

ESSEX BUS NEWS

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Lodges at Showbus

(1) **LTA 752:** Bedford OB/Duple new to Western National, later converted by Lincolnshire Road Car to an 'open saloon' for its Skegness seafront service. Now superbly restored by Lodges, including fitment of a door, no doubt for 'elf & safety reasons. *John Salmon*

(2) **N593 BRH:** Volvo Olympian / Alexander Royale, new to East Yorkshire MS. This sports a suitably aeronautical theme and has replaced the former Southend Olympian.

David Harman



Dates for your diary

■ EBN PRESS DATES

<i>EBN dated</i>	<i>reports to Editors by</i>
November	October 29
December	November 26

Despatch day is posted to the website as soon as it is known. Please allow reasonable time for postal delays (at least seven working days) before claiming non-receipt. Replacements can be obtained from the Distribution Officer (see above).

■ SOUTH ESSEX MEETINGS

Venue - **Wickford Cricket Club, off Swan Lane, Wickford** - five minutes walk from Wickford Station and five minutes drive from the A130 and A127. Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2145/2200; a cash bar is available. Members and guests welcome. £1.50 donation please towards the hire of the room.

- ▶ **Monday October 24** - on the eve of the 25th anniversary of bus deregulation (was it really that long ago?!), Bill Hiron, Managing Director of Stephenson's of Essex will present an illustrated talk "My 25 years in the bus industry", covering his managerial career that mirrors the deregulation era.
- ▶ **Monday November 28** - Harris Bus, a look back to the years from 1986 of this Essex & London operator that rose to prominence following deregulation, slide show by Dave Arnold and Fred Lawrance.
- ▶ **Monday December 19** - Christmas Social and "20 years ago" slide show by Richard Delahoy.

Richard Delahoy

■ NORTH ESSEX MEETINGS

Venue: downstairs room at the **Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester**, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Town centre bus stops and parking are nearby. Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2200. £1.50 donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome. *Dave Arnold*

2011 programme ~ slide shows

- ▶ **Friday October 14** - *see it, buy it!* Slides from the Group's sales stock will be shown by Owen Woodliffe - if you like one, buy it there and then!
- ▶ **Friday November 11** - slide show by Trevor Brookes.
- ▶ **Friday December 9** - Xmas social & slide show by Gary Sharpe & Dave Arnold.

2012 programme ~ slide shows

- ▶ **Fridays** January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14. Details to follow.

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Russell Young

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Your reports and observations

Members reports, quality photos (prints, slides or JPGs) and original articles are always welcome.

The Editors exercise the normal discretion to publish contributions in full, in part or not at all and cannot guarantee publication in any particular month.

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy but the Group cannot accept responsibility for any errors published.

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■ EVENTS ETC

- ▶ **Sunday October 23:** "The Very Best of London Buses", launch event for the London Bus Preservation Trust at Brooklands, Surrey.
- ▶ **Friday/Saturday October 28/9:** London Transport Museum, Guided Tours at Acton Depot.
- ▶ **Saturday November 19:** (back to Saturday, not Sunday this year): LOTS Autumn Transport Sale, Harrow Leisure Centre. The Group Sales Stall will be in attendance with book, photos, timetables, etc. Also, members who pre-order Westcliff Motor Services book by e-mail or post to Sales Officer (see Group Directory) will be able to collect book at £20 post free.
- ▶ **Saturday December 3:** 'Christmas Cracker' Fayre with rides on buses and fire engines at Ipswich Transport Museum.
- ▶ **Saturday December 3:** Ensignbus Vintage Bus Winter Specials X55, X80. Full details next month

Information is published in good faith and members are strongly advised to check details with the organisers, as the Group can accept no liability if events are cancelled or altered.

EBN

Further to the appeals in August and September EBNs, Mark Lloyd has kindly offered to add Ensignbus to his repertoire. Thank you, Mark! Thus, from November EBN, please send Hedingham and Ensignbus news reports etc to:

Mark Lloyd, 448 Ipswich Road, Colchester, CO4 4EY
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David Harman

Postal problems

Reimbursement in stamps has now been made to those members who had to pay a Royal Mail surcharge to obtain their August EBN. If any member has not received their August EBN or who had to pay a surcharge and has not asked yet for this to be reimbursed, please contact **Owen Woodliffe** without delay:

196 Sinclair Road, Chingford, London E4 8PT
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Welcome to new members ...

A warm welcome to new members :

Nick Street, Basildon - 1034
Matthew Elsey, Harold Hill - 1035
Mark Bowden, Harlow - 1036

Richard Delahoy

Renewal Subscriptions

We are delighted to advise that the subscription for 2012 has been held at £20 and you are invited to renew now, using the slip enclosed with this edition. We believe that EBN continues to offer good value for money, with an informative mix of news, current articles, photos and archive articles and we hope that all members will want to renew. If however you don't plan to, please let the membership secretary know, to avoid us wasting time and money sending chasers later.

Renewals can be handed in at our Wickford and Colchester meetings in cash or by cheque but please also bring along a completed renewal form.

We are also now able to accept renewals via PayPal. All you need to do is to log into your PayPal account, click on the "Send Money" tab and say you want to make a payment to our address, *admin@signal-training.com*. Complete the fields as requested, we suggest you use the "Personal" tab and the "Other" option and in the comments box say "EBEG sub 2012". If you are paying in this way, there is no need to return the renewal slip, but instead please e-mail the membership secretary *richard@signal-training.com* to advise that you have sent funds via PayPal.

Richard Delahoy

Southend Corporation PD3 for sale

Fowlers Travel of Holbeach operated former Southend Corporation Transport PD3 CJN 441C, fleet number 341 for some years before it was retired to join their large collection of older PSV's all housed in undercover storage at their operational depot. It remains in Fowlers livery and has no MOT but is otherwise largely original.

Andrew Fowler would be keen to hear from anyone interested in acquiring the bus for preservation - call 07961 056337. But no timewasters or dreamers please! Andrew has a busy business to run!

Group Directory

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A calendar year subscription is £20, renewable in January.

New members may join from any month during the year, but subscriptions will always run to December, from whichever month the member chooses. Those joining from February to December inclusive will pay a pro-rata subscription calculated at £1.70 per month. E.g., a member joining in March would pay 10 x £1.70; i.e. £17.

Data Protection Act: Members' details are held on computer for the purpose of administration. If you object to your information being held in this way, please write to:

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For replacements, contact the Distribution Officer:

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Join this scheme to receive the Essex County

Council timetable book and bus map. Send

your details and a cheque for £12 to
Richard Delahoy, 272 Shoebury Road,
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Subscriptions can start with any issue of the book (usually three a year) and will be renewable annually at the same time as your Group membership subscription is due.

PUBLICATION SALES

Send orders for publications to:

Owen Woodliffe, 196 Sinclair Road,
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Owen also stocks a wide range of colour photos - send SAE with your requirements.

BLACK & WHITE PHOTO SALES

Lyn Watson
Willow Tree Cottage, 11 Roman Bank,
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Prints of specific EN (and predecessor) vehicles can be supplied; email with requirements:

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Publicity News

New item:

Network Harlow - Harlow Network Guide, timetable booklet with line map, for services in the town, dated 4.9.11

Ian Ransom with thanks to Owen Woodliffe



Former Travel West Midlands Metrobus D926 NDA is now owned by Birmingham-based Commbus who specialise in providing buses etc for roadshow, conference and exhibition purposes. Arthur Nugent spotted it in Princes Road, Chelmsford, promoting Anglia Ruskin University. Livery is predominately green for "Go to Uni".

Service changes

Arriva

1 Sep 11	9	D	Rayleigh to Shoeburyness: revised route in the Eastwoodbury area.
1 Oct 11	370	D	Lakeside to Romford: revision to timetable.

Centrebus

24 Oct 11	C3	M-S	Harlow to Epping: revised timetable.
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Ensign Bus

29 Aug 11	22	D	Aveley to Stifford Clays: revision to timetable.
13 Nov 11	22	D	Aveley to Stifford Clays: revision to timetable.
	22A	Sun	Aveley to Tilbury: new service.

First Essex

3 Oct 11	30	M-S	Beckers Green to Marks Farm: minor timetable change.
	131/2	M-S	Braintree to Witham: revised Monday to Friday timetable.
	175	M-S	Colchester to Fingringhoe: timetable revision.

LCB Travel

15 Aug 11	LCB2	M-F	Church Langley to Harlow: new service.
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National Express

28 Sep 11	250	D	Ipswich to Heathrow Airport: new service
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From 26th September, National Express service 250 began between Ipswich and Heathrow, via Colchester, Braintree and Stansted. **Galloways** are the contractor and have five new DDA compliant Volvo B9R/Caetano Levantes, 300-4, four of which are in use at any one time. *Steven Hughes* photographed 300 (FJ61EVN) in Colchester on the third day of operation.

New Horizon Travel

10 Oct 11	177	Sch	West Mersea to Colchester: revised route and timetable.
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Regal Busways

30 Aug 11	680	M-F	Wickford to Southend: new service.
5 Sep 11	322	Sch	Old Harlow to Saffron Walden: timetable revision.

SM Coaches

1 Sep 11	T15	M-S	Harlow to Potter Street: new service.
11 Oct 11	14	M-S	Harlow to Church Langley Circular: revised timetable.
14 Nov 11	14	M-S	Harlow to Church Langley Circular: service withdrawn.

TGM Group (Network Harlow)

11 Sep 11	308	D	Stansted Airport to Bishop Park: revised timetable.
26 Sep 11	2/3	M-S	Harlow to Staple Tye Circular: revision to timetable and route.

Tendring Community Transport

5 Sep 11	TCT	M-S	Tendring Area: new demand responsive service.
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Travel with Hunny

5 Sep 11	33	Sch	Grange Hill to Debden Park School: new service.
	43	Sch	Chigwell Row to Debden Park School: service withdrawn.
	53	Sch	Grange Hill to Roding Valley High School: new service.
14 Sep 11	555	M-S	Harlow to Waltham Abbey: revised timetable and route.

Paul Harvey with acknowledgements to LOTS, Essex & Hertfordshire County Council, Richard Delahoy, Harlowwide & First



Former minibus operator **LCB Travel** has expanded in two ways since taking on Harlow local route ZIP1 with the Mercedes people carrier from Arriva two years ago. New route LCB1 is another local circular that started in mid August this year upon which Optare Alero YN04 XZR, acquired from Harrogate Community Transport in 2010, has been used.

Yet more variety in colour on the Harlow bus scene has occurred as former Go North East Dart W928 PTS in bright yellow livery was photographed, adorned with labels for the service, on 1 October. *Owen Woodliffe*



All change at Southend Airport



To allow a 300m extension of runway 06 at Southend airport (at its south western end - the GE railway line is a formidable barrier at the north east end!), the section of Eastwoodbury Lane that skirted the runway by St Lawrence Church was closed from September 1st and diverted to a new more southerly alignment, meaning that Arriva's service 9 was no longer liable to be held up whilst the road was closed to allow larger jets to land. 3390's driver heeds the warning not to loiter as he heads for Rayleigh, whilst 3400 likewise hastens past the end of the runway en route to Shoebury in Richard Delahoy's photos taken on the old section of

road on August Bank Holiday Monday, a couple of days before the closure.

Meanwhile, at the other end of the airport complex, the new rail station on the GE line finally opened on July 18th. The two Plaxton Primos operated by Arriva Southend for Stobart Air are now used on what is effectively an internal shuttle, from the station to the existing terminal building and as a result, one was returned to Dawson Rentals in September as it was no longer required. A new terminal is being built directly opposite the station and should open by the end of the year, after which it is





assumed the other Primo will also be sent back. Also taken on Bank Holiday Monday,

KX08OLB (Arriva 1402) awaits custom outside the new station.

Southend at the show

Currently being delivered to Arriva Southend are 12 Optare Versas for service 9. One, to be become Southend 4207, YJ61CJO, formed part of the Optare display at the Coach & Bus Live Show 2011 at the National Exhibition Centre on October 5th/6th. It is thought this may be the first time that a new Southend bus has appeared at a national trade motor show.

Richard Delahoy



■ FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD

Allocation changes

These are, and always have been, taken from the Company's allocation sheet. For operational reasons there may sometimes be discrepancies with the actual situation on the ground.

FSM=First South East & Midlands; FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to/from any other First fleet; RES=reserve (spare/retained, licensed); D/L(S)=spare/retained (delicensed); D/L(D)=delicensed for disposal; DS=Driving School; PH=Private Hire; Sh=shuttle bus (non PCV)

Period 6: 21st August to 18th September 2011 (*20th Sept)

31376 BN-D/L(D); 34284 CF-RES; 34286 CF-RES; 34311 CR-FSM; 34355 BN-D/L(D); 34613 BE-RES; 46185 BN-sold; 40733 BN-BE; 40734 BN-D/L(D); 41642 CN-RES*; 42854 HH-sold; 43436 CN-BE; 43802 BE-CN; 60766 FSM-BN; 60767 FSM-BN; 65626 BN-CN; 65690 CF-BN; 65691 CF-BN; 65692 CF-BN; 66169 FSM-BE

Correction to EBN569: should read 65672/3/4 all CR-FEC

Disposals:

34311 to First Potteries, Newcastle-under-Lyme depot (photographed in use 15th Sept)
65765 to First Eastern Counties Buses Ltd, Norwich (by 26th sept)

Repaints/Adverts:

Route branding added: 32475/7/8/80/2/3 [routes 61/62]

Route branding partially removed: 34013 (rear only)

All over rear adverts: 44518 (Essex Fire & rescue), 43712/3 (Southend BC Fostering), 65679 (SVC Recruitment), 66828 (Braintree College)

Area News - workings and sightings

On 28th August (Bank Holiday), Ingatestone to Newbury Park rail replacement buses included Tridents HH32854/83 & 33001 with coaches CF20500 & CF20805 working to Newbury Park and Liverpool Street. CF20500 was again in use on 18th September.

Pointers and Dashes - Step entrance Darts

The last two, 46153 and 46158, remained in regular use throughout September, the latter even gaining an LED destination display by 20th. Workings noted include 46153 on 16th (25B), 17th (100 and 551), 22nd (200) and twice w/e 7th October on 25. Meanwhile 46158 spent a day at BE on 20th (21A) as well as being seen on 42 (6th Oct), 45, 51 and 56.

Lance Watch

67003/9 are now out of use at CN whilst the last reported sighting of 60102 in use was on 14th September (service 42).

Clacton (CN) & Harwich (DT)

Olympian 34288 was on loan at DT and CN (seen on 74, 15th Sept), although it returned to CR for a while around 8th September; and Olympian 34303 was working Harwich 103/104s on 30th. Primo DT57001 was unusually on 74 on 28th (17.35 ex CR).

As at 2nd October, Telford Road yard contained 31376, 34285/8, 34302/3/9, 34355, Driving School 60321, cannibalised Scania 65524 and Lances 67003/4/5/8/9. 34309 had some parts removed and 34285 was minus adverts.

Colchester (CR)

Until University term resumed, the Volvo B7TLs were to be found on 1, 66A, 67/67A, 68 and 75B. As noted earlier, several gained route branding for 61/62 in late September but were still to be seen on other services.

September

- 12th CR34056 [61/62] on 75
- 13th 41642 on 75
- 20th 34304 on 61
- 27th CR34014 on 61, CR34056 on 65 (68 on 23rd), 34304 on 63 and 34307 on 75
- 28th CR34013 on 71, 34304 on 75B (p.m.)
- 29th 34301 on 62 with 34308 on 75 the following day

October

- 4th CR32483 [61/62] on 71/71A, 65671 on 71
- 5th CR34013 on 75B, CR34018 on 68, 34305/7 on 75
- 7th CR34056 on Tiptree 75

Chelmsford (CF) and Braintree (BE)

Volvo B7 66796 (MX05CNV) suffered serious fire damage to the engine compartment on 4th October whilst working the morning 36X from South Woodham to Chelmsford. Thankfully there were no reported injuries.

September

- 2nd Audi-liveried CF65032 on 42 at Warner's Farm, CF43357 on 42A
- 5th BE66169 on 70 (and 3rd - no destination display), 34310 on 42 from Warner's Farm
- 6th CF66818 on 09.08 at Little Waltham (normally double decker), 34310 and CF43484 on 42 and CF65032 on 71
- 8th CF42931 on 71A, CF60102 on 42 at Warner's Farm
- 9th CF34284 on 50, CF42918 on 71A
- 12th BE34613 on 132
- 13th CF40733 on 41, BE42485 on 70, BE43484 on BE70
- 14th 34310 on 48X
- 15th BE42486 on 70
- 16th CF34284 on 48X (17.25 ex Beaulieu Park), 34310 on 42 and CF53127 on 42A
- 17th 65671 on X30 (and 16th)
- 18th CF66799 on X30, BE30902 going to Showbus
- 20th Olympian CF34286 on 36 (06.55 CF-SW)
- 21st BE43484 on BE70X
- 23rd BE60767 & BE66169 on 70, Olympian 34310 on 50

October

- 1st BE66169 on 70
- 3rd CF65028/30 on 42
- 5th CF53139 on 42

Basildon (BN) & Hadleigh (HH)

September

- 13th HH42445 on 2, BN66818 on 8A
- 15th BN41650/2 both on 351

17th BN34314 on 25 (11.15 ex SD), BN65666 on 5, BN65691 on 100, BN65692 on 8
20th BN34011 on 512
21st BN66813 on 8A
22nd BN60766 on 25
27th 42923 on 351
28th HH41762 on 21, BN65668 on 100, BN66800 on 351
30th BN43442, 46153 & BN46440 on 25

October

6th Olympian 34301 (RES, ex CR) on 200

Other news

Last month's comments about old bus stop posts in Holland-on-Sea has prompted Ken Mead to say that the Canterbury Road/Salisbury Road section of route was used until at least the end of the 1990s by service 7 from Walton to Jaywick, but that there are also still two flags on telegraph poles along Holland Road in Little Clacton; this used to be a section of route via Park Gate Corner which was operated for a short while after Deregulation until c.1987 - can anyone give an exact date please?

EBN568 (page 15) refers to 32481-5 as being new in blue livery for the Harford Park & Ride, but Maurice Doggett kindly advises that they (and 32480) were in fact delivered in First corporate livery and repainted blue during April 2005. Following cessation of the P&R contract they were repainted back into standard livery during February 2010.

Congratulations are due to Luke Deal who came away from Showbus with his VR 3072 (KOO790V) having received the the Award for the Best 1970s Vehicle. Braintree's B7TL 30902 also attended.

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to First Essex and to A Bird, N Clark, T Clark, J Collins, M Doggett, D Edwards, M Farmer, D Flatman, F406LTW, A Kelleher, J Long, K Mead, L813OPU, J Podgorski, D Pretty, I Ransom, J Salmon, 'Solo', D Southwood, A Spindler, R Wansbury, R West, the Essex, East Anglia and British Buses in North America yahoo! groups, Essex Buses Google group, www.buslistsontheweb.co.uk, Real Bus News, LOTS, PSV Circle and 'Terminus'.

Reports relating to First Group may be sent by text on 07973 509459, by e-mail to shenfield252@gmail.com or by conventional post. Many thanks to all who do so.

Chris Stewart

Arriva

■ ARRIVA SOUTHEND Limited

Optare Versas 4201-6 are reported in Southend so far and 4207 (YJ61CJO) was displayed by Optare at the Coach & Bus Live Show 2011 at the National Exhibition Centre on October 5th/6th (see page 9). When all 12 are delivered and enter service they are expected to replace the remaining Scania L113s and some Dart SLFs. A small correction to EBN569: the current PVR for service 9 is 12 (not 11).

Plaxton Primo 1401 (KX08 OLA) has been returned to Dawson Rentals as the Southend Airport contract now only requires one bus, following the opening of the new Rail Station at



41642 (R 642 TLM), the Marshall Dart recently transferred into CR. Severalls Lane; 17 September.

The latest loan from TGM Harlow to Network Colchester: this time, red **3439**, (R169 GNW) but with no branding. Turner Road, Colchester, 18 September. *both: Russell Young*



the Airport. The shuttle now only runs from the new Rail Station to the old terminal building, pending completion of the new terminal opposite the Rail Station, after which the shuttle will no longer be needed (see page 9).

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Richard Delahoy and Essex Bus y-group

TGM Group

■ NETWORK COLCHESTER

A sixth Scania Omnicity at Colchester is YS03 ZKU which has been allocated fleet number 2806. Like the other five, it was originally with Menzies Aviation at Heathrow. This vehicle has no luggage racking.

Dennis Dart SLF/Wright 3439 (R169 GNW) has arrived from Network Harlow and is operating in service in plain red livery having lost Network Harlow fleetnames and branding for Harlow service 1.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Richard Delahoy, John Podgorski and Keith Sadler

Centrebus

Transfers in for Harlow are former Stagecoach London 2001 Dart SLF/Alexander ALX200s 528/53/63 (Y254/301/352 FJN) from Hinckley (528) and Leicester (553/53).

Trustline colours persist on Darts 513 (S522 KFL), 542 (LN03 AYM), 544 (EU04 BZY) and Enviro 200 549 (LK07 GTF). Dart 161 (L161 XRH) is in all over blue.

Ian Ransom with thanks to LOTS

Ensignbus

■ DEALING STOCK MOVEMENTS

Vehicles in	from
Gibson Direct, Renfrew:	Dart SX04 ZXC
Go Ahead North East:	Darts V729/731 DNL, V749 ECU, V192 ERG
Imperial, Hornchurch:	Olympian G515 VBB
Kingsley, Washington:	Solo MX56 AAO
LCB Travel, Harlow:	Dart M96 MBW, Mercedes C12 LCB
London General:	Darts S101/3/4 EGK, P514 RYM, EU04 BXD, R124 /6/40/2/6/7/51/3 RLY
London United:	Darts T503/4 JPP, V506-12/5-20/3/4/6/31/3/4/6/8/9/51-3/6-7 JBH
Metroline:	Tridents T124/129 KLD
Stagecoach Yorkshire:	DAF SB220 : R990 FNW, Volvo B6 P678 NOJ, Olympians N418/20 JBV
Tellings Golden Miller:	Cheetah YN04 WSY
Veolia Plc:	Solos YN04 LWF, CN06 BXS/P, YJ54 BTV, CN56 FDP, Scania YN05 WJC/K/O, YN55 NDV, Volvos FJ56 YWD/E/K

Vehicles out

to:

Darts V731 DNL V192 ERG: **Ace Travel**, Liverpool
Trident X261 NNO, Scania YN55 NDV: **Aintree Coaches**, Liverpool
Solo YN04 LWP Trident X384 NNO: **Anglian Bus**, Beccles, Norfolk
Cheetah YN04 WSY: **Buglers**, Bristol
Dragon M684 TDB: **Carters**, Ipswich
Solos YJ07 EFY/EFZ/VRV/VRW: **Centrebus**, Leicester
Volvo B10Ms P856/7 GND: **Galleon 2009**, Harlow, Essex
Scania YN05 WJK: **GB Coaches**, Manchester
DAF T164 AUA Dart SX04 ZXC Solo CN06 BXS: **GHA**, Wrexham
Volvo FJ56 YWE: **Gibson Direct**, Glasgow
Darts S104 EGK R715 YWC: **Imperial**, Hornchurch
Tridents V178 MEV/X235/6 NNO: **Kingsley**, Washington, Tyne & Wear
Dart W928 WTS: **LCB Travel**, Harlow, Essex
Mercedes C12 LCB: **Linkfast**, Benfleet, Essex
Scania YN05 WJC/WJO: **Lowes Coaches**, Hucknall, Notts.
Solo YJ56 AUK: **Nippybus**, Martock, Somerset
Darts S369 ONL W869 YNA: **Peoplesbus**, Liverpool
Volvo B10M HJZ 4035: **Pro-force**, Chatham, Kent
Olympian P477 MBY: **RedRoute Buses**, Northfleet, Kent
Volvo B10B N597 CKA: **Sleafordian**, Sleaford, Lincs.
Javelin N84 RGD: **St Buryan Garage**, St Buryan, Cornwall
Volvo FJ56 YWD/YWK: **Travelmasters**, Manchester
Volvo B7TL FE51 RCX: **Travelmasters**, Sheerness, Kent
Volvo T529 EUB: **VR Travel**, Merthyr Tydfil
Mercedes PIJ 601: **Whitegate Travel**, Northwich, Cheshire

Olympian C50 CHM: **Mr W Algar**, March, Cambs.
Olympian K106 JWJ: **Mr M Lawrenson**, Preston, Lancs.
Olympian D152 FYM: **DeltaForce Paintball**, Leicester
Trident X263 NNO: **Quintin Kynaston School**, London.

DAF SB3000 YBZ 818 : **Bob Vale Coach Sales**
Olympian C46 CHM: **South East Coachworks**, Faversham, Kent

Volvo B6 00-D-70028: **Hugh McGonagle**, Co Donegal, Eire
Mercedes 709s N370 AVV/N640 VSS/N454/58 VOD:
Nile Transport, Harare, Zimbabwe

Darts T503/4 JPP, V506-12/5-20/3/4/6/31/3/4/6/8/951-3/6 JBH
M96 WBW, N133 XND, Trident T37 KLD: **Geoff Ripley**, Barnsley

■ ENSIGN BUS CO. LTD.

Acquired vehicles

from Stagecoach London 34339

739 Y339 FJN Dennis Dart SLF / Alexander ALX200 B34F new 4/2001

Disposals

Olympian 125 (S125 RLE) has been sold to Red Route, Northfleet.

David Harman with thanks to Ross Newman of Ensignbus

Heddingham

Due to the loss of several school contracts especially from the Sudbury depot, where routes have been lost to Ruffles (SC705, 706), Beestons (SC702, 713) and Squirrels (SC711, SC714), there have been the following withdrawals from the fleet:-

L148	WPH135Y	Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/2R	East Lancs EL2000	B53F
L196	H48 NDU	Leyland LX2R11C15Z4R	Leyland	B51F
L200	J295TWK	Leyland LX2R11C13Z4S	Leyland	B51F
L206	J724KBC	Leyland LX2R11V18V4S	Leyland	B51F
L242	J734CWT	Volvo B10M-60	Plaxton	C53F
L305	WWL212X	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ECW	H79F
L307	BBW218Y	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ECW	H79F
L310/3	VJO202/6X	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ECW	H79F
L314-7	FWL779/80/78/81Y	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ECW	H79F
L331/2	CUD223/4Y	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ECW	H79F
L332	CUD224Y	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ECW	H79F

All were withdrawn at the end of July. This eliminates the Leyland Tiger, Leyland Lynx II and the ECW marques from the fleet.

Tigers were continuous in the fleet from 12/83 to 7/11.

Lynx II were continuous in the fleet from 1992 to 7/11.

ECW bodies were a constant in the fleet from 1978 to July 2011, there being a break in-between the sale of the ex West Yorkshire MW5Gs in 1975 and the purchase of FLFs in 1978 to prevent the association going back even further.

Disposals

L196 (H48 NDU), L200 (J295 TWK), L206 (J724 KBC), L242 J734 CWT) Regal Busways
L305 (WWL 212X), L317 (FWL 781Y), L332 (CUD 224Y), Ladycars UK Ltd

L305, L317 and L332 are confirmed with Ladycars UK Ltd, running in the Grays area to the South Essex Campus in Thurrock and the Palmers College, Grays. They started running in full HO livery less vinyls and blinds. Reports suggest seven ex Heddingham Olympians are with Ladycars, can the exact vehicles be confirmed please.

Observations

Sept

21st L296 (M441 CVG) service 16

27th L339 (EU05 AUR) service 16

All six Dublin Olympians on school services from Clacton.

Allocation changes – by observation

L296, L339, L359, L360, L361, L362, L363 SY to CN 9/11.

L281 KN to CN 9/11.

L208 CN to KN by 5th October.

L380 CN to SY to cover Service 3 in Colchester.

Former Sudbury Dublin Olympians still show SY depot codes. By the end of August 2011

the Sudbury depot future was under review and a decision on closure was to be taken at the month end according to the local press. As of 30th September Sudbury depot is still operating but with a much reduced vehicle requirement of four vehicles.

Allocations - September 2011

<i>Depot</i>		<i>Single-deckers SLF/DDA</i>		<i>Double-deckers</i>		<i>Coaches</i>	<i>Total</i>
Hedingham HD	L297	L211 L212 L301 L325	L326 L328 L340	L337 L355 L374 L386			12
Sudbury SY	L243	L380		L366 L378	L291 L298		6
Kelvedon KN	L198 L207 L208 L342	L334		L300 L364 L365 L367 L369 L372 L373 L375 L379	L282		15
Tollesbury TY	L210 L354	L343 L349 L370	L344 L350 L385	L160 L368 L371 L376 L377 L384			14
Clacton CN	L241 L258 L295	L312 L338 L346 L351 L381 L383	L335 L339 L348 L356 L382	L330 L333 L336 L341 L345 L352 L353 L357 L358 L359 L360 L361 L362 L363	L244 L281 L285 L286 L290 L295 L299 L309 L347		37
Sudbury - for sale	L148			L310 L314			3
Preserved	L84						1
<i>total</i>	13	26		37		12	88

TV Trivia

Monday 26th September saw an item on ITV Anglia concerning a schoolboy Stephen Longmire who had purchased KYW 358X with a school friend because they did not want to see their old school bus scrapped. In the background at Emblings yard was ex L103 (BAR 103X) still looking complete and in old HO livery. KYW 358X was an ex Morley's Titan. They purchased the Titan for £1300 and plan to restore it to take to bus rallies when old enough.

Mark Lloyd with thanks to Dave Arnold

Olympus / Roadrunner

To correct EBN569, recently acquired Mercedes Benz 0814D/Plaxton LSU 607, is actually registered LSK 607. Recent additions are MCW Metrobus B10 MSE (DY 8312 - Hong Kong) ex Allander, Milngarvie; G501 VYE a Dennis Dart/Carlyle ex TWH, Loughton (for preservation) and WA09 HTO a Bova MHD 131.460 ex D Coaches, Morriston.

Scolarbus FD54 EOO has been repainted from yellow schoolbus to blue and white fleet livery.

The Scania/Wrights RDZ 1708-12/4 went to Hardwicks (dlr) in July. RDZ 1707 is also thought to have gone.

Ian Ransom with thanks to LOTS

Regal Busways

Former Hedingham Leyland Lynxes H48 NDU, J724 KBC, J295 TWK have all been acquired. J724 KBC is in new livery and numbered 103. Also acquired, from the same source is Volvo B10M/Plaxton coach J734 CWT. *Ian Ransom*

Stephensons of Essex

Vehicle News

Updating last month's notes, Dart 456 is retaining the dateless registration XS2210 (GU52 HJX) that it had when acquired from Coastal Coaches, and is allocated to Rochford depot, principally for service 60.

Low height Leyland Olympian/ Alexanders sold are 705 (G705TCD) to Avro Coaches, Stanford-le-Hope, in September. and 721, (F621MSL) sold to Howletts Coaches, Winslow,

The two ex-Reading OmniDekkas newly in service with **Stephensons of Essex** have regular schools workings where their capacity is very useful. On 25th September, YN54 AFJ appeared on c2c rail replacement, here at Leigh. *John G Lidstone*





Cinque Port buses

Now 456 in the **Stephensons** fleet, Dart SLF/Plaxton XS 2210 (formerly GU52 HJX) at Rye station on its last day in service with Coastal Coaches of Newick, 30th July.

Mercedes 413CDi/UVW WF05 FZJ of Colchester Community Voluntary Services at Victoria Place, Brightlingsea, on hire to Go-ride for the 79 and 79A on 27th August.

Young ladies waiting in the shelter are distinctly unimpressed.

both David Harman



Bucks. in mid September. Sister 730 (F630MSL) will be run until its MOT expires in November and then it will be stripped for spares and scrapped.

Service News

Whilst we will not routinely record operations (as opposed to vehicles) from the Suffolk base at Haverhill, as it is out of our area, members may be interested to know that three Bury St Edmunds town services, 1/2/3, will start on October 25th in competition with First.

Tlan Ransom, with thanks to Richard Delahoy, Lyn Watson and Bill Hiron

Community Buses

Harwich Connexions fleet list

AP02 XGL	Iveco 49C10	Euromotive	B8FL
AP02 XGR	Iveco 49C10	Euromotive	B8FL
EA04 NNT	Ford Transit	Ford	M8
AU06 CHG	Iveco 50C14	Stanford	B15FL
AU06 CHH	Iveco 50C14	Stanford	B15FL

Ian Ransom with thanks to the PSV Circle

Other operators

ADTAX, Saffron Walden Ford Transit AF06 NKN has been sold.

ADVANCE MINIBUSES, Rochford This firm has restarted, under new ownership. Two vehicles ex SBC, Wickford are owned J291 NNC Scania K93CRB/Plaxton and Mercedes Benz 0614D/Autobus V922 PDV.

AIR CONNECTIONS, Wendons Ambo LDV Convoy V794 LKJ has been sold.

A&K MINIBUSES, Eastwood Ford Transit WG06 OLC has been sold.

APT TRAVEL, Rayleigh Acquired from Hailstone, Canvey Island is Mercedes Benz 0404/Hispano W358 EOL. It was registered N200 MSC with Milestone, was reregistered back to W358 EOL before sale, but was then reregistered again to B4 APT here.

BARKERBUS, Roydon A correction to EBN, Mercedes Benz 0303 C79 VJA, is correctly registered G39 YJA. Acquired from Kingsley Coaches, Birtley, is now rare MCW Metroliner MIW 8529 (C978 HOX). Renault PP160/Wadham Stringer WIW 4748, has been reregistered to its original K18 WPA.

BESTAX, Rayleigh Acquired from Southend Radio Cars, are Ford Transits M824 XVW and HJ03 NPG.

BJS TRAVEL, Gt Wakering Acquired from A&F Irvine, Glenluce is Mercedes Benz 0814D/Plaxton ST02 GDE.

BOBS MINIBUS SERVICE, Clacton-on-Sea Toyota HZB50R/Caetano L25 CAY, has been sold.

BUS 2 BUS COMPANY, Shoeburyness Ford Transit/Chassis Developments R266 AKY has been sold.

CBBB TOURING, Rettendon Volvo B10M/Van Hool 2191 RO (A156 XSF) has been sold to Motion Ramp Park (NPSV), Bristol.

CHARIOTS, Stanford-le-Hope Additions not previously reported are JDZ 2774 (KAT 869Y) a Volvo B10M/Van Hool and Scania K113/Irizar L8 PCC. Vehicles sold are LDV Convoy L846 THY and Iveco 59-12/Mellor M274 BLE.

CHELMER VALLEY, Chelmsford Vehicles sold are Citroen Relay C12 CNX (KG51 WGO) and Ford Transit V843 MGH

COUNTY COACHES, Brentwood Ayats 3169 RU, has been reregistered back to



Florida Coaches ex Hong Kong via Talisman Coachlines Olympian J590 CEV in Lexden Road, Colchester on a Norman Way schools working on 14th September. Note the retro-fitted 'rabbit ear' mirrors! *Russell Young*

AK52 EBC and sold to Calne Coaches.
DMA, Brentwood Vehicles sold are Volvo B10M/Ikarus KIW 7813 (D773 WHJ) and Ford Transits F657 DVU, G901 BLP and H580 PHK.

ENIGMA TRAVEL, Colchester Ford Transit N16 CAS (N83 GAG) has been sold

ESSEX MINIBUSES Laindon Ford Transit SD57 HXB has been sold.

FLORIDA, Halstead Acquired from Don's Great Dunmow, is M9 KFC a Toyota HZB50R/Caetano.

GARDNER, Boreham Acquired are former National Express West Midlands, Scania K114/Irizar YN55 PXD/W.

H&E MINIBUS, Wickford Fiat Ducato EU03 DTF has been sold.

KB COACHES, Wickford Vehicles sold for scrap are Bova Europa 7222 EL, Bedford YMT/Plaxton YAR 790S and Mercedes Benz L608D/Reeve Burgess XJS 14X. This was the last PSV Bova Europa recorded in the county. The only YMT left is Lodges preserved YMJ 555S.

KELLYS, Latton Setra S250 T117 SOA has been reregistered XJI 7902.

KV MINIBUS, Wrabness Renault Master R935 GDX (R9 BRT) and Vauxhall Movano Y33 BOY (FE51 HTO) have been sold.

LCB TRAVEL, Harlow Acquired is Mini Pointer Dart W928 PTS, which is the regular vehicle on new service LCB1 (Old Harlow-Kingsmoor); it is in a yellow livery, with white fleetnames and has an LED display. Service LCB2 (Harlow-Church Langley) is normally operated by C14 LCB (X878 EKL) an Iveco 49-10.

MANNING, Purfleet Ford Transit EU05 EJC has been sold.

MELS MINIBUSES, Horndon-on-the-Hill Ford Transit EK57 ZDP has been sold

NCS, Widdington LDV Convoy sold are R601 JAR, T68 VJN, X712 CNO and EJ52 UKA.

NEED-A-BUS, Bowers Gifford Ford Transit BD05 RHZ has been sold to a dealer to a dealer.

NIKITAS TAXIBUS, Shotgate Ford Transits CV55 FVS and MV55 ZPF have been sold
P&L MINIBUS, Colchester Ford Transit DN06 EWX has been sold.

RAYLEIGH ROADWAYS, Shotgate
Acquired is Dennis Javelin/Caetano N75 CSX, this was new to Lothian, Edinburgh.

SAINT CLOUD, Rochford LDV Convoy S184 TNM has been sold.

SOUTHEND RADIO CARS Fiat Ducato P479 OGV, Iveco 35-10/Leicester Carriage Builders and LDV Convoy AE54 PVA have all been sold, the Iveco, for export.

TONY GLEW, Great Tey Mercedes Benz 811D/Plaxton K408 BAX has been sold. Iveco 50-12/Mellor V208 EAL has been named Miss Rosie.

TWH, Loughton Former Ensign Dennis Dart/Marshall R621 VEG, currently retains Ensign livery. Former Stagecoach Manchester, Volvo B10M/Alexander P851 GND has been acquired.

*Ian Ransom with thanks to the
PSV Circle, and Harlowride*

Double Dutch



Paul Smith and Dave Arnold took **Talisman's** preserved former Staines Crusader DAF YJN 455S back to Eindhoven in the land of its makers, for the 80 years of DAF Buses rally.

Shown here is the 1977 DAF MB200 with British (Plaxton) body posed with a 1980 Leyland LVB668 with Dutch (Den Oudsten) body. The 6-metre Leyland Verheul Bus was assembled by Verheul in Waddinxveen using a Leyland 0.680 engine and running parts.

Dave Arnold

Cream soda and orangeade

When I was in short trousers, there were two Corona's. One was the soft drinks firm, whose door-to-door delivery lorry, stacked with crates of cream soda, orangeade, lemonade, etc., trundled down our street once a week. The other Corona was more interesting, although to a youngster, it was a close run thing. This was Corona Coaches, who did not trundle, but rather, raced through Shenfield on their express service between Stowmarket and London.

As everyone reading this probably now drinks Diet Coke, WkD or Ridley's Old Bob, we will skip the first Corona and dwell briefly on the second, which if not based in Essex, did at least pass through the county.

Alan Arthur Chinery began his "Corona Coaches" express service to London (Charing Cross Embankment) on 2nd May 1929. By 1931 and road service licensing, feeder routes from Hartest and Hadleigh had been added, the service being worked on a stage carriage basis at the country end and express beyond. In 1932, the London terminus changed to one of the many, successive Kings Cross coach stations. The service prospered and

continued until the war, when it was truncated at Chelmsford, for passengers to continue by train up to town. The full service, save for the Hartest feeder, resumed after the war. In 1946, Corona Coaches Ltd. was incorporated, the registered office being at Wisteria Cottage, Sudbury (the depot however remaining at Acton).

In 1955, Mr & Mrs Chinery were ready to retire and the Corona business passed to new and keen owners, John Hibbs and Bert Davidson. A period of gentle expansion followed, but sadly, this was at a time when sharply falling traffic, the Suez crisis and other factors conspired to make life increasingly fraught for the independent busman. By 1959, Corona was in difficulties from which it could not recover, and Mulley's Motorways of Ixworth subsequently acquired many of the vehicles and services. As Corona had built up considerable goodwill, the name was retained, but the livery was altered from orange and brown to Mulley's cream and orange scheme. The express service did not survive for very long under Mulley, passing to the Eastern Counties on 4th November 1962.



The Essex Record Office

Members may be interested to know that the **Essex Record Office in Wharf Road, Chelmsford** holds many records in relation to Eastern National.

The list can be accessed through the Essex County Council website – www.essexcc.gov.uk, following the Libraries and Archives link, and then a SEAX search. To look at the documents it is necessary to visit the Essex Record Office in person and obtain a reader ticket number for the County Archive Research Network (CARN), and to do so you need to take proof of ID.

There are around 900 records listed including board minutes up to 1962 (Bill Hiron is trying to establish what happened to the board minutes after this date) posters, calendars, depot building plans, Southend co-ordination agreements, timetables, photos etc.

Lyn Watson visited the Essex Record Office in June this year and looked at some of the documents. Here is what he found:

There is a fascinating file of correspondence on the acquisition of Rose Brothers (Chelmsford) Ltd which took place on the 11th June 1958

The agreed price was £3,600, made up of goodwill, £2,552 and the acquisition of a Leyland Royal Tiger SEV 814 for £1,048.

At the time, ENOC was part of the Tilling Group, although it seems to have been known as the Tilling Association internally. It is clear from the correspondence that any acquisition was subject to the approval of the parent company and ENOC had to put up its rationale for wanting to acquire Rose Brothers.

The justification put forward was that Rose Brothers was a very old established operator holding important groups of excursion and tours licences together with a road service licence from Chelmsford to Great Yarmouth. The acquisition would make ENOC the predominant operator of Excursions and Tours from Chelmsford.

Tillings obviously agreed as the purchase was sanctioned.

The file contains details of private hire bookings in advance. A couple of examples

are day trips - Woburn Abbey at £13-17s-6d pence and Walton on the Naze £10-14s-6d !!

There are also some statistics on ENOC included. In 1958, the Company's total mileage was (in round terms) 2.6 million miles, of which 2.35 million was on stage carriage, 64,000 on express workings, 179,000 on private hire and 57,000 on Excursions and Tours. Turnover was £2.7 million, with a net profit of £264,000

Interestingly, ENOC had acquired a Daimler CVD6 reg no ONO 289 from Westcliff Motor Services in 1952, which originated with Rose Brothers as shown by the photo at Prittlewell depot with Rose Bros on the destination blind.

The company also acquired some Bristol LL coaches from United Counties in the same year EBD 238- 241 at a cost of £520 each and PTW 107-109 at £661 each. The latter had formerly been ENOC vehicles which had passed to UCOC in 1952. KXX 408 a Leyland PS1 was also re-acquired from UCOC for £1 (a bit of a bargain it would seem) originally acquired from Queens Park Coaches on disposal of their business in Aylesbury in 1951, it passed with the Midland section to UCOC in 1952.

Moving on a year in 1959 reports show that the biggest revenue routes in the south of the county were the 2/2B to Grays and the 2A to Romford. Best pence per mile was Rayleigh via Hawkwell at 42.93 pence per mile

The purchase of an AEC Matador from the Ministry of Supply, for conversion to a tow truck was approved at £725, whilst the approval of a new bus depot at Basildon (Cherrydown) was also agreed at a cost of £60,750.

The acquisition of 16 double deckers – Bristol LDs were approved with a budget of £80,000, so £5,000 per bus – and in good condition, I think one would be worth more today !! Whilst 20 single decks – Bristol MWs were also approved at £90,000 or £4,500 per bus. Unfortunately you can't tell how much was actually paid for individual vehicles, the only record is how much of the budget has been spent each month and



1958: the acquisition of Rose Bros. (Primrose Coaches): ONO 289, numbered 1222 in the 1952 renumbering sequence, a Daimler CVD6/Strachans from 1949, seen at the side of Prittlewell depot with Rose Bros on the blinds.



SEV 814 ex Primrose Coaches, numbered 015 in the 1952 renumbering sequence. It was a Leyland PSU1/15 with Thurgood bodywork dating from 1951. Is this inside CF ... ?

whether it needed revising

By 1960 the budgets for MW acquisition had increased to £5,000 per bus, FLFs were budgeted at £6,000 each and MW coaches at £6,000 each as well.

The acquisition of the Mesdames Mawdsley and Brown, Rowhedge was approved for which the purchase price was £1,250 for a Bedford OWB (KEV 423) and an OB (MVX 596) – neither of which were allocated fleet numbers by Eastern National, and appear not to have been used. They were sold on fairly quickly to AMCC dealer based in Frating, I would guess at a substantial loss, the difference really being the goodwill on acquisition. ENOC gained the Rowhedge to Colchester route which had origins dating from 1914.

The Board minutes also note that a compulsory purchase order had been received on the Tylers Avenue depot in Southend-on-Sea.

It appears the company policy was to write all buses down to a residual value of £5. The disposal of early Bristol K5Gs are recorded to AMCC – fleet numbers 266-76 in

the 1954 renumbering which achieved £700, £70 per vehicle.

And lastly a few interesting facts that you never knew from earlier years:

In 1956 there were 19 staff cars in use from a variety of manufacturers – Rover, Wolseley, Ford, Vauxhall, Morris and Austin. And I thought company cars were a recent phenomenon!!

Properties were also transferred from Westcliff to ENOC as follows – 2 Grove Terrace (Pier Hill depot) Tylers Avenue depot, Fairfax Drive depot, Lordship Lane in London, Canvey and Hadleigh depots, together with what appear to be residential properties at 21 Dowsett Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea and the "White House" in Somerset Crescent, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Simultaneously, ownership of the Silver End, Witham and Braintree depots were transferred from Hicks to ENOC

In 1957 the board minutes record the transfer of shares in Southend United Football Club to ENOC !!!!

Lyn Watson

Return to Old Haunts

The preserved former Westcliff Motor Services 1939 Bristol K, AJN825, is now kept in north Essex but made a special visit to Southend in mid August to visit some of the routes that it would have operated in its life with Westcliff and, latterly, Eastern National. Particular opportunity was taken to visit the routes listed on the replica destination blind currently fitted, but with so many changes to roads and buildings, some compromises were necessary. Richard Delahoy's photos capture a flavour of the day.

rear cover:

Landwick

In Westcliff days the terminus of the 4 beyond Wakering, "Landwick", was just as remote as it appears today. Behind the bus is the Ministry of Defence control post giving access to Foulness Island for authorised persons. The turning circle here still sees an Arriva bus every 30 minutes on weekdays, but on Sundays the service is hourly and runs to Shoebury as 4A, bypassing Landwick.

Travel Centre

Definitely not recreating the past, AJN visited Southend's modern Travel Centre, pausing briefly on stand A blinded up for the 1, in between Arriva Scania and Dart single deckers displaying a similar destination display, albeit today's 1 continues on to Rayleigh Station rather than stopping in the High Street. 60 years separate these double deckers, as First Trident, 32885 (T885KLF) offers an interesting contrast in the progress in double deck design. It was about to take up service on route 21 (another ex Westcliff service) but the digital camera failed to capture the electronic display, a common problem for today's bus photographers.



Victoria Station

The forecourt of Southend Victoria (LNER) station was an important bus terminal and stand until the redevelopment of the whole area in the 1960s. Much of the station building remains as it was years ago but we have resisted the temptation to Photoshop the modern phone kiosks and air conditioning units out of the picture! The new "shared space" bus interchange meant that AJN could not be positioned exactly as she would have been in normal service, but we got close and the modern shot makes an interesting contrast with the uncredited shot in Eastern National livery from Richard Delahoy's collection. To be strictly correct, the 9 which AJN was blinded up for would have started a few yards away in Broadway Market, rather than the station forecourt.





Rose Inn

The traditional route of the 4/4A Waking routes was via the Rose Inn where AJN was posed outside the pub just as the only route to pass that way today, Stephensons 14, appeared with ADL Enviro 422, EU60CAV. Today, the Arriva 4/4A still use most of the traditional route that AJN would have followed every day in service, but run via North Shoebury rather than the Rose Inn.

Waking Church

The imposing structure of St Nicholas Church dominates one end of Waking High Street and is just a tad older than the bus, dating back to c.1100!



