

Budget priced colour picture albums

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Steven Knight's name will be familiar to many Buses readers as the contributor of photographs, especially from near his home in Peterborough and his home city of Coventry. He has made some of these available in booklets produced for special events and has turned three of them into larger publications for general sale.

The Stratford book is a reprint of one produced to mark the repainting of Midland Red BMMO D9 double-decker 5415 into immediate pre-National Bus Company livery and its operation on an old routes excursion from Hinckley and Nuneaton to Stratford in May last year. Most of the photographs were taken during that day and are complemented by words and pictures telling the story of the bus and its acquisition by Ashley Wakelin's Wheels business.

The Coventry album has been produced as part of this year's centenary celebrations of the formation of its municipal transport undertaking and draws heavily on colour photographs taken at a staff reunion in May 2010 when the undertaking's three surviving Metro-Cammell Orion-bodied Daimler CVG6s all took part.

There also are pictures from earlier years, including a splendid colour view of a preserved 1950 Daimler CVA6 participating in a 1976 rally and several black and white compositions from around the same time, these including scenes from the last day of halfcab Daimler operation in Coventry in August 1979. Knight is donating 50p from each sale of this book to the recently formed

TITLE
Day Anywhere to Stratford-upon-Avon
PUBLISHER
Steven Knight Photography
SPECIFICATION
150mm x 210mm, 24pp, softback
PRICE
£4.45

TITLE
Day Return to Coventry
PUBLISHER
Steven Knight Photography
SPECIFICATION
150mm x 210mm, 40pp, softback
PRICE
£5.50

TITLE
Stagecoach's FLFs
PUBLISHER
Steven Knight Photography
SPECIFICATION
150mm x 210mm, 20pp, softback
PRICE
£5.50



Coventry Corporation Transport Society.

The FLFs book does precisely what it says on the cover. It is a tribute to the two consecutively numbered forward-entrance Bristol Lodekkas preserved as active heritage vehicles with Stagecoach East. New to Eastern Counties in 1966 as its FLF452/3, they survived through NBC, Cambus Holdings and now Stagecoach ownership in a variety of liveries.

The lower numbered of the pair was converted to open top in NBC days and after periods in Viscount and Premier Travel liveries donned the striped version of Stagecoach corporate livery in 1999. Both have worn the current corporate style since 2002, initially the golden jubilee version with purple and gold in place of blue, red and orange.

FLF Lodekkas have been part of Stagecoach since the group's early days as a small Scottish independent and this pair is kept busy on

a variety of special events and promotional outings, several of which are depicted in the book.

Another title, a 28-page album on preserved Stagecoach East's Megadekka Leyland Olympian, is promised from mid-June, price £4.95.

All these books offer a generally high quality of photography and reproduction, with imaginatively composed pictures showing not just the buses but also some of the people who have worked on or travelled aboard them.

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