

# Bygone Buses

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## **JEFFS' COACHES**

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This final part of the Jeffs' Coaches story relates to the events of the 21st Century which saw the passing of the firm from being a family owned business to becoming a subsidiary of the Moseley Group of companies under its subsidiary L F Bowen Ltd in 2004 and the subsequent unfortunate collapse of that company in 2012.

The Jeffs' Coaches Group Ltd (3177970) formed in 1996 had changed its name in November 1999 to Jeffs' Coaches Ltd and effectively owned that part of the operation previously held by the late John Jeffs, whilst Ken Jeffs continued with his share as a sole trader under the title of Jeffs' Coaches. On 1st January 2000 Jeffs' Coaches Ltd acquired the whole of the assets, liabilities and trading activity of its two subsidiary companies Basford's Coaches Ltd and Payne's Coaches & Car Hire Ltd together with the fixed assets, related financial loans and trading activity from Ken Jeffs trading as Jeffs' Coaches. Although the entire operation was already totally owned by Ken Jeffs and his wife Rita, this simplified matters by amalgamating the total business into the one company - Jeffs' Coaches Ltd.

The nominal capital of Jeffs' Coaches Ltd was increased by £990,000 beyond the original authorised £10,000 of which 300,000 £1 Shares were issued - 151,328 to Ken Jeffs and 148,672 to Rita Jeffs. In the following year the then defunct companies Basford's Coaches Ltd and Payne's Coaches & Car Hire Ltd were liquidated.

On 1st January 2000 Jeffs' Coaches Ltd recorded some 87 buses and coaches on its books. It may be recalled that since the untimely death of partner John Jeffs in 1995 the fleet had reduced from a little over one hundred vehicles to the current level by the end of the twentieth century. In the millennium year, however, Ken Jeffs maintained the fleet size by acquiring six secondhand buses and coaches whilst dispensing with six others.

In January 2000 four 1996 Volvo B10M-62s mounted with Jonckheere Deauville fifty-three seat coach bodies were bought from dealer Yeates of Loughborough and these carried the registrations N802/3/7 and 8 NHS. Initially a pair of Caetano bodied Volvos -

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L36/7 CAY - were traded in part exchange but later in the year a further couple of Volvo coaches were dispensed with.

Unfortunately one of Jeffs' Leyland Olympians bought from City of Oxford in the previous year was damaged in an accident and considered beyond economic repair. In fact two similar Olympians were then bought from City of Oxford in March 2000 and these carried the registrations VJO 204X and WWL 207X. The sixth vehicle taken out of service in 2000 was a former Willoughby & Harris DAF minibus bearing the index G933 JKY.



*The four Volvo B10Ms carrying Jonckheere Deauville bodywork were smart looking coaches as can be seen from this view of N807 NHS. They were however retained in the Jeffs' fleet for no more than a couple of years.*



*VJO 204X was one of the pair of Leyland Olympians with Eastern Coach Works seventy-five seat dual-door bodies that Jeffs' acquired from City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd in March 2000 and very smart it looked in Jeff's white and green livery.*

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Incidentally Jeffs' Coaches continued to use the Almex ticketing system on local bus services as they had for quite a number of years.

The year 2000 ended on a high note for Jeffs' Coaches as in October the firm was named the best international operator in the business, being presented with the *Group Leisure* magazine's industry award for best "UK coach operator for European and International Tours 2000". This was just one of many awards won by the Jeffs' team.

For the first time for several years Ken Jeffs felt able in 2001 to invest in a significant number of new coaches with which to upgrade his fleet. Accordingly eight new Iveco EuroRider 391E chassis were purchased and mounted with attractive Beulas Stergo coach bodies seating either forty-nine or fifty-one passengers. All had toilet compartments. Six were delivered to Helmdon in May 2001 when they were registered Y804 - 9 YBC and the other two arrived in November as FE51 RHO/RHU. The only other coach to be taken into stock during 2001 was W315 RVO which was a Plaxton Paragon bodied Volvo B10M fifty-three seater which was hired from Volvo Coach Sales between September 2001 and February 2002.



*The Spanish coachbuilder Beulas produced good-looking bodywork for fitment to Iveco EuroRider chassis as can be seen from this illustration of Y806 YBC.*

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*A rear offside view of Iveco Y809 YBC sporting its Beulas coachwork at Helmdon depot.*



*Representing the two Iveco/Beulas coaches carrying the then new (in 2001) registrations is FE51 RHO.*

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The intake of eight new coaches however saw the disposal of some twenty older stock. The majority of the outgoing vehicles were quite elderly time-expired machines but six mid-life "N" registered Volvos also passed to dealers to help pay for the new machinery. Overall the fleet reduction for 2001 was in the region of 12% which brought the total down to 76 buses and coaches at the year end.

The year 2002 started disastrously for Jeffs' Coaches as at 2.30am on Sunday 13th January the firm was the victim of an arson attack in which eight coaches were totally destroyed and the perpetrator was never held to account. Lost were two of the Iveco/Beulas coaches new in the previous twelve months and these were Y804 YBC and FE51 RHU. Also a good Volvo B10M/Caetano Algarve coach registered P180 ANR went up in flames together with a similar but somewhat older model registered XWG 254 (originally G913 WAY). The other four coaches fired were Leyland Leopards EWW 206T and YFC 16V and Bedford YMTs NBD 304/7V.



*The scene of devastation at Helmdon depot following the January 2002 arson attack. From left to right are the remains of FE51 RHU; XWG 254; YFC 16V; P180 ANR; NBD 307V; NBD 304V and Y804 YBC. Leyland Leopard EWW 206T was also lost in the fire.*

Fortunately January was not the busiest time of year for Jeffs' Coaches and the loss of seven vehicles did not cause as much disruption as would have been the case in the summer months. However, two Volvo B10M coaches with Van Hool Alizee fifty-three seat bodies were immediately hired from Volvo Coach Sales but these in effect only replaced two Jonckheere Deauville bodied Volvos that returned to a dealer at the same time. The two incoming machines were registered R399 EOS and R413 EOS and it is believed they remained with Jeffs' until April 2002.

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*On the left is R413 EOS and on the right is R399 EOS, the two Volvo B10Ms with Van Hool coachwork hired by Jeffs' Coaches following an arson attack.*

In March 2002 a pair of Volvo B10Ms sporting Jonckheere Jubilee P50 bodies seating fifty-one passengers were sourced from a dealer to replace stock lost in the fire. The registrations carried by this pair were A348 SCW and A539 BEC and both quickly had their seating capacity uplifted to fifty-five in August 2002. Both coaches had previously been operated by Shaw Hadwin of Carnforth. A month later a former Jeffs' Volvo B10M/ Jonckheere Deauville bodied coach that had been traded in to a dealer the year before was repurchased and this was registered N670 HSC.



*A348 SCW was a Volvo B10M with Jonckheere Jubilee bodywork that came to Jeffs in "dealer" white livery in March 2002. Initially just fleetname transfers were applied and the coach had to wait some months to have its red and green stripes applied.*

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*The second Volvo B10M/ Jonckheere Jubilee P50 bought in March 2002 was A539 BEC. This vehicle did receive its full livery early in Jeffs' ownership.*



The final coaches acquired to replace fire losses were a quartet of former City of Oxford Volvo B10Ms with Jonckheere Deauville bodies each seating fifty-three persons. These seven-year-old coaches were registered M627-30 FNS in the Oxford fleet but were immediately allocated cherished registrations by Jeffs' Thus M627-30 FNS became 802 AOJ, 112 AXN, 3493 CD and XWG 254 respectively in the Jeffs' fleet.



*112 AXN was the Volvo B10M/ Jonckheere Deauville previously registered M628 FNS and it is seen here at the Helmdon Depot.*

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*Sister Volvo/Jonckheere Deauville M627 FNS became 802 AOJ with Jeffs' and was photographed leaving Banbury Bus Station.*

During the year 2002 Jeffs' Coaches required additional double-decker vehicles for use on school contracts and in May purchased three more Leyland Olympians with Eastern Coach Works bodies. These former Lancashire vehicles were registered SCK 225/6X and DBV 137Y. The first of the three had coach seating for fifty-two passengers whilst the other two were equipped with bus seats for seventy-seven people



*Jeffs' Buckingham Depot was the location of this photograph of Leyland Olympians SCK 225/6X with their Eastern Coach Works bodies.*



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*Sister Leyland Olympian DBV 137Y was a year younger than the SCX registered motors.*



As the summer of 2002 approached Jeffs' Coaches bought a Volvo B10M with Jonckheere Mistral 50 coachwork and hired three sister vehicles. The four coaches were registered T713 / 719 / 726 and 729 UOS with T729 UOS being the motor that was bought. The other three remained on hire until some time between May 2004 and May 2005 when they too were purchased.



*The four Volvo B10Ms with Jonckheere Mistral bodies hired and/or later purchased by Jeffs' Coaches were indeed handsome machines as can be seen in this photograph of T713 UOS.*

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*This time an offside view of T726 UOS, one of the four Jonckheere Mistral 50 bodied Volvo B10Ms taken into Jeffs' fleet during 2002.*

Just two more vehicles were acquired by Jeffs' during 2002, the first of which was a seven-year-old Toyota with Caetano Optimo III coachwork seating just twenty-one passengers and registered WPX 852. This arrived in June and was followed in October by a Plaxton Premiere 350 bodied Volvo B10M previously operated in Eire and registered R620 BAY when bought by Jeffs' Coaches.

*This Toyota with twenty-one seat Caetano Optimo III coachwork registered WPX 852 started life as M844 LFP.*



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During 2002 Jeffs' withdrew another four older vehicle from its stock which gave a year end total fleet of 77 buses and coaches which was two up on the previous year.

On the subject of rolling stock a pair of Volvo B10Ms with Plaxton Premiere 350 bodies seating forty-six passengers made a brief appearance in the Jeffs' fleet for the summer of 2003 when R403/4 FWT were acquired from Volvo Coach Sales in April but they were returned to Volvo at the end of the season in September. It seems likely that these coaches were hired rather than purchased. At the same time five similar vehicles but seating forty-eight passengers were hired from Volvo registered W606/7/33/5/6/FUM. With the exception of W606 FUM the rest of these former Wallace Arnold coaches were purchased at some point between May 2004 and May 2005.



*All the "W-FUM" registered former Wallace Arnold Volvo B10Ms came to Jeffs' in the cream livery shown in this photograph and were operated in this colour for some time. W606 FUM with its Plaxton Premiere 350 coachwork is featured here.*

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*When this photograph of W633 FUM was taken in April 2005 Jeffs' fleet livery had been applied.*

The five "W-FUM" coaches entering the fleet displaced nine older machines which represented a loss of four vehicles bringing the total down to 73 at the year end.

No new vehicles were bought during 2004 but three were purchased secondhand and a further eight were either hired or demonstrated to Jeffs' Coaches. Dealing first with the machines that were acquired secondhand, a pair of Marshall bodied Dennis Dart thirty-six seater buses were bought from City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd in the summer mainly for use on local bus services. These Darts were registered M505 VJO and M517 VJO and they gave Jeffs' three year's service.



*M505 MJO was placed in service by Jeffs' Coaches still in its City of Oxford livery but with Jeffs' transfers applied. This Marshall bodied Dennis Dart awaits departure from Buckingham on the 32 service to Milton Keynes on 13th July 2004.*

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*Marshall bodied Dennis Dart M517 VJO was photographed at Helmdon on 15th August 2004 in all-over white livery pending the application of stripes and logos. As can be seen, these Darts were dual-doored versions.*

The third vehicle bought secondhand during 2004 was a Van Hool Alizee bodied Volvo B10M which could accommodate fifty-one passengers. It was registered SIL 3924 and was twenty-one years old when purchased but was put to good use for a year.



*This Van Hool bodied Volvo B10M registered SIL 3924 certainly did not look its age when acquired by Jeffs' Coaches.*

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Moving on to the eight vehicles hired during 2004 the first one in April was a Mercedes-Benz midibus with a Wright Nimbus body that came from Messrs Pickford of Chippenham and registered WCZ 4915. For reasons now unknown it was returned to Pickford's during the same month and replaced by another Mercedes but this time with an Alexander Belfast thirty-three seat body. This was M412 BEY and it was retained by Jeffs' for over two years. In May 2004 a trio of Volvo B10Ms with Van Hool Alizee forty-nine seat bodies were hired for the summer season, probably from Volvo Coach Sales. These carried the registrations N445/470/527 PYS. Also in May HX53 ODH which was a Transbus Dart was demonstrated to Jeffs' but nothing further developed from this demonstration. Finally, in the Autumn, a Dennis Javelin with Caetano Algarve II coachwork registered N592 GBW and a Volvo B10M with Caetano Enigma bodywork registered X391 RBD were leased from a Dealer to cover a temporary requirement for additional coaches.



*M412 BEY was a Mercedes-Benz 811D fitted with Belfast built Alexander bodywork that was hired by Jeffs' Coaches from Pickford's of Chippenham for almost two-and-a-half years.*

*Jeffs' Coaches operated many Caetano Algarve bodied Dennis Javelins or Volvo B10Ms so that Javelin N592 GBW that was hired during the Autumn of 2004 fitted well into the vehicle stock.*



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Counting the hired rolling stock, the intake of eleven vehicles during 2004 witnessed the demise of eighteen others, which served to reduce the fleet by another seven buses to give a year-end total fleet of 66 machines.

Probably the worst accident to have occurred in the history of Jeffs' Coaches happened on Monday 24th May 2004. Jeffs' Volvo B58 registered RHE 992X was returning pupils home from the Blessed George Napier Roman Catholic School in Banbury when on the narrow B4100 road between Souldern in Oxfordshire and Aynho in Northamptonshire it collided with a tractor and trailer ripping part of the side out of the coach. One boy was killed and another had a serious arm injury. At least eighteen pupils were hurt but most had minor injuries. The Volvo coach RHE 992X was scrapped following the accident. Fortunately fatal accidents involving school buses are very rare but nonetheless devastating when they do occur.

In June 2004 Ken Jeffs reached the age of 72 years and he was anxious to secure the future of the business as neither his son nor daughter were interested in running Jeffs' Coaches as both had their own careers to follow. With a fleet of over sixty vehicles the business was likely to be of interest only to the larger well-established regional coach operators and so it was that agreement was reached with L F Bowen Ltd, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Moseley Group (PCV) plc of Loughborough to acquire the entire share capital, including all assets, of Jeffs' Coaches Ltd on 8th December 2004.

Bowen's were based in Tamworth and in the past few years had acquired both York Bros (Northampton) Ltd and Appleby's Coach Holidays in Lincolnshire. The intention was to operate Jeffs' Coaches as a separate company within the Bowen's Group and it was agreed that Ken Jeffs would stay on as a Director to ensure continuity.

Following acquisition by the Bowen Group very few new vehicles were allocated to Jeffs' Coaches but inter-company transfers between the various Bowen subsidiaries were commonplace. During 2005 four Bova Futuras each seating forty-nine passengers were transferred during February from Bowen's Tamworth fleet to Jeffs' Coaches. These were all over ten years old and registered ECZ 9144, GLZ 6557 and K298/9 GDT. The latter two were quickly re-registered as OUI 2298 and XIL 5299 respectively. All were in Bowen's standard pale metallic livery which in some lights looked gold and in others silver! They were also adorned with a sun and multi-coloured ribbons and this livery henceforth replaced Jeffs' former colours on repaint. The Bowen group of companies operated their own coach holiday programmes under the *Door-to-Door* banner under which patrons were conveyed on feeder services, often by minibus, to and from their homes and convenient pick-up points on the various tours.

Between May and August 2005 three coaches were transferred to Jeffs' from York Bros of Northampton. All three dated from 1988 and were thus about seventeen years old when cascaded and all three were Volvo B10Ms. The coachwork varied from Plaxton Paramount 3200 via Paramount 3500 to Van Hool Alizee and were respectively registered LUI 7871, OUI 3918 and OUI 3914.

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*ECZ 9144 was one of four Bova Futura coaches imported into the Jeffs' fleet from Bowen's during 2005 and all four were retained for a couple of years.*



*An offside view of one of the four Bovas transferred from Bowen's, this time registered GLZ 6557 and awaiting inspection by Jeffs' engineers prior to entering revenue earning service.*

*The Bova Futura originally registered K299 GDT when transferred to Jeffs' was re-registered XIL 5299 by Bowen's.*





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*LUI 7871 was the low-height Plaxton Paramount 3200 bodied Volvo B10M that Jeffs' Coaches inherited from York Bros of Northampton.*



*The high floor Plaxton Paramount 3500 bodied Volvo B10M incoming to Jeffs' from York Brothers was OUI 3918. With Bowen's having a standard livery only the company name and logo transfers needed changing.*

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*The third offering from the York Bros fleet was OUI 3914 which was the Van Hool Alizee bodied Volvo B10M. Jeffs' retained the above three coaches until late in 2012.*

Jeffs' Coaches needed a couple of double-deckers for school contracts to replace older models that had fallen by the wayside. Accordingly in April 2005 a pair of former Go Northern Leyland Olympians were sourced. These seventy-seven seater Eastern Coach Works bodied machines were registered C649 LJR and C660 LJR and both operated in their Go Northern liveries for quite a long time.



*Leyland Olympian C649 LJR still sported its Go Northern livery a year after Jeffs' Coaches bought it. This was possibly a sign that under new management less attention was being paid to the appearance of the fleet?*

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*Sister Eastern Coach Works bodied Leyland Olympian C660 LJR was caught by the camera passing Brackley's Market Square in June 2006.*

A month after acquiring the two Go Northern Leyland Olympians a Volvo B6 was purchased that had also been in the Go Northern fleet. This was L408 GDC, a Plaxton Pointer forty-seat version of the B6.



*"Three wheels on my wagon" - this photograph shows the Plaxton Pointer bodied Volvo B6 registered L408 GDC over the maintenance pit at Jeffs' Buckingham Depot.*

In addition to the vehicle movements described above, during 2005 Jeffs' Coaches saw the return to the fleet of N789 SJU, a Volvo B10M with Caetano Algarve II coachwork after an absence of four years. Also a further Mercedes-Benz 811D was hired from Pickford's of Chippenham for the summer period and this UVG Citistar bodied motor

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registered N253 PGD seated thirty-three. Upon its return to Chippenham in September 2005 it was replaced by Pickford's with M799 EUS, also a Mercedes-Benz 811D, but this time with Wadham-Stringer thirty-three seat bodywork. Finally for 2005 a Toyota fitted with Caetano Optimo II coachwork seating twenty-two passengers and registered V359 POB was transferred from Bowen's Tamworth operation to Jeffs' Coaches.



*A rear view of the Wadham-Stringer bodied Mercedes-Benz 811D registered M799 EUS can be seen here at Jeffs' Buckingham base. It remained with Jeffs' for only four months.*



*This Caetano Optimo II bodied Toyota was transferred to Jeffs' Coaches in the Autumn of 2005 but V359 POB did not have Jeffs' logos applied immediately.*

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Unusually in 2005 the year-end fleet strength recorded an increase of four vehicles to a total of 70 although that did not necessarily indicate that the operational requirement had increased as frequently buses and coaches delicensed for disposal were not actually sold within the same year. Jeffs' Coaches usually amassed a collection of redundant rolling stock at the Helmdon yard prior to disposing of everything to scrap dealer Wigley of Carlton.

The Jeffs Coaches fleet profile was not changed a great deal during 2006. In January the Wadham-Stringer bodied Mercedes-Benz 811D was returned to Messrs Pickford of Chippenham who replaced it with M411 BEY, an Alexander Belfast bodied Mercedes, also on hire. On the coach front a former Wallace Arnold Volvo B10M equipped with Plaxton Paragon coachwork and registered ESK 897 was transferred from the York Brothers' Northampton fleet.



*Volvo B10M ESK 897 was imported into the Jeffs' Coaches fleet from Bowen's Cogenhoe based York Bros operation and very handsome it looked too!*

May 2006 saw an ADL E300 sixty-seater bus demonstrated to Jeffs' Coaches for about a week but no orders resulted from this demonstration. The two Alexander Belfast bodied Mercedes-Benz 811Ds on hire from Pickford's - M411/2 BEY - were returned to their owner in September 2006. In June 2006 the former Basford's Coaches Greens Norton depot was closed and remaining operations transferred to Helmdon. The total fleet at the end of 2006 was two less than in 2005 and stood at 68 vehicles.

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Not only did Jeffs' Coaches not receive any new or secondhand coaches during 2007 it lost the four Bova Futura machines that Bowen's had allocated just two years earlier. With six other older vehicles being disposed of the fleet strength for 2007 reduced by ten motors to a total of 58 vehicles.

In the following year - 2008 - Bowen's did allocate two new Volvo B12B coaches to the Jeffs' fleet. Both had Plaxton Panther bodies with YN08 NWV seating forty-nine passengers and having a toilet compartment and YN58 CGE seating fifty-three and having no toilet facilities.



*Above:- YN08 NWV was Jeffs' Coaches first Volvo B12B with smart looking Plaxton Panther coachwork. The local management was successful in persuading Bowen's to have the coach painted in Jeffs' traditional white/green/red livery.*

*Right:- The interior of Volvo B12B / Plaxton Panther YN08 NWV looks inviting and very comfortable.*



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Jeffs' also saw the return from Bowen's of one of its former Volvo B10M coaches mounted with Plaxton Premiere 350 coachwork. This was WBN 106 which had been re-registered since leaving Jeffs' in 2004 having previously been W606 FUM. The three incoming coaches in 2008 were counteracted by the loss of four of the Beulas bodied Ivecos bought new in 2001. In addition another two Caetano Algarve bodied coaches were also dispensed with, reducing the year-end fleet total to 55 vehicles.

Sadly Ken Jeffs died suddenly on 29th January 2008 and his wife Rita did likewise just two years later on 20th April 2010 and thus the Jeffs family connection with the coaching firm bearing their name was finally severed.

By August 2008 Bowen's had closed the Buckingham base of Jeffs' Coaches and transferred the remaining operations to Helmdon, after which time just the main depot and that at Witney remained.

The last few years of Jeffs' Coaches covering the years 2009 to 2012 continued the gradual decline of the firm in terms of vehicle numbers but not necessarily in financial viability. No more new vehicles were allocated and just three coaches were transferred from Bowen's main fleet to Jeffs'. In 2009 an Irizar bodied Scania registered OVS 822 moved from Tamworth to Helmdon whilst in 2011 a pair of three-year-old Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther coaches were allocated to Jeffs', one of them replacing a similar vehicle already in use. The two incoming Volvos were registered YN08 OWF and OWG whilst the outgoing coach was YN08 NWV.



*The Scania K113 Irizar Century bodied coach transferred from Bowen's to Jeffs' was OVS 822 which had originally carried the registration P388 WWL. Another Scania/Irizar combination was demonstrated to Jeffs' in October 2010.*

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During the same period from 2009 to 2012 the fleet was reduced by a further thirteen buses and coaches - six in each of the years 2009/10 and YN08 NWV as mentioned above in 2011. Sadly, late in October 1912 the Bowen Travel Group of Companies went into liquidation. Almost immediately, on 2nd November 2012, the Jeffs' business was sold by the administrators as a going concern to King Long UK Ltd of Coventry who set up a new company named "Jeffs Travel Ltd, but that is another story! At least the trauma of redundancy for many of the local staff was dissipated.

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REGN. NO.	CHASSIS			BODY			DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	MAKE	TYPE & SEATS	NUMBER	NEW	S/H	W/D			
N802 NHS	Volvo	B10M-62	044265	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23796	2/96	1/00	2/02	Shearings, G.M.	Heyfordian, Bicester	
N803 NHS	Volvo	B10M-62	044266	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23797	2/96	1/00	2/02	Shearings, G.M.	Heyfordian, Bicester	
N807 NHS	Volvo	B10M-62	044270	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23801	2/96	1/00	6/01	Shearings, G.M.	CoachEurope, Enderby/ Opperman, Chesham	
N808 NHS	Volvo	B10M-62	044271	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23802	2/96	1/00	6/01	Shevill, Carbike	CoachEurope, Enderby/ Heyfordian, Bicester	
VJO 204X	Leyland	Olympian ONLXB/1R	ON256	E.C.W.	H47/28D	25141	6/82	3/00	5/12	City of Oxford (204)	Scrapped 10/12	
WWL 207X	Leyland	Olympian ONLXB/1R	ON291	E.C.W.	H47/28D	25142	6/82	3/00	5/04	City of Oxford (207)	Accident, scrapped	
Y804 YBC	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003533	Beulas Stergo e	C51FT	00249	5/01	—	1/02	—	Destroyed by fire	
Y805 YBC	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003613	Beulas Stergo e	C51FT	00269	5/01	—	9/08	—	Plaxton, Anston/ Powells Bus, Hellaby	
Y806 YBC	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003621	Beulas Stergo e	C51FT	00274	5/01	—	5/08	—	Plaxton, Anston/ Powells Bus, Hellaby	
Y807 YBC	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003624	Beulas Stergo e	C51FT	00280	5/01	—	10/12	—	Jeffer Travel Ltd	
5/10→ 147 VKN	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003440	Beulas Stergo e	C49FT	00213	5/01	—	9/08	—	Plaxton, Anston/ Allan, Gorebridge	
11/09→ 5615 RO	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003436	Beulas Stergo e	C49FT	00222	5/01	—	10/12	—	Jeffer Travel Ltd	
FE51 RHO	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003794	Beulas Stergo e	C49FT	01045	11/01	—	9/08	—	Plaxton, Anston	
FE51 RHU	Iveco	Eurorider 391E.12.35	003796	Beulas Stergo e	C49FT	01048	11/01	—	1/02	—	Destroyed by fire	
W315 RVO	Volvo	B10M-62	051571	Plaxton Paragon	C53F	9912VUT 1184	4/00	9/01	2/02	Cummer, Galway	Impact, Carlisle	1
Ex- 00-G-7145	Volvo	B10M-62	060572	Van Hool Alizee	C53F	33080	3/98	2/02	7/02	Park, Hamilton	Volvo, Loughborough/ Fowler, Holbech Drove	2
Ex- KSK 950	Volvo	B10M-62	060388	Van Hool Alizee	C53F	33086	3/98	2/02	7/02	Park, Hamilton	Volvo, Loughborough	2
Ex- LSK 503	Volvo	B10M-61	005967	Jonckheere Jubilee P50	C51F →C55F 8/02	18749	8/83	3/02	by 5/04	Shaw Hadwin, Carnforth	Wigley, Carlton (c8/04)	
Ex- XDL 521												
Prev 6267 UA												
Prev XDO 32												
Orig A538 BEC												

Notes: 1 - W315 RVO hired from Volvo Coach Sales 29/9/01 until 2/02.  
2 - R399/413 EOS hired from Volvo Coach Sales following fire at depot in 1/02.

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		MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	MAKE	TYPE & SEATS	NUMBER	NEW	S/H	W/D			
	A539 BEC Ex- 899 CAN Orig A539 BEC	Volvo	B10M-61	005968	Jonckheere-Jubilee P50	C51FT →C55F 8/02	18750	8/83	3/02	by3/04	Shaw Hadwin, Carnforth	Wigley, Carlton (12/04)	
	N670 HSC Ex- LSK 479 Prev N681 GSC	Volvo	B10M-62	043551	Jonckheere Deauville	C49FT	23767	3/96	4/02	3/03	CoachEurope, Enderby	CoachEurope, Enderby/ Dunbar, Harriseahead	
4/02→	M627 FNS 802 AOJ	Volvo	B10M-60	031876	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23542	4/95	4/02	10/12	City of Oxford (41)	Jeffs Travel Ltd	
4/02→	M628 FNS 112 AXN	Volvo	B10M-60	031877	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23543	4/95	4/02	10/12	City of Oxford (42)	Jeffs Travel Ltd	
4/02→	M629 FNS 3493 CD	Volvo	B10M-60	031878	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23544	4/95	4/02	10/12	City of Oxford (43)	Jeffs Travel Ltd	
4/02→	M630 FNS XWG 254	Volvo	B10M-60	031879	Jonckheere Deauville	C53F	23545	4/95	4/02	10/12	City of Oxford (44)	Bradshaw, Walkden	
	SCK 225X	Leyland	Olympian ONLXB/1R	ON301	E.C.W.	CH42/28F	25237	6/82	4/02	by 6/06	Lans United (2125)	Seat Store at Helmdon by 6/06/ Jeffs Travel Ltd	
	SCK 226X	Leyland	Olympian ONLXB/1R	ON309	E.C.W.	H45/32F	25238	6/82	5/02	by -/07	Burnley & Pendle (2126)	Weaver, Newbury 11/09	
	DBV 137Y	Leyland	Olympian ONLXB/1R	ON744	E.C.W.	H45/32F	25624	6/83	5/02	11/09	Burnley & Pendle (2137)	Weaver, Newbury 11/09	
Ex- 4/05→	T713 UOS HSK 644 YIL 7713	Volvo	B10M-62	061028	Jonckheere Mistral 50	C49FT/ C53F	25004	3/99	5/02	10/12	Lochs & Glens, Aberfoyle	Jeffs Travel Ltd	1
Ex- 4/05→	T719 UOS HSK 650 LLZ 5719	Volvo	B10M-62	061164	Jonckheere Mistral 50	C53F	25144	4/99	5/02	10/12	Park, Hamilton	Jeffs Travel Ltd	1
Ex- 4/05→	T726 UOS LSK 835 NUI 7726	Volvo	B10M-62	061054	Jonckheere Mistral 50	C53F C49FT by 1/03	25009	3/99	5/02	10/12	Park, Hamilton	Jeffs Travel Ltd	1
Ex- 4/05→	T729 UOS KSK 981 FNZ 7729	Volvo	B10M-62	061194	Jonckheere Mistral 50	C53F	25245	4/99	5/02	10/12	Park, Hamilton	Jeffs Travel Ltd	
Ex- 5/10→	WPX 852 M844 LFP OUI 4797	Toyota	HZB50R	90000279	Caetano Optimo III	C21F	551020	6/95	6/02	10/12	Holmeswood, Holmeswood	Jeffs Travel Ltd	

Notes: 1 - T713/9/26 UOS initially hired but purchased between May 2004 and May 2005.

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		MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	MAKE	TYPE & SEATS	NUMBER	NEW	S/H	W/D			
	R620 BAY	Volvo	B10M-62	047359	Plaxton Premiere	C53F	9712VUP 7194	8/97	10/02	10/12	Irish Bus (VP65)	Worth, Enstone	
Ex-3/04→	97-D-45867 VKX 510				350								
	R403 FWT	Volvo	B10M-62	048769	Plaxton Premiere	C46FT	9812VUP 0403	3/98	4/03	c9/03	Volvo, Loughboro'/ Vale of Llangollen	Volvo, Loughborough	1
Ex-x/xx→	4 WA R 403FWT				350								
	R404 FWT	Volvo	B10M-62	048770	Plaxton Premiere	C46FT	9812VUP 0404	3/98	4/03	c9/03	Volvo, Loughboro'/ Wallace Arnold	Volvo, Loughborough/ Turner & Gibson, Chumleigh	1
	W606 FUM	Volvo	B10M-62	052375	Plaxton Premiere	C48FT	0012VUP 0606	7/00	4/03	8/04	Wallace Arnold	Bowen, Tamworth	2
	W607 FUM	Volvo	B10M-62	052398	Plaxton Premiere	C48FT	0012VUP 0607	7/00	4/03	10/12	Wallace Arnold	Volvo, Loughborough/ Hughes, Southwick	3
2/09→	VNP 893				350								
	W633 FUM	Volvo	B10M-62	052267	Plaxton Premiere	C48FT	0012VUP 0629	6/00	4/03	10/12	Wallace Arnold	Hughes, Southwick	3
1/09→	YSV 815				350								
	W635 FUM	Volvo	B10M-62	052332	Plaxton Premiere	C48FT	0012VUP 0631	6/00	4/03	10/12	Wallace Arnold	W Zaman, Aylesbury	3
2/09→	ESU 635				350								
	W636 FUM	Volvo	B10M-62	952333	Plaxton Premiere	C48F	0012VUP 0632	6/00	4/03	by 10/11	Wallace Arnold	Bowen, Tamworth	3
2/09→	872 KMY				350								
	WCZ 4815	Mercedes-Benz	811D	670303-2P-129870	Wright Nimbus	DP37F	N115	8/91	5/04	5/04	Pickford, Chippenham	Pickford, Chippenham	4
Ex-	J408 PRW												
	M412 BEY	Mercedes-Benz	811D	670303-2N-030917	Alexander Belfast	B33F	M4304 0495	4/95	5/04	9/06	Pickford, Chippenham	Pickford, Chippenham	5
	M505 VJO	Dennis	Dart 9.8SDL	3054/2292	Marshall	B36D	C37.059	3/95	7/04	by 5/07	City of Oxford (505)	Moseley, Loughborough/ Mahoney, Merthyr T.	
	M517 VJO	Dennis	Dart 9.8SDL	3054/2377	Marshall	B36D	C37.072	4/95	8/04	by 5/07	City of Oxford (517)	Moseley, Loughborough/ Mahoney, Merthyr T.	
	SIL 3924	Volvo	B10M-61	004697	Van Hool Alizee	C51F	10697	5/83	c8/04	9/05	Dereham, Dereham	Wigley, Carlton (5/06)	
Ex-Prev	PGE 859Y 2154K												
Prev	4143 AT												
Orig	NYS 53Y												
9/05	PGE859Y												

- Notes:**
- 1 - R403/4 FWT probably hired from Volvo, Loughborough.
  - 2 - W606 FUM was hired from Volvo, Loughborough.
  - 3 - W607/33/5/6 FUM initially hired from Volvo but purchased between May 2004 and May 2005.
  - 4 - WCZ 4815 on hire from Pickford, Cheltenham following failure of F47 CVV.
  - 5 - M412 BEY on hire from Pickford, Cheltenham to replace WCZ 4815 4/05 to 9/06 and

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Ex-	N445 PYS HSK 644	Volvo	B10M-62	044298	Van Hool Alizee	C49FT	32294	3/96	5/04	c 8/04	Jones & Howorth, Cross Hands	Kent County Council. Aylesford (10/04)	1
Ex-	N470 PYS HSK 645	Volvo	B10M-62	044239	Van Hool Alizee	C49FT	32295	7/96	5/04	c8/04	Airparks, B'ham		1
Ex-	N527 PYS LSK 875	Volvo	B10M-62	044113	Van Hool Alizee	C49FT	32286	3/96	5/04	c8/04	Clapton, Haydon		1
	HX53 ODH	Transbus	Dart SLF	7306	SCS	B30F	4450/03	1/04	5/04	c5/04	SC Coachbuilders	SC Coachbuilders	2
	N592 GBW	Dennis	Javelin	12SDA2146 1434	Caetano Algarve II	C51FT	558021	4/96	c9/04	c10/05	Chapman, Upper Tumble	Ventura, Lingfield	3
Ex-	X391 RBD 00-D-95920	Volvo	B10M-62	061145	Caetano Enigma	C51F	958001	11/00	by 8/04	c11/04	Last Passive, Dublin	Edwards, Hailsham	3
Ex- Orig 9/05→	N789 SJU 8399 RU N789 SJU SIL 3924	Volvo	B10M-62	044627	Caetano Algarve II	C53F	658012	5/96	2/05	10/12	Guideissue, Biddulph	Worth, Enstone	
Ex-	ECZ 9144 J405 AWF	Bova	FHD12-290	5003295	Bova Futura	C49FT	—	4/92	2/05	3/07	Bowen, Tamworth	Moseley, Loughborough/ Elkin & Wood, Shenstone	
Ex-	GLZ 6557 H621 FUT	Bova	FHD12-290	5003004	Bova Futura	C49FT	—	5/91	2/05	by 5/07	Bowen, Tamworth	Mahoney, Merthyr Tydfil	
3/05→	K298 GDT OUI 2298	Bova	FHD12-290	5003770	Bova Futura	C49FT	—	5/93	2/05	by 5/07	Bowen, Tamworth	Viceroy, Saffron Walden	
2/05→	K299 GDT XIL 5299	Bova	FHD12-290	5003774	Bova Futura	C49FT	—	5/93	2/05	by 5/07	Bowen, Tamworth	Dodd & Tilley, Haydon Bridge	
	C649 LJR	Leyland	Olympian ONCL10/1R	ON1873	E.C.W.	H45/32F	26017	8/85	4/05	8/12	Go Northern (3649)	Scrapped	
	C660 LJR	Leyland	Olympian ONCL10/1R	ON1963	E.C.W.	H45/32F	26032	9/85	4/05	5/12	Go Northern (3660)	Scrapped	
	L408 GDC	Volvo	B6-50	005245	Plaxton Pointer	B40F	93102VWN 1951	2/94	5/05	7/09	Go Northern (8408)	Farm Brackley Area by 12/11	
	N253 PGD	Mercedes	811D	670303-2P- 030379	UVG Citistar	B33F	5123/96	5/96	by 5/05	9/05	Pickford, Chippenham	Pickford, Chippenham	4
Ex- Prev Orig	LUI 7871 XEA 745 A20 MCW E607 VNW	Vollvo	B10M-61	017273	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C53F	8812VMP 3C020	3/88	5/05	10/12	York, Northampton	Bland, Ryhall	

**Notes:** 1 - N445/70/527 PYS hired May 2005 for the summer season.  
 2 - HX53 ODH hired or demonstrated May 2004.  
 3 - N592 GBW and X391 RBD on hire.  
 4 - N253 PGD on hire from Pickford, Chippenham.

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		MAKE	TYPE	NUMBER	MAKE	TYPE & SEATS	NUMBER	NEW	S/H	W/D			
Prev Orig	OUI 3918 UFC 221 E70 LVV	Volvo	B10M-61	017674	Plaxton Paramount 3500	C53F	8812VMH 3C786	5/88	6/05	10/12	York, Northampton	Bland, Ryhall	
Prev Prev	OUI 3914 ESK 897 E619CDS	Volvo	B10M-61	016190	Van Hool Alizee	C53F	13233	2/88	8/05	10/12	York, Northampton	Swallow, Rainham	
Prev Orig	LSK 839 E655 UNE												
	M799 EUS	Mercedes	811D	016190	Wadham	B33F	4745/94	3/95	by 9/05	1/06	Pickford, Chippenham	Pickford, Chippenham	1
	V359 POB	-Benz Toyota	811D BB50R	670303-2N- 027017	Stringer Caetano	C22F	951103	2/00	by10/05	by 3/07	Pickford, Chippenham	Bowen, Tamworth	
	M411BEY	Mercedes	811D	670303-2N- 0001423	Optimo II Alexander	B33F	M43930 495	5/95	1/06	by 9/06	Pickford, Chippemham	Pickford, Chippenham	1
Ex-Prev Orig	ESK 897 W603 FUM 7820 WA W603 FUM	-Benz Volvo	811D B10M-62	030917 052090	Belfast Plaxton Paragon	C48FT	0012VUT 0603	7/00	by 3/06	10/12	York, Northampton	Ridleys, Leamington Spa	
	SN55 HSF	ADL	E300	10149	ADL	B60F	4303/1	10/05	5/06	6/06	ADL Demonstrator	ADL Falkirk	2
	YN08 NWV	Volvo	B12B	124910	Plaxton Panther	C49FT	0812TML 7590	5/08	—	by 3/11	—	Bowen, Tamworth	
Ex	WBN 106 W606 FUM	Volvo	B10M-62	052375	Plaxton Premier 350	C48FT	0012VUP 0606	7/00	by 6/08	by 6/10	Bowen, Tamworth	Bowen, Tamworth	
	YN58 CGE	Volvo	B12B	129253	Plaxton Panther	C53F		9/08	—	c6/10	—	Bowen, Tamworth	
Ex	OVS 822 P388 WV	Scania	K113CRB	1828720	Irizar Century	C49FT	9489	5/97	by 6/09	by10/12	Bowen, Tamworth	Drew Wilson, Carlisle	
	YR10 BBV	Scania	K360EB4	1866736	Irizar Century	C49FT	132359	5/10	5/10	5/10	Scania, Worksop	Scania, Worksop	3
	YN08 OWF	Volvo	B12B	128043	Plaxton Panther	C49FT	8812TML 7863	6/08	by 5/11	by 6/12	Bowen, Tamworth	Bowen, Tamworth	
	YN08 OWG	Volvo	B12B	128168	Plaxton Panther	C54F	8812TML 7867RF	7/08	by 6/11	by 6/12	Bowen, Tamworth	Bowen, Tamworth	

Notes: 1 - M799 EUS and M411 BEY on hire from Pickford, Cheltenham.  
 2 - SN55 HSF demonstrator on loan for approximately one week.  
 3 - YR10 BBV demonstrator on loan during 5./10.