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On the cover:

Hedingham have two new Darts, L338 and L339, believed to be a cancelled order. Not yet registered, they are seen here at Hedingham depot in January. L339 displays blinds for the new Colchester town route.

Dave Arnold

Dates for your diary

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Venue: **Pullman Suite, Freight House, Rochford**, (adjacent to Rochford station). **19.30** onwards. Refreshments available. All members and guests are welcome.

Spring 2005 programme:

- ▶ **Tuesday March 8** - AGM and slide show by Alan Osborne - "**Arctic Cruise**". Brr!
- ▶ **Tuesday April 12** - Members photos.

COLCHESTER MEETINGS

Venue: Downstairs room at the **Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester**, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Town centre bus stops and parking are nearby. **20.00 to 22.00** (doors open at **19.30**). All members and guests are welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please.

Over 26 members and guests gathered in January to hear Bill Hiron's talk on Network Colchester. In view of the good attendance at this and earlier meetings, further dates have been booked in May and June. We now have a digital projector and can show images direct from a laptop computer as is done at Rochford. If any member would like to present a show using this, please contact me (address opposite). *Dave Arnold*

Spring / Summer 2005 programme:

- ▶ **Friday 11 March** - slide show by Richard Delahoy - "**20 years ago part 2 - summer and autumn 1984**"
- ▶ **Friday 8 April** - slide show by Alan Osborne - "**Malta over the years**"
- ▶ **Friday 13 May** - tba
- ▶ **Friday 10 June** - tba

EVENTS

- ▶ **Sunday 3 April** ~ **Cobham Bus Musuem Open Day & Wisley Gathering**

TOUR

- ▶ **Sunday 8 May** ~ **Tour to mark the 21st anniversary of the start of the X21 commuter variant of the famous Southend X1.** X21 (Shoebury to London) started on May 9, 1983 (and yes, I photographed the first departure!).

The tour will use Arriva Southend 5404, originally Southend Transport 264, (Olympian/NCME DP decker), which is currently being repainted (but not into ST yellow coach livery, unfortunately!).

The plan is to run the full X21 to Hyde Park Corner, then a break in Victoria, then a full rounder on the old Culturebus 614 before another break and fast run back to the Southend area.

Pick-ups in the Southend area and along the line of the X21 route; starting from Shoebury c. 0750. Fare around £7.50 depending on numbers. Bookings to

richard@signal-training.com

or by post to **Box 5657, Southend on Sea, SS1 3WT**

Richard Delahoy

**Stop
Press!**

The current anticipated date for closure of **BRAINTREE DEPOT** and transfer to the new facility is **12TH MARCH**. Building work is currently in progress at the new site; the portacabin from Maldon is to be installed there and is currently being refurbished at Clacton. *Chris Stewart*

From the Editor ...

I am delighted to report that there was an excellent response to the appeals for help in December EBN. It is extremely encouraging that members have come forward to give of their time and skills to help EBN and the Group.

- **David Tomlin** takes over as **Service Change Editor** from this issue. His first contribution is below and he would be pleased to receive both comments on the revised format, suggestions, etc, and of course, future reports from members. Please send to David at:

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- **Ian Ransom** has offered to take on **Essex Bus Publicity** and will welcome copies of timetables, maps, leaflets (and advice of websites) that publicise the bus in Essex, particularly those from the smaller operators. Please send to Ian at:

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I would like to thank **Ian Taylor** who has provided the annual review of Essex publicity for some years. The two Ians will liaise over future publicity matters, and Ian T. will be providing further historical publicity articles in coming months.

There has also been a good response to the vacancies for Photographic Officer and Sales Manager, and the Chairman hopes to make an announcement in next month's EBN.

David Harman

Essex Service Changes

These are now presented in **operator**, then date, route order, rather than **date**, then route order. It is felt that this will be more useful from a historical perspective. The usual timetable abbreviations for days of the week, etc. apply. *David Tomlin*

Ensign Bus

17-Jan-05	X80	D	Lakeside Bus Station - Gravesend, Valley Drive Revised timetable. This service no longer operates to Strood and operates half hourly Monday to Friday and hourly on Sundays.
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Excel

5-Jan-05	316	SDO	Molehill Green - Mountfitchet School Revised route and timetable.
10-Jan-05	310	SDO	Great Dunmow - Stansted Mountfitchet School NEW SERVICE (Schooldays only)
10-Jan-05	311	SDO	Hatfield Broad Oak - Stansted Mountfitchet School NEW SERVICE (Schooldays only)

First

31-Dec-04	102	M-F	Basildon Bus Station - Wickford Rail Station Service number withdrawn as of 31 December 2004 and is now part of First service 101, which commences 4th January 2005.
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First

2-Jan-05	2	D	Southend Bus Station - Basildon Bus Station. Revised timetable
2-Jan-05	20	D	Southend Bus Station - Hullbridge Anchor. Revised timetable. Sunday evening journeys operated with the financial support of ECC.
2-Jan-05	22	D	Canvey, Leigh Beck - Lakeside Bus Station. This service has been extended from Basildon through to Lakeside via Homesteads and Stifford Clays week-days replacing the Basildon to Lakeside section of service 101. Sundays the service operates Canvey to Basildon only.
2-Jan-05	70	D	Colchester Bus Station - Braintree, Fairfield Avenue. Certain weekday evening and all journeys on Sundays operated under contract to ECC. Sunday service operated between Colchester and Braintree Bus Park only. 0802 SDO journey from Marks Tey will now start from Great Tey at 07:55 replacing withdrawn 88B journey.
2-Jan-05	101	M-S	Wickford Rail Station - Basildon Hospital Revised route, timetable and terminals. This service now incorporates the 102 journeys (Wickford - Ramsden Heath - Billericay peak times only). The main part of the service operating between Queens Park and Basildon Bus Station with evening journeys (under ECC contract).
4-Jan-05	16	M-F	Southend Bus Station - Canvey, Eastern Esplanade. Timetable change with the 16:45 from Southend no longer serving Rayleigh Rail Station.
4-Jan-05	28	M-F	Southend Bus Station - Canvey, Leigh Beck. Revised timetable - morning and evening peak time service. Certain am journeys extended to Hadleigh Bus Depot.
4-Jan-05	42	M-F	Basildon Bus Station - Pipp's Hill, Argos Distribution, Bentalls. The afternoon journey now withdrawn leaving the solitary am journey in one direction only.
4-Jan-05	73	M-F	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Maldon, Tesco Store Morning and afternoon peak journeys only. For daytime service refer to Hedingham Omnibuses 73A.
4-Jan-05	83	M-F	Brentwood, High Street - Brentwood, Hornbeam Close Timetable changes with the 08:46 Shenfield to Hornbeam Close and the 15:08 Hornbeam Close to Shenfield withdrawn. The 09:08 Hornbeam Close to Brentwood to now run at 09:13.
4-Jan-05	88A	M-Sa	Colchester Bus Station - Great Yeldham, The Green. Minor timetable change with the addition of a single journey Monday to Friday from Great Yeldham to Colchester.
4-Jan-05	88B	M-Sa	Colchester Bus Station - Little Tey, Godbolt's Farm. Minor timetable change with the withdrawal of the Monday to Friday 07:45 Little Tey to Colchester journey covered by route 70.
4-Jan-05	822	SDO	Bournes Green - Canvey, Leigh Beck. Service extended to and from Canvey, Leigh Beck

9-Jan-05	21	M-F	Southend Bus Station - Canvey, Eastern Esplanade Revised timetable.
15-Jan-05	25A	M-F	Shotgate, Post Office - Langdon Hills, Westley Road Minor timetable alteration with the 07:39 Saturday journey Shotgate to Basildon now withdrawn.
21-Jan-05	25	M-F	Southend Bus Station - Basildon Hospital Revised timetable.
23-Jan-05	65	D	Stanway, Tollgate Medical Centre - Highwoods, Tesco Revised timetable and route in Highwoods via Eastwood Drive. Weekday evening and the Sunday service operated under contract to ECC."
24-Jan-05	67/A/B/C/D/E	D	West Bergholt - West Mersea, High Street Revised timetable with route being extended to General Hospital on weekdays. Weekday evening and the Sunday service operated under contract to ECC.
Four Counties Buses			
21-Jan-05	59	M-F	Clavering - Saffron Walden Revised timetable and change of operator. This service replaces Heddingham Omnibuses service on Monday to Friday with journeys now extended through to Clavering . The Saturday service continues to be operated by Heddingham Omnibuses under contract to ECC.
H C Chambers			
4-Jan-05	753	M-Sa	Colchester Bus Station - Bury St Edmunds Bus Station Minor timetable changes
4-Jan-05	84	M-Sa	Colchester Bus Station - Sudbury Bus Station Revised timetable and route in Assington. On school-days one journey in each direction serves Colchester, Norman Way Schools.
Heddingham Omnibuses			
4-Jan-05	73A	M-Sa	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Maldon, Cherry Gardens. Revised Timetable. This service is operated under contract to ECC. For Monday to Friday peak time journeys refer to First route 73.
10-Jan-05	4	M-Sa	Tollgate Medical Centre - Colchester, High Street NEW SERVICE. Six journeys daily between 09:15 and 14:15 partly replacing Network Colchester service 4.
Imperial Bus			
17-Jan-05	32	M-Sa	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Ongar, Two Brewers Change of operator from First. This service is operated under contract to ECC. One journey in each direction on schooldays serves Patching Hall Lane, St John Payne School.
31-Jan-05	H1	M-Sa	Loughton Station - Harlow Bus Station Revised timetable.
National Express			
7-Feb-05	717/797	D	Cambridge - Brighton Revised timetable with the section of the route between Gatwick and Brighton withdrawn on most journeys
7-Feb-05	727	D	Norwich - Gatwick Airport Revised timetable

Olympian Coaches

10-Jan-05 **R1/R11/R21**

M-Sa

Harlow - Sumners.

Revised Monday to Friday timetable

2-Feb-05 **524** M-Sa

Harlow Bus Station - Stevenage Bus Station
NEW SERVICE. Hourly service via Stanstead Abbots,
St Margarets Station, Great Amwell, Ware College,
Hertford Bus Station, Waterford, Stapleford and Watton-
at-Stone.

Stansted Transit

24-Jan-05 **5** M-Sa

Bishops Stortford Interchange - Saffron Walden, Tesco
Change of operator from First but still using First vehi-
cles. This service is operated under contract to ECC.

24-Jan-05 **7** M-Sa

Bishops Stortford Interchange - Stansted, Bell & Feathers
Change of operator from First but will continue to use
First vehicles. This service is operated under contract to
ECC.

Stephensons of Essex

17-Jan-05 **93** M-F

Southminster, High Street - Maldon, Upper Plume Sch.
Change of operator from First. This service is operated
under contract to ECC.

17-Jan-05 **288** M-Sa

Maldon, Tesco Store - Maldon, Blackwater Leisure Ctr.
Change of operator from First with a minor timetable
revision.

Town & Country

13-Dec-04 **374** M-Sa

West Horndon Rail Station - Lakeside, Tesco
This service is operated under contract to Thurrock
Council. Journeys now operate along A128 and via
Orsett Road, Victoria Road, Hillcrest Road to High Road
(Horndon on the Hill) in both directions to improve
running time.

10-Jan-05 **98** M-F

Orsett Hospital - Lakeside Bus Station
This service is subsidised by Thurrock Council. Minor
timetable changes introduced.

Southend Council tendered bus service cuts

With Southend Council facing a severe budgetary crisis, it appears that ALL Council subsidies for bus services are being withdrawn. There has been no public announcement from the Council since the initial statement that the budget was under threat but, as we went to press, First and Arriva deregistered all their supported/tendered services with effect from April 1st. This will see the complete withdrawal of Monday to Saturday services 6, 17, 17C, 23, 23A, 23B and 61, plus most (if not all) of the 69, Sunday 64 & 65 and evening/Sunday 19A, plus the loss of the evening service on 29 on Sundays to Thursdays. The position of the cross-boundary services supported by Essex CC (some with Southend BC support as well) is unclear.

More in next month's EBN, but in the meanwhile, photographers may wish to get out to capture the last weeks of a lot of familiar route numbers.

Richard Delahoy

Infrastructure News

It's typical - you wait for ages ... then, plans for three new bus stations come along all at once ...

Chelmsford

The artist's impression shows the state-of-the-art "transport hub" as it is termed, which will be constructed on the site of the old Duke Street bus station and depot. The redevelopment will include a bus station with covered waiting areas, housed in a crescent-shaped red brick, glass and metal



building with residential apartments on the first floor. At the rear, an 11-storey apartment building will look down on a new public square next to the Civic Theatre. More at

www.chelmsfordbc.gov.uk/

As well as the new bus station, Chelmsford will get its first **Park & Ride** scheme, due to open in winter 2005/spring 2006. It will be located at Sandon on the A1060/A12/A414 interchange. Buses will run six days a week, from 7am to 7pm via the railway station and town centre. The site will provide secure parking for 600 cars (with potential for 1000) plus cycle parking facilities. The scheme will cost £4.4m, funded by the Government's Local Transport Plan (£4m) and the County Council (£400,000), on land made available by the Borough Council. We await details of who will operate the buses with interest.

Finally, to more mundane matters ... the Council *have* ordered bus shelters for Coval Lane (see EBN488) and these are due to be installed shortly.

Chelmsford Boro News



Colchester

Initial proposals for a new bus station, retail and residential development in St Botolph's Quarter, Colchester, were released on 20 January. Vineyard Gate Developments Ltd. propose a modern bus station, shops and residential apartments on the site between St Botolph's Street, Southway and Vineyard Street. This is not far from the present bus station and is close to the



opposite: view from St Botolph's Circus
above: interior, showing bus lanes
below: passenger waiting area



site of its predecessor. A covered, two-lane style bus station is envisaged, as per the artist's impression here. The proposals are part of the 'St Botolph's Quarter Masterplan' to be put before Colchester Borough Council on 24 February. If adopted, further planning work will still be required before formal application for planning permission. This includes resolving various highways issues with Essex County Council.

The existing bus station was opened c1961. (Can anyone give a precise date?) It has remained largely unaltered since, apart from the construction and later demolition of the multi-storey car park over it.

More at:
www.colchester.gov.uk/

Southend

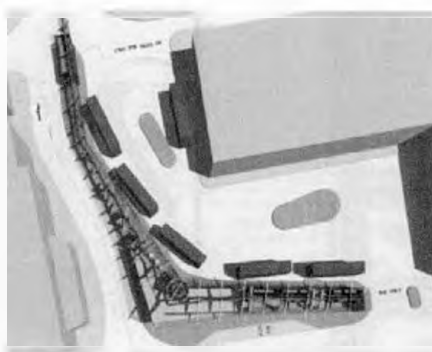
The closure of the existing bus station and opening of what is officially known as the 'Interim Bus Station' were reported in EBN 489.

The old bus station was originally intended to be a temporary facility but in fact, has lasted for thirty years. The new "Travel Centre" will be on the same site, albeit extended, with Chichester Road realigned, as shown in this sketch plan.

Work on the Interim Bus Station is due to be finished by March 2005, including relocation of the 'Bus Information Shop' to York Road Market. Construction of the Travel Centre will then commence, with a planned opening date in March 2006. It will include eleven new bus stops, five within the confines of the Travel Centre, five on the site of the Interim Bus Station and one further stop south of the Travel Centre in Heygate Avenue.

Interestingly, the buses shown in the architects' drawing are all in the final Southend Transport bright blue - do they know something, we don't?!

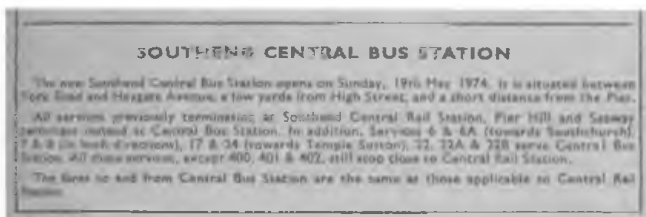
More at www.southend.gov.uk/



David Harman

Southend Central Bus Station - 1974-2005

There was no glossy leaflet to announce the opening of Southend's new Central Bus Station on May 19th, 1974, but the timetable book issued the same day carried this explanatory note inside the cover.



Eight days after opening finds Eastern National 1301 (1863 F), a classic Bristol MW bus, at stand A on the 61 to Sutton Cemetery. Latterly, stand A had been taken out of use and the shelter removed, as part of health & safety inspired changes to the old bus station.

All photos: Richard Delahoy



The following day, Southend Transport 217 (MJN217E), an East Lincs bodied Leopard, was caught parked up alongside the railings opposite stand A - a classic location for so many pictures in CBS - ready to operate a variation of the main 61 service, the 61A to Prittlewell Ekco Works (now known as FDR House and served by peak hours only First 69). The buildings in the background of both these shots were later demolished when Chichester Road was widened, improving access to the old bus station.



July 18, 1974 sees Southend Transport Lowlander 332 (7096HJ) at stand D on the 22A to Lower Hockley, normally worked by Eastern National FLFs but being covered by ST due to EN staff shortages. The massive crowd is not impressed by the Lowlander, preferring the FLF behind on the 251 to Wood Green - the first to appear for some long while, again due to staff shortages!

Stand D hosted longer distance routes 251 and 400. A rare visitor to the latter on August 10th, 1974 was semi-auto FLF bus 2929 (AVW398F), one of the few of its type fitted for OMO operation but seen here with conductor. The 400 was then normally the preserve of Bristol VRs, and FLF's were pretty rare. Like the Lowlander in the previous picture, the destination display is shown by a paper label in the window.



Bringing the story right up to date, on Saturday January 29, Arriva Southend Olympian 5405 (H265GEV) passes the same spot but is not stopping - the shelters have been demolished and the bus is about to perform a U turn, having departed from stop A in the new bus lay-by back by Tylers Avenue, near to Central rail station. It will circle the old stand E (see page 12) to face northwards and will leave the old bus station site through the former entrance.



In more shots taken on the last Saturday in January, we can see how the old bus station site is currently being used as a bus-only road. Arriva Southend Dart 3394 passes the old stand A (where the MW was standing in the picture on page 10), having departed from the new stops along-side Tylers Avenue car park. Unlike the Olympian on the previous page, it will continue out of the old exit as its route takes it towards Seaway.

Next, First 43721 (R721DJN), a similar Dart/Plaxton Pointer, follows the same route out of the bus station towards the Seaway car park, en route for Temple Sutton via Woodgrange Drive, relatively new ground for the traditional Canvey to Southend service 27. With the shelters demolished, the area seems somehow much more spacious. The new Travel Centre building will go up in the area behind and to the left of the bus.



Stand E, in the centre of the old bus station, was another classic location for photographers, especially when the light was right in the early/mid morning. London Road buses used to depart from here but now it is just a roundabout as most buses circle it in order to turn northwards after departing from the south facing stops opposite Marks & Spencers!

Our final view of the new arrangements shows the temporary location of new stand L, the only stop currently inside the old bus station. Located roughly where the Southend Transport Leopard was on the 61A (page 10), buses now face the opposite way, as with First Mercedes 51809 (P409HPU) making a relatively rare appearance on the 24/24A service to the Newington Avenue estate, normally operated by route branded, short, step-entrance Darts. The Arriva buses in the background are standing at or have just left the new stops opposite M&S.



Essex Bus Publicity Review

This is the first of a regular new series, where we will be reviewing the latest offerings from large and small operators, round the County.

To start the ball rolling, the following were obtained in early February from the Information Office in **Harlow Bus Station**.

Arriva leaflets for Services B1 (Autumn 2003), B6 (26 July 2004), 2&3 (26 July 2004), 4 (22 November 2004), 5 (26 July 2004), 7 (22 December 2001), 8 (15 March 2004), 10 (15 March 2003), 333 (26 July 2004), 500,501 (28 July 2003), 505 (13 September 2004) 510 (15 November 2004). All of these are in a corporate style, with a photo of people enjoying a coffee or shopping on the front cover. Inside, timetables are printed in a large easy to read font and include a route map, in addition contact details for Arriva are available.

Arriva also produce an A4 sheet for services 521 / 522 / 523 (North Weald Market) dated 5 August 2000.

Essex County Council leaflets for services 47 / 146 / 147 (1 November 2004), 59 (25 October 2004), 347 (1 November 2004), 381 / 382 (dated 10 March 2003), 392 / 393 (dated 26 April 2004). All of these have a picture of a young woman standing, while two older people are boarding. These include timetables and full contact details for Essex CC and how to contact the operator.

Essex County Council leaflets for services 4,10 and 12. These are all dated 2 September 2001 and are in an older style, with a blurred Vario minibus on the cover.

Excel leaflet for service 333, this contains a timetable and line diagram of the route, plus contact details for Excel. The route map is fairly basic and the part for the route in Harlow, would mean very little, unless you knew Harlow well. Also the "and at the same minutes past each hour" is confusing on Mondays to Fridays, as there is no line or break to show where it commences.

Olympian Coaches leaflet for service 524 and 600 (Lakeside Express). This is a fairly basic photocopied timetable.

National Express Airport leaflets for services Heathrow to Central London (dated 5 April to 4 October 2004!), Stansted / Heathrow / Gatwick to Norwich / Thetford / Mildenhall / Newmarket (dated 1 March 2004 to 6 March 2005), Heathrow / Gatwick / Stansted to Brighton (dated 1 March 2004 to 6 March 2005), Luton / Stansted to Oxford / High Wycombe / Hemel Hempstead / Hatfield University (dated 1 March 2004 to 6 March 2005), Birmingham International / Luton / Stansted to Birmingham / Coventry / Milton Keynes / Hitchin / Stevenage (dated 1 March 2004 to 6 March 2005), Stansted to Heathrow / Gatwick (dated 1 March 2004 to 6 March 2005). These are all in corporate style and include a timetable and customer information.

Green Line service 724 (dated Winter 2004), this includes a timetable and route map, that shows rail connections available en-route.

Ian Ransom



FIRST ESSEX

Chelmsford Bus Station/Depot

Messrs Heard of Kelvedon Hatch had demolished the last remaining parts of Duke Street buildings by 26th January.

Rail replacements

There have been no (reported) notable exceptions to the normal selection of buses used on the Chelmsford-Shenfield rail replacements, which continue until April.

Corrections

Apologies for the following errors in last month's allocation list:

Insert 34807 (CF) C407HJN

42482-4 are registered SN03WMM/X/E not WLM/X/E

P857VUS is numbered 42857 not 42857

60102 should be shown as BN not HH

Allocation changes - by members' reports*

** The official allocation sheet had not been received by the time these notes were prepared*

FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to/from another First fleet (A)=acquired;

Anc=Ancillary fleet; RES=spare/reserve (licensed); D/L(RES)=spare/reserve (delicensed); D/L(D)=delicensed for disposal; DS=Driving School

51468 BN-D/L(D); 51474 CF-DS; 51778 CF-Anc; 51475 CF-Anc;
51778 CF-D/L(D); 62523 HH-D/L(D)

51474 has been reported at CR for use as an engineers' van, with 51475 also moving there to replace 90246 (the former 2656) as a driver assessment vehicle. 51471 was noted at CR on the same date, whilst some or all of 51466/8/9, 51778 are believed to be destined for First Eastern Counties (via Clacton).

Repaints:

1.05 47228 to corporate standard livery (with 47229 in progress)

VEHICLE WORKINGS

The transfer of Village Link 5 & 7, together with 52580-5, to Stansted Transit took place as expected on 24th January. One duty appeared to have been covered by Stansted Transit from the previous Monday, their Dart P511RYM being noted on route 7. The last route 7 duties on 22nd January were worked by 52581/2, with those on route 5 covered by 52580/3 and Dart 46817. Route 32 (Chelmsford-Ongar) passed to Imperial with effect from 17th January, their Dart K417MGN being noted that day. The major alterations to the 351, 750 and 751 from 14th March (see Service Changes elsewhere) will mean most duties on the 351 being covered by BN depot, interworked with the new 551, and also the end of Thamesway/First Essex operation via Harold Hill (except school service 851) as well as between Brentwood and Laindon.

Duke Street demolished



*Chris
Stewart's
First
photo diary*



10 January:
Removing the roof
spans. The garage
incorporated the largest
self-supporting roof
structure in the UK.

24 January:
Most of the garage now
gone, with just the
southern end of the
offices and bus station
frontage remaining.



24 January:
The levelled site provides a
clear view of the railway
viaduct and a *One Anglia*
express hurrying past.



ECC Village Link services 5 and 7 passed to Stansted Transit on 24 January, along with the branded Mercedes/Marshalls. 25284 (V434 GTW) pauses at "The White Horse", Hatfield Heath on 14 January. *Chris Stewart*



Changes lie ahead in March for the convoluted remnants of the old City Coach "Main Road". 34813 (C413 HJN) is seen in Ingrave on the 750 on 25 January. *Chris Stewart*



Brand confusion (1): As recorded below, Burnham-Chelmsford Connection-branded Scania 65684 (YR52 VEY) worked the Diamond Service (13.02 from Southend) on 26 January. *Steven Rowe*

Unusual sightings:

December:

28th: CF52582 on X30

January:

6th: BN31198 and BN31374 on 101 (11.48 and 10.48 ex BN respectively)

7th: CF42488/9 used to block South Woodham level crossing from zig-zagging road vehicles (noted about 13.15) after a track circuit failure left the barriers stuck!

11th: HH34809 on 20 off-peak. HH41017 on 20, HH46158 on 26

CF53134 on 36 (18.35 ex SW)

14th: BN34660 on 351 (probably all day, 07.10 ex CF)

CF34810 on 31X, CF43742 on 43, BN46804 on (Brentwood) 73

17th: CF53114 on X30, CF52582 on 40, BN46116 on 73

18th: BN46114 on 73, BN46167 (still lettered Premier 100) on 100, CR67005 on 65

19th: CF53119 and CF51471 on 45

21st: CF47219/21 on 48, CF47226 on 56, CF53113 on X30 (08.40 ex CF)

22nd: HH40779 on 26, HH46136/52 on 21

24th: BN31375 on 351 (possibly the first use of an Olympian/Alexander on 351)

26th: BN34814 on 83 (very rare use of double decker), CF65684 on Diamond.

27th: CR56002 on 105/107/109, CF56009 on 43

31st: CF47252 on X30, BN31375 on 351, BN43712 and BN67039 on 100, BN46116 on 73

February:

1st: CR34302 on X22 (correctly showing 'Colchester via Marks Tey')

3rd: CF43729 on 45

4th: CF47252 (Tilling green) on Diamond (13.05 ex SD)

5th: HH46128 on Diamond (11.05 and 14.05 ex SD)



Imperial took over the 32, Chelmsford - Ongar on 17 January. Here is Dart K147 MGN on the first day. *Chris Stewart*

Other News

Regrettably Lance 67038 was stolen from Basildon depot on 14th January, but was recovered from Orsett and later seen on tow. The extent of any damage is unknown. First Eastern Counties Dart 42551 (S551WAT) was seen at Basildon on 26th January for MOT preparation.

Sources: Own observations plus many thanks to P Ashton, S Coates, J Collins, D Edwards, N Field, A R MacFarlane, C Paynter, J Salmon, C Sigston, S Simister, D Stewart, A Toms, R Webb, R Whitley, Essex Bus and South West y-groups, *Real Bus News* group, LOTS, *First Essex*, PSV Circle, *Terminus*.

Chris Stewart

Heddingham

Volvo Olympian/Northern Counties R279 LGH has been altered to H47/31F, numbered L337 and is in service from January 2005.

Not previously recorded in EBN, is that similar N540 LHG is numbered L336.

L338/9 are two new Dennis Dart / Alexander B34F purchased (1.05). They are believed to be from a cancelled order (interiors appear to be to Arriva specification). They are not yet registered. Details are:-

L338 Dennis Dart SLF SFD2BACR44GW17870 / Alexander 4204/9 B34F

L339 Dennis Dart SLF SFD2BACR44GW17872 / Alexander 4204/6 B34F

L340 will be a new Volvo B7/Wright (on order - expected March/April)

Dave Arnold, Ian Ransom, Colin Sigston

ARRIVA SOUTHEND LTD.

Vehicles in

5895 F895 BKK Leyland Olympian/NCME H45/30F ex-Arriva Kent & Sussex.

Vehicles out

5438 (W438 XKX) Dennis Trident / Alexander

Other vehicle news

Olympian 5404 is in the process of being repainted at Arriva-owned Pickering's of Thurmaston.

Withdrawn Dart/Wright 3350 (J317 XVX), which has been stored at Short Street Depot for over six months, has gone to Ensign. Dart/Wright 3349 (J316 XVX) and Carlyle bodied Dart 3092 (H923 LOX) have been removed from Short Street but it is not known where these have gone to. *Peter Mansbridge*

ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX LTD.

Vehicles out

3174 (P674 OPP), 3328 (G621 YMG ex A 10 BUS, G259 EHD),

3329 (K760 JVX ex K5 BUS), 3435 (R165 GNW): Arriva the Shires 1/05.

General

3174 & 3435 have been transferred to the former Sovereign Bus & Coach's Hatfield garage. Arriva took over Sovereign's remaining Hertfordshire operations at Stevenage & Hatfield from 23rd January and were several vehicles short of requirements, hence the transfers. It is understood that 3439/40 (R169/70 GNW) will also be transferred to Arriva the Shires in late February when the contract for service 549 (Loughton-South Woodford) passes to another operator. DAF/Optare Delta 3328/9 are now both resident at Watford depot, the former is unserviceable but 3329 has been prepared for service.

Mark Garrett



Brand confusion (2): Harlow - Chelmsford-branded Solo 2459 (KE54 OSU) on the 501 (Harlow - Brentwood) in Brentwood on 13 January. *Chris Stewart*

Vehicles in

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Premiere (R50 TGM) C57F from Tellings-Golden Miller
 Volvo Citybus/East Lancs (H683 GPF) H45/35 from Burtons main fleet
 Mercedes-Benz Vario 0814D (P703 LCF) B31F from Tellings-Golden Miller (Orpington)

Other Vehicle News

Daf Ikarus bus J927 CYL, NC fleet number J927 (Arriva fleet number 4337) is another vehicle to return to Arriva Southern Counties and is currently in store at Southend.

Olympian 341 (C41 HHJ) and 345 (F245 MTW) were transferred to Haverhill in January. The latter is now in Burton's livery and both are reported with Burton fleetnames. 346 (F246 MTW) has also been reported at Haverhill.

Branded Vehicles

All but one of the new Alexander Dennis Pointer Darts (see EBN488) carry pink branding for route 1 (Greenstead – Town Centre – Ambrose Ave). The branded vehicles are 361 – 67. 360 is an unbranded spare for route 1.

Dart/East Lancs 310/11 (N540/41 TPF) carry lime branding for service 5 (Lexden – Town Centre – Highwoods).

Unusual Working

29.01.05 364 (1 branded) on 5.

Peter Mansbridge, David Harman



Winter sunshine and two of the new route 1 (pink) branded Darts: 363 (SN54 HXB) and 366 (SN54 HXE), seen on 20 December. *Roger Tuke*

Essex Small Operator News

24x7, Elsenham DAF/Plaxton D784 VMO has gone. It is parked out of use at Stansted Airport.

ACME, Stansted Acquired from the well known PSV source of Target Self Drive, Banbury(!) is VW LT35 T665 BBW.

AMBER, Rayleigh GGM104W Bristol VR/ECW is in (1.05) ex Massey, Pitsea

ARROW CARS, Maldon P976 HTW Ford Transit is in (by 11.04) ex Essex County Council (this vehicle passed through Chelmsford auction in 8.04)

AVRO, Orsett Bristol VR/ECW PFA 50W (non-runner) went to Wigley (dealer) (1.05)

BASILDON TRAVEL, Basildon Vehicles of this operator together with vehicles of Amber are being parked in the yard at Rettendon formerly used by Kingston. Judging by a recent application in N&P, it would appear that Amber have taken over Valleys Associates and intend to trade under the name Basildon Travel.

M642 MBC LDV 400 seen 12.04 with this operator's disc and legal lettering. (This vehicle has been seen parked near the home of new applicant Price (Marina Cars), Chelmsford so it is possible that it may belong to Price and being used on a 'borrowed' disc.)

D279RBV Bedford YMP/Plaxton was seen at Rayleigh in the early hours of 5.12.04 with the fleetname 'Craig's Travel' - I have no idea if this is another name for Valleys Associates, or a different operator.

BENFLEET BUS, Benfleet A vehicle with registration something like N554 DKO seen 4.12.04 with fleetname 'Benfleet Bus' - probably an Iveco

BOBS MINIBUS, Little Oakley A new Peugeot Boxer minibus is SE04 CVL. Iveco/Dormobile K802 TKE has been sold.

BRADAMOUR, Basildon This recently started operator, has T653 JVF a LDV Convoy.

CD TRAVEL, Witham W67 NTG LDV is in (by 1.05) with fleet no. 14. (has been with A&M Coaches, Basildon). LDV 400 N811 JGT has fleet no. 16.

CEEFA, COACHES Crays Hill Acquired from Palmer, Blackwater is a Setra S215HD,

RAX 20Y.

CI COACHLINES, Highwood Volvo/Ikarus IUI 2735 (ex G720 ONX) seen 1.05 in plain unmarked white livery. Is it still with this operator?

COOKS COACHES, Rochford In recent years the Bova Futura, has become the only coach operated. The latest addition of this type being YJ04 GYX.

EXCALIBUR TRAVEL, St Lawrence Official information from this operator, is:

BX51 ZXD LDV Convoy is in (26.8.04) ex Feeley (A1 Minicoaches), Bletchley, Bucks. N168 XUX LDV Convoy is in (by 1.05). Talbot Express F864 HGX was sold on 1.3.04 for conversion to a camper. Ford R1114/Duple OHA 517W was given to Mr. Sanders (a local enthusiast) (by 1.05).

EXCEL, Stansted Airport Leyland Lynx G384 MWX, is a further Stephenson's stock vehicle that has seen short term use.

EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS, Stansted Airport Another new Ford Transit is EY54 NYM.

FARGO, Rayne LDV Convoy X817 ATD has arrived, from an unknown source.

FST COACHES, Crays Hill HUI 3584 (ex D390 XCD, MIW 8345, D390 XCD) LAG seen 12.04 lettered 'FST' and assumed to be with this operator. Last recorded with Forrester, Pelaw, Tyne & Wear.

GODWARD, Basildon Mercedes 811D/Reeve Burgess F942 YSX (new as F726 KGE) passed to Crossland & Epps, Whitstable, some while ago. The operating centre has moved recently from Shot Farm, Shotgate to Mills Court, Basildon. N54AKZ Scania/Irizar is new - registered 15.12.04

GOODWIN, Braintree Bedford YNT/Plaxton HIL 4585 (C153 UDD) has gone to Mitchell and Garnham, Barham.

GROUP TAXIBUS, Chelmsford EY54 NXC (no. 52), EY54 NXX (no. 54) and FY54 NXP (no. 55) are further new Ford Transit (seen 1.05 but may have been in earlier).

BX53 ZGO LDV Convoy (low roof) is in (by 12.04). EO04 VPY has lost its O2 advert. (by 12.04) and ET53 VJE similarly (by 1.05 but probably earlier).

EF52 ANX has gone to Stanway Travel

Services, L'ayer-de-la-Haye (by 12.04)

Ford Transit EJ03 WSF/N/U were seen at the operating centre 1.05 - they are thought to be from another group company and awaiting disposal.

No. 59 is registered EA54HXY (If this company has EY54NXY, then it must have a different fleet no.)

INGATESTONE COACHES Ingatestone We have heard that Mr. Morgan died at the end of December and that the business is not to continue. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. The use of Bedford coaches here, was of note, the most recently recorded being former Hedingham examples NCZ 8070 (GVW 894T), UNO 100W and BGS 295X.

JACKSON, Bicknacre DAF SB3000/Van Hool T59 AUA has been repainted and lettered (by 12.04). If the fleet is now lettered and with fleet numbers (by 12.04).

LINKFAST, Thundersley It is reported that recently withdrawn Bristol VR/ECW STW 25W has been sold for preservation.

Confirmation of this would be welcome.

MASTER TRAVEL, Herongate

YN51 MHU Scania/Irizar is in (by 12.04) ex Chambers, Money more, N.I. Former Metroline MCW Metrobus C396 BUV, is here, still in Metroline livery.

NELSONS, Shotgate Scania/Alexander H210 LOM has come from Kings Ferry, with upper deck damage, following a meeting with a low bridge. It is being used as a source of spares.

NEW HORIZONS, Alresford

Toyota/Caetano N46 BRB, has arrived, from an unknown source. EN03 ZBZ Ford Transit is in (by 1.05)

OLYMPIAN COACHES, Stansted Airport

Further new MAN 18.350/Noge coaches to report are YN54 JSX/Y/Z. acquired from Shamrock, Pontypriid are Scania L94/Irizar S342/3 SET. Iveco/Marshall M154 RBH, previously reported as sold, is still here. Bova FHD12-290 G561 XRG and Iveco/ Marshall N739 AVW are both back in service.

Vehicles sold as part of the recent fleet update are LRU 822 (N959 DWJ), P421/425/426/427 all Dennis Javelin/Plaxton, MIL 1853 (A339 HNR) and K19 CCL (K90 CAP) both Volvo B10M/ Plaxton, B589 HFE (new as B123 KPF) and E882 VKY both are Leyland Tiger/Plaxton, M732 AOO an Iveco/Marshall.

P & M COACHES, Wickford OLJ 193W (ex GDZ 729, OLJ 193W, UHM 79, OLJ 193W) Volvo/Plaxton is in by 12.04, ex Nash DJ, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. (via Vale, dlr.).



KC04 ABC in the all-Bova Futura fleet of **Kings** of Colchester, at Bluewater in November. *Trevor Brookes*

RICHARD'S, Gt.Baddow A new Mercedes Benz (assumed) / Plaxton Cheetah is in (by 1.05) - registration is something like EU54BVK (not too sure of the last 2 letters).

RUFFLE, Sible Hedingham Recent departures are H391 CFT a Toyota/ Caetano and Mercedes 308D K146 PLP.

SJH TRAVEL, Crays Hill A further Volvo B10M/Plaxton acquired is L570 FND. Four vehicles of this type, make up the fleet.

SS CABS, Tiptree EX03 KZU LDV Convoy is in (by 12.04).

STANWAY TRAVEL, Layer-de-la-Haye In from Group Taxibus, Chelmsford is Ford Transit, EF52 KSK.

STEPHENSONS, Rochford News of Leyland Olympians dominates this month.

TSO 29X has been re registered to UAR 219Y. Stock vehicle TSO 31X has become TSO 29X (had to have somewhere to put the registration!). B892/3/5/6/9 UAS (stock Olympians ex Stagecoach North West) have passed to Simon Munden (Abus) in Bristol although all saw use with Stephenson's and Excel. C382/3 SAO are now officially on fleet strength and in the latest livery (green skirts and roof, otherwise white). A234 GHN is confirmed as scrap, while the remains of C108 CHM has gone to Barnsley

MBZ 1759, the Neoplan Skyliner that was withdrawn from service some months ago has passed to M Trimmer trading as Trimmer Travel (Romford)

SUPREME, Southend and Colchester Ex London United Metrobuses acquired for contract work are C344/360/361/363 BUV. Non-runners sold for scrap are ex Southend Leyland National rebuild PJI 3745 (GGE 170T), Metrobuses GYE 388W, KJW 300W, A730 THV, Olympian A320 GLV and Leyland National 2 MSO 10W. Neoplan decker L507 KDA (new as L41 VRW), is now with Coach Hire, Shoreham and minibuses L67 YJF a Toyota Hiace and Ford Transit K887 MGT are with private owners.

S.W.T., South Woodham Ferrers Y641 KNC LDV Convoy is in (by 12.04).

TOWN & COUNTRY, Grays C507 OTW (ex WLT 491, C91CHM) Leyland Olympian/

ECW is in (by 1.05) ex Phoenix, Witham 6018.

TURNERS, Wickham St.Paul YN54 WWT Volvo B12/Plaxton Panther is in (by 1.05) - this is believed to be the vehicle displayed at the Bus & Coach Show in November.

YOUNG, Shotgate Further to EBN 487, Andrew Hamer of the Crosville Enthusiasts Club, has supplied the following information, that may be of interest. I can add a little detail to your report on a Bova acquired by Young, Shotgate, registered B842 FFM. This has had a long list of registration marks. It was new to Crosville as B61 DMB, then reregistered A2 BDO, then B842 FFM, then LHJ 736, then RJT 671 and then back to B842 FFM. I did actually photograph it (with this mark) outside Doncaster Station a year or two back with Gee Vee of Barnsley I think. Anyway, it has certainly been around a bit!

Unknown operators

PNU 133R Bedford YRQ / Plaxton seen 12.04 in S.Woodham Ferrers area - owner unknown.

EF03 FJK Ford Transit seen 5.12.04 lettered 'Jay's Minibuses' and with an 01376 (Braintree/Witham/Kelvedon area) phone no.

Q553 UOC Leyland Leopard/ Plaxton (rebody) (chassis ex LOA843X) has been seen in the Brentwood area a number of times since 2.04 - can anyone say who is using it?

YXI 2841 (ex F378 MUT) Mercedes Benz O303 was seen at Group Taxibus. (1.05) - not sure if it belongs to Taxibus or if it was just visiting. (Last reported with Island Coach Services, Isle of Wight)

ESSEX - Non-PSV Operators

BOSWELLS SCHOOL, Chelmsford

LK53OKF LDV Convoy seen 12.04 (also similar S449YON)

Miscellaneous

YNY591T Bedford/Plaxton Supreme seen 1.05 at Tiptree as a film unit support vehicle, lettered "Wrap & Roll". This is a location caterer, based in Rickmansworth, Herts.

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FLEET SPOTLIGHT ~ Town & Country Buses

The following fleetlist appears on the T&C website (www.townandcountrybuses.co.uk) and is dated 26.11.04.

No.	Reg.No.	Chassis	Body	Seats	new	to
100	L110 HHV	Dennis Dart	Northern Counties	B34F	1994	London Northern
101	R375 DJN	Optare Excel	Optare	B35F	1998	Harris Bus
102	R377 DJN	Optare Excel	Optare	B35F	1998	Harris Bus
103	T439 EBD	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B41F	1999	Dawson Group
104	M104 PVN	Volvo B6	Plaxton	B40F	1995	Stagecoach NE
105	T457 NNH	Mercedes 0814D	Alexander	B27F	1999	Dawson Group
106	P323 KAR	Optare Excel	Optare	B35F	1997	Harris Bus
107	R378 DJN	Optare Excel	Optare	B35F	1998	Harris Bus
108	M106 PVN	Volvo B6	Plaxton	B40F	1995	Stagecoach NE
109	L103 LHN	Volvo B6	Plaxton	B40F	1994	Stagecoach NE
200	C103 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
201	C87 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
202	C809 BYY	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
203	H239 LOM	Scania N113	Alexander	H45/31F	1990	WM Travel
204	C30 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
205	H247 LOM	Scania N113	Alexander	H45/31F	1990	WM Travel
206	C117 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
207	C107 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
208	C43 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
210	SDX 34R	Leyland Atlantean	Roe	H43/29D	1977	Ipswich Buses
211	C507 OTW	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
212	H237 LOM	Scania N113	Alexander	H45/31F	1990	WM Travel
213	C104 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
214	C54 CHM	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses
215	C818 BYY	Leyland Olympian	ECW	H42/28F	1986	London Buses



The oldest bus in the Town & Country fleet is 210 (RDX 34R), a Leyland Atlantean / Roe, new to Ipswich Buses, and still bearing its sailing barge name, "Veronica". October 2004 found it on c2c rail replacement duties at Chafford station. Trevor Brookes

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VEHICLES IN *from*

Arriva Southern Counties: D10M G642BPH , Darts K323CVX, J317XVX, J307WHJ
Arriva TOLST: M143/304/10/14. Dominator VVN203Y
ASD, Strood: Metrobuses ORJ72W, GOG138.
First London: RML2291/2352/69
Go-Ahead London: RML2576, LDP17
Go-Ahead NE: Olympian B734GCN
Metrobus: Lynx F80SMC, Darts J224HGY, J112/8HGF, K622PGO
National Express: Olympians N114/5/6/7/8/9/20/1/2UHP
Mr. K.Rose: RT1431, RT1499
Stagecoach North East: Lynx 2's K623/5KVN
Western Greyhound Olympian DWW930Y

VEHICLES OUT

M1067 M1436:
Metrobuses ORJ72W, GOG138W:
RML2252:
RML2388:
RML2747:
T419:
LDP13:
RML2611:
RML2518:
L226:
Olympians N112/3UHP:
RML2265:
RM1104:
Dart K554HNC
Dart M180HPL
RML2504:
RML2394:
Darts J224HGY, J112/8HGF, K622PGO:
Olympian C668LJR,
Volvo B6 M75HHB:
Olympian A728YFS:
Lynx 2's K622/3/5/8YVN:
Volvo D10M G648EKA:
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Vehicles out - ex-SE Train contract

708 (L708FWO), 723 (L423 XVV), 733 (L833CDG), 753 (L453YAC), 754 (L454 YAC)
to Glenvale Transport, Aintree.
764 (L664MSF) to Regal, Edgware.

Vehicles in

F75/6FTU Dennis Dominator DDA1021/ Alexander H45/33F for **Stratford Blue**.
P81, 82, 910 MOR, P503-5 MOT Dennis Dart SFD322/UVG UrbanStar B34F,
ex-National Express Group (Hotel Hoppa) for **Ensignbus X80 service**.

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THE DUAL-DOOR LS SALOONS

(EBN488) Both *Richard Delahoy* and *Chris Stewart* think the door arrangement on the early Bristol LS's was **entrance** at the rear, **exit** at the front, as passengers would have been accustomed to boarding at the rear on contemporary L-types. Photographs bear this out, although to confuse matters, some show the front doors marked **entrance**, and there are some where the doors are not marked at all.

Chris Stewart supplies the following pictures. From these, it seems almost certain that when these buses were new, the rear was designated as the entrance and the front as the exit. Later, perhaps in the light of operating experience, this was reversed. Can anyone say when this occurred?

Years ago, drivers at Brentwood told me that the system was generally unsuccessful, since passengers tended to ignore the signs and board or alight at whichever door was

4174

(UEV 829)

when new.

The notice on the driver's cab-door reads:

"Please enter vehicle by rear door".

"EXIT ONLY" on cream band adjacent to front door.

ENOC Ltd



377 (WVX 442) in Southend.

"ENTRANCE" on cream band on the front door.

W J Haynes





Westcliff 392 (YPU 139): "ENTRANCE" on cream band on the front door.

Arnold Richardson/ Photobus

most convenient. There was another problem with the LS type which was exacerbated by the two doors. This was the absence of anywhere for the conductor to stand when the bus was full, without getting in the way of boarding/alighting passengers.

The rear doors were gradually removed between 1958 and 1960. The second batch delivered in 1954, 397-400 (473-6 BEV) had front entrances only, as did all later LS's.

The twelve dual-door Eastern National LS's, plus the four new to Westcliff, were:

1954 no.	1964 no.	no.	reg.no.	seats	new	seating changes	with- drawn
4174	359	1200	UEV 829	DP41D	1952	to C38F (1958), DP38F (1962), DP43F(11/62)	7/65
4200	372	1201	VNO 869	B43D	1953	to DP38F (1958), DP43F (11/62)	7/65
4201	373	1202	VNO 870	B43D	1953	to DP38F (1958), DP43F (12/62)	7/65
4202	377	1203	VNO 871	B43D	1953	to DP38F (3/59), DP43F (11/62)	7/65
W	378	1204	FJN 162	DP41D	1953	to C38F (4/59), DP38F (1962)	7/65
W	379	1205	FJN 163	DP41D	1953	to C38F (5/59), DP38F (1962)	7/65
4220	383	1206	WVX 441	B43D	1953	to B45F (12/59)	8/65
4221	384	1207	WVX 442	B43D	1953	to B45F (9/59)	6/65
4222	385	1208	WVX 443	B43D	1953	to B45F (7/59)	1/66
4218	386	1209	WVX 446	B43D	1953	to B45F (7/60)	1/66
4219	387	1210	WVX 447	B43D	1953	to B45F (7/60)	1/66
4217	388	1211	WVX 444	B43D	1953	to B45F (7/60)	1/66
4223	390	1212	WVX 445	B43D	1954	to B45F (6/60)	1/66
W	391	1213	YPU 138	B43D	1954	to B45F (9/58)	1/66
W	392	1214	YPU 139	B43D	1954	to B45F (10/58)	1/66
4224	393	1215	YVW 121	B43D	1954	to B45F (8/60)	1/66
4225	394	1216	YVW 122	B43D	1954	to B45F (9/60)	3/66

All were on Bristol LS5G chassis with ECW bodies.

W = new to Westcliff MS Ltd.

David Harman



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