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Essex Bus News

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Summer treats

Everyone likes a treat once in a while and we've certainly got one for you this month with 32 pages packed with news on the county's bus and coaches.

Look out for our free extra 'Essex bus shop', 4 pages featuring a top range of books and exclusive offers at great prices.

The summer treats continue next month with 'Grays 50', an 8 page collectors souvenir to celebrate the big changes in Essex 50 years ago.

If your subscription runs out in July, renew promptly so that you don't miss out. An annual subscription costs as little as £14, now that really is a treat!

All Aboard!

Cover

Hedingham Bristol VR /ECW L248 HJB 455W is seen here on 22nd March picking up passengers in Clacton on Service 131 Jaywick—Clacton Circular. Don't forget to join us for our trip to all 5 Hedingham garages—Book now! (Photo:Chris Stewart)

Photo

Buses in the News

The Latest News from the Bus World

First Profits Tumble

Major bus and rail operator First is licking its wounds following a 20 per cent fall in profits last year.

Transport analysts said the headline results were in line with expectations, but an unexpected £17m compensation payment from Railtrack for disruption to rail services masked other problems, including industrial action and restructuring in the US bus division. The company also wrote off £2m for its failed bid for the South West Trains franchise as an exceptional cost.

Disposals

In the year to March 31 pre-tax profits after exceptionals and goodwill amortisation fell from £136.8m to £109.5m, on turnover up from £2.05bn to £2.16bn. The main reasons for the fall in profits were the disposals last year of Bristol Airport and a Hong Kong bus operation, and a £15m payment to the Strategic Rail Authority to renegotiate the loss-making First North Western franchise.

Boost

Good progress on a series of quality partnerships with some local authorities helped boost UK bus turnover 3 per cent, but higher driver costs reduced the operating margin from 13.3 to 13 per cent.

First also believes it is in a good position to win the new Greater Anglia rail franchise, which will include its existing Great Eastern services.

Sales Assistants Wanted

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

**For details call
Alan Osborne on
020 8590 2021**

Essex Bus Diary

Your Guide to Forthcoming Events

Tuesday July 16 Visit to Stephenson's of Essex

An evening visit to their garage and a tour by open top bus, joint with the Omnibus Society. 1900 for 1930 – depot is located off South Street, Rochford, behind the fire station. No need to book, simply turn up on the evening. Organised jointly by Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group & The Omnibus Society.

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)

Thursday 8th August Toy & Train Collectors Fair, Bishops Stortford
The Mitre Suite, Bishops Stortford Football Club, Woodside Road, Dunmow Rd, Bishops Stortford.— From 1900 –2100 About 50 stalls selling bus and train models and toys. John Webb 01526 398198
Further event on 8/8, 10/10 & 5/12

Saturday 24th August Toy & Train Collectors Fair, Brentwood

International Hall Doddinghurst Rd, Brentwood –From 1000–1500
Over 200 tables John Webb 01526 398198 Further event on Sat 30th Nov.

Sunday 25th August Toy & Train Collectors Fair, Colchester

Higwoods Sports Centre, Brinkley Lane. From 1000 –1500
70 tables John Webb 01526 398198 Further event on 20/10 & 1/12

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 is enclosed this month and you are advised to book now as this great day is likely to sell out.

Tuesday 10th September – Group Meeting, Rochford

Talk by Bill Hiron, Stephenson's of Essex

Our first meeting for the autumn season and it should be an interesting evening. Group meetings take place in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford (the old railway goods shed, adjacent to Rochford station). There is a large car park and Great Eastern trains and Arriva services 7/8 stop nearby.

Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2145

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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. More details on their website www.showbus.com

Tuesday 8th October Group Meeting, Rochford

Slide show by Chris Stewart - "Brentwood Connections"
Other Group meetings on Tuesday 12th Nov & 10th Dec

Saturday 26th October LOTS Annual Transport Spectacular

Being held at Goresbrook Leisure centre, Dagenham. Frequent Bus links from local rail Stns. See their website for details www.lots.org.uk

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- Bus Shop—A free 4 page shopping pullout.
- Your chance to book for the Hedingham Shed Bash

Summer Treats

Next Month.....

- Grays 50 - A special collectors pullout with 8 pages of photos, Vintage timetables & articles

Don't Miss The Bus!

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First in Essex

Volvos in

Further details of the acquired Volvo B10Ls are as follows:

630 P188UNS	Volvo 3R5A516TA000438	Wright B43F W325 new 1996
631 P189UNS	000439	W327
632 P190UNS	000447	W326
633 P191UNS	000448	W328
634 P192UNS	000452	W329

The Scania for service 100 will be numbered **655-667** (ex First Edinburgh 536-558), of type L94UB with Wright Solar B43F bodies.

Registrations are (in current fleetnumber order) **SN51 UYG/K, UXX, UYA/D/H/L, UXY, UYB/E/J, UXZ, UYC.**

The three Volvo B10L/Alexander Ultra (M394MRW, M10ULF, N141VDU) have been transferred elsewhere within the *First* group without being used.

Allocation Changes (period ending 26 May)

321 CF-Disp; 326 HH-Disp; 327 HH-Disp; 374 BN-Disp; 512-537 new-CF; 625 DVT-Disp; 630 Acq-HH; 805 BN-RD; 807 RD-Disp; 811 HH-Disp(*); 983 HH-BN; 1429 CF-BN; 1433 BN-DVT; 2625 AB-Disp; 2626 AB-Disp; 2627 CF-Disp; 2628 AB-Disp; 2630 BE-Disp; 2631-2639 CF-Disp; 2640 CF-AB(S); 2642-2646 CF-Reserve; 2649 CN-AB; 2650 CN-AB(S); 2651 CN-Disp; 2652 CN-HH; 2653 CN-HH; 2803 BE-CN; 2806 CF-CN; 2809 CF-CN; 2810 CF-CN; 2823 CF-CN; 2824 CF-CN; 2910 CF-BE; 2911 CF-BE; 3101 HH-Disp; 3113 HH-BN; 5011 CF-PST

Hadleigh has lost its last VR's, bringing to an end 33 years of the type in the Southend area – 3000/1/4 (CPU979/80/3G) were allocated new to Southend depot in March 1969 for the X10.

The large H-LJN registered batch of original Mercedes 709's is now represented solely by 314, the South Essex paint spare. (*)811 was reported still in use on 7th June.

Repaints/Refurbishments (to 'Barbie 2')

5.02 630 633 634 631 632 966 969 970 971 4016 (rfb)

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News in Brief

On 23rd May, a Ford Transit high-roof van (M317MOC) was noted passing through Chelmsford, painted red with *First Publicity Vehicle* lettering. At the Southend Bus Rally on 26th May were Volvo 630 (P188UNS), Solo 510 (EO02FLK), Scania 654 (T654SSF) and VR 3113 (XHK218X). Dart 711 was in use at the Southend Airshow over Jubilee Holiday weekend, with staff distributing material for both *First Great Eastern* and *First in Essex*.

VR Watch

Three VR's remain active at Colchester, on a variety of duties as the following random selection will indicate. 3078 (officially disposal-listed) worked the 82 to Fordham on 10th May. The following day both this and 3103 were on the 64. On 18th, 3078 was on the 66C, 3092 on the 64 all day and 3103 worked a 77. On 27th 3078 worked the 16.18 West Mersea from the Bus Station replacing a defective Volvo Olympian; 3092 worked 193 East Bergholt School journey, then 17.30 Colchester-Brightlingsea. 3103 worked the 16.20 (ex Bus Station) service 77 to Wivenhoe. On 24th May, 3103 had worked the 16.30 Colchester-Halstead 88 and return, while 3092 had been on the afternoon West Bergholt schools service 69.

Wandering Solo's and Decker's

The first reported sighting of a Solo on a non-Solo route was on the morning of the 27th May with 537 appearing on the 42. Mercedes 709 2676 and other non-standard vehicles have appeared, including Lynx 1416 on 5th June. This is while the usual batch Darts are being repainted and route-branded – 739/40/2-4 have been reported so far (740 having already been repainted some time ago).

With the transfer of an additional double-decker to Basildon, schools service 502 (Shenfield-Westcliff/Southend High) is now presumed to be worked from BN and not HH as previously; VR 3112 was noted on 23rd May. On the same day, CR4307 was noted passing through Billericay High Street (not in service), although the reason for this was not clear.

Overground Update

One correction to last month's notes: 532 is branded Orange for the 54/56, not Purple for the 47; the 47 is not scheduled entirely for Solo operation, hence only two vehicles are branded for it. 512-514 carry 'Overground' lettering whereas 535-537 entered service without this.

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Service Changes

2nd June

74B Clacton –Tiptree – New Timetables .Withdrawn from Elmstead Heath& journeys btwn Colchester & Tiptree transferred to Service 75. Renumbered to 74 on Sundays.

77/78 Colchester –Brightlingsea –New Timetable.

5th June

64 Greenstead –Layer De la Haye- New timetable.

70 Colchester- Braintree – New Timetable & revised route in Braintree.

75 Colchester –Maldon –New timetable

76 Colchester –Clacton –New Timetable

88 Colchester –Gt Yeldham –New Timetable.

605 Colchester – Clacton –ECC Sunday service until 29/9

606 Walton –Harwich - ECC Sunday service until 29/9

631 Burnham –Maldon - ECC Sunday service until 29/9

632 Maldon –Braintree - ECC Sunday service until 29/9

633 Braintree –Saffron Waldon - ECC Sunday service until 29/9

First Takes 565

From Saturday 8.6.02, the Bulphan-West Horndon-Brentwood Station section of the former Blue Triangle 565 is operated (M-S) by *First* under contract to Essex CC; Dart BN914 worked the first day. Some journeys are discontinued or re-timed, but an additional bus operates at 17.30 from Brentwood; all journeys now start and finish at Bulphan (previously some terminated at West Horndon).

Mobility Changes

From 3.8.02 it is proposed that Mobility service 951 will run on Fri instead of Sat. New route 952 is scheduled to run on Tues, Thurs & Sat from Romford to Lakeside via routes 951, 225 and 370 (serving North and South Ockendon rather than Warley). The 951/2 will then provide a regular 6-day-a-week service between Romford and Cranham.

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

First Airport

	AIRPORT BUSES	AIRPORT COACHES
TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT		
Minibus	8	3
Midibus	8	0
Coach	4	1
SPARES		
Minibus	1	1
Midibus	1	0
Coach	0	0
TOTAL ALLOCATION		
Minibus	9	4
Midibus	9	0
Coach	4	1
TOTAL	22	5

First in Essex fleet allocation 26 May 2002

Airport Buses	100-2/12, 432/4/5, 917/43, 602/8/10, 2640/9/50, 2802/13-5/22/5/8
Airport Coaches	103/11, 397/8
Braintree (BE)	944, 2647/8/56/63/4/75/80, 2804/8/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 2910/1, 3219, 5000
Basildon (BN)	404-8, 711-4/34-8, 805/11, 852-5, 913-5/8-22/4-34/45/59-72/3/7, 978-8-6, 1429/30/2, 3109/12/3, 4026/30, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	430/1/3, 512-37, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/8/13-6/25-8, 1516-20, 2667/8/70-4/6-8, 2901-9, 3072, 4007/10/2/24/5, 5001-4/6
Clacton (CN)	907/12/6, 1510-3, 2649/50/2-4/65/83, 2801/3/5/6/9/10/19/20, 2823/4, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	621-4/6, 650-4, 715/6, 908-11/74-6, 1501-9, 2679, 2829/30, 2921-6, 4014, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-5
Hadleigh (HH)	409/10, 630, 701-10/7-21, 808/9, 935-42/6-58, 987, 1400/4-6/9-12, 1417-24/31, 2652/3/7-62, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	2655/66/9/81/2, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401-3, 501-11, 805/6/10
Heritage	2383, 9001
Float	314, 2641-6, 3092, 3103
Delicensed	104/7
Disposal	117, 313/5-20/1/3-7/46/55/7/64/8/72/4-6/9/80, 625, 807/11, 2602/3/8/19/25-8/30-40/51, 3069/76-9/83/4/94, 3101, 4028, 9021, 9411
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN); 1924, 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	6	4	10 (2)	2	1	4	11	5	45
Midibus	12	49	42	12	20	0	34	0	169
SD	0	3	11 (5)	4	11	0	16	0	50
DD	1	4	4 (1)	4	15	6	3	0	38
Phoenix DD	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5
Phoenix	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
SD/Midi									
Mobility (Midi)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	7
Midibus	1	5	4	1	2	0	3	0	16
SD	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	0	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 (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL									
ALLOC									
Minibus	7	5	11 (2)	3	1	5	12	6	52
Midibus	13	54	46	13	22	0	37	0	185
SD	0	3	13 (5)	4	14	0	18	0	57
DD	1	5	5 (1)	5	15	7	4	0	43
Phoenix DD	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Phoenix	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SD/Midi									
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	72	80 (8)	25	52	12	71	17	359

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ARRIVA

Harlow & Ware

Vehicles out

3349 (J316 XVX): Arriva Southend

Allocation changes

5/02: 3352 from HA to WE.

DAF on 331

Unusual working (although the 2nd time I have seen it): "Greenline"
DAF/Pn 3443 on service 331 through to Royston on 15/5

DAF SB120

I am reliably informed that the 3 (4514-6) supplied to Arriva the Shires are type DE12BSSB120 having a "Euro 3" engine, chassis no 9444-6. The same applies to those at Arriva Guildford & West Surrey - in fact all from chassis no 9400 are Euro 3.

The ones at Grays (4500-13) are confirmed as DE12CSSB120 having Euro 2 engines and have chassis no 9369-72/62/73-78/55-57 respectively.

IVECO 59-12 update

20/5: Parked up at HA - 2230, 2333 (both in Arriva livery)

20/5: Parked up at Ware - 2091/8/9, 2339-41/5/51/5/7/61/2 (2357 in County livery, rest in Arriva)

9/5: Parked up at SV - 2090/4/6/7, 2233, 2337/8/52/3/8

7/5: Stated by Co parked up at High Wycombe - 2092

7/5: Stated by Co parked up at HA - 2093, 2231, 2349/56/60/4 although the latter 2 reported in service late April.

Southend

Into the Fleet

E3349 J316 XVX Dennis Dart 9SDL3011/Wright Handybus B35F

In Brief Buses have started to be fitted with running number holders and most now display them on the nearside window near the door.



New as EN 1119 HHJ 380Y Leyland Tiger/Alexander TE –Sold to Roadcar in January along with the bus services of Eaglen, Morton. Now numbered 467, it is seen leaving Gainsborough bus station on 30th March this year. (Martin Weyell)



Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Society still owns former EN 2255 , a 1949 Bristol K5G, which they use as a sales outlet. It is seen here at this years LVVS open day. (Martin Weyell)



This Leyland bodied TD1 has been repainted into the livery of its first owner , Bolton Corporation but it is thought to be the last former Hicks vehicle still in existence. LVVS have owned this splendid bus since 1969 (Martin Weyell)



OHK 432 is a Roberts bodied Daimler CVD6, new to Colchester Corporation in 1949. It passed into preservation in 1968 and has been owned by LVVS for longer than it ran in service. Looking in fine condition, it is seen here giving rides at the LVVS open day. (Martin Weyell)



Town & Country have won a number of school and council contracts recently and 107 T437 EDB is seen opposite Shenfield Station on the Saturday only service 80 Warley – Shenfield.



Looking smart in First colours is 608 N608 APU Volvo B10M/Plaxton which along with it's sisters 602 & 610 are regular sightings on Colchester – Stansted Coachlink 222.
(Both photos Chris Stewart)

Into the fleet

3168 J468 OKP Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3017/Plaxton Pointer B40F
In 31/5 from Hawkhurst via Maidstone.

Out of the Fleet

**E3317 B857 XYR , E3318 B858 XYR , E3319 B859 XYR, E3320 B860
XYR Volvo B10M –Withdrawn to Southend.(store)**

**E5350 GYE 410W, E5360 BYX 220V, E5369 BYX 299V MCW Metrobus –
Withdrawn to Southend.(store)**

617 G617 BPH Volvo B10M Transferred to Horsham

Repaint

01/06 - 4336 returned after a repaint at Dartford.

No branding

The route branding on the Darts has been removed over the last couple of months, and replaced with adverts. No bus at Colchester now has route branding.

Publicity

A new edition of the Borough card leaflet has been issued. Valid for trips on Arriva ,First & Hedingham services, it is issued for inner zone (Boundary West Bergholt, Wivenhoe, Fingringhoe & Horkesley Heath) Outer Zone (Boundary Dedham, West Mersea, Kelvedon, Earls Colne)

Inner zone 1 week £9 , 1 month £31 , 3 months £83

Outer zone 1 week £16 , 1 month £60 , 3 months £170

ARRIVA Service Changes

Sunday 9th June 8, 2002 -7/8 Shoeburyness –Southend-Rayleigh – In
addition to the changes given last month, there were minor daytime timing changes btwn Ashingdon & Prittlewell.

Saturday 22nd JUNE -510 Harlow –Stansted Airport – Revised route and
timetable- no longer serving Maddox Rd, Howard Rd, Minchen Rd &
Momples Rd except Mon –Sat Evenings. Also see route 8 below.

8 Harlow –Old Harlow – New route covering withdrawn section of 510
detailed above. Mon-Sat daytime x20

Saturday 29th June- 133 Braintree- Stansted Airport –

New timetable & wdn from Brunwin Rd, Rayne.

Forthcoming changes include ...370/373 Grays – Romford – Timing changes expected in July. Possible changes to Southend area routes 6 & 17 from August.

ARRIVA Datafile

Southend	PVR 63		Allocation		
T –Vehicle fitted with Tacho.					
Double Deck	32		Allocation	37	
Dennis Dominator	E5273	E5274	E5275	E5276	E5278
	E5286	E5287	E5288		
Dennis Trident	E5434	E5435	E5436	E5437	E5438
	E5439	E5441	E5442	E5443	E5445
	E5446	E5547	E5548	E5549	E5451
Leyland Olympian	E5392	E5393T	E5394	E5395	E5396
	E5399	E5402	E5404T	E5405T	
Volvo Olympian	E5415T	E5416T	E5417T	E5418T	E5419T
Single Deck	PVR 19		Allocation	20	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3218	E3220	E3221	E3222	E3223
	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	E2110T	E2115
Mercedes 810	E2188	E2191	E2192	E2193	E2372
Dengie Contract	PVR 4		Allocation	5	
Renault Master T35	E0329	E0331	E0332	E0333	E0334
Coach	PVR 1		Allocation	1	
	E4310T				
Training School Buses					
Leyland Lynx	E3065	E3066	E3338		
Shuttles	E1253	R580LVL			

Colchester	PVR 42		Allocation 50		
Double Deck	PVR 11		Allocation 14		
Leyland Olympian	E5388	E5389T	E5390T	E5397T	E5398T
	E5403	E5407T	E5408T	E5409T	
MCW Metrobus	E5361	E5365			
Volvo D10M	610	613	614		
Single Deck	PVR 16		Allocation 16		
DAF SB220	E4335	E4336	E4337	E4339T	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3419	E3420	E3422	E3430T	
Leyland Lynx	E3341	E3342	E3343	E3346	E3347
Volvo B6	E3241	E3245	E3246		
Midi Bus	PVR 11		Allocation 16		
Dennis Dart	DS015	DS019	DS020	DS021	DS023
	DS024				
Mercedes 711	E2388	E2391	E2392		
Mercedes 810	E2174	E2243	E2382	E2383	E2384
Mercedes 811	1461	1462			
Coach	PVR 4		Allocation 4		
Scania k113	E4352T	E4353T			
Leyland Tiger	E4505T	E4512T			
Grays	PVR 38		Allocation 45		
Double Deck	PVR 1		Allocation		1
Leyland Olympian	E5385				
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			

Other Operators

A&D BENFLEET New MF51CLJ a Mercedes/Olympic minicoach.

APT RAYLEIGH Tiger/Alexander A39 XHE is now B65F.

BLUE TRIANGLE Service 565 West Horndon - Romford was withdrawn after 8.6.02. ECC may tender the route.

BOBS LITTLE OAKLEY Here but as a non-PSV is P257 FOP a Renault Master.

BRANDON BLACKMORE END Acquired last year, but not reported until now is Bristol LHS/Plaxton GGC 224X.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE LDV Convoy P595 WWO (EBN 456 refers) came from New Horizons, who are also based in Wivenhoe. Bova Futura MIL 2886 (G97 VFP) has returned to service, following repairs to fire damage.

CF TRANSPORT THUNDERSLEY This recently started operator has H334 AKN a Fiat/Dormobile.

CHARIOTS STANFORD LE HOPE MAN/Noge S606 VAY -sold.

CROWN BENFLEET New here Mercedes/Carlyle H994 FTT

FOURWAYS HIGHWOOD The recent reports of new DAF/Ikarus YJ51 ELU/ENO and one other here, are in error.

GARDNER HIGHWOOD New here LAG Panoramic LIL 9715 n.

HARRIS COACHES DAF/Ikarus P701 NHJ was sold late last year.

JWS TRAVEL CHADWELL ST MARY Optare Metroriders J935/43 JJR are recent additions.

MILESTONE CANVEY ISLAND A recent addition is G146 GOL an Iveco/Carlyle.

NELSONS WICKFORD In addition to the fleet last published last month, Leyland National 2 ARN 893Y, remains in stock.

OLYMPIAN COACHES HARLOW A second service in Harlow commenced on 10.6.02. It is service OC3 and runs every 20 minutes, between 0915 and 1600 (1430 on Saturdays), between Harlow and Staple Tye.

PDQ TRAVEL COLCHESTER Fire damaged Toyota/Caetano H708 BRG has been sold.

SUPREME COLCHESTER Three former West Midlands Metrobuses, acquired some while ago, but not previously reported are KJW 300W, LOA 427/34X. LAG E180Z HSK 858 has been re-registered to its original G438 NVV and sold.

WARD ARLESFORD Scania/Van Hool JIL 7651 (M222 DDY) was sold last year. JIL 7651 has been retained by this operator for re-use.

WINDMILL GT BENTLEY Recent additions are EXI 6387 a Setra S210H and for spares Leyland Atlantean/Roe KPJ 289W.

Phoenix Student Travel

Into the fleet

From Ensign - to be prepared for service from September.

5015 F294 AWW Leyland Lynx

6016 C818 BYY Leyland Olympian/ECW

From Essex Buses

5051 K634 GVX Mercedes 709D/Plaxton Beaver – being repainted

TBC K633 GVX (as above) - to be converted to a service van/control vehicle

Previous acquisition 6015 (C81CHM) is being prepared as and when engineering resources permit and may not be on the road for some while yet.

Maldon Extension

The yard at Maldon has been extended by moving the fence back, to substantially enlarge the parking area.

New Service

Monday 10th June

401 Steeple - Maylandsea - South Woodham - Sandon School, previously operated by Excalibur Travel. Likely to be Lynx operated most of the time.

Hedingham

Into the fleet

L326 J41 GGB Leyland Lynx 2 –From Ensign 5/02

L327 TBA Dennis Dart/Transbus Pointer 2 B29F -Expected 7/02

Out of the fleet

L136 D136XVW Bedford YMP

Plaxton Derwent 2

L137 D137XVW Bedford YMP

Plaxton Derwent 2

In BriefWon on tender to ECC is School service 115 Weeley –Tendering High Sch (Date TBA) – Requires low height Decker less than 10 years old. **The New Dart L327** is needed for the award of ECC contract for Village Link 2 Clacton –Mistley – Start date TBA **ECC Contract for 172 Messing** – Colchester has not been retained. End date TBA

Essex Dealer Report

The latest vehicle movements at Ensignbus

Vehicles in

From London Central T1037 NX on 23/04 T1086,T1090 PM on 18/04

From Receivers of White Rose DT88,DRL86,DRL88,DRL89.

From London General M1230 A on 19/04.

From Blazefield Holdings Lynxes D109NDW,F168SMT,J41GGB.

From London General M808 (A on 17/05) M1370 (AF on 11/05)

From London Central T973 (NX on 10/05)

From Kingston Coaches,Essex T1068.

From Metroline M373,M3. 31/05

From Heddingham Omnibuses Bedfords D136XVR,D137XVR.

From Kingstons,Essex. M453,T1068.

From Hams Coaches,Flimwell Tiger B218HAM.

From Burnley and Pendle. Lynxes G296KWY,F660PWK.

Vehicles Out

Olympian A243GHN Cedrics coaches,Essex.

T1064,M1196,M1305,M1387 Halifax Joint Committee.

T1086,T1090 Glenvale Transport,Liverpool.

M38 S and M Coaches,Benfleet.

Olympian SCK225X Jeffs Coaches,Northants.

L81 Phoenix Student Travel,Maldon.

DRL86,DRL88,DRL89 Mass Transit,Lincoln.

Hong Kong Metrobus ML50 DU154 now E869JAR with Big Bus,London.

Hong Kong Condor DL42 EJ4042 now G717FVX with Fargo Coaches,Essex.

Hong Kong Condor DL4 EE9168 now F287UJN with Weavaway Travel,Newbury

T1071 Halifax Joint Committee for spares.

M511 Norfolk Police as mobile police station.

Olympian UWW9X Confidence,Leicester.

M133,M85 Clicknetic Ltd,as internet buses.

Olympians SCK226X,DBV137Y Jeffs Coaches,Northants.

M175 Metropolitan Omnibus.

M578 PVS for scrap.

M1357,M1304,M1235,M1302,M1224,M818,M808,M1370,M1388 all to Glenvale Transport,Liverpool.

T973,T1037 Glenvale Transport,Liverpool.

M331,M453,M114,M826,M620,M256,M373 All to PVS for scrap.

M404,M309 Delta Force paintball games,Hertford (to be used as "Combat Bases!!)

Lynx D109NDW Thames Buses,Grays.

Lynx 2 J41GGB Heddingham Omnibuses.

Volvo F424DUD Hams,Flimwell.

M1180 Glenvale,Liverpool.

M359 Open top with City Sightseeing,Birmingham.

T1068 Halifax Joint Committee.

L18 Phoenix Student Travel,Maldon.

M897 Open top with City Sightseeing Canterbury.

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City Sightseeing News

Former Arriva Olympian E767LBT is now 367 in the City Sightseeing fleet, converted to open top and allocated to Purfleet as a private hire bus.

Ex Travel West Midlands Metrobus 2 F31XOF is also allocated to Purfleet ,numbered 331 and is also open top .Both of these are low bridge victims .The previous 331 has now been re numbered 311.Finally Cambridge open tops 252/3 have been re registered to WLT752/3.

Ensignbus acquired Guide Friday Limited on Thursday 30

May.Fleetlist of acquired buses to follow once we know exactly what they are!!!!

We are grateful to Ensign for providing details of their dealer stock to Essex Bus News.

For more information about the vehicles they have for sale, take a look at their website

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 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

Where Are They Now ?

Continuing our regular look at the latest locations of former
Eastern National , Thamesway & Essex Buses

<u>FLEET No.</u>	<u>REG No's.</u>	<u>DETAILS.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>EN,TW or EB.</u>
110	PUU970	<u>J. Whiting Ltd</u> , Elmstead Market (dlr).	by 02/02	EB
	[ex H370GRY]	ex A1 Van & Truck, - ? - (dlr).		
124	R919HTW	Marshall, Sutton on Trent FLEET No VL59.	04/02	EB
		ex <u>Transbus</u> , Anston (dlr).		
236	86-C-3755	Kavanagh B,Urlingford (for spares).	by 12/01	EB
	[ex D236PPU]	ex Barry, Cork.		
302	H302LPU	First Pioneer FLEET No 1858.	03/01	TW
		ex First Capital FLEET No 582.		
308	H308LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 844.		
311	H312LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 836.		
329	H337LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 852.		
342	H352LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 845.		
350	H361LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 871.		
352	H363LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 842.		
353	H364LJN	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 839.		
359	H370OHK	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 849.		
363	H374OHK	Ramm, Sudden (dlr).	by 03/02	EB
		ex First Pioneer Bus Ltd FLEET No 1843.		
393	H393MAR	PVS , Carlton (dlr for scrap).	06/01	EB
		ex First Capital FLEET No 593.		
396	K396GHJ	Erith Commercials, Crayford (dlr).	02/02	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 902.		
429	Q659OVL	MASS Engineering, Anston (dlr for spares).	by 03/02	EN
		ex Hunter, Leeds (preservation).		
511	IAZ6387	Keats, Shiregreen.	by 04/02	TW
	[ex ATH110T	ex Amber, Rayleigh.		
	278TNY			
	ATH 58T			
	999BCY			
	AEP253T			
	MKH487A			
	AFH192T]			
517	J 45SNY	North Lincolnshire Council FLEET No 79063	by 09/96	TW
		ex Kirby, Anston (dlr).		
0600	B 10TJW	Halifax Bus, Halifax FLEET No TJ10.		EN
	[ex C600NPU]	re-reg ???? ????.	12/01	
		withdrawn.	12/01	

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0714	C441BHY	Express Motors, Bontnewydd. scrapped on site.	by 03/02	EN
722	C470BHY	Harriman, Tredegar. derelict.	by 12/01	TW
905	K905CVW	First Western National Buses Ltd FLEET No 4491. ex First Capital FLEET No 695.	03/02	EB
981	N981EHJ	Essex Buses FLEET No 981. ex First Capital FLEET No 781.	01/02	EB
982	N982EHJ	Essex Buses FLEET No 982. ex First Capital FLEET No 782.	01/02	EB
983	N983EHJ	Essex Buses FLEET No 983. ex First Capital FLEET No 783.	01/02	EB
984	N984EHJ	Essex Buses FLEET No 984. ex First Capital FLEET No 784.	01/02	EB
1000	410 LIP	- ? - , Cahirciveen (storeshed).	02/98	EN
	[ex MAR775P]	ex Courmane, Cahirciveen.		
1001	MAR776P	- ? - , Cahirciveen (storeshed).	02/98	EN
		ex Courmane, Cahirciveen.		
1118	HHJ379Y	First Leicester. ex First Mainline FLEET No 79 to First Eastern Counties FLEET No 23. to First Leicester. to Midland Bluebird Ltd FLEET No 379.	by 01/02 01/02 04/02 04/02	TW
1356	MOO177	- ? - , Rickmansworth (preservation). ex Mizen, Holbeach St John (preservation).	by 03/02	EN
1625	BGX649Y	Cotton (t/a A1), Skelmersdale.	by 11/01	EN
	[ex 2705 TD BGX649Y]	ex Hurst & Leak, Goose Green.		
1783	PEV695R	Wigley, Carlton (dlr for scrap). ex C & M, Aintree FLEET No 1098.	by 02/02	EN
1906	DAR128T	- ? - , Carlton (dlr for scrap)	02/02	TW
2202	C202HJN	ex Powells Bus, Hellaby FLEET No 26. gone.	by 07/01	EB
		ex Webber, Bodmin.		
2300	RHK348D	Chicago Motor Coach Co, Chicago FLEET No 529. ex Kinch, Loughborough. broken up.	07/88	EN
2940	KNO949C	Chicago Motor Coach Co, Chicago FLEET No 550. ex Sneakers Sports Club, Greenfield.	c 04/96 by -/91	EN
3042	LFS287F	Chicago Motor Coach Co, Chicago (not used). ex Sunline Transit Agency, Palm Springs. to Smittys truck service, Indio, CA (dlr).	c 03/91 by 09/01	EN
3053	LJN648P	Hanford, Swansea (for spares). ex - ? - , - ? - .	by 03/02	EN
3082	STW 26W	Chicago Double Decker, Chicago FLEET No 160. ex New York Apple Tours, New York FLEET No 160.	c 05/01	EN
3089	STW 33W	Simmons (t/a Westwood), Kingswood. ex Munden / Peters, Bristol.	by 01/02	TW
4506	A 4HWD	Holmeswood, Holmeswood.		
	[ex B694BPU]	re-reg B???? ??? to Crichton (t/a Low Fell Travel), Low Fell.	12/01 by 01/02	TW

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Remembering the original Eastern National

Westcliff on Sea News

An update on surviving Westcliff on Sea Motor Services buses and coaches.

AJN825 Bristol L5G ECW, a full account about this vehicle appeared in the January EBN

AHJ404 AEC Regal Duple C32F, readers will have seen that this coach, very much disguised is due to be withdrawn from service in Malta this year.

EJN638 Bristol LS6G ECW C39F, Reports on this coach would be welcome, it was being restored in the Braintree area.

WNO478 Bristol KSW5G ECW/EN OT59R is resident at the Castle Pont Museum at Canvey Island.

WNO479 Bristol KSW5G ECW/EN OT59R now part of First Essex Buses Heritage fleet and is to be found at Dovercourt garage.

Other ex Westcliff vehicles will be reviewed later.

JN3457 With the release by Corgi of a model of this Westcliff AEC Q, which is very difficult to fault. A small part of this vehicle still exists ----- a number plate taken from the bus just as it was about to be scrapped at Thundersley.

The Group photo archives have two prints available.

W25 F/OS at Prittlewell

W26 N/S at Prittlewell

Copies of these two views can be obtained sending cheque/postal order for £1-00. to ENEG 6Mandeville Way Benfleet Essex SS7 4LH please allow 28 days delivery.

EASTERN NATIONAL 3925-3932

If anybody mentions Bedford OB, thoughts always turn to a 29 seater coach built by Duple, although of course other coachbuilders were involved in producing various designs for this chassis. none least than Beadle of Dartford who built eight 31 seat saloons (B31F) for Eastern National in 1947/1949.

These were numbered 3925-3932 LPU615-622, delivered in 1947 (3925-30) and 1949 (3931-32).

1947 3925-3930 (LPU615-620)

3925/8	Perkins engines fitted /52
3927/9	London Transport Grays 30/9/51 - 2/2/52
3930	United Counties Omnibus Company /52 no 112
	Later Jones Ffoshelig
3925-3929	Renumbered 186-190 /54

186/8/90	withdrawn /56 exported to Cyprus
187/9	withdrawn /58 possibly exported.

1949 3931- 3932 (LPU621-622)

3932	United Counties Omnibus Company /52
	later United Counties service lorry 39
3931	renumbered 191 /54
	withdrawn /56 to AMCC possibly exported

Essex Bus News Through The Years

JUNE 1993 British Take Southend

The cover photo was of Southend Transport's first allover advert Leyland National 713 (LPB 218P) in a scheme for The College of Arts & Technology. British Bus had been successful in their bid for control of Southend Transport and would take-over from 14th June. This saw the end of 92 years of municipal transport in the town.

Eastern National had taken delivery of Mercedes minibuses 631-46 for use on revised Chelmsford town services. These were in the new livery of yellow and green, with blue doors and wheel hubs. The official launch of this livery was scheduled for 14th June.

There was no Colchester news published, so we are unable to look back at that!

Other events included Coachstop, Southend taking delivery of K55 TOP, the first Plaxton Premiere vehicle for an Essex operator and Stephenson's introduced service 67 in Southend, with open top VR's.

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