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Editorial

Well I have managed to get the magazine sorted in time unfortunately though the Post Office has managed to mislay Arthurs's report, it is usually my letters to him that go missing, so we have no Alexander news this time I'm afraid, a pity as they have been very busy of late, but we shall have them for next time rest assured.

Plenty of news again to fill the pages so do keep your reports coming in

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New Members:

A very warm welcome to the following new members: Peter Donner (Bognor Regis), Stephen Holmes (Blackburn), Spencer Lane (Guisborough), Ronald Wilson (Stevenage)

News from the Industry

Holloway, the minibus dealership based in Willenhall (West Midlands), suddenly closed down on June 18th. The company had operated for 18 years supplying second hand minibuses as well as Mercedes-Benz, Iveco and Fiat van derived versions, as well as Optare mini coaches

Community Wheels, the Blackburn based, Community Wheels Ltd ceased trading on June 14th. The firm, the trading arm of the Eats Lancashire Deafblind club, took over the operation of the demand responsive County Rider bus service, previously run by Rossendale Transport. It had operated seven days a week between 0930 and 2230, but since the new contract began at the end of March two minibuses have been used only Monday to Friday between 0930 and 1630. Lancashire County Council are looking for a replacement, but until one is found the operation is not running.

Volvo has commenced squadron production of the B5L double deck, which is to be bodied by Wrightbus. Production of the 7700 12m single deck integral has also been commenced in its plant in Poland. Volvo says that the vehicles can attain around a 35% reduction in fuel costs along with a similar amount in carbon emissions.

Irish Citylink the Irish operation of ComfortDelGro is to transfer the operation of its coach fleet and its drivers to Callinan Coaches of Claregalway. Under the Euro30million (£25million) five-year deal Callinan takes on Citylink's 24 coaches and 39 drivers. Callinan Coaches was founded in 1995 and currently runs 15 vehicles, some of which were already operating on Citylink services.

Go North East is to take over operation of the "Quay Link" services in Newcastle and Gateshead, hitherto operated by Stagecoach with the distinctive Designline hybrid buses. Ordinary diesel engines are to take over and it is thought these will be Optare Versa

Passenger Transport of Bathgate, have been fined over £5000 by the Scottish Traffic Commissioner for failing to operate services in accordance with published timetables. In addition the company has been banned from registering any new services or change an existing ones for twelve months

Central Connect commenced two routes around Solihull from June 7th, operated on behalf of Centro the two services are branded as "Signature services". The S2 and S3 routes, link Knowle, Dorridge, Dorridge rail station and Balsall Common to Solihull town centre. Four Optare Solo SRs are being operated on re-branded routes, which had been given up by National Express West Midlands due to falling passenger numbers. The buses are fitted out with leather seats and have Wifi connection. A special silver and black livery is carried. Silverline will continue to provide the evening and Sunday services on the two routes.

National Express West Midlands will be holding an open day at Acocks Green garage on Saturday July 24th, this will be the last day of operation of the once ubiquitous Metrobus. Three Metrobuses will operate on the depots routes until mid afternoon as follows

Bus 1

37 1007 Acocks Green to Solihull (1024)
72 1116 Chelmsley Wood to Solihull
31E 1254 City to Acocks Green (1325)
37E 1420 City to Acocks Green (1448)

72 1036 Solihull to Chelmsley Wood (1109)
37 1157 Solihull to City (1246)
37 1349 Acocks Green to City (1419)
ECS to AG Depot

Bus 2 Outer Circle anti clockwise

11A 1021 Acocks Green (1245)
ECS to AG Depot

11A 1245 Acocks Green to Acocks Green (1509)

Bus 3

1 1028 Acocks Green to City Town Hall (1104)
1 1143 Acocks Green to City Town Hall (1219)
1 1258 Acocks Green to City Town Hall (1334)
1 1413 Acocks Green to City Town Hall (1449)
ECS to AG Depot

1 1104 City Town Hall to Acocks Green (1143)
1 1219 City Town Hall to Acocks Green (1258)
1 1334 City Town Hall to Acocks Green (1413)
1 1449 City Town Hall to Acocks Green (1520)

Fleet News

Arriva

Classic (Anfield Plain): On hire from Arriva Bus and Coach (Gommersal) for the duration of the summer is YJ07 JFY plate DAF DE40XSSB4000 / Van Hool 49FT

London: A few buses have once again been re-registered with former Routemaster plates

DW119 (LJ05 BMY) is now 319 CLT off MA119 which reverts to BX55 FVV

T85 (LJ59 LZE) is now 185 CLT off MA85 which reverts to BU05 VFD

T93 (LJ59 LZO) is now 593 CL off MA93 which reverts to BX55 FUM

T98 (LJ59 LYX) is now 398 CLT off MA98 which reverts to BX55 FUV

Another Mercedes-Benz Citaro bendi off on trial has been MA135, which was noted in and around Cardiff earlier in the year. MA9 and MA12 have been noted in Leicester. These had been at Liverpool, for trial and it now seems the plan to use them on the Shiel Rd circular routes, there has been shelved.

Changes to reord now, DLA11 DX-WN: DLA28 E-Cnt: DLA29 E-DX: DLA96-105 SF-Eu (these are destined for Liverpool): DLA106 EC-E: DLA139 N-TC: DLA200 E-AR: ma, 5, 18, 26, 28, 38 AEu-ECu: VLW102, 120 ARu-AR:

Midlands: Three Mercedes-Benz artics from London have entered the service fleet 5000 (BX04 MYG at THM, whilst BX04 MXG and BX04 MXK are in resere and we await fleet number details. Northern Counties bodied Olympian 4651 (S651 KJU) is now with the Shires as their 5162 at High Wycombe. Transfers have been 2052 res-SD: 2053 CE-CK: 2115, 2125 scrapped: 2135 THM-WL: 3415, 3421 THM-WS: 3423 CK-SD: 3468 SD-TH:

Network Colchester: From Excel have come a pair of Dennis Dart SLFs 411 (S311 JUA) and 413 (S313 JUA)

North East: The last few VDL Bus SB200 / Wright Pulsars are now in service at Stockton 1458 (NK10 CGG), 1459 (NK10 CGO) and 1460 (NK10 CGU). Another Scania / East Lancs double deck has arrived from Midlands 267 (N197 PUT).

A large round of service changes in Newcastle and South East Northumberland has been carried out in June and with it a large amount of vehicle movements have taken place. Operations have ceased from the ex Go North East depot on Jubilee Industrial Estate, although it is still used for storage, with the fleet there largely moved to Ashington, with the exception of Leyland Olympian / Alexander 7201 and 7202 to Jesmond with DAF / Plaxtons 4004, 4005 and 4049 & DAF SB220 / Ikarus 4108 (L532EHD) which went to Blyth. Volvo B10BLE / Alexander 4516-4518 moved from Jesmond to Ashington. Mini Pointer Darts 1709, 1715, 1723 and 1799 are now at Jesmond with these Mercedes-Benz Varios 2647-2649, 2653, 2657, 2660-2664 are all now withdrawn

North West: Northern Counties bodied DAF DB250 double decks 3614 and 3617 are now allocated to Manchester. 6574 has been sold to the Stafford Bus Centre. 7548 and 7549 are now at St Helens, with Volvo B7TLs 4122 and 4123 now at Skelmersdale for additional capacity ion the 375/385 trunk route.

The Shires: Into the fleet come Dennis Dart SLFs 3379 (P186 LKJ) and 3380 (P204 KLJ), these fleet numbers should have been applied to the two other Darts that were due from Southern Counties (qv), but look like they have not arrived. However the buses have had their original numbers put on 3186 and 3204. This means The Shires now have two buses as 3186. Allocation changes now 2179 HH-HHw: 2462 AY-WE: 3145 WB-WBw: 3148 MK-LD: 3186 GRw-GR: 3379, 3380 acquired-GR: 3834 MK-AYs: 3842, 3844 WBw-HA: 3853, 3854 WBw-WB: 5110 LDw-AYw: 5162 acquired-WB:

(MK Metro): Scania L113CRL / East Lancs 3148 (N698 EUD) and Dennis Dart 3834 (M504 VJO) have been returned to the main Shires fleet. Currently on loan from National Express Operations is DAF/ Van Hool Y329 HUA.

Southern Counties

(Kent Thameside): It seems the two Dennis Darts noted transferring to the Shires last month, may now not have moved after all, and at the end of May were still parked at Northfleet

(Kent & Sussex): Dennis Dart SLF 3184 (P184 LKL), was still here at the end of May

First Group

Aberdeen: Noted at the depot in late May was Volvo 9700 (FJ58 LSF)

Berkshire: With the reduction in operations at Bracknell five Dennis Dart SLF have been withdrawn DMP42411, 42415-42417 along with two Scantias 60163 and 60166

Cymru: Vehicles acquired in April / May were 41348 (V348 DLH), 41390 (X78 HLR) Dennis Dart SLF Marshall B25F, ex First London, and both were sent to Port Talbot for storage pending delivery into service. Now in service are 41390 (X78 HLR) and 41392 (X392 HLR) at Swansea, 41341 (T341 ALR) at Llanelli, and 41393 (X393 HLR) at East, all are Dennis Dart SLF Marshall.

Glasgow: Here up from Somerset & Avon are Volvo B7RLEs 66946 (WX55 TZH) and 66948 (WX55 TZK) at Blantyre. More ex London Dennis Tridents now here are 32928 (W928 VLN), 32964 (X964 HLT) and 32966 (X966 HLT),

London: Finally arriving at Northumberland Park garage at the end of May was VN37847 (BV10 WWE). With the influx of new buses of late plenty of older vehicles have been stood down and make their way to Hayes for storage prior to re allocation around he group. VNL32221-32228 NP - First Cascade Pool: VNL32294-32305 NP - NPw: TNL32911-32917, 32919-32923, 32925 HS - HSsw: TNL33080, 33081 NP - UX: VN33178 X - UX: DM41272 DWw - DM: DML41329 DM - HSsw: DML41439 LI - WJ: DMC41494, 41495, 41497, 41512, 41514, 41522 UX - LI: DMC42515-42518, 41520, 41521, 41538, 41540, 41541, 41544 UX - Hsu:

Manchester: A couple more heading to PVS (Barnsley) are 40220 (N373 CJA) and 40221 (N374 CJA). A couple of movements see 66874 and 66875 now at Wigan with 68219 and 68219 residing at Oldham.

Alexander bodied Volvo B10B L203 KSX has been acquired from the GM Police and given fleet number 61350 and is now at Wigan

Somerset & Avon: A batch of Volvo B7RLE / Wright Eclipse Urban are no where for use on the Bristol airport flyer service, they seat 37 with ample room for luggage, 69500 (BJ10 VGA), 69501 (BJ10 VGD), 69502 (BJ10 VGC), 69503 (BJ10 VGE), 69504 (BJ10 VGF) and 69505 (BJ10 VGG). Steve White reports that no less than 30 Super Pointe Darts are due at Bristol from South Yorkshire, being replaced there by more ex London Volvo double decks. This move should see off the last step entrance buses in the fleet, which currently number 28. Still awaited from Glasgow is 44908, 44912 and 44913 have however made it to Muller Road. 42963-42967 have moved to Bath from Muller Road, with 42706 back at Hengrove.

South Yorkshire: More ex London Volvos, noted arrived in June are 32221, 32226, 32263, 32265, 32295, 32297 and 32298

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Bluestar: 506 (T186 AUA) DAF SB220 / Ikarus, along with 733 (H733 DDL) Leyland Olympian have transferred to Wilts & Dorset, while 508 (V710 LWT) DAF SB220 Ikarus has gone to Damory Coaches.

London: Despite all the allocation changes last time some of the reallocated buses are still turning up at other, than there allocated depots. DRM2516 PLc - BXc: DW10 AL - ALw: NV72 Qt - BVw: NV165 NXc - BXc: NV183 BEc - BXc: PDL13 SI - BEw: PVL66-69 AL - BEc: PVL74 AL - BVu: PVL79, 150, 151, 169 MW - Q: PVL105, 107, 108 AL - NX: PVL130 AL - Qt: PVL220 NX - NXc: TPL925 Ac - Aw: WVL81, 86, 92, 96 MW - AL: WVL82, 99 BEu - AL: The last of the PDL and TPL class Tridents have now been disposed off as has PVL259.

Metrobus: Five new Scania N230UD, 10.8m Omnicity double decks have arrived for use on the extension to route 320 from August 28th. They are expected to be in service early to allow others double deckers to go for refurbishment

974	YR10 BCE	976	YR10 BCK	977	YR10 BCO	978	YR10BCU
975	YR10 BCF						

Allocation changes his time 456 MB - C: 823-825 CY - CYw: 836, 838, 843 CYw - CY: From Oxford has come a Volvo B10M / Plaxton Excalibur 7284 (V284 SBW) ex V16 OXF, being used as a driver trainer

North East: Go Ahead advise the following re-allocations after the latest round of service changes 518 Deptford-Peterlee: 521 Washington-Deptford: 555, 563, 571, 572 Gateshead-Saltmeadows: 573, 574 Gateshead-Deptford:620, 624 Gateshead-Stanley: 3911 Winlaton-Chester-Le-St: 4896-4899 Stanley-Chester-Le-St: 4910 Stanley-Gateshead: 5228 Gateshead-Washington: 8174 Percy Main-Washington: 8201-8205 Gateshead-Deptford: 8207-8210 Deptford-Percy Main: 8242, 8252-8255 Percy Main-Gateshead: 8282, 8283 Chester-Le-St-Percy Main

Oxford Bus Company: The Scania / Enviro 400s duly rolled up during the first couple of week in June and can be found on a variety of City routes, they will be replacing single deck Mercedes-Benz Citaros currently employed on route 2

212	AF10 OXF	217	FF10 OXF	222	LF10 OXF	227	SF10 OXF
213	BF10 OXF	218	GF10 OXF	223	MF10 OXF	228	TF10 OXF
214	CF10 OXF	219	HF10 OXF	224	OF10 OXF	229	UF10 OXF
215	DF10 OXF	220	JF10 OXF	225	PF10 OXF	230	VF10 OXF
216	EF10 OXF	221	KF10 OXF	226	RF10 OXF	231	WF10 OXF

Several withdrawals to note are Dennis Dart SLF Wright Crusader's 401 (R401 RFC), 402 (R402 RFC), 408 R408 RFC, and Dennis Trident / Plaxton President's 902 R2 OXF) 903 R3 OXF), 908 R8 OXF) 909 R9 OXF (ex NK 51 UCH/CJ/CX/CY).

Plymouth Citybus: Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointer 115 (L115 YOD) and MB 709D Plaxton Beaver 289 (N289 PDV) have gone to Rail River Link, Dartmouth

Southern Vectis: Returned from Wilts & Dorset are 706 F706 RDL) and 711 TIL 7611 (ex F711 RDL) Leyland Olympians.

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Dundee: 7064 Dundee - res(still in Dundee after engine failure on way south): 7126 Dundee - res(now in Birmingham)

The Kings Ferry: The first of the new Mercedes-Benz / Caetano Leavntes are now in service FJ10 EZN

West Midlands: 291 WN - res: 516 AG - res: 533 reinstated to WB: 545, 559, 562, 570, 571, 574 WA -

res: 590 reinstated to WB: 622 WB - res: 626 reinstated to WA: 631 WB - res: 636 WA - res: 639 reinstated to WA: 644, 646, 647 WA - res: 673 reinstated to WB: 1348, 1378 PB - res: 1402, 1430 WA - res: 1502-1504, 1506, 1507, 1510 WA - res: 1561, 1574 LH - WB: 1769-1772, 1774, 1776, 1778, 1779, 1781-1785 AG - WA: 1799, 1803 LH - YW: 1848-1852 WA - WB: 1929, 1930 new at YW: 3232 reinstated to PB: 4150, 4343 YW - LH: 4523, 4524, 4527, 4531 AG - WA:

Stagecoach

Bluebird: The two new Van Hool Astrobel double deck coaches for Megabus work are 50231 (SV10 DDK) and 50232 (SV10 DDL). They have replaced Neoplan Skyliners 50129 and 50140 which have moved to the reserve fleet. Changes this time comprise 20861, 20866 res - dis: 32366, 40135, 40229 AB - dis: 47428, 47281 res - AB: 52243 AB - res: 52297 AB - Strathtay:

Cambridgeshire: Three more Scania N230UD / ADL Enviro 400s have arrived at Fenstanton depot 15657 (AE10 HFA), 15658 (AE10 HFB) and 15659 (AE10 HFC).

East: The Leyland Olympian continues to reduce, with 14056 sold to Ensignbus and Hardwicks taking 14057 and 14064. They have also taken Dennis Dart 32004 whilst other Darts 32003, 32139 and 32141 have been sold to Ensignbus. A couple of re allocations 14029 BD - CB: 14042 CB - dis: 14070 dis - CB: 14492 CB - dis: 16496 East Midlands - BD: 52436 has been re-registered as 83 CBD, from R36 AKV and is currently with Warwickshire at Rugby on Megabus duties.

East Kent & Hastings: Plenty of alterations to wade through this month as the Dennis Dart SLFs taken over from the Cavendish fleet have been refurbished and take the place of older Volvo B10Ms and more Volvo Olympians replace Leyland examples 14801 HY - dis: 14810, 15366 TH - dis: 16373 res - AD 16377 HY - AD: 16378 res - dis: 16380 res - TH: 16501 res - HY: 16503 res - TH: 16504, 16506, 16508 res - HY: 20311 res - EB: 20312 EB - TH: 20445 HY - dis: 20601, 20608 AD - dis: 20613 FO - dis: 20614 TH - dis: 20620 FO - dis: 20633 DO - dis: 20637 res - FO: 20645 AD - DO: 20659, 26129 EB - dis: 32222, 32223 DO - dis: 32467 FO - dis: 32519 trg - dis: 32603, 32608 FO - dis: 33023 AD - HY: 33362 res - AD: 33363, 33365 res - FO: 33366 res - TH: 33367 res - DO: 33368 res - AD: 33369 res - FO: 33370, 33372, 33373 res - FO: 33379 AD - FO: 33387 res - DO: 40954 res - S/C South: 40960, 40968 DO - S/C South: 47116, 47117 FO - AD: 47119, 47120 FO - DO:

East Midlands: More new ADL products are arriving at Lincoln, four more Scania N230UD / ADL Enviro 400 double decks, fitted out with leather seats.

15653	FX10 AFO	15654	FX10 AFU	15655	FX10 AFV	15656	FX10 AFY
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They will see use on the newly extended "InterConnect3" which will now run between Grimsby and Lincoln via Market Rasen, being extended hourly to Newark
Along with ADL Enviro 300s, also at Lincoln

27633	FX10 AFZ	27635	FX10 DTZ	27637	FX10 DUJ	27639	FX10 DUV
27634	FX10 DTY	27636	FX10 DUA	27638	FX10 DUU		

Only a couple of movements to note 16346, 16431 res - LI: Coaches 52446, 52621 and 52622 have been moved to Manchester for Megabus work

East Scotland: Volvo B10M coaches 52386 and 52667 have been transferred from Perth to the Rennie's operation for an increase in Citylink work there. Also for extra Citylink Cowdenbeath have 52288 from reserve. Volvo B10M / Alexander PS 20316 has moved from the reserve fleet from Aberhill with newer model 20148 taking its place. Wright bodied Volvo B10B 21020 has moved into Blairgowrie from reserve, allowing Mercedes 709D 40496 to move to disposal. Plaxon Interurban 52252 has gone to Arbroath out of reserve allowing 52309 to move across to Dundee, for extra Citylink / Megabus work where, 52297 has also moved to, down from Aberdeen.

Highland: The two ADL Enviro 300s noted last time have entered service at Thurso, where they have replaced 33187 and 39600 which have been earmarked for scrapping. Also for scrap from Thurso has been 59171, whilst Mercedes-Benz / Buscraft 59616 has been scrapped on Orkney with corrosion. Coaches swapped with S/C Western have seen 53204 53208 move south, being replaced on Orkney by 52510 an d52602. 52518 and 53113 have moved from Inverness to Fort William for an increase in summer Citylink services from there. Dennis Darts 33475 and 33477 have been scrapped from Inverness with similar 33473 and in reserve. 28804 has been sold to Ensignbus.

Manchester: Another pair of the Volvo B10Ms that have been in store for a while have found a new home 20933 and 20936 have moved to Oxfordshire.

Merseyside: Volvo B10Ms 20902 and 20921 have been moved to Carlisle, for painting and onward transfer. 20317 has been sold along with Dennis Dart 32915 and Plaxton Interurban 52190.

North East: Another quiet spell; Dennis Darts 32133, 32566, 32769 and 32779 have all been sold for scrap, Enviro 400 19380 is back in service at Walkergate and that is it.

North West: Two new ADL Enviro 200 Dart 4s are due imminently being allocated to the Fleetwood

outstation of Preston, for operating on route 86/89 "The Wyre Villager".

Sold to Millenium Eco Tyres has been Leyland Olympian 14188, whilst Volvo B10M 20452 has been sold to Fleetlink. A few allocation changes, as usual, 16351, 16353 res - CE: 16654 res - LL: 18152 PR - res: 18146, 18153 res - PR: 20305, 20309 res - dis: 20629, 20764 LL - dis: 20902 GM - res: 20921 GM (dis) - res: 40040 LL - dis: 42025 res - LL: 42534 res - dis: 42565 LL - res: 42566, 42670 res - dis: 47156, 47157, 47159, 47160 res - S/C Bluebird: Preston accident victim, Optare Solo 47474 has now entered service West Cumbria, having languished at Carlisle for some time after repairs.

The first tow Scania N230UD / ADL Enviro 400s arrived at Lancaster on June 24th, 15679 (PX10 ETL) and 15680 (PX10 ETO), the next two should arrive, the first week in July 15681 (PX10 ETR) and 15682 (PX10 ETT)

Oxfordshire: A pair of Slimline Optare Solos, entered service in early June 47735 (OU10 GFE) and 47736 (OU10 GFG), which will be found on route 17 and new route 20

The ADL Enviro 400 Hybrid double decks are now in build and the first few should be in Oxford as you are reading this

12001	OU10 GGA	12008	OU10 GGV	12015	OU10 GHF	12021	OU10 GFK
12002	OU10 GGE	12009	OU10 GGX	12016	OU10 GHG	12022	OU10 GFO
12003	OU10 GGF	12010	OU10 GGY	12017	OU10 GHH	12023	OU10 GFV
12004	OU10 GGJ	12011	OU10 GGZ	12018	OU10 GHJ	12024	OU10 GFX
12005	OU10 GGK	12012	OU10 GHA	12019	OU10 GHK	12025	OU10 GFY
12006	OU10 GGO	12013	OU10 GHB	12020	OU10 GFJ	12026	OU10 GFZ
12007	OU10 GGP	12014	OU10 GHD				

South: A spate of re-registrations to note first of all 20831 back to P831 FVU from 418 DCD which is now on 33058, 20833 back to P833 FVU from 403 DCD which is now on

Mercedes 708Ds 40954, 40960 and 40968 have been transferred from East Kent, currently in reserve at Winchester, Allocation changes 20313 WI - AR: 20438 AR - dis: 20460 WI - res: 20635 AR - dis: 27511 res - PM: 27515 AT - res: 32323 WI - dis: 32452 res - dis: 34014 res - AR: 34514 WG - CR

South West: Optare Solos 47582 (KX04 HOV) and 47584 (KX04 HPZ) have both been returned to the leasing company. Other changes 15322, 15323 TQ - dis: 15328 res - EM: 15369 WN - res: 16050 EM - TQ: 16052 BS - EM: 16350, 16395, 16399 BS - res: 20630 EX - WN: 25259 res - BS: 33429 res - TQ: 33158 res - EX: 33160 TQ - EX:

Wales: This months movements consist 20353, 20360 AE - dis: 20385, 20392 d/l - AE: 20698 MR - BR: 33278 dis - IB (this despite being listed as scrapped on last months fleet card): 33280 d/l - IB: 33610 CP - d/l: 34129 d/l - MR: 33622 MR - CP: 39821 IB - d/l: 39825 res - S & B: 39827, 39828 IB - d/l: 47534 d/l - CN: 47630 CN - d/l: 52399 PTt - IB: 52406 IB - PTt: 52539 d/l - IB: 52679 IB - d/l:

Warwickshire: 16768 was the Volvo Olympian moving from Stratford to Leamington that I missed last month, but is now back at Stratford. Along with 16085 out of reserve, replacing B10M 20220 which is now reserve. On loan for additional Megabus workd are Volvo B10M coaches 52617, 52618 from South along with 52436 from East.

West: The two Dennis Darts taken on from Swanbrook have heading to the paint shop at Bulwark. Volvo B10Ms 20682 and 20686 have been sold to Trevor Wigley for scrapping. Other movements consist 14274, 14958, 14985 res - dis: 16099 SD - res: 16110 GR - SD: 16135 SN - res: 16448 GR - res: 20978, 20981 S/C Manchester - GR: 33502, 33504 SN - GR: 52396 res - dis:

West Scotland: Vehicles sales in recent weeks have been all Volvo B10Ms 20512, 20565, 20571 and 20577 to E & M Horsborough with 20580 going to Fleetlink (dealer)

Yorkshire: Fleet movements off late 16489 CH - dis: 16496 dis - S/C East: 20279 res - dis: 20928 BN - dis: 31025 BN - res: 31901 EC - BN: 33233 HK - EC:

Transdev

Lancashire United: Eight Optare Tempo single decks are on order for later in the year. This follows the evaluation of well travelled demonstrator YJ59 NNZ. Optare Solos 1257 (MX07 BCV) and 1258 (MX07 BCY) have been returned to Mistral and are now with Stotts (Oldham)

London Sovereign: The registration of the last Enviro 200 note last month is DE94 (SN10 CAX)

London United: Thanks to Ian Rivett we have the new numbers for the former NSL fleet taken over

ADL Enviro200Dart / ADL Enviro200 10.2m ADL01-ADL36 to be re-numbered DE57-DE92

ADL Enviro200Dart / ADL Enviro200 8.9m ADS01-ADS07 to be re-numbered SDE11-SDE17

ADL Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer 10.1m NCP01-NCP27 to be re-numbered DPS701-DPS727

Optare Versa 10.4m OVL50-OVL56 to be re-numbered OV50-OV56

Transfers have been DPS551 TV - NC(loan): DPS656 SO - AV: DPS688 SO - HHu: TA214 S - TV: TA317 S - TV: VA73, 100 HHw - AV: VA91, 92 AV - S:

Independent Operators

Scotland

Avondale: recently purchased from First Stop Travel has been Mercedes-Benz 709D / Alexander Sprint M704 JDG

Ayrways: Another Optare Solo added has been VU02 TTE, running in all over blue

City Circle (Edinburgh): A Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Cheetah has joined the fleet YN10 FLB

Coakley (Motherwell): Yet another ex Arriva Scania is M121 RMS. Also now here are former McKindless Dennis Darts K114 SRH and R797 OYS, purchased through auction. A clear out of redundant stock sees Mercedes Minis N26 KYS, N27 KYS, N81 PUS, P528 UGA and P931 YSB all being sold for scrap, as has Dennis Dart / Wright Handybus M249 SPP.

Dodds of Troon: Two Caetano Optimo V bodied Toyotas have been added FJ10 EZX and FJ10 EZZ. These replace two older models of the type. Also new is a Volvo 9700 SF10 DJK

Doigs (Glasgow): Due anytime is one of those impressive Volvo B9TL / Optare Olympus 100 seaters PN10 FNP.

Essbee (Coatbrige): Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Cheetah W535 PFS has been re-registered as NIB 2796

Hartes (Greenock): Now in service on its main route is a MAN A91 / FAST single deck bus YN10 ENW

Hendersons: Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Beaver 2 AU53 GWC is now here from Anglian, still in their livery

E & M Horsborough: Due soon are at least two Optare Solo SRs, MH07 EMH and MH08 EMH. Normal Solo YJ51 XSL has been traded into Optare

Lothian Buses: Airlink Volvo / Wright 950 has been given cherished registration LB10 BUS

Marbill Coach Services: Two brand new VDL Bus FHD127.365 / Bova Futura coaches have been bought for tour work SN10 AZP and SN10 AZR

McGills: Former Harte Buses Mercedes-Benz Citar BU06 HSV is now in this fleet numbered 310

McColls (Dumbarton): Five former Dublinbus Volvo Olympians have been added 98-D-20408, 99-D-504, 99-D-519, 99-D-541 and 99-D-544

Shuttlebuses (Kilwinning): Tony tells me I neglected to put the registration in of the new Bluebird Tucana I noted last time it is YX10 AXM

Whitelaws: Two Plaxton Primos to note are YX07 HPE and YX07 HNN. Also having been noted in use here has been MAN R33 / Plaxton Panther MX10 DDN. I have this as a demonstrator so may only be evaluated.

WJC Buses (Airdrie): A new arrival here in early June from Stagecoach Highlands, via Ensignbus was Scania L94 / Wright Solar DP43F Y336 VST, (28804). It will be re-registered as Y3 WJC

North East & Yorkshire

Able Coaches (Tanfield): Volvo B10M / Van Hool Alizee N334 RGS is now here

Jim Bell (Hull) Acquired from Plaxton (Anston) has been a Volvo B12M / Plaxton PN05 BNU which was new to G Line (Lytham)

Centrebus (Leeds) The rest of the former Menzies Scania CN94UBs comprise 780 (YN03 UVS), 782 (YN03 UVZ), 784 (YN03 UWP) and 787 (YN03 UWT). Two MAN / MCV Evolution bodied single decks are also now operated 651 (BY55 HYO) and 652 (BC05 JHO). They were originally with Airparks of Manchester as W333 APK and W444 APK.

Compass Royston (Stockton): New here is a Volvo B12M / Plaxton Panther YN10 FZL

East Yorkshire: Volvo Merit / Wright Cadet 76 (BU03 RTX) and 77 (FJ53 LZW) have been transferred back from the Whittle operation and are now numbered 244 and 245. Not the original numbers that they carried when new here.

Godson (Leeds): New here from Holmeswood is Iveco Eurorider / Beulas RUI 8265 ex FN02 VBP

A Lyles & Son (Batley): Brand new is a MAN D2066 / Van Hool T915 Alicron Y10 JZD

McCune (Hull): The full registration of the VW Crafter noted last month is YN59 CJY

Proctors (Bedale): Three new tri axle Volvo B12B / Jonckheere SHV have been added NX10 AAF, NX10 AAJ and YJ10 JZA, the latter operating in Lochs & Glens livery.

Tees Valley Stagecarriage (Grangetown): A recent arrival from Fleetlink NW has been Volvo B10M / Alexander PS M452 VCW, not ago running with Stagecoach North West.

Tees Valley Coach Hire (Eaglescliffe): Purchased from Fleetlink has been ex Stagecoach Merseyside Mercedes-Benz 709D N201 LFV, it is used on the Guisborough town service

North West England

ACE Travel (Aintree): Another operator to move garages, now based at Unit 9, Nelson Business Park, Brookfield Drive, Aintree, you may recognise this, it is the old CMT depot. Dennis Dart SLFs 717 (P679 RWU) and 718 (P680 RWU) have been sold to the Stafford Bus Centre. A new addition is ADL Enviro200 Dart 4 KX57 FMD

Aintree Coahline: Former Dublinbus Volvo B6BLE / Wright 99-D-60019 has been acquired and is based at the Helms unit as V247 JMB. An ex Arriva Volvo B10B / Wright is also due for use N597 CKA. Dennis Lance / Wright L830 NYG has been sold to Stafford Bus Centre. Dennis Dart M199 YKA is withdrawn for spares use

Ashalls (Gorton): Dennis Lance / Optare Prisma N365 VRC is now with Reddin in Eire as 96-DL-6755

Atlantic Travel (Bolton): East Lancs bodied Scania N112 GIG 7008 has been bought from Courtesy Coaches and is now registered as WEZ 5965.

Battersby Silver Grey (Morecambe): The latest re-registration is 933 (YN54 WWE) which is now 8850 WU. A used acquisition is Plaxton bodied Dennis Javelin R275 LDE, Now registered as 5108 VX and given for 910

Blackpool Transport: The next round of service changes takes place on July 26th.

Line 2 / 2C will operate between Knott End Via Poulton-Le-Fylde to Blackpool only

Line 6 is being withdrawn

Line 7 every other journey will extend to Wesham, replacing Line 2

Line 9 a new service which will replace Line 11 between Blackpool and Cleveleys

Line 11 The northern terminus is changed to operate to Grange Park instead of Cleveleys

Line 14 The southern terminus is changed from St Annes to Mereside

Line 16 is being diverted along Whitegate Drive between the Town Centre and Harrowside

Line 17 A new service that replaces Line 14 between Blackpool and St Annes

Bubble Travel (Burnley): An unusual purchase is Neoplan bodied Dennis Javelin C50F MUI5921 ex N952 SPD

Bullock (Cheadle): A former Dublinbus Olympian has been bought S472 KBT ex 98-D-20445. Also new is a second Scania Omniexpress YT10 WLE

Finch (Wigan): News from this Leyland Titan outpost WYV 56T is to be scrapped in August whilst at the same time OHV 800Y will be withdrawn and used for spares.

G-Line (Lytham): A second brand new coach, for this year is Van Hool T915 Alicron YJ10 DSE

Go Goodwins (Eccles): Van Hool T917 YJ08 NTV, bought from Parry's earlier in the year has been re-registered as 33 EXG

Hodson (Clitheroe): Two Alexander bodied Volvo D10Ms have been bought from Stagecoach East Midlands F105 XCW and F110 XCW. The pair being no stranger to the area as they were new to Burnley & Pendle

JP Travel (Middleton): Recent arrivals are T626 SOA a Volvo B6 / Wright Crusader along with M517 KPA and M519 KPA former Arriva Wright bodied Dennis Lances, though purchased from Heartlands Travel. Mini Pointer Dart V387 HGG has been sold to the Stafford Bus Centre.

Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire (Carnforth): Mercedes-Benz 1120L T60 BGS has been re-registered as OUI 3834

Moving People (Accrington): Former Crusader Holidays Setra coach EU03 OJG is now registered as W9 MOV

Ogdens (St Helens): Acquired from Hulley's has been a Dennis Lance / Plaxto Verde P959 BUB

Peoples Bus (Liverpool): The new Optare Solo SR YJ10 EXW has been re-registered as Y1 BUS

Pilkingtons (Accrington): A pair of former Rossendale Dennis Darts / East Lancs Spryte have been bought N107 LCK and N108 LCK, seeing used on new services around their home town.

Pineways (St Michaels): A new arrival, noted whilst I was passing the depot the other day is an Iveco 391 / Beulas C51ft FN52 GUG.

Reays (Wigton): Boa Futura NSU 987 has reverted to its original registration of R18 SCC as has Mercedes-Benz Vario 472 HKE now YN07 NWD. Time to catch up on some new arrivals YN10 ABK and

YN10 ABO are Volvo B7Rs / Plaxton Profiles, with a VDL Bus FHD127.365 / Bova Futura C57F YN10 JYW. With YJ10 JYX being a FHD122-340 Bova Magiq.

Robinsons (Gt Harwood): Ne is Neoplan N2216 281 (MX10 DDF)

S & S Travel (Blackburn): New here is Mercedes-Benz Vario / Plaxton Beaver C33F KF52 TZL.

Speedwellbus (Hyde): Now in service is a Transbus Enviro 300 KX54 NKG, arriving from CT Plus (Hull)

Staceys (Carlisle): From Parry's (Cheslyn Hay) comes Van Hool T917 C48FT YJ57 EZF

Sawns (Chadderton): Operation of the Stockport Town Centre shuttle has been taken on from SK Solutions and with it the three ADL Enviro 200s that were operated MX09 MHV, MX09 MHY and MX09 MHZ. New is a Mercedes-Benz Turismo C34F BV10 ZKN

Titteringtons (Penrith): A new arrival, from Anderson (Ferrybridge) is Setra S415GT-HD C49FT CL03 AND, which has been re-registered as 188 TAE. Volvo B10M /Plaxton OZ 4688 has reverted to C478 LWB.

Travelmaster (Carrington): Now here from RH Transport (Finstock) is Optare Solo M850 Y332 HWT

Tyrere (Chorley): Another impressive arrival is of Volvo B9TL / East Lancs CH63/39F OU05 AWJ coing from Weaveaway (Newbury)

Waltons (Freckleton): Another new vehicle to record is a Mercedes-Benz 515CDI / Unvi C16F, PN10 FOM.

UK Private Hire (Blackburn): Coming from TGM of late has been Temsa Safari C51FT YJ08 DKN

Optare Delta H589 CNL has gone to preservationists in Yorkshire to assist in the restoration of a similar vehicle.

Warrington Borough Transport: Currently being trialled is a Plaxton Primo YX10 ECY

Central England

DeCourcey (Coventry): The second Scania / Optare Olympus is now in service CV10 KOV.

Hulleys (Baslow): A new arrival is 2 (AE05 EVC) a MAN / MCV Evolution, which replaces P881 PWW, which has been written off following its recent accident.

DRM (Bromyard): A new delivery here is YR10 BBN a Scania Omnilink single deck

Leons (Stafford): Two more new Van Hool T915s are AT10 LCT and CT10 LCT

Littles (Ilkeston): Brand new here is a Temsa Safari HD E4 (YJ10 DKV)

LMS Travel (Worcester): Now here is ex Lancashire United Dennis Dart SLF V659 HEC

Nottingham City Council: Not to be confused with NCT belo, the council has just acquired a pair of Optare Solos YJ10 EZM and YJ10 EZN, they may be available for other operators who win tendered services.

Nottingham City Transport: A follow order sees another eight Scania / Optare Omnidekka double decks due later in the year, which will take the fleet to over 150 of the mark

Nova Tours (Chesterfield): New is YJ10 JYY a VDL Bus FHD120.365 / Bova Futura

On A Mission (Soulbury): Leyland Titan CUL 126V has been on loan from Ensignbus through June

Silverdale (Nottingham): New in fleet livery are MAN / Neoplan N2216s MX10 DDA and MX10 DFL. Similar MX10 DDE is also in use with the London operation.

Thandi Travel: No less than ten second hand double decks entered service in early June, five ex Alexander Royale bodied Lothian Olympians P252 PSX, P257 PSX, P259 PSX, P262 PSX and P278 PSX. These are joined by five former Wilts & Dorset Optare Spectras K101 VLJ, K104 VLJ, L118 ALJ, L123 ALJ and L126 ALJ. All painted in a new livery of Orange, with a black skirt

TM Travel: A new addition is an Optare Excel L1150 0213 (W213 PRB)

Yourbus (Nottingham): More arrivals, this time from Lothian are Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointers 1101 (V153 EFS), 1102 (V156 EFS) and 1103 (V160 EFS)

Eastern Counties

Coach Servies (Thetford): New arrivals are Scania CN94UB Omnicity single decks UN03 UWK and YN03 UWM. Yet more buses from the Menzies Aviation fleet at Heathrow.

Eastons (Stratton Strawless): Scania CN230UD YN08 HXZ is no where being formerly with Beestons.

Godward (South Woodham Ferrers): The company, that often operates duplicates for National Express, was due to take over operation of the 570 London - Whitehaven service on July 5th, I will let you know next month what they use but it requires two coaches.

Ipswich Buses Currently here is ADL Enviro 400 demonstrator SN59 AWX carrying fleet number 500

Norfolk Green: Volvo B10M R513 KSA has been returned to Stagecoach in Cambridge after lease. A pair of Agoraline single decks, that were used by Norfolk CC on Park & Ride services, have been bought

Wales

1st Call (Merthyr Tydfil): Acquired from Herdman, Three Cocks in May was T456 FOB a Dennis Javelin Berkhof.

Alpine (Llandudno): Bedford YMT 77 CKM 137Y has gone to Ripley, Carlton for scrap.

Brent Thomas (Tonypandy): New in May was FJ10 DPX a Volvo B12B(T) Jonckheere C57F.

Bysiau Cwm Taf (Whitland): Plaxton Primo YX08 MHZ has now left the fleet.

C&R (Aberbeeg): Acquired from George Young, Ross-on-Wye is NIL 3948 (ex L42 CAY) a Volvo B10M-62 Caetano C53F, whilst G200 RRN a Volvo B10M-60 Van Hool has been sold.

Cavendish (Pontyclun): Acquired from New Adventure, Gabalfa is X77 CCH a Ayats Bravo

Chapman's (Tonyrefail): Acquisitions to note here are R512/519 SCH Bluebird CSRE3700 B60F which have been acquired from Staffordshire CC, Y513 HWE MB 614D Onyx C24F which has come from Docklands Minibuses and CE 08 OTG a Ford Transit from Charter Hire, Cardiff. Leyland Titan RMO 72Y and Bristol VRT XAN 431T have both left the fleet, having been sold in May.

Chepstow Classic Bus: From Stagecoach has come K714 ASC a Leyland Olympian / Alexander H47/32F.

Citysightseeing (Cardiff): Acquired from Citysightseeing, Bath in May was 383 EU 04 CZS a Volvo B7L Ayats O55/24F. Metrobuses, 200 (F815 YLV), 331 (F31 XOF) and 352 (F32 XOF) have returned to Ensign, Purfleet.

Clarks (Tredegar): Volvo B12B Jonckheere FJ56 KTX is in Coach Holiday Warehouse livery.

Clynnog & Trefor: Currently on loan from Dawsonrentals, Milton Keynes is KU52 RXL a Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer B31F.

Country Bus (Undy): From Stagecoach has come T405 BGB a Mercedes-Benz 0814D Marshall B31F.

Creigiau Travel: Volvo B12B(T) Berkhof FN03 FXV was acquired from Ferris, Nantgarw back in October of last year and now carries registration K19 CTL.

Davies (Cross Hands): Acquired from Hill's Services, Stibb Cross in May were HIL 3487 (ex N472 PYS) a Volvo B10M-62 Van Hool C57F and IIG 1477 (ex K482 VVR) a Volvo B10M-60 Van Hool C70F. Going the other way were JJZ 2127 (ex F720 ENE) a Leyland Tiger Plaxton Paramount, and OIL 3924 (ex E645 KCX) a DAF MB200 Van Hool. Also now left the fleet is A171 UDE a Leyland Tiger Plaxton Paramount which has gone to Newport, Knockin Heath.

Diamond (Morrison): New here is WA10 HTO a Bova MHD Magiq.

Edwards (Llantwit Fardre): Recently acquired from Arriva North West is N594 CKA a Volvo B10B-58 Wrightbus B49F. The following vehicles have all now received schoolbus yellow livery: LUI 7923 (ex R630 VYB), SIL 5382 (ex M542 JHB) Bova FHD's, and F63 SMC a Leyland Tiger Duple.

Edwards (Tiers Cross): Volvo B10M Van Hool Y313 KBN has been re-registered to 3432 RE.

Evans (Tregaron): A new Optare Solo YJ59 NOU arrived back in February.

Express Motors (Penygroes): CX10 AUP is a new Optare Solo M950, currently in plain white, but is due to receive the new Traws Cymru livery when the vehicle will be put to work on evening service X32 Bangor-Aberystwyth.

Ferris (Nantgarw): Acquired in May from Amport & District, Thruxton was YN09 DXL a Volvo B12B Plaxton C49FT.

GHA (Ruabon): From Arriva Merseyside has come M521 WHF a Volvo B10B-58 Wrightbus B49F while from Arriva Yorkshire has come M812 RCP DAF SB220 Ikarus B49F. This vehicle arrived with engine fire damage, so may be for spares only.

Glamorgan Bus (Cwmaman): From Faresaver, Chippenham has come P230 EJW a MB 811D Marshall B31F.

Gregory (Pontyclun): Two acquisitions to note for May are K50 APL (ex K205 GMX) a Dennis Javelin Plaxton C49FT which has come from APL, Crudwell and T130 SGA a MB 614D Crest which has come from Glyn's Mynyddcerrig.

Gwyn Jones (Bryncethin): From Bakers, Weston-super-Mare have come L956/962 NWW Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere C49FT

Harris/Shuttle (Fleur de Lys): Several weeks ago, fleet numbers started to appear on some of the vehicles. Below is a list of the ones noted so far:

01 YN51 JWY	07 YJ55 YHE	17 N613 FJO	25 YK04 K VX
03 YN51 JWZ	09 SN51 UCL	20 MX04 VLN	
04 SN51 UCJ	14 P635 FFC	21 MX04 VMH	
05 YJ55 YHD	16 P637 FFC	23 RIB 8431	

Hayward (Carmarthen): Acquired from Westward Travel, Kingswood is F281 ENV a Leyland Tiger Plaxton Paramount C53F, and from First Cymru is N113 VWN a Dennis Javelin Plaxton C44FT. Leyland Tiger's OIL 3925 (ex A101HNC) and A529 LPP have both gone to Ammanford Metals for scrap.

Herdman (Three Cocks): T456 FOB a Dennis Javelin Berkhof has gone to 1st Call, Merthyr.

Jones (Flint): From Cooper, Killamarsh has come Y918 XEC a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton C53F and has been re-registered to 770 HDM.

Ken Hopkins (Tonna): Now with Nelson, Glyn Neath is J99 KMH (ex J116 OTA) a DAF SB3000 Caetano.

Laser (Tonypandy): Not reported in these pages before is the acquisition of KNZ 1315 (ex G732 YAC) a Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton C53F which has come from Forward, Sampford Peverell. A further acquisition to note is the arrival of H20 SUP a MAN 16.290 Jonckheere C51FT latterly with Denton & Bagnall, Linton.

Let's Go (Fforestfach): From the MOD has come P119 UFM a Dennis Javelin SFD UVG C29F and now registered HIG 6242. Some re-registrations to note are:

1 R133 KWS (ex R30 ARJ) a Dennis Javelin UVG to HIG 6245

4 P877 GEJ a Dennis Javelin UVG to HIG 6246

11 R611 GRL (ex R10 PWD) a Dennis Javelin Neoplan Transliner to HIG 6240

16 M241 XWS (ex 16 RN 62) a Dennis Javelin Wadham Stringer to HIG 6244

Y 663 TNS a DAF FA45-150 NuTrack to HIG 6243.

17 NEZ 7658 (ex N780 EUA) a MB 711D Plaxton was sold in May.

Lew Jones (Llanrwst): New in May was YJ10 LZU a Optare Solo.

Lloyd's (Machynlleth): New in June were CDC 1 (LC10 WYN) and CDC 2 LC10 DAN Dennis Javelin SFD Plaxton S70F. While acquired back in May was SN 08 AAF ADL Enviro 200 ADL B45F which has come from ADL, Fakirk. Two further ex ADL demonstrator Enviro300's were due in June. KUI 6655 (ex B13 MPB) a Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton has been sold, while VIL 6275 (ex H742 TWB) a MB 709D RB has been exported to South Africa. Also now sold, but to a dealer in Stoke-on-Trent is S642 MGA a MB 0814D Marshall.

Llynfi Coaches (Maestag): New in March was CU10 AKZ a MB 0816D Plaxton Cheetah C33F.

Mainline (Gilfach Goch): From APT, Rayleigh has come SN 53 RWY (ex B13 DWA) a Scania K114IB Irizar C48FT.

Menyn's (Llanrwst): Acquired from Nefyn Coaches in May was YIL 1204 (ex R425 FWT) a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton.

Mid Wales (Penrhyncoch): T68 JBA a Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer B29F was acquired in January from Torrence, West Cornforth. The two new Dennis Javelin Plaxton should have arrived by the time you read this. In a change to the plan, one will be to C57F layout and the other will be to B70F.

Midway Motors (Crymych): Sold to Evobus, Coventry in April was X656 LRT Irisbus 391E.12.35 Beulas.

Nefyn Coaches: YIL 1204 (ex R425 FWT) a Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton has gone to Menyn's Llanrwst.

Nelson (Glyn Neath): Acquired from Ken Hopkins, Tonna in May was J99 KMH (ex J 116 OTA) a DAF SB3000 Caetano, while Dennis Javelin Plaxton N390 KDE is now registered PJI 3550. The original holder of PJI 3550, a DAF SB3000 Plaxton has reverted to its original registration of F266 RJX and has been withdrawn.

New Adventure (Gabalfa): Acquired from Watts, Bonvilston is OUI 2343 (ex R506 SCH) an Irisbus 391E.12.35 Beulas. The following have been re-registered, N400 TCC a Setra S250 is now registered H18 KFJ; T108 KGP a Dennis Dart Marshall is now H20 KFJ and W 81 JBN a Volvo B7R Plaxton is H19 KFJ. Ayats Bravo X77 CCH has gone to Cavendish, Pontyclun.

Pat's (Southsea): Recent acquisitions include the following: N205 CUD MB 711D Marshall, from John's Travel, Southsea, N109 LCK Dennis Dart SLF East Lancs B28F, from Rossendale, R463 LFM (ex R10 ARE) MB 0814D Plaxton, FROM John's Travel, Southsea, MV 02 ULN Volvo B12M Van Hool C46FT, from Shearings and now registered 405 UPJ, DX 06 HUY Neoplan N516SHD Neoplan C48FT, from Happy Days, Stafford.

Following these acquisitions, 405 UPJ Volvo B10M-60 Jonckheere was re-registered to D742 ELH and has now been withdrawn.

Peake's (Pontypool): Acquired in May was YN06 CKD Scania K114EB Irizar C49FT from Evergreen, Blackheath. A rather unusual acquisition in February was that of a former Southdown "Queen Mary" BUF 425C Leyland PD3/4 Northern Counties FCO39/30F. This was acquired from Palmer, Normanton. Obviously new to Southdown, it first passed to Harris Bus, West Thurrock in 1988, but less than a year later was with Appleby's operating their Bridlington sea-front service. It then returned to Harris Bus in 1992 and by 1994 was with Wallace Arnold as their "Uncle Wally" for service in Torquay. It retired into preservation and then was purchased by Palmer in October 2006 and was put into service, finally joining Peake's in February. Vehicles out are J333 PKE and J444 PKE Volvo B10M-62 Plaxton, which have gone to Lehane, Sturry. Also gone is AE 03 LFH Scania K114IB Van Hool which went to Scania,

Workshop in February. The registrations J333 PKE and J444 PKE are set to return from Lehan and will probably be utilised on the two Dennis Lances.

Phil Anslow (Varteg Hill): From Stagecoach Wales has come UIL 4720 (ex P216 RUU) a Setra S250, and from Stainton, Kendal has come YJ03 GYF MB 0815D Sitcar C33F.

Rhodri Evans Ffoshelig (Carmarthen): Acquired from Go Ahead London in March was P501 RYM a Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton B30F.

Silcox (Pembroke Dock): Two new Optare Solo's have arrived in the shape of 36 (YJ10 EXU) and 37 (YJ10 EXV). Both are supplied by Pembrokeshire CC for the Coastal network. Acquired from Trent Barton is 38 (P901 CTO) a Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer B39F.

Silver Star (Caernarfon): KIB 7026 (ex F426 DUG) Volvo B10M-60 Plaxton Paramount, and G483 HSX MB 811D PMT have both gone for scrap.

South Wales Transport (Neath): Acquired from Essex County Buses in May was AE08 DLF an ADL Enviro 200 / MCV Evolution B40F. The following went to Southdown PSV back in February of this year, R153/168 UAL MB 0814D Alexander.

Tanat Valley (Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant): Acquired from Anthony's Travel, Runcorn in May was G20 ANT (ex MB 51 BEY, C1 ECB, GO 51 WES) a Scania K124IB Irizar C32FT

Voel (Dyserth): On loan for demonstration in May from Evobus, Coventry was BV10 ZJX a Setra S416GTHD.

Watts (Bonvilston): On loan from Moseley, Wellington in May were WJ52 MSV Bova FHD12.340 and WA 04 EWM Bova FHD14.430. A further vehicle, WA04 MHM a Bova FHD13.340 was on loan in March but was returned to Moseley in May. New Adventure, Gabalfa has acquired OUI 2343 (ex R506 SCH) Irisbus 391E.12.35 Beulas.

Williams (Brecon): A new MB 0816D Sitcar Beluga C29F and registered WA10 OFO should now be in service here.

Veolia Transport Cymru: Vehicles acquired in May from Paul James were:- 40200 AU07 AFV , 40202 CN07 FSK, 40204 CN57 EFJ, 40206 AU07 AFO and 40219 CN57 EFG all Enterprise Plasma / Plaxton Primo B28Fs All were originally with Veolia Cymru, and are now allocated to Newport.

Vehicle movements include: 45001 Swansea-Trefforest: 45018 Newport-Trefforest: 50225 Newport-Trefforest: 50238 Swansea-Trefforest: 50253 Trefforest-Swansea: 70008/09 Swansea-Trefforest: 70033 Swansea-Trefforest: 74012 Swansea-Newport: 74019 Swansea-Trefforest: 74030 Cross Gates-Trefforest: 74036 Swansea-Trefforest: 78001 Newport-Trefforest: K736 PAO Newport-Trefforest. The following vehicles have received a grey and white livery with "Glider" fleetnames and purple roundels for enhanced service 400 Cardiff-Tonteg-Beddau:- 50209 (CN 09 FTA), 50210 (CN 07 FTE), 50212 (CN 07 FTC), 50213 (CN 07 FTD), 50235 (CN 57 EFC), and 50236 (CN 57 EFF). Meanwhile Scania Irizar 74028 YR 02 ZFF has received a new style livery for "Leisuretime".

London / Greater London

Abellio: The extra buses on the 381 were due to finish on June 18th when three Volvo B7s move to route 3. Just a couple of changes 8007 BC - BCw: 8311-8317, 8319, 8320 WL – WLw (returned to leasing company): 9717, 9718 WL - BC:

Chalfont Coaches: New on National Express work, whose livery they carry are WA10 ENL and, In addition WA59 EBC has also received National Express Vinyl's

Go Coachhire (Knockholt): Another addition is Scania K113 / Van Hool Alizee C49F M54 AWW, coming from New Enterprise.

Griffinbus (Polhill): Two acquisitions have been a Volvo B58 / Alexander Strider B51F M664 KHP. Coming from ATBus and an MCW Metrobus F807 YLV, this formerly with Southern Transit. Withdrawn for scrap have been Dennis Lance K305 KJA, Olymoian CUD 220Y and Metrobus KYV 659X

Terravision: A new fleet of Scania's have been added for the London – Stansted services, YT10 WLA, YT10 WLB, YT10 WLC, YT0 WLD, YT10 OAX and YT10 OAY. The older members of the fleet 06 and 08 registered have been transferred to the northern operation.

Travel with Hunny (Waltham Abbey): Operations have been moved to Unit 6 Maxens Yard, Galleyhill Road. The fleet is still very fluid with many vehicles acquired only remaining for relatively short periods. More arrivals have been ex Stagecoach Volvo B10M / Northern Counties Paladin M547 HPY and M550 HPY along with Dennis Dart / Alexander Dash P103 HNH. All three still in basic Stagecoach livery. From Hookways comes Scania / Alexander RH single deck NIL 9875 originally J814 HMC with Metroline.

London Duck Tours: Are now based at Unit 2A Tideway Industrial Estate, Nine Elms SW8.

Metroline: The latest batch, of fifteen, ADL Enviro200Darts, for route 143 have all been delivered and are in service

DE1115 LK10 BYB DE1119 LK10 BYJ DE1123 LK10 BYO DE1127 LK10 BYT

DE1116 LK10 BYC DE1120 LK10 BYL DE1124 LK10 BYP DE1128 LK10 BYU
 DE1117 LK10 BYD DE1121 LK10 BYM DE1125 LK10 BYR DE1129 LK10 BYV
 DE1118 LK10 BYG DE1122 LK10 BYN DE1126 LK10 BYS

Seventeen new Volvo B9TL / Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini 2 double deckers for route E2 are now in build at Wrightbus. The ADL Enviro400 buses which are currently running on the route will then transfer to Cricklewood Garage [W] where they will be joined by three with three new Enviro400 buses TE1073 (LK10 BZV), TE1074 (LK10 BZY) and TE1075 (LK10 BZY).

Transfers over the last few weeks have been DLD90, 99 AC - PVt: DLD95 AC - NWw: DLD96 AC - PVt: DLD98 AC - HT: DLD100 HT - NWw: TP356 AH - NWu: TP386 PB - NWw: TP389 AH - NWw: TP390-394 AH - W: TP403, 404, 406, 408 W - HT: TP422 PB - HT: TP432, 436 W - PB: VP491, 496, 497, 501, 596 HT - AC: Returned to Dawson Rentals have been DLF84, 90, 96, DP1027, 1042, 1044 and TP301, 302, 306, 309, 357

Grant Palmer (Dunstable): A recent arrival has been Mercedes-Benz Vario / Frank Guy V383 NOA

Red Rose (Aylesbury): Arriving in May was an East Yorkshire Plaxton Beaver 2 bodied Mercedes-Benz Vario R102 TKO, still in E-Y livery

S M Coaches (Harlow): Three Irisbus AgoraLine B44F single decks have been acquired OY53 RDU, OY53 RDX and OY53 RFE, all three having previously been used by Norfolk CC on Norwich Park and Ride. Meanwhile from Ensignbus comes R397 XDA a DAF SB220 / Northern Counties B42F

Vale Travel (Aylesbury): New here from RH Transport is Optare Solo M920 Y52 HBT. Sold have been Optare Excels S926 LBL and S930 LBL to South Wales Transport (Neath)

Southern England

Amport & District (Thrupton): Recently acquired from Battersby Silver Grey, Morecambe is PJ03 NBL a Volvo B12B Plaxton C49FT.

Arlott (Beenham): Currently on loan from Seward, Shepherds Bush is WA56 ENV a Bova XHD122.D340 C53FT, pending delivery of a new Volvo Sideral from Volvo, Loughborough.

Courtney (Bracknell): The new Optare Tempo's, YJ10 EXS and YJ10 EXT, work the Basingstoke Station-Chineham Park shuttle contract.

D&P (Sandhurst): VDL SB4000 Hispano Diva YN07 EDK and YN07EDR have gone to Scania, Worksop in part exchange for the two new Scania's reported last month.

Diamond Travel (Bognor Regis): SW02 VTT (ex LSK 825) is a Volvo B12M Jonckheere C53F which was acquired from Quinn, Newry.

Discover Dorset (Bournemouth): Two ex Lothian Buses have been acquired to operate open-top services in Bournemouth. They are E301 MSG and E302 MSG.

Eastonways (Ramsgate): Dart P290 MLD has gained an orange livery for its work on the Sainsbury's free bus to replace Dennis Dart Wright Handybus KDZ 5803. Further Dennis Dart Northern Counties, L120 HHV has been withdrawn.

Epsom Coaches/Quality Line (Epsom): New in March were BF10 VBX and BF10 VBY MB515 CDi's.

Go-Coachhire (Swanley): A further acquisition to note is the arrival of S569 HCG (ex 98 D 20440) a Volvo Olympian Alexander H47/31F which has been acquired from Dublin Bus.

Ham (Flimwell): In exchange for Leyland Titans, WYV 64T, CUL 162V and NHM 465X, Ensign has provided P676 SWC (ex 97 D 350), R61 LHK (ex 97 D 364) and R62 LHK (ex 98 D 20392) Volvo Olympian Alexander, originally with Dublin Bus. A further acquisition is Dennis Dart Plaxton Pointer B44F, L139 VRH, ex Stagecoach East.

Heyfordian: A couple of re-registrations to note are of Volvo B12M / Sunsundegui coaches F05 ANX now C6 HTL and YC02 CHJ now C7 HTL

Landtourer Coaches (Brighton Hill): YJ10 DJO is a new VDL SB4000 Van Hool C53F arrived in April.

McLeans (Witney): A coach returning to its old stamping ground is H69 CFJ a Volvo B10M / Plaxton Paramount, which originally worked on the Oxford Tube, but arriving from McColls

Poynter (Wye): Acquired via Ensign, Purfleet is ex Stagecoach Wales N402 WVR a Mercedes-Benz 811D / Alexander B31F.

Princess (West End): New in May was EM10 LOU a Scania K340EB / Irizar C49FT.

RDH Services (Lewes): Acquired from Shearings in March were MV02 ULO and MV02 UMA Volvo B12M / Van Hool C46FT.

Rambler (Hastings): HDY 565 a MB 709D has reverted to G200 PAO and has been sold for scrap, while HDY 405 a Volvo B10M-61 has reverted to D137 VJK and has gone to Clark, Catford.

Regency (Lewes): Acquired in April from Weardale, Stanhope was YN07 ECC a Neoplan N2216SHD C59FT.

Renown (Bexhill-on-Sea): Another acquisition to note from Dublin Bus is P705 SWC (ex 97 D 353) Volvo Olympian Alexnader H47/31F. DAF MB230 Van Hool G906 TYR has been re-registered to AFZ 2394, while Leyland Olympian G518 VBB is now registered AFZ 3859 and Volvo B10M-62 T305 LAF is now AFZ 3857.

Romsey Coaches (Romsey): New back in March was XS10 PBS a Setra S431DT CH?9/7CT. It carries "Phoenix Band Buses" titles

Stewarts (Grazeley Green): New arrivals in May were the two remaining ADL Enviro200 Dart 4's, YX10 BHA and YX10 BHD

Thames Travel (Wallingford): The full batch of Optare Solos acquired for the Bracknell routes are 410 (YJ10 MFA), 510 (YJ10 MFE), 610 (YJ10 MFF), 710 (YJ10 MFK), 810 (YJ10 MFN), 910 (YJ10 MFO), 1010 (YJ10 MFP) and 1110 (YJ10 MFU)

Thompsons (Christchurch): Yet another demonstrator having seen use here has been well travelled Optare Solo YJ59 GGO still carrying fleet number 100, from its time in Nottingham. Acquired back in March was P429 AHR (ex P446 SWX) an ex Network Colchester Optare Excel.

Weaveaway (Newbury): New in May was SF10 EBV a Mercedes-Benz 0.816D / Plaxton Cheetah C33F. Bova FHD 12.340 RG03 BVU (ex C8 OXF, CW52 TOP, NDZ 70, WA03 UDZ) has again been re-registered to X90 OXF, while Renault Master X90 OXF (ex RY54 GHB, W11 WAY) has been re-registered to CW54 TOP. Volvo B12M's SF07 PZU and SF07 TKD now carry registrations 327 RFC and MAC 96P respectively. Just to further enhance the Neoplan Skyliner status, SF56 TYC (ex LSK 825), SF07 YDB (ex KSK 986, SF56 OLM) and SF07 YDC (ex KSK 953) were all acquired from Trathens, Plymouth in April and now carry the following registrations: W90 OOW (this confirms last month's news), NE07 LAN and NE06 LAN respectively. MAN 14.220 AE57 FBB is now registered C8 OXF and Optare Solo's YJ59 GHN and YJ59 GHO now carry C1 OXF and C2 OXF respectively. Plaxton Primo YX58 FPP went to Blythswood, Glasgow in May.

Wootens: No less than five Alexander Q bodies Leyland Tigers have recently been purchased from Ulsterbus W65 (UXI 1372), W66 (UXI 1375), W67 (UXI 1376), W68 (UXI 1377) and W69 (WXI 4384). T is not known at the moment whether they will retain these registrations or gain English marks. They will be re-painted into a new version of the Tiger Line livery, which will feature more orange. From August 9th a new service T5 will begin operating between Amersham - Hemel Hempstead - St Albans and Hatfield, for which the Tigers have been acquired.

South West England

A2B Newquay Travel (Newquay): Not reported here are the arrival of several vehicles from Crocker, St Austell. They are:- SIB 8357 (ex D344 KVE) Volvo B10M-61 Van Hool C53F, 625 FYO (ex D951 MXW) Volvo B10M-61 Plaxton Paramount C49FT, H9 EVW (ex H791 RWJ) Scania K113CRB Plaxton C53F, S326 UEW LDV Convoy and T38 JOL Renault Master

Abus (Bristol): A third Former Reading Buses, DAF DB250 Optare Spectra H47/27F joined the fleet in May YG02 FWC, along with another ex Wilts & Dorset eample of the type L711 ALJ this being H48/29F

Andybus (Dauntsey): Acquired from Tally Ho, Kingsbridge is T30 ARJ (ex T67 JBA) a Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Mini Pointer B29F.

Bakers Dolphin (W-S-M): Three new Scania K360EB4 / Irizar C49FTs are 62 (ET10 EDT), 63 (FT10 EDT) and 64 (GT10 EDT),

Caradon Riveria (Upton Cross): Acquired back in February from Giles, Caerphilly was R89 BDW an Optare Metrorider B25F.

Dartline (Exeter): Various vehicles now carry names:- RLZ 1672 (ex T511 EUB) is named Karina-Jo: SLZ 5480 (ex FE 02 FBU) is named Phylliss Eileen: R500 DLC (ex R912 WLG) is named Megan Alex: WA05 WNE (ex 05 DL 3159) is named Evelyn Grace: YJ09 OTX is named Julita Andree: YJ58 PHK is named Bobbie-Angela: YJ59 NMV is named Julie Denise

Dial-a-Bus (Paignton): A new cross Torbay service started operating on the 1st June using AE54 HYX a ADL Dart Caetano Nimbus in "67 Flyer" livery, and two Optare Solo's, CN55 BAU (ex Silcox, Pembroke Dock) and MV07 CYG.

Eastville (Bristol): A new acquisition in May was L829 LNE (ex L10 BUL) a Leyland Olympian East Lancs H45/31F which has come from Stagecoach North West.

Eurotaxi (Siston Common): From Whitelaw, Stonehouse has come Volvo B12M Sideral C57F SF 03 TLY.

Faresaver (Chippenham): From South Wales Transport has come R693 MEW a Dennis Dart SLF Marshall B37F.

Girlings (Plymouth): From Roselyn Coaches, Par has come FSK 866 (ex A182 MNE) a Volvo B10M Van Hool and T124 JBA a Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere C53F. The following vehicles have all left the

fleet, M206 LNC Volvo B6-50 Alexander, M178 LYP Scania N113 Northern Counties, M729 OMJ Volvo B6-50 Northern Counties, now with Roselyn Coaches, Par, and R662 PHN Volvo B10M Berkhof and T487 OAY LDV Convoy, both gone to Moseley, Wellington.

Hookways (Meeth): Two vehicles now with Hamilton, Bow are J64 ESO (ex J738 CWT) and K65 BKG, both Volvo B10M Plaxton. M768 FTT MB 811D Marshall is now with Parnell, Dunkeswall, while L48 ORC Volvo B10M Jonckheere has gone to Volvo, Loughborough.

Kinch (Minety): Dennis Condor's B10 MFC (ex G859 FVX, EH 2014), G775 FVX (ex EG 2545) and Leyland Olympian Alexander C166 HBA (ex DH 9535) have gone to MAS, Anston.

Kingdom (Tiverton): Acquired from Smith, Coupar Angus back in February was SP06 FBF a Bova FHD12.340 C49FT.

North Somerset Coaches (Weston-super-Mare): From Barnes, Swindon has come LIL 9168 (ex P717 EJM) Volvo B10M-62 Berkhof C49FT.

Oates (St Ives): New in March was YN10 EOD a MB 0816D / Plaxton Cheetah C29F. Acquired back in December of last year was R574 JHS a Toyota Caetano Optimo C22F which came from Gay, St Agnes.

Parnham (Ludgershall): Acquired from DJ Coaches, Gravesend in May was BX55 FVE a MB Touro MB C49FT.

Rail River Link (Dartmouth): Two former Plymouth Citybus vehicles have been acquired. One is N289 PDV a MB 709D / Plaxton Beaver B25F, and the second is L115 YOD a Dennis Dart / Plaxton Pointer B40F.

Roselyn (Par): Acquired in April were M729 OMJ a Volvo B6-50 Northern Counties B37F from Pointmost, Plymouth and T124 JBA a Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere C53F from Jackman, Willand. The latter vehicle has subsequently gone to Pointmost (Girlings), Plymouth. Volvo B10M-60 KSU 454 has reverted to carrying its original registration, G526 LWU and has been sold to Goddard & Tweedie, St John, while similar vehicle G801 BPG now carries registration KSU 454. A further vehicle going to Girlings is FSK 866 (ex A182 MNE) a Volvo B10M Van Hool.

Somerbus (Paulton): Acquired back in February was YJ07 VRG a Optare Tempo which came from Nordcat and is used on route 175 Bath-Peasedown.

Tally Ho (Kingsbridge): As reported above, T30 ARJ (ex T67 JBA) a Dennis Dart SLF has gone to Andybus.

Target Travel (Plymouth): Acquired from Suzanne, West Bromwich in April was Y37 HHE Scania K124IB / Irizar C49FT.

Taw & Torridge (Merton): M134 UWY (ex NDO 856) Volvo B10M Plaxton has gone to Guscott, Halwill.

Thamesdown (Swindon) Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointer 206 WU 52 YWK is now back in fleet livery after losing its Paradise Pets, Swindon allover advertisement.

Western Greyhound (Summercourt): MB 0530, KT04 BUS has been re-registered to WK04 OKE.

Williams (Camborne): From Silverdale, Nottingham has come Y159 EAY a Volvo B10M-62 Jonckheere C51FT, while Bova FHD 12.340 YJ05 FXD has gone to Hills Services, Stibb Cross.

Wessex Connect (Bristol): Four new ADL Enviro200 Dart 4 / MCV Evolution B40F have arrived here for route 121 Bristol-Weston-super-Mare and are registered AE10 CUA, AE10 CUC, AE10 CUG and AE10CSF, These were originally planned for the Heathrow operation of the Rotala group. Acquisitions to note are DK04 SUU a TransBus MPD acquired from HTL Buses, Huyton and Y251 KNB, Y253 KNB Y254 KNB Dennis Dart SLF Alexander which have come from Bluebird, Middleton.

New Deliveries

Alexander Dennis Ltd	YX10 ECY	ADL Primo 2 (Demonstrator)
BF Hotels (Morecambe)	BX10 DHN	King Long XMQ6127 C49FT
Everyday Travel (Hampton)	RK10 PZG	Minicoach
Expressway (Rotherham)	MX10 DDY	MAN R33 / Plaxton Panther
Highland Experienace	SN10 ENJ	Mercedes-Benz
Holmeswood	PN10 AFF	Iveco Beulas Glory
Johnson Bros	YN10 AAE	Irisbus / Plaxton Panther
Johnson Bros	PN10 AHD	Iveco Euroride
Landtourer (Brighton Hill)	YJ10 DJO	VDL Bus SB400 / Van Hool
M & MB	FY10 AWR	Mercedes-Benz / Optare Soroco
MCH Coaches (Uxbridge)	BX10 DHO	King Long
On A mission	YT10 WLJ	Scania Omniexpress
Slacks	PN10 AHA	Man R33 ?Beulas Cygnus
GoBus - Jim Burke (Tuam)	10-D-7629,7630, 7643	Volvo B12 / Joncheere SHV

B Kavanagh, Urlingford	10-D-10675	Volvo B12M
Dualway, (Rathcoole)	10-D-6224	Volvo B9TL / Optare Visionaire
JJ Kavanagh (Urlingford)	10-WD-1	Setra S415GT-HD
Donoghue (Clarinbridge)	10-G-3286	Mercedes-Benz 1524L
???	10-C-7992	Van Hool (Trafalgar titles)
???	10-D-2217	Mercedes-Benz O.813
???	10-LD-53	Mercedes-Benz / Unvi

Around the Dealers

Ensignbus

Vehicles In

From Stagecoach East: Darts P103 HNH L139 VRH, L141 VRH Olympian K656 UNH.
 From Stagecoach Highlands: Javelin L500 GSM Volvo B10M's M559 TSX M911 WJK
 Olympian J122 XHH Scania Y336 HST.
 From Stagecoach Merseyside: Volvo B10M L590 HSG.
 From Arriva Southend: Olympian H262 GEV.
 From London General: Tridents X613 EGK W81 TJU.
 From East London Bus Group: Darts Y256 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 61 / 64 / 97 / 98 / 99 / 301 / 02 / 52FJN
 LX51FGP / Z LX51 FHD LX51 FPJ.
 From Lothian Buses: Olympians E314 MSG F356 WSC.
 From RH Transport : Solo Y332 HWT.
 From Chapman Coaches, S Wales: Bristol VR XAN 431T Titan RMO 72Y.
 From Hams Travel: Titans NHM 465X WYV 64T CUL 162V.
 From YourBus, Nottingham: Scania's RDZ1708 / 10 / 11 / 14.

Vehicles Out

RM436: HMK Class, Oslo, Norway.
 City Sightseeing open top DAF DB250 M647 RCP has been sold to Citycab Ltd, Limassol, Cyprus.
 Bristol VR XAN 431T: Escape the City, London.
 Olympian KTL 44Y: Mr Kristian Hanslip, Peacehaven , E Sussex for preservation.
 Olympians F602 MSL, F604 MSL H816 BCP, H818 CBP J623 GCR: Dons Coaches, Dunmow, Essex.
 Olympian H650 VVV: Geoff Ripley for scrap.
 Olympian J812 NKK: Sleafordian Coaches, Sleaford, Lincs.
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-350 now P676 SWC with Hams Travel Flimwell, E Sussex.
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-352 now P675 SWC with Ashwood Travel, Slough.
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-364 now R61 LHK with Hams Travel Flimwell, E Sussex.
 Dublin Olympian 98-D-20388 now R156 LHK with Carters Coaches, Ipswich.
 Dublin Olympian 98-D-20392 now R62 LHK with Hams Travel Flimwell, E Sussex.
 Javelin G930 MEP: Rosswins Coaches, Leicester.
 Javelin L145 BFV: Fishers Tours, Dundee.
 Volvo B10M's M714 KRH M547 SPY: Holloway Coaches, Scunthorpe.
 Mercedes N402 WVR: Poynters Coaches, Wye, Kent.
 Javelin L500 GSM Scania RUI 2054: Bob Vale Coach Sales, Andover.
 Dart L139 VRH: Hams Travel, Flimwell.
 Dart L140 VRH: Regal Buses, Chelmsford.
 Darts P152/7 SMW R459/60 LGH Y256/61/99 FJN LX51FHD: Centrebus, Leicester.
 Darts V153 / 6 / 60EFS Tridents X603 / 6 / 9 / 11 / 701EGK: YourBus, Nottingham.
 Dart V659 HEC: LMS Travel, Worcester.
 Bluebirds R516 SCH, R517 SCH: Bluebird Travel, North Walsham, Norfolk.
 DAF R397 XDA: SM Coaches, Harlow.
 Tridents T687 KPU T692 KPU: Cedar Coaches, Bedford.
 Solo Y332 HWT: Travelmaster, Manchester.
 Scania Y336 HST: WJC Buses, Hamilton.

Preservation News

Vehicle News

Roger Wright, of the London Bus Company has sourced no less than 9RTs and 2 RMs in Canada, RT714 (JXC 77), RT961 (KGU 235), RT2129 (KGK 938), RT4188 (LYF 247), RT4424 (NXP 778) RT4548 (OLD 768), RT4772 (OLD 559), RTL1076 (LUC 253), RTL1105 (LUC 315) with RM1371 and RM1620

Former Northern General Routemaster FPT590C has been acquired by Ensignbus, it is complete but requires a bit of TLC and will join their heritage fleet, once fettled

Rally News

Forthcoming Events

August

1st	Eastbourne, Bus Running Day (at Main Rail Station and Miniature Railway)
1st	Gosport, Hampshire, Bus Rally at Stokes Bay.
1st	Ipswich Transport Museum, Joint Admission with Mid-Suffolk Railway
1st	Longton, Stoke on Trent, Potteries Running day at Gladstone Pottery Museum
1st	Trans Pennine Run from Middleton (Manchester) to Harrogate Stray
1st	Walsall, W.Midlands, Classic Car & Transport Show at the Arboretum
6th-7th-8th	Kemble, Nr Cirencester, Steam & Vintage Extravaganza
7th-8th	Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset, Steam Fayre & Vintage Vehicle Rally
8th	Aldwarke, Rotherham, South Yorkshire Transport Museum Open Day
8th	Herne Bay, Kent, Bus Rally at William St. Car Park
14th-15th	Sandtoft, Nr Doncaster, Blues & Twos Weekend
14th-15th	Crich Tramway Village, 1940's Weekend
14th-15th	Lathalmond, Scottish Vintage Bus Museum Open Weekend
14th-15th	Leeds Castle, Kent. Classic Cars and More!
14th-15th	Ruddington (Notts:) Transport Rally
15th	Brislington (Park & Ride), Bristol, Open Day and Joint Avon Valley Railway
15th	Bury, SELNEC Bus Event at the Bury Transport Museum (NOW OPEN!)
15th	Dover Transport Museum. Buses, Cars and Trains.
15th	Woburn Abbey, Bedfordshire, Rally
21st-22nd	Sheffield Park, E.Sussex, Bluebell Railway Vintage Transport Weekend
22nd	Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, Classic Car & Transport Show
22nd	New Romney, Kent, Heritage Transport Day at the Romney,Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
28th-30th	Keighley Bus Museum with Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway
28th-30th	Hellingley, E.Sussex, Festival of Transport at Broad Farm
28th-30th	Rudgwick, W.Sussex, Steam & Country Show at the Showground
28th-30th	Sandtoft, Nr Doncaster, Bank Holiday Weekend
29th-30th	Crich Tramway Village, Blackpool Tram Extravaganza
29th-30th	Brooklands Museum, Dunsfold Wings & Wheels
29th-30th	Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway Transport Rally
29th-30th	Wythall, Transport Museum "Bristol Gathering" & Operating Days
29 th	Hendon, RAF Museum, LT Central Running Day
29 th	Fowlmead Country Park Kent. E.Kent Running Day (between Sandwich & Deal)
30 th	Ipswich Transport Museum, Ride a Fire Enging Day.
30 th	Lathalmond, Scottish Vintage Bus Museum Open Day
30 th	Sunderland, Seaburn Historic Vehicle Display

Out & About

Travels with Tony

With the introduction of new double deckers by both Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach Oxfordshire, Tony has been to Oxford to give you his views

Victorian poet Matthew Arnold found fame eulogising about Oxford as 'City of Dreaming Spires'. Left me though to describe the bus delights to be found there.

Dominant on 'town' services are Go-Ahead's Oxford Bus and Stagecoach. Amongst the Oxford Bus services are the park and rides that criss-cross the city from five sites (mostly with distinctive light green Tridents f/n 107-118). Also in special dark blue scheme for Brookes University services (not to be confused with Oxford University proper) are a few Tridents and 09 plate Enviro 400 Scania 201-211. A couple of Renown B10BLEs carry heritage schemes marking 125 years of operation, one (817) a purple and yellow combination with Oxford Tramways titles.

Oxford Bus also operate express coaches to London Victoria with Mistral bodied B12Bs and Scania K114EBs (f/n 30-41) in their green 'Espress' livery. They also run B12B/Panther f/n 81-99 in their dark blue 'Airline' scheme to Heathrow and Gatwick.

Out of town Stagecoach routes bring in vehicles from Witney, Bicester, Banbury and Swindon depots. Amongst these are the striking 'Gold Standard' E400 Scania f/n 15533-37 and 15609-20. Stagecoach also operate high frequency services to Victoria as the 'Oxford Tube' with their stunning Van Hool Astrobel double deck coaches 50201-26. Their Bedford based Panther bodied B7Rs 53601-17 appear on the lengthy X5 service to Cambridge.

Arriva The Shires Wrightbus Gemini's operate to Aylesbury. Independents are numerous and include Thames Travel of Wallingford (in good numbers), Heyfordian, Motts of Aylesbury and RH Transport/Hutt of Finstock. I believe too that several others may be seen on school and market day services. Open-top sightseers are plentiful, belonging to Tappins of Didcot. As is to be expected of a major tourist centre, touring coaches are plentiful too and may be seen picking up all over the place. So too a good variety of coaches from outlying villages.

The city centre is virtually cut in two by a pedestrianised area and you are not going to see everything in Oxford from the one spot. The somewhat out of town rail station is the terminus for some routes and the Stagecoach Swindon and National Express services (amongst others) pass by. Especially if time is short though, it is not really worth hanging about here as all can be seen elsewhere. Heading into town and following, first, Hythe Bridge St and then George St leads to the compact Gloucester Green bus station. Here the scheduled coaches and some Stagecoach out of town services terminate, and the numerous National Express pass through. The sightseeing buses also call. This is an interesting place with some of Oxford's (many) public toilets – but, again, not really worth hanging about for long. Apologies if I am wrong but, if you visit the other spots I mention and leave out the bus and rail stations I reckon you are going to miss only the Nat Ex and Stagecoach to Swindon (Enviro 300 / MAN in the 22620-6 series).

Retracing steps from Gloucester Green and following Hollybush Row and then Oxpens Rd towards the ice rink leads to the major Oxpens coach park area which can take over 40 vehicles. Comings and goings here are frequent and there is a lot of variety so it is possibly worth checking the place out more than once if you can. On my last visit 25 overseas coaches were present and only six UK, but this was about the opposite way around the time before.

Carrying on past the ice rink leads to the St Aldates junctions with Speedwell and Thames Streets. Here, in close proximity to the police station and magistrate's court, you can mix with the cream of Oxford society and indulge your hobby in what I think is the city's busiest spotting location. This is where you will see most buses on town services, the Brookes services, the Arrivas and most independents.

Heading away from here due north through the pedestrian area leads to the other recommended spot at the junction of St Giles and Beaumont St. You will know you have arrived by the buses parked up. Here,

the steps on the memorial to bishops hideously murdered by Queen Mary 1st are a fine place to sit to view the action. This includes the town stuff you did not get at the other place, the Stagecoach Golds and their Cambridge express. A lot of coaches pick up/drop off around here too.

Oxford is a fine place for the bus enthusiast. Do not be put off if you do not like students, Americans, tourists in general, Inspector Morse, Inspector Lewis, toffs – or any of these riding (the thousands of) bikes. This is a great place to visit even for those really odd people who do not like buses. The ale is good too. There is also www.buszone.co.uk – a truly fine bus website to help you out. Any questions, feel free to mail me at the address on page 2. Enjoy.

Tony

Debbie and Arthur have had over 30 page worth of sighting this month, a record, it does make it hard for me to trim down, as I do try and keep a spread of sighting from around the country. Do not forget we put them all up on to the website, and you can always drop me a note if you want a full list. On to this month and we have Eats Yorkshire, a bit of Scotland and the Nottingham area.

11 th May 2010	YX10 AAU	542 577 582 589 595 597 599
Clive Smithson		601 602 603 604 605 614 622
	East Yorkshire	623 627 634 635 641 643 647
<u>Hull, East Yorkshire</u>	351 479 659 708 715 745 746	652 654 655 657 658 670 672
CT Plus		674 680 684 687 688 689 690
FJ59 UYE FJ59 UYF		691 692 699 700 701 702 703
FJ59 UYG FJ59 UYL	12 th May 2010	708 715 719 720 721 724 726
YK10 AVV	By Rod Whitaker	730 732 736 740 741 742 751
		752 754 756 758 766 768 769
Drury	<u>Edinburgh, Scotland</u>	770 777 778 779 780 784 788
YN06 CVL	AAA Coaches, Kirknewton	790 792 796 797 798 808 810
	SN55 FEF, SN09 JUX	811 812 815 818 822 823 826
East Yorkshire		828 830 831 834 837 840 841
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Stagecoach Linconshire	294 295 301 302 303 307 311	YJ06 YSE
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	334 335 336 338 339 340 342	YJ09 OUV
<u>Beverley, East Yorkshire</u>	343 344 346 347 348 349 356	
Acklams, Beverley	357 505 506 508 510 511 534	McDades, Uddingston

SIL 7566 WJI 2321

Stagecoach Western
22385

Telfords, Newcastleton
YJ05 XWS

Whitelaws, Stonehouse
AE07 DZL AE07 DZO
AE08 KTG SF08 ROU
SF58 OHO

**Route 267 Hamilton –
Glasgow, Scotland**

First Glasgow
32575 37153 37173 37190
37226 37531 37550 40558
40560 40562 40563 40754
40829 41313 42885 44910
44911 60595 61389 61403
61559 61562 61601 61703
61708 62935 66281 66282
69107

Irvine, Scotland

Shuttle Bus, Kilwinning
N3 SBL

Stagecoach Western Scotland
16074 16290 16859 18001
18002 18006 18008 18012
18014 18015 18017 18018
18019 18020 18332 18334
18369 22523 22525 22527
22528 22529 22531 31371
31374 31375 31376 31377
31381 31382 33447 47357
47358 47498 47614 41093

Ayr, Scotland

Stagecoach Western Scotland
13644 20518 22385 22386
22387 22514 22523 22529
22533 22584 22588 22603
22859 22851 22860 22866
22868 2761531366 31380
33445 33446 33778 34021
34024 34025 34026 34151
47365 47507 50130 50132
50138 50145

Hamilton, Scotland

Coakley, Motherwell
P291 MLD

First Glasgow
31476 40806 40815 41212
41308 42886 61494 69079
69194

Henderson Travel, Hamilton
YJ07 VRK

Stotts, Huddersfield
FJ04 ETV

Whitelaws, Stonehouse
SF08 ROH

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Hamilton, Scotland

Fairline Coaches, Glasgow
YJ56 YOD

First Glasgow
31491 31495 37241 40810
40828 40834 41224 41246
41308 41309 41313 41684
44907 61512 61516 61597
61707

Henderson Travel, Hamilton
WX56 HLO

Irvine, Law
SF54 KHV PP06 BUS

Stagecoach Western Scotland
22384

Whitelaws, Stonehouse
AE07 DZN AE08 KTD
SF08 RNZ

Partrick, Scotland

Arriva Scotland
1440 1478

First Scotland
32554 41221 69065 69069
69071 69099

31st May 2010
By Clive Smithson

**Nottingham
(In and round the area)**

Butlers of Mansfield
BUT 28

Dunnline
FJ44 DZM FJ55 YCO

EYMS
68

Fowlers of Holbeach
XDO 515

Hodsons, Lincolnshire
CC06 HOD

K & H Doyle
V331 CVV

Marshalls, Sutton-on-Trent
MX54 WMK

National Express
FJ57 KHP

Nottingham Transport
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126 127 128 130 131 134 135
137 138 139 140 201 202 204
205 207 209 211 214 218 221
239 250 254 258 260 263 314
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420 421 422 423 424 425 426
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977 978 984 985

Pewsey Vale Coaches
T99 PVC

Premiere Bus
B15 PTL P689 RWU
T417 KAG T427 KAG
T428 KAG KU52 RJY
KV03 ZGL SA03 BZS
SN56 AYB YN07 LDX
YN07 LDY KX57 BWF
YX08 HJF FJ09 NTX
FJ09 NZK KX59 GNY

Redwoods Executive
USV 511

Stagecoach East Midlands
20560 22775 22777

Trent Barton
57 64 66 69 70 71 158 233 234
240 242 244 245 247 251 254
257 301 302 303 305 314 315
317 402 421 422 424 431 437
439 440 441 444 446 452 455
485 486 489 490 606 607 608
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668 669 670 671 672 673 674
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716 717 721 723 724 725 726
727 741 743 747 750 801 803
804 805 806 919 933 949

Unknown
Y80 OVA (Bova)

Your Bus
R407 FFC
R409 FFC
KU52 RYK
KU52 RYO
KU52 RXW

Tony's Back Bit

I am really worried. They seem to be sending them around after me for some reason. Seen in Bristol as I left the pub, another mobile first aid post for those needing urgent help in the city centre – ie, drunks. This one is Fiat Ducato tri-axle Y958LRC, as fleet no GA601 with St John's Ambulance, Avon. Meanwhile, passing by was extremely smart looking MB 311CDI GIG9340 with Commodore Management titles. I assume this is the Kingsbridge, Devon based music industry tour management company – hence the GIG plate. Witty, eh? They have a photo of the bus on their website.

Another seen with Dorset County Council is Volvo B10M P334VWR. Once with Wallace Arnold and Holmeswood, she now appears to be earning her keep as a trainer. Also in the education sector in this part of the world, Weymouth College have B10M J263NNC which was new to Shearings and formerly with Keech of Rousdon, Devon.

Meanwhile, airside at Bournemouth Airport are two Alexander Darts Y194/5KNB. Almost as many buses here as planes. These were new to Manchester Airport in 2001. They appear to be B—F configuration as opposed to the dual door often favoured by airports.

John Malcolm has sent me details of vehicles donated by Stagecoach to the evangelical Teen Challenge charity in Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire that helps those with 'life controlling problems'. He rightly praises the company for supporting this good work in this eminently practical way. John says the buses are kept in secure premises in Gas St, Johnstone. He identifies them as Alexander Dart P393LPS, now painted in dark blue by Stagecoach and formerly 32394 with Western; M950EGE is a Pointer Dart new to Dodds of Troon and once 32381 with Western; M774TFS and N95ALS are Alexander bodied MB 709Ds, once 40074 and 40096 (respectively) with Fife Scottish. Nearby in Mary St is Roe bodied Olympian PIB8696, mainly black with 'SPACE' markings and in use by a charity I am unable to pinpoint. This one was formerly A138DPE and was new to London Country.

Seen also in central Scotland has been DAF single decker K318SLF. New to the British Airways fleet (f/n BU444) in 1993, she now has titles 'The Bonkers Bus'. What CAN this mean? Does it mean this bus is crazy? If so, how can this be? If any of you have thoughts in the matter I suggest you keep them to yourself though, as we want to go on publishing. In fact, the web suggests these titles may refer to a 'silly dance' to a song by talented UK rapper Dizze Rascal (or Dylan Kwabena Mills if you knew him as a kid), and that this is now a 'dance floor single decker'. A short while back this bus featured in an unsuccessful licence application in Lanarkshire. My guess is it belongs to one of the local party bus people we have featured already in this section

From Luton comes a report of Javelins YN54WCU, YN07OZK and YU04XJM with PMP Recruitment. Their website describes the company as 'labour solution providers' who 'own and operate a full pool of vehicles'. So, they transport workers to employers who need them. PMP are located across the country and, if they are as good as their word – as I sure they are – they have a lot more buses around for you all to look out for.

Seen on Tyneside has been East Lancs bodied Trident decker PF04WMK with 'CrecheMobile' titles. The awesome Bus Lists on the Web site – to whom thanks - shows this as new to the organisation in July 2004. I do not know for sure, but presume its role is to provide temporary creche services on a mobile basis wherever these might be needed, such as at conferences, etc – a use for a bus I have not come across before.

Researching this one I found a picture of South Somerset Council's Yeovil based Scania decker WA54LVN. This is described as a 'mobile outreach venue' and 'community resource activity bus'. The pictures suggest it is used to teach computer skills – although clearly not plain English, if this sort of jargon is anything to go by. Unfortunately, I cannot trace a history for this one. Anyone help?

Wouldn't be me without a Routemaster. To close this month, Rod Whitaker found one-time Arriva London RML2635/NML635E parked up on the pavement near London's White City Bus Station being set up as a kind of dance studio – dance mats, speakers and even a mirrored ball in the back. Again though, I am lost as to who owns it now. That's it. Bye 'til next month. Tony

My thanks this month are extended to Alan Spencer, Tony Kent, David Blean, Andrew Churchill, Tony Hunter, Simon Wilson, Matthew Barker at the Derby Bus Depot, Stephen Evans, Ian Rivett, Steve White, Mark Watson, Brighton & Hove Bus Co, Go North East, Arthur Moorse, Nigel Diplock, Stuart Martin, LOTS, Chris Barker, Ross Newman at Ensign, Malcolm Crowe, The Oxford & Chiltern Bus page. Along with the other groups with which we share information.

The Gallery



Front Cover: A suspicious looking chap caught at the wheel of Leyland National WHH 556S, now with a DAF power unit and retaining the colours of Dalgligh, one of its previous owners during the open day at the Carlisle depot of Stagecoach North West in May (Lee Paul Wardle)
Rear Cover (Top): Spending the night at coach park in Portree, before heading back to Inverness on the morning Citylink service is Stagecoach Volvo B12M / Plaxton Panther 53111 (SV09 EGF) (Tony Allen)
Rear Cover (Bottom): Still on the Isle of Skye is this Van Hool badged coach of ForthTravel KSU 617, despite what it says on the outside it looks like an EOS body to me, but the registration does its job of not being able to tell its age, any idea do let me know (Tony Allen)