Fleet Data User Guide

The Fleet Data options on the LTSV website were improved in mid-2014. This article provides some guidance on using the revised pages.

The Fleet Data sub-menu

There are four main Fleet Data pages. When you click on **Fleet Data** on the main menu, the Basic Fleetlist page will open. Each of the four pages has a sub-menu near the top to access the others. The current page is shown in bold.
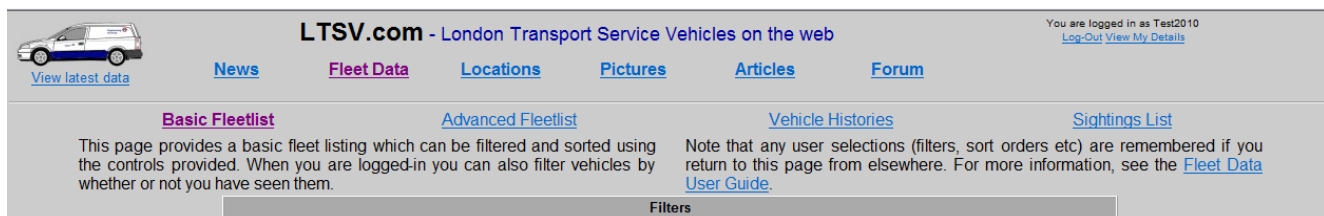

Fig.1   Fleet Data sub-menu

General changes

A fairly standardised design is used across these pages, so some features apply to all.

1. Filters appear on the same page as the results.

2. Page navigation options are improved

3. Sorting options are improved

4. Column headings and sorting buttons are repeated at the bottom of the results table

5. On the two Fleetlist pages, any filters and sorts that you apply are remembered. For example, if you use the filters to view a list of Leyland lorries, then go and view some other pages, when you return to the fleetlist page, it will still show just Leyland lorries.

6. The option to view versions of the pages optimised for printing out has been withdrawn. These will be reinstated at a later date.
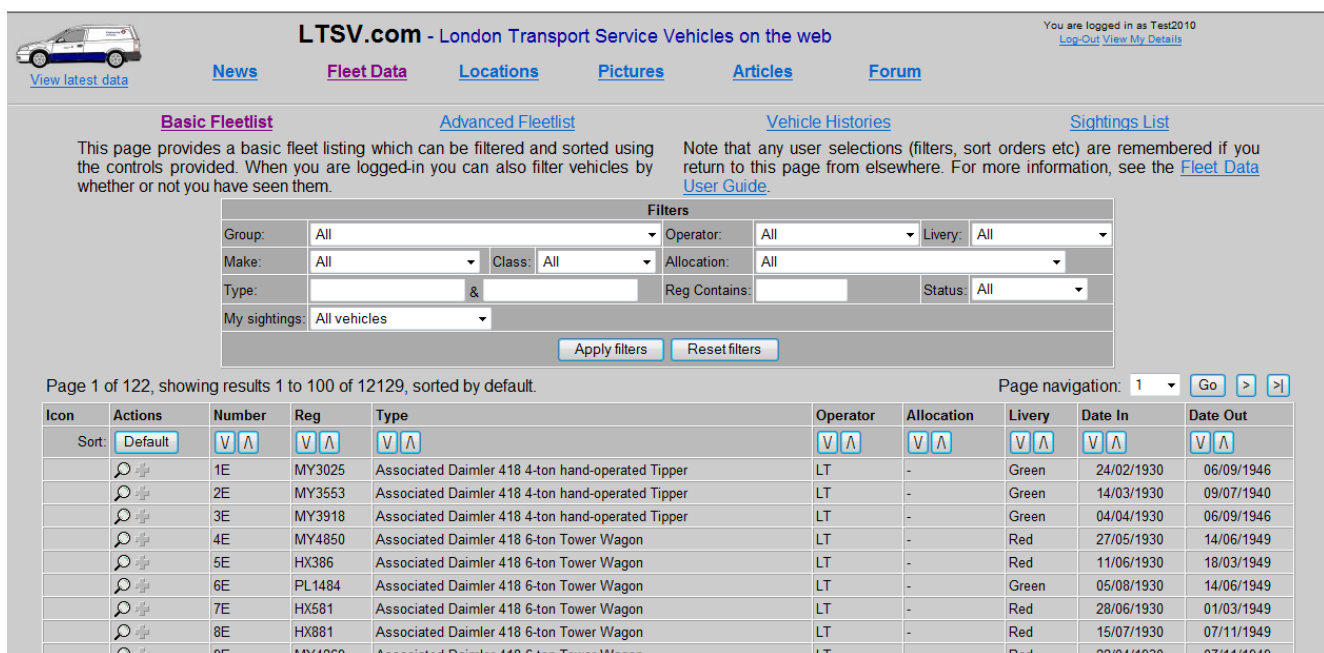
Basic Fleetlist page

Fig.2   The Basic Fleetlist page

This page provides results broadly equivalent to the previous fleet listing option. Most of the filters use drop-down boxes, from which values can be picked. The **Group** filter is new and allows sub-sets of vehicles to be viewed. The values in this drop-down are nested. For example, you could select "Central, All", "Central, Numbered, All", "Central, Numbered, Leased, All", "Central, Numbered, Leased, 6000-6999" or "Central, Numbered, Leased, 6500-6599", each stage refining the list of results to a narrower group.
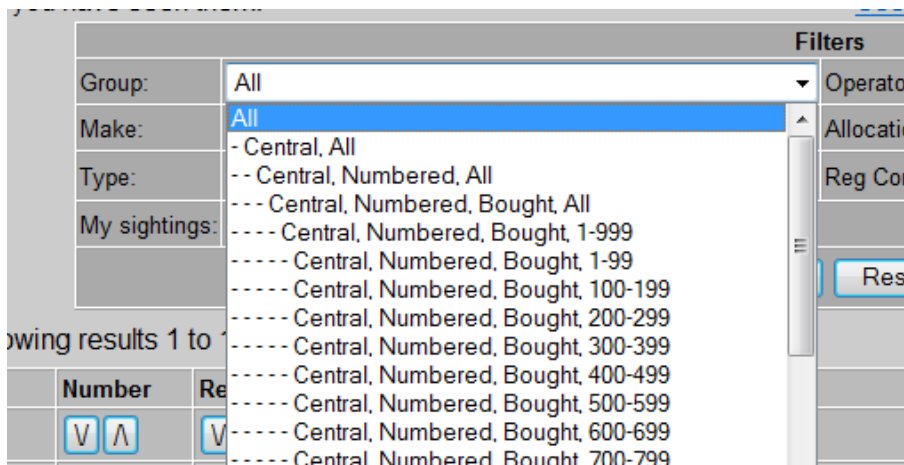

Fig.3   The Group drop-down

The **Type** and **Reg Contains** filters are text boxes rather than drop-downs, and will accept typed entries. The reason for there being two **Type** boxes is to allow more detailed searches. For example, typing "Transit Van" in one box would not return a vehicle listed as a "Transit LWB Van". However, typing "Transit" in one and "Van" in the other would. Registration numbers do not contain any spaces. Hence, searching for "THV1" would find THV1S, THV10S, THV110S etc.

When you are logged-in, an additional filter appears, titled **My sightings**. This enables you to view only vehicles you have (or have not) logged sightings of.

A limitation of the filters is that the database only holds the current (or last) attribute for each vehicle. So, for example, vehicles that were new to First London but which later passed to Metroline or Tower Transit are shown only under the latter operators. Hence filtering the results to show vehicles where the Operator is First London will not return these vehicles. This applies to all vehicles which have had a change of vehicle details, livery or operator. A future development of LTSV will allow these changes to be more fully recorded and filtered.

Selected filters are not applied to the results until you click on the **Apply Filters** button. To clear all current filters, click on **Reset Filters**.

The main results table will show up to 100 records at a time. To move from one page to another, use the navigation controls on the right hand side. The buttons visible here will depend on which page you are on and how many pages of results there. In the example below, the buttons from left to right are 'go to first page', 'go to previous page', 'select a numbered page', 'go to the selected page number', 'go to the next page' and 'go to the last page'.
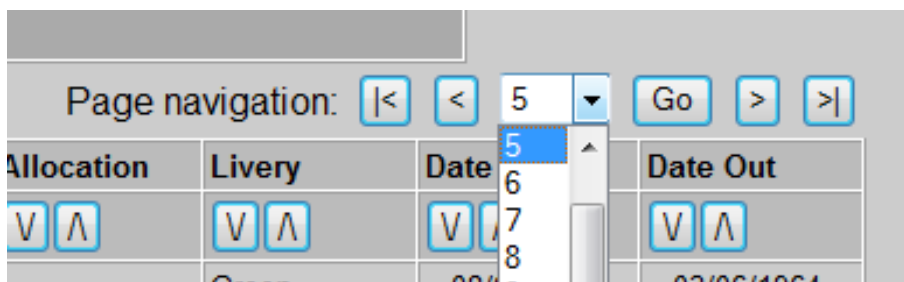

Fig.4   The page navigation controls

On the left hand side is text that shows how many results have been found, which results are currently being displayed, and what order they are sorted in. To change the sort order, click on any arrow button at the head of each data column. The **Default** button will sort the results into 'normal' order for service vehicles. That is central fleet vehicles first (numbered vehicles in number order then un-numbered vehicles in registration number order), followed by bus company vehicles in registration number order.

Fig.5   The results summary and sorting buttons

The first column of the results table shows an icon of the vehicle (if one is available). To view more details about a particular vehicle, click on the icon (or the space where an icon would have been). Another way to access the detail page is to use the magnifying glass icon in the **Actions** column. If you are logged in, additional icons will appear in this column. A grey plus sign can be clicked to log a sighting of a vehicle, while a green tick indicates that you have already logged a sighting. Note that to add a sighting for a vehicle you have already seen, you need to go through the vehicle detail page.

Fig.6   Results table, showing Icons and Action buttons

The allocation for current vehicles is shown as a code. To see the name of the location, hover over the code. To see details of the location, click on the code. Note also that the sorting and page navigation controls are repeated at the bottom of each page.

Fig.7   De-coding allocation codes, and repeated controls

Advanced Fleetlist page

The Advanced Fleetlist shares many features with the Basic Fleetlist. Only the additional features will be described below. The queries that underly this page are very complex and the page may take a couple of seconds to load.

Fig.8   The Advanced Fleetlist page

In the filters section there are several additional options. Alongside the **Allocation** drop-down is an extra drop-down containing two options; 'Now' and 'Ever'. These can be used to show the vehicles currently allocated to a given location, or all vehicles ever allocated there. Note that the latter information will not be comprehensive until the vehicle history inputting is completed (expected around the end of 2014).

Fig.9   The Allocation drop-down and Now/Ever drop-down

The **Registration** drop-down allows you to view only vehicles with a certain type of (or year/part-year) registration.
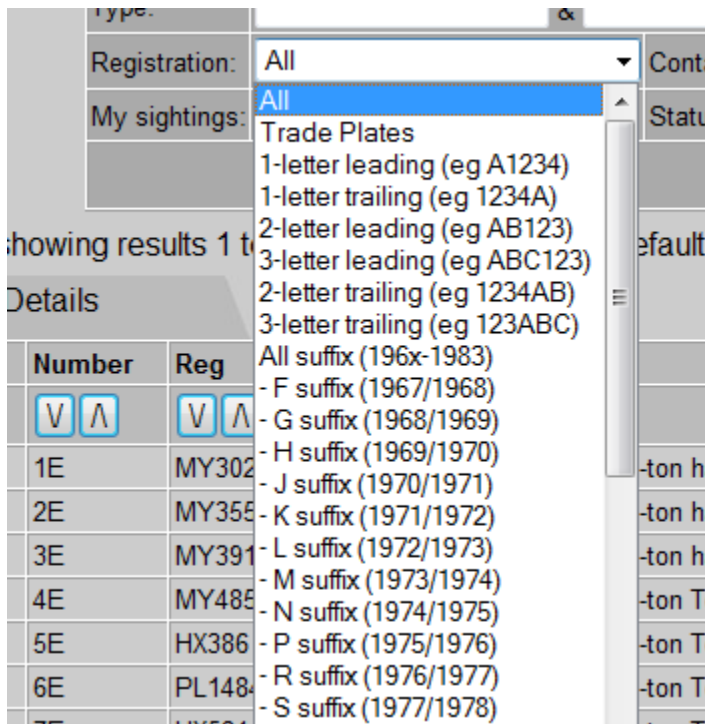

Fig.10 The Registration drop-down

There are four date boxes in the **Date In** / **Date Out** section to provide the greatest flexibility when filtering. The default values are 00/00/0000 and 31/12/2099 as shown, and leaving these values in will return all vehicles (unless other filters are applied).
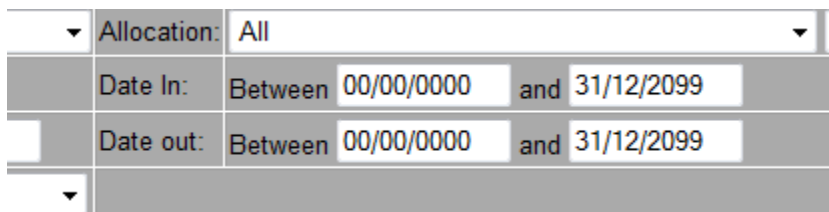

Fig.11 The Date In and Date Out controls with default values

If you wanted to see all the vehicles taken into stock during 1975, enter dates as shown in Fig.12. To see vehicles disposed of during a period, use the **Date Out** controls.
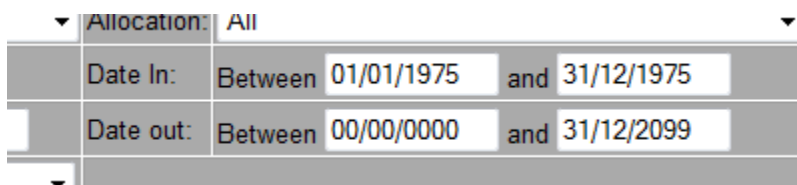
Fig.12 Using the Date in controls to find vehicles new in 1975

To see all the vehicles in stock at any given date, enter that date in the second **Date In** box and the first **Date Out** box. This means you are showing only vehicles that entered stock before the given date and left stock after that date.
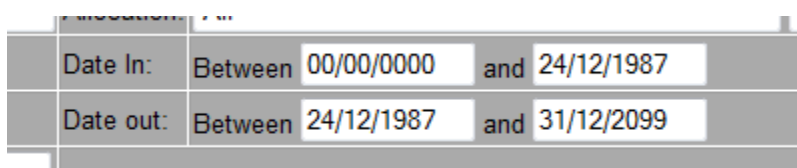
Fig.13 Using the Date In and Date Out controls to find all vehicles in stock at 24/12/1987

A limitation of the current database means that the results of a filter such as this may not be completely accurate. For example, a vehicle that was operated by Grey Green in 1987 but which later passed to Arriva London will show as being Arriva London whatever date you filter by. This applies to the vehicle details, livery, operator and allocation. A future development of LTSV will address this issue.

To provide the greatest flexibility in terms of sorting and displaying results, the Advanced Fleetlist has a large number of columns, most of which have sorting buttons. To enable all the columns to be shown, they are split across five different **sheets**. Note the distinction between sheets (which would be arranged horizontally) and pages (which would be arranged vertically). The different sheets are accessed by buttons above the results table. By default, the first view will be of the **Main Details** sheet. This view is rather similar to the Basic Fleetlist page.

Fig.14 The Main Details sheet, with buttons to access the other four pages

The second sheet is entitled **Extra Details**. This includes chassis and body numbers plus details of the supplier and disposal (where known). All columns can be sorted.

Fig.15 The Extra Details sheet

The third sheet is **History**, and this gives a detailed view of the history for each vehicle. Inputting of this information is ongoing, and expected to be completed by the end of 2014. Note that you cannot sort on the columns on this page. See the **Vehicle Histories page** later on for more options.

Fig.16 The History sheet

The fourth sheet is **Stats** and has a large number of columns. Most of these are calculated. For reference, the columns are (after the first four which appear on every page):

Lic On	The date the vehicle was first licensed (if known)
Date In	The date the vehicle was taken into stock
First Sight	The date of the first sighting reported on LTSV
Reports	The quantity of sightings reported
Last Sight	The date of the last sighting reported on LTSV
Date Out	The date the vehicle was taken out of stock
Life (yrs)	The duration of the vehicle's life as a service vehicle (from the date into stock to the date out of stock, or to today for vehicles that remain in stock)
Lic Off	The date the vehicle was last licensed until (if known)
Photos	The quantity of photographs of the vehicle published on LTSV
Notes	The quantity of notes recorded about this vehicle on LTSV
History	The quantity of history events recorded for this vehicle
Added	The date the vehicle was added to the LTSV database
Edited	The date the vehicle's database entry was last modified

Again, all columns can be sorted, in either direction.

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Icon	Actions	Number	Reg	Lic On	Date In	First Sight	Reports	Last Sight	Date Out	Life (yrs)	Lic Off	Photos	Notes	History	Added	Edited
		1600F	AML799H	02/06/1970	21/05/1970	n/a	0	n/a	18/06/1979	9.08	20/12/1987	1	2	9	01/09/2005	04/12/2012
		1601F	AML800H	n/a	23/04/1970	14/08/1971	1	14/08/1971	03/09/1973	3.36	n/a	0	1	5	01/09/2005	01/02/2014
		1602TV	NLE970	n/a	03/09/1970	29/04/1972	2	25/08/1975	20/05/1976	5.71	n/a	0	1	5	01/09/2005	04/02/2014
		1603F	EGN516J	01/10/1970	24/09/1970	21/04/1971	2	22/01/1972	18/06/1975	4.73	31/05/1985	0	1	9	01/09/2005	02/02/2014
		1604F	EGN517J	n/a	07/10/1970	17/06/1972	2	10/08/1972	17/09/1974	3.95	n/a	0	0	8	01/09/2005	01/02/2014
		1605F	EGN518J	n/a	03/02/1971	21/02/1975	1	21/02/1975	23/10/1974	3.72	n/a	0	1	6	01/09/2005	02/02/2014
		1606F	EGN519J	n/a	14/07/1971	01/03/1975	1	01/03/1975	19/08/1975	4.10	n/a	0	1	6	01/09/2005	02/02/2014
		1607F	EGN520J	n/a	08/12/1970	20/04/1976	1	20/04/1976	12/11/1974	3.93	n/a	0	1	6	01/09/2005	02/02/2014
		1608F	EGN521J	n/a	18/12/1970	07/04/1971	2	03/01/1972	11/11/1974	3.90	n/a	0	1	6	01/09/2005	02/02/2014

Fig.17 The Stats sheet showing multiple columns and sorting buttons

The final sheet is **Photos**, and this naturally enough shows, for each vehicle, all the photographs that have been published on LTSV.

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Icon	Actions	Number	Reg	Photos
		7200R	LV61NKA	
		7201R	LV61NKR	No photos published
		7202R	LV61NHH	No photos published
		7203R	LV61OEF	No photos published
		7204R	LV61NJK	

Fig.18 The Photos sheet

Vehicle Histories page

This page shows all the vehicle history events (transfers, modifications etc) for each vehicle. Inputting of these events is ongoing at present and expected to be completed sometime around the end of 2014. By default, the page shows all events in date order. You can filter the list to show only certain periods, events or locations, and you can sort on each column.

Fig.19 The Vehicle Histories page

This page includes built-in help notes, accessed by clicking the button on the right hand side.

Fig.20 The Vehicle Histories page with Help turned on

Sightings List page

This page shows all the vehicle sightings that have been recorded on LTSV. The default view is of sightings in the current year, with the most recent at the top. Links are provided within the table to view more details about particular vehicles, locations or members.

Fig.21 The Sightings List page with the default view

To view all sightings, change the Year to All, or to any other combination of Month and Year as required.

Fig.22 The Month/Year filters

The **Place** drop-down includes all locations at which service vehicles have been reported, as well as all locations which have had an allocation of service vehicles.

Fig.23 The Place filter

To find more detailed information, use the **Comments contains:** text box. In the example below, smallbill has been entered. Note that the **Place** column includes a mixture of service vehicle locations (with links to view more details) and general places (in plain text).
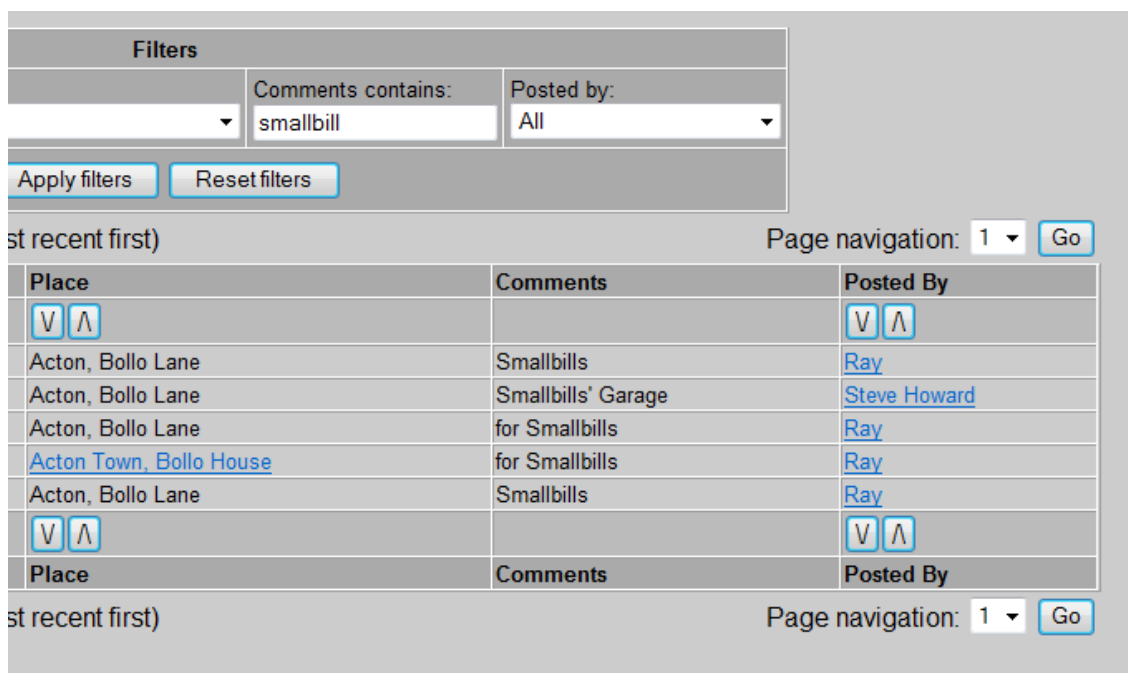

Fig.24 Using the Comments filter

To view your own sightings (or those of any other member), select the relevant name from the **Posted b**y drop-down.
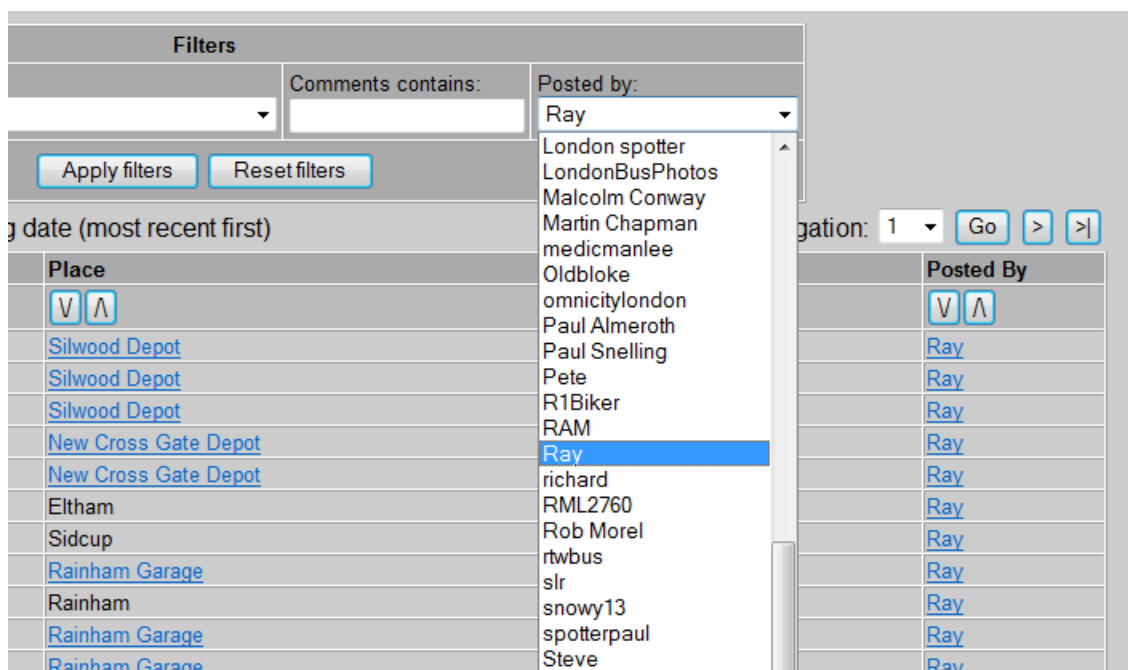

Fig.25 The Posted by filter

As with other pages, the filters will not be applied until you click on **Apply filters**.

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