 YSB) a Mercedes-Benz 0814D Plaxton Beaver.

Chepstow Classic Bus: Various acquisitions from Stagecoach took place in March: K237 NHC a Volvo Olympian Alexander CH45/33F; M79 VJO, M84 WBW, M103 WBW, N599 DWY and N734 XDV all Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Plaxton Pointer. Meanwhile, the following vehicles went to Wigley, Carlton for scrap: J272 SOC a Dennis Dart Carlyle, N56 KBW a Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer and M103 WBW a Dennis Dart 9.8SDL Plaxton Pointer which only arrived in March from Stagecoach.

Clynnog & Trefor: Currently on loan from Dawsonrentals, Milton Keynes is KU52 RXL a Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer B31F. Acquired from Parks of Hamilton and now registered MX07 EFX is a Volvo B12M Plaxton (previous registration not known at this stage). Volvo B12M Jonckheere HSK 647 has been re-registered MV 08 DTO. The following have now gone to a dealer for scrap, C88 CHM and C89 CHM Leyland Olympian ECW and C156 YBA Leyland Olympian Northern Counties. Meanwhile the following vehicles have all gone to Volvo, Loughborough, YS 02 YYB (ex KSV 361) Volvo B10M Plaxton; Y10 TTL (ex YSU 446) Volvo B10M Berkhof and MAZ 7093 (ex M986 HHS) a Volvo B10M Jonckheere.

Country Bus (Undy): N377 JGS a Mercedes-Benz 709D Plaxton Beaver was acquired back in December from Drake, Blaina.

Davies (Cross Hands): Acquired from Wombwell Coaches is R3 WCT (ex R908 ULA) a Volvo B10M-62 Berkhof C49FT.

Davies (Lampeter): A Mercedes-Benz 411CDi registered WX54 NPO was acquired in November.

Edwards (Llantwit Fardre): Vehicles acquired in March are eight Dennis Dart SLF / Wrightbus B25F from Citybus, Belfast, and are as follows: DCZ 7649, DCZ 7650, LAZ 7641, YAZ 8643-8647. Also acquired but from Airparks, Birmingham are three MAN 14.220 MCV Evolution's registered BC05 JHL (ex W222 APS), BC05 JHV (ex W555 APS) and AE55 EHK. These latter three in blue Citylink branding for the service linking Beddau with Cardiff

Edward Bros (Tiers Cross): Acquired in March from Lewis, Whitland was NXI 813 (ex H816 AHS) a Volvo B10M Plaxton.

EST (Cowbridge) / GM (Cefn Cribwr): Leyland Lynx H358 WWY was withdrawn in March.

Express Motors (Penygroes): B2 OVA (ex L76 YTN) a Bova was sold in March

Ferris (Nantgarw): FN03 DXT a Volvo B12B / Berkhof is currently at Moseley, Wellington on sale or return.

Glamorgan Bus (Cwmbach): From Edwards, Llantwit Fardre has come M699 EDD a Mercedes-Benz 709D Alexander.

Hayward (Carmarthen): From Crystal Travel, Cinderford has come D298 EKS (ex D96 BNV) a DAF SB2305 / Jonckheere Deauville.

Jenson (Pontypool): Acquired in March from Holmeswood Coaches was M312 KRY a Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere.

Laser (Tonypanyd): From Malvernian has come P10 OAH a Scania K113CRB Irizar Century C49FT.

Laugharne Travel (St Clears): W544 EOL and W546 EOL Mercedes-Benz 614D LCB have been acquired from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Lewis (Whitland): Acquired in March from Bysiau G&M, Lampeter was MX53 ZWD a Mercedes-Benz 0814D Onyx. As noted above, NXI 813 (ex H816 AHS) a Volvo B10M Plaxton has gone to Edwards, Tiers Cross.

Lloyds (Machynlleth): From MK Metro have come R825 MJU and T692 LNV, Mercedes-Benz 0814D Plaxton Beaver.

M&H (Trefnant): Acquired back in November of last year from Boorman, Blunham and now registered RJI 4378 (ex BU04 FAA) was Mercedes-Benz OC500 MB C49FT. Scania K113CRB Van Hool RJI 4378 was re-registered to L402 VHE in November.

Mainline (Gilfach Goch): New in March was YP59 ODY a Scania K420EB Irizar C49FT which was originally destined for Ashton, St Helens until the order was cancelled. Further Scania Irizar, YN57 GAX has reverted to fleet livery, ex Majestic Holidays.

New Adventure (Gabalfa): Four ex Lothian Buses vehicles arrived in March. They are V152 EFS, V158 EFS, V161 EFS, V163 EFS Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer B42F. Noted for sale is CJZ 2776 (ex F133UDE) DAF Plaxton Paramount.

Newton's (Newbridge): Acquired from Stagecoach Wales is E788 MDE Volvo B10M-61 Plaxton Paramount C49FT. This was originally with Islwyn Borough Transport and was subsequently acquired by Stagecoach with the takeover.

Padarnbus (Llanberis): Vehicles out include, KIB7026 (ex F315 VJS) Volvo B10M Plaxton Paramount, now with Silver Star, Caernarfon. J138 DUV Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer and M637 BEY Mercedes-Benz 811D Mellor have both gone for scrap.

Silcox (Pembroke Dock): Acquired in March from Astra, Andoversford was WA04 EWT Volvo B12M Van Hool C53F. Y199 JDE Dennis Javelin Berkhof has gone to Moseley, Wellington.

Silver Star (Caernarfon): KIB 7026 (ex F315 VJS) Volvo B10M Plaxton Paramount has been acquired from Padarnbus, Llanberis, and G483 HSX Mercedes-Benz 811D PMT has been acquired from Wilkinson's Travel, Rotherham. Both vehicles have been acquired for spares. Two vehicles gone for scrap are H926 LOX Dennis Dart Carlyle and M244 JHB Mercedes-Benz 811D Plaxton.

Summerdale (Letterston): Vehicles withdrawn are YIL 3167 (ex L899 VHT) Mercedes-Benz 709D Plaxton Beaver and S580 YSU LDV Convoy.

Thomas (Rhondda): M708 JDG Mercedes-Benz 709D Alexander has been acquired from Drakes, Blaina for spares only.

Voel (Dyserth): The two Volvo B12M's acquired from Parks, Hamilton HSK 641 and HSK 651 have been re-registered SF08 VTK and MV08 DMF respectively. From East Yorkshire has come K580 RRH a Leyland Olympian Northern Counties H47/29F.

Wilkins (Cymmer): G960 ATP (ex 89D 31617) Dennis Javelin Plaxton has come from Evans, Tregaron.

Windy Corner (Pencader): Acquired from New Concept, Glasgow in March was M291 FAE a Dennis Javelin Plaxton C46FT.

Eastern Counties

Anglina (Beccles): Several former Menzies Scania Omnalink single decks are now here 420 (YN03 UVM), 421 (YN03 UVP), YN03 UVT, YN03 UVU, YN03 UVV and YN03 UWJ. A further one as yet unidentified is also here. The companies yellow livery certainly suits the lines of the bus very well indeed. A Optare Solo has also been added 330 (KX53 SBY)

Burtens (Haverhill): New here is Scania / Irizar PB triaxle YS10 BCL

Delaine (Bourne): Volvo B10B P87 SAF is a further vehicle now with Quantock Motor Services. Another Volvo B7RLE / Wrightbus Eclipse is SF5HHA, coming from Whitelaws.

Galloways: New is Setra S415GT-HD C53F BV10 ZKL

Hedingham Omnibuses: New into service on April 1st was ADL Enviro200Dart L385 (EU10 ADX). Its arrival has allowed Volvo B6 L283 (L203 HYE) to be withdrawn. Second hand acquisitions have been ex Arriva Midlands Northern Counties bodied Olympians L375 (P605 CAY), L378 (P608 CAY) and L379 (P612 CAY). These are added to by ex Stagecoach East Volvo Olympian / Alexander RL L384 (R702 DNH)

Kenzies: This seasons new arrival is Volvo B12B / Van Hool Alizee C49FT CK10 CBK

Konectbus: Five new ADL Trident 2 / Enviro 400s have been added, four for the Harford Park & Ride service in Norwich in what livery they carry 600 (SN10 CFD), 601 (SN10 CFE), 602 (SN10 CFF) and 603 (SN10 CFG). The fifth is in fleet colours 604 (SN10 CEX) and can be found on the 10 service.

Mulleys Motorways: A couple of second hand arrivals have been an ex Lothian Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer 2 V164 EFS and an ex Arriva Wright Endurance bodied Volvo B10B M552 WTJ.

Norfolk County Council:

Sanders (Holt): Another recipient of ex Menzies Scania saloons YN03 UWG, YS03 GFX and YN53 GFX

Simonds (Diss): Noted at the UK Coach Rally in Peterborough on April 17th was new Mercedes-Benz Tourismo BV10 ZJO

Whippet (Swavesey): Latest arrival is of ex Shearings Volvo / Jonckheere Mistral Y391 KBN. A pair of ex Stagecoach East Northern Counties Palatine 1 bodied Leyland Olympians have also been acquired K655 UNH and K662 UNH

London / Greater London

Abellio: Only a single transfer to record this month 8452 TF – WS

Anderson Travel: Mel has noted YN10 AAV out and about but not type identified as yet, Also new here I YN10 BWZ a VW Crafter with Excel bodywork

Big Bus Company: Six more Volvo B9L/ Optare Visionaire double decks have been added to the growing fleet of the type, these being slightly longer at 12.3m and PO63/38F DA321 (PN10 FOC), DA322 (PN10 FOD), DA323 (PN10 FOF), DA324 (PN10 FOH), DA325 (PN10 FOJ and DA326 (PN10 FOK). Another four ex Metroline East Lancs bodied Dennis Tridents, of the same batch to those already operated DA4 (LV51 YCK), DA5 (LV51 YCJ), DA7 (LV51 YCO) and DA10 (LV51YCF)

BM Coaches (Hayes): The company has take over Golden Tours and several coaches are now painted in that livery. A new midicoach is WA10 ENE a Mercedes-Benz / Sitcar

Centrebus: A pair of new Optare Solo M880 B29Fs have been introduced at Harlow, for use on newly won tendered routes around Hertford; 322 (YJ10 EYO) and 323 (YJ10 EYP). A second hand acquisition has been Optare Solo M950F B28F 339 (MX08 MYW).

Clarkes (Lower Sydenham): New for this year are a batch of ten Mercedes-Benz Tourismo coaches noted so far have been BV10 ZKB, BV10 ZKC, BV10 ZKD, BV10 ZKE, BV10 ZKF, BV10 ZKG and BV10 ZKJ

East London Bus Group: This months movements 15170-15174 new - T: 17114 res - NS: 17139 res - dis: 17148 dis - BW: 17410, 17411 sold: 17432, 17433, 17466, 17486 T - res: 17744 T - WH: 34202,

34203, 34254 res - dis: 34255 res - BK: 34271, 34273, 34276 res - dis: 34293 res - BK: 34294 res - NS: 34302 dis - res: 34310, 34311 res - TB: 34312, 34317, 34320, 34328, 34329 res - dis: 34330 res - WH: 34353 BK - TL: 34378 TL - PD:

P & J Ellis: A couple of new coaches to note are Volvo B7R / Sunsundeugi FJ10 DNO and Volvo B12B / Jonckheere SHV FJ10 DPE.

Ensignbus: Two former Go Ahead Dennis Tridents have been taken into the service bus fleet 107 (X601 EGK) ex PDL1 and 108 (X602EGK) ex PDL2. Both have been converted to H41/28F.

Flights Hallmark (Heathrow): I cannot recall if I noted the arrival of 12 ADL Enviro200Dart / MCV Evolution B37Fs so here they are AE10 CSF, AE10 CTU, AE10 CTV, AE10 CTX, AE10 CTY, AE10 CTZ, AE10CUA A10 CUC, AE0 CUG, AE10 CUH, AE0 CUJ and A10 CUK. These are the first of a large order by Rotala, with the others destined for the Birmingham operations later in the year. Tony Allen has also noted a Plaxton Cheetah 2 operating here as SF10 EBN

Metroline: Not a lot happening this time around with these Darts DLF85, DP1021, DP1024, DP1035 and DP1039 all being returned to Dawson Rentals. Just a couple or moves TP416, 421 AH-HT and VP507 HT-AC:

Menzies: Along with the rigid Scania noted last month some Scania N280UA 6x2EB AB53T bendibuses have also been added, four noted up to now SA1 (YT10 OBA), SA2 (YT10 OBB), SA3 (YT10 OBC and Sa4 (YT10 OBD). I understand that a total of ten are due

Premium Coaches: A pair of new Volvo B12M / Plaxton Panthers are SF10 EBP and SF10EBU

Redline (Aylesbury): A recent arrival is Marshall bodied Dennis Dart SLF T409 AGP with a second due imminently. Leaving is Volvo B6LE T507 TOL to the Stafford Bus centre

Red Rose (Aylesbury): The first double decker in the fleet is ex Dublin Bus Volvo Olympian 99-D-90 now T309 ORP.

Sullivan Buses: New is ADL Enviro200Dart AE1 (MS10 SUL), usually to be found on Borehamwood local services

Southern England

Autocar (Five Oak Green): A new arrival here is very smart ADL Enviro 200 AC10 BUS

Brookline (Ryarsch): Delivered on April 15th was a new Van Hool TD920 Altano YJ10 DGO. Following its arrival Bova Magiq WA07 KXU has left the fleet.

Cavendish (Poole): a recent arrival for the company that took over from the defunct Roadliner has been an East Lancs bodied Volvo B10M H649 GPF, latterly with Arriva at Derby, it carries fleet number 7902. Also noted here by Tony Allen is Irisbus 397.e F5 ELF which he thinks is the former FJ03 ZTX with fn 4907 carried.

Dorset Sprinter (Bournemouth): L69 UNG a Volvo B6 Alexander B38F has been acquired from Hedingham Omnibuses. Also still here is Leyland Lynx MkII J266 UDW.

Kent Top Travel: A new coach for the council owned operation is Bova Futura T805 RBR

LJ Edwards: New here is JE 10 LJE a Bova FHD127.365 C53FT

Henshaws (Moreton-in-Marsh): An ex First Volvo B12M has been acquired WV52 KTL.

Egent Coaches (): New here is a Plaxton Primo 2 MX10 DXV. It can usually be found on newly won tendered service 68 in Dover, previously operated by Stagecoach with Mercedes 709D minibuses. The route has been changed slightly to allow the operation of larger vehicles.

Richardson (Midhurst): An ex Stagecoach Volvo B10M/ single deck here is L616 TDY

Thompsons (Christchurch): The company took over operation of the Ringwood town service, from Wilts & Dorset . In late April ADL Enviro 200 demonstrator YX59 BXW was noted in use. Tony Allen records P429 AHR as new here.

Shamrock (Poole): Former Transdev London V186 OOE a Volvo B7TL / Alexander, is now numbered 130. More acquisitions to record are LV52 HHE, LV52HHN, LV52 HHP, LV52 HHR TransBus Tridents which have come from East London.

South West England

Bakers Dolphin (Weston-super-Mare): The "newted one" records the arrival of three brand new Scania K360EB4 / Irizar C49FTs numbered 62 (ET10 BDT) 63 (FT10 BDT) 64 (GT10 BDT)

Barnes (Aldbourne): New here are WA10 CFX, a Volvo B12B Van Hool C61F and WA10 CFY, a similar vehicle but to C49FT layout. Also new is WA10 CFZ a Bova to C53FT layout.

Blakes Coaches (East Anstey): A second new MAN 18.400 / Beulas Cygnus C49FT is BC10 HJB
Connex (Jersey): On the island during the latter half of April was ADL Enviro 400 demonstrator SN59 AWX. It is being trialled on route 15 to the airport to evaluate the use of double decks.
Abus (Bristol): Acquired from Wilts & Dorest is M132 HPR a DAF DB250 Optare Spectra H28/29F.
Pulham (Bourton-on-the-Water): PU10 HAM is a new Mercedes-Benz O.816D Plaxton Cheetah C29F.

New Deliveries

ADL (Falkirk)

A correction to last months lists the SF registered Enviro 400s down for Konect bus are in fact for Stagecoach West Scotland

March 30th

Stagecoach Cambridge	<i>Enviro 400</i>	AE10 BYC [19613]
Stagecoach East Kent	<i>Enviro 200</i>	GN10 JCY [36122]
Stagecoach West Scotland	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SF10CAA SF10 CAA SF10 CAU

April 6th

Stagecoach West	<i>Enviro 200</i>	VX10 COH
Stagecoach East Kent	<i>Enviro 200</i>	GN10 JDJ
Stagecoach South	<i>Enviro 300</i>	GX10 HCG [27619] GX10 HCJ [27621]
Stagecoach West Scotland	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SF10 CDU
Stagecoach Highlands	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SV58 BMZ [19375]

April 13th

Stagecoach West Scotland	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SF10CCU
Stagecoach West	<i>Enviro 400</i>	VX10 FRN
???	<i>Enviro 200</i>	9225-1 9225-9
???	<i>Enviro 300</i>	9233-4 9228-8

April 20th

Stagecoach West Scotland	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SF10 CCN SF10 CCV SF10 CCX SF10 CDK SF10 CDN SF10 CDV
Stagecoach West	<i>Enviro 400</i>	VX10 FRK
???	<i>Enviro 200</i>	SN10 CCX [9225-8] 9225-5
??	<i>Enviro 300</i>	9233-8

April 27th

Stagecoach Wet Scotland	<i>Enviro 400</i>	SF10 CCU SF10 CDU
Stagecoach South West	<i>Enviro 400</i>	WA10 GHD
Stagecoach	<i>Enviro 400</i>	AE10 HFB
Stagecoach East Midlands	<i>Enviro 400</i>	FX10 AFN FX0 AFO
Transdev London	<i>Enviro 200</i>	SN10 CBO SN10 CBU [DE98] SN10 CBX SN10 CCA [DE101] SN10 CCD

Burtens (Haverhill)	YS10 BCL	Scania / Irizar
Centaus Overland	YN10 EOE	Mercedes-Benz O.816 / Plaxton Cheetah 2
Golden Boy	OO10 BOY	Van Hool T916 Astron C53F
G & J Holmes (Clay Cross)	YN10 AAU	Volvo B7R / Plaxton Profile C57F
Leons (Stafford)	DT10 LCT	??
Purple Parking (Southall)	LN10 VJO	Ford Transit
Roy's Travel (Cardiff)	FY10 APK	Mercedes-Benz 515CDi
Westbus	TR10 BUS	Van Hool Astobel

Around the Dealers

Ensignbus

Vehicles In

From Stagecoach NW: Volvo B10M's L126NAO P110/3DCW.
 From Stagecoach South: Javelin Q424CHH
 From Stagecoach Wales: Mercedes N302 / 8 / 15WVR
 From Transdev Blazefield: Dart V651HEC.
 From Thamesdown Transport: Darts P152 / 6 / 7 / 255SMW P159 / 60 / 61VHR.
 From Lothian Buses: Darts V153 / 9 / 60EFS. Olympian E312MSG
 From McKindless Buses: Darts LG02FFC / D / E / H / J
 From Finesse Coaches: Setra P314RUU

Vehicles Out

Leyland PD2 JTF 218F: Wardle Transport, Stoke on Trent.
 RML2328 / 2553: Ambassatours, Halifax , NS , Canada.
 Metrobus GYE 359W: City Sightseeing Washington DC.
 Olympian E312 MSG: City Sightseeing Eastbourne.
 Olympian G805 GSX: Flagfinders Coaches, Braintree.
 Olympians H764 KDY G283 YRJ: Simmonds Coaches, Hayes, Middx.
 Olympian P256 PSX: Notts and Derby Buses
 Olympian P274 PSX: TM Travel, Sheffield.
 Dublin Olympians 97-D-354 / 342: City Sightseeing Belfast, converted to open top.
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-353 now P705SWC with Renown Coaches, Bexhill.
 Volvo D10M H648 GPF: Intelligent Advertising Ltd, Sudan.
 Optare Spectra's K103 VLJ, K110VLJ: M Travel , W Yorks.
 Optare Spectra's K107 VLJ, K108 VLJ : New Horizon Travel, Colchester.
 Scania N391 OTY: M Lawrenson , Merseyside.
 Scania N393 OTY : A2B Travel , Newquay.
 Dennis Javelins N795 WAN, N797WAN : SunFun Travel, Earith, Cambs.
 Volvo B10M's K713 DAO L341 CCK: A and P Brown, Ely, Cambs.
 Volvo B10M L159 JNH Javelin Q424 CHH: Herberts Coaches, Shefford, Beds.
 Volvo B10B M543 WHF: Coastal Liner, Wolverhampton.
 Volvo B10B M553 WTJ: Irvines Coaches, Law.
 Volvo B10M's P625 NSE N617 USS N152 XSA, N153 XSA: Hookways Coaches, Exeter.
 Mercedes N408 WVR, N415WVR: Over The Top, Ramsgate.
 Dart V651 HEC: Central Buses, Birmingham.
 Dart P501 RYM: Ffoshelig Coaches , Carmarthen, Wales.
 Darts P160 VHR P161 VHR P156 SMW, P159 SMW, P255SMW: Finesse Coaches, W Bromwich.
 Darts V154 EFS, V155, V162 EFS: E and M Horsburgh, West Lothian.
 Dart V159 EFS: Kimes Coaches, Folkingham, Lincs.
 Dart V165 EFS Volvo B10B M55 OUTJ: Mulleys Coaches, Bury-St-Edmunds.
 DAF R396 XDA: SM Coaches, Harlow.
 Setra P241 RUU: Expat Coaches , Romford.
 Trident PO51 UMT: Blackpool Transport.

Preservation News

Forthcoming Events

JUNE

5 th	Chesterfield, Preserved Buses Running Day (from Bus Station)
5 th	Dunlop to Stewarton, Ayrshire, Running Day and Gala at Dunlop
5 th	Reading, Rail - Bus Transport Fair at the Rivermede Complex
5th-6th	St. Albans Steam & Country Show at Oaklands College
6 th	Barry (S.Wales) Festival of Transport
6th	Clacton on Sea, Vintage Bus Running Day & Display (signed off the A13).
6th	Froghall Station (Churnet Valley Railway) nr Stoke on Trent, Classic Bus Rally
6th	Hertford & Stevenage, LT Country Bus Rally
6th	Ipswich Transport Museum, Family Fun Day (Rides on Buses & Fire Engines)
6th	Nottingham Heritage Vehicles Bus & Coach Gathering at Wollaton Park, Nottingham
6th	Skipton Festival of Transport
6th	Seaton Tramway, Devon, Classic Car & Green Transport Show. (Note NO BUSES for the last 2 years).
6th	Tyne Tees Run
12th	Pickering, Yorkshire, 50's/60's Parade and Displays along the N.Y.Moors Railway.
12th	Sedgefield Racecourse, Co.Durham, Festival of Transport
12th-13th	Gaydon, Northamptonshire, Classic & Vintage Motor Show
12th-13th	Sandtoft, Nr Doncaster, Trolleybus Weekend
12th-13th	North West Museum of Transport Festival, St.Helens
13th	Aldwarke, Rotherham, South Yorkshire Transport Museum Open Day
13th	Brighton, Brighton & Hove 75th Anniversary Bus Rally (Brighton Seafront)
13th	Bromley, Kent, Pageant of Motoring at Norman Park
13th	Chatsworth House (Nr Bakewell) Derbyshire, Bedford OB and Preserved Bus Gathering
13th	Dover Transport Museum Rally
13th	Durham, Regatta Running Day
13th	Hull (East Park) to Bridlington (Sewerby Fields), East Coast Run
13th	Luton, Bedfordshire, Festival of Transport at Stockwood Park
13th	Toddington, Gloucestershire, Nostalgia Day at Gloucester & Warwickshire Railway
19th	Mumbles (Swansea) to Laugharne Classic Vehicle Road Run
19th-20th	Oswestry, Shropshire, Vintage Vehicle Rally at the Showground
19th-20th	Leeds, Royal Armouries, Keighley Bus Museum Away Day.
20th	Bromley, Kent, Ravens Wood School, Car Show.
20th	Hollycombe Steam Museum, Hampshire, Bus Rally
20th	Lathalmond, Scottish Vintage Bus Museum, Rally
20th	Long Hanborough, Oxford Bus Museum, Fathers Day
20th	Swansea, National Transport Festival of Wales
20th	Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent, Transport Festival
20th	Weymouth, Vintage Bus Running Day from the College in Cranford Ave.
20th	Wythall, The Transport Museum Fathers Day Event
26th	Grampian Transport Museum, Open Day
26th	Elstree Studios & Borehamwood (Hertfordshire) "On The Buses" event
26th	Ipswich Transport Museum, Transport in Miniature
26th	Western Greyhound Heritage Running Day, Cornwall
26th	Manchester Museum of Transport, "Busmens Holiday"
26th-27th	Crich Tramway Village, 1950's Weekend
26th-27th	Sandtoft, Nr Doncaster, Trolleybus Weekend
27th	Blackpool, South Promenade, Totally Transport 2010
27th	Uxbridge Running Day
27th	Tenterden & Northiam Bus Rally, Kent & E.Sussex Railway
27th	Cornwall Coastal Run from Summercourt

Vehicle News

Go Ahead London NV116 (P916 RYO) has been purchased by my old chum Karl Griffin, already owner of Titan T684 in partnership with S Boxall. It is anticipated that it will remain PSV'd like T4 and has already been used by Griffin Bus at Polhill.

Plymouth Corporation PDR1 458 has been returned to Plymouth latterly being with the Keighley Bus Museum

Out & About

30th March 2010

By Dan Sheradon

Edgware London

Arriva London

DLA11

VLW23

Arriva Shires & Essex

3218 3220 3259 3705 3706

3709 3712 3714 3718 3723

3724 6002 6004 6011 6012

6016 6020 6022 6024 6027

6028 6034 6040 6100

First London

32333 32341 32355 32359

Metroline

DE1005 1009 1013 1020

TA87 101

TAL119 121

TE713 718 719 725 727 728

731 732 734 735 736 843

TPL271 273

VPL150 152 154 155 158 159

160 164 165 195 205 206 211

216 218

Transdev London

SLE33

VLP18 19 20 21 22 27

Euston Bus Station London

Arriva London

DLA105 106 213

DW103 105 284 285 286 287

290 291 292 293 294

MA46 47 48 51 63 65 69 70 73

74 76 81 83 88 90 91 92 96

110 111 115 117

VLW148 155 156 157 158 168

170 180 181 185 187 192 194

196 197 199

East London Buses

15098 15103 15110 15111

15119 15123 15124 17139

17151 17178 17299 17400

17403 18210 18235 18236

18238

First London

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37814 37816 37817 37818

37826

Go-Ahead London

WVL216 219 220 224 225 227

234 238 242 244 251 255 257

Metroline

TE668 670 672 683 686 688

924 934

VPL135 223 234 235 559 582

632

01st April 2010

By Dan Sheradon

Wolverhampton (12:20 – 15:00)

Arriva Midlands

2025 2036 2043 2049 2050

2318 2381 2731 2734 2735

3974 2977 2980 2997

Travel West Midlands (National Express Group)

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7205 7206 7207 7208

03rd April 2010

By Robert Taylor

Newbury Park

Premier (?)

N237 HGL

Reliance

YN08 AVV

Reynolds

N6 RDC

Stephensons

BX58 BRX

Tallsman

WSU 225

Unknown

L959 WGK M667 VAJ

Chelmsford

Arriva SC

2406

Essex Pullman

YJ56 WVC YJ56 WVV

YJ56 WVX YJ56 WVY

First Essex

20463 20801 20802 30413

34315 40733 40734 40736

40738 41487 41647 42482

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69434

National Express

YJ03 PPZ FD54 DHO

Regal Busways

N414 MBW W772 URP

YN04 PZY

Unknown

R874 MCE

07th April 2010

By Dan Sheradon

Walthamstow Bus Station London

Arriva London

DLA303 307 310 348 350 361

363 364 366 367 369

PDL77 96 99 101 105 113

VLA134

VLW105 111

Dial a Ride

D7029

East London Buses

15127 15153 15154 15161

15162 15163 15164 15168

15170 17184 17423 17424

17434 17466 17496 17505

17522 17577 17740 17742

17747 17798 17801 17808

17817 17819 17832 17878

17889 17905 17924 17944

18252 18253 18254 18271

18272 18276 18277

First London

33042 33049 33054 33076

33080 37830 37833 37835

37836 37837 37842 41280

41285 41743 41747 41763

Go-Ahead London

ED12 14 15 17

PVL103 105 112

15th April 2010

By Arthur Shelton

Leicester

(A flexi-bus ticket £4.00 valid on all operators'. Best place for dinner is a café over the road from Haymarket Bus Station good food and value for money sausage & egg bap £2.25 took 30 mins to eat as it was so big)
Arriva Midlands
2130 2212 2214 2254 2259
2261 2265 2269 2339 2355
2925 2927 2928 2929 3578
3719 3810 3811 3812 3902
3903 3907 3909 3910 3911
3912 3913 4001 4002 4003
4004 4005 4006 4007 4008
4010 4011 4013 4014 4616
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4736 4737 4739 4741 4742

4743 4744 4745 4754 4756
4765 4772
Ausden Clark
BIG 9829 YN56 NNM
Centrebus
102 105 368 508 552 702 704
707 709 717 726 745 746 747
805 807 812 860 901 902 903
927 931 942 974
Confidence
VJO 205X B190 BLG
E257 OMD K562 GSA
First Leicester
32055 32056 32057 32058
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Roberts
SF08 VVD
Stagecoach East
22840 22843
Stagecoach Warwickshire
34113 34118 34491 34643
Thurmaston Bus
X53 SHJ (16)
KX59 CYV (17)
KX59 CYZ (20)
Woods
WDZ 565

UK Coach Rally

The 56th annual rally, this year moved from its traditional home at Brighton, due to the marathon taking place there to the East of England Showground at Peterborough. Taking place over the weekend of 17th and 18th April the rally was blessed with sunshine throughout and with all the extra space available the trade section was housed under cover.

Coach Driver of the year once again headed north to Daryl Dixon of Bibbys driving a Van Hool bodied DAF. Coach of the year award going to Clarkes of London with one of its new 12.2m Mercedes-Benz Tourismo RHD-RL coaches. Both being presented by the now familiar face at the event Sarah Bell the South Western Traffic commissioner. It was another Mercedes, this time a Tourino, operated by Simonds of Diss that took the Top Mini / Midi award. A feature re introduced at Peterborough was the display of a small selection of older vehicles, where the entrants were asked to judge between them which was the best turned out amongst them, the prize going to Kenzies with the Southdown livered Bedford.

A fairly comprehensive list is below, but it is possible I may have missed the odd one the numbers in the first column relate to the rally entrant numbers displayed in the vehicle

1	Chambers (Stevenage)	CC09 CRC	Irisbus 397E12.35	Marcopolo	C51FLT
2	Golden Boy Coaches	OO10 BOY	Van Hool T916 Astron		C53F
3	Burtons	YS10 BCL	Scania K124EB6	Irizar	C53F
4	Clarkes	BV10 ZKJ	Mercedes-Benz Tourismo		C49F
5	Burtons	Y5 BCL	Volvo B9M	Van Hool	C36F
7	Maynes (Buckie)	7 MCB	Mercedes-Benz	Plaxton Cheetah 2	C25F
9	Galloway	BV10 ZKL	Setra 41GT-HD		
10	Dudley's (Radley)	DC10 CED	Volvo 9700		C49F
11	Mike De Courcey	CV10 COV		Optare Olympus	
12	Dudley's (Radley)	S577 KJF	Volvo	Plaxton Excalibur	
13	Cedar Coaches	ER10 EJR	King Long XQ6900		C31F
14	Holmeswood	PN10 AFE	VDL Bus SB4000	Beulas Cygnus	C57F
15	Tellings Golden Miller	GS05 TGM	Volvo B12B(T)	Van Hool T.916 Alicron	
16	Blakes (Tiverton)	BC10 HJB	MAN R33 18.400	Beulas Cygnus	C53FT
17	Thornes	TH09 NES	Van Hool B12B	Plaxton Excalibur	C49FT
18	Thornes Independent	TH09 THO	Van Hool B12B	Van Hool Alizee	C49FT
19	Classic Coaches	V1 SFC	Van Hool TD921	Altano	CH43FT
20	Thornes	SHO 800			
21	Paul S Winson	EBC 567T			
24	Bibbys of Ingleton	BIB 9842	DAF SB4000	Van Hool Alizee T9	C51F
26	The Travellers Choice	PO59 OEC	Volvo B1B	Jonckheere SHV	C51FT

27	Bibbys of Ingleton	PB10 DAF	DAF SB4000	Van Hool	C48FT
28	Coopers (Kilmarsh)	YS09 KCS	Scania	Lahden OmniExpress	C53FT
29	Bibbys of Ingleton	PB04 DAF	DAF SB4000	Van Hool	C48FT
30	Glenton Tours	LYH 148P	AEC Regal	Plaxton Supreme IV	C45C
32	Banstead Coaches	MH10 BAN	Mercedes-Benz Tourismo		C53F
33	Southdown	750 DCD			
35	Kenzies	CK10 CBK	Volvo B12B	Van Hool	C49FT
36	The Travellers Choice	PN09 HGM	Volvo B12B	Jonckheere SHV	C57FT
38	Dews (Somersham)	R111 DEW	Mercedes-Benz	Tourismo	C51F
39	Exclusive Holidays Ltd	VLZ 7434	Dennis Javelin	Plaxton Premiere	C53F
41	York Pullman	EFD 923Y	Volvo B10M	Duple Lazer 1	
42	Siminds (Diss)	BV10 ZJO	Mercedes-Benz Tourismo		
43	Weardale	GO59 WMS	Volvo B12B(T)	Jonckheere SHV	C59FT
44	L. J. Edwards	JE10 LJE	VDL Bus FHD127.340	Bova Futura	C53FT
45	Motts Travel	ET10 MTT	Scania K400EB	Lahden OmniExpress	C63F
46	Parrys International	YJ10 JYR	Van Hool T917 Altano		C48FT
47	Brookline (Ryarsh)	YJ10 DGO	Van Hool Altano		
48	Stanley Coaches	YN10 ACY	Volvo B7R	Plaxton Profile	C53FT
49	Decker Bus	JUI 4377	Volvo B10M-60	Jonckheere	C39FT
50	York Pullman	YP10 BUS	Irisbus 397.12.43	Beulas Cygnus	C53FT
51	Chalkwell	YN07 LJU	Scania K114EB4	Irizar	C49FT
52	Reays	YJ10 JYW	VDL Bus	Bova Futura	
55	Cozy Coaches	CC08 ZYO	Scania K470EB6	Irizar	C57F
57	Stuarts (Carluke)	SF10 GXL	VDL Bus FHD127.365	Bova Futura	
58	Reays	YN10 ABO	Volvo	Plaxton Profile	
59	Johnson Bros	LBT 3S	Neoplan N516SHD		C53F
60	Plan-It Travel	FA05 ENG	Scania K114EB6	Irizar	
	Crawley Luxury	AC04 CLC	Volvo B12B	Plaxton	C49FT
	Crawley Luxury	DC06 CLC	Volvo B12B	Berkhof	C51F
	Cozy Coaches	SK08 OOL	Scania K310EB	Irizar	C70F
	Reptons	REP 916	Van Hool T916		
56	Richmonds	YER 469	Van Hool T916		C53F
	Shaws (Maxey)	FN52 GVE	Iveco Eurorider		
	Tellings Golden Miller	KX59 CYE	Volvo B12	Plaxton Paragon	

The selection of older vehicles was also on display comprised the following

H1	Grey Cars	LTA 629	AEC		
H2	W H Fowler & Son	EDD 685C	Bedford		
H3	Atkin	RSL 383	AEC	Roe	
H4	Kenzie's	GUP 743C	Bedford		
H5	Johnson Bros.	LHE 601W	Bedford	Plaxton Supreme IV	
H6	Johnson Bros.	5188 RU	Bedford		
H7	Johnson Bros.	GAL 967	Bedford OB	Duple Vista	
H8	Dews	CUT 465	Bedford OB	Duple Vista	
	Hallett's	HHK 369B	Bedford		
	Lodge's	YMJ 555S	Bedford	Duple	

And the trade support was also evident with quite a few unregistered vehicles amongst which were a Caetano for The Kings Ferry and a new Van Hool T9, being exhibited by Mossley for D. J Thomas. Along with these several more carried registrations

Andrews	YN10 ADZ	Volvo B12B	Plaxton		
Holmeswood	PN10 AFF	MAN 24.440	Beulas		
Moffat & Williamson	MW10 JNR	Volvo	Plaxton Elite		
Pulham	PU10 HAM	Mercedes-Benz O.816D	Plaxton Cheetah 2	C33F	
R & B (Ludlow)	PN10 ABY	MAN	Beulas	C53F	
BASE dealers	FN02 VCM	Iveco 391e.12.35	Beulas	C51FT	
Arriva Bus & Coach	YJ10 DKY	VDL Bus	Van Hool		
Dawson Rentals	KP04 GKK	Neoplan N122/3L			

Brijan Tours Open Day

Family run Brijan Tours of Southampton have been going for 20 years now. On 18 April they held a charity open day with the proceeds going to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. A brilliant spring day made the decision to go along a no brainer, and am I glad I did.

Brijan operate commercial maintenance facilities and stage services in the Southampton area, as well their coach hire, excursion and holiday business. Their OC is on Hillsons Rd, Bottings Industrial Estate on the A334 and just down the hill from Botley station. This is home to their varied fleet of about 25 vehicles - and the site is used also by fellow PSV operator Bridgers Travel whose single Scania coach R460YDT was on display.

The same estate also houses Qualiti Conversion and Repairs who do for buses and coaches just what it says on the tin. Their stunning products have featured already in my 'Back Bit' in the mag. Their web site <http://qualiticonversions.com> shows they do work too for local big boys First and Go-Ahead South - and has lots of photos of bus gems for you to look at.

This day the Qualiti car park held two of these. Former Stagecoach Dart 32002/P102HNN had become the Southampton Council 'ICE Bus'. ICE stands for 'In Case of Emergency' - designed to provide, and I quote the local 'Daily Echo' website 'a safe haven for festive revellers...to help reduce alcohol fuelled violence and boozy mishaps in Southampton'. Alongside, long-time Reading Olympian 292/E915DRD had been converted for Hampshire Age Concern and was liberally branded with adverts useful to the ageing bus spotter.

In common with all such events, the Brijan day had a selection of sales stalls, emergency service vehicles, etc, and food. Amongst the food outlets was Iveco Daily mobile cafe conversion N317UVV, formerly in PSV service with J2 Coaches of Bishopstoke, Hants and now branded as 'Winnie's'. According to the internet, this is usually to be seen dispensing chips on the B2177 at nearby Marwell where the zoo is.

A good selection of the Brijan fleet was on show. No prizes for guessing what they watch on TV!

53 (UVY412) Metrobus [F764EKM] Raquel	93 (EIG9493) MB/Jonc [J213DYL] Dyl
57 (TIL4557) Ld Titan [A942SYE] Uncle Albert	94 (GIG2694) Metrobus [A201OKJ] Denzil
64 (HT02BJT) Sca/Irizar Amanda	97 (GIG6497) Duple Dart [G505VYE]
71 (JNZ2371) Sca K113/VH [N129MBW] Alfie	99 (XAZ1321) Marshall Dart [M581WLV]
76 (EIG9476) MB709/Ar [N356OBC] Kath	101(XAZ1346)Marshall Dart [M580WLV] Win
80 (TKZ9780) Ld Oly/NC [A581HDB] Rodney	102 (SUI2102)Ld Oly/ECW [C964XVC] Grandad
86 (EIG9486) Plaxton Dart [K244PAG]	103 (SUI2103)Ld Oly/ECW [C81CHM]
87 (EIG9487) Ld Oly/ECW [C121CHM] Boycie	104 (SUI2104)Ld Oly/ECW [C92CHM] Trigger
90 (RUI2590) Ld Oly/Ar [C379CAS] Cassandra	106 (XLZ3106)Plaxton Dart [N57KBW]
91 (TKZ9791) Wright Dart [J631KCU] Thomas	(XLZ3105)Ld Oly
92 (TKZ9792) Ld Oly/ECW [D127FYM] Marlene	

Various of the 30 or so preserved and active visiting vehicles were used also for joy rides and station shuttle services. Joining these was Brijan's own astonishing Ford Transit conversion with their own build body 100/L100BJT (M28OJT). This is configured O8/8R and is supposedly styled to look like a Routemaster, but closely resembles one of those plywood 'buses' that feature on kiddies' funfair rides.

Understandably, many of those preserved had associations with south coast operators. The Friends of King Alfred Buses who do the 1st Jan Winchester running day each year brought their 34 year old Commer Karrier NKJ849P, which appeared to be used as a kind of mobile clubhouse.

Amongst the PSVs were Solent Blue Line's Scania decker 1055/YN55NFP and fellow Go-Ahead Citaro MEC50/BT09GRJ from London Central - which must be someone's pet as it was at the Cobham rally the week before. Stagecoach sent preserved fleet Bristol VRT 15760/JOU160P and First Hampshire & Dorset MB O814D 52584/V434GTW.

Of particular interest to me as one of her passengers was Volvo B6 L69UNG in the bilious green of Guest, of Bournemouth. She trades as Dorset Sprinter and operates the X5 between Ringwood and Southampton with ex Cardiff Lynx J262/6/7UDW - quite a ride at speed down the M27 in one of these if you get the chance. According to the driver the 16 year old Volvo represented the first stage in a fleet update programme!!

If anyone wants info on what else was there then mail me at the address on page 2. If you would like to know more about Brijan they have done a book on their first 20 years - details on their website <http://www.brijantours.com>. Good on em' for coming up with this fun and friendly day with a fascinating mix of participating buses. The effort they made shows they clearly care about the enthusiast and understand what we like. If they decide to try and better it to celebrate their 21st, that will indeed be an event not to be missed.

Tony's Back Bit

A report via Gez of Olympian B124TVU parked behind the Tesco on the old section of Manchester Rd at Sudden in Rochdale. The former Greater Manchester PTE 3124 and Stagecoach 13124, this is now owned by Grotec who are suppliers of hydroponic plant growing equipment. Of course, I knew without looking up that this means growing plants in a liquid alternative to soil. The Grotec website features the bus, and clears up any possible uncertainty over its purpose by helpfully describing it as he 'world's first aquaponic bioshelter'.

Apparently, upstairs seats have been removed and replaced by growing trays. A water tank with fish is to be added to create a self-contained system. The bus is to be taken around schools to educate kids about hydroponic gardening. I am sure the angels will enjoy that.

Leyland Titan BJK671D has been seen in use as a sales vehicle for Saracens rugby union club who are based in Watford. This began life with Eastbourne in 1966 and, until recently, had been in Belgium for 5 years.

Now yet another Routemaster. This one is early example VLT24/RM24. Owned now by West Parley, Dorset PSV operator Kilby / Route 24 and seen near Ringwood in the New Forest with a wedding party, this is a beautifully turned out bus. It showed up also at the Historic Vehicles Day at the Bournemouth Aviation Museum at the airport there on 7 March.

A tip if anyone is in the area – the museum's car park is also the OC for Britannia Parking. They have a fleet of two MB O814S, about 12 Solos and 10 Transits. A drive-in can be good for a decent number of these without even getting out of the car. Then you are gone in 60 seconds.....umm, could be an idea for a film in there.

On the same side of the road as the museum about a mile further along away from Christchurch and opposite the garden centre is the yard used by operators 2and4th and David Thompson Tours. The contents of 10 or so may be seen easily through the wire mesh, and may include a few Leyland Nationals still in PSV service.

In the same region Dorset County Council have, as a PSV operator, a large and varied fleet of minibuses. There is also a sizeable number of full-sized vehicles. Any more info would be welcomed please, but I know these include Irizar bodied Scania YN05HFA / HFB / WHX / WHZ and YN07EWU / EWV.

Back in the March magazine I went on about Titan EYE236V operated by Ignite. David Mobbs tells me that this owner is indeed the religious group, as I had speculated – and that they have a bit on what they call their Urban Sanctuary bus on their website. Apparently, another vehicle with Ignite titles photographed at the Ayr premises of Dodds of Troon is Bristol VR HDL409N once of Southern Vectis. Must be a law abiding lot in south west Scotland as I have no doubt that, in my area, seeing 'Ignite' written on the side of a bus would be taken as an invitation to an arson attack by the locals!

Apologies. I reported Toyota G961SFT back in Scotland. In fact it is/was parked up near the OC of (former) operator Wilkinsons in the Yorkshire dales village of Kettlewell near Skipton. Smart dress only though if you go looking for this one please. Kettlewell is famous for its scarecrow festival and scruffy clothes could see you in a field with straw in your ears and a large pole up the trousers.

About as 'non-PSV' as you can get I suppose. I hear that Lothian Olympians P251 / 264 / 270 / 273 PSX have been sold to an owner in Australia.

There have been a few reports from up north of former Northern General/Gateshead & District/Go Northern Metrobus A634BCN branded for Learn Direct, the Government's work training organisation. Their website suggests the bus is a mobile job search facility operated as a joint venture with internet site monster.co.uk.

Still in the north and seen parked up in The Headrow, Leeds recently in an all-over green scheme and promoting the MacMillan charity is Solo YJ57EHK. I believe this belongs to the RESAL events management company from Bedford and is quite likely their only vehicle.

Also in Leeds, is this one a bus or not? Iveco 75E15 chassised N306HUM with GC Smith bodywork has been around for a few years now as a mobile library. There are a few such vehicles around the country on bus chassis. Personal taste whether you bother with them, I guess. You can all let me know what you think when you send me your sightings for next month's mag! Bye for now Tony

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The Gallery



Front Cover: Macmillan uses this specially built Solo YJ57 EHK on its charity work throughout the country seen here in Leeds (Tony Allen)
Rear: Kenzies have attended UK Coach Rally every year it has been held, one of this years entry was Van Hool CB10 CBK (Terry Fletcher)
At the Brijan Tours open day we have Scania / Van Hool JNZ2371 showing the companies simple but effective livery (Tony Allen)