

ESSEX BUS NEWS

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**NEW TO HEDINGHAM IS L284 L203HYE VOLVO B6 PLAXTON ONE OF TWO
ACQUIRED FROM TERMINUS SECURITIES CRAWLEY, L284 IS SEEN HERE AT
TOLLESBURY DEPOT D ARNOLD.**

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EDITORIAL

405 FOCUS OF THE MONTH

One of a small fleet operated by Southend Transport is 405 E405 BHK, an Optare City Pacer, 405 is seen here in Basildon Bus Stn. on hire to District Bus on route 101 to Laindon.

IN THIS ISSUE

Annual reports from Committee members. Plenty of news from Essex Buses, Harrisbus, and an another interesting article from Ian Taylor. First Bus orders for 98*show some interesting types.



FREIGHT HOUSE 8pm.

February 10th Talk by Bernie Waters of Harris Bus

March 10th Group AGM followed by slide show by A Osborne

April 14th Programme to be announced.

TOURS

Saturday 21st March. Keep this date clear, negotiations in hand for tour in Essex in an interesting vehicle, WATCH THIS SPACE.

Saturday 13th June Suffolk and Norfolk Tour.

Contributions received thanks from Essex Buses [Eastern National and Thamesway] Harrisbus, Southend Transport, County Bus & Coach PSV Circle. First Bus Enthusiasts Group. C Sigston. I Taqylor. R Dennis, M Torrance.

Contributions for EBN 406 should be with Sub Editors by Feb 6th and Mna, Editor by Feb 13th.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION DECEMBER 1997

BISHOPS STORTFORD	5 MB709, 4 Single deck from CF.
BRAINTREE	382-85 2244 2602/21/25-30/61-66 2808/12
CHELMSFORD	421-28 1001-04/06 1128-31 1401-03/07/08/13-16/25-29 1833/51 2601/03-20/22-24/2631-46/77 2802/13-16/23-30 3069/71/77/79 3083/84/92 3103/06/10/12 3230 4013/14 4510/11 2217/30-33/37/42/47/48/52 2647-55/68 2817/19/21/22 3072 3219-22 4009
CLACTON	
COLCHESTER	1501-11 1850/99 1916/21/24 2670-76/78-81 2801/03-06/09-11 2818/20 3093/94 3101/27 3226-29/33 4010/12/15-18/21 4501/03/12
DUNMOW	1 single deck from CF. (normally Long Dart)
HARWICH	1512/13 2656/67/69/82 3076/78 3109 4007/08/19
MALDON	6 Long Dart, 2 Lynx, 1 MB709 plus 1 VR from CF.
RESERVE FLEET	Nil
POOL VEHICLES	2383/84
D/L DISPOSAL	1005 2240/43 3224/32
TRAINING	9014/18

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

A Review of the Group's activities during 1997

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year has seen steady progress for the Group, the Magazine continues under the auspices of Peter Snell, however, some of the contributions have been somewhat erratic. We **URGENTLY** need some new people to take on Group responsibilities, such as sub-editorships. This situation is now even more urgent with the news that Andy Meadows has finally had to resign from the Committee due to poor health. May I take this opportunity to thank Andy for all his efforts over many years.

Our Hedingham tour was particularly successful, which indicates that such events can still be run provided the itineraries are sufficiently interesting.

May I wish all members a successful year in 1998, for me it will be my last in full time employment, thus allowing time to concentrate on longer term projects such as the full history of service 400.

ALAN OSBORNE (Chairman & Founder)

MANAGING EDITOR, PHOTOGRAPH OFFICER & MEETINGS ORGANISER'S REPORT

As Managing Editor I have endeavoured to expand the contents of the Magazine, which I trust readers are finding satisfactory. I wish to thank the Sub-Editors and all other contributors, especially to Geoff Toon and Roger Dennis for their special efforts. Any member is at liberty to submit an article for publication, I welcome these at any time.

This year photograph sales have once again been very good and, together with other Group publications, have resulted in a steady income for the Group. Finally, as organiser of the meetings at Rochford, I wish to thank the members who regularly attend, numbers vary, and once again any member who would like to run an evening will be most welcome.

PETER SNELL (Managing Editor)

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the time this report was compiled the detailed Group accounts were not yet compiled. The full Statement of Accounts will be available at the Annual General Meeting. The funds remain in a generally healthy state, the Hedingham tour providing a most useful injection of funds.

We have recently invested in a new Desk Top Publishing system to improve the format of the magazine during 1998.

ALAN OSBORNE (Treasurer)

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

In contrast to 1996, 1997 was a less successful year for the Group in terms of retaining and attracting members. During the year we only attracted 5 new members (M835-M839), compared to 18 in 1996. 11 members left the Group at the end of 1996, and a further 7 members left in June 1997. Sadly, two of our older members died during the course of the year.

It is vital therefore that we continue to encourage new members into the Group, because otherwise a steady decline will occur in membership with fewer people participating in our activities. Most of us know other bus enthusiasts who are not members of the Group, and yet they are interested in buses in the Essex area. I urge you to encourage them to join - simply ask them to write to me for membership details.

At the time of writing, membership renewals for 1998 are encouragingly high, and I am hopeful that we shall retain a very high proportion of our current members, although it is inevitable that some members will choose not to remain in the Group.

Our 1998 subscription levels have been fixed at £12.00 (1st Class post) and £11.00 (2nd Class post), and I do not envisage any necessity to increase those rates during the year. I believe that this represents good value for money, especially with regard to our extensive coverage of the smaller operators in Essex.

DEREK STEBBING (Membership Secretary)

TIMETABLE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

The Group's Timetable Subscription Service has had another successful year, and continues to provide many members with copies of Essex County Council's timetables and other publications every two months.

The majority of timetables are now sent using shrink-wrapped packaging, which has resulted in savings in postage costs. In turn, this has meant that there has been no increase in subscription levels, despite an increase in postage rates.

We can always accept more members into this scheme, and you do not have to receive all timetables. You can choose which areas you want, or if you do not need timetables every two months you can specify a different frequency. Simply write to me for an application form if you are interested.

Finally, thanks are due to Dave and Mary Arnold without whose help and assistance this service would not be provided. Thanks are also due to Robin Wheatcroft and his staff at Essex County Council for making all the necessary arrangements for the Group to receive the various publications as soon as they are published.

DEREK STEBBING (Membership Secretary)

PUBLICATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

1997 has been my last year as Publications Officer, and I shall be resigning from the Group's Committee at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their support over the years, particularly in purchasing books and other publications from the Group's sales stand.

TOURS ORGANISER'S REPORT

One tour ran during 1997; this was on Saturday, 12th July when Harris Bus Volvo Olympian P338R00 was used for a tour of Central and North Essex and Sudbury.

Visits were made to Heddingham depots at Tollesbury, Clacton, Sible Heddingham and Sudbury, with a lunch stop in Colchester. A large number of vehicles were positioned for photographs during the course of the day, while those not busy with cameras enjoyed the warm sunshine. The highlight for many, however, was the return trip between Heddingham and Sudbury on former Great Yarmouth Leyland Titan EX 6566, which despite a full load made brisk progress.

Thanks must go to John Weeks and David Arnold for driving the tour vehicle, to Geoff Mills for moving Heddingham vehicles for photographs and of course to Heddingham Omnibuses Ltd. for making the whole day possible.

In closing the review of 1997, could I on behalf of the Group thank Andy Meadows for all the time and effort he has put into tours over the years, which has ranged from collecting booking forms to driving tour vehicles.

Plans for 1998 are already being made, and the first date for your diary is Saturday, June 13th when it is planned to visit Suffolk and North Norfolk. Further details will appear a future edition of Essex Bus News.

IAN RANSOM (Tours Organiser)



**SOUTHEND TRANSPORT OPTARE CITY PACER
405 E405BHK IN BASILDON BUS Stn. ON
LOAN TO DISTRICT BUS ANDY MEADOWS.**

HARRIS BUS



General.

All buses are receiving fleet (fuel) numbers over the fuel filler, Those vehicles with 3xx registrations have corresponding fleet numbers other vehicles have numbers in the 3xx range.

302	J582WVX	303	J583WVX	304	F924ABV
305	L475GOV	306	L476GOV	307	N25COO
308	M52WEV	315	J51GCX	316	J52GCX
319	M649RCP				

The company is to open a new depot at Crabtree Manor Way North, Belvedere, London Borough of Bexley which will become operational from mid February. The current Crayford based work (4 buses), LTB 132 [start date 24-1-98] and 180 [start date 14-2-98] will operate from this site.

J52GCX was repaired after the fire and was back in service in October.
R348ROO returned from repairs at East Lancs on 28-11-97.

On hire.

C106SDX only stayed with Harris for a few days.
G122VDX returned to Ipswich 9-11-97.
G124VDX arrived on loan about 26-11-97 and returned on 14-12-97.
P441SWX returned to Optare 16-12-97.

J802KHD DAF SB220L550 000357 / Ikarus 480.91/1991-014 DP42F.
J412NCP DAF SB220L550 001364 / Ikarus 480V1AN1GB0014 B48F.
Both arrived from Hughes-DAF early November and returned 16-12-97.
R519YRP Dennis Dart SLF 11135 / East Lancs B22705 B40F. (new 24-10-97)
R521YRP Dennis Dart SLF 11054 / East Lancs B27701 B40F. (new 24-10-97)
Both arrived from Dawson Rentals late October and returned 18-12-97.

Fleet Numbers were :- 401 - 404 R519/21YRP, J412NCP, J802KHD. They were in plain white and used mostly on the Lakeside Coach link, they had Harris coach legal lettering and discs.

Fleet Changes.

373	R373DJN	Optare Excel L1070	VN9193	B35F	(new w/e 14-12-97)
374	R374DJN	Optare Excel L1070	VN9194	B35F	(new w/e 14-12-97)
375	R375DJN	Optare Excel L1070		B35F	(due early 1998)
376	R376DJN	Optare Excel L1070		B35F	(due early 1998)
377	R377DJN	Optare Excel L1070		B35F	(due early 1998)
378	R378DJN	Optare Excel L1070		B35F	(due early 1998)
379	R379DJN	Optare Excel L1070		B35F	(due early 1998)
380	R380DJN	Optare Excel L1070		B35F	(due early 1998)

The new buses are in 'ElthamLink' livery for route 132.

The new double deck buses for route 180 will be 360 - 372 (R360-372DJN) and will be delivered during early February.

304 F924ABV [Talbot] was withdrawn early December following Mechanical failure and being used for spares.

D301 - 4 PEV [Volvo / Plaxton] were sold to Yeates (dlr), Loughborough in March 1997. (believed to have been sold in the Republic of Ireland).

FIRST GROUP NEWS

This section has been added, and will include group policy, financial news etc. It is not intended to cover fleetnews or services of non Essex operators, although these will still be covered where it includes Essex (eg Eastern Counties Colchester service).

Firstly, FirstBus will be renamed FirstGroup to reflect the diversification into rail services and airport ownership (they are the preferred bidder for Bristol and have submitted a bid for Luton).

Interim results for the six months to September 30th show profit up 35% to £32.5m. The bus division reported a 22% growth in turnover and profit. During the period covered £39.8m was invested in 360 vehicles, by March this will have grown to £84.5m in 910 vehicles, this will bring the average vehicle age down to 8 years old.

In addition, orders for March 1998 onwards have been announced, worth £80m for 800 vehicles:-

Volvo/Wright single deck	140
Scania/Wright single deck	170
Olympian/Alexander	100
Olympian/Plaxton	25
Dart SLF/Plaxton	55
Dart SLF/TBA	45
Volvo/Wright artic.	40
Mercedes/Plaxton minibus	105
Midis for Centrewest	76
Low floor deckers for Centrewest	30
Others TBA	14

These will be to the standard interior decor of tinted double glazing, individual seating in turquoise/mauve moquette with increased leg room, interior colours in purple/grey with pale green handrails and a Sutruk heating/ventilation unit. In common with other major operators a corporate livery of off-white with magenta and blue trim is to be introduced.

This will only be used on vehicles with new interiors. So, individual liveries should last for a few years.

Vehicles will carry First (with the flying f logo) together with existing fleetnames.

Revenue at Great Eastern was higher than forecast, up 7% with an operating profit of £0.9m. The share of Great Western Trains profit was £2.1m.

If you require further details of First Bus fleets then why not join the FirstBus Enthusiasts Group, 30 Blandford Close, Nailsea, Bristol, BS19 2QQ.

Eastern National

VEHICLE ON LOAN

As a result of Mercedes 424 still being in Germany for tests and modifications to the suspension system, Mercedes/Alexander M382 KVR is on loan to the company from Cheshire Bus & Coach. It is understood that Mercedes have been successful in improving the ride quality of 424. A number of centres are now to be set up around the UK, to enable rectification of other vehicles to take place.

It is based at Harwich depot, while 2669 is on loan from Harwich to Chelmsford. This is because the standard EN blind does not fit the smaller display in an Alexander minibus. As a result a patchwork blind has been made, and Harwich has far fewer displays needed than any other depot.

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

As a result of ECC tendended services in Basildon and Brentwood, requiring vehicles less than 5 years old, the batch of vehicles 2657-62 (M657-62 VJN) based at Braintree are to be exchanged with Thamesway 382-87 (H393-98 OHK).

The FirstBus Enthusiasts Group, report that a number of Volvo Olympians/Northern Counties are to be acquired from Calderline (part of Yorkshire Rider). These will come from the L301-15 PWR batch.

Rumours suggest that a number of low floor Darts and some Scania/Wrights are due early in 1998. While I have been unable to obtain confirmation from the company on these items, it is published here to enable members to take the opportunity to photograph vehicles that may be liable to disposal.

Vehicles that may fall into this group are Tiger/Duple, Leyland Nationals and non re-furbished VR's.

ALLOCATIONS

Period End 23.11.97 1005 CF-D/L(D); 2240/43 CN-D/L(D); 2242/47 BE-CN; 2602 CF-BE; 2812 CF-BE; 3230 CR-CF.

Period End 28.12.97 382-85 Tway-BE; 2657-60 BE-Tway; 3232 Reserve-D/L(D)

REPAINTS

By 12/97 382 383 384 385 1403 1415 2654 2656 3092 4017

GENERAL

Eastern National converted to Wayfarer 3 ticket machines from 8.12.97. an example of a new ticket is shown below.

230000

9458 14:52 29DEC97 £1.15 ADULT SINGLE

Eastern National 

Eastern National 

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023721

163828 717 57 - Heath Drive

Bristol VR 3222 has been fitted with a Gardner 6LXB engine, thought to have come from a withdrawn example.

Bristol VR 3084 and Leyland Olympian 4013 now carry 'Mega Rear' adverts for Essex FM, which includes contavision over the rear window.

All dog's are now carried free of charge, I shall avoid the urge to mention Rover Tickets!

SERVICES

- 67** The 0810 group(Sch) ex West Mersea will depart at 0800 from 5.1.98.
70 Additional journey at 0853 from Marks Tey to Colchester (M-F) from 15.12.97.
75 Ipswich and Felixstowe, revised timetable and route introduced from 4.11.97.
233 This service will be re-routed and retimed from 5.1.98.
310 Bishops Stortford town service revised from 3.11.97.
503 New Service (Sch) between Chelmsford and Southend via South Woodham from 5.1.98.

Over the Christmas period, in general the following services were operated:-

- 24/12 Normal service, with minor changes after 2000 (ECC services ran to normal finish times)
25/12 No service
26/12 No service
27/12 Normal service
28/12 Normal service
29/12 Saturday service (82/A and ECC services ran to normal weekday timetable)
30/12 As 29/12
31/12 As on 24/12.
1/1 No service
2/1 Normal service

In addition service 315 operated on 24/12 and 31/12 to a Thursday timetable, the 0745 from Mistley on service 87 operated on 29-31/12.

Commuter services ran to a revised timetable between 24/12 and 2/1.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

- 14.11.97.** CF 1851 on service 33 (normally Tiger)
2.12.97 CF 428 on service 31

A Mercedes 709 is normally used as a duplicate on service 31, to get it to and from Chelmsford in between duties on service 79.

Leyland Lynx are now a common sight on service 33/X as there are now only 5 Tiger/Duple to cover 5 duties.

PUBLICITY

Timetable leaflets for services 15 dated 1.9.97; 59 dated 3.11.97; 70/A dated 15.12.97
Revised leaflet for Essex Ranger tickets. These can now be used on CitySAVER coaches on payment of a £1 supplement.

Colchester Boroughcard leaflet dated August 1997.

Harwich area Bus Map dated October 1997.

Braintree Area Bus Timetable dated 3.11.97. issued free.

Christmas and New Year bus times booklet.

A new bi-monthly magazine titled On Board has been pulished. It covers Tendring and North Essex and includes features on local towns, events and other articles of local interest. The first issue was dated Aug/Sept 97. The second issue was dated Dec97/Jan 98.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

- 1007 (A 668 KUM) Hardwick, Carlton, (for scrap), 12/97.
1874 (BNO 664T) Hardwick, Carlton, (for scrap), 12/97.
2229 (C484 BHY) Hardwick, Carlton, (for scrap), 12/97.
3231 (SWW 302R) Hardwick, Carlton, (for scrap), 12/97.

THAMESWAY



FIRST BUS

NEW VEHICLES

NIL

No progress on the new Mercedes

ACQUIRED VEHICLE

1775 CCL 775T Leyland National 11351A.1R B52F 1978

Ex Eastern Counties in 11.97 for spares only.

TRANSFERS.

382=387 H393=80HK Mercedes=Reeve Burgess to Eastern National

2657=62 M657=62VJN Mercedes Plaxton to Thamesway

The above have yet to be completed see allocation changes

ALLOCATIONS.

247 PD DLd .248 PD DLd. 252 Pool DLd. 254 BN.PD 258 BN.PD 260 PD DLd. 307 HH Pool.
328 HH.BN. 357 BD.BN. 358 BD.BN. 382 BN. EN Ltd. 383 BN EN.Ltd. 384.BN.EN Ltd. 1112
HH.DLd. 1871 BN..DLd. 1896 BN. DLd. 2657 EN Ltd.BN. 2658 EN Ltd BN. 2659 EN Ltd BN
2659 EN Ltd BN. 2660 EN Ltd BN.

REPAINTS

382 to EN livery.968, 2657.

DISPOSALS

1775 CCL 775T Hardwick Dlr Carlton 12.97

1871 YEV 329S Hardwick Dlr Carlton 12.97

9719 C450 BHY Hardwick Dlr Carltpn 12 97

SERVICE REVISIONS

3A 3B 3C Minor timetable revisions from 5th Jna. Monday to Friday between Southend and Southend.

16 16A One journey withdrawn from Hadleigh to Benfleet from 5th Jan.

21D Timetable changes from 5th Jan.

22 Timetable changes with some journeys withdrawn from Basildon Hosp. from 5th Jan

27 Minor timetable changes to Mon=Fri service from 5th Jan.

28 Timetable changes and additional journeys between Canvey and Benfleet from 5th Jan..

31 Timetable changes to Monday and Friday service between Basildon Hosp and Felmores.

33E Service renumbered 33B

110 Rerouted from 5th Jan to serve Basildon, Billerica and Stock.

151 251 Minor timetable changes.

214 From 14th February this LTB CONTRACT is to be transferred to MTL London Northern.No change to route or timetable and MTL are to use Dennis Darts 901=917 for a short period.

EASTERN NATIONAL
(SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENTS)

<u>FLEET No.</u>	<u>REG No.</u>	<u>DETAILS.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>
454	MHE213M [ex 223FWW RPU869M]	- ? - , - ? - . (Preservation) ex Northern Bus, Anston.	1-97
0603	C603NPU	Ramm, Sudden (dlr). Walsh, Halifax. ex Gregg, Boston.	7-97 7-97
0700	B461WTC	Stringer, Pontefact. Now B15F (ex B16F) following fitment of a luggage pen.	6-95
1111	HHJ372Y	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. TA532 ex Badgerline. 2211 Re-numbered. 2	9-95 1-96 by 10-97
1120	HHJ381Y	Fitted with bus seats except rear row. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. TA533 ex Eastern National Omnibus Co Ltd. 1120 Re-numbered. 3	9-95 1-96 1-96
1121	HHJ382Y	Fitted with bus seats except rear row. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. TA534 ex Eastern National Omnibus Co Ltd. 1121 Re-numbered. 4	by 10-97 9-95 1-96 1-96
1125	A694OHJ	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. TA535 ex Eastern National Omnibus Co Ltd. 1125 Re-numbered. 5	9-95 1-96 1-96
1127	A696OHJ	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. TA531 ex Badgerline. 2217 Re-numbered. 1	9-95 1-96 1-96
1300	XHK213X	Pratt (t/a Jackies Coaches), Moreton Valance. ex Hazell, Northlew.	9-95
1516	FWC439H	Barton, Peterborough. (Preservation) ex Motor Coach Holiday Home Project, Margate.	5-96
1709	WNO558L	Rest & Ride, Smethwick. To Service.	6-97
1712	WNO561L	Rest & Ride, Smethwick. ex Walsall Travel. Re-reg XIB3106 Re-reg WNO561L	1-95 10-95 by 5-96
1723	NEV680M	- ? - , - ? - . (dlr for Scrap) ex Tanport Ltd. 31	by 12-96
1892	BNO682T	Winson, Loughborough.49 (B52F) Re-reg PIJ8104	9-96 9-96
1935	MHJ731V	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. LN630 ex Williams, Cross Keys.14 Re-numbered. 630	1-96 1-96
1940	KEP829X	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. LN629 Re-numbered. 629	9-95 1-96
1939	STW 20W	North Western Road Car Co Ltd, for Spares. ex Stevensons. 820 Being dismantled at Runcorn.	4-97 11-97

2224	MPU 21	Chelveston Preservation Society. ex Eastern National Preservation Group	10-96
2373	VNO868	Ledger, Northampton (preservation). ex Eastern National Preservation Group	10-96
2604	RWC607	Ireland (dlr), Hull. ex Miles, Little Staughton (Preservation).	by 9-96
2700	AHJ142A [ex 80 TVX]	New York Double Decker Tours, New York. 5 NY Plates BC4458, No report since Exported by Omnibus Promotions W.10	by 6-93 11-93 5-86
2818	HEV996B	Noted parked in Chausee de Waterloo, Brussels, Belgium. In a red & white livery and showing no obvious signs of ownership, although in use. Carries Belgium Registration FAZ457.	by 6-96
2930	AVW399F	London Bus Exports, Lydney (dlr). ex - ? - , - ? - .	by 3-96
9019	LFS298F	Subby's Double Decker, Chula Vista, California. Carried California plates 4K97493 to expire 7-92 ex - ? - , - ? - .	by ?-91

THAMESWAY
(SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENTS)

<u>FLEET No.</u>	<u>REG. No.</u>	<u>DETAILS.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>
26	F995XOV	Ramm (dlr), Sudden ex Hawksworth & Squire, Upton.	by 5-97
503	D592MVR	South Mimms Travel Ltd, South Mimms. Re-reg MIL6994	by 12-96
511	ATH110T [ex 278TNY ATH58T 999BCY AEP253T MKH487A AFH192T]	Webster (t/a Amber Bus & Coach), Rayleigh. Re-reg IAZ6387.	2-96 by 7-96
512	B336BGL	Godward (t/a Tours 'R' Us), South Woodham. Re-reg IAZ6394	1-96 7-96
518	J46 SNY	Kirkby (dlr), Anston. Still in stock.	1-96 3-97
519	J48 SNY	Kirkby (dlr), Anston. Still in stock.	1-96 5-97
1836	VAR896S	Winson, Loughbrough. 48 (B52F) Re-reg PIJ5924	9-96 9-96
1852	YEV310S	Rest & Ride, Smethwick. Withdrawn.	11-95
3096	UAR586W	Western National Ltd. 1243 To New Fleet Livery (white & blue)	7-97
3099	UAR589W	Western National Ltd. 1244 To New Fleet Livery (white & blue)	by 9-97

3104	UAR594W	Western National Ltd. 1245 To New Fleet Livery (white & blue)	by 9-97
3120	XHK225X	Western National Ltd. 1240 To New Fleet Livery (white & blue)	7-97
3126	XHK231X	Western National Ltd. 1241 To New Fleet Livery (white & blue)	by 9-97
4000	XHK235X	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. OL235 Re-numbered. 101	4-96 4-96
4001	XHK236X	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. OL236 Re-numbered. 102	1-96 1-96
4002	XHK237X	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. OL237 Re-numbered. 103	1-96 1-96
4101	H101K VX	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. HOL321 Re-numbered. 109	1-96 1-96
4102	H102K VX	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. HOL322 Re-numbered. 110	1-96 1-96
4103	H103K VX	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. HOL323 Re-numbered. 111	1-96 1-96
4104	H104K VX	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. HOL324 Re-numbered. 112	1-96 1-96

ESSEX BUSES **(SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENTS)**

<u>FLEET No.</u>	<u>REG No.</u>	<u>DETAILS.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>
226	D226PPU	Brown (t/a Crawley Luxury), Crawley. To Service in Tesco livery.	10-97
923	M923TEV	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. 412 To Service in Blue Bus Livery at Gt Yarmouth.	9-97
1601	L601MWC	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. 400 at Ipswich.	9-97
1862	YEV320S	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. 1862 at Lowestoft still in EN livery.	6-97
1890	BNO680T	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. 1890 at Lowestoft still in EN livery.	6-97
2807	L807OPU	Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd. 411 To Service in Blue Bus Livery at Gt Yarmouth.	9-87

HARRIS COACHES.

The coach fleet is receiving fleet (fuel) numbers, these are small and over the fuel filler only.

34	M519NCG	35	M515NCG	42/3	K95/6GEV
44	L93OAR	45/6	L97/8PTW	48-51	M501-4XWC
52	N505CVW	53-6	N601-4EEV	57-9	P701-3NHJ

- 43 K96GEV was sold to Jackson, Bicknacre late November.
45 L97PTW was sold to a buyer in the Republic of Ireland in late October.

THAMESWAY FLEET ALLOCATION DECEMBER 1997

BASILDON	328-48/57-81/86/87 401-10 601-18 851-54 918-22/24-37/40/42/43 959-72 1845/63/70 4003-05
BRENTWOOD	349-56 2657-59
HADLEIGH	308-27 701-11 938/39/41/44-58/87 1114/15 1400/04-06/09-12 1417-24/30 1803/30/68/82/86/89 1907 3113 3225/34
PONDERS END	230/31/33/34/45/46/50/51/53/54-59/61 301-06/88-98 414 800-11 901-17/73-86
RESERVE FLEET	235 307 413
D/L DISPOSAL	201/47/48/52/60 1112 1896
TRAINING	9016/17 9717

Despite appearing as Basildon allocated on the official allocation list, 401-10 are based at Ponders End.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

The last Leyland National, 21 (BVP 821V), was withdrawn on 18.12.97 and sold to Beestons. The oldest remaining Atlantean, 67 (TPU 67R), was delicensed on 31.12.97, but remains at Magdalen Street.

The Mercedes minibus, 123 (H123 WFM), entered the paint shop on 22.12.97 to be repainted in Arriva livery.

Two more ex-LT MCW Metrobuses are expected soon. They will have single blinds showing both the service number and the destination. The present Metrobus, M336, will also be fitted with this sort of blind so that it can venture off service 5.

Olympians 45 and 48 were back in service on 2.12.97, following accident damage.

Unusually, the company operated until normal last bus times on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. No services were provided on 25, 26.12.97 or 1.1.98, but normal services ran on other days.

Railway replacement services were operated as follows.

Between Thorpe le Soken and Clacton on 7.12.97 (46 and 48); on 14.12.97 (46 and 49); and on 21.12.97 (45 and 49).

Between Colchester and Colchester Town, for over-running engineering works on 8.12.97 (76 and 88), and following a power failure in the Eastgates area on 19.12.97 (103 and 351).

Between Mark's Tey and Sudbury on 23.12.97.

CBT staff raised over £2300 for the children's ward at the hospital by fancy dress between 15 and 23.12.97.

A fleet list is available from the company's office, 38 Magdalen Street, Colchester, CO1 1 LD.

ARRIVA COUNTY BUS AND COACH

FLEET

New Vehicles

The remaining Dennis Dart SLF PLaxton B36F due to Edmonton for route 34 have been delivered.

Repaints

LR 10/23	TPD 110/123X	to "new" fleet livery
M 372	DTG 372V	to "new" fleet livery

Allocation Changes to 31st December 1997

DI 56		to Ware
DI 124	K124 TCP	Cowie South London to Ware (see EBN 402)
DPP 416-31	R416-31 COO	New to Edmonton
LP 5/6		Ware to Stored
M 474	GYE 474W	Grays to Cowie South London (off-loan)
SLF 169	R169 GNW	New to Ware (for service 395)
PDL 201-6	R201-6 VPU	New to Ware (for service 724)
PDL 207-9	R207-9 VPU	New to Harlow (for service 724)
TDL 53/63/5	C253/63/5 SPC	Harlow to Sold (ex service 724)
TP 61/70/1/2/5	B261 KPF /OIB 3520-3	Ware to Sold (ex service 724)

SERVICES

6 December	261	Blackmore - Brentwood. ECC contract journey converted to commercial operation
	856	Harlow Town Service. ECC contract converted to commercial operation
3 January	378	Lakeside - Grays - Stifford Clays. Service to service Jesmond Road/Laird Avenue loop both before and after Whitmore Avenue/Goddard Road/Long Lane loop. Minor timetable change
	533	Debden - Highams Park. College Day only service withdrawn
14 February	333	Ware - Hertford. Revised running time. Service via Foxholes withdrawn
	341	Ware/Hertford to Hatfield/St. Albans. Service withdrawn
	350/1	Hertford - Bishops Stortford. Service withdrawn
	724	Revised running time daily. Sunday diversion via Roydon withdrawn
21 February	18	Haverhill - Saffron Walden. ECC contract/commercial. Revised route in Steeple Bumpstead.

During the Christmas and New Year period, generally the following applied to County Bus services.

24 December Most services with an evening service finishing earlier than usual
25 December No service
26 December No service
27 December Normal Saturday services
28 December Normal Sunday services
29 December Normal Monday services
30 December Normal Tuesday services
31 December Normal Wednesday services with most finishing around 2000
1 January Sunday service
2 January Normal Friday services

In addition to the Arriva Passenger Services - Companies list shown in EBN 404 is Derby City Rider / Blue Bus Services Derby / Derby City Transport.

ARRIVA SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

VEHICLES

281 MUH281X .Has been repainted into the ARRIVA corporate livery of turquoise with a cream frontal area and thin yellow stripe.

This livery is to be adopted by all ARRIVA companies over the three years. This means that 282 MUH285X will receive a fourth repaint, in six months.

905 F575SMG has now had a full rear end advert with contravision applied for Hadleigh Carport the Jeep car agents.

745 PJI 3745 has reentered service,.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES.

Christmas Eve 24.12.97 Normal Wednesday services until 21.00

Christmas Day 25.12.97 Special X2 only
0850 Southend London Victoria
1120 London Victoria Southend

Boxing Day 26.12.97 Special services on routes 1,2,5a,7,29, and X3
Route 1 Shoebury East Beach Rayleigh High St. and Southend Bus Stn
Hadleigh Victoria Hse. Operate. operated hourly 9am 18.30pm
Route 2 Southend Bus Stn. Tarpots Cnr, operated 4 journeys each way only.
Route 5a Southend Bus Stn Highland Thames Dr, operated hourly 9.15

1800

Route 7 Shoebury East Beach Hockley Sps, operated hourly 9am 1850
Route 29 Southend Bus Stn Rayleigh High St operated hourly 9am
18 10pm

Route X3 Southend Bus Stn London Victoria
operated 08 50.11 50. 14 50. ex Southend
operated 12 05.15 05 17 20. ex London

27.12. 28.12. 29.12. 30.12 Normal Bus and Coach services operated.

New Years Eve 31 12 97 Normal Wednesday service until 21.00

New Years Day 1 1 98 Sunday Service operated

Friday 2 1 98 Normal services resumed.

ESSEX ODDS AND ENDS

Noted at Nationwide Seat Belts, Maldon in recent weeks are TX! 8761 a Mercedes/Reeve Burgess of Martin Bus, Maidenhead, SMY 635X a Leyland/Plaxton of Damory Coaches, YSF 99S a Leopard/Alexander and Tiger/Marshall A624 YOX of Southern National, JEV 245Y an Astromega of Fords, Althorne and C425 BUV a Metrobus of Metroline.

Moving to non-PSV's H221 BKM an Omni with Drive it Yourself, Laindon has been converted to a caravanette. Fryerns Baptist Church in Basildon has LDV 400 N741 FKX.

HEDINGHAM OMNIBUSES

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

L282	M571 XKY	Volvo B10M-62	Plaxton	C49FT
L283	L202 HYE	Volvo B6	Plaxton	DP29F
L284	L203 HYE	Volvo B6	Plaxton	DP29F
L285	M517 NCG	Volvo B10M-62	Plaxton	C53F

L282 was acquired from A&R, Belfont, London. It is used as the Colchester United FC teamcoach.

L283/4 were ex Terminus Securities, Crawley and feature large luggage pens following use on car park services at Gatwick. Both are to be re-seated one with bus seats, the other with coach seating.

L285 was ex Excelsior, Bournemouth, with whom it was registered XEL 606.

ALLOCATIONS

8/97 96 CR-TY; 139 KN-CR; 159 KN-TY; 178 CN-CR-CN; 247 KN-TY; 255 CR-TY; 277 U/L-CN

9/97 87 HD-CNU; 96 TY-CR; 114 HD-TY; 124 CR-TY; 159 KN-CR; 247 KN-CR

10/97 84 CN-KN, 282 Acqd-CR

11/97 116 CN-W'drawn; 175 CN-Sold

GENERAL

L281 (M107 UWY) was re-seated to C51F, before delivery from the dealer.

Bristol VR L168 (PWY 43W) has a contravision rear for Essex FM.

Burnham depot has now closed, vehicles are kept at or near drivers homes as required.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

85 (GPV 685N) Broken for spares at Clacton by 10/97.

175 (A331 VHB) Lodge, High Easter, 11/97.

274 (MNK 430V) Marbelt, Balham, London, 8/97.

GENERAL

Both Bristol VR's L260/1 have lost most of their 'Kill your Speed' lettering, but are in use still in the green livery applied for the campaign.

SERVICES

- 17** The 1240 ex Saffron Walden has a slight timing change from 13.1.98.
175 Minor timetable changes from 5.1.98.
328 Sudbury circular withdrawn on Saturdays with effect from 2.11.97.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ADVANCE MINIBUSES HOCKLEY Ford Transit/Dormobile G437 VFE is a recent addition. Fiat minibus C85 HDT has been sold.

AMBER BASILDON Ford/Duple LDA 637W is a recent addition. Tiger/Plaxton FIL 6278 (new as BAJ 640Y) has been sold.

APT RAYLEIGH Recent addition here is CDT 322T a Bedford YMT/Duple. This carries Thorns of Rayleigh fleetnames and is understood to belong to the son of the owner of APT.

AVRO CORRINGHAM Bedford/Duple HAL 241V has been acquired.

BACK OF BEYOND FRINTON Mercedes mini G761 XEE has been sold.

BARKER ROYDON Van Hool TD 824, LXY 412 (MSU 588Y) has been sold.

BERNARDS HARLOW Bedford YNT/Plaxton UX1 8651 (A709 GLD) has been sold.

BESTAX THUNDERSLEY Ford Transit E719 BNO is owned.

BJS GT WAKERING Have acquired VW/Optare E518 PWR from M&E Shoeburyness.

BOON BOREHAM Setra GSU 379 (A61 EPH) has been sold.

BORDABUS WICKFORD The operating centre has moved to Shot Farm, Shotgate.

BRAMMAN CLACTON Ford Transit/Adams E865 LCX has been acquired from Lewis, Clacton.

BRENTWOOD COACHES Olympian 823 NMC (new to Ebdons) has been re-registered C101 OTW and sold. Volvo/Van Hool LIL 7229 (new as A601 UGD) has also been sold.

BUZZ HARLOW A lunchtime service B7 between Pinnacles and Harlow was introduced from 15.12.97, replacing former service 860 which was withdrawn some while ago. Mercedes/Optare F365 BUA has been sold.

CAPITAL CITYBUS The Sunday service on routes 324 and 348 were withdrawn from 4.1.98, although they still operate on Bank Holidays. Saturday only service 512 was withdrawn with effect from 10.1.98. While the Monday to Friday service on route 510 was withdrawn after 9.1.98.

CARTERS COACHES Services 750/758 between Cattawade and Colchester were withdrawn after 23.12.97.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Leyland Olympian/ECW ACM 709X has been acquired. Ford/Duple BVJ 772V has been sold, as has Mercedes/Optare E199 UWT.

CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS The Loop service, will have a revised route and timetable introduced from 21.1.98. Toyota Starlet P612 HEG is now licensed as a PSV, at 3 seats this must be the smallest 'bus' in the country. Omni J998 MKL is numbered Omni 14.

C J TRAVEL HARLOW Ford Transit D930 CRE is with this new operator.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Ford Transit G881 ELJ has been sold.

COACHSTOP SOUTHEND Scania/Irizar L100 SCS has been sold.

COLCHESTER COACHES THORRINGTON Volvo/Plaxton 271 AKV has been sold, Metropolitan KJD 282P has been sold to Black Prince, Morley after a short stay.

COOK ROCHFORD Have acquired a Bova Futura, thought to be N75 WSB.

CRUSADER CLACTON EOS Coaches M638 RCP, N83 FWU and P217 RWR that were hired for the summer season, have been returned to thier owner. The Windmill business has been sold - see below.

DON DUNMOW Toyota/Caetano E256 PEL is named 'The Lady Beatrice'.

DMA BRENTWOOD Bedford YMT/Plaxton SNM 73R has been sold to Red Car, Kelvedon Hatch, where it has been re-registered LAZ 4524. Mercedes/Reeve Burgess D804 WNO was seen in Southend without fleetnames in 11.97 and is assumed to have left the fleet.

FARGO RAYNE A further Bristol VR here is MFN 45R. It is reported that Renault M374 HOX has been burnt out. What is now being used for Countrycar services? DAF400 L668 LFT has been reseated to M10L.

FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES FARNHAM Acquired is Mercedes minicoach N112 SPB.

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE MGV 645V a Bedford YMT/Van Hool has been re-registered NIL 7951. A new Neoplan is in stock, no details are known at present.

FORDS ALTHORNE The Wednesday service between South Woodham and Chelmsford Leisure Centre was withdrawn from 1.1.98. The Sat/Sun service continues. A schooldays service between Steeple and South Woodham has been registered for public use. Malbus service 1 is to be withdrawn on Mondays and Saturdays from 1.2.98.

FREELANCE TRAVEL SOUTHEND Bedford/Plaxton GPA 607V and Ford/Plaxton SPU 443W have been sold.

GLEW COLCHESTER Has acquired VW/Optare D633 XVV.

GRAHAMS KELVEDON G32 HKY a Scania/Plaxton has arrived from Lodges, High Easter. Ford/Plaxton XKX 640X has been sold to Wards, Ariesford, but was soon sold by them to a Newmarket dealer.

HALLS ELSENHAM Bedford YNV/Plaxton pair C88 HSE and C341 PAU hacc been sold.

HALSTEAD TRAVEL Bristol VR's BUH 233V and DWY 146T have been acquired.

INGATESTONE COACHES The operating centre is now at Dunstead's Farm, Trueloves Lane, Ingatestone. Bedford/Duple NIW 1637 has been sold to County Coaches, Brentwood.

JWS TRAVEL HORNDON ON THE HILL Ford Transit G134 YLL is with this new operator. This vehicle was at one time with Tilbury Taxis.

LEE-ROY BRENTWOOD Ford/Duple CVS 943T and AIB 8390 (BBD 855X) a Volvo/Jonckhree have been sold. HIB 6984 (F214 GEC) a Leyland Swift/Elme has been acquired from Brentwood Coaches.

D J MCFEETERS BASILDON A new operator, has introduced a service between Stanford-le-Hope and Basildon on Monday to Saturday, using Dodge/N Counties D777 RBU.

MAJESTIC HARWICH Bedford YRT/Duple LNM 901P and Ford transit C410 AEX have been acquired. The latter is ex Bromley Private hire, Gt Bromley, but was new to Eastern Counties. It is thought that former Osbornes GSL 897N is with Parkeston Private hire, rather than this operator.

MEARS THORNWOOD Toyota/Caetano K470 PNR has been sold.

MIKES BASILDON Ford/Plaxton VRU 204S has been sold. It is replaced by SJI 7477 (KWT 616V) a Volvo/Van Hool.

C G MYALL Service 42 between Royston and Saffron Walden had a revised route and timetable introduced from 25.11.97.

NATIONAL EXPRESS Winter schedules were introduced from 20.10.97. As a result service 081 has been amended and no longer serves Gt Yarmouth, which is still served via the M11 and Norwich.

NEED A BUS BOWERS GIFFORD Recently acquired is IAZ 6448 a Bedford/Plaxton. This operator is also now at Shot Farm, his most recent addition is too big for his driveway at home!

NIBS WICKFORD Have sold National UVW 868R (new as RYG 769R). It has been replaced here by Leopard/Willowbrook KIB 7256 (OKY 53R).

OCTOPUS TRAVEL CHELMSFORD MAN/Reeve Burgess C130 GHS has been sold. Toyota/Caetano G170 XJF has arrived from Ruffle, Castle Hedingham.

PANDORA PITSEA Mercedes minibus B340 CWG is in use, after a spell of inactivity by this operator.

PAWAR CHIGWELL Volvo/Jonckhree NIA 9082 is with this recently started operator.

PRESIDENTIAL COACHWAYS SHOEBURYNESSE DAF/Berkof POI 4905 (new as B690 BTW) has been sold.

RAYNHAM SAFFRON WALDEN Fiat/Caetano YBM 879 (JSR 88X) has been acquired.

RELANCE BOWERS GIFFORD Javelin/Plaxton F687 UCR has been sold.

RS TRAVEL CORRINGHAM Leopard/Duple XRT 719X has been sold. No vehicles are currently operated, the owner now drives for another company.

RONDA COACHES ROCHFORD DAF/Plaxton KWS 298X has been sold.

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Fiat minibus F176 OLB is now in stock. Bedford YMP/Plaxton D35 XNV has been sold.

SEYMOUR HARLOW Registration LIL 5072 has been transferred to a Volvo/Paramount 3500, the previous identity of which is unknown. The former LIL 5072 is thought to have been sold.

S&M HADLEIGH Tiger/Duple NAT 746A (C137 CFB), Leopard/Duple GBO 246W Fleetline TGX 820M and former Southend Titan PHJ 953 have been sold. The remains of LJU 881V a Bedford YMT/Duple have gone for scrap. Bristol FLF DEL 894C, which had been parked on this operators premises has also gone. Fleetline OUC 38R has been acquired from Fourways, Highwood via Stephenson's in a dealer capacity. Benfleet Road depot has been vacated and all vehicles are now kept at the Springfield Cafe.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW Service 390 will be withdrawn from 8.1.98.

S&P ROCHFORD Freight Rover/Carlyle D208 NON and KIW 8606 a Ford/Van Hool have been sold.

STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD Bovas 223 ASV and XCP 144X, acquired with the business of Simien have been sold. MCW Metroliner C979 HOX has passed to Fourways, Highwood.

SUPREME SOUTHEND To correct EBN 402, the second Neoplan is L507 KDA (KOV2, L41 VRW).

TIGERWAYS HARLOW Have added Mercedes/Reeve Burgess ANK 322X to their fleet. Former London Fleetline THX 576S has been sold.

TRAVELRICH WEELEY A third Neoplan has arrived, L977 MWB.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN Service 34 had a revised timetable from 27.12.97. Bedford/Willowbrook NVG 194L has been withdrawn.

WALDEN TRAVEL SAFFRON WALDEN Dennis Javelin/Plaxton M782 NBA has been acquired.

WESTS WOODFORD GREEN MCW Metrorider F711 CWJ has been re-acquired from County Bus.

WILKINSON RAMSDEN HEATH Recently acquired is C672 VRK a Toyota minibus.

WINDMILL COPFORD Joins the new local taste for Metrobuses, with ex Reading example A143 AMO. This company has now split from Crusader, Clacton and is owned by Terry Smith, the former manager of Crusader. Transferred from that fleet to Windmill are Van Hool T815 196 COY and C769 WKS and Bova Futuras G421 WFP, H423 EUT, K424 GHE and L425 OWF.

ROUTE HISTORY OF BORDABUS/BORDACOACH (BY IAN TAYLOR)

The withdrawal of the last remaining journeys on Bordacoach route 8 from Cheshunt to Romford, last October, has spelt the end of year-round stage services by this operator and time will tell whether service 9 re-appears for the 1998 Summer season. Operations have spanned so many years and such a large and varied route network has been provided that I thought members might find an article interesting about the activities of Dorayme Travel (later known as Bordabus and Bordacoach). In order to save space in our magazine the bulk of this article appears in summary form and is presented in date order.

By way of an introduction, following the withdrawal of LT route 238 on 20.8.58 the local Hornchurch routes were run by Sterling Bus Service, Super Coaches, Upminster & District, City Coach Lines, Blue Line and Coppins Coaches before Dorayme took over on 1.6.76. Dorayme was backed by Lewingtons who worked the short-lived Saturday service on routes 1 & 2 between October 1977 and February 1979 together with the whole of the service on routes 6 and 7.

For the first five years, Dorayme were content to work just the Hornchurch locals although the appearance of the Bordabus name in April 1981 bought with it an ambitious daily, hourly operation between Brentwood Station and Collier Row. Unfortunately it was not a success and was progressively cut back and cut back so that just a couple of journeys remained on schooldays, with final withdrawal occurring in 1987. Similarly a service between Woodhall Parade and Harold Hill was a chronic failure and scarcely lasted two months!

A whole host of shoppers services and summer Sunday services to the seaside have been operated over the years with such diverse destinations as Romford, Southend, Colchester, Walton on the Naze, Clacton on Sea, Maidstone and Milton Keynes all featuring at various times.

From 1986 a number of school services have been provided from various parts of West Essex to Davenant and West Hatch Schools.

One very unusual service was the 21 which ran from a nightclub in Rayleigh called "The Pink Toothbrush" to Ilford. There was only one uni-directional journey departing from the nightclub at 0215 on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Since 1976 twenty different and often very imaginative routes have been operated, with varying degrees of success. Living in Cheshunt for much of the period of Bordabus' almost frenzied activities I was lucky enough to have a travel agent in the town which accepted bookings for this operator's excursions and day trips. The brochures for these also included full timetables for all stage services, thus allowing me to keep fully up to date with all the many and varied changes as they occurred.

The following summary was compiled using publicity material and official information received from the operator and as a result I would like to think that it is a fully comprehensive route history of Dorayme/Bordabus/Bordacoach.

ROUTE HISTORY OF DORAYME TRAVEL/BORDABUS/BORDACOACH

- 1.6.76 NEW ROUTE 1 County Park Estate to Gidea Park Station (M-F; peak hours every 20 mins)
NEW ROUTE 2 County Park Estate to Hornchurch (White Hart) (M-F; off peaks, approx hourly)
NEW ROUTE 3 County Park Estate to Upminster Bridge Station (M-F, 2 am peak jnys only)
NEW ROUTE 4 Wych Elm Road (Parkstone Avenue) to Langtons School (a.m.) or Langtons School to County Park Estate (p.m.)
- 29.10.77 Saturday service introduced on route 2
- 7.1.78 Saturday service introduced on route 1
- 6.5.78 Routes 1 & 2 withdrawn Saturday afternoon.
- 5.10.78 Routes 3 & 4 revised to give larger operating area serving Hacton Lane/Derby Avenue area
- 17.2.79 Whole Saturday service on routes 1 & 2 withdrawn
- 29.9.80 NEW ROUTE 5 County Park Estate to Romford (Wed, Fri). Timetable changes to other routes, especially route 4
- 13.4.81 Extra journeys added to route 4: Gidea Park to Campion School via Parkstone Avenue in morning. Return pm journey operating through from Hornchurch (White Hart)
NEW ROUTE 6 Brentwood Station to Collier Row (White Hart) (Daily, approximately hourly with some buses running onto Chigwell Row and Abridge (Patch Park); the latter being mainly garage journeys. Sunday service was to operate every 60-90 minutes until 13.9.81 but withdrawn on 27.7.81). Bordabus/Bordacoach names appear for first time.
- 25.7.81 Route 6 revised so that all journeys were extended from Collier Row to Abridge but via Chigwell Row, Manor Road, Chigwell Station, Rolls Park, double run to Debden Broadway and Abridge Village thus covering much of the old Green Line 712/713 altered at the same time to replace LT 247. Route 6 withdrawn on Sundays (originally planned to operate until 13.9.81).
NEW ROUTE 7 Woodhall Parade to Harold Hill (Mon-Sat) running hourly via County Park Estate, A127, Squirrels Heath Road (return via Hall Lane, A127). Lack of support caused route to be withdrawn by mid August 1981!
- 7.9.81 Certain peak hour journeys on route 6 also extended from Chigwell Row to Abridge.
- 8.9.81 Route 7 re-introduced on Schooldays only to a limited timetable.
- 25.9.81 Route 7 completely withdrawn - lack of support.
- 28.10.81 NEW ROUTE 8 Waltham Cross to Romford (Wed,Fri)
- 2.11.81 Route 6 timetable revisions. Peak hour thinning out mainly at Brentwood end but some new short journeys work between Abridge and Harold Hill (Gooshays Drive) on Schooldays, often double deck workings

- 18.11.81 Route 8 increased to run Wed,Fri,Sat with extra journeys throughout
- 19.11.81 NEW ROUTE 9 Waltham Cross to Southend (Thurs, one return journey).
- 20.2.82 Last day of Saturday service on route 6
- 26.2.82 Routes 2 and 5 withdrawn. (Victims of new LT 256).
- 1.3.82 Route 6 new timetable with reduced frequency.
- 26.5.82 NEW ROUTE 14 Waltham Cross to Colchester & Walton on Naze (Weds 26.5.82 - 15.9.82; one return journey). (Operated in 1982 only).
- 28.6.82 Route 6 new timetable which reduced the service
- 25.7.82 NEW ROUTE 15 Upshire to Clacton (Sundays 25.7.82 - 12.9.82; one return journey). (Operated in 1982 only).
- 12.9.82 Last day of operation on seasonal route 15.
- 15.9.82 Last day of operation on seasonal route 14.
- 20.9.82 Route 6 further reductions - now only 6 return journeys Mon-Fri.
- 21.9.82 NEW ROUTE 16 Waltham Cross to Maidstone (Tuesdays, one return journey).
- 22.9.82 NEW ROUTE 14A Waltham Cross to Colchester (Weds, one return journey) Replaces route 14 which had operated during the summer but runs via Ninefields South.
- 23.9.82 Route 9 diverted via Ninefields South.
- 24.9.82 All of route 3 and route 4 in the morning withdrawn. (Afternoon service continued).
- 12.10.82 Route 16 extended from Waltham Cross to Cheshunt (Rosedale Estate) and re-routed via Ninefields South.
- 13.10.82 Route 14A extended to Cheshunt as per 16.
- 14.10.82 NEW ROUTE 99 Cheshunt to Southend (Thursday). Runs direct from Wake Arms to Southend.
- 31.3.83 9 reduced to work Thursdays only between 31.3.83 and 27.10.83.
- 5.4.83 Route 16 reduced to run on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. Re-routed via Collier Row, Harold Hill, South Weald and Brentwood.
- 22.4.83 Route 8 Fridays service reduced to one return journey. Weds and Sats one morning journey extended back to start from Cheshunt (Rosedale Estate).
- Route 9 back projected from Waltham Cross to Cheshunt (Rosedale Estate) over the 99 which was withdrawn.
- Route 14A not advertised for Summer 1983. Last date of operation possibly 30.3.83
- Route 99 withdrawn
- 5.9.83 Route 6 diverted at school times via West Hatch School, Chigwell. The single Abridge to Noak Hill (Bear) journey withdrawn.
- 31.3.84 Route 8 the 1800 single journey Romford to Cheshunt withdrawn. Route 9 to operate Thursdays April to December. Route 16 to continue to operate 1st & 3rd Tues but only between April and December

- 10.4.84 NEW ROUTE 17 Brentwood to Milton Keynes (2nd & 4th Tue April to December) via Romford, Chigwell, Debden, Loughton, Waltham Cross, Cheshunt, St Albans.
- 6.3.86 NEW ROUTE 25 Epping Stn to Davenant School (Sch) Route 9 re-routed via Basildon instead of via South Weald and Brentwood. To run Thursdays March to October.
- 1.4.86 Route 16 no longer serves South Weald or Brentwood but in Kent diverted via Farningham and West Kingsdown
- 7.4.86 NEW ROUTE 89 Abridge Patch Park to Davenant School (Schooldays)
Route 6 reduced to three journeys in each direction on schooldays only
- 8.4.86 Route 17 withdrawn between Brentwood and Harold Hill
- 26.10.86 Routes 16,17 withdrawn
NEW ROUTE 11 Blackmore to Brentwood (Schooldays)
Route 6 reduced to one journey each way schooldays
- 26.1.87 Route 6 withdrawn
- 1.4.87 Route 11 extended from Blackmore to Abridge.
- 2.4.87 Route 9 Revised to operate 1st Thu in April to last Thu in October.
- 2.5.88 Timetable shows network as 1,4,8,9,11,25,89
- 30.10.89 NEW ROUTE 78 Epping to West Hatch School (Sch)
by 1.5.90 Only Routes 8,9,11,78,89 remain (Routes 1,4,78 withdrawn some time between 2.5.88 and 1.5.90)
- 5.10.92 Route 89 revised to operate Chigwell Row to Chigwell (West Hatch School) only.
- 6.2.93 NEW ROUTE 21 Rayleigh High Street ("The Pink Toothbrush") to Ilford (at 0215 on Sat & Sun a.m)
- 27.8.94 Route 8 Withdrawn Sats and Fri non schooldays (i.e. now Weds and Fri schooldays and service to/from Cheshunt is Wednesdays only).
- 6.9.94 Route 89 taken over by Capital Citybus
- 17.11.95 Route 8 revised to operate one round trip on Wednesdays and ALL Fridays.
Route 11 withdrawn.
- 21.2.97 Last day of Friday operation on route 8. Therefore only one return journey on Wednesdays only remained from 26.2.97.
- 1.10.97 Last day of Wednesday operation on route 8; therefore service completely withdrawn. (Therefore only Summer route 9 remains. Some doubt as to whether the 21 and 78 still run as they are not advertised).