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Please send your Contributions for the next issue of Essex Bus News to the Sub-editors by **Tuesday 7th May** and to the Managing editor by **Friday 10th May**.

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**- It's All About Buses In Essex**

## Improvements

There's so much happening at the moment and you'll find all you need to know in this 32 page issue of Essex Bus News.

We're upgrading our coverage of Arriva this month with the launch of the Data file giving you the latest picture of the fast changing fleet. Plus in a bumper First column there's the very latest on the

Chelmsford Overground network. We've recently introduced a larger typeface and front cover and over the next few months we'll continue to make changes to make your magazine easier to read.

If you've got any suggestions on what you'd like to see then let us know.

Don't forget to book your seat on our South Coast coach trip -A booking forms enclosed and it's likely to sell out fast!

**Cover**

### **NIBS Bristol VR/ECW DNG 232T & Arriva Southend Dennis Trident/Alexander 5443 W443 XKX**

Sunday 10th March witnessed extensive engineering work on the rail lines between Billericay & Southend with frequent replacement buses.

Chris Stewart was driving the NIBS VR which is laying over with the Arriva Trident at Victoria Circus, Southend.

**Photo**

# Buses in the News

## The Latest News from the Bus World

### Brentwood Battles For Better Buses

The long running battle for improved bus services in Brentwood moved a step forward last month as campaigners met with transport minister John Speller to voice concerns over worsening services.

The problems besetting Brentwood were underlined by the delegation which included bus users, councillors, Brentwood and Ongar MP Eric Pickles, officers from both

Brentwood Council and Essex County Council plus a representative from bus operator First.

Mr Speller was said to be sympathetic and understanding to the points raised and urged the council to resubmit bids to the Urban Bus Challenge.

### A DAY TRIP TO REMEMBER

## SOUTH COAST SPECTACULAR Saturday 22nd June 2002

Summer's almost here and we're proud to bring you the chance to join us for a fantastic day out.

The South Coast spectacular on Saturday 22nd June will be a day to remember as we travel by luxury coach to visit Town and Country at Purfleet before heading to the coast to spend two hours at Brighton.

Later in the day we'll visit Chichester plus there'll be a garage trip to interesting independent operator Emsworth & District.

A packed day out with something for everyone and it'll only cost you £16.50 to travel with us—  
How do we do it for the price?

Everything you need to know about this outstanding day trip are on the booking form enclosed with Essex Bus News.

Don't think too long before you book - our coach trip to Lodge's and the Essex Independents tour sold out within a few weeks.

Avoid disappointment and book your seat today!

Town & Country - Brighton - Chichester - Emsworth & District

# **Essex Bus Diary**

## **Your Guide to Forthcoming Events**

**Tuesday 14th May Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group Evening Trip to Lodges, High Easter – Sold Out—If you've already booked see you there!**

**Saturday 18th May Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group  
Essex Independents Day Trip—Completely Sold Out! No more Bookings please.**

**Sunday 26th May Southend Bus Rally**

**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](http://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 ,Chicester, Emsworth & District, Town & Country and much more.  
Booking form enclosed this month. Hurry, it's likely to sell out fast!

**Sunday 21st July North Weald Bus Rally**

**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.  
A Booking form will be with Essex Bus News in June.

**Sunday 22nd September Showbus, Duxford**

**Saturday 26th October LOTS Annual Transport Spectacular**  
Being held at Goresbrook Leisure centre, Dagenham.

### **MEMBERS FREE ADS**

**Peter Snell is looking for photos for Thamesway Darts 904/6 K904/6 CVW while they were on hire to First Beeline (Beeline) in 10/98. Also a photo of Leyland National 1757 LYN 665P with either Eastern National or Thamesway & photos of Bristol VR's in Holland. Finally, do you know of anyone who does B&W photo printing in Essex? Peter Snell 6 Mandeville Way Benfleet SS7 4LH**

# First in Essex

## Solos Latest

**501-511**    **EO 02 FLA-H/J/K, FKZ**    Optare M850    190803-813

Following driver familiarisation, these Solos began to enter service on route 193 from Tuesday 26th March. They seat 26 with 22 standing, or 24 with one wheelchair and 19 standing. Alternatively they can carry 24 seated and 24 standing.

The Chelmsford Solos will be numbered **512-537** (EO 02 NDX/Y/Z, NEF/J/M/U/Y, NFA/C/D/E/F/G/H/J/K/L/M/N/P/R/T/U/V/X) with vehicle numbers 190814-39. The first two, 512/3, were noted at Clacton depot on 11th April.

## Acquired Vehicles

**4321 P184TGD** Volvo Olympian 026882 /Alexander 9529/41 H47/32F new 9/96

**4324 P186TGD** Volvo Olympian 026885 /Alexander 9529/43 H47/32F new 9/96

**4325 P188TGD** Volvo Olympian 026896 /Alexander 9529/45 H47/32F new 9/96

Originally Strathclyde Buses (VO84/6/8), ex First (Leicester) 3.02 although 4325 came via First (Mainline)

## Allocations (period ending 31 March)

**315** HH-Disp; **316** HH-Disp; **317** HH-Disp; **318** HH-Disp; **319** HH-Disp; **320** HH-Disp; **321** HH-Disp; **323** HH-Disp; **324** HH-Disp; **325** HH-Disp; **368** RD(S)-Disp; **374** TS-Disp; **401** RD-RD(S); **404** RD-BN; **405** RD-BN; **406** RD-BN; **407** RD-BN; **408** RD-BN; **409** RD-HH; **410** RD-HH; **501** new-RD; **502** new-RD; **503** new-RD; **504** new-RD; **505** new-RD; **506** new-RD; **507** new-RD; **508** new-RD; **509** new-RD; **510** new-RD; **511** new-RD; **715** BN-CR; **716** BN-CR; **809** BN-HH; **945** BE-BN; **974** AB-CR; **979** AB-BN; **2605** TS-Disp; **2619** float-Disp; **2621** TS-Disp; **2657** BN-HH; **2658** RD-HH; **2659** RD-HH; **2660** BN-HH; **2661** BN-HH; **2662** RD-HH; **2675** AB-BE; **3069** HH-Disp; **3072** CR-CF; **3078** CR-Disp (see note below); **3083** CF-Disp; **3092** float (DT); **3101** CR-HH; **4321** acq-CR; **4323** acq-CR; **4324** acq-CR; **4325** acq-CR

The DW-class Darts for London service 462 were returned to Dagenham after use on 1.3.02.

## **Repaints/Refurbishments**

(to 'Barbie 2' unless otherwise stated\*)

**3.02**      4323 717\* 714\* 1412 102\* 719\* 718\* 715\* 101\* 4019 (refurb)  
716\* 1406

## **Olympian News**

Unfortunately newly-acquired Olympian 4320 has suffered a severe electrical fire with resultant damage to the cab and understairs area. VR 3078 remains in use at present covering for it while repairs are carried out. Withdrawn Olympian 3334 was towed to Chelmsford depot during March, for further spare parts to be removed, but has now gone. 314/5 are currently stored at CF, presumably through lack of space at CN.

## **Disappearing VR's**

In view of their rapidly declining numbers, the following sightings of the remaining 'North Essex' VR's may be of interest:

- 9.3.02      3072 and 3078 on services 67/67A to West Mersea, 3093 on route 64A to Greenstead.
- 12.3.02      3072 spare, 3078 on 67, 3092 loan to DT, 3093 on 64 (replacing 2679 about 11.00) and 3101 on 88 to Great Yeldham around 17.00.
- 13.3.02      3072 on 64 in the morning, 3093 on 67 in the afternoon.
- 21.3.02      3078 on 78
- 22.3.02      3078 on 65A, 3072 performed one round trip on the 70
- 28.3.02      3078 worked 06.21 Blackheath-Colchester North Station 67, 3072 on 64 all day.
- 3.4.02      3072 on service 66 all day, 3078 & 3101 off road all day, 3092 on 103/4 all day and 3103 on service 74
- 6.4.02      3072 was transferred to CF after working 64's but 3078 remained in use as at the time of writing (9th April)
- 9.4.02      3072 worked all day on the 350/351 (and one round trip on 10.4.02)

HH3113 unusually worked service 3 on 30th March, and was out again on the 2 (2nd Apr) and 27 (5th Apr).

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### **Other unusual vehicle workings have included:**

- 9.3.02 Super 8 Dart 922 on service 100
- 14.3.02 CF 2906 on service 42
- 23.3.02 Unidentified Scania/Wright on service 71B (19.05 from Chelmsford)

Scheduled London Underground replacement work on Saturday 23rd March included Darts 925 (in Super 8 livery), 960 and 977 working from Barking to Bromley by Bow subcontracted to Blue Triangle. On the Sunday 934, 964 and 980 were noted.

1.4.02 CF1414 on rail replacement at Southminster; both the Wickford-Southminster and Wickford-Rayleigh requirements were contracted to First on 31st March and 1st April. Meanwhile HH717 was on service 21, with HH719 on the 64/65.

4.4.02 Phoenix Lynx 5011 was an extremely unusual sight on the 17.25 Chelmsford to South Woodham 36 and return. No route number was displayed and a small hand written board showed the destination in the windscreen.

## **SERVICE CHANGES**

The extended Mobility **service 951** duly started on Saturday 23rd March, Dart 854 being the vehicle noted on Monday 25th. Three journeys operate each way (MWS), leaving Warley Fords at 09.06, 11.16 and 14.16 returning from Romford Station at 10.15, 13.15 and 15.30. Although the section from Warley Street (Forest View Nursery) to Eagle Way is outside the Bus Pass Zone, any LT Card or Travelcard may be used over the whole route as well as Bus Passes covering zones 2,3,4 or 1,2,3,4.

**From 2nd April the Centurion 65 service (Highwoods to Stanway)** is enhanced to run every 15 minutes. Two additional Darts (715/6) have been transferred from BN, both fitted with the capability to display real-time information at bus stops alongside the existing five vehicles. Passenger numbers have increased by 20% since the Centurion 65 was introduced in 1998.

Other recent service changes include -

**1st April: 5/8/8A/8B/8C (Pitsea – Laindon/Basildon) timetable revisions.**

78 (Colchester – Brightlingsea) Essex CC Su journeys operated previously by Arriva passed to First.

- 2nd April:** **5/5A/6/7/8/8A/10/11/17/18 (Clacton area)** timetable revisions.  
**32 (Chelmsford - Ongar)** ECC contract returned from Arriva to First.  
**52/52A/52B (Chelmsford – Pleshey)** ECC contract passed from First to Regal Busways.  
**65/65A (Tollgate – Highwoods)** service enhanced (see above).  
**66C (Colchester – Fingringhoe)** ECC contract from Arriva to First.  
**80 (Fordham – Colchester, Sats)** renumbered 88B.  
**82A (Colchester – Little Tey, M-F)** renumbered 88B.  
**105/107/109 (Walton – Colchester, M-S)** passed from Hedingham to First  
**127 (Brightlingsea – Clacton)** timetable revision..  
Herts CC contracts for **350/1 (Bishops Stortford - Hertford)** and **354 M-F (Buntingford – Harlow)** from First Airport Buses to London Transit, **392/3 (Harlow - Hoddesdon)** to Trustline, South Mimms.
- 3rd April:** **85 (Mistley – Brightlingsea, W)** and **86 (Aingers Green – Colchester, W)** ECC contracts passed from Hedingham to First.  
**314 (Great Dunmow – Braintree, WS)** ECC contract passed from First to Four Counties Buses (and extended to Saffron Walden via Thaxted).
- 4th April:** **315 (Stebbing Green – Great Dunmow, Th)** and **346 (Leaden Roding – Great Dunmow, Th)** ECC contracts passed from First to Four Counties Buses.
- 8th April:** **521/522 (Holland – Colchester, Sch)** revised route and timetable.  
**609 (Wickham Bishops – Anglo European School)** revised.
- 14th April:** **71/71B/71C (Chelmsford – Colchester)** all 71B journeys via Boreham Church will operate as service 71 not via Boreham Church.
- 15th April:** **21 (Bocking – Notley)** and **30 (Fairfield Road – Marlborough Road)** timetable changes.  
**38/39 (Witham town services)** replaced by new 37/38.  
**72/72A (Chelmsford – Braintree)** revised to operate via Braintree Freeport.  
**333 (Stansted – Epping)** route & timetable revisions

## OTHER NEWS

Hadleigh depot has been the subject of some work recently, including a new perimeter fence and 'First' depot sign (replacing the 'Thamesway' one).

**The Group sends its sincere thanks and best wishes to David Cornell who took early retirement from Head Office at Easter.**

## Chelmsford 'Overground'

The following has been taken from the registrations submitted and is believed to be correct, but full details of the scheme are to be announced by *First in Essex* on 1st May:

- 40 Town Centre-Dorset Avenue (ie withdrawn north of Bus Station)
- 41 Welland Avenue (loop)-Chignall Est-Admirals Park-Town Centre-Galleywood (ie re-routed over 40/50 route via Chignall)
- 42 unchanged Broomfield Hospital-Galleywood
- 43 Town Centre-Oaklands Park (ie withdrawn north of town centre)
- 45 unchanged Oxney Green-Moulsham Lodge (enhanced to 5 buses per hour)
- 47 Chelmer Village-existing route-Town Centre-Swiss Ave-Melbourne Shops-Woodhall Road-Broomfield Hospital (2 buses per hour)
- 48 unchanged Chelmer Village-Town Centre
- 50 Maltings Estate (loop)-Town Centre (ie withdrawn beyond Town Centre)
- 51 Welland Ave (loop)-Chignall Est-Galleywood (as existing)
- 54 Beaulieu Park-as existing-Town Centre-Broomfield Road-North Avenue-North Melbourne-Chignall Road-Melbourne Shops and return
- 56 Beaulieu Park-as existing-Town Centre-Broomfield Road-North Avenue-North Melbourne (loop) (ie over existing 41 route)

Also affecting Brentwood/Basildon services from 13.5.02:

- 77 to be withdrawn
- 81/82 reinstated Brentwood-Shenfield-Hutton circulars (81 out via Woodland Avenue, 82 out via Hutton Drive) but operating hourly in each direction – peak hours extension to Warley
- 83 new service: Hornbeam Close-Hanging Hill Lane-Hutton Drive-Hutton Village-Rayleigh Road-Shenfield Station-Brentwood High Street (peak hours and approx 2 hourly off-peak)
- 151 renumbered 750 (reduced to hourly)
- 751 diverted to operate Basildon-Billericay-Hutton-Hanging Hill Lane-East Ham Estate-Brentwood-Harold Hill-Romford (hourly, giving integrated half hourly service East Ham Estate-Brentwood and beyond)
- 752 to be withdrawn

## PUBLICITY

Service 12 leaflet issued for start of service (vehicles 712/4 route-branded)  
London Buses leaflet dated 23.3.02 for extension of service 951 to/from Warley

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## First in Essex fleet allocation 31 March 2002

|                    |                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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)    | 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                                                                                                |
| Disposal           | 313/5-21/3-5/46/55/7/64/8/72/5/6/9/80, 2603/5/8/19/21, 3069/76-8/9/83/4/93/4, 3334, 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                                                                       |

### Airport

|                 |                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Airport Buses   | 100/1/12, 432/4/5, 917/43, 602/8/10, 2625/6/8, 2802/13-5/22/5/8 |
| Airport Coaches | 102/3/11, 397/8 Delicensed 104/7                                |
| Disposal        | 117, 2602/7/9/17                                                |

|                            | AIRPORT BUSES | AIRPORT COACHES |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT</b> |               |                 |
| Minibus                    | 7             | 4               |
| Midibus                    | 8             | 0               |
| Coach                      | 2             | 0               |
| <b>SPARES</b>              |               |                 |
| Minibus                    | 2             | 1               |
| Midibus                    | 1             | 0               |
| Coach                      | 1             | 0               |
| <b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>    |               |                 |
| Minibus                    | 9             | 5               |
| Midibus                    | 9             | 0               |
| Coach                      | 3             | 0               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | 21            | 5               |

### Colour Bus & Mega Rears

| 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    |

|                     | BE        | BN        | CF and<br>(MN) | CN        | CR        | DT        | HH        | RD        | TOTAL      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>TRAFFIC</b>      |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| <b>REQ'T</b>        |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| Minibus             | 7         | 7         | 26 (1)         | 8         | 1         | 4         | 11        | 5         | 70         |
| 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             | 1         | 0         | 1              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          |
| SD/Midi             |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| Mobility<br>(Midi)  | 0         | 3         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 3          |
| Route 193<br>(Mini) | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 10        | 10         |
| <b>ENG SPARE</b>    |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| 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             | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| SD/Midi             |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| Mobility<br>(Midi)  | 0         | 1         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          |
| Route 193<br>(Mini) | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| <b>ALLOC</b>        |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| Minibus             | 8         | 8         | 29 (1)         | 8         | 1         | 5         | 12        | 6         | 78         |
| 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             | 1         | 0         | 1              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          |
| SD/Midi             |           |           |                |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| Mobility<br>(Midi)  | 0         | 4         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 4          |
| Route 193<br>(Mini) | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 11        | 11         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>       | <b>22</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>81 (7)</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>361</b> |

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# ARRIVA

## ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX

### Vehicles in

From Arriva the Shires 2200 3/02

**2200 L426 CPB** MB 709D 669003-2N-018701 Do 52728 632 93  
B27F 12/93

From Arriva the Shires 2132/75 4/02

**2132 N912 ETM** MB 709D 669003-2N-035481 Pn 957.6MHV4259  
B27F 9/95

**2175 R175 VBM** MB 0810D 670373-2K-065000 Pn 977.8MWV7504  
B27F 8/97

### Vehicle re-registered

**4512 KE 51 PVA** to **KC 51 NFO** 3/02 (original documentation lost!)

### Allocation Changes

By 3/02: **2091/6-9. w; 2100. u; 2200. WE; 2230/1. w; 2334. u;**  
**2337-41/5/9/51/6/62. w**  
3/02: **2130. u; 2132/75. WE; 2354/60/1/3/4. w; 2371. HA;**

### Vehicles out

**3385 (M951 LYR):** Arriva the Shires 3/02

**3386 (P256 FPK):** Arriva the Shires 3/02 (in exchange for 3483 - W483 YGS see EBN 455)

### Subsequent Histories

**5080 (B270 LPH):** reported as on loan to Arriva Scotland West 4/02 (unlikely to return)

**5373 (MUH 283X), 5377 (TPD 107X):** The Bus Doctor (dealer) 3/02 ex Arriva the Shires 5373/77.

**5375 (MUH 285X):** Yorkshire Traction (for spares) via Hardwick, Carlton (dealer)

**5387 (B185 BLG):** now in service with Arriva the Shires at Luton following loan to Arriva North West for rail replacement duties (Liverpool-Southport).

### Repaints

3/02: to Arriva national - 2370

## Ivecos Out

Members will note that the demise of Iveco Minibuses is practically complete. On 12/3/02 only 2354/60/1/3/4 were in active service (at Harlow) and their withdrawal is imminent. The 2 transferred to Arriva The Shires (2092/3) are both withdrawn and stored.

## Allocations & PVRs 3/02 Harlow & Debden

D/D: 5259, 5363/76

S/D: 3091/6, 3230/1/50-7, 3352/3/6-60/2-4/6-9/71/2/6-8, 3461-9/71-9/81

Midi: 2109/12/6-26/8/36/45/51/8/9, 2226, 2354/60/1/3/4

Mini: 1257 Coach: 3446-9

**PVR: D/D 3; S/D 43; Midi 20; Mini 1; Coach 4.**

## Ware/Hoddesdon

D/D: 5251-3/5/7/60/3, 5348/67/70

S/D: 3328/9/85, 3416-8/35/9/40/83

Midi: 2200, 2370/1/3-7 Coach: 3441-9

**PVR: D/D 10; S/D 8; Midi 6; Coach 4**

Note: (1) 3461-9/71-9/81 are normally outstationed at Debden (for services W13/4, 397) together with a few other Darts and Minibuses  
(2) 3441-9 are in Greenline livery and are specifically for service 724

## Service Changes

### 10<sup>th</sup> February 2002

**Service 724 Harlow –Heathrow –Minor timetable changes.**

### 2nd April 2002

**Service 1 Bumbles Green –Harlow Mon-Fri ECC contract gained from Clinton.**  
No longer easy access and diversion facility withdrawn.

**Service 19 Bishops Stortford- Farnham Green ECC contract to Memories for Tomorrow.**

**Service 32 Chelmsford –Ongar ECC contract to First**

**Services 47/146/147 Ongar- Toot Hill- Abbess Roding – Harlow**  
-ECC contract to Memories for Tomorrow.

**Service 251 Upshire - Waltham Cross Sunday ECC contract to Trustline.**

**Services 347/8 Hatfield Broad Oak - Harlow**

ECC contract to Memories for Tomorrow.

**Serices 381/2 Harlow – Rye Park –ECC contract to Regal Busways.**

**Service 446 Mauden – Saffron Waldon ECC contract to Four Counties.**



**Fords of Althorne Bristol VR/ECW AUD 460R**

A special Park & Ride ran from Chelmsford Marconi's to Hylands Park on 9<sup>th</sup> March in connection with the Essex Schools Athletics Association. The VR was new to Oxford.



**London Transit Dennis Dart/Caetano W483 OUF**

This relatively new operator has a run of contracts in West Essex & Hertfordshire and is seen at Weathersfield on Village Link Route 9. (Both photos Chris Stewart)



**Stephensons Dennis Dominator/Northern Counties SMW 56Y**  
 New to Thamesdown Transport in 1983 – Seen at Billericay Station on 5/11/95



**NIBS Scania/Alexander G607 KTX**  
 Operating Route 222 to Shotgate on 3/7/01, this bus was new to Cardiff Bus.  
 (All Photos: Kevin Smith)



**Stephenson's Bristol VR/ECW TBW 425P**  
 29/3/91 Billericay High St on Service 251 to Southend (Kevin Smith)



**NIBS Leyland Fleetline/MCW GHM 797N**  
 Working School Bus Route 43 on 15/6/94 - New to London Buses in 1975 as DMS 1797

## **ARRIVA Southern Counties**

**Starting this month we're expanding our coverage of Southend, Grays & Colchester with Fleet allocation tables and vehicle requirements.**

**Owing to the continuing fleet changes, some of the data has changed but we have tried to update it to early April.**

### **Southend**

#### **Into the Fleet**

**E4310 A250 SVW Leyland Tiger/Duple Caribbean**

Transferred from Colchester for use by Southend United Football, this coach was new to Southend in 1984.

**DS004 L506 CPJ, DS007 L509 CPJ, DS008 L510 CPJ, DS009 L511 CPJ, DS014 M525 MPM**

All are Dennis Dart 9.8SDL/East Lancs EL2000 B40F From Guildford

#### **Out of The Fleet**

**E2378 R948 VPU, E2379 R949 VPU, E2380 R950 VPU & E2381 R951 VPU**

**Mercedes Varios** To Gillingham

**E4055 R455 SKX & E4056 R456 SKX DAF/Plaxton Prima** Renumbered to 2911 & 2912 respectively & transferred to Maidstone

**E4352 M52 AWW & E4353 M53 AWW Scania/Van Hool** To Colchester

**E4330 H372 PHK & E4331 H566 MPD Volvo/Plaxton Paramount coaches** Sold to Stephensons, Rochford for London Coachlink services.

**E4351 M52 AWW & E4354 M54 AWW** Renumbered 2051 & 2054 respectively and delicensed.

**E5388 B189 BLG Leyland Olympian** To Colchester

**E5403 H263 GEV Leyland Olympian** To Colchester

#### **Service Changes**

**Service 4 Landwick – Southend** – On Mon –Fri from 25<sup>th</sup> March the 0713 from Great Wakering to Southend extended to start from Landwick at 0710.

#### **Repaint**

Dominator 5286 has been repainted (returned to Southend 15/2) and no longer has route 2 branding; it also only has the small Arriva names on the side, between decks.

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## Colchester

### Into The Fleet

**610 G610 BPH & 614 G614 BPH Volvo B10M-50/East Lancs B49/39F**  
New in 1989

**DS015 M526 MPM, DS019 N939 TPF, DS020 N540 TPF, DS021 N541 TPF, DS22 N542 TPK**

**Dennis Dart 9.8SDL/East Lancs EL2000 B40F** From Guildford

**E4352 M52 AWW & E4353 M53 AWW Scania K113CRB/Van Hool**  
From Southend

**E5388 B189 BLG Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R/ECW B45/32F**  
New to Crosville in 1984 & in from Southend 27/3

**E5403 H263 GEV Leyland Olympian ON2R50G13Z4/ Leyland B47/31F**  
From Southend 3 / 4 & new to Southend in 1990

### Out of The Fleet

**E5364 BYX 283V & E5366 EYE 336V MCW Metrobuses** – Towed to Southend 25/3 for disposal followed by **5360 BYX 220V** on 5/4

**E4310 A250 SVW Leyland Tiger/Duple Caribbean** To Southend on 23/3

**E3092 H923 LOX Dennis Dart/Carlyle Dartline** To Southend 26/3 for disposal

**E4344 HDZ 8354 Bova Futura** To Southend for disposal 23/3

**E2319 L613 LVX Mercedes 811** To Southend for disposal 27/3

### Contracts

New contract for Otley College (Suffolk) started 08/04 & runs to 12/07/02

## Where Are They Now?

### Southend Transport

#### Arriva Southend

|      |         |                                       |                                            |
|------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 105  | WLT937  | Absolute Charter Halifax Nova Scotia  | 5/01                                       |
| 358  | LAK303W | Colclough Southampton                 | 4/01                                       |
| 509  | LAK304W | Town and Country Coaches Newton Abbot |                                            |
| 532  | BHK210X | scrapped by Dean Port Talbot          |                                            |
| 716  | GGE156T | Glasgow Bus Museum                    | 1/02 to be restored as Greater Glasgow LN1 |
| 4304 | A124EPA | Dawes Basingbourn                     | 11/01                                      |
| 5324 | XTE221V | Rereg PJ1861 By Heritage Cos          | Henfield                                   |
| 5332 | MRJ232W | Coach Hire Henfield                   | 1/01                                       |
| 5344 | Q554MEV | Smith Rayne                           | 11/01                                      |
| 5345 | Q475MEV | Smith Rayne                           | 11/01                                      |

**Colchester Borough Transport**  
**Arriva Colchester**

|      |         |                              |             |
|------|---------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 32   | D32RWC  | Pegg Rotherham 9/01          |             |
| 37   | E37EVW  | I T G Anston 10/01           |             |
| 76   | TPU76R  | gone from Beeston Hadleigh   | <b>8/01</b> |
| 106  | G106AVX | Lyod Hixon 7/01              |             |
| 5308 | YNO78S  | Ensign ex Boon Boreham 11/01 |             |
| 5317 | MEV87V  | Hardwick Carlton scrapped    |             |

**ARRIVA DATAFILE**

| <b>Southend</b>              | <b>PVR 63</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Double Deck</b>           | <b>32</b>     | <b>Allocation</b>   |
| <b>Dennis Dominator</b>      | E5273 E5274   | E5275 E5276 E5278   |
|                              | E5286 E5287   | E5288               |
| <b>Dennis Trident</b>        | E5434 E5435   | E5436 E5437 E5438   |
|                              | E5439 E5441   | E5442 E5443 E5445   |
|                              | E5446 E5547   | E5548 E5549 E5451   |
| <b>Leyland Olympian</b>      | E5392 E5393   | E5394 E5395 E5396   |
|                              | E5399 E5402   | E5404 E5405         |
| <b>Volvo Olympian</b>        | E5415 E5416   | E5417 E5418 E5419   |
| <b>Single Deck</b>           | <b>PVR 19</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |
| <b>Dennis Dart SLF</b>       | E3218 E3220   | E3221 E3222 E3223   |
|                              | E3224 E3225   | E3226 E3391 E3392   |
|                              | E3393 E3394   | E3395 E3396 E3397   |
| <b>Dennis Lance SLF</b>      | E3379 E3381   | E3382 E3383 E3384   |
| <b>Midi Bus</b>              | <b>PVR 11</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |
| <b>Dennis Dart</b>           | DS004 DS007   | DS008 DS009 DS014   |
|                              | E3370         |                     |
| <b>Mercedes 709</b>          | E2086 E2087   | E2088 E2110 E2115   |
| <b>Mercedes 810</b>          | E2186 E2187   | E2188 E2191 E2192   |
|                              | E2193 E2372   |                     |
| <b>Mini bus</b>              | <b>PVR 4</b>  | <b>Allocation 5</b> |
| <b>Renault Master T35</b>    | E0329 E0331   | E0332 E0333 E0334   |
| <b>Training School Buses</b> |               |                     |
| <b>Leyland Lynx</b>          | E3065 E3066   | E3338               |
| <b>Coach</b>                 | E4310         |                     |

|                         |               |                      |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Grays</b>            | <b>PVR 38</b> | <b>Allocation 45</b> |       |       |       |
| <b>Double Deck</b>      | <b>PVR 1</b>  | <b>Allocation</b>    |       |       |       |
| <b>Leyland Olympian</b> | E5385         | 1                    |       |       |       |
| <b>Single Deck</b>      | <b>PVR 27</b> | <b>Allocation 31</b> |       |       |       |
| <b>DAF SB120</b>        | E4500         | E4501                | E4502 | E4503 | E4504 |
|                         | E4505         | E4506                | E4507 | E4508 | E4509 |
|                         | E4510         | E4511                | E4512 | E4513 |       |
| <b>Dennis Dart SLF</b>  | E3387         | E3388                | E3389 | E3390 | E3400 |
|                         | E3401         | E3402                | E3403 | E3421 | E3423 |
|                         | E3424         | E3425                | E3426 | E3427 | E3428 |
|                         | E3429         | E3431                |       |       |       |
| <b>Midi Bus</b>         | <b>PVR 10</b> | <b>Allocation 13</b> |       |       |       |
| <b>Dennis Dart</b>      | E3404         | E3405                | E3406 | E3407 | E3408 |
|                         | E3409         | E3410                | E3411 | E3412 |       |
| <b>Mercedes 709</b>     | E2130         | E2134                | E2135 | E2137 |       |
| <b>Ferry Bus 609</b>    | YFB58         | YFB86                |       |       |       |

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|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Colchester</b>       | <b>PVR 44</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |       |       |       |
| <b>Double Deck</b>      | <b>PVR 13</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |       |       |       |
| <b>Leyland Olympian</b> | E5388         | E5389               | E5390 | E5397 | E5398 |
|                         | E5403         | E5407               | E5408 | E5409 |       |
| <b>MCW Metrobus</b>     | E5350         | E5361               | E5364 | E5369 |       |
| <b>VOLVO D10M</b>       | 610           | 614                 |       |       |       |
| <b>Single Deck</b>      | <b>PVR 16</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |       |       |       |
| <b>DAF SB220</b>        | E4335         | E4336               | E4337 | E4339 |       |
| <b>Dennis Dart SLF</b>  | E3419         | E3420               | E3422 | E3430 |       |
| <b>Leyland Lynx</b>     | E3341         | E3342               | E3343 | E3346 | E3347 |
| <b>Volvo B6</b>         | E3241         | E3245               | E3246 |       |       |
| <b>Volvo B10M</b>       | E3317         | E3318               | E3319 | E3320 |       |
| <b>Midi Bus</b>         | <b>PVR 11</b> | <b>Allocation</b>   |       |       |       |
| <b>Dennis Dart</b>      | DS015         | DS019               | DS020 | DS021 | DS022 |
|                         | DS023         | DS024               |       |       |       |
| <b>Mercedes 711</b>     | E2369         | E2388               | E2391 | E2392 |       |
| <b>Mercedes 810</b>     | E2174         | E2243               | E2382 | E2383 | E2384 |
| <b>Mercedes 811</b>     | 1461          | 1462                |       |       |       |
| <b>Coach</b>            | <b>PVR 4</b>  | <b>Allocation 4</b> |       |       |       |
| <b>Scania K113</b>      | E4352         | E4353               |       |       |       |
| <b>Leyland Tiger</b>    | E4505         | E4512               |       |       |       |

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## Into The Fleet

**L325 EX02 RYR** Dennis Dart SLF/Transbus Pointer  
Chassis no. SFD6B2CR31GW16247 Body 0162-9  
Delivered in March & allocated to Hedingham (HD) for the 59 (Haverhill –Audley End)

## Out Of The Fleet

**L284 L203 HYE & L287 L833 YDS** Volvo B6's Sold to Steve Taylor P.S.V. Sales in April.

**L302 UWV 615S** Open top Bristol VR Returned to the owners of Clacton Common in April.

## Allocation Changes

**L300 HD –KN** (To resource ECC contract on 175 (Abberton – Colchester) specifying a 10 year age limit.

## Service Changes

- 14A** Schooldays only Highwoods–Greenstead withdrawn after operation on 22.3.03
- 85** (Mistley to Brightlingsea) To First EN, with effect from 3.4.02.
- 86** (Aingers Green to Colchester) To First EN, with effect from 3.4.02.
- 91** (Tollesbury to Witham). ECC journeys operated by Arriva Colchester, passed to Hedingham from 2.4.02.
- 95** (Tollesbury to Maldon) ECC journeys operated by Arriva Colchester, passed to Hedingham from 6.4.02.
- 105/7/9** (Colchester to Walton) To First EN with effect from 2.4.02.
- 131/A**(Jaywick to Clacton) Revised timetable, with service 131A withdrawn, with effect from 2.4.02.
- 134** (Holland Haven to Clacton) Revised route and timetable introduced from 2.4.02.
- 135** (Gt Clacton to Bockings Elm) Revised route and timetable introduced from 2.4.02.
- 175** (Abberton to Colchester) Passed to Hedingham from Arriva Colchester from 2.4.02.
- 324** This schooldays service from Colne Engaine to Braintree was withdrawn after operation on 22.3.03

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## Own License

Phoenix now have their own O-license and transferred to Phoenix from Ensign are **5007/9/10/2/4, 6000-12**. (Note:- there are no vehicles numbered xx13) Ensign last operated the services on 22.3.02 and Phoenix commenced on 8.4.02. Phoenix vehicles are based at Maldon except for 2 vehicles outstationed at Ensign, Purfleet.

## Into The Fleet

**5007 G29TGW** Dennis Dart/Carlyle in by 3.02 ex Pete's Travel, W.Bromwich via Ensign. This is in a special Golden Jubilee of blue, gold & pink.

**5014 F283AWW** Leyland Lynx is in by 3.02

**6014 C44CHM** Leyland Olympian /Leyland is in by 3.02

**6015 C81CHM** Leyland Olympian /Leyland is in by 3.02

## Out of The Fleet

**5008 E275KEF** Leyland Tiger/Plaxton is sold to Ensign (q) (3.02)

## Service Changes From 8<sup>th</sup> April

Minor route & timing changes to Services 504, 521, 522, 602, 607, 609

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## OTHER OPERATORS

**AIRLINKS** Service 737 (Ipswich to Stansted) was withdrawn after operation on 25.3.02.

**APT RAYLEIGH** A fairly recent addition is Leyland Olympian/ECW FUM 483Y.

**ARRIVA LONDON** The schooldays only journeys on service 20 (Walthamstow – Debden) passed to this operator from First Capital on 9.3.02. From the same date service 167 (Ilford – Debden) passed to Docklands Minibuses.

**BARKER ROYDON** Plaxton 425/Lorraine L345 MKU has been acquired. It joins identical L347 MKU, which has been here some while. MCW Metrorider F122 YVP has gone to Khokar, Smethwick.

**BEESTONS HADLEIGH** Services 320/1 (Sudbury-Halstead/Gosfield) were renumbered 11,12 and 13 as part of the Village Link network from 4.3.02 and revised routes and timetables were introduced.

**BOON BOREHAM** To correct a previous report, Leyland Atlantean YNO 78S, is still here. A second Metrobus here is KYO 628X. Despite reports elsewhere, this and B146 WUL, are the only Metrobuses owned. Both still carry London livery and blinds.

**BRENTWOOD COACHES** A large number of re-registrations have taken place recently, they are Volvo/Plaxton N42 BWM to LUI 7641 and N41 BWM to LUI 7640, similar P330 VWR to LUI 7643, Volvo/Plaxton 454EAN (ex B127PEL) has been reregistered to LUI7651, Tiger/Plaxton E668UNE has been reregistered to LUI7646, Volvo/Plaxton P329VWR has been reregistered LUI7645, Tiger/Plaxton F145 FPV was reregistered LUI 7647 but has now been sold, also sold is similar JIL 5623 (FNM 860Y), also sold was Tiger/Plaxton B273 AMG, which had been re-registered LUI 7648. Additions are P338 VWR a Volvo/Plaxton, numbered 16 and re-registered LUI 7647 and Volvo/Van Hool L629 PSF (new as HSK 855), it is likely to become number 19.

**CEDRIC WIVENHOE** Not previously reported is that 7463 RU (WNH 143W) was sold some time ago. Recent additions are Bova Y658 HWY (numbered 3) and LDV Convoy P595 WWO (numbered 11)

**CHAMBERS BURES** Service 84 (Colchester to Sudbury) had a revised timetable, with more through journeys, introduced from 10.4.02. (When Suffolk schools return)

**CHARIOTS** Village Link services 14/15 were revised from 2.4.02, with some journeys renumbered 15A.

**CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS** New here is Vauxhall Movano Y186 HUY.

**CLINTONA BRENTWOOD** Service 1 (Bumbles Green to Harlow) passed to Arriva, with effect from 2.4.02. Operation of service 80 (Warley to Shenfield) on Saturdays, passed to Town and Country, with effect from 6.4.02.

**COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD** Bedford YNV/Plaxton 5919 RU, has been re-registered to its original D130 HML.

**CRUSADER HOLIDAYS CLACTON** New here are nine Setra S315GT-HD coaches, which have yet to be registered. They have replaced N115/7/9 FHK and R102/4/21/22 HEV, all of which are Setra S250's.

**FARGO RAYNE** Recently acquired are leyland Atlantean/East Lancs URN 209V and KCK 203W. Also here is an Optare Metrorider, for which details are awaited.

**FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE** Dart/Carlyle G129 RGT is reported still as being here. This corrects EBN 453.

**FORD ALTHORNE** Operated a 'Park & Ride' Service between the Marconi car park in Waterhouse Lane and Hylands School in Chelmsford on 9.3.02. This was in connection with the England Schools Cross Country. Vehicles seen were VR's XNV882S & AUD460R, Southend Fleetline MRJ239W and Dennis Javelin/Caetano G854VAY.

**FOUR COUNTIES BUSES SAFFRON WALDEN** Commenced operation of the following services, with effect from 2.4.02. All were with First Eastern National. Service 314 Great Dunmow to Braintree (Wed and Sat), it was also extended to run from and to Saffron Walden via Thaxted. Service 315 Stebbing Green to Great Dunmow (Thursdays). Service 346 Leaden Roding to Great Dunmow (Thursdays). Service 446 Manuden to Saffron Walden (Schooldays) passed here from Arriva (Harlow depot), with effect from 8.4.02.

**GLEW COLCHESTER** 831 FUB (VNM 900S) a Bedford YLQ/Plaxton, has been acquired from Brians, Maylandsea. Also acquired is E976 WDS a Mercedes minibus.

**GODWARD COACHES SHOTGATE** Former Thamesway Leyland Tiger/Duple IAZ 6394 (B336 BGL) has been sold. Acquired is Mercedes 709D/Reeve Burgess D403 TFT

**HAILSTONE BASILDON** LDV Convoy R763 AOE has been sold.

**HARRIS COACHES WEST THURROCK** DAF/Ikarus P702 NHJ has been sold.

**IMPERIAL RAINHAM** Are big losers, following the recent round of tender revisions. Service 549 (Ongar to Loughton) on Monday to Saturday, has been lost to Arriva, from 2.4.02. See also the Stort Valley notes. Imperial are using Dart/Plaxton K822 NKH (number D822), it is normally to be found on service 46 (Chelmsford - Ongar).

**JACKSONS BICKNACRE** Mercedes Vario/Plaxton T639 JWB remains with this operator. This also corrects EBN 453. Neoplan double decker MJ1 2374 (new as B701 JYJ) has been sold to SM Travel, Harlow.

**JWS TRAVEL GRAYS** The evening journeys on service 300 (Basildon – Tilbury) were withdrawn with effect from 4.3.02. From 8.4.02, it was further revised to operate between Grays and Basildon only, to a revised timetable.

**KINGS COPFORD** Expected soon is a new Bova KC02 ABC. It is expected to replace Volvo/Van Hool C718 NHJ (new as C26 OFL).

**KINGSTONS RETTENDON** The operating centre had moved from Sadlers Hall Farm to Main Road, Rettendon by mid-March. Leyland Titan KYV 506X was sold during last year. Various Mercedes Vario/Plaxtons have been here, these include S313 DLG, S741 RNE, T813 PNF and W995 JNF. All are thought to be dealer loans and may have gone with this operator no longer operating in the Grays area, in competition with Arriva.

**KIRBY RAYLEIGH** Have sold 444 EBE an AEC/Plaxton and JHL 670 an Atkinson/Plaxton to Mr Brenson, Chelmsford for preservation. He owns Brentwood Coaches, but these are not for the operational fleet.

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**LODGE HIGH EASTER** Vehicles to have left the fleet are K317 EJV a Mercedes minicoach and N138 YMS a Scania/Van Hool. Van Hool T815 SJI 8661 (G103 CJN) has gone to the Essex Dog Display Team. Vehicles acquired are G833/6 UDV, both are Mercedes 811D/Carlyle. Two Scania/Van Hools have come from Chambers, Moneymore, N.I. but details are unknown at present.

**LONDON TRANSIT** Operation of service 354 (Buntingford to Harlow) on Monday to Friday, passed here from First Airport Bus & Coach from 2.4.02.

**MALCOLMS BLUE BUS SERVICE CLACTON** Service 135 (Clacton-Great Clacton Circular) was withdrawn with effect from 4.3.02.

**MORLEY MAYLANDSEA** Bedford YMP/Plaxton TIW 1743 (D764 TDV) has been sold.

**NCS NEWPORT** Recently acquired is W721 XCE a LDV Convoy.

**NELSONS WICKFORD** Acquired from Beestons, is G253 EHD a DAF/Optare.

**OLYMPIAN COACHES HARLOW** Acquired for use on the recently introduced Harlow town service are Mercedes/Alexander G111/20 PGT and Mercedes/Dormobile H35 DGD.

**RAYLEIGH ROADWAYS SHOTGATE** Dennis Javelin/Caetano K710 RNR had been sold to a dealer by February 02.

**REGAL BUSWAYS** Commenced operation of the following services from 2.4.02. 52 (Chelmsford to Pleshey) ex First Eastern National and 381/2 (Toot Hill to Harlow) ex Arriva. They have acquired G172 FJC (number 72) a Mercedes Benz 709D/Reeve Burgess, it has been seen on service 52. Regal vehicles for Essex routes are based at Heavyhaul, Ongar Road West, Cooksmill Green.

The company has a website at [www.regalbusways.com](http://www.regalbusways.com) which includes news and timetables of the two bus routes.

**RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM** Recently acquired is Toyota/Caetano H391 CFT.

**RUMBLE CANVEY ISLAND** Leyland Royal Tiger/van Hool LIL 2836 (B380 AMH) has been sold. Operations are now based at Northwick Road.

**SEYMOUR HARLOW** Recently acquired is 46 HLT, a Mercedes/Reeve Burgess. This plate was on a coach with this operator, but has more recently been on a private car.

**SM TRAVEL HARLOW** Service SM20 (Katherines to Harlow) and T15 (Potter Street to Harlow) had revised routes and timetables introduced from 11.3.02. Leyland Titan GYE 266W has been reregistered LUI 5578, while Bova/Duple A319 HFP is now LUI 5579.

**STANS GREAT TOTHAM** Ford Transit G808 FTW is now with Brians, Maylandsea. Its place here is taken by Ford Transit/Dormobile MIL 9403 (H112 SVG).

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**STORT VALLEY STANSTED** Are using the trading name Locallink, for number of services in the Harlow and Bishops Stortford areas. Indeed the company is registered as Memories for Tomorrow and also uses Stort Valley as a trading name for it's coach operations. Recent services revisions are as follows:-

- 5** Harlow to Pinnacles. Minor timetable changes from 2.4.02.
- 14** Bishops Stortford to Farnham Green. Taken over from Arriva with effect from 4.4.02. Revised to operate Thursday only, with one journey each way.
- 47** Ongar to Harlow. Taken over from Arriva from 2.4.02.
- 146** Ongar to Abbess Roding. Taken over from Arriva from 2.4.02.
- 147** Toot Hill to Harlow. Taken over from Arriva from 3.4.02.
- 200** Harlow to Buckhurst Hill. Taken over from Imperial, with effect from 1.4.02.
- 201** Ongar to Buckhurst Hill. Taken over from Imperial, with effect from 1.4.02.
- 202** Loughton to Romford. Taken over from Trustline, with effect from 3.4.02.
- 210** Start Hill to Harlow. Revised route and timetable introduced from 2.4.02.
- 347/8** Hatfield Broad Oak to Harlow. Taken over from Arriva from 2.4.02.
- 500** Harlow to Romford. Taken over from Imperial with effect from 1.4.02.

Vehicle news is that Volvo/Plaxton MIL 1853 (new as A339 HNR) and Leyland National 2 BHY 997V have been acquired.

Dennis R/Plaxton demonstrator Y795 UDT was here in mid-March. The National 2 and Leyland Titan A606 THV are in Locallink livery, Dennis Javelin/Plaxton N30 TCC and P426 JDT are in Commuter colours, Volvo/Plaxton P186 NAK, Y823-5 HHE and Dennis Javelin/Plaxton R129 XWF are in Jetlink livery, for the Birmingham-Stansted service. Dennis Javelin/Plaxton R130 XWF, P427 JDT and T637 JWB are white, with Stort Valley names. While Javelin/Plaxton N10 TCC is in Travellers livery.

**SUPREME COLCHESTER** This operator, is now based at Grange Way, Colchester. LAG coach HSK 857, has been reregistered to it's original G439 NVV and sold. Bristol VR/ECW URF 673S has been sold to Ward, Arlesford.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PURFLEET** Recent additions are Leyland Lynx D103 NDW from Metrobus and Mercedes Vario/Plaxton S391 HVV, two more Lynx are due from the same source. Metrobus BYX 156V has been withdrawn.

**TRUSTLINE SERVICES POTTERS BAR** Commenced operation of services B14 (Staple Tye to Templefields) and 392/3 (Harlow to Rye Park) ex First Airport Bus and Coach with effect from 2.4.02. Service 251 (Upshire to Waltham Cross) on Sundays passed here from Arriva, with effect from 1.4.02.

**WARD ARLESFORD** Additions are Leyland Tiger/Plaxton FKK 838Y (re-registered from RIL 9731). This plate is now on a Volvo/Duple E206 MSB, also acquired recently.

**WICKS BRAINTREE** DAF/Van Hool H238 AFV has been re-registered MIB 1770.

### Timetable Books

The latest Timetable books from Essex County Council are :-

- West & North West Essex 28/3 (Next issue 30/6)
- Central Essex 27/1 (New edition inc First Overground services- early May)
- North East Essex 27/1 (New issue expected 28/4)
- South Essex/Southend 24/2 (Next issue 2/6)
- South Essex 24/2 (Next issue 2/6)

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# Essex Dealer Report

## The latest vehicle movements at Purfleet dealer Ensignbus

### Vehicles in

From London General M1237,M1315 AF on 16/03.  
 From London Central T1057 NX on 07/03.  
 From Ariva TOLST ERM143,237,242,281 and RM1864 03/03.  
 From Coastal Liner,Staffs Leopard GIL3581  
 Returned from Loan M175 (Connex) M1333 From Liverpool MS.  
 From London General M1311,M1203 (A on 21/03) M1211,M1225,M977 (A on 22/03)  
 M1046 (Q on 20/03)  
 From London Central T954,T946,T1062,T1051 All from BX on 20/03 T1064 from Q on 20/03  
 From British Army,Lydd T1001 (For spares only)  
 From Phoenix Student Travel. Tiger E275KEF.

### Vehicles Out

Hong Kong Metro's ML62 DV3433 MB9041 ML64 DV4883 MB9060  
 Arriva TOLST.  
 Tiger SIB9242 Kingstons of Essex.  
 M1137 Barker buses,Harlow.  
 M1430 Scotguide,Glasgow (City Sightseeing half top conversion)  
 Lynx F283AWW,Dart G29TGW ,Olympian L44 Phoenix Student Travel,Maldon  
 Olympian A110FDL Western Greyhound,Newquay.  
 Tiger A118EPA Coastal Liner,Staffs.  
 T954,T946,T1062,T1051,M1333,M1315,M1237,M1046,M1211,M1225,M977 Glenvale  
 Transport,Liverpool.  
 M794 joins M812 with WB Engineering services ,Billericay,for painting of Limehouse Link.  
 M441 Tittleshall Coaches,Kings Lynn.  
 Metrobus B149EDP Trimmer Travel,Romford.  
 M361 Converted to open top and transferred to City Sightseeing as 361.  
 M512,M907 PVS for scrap.  
 Bedford WOO903W RS Training Services,Sussex.  
 ERM281,ERM242,ERM237,ERM143 Lothian Buses (collected on 21/03)  
 Dennis Condor EG7583 DL25 now G708FVX with Weavaway Travel,Newbury.  
 Lynx F294AWW Phoenix Student Travel,Maldon.

**For more about Ensignbus check [www.ensignbus.com](http://www.ensignbus.com)**

Disposals and subsequent history of London based vehicles are covered in more detail by London Omnibus Traction Society (LOTS) See their web page [www.lots.org.uk](http://www.lots.org.uk) for details on joining the group. Disposals from London operators are usually referred to by their fleet number. For registrations see 'London Bus & Tram Fleetbook 2002' published by LOTS

# Essex Welfare Buses

Ian Taylor keeps us informed with a list of non PCV welfare buses and minibuses currently operated by Brentwood Borough Council and Braintree and Harlow District Councils. This updates information last published in June 1998 (EBN 410) and has been gleaned from official fleet lists supplied by the three councils in late 2001. Any updates or additional details welcome. Please write to Ian Taylor or email [ian.k.taylor@royalmail.co.uk](mailto:ian.k.taylor@royalmail.co.uk)

## BRENTWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

|            |                 |              |                                               |              |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>132</b> | <b>JTW 880N</b> | Bedford VAS5 | mobile office<br>(ex Essex CC mobile library) | <b>7.75</b>  |
| <b>55</b>  | <b>D346 STW</b> | Ford Transit | minibus                                       | <b>12.86</b> |

## BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL

|                 |                      |                           |             |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>E694 DPU</b> | Ford Transit         | minibus                   | <b>1987</b> |
| <b>N104 BNO</b> | Renault Master T35D  | minibus (Devon M12L body) | <b>1996</b> |
| <b>T668 AJF</b> | Renault Master LM35D | minibus                   | <b>1999</b> |
| <b>T678 AJF</b> | Renault Master LM35D | minibus                   | <b>1999</b> |
| <b>X675 AAY</b> | Renault Master LM35D | minibus                   | <b>9.00</b> |

## HARLOW DISTRICT COUNCIL

|                      |                          |             |              |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>0812 H817 GAR</b> | Fd Transit 190/Dormobile | welfare bus | <b>09.90</b> |
| <b>0881 H126 NVX</b> | Fd Transit 190/Dormobile | welfare bus | <b>10.91</b> |
| <b>0942 K461 GEV</b> | Ford Transit 120         | minibus     | <b>02.93</b> |
| <b>1022 M746 WEV</b> | Ford Transit 120         | minibus     | <b>01.95</b> |
| <b>1071 R985 WTW</b> | Ford Transit 190         | minibus M12 | <b>09.97</b> |
| <b>1072 R986 WTW</b> | Ford Transit 190         | minibus M12 | <b>09.97</b> |
| <b>1122 S678 LLN</b> | Ford Transit 120         | minibus M13 | <b>11.98</b> |
| <b>1142 V355 NHJ</b> | Ford Transit 120         | minibus M11 | <b>02.00</b> |
| <b>1151 W558 AHK</b> | Ford Transit 400         | minibus M15 | <b>04.00</b> |

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### EASTERN NATIONAL'S FIRST BRISTOLS

Since the formation of Eastern National in 1930, the single deck fleet was renewed by Leyland and Dennis types, but in 1936 the Bristol JO chassis was introduced.

Nineteen JO5Gs were introduced, 3615-3633 (DEV451-469). fitted with Eastern Counties DP31F bodies. Painted in a dual purpose livery of half green and half cream, these were primarily for Express and Private Hire services.

These were followed in 1937 by 3683-3685 (ENO961-963) these were basically the same but had roof racks.

#### 3615-3633

Rebuilt by Beadle, this incorporated sliding vents in place of drop style windows.

|                             |               |      |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|
| 3633                        | (DEV466)      | 1940 |
| 3631/2                      | (DEV467/8)    | 1941 |
| 3617/22/31                  | (DEV453/8/67) | 1946 |
| note 3631 was rebuilt twice |               |      |

3633 (DEV460) was rebodied by Eastern Coachworks B32R in 1943 due war damage. The body sides resembled the Westcliff Bristol JOs, it is said that they were from ECW spares stock.

3628/31/2 (DEV464/7/83/) were transferred to London Transport at Grays from 39/9/51 - 2/2/52.

333620/5/7/ (DEV456/61/3/5/9) were taken over by United Counties in 5/52 with the 3633 with the transfer of the Midland area, they were numbered 182-186 by United Counties.

When the fleet renumbering took place in July 1954. 3615-9/21/3/4/30 became 233-241.

#### 3683-3685

3683 (ENO961) was destroyed in the Chelmsford garage disaster in 1943

3684/5 (ENO962/3) were renumbered 258/9 in 1954.

All had been withdrawn from service by 1959, mainly going for scrap, however 3623 (DEV463) was rebuilt as pantechinon and a few were used as contractors buses.

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### THE BRISTOL PV2 RADIATOR

With the rebodging by Eastern National and Westcliff Motor Services in 1949/50 of Bristol GO and Ks the postwar Bristol radiator the PV2 was fitted. this sat lower down on the chassis and greatly improved the appearance of the vehicle.

Eastern National had rebodied two Ks in 1944 3634-3635 (DEV481-482), these were victims of the Grays depot fire in 1943, these were fitted with new type radiators in 1949, this entailed substantial rebuilding the cabs.

Eastern National also undertook the fitting of PV2s to four saloons, Bristol JO5G 3677 (ENO950) and 3717 (FNO790) and L5G 3760 (GPU415) and 3782 (GPU434).

Westcliff only rebodied four Bristol GO5G (JN6892/3/4/6) but Bristol K (JN9540-4) and AHJ401-3) had their cabs rebuilt to take PV2 radiators.

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## **ESSEX BUS NEWS THROUGH THE YEARS**

### **APRIL 1967 Fares Up**

Issue 40 of the Group newsletter revealed that both Eastern National and Colchester Corporation had applied to increase fares.

A six mile journey with Eastern National, would now cost 1s/6d (about 8p), while a journey of similar length with Colchester Corporation would now cost 1s/0d (5p). Fares within Colchester, would be at the Corporation rates.

Of particular interest, was that EN had applied for half fares for children, not to apply before 0900.

Vehicle news in the month was that EN had Ford R192/Willowbrook SVW 275D on loan, it had operated various OMO routes from Chelmsford depot.

The construction of a new housing estate had seen a new route 56 (Chelmsford – Springfield, Waveney Drive) registered.

Bristol K5G GBE 846 had been acquired from Lincolnshire, for conversion to a mobile information office. This was particularly unusual for EN, as it was a highbridge vehicle.

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|--------------------------|------|
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| Shenfield Station        | 0750 |
| Brentwood High St Stop E | 0755 |
| Gallows Corner Tesco's   | 0805 |
| Newbury Park opp Station | 0810 |
| Gants Hill Odeon Cinema  | 0815 |
| Redbridge opp Station    | 0820 |

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