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covers: Typical! You wait ages (whilst the Darwen Group rescues East Lancs and does a reverse takeover of Optare), then three new Olympus-bodied Scania's come along at once ...

front: The first of two for **Network Colchester**, 103 (YN08 OBY) passes the old Bus Station. Echos of the past are the narrow windows each side of the windscreen. Older members may recall Colchester Corporation's first batch of ECW-bodied Atlanteans (55-60, JHK 495-60N) which had similar, albeit smaller such windows. These were retro-fitted after driver problems with blind spots. *Kevin Lane*

rear: **NIBS' YN08 OCR** entered service on school route 46 (Basildon - Billericay) on the morning of 27th June. By early afternoon it was on the 221 Wick Meadows circular, where it is seen in Salcott Crescent. *Chris Stewart* and on the 222 on 1st July. *Kevin Smith*

Dates for your diary

■ EBN PRESS DATES

For inclusion in EBN dated

August

September

October

reports should reach Editors by

2 August

30 August

27 September

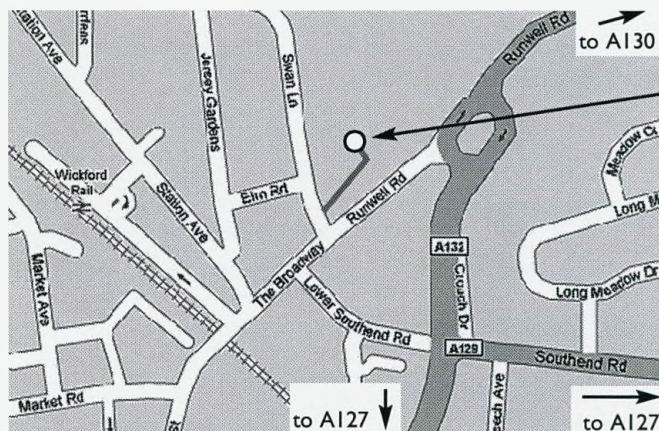
planned despatch date

21 August

18 September

16 October

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Wickford
Cricket Club,
off Swan Lane,
Wickford

■ SOUTH ESSEX MEETINGS

South Essex meetings now take place at **Wickford Cricket Club, off Swan Lane, Wickford** - 5 minutes walk from Wickford Station and 5 minutes drive from the A130 and A127.

In Wickford town centre, turn into Swan Lane from Runwell Road (Swans pub is on the corner); then turn right into the entrance about 100' up on the right - marked Wickford Tennis Club. This is an unmade road, so beware of potholes. Go straight ahead towards the tennis courts and then left at the end - you will see the cricket clubhouse in front of you. Car parking available on site.

Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2145/2200; a cash bar is available. *Richard Delahoy*

Autumn programme

- ▶ **Monday September 8** - Members photo evening - bring along 20/30 slides or digital images; any era or theme, so long as it's bus/coach related!
- ▶ **Monday October 13** - slide show by *Alan Osborne*, theme to be advised.
- ▶ **Monday November 10** - to be advised
- ▶ **Monday December 8** - slide show by *Richard Delahoy*, "20 years ago" and Christmas Social

Please note the new meeting date - **second MONDAY in the month** - and venue.

■ NORTH ESSEX MEETINGS

Meetings take place in the downstairs room (except as indicated) 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. Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2200. £1 donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown.

Dave Arnold

- ▶ **Wednesday July 23** - evening visit to see the preserved Crossleys at Worminford.
- ▶ **Friday August 8*** - Members' Evening (bring along 50 photos on CD or 50 Slides)
- ▶ **Friday September 12** - to be advised
- ▶ **Friday October 10** - slide show by *Fred Lawrance*.
- ▶ **Friday November 14** - slide show by *Chris Stewart*.
- ▶ **Friday December 12** - slide show by *Gary Sharpe*.

* in upstairs room

■ RALLIES, OPEN DAYS, ETC

- ▶ **Friday/Saturday July 25-6:** London Transport Museum, Guided Tours; Acton Depot.
- ▶ **Sunday August 3:** *Rail & Road Day*, Ipswich Transport Museum, joint admission with Mid-Suffolk Light Railway.
- ▶ **Friday/Saturday August 29-30:** London Transport Museum, Guided Tours; Acton Depot.

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Publicity News

Essex County Council: A4 timetable book for Central Essex dated June 2008

A5 booklet "Taking you places" Guide to community based transport schemes. This details the bus services provided to rural communities for local residents only. Therefore while it may be of interest, these services are NOT available to members of the public, that live outside of the defined areas served.

Bus and Train Map dated Summer 2008

Ensignbus Bus Times booklet dated 16th June 2008. Includes 22/33/44/66/73/83/80/X80 and a local area map

Summer 2008 leaflets for the **Gatwick Flyer** services to Gatwick and Stansted Airports from South Essex are now available dated 1 May to 30 September

Ian Ransom, with thanks to Ian Taylor, Richard Delahoy and Essex County Council

Service Changes

Clintona Minicoaches				
30 August 08	71/72	M-S	Warley to Stondon Massey via Brentwood services withdrawn.	
Ensignbus				
16 June 08	22	D	Grays to Upminster revised peak hour timetable (updated information).	
First Essex				
7 July 08	42	M-S	Galleywood to Broomfield Hospital amended timetable.	
	48	M-S	Chelmsford to Chelmer Village revised route and timetable with journeys withdrawn from Westway and extended to North Springfield via Beaulieu Park (updated information).	
First London				
28 June 08	498	D	Brentwood to Romford new service with route extension deferred (updated information).	
Hedingham				
30 August 08	11	M-F	Colchester North Station to Highwoods	
	15	M-F	Colchester North Station to Lexden	
	16	M-S	Chelmsford to Wethersfield	
	16A	Sch	Barnhall to Sheepen Road St Helena Sch	
			all above services withdrawn	
	78	Sun	Colchester to Brightlingsea	
			late evening service withdrawn.	
National Express				
2 June 08	A4/6	D	London to Stansted Airport entire 24 hour daily service now operates as A6 London Victoria & Stansted via Golders Green.	
NIBS				
31 August 08	37	M-F	South Woodham Circular service withdrawn.	
	47	Sch	Shotgate to Chelmsford revised route and timetable.	
Olympus Bus & Coach				
9 July 08	742	M-F	Stanstead Abbots to London Victoria revised timetable.	
	744	M-F	Sawbridgeworth to London Victoria new service.	
Stansted Transit				
31 August 08	34/A	M-S	Kings Park to Great Notley via Braintree service withdrawn.	
	89	Sat	Braintree to Great Yeldham service withdrawn.	
	802	Sch	Saffron Walden to Bishop Stortford school journey withdrawn.	
Walden Travel (Four Counties Buses)				
29 August 08	92	Sch	Chrishall to Saffron Walden service withdrawn.	

*Paul Harvey (acknowledgements to LOTS,
Essex & Hertfordshire County Council, Richard Delahoy, Harlowride and First)*



Essex CC funded services 71/72 Brentwood - Stondon Massey have been run by **Clintona** since Arriva East Herts & Essex withdrew them several years ago, but in the current round of tenders they will pass to Imperial. Vario YX54 GVZ and Sprinter BX56 VTE at the Bricklayers Arms, Stondon Massey, 4th July. *Chris Stewart*



Rail Replacement

Saturday 14th June, NXEA: between Colchester - Ipswich / Harwich / Clacton/ Walton.

Vehicle reported in use included:

Beestons, Hadleigh - Vario / Plaxton: AY55 DGE; B10M / Van Hool Alizee: 226 LRB.
Both noted parked at Ipswich.

Belle Coaches, Lowestoft - Setra Coaches: SIL 9043, NJI 9242; Scania K113 / Van-Hool Alizee: 48 (LIL 9458).

Burtens Coaches, Haverhill - All-Leyland Olympian: F245, 246 MTW; Volvo Citybus / Alexander: 219 (G619 OTV); Optare Solo: YK04 KWF, KWG (both in maroon Addenbrokes Shuttle livery); Volvo B12B / Plaxton: GB05 BCL; MAN / Jonckheere Monaco double-deck coach: T57 BBW; VDL / Van-Hool Alizee (wheelchair accessible): YJ57 BOU (plain white livery).

Cedrics, Wivenhoe - All-Leyland Olympian: H547 GKX; Volvo B12T / Van Hool Astrobel double-deck coach: 17 (YIL 7758).

Chambers, Bures - Volvo Olympian / Alexander: M81 MYM, P484 MBY; Volvo Olympian / East Lancs: S856 DGX (noted parked at Colchester); Volvo B10M / Plaxton: R361 DGX. Alexander-bodied Vario R112 NTA was also seen at Colchester Station but may not have been in service.

Country Travel, Leiston, Suffolk - Vario / Plaxton: S21 NET; Setra coach: P568 VEE (noted parked at Colchester).

Ensign, Purfleet - Optare Spectra: 101, 104, 105, 107 (YN51 ZVE, ZVL, ZVM, ZVO), of which 104 was noted parked at Ipswich; Volvo Olympian / Alexander Royale: 126, 129 (P426, 429 UUG); Metroliner double-deck coach: 464 (864 DYE), seen parked at Ipswich and later on the A12, but unsure as to whether this was used in service. In addition, the following vehicles were also used by Ensign, possibly on loan from Ensign Sales Stock - Volvo Olympian / Alexander P324 SWC in Dublin Bus blue and yellow livery (formerly Dublin Bus RA312) and Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties G551 VBB in

Arriva London grey and white training livery.

Far East Travel, Ipswich - Vario / Plaxton: VX05 BXU.

First Essex - Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties: 34012, 34018 (P552, 546 EFL); 34307 (L307 PWR).

First Eastern Counties - Scania L94 / Wright: 65570 (S570 TPW).

Galleon Travel (Trustline) - Leyland Olympian / Alexander: 764 (H764 PVW) noted parked at Colchester

Galloway, Mendlesham - DAF coaches: Van-Hool Alizee-bodied 185 (5048 PP), Ikarus-bodied 207 (5611 PP), Plaxton-bodied 209 (3860 PP); Optare Spectra: 229 (5946 PP); Temsa Safari coach: 251 (AY07 CUC).

Gemini Travel, Ipswich - Vario / Autobus Classique: V884 XBE.

Godward, South Woodham Ferrers - Leyland Olympian / Optare: E915, 917 DRD; Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties: F442 AKB, (in red/cream livery); Iveco TurboCity/Beulas: YN53 OAC.

Grahams, Kelvedon - Scania / Irizar Century: T361 JWA.

Network Colchester - Scania Omnidiekkka / East Lancs: 101 (AY55 DKA). DAF DB250LF / Plaxton President: T133AUA in Wiltax livery; DAF DB250 / Northern Counties: 282 (R382 GTW) also in Wiltax livery, Volvo Citybus / East Lancs: 337 (G617 BPH).

P&M, Wickford - Leyland Olympian / Alexander: J846 TSC.

Simonds, Botesdale - B10M / Van Hool Alizee: HIB 644.

Squirrel Coaches, Hitcham, Ipswich - B10M / Van Hool Alizee: LOI 7191, VIL 9198.

Talisman, Great Bromley - Alexander-bodied Olympians: J534, 605 CEV; L972 MSC.

Turners of Essex - All-Leyland Olympian: G293 UYK.

Z&S, Aylesbury - B12B / Sunsundegui: FJ06 ZKZ; ex Dublin Bus (RH111)

Leyland Olympian / Alexander: J 778 CEV noted parked at Ipswich; Optare Spectra: YJ06 YFY in all-over green Buckinghamshire County Rider livery.

Finally some unidentified vehicles also noted in use, both Jonckheere-bodied B10M's - allover silver-liveried M10 CJT and SDZ 9026 in allover white with an orange skirt (former National Holidays livery) this vehicle had "Nicholls" on the O-disc, but no visible legal lettering. M10 CJT was subsequently seen in Cambridge City Centre on Tuesday 17th June, so it may be based in this area.

Sunday 15th June, NXEA: Colchester to Walton / Ipswich / Harwich / Clacton
Network Colchester - Scania Omnidekkas: 101, 102; DAF DB250LF T133AUA; DAF DB250 282, Volvo Citybus 214, 333, 337; Trident : 156. Also the following vehicles were spare -Dart/ Caetano: 105 at Clacton, and Dart /Plaxton 362 at Thorpe-le- Soken. No other reports received for any other operators on this day.

A similar service was due to be provided on **Saturday 21st June**, where the following vehicles were noted at Witham Station:

Chambers, Bures - Volvo Olympian / Alexander: P475 MBY.
Network Colchester - DAF DB250 T133 AUA, together with an unidentified Belle Coaches Setra and a Hardy Miles Metrobus. In addition, the following Network Colchester vehicles were also reported in use: Omnidekka 102; DAF DB25 282, Solo: 307 ; Volvo Citybus: 333, 337.

Also on the 21st, the following vehicles were noted in use at Newbury Park Underground Station, replacing services on the eastern end of the Central Line:

Blue Triangle - Dart SLF / Plaxton: DP209; Enviro 200: SE29 .
Metroline - Dart /Plaxton: DP1007 , DP1011 - these are both former Armchair vehicles, based at Brentford Depot.

Sunday 22nd June saw buses replacing trains between Witham and Harwich / Ipswich / Colchester and Clacton with the following Network Colchester vehicles in use: Omnidekkas 101/2; DAF DB250LF T133 AUA; Trident 156; Volvo Citybus / East Lancs: 214; DAF DB250: 282. In addition, the following vehicles were reported spare: Volvo Citybus 333 at Witham, 337 at Colchester and 215 at Ipswich. Dart /Plaxton 360 at Thorpe-le-Soken, and similar 529 at Clacton. Again, no other reports of any other operator's vehicles in use on this day.

Thursday 26th June, c2c: Upminster - Pitsea via Basildon
This service ran every 30 mins from 2200 until close of service calling at all stations on Monday 23rd - Thursday 27th June inclusive. Vehicles reported in use on Thursday 26th included: Ensign, Purfleet - Spectras: 103, 107; Dart / Marshall 732.

Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th June, NXEA: Colchester to Clacton-on-Sea / Walton-on-Naze
Network Colchester Omnidekka 101 (in use on both days), 102 (Sunday only); Dart / Caetano: 105 on Sunday only; DAF DB/ Plaxton T133 AUA in Wiltax livery, in use on Saturday only; Trident: 155/6 - 155 in use on Saturday and spare at Colchester on Sunday, 156 in use on both days; Volvo Citybus: 214, 333 in use on Saturday only, 337 spare at Colchester on Saturday; Dart /Plaxton: 360 in use on Sunday only, 529 spare at Clacton on Sunday. No other reports received for any other operators on this day.

Sunday 29th June, c2c: Barking - Pitsea via Rainham
Ensign, Purfleet Spectras 101 and 105 noted in use.

Sunday 29th June, London Overground: Barking - Gospel Oak. Arriva London North DWL47, a Wrightbus Cadet bodied VDL SB120 from Wood Green Garage was noted parked near

Barking Station displaying "Not in Service" but with London Overground slip boards.

Essex-based vehicles working on Replacement Services further afield include First London Caetano-bodied Dart SLFs from Dagenham Depot in use on London Underground Jubilee Line Service between Stratford and North Greenwich on **Saturday 28th June** - DMC41492/3/6, being noted in use. First London Trident TNL33084 also from Dagenham, has been seen in service in Hornchurch carrying a slipboard for "North Harrow" suggesting use on London Underground Metropolitan Line Service possibly on the same weekend.

Finally, Ensign were running on Docklands Light Railway Replacement Service on **Monday 30th June** from Canary Wharf to Island Gardens with Spectras 101/2/3/7; Olympian/ Royale 126 and Metrobus 167 at least, reported in use.

Forthcoming Rail Replacement Services (July)

Sat 19th July	c2c	Grays - Southend Central
Sun 20th July	c2c	Barking - Grays via Rainham
Sun 20th July	NXEA	Liverpool Street - Stansted Airport
Sun 27th July	NXEA	Hockley - Southend Victoria (until 10:00)
Sun 27th July	NXEA	Manningtree - Colchester (until 10:00)

Michael Springett, with thanks to Richard Delahoy for providing further details of Network Colchester vehicles in use on Rail Replacement services, and Ross Newman of Ensignbus

The Long(est) Day Out ~ 21st June

This tour was planned to visit three depots of Stephenson's of Essex at Rochford, Maldon and Witham, together with Excels premises at Stansted airport. Principal transport for the day was provided by A18 SOE, one of the Company's London Link coaches and used on the soon to be discontinued X1/X 10 services.

The writer of this report had intended to join the tour at Shenfield station, living a 4 minute rail journey away at Ingatestone. However the perils of travelling at weekends on Britain's fragmented railway duly struck and with the scheduled arrival time long gone it was thanks to the rather more efficiently running Southend Victoria service that I was able to join the tour at Rochford.

Stephenson's depot here is accessed by a fairly narrow approach, which tested the abilities of our driver Chris, and the yard itself it is fairly compact requiring careful manoeuvring. We were made a most welcome by Richard Delahoy and after a safety briefing were able to view the 20 vehicles present. These included a further five examples of the London Link fleet, all

Volvo B10Ms with Plaxton bodywork and 12 Leyland / Volvo Olympians from various sources. These included four former Phoenix vehicles originally with London Transport and one L762 SNO from Hong Kong, a solitary Dennis Dart P749 HND, Volvo P431 TBV, and preserved Leyland PD3 424 DCD completed the line-up. The latter was to transport us to Maldon to the premises taken over by Stephenson's following the demise of Phoenix Student Travel in 2003.

Leaving Rochford around 12:00 hours, we travelled via the A127, old A130 and thence via Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre. Those of us on the lower deck were able to appreciate the Leyland's performance over the hills. Use of the 1980's-built Maldon bypass largely on the course of the old Woodham Ferrers to Maldon railway brought us round to the Quayside Industrial Estate, previously visited by the group in 2002 and 2003 when Phoenix were the occupiers.

A total of nine vehicles were present here, mostly Olympians but additional interest was provided by the presence of the company's sole Dennis Trident, T415 HMY, formerly



London Link Volvo B10M/Plaxton Premieres: **119**, A19 SOE (M801 KJT) and **114**, A14 SOE (N70 SLK).

Ex-Southdown PD3 **424** (424 DCD) and ex-Ribble Olympian **676** (C176 ECK).





Ex-Phoenix, former London Olympian 811 (C81 CHM) and ex-Fargo, former Blackppol Atlantean **GHG 343W**.

Excel former Stagecoach Volvo B10M/Alexander **M232 TBV**. *All: Chris Stewart*



with Metrobus, Orpington, and G311 UYLK, recently acquired from East Yorkshire and still in that company's livery. Optare Solo EU07 FVN also made a short appearance between services.

After this visit we transferred back to A19 SOE and took a short break at Maldon Tesco's enabling some Solo and Lances of (of First Essex) photography as required. The route to Witham was the B1018 road, enabling glimpses the former Witham to Maldon railway including the two old station sites at Langford am Ulting and Wickham Bishops and the preserved wooden trestle bridge over the River Blackwater.

Stephenson's Witham depot was taken over with the operations of Fargo last year, and a number of Fargo vehicles entered the Stephenson's fleet. Several of these were present, some still in their former fleet colours. Of particular interest among the 24 vehicles present were Dennis Condor F329 UJN and Leyland Olympian D511 PPU, once 4511 in the Eastern National fleet, former Hong Kong vehicle L762 SNO, and further ex-East Yorkshire vehicles G 305/3 UYK were among the other Olympians present. It is understood the company is acquiring more of these vehicles, which will no doubt see a reduction in vehicles left in Fargo livery

Our route from Witham continues along the B1018 passing Cressing Temple Barns where the dark Age festival featuring marauding Vikings and Saxons seemed to be in full swing, to the Braintree bypass and the new A120 to Stansted Airport. Excel use separate parking areas here, one for the double-deckers and one for coaches and single deckers, and although the company has recently been sold to Arriva, no evidence of this was apparent. It was noted that Anita's Coaches and Stansted Transit utilise adjacent facilities, no doubt all helping BAA's revenues.

Unlike Stephenson's, the majority of Excels' double-deck fleet are Scania's, several of Brighton & Hove origin, with just two former London Olympians. Scania's are also well represented in the coach fleet. Double-deck Ayats Bravo coach WX06 OSW, Dennis Dart L113 YVK and Volvo Alexander M232 TBV were among the many vehicles present. It

should be noted that Excels' vehicle park is within the airport security area and is covered by CCTV. Airport police briefly attended to ensure we did not stray from permitted areas.

At Stansted we said farewell to Richard Delahoy, who had to go back to Maldon to return the PD3 to Rochford, and to two other tour participants. Our route back was via Birchanger Services, where a number of coaches and Stagecoach Olympian H652 VVV still in Huntingdon and District livery, were parked, and the M11/A12. In spite of encountering heavy traffic at Redbridge and Gallows Corner, return stops were only slightly behind schedule. Our thanks go to both Stephenson's and Excel, also to Richard Delahoy, Chris Stewart for making the day so successful. Thanks also to Ian Ransom who planned and organised the day but owing to personal circumstances, unfortunately was unable to join us.

Richard Huggins

PS. A moment of nostalgia here for anyone who was on the Group's April 1980 tour, which visited several operators in north-west Essex. This included a ride from Bishop's Stortford to the old passenger terminal at Stansted Airport in Lea Valley Coaches unique Walsall 36ft long Daimler Fleetline XDH 56G. Excel's parking areas are close to the old Terminal and it was good to see the building still stands, albeit no longer used by a airport passengers. Contrast this with the seven bus depots visited that day. Only one, Don's at Dunmow remains substantially unaltered and in bus use. Of the remainder: Lewington ceased operations many years ago and the premises of Lea Valley Coaches and Eastern National depots at Brentwood, Braintree, Halstead and Chelmsford, have all succumbed to shopping or residential developments. Only a part of the Chelmsford site remains in bus use as the much reduced in size bus station. Such have been the changes in the industry over the past 28 years, but some things never change - the cost the 1980 tour was £3.30 and the committee regretted the rising price of tours, owing to the continual rise in the cost of fuel oil.

Richard Huggins

Evening Tour to Talisman Coachlines ~ 24th June

In last year's tour report are wondered whether a future visit to Talisman would find new areas to explore after this the group's fourth visit the answer was clearly emphatically 'yes'.

As usual, around 25 members and friends gathered at Colchester North Station and on this occasion former Lothian Olympian L972 MSC, acquired by Talisman since last year's visit, was to transport us to Great Bromley. A swift run ensued to Elmstead market for a photo stop and arrival at Talismans' depot was around 1930 hours. Here, several examples of the fleet's Setra coaches were present including one of the two new acquisitions OK08 ULM, together with the preserved DAF, YTW455S, used on last year's group tour. Two former Colchester Atlanteans, YNO 77/8S used on open-top tours of Colchester, two Megadekkers J534/605 CEV, former Eastern National minibus K633 GVX, and former Colchester

Olympian H47 MJN completed the vehicles present.

H47 MJN, still in TGM (Burtons, Haverhill) livery was to be our onward transport, a bit of a mystery tour as it turned out, leaving Great Bromley, our first halt was a short photo-stop by Great Bentley village green, the largest in England (unless anyone knows otherwise), on our way to the premises of new Horizon Travel at Frating. New Horizon own a small fleet of Ford and Mercedes minibuses including AE56 SPV, a Euro bodied example and two Optare Excels, V388/390 KVV, acquired from Claribel Birmingham, for Harwich cruise and park-and-ride work.

After a short visit we were on our way again via Thorington Cross and Alresford to Wivenhoe for a farewell visit to Cedrics' premises. Cedric are to move in the future to a new depot on the A120 and parked up



Talisman H47 MJN at Gt.Bentley village green. Chris Stewart



tightly for the night were the none Olympians and seven examples from the coach fleet.

Our tour continued into Colchester, just over the new harbour bridge into Haven Road where First's 34305 was outside their depot, and into the Grange Way Business Park for a glimpse of Network Colchester's new premises. The company's two new Omnidekkas were parked by the entrance. By now, one was beginning to lose count of the number of bus depots visited or viewed. More was to come as we climbed the East Hill stool and a visit to the new temporary, much smaller bus station with the adjacent First depot and controversial new "Visual Arts Facility", rising out of the northern part of the site.

The count (7) was finally completed by passing the former Corporation / Network Colchester premises in Magdalen Street, four First vehicles being parked in the forecourt of their section of the premises. Arrival back at North Station was at 2135 hours.

An excellent evening tour which encompassed a great deal within its two and a half hour duration. Once again, our grateful thanks go to Terry and Paul of Talisman Coachlines, and also to New Horizon Travel, Cedrics, Dave Arnold and Ian Ransom, who organised the tour (and fortunately was able to attend, having had to miss the Long(est) Day Out).

Richard Huggins

First

Allocation changes

Period 3: 26 May 2008 to 28 June 2008

FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to/from another First fleet

(A)=acquired, including vehicles on loan; Anc=Ancillary fleet; (S)=spare/retained (licensed); D/L(S)=spare/retained (delicensed); D/L(D)=delicensed for disposal;

DS=Driving School; PS=Paint Spare

20202 CF-FGC; 20203 CF-FGC; 46127 CF(S)-CN(S); 56004 CF-CR;

Observation suggests that Vario 52585 is back at BN. Confirmation is awaited regarding 20202/3.

Repaints (Period 3):

34815 43733 43718

LED destination display fitted: 34288, 51803

Rear adverts: 65653 Adventure Island, Southend; 34807/18 briefly carried adverts for Fiat cars but these have been removed again.

Area News - workings and sightings:

Numbers in (brackets) refer to route branding

Rail Replacements (June)

9th CF34807/18 at Shenfield (emergency - overhead line damage near Ingatestone)

13th CR34301, CF34818 at Witham (emergency - track damage at Marks Tey)

Clacton & Harwich

Olympian 31377 has gone to RTE Braintree for chassis and engine repairs and was then due to go to Harris Commercial for body and window work. 34288 has returned with LED display, new floor and other major work completed. Fire damaged 60130 is at CN awaiting decision on repair.

June

24th CN(S)46127 on DT 103 (on loan)

Colchester

June

27th CR47104 on 64A

Chelmsford & Braintree

June

9th Solo CF53125 on 36 (14.20 to South Woodham and 15.11 return)

13th CF46173 on 509 (usually Alexander Dash Dart or Olympian)

20th 36 from South Woodham - CN46820 at 13.11, CF34807 at 14.11 and CF65684 at 15.11

21st BE46821/2 both on 351

23rd CF34807 on 352

July

2nd Scania CF65683 showing X30, CF42921 (42) on 12.25 ser 31 to Maldon

Basildon & Hadleigh

June

5th BN67036 on 100 (and on 6th)



Former driver trainer 46127 (M927 TEV) at Harwich; 4th June. *Steven Hughes*

Not many other places in the country can have bus routes through pre-fab bungalows (built for a 10 year life in the immediate post-War years): Beeches Road, Chelmsford with Solo 53125 (E002 NFG); 27th May. *Chris Stewart*



- 7th Lances BN67001 and BN67036 on 100
- 10th BN67001 on morning peak 8/8A
- 11th BN31375 on 22, BN34012 on 8A, BN46803 on 1A (previously minibus); BN61054/7 on 100, BN67001 (still 67 branded, but removed by late June) and BN67036 on 5, the latter parking up around 13.00 alongside trainer 67037 and near 67038.
- 12th BN31373 on 22
- 17th BN61054 on morning 100, BN67001 on 8A at lunchtime.
- 18th 'Gremlins' BN43714 on 100
- 19th BN46171 on 73
- 21st BN34012 on Brentwood 81/82 early afternoon
- 25th BN41651 on 5, BN67036 believed on 100
- 30th BN67001 on 100

July

- 2nd BN43737 (5) on 12, BN67036 on 5
- 3rd 'Gremlins' BN43714 on 81/82 (late afternoon)

Other News

South West Solos and VRs – Bow Centenary

South West Solos – Former Romford 193 Solos 53107-9/11 (EO02FLG/H/J, FKZ) are now at St Austell depot having displaced a Dart, together with native 53004-6 (W804-6PAF) which are now on loan to *First Truronian*.

South West VRs – Former 3088/9 (STW32/3W), now with Chepstow Classic Buses, and Abus 3116 (XHK221X) were all at work on Glastonbury Festival shuttles at the end of June. XHK221X then worked in service on 1st and 2nd July, (Tuesday 1st - ser 683 Keynsham to Wells and return, Wednesday 2nd ser 791 Bath to Weston-super-Mare and return).

Dart 46115 (K915CVW) is understood to have been withdrawn for disposal by First Somerset & Avon at Taunton.

Nearer to home, Bow (LT) garage Centenary Open Day on 28th June saw Dave Edwards' RE 1516 (FWC439H) in attendance together with Carl Lemon's VR 3107 (UAR597W). In the evening, a number of vehicles operated short services around Romford as a "pre LEZ" event. Vehicles built before January 1973 are exempt from the Low Emission Zone charge but nevertheless considerable interest was generated by the appearance of Canvey Museum residents LDL6G 2510 (236LNO), LS5G 1237 (859ETW) and Southend Leopard 209 (GJN509D). These mostly worked free services between Gallows Corner and Newbury Park, along the old 251 route, with the return to Canvey being via Brentwood and Shenfield as the A127 was closed.

A recent visit to Norwich saw former Essex Olympians 34902/3 and Dart 46123 in all day use.

Mercedes 709D 2655 (L655MEV) passed from Jobserve, Kelvedon to Birchall and Steed, Whitstable, Kent (t/a Bzee Bus).

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to *First Essex* and to I Banks, A Bird, W Bell, J Collins, N Clark, T Clark, D Edwards, M Farmer, I Hardie, A R MacFarlane, N Mansfield, J Podgorski, D Pretty, I Ransom, J Salmon, 'Solo', A Toms, TBL177M, R Webb, R Whitley, the *Essex Bus*, *South West*, *First Group Fans* and *British Buses Abroad* in North America y-groups, www.bustlistsontheweb.co.uk, *Real Bus News*, LOTS, PSV Circle, *Bristol VR South West Bus News* (<http://www.geocities.com/ndl642m>).

Reports relating to First Group may be sent by text on 07973 509459, by fax on 01277 216745, by e-mail or by conventional post. Many thanks to all who do so.

Chris Stewart

■ ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX LTD

New vehicles ~ updated information

3873 KE 57 EPA Volvo B7RLE YV3R6K6258A123066 Wright AB197 B45F 11/07
3874 KE 57 EPC Volvo B7RLE YV3R6K6238A123065 Wright AB198 B45F 11/07

Vehicles in

from Arriva The Shires (Aylesbury) 3834 6/08

3834 M504 VJO Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3054/2291 Marshall C37.058 B38F 3/95

Allocations

6/08: 3834: HA

Subsequent histories

2097 (M157 RBH): returned from dealer to Olympus/SM Coaches, Harlow 4/08
2116 (N186 EMJ): J & S Travel, Darwen, Lancs 11/07 ex Hillier, Foxham Wilts
2118 (N188 EMJ): re-registered PEZ 9932 by Pickford, Chippenham Wilts 4/08
2353 (M733 AOO): returned from dealer to Olympus/SM Coaches, Harlow 4/08
2298 (G918 UPP as KUI 2298) Rumplan, Newcastle-under-Lyme 3/00 via Ramm, Sudden (dealer); to scrap 4/08 via Central, Kidsgrove, Staffs (dealer)
3461/2/4 (W461/2/4 XKX): Arriva London South ADL61/2/4 4/08 ex Arriva London North (ADL61/2/4)

General

Withdrawn 2371 (R941 VPU) is stored at Arriva The Shires Aylesbury depot.

It should be noted that the **easyBus** service from Stansted Airport to London are not technically part of the East Herts & Essex fleet but that of the parent Company Arriva The Shires Limited and are based in Luton. However a brief resumé of the vehicles used from Stansted Airport is given below:-

0290/4/9	KE 04 WBD/K/T	Mercedes-Benz 411CDi	Mercedes-Benz M16	new 8/04
0300-2	YX 57 CCO/U/V	Mercedes-Benz 515CDi	Ferqui Sirocco C19F	new 11/07
0303/5/8	YX 57 CCY/CAE/V	Mercedes-Benz 515CDi	Ferqui Sirocco C19F	new 12/07
0306/7	YX 57 CAO/U	Mercedes-Benz 515CDi	Ferqui Sirocco C19F	new 1/08
0315-7	YX 08 AOR-T	Mercedes-Benz 515CDi	Ferqui Sirocco C19F	new 4/08

All are in the easyJet national livery of orange and white. In addition a Mercedes-Benz Vario O810D/Plaxton is used as staff transport between Stansted Airport and Luton. A fleet of Mercedes-Benz 515CDi (0304/9-14/21-3) and Mercedes-Benz 411CDi (0292/3/7/8) are in use with New Enterprise Coaches (Tonbridge) Ltd., Tonbridge, Kent, (an Arriva subsidiary) on a Gatwick Airport to London service.

County Bus & Coach Company Limited

Subsequent histories

BTL6 (BAZ 7385 ex B106 KPF): Wealden PSV, Five Oak Green (dealer) 12/05 ex Express, Brompton, Kent; exported 12/05.
LR45 (A145 DPE): Edinburgh Tours 47 7/02 ex Guide Friday, Stratford on Avon; Allen's Tours, Belfast 2/08.
LR58 (A158 FPG): Edinburgh Tours 45 7/02 ex Guide Friday, Stratford on Avon.
LR59 (A159 FPG): Guide Friday, Stratford on Avon 1/00 ex Wilts & Dorset 3919; Edinburgh Tours 46 7/02 to trainer 1/08.

LR60 (A160 FPG): Blythwood, Glasgow (dealer) 11/03 ex Wilts & Dorset 3920; Monty's Snack Bar, West Bromwich by 1/08.
LR61/4/5/8 (B261/4/5/8 LPH): Cavalier (Stagecoach subsidiary) 14395-8 3/08 ex Cavalier, Long Sutton, Lincs.
MB922 (G922 WGS): gone from Gemini, Birchgrove, South Wales 10/07.

Mark Garratt

Network Colchester

The two new Scania Omnidecker/Darwen Olympus vehicles (103/4) have received 'pink' branding for route 1 (Ambrose Avenue – Town Centre – Greenstead).

Unusual Sighting

June 9th 131 on 1

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Podgorski

Excel

The correct registration of the Neoplan Skyliner here is M227 JGB. This was new to Harris, West Thurrock as M504 XWC.

Ian Ransom with thanks to Lyn Watson

Stephensons of Essex

20 Olympians have been bought from East Yorkshire MS, most of which will go into the operational fleet to replace ex-Fargo vehicles. However, seven Leyland bodied Olympians will be sold on, as will the odd Leyland bodied one from the same, former Armchair batch, already in the fleet (G305 UYK). Lodges have already bought G294/5/6/7/9 UYK. For sale are G292/305/11 UYK.

Leyland Olympian/ECW DBV 136Y, ex Fargo, is withdrawn from service and will be sent to Barnsley in due course, together with similar C651 LJR, and East Lancs bodied C46 KBE. The latter two were off the road when Fargos were purchased, and have not actually run in service here. Also withdrawn and sold is NUI 4246 (YNN 31Y) a 1983 Volvo/Plaxton, which departed for Barnsley last week

C106 CHM, the Tesco-liveried Olympian is also withdrawn, and will also be stripped for useable parts and sent to Barnsley for scrap. A newer LEZ compliant bus will replace in due course.

Further Fargo vehicles currently in service but up for sale are Volvo Citybus G642 BPH and ex Hong Kong Dennis Condor F329 UJN, together with the last Atlantean, GHG 343W, which it is hoped will go for preservation (email lyn@barrons-bds.com if interested).

London Link Express-liveried Volvo/Plaxtons, A14 SOE and A19 SOE are for sale, although the registrations will be retained. A decision on the other four Volvos will be taken in due course. All remain operational until July 11th.

Ian Ransom, with thanks to Lyn Watson

■ DEALER STOCK MOVEMENTS

Vehicles in

	<i>from</i>	
Arriva London:	M573/617/777/1084/126/36/40/170/253/300/ 12/32.	
Arriva Southern Counties:	Olympian F896 DKK	
Dublin Bus:	Olympians 90-D-1004/1021/1024.	
Go-Ahead North East:	Solo's T456/8 BCN Spectra K315 FYG.	
Metroline:	Olympians S126/7/38 RLE Darts S518/24 KFL	
Stagecoach Manchester:	Olympians J734 HNY, C236 EVU, Dominators H133/4/7 GVM.	
Stagecoach South East:	Olympian J939 MHS.	
Stagecoach Yorkshire:	Volvo B10B N660 EKD.	
Sun Fun Travel:	Tiger J25 UNY Volvo B10M E735 HFW.	
Bob Vale Coach Sales:	Volvo B10M G618 BPH.	

Vehicles out

	<i>to</i>	
Dart K118 SRH:	ACL Buses, Hewish, Somerset.	
Darts K113/4 SRH:	Bankfoot Buses, Perth.	
Volvo G618 BPH:	A & P Brown, Ely, Cambs.	
Olympian H493 LNA:	Florida Coaches, Braintree, Essex.	
Olympians P338/40/50 ROO:	Peter Godward Coaches, Chelmsford.	
Scania NIL 2458		
and Olympian J734 HMY:	Heritage Coaches (Sussex Commercials), Brighton.	
Dart S520 KFL:	Imperial Buses, Rainham.	
Darts P307/11/14 MLD:	M Travel, Manchester.	
Spectra K315 FYG:	MASS Transit, Sheffield.	
Olympians SJI 4558 J925 FPS		
H607 LNA:	SunFun, Earith, Cambs.	
Olympians J688 TNF G551 VBB		
J847 TSC:	Travel with Hunny, Norfolk.	
Dublin Olympians 96-D296/312/324 now N584 JNO P337 SWC and P324 SWC with	Warrington Transport.	
Metrobus VRG 416T:	Divora Zoo, Ongar, Essex.	
AEC RF MLL 952:	Mr N Osborne, Lincoln.	
Dart H588 MOC:	Simply Print Ltd, Loughborough.	
Olympian C645 LFT:	Tyres Direct, London W9.	
Olympian C236 EVU:	PVS for scrap.	

■ OPERATIONAL FLEET

Acquired vehicle

from Metroline Travel AV32

132 S132 RLE Volvo Olympian 29270 / Alexander 9735/10 H43/25D new 9/1998.
Converted to single door and painted in blue and silver fleet colours.

General

From 30th June until 25th August, in connection with the rebuilding of Dockland Light Railway platforms to accommodate three-car trains, Ensignbus are providing weekday supplementary bus services:

- DLR1 Island Gardens-Canary Wharf: Ensign with Spectras and Olympians.
- DLR2 Lewisham-Cutty Sark-North Greenwich: sub-contracted to Travelmaster, Sheerness with LEZ-compliant Volvo Citybuses.
- DLR3/4 Greenwich-Cutty Sark-North Greenwich express: sub-contracted to Atbus, Travel

with Hunny; Blue Triangle; Peter Godward Coaches and Excel, Stansted. London Heritage Travel are providing one RML as standby bus each day, and Blue Triangle have hired Ensign sales stock Olympians AV26 and AV27 until the schools break up and they have spare buses of their own.

A further ex-Metroline Olympian (S138 RLE) is in use as temporary cover for DLR work.

All Olympians, Metrobus 167 and the two Metroliner 400GT's are now LEZ compliant. The Low Emission Zone (LEZ) takes effect for PCVs on 7th July.

■ HERITAGE FLEET

Metrobus M1 has been repainted into original livery and was in use on DLR rail replacement work in week commencing 30th June. As it is not LEZ-compliant, this will not occur again. RM758 (209 UXJ) has passed to Bellamy, Nottingham for use on the now-ceased Nottingham - Arnold service.

David Harman with thanks to Ross Newman of Ensignbus and LOTS

NIBS

The new Scania has arrived and is registered YN08 OCR. Chassis no. SZAN4X20001858824. The body plate reads East Lancashire Coachbuilders; body no 66801. Seating is H51/30F+14 or H51/27F+14+wheelchair.

It entered service on the morning of 27th June on service 46 (Basildon - Billericay), retimed to run an hour later, due to school opening times.

Dart R506SJM is now registered BIL9406.

Dart L110THV and Olympian C80CHM are understood to have gone to Regal Busways, the latter for spares, and the former for possible repair (defective gearbox).

Ian Ransom with thanks to Chris Stewart

Small Operators

KINGS, Stanway The Tempsa returned to Arriva on 4 June 2008 and was replaced by VDL SB4000 XF - Van Hool Alizee NL YJ 06 LDL.

PINK ELEPHANT, Stansted New for London City Airport and used airside are Cobus 2700S LCY1-4. At Gatwick, is VW Transporter GV57 JNU.

SJH, Crays Hill R901 EDO a Mercedes Benz 0814D/ Autobus has been acquired.

TALISMAN, Gt Bromley Setra S215HD coaches JSU 282 (J2 TCC) and SSU 331 (K124 OCT) have been sold to an operator in Cyprus. Bristol VR CBV 2S remains here, despite news published elsewhere.

Paul Smith at Talisman has provided an

update of former Essex vehicles in Cyprus

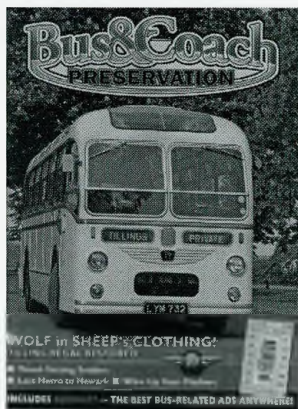
TKTJ 149 Caetano Optimo (M232JBC, ex Talisman) now 21 seats and a roof mounted air con pod and operated by Xidias Coaches Ltd of Larnaca and also the other 2 aswell.

TKTF 928 Iveco (? ex Viceroy, Saffron Walden)

TKSW 755 MB Sprinter (P646SBD, ex Viceroy, Saffron Walden)

Ian Ransom, with thanks to Paul Smith (Talisman), Peter Mobbs, Chris Stewart and PSV Circle

The MWs which weren't Bristols



Bus & Coach Preservation (Vol 11 No 2, July 2008) contains a fine article by *John G Lidstone* on LYM732, one of the five AEC Regal IVs new in 1951 to Tillings Transport (BTC) Ltd with London RFW-style ECW coach bodies. Rebodied in 1960 with MW-style bodywork, the batch (LYM728-32) was sold off in 1964 but over the years all of them made their way to Denyer Bros yard at Stondon Massey. Locally, LYM730 had

worked for Clintona (Lewington) at Harold Hill and LYM731 with Super Coaches of Upminster but only LYM731/2 ever saw service with Denyers. LYM732 ran for far longer, being laid up there in 1977, and for the past 7 years has been under restoration by father and son Ryan and Ian Mahoney of Shenfield. John's article on their hard work is accompanied by some splendid photos in Mountnessing, Hylands Park and Ingatestone, as well as a further two page historical spread of Tillings vehicles ranging from AEC Regal IIIs to Bristol MWs. Four of the five LYMs still survive (as does the chassis of the fifth), and they are a fascinating mix of pre-selector Wilson gearbox and AEC engine (with a high speed back axle in 732, taken by Denyers from a Harold Wood Coaches Regal III) in what looks like it ought to be an MW – but there are a number of differences when you look closely and start measuring! A couple of the original bodies even had a further lease of life – if only one still existed... As seen in EBN530, LYM732 made its longest journey yet in preservation to the Bristol rally in May and will be seen at a number of



other events during this and the coming years.

This issue of BCPM also contains a few other photos which include 'Essex' vehicles – Norman's Coaches of Havant Bedford YMT UNO100W (ex Heddingham), Abus VR

XHK221X, Bellamy's of Nottingham Lynx F409LTW, ex EN Nationals VNO740S & YEV307S with West Sussex County Council whilst snowy Lincoln Museum shots include Colchester Daimler OHK432 and EN K5G ONO55.

Chris Stewart





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LYM 732 at the Bristol Harbourside Rally in June. Ian Mahoney in the driver's seat; Ryan, nearside and John Stewart (brother of CS) in front passenger seats.

Chris Stewart

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With original ECW body, on hire to the West Yorkshire Road Car Co. Location unknown;

Leeds? Note the hinged Tilling emblem-cum-radiator filler door. The door on the LT RFWs had the London Transport bullseye instead. *EBEG Collection*



LYM 729 shows the distinctive rear. *EBEG Collection* Digressing, the rear window layout resembles that on the front/back of BR railbuses built in 1958 by Waggon und Maschinenbau (79960-4), Park Royal (79970-4), and AC Cars (79975-9). Two of the latter, 79976/8, incidentally, survive at the Colne Valley Railway at Castle Hedingham. Oddly enough, there were also two Bristol-ECW-built railbuses (79958/9), but the front/back of these had a quite different appearance, resembling the rear of an LS bus, but with the Bristol-ECW "wings" motif.

This page:

LYM 731 in rebodied guise on touring duties for a regular client, travel agent, Thomas Cook & Sons Ltd. Cooks, like Tillings, were then state-owned. One senses Lowestoft rather reluctantly made allowances for the non-Bristol chassis - the traditional AEC chrome wheel-nut covers, and the wings motif, here reading "TT", instead of "Bristol-Eastern Coach Works".

EBEG Collection

LYM 732 with Denyer Bros. c1970. The "TT" badge has been covered by a conventional AEC triangle, and the once fashionable, chrome "dustbin-lids" cover the wheel hubs. *Den Denyer*



LYM 732 in March 2002
(above), June 2002 (left),
and undergoing
preservation (below).

Chris Stewart



- > EBN530: Steve Graham is looking for a proper destination blind for VHK 177L, and would also welcome the set of fleetnumber plates (1404) if anyone happens to have them in their collection. Please contact Steve, c/o Chris Stewart.

The photo at Brighton must have been taken after the coaches passed back from National Travel (South East) to EN, as the fleetnumber is its Eastern National one.

Essex Coast Express / Kings Cross Coach Station



I was interested in both these articles in EBN 522. The Essex Coast Express article mentions the Suttons Coaches premises at 54 Pier Avenue, Clacton. I thought you might like my pictures of this and also their Rosemary Road "shed" - the vehicles in the latter were Lodekka 80TVX and Fords TMJ655K, WOD228K and CNO748G. Both pictures were taken on 19th August 1979, which (if memory serves) was the day after the company closed. The art deco Pier Avenue premises were subsequently demolished.

The picture of FLF coach 2608 was taken outside the present Harwich depot, not Dovercourt as stated in the caption. I had not realised that these double deck coaches were used on the X80. I am curious about their use in north-east Essex as I have a memory of seeing one in Walton on the Naze. For a long time I thought I had perhaps imagined it but now have photographs of Southend's 2601 on route X27 to Clacton and Walton.

I also remember visiting the Eastern National Kings Cross coach station to collect my grandmother off an Eastern Counties service from Buntingford, an operator that is not mentioned in the article. I still have the timetable for service E from Sheringham or Mundesley via Cambridge, which also shows related journeys on C, F, U, and X2 plus G and X3, which could be boarded at Kings Cross as part of "Day Tours" using service coaches.

and Woodford. All journeys continued beyond Kings Cross to Victoria Coach Station. The faretable shows that there were no fares from London to points in Essex and vice versa, presumably a condition of the licence to protect the Green Line service, though the first fares out of London on each branch were Ware and Bishops Stortford, both also served by Green Line. The timetable is that for summer 1971 and interestingly contains nothing to suggest that the company was now part of the National Bus Company (and I don't remember any sign of NBC at Kings Cross either). It is also interesting that the list of "Principal Booking and Enquiry Offices" does not include Kings Cross Coach Station!

Andrew Colebourne

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THESE TIMES OPERATE FROM 18th MAY UNTIL 11th OCTOBER, 1969.

	S	S	A	D	D
SHERINGHAM (Rail Station).....	0845	0754A			
Cromer (Bus Station).....	0900	0835B	.....	.....	.....
Aylsham (Market Place).....	0927	0908B	.....	.....	.....
Mundesley (Holiday Camp).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mundesley (Esplanade).....	.....	0809G	.....	.....	.....
North Walsham (Bus Shelter).....	.....	0833G	.....	.....	.....
NORWICH (Bus Station).....	1000	0957B	.....	.....	.....
NORWICH (Bus Station).....	1015	.....	1035	1015	1026
Mulbarton (World's End).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1036
Tecolneston (Bus Shelter).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1046
New Buckenham (opposite Pump).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1052
Banham (Red Lion).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1058
Kenninghall (Post Office).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1104
South Lopham (Memorial).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1109
Garboldisham (Swan).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1112
Hopton (Commercial Inn).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1124
Stanton Cross Roads.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1132
Ixworth (Coach Stop).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1145
BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Brentgovel Street).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1146
Kentford (Post Office).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1203
NEWMARKET (Crown Hotel).....	.....	.....	1217	1217R	1217R
NEWMARKET (Crown Hotel).....	.....	.....	1217	1247	1301
Botolpham (A45 Swan Road Junction).....	.....	.....	.....	1242	1311
Cambridge Airport (Marshall's).....	.....	.....	.....	1248	1317
CAMBRIDGE (Drummer Street).....	1240	.....	.....	.....	1320
Trumpington (Green Man).....	1249	.....	.....	.....	1329
Harston (opposite Stores).....	1255	.....	.....	.....	1335
Melbourn (Coach Stop).....	1304	.....	.....	.....	1344
Royston (Bus Station).....	1311	.....	.....	.....	1351
Reed (Silver Ball Cafe).....	1316	.....	.....	.....	1356
Buckland (Sun Cottage).....	1319	.....	.....	.....	1359
Chipping (Red Lion).....	1322	.....	.....	.....	1402
Buntingford (opposite War Memorial).....	1326	.....	.....	.....	1406
Puckeridge (opposite Café).....	1332	.....	.....	.....	1412
Collera End (opposite Lamb and Flag).....	1336	.....	.....	.....	1416
High Cross (White Horse).....	1340	.....	.....	.....	1420
Wadesmill (Feathers).....	1342	.....	.....	.....	1422
Ware (60, High Street).....	1347	.....	.....	.....	1427
Heddon (Clock Tower).....	1357	.....	.....	.....	1437
Broxbourne (Conservative H.Q.).....	1359	.....	.....	.....	1439
Wormley (Queen's Head).....	1401	.....	.....	.....	1441
Gt. Cambridge Road (Junction Southbury Road).....	1417	.....	.....	.....	1457
Gt. Cambridge Road (Junction Silver Street).....	1424	.....	.....	.....	1504
Wood Green (Turnpike Lane Bus Station).....	1445	1434	.....	.....	1514
Finebury Park (Astoria, Isledon Road).....	1442	.....	.....	.....	1522
King's Cross (E.N. Coach Stn., 250, Pentonville Rd.).....	1454	.....	.....	.....	1534
LONDON (Victoria Coach Station).....	1515	1524	.....	.....	1604

NON-STOP enroute for
Railtment Hall

There were two routes into London, one via the A10 and the alternative less frequent route via Bishops Stortford, Harlow, Epping

Part of Eastern Counties service E
~ timetable dated 2 February 1969



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