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Please send your Contributions for the next issue of Essex Bus News to the Sub-editors by **Saturday 5th October** and to the Managing editor by **Wednesday 8th October.**

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Welcome Aboard!

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Essex Bus News has been published every month since 1964 and as we approach our 40th birthday in a few years, I'm pleased to say that your support is stronger than ever and all the team value your contributions.

I'm looking for more people to get involved with the magazine and last month advertised the position of Service changes editor to compile our acclaimed new section. Could this be the job for you?
I would also like to extend our coverage of the many preserved buses and coaches throughout the county. Could you write a informative feature 3 or 4 times a year?

If you can help or want to know more, then I'd love to hear from you. Either write to me at the address on the opposite page or email seamnz@aol.com and I promise I'll get back to you.

Cover Photo

655 SN51 UYG Scania L94UB/Wright

First upgraded service 100 from 5th August when a batch of 13 easy access buses entered service. Dave Arnold's photo depicts 655 departing from the familiar architecture of Basildon bus station on a journey to Chelmsford.

Buses in the news

The latest news from the bus world

New bus station moves a step closer

The long awaited new Chelmsford bus station moved a step closer this month as plans were revealed to spend £50 million to redevelop the existing site.

The project is a key stage in transforming the West End area of the town and it's is expected that the bus bays will be underneath a new structure, surmounted by shops, new homes and offices.

Essex County Council will own the bus station element of the project and is laying down criteria for walkways, seating, toilets and other facilities included in their £1 million stake in the scheme. The council will lease the bus stands to First and other bus operators.

Deal

A planning application will be submitted this autumn and if given the green light, building could start late next year.
As part of the deal First will build a new garage near the Widford industrial estate.

First offers better buses for South Woodham

First has responded to demand from students living in South Woodham who asked for a bus service to their college in Southend. At the same time people wanting to get to Chelmsford can soon use a super-fast service up the new A130.

From 2 September, four morning and five evening journeys on the 24/24C have been extended to the town centre offering a new link to Rayleigh, Leigh and Southend and primarily aimed at increased students going to South East Essex College in Southend.

The 36X service is a single morning weekday service from South Woodham direct to Chelmsford via the A132 and the A130.

Essex bus diary

Your guide to forthcoming events

Sunday 6 October Ipswich transport museum 'Come and ride our buses' -1100– 1630 Free buses to and from Ipswich rail station and town centre. Details from 01473 715666

Tuesday 8th October Group Meeting , Rochford -'Brentwood Connections -Slide show by Chris Stewart - The second of our new season of group meetings and this month Chris looks at the amazing variety of operators and buses in and around the Brentwood area past and present. There should be some surprises!
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
Other Group meetings on Tuesday 12th Nov members bus slides evening (bring along your slides) &Tuesday 10th Dec Richard Delahoy '20 years ago' Richard raids his slide collection to look at the way buses were in 1982/3.

Thursday 10th October 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 5/12

Sunday 13th October Castle Point Transport Museum open day and Bus Rally. Canvey Island. Point Road ,Canvey island. 1000 –1700
A chance to see a whole host of preserved Essex vehicles in the historic surroundings of a former Eastern National garage. There will also be a large display of buses on a nearby open space. Plenty of sales stands.

Sunday 20 October Toy & Train Collectors Fair Highwoods sports centre, Colchester 1000– 1500—About 70 stalls selling bus and train models and toys. John Webb 01526 398198 -Further event on 1/12

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
Sunday 27 October Cobham bus museum 'Pre- hibernation day'
Your last chance to see and ride on the extensive collection of buses before they 'hibernate' for the winter. More info from www.iblt.org

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Saturday 30 November Toy & Train Collectors Fair, Brentwood Centre, Doddinghurst Rd, Brentwood. 1000-1500
Over 200 stalls packed with bus and train models including the latest EFE and Corgi models at competitive prices. Also a chance to pick up vintage bargains. Plenty of car parking or use First service 73 from Brentwood rail station which stops nearby. John Webb 01526 398198

Members Free ads

2003 Calender is a 'RE'ALY good idea!

To raise funds for the restoration of former EN Bristol RE 1516 FWC 439H, group member Steven Hughes has produced a 2003 Calendar with 12 colour photos of preserved Eastern National buses. To order your copy send a cheque for £7.50 payable to Steven Hughes 66 Magnolia Drive Colchester CO4 3LP
All profits will go towards RE 1516

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- **Essex Bus Shop**— Books, Photos and Timetables
- **Publicity Review**—Part 1 of our comprehensive review

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Essex service changes

We're making a few changes designed to make this section easier to follow and to improve accuracy.
Service changes for the current month will be grouped into the relevant geographic area. In some cases this means that the service will be repeated in adjacent areas.
Brief details of forthcoming service changes are shown with their estimated starting date.
All information is subject to change and you are advised to check with the relevant operator prior to travelling.

Saffron Walden, Dunmow, Braintree, Witham, Halstead

Service 51 : Great Easton - Newport F.G.S.; Schooldays. *(Walden Travel)* This service will be replaced from 4 September by a new service 51 operating between Great Easton and Newport F.G.S.
Service 52 : Wimbish - Newport F.G.S.; Schooldays. *(Walden Travel)* This service will be replaced from 4 September by a new service 52 also operating between Wimbish and Newport F.G.S.
Service 53 : Wimbish Carver Barracks) - Newport ; Schooldays. *(Walden Travel)* New schooldays only service will start on 4 September to serve Newport F.G.S.
Service 70X : Braintree - Colchester ; College Days. *(First)*
This new service will commence on 2 September operating one journey in each direction via Marks Tey.
Service 72/A : Chelmsford - Braintree ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)* Minor revisions to the timetable for this service from 2 September.
Service 88 : Colchester - Halstead ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First/ Hedingham Omnibuses)* There will be a timing adjustment to one afternoon journey on Mondays to Fridays from 2 September.
Service 94 : Sewards End - Saffron Walden ; Schooldays. *(Walden Travel)* New schooldays only service will start on 4 September serving R.A.Butler & Saffron Walden County High schools.
Service 606 : Braintree - Ingatestone ; Schooldays. *(First)*
From 2 September -l minor timing
Service 608 : Great Dunmow - Ingatestone ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)* revised route and timetable from 2 September - starting at North End.
Service 632 : Maldon - Braintree ; Sundays. *(First)*
This service will be withdrawn after 29 September.
Service 633 : Saffron Walden - Braintree ; Sundays. *(First)*
This service will be withdrawn after 29 September.

Essex Service Changes

Colchester

Services 64/A : St Michaels - Greenstead ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
Minor timing adjustment to one afternoon journey from 2 September.
Service 67 : West Mersea - Colchester ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
There will be timing adjustments to certain journeys from 2 September.
Service 76/A : Colchester - Clacton; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
timing adjustment to two afternoon journeys on Mondays to Fridays from 2 September.
Service 84 : Sudbury - Colchester ; Mondays to Saturdays.
(H.C.Chambers) There will be adjustments to the timetable from 9 September to accommodate a change in school times.
Service 88 : Colchester - Halstead ; Mondays to Saturdays.
(First/Hedingham Omnibuses) There will be a timing adjustment to one afternoon journey on Mondays to Fridays from 2 September.
Service 605 : Earls Colne - Ingatestone ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
This new schooldays only service operating via Feering, Witham and Chelmsford will commence on 2 September.
Service 605 : Walton - Colchester ; Sundays. *(First)*
This summer only service will end after 29 September.
Service 701 : Capel St Mary - Colchester ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
New schooldays only service operating via East Bergholt from 2 September

Clacton, Harwich

Village Link 3/4 : Harwich - Clacton ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
Minor timing adjustments to the timetable from 2 September.
Services 7/8 : Clacton - Walton ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First).*
From 2 September, the timetables will be revised for the winter period.
Services 10/11 : Clacton - Jaywick ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First).*
From 2 September, the timetable for these services will be revised for the winter period. They are already operating to a revised route in Jaywick.
Service 30A : Harwich - Manningtree ; Schooldays. *(First)*
This new service will commence on 2 September operating one journey in each direction via Dovercourt, Ramsey & Mistley.
Service 76/A : Colchester - Clacton; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
There will be a timing adjustment to two afternoon journeys on Mondays to Fridays from 2 September.
Service 115 : Weeley - Tendring High School ; Schooldays. *(First)*
From 2 September this service will be operated under contract to Essex County Council by Hedingham . There will be no change to the timetable.

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Service 571 : St Osyth - Clacton ; Schooldays. *(First)*
New service from 2 September to serve Clacton County High School.
Service 605 : Walton - Colchester ; Sundays. *(First)*
This summer only service will end after 29 September.
Service 606 : Walton - Harwich ; Sundays. *(First)*
This summer only service will end after 29 September.

Harlow

Service 59 : Chelmsford - Harlow ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
The Monday to Friday timetable for this service will be revised from 2 September.

Loughton, Waltham Abbey, Epping, Ongar

Service 20 : Debden - Walthamstow ; Daily. *(Arriva London)*
There will be a minor revision to the Monday to Friday afternoon timetable to account for a change of school times in Loughton.
Service 549 : Ongar - South Woodford ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(Arriva)*
From 29 September any journeys operating over the section of route between Ongar and Loughton will be renumbered 449. This is at the request of TfL.

Chelmsford, Maldon, South Woodham

Services 24/C : Southchurch - Rawreth ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
From 2 September some journeys on Mondays to Fridays will be extended to/from South Woodham Ferrers with consequent timing adjustments.
Services 31/B/C/X : Chelmsford - Burnham ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)* Minor timetable changes to these services from 2 September.
Service 36 : Chelmsford - South Woodham Ferrers ; Mondays to Saturdays *(First)* There will be revisions to the Monday to Friday timetable from 2 September including the introduction of service 36X - one journey direct from South Woodham via A132 & A130 to Chelmsford at 0729.
Service 44 : Chelmsford - Chignall Estate ; Tuesdays & Thursdays. *(First)*
This new service will commence on 3 September operating an hourly service between 0930 & 1430.
Service 59 : Chelmsford - Harlow ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
New Monday to Friday timetable from 2 September.
Service 72/A : Chelmsford - Braintree ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
There will be minor revisions to the timetable for this service from 2 September.

Service 73 : Chelmsford - Maldon ; Mondays to Fridays. *(First)*
There will adjustments to the timings of these journeys from 2 September.
Service 401 : Steeple - Sandon ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
From 2 September the route will start from Althorne and the timetable will be revised accordingly.
Service 503 : Althorne - Southend ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix.)*
From 2 September, the service will be rerouted in South Woodham Ferrers and the timetable adjusted accordingly.
Service 504 : Feering - Southend ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix).*
From 2 September, the service will be rerouted between Oak Corner and South Woodham and the timetable adjusted accordingly.
Service 505 : Danbury - Colchester ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
The afternoon timetable of this service will be revised from 2 September.
Service 506 : South Woodham Ferrers - Chelmsford ; Schooldays. *(First)*
From 2 September the route will be revised to run direct between South Woodham and Chelmsford.
Service 507 : Woodham Ferrers - Chelmsford. Schooldays. *(First)*
New service from 2 September to cover parts of the old 506 route.
Service 510 : Ostend - Chelmsford ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
The afternoon timetable of this service will be revised from 2 September.
Service 514 : Springfield - Westcliff ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix).*
From 2 September this service will revised to operate from Hatfield Peverl with the timetable adjusted accordingly.
Service 515 : Woodham Walter - Southend ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
This new route will commence on 2 September operating via Danbury, Woodham Ferrers, Rettendon, Shotgate and Rawreth.
Services 561/2 : Basildon - Chelmsford ; Schooldays. *(First)*
Minor timetable adjustment to these services from 2 September.
Service 579 : Maldon - Chelmsford ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
There will be a minor timetable adjustment from 2 September.
Service 602 : North Fambridge - Ingatestone ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
Minor timetable adjustment to the afternoon service from 2 September.
Service 609 : Maldon - Ingatestone ; Schooldays. *(First)*
The route will operate via Hatfield Peverel & Boreham from 2 September with consequent timing adjustments.

Brentwood

Service 502 : Shenfield - Southend ; Schooldays. *(First)*
minor timetable adjustment to the afternoon service from 2 September.
Service 610 : Brentwood - Ingatestone ; Schooldays. *(Phoenix)*
Minor timetable adjustment to the afternoon service from 2 September.

Basildon, Wickford, Billericay

Service 2 : Southend - Basildon ; Daily. *(First)*
Minor revisions to the Monday to Friday timetable from 2 September.
Service 22 : Canvey - Basildon ; Daily. *(First)*
There will be revisions to the timetable of this service from 1 September which will include the route only going to Basildon Hospital hourly Mondays to Saturdays.
Service 25 : Southend - Basildon ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
Minor timetable adjustments to this group of services from 2 September.
Service 48 : Laindon - Wickford ; Schooldays. *(N I B S)*
This new schooldays only service will commence on 4 September operating one journey in each direction.
Services 561/2 : Basildon - Chelmsford ; Schooldays. *(First)*
There will be a minor timetable adjustment to these services from 2 September operating one journey in each direction.

Canvey Island, Hadleigh, Rayleigh, Rochford, Southend

Service 2 : Southend - Basildon ; Daily. *(First)*
Minor revisions to the Monday to Friday timetable from 2 September.
Services 7/8 : Shoeburyness - Rayleigh ; Daily. *(Arriva)*
Minor adjustments to the Monday to Friday afternoon timetable from 2 September to accommodate Shoeburyness H.S. time change.
Services 20/B/C : Southend - Hullbridge ; Daily. *(First)*
There will be additional schoolday journeys numbered 20A from Lower Hockley & Hullbridge to Sweyne-Park School from 2 September.
Service 22 : Canvey - Basildon ; Daily. *(First)* Revisions to the timetable of this service from 1 September which will include the route only going to Basildon Hospital hourly Mondays to Saturdays.
Services 24/C : Southchurch - Rawreth ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
From 2 September some journeys on Mondays to Fridays will be extended to/from South Woodham Ferrers with consequent timing adjustments.
Service 25 : Southend - Basildon ; Mondays to Saturdays. *(First)*
Minor timetable adjustments to this group of services from 2 September.

Forthcoming changes

From 1 October all Arriva services from Grays garage operating under the East Herts and Essex O license, will be transferred to the Arriva Southend licence. No changes to services.
Arriva services in Colchester will be revised from 27/10 : in Grays from 9/11 and Southend from 10/11 . Dengie Village link routes will be changed from late November and 6 new Mercedes Sprinters are expected . Also changes to Harlow Zip 1 from 21/10

First in Essex

Javelin's join First Essex

1550 M290FAE Dennis Javelin 12SDA2153/1190 Plaxton C46Ft
1551 M291FAE Dennis Javelin 12SDA2153/1193 Plaxton C46Ft
Body numbers are 9512HCP3872 and 3873.
New as Badgerline 290/1 in 6.95, they went to Bristol Omnibus with the whole Badgerline fleet (same numbers) in 1.96; Bristol Omnibus was renamed First Bristol on 1.3.99. They moved to First Western National 6.02.

Allocations (period ending 25 August 2002)

Apologies: the allocation changes shown in EBN460 are for period ending 28 July

100 AB-reserve; **101** AB-AC; **103** AC-reserve; **407** BN-HH; **408** BN-HH; **655** Acq-BN; **656** Acq-BN; **657** Acq-BN; **658** Acq-BN; **659** Acq-BN; **660** Acq-BN; **661** Acq-BN; **662** Acq-BN; **663** Acq-BN; **664** Acq-BN; **665** Acq-BN; **666** Acq-BN; **667** Acq-BN; **977** BN-CR; **978** BN-CR; **979** BN-CR; **980** BN-CR; **981** BN-CR; **1411** HH-BN; **1420** HH-BN; **1425** CF-Disp; **1550** Acq-AB; **1551** Acq-AB; **2643** reserve-CF; **2644** reserve-CF; **2645** reserve-HH; **2646** reserve-HH; **2647** BN-Disp; **3072** CF-BE; **3219** BE-Disp; **4027** HH-BN

The inclusion of Lynx 1425 on the disposal list is particularly noteworthy; 1428 was to be withdrawn but has been reinstated to cover 1425, whose engine failed.

Disposals

8.02	**324 375 2617**	Houston Ramm PCV sales
	621-626	First Aberdeen
	959-964	First Western National
9.02	**326 2603 2619 2632 2636 2638**	Houston Ramm

Correction to EBN459: **9411** is still in stock awaiting disposal
107 is confirmed as being sold to RTF Commercials, Braintree

623/4 (L675/6RMD) were noted at First Mainline, Rotherham on 25th August en route to First Aberdeen. 963 was noted in FWN's St Austell depot on 7th August, while on 2nd September 962 was in service on route 21A from St Dennis to St Austell, still in full Thamesway livery (minus the Premier 100 logos).

Repaints/Refurbishments

(* 'Barbie 1', ~ London red, otherwise to 'Barbie 2')

8.02 652* 653* 654* 852~ 2826

Other vehicle news

On 3rd September, 1413/14 were both seen in Norwich on route 25. They were there due to a vehicle shortage, as First Eastern Counties are understood to have had around 30 vehicles off the road at the time.

CF1520 has had its blind blanked over with "SERVICE" presumably following difficulties with the Bright-Tech display. It was noted on the 351 on 9th and 10th August, 1518 also appearing.

V2002 bus log

Chelmsford's V2002 did indeed provide considerable vehicle interest; your sub-editor saw it at first hand whilst driving NIBS VR DNG232T on the Saturday night (until 01.15 from Hylands Park). At 19.00 there were 29 other double deckers parked up at CF; later on by 22.30 many more Lynxes and some Darts appeared.

Noted at 19.00:
3078 3109 3112 3113
4004 4008 4010 4013 4016 4019 4024 4027 4033 4034
4304 4307 4309 4313 4321
5001 5006
Phoenix 6001 6004 6005 6010 6014
NIBS DNG232T G601KTX
Stephenson's TSO13X TSO29X

Seen later:
1401 1407 1410 1426 1427 1428 1429 2903 2906 4007

Chris Stewart is the editor of our First in Essex section and he welcomes your news and observations.
Email chris@stewartcsi.freeserve.co.uk

Unusual workings

8.8.02 Dart BN973 on Premier 100 alongside newly-arrived Scanias
8/9.8.02 BN1400 on 565 (consistently a Dart, occasionally 855, since First took over)
9.8.02 BN919 (super 8) and BN1420 on 269
21.8.02 BN918 on 12
27.8.02 BN983 on 12
30.8.02 CR1508 on Coachlink 222

BN now work some duties on the 2 and 25 groups; Eastern National-liveried 1429 has appeared in Southend on a number of occasions. BN407 was also on loan to RD (presumably covering warranty work on Solos).

VR watch

On Monday 5th August 3078 worked 06.25 75 ex-CR & rtn, 08.50 77 ex-CR & rtn, 09.50 77 ex-CR & rtn and1450 77 ex-CR & rtn. It remains in use as fire-damaged CR4320 is still at Transbus, Ware undergoing repairs.
By the 15th, 3072 had been transferred to BE, BE3112 was on loan to CF (but was seen in CR) and 3219 had been delicensed for disposal following engine failure.

First Data File

For operational reasons this information may be subject to change, and is given for guidance only

First Airport

	AIRPORT BUSES	AIRPORT COACHES
TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT		
Minibus	6	3
Midibus	8	0
Coach	6	1
SPARES		
Minibus	1	1
Midibus	1	0
Coach	0	0
TOTAL ALLOCATION		
Minibus	7	4
Midibus	9	0
Coach	6	1
TOTAL	22	5

First in Essex fleet allocation 25 August 2002

Airport Buses	112, 432/4/5, 602/8/10, 917/43, 1550/1, 2640/9/50/83, 2802/13-5/22/5/8
Airport Coaches	101/2/11, 397/8
Braintree (BE)	944, 2648/56/63/4/75/9/80, 2804/8/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 2910/1, 3112, 3219, 5000
Basildon (BN)	404-6, 655-67, 711-4/34-8, 852-5, 913-5/8-22/4-34/45/65-73/82-6, 1400/4/10/1/20/32, 3113, 4026/7/30, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	430/1/3, 512-37, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/8/13-6/26-8, 1516-20, 2641/3/4/67/8/70-4/6-8, 2901-9, 4007/10/2/24/5/33/4, 5001-4/6
Clacton (CN)	907/12/6, 1510-3, 2654/65, 2801/3/5/6/9/10/9/20/3/4, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	650-4, 715/6, 908-11/74-81, 1501-9, 2829/30, 2921-6, 4014, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-5
Hadleigh (HH)	407-10, 630-4, 701-10/7-21, 809/11, 935-42/6-58/87, 1405/6/9/12/7-9/21-4, 2652/3/7-62, 4003-5
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
Spare	314, 1429, 2642-6, 3109
Disposal	325/6/46/55/68/74/6/80, 807/8, 1430/1, 2602/3/5/7/8/19/21/8/30/2/6/8/9/51, 3069/76-9/83/4/92/4, 3101/3, 4028, 9021, 9411
Reserve	100/3
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN); 1924, 9002/3/20/6 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles	BN: 9028-30, 9308; CF: 9008, 9034; CN: 2111; CR: 9033; HH: 9035; HO: 9004/10

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
4010	CF	M	East of England Development Agency	TBC

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Garage traffic requirements

	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	*TOTAL*
TRAFFIC REQ'T									
Minibus	6	2	12 (3)	1	0	4	14	5	47
Midibus	12	38	42	12	20	0	34	0	158
SD	0	18	10 (5)	4	11	0	14	0	62
DD	2	3	5 (1)	4	15	6	2	0	38
Phoenix DD	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Phoenix SD/Midi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	2	1	8
Midibus	1	5	4	1	2	0	3	0	16
SD	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	5
Phoenix DD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix SD/Midi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL ALLOC									
Minibus	7	3	13 (3)	2	0	5	16	6	**55**
Midibus	13	43	46	13	22	0	37	0	**174**
SD	0	19	12 (5)	4	14	0	16	0	**70**
DD	2	4	6 (1)	5	15	7	3	0	**43**
Phoenix DD	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	**6**
Phoenix SD/Midi	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Mobility (Midi)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	**4**
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	**11**
TOTALS	**23**	**74**	**82 (9)**	**24**	**51**	**12**	**72**	**17**	**364**

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Arriva E2192 R192 DNM Mercedes Vario/Plaxton Beaver 2

The 5th August witnessed a number of contract changes in Southend and the Arriva's 17 to the rural location of Wallasea was one of the casualties.



First 409 P409 HPU Mercedes 711/Plaxton

As part of the Southend Council contracts awarded to First, the 17 was shortened to run between Leigh and Sutton Cemetery.(Steven Rowe)



Former Eastern National 1404 1252 EV Bristol MW5G/ECW
Group member Jim Nolan has kindly sent a photo of this fondly remembered bus, now in the care of the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum.



Canvey & District FOP 429Daimler CWA6/Park Royal
Pictured at Leigh Beck Farm and part of a batch of 14 Daimlers bought from Birmingham City Transport in 1949.
Peter Snell tells the story of the FOPS on page 34

ARRIVA
Harlow and Ware

Vehicles in

From Arriva West Sussex M615 7/02
M615 KYO 615X MCW Metrobus DR101/14 MB6402MCW H43/28F 9/81

Vehicles out

5385 B183 BLG Arriva the Shires 5385 7/02 -3104 (L400 BUS): Arriva the Shires (Watford) 3104 7/02 At time of writing, being prepared for service at Watford depot.
3104 (L400 BUS) Arriva the Shires (Watford) 3104 7/02

Allocations

6/02. **5259**. HAw
7/02: **2360/1/4**. WEw; **5363**. WE; **M615**. GY
8/02: **5376** HA to WE It has been observed on the 310 (Hertford-Enfield) group of services, including Sundays!!! This transfer leaves Harlow devoid of double deckers.

Olympian sold

5379 (TPD 109X)Leyland Olympian /Roe - From Arriva the Shires to Eddie Knorn of Royston for possible preservation 7/02

Liveries

6/02: 3328 (G621 YMG), 3329 (K760 JVX) –These two DAF/Optare Deltas now have side decals for service 510 (Harlow-Stansted Airport)

Ware becomes an outstation

Ware depot's maintenance facility at Pindar Road, Hoddesdon had been closed by mid-August with vehicles now being sent to Harlow for attention. In Engineering terms, Ware therefore becomes an outstation of Harlow, although, for the present, it retains its own specific allocation.

Metrobuses

Apart from M615 recently arrived at Grays, The serviceable Metrobus fleet is now of 11 examples - 5251-3/5/7/60/3, 5348/63/7/70. These are all allocated to Ware for service 310 etc (Hertford-Enfield) that has a pvr of 10 vehicles. In the event of insufficient Metrobuses being available (a frequent occurrence), Dennis Darts deputize. Of the 11, 5363 is in Arriva national livery, 5263 is a colourbus for Fishpools, furnishers of Waltham Cross and the remainder in Arriva "Outer London" livery of red and cream. Meanwhile 5259 is being stripped for spares at Harlow.

August fleet allocation

Harlow & Debden: Mercedes Vito: 1257
Mercedes 811D: 2109/12
Mercedes 709D: 2116-25/45/51/58/59, 2226
Mercedes Vario 810D: 2185/89/90/94/95, 2371
Dennis Dart: 3091/6, 3103, 3356-60/62-64/66-69/71/72
Dennis Dart SLF: 3230/31/50-57, 3461-69/71-79/81
Dennis Lance: 3376-78
Volvo B6 BLE: 3250-57
DAF SB220: 3328/29, 3446-49
+ Vauxhall Astra Vans 1166 (P596 GJF), 1169 (R341 WBC), 1183 (W591 RVC), 1184 (W327 PVC),
Ford Transit Minibus 1171 (R823 CNB),
Clarke American Floor Scrubber 1100 (Q480 MTW)

Liveries: Service vehicles various; 1257 in special livery for service 1 (Milwards Minibus),
3446-9 in Greenline livery; remainder in Arriva National colours

Ware Mercedes 709D: 2132, 2224
Mercedes Vario 810D: 2175, 2370/73-77
Dennis Dart: 3352/53
Dennis Dart SLF 3416-18/35/39/40/83
DAF SB220: 3441-45
MCW Metrobus: 5251-53/55/57/60/63, 5348/63/67/70
Leyland Olympian: 5376
+ Vauxhall Astra Van 1162 (M228 TEF)
Ford Transit Van 1170 (S181 FFE)

Liveries: Service vehicles various; 3441-5 in Greenline livery; 2375, 5263 in allover advertisement for Fishpools (house furnishers of Waltham Cross); 5251-3/5/7/60, 5348/67/70 in Arriva "Outer London" livery of cream and red; remainder in Arriva National - note includes Metrobus 5363 & Olympian 5376

Iveco Minibuses

It is now confirmed that all of the Iveco/Fiat 59-12s have now been withdrawn from revenue earning service. The position at the end of July is thought to be:-

2090 derelict at Stevenage (engine missing) now written off
2091 parked at Ware
2092 parked at Lincoln Road, Cressex, High Wycombe depot which was vacated by Arriva the Shires 27/7/02 although still in use for maintenance of vehicles.
2093 parked at Stevenage
2094 parked at Stevenage (for sale)
2096 parked at Stevenage (for scrap)
2097 parked at Stevenage (runner)
2098 parked at Ware
2099 parked at Ware
2100 ancillary vehicle at Arriva Southern Counties, Grays
2230 parked at Ware (turbo u/s)
2231 no report since 12th March, was then parked at Harlow
2233 parked at Stevenage (engine u/s)
2235 training vehicle with Arriva the Shires
2236 training vehicle with Arriva the Shires
2333 believed parked at Harlow (engineless)
2334 ancillary vehicle at Arriva Southern Counties, Grays
2336 believed parked at Harlow
2337 parked at Stevenage
2338 parked at Stevenage (gearbox u/s)
2339 parked at Ware
2340 parked at Ware
2341 parked at Ware with cracked windscreen
2345 parked at Ware for disposal
2346 training vehicle with Arriva the Shires
2347 ancillary vehicle with Arriva the Shires, Aylesbury
2348 parked at Watford (engine u/s)
2349 parked at Harlow
2350 in service with Lutonian Buses Limited
2351 parked at Ware
2352 parked at Stevenage (runner)
2353 parked at Stevenage (runner)
2354 training vehicle 9984 with Arriva Teesside
2355 parked at Ware
2356 parked at Ware
2357 parked at Ware
2358 parked at Stevenage for disposal
2359 parked at Watford (engine u/s)
2360 parked at Ware
2361 parked at Ware
2362 parked at Ware
2363 training vehicle 9985 with Arriva Northumbria
2364 parked at Ware

Arriva
Colchester, Grays, Southend

Grays O Licence update

Arriva Southend has now had the authorisation on its O licence increased to 135 vehicles to absorb the grays area routes. The N&P records the registration of services 100 (Suns), 324/48/70/3/7/8/83 in the name of Arriva Southend from October 1, with cancellation of the existing registrations to E Herts from September 30. There will be extensive service changes in Thurrock from 27 October.

Colchester garage makes the news

In a recent issue of the Evening Gazette it was reported that the lease on the Arriva Colchester garage in Magdalen Street is due for renewal in the second half of next year. Arriva lease the premises from the Council on "very favourable terms" and a new lease would see an increased rent.
The Council are said to be looking at the area as part of a regeneration project and the depot may have to be relocated. Arriva say that rumours they are pulling out of Colchester are unfounded.

Fleet update -Correction corner

In the August issue – Transferred out from Colchester E2384 ,the correct registration is R954 VPU
In August's Southend Datafile Dart SLF E3397 was also shown as a standard Dart. The standard Dart is E3373 K323 CVX which moved to Southend in approx 6/02 and this is corrected this month.

Allocation changes

E2372 R942 VPU Mercedes 0810 Vario Plaxton Beaver 2 B25F Transferred from Southend to Colchester 0n 22/08/02 (replacement for 2384 - fitted with 2384's phone so will be used on service 133
E5390 D43 RWC Leyland Olympian ECW B47/31F
Withdrawn from Colchester on 21/08. Transfer details not known.
Colchester's E5407 went to Southend on 23/8 for seat repairs.
Colchester's E5397 is back from Southend - was awaiting bodywork repairs. Will now be done at Colchester by the newly appointed coachbuilder.

Arriva Data File

For operational reasons this information is subject to change and is given for guidance only.
The PVR total for Southend has been calculated from working timetables and differs from that shown on the company allocation list.

Southend **PVR 64** (inc Dengie) **Allocation** 79

Double Deck	**PVR 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 -TBC**		**Allocation**		**17**
Dennis Dart	DS004	DS006	DS007	DS008	DS009
	DS014	E3092	E3349	E3350	E3370
	E3373				
Mercedes 709	E2110T				
Mercedes 810	E2188	E2191	E2192	E2193	
Dengie Contract	**PVR 4**		**Allocation 5**		
Renault Master T35	E0329	E0331	E0332	E0333	E0334
Coach	**PVR 0**		**Allocation**		**1**
	E4310T				
Training School Buses					
Leyland Lynx	E3065	E3066	E3338		
Shuttles	E1253	R580LVL			

Colchester	**PVR 42**		**Allocation 52**		
Double Deck	**PVR 11**		**Allocation 12**		
Leyland Olympian	E5389T	E5397T	E5398T		
	E5403	E5407T	E5408T	E5409T	
MCW Metrobus	E5361				
Volvo D10M	610	613	614	617	
Single Deck	**PVR 16**		**Allocation 16**		
DAF SB220	E4335	E4336	E4337	E4339	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3419	E3420	E3422	E3430T	
Leyland Lynx	E3341	E3342	E3343	E3346	E3347
Volvo B6	E3241	E3245	E3246		
Midi Bus	**PVR 11**		**Allocation 18**		
Dennis Dart	DS015	DS019	DS020	DS021	DS023
	DS024	3168			
Mercedes 709	E2115				
Mercedes 711	E2388	E2391	E2392		
Mercedes 810	E2174	E2243	E2372	E2382	E2383
Mercedes 811	1461	1462			
Coach	**PVR 4**		**Allocation 4**		
Scania k113	E4352T	E4353T			
Leyland Tiger	E4505T	2196			
Grays	**PVR 38**		**Allocation 45**		
Double Deck	**PVR 1**		**Allocation**		1
MCW Metrobus	M615				
Single Deck	**PVR 27**		**Allocation 31**		
DAF SB120	E4500	E4501	E4502	E4503	E4504
	E4505	E4506	E4507	E4508	E4509
	E4510	E4511	E4512	E4513	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3387	E3388	E3389	E3390	E3400
	E3401	E3402	E3403	E3421	E3423
	E3424	E3425	E3426	E3427	E3428
	E3429	E3431			
Midi Bus	**PVR 10**		**Allocation 13**		
Dennis Dart	E3404	E3405	E3406	E3407	E3408
	E3409	E3410	E3411	E3412	
Mercedes 709	E2130	E2134	E2135	E2137	
Ferry Bus 609	YFB58	YFB86			

Arriva

Southend route working guide

Arriva has been displaying running numbers on the nearside of vehicles used in Southend since earlier this year.
It was decided to show the numbers to help regulate the service and also to allow drivers to identify which bus they are taking over at Central bus station.
To allow for operational efficiency, many routes in Southend are worked jointly on the road, a practise known as interworking or crosslinking. Drivers meal relief is taken at premises in Clarence St, which is a few minutes walk from the bus station. However, drivers still need to sign on/off and pay their money in at the main Short St garage and a number of 'shuttles' are operated to facilitate this.

Monday to Saturday

During the Mon – Fri off peak and on Sat's, the route groups in Southend and their running numbers are as follows. We have also listed the scheduled bus types for Mon –Fri.

Route group	Running number series	Types (Mon-Fri)
1	11- 19	Any DD
2	21- 25	DD Volvos/ON
4/29	41- 47	Darts
4 (Foulness)	7	Mini
5/19	51- 54	Short Darts
6	61	Minibus
6A/ 60	61/62 (+63 PM PEAK)	Minibus
7/8/8A	71- 79	DD Tridents
7A	81- 84	SD Lances
9	91- 100	Dart SLF + Tridents on 92,96 MF & 91,92,95,96 Sat
10	109, 110	Mini
232	108	Dart
383	105, 106 (111, 112 on Sat)	Any DD
801	107	DD Volvo
Mon-Fri AM/PM peak extras	1 Trident 2 Trident 3 Any DD 4 Any DD	5 Any SD 6 Any SD

You will notice that the first figure of the running number reflects the route number. ie 91 is a car working on route 9 and 42 is primarily used on routes 4 and 29.

During the peak hours, evenings and certain other times, vehicles will cross link onto other routes. For instance, service 2 17.15 to Basildon is scheduled to be worked by car 83 which has been operating as a 7A. Most buses change route at the bus station but in the evenings (and to a lesser extent in the peaks), there is some interworking at Rayleigh and Shoeburyness and Leigh on Sea Rail station.

At the tails end of the peaks, some buses are parked up at the bus station and are then used to shuttle drivers back to Short St garage. For example, running number 13, after operating the 17.45 from Shoeburyness is scheduled to park up at the bus station from 1811 – 1959 when it returns to the garage.

Vehicle types are as scheduled but will change because of engineering requirements and interworking.

Sunday

During Sunday daytimes, routes are worked as follows

Route group	Running number series
1A	11 –15
4/7A/8A/9/29	20- 30
5/19	31- 34
31	95, 96

On Sunday, drivers meal breaks are taken at Short St and buses on all route groups except the 1, operate dead from Central bus station to the garage. The bus on the 31 contract runs out of service from Chelmsford.

Most route 7A/8A arrivals at Rayleigh depart as route 9 and vice versa and in common with Mon's to Sat's, many early and late trips use buses taken from other route groups. For instance route 1 1829 to Shoeburyness is running number 21

Information on Dengie village link will be given in a later issue.

Health warning! – The information in this section has been complied by Sean Menzies with the kind help of Arriva Southern Counties.

In a similar vein to the route working information published by our friends at the M&D bus club, it is intended to give a general guide to operations. You should be aware that changes can be made on a day to day basis and we cannot accept liability for incorrect or revised information.

Other operators

1 to 1 LOGISTICS BASILDON R770VWL Peugeot Boxer is in (by 8.02)

A&AB LINES DOVERCOURT DAF 400 L951 HBH has been sold.

ABOUT TOWN TRAVEL CANVEY ISLAND Renault Master F405 KKM has been sold.

AJS MINIBUS HARLOW V928 GCB a Mercedes Benz Vito is in (by 7.02)

AMBER RAYLEIGH Have acquired SJI 4433 (BYB 704X) a DAF MB200/Plaxton. Vehicles sold and not previously reported are Bedford/Duple PLO 782R and similar XRN 718R, Ford/Plaxton XJX 795V, Bristol VR/ECW SAO 411R, Volvo/Plaxton HIL 7591 (D270 KRG) and SVM 182W (LJP 726W), Leyland Leopard/Duple IAZ 6387, Bedford YMT/Plaxton VJA 661S, Bedford YMP/Plaxton FAR 601T (C333 PEW) and Fright Rover/Carlyle D138 WCC.

227 ASV (ex SMY 627X) Bova Europa was seen in this operators yard (6.02) - not sure if owned - last reported with Mil-Ken, Kentford, Suffolk. AUP 714S Bristol VR/ECW is in (by 7.02). This was once with Nelson, Wickford but may have been elsewhere since. Also acquired is KEG689Y (ex ??????) Ba Europa is in (by 8.02)

AMOS BELCHAMP ST PAUL This operator has announced that the company will close at the end of this year. School runs will end at the end of term (assumed July), and other services will stop by Christmas. The company started more than 100 years ago as a horse & cart operation.

ANTELOPE CLACTON E434 YSU (ex TIW 3171, E434 YSU) Mercedes 609D/Scott ex Wilford, Peterlee, Durham is in (by 7.02)

F 115 YVP (ex VIA 764, F115 YVP) MCW Metrorider ex Clarke (Pride of the Dales), Threshfield, N.Yorks. is in (by 7.02)

APT RAYLEIGH Recent additions to this fleet are Volvo/Duple E858 WSB, ex Ward, Arlesford, EOS E180Z G810 LVV and Dennis Javelin/Neoplan P892 MHE. The LAG has been reregistered A12 APT.

BARKER ROYDON LUI 5808 Bova Europa is in (by 7.02) - We think this is a former Heyfordian vehicle. RIB 4321 (ex C221 CWW) Neoplan/Plaxton 4000 is in (by 7.02) ex Mayhew Country Chickens (non-PSV), Five Ash Down, E.Sussex. IUI 7970 (ex A331 VHB, RTG 331Y) Leyland/Jonckhree is in (by 7.02) ex Roydon Coach Travel, Roydon MCW Metrobus B137 WUL has had it's centre door removed.

BLUE DIAMOND HARLOW Mercedes 709D/Dormobile K543 OGA has been acquired.

BOBBYS MINIBUSES STANFORD LE HOPE C782 BWY has been sold.

CAROUSEL HARLOW T940 KUR a Vauxhall Movano is in (by 7.02)

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Bristol VR's PWR 446W and FKM 864V, plus Leyland Olympian coach B109 LPH, all with ECW bodywork have gone for scrap. 602 JHU (ex B441 YHW) Volvo/Plaxton is in (by 5.02) as fleet no. 12.

CF TRANSPORT THUNDERSLEY Acquired is Mercedes 309D/Devon Conversions K712 DHJ.

CHAMBERS THUNDERSLEY Ford Transit R897 YBJ has been sold.

CHARIOTS STANFORD LE HOPE Vehicles sold and not reported in this column are Bedford YMT/VHM CXI 8635, AEC Reliance/Duple ADC 836A, Bristol VR/Northern Counties RDC 113R, Bedford YMT/Duple DEL 192T, Bristol VR/East Lancs ABD 75X, Ford/Duple A600 NWC, Mercedes/Devon Conversion A209 YSF, Freight Rover D173 LNA and Talbot Pullman F92 KKM.

CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS Leyland Leopard/Duple KRS 532V (HAS 98V) has been sold to APT, Rayleigh. E858 WSB (ex JIL 7651, E858 WSB) Volvo/Duple is in 6.02 ex A.P.T., Rayleigh. EA02 GOH is a Ford Galaxy which carries a PSV disc (by 6.02). It had no other lettering, not even legal lettering. UJI 2339 (ex C894 YKJ, XSV 689, C202 PPE) Leyland Tiger/Plaxton is in (by 7.02) ex APT, Rayleigh

S362 SNO Ford Transit has gone to Swift Cars (a taxi company), Chelmsford (by 6.02) where it operates on a taxi plate. R453 HVW Ford Transit has gone (by 6.02) - it is thought to be part of the Fargo vehicle hire fleet now. W878 TBC LDV Convoy is currently (7.02) for sale at Oscar Motors Ltd., Maldon Road (A414), Woodham Mortimer, Essex.

Volvo/Plaxton 2 TRR (ex M673 KVU) is the team coach for Essex County Cricket Club and is suitably adorned with their crests and sponsors names.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD GK02 SOC is a new Mercedes Benz 413 CDI.

COOK SOUTHEND YF02 XVW Bova Futura is in (by 7.02). P932 KYC Bova Futura is in (by 7.02) ex Parnham, Ludgershall, Wilts.

COUNTY BRENTWOOD Bedford YMT/Plaxton BBM 56A (KBH 852V) has gone to Red Car Coach Hire, Debden. Scania/Irizar 2786 RU (ex T745 JHE) has the name `Cornwall'.

CRUSADER HOLIDAYS CLACTON EK51 KZB a Setra (with fire damage) has gone back to Setra in Germany for repair (and is not a write-off).

Similar S613 AKP (ex S6 TRA) has been bought ex Kings Ferry, Gillingham, Kent to cover for the above vehicle.

A Setra demonstrator has also been in use recently (BX02 CLZ).

FARGO RAYNE Leyland Leopard/Plaxton LHE 258W is out of service (by 7.02)
Leyland Olympian/ECW TSO 21X has gone to Stephenson (dealer), Rochford.

FORD ALTHORNE Acquired from Isle Of Man Transport are Leyland Olympian/ECW C61/105 CHM (EMN 207U, MAN 44U). PRG 127/34J Daimler Fleetlines have been withdrawn (7.02)

FREELANCE TRAVEL SOUTHEND Recently acquired is freight Rover J297 OGS

GLEW COLCHESTER D833 XVV VW LT55/Optare has gone to Thames Bus, Grays.

GODWARD SHOTGATE F942 YSX (new as F726 KGE) is a recently acquired Mercedes 811D/Reeve Burgess. Volvo/Van Hool JIL 4315 (new as C361 KGG) has been sold. R4DWA Iveco/Beaulas is in (by 6.02) ex Allan, Gorebridge, Scotland. and is painted in `Southern Holidays' livery.

HAILSTONE BASILDON Vehicles sold to Southend Radio Cars are E190 YWE a Mercedes 609D/Whittaker and F355 DVR a Mercedes 609D/Mellor.

HANN HARLOW ADZ 1335 is a Talbot minibus – it is thought to be the former G659 OWD reregistered (by 7.02)

HARDY MILES TRAVEL SOUTHEND New here is Mercedes Benz 211 CDI EO02 AOL.

HARWOODS GREAT WAKERING H186 FPD Mercedes 814D/Crystals is in (by 6.02) ex Kilo Coaches, Wickford

INGATESTONE COACHES INGATESTONE UNO 100W Bedford/Plaxton is in (7.02) ex Hedingham L100.

JWS TRAVEL CHADWELL ST MARY Mercedes Vario/Plaxton V385/6 SVV have left this fleet. ANZ 8797 (ex H899 LOX) Dennis Dart/Carlyle (with Plaxton front) ex Anglian, Ellough, Suffolk is in (by 7.02).

KINGSTONS RETTENDON B518 HAM (ex B167 XBU, 103 UTW, B896 YYD) Leyland Tiger/Plaxton is in (by 6.02) ex Ham, Flimwell, E.Sussex. JIL 8213 (ex DEM761Y) MCW Metrobus/Alexander was acquired from Linkfast, Thundersley but has now gone to Ensign (dealer) (7.02)

LINKFAST THUNDERSLEY Have sold MCW Metrobus WYW 39T to Ensign (dealer), Purfleet.

LOCALLINK STANSTED JDZ 2350 Dennis Dart/Wright is in (new to Leaside, then to London General as DW50). Also acquired is MIL 1853 (ex TBC 658, A339 HNR) Volvo/Plaxton
This operator has considerably reduced its fleet, and the depot. has moved to Farnham Road, Bishops Stortford. (Map ref. TL486235 - which is just in Hertfordshire)

LONG LOUGHTON Acquired is Ford Transit S590 AEV

MALCOLMS BLUE BUS CLACTON Leyland National KCR 108P has been sold. Former Colchester Atlantean/ECW TPU67R has been sold (by 8.02). There are now no vehicles owned.

NCS NEWPORT M855 EGT and N639HVX both LDV Sherpa have been with this operator (`in' dates unknown), and both were offered at Chelmsford Auction on 29.7.02

NEED A BUS BOWERS GIFFORD In is Ford Transit Y651 JTW

NELSONS WICKFORD DAF/Ikarus J52 GCX was stolen and burnt out (6.02). Neoplan E101 VWA has been returned to use (by 7.02) to cover for the loss of J52GCX

OLYMPIAN COACHES HARLOW Acquired is Bova Futura G561 XRG (new as G119 UVK). N615SFX VW Caravelle is in (by 7.02)

ONGAR CONTRACT SERVICES Have acquired DAF 400 J279 HJX.

P&M COACHES SHOTGATE A recent addition is Bedford YNT/Plaxton TEC 956Y.

PDQ COLCHESTER R767TKX Isuzu/LCB is in (by 7.02)

REGAL COOKSMILL GREEN Vehicles acquired for use on contracts are Dennis Dominator/East Lancs OAP 16W, MCW Metrobus BYX 140V and Leyland Fleetline/Alexander SHE 557S. Noted on Essex tendered services are L660/9 MFL ex Stagecoach Volvo B6/Marshall and former Nelsons Leyland National 2 ARN 893Y.

RS TRAVEL BRAINTREE N737 FKX a LDV 400 appears in a full page advert. in the local paper. MIL 8970 (ex C943 JTM, HC 8936, C813 FMC) Leyland Royal Tiger Doyen is in (by 7.02)

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Acquired recently is Scania/Plaxton J299 NNC.

SAINT CLOUD SOUTHEND Is the new trading name of Stevens, vehicles formerly carried LC Travel names.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW FN02 VBK Iveco Euro Midi/Ind Maxim C29F is in (by 6.02) L655/7/9 MFL Volvo B6/Marshall are in (by 7.02) they were new to Cambus.

STALLION COACHES BROOMFIELD Sold some while ago was Bedford YLQ/Plaxton APL 777T.

STEPHENSON ROCHFORD G345 FFX Volvo/Plaxton has been reregistered to A14 SOE (6.02).

Similar WDA 2T (ex KSU 462, J42 0HDS) is in (6.02) ex Stagecoach, Rhondda.

STORT VALLEY STANSTED No longer operate the service from the Airport here to Birmingham and as a result Volvo B10M/Plaxton Y823-5 HHE have gone to Airlinks.

SUPREME COLCHESTER LAG E180Z HSK859 (ex G441NVV) was with Scania (dealer) `by 6.01'. Fleetline/ECW ULS662T is currently unlicensed at Colchester but may re-enter service.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PURFLEET C76 CHM Leyland Olympian/ECW and E60 WDT Leyland Lynx are in (7.02) ex Lancashire United 660 via Ensign (dealer)

TURNERS WICKHAM ST PAUL Have acquired Dennis Javelin/Neoplan N582 AWJ

WARD ARLESFORD DAF/Caetano L706 CNR has been acquired from Ford, Althorne. It has now been reregistered JIL 7651.

Hedingham

Out of the fleet

L94 GVW894T Bedford Plaxton has gone to Morgan, Ingatestone (27.8.02).
L275 RWC41W Leyland Leopard/Plaxton went to Slackers (qs), Gt.Blakenham, Suffolk for scrap on 21.8.02

Essex Timetables

The latest timetable books from Essex County Council are as follows-

West & North West Essex 29/9 (next issue 26/1)
Central Essex 1/9 (Next issue 12/1)
North East Essex 1/9 (Next issue 12/1)
South East Essex/Southend 29/9 (Next issue 23/2)
South Essex 29/9 (Next issue 23/2)

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Essex dealer report

The latest vehicle movements at Ensignbus

Vehicles in

M1347. From London General
Metrobuses D576MHS,D582MHS. From Edwards,S Wales
Olympians JTY370X,SJR615Y from Weavaway Travel,Newbury
Neoplans E101VWA, F616CWJ from Nelsons,Wickford.
Metrobus D678MHS from Edwards,S Wales.
Olympian B552ATX from Aintree Coachlines,Bootle.
Lynxes G201/3/4/5/6/7URO from Sovereign Buses,St Albans.
Scania E112KYN from Arriva Midlands North (first of 6)

Vehicles out

M1203 Halifax Joint Committee
Delta J318BVO Norfolk Green,Kings Lynn.
T737,T477 Delta Force Paintball,Upminster. To be used as Combat bases.
M5 Red Route buses,Northfleet.
Metrobuses D576MHS,D582MHS Johns School of Motoring,Hackney.
M460 PVS for scrap
M1146 Acquired by Boons Buses,Boreham.
Lynx F171SMT Whippetts Coaches,Cambs.
L107 Town and Country,Purfleet.
DR27 Eastonways,Ramsgate.
Olympian JFR12W Country Hopper,Derbyshire.
Dennis Condor DL33 EH6403 now G807CVX with Weavaway,Newbury.
RM 753 Aircoach,Dublin.
Lynxes F660PWK,F661PWK,G296/7/8KWY,E87KGV Bus Eireann,Dublin.
Olympian SJR615Y Smiths Coaches,Huntingdon.
Olympian JTY370X Nostalgiabus,Mitcham.
Olympian C259UAJ Barfordian,Beds.
M1347 Red Route Buses,Northfleet.
DMS2163 Mr P Briggs, E Sussex. (for use as a horse transporter!)
L15 Town and Country,Purfleet.
EDR49 Autopoint,E Sussex.
M821 Johns School of Motoring,Hackney.
M180 PVS for scrap.
T80 Skylark Travel (Karl Griffin) Dartford.
L54 and Lynx E114SDW Phoenix Student Travel,Maldon
Metrobuses F772EKM,E748SKR Aintree Coachlines,Bootle.
Dennis Condor DL29 EH2206 now F329UJN with Fargo Coaces,Essex.
Dennis Condor DL21 EG5131 now F330UJN with Weavaway,Newbury.

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What a FOP

Peter Snell tells the story of Benfleet & Districts & Canvey & District's fleet of Daimlers.

In 1949, Benfleet and Canvey acquired a total of fourteen Daimlers CWA6 (1 CW5G) from Birmingham City Transport.

DUPLE H56R bodies

FOP340	FOP360	FOP365

PARK ROYAL H56R bodies

FOP385	FOP413	FOP416
FOP417	FOP429	FOP431
FOP452	FOP459	FOP461
FOP462	FOP465	

FOP340 was originally a CW5G it later had an AEC engine fitted by Benfleet.
Thses were ex Birmingham City Transport 1340, 1360, 1365, 1385, 1413. 1416, 1417, 1429,1431, 1452, 1459, 1461, 1462, 1465.

In March 1951, Westcliff Motor Services took over the Benfleet and Canvey operations including all the FOPs, these soon appeared in Westcliff red livery and were found on a variety of services. The first withdrawal of a FOP was in 1953 when FOP413 was broken up.

In 1953, Eastern National absorbed the Westcliff fleet, resulting in a further change of ownership and colour to the FOPs. In the 1954 fleetnumbering they were allocated the following fleetnumbers.

FOP340 (1195)	FOP360 (1196)	FOP365 (1197)
FOP385 (1201)	FOP416 (1202)	FOP417 (1203)
FOP429 (1199)	FOP431 (1200)	FOP452 (1204)
FOP459 (1205)	FOP461 (1206)	FOP462 (1207)
FOP465 (1208)		

When FOP417 was first repainted into Eastern National livery it appeared with a fleetnumber 4074, this thought to be a painters error.

Withdrawal of the FOPs commenced in December 1954, with the last leaving Eastern National service in June 1956, however it was not the end of the Daimlers in the Southend area because Southend Coporation acquired six FOPs.

FOP340	FOP416	FOP417
FOP429	FOP431	FOP462

Only five of these entered service at Southend, the body on FOP416 was put on the chassis of FOP340, the remains later scrapped. These were numbered

242 FOP462 243 FOP417 244 FOP429
245 FOP452 247 FOP340

These were operated on the Eastern and Western Circulars, the former trolleybus routes. 243 FOP417 was withdrawn and scrapped in July 1957.
In 1956/7, Southend started to operate jointly with Eastern National on the Southend Sea Front routes and the remaing four FOPs were converted to PO56R and later in 1963 to POT59R and saw service on Southend's Golden Mile. They saw service in summer and in some instances, winter until withdrawn in 1971. But the legacy of a FOP lives on,as FOP429 can be seen in the Canvey Island Museum.
FOPs were around Southend from 1949 until 1971, a tribute to Dalmler and the operators concerned.

Fleet focus

Windmill Coaches

XPG 184T	Leyland AN68A/1R	Roe	H43/30F
A779 VFM	Van Hool T815		C49Ft
[ex FSU 637, A779 VFM]			
B413 CGG	Kassbohrer S228DT		C54/20Ft
[ex DDZ1964, B413CGG]			
C721 NCD	Dennis Dominator	East Lancs	C45/26F
FSU 637	Kassbohrer S210H		C28Ft
[ex F744 DMS, EXI 6387, PSU 611]			
JSU 282	Kassbohrer S215HD		C49Ft
[ex J2 WKC, J2 TCC]			
KSU 369	Kassbohrer S215HD		C49Ft
WSU 225	Kassbohrer S250		C49Ft
[ex M858 YVW]			
N5 HGB	Kassbohrer S250		C48Ft
[ex N653 OFW]			
N820 DKU	Scania K113TRB	Irizar	C51FT
S268 BTL	Kassbohrer S250		C48Ft

Essex Bus News through the years

September 1996 Refurbished VR's

News from Eastern National, was that the last batch of Mercedes 709D minibuses had been delivered, these were 2678-82 (P678 HPU etc.) To show how quickly history can change Bristol VR 3076 had returned from refurbishment at Marshalls. It is now withdrawn and Marshalls have closed.

Other events included Thamesway acquiring their first low floor Darts and these were entering service from Hadleigh and Hedingham had just withdrawn the five Atlanteans, acquired from the Norfolks business. They were being replaced by Bristol VR's, with APT 813W being the latest of many to be acquired.

Colchester Borough Transport were on the verge of acquiring a batch of eight Greenways from London and Country at Addlestone. These having become spare from the loss of London routes 116 and 117.
Southend Transport had acquired Leyland National 2 BVP 809V from Colchester. This may have replaced the Dotto Land Trains Q415/6 DPG, but this is thought to be unlikely!!

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