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A Growing Family

In recent month's many new readers have joined us and we'd like to welcome you to our fast growing family!

Don't forget that we want you to get involved by sending us your news ,observations, articles and quality photos.

Nearly 300 copies of Essex Bus News are printed every month and it's read by people both inside and outside the industry. If you're reading a friend's copy , why not subscribe today ? By gaining more subscribers we'll be able to continue to invest and bring you a better read.

Solo line up

The official launch for the First Chelmsford Overground was a glitzy affair held at historic Hylands House ,Chelmsford.

Optare Solo E002 NFF heads a parade of six outside the building. (Chris Stewart)

Cover

Photo

Buses in the News

The Latest News from the Bus World

First Overground in Chelmsford

The long awaited improvements to buses in Chelmsford got off the ground on Monday 13th May when First launched it's Frequent Overground Network.

26 new easy access Optare Solos running on colour coded routes have revolutionised travel in the county town.

Read the full story and all the latest First news from page 6

Sales Assistants Wanted

Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group is looking for people to help on our sales stand at various events.

For details call Alan Osborne on 020 8590 2021

Buses Get A Real Time Boost

A huge expansion of the bus telematics scheme in Essex is going ahead thanks to a £500,000 bid to the Department of Transport, Local Government, and the Regions.

This funding will enable the county to borrow the money to speed up the provision of improved electronic signs giving passengers more accurate information about bus times at bus stops.

Installed

Real time displays are starting to be installed in parts of the county on routes in Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow and Southend. The extra funding will allow it to be developed on Uttlesford, Stansted Airport, Braintree, Southend and Thurrock services.

The county system TRIPS (Travel Real-time Information and Priority System) also allows Buses to request request priority at equipped traffic lights, either by recalling the green stage if the lights are on red, or extending the green.

Essex Bus Diary

Your Guide to Forthcoming Events

Sunday 2nd June Hertford/Stevenage Classic Bus Running Day
Classic LT Bus types running over former LT routes—see website
freespace.virgin.net/ian.smith/buses for details

Saturday 22nd June Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group -South Coast Explorer Day Trip

A packed day out including a visit to Brighton , Chichester, Emsworth & District, Town & Country and much more. Booking form enclosed last month or print one off from our website. More on back page.

Sunday 21st July North Weald Bus Rally

One of the year's premier events with frequent bus links from Epping Stn. For more info write to 132 Moorfield, Harlow CM18 7QQ (Enclose an SAE)

Sunday 1st September Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group

Hedingham Shed Bash —A full day's outing to all the depots of this fascinating independent. Plenty of VR's, Olympians and much more. Look out for a booking form next month.

Saturday 21st September Mid Essex Model Railway Exhibition , Shenfield High School—Many layouts and sales stands selling Bus and train models, books and collectors items. Also featuring Chris Stewart's local bus photo display. There will hopefully be a bus link from Shenfield Rail Stn and a couple of tours provided by Blue Triangle.

Sunday 22nd September Showbus, Duxford

The 'big one' held annually at the Duxford Airfield. 100's of buses and sales stands and hopefully dry weather. A shuttle bus runs from Cambridge Stn.

Saturday 26th October LOTS Annual Transport Spectacular

Being held at Goresbrook Leisure centre, Dagenham. Frequent Bus links from local rail Stns.

First in Essex

Solos on the road

512-537 have now been delivered, with registrations as previously given; at the time of writing (13th May), however, the last few were still being prepared for service. Seating capacity is **B28+23F or B30+20F**, with 5 fewer standees if there is a wheelchair being carried. 512 has been on permanent driver familiarisation duties, with others seconded as required. 512-9/21/4 were present at the Official Launch of the 'Overground' at Hylands House on 7th May.

Easy access for 27

630-634 P188-192UNS Volvo B10L/Wright (ex First Glasgow)

These are receiving 'Barbie 2' livery as they do not meet the full low-floor specification qualifying for 'Barbie 1'. They are expected to be allocated to Hadleigh for service 27.

Three other Glasgow Volvos intended for Essex Buses have been rejected as unsuitable after inspection.

New Scania for 100

The popular Premier 100 is shortly to be converted to low-floor, using a batch of almost-new Scania from First Edinburgh. It is understood that 13 vehicles are involved, programmed to start arriving in mid-May and displacing the existing 'Premier 100' Darts (959-972). 959-65 are then due to be cascaded within First Group (it is thought to *First in Devon & Cornwall*) along with Volvo B6's 621-6, leaving 966-72 for transfer elsewhere within Essex.

Allocations (period ending 28 April)

102 AC-AB; 321 Disp-CF; 3093 Disp-sold; 3334 Disp-sold

In addition 324, 2621 and 3078 remain in use at Colchester despite being Disposal listed, albeit that 3078 has since suffered gearbox problems and is off the road as a result. 3092 and 3103 are currently working from Colchester, the latter covering refurbishment of 4014.

320 has been in temporary use by Marketing, in addition to 9028 (largely for Chelmsford 'Overground' work)

Disposals

4.02 **3093, 3334** to Hardwick, Carlton (for scrap)

Repaints/Refurbishments

(to 'Barbie 2' unless otherwise stated*)

4.02	1418	1423	712* (Barbie 1)	608*	(Barbie coach)
	(correction to EBN456: vehicles 712/4 are not route-branded)				
5.02	By observation: 966 (accident victim)				

Other Vehicle News

Volvo Coach 608 has been very smartly turned out in the new First coach livery with route brandings for Coachlink 222 (and these have also appeared on Green Line liveried 602). 610 is to be repainted shortly. Sister vehicles N603/7/9/11APU are also now in the same livery with *First in Norfolk & Suffolk*.

Dart 943 appears to have been transferred to Braintree from *Airport Buses* and has been operating service 352. Similar 945 is operating from Basildon in full First Anglia 'Eastern National' livery.

VR special

On Saturday 13th April Braintree depot kindly scheduled their former South Wales VR 3219 on the 352, starting with the 07.35 departure from Braintree and operating until the 15.45 from Chelmsford. Although there are no known plans for 3219's immediate replacement, with the diminishing number of VR's in regular service the opportunity to travel and photograph was greatly appreciated by a number of local enthusiasts.

On 25th April, Colchester's remaining VR 3078 worked all day as follows:

0740 67E East Mersea - CR - Norman Way Schools
1100 Sch Garrison Pool - Oxford House
1115 Sch Oxford House - Stanway Pool
1215 Sch Stanway Pool - Oxford House
1340 Sch Oxford House - King George V Playing Fields
1500 Sch KGV Playing Fields - Oxford House
1545 88A CR - Halstead (via Lucy Lane S, Fordham)
1649 88 Halstead - Colchester
1905 70 CR - BE
2111 70 BE - CR

A GREAT DAY OUT – SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2002
BOOK NOW – SEE THE BACK PAGE!

Other unusual sightings recently include

- 24.4.02 HH2661 on the evening 752 duty normally covered by a Hadleigh Dart or Lynx
- 28.4.02 Scania CR651 on 15.05 Braintree 70, 17.40 Halstead 88A and return 88.
- 30.4.02 A very unusual working was CR3078 on the inbound 761 (Capel St Mary SDO) - a service soon to be withdrawn (see below).
- 5.5.02 Route 65-branded Scania CR650 on ECC-contracted 78 evening journeys in place of a defective Dart.

Brentwood Changes

New Brentwood local service 83 is worked by BN depot, using Dart 913 on the first day of operation. It provides a basically hourly service except at school times, when the vehicle works a Shenfield School duty. The revised 81/82 still operates via Kavanaghs Road and London Road, being very similar to the previous 77 timetable including BN-operated double-deck Hutton extras in the morning and evening. It has been confirmed that the renumbering of the 151 as the 750 was instigated by Transport for London in order to get service numbers into a common sequence.

Rail replacements

Vehicles noted on these have been:

- 14th April Shenfield-Witham
35 738 967 1401 1403 1416 1425 1426 1428 3078 4010
4012 4013 4304 4305 5001 5005 5011
- 21st April Shenfield-Witham
35 1403 1407 1413 1415 1416 1429 3112 3219 4007 4013
4010 4012 4030 5001 5004 5005 5006 5011
- 28th April Romford-Chelmsford/Wickford (*First in London contract*)
3219 4007 4012 and at least one Dart
NIBS provided several vehicles including former 3081 (BIL4710, STW25W) and former Southern Vectis ND652R - all 3 VR's were at Chelmsford Station briefly at 11.20

New floor for Olympian

4321 (P184 TGD) has returned to service after receiving a new floor at Basildon, and along with 4322 has gained limited route branding for the Colchester-Brightlingsea 78/A. Both have also been seen, however, on the 71 to Chelmsford. 4301 was used on service 64 on 3rd April until 14.05, with 4315 appearing on the 27th.

SERVICE CHANGES

- 13th May** 31/B/X, 33, Diamond, 36, 59,351 and 352:timetable revisions with additional running time for reliability. Diamond rerouted via Battlesbridge.
Introduction of Chelmsford 'Overground' (see EBN456);
77, 81-83, 151, 750-752 South Essex changes (see EBN456 and notes above)
- 18th May** 761 (Capel St Mary-Colchester SDO) withdrawn
- 26th May** South Essex 3/A/B/C, 15/16, 20/B/C: timetable changes
- 27th May** South Essex 2, 22, 24/C, 25/C/D, 28, 100, Diamond and Canvey Clipper: timetable changes;
Service 100: re-routed eliminating Orsett Hospital and Stanford-le-Hope loop
Diamond service re-routed via Battlesbridge
- 2nd June** North Essex 74/74B route and timetable changes, 77/78 timetable changes
- 5th June** North Essex 66/66A, 70: route and timetable changes
64/64A, 75, 76, 88/88A/88B/88C: timetable changes

Chelmsford 'Overground'

With the official launch of the 'Overground' network on 7th May, a set of individual timetable leaflets has been issued each containing timetables, network map and a specific topographical route map for the relevant service.

Colour codings, route frequencies and branded vehicles are as follows:

40/50	Brown	15 mins	519-521
41/51	Green	15 mins	515-518
42	Red	15 mins	
43	Turquoise	60 mins	
45	Blue	12 mins	522-526
47	Purple	30 mins	532-534
48	Mauve	20 mins (peak only)	
54/A, 56/A	Orange	10 mins	527-531
(54A and 56A peak hours only via Victoria Road)			

Service 42 retains its SLF Darts, and the 43 is operated by a Mercedes 709. Six Solos will not carry specific branding (512-514 and presumably 535-537), and act as spares for any route.

A separate 'Fastcard Guide' (through road/rail ticketing) has been issued with network map on the reverse; over 2000 'Fastcard' tickets are now issued each year in Chelmsford. There is a further leaflet with full details of the Chelmsford 'FirstCard' weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual tickets for the Inner or Inner & Outer Zones.

As well as the official launch, further promotions were undertaken in the Town Centre on 10th and 11th May. On the first day of operation (13th May), amongst the many Solos in service Mercedes 2643 was noted on the 45 with 2644 on the 47.

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First in Essex fleet allocation 28 April 2002

Airport Buses	100-2/12, 432/4/5, 917/43, 602/8/10, 2625/6/8, 2802/13-5/22/5/8
Airport Coaches	103/11, 397/8
Braintree (BE)	944, 2630/47/8/56/63/4/75/80, 2803/4/8/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 3219, 5000
Basildon (BN)	374, 404-8, 711-4/34-8, 805/11, 852-5, 913-5/8-22/4-34/45/59-72/3/7, 978-82/4-6, 1430/2/3, 3109/12, 4026/30, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	321, 430/1/3, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/8/13-6/25-9, 1516-20, 2627/31-46, 2667/8/70-4/6-8, 2806/9/10/23/4, 2901-11, 3072, 4007/10/2/24/5, 5001-4/6/11
Clacton (CN)	907/12/6, 1510-3, 2649-54/65/83, 2801/5/19/20, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	621-4/6, 650-4, 715/6, 908-11/75/6, 1501-9, 2679, 2829/30, 2921-6, 4014, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-5
Hadleigh (HH)	326/7, 409/10, 701-10/7-21, 808/9, 935-42/6-58, 983/7, 1400/4-6/9-12, 1417-24/31, 2657-62, 3101/13, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	2655/66/9/81/2, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401-3, 501-11, 806/7/10
Heritage	2383, 9001
Paint/refurb float	314, 3092, 3103
Delicensed	104/7
Disposal	117, 313/5-20/3-5/46/55/7/64/8/72/5/6/9/80, 2602/3/57-9/17/9/21, 3069/76-8/9/83/4/94, 4028, 9021, 9411
Driver Training	35, 625, 1924 (BN); 9002/3/20/6 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles	BN: 9028-30, 9308; CF: 9034; CN: 2111; CR: 9033; HH: 9035; HO: 9004/10

	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL
TRAFFIC REQ'T									
Minibus	7	7	26 (2)	8	1	4	11	5	71
Midibus	11	48	25	6	20	0	35	0	145
SD	0	3	11 (5)	4	11	0	15	0	49
DD	1	3	4 (1)	4	15	6	5	0	39
Phoenix DD	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
Phoenix SD/Midi	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mobility (Midi)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
SPARE									
Minibus	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	8
Midibus	1	5	2	1	2	0	3	0	14
SD	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	8
DD	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Phoenix DD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Phoenix SD/Midi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL									
Minibus	8	8	29 (2)	8	1	5	12	6	79
Midibus	12	53	27	7	22	0	38	0	159
SD	0	3	14 (5)	4	14	0	17	0	57
DD	1	4	5 (1)	5	15	7	6	0	44
Phoenix DD	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Phoenix SD/Midi	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mobility (Midi)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
TOTALS	22	73	81 (8)	24	52	12	73	17	362

First Airport

	AIRPORT BUSES	AIRPORT COACHES
TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT		
Minibus	8	2
Midibus	8	0
Coach	4	1
SPARES		
Minibus	1	1
Midibus	1	0
Coach	0	0
TOTAL ALLOCATION		
Minibus	9	3
Midibus	9	0
Coach	4	1
TOTAL	22	4

Colour Bus (C)/Mega Rear (M) Contracts

Vehicle	Depot	Type	Contract	Expiry Date
1511	CN	C	Dream Radio	15.07.02
2658	HH	C	'The Brewery'	31.08.02
2901	CF	M	Countryside	30.04.02
2902	CF	M	Countryside	30.04.02

JOIN THE TEAM

Over the last year we have made major changes to Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group and we are respected by the bus industry and by enthusiasts.

To continue to move forward we need your help – Can you write an interesting feature for Essex Bus News or maybe you have taken some great photos?

Whatever your talent we want to hear from you! We particularly need people to help out on our sales stand at North Weald & Canvey bus days and at LOTS transport sale.

Think you can help ????

Call Alan Osborne on 020 8590 2021

ARRIVA

Harlow & Ware

Vehicles in

From Arriva the Shires 2185/9/94 3/02

2185 R185 DNMB MB O810D 670303-2N-065433

Pn 987.8MWV8511 B27F 5/98

2189 R189 DNMB MB O810D 670303-2N-065306

Pn 987.8MWV8515 B27F 4/98

2194 R194 DNMB MB O810D 670303-2N-065419

Pn 987.8MWV8520 B27F 5/98

From Arriva the Shires 2224, 2410/5, 3103/4 4/02

2224 L424 CPB MB 709D 669003-2N-013413

Do 52711 632 93 B25F 10/93

2410 N780 EUA MB 811D 670303-2N-025833

Pn 958.5MLV4086 B31F 8/95

2415 N175 DWM MB 811D 670303-2N-036802

Pn 968.5MLV4947 B31F 7/96

3103 L300 BUS Ds Dt 9SDL3031/2074

MI C36.002 B34F 11/94

3104 L400 BUS Ds Dt 9SDL3031/2088

MI C36.003 B34F 11/94

Allocations

3/02: 2185/9/94. HA, 4/02: 2224, 2410/5. WE; 3103/4. HA

Vehicles out

2200 (L426 CPB): Arriva the Shires 2200 4/02 as auxilliary vehicle at High Wycombe

2354 (M734 AOO): Arriva Teeside 9984 4/02

2363 (N743 AVW): Arriva Northumbria 9985 4/02

Subsequent histories

2264 (J 4 SLT ex J 61 MHF): Fleetlink, Liverpool (Q) 3/02 ex Arriva the Shires (BD) 2264

2317 (J937 WHJ): Forrester, Tignabruaich (SW) 10/00 via Ramm, Sudden (Q)

Liveries

3/02: to Arriva national - 2370 (R940 VPU), 3407 (P427 HVX)

4/02: to Arriva national - 2171 (R171 VBM)



A major power failure at Chadwell Heath on 25th March caused major disruption and Boons' Scania/Rizra N820 DKU with a healthy crowd, was one of the vehicles used on the bus replacements at Shenfield Stn. Other operators included First & Blue Triangle.



First VR BE 3219 VTH 941T with Driver Eastman at the wheel, took part in our VR day on Saturday 13th April and is pictured on service 352 at Gosfield Post office. Thank's to everyone at Braintree, Colchester and Chelmsford garages for making the day so enjoyable. (All photos -Chris Stewart)



The batch of 11 short Optare Solos are now in service on TfL route 193 and **E002 FKZ** is seen travelling along Station Rd, Hornchurch on 10th April



Some 711 Mercedes in the batch 401-410 have now been dispersed to Basildon and Hadleigh but Romford retains 401-403 which are used on the Hutton circular. 401 is seen at Brentwood Stn on a service now renumbered 81/82.

ARRIVA Southern Counties

Colchester, Grays & Southend

Into the Fleet

To Southend

DS004 L506 CPJ Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3035/East Lancs EL2000 B40F 1993

DS005 L507 CPJ Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3035/East Lancs EL2000 B40F 1993

Out of the Fleet

E2186 R186 DNM	Mercedes 0810 Vario /Plaxton Beaver2To GL (Gillingham)
E2187 R187 DNM	Mercedes 0810 Vario/ Plaxton Beaver2 To GL (Gillingham)
E2378 R948 VPU	Mercedes 0810 Vario/ Plaxton Beaver2 To GL (Gillingham)
E2381 R951 VPU	Mercedes 0810 Vario/ Plaxton Beaver2 To GL (Gillingham)
E3317 B857 XYR	Volvo B10M/East Lancs From Colchester to Disposal
E3318 B858 XYR	Volvo B10M/East Lancs From Colchester to Disposal
E5369 BYX 299V	MCW Metrobus From Colchester to Withdrawn.

ARRIVA Service Changes

Saturday 18th May

4 Harlow –Latten Bush – Off peak frequency improved from x12 to x7/8 Peak journeys serving Pinnacles renumbered from 4A to 4

Sunday 9th June

7/8 Shoeburyness- Southend –Hockley –Rayleigh –Changes to Mon –Sat Eve's. Most 7A journeys are retimed and extended to/from Rayleigh Stn.

9 Shoeburyness –Southend –Rayleigh – On Sundays all journeys extended to/from Rayleigh Stn.

Saturday 22nd June

8 Harlow – Old Harlow New service via Maddox Rd & Mopples Rd running every 20 minutes on Mon –Sat. Replacing 510 over this section.

510 Harlow – Stansted Airport - Revised route and timetable.

Monday 1st July

133 Braintree – Stansted Airport –New timetable with extra running time between Takeley & Stansted. Withdrawn from Brunwin Rd, Rayne

ARRIVA DATAFILE

We're now bringing you more Arriva news than ever before and we hope that the Datafile is a useful guide to the current Arriva fleets at Southend, Colchester & Grays.

Most of the information is taken from official sources and we are grateful for their help. The data is updated to mid May but there are frequent changes and some information shown maybe incorrect.

Southend	PVR 63 66		Allocation		75 79
Double Deck	32		Allocation		37
Dennis Dominator	E5273	E5274	E5275	E5276	E5278 8
	E5286	E5287	E5288		
Dennis Trident	E5434	E5435	E5436	E5437	E5438
	E5439	E5441	E5442	E5443	E5445 15
	E5446	E5547	E5548	E5549	E5451
Leyland Olympian	E5392	E5393	E5394	E5395	E5396 14
	E5399	E5402	E5404	E5405	
Volvo Olympian	E5415	E5416	E5417	E5418	E5419 37
Single Deck	PVR 19		Allocation		20
Dennis Dart SLF	E3218	E3220	E3221	E3222	E3223 20
	E3224	E3225	E3226	E3391	E3392
	E3393	E3394	E3395	E3396	E3397
Dennis Lance SLF	E3379	E3381	E3382	E3383	E3384
Midi Bus	PVR 11		Allocation		17
Dennis Dart	E3370	DS004	DS006	DS007	DS008
	DS009	DS014			
Mercedes 709	E2086	E2087	E2088	E2110	E2115
Mercedes 810	E2188	E2191	E2192	E2193	E2372
Dengie Contract	PVR 4		Allocation 5		
Renault Master T35	E0329	E0331	E0332	E0333	E0334
Training School Buses					
Leyland Lynx	E3065	E3066	E3338		

Coach

4310.

Colchester	PVR 42		Allocation		
Double Deck	PVR 11		Allocation		
Leyland Olympian	E5388	E5389	E5390	E5397	E5398
	E5403	E5407	E5408	E5409	
MCW Metrobus	E5350	E5360	E5361	E5365	
Volvo D10M	610	613	614	617	
Single Deck	PVR 16		Allocation		
DAF SB220	E4335	E4336	E4337	E4339	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3419	E3420	E3422	E3430	
Leyland Lynx	E3341	E3342	E3343	E3346	E3347
Volvo B6	E3241	E3245	E3246		
Volvo B10M	E3319	E3320			
Midi Bus	PVR 11		Allocation	17	
Dennis Dart	DS015	DS019	DS020	DS021	DS023
	DS024				
Mercedes 711	E2369	E2388	E2391	E2392	
Mercedes 810	E2174	E2243	E2382	E2383	E2384
Mercedes 811	1461	1462			
Coach	PVR 4		Allocation	4	
Scania k113	E4352	E4353			
Leyland Tiger	E4505	E4512			
Grays	PVR 38		Allocation 45		
Double Deck	PVR 1		Allocation		
Leyland Olympian	E5385				1
Single Deck	PVR 27		Allocation 31		
DAF SB120	E4500	E4501	E4502	E4503	E4504
	E4505	E4506	E4507	E4508	E4509
	E4510	E4511	E4512	E4513	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3387	E3388	E3389	E3390	E3400
	E3401	E3402	E3403	E3421	E3423
	E3424	E3425	E3426	E3427	E3428
	E3429	E3431			
Midi Bus	PVR 10		Allocation 13		
Dennis Dart	E3404	E3405	E3406	E3407	E3408
	E3409	E3410	E3411	E3412	
Mercedes 709	E2130	E2134	E2135	E2137	
Ferry Bus 609	YFB58	YFB86			

ARRIVA Late News

- 1) Ivecos 2360/4 were in use at HA in late April. The use of withdrawn vehicles awaiting sale or even awaiting collection after sale is becoming a common practise with depots controlled by Arriva the Shires.
 - 2) Repaints to Arriva corporate - 2371 (this completes the program at HA & WE). A few Darts at GY remain in County Bus livery
 - 3) Re-registrations. 4510 from KE 51 PUX to KC 51 NFO
4512 from KC 51 NFO (originally KE 51 PVA) to KE 51 PUX
Apparently a "little local difficulty" !!! This must be some sort of record - 2 re-registrations for 1 vehicle in the new format.
 - 4) The 2 Iveco/Fiat 59-12 which were staff vehicles at Grays depot on the transfer to Southern Counties no longer appear on any fleet and therefore can be deleted from records. They were
2100 (M160 RBH) & 2334 (L724 PHK). Meanwhile 2092 (M152 RBH) remains parked up at High Wycombe, although 2093 (M153 RBH) has returned to ?. At Stevenage are parked up 2094/6/7, 2233, 2337/8/58, 2345/55/7 are still at Ware with 2091/3/8/9, 2230/1, 2339-41/5/9/51-3/5/7/61/2 reputedly still parked up at Harlow.
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Other Operators

AMBER RAYLEIGH R909 EDO Mercedes Benz/Autobus is in (by 4.02) ex Field, Cromer, Norfolk

A.P.T. RAYLEIGH N317BYA Volvo B12/Van Hool is in (by 4.02) ex Trathens, Plymouth.

H2APT (ex H984LEF) DAF/Plaxton 4000 has been reregistered H984LEF (by 4.02) and has gone to Scania (q).

A39XHE Leyland Tiger/Alexander is in (by 4.02) as is FUM483Y Leyland Olympian/ECW

R6APT Volvo/Berkhoff is in "Grand UK Holidays" livery (by 4.02)

ASHES CRESSING This operator has vacated the Plantation Road, Boreham operating centre (4.02) - the site is being redeveloped.

BARRYS BUSES GRAYS A yard adjacent to East Tilbury station is this operator's operating centre (by 4.02).

BRENTWOOD COACHES L629PSF (ex WSU223, L629PSF, GSV403, L644AYS, HSK655) Volvo/Van Hool has fleet no. 9 (not 19 as we suggested last month) and has been reregistered LUI7648 (by 4.02)

The registration 454EAN is now on a Mercedes car (by 4.02)

CEDRIC WIVENHOE A243 GHN Leyland Olympian/ECW is in (by 4.02)

CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS EU51 BYR Ford Transit/Stanford Coachworks conversion is in (seen 4.02 - presumed new by 2.02) . W878 TBC LDV Convoy/LDV is in (by 4.02). M894 EGK Ford Transit has fleet no. 77. It is assumed that G651 PKO, which was no. 77, has gone.

Sold Omni J998 MKL is parked on Gorse Lane Industrial Estate, Clacton-on-Sea - not sure of owner (4.02)

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD A New Mercedes Benz Sprinter/Stanford Coachworks conversion was displayed at Brighton Coach Rally.

Mercedes Benz/Reeve Burgess F173CKW, Ford Transits G716WDU and H120KWC plus Talbot Freeway L472DOA have all gone (by 4.02) Similar Talbot's L469/70DOA are also thought to have gone.

COACH STOP SOUTHEND Bova Futura R980 GUB has gone to Thom, Rayleigh

COOKS COACHES SOUTHEND S901 GUB Bova Futura is in (by 4.02) ex Coachstop, Southend

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD 2899 RU (ex CJH 121V) Bristol VR/ECW is reregistered back to CJH 121V (by 4.02)

CRUSADER EK51KYX/KYY/KYZ/KZA/KZB/KZC/KZD/KZE/KZF

Setra S315GTHD C48Ft are new (by 2.02). Of these EK51KZB was burnt out 11.4.02 at Cliftonville, Kent in what was thought to have been an arson attack.

FARGO RAYNE URN209V Leyland Atlantean/East Lancs, KCK202/3/4W Ld AN/EL & ANA546Y, ANA601Y Leyland Atlantean/Northern Counties ex Lincolnshire 709, 702/3/4, 1346, 1341 are in (by 4.02).

G717FVX Dennis Condor/? ex Hong Kong DL42 (Hong Kong reg. EJ4042) is in (by 4.02).

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE C416 ADH (ex IIL 5316, C416 ADH) Bedford/Duple is in (by 4.02)

FORD, ALTHORNE CNZ 3817 (ex V66 CCH) Scania/Van Hool is in (by 4.02) ex Chambers, Moneymore, N.I. L706CNR DAF/Caetano has gone to Scania (dealer) (by 4.02)

FOURWAYS HIGHWOOD OIL2479 (ex F855XJX, VTY226, F855XJX) Volvo /Plaxton is in (by 4.02) ex Lodge, High Easter. Volvo B58/PlaxtonMBC39V, Leyland leopard/DupleMKN427V & MCW Metroliner C979HOX are all withdrawn (by 4.02)

Leyland Leopard/DupleDKE350Y is now C57F, while DAF/Caetano D336MHB (ex KIW5922, D336MHB) is now C53F

GLEW COLCHESTER D694 FDH Leyland Cub/Reeve Burgess is (in 4.02), new to Patterson, Birmingham.

JWS TRAVEL CHADWELL ST.MARY P173 ANR MAN/Caetano is in (by 4.02)

KINGS COACHES COPFORD KC02ABC Bova Futura is in (4.02)

KINGSTON RETTENDON KYV 675X MCW Metrobus is in (by 4.02) ex Arriva London M675. SIB 9492 (ex A149EPA) Leyland Tiger/Plaxton is in (by 4.02)

LINKFAST BENFLEET WYW 38T MCW Metrobus is in (4.02) via Ensign (dealer)

LODGE HIGH EASTER V20 DGE (ex CNZ 3825, V3 CCH) & V40 DGE (ex CNZ 3832, V2 CCH) Scania L94/Van Hool ex Chambers, Moneymore, N.I. are in (by 2.02). A9 FRX (ex H922DRJ) Scania/Plaxton ex Z Cars, Bristol is in (4.02).

N369 GPU is reregistered 46AEW (by 4.02) and N139 YMS is reregistered 436VVT (by 4.02)

Bedford OB MJB 481 is now C37F

OIL2479 (ex F855XJX, VTY226, F855XJX) Volvo/Plaxton has gone to Fourways, Highwood

Iveco/Robin Hood D519FYL has gone for scrap (by 4.02)

MALCOLMS BLUE BUS CLACTON TPU 67R Leyland Atlantean/ECW is in (by 4.02) ex Chariots, Stanford-le-Hope. It is understood that it will be preserved.

MILTON CORRINGHAM L910TGP a Ford Transit is in (by 4.02).

RODS MINIBUSES STANFORD-LE-HOPE Renault Master F818KKP & Fiat F295RTW have gone (by 4.02)

STAN'S GT.TOTHAM KUI8146 (ex E744YMW) Mercedes Benz/Reeve Burgess is in 4.02 ex Webb, Barham, Kent.

MIL9403 (ex H112SVG) Ford Transit/Dormobile is named "Molly".

STORT VALLEY/MEMORIES FOR TOMORROW STANSTED WU51LBE MAN/Alexander is in - hired (by 4.02) as is L901JRN Dennis Dart/East Lancs.

SUPREME COLCHESTER Further to EBN 451, a few more details of the acquired Mercedes are available. HSK 860 (ex ???) MB 412D/MB-Olympus C16F was reregistered (to HSK 860) on 11.9.01

TURNERS WICKHAM ST.PAUL YP02 AAO Scania/Irizar is new (3.02) Similar T371JWA has gone to Scania (dealer) (by 4.02)

WARD ALRESFORD E858WSB Volvo/Duple 340 is in (by 4.02) ex Cochrane, Peterlee, Durham and is reregistered to JIL7651 (by 4.02)

WINDMILL GT.BROMLEY L425OWF Bova Futura has gone to Patterson, Seahouses, Northumberland (by 4.02)

EXI6387 (ex F744DMS, PSU611) Setra S210HD is in (by 4.02) ex Patterson, Seahouses, Northumberland. It has been reregistered back to F744DMS (by 4.02)

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FLEET No.	REG No's.	DETAILS.	DATE.	EN, TW or EB.
110	PUU970	Whiteing, Elmstead Market (dlr)		EB
	[ex H370GRY]	ex A1 Van & Truck, - ? - (dlr)		
121	XSV234	Stewart, Aberfeldy FLEET No 28		EB
	[ex M384WET]	re-reg M663ASL	by 11/01	
		to Campbell, Clydebank.	11/01	
		re-reg NCV148	12/01	
122	R917HTW	Hunters, <u>Daventry.</u>	by 11/01	EB
124	R919HTW	<u>Kirby, Anston (dlr).</u>	by 11/01	EB
		ex Causton (t/a Essex Express), Bishops Stortford.		
190	LPU619	Lefkaritis, Larnaca, Cyprus.	by 03/57	EN
		ex AMCC, London E15 (dlr).		
		re-reg TAD345	03/57	
		withdrawn.	02/66	
		probably destroyed by fire.	07/84	
191	LPU621	Lefkaritis, Larnaca, Cyprus.	by 03/57	EN
		ex AMCC, London E15 (dlr).		
		re-reg TAD344	03/57	
		withdrawn.	02/66	
		probably destroyed by fire.	07/84	
221	OVX854	Lefkaritis, Larnaca, Cyprus.	by 01/57	EN
		ex AMCC, London E15 (dlr).		
		re-reg TAC479	by 01/57	
		to Evrykhou Transport, Evrykhou, Cyprus.	01/57	
		to Demades, Nicosia, Cyprus.	08/70	
0204	C204HJN	gone.	by 12/01	EN
		ex Webber, Bodmin.		
0221	C221HJN	City Central, Hull	02/02	EN
		ex Bailey, Blackburn.		
0226	D226PPU	written off (accident damage).	10/01	TW
		ex D & G, Stafford FLEET No 15		
227	C481BHY	Phillips (t/a Bev's), Pen-y-graig.	01/02	EN
		ex Henderson, Pen-y-graig.		
0256	F256RHK	First Manchester FLEET No 1853	12/01	EB
		ex First Pioneer FLEET No 1853		
344	H354LJN	Jordan, Coltishall (dlr).	01/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 875		
358	H369OHK	Jordan, Coltishall (dlr).	01/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 848		
362	H373OHK	First Manchester FLEET No 1842	12/01	EB
		ex First Pioneer FLEET No 1842		
505	A 10RHE	Eagre (t/a Eaglen), Morton.		TW
	[D597MVR]	re-reg D597MVR	by 03/02	
512	IAZ6394	Ali (t/a A1), Odsal.	by 04/00	TW
	[B336BGL]	ex Godward, South Woodham Ferrers.		
601	N601APU	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 04		

901	K901CVW	First Western National FLEET No 4484 ex First Capital FLEET No 691	02/02	EB
902	K902CVW	First Western National FLEET No 4485 ex First Capital FLEET No 692	02/02	EB
1118	HHJ379Y	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 23 ex First Mainline FLEET No 79	01/02	TW
1119	KSU477 [HHJ380Y]	Lincolnshire Road Car Co Ltd FLEET No 467 ex Eaglen, Moreton	01/02	EN
1132	C132HJN	<u>Bilham & Hayes (t/a CTS), Huntington.</u> <u>re-reg KUI3808</u> <u>to Simpson & Bilham (t/a CTS), Copmanthorpe</u>	<u>09/00</u> <u>07/01</u>	EN
1200	BNO686T	Wigley, Carlton (dlr for scrap). ex Jeffs, Helmdon.	11/01	EN
1300	IUI7211 [ex XHK213X]	Pratt, Moreton Valence. re-reg XHK213X to Kirkby, Anston (dlr).	06/01 06/01	EN
1625	BGX649Y [ex 2705 TD BGX649Y]	Cotton, Skelmersdale. ex Hurst & Leak, Goose Green.	12/01	EN
1657	KCG614L	- ? - , - ? - (dlr for scrap) ex Williams, Deiniolen.	by 12/00	EN
1712	WNO561L [ex XIB3106 WNO561L]	gone. ex Rest & Ride, Smethwick.	by 05/01	EN
1732	PJ14084 [ex HWC 83N]	scrapped ex Llyell, Willenhall.	by 12/96	EN
1783	PEV695R	C & M, Aintree FLEET No 1098 withdrawn.	by 05/01	EN
1878	BNO668T	- ? - , - ? - (dlr for scrap). ex Birmingham Omnibus, Tividale FLEET No 100	05/01	TW
1901	DAR123T	Lothian Buses PLC FLEET No 110 [reserve fleet]	<u>11/01</u>	
1910	DAR132T	Lothian Buses PLC FLEET No 111 [reserve fleet]	<u>11/01</u>	
1914	JHJ140V [ex VIB9485 JHJ140V]	Ludlows, Halesowen. withdrawn to Andrews, Brierly Hill (preservation).	by 10/01 by 04/02	TW

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OTO547M	Leyland AN68/1R	East Lancs	H47/30D
UNW928R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
LBD923V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
MNK429V	Leyland PSU3E/4R	Duple Dominant 2	C53F
GGM106W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
DKE350Y	Leyland PSU5D/5R	Duple Dominant 4	C57F
D336MHB	DAF SB2300DHS585	Caetano	C53F
[ex KIW5922, D336MHB]			
E317OMG	Leyland Royal Tiger	Leyland	C53F
J301KFP	DAF SB3000DKV601	Caetano	C51Ft
[ex J 10PSW, J301KFP]			
OIL 2479	Volvo B10M-60	Plaxton Paramount 3500	C53F
[ex F855OJX, VTY226, F855OJX]			

Withdrawn

MBC 39V	Volvo B58-61	Plaxton Supreme	C49Ft
[ex ORJ 701, NLC872V]			
MNK427V	Leyland PSU3E/4R	Duple Dominant 2	C53F
C979HOX	MCW Metroliner DR130	MCW	CH55/16Dt

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NDL652R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
DNG232T	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H72F
FDV835V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H76F
LBD921V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
LFJ855W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H76F
SNV930W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
VEX295X	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
E101VWA	Auwaerter N416		B50F
G253EHD	DAF SB220LC550	Optare	B49F
G601GTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F
G603GTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F
G604GTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F
G605GTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F
G607GTX	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F
J 51GCX	DAF SB220LC550	Ikarus	B48F
J 52GCX	DAF SB220LC550	Ikarus	B48F
L890UVE	Mercedes-Benz 811D	Marshall	B33F
L891UVE	Mercedes-Benz 811D	Marshall	B33F
N811CSC	Mercedes-Benz 811D	Alexander	B33F
BIL4710	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H39/31F
[ex STW 25W] <u>Withdrawn</u> F616CWJ	Auwaerter SL11		B50F

Essex Dealer Report

Ensignbus- Vehicles in

-M818,M1304,M1224,M1196,M1235,M1180,M1305,M1302 All from SW 05/04 Ex London General , M1388 from A 08/04 Ex London General
M1387 from AL 05/04 Ex London General, M1058 from HT 06/04 Ex Metroline
T1071 from Q 06/04 Ex London Central,lympian UWW9X Ex Forestdale Coaches,Croydon.
Leyland PD3 CJN436C Ex Preservation.

Vehicles Out

T600,T804 Rennies,Dunfermline.
Bristol VR XJJ670V Bus Prophils ,Brussels,Belgium.
Dennis Condor DL36 EH7956 now G714FVX with Angela Coaches,Witney,Ox.
Dennis Condor DL47 EJ4092 now G717FVX with Weavaway Travel,Newbury.
T1001 PVS for scrap.
T1057 Blackburn Transport for spares.
Tiger E275KEF Holmeswood Coaches,Lancs.
M392 now open top and numbered 392 in City Sightseeing fleet.Probably to be allocated to Canterbury

CitySightseeing The Southend Tour

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Rochford, South Street	0925	1010	—	—	—
Prittlewell, Cuckoo Corner	0931	1016	—	—	—
Central Bus Station, stop F	0940	1025	—	—	—
SOUTHEND, Kursaal, Marine Pde arr	0945	1030	—	—	—
SOUTHEND, Kursaal, Marine Pde dep	1000	1100	1500	1600	1700
Southend Pier	1002	1102	1502	1602	1702
Westcliff Sporting Club	1005	1105	1505	1605	1705
Chalkwell Shelter	1008	1108	1508	1608	1708
Chalkwell station	1011	1111	1511	1611	1711
Old Leigh, opp The Ship	1014	1114	1514	1614	1714
Leigh station	1017	1117	1517	1617	1717
Marine Parade, Thames Drive	1020	1120	1520	1620	1720
Leigh, Rectory Grove	1023	1123	1523	1623	1723
Leigh Broadway, Grand Hotel	1025	1125 and	1525	1625	1725
Chalkwell station	1028	1128 hourly	1528	1628	1728
Chalkwell Shelter	1031	1131 until	1531	1631	1731
Westcliff, Cliffs Pavilion	1036	1136	1536	1636	1736
Southend, Prittlewell Square, Bandstand	1040	1140	1540	1640	1740
SOUTHEND, bus station stand F, arr	1043	1143	1543	1643	—
SOUTHEND, bus station stand F, dep	1045	1145	1545	1645	—
Kursaal, Marine Parade	1048	1148	1548	1648	—
Woodgrange Drive, Southchurch Hall	1051	1151	1551	1651	—
Thorpe Bay Corner	1056	1156	1556	1656	—
Shoebury Common, Uncle Toms Cabin	1058	1158	1558	1658	—
Shoeburyness, East Beach	1103	1203	1603	1703	—
Shoebury Common, Uncle Toms Cabin	1107	1207	1607	1707	—
Thorpe Bay Corner	1109	1209	1609	1709	—
SOUTHEND, Kursaal, Marine Pde arr	1114	1214	1614	1714	—
Southend, Bus Station, stop K1	—	—	—	1718	1743
Prittlewell, Cuckoo Corner	—	—	—	1725	1750
Rochford, South Street	—	—	—	1730	1755

Notes:

* Time at Southchurch Avenue stop

Service 67 The Southend Tour Route

From Southend, Kursaal stand via Marine Parade, Western Esplanade, Chalkwell Ave, The Ridgeway, Grand Parade, Cliff Parade, Leigh Hill, New Road, Leigh Station forecourt, Belton Way West, Marine Parade, Rectory Grove, Elm Rd, Leigh Broadway, Grand Drive, Grand Parade, The Ridgeway, Chalkwell Ave, Western Esplanade, Shorefield Road, Station Rd, Westcliff Ave, Cambridge Road, Trinity Ave, Westcliff Parade, Clifftown Parade, Devereaux Road, Alexandra Street, Heygate Ave, Central Bus Station (stop F), Church Rd, Chancellor Rd, Herbert Grove, Lucy Road, Hartington Rd, Marine Parade, Southchurch Ave, Woodgrange Drive, Lifstan Way, Eastern Esplanade, Thorpe Esplanade, Shoebury Common Rd, Ness Road, Campfield Rd, Smith St, High St Shoebury, George St, Rampart Terrace, Rampart St, Smith St, Campfield Rd, Ness Rd, Shoebury Common Rd, Thorpe Esplanade, Eastern Esplanade direct back to the Kursaal.

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MAY 1980 Golden Jubilee

This year marked Eastern Nationals Golden Jubilee, and details of an open day to be held at Chelmsford Central Works, in New Writtle Street was advertised. Amongst the new vehicles to be seen, would have been Leyland National 2's, with 1929/30/32-34 (MHJ 725V etc) being delivered. The four open top Bristol FLF's had been re-licensed for the summer, and would be seen on Southend Seafront.

Bristol VR 3048, was due to enter Central Works for repainting into Golden Jubilee livery.

Southend Transport had taken delivery of Leyland Leopard/Duple 205/6 (BTE 205/6V), these were classified as dual purpose vehicles and were in blue/cream bus livery. Sliding windows and narrow seats to allow 18 standees, were notable features.

News from Colchester Transport, was that PD2, 44 (OVX 144D) had gone from the depot, while Atlanteans 46,50 and 52 were delicensed at the depot.

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Gallows Corner Tesco's	0805
Newbury Park opp Station	0810
Gants Hill Odeon Cinema	0815
Redbridge opp Station	0820

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