

## The Latest News *June 2009*



**26/06/09**



Andrey Tyldsley kindly reports the arrival of the first Optare Versa for **Go North East** as 8294 (NK09FUP). This was subsequently photographed on crew familiarisation by Gazza. These are for the Saltwell Park services in Gateshead and the Drifter services in Sunderland. Lee Wardle reports that Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 3830 (S830OFT) is now yellow.



Steven Hodgson reports that **Stagecoach North East** Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 19380 (NK58AEU) has returned to service following repairs after being de-roofed in Wallsend. Dave Oliver notes that former Busways Dennis Lance / Plaxton M203DRG and Volvo B10B / Alexander M901DRG are now with Atbus, Staines.



Stu Gray, Joey Makepeace and Steven Hodgson report that **Scarlet Band, West Cornforth** have acquired ex Arriva Midlands Mercedes Vario /

Alexander R150UAL and, somewhat controversially, are operating in Arriva livery in Arriva NE territory!



Lee Wardle notes Volvo B12B / Plaxton EL57LON in use with **Longstaff's, Amble.**



Steven Hodgson reports that **M&D Travel, Thornaby** have acquired DAF SB2305 / Plaxton NIB7625.

**17/06/09**



Steven Hodgson reports that **Arriva North East** now have Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 7363 (R640MNU) in service at Peterlee.



The latest movements and repaints at **Go North East** are reported by Lee Wardle, Stuart Gray, Andrew Tydlsley, Steven Hodgson, Gazza, Dan Annis and Chris Thompson. Two Volvo B7TL / East Lancs are now in stock from London, PN02XCF/L, and one has been out on route testing. MPD 611 (NK51KZL) is now in yellow. Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4903 (W903RBB) and VDL SB120 / Wright 8268/9 (NK54NKU/W) are all now white. The refurbished Line B10BLEs at Stanley now have revised branding. Optare Metrorider 484 (R92HUA) is withdrawn. David Little notes that MPD 486 (V186ERG) remains at Winlaton.

Lee Wardle reports that the new **National Holidays** Setras based at Washington are NH09LRH/MRH/NRH/ORH/PRH/RRH/SRH.

Andrew Goodchild reports that **Stanley Travel, Oxhill** have added Volvo B7R / Plaxton S20MMT to stock from Snowdon's, Easington.



John Atkin provides updates on the latest arrivals at **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe**, with the above photo from Jason Nelles. In stock are Bova Futura C659KHK, Volvo Citybus / Alexander F104XCW, Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties P601CAY and a Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties and an elderly Volvo B10M / Van Hool. There may also be something even more interesting to come.....!



Lee Wardle reports that **Low Fell Travel** have added DAF SB230 / Van Hool E660KCX to stock.

Andrew Rasmussen reports that **Skilton Coaches, Charltons** are selling Leyland Tiger / Plaxton C414PPE, C471UEW and Leyland Olympian / ECW C450BKM.



Chris Thompson reports that **Travelsure, Seahouses** have added Optare Delta RIB7017 to stock.



Lee Wardle reports that **Hodgsons, Barnard Castle** have added Bova Futura A6HCO to stock.



Lee Wardle reports that **Compass Royston, Stockton** have added Volvo B10M / Plaxton H836AHS to stock ex Marshall, Sutton-on-Trent.