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Dates for your diary

EBN PRESS DATES

For inclusion in EBN dated: reports should reach Editors by: planned despatch date:

May	3 May	12 May
June	10 June	16 June
July	5 July	14 July

Please note that the **planned** despatch date may change for all sorts of reasons. The **actual** despatch day is posted to the website as soon as it is known. Please allow reasonable time for postal delays (at least seven working days) before claiming non-receipt. Replacements can **only** be obtained from the Membership Secretary (address opposite). None of the Editors hold spares, so there is no point in contacting them. They cannot help!

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Venue: **Pullman Suite, Freight House, Rochford**, (adjacent to Rochford station; Arriva 7/8 pass nearby). 19.30 onwards. Refreshments available. All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. *Richard Delahoy*

Spring/Summer 2006 season:

- ▶ **Tuesday 9 May** - illustrated talk, "Piers of the Realm" (with particular emphasis on Southend) by *Dave Carson*. In the Pullman Suite.
- ▶ **Tuesday 13 June** - *Peter Carr* will talk about his experiences working for Eastern National at Bishops Stortford in the 1970s. In the Committee Room.
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 July** - informal social evening - bring along your photos and models to display and be ready for a gossip!

Autumn season dates will be

September 12, October 10, November 7 and December 12, 2006.

COLCHESTER MEETINGS

Venue: Downstairs room at the **Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester**, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Town centre bus stops and parking are nearby. 20.00 to 22.00 (doors open at 19.30). Refreshments available. All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. We can now show prints, slides or digital photos. *Dave Arnold*

2006 programme:

- ▶ **Friday 12 May** - *Richard Delahoy*: '20 Years ago'.
- ▶ **Friday 9 June** - *Geoff Dodson*: 'A Lifetime on the Buses'.
- ▶ **Friday 8 September** - *Graham Belfall*: 'Picture show on Wales'
- ▶ **Friday 13 October** - *Keith Woods*: 'East Anglian Buses ~ a Personal View'
- ▶ **Friday 10 November** - *Fred Lawrence*: 'On the Company's Expenses' !
- ▶ **Friday 9 December** - *Michael Yelton*, practising lawyer (author of "Trams, Trolleybuses and Buses and the Law") and bus enthusiast - topic to be advised.

2006 TOUR PROGRAMME

Make a note in your diary now!

- ▶ **Sunday 14 May** - By popular request, our third **Heddingham shed bash** - see booking form in EBN503 or visit www.essexbus.org.uk. A few seats left - book now !

Cover: **First 65684 (YR52 VEY)** "Tindal" in the black and silver Chelmsford Park & Ride livery, seen in the town centre on 1 April. *Dave Arnold*

- ▶ **Tuesday 6 June - The Evening Talisman** - meet at 1900hrs (for 1915hrs) at Colchester North Station (bus stop side), where a vehicle of interest from **Talisman Coachlines** will convey members and guests to the depot for an extended photographic session. A different vehicle will then be used for a mini-tour to Harwich. Finally, a third vehicle will return everyone to North Station. Atlanteans, 4 and 6-wheel Olympians, and a Routemaster will feature. Fare: £5 - pay on the day, but please phone Dave Arnold on 01621 857509 to book your seat.
- ▶ **Saturday 24 June - The 3 Counties Tour** - Departing from Redbridge in a luxury coach of **Genial Travel**, thence via normal pickup points to **Emblings** of Guyhirn (Cambridgeshire), **Norfolk Green** at Kings Lynn (Norfolk), lunch at Kings Lynn bus station, **Fowlers** of Holbeach Drove (Lincolnshire), and finally, a stop for afternoon tea at Peterborough bus station. Fare: £20. Booking form in centre pages of this EBN.
- ▶ **Saturday 2 September - Essex area tour** - details to be finalised.

Dave Arnold

RALLIES, OPEN DAYS ETC.

- ▶ **Easter Sunday 16 April ~ Hackney Marshes Vintage Bus Event** - free vintage LT bus services. www.red-rf.com/Default.aspx?page=322
- ▶ **Easter Sunday/Monday 16-17 April ~ Medway Festival of Steam & Transport** at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham. www.chdt.org.uk/
- ▶ **Sunday 14 May - Arriva Southern Counties Bus Driver of the Year Local Finals and Fun Day:** Kent Showground, Detling, near Maidstone. Large number of attractions on site, including display of buses past and present. A bendy-bus from Arriva London will be giving rides and it is hoped that there will be a demonstration of righting an overturned double-deck bus. Anybody wishing to bring a preserved bus along, ideally representing the past fleets which now constitute Arriva Southern Counties (others are welcome too) should contact: Richard Lewis, Marketing Manager, Arriva Southern Counties, Invicta House, Armstrong Rd, Maidstone, ME15 6TY. 01622 697000; fax: 01622 697001; email: lewisR.sc@arriva.co.uk
- ▶ **Saturday/Sunday 20-21 May ~ London's Transport Museum - Acton Depot Open Weekend.** "150 years of the London General Omnibus Company": 11:00 - 17:00. Opposite Acton Town tube station (District Line). Opposite Acton Town tube station (District Line). Adults £6.95; Concessions: £4.95. Book tickets on 020 7379 6344 or email to bookings@ltmuseum.co.uk. www.ltmuseum.co.uk

BLUE TRIANGLE ESSEX SUNDAY (and BANK HOLIDAY) ROUTES

- ▶ **Sundays 7, 28 May, Monday 29 May** - see page 14.

From the Editor ...

2006 Sales List: the PSV Circle Colchester Corporation Fleet History is no longer in stock. An additional item is "Westcliff-on-Sea in Focus - Volume 2" by Peter Snell and Alan Osborne, published by South Anglia Productions in 1991. This contains over 60 photographs of Westcliff and ex-Westcliff vehicles. Price: £4.50 (cheques made payable to "Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group") from

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David Harman

From the Chairman ...



I have lived in Shenfield or Hutton, a short walk from the railway station and Eastern National bus routes, since I was 3 months old (1958), apart from 3 years at Trent Polytechnic in Nottingham and a 'sandwich' year in Bristol. I grew up in the Lodekka era but can recall travelling on an LWL and seeing a K6B on a 251 duplicate. Having no car, we used to visit relatives and friends in Tottenham and Green Lanes by 251, reaching the latter by trolleybus 641 (I can remember RMs virtually new on the replacement 141). Brentwood, having Green Line, LT and Country/LCBS services, was great for Red/Green/Golden Rovers (complete with an RT back home on the 247 or 339). With another schoolfriend, I became a regular visitor to Brentwood depot

in the 1970s, encouraged by the late Ken Taylor; largely as a result of this, both of us worked for Bob Beaumont at EN Head Office the summer we left school, doing passenger loadings all over Essex, and then I pursued my current career in Surveying. I first joined the Group in about 1972 but lapsed in 1981 (basically when the FLFs went), rejoining in 1998. I finally got round to taking a PCV test in 2001, and have driven for several local operators from time to time as well as various preserved vehicles (many of them AECs or Bristol/ECW). I am part owner of VR 3219 (VTH941T) and Nelson's NDL652R, and also own Citybus/Ulsterbus RE/ Alexander 2316 (TOI2316). Too bad that all the 400 and 1600 class RELH6Gs have long since gone to that great depot in the sky!

When I first became aware of the ENEG, through its stall at the Ilford Town Hall Model Railway Exhibition, the Group had only been going for about 6 or 7 years. 35 years on, Chairman & Founder Alan Osborne decided that it really was time to reduce his workload and hence put himself forward at the AGM to become Secretary - his original role when the Group was founded - whilst I stepped forward as Chairman with Richard Delahoy as Treasurer. We owe Alan a huge debt for steering the Group for virtually all of its existence, and for also performing the Treasurer's role for a number of years. Many things have changed in the last 40 years, not least the speed with which information about bus operations is now accessible via the internet, and there are plenty challenges ahead. We will continue to look forward as well as back; we have a legacy of some fine archive photographs from the late Peter Snell's collection, which we will be retaining for members to see and use, and there are some interesting publications we can tackle using some of the funds we have accumulated. We shall be inviting your feedback about EBN and what you would like from the Group, but in the meantime please let me or any of the committee members have your comments or ideas.

Chris Stewart

The committee for 2006/7 is:

Chris Stewart* (Chairman)
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Essex Bus Publicity News

Essex County Council timetables for

West and North West Essex dated 29.1.06;
North East Essex dated 29.1.06;
Central Essex dated 12.2.06;
South East Essex and Southend dated 26.2.06
South Essex also dated 26.2.06.
Village Link rural bus services dated 13.3.06

If you belong to the Timetable Subscription Scheme, you will already have received these. If you don't, why not subscribe? Contact the Membership Secretary, address on page 2.

Essex County Council Epping Forest *Passport To Travel*.

Hertfordshire County Council have a February 2006 edition of the *Hertford, Lea Valley & Cuffley Area Travel Guide* which includes services into Essex.

The Lea Valley Regional Park have a 2006 edition of the map *"How to get to and around the Lea Valley Regional Park"*.

Olympian Coaches issued an A5 size leaflet for the changes to the M1/M11/M21/M31, M7, M8 Harlow Town services from 3rd January 2006.

"One" Railway has issued a revised leaflet for the Dedham Vale Hopper service 745 (Mistley to Dedham) valid until 28th January 2006 but extended to the end of March 2006.

Trustline have issued a double sided A4 sheet dated 30th January 2006 for routes C2 and C3.

Excel of Stansted revised their 308 service from 15th February and withdrew the 309. A folded A4 sheet was issued giving the new timetable.

BAA Stansted has recently published two new transport maps. *"Journey choices to and from Stansted, Rail, Bus and Coach connections"* is a slimline folder which contains a route diagram and several panels of frequency information with times of first and last services. *"Express Coach services Direct to towns across the country"* is a similar folder but with the contents confined to the express coach services to the airport. Both items are dated December 2005.

Crusader Holidays – Eight page 'tabloid' size for coach tours from South East England dated March 2006. Trips vary from a weekend shopping in Birmingham to a 12 day tour to Croatia.

Lodges Excursions a 40 page booklet dated March-October 2006.



Ian Ransom
Many thanks to Ian Taylor for his help in preparing this column

Concessionary Travel in Essex

The concessionary travel changes contained in the 2005 Budget came into effect on 1 April. Eligible residents of Essex/Southend (aged 60 or over, and/or disabled), are now entitled to free off-peak (after 09.00hrs Monday-Friday and all day weekends/public holidays) bus travel on journeys that start in the county. The scheme continues to be co-ordinated by the County Council and administered by District and Borough Councils.

A comparison with neighbouring schemes puts Essex/Southend in the middle of the generosity scale:

Hertfordshire	countywide	all day bus
Suffolk	countywide	all day bus
London	Greater London-wide	off-peak bus, tube, DLR, tram, most trains
Essex/Southend	countywide	off-peak bus
Kent/Medway	countywide	off-peak bus
Thurrock	Thurrock Council area only	off-peak bus
Cambridgeshire	issuing council area only	off-peak bus

Thurrock (who previously allowed free rather than half-rate travel within their area) say the cost of extending free travel to the rest of Essex would be 'prohibitive'.

Some operators now issue passholders with a nil value ticket, in order to obtain a basic idea of the numbers carried and thus, revenue foregone.

It was announced in the 2006 Budget that nationwide free off-peak concessionary travel would be introduced in England from April 2008.

David Harman

John Rugg and **Roy Gates** from Laindon celebrated the first day of free fares by taking a day out by bus. Here is their itinerary for 1 April:

dep	operator	route	journey	bus	passengers
* 07.44	First	551	Laindon to Brentwood	41453	10
08.35	Arriva	501	Brentwood to Harlow	3372	34
10.05	Arriva	333	Harlow to Bishops Stortford	2172	10
11.10	Stansted Transit	5	Bishops Stortford to Saffron Walden	P677 RWU	31
* 13.00	Four Counties	313	Saffron Walden to Dunmow	V10 WTL	5
14.14	Stansted Transit	133	Dunmow to Braintree	KV03 ZEP	14
15.15	Stansted Transit	89	Dunmow to Halstead	P684 RWU	9
15.50	Hedingham	88	Halstead to Colchester	L330	12
* 17.00	First	75	Colchester to Maldon	34314	35
* 18.03	First	31X	Maldon to Chelmsford	65730	9
* 18.30	First	100	Chelmsford to Basildon	65668	9
* 19.30	First	8B	Basildon to Laindon	65631	9

* nil value ticket issued.



Colchester Bus Station

EBN503 p.7: *Roger Tuke* raises the question: in the list of operators using the Bus Station in 1961, surely **Colchester Corporation** is omitted?

Oddly enough, although the Corporation owned the bus station (and there used to be a sign at the East Hill entrance bearing a larger version of the title and arms found on the side of the buses), their buses **didn't** initially use it. CCT routes began using the bus station exactly 43 years ago this month (1 April 1963), after the town centre one way system was introduced. There had been previous problems with buses loading in Queen Street (problems which may well now return - see below!). A series of additional stands for CCT routes was erected. Some abutted the area now used by First for parking, being situated approximately where the bus on the extreme right in the top picture on page 4 of EBN 503 is. Others were located along the exit road to Queen Street, backing onto the Eastern National garage.

*David Harman
acknowledgements to Alan Osborne*

A silly mistake in the caption on page 7: the Chambers East Lancs-bodied Olympian is of course ex-**Metrobus** (855), not Harris Bus.

The **Temporary Bus Station** (TBS) as it is officially known, came into use on 27 March. Changes are arranged in phases:

Phase 1 - Monday 27 March until week commencing 22 May 2006

Revised stands allocated but access via Queen Street and East Hill unchanged. Parking facilities reduced, with coaches and buses on long layovers directed to Sheepen Road coach park or elsewhere. From Monday 10 April, the southern part of the site will be screened-off to allow work to begin on Phase 2. From this date, access will be via the East Hill entrance only. Opposite are the Phase 1 stand arrangements; overleaf are the Phase 1 stopping arrangements elsewhere in the town.

Phase 2 - planned to begin in week commencing 22 May 2006

Some routes will now serve the bus stop on East Hill or a new stop in Queen Street and not go into the Temporary Bus Station.

The new bus station is due to open in 2010 ...

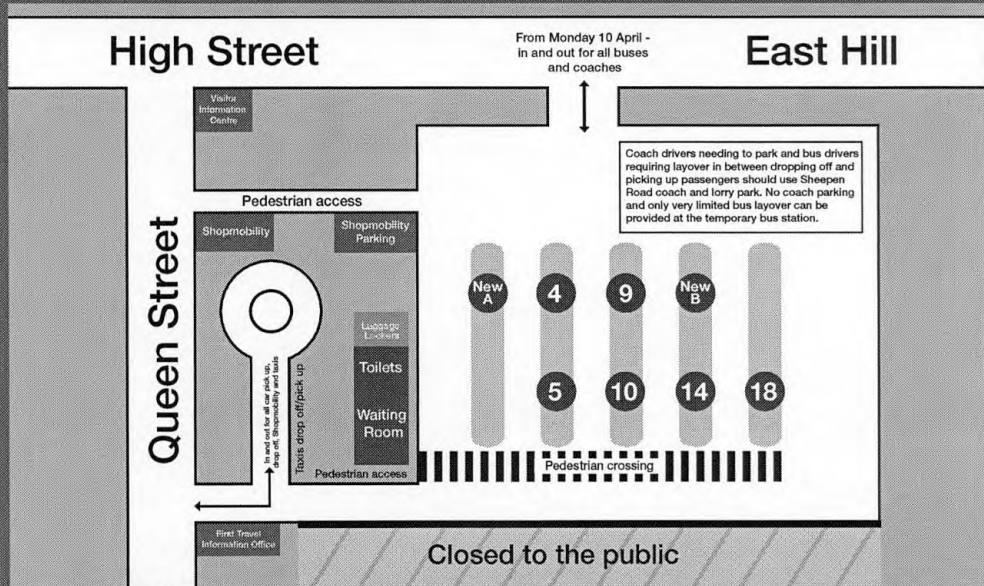
"...The Vineyard Gate development will provide a new multi-million pound bus station with state of the art customer facilities, including a welcoming waiting area with up to date travel information, café and toilets. The facility will be maintained and supervised to the highest quality, allowing people to feel safe in a well lit and comfortable environment ..." www.colchester.gov.uk/faqs.asp?sec_id=988

The Borough Council is at pains to point out that the eventual relocation of the bus station is for reasons unconnected with the Visual Arts Centre being constructed on part of the present site. Be that as it may, the 'timing differential' (four years) between closure of the old bus station and opening of the new, suggests that the interests of public transport users and providers are taking second place to other interests. From a non-local, layman's perspective, it begs the obvious question: "Why couldn't closure of the old bus station and start of construction of the Visual Arts Centre have been timed to coincide with the opening of the new bus station?" No doubt, someone can say.

David Harman

Colchester Temporary Bus Station

Phase 1: Monday 27 March – week starting 22 May 2006

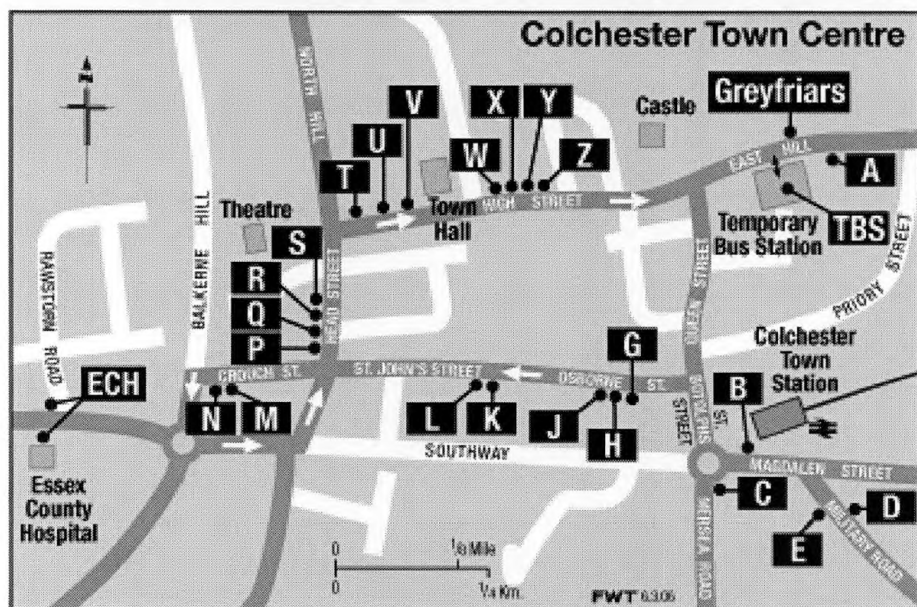


Where to catch your bus at the temporary bus station

Bus stop	Destination	Service number	Operator	Bus stop	Destination	Service number	Operator
New A	Witham/London or Clacton/Walton	484 daily	National Express	New B	Ardleigh/Manningtree/Dovercourt/Harwich	103/104	First
	Liverpool or Clacton	350 daily	National Express		Ardleigh/Dedham/Manningtree/		
	Stansted Airport	X22 daily	First		Dovercourt/Harwich	102 Sunday	First
	Holiday destinations		Various		North Station/West Bergholt	96 early AM only	First
	East Bergholt/pspwich	93 daily/93a/93c	Network Colchester		North Station	74/74b/76 Sun & 1d M-F journeys	First
	Fratting/Gt Bentley/Aingers Green	86 Wednesday	First		Town centre also North Station (eve & Sun only)		
	Gen Hosp./Gt Horkesley/Nayland/Sudbury	84	Chambers		Gen Hospital (Sun only)	78/78a daily/78x	First/Cedrics
	Laver or Birch/Tollisbury	50/92	Hedingham		North Station/Horkesley Heath/Boxed	2/2b	Network Colchester
	St John's estate (from 3 April 2006)	6 Mon - Fri	Network Colchester (Sat)		North Station/General Hospital	2c Sunday	First
4	Hythe/Siggestead	64/64a daily	First		Colchester/High Street	3 Mon - Fri	Hedingham
5	Old Heath/Univ Quays/Univ/Westchive Inc. Station G1		First		Ardleigh/Dedham	87/87a	Network Colchester
	Greenstead Rd/University/Wivenhoe/				Mile End/Boxed or Lexden/		
	Aldersford/Thorington Cross/Brightlingsea	78a daily/ 78x	First/Cedrics		Eight Ash Green/Fordham	80 Mon - Fri	Hedingham
	Greenstead Rd/University/Wivenhoe/				Blackheath/Abberton/West Mersea	67/a/b/c/d/e daily	First
	Aldersford/Thorington Cross/Clacton	74 daily	First		Monkwick	8/8a/	Network Colchester
	Greenstead Rd/University/Elmstead Market/				8c Sunday		First
	Weeley/Clacton	76 daily	First		Monkwick/Blackheath/Abberton/Fringinghoe	175	First/ Hedingham (Mon-Fri)
	Jaywick/Clacton/Holland/				Peldon/West and East Mersea	176 Monday	Hedingham
	Frinton/Walton	600 Thursday	Hedingham	18	Lexden/Fiveways/Stansway (Tollgate)	05 daily	First
	Gt Tye/Mt Bures or Colne Engane	83 Mon - Fri	Network Colchester		Shrub End/Ambrose Ave/Prettygate	1 daily	Network Colchester/ First (Sun)
9	Barnham/Old Heath/Rowhedge	66 daily/86a	First		Tollgate	4 Mon - Fri	Hedingham
10	Lexden/Marks Tey/Witham/Chelmsford	71/71c daily	First	Services run Monday - Saturday unless stated otherwise. Information correct at time of printing March 2006			
	Lexden/Marks Tey/Coggeshall/Braintree	70 daily	First	For information on:			
	Lexden/Eight Ash Green/ Wakes Colne/Halstead	88 daily/88a/88b	First	Timescale and detail of Phases 1 and 2 phone (01206) 282888 weekdays 8.30am - 5.30pm			
	Crookford/Gt Bromley/Thorpe-le-Soken/			(in an emergency outside these hours: 548444) or visit www.colchester.gov.uk and click on 'Bus Station'.			
	Frinton/Walton	105/107/109	First	How this fits in to Colchester's regeneration plans: phone 507885 or visit www.colchester.gov.uk and click on 'Regeneration in Colchester'.			
	Gt Bromley/Thorpe-le-Soken/Frinton/Walton	805 Sunday	First				
	Shrub End/Zoo/Tiptree/Maldon	75 daily	First				
	Lexden	5 Mon - Fri	Network Colchester				
	W Bergholt/Bures/Sudbury/Bury St Edmunds	753	Chambers				
	Langham/Stratford St Mary/Hadleigh/pspwich	759/756	Carters				
	Langham/Dedham/East Bergholt	247	Network Colchester				

We apologise for any inconvenience you may have experienced while this regeneration work is carried out.

Where to catch your bus in Colchester Town Centre (shows Temporary Bus Station, phase 1 arrangements)



1	to Ambrose Ave	A, TBS, G, K, M
1	to Greenstead	R, W, Greyfriars
2/2C	to Highwoods	U, X, Greyfriars
2	to Hockesley Heath	A, TBS, H, L, S
2C	to Hospital	A, TBS, H, L, S
2/2A/2C	to Monkwick	T, Y, TBS, C
2/2A	to Highwoods	H, L, S
2C	to Hospital	H, L, S
61	to Mile End	E, H, L, S
61	to Wivenhoe	V, Z, TBS, D
64	to Shrub End	G, K, M
64A	to St. Michaels	G, K, M
64/64A	to Greenstead	R, W, TBS, B
65	to Highwoods	ECH, S
65	to Tolgate	V, Z, TBS, J, K, N, ECH
66	to Old Heath (& Rowhedge eves/Sun)	T, Y, TBS, D

66A	to Rowhedge	L, Q, Y, TBS, D
66/67	to N Station/W Bergholt	H, L, S
67/67A/67B	to West Mersea	U, Y, TBS, C also L, P (not eves/Sun)
70	to Braintree	TBS, J, K, N, ECH
71/71C	to Chelmsford	TBS, J, K, N, ECH
74/74B	to Clacton	TBS also V, Z (eves/Sun only)
75	to Maldon	TBS, J, K, M
76	to Clacton	TBS also V, Z (eves/Sun only)
78/78A/78X	to Wivenhoe and Brightlingsea	V, Z, TBS also L, Q (not eves/Sun)
84	to Sudbury	TBS, H, L, P
88	to Halstead	TBS, J, K, N, ECH
102/103/104	to Manningtree/Harwich	TBS
753	to Bury St Edmunds	TBS, H, L, P

Sunday only services indicated in *italics*.

Check at the Temporary Bus Station (TBS) for current information on what stand to catch your bus from.



above: **Eastern National K5G 2247 (ONO 52)** at stand 15 sometime in the early 1960s. The lack of people suggests this may have been a Sunday.

Arnold Richardson / Photobus

below: **Network Colchester Dart 366 (SN54 HXE)** passes stand 14, in approximately the same position, but facing the opposite direction; January 2006. *Chris Stewart*



Essex Service Changes

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Route</i>	<i>Days of operation</i>	<i>Terminals and Notes</i>
Arriva Southend	27 Feb 06	24	M-F	Hadleigh, Bus Depot - Rayleigh Station Single journey in the one direction at 07:21
Arriva East Herts & Essex	26 Mar 06	311	Daily	Waltham Cross Bus Station - Hertford Bus Station Revised timetable. Refer to Trustline registration for HCC contract journeys M-S evenings and sundays.
Blue Triangle	7 May 06	339	Sun (&PH)	Epping Station - Harlow Bus Station Witham Station - Bacon End, Banana Depot, via Dunmow, Felsted, Rayne, Braintree, Cressing, Silver End and Rivenhall. Harlow Bus Station - Braintree Bus Park, via Hatfield, Takeley, Dunmow, Felsted and Rayne. Vintage bus services to be operated on 7, 28 and 29/05, 18/6, 16/7, 6 and 27/8, 17/9, 15/10, 19/11 and 10/12 using a selection of RT/RTW/RM/ Metrobus/Titans and guest vehicles. Ordinary fares will be available and a special £6 'Golden Phoamer' ticket valid for unlimited travel on 339/622/363. ECC Sunday Saver/Rover/Harlow Sunday Saver not valid. See page 14 and timetables in centre pages.
		363	Sun (&PH)	
		622	Sun (&PH)	
Carters Coaches	27 Feb 06	755	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Capel st Mary, White Horse Minor changes to timetable.
		756	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station. Minor changes to timetable.
De Vere Travel	20 Mar 06	89	M-F	Great Yeldham - Braintree Re-instatement of the 06:28 journey operated under contract to ECC.
Dorayme Travel/Bordacoach	26 May 06	9	Th	Cheshunt - Basildon. Service Withdrawn
EnsignBus	8 Apr 06	64	M-S	Grays Bus Station - Lakeside Bus Station Minor timetable change with the last journey from Lakeside extended through to Stonehouse Corner.
First	27 Feb 06	21B	Daily	Temple Sutton, Garons Park - Canvey, Furtherwick Road (Labworth Park). Minor changes to timetable. The late evening (M-S) now also under contract to ECC.
		64	Daily	Shrub End, Hazell Avenue - Greenstead, Library Late revision to timetable. Section of route between Layer- de- la- Haye and Shrub End and evening service after 20:00 reinstated under contract to ECC.
		64A	Daily	St Michaels, Peerswood Road - Greenstead, Librar Late revision to timetable. Evening service after 20:00 reinstated.
	27 Mar 06	72	M-S	Chelmsford, Westway (First Depot) - Braintree,

Fairfield Road. The evening journeys operated under contract to ECC, with financial support from the Countryside Commission, Witham Town Council, Silver End, Cressing and Rivenhall Parish Councils, have been withdrawn.

Metroline

26 Mar 06 242 M-S

Waltham Cross Bus Station - Potters Bar Station
Revised timetable. Refer to Trustline registration for Sunday service.

National Express

6 Mar 06 350 Daily

Clacton Station - Liverpool Coach Station, Norton Street. Minor revision to timetable on services from Liverpool.

717 Daily

Cambridge, Drummer Street Bus Station - Gatwick Airport, South Terminal. Minor changes to timetable. Norwich, University of East Anglia - Gatwick Airport, South Terminal. Minor changes to timetable.

727 Daily

Stansted Airport Coach Station - Oxford Bus Station
Minor changes to timetable.

737 Daily

Stansted Airport - Nottingham, Bus Station. New service via Hertford, Luton Airport, Luton and Leicester.

767 Daily

Stansted Airport Coach Station - Birmingham, Digbeth Coach Station. Minor changes to timetable.

777 Daily

Cambridge, Drummer Street Bus Station - Gatwick Airport, South Terminal. Minor changes to timetable.

797 Daily

Regal Busways

2 May 06 1 M-S

Canvey, Leigh Beck - Chelmsford, Coval Lane
New hourly service linking Canvey with Chelmsford via, Tarpots Corner, Rawreth, Battlesbridge, Rettendon, Howe Green and Sandon. Certain journeys to/from Writtle Agricultural College. This is a joint partnership between the DoT and ECC.

1A M-F

Canvey, Leigh Beck - Chelmsford, Coval Lane
New service. These journeys operate direct via the Baddow By pass. Certain journeys to/from Writtle Agricultural College.

1B M-F

Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Canvey, Leigh Beck
New service. Single journey direct via the new A130 to Rettendon (Turnpike) then normal line of route to Canvey.

S M Coaches

10 Apr 06 395 M-F

Sele Farm, Bentley Road - Ware (circular)
New daytime circular service.

524 M-F

Harlow Bus Station - Stevenage Bus Station
New peak time service. Limited number of journeys.

Stansted Transit

4 Jan 06 306 M-F

Wicken Bonhunt, Coach and Horses - Bishops Stortford, Herts & Essex Hospital. Route in Bishops Stortford revised and no longer serves Stansted Mountfitchet School.

Talisman

8 Apr 06 1 Daily

Colchester North Station - Colchester Zoo.
Seasonal hourly service via Town Centre. (City Sightseeing Tour)

Trustline

26 Mar 06	242	Su	Waltham Cross Bus Station - Potters Bar Station Change of operator from Arriva EH&E for HCC contract journeys.
	311	Daily	Waltham Cross Bus Station - Hertford, Sele Farm (Bentley Road). Change of operator from Arriva EH&E for HCC contract journeys M-S evenings and sundays.
	700	M-S	Stansted Airport Coach Station - Stevenage Bus Station Change of operator from Arriva EH&E with minor timetable change.

David Tomlin

Blue Triangle Essex Sunday Routes

As recorded above, **Blue Triangle** will be running three new routes on selected Sundays and one Bank Holiday Monday during 2006:

Sundays 7, 28 May, Bank Holiday Monday 29 May, Sundays 18 June, 16 July, 6, 27 August, 17 September, 15 October, 19 November, 10 December.

The routes are:

- 339 Epping - Thornwood - Potter Street - Harlow
- 363 Bacon End/Great Dunmow - Felsted - Braintree - Cressing - Witham
- 622 Harlow - Hatfield Heath - Great Dunmow - Felsted - Braintree

The idea is to recreate something similar to the Essex County Council 622 (summer) and 363 (winter) routes, that ran during the late 1980s/early 1990s. The routes interwork with connections wherever possible at Little Dunmow, Throws Corner and at Braintree Bus Park.

339 comprises 'positioning journeys' to cater for passengers wishing to transfer to/from the Underground at Epping.

363 is revised to run from Witham Station (not Collingwood Road) then via route 72, but direct via Western Road, Boars Tye Road (and not via Silver End Village because of low trees) to Tye Green, then direct into Braintree via Cressing Road (not Freeport), then via existing route 133 to Dunmow. Two 'works journeys' will extend from here to Bacon End, Banana Factory (for no particular reason other than to prove it can be done!).

622 is the traditional ECC Sunday route between Harlow and Braintree only.

The Essex Sunday Saver will **not** be valid on these routes. Instead, there will be a competitively priced day rover (the Golden Phoamer) for all three routes.

Buses to be used will normally come from the Blue Triangle 'toy cupboard', with any four from the RT, RTW, RM, RML, RCL, T, and M stock appearing. It is also possible that subject to agreement, 'guest' vehicles from other operators may also run at times.

Timetables are shown in the centre pages of this EBN and will **not** be repeated (unless they change) in future issues, but **will** be downloadable from our website (www.essexbus.org.uk). The bus numbers refer to staff duties, and buses will probably be switched over during the course of the day.

As with the **First Essex** and **EnsignBus** 'running days' last year, here are some excellent opportunities for photography (perhaps for EBN?). But, operators need to recoup some hard cash to pay for the diesel and (Sunday rate) wages. So, please support this venture by **riding on the buses too**, and who knows, there may be a repeat next year.

David Harman

■ FIRST ESSEX

New/transferred vehicles

65727-30 have Wright body numbers J488/6/90/87 and are B43F+30, B40F+38 or B40F+28+1 wheelchair. They were first registered on 11 March 2005.

Allocation changes

Period 12: 21Feb to 2 Apr 2006

FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to/from another First fleet

(A)=acquired, including vehicles on loan; Anc=Ancillary fleet; RES=spare/retained (licensed); D/L(RES)=spare/reserve (delicensed); D/L(D)=delicensed for disposal; DS=Driving School

46107 HH-paint spare; 46121 D/L(D)-sold; 46124 RES-CN; 46175 CN-RES;
51479 D/L(D)-sold; 51782 D/L(D)-sold; 51889 D/L(D)-sold; 65727 (A)-CF;
65728 (A)-CF, 65729 (A)-CF, 65730 (A)-CF, 65733 (A)-CF

Correction: 46828 moved CF-CN p/e 25 December 2005.

Repaints:

Period 12: 65677 & 65667 to Group Standard livery, 65680-4 to P&R black with silver lettering

40777 and 47228 are reported with new LED electronic blinds (the rear of 47228 was not working when seen).

Disposals:

Period 12: 46121 51479 51782 51889 to Erith Commercials (dealer), Dartford, Kent

VEHICLE WORKINGS

Chelmsford Park & Ride

65680-4 duly entered service on 31 March in black livery with silver lettering. They are named after the four houses at King Edward VI Grammar School in Chelmsford (and carry the house colours), in turn commemorating one-time pupils or past connections with the School. The Scania's have a small poster inside, above the side windows, with a little about the four gentlemen and written by the House Captains. The launch involved the Head Boy of KEGS.

With four names and five vehicles, two have the same name. All are carried on the door:

65680 and 65684	TINDAL	(red)
65681	MILDMAY	(orange)
65682	STRUTT	(green)
65683	HOLLAND	(blue)

Normally during the day just 3 run but this is increased during the peak to possibly 4. Travel is free until April 24, and loadings have been very heavy with the car park virtually full on several occasions.

Unusual sightings:

March 1st CR34304 on DT104 (loan)

- 2nd CR46829 on 64
- 3rd CF34815 on 351 (11.51 ex Brentwood, not Romford as mistakenly reported in EBN503!)
- 4th CR34013 on 66
- 6th CF47227 on 42, BE46817 on 352, Solo CF53114 on X30, Scania CR62408 on X22 and later 66A
- 7th CR34013 on 66, CR34056 on 65; BN46173 on 73 (usually Mercedes or short Dart), CR47104 on 78, CR62408 on X22 again
- 8th CF65730 on 351 (first day of use)
- 9th Olympian/ECW CF34816 on daytime 33
- 11th Olympian CF34816 on 351, CF34818 on 72
- 13th CR34309 on 65 (usually branded Scania); Solo DT53138 on 104 (17.35 ex CR) in place of usual Olympian
- 14th CR34308 on 65; Olympian/ECW CF34816 on Chelmsford-Southend 35 (usually Dart)
- 15th CR34310 on 66A; CR67004 on 65; Lance CN67010 on 18
- 16th CR34302 on 66A, CR 67003 (67 branded) on 71; CF34818 on 351 (13.51 ex Brentwood)
- 17th CR67008 on 65; CR34310 o/l to DT (replacing CR34301) along with Darts CN46120/46828
- 19th Olympian/Alexander CR30560 on 102 (replacing usual DT P-TGD Olympian)
- 20th Olympian CR34302 on X22
- 21st 77/78-branded CR34018 on 66A
- 22nd CR30560 on 65; CR34301 on 64; BN41640 (25A/B branded) on 82; CR67007 on 64, CR67003 on 66A
- 23rd CR34014 on 61; 61-branded Dart CR43715 on 64, Solo CF53114 on X30; HH42853 on 24 (usually short Dart)
- 24th CR30560 on 64; CR46830 on 66; CR67005 on 64, CF53112 on X30 (replaced by 56009)
- 25th Olympian CF34807 on 351
- 27th CR34308 on 65, BE46808 on 36, Dart BN43714 on 100
- 28th CR34315 on 64; CR67008 on 64; CR46829 on 66A
- 29th 77/78-branded CR34018 and CF34304 on 64, CF43742 on 61, CR67003 on 88
- 30th Lance CF60104 on 31X (replaced by CF47220), CR34011 on 61, CR34309 on X22, Lances CR67004/6 on 65
- 31st CF47225 on 31X, CF47226/7 on 42, CF47252 on 352; 66-branded Dart/Alexander CR43740 on 64; 67-branded CR67001 on 65; CR67008 on 61.

- April
- 1st Dart CF46183 on 45
 - 3rd CR34302 on 66A, CF47224 on 45, CF43731 on 31X, 66-branded CR43744 on 67
 - 4th CF34816 on daytime 36, Darts CF43729 on 31X and CF47221 on 45.
 - 5th CF34807 on 351, CF47227 on 45, CF47227 on 45, CF53113 o/l to DT for Village Link, Lance BN60102 on Chelmsford 42, CF60104 on 31X

OTHER NEWS

Not previously reported is that ancillary vehicle 51475 has had the destination screen plated over.

Brentwood Borough Council have recently been replacing a number of the traditional rustic wooden bus shelters in Brentwood, Pilgrim's Hatch and Ingatestone but retaining the same style.

In the first week of March, the Network Colchester tram shed at Magdalen Street was prepared for use by First Essex. First occupied it from 20 March, but initially for staff car parking only. Buses were due to start using it from 3 April.



Loaned First PMT Scania 65729 (YN05 HCU) and 65733 (YN05 HCZ) seen in Chelmsford in March on their usual route, the 31/31X. These vehicles are unusual compared to First Essex's own new deliveries in having traditional blinds. They also have non standard interiors (with the same moquette as on the Scania's used on the 100) which suggests they are ex dealer stock. *Photos: above: Chris Stewart; below: Adam Kelleher*



Further to EBN503, Terry Clark advises that Series 2 Bristol VR 3037 (PWC512M) was fitted out as a mobile youth centre when used by the United Reformed Church, and travelled to various sites around Witham to a set weekly timetable. It was painted a dark blue and towed a generator when in its working mode. Stored at a farm opposite Lynfield Motors in Witham, there was an initially an arrangement with E.N. for maintenance and it was noted in CF depot at times.

20 YEARS AGO

The transfer of vehicles to the new Walthamstow depot led to a whole series of vehicles being hired from United Counties beginning in May 1986. A recent discussion on the Essex Buses Yahoo Group brought back memories of a very interesting period. Known dates of receipt and initial allocations are given, together with further details of route workings where photographs have been seen (some of these being from the late Peter Snell's collection). Any further information or corrections would be welcome, and will be published in a future EBN.

Leyland National

From 17 May 1986:

- 453 NBD453M (DT)
- 517 OVV517R (CF), returned October in exchange for 460 (ORP460M) – photographed on 42 and 56, 517 had a very unusual number plate arrangement on the front, fitted in the nearside panel by the destination screen, and carried a Mk 2 National front.
- 544 BVV544T (HH) - photographed on the 2 and 24A
- 559 ERP559T (CF) - photographed on the 42 and 43
- 562 KRP562V (CF) - photographed showing 32A, returned 20 June

From 12/13 June

- 464 ORP464M (BD) – photographed on 262
- 465 ORP465M (BE)
- 476 RNV476M (BD) – photographed on 261

From September

- 475 ORP475M (BN)
- 482 RNV482M (BE)
- 507 KNV507P (SD) – 'Easy Rider' on route 2

Bristol VR

From 17 May 1986

- 856 OVV856R (SD)
- 863 RRP863R (CR)
- 878 XNV878S (CF)
- 768 WRP768J (CF) driver trainer Mons-Fris only

Another unrelated loan for September/October 1986 was Southdown VR JWV266W, which was operated by Eastern National whilst brand new Olympian 4018 (C418HJN) was lent to Southdown for evaluation. The VR was in the attractive green & cream livery, and was used at least on the 251. Presumably Southdown were not persuaded by 4018 as they didn't buy Olympians until the Stagecoach era.

A number of minibuses were also borrowed from other operators between June and October 1986:

Alder Valley North Ford Transits 322/3 C322/3RPE (CF) for driver training
Maidstone & District Mercedes L608D for use as driver ferry vehicles to/from WW:
1013 C213EKJ (BN), 1018 C218EKJ (SD), 1020 C220EKJ (BE) and 1021 C221EKJ (BN)

Nineteen VRs were acquired from Milton Keynes Citybus in October 1986 and became 3200-3218, thereby allowing release of the United Counties and other vehicles.

*Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to First Essex and to A Bird, T Clark, D Edwards, M Farmer, I Hardie, A Kelleher, P Mansbridge, J Podgorski, C Sigston, A Timms, A Toms, G Toon, R Webb, K Smith, R Whitley, Essex Bus and South West y-groups, Real Bus News, LOTS, PSV Circle, Terminus.
Chris Stewart*



First Eastern Counties 34535 (XHK 235X) John Stewart

ECW-BODIED OLYMPIAN OBITUARY

First Eastern Counties have announced that the last ECW-bodied stock is to be withdrawn in the near future. This comprises five early Olympians, all based at King's Lynn. They include four former Eastern National or Thamesway vehicles - XHK 235/6/7X and B698 BPU. The fifth vehicle is ex-Trent A711 DAU.

XHK 236/7X have been out of use recently and stored in the yard at Rowan Road. The other three are still running. A711 DAU is in regular daily use on service, and the other pair in regular use on schools services plus occasional service duties when needed.

John Wilson

■ ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX LIMITED

No news this month as no reports were received by the Sub-Editor! YOUR reports would be welcome please !

Mark Garrett

■ ARRIVA SOUTHEND LIMITED

Vehicles in

3132 Dennis Dart/Northern Counties Paladin (L132 YVK) B35F 9SDL3034/1756 from Northfleet. This vehicle is the replacement for Olympian 5387.

Other Vehicle News

Dennis Lance 3379 (M269 VPU) has been repainted and retrimmed at Pickerings of Thurmaston (Leicester). This vehicle attended the Cobham Rally on Sunday 2nd April.

Leyland Olympian 5386 was still in service the week ending 7th April despite appearing on the Arriva Southern Counties disposal list from 23rd March. Fellow ex London Olympian 5387 is also on the disposal list but this has been withdrawn from service. 5386 is expected to be withdrawn at its next safety inspection.

Other News

Dominators 5287/8 have both received 'mega rears' advertising the Liberty Shopping Centre at Romford despite this being well out of the vehicles operating areas.

*Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Arriva Southern Counties
(Richard Lewis), Richard Delahoy*





left: 'Mega-rear' on Dominator 5288 promoting the Liberty Shopping Centre at Romford. This is presumably to entice shopaholics into deserting Southend for the retail delights of exotic, faraway Romford.

Now, if *only* there was a direct bus from Southend to Romford ... perhaps called the 251 ...

DRH

below left: 'London' Olympian 5386 in Belfairs, Belgrave Road, showing the 'CENTRAL SOUTHEND' destination, unique to this type. See page 31.

photos: Peter Mansbridge



■ NETWORK COLCHESTER

Correction: EBN503: p19: Network Colchester 335 is registered G615 BPH, not B615 BPH.

Vehicle News

Some more information on Metrobus MkII TVE 804 (see EBN503):

TVE804 was new to South Yorkshire PTE in 1985 as 1950 (C950 HWF). It passed to MK Metro (in whose livery it remains), then to Classic Buses, Annfield Plain, Co.Durham. The fleetname has now been amended to read Burton's Buses in Classic Buses style. Full details are:

C950 HWF MCW DR102/50 MB8202 MCW CH42/28F new 8/1985

Vehicle Workings

Service 5 now sees many different vehicle types appear, the most common being Varios, DAFs, SLFs and B10Ms, and sometimes Olympians and high floor Darts.

Unusual Workings

March	1st	303 (route 8 branded) on 2; 381 (route 2 branded) on 8A.
	6th	354 (8 branded) on 2; 373 on 8.
	8th	359 on 8E.
	10th	359 on 1.
	11th	309 on 8E.
	14th & 15th	109 (route 2 branded) on 8.



Former Metrobus Dart 722 (M722 CGO) is now 302 in the **Network Colchester** fleet, with blue '8' branding. Seen here in February. *Roger Tuke*

17th	311 (route 8 branded) on 5.
March 20th	310 (route 8 branded) on 5.
23rd	309 (route 8 branded) on 247; 374 on 8.
29th	311 (route 8 branded) on 247.
30th	302 (route 8 branded) on 87.
31st	302 (route 8 branded) on 87 & 247.

Repaints

109 has received Network Colchester livery and green route 2 branding.

Other News

In the first week of March, the tram shed was prepared for use by First, with the pits being filled in. It was occupied by First from 20th March but has initially only been used for staff car parking.

Correction

The former Arriva Ford Transit van used at Magdalen Street is N611 LMR not N611 SMR as stated in EBN503.

■ BURTON'S COLCHESTER COACHWAYS.

There are now no specific vehicles allocated to Colchester Coachways, the name being used only for marketing.

R507 TGM left the fleet in December 2005 and is now with TGM at Twickenham.

B10M/VH CSU 908/9 have also left the fleet.

FH02 RXA, Volvo B10M/Caetano Enigma, was noted in use on 6th March.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Podgorski, Roger Tuke

Hedingham

New vehicle

L346 EU06 KCX ADL Dart / ADL B29E. This arrived on 4 April.

Acquired vehicle

L347 is expected to be a W-reg. Volvo/Plaxton, ex National Holidays, but new to Wallace Arnold. This is currently being prepared by Volvo, Loughborough.

Dave Arnold and Colin Sigston

The registration for new service 6, Wilmington Road - Colchester (circular) via Magdalen Wood, St Johns Estate shops, Ipswich Road and the Bus Station, due to have begun on 3 April (see EBN 503) has been cancelled before it started. From the *Essex County Standard* for 31 March:

"Bus service a non-starter". Hedingham Omnibuses had already distributed timetables in the area and the residents' newsletter advertised the service. Robert MacGregor said: "The whole service centred around the Bus Station, but there's so much turmoil around, it wasn't the right time to start a bus service. We will reconsider in the future when the location of the bus station is settled".

acknowledgements to Geoff Toon

Former Hedingham Tiger / Plaxton L105 (BEV 105X), now with **Southern Transit**, Brighton, attended the Cobham Open day on 2 April. Hedingham livery (and blinds) are retained, with the Southern Transit fleetname applied in white/yellow. *Dave Arnold*



Essex Small Operator News

A1 TRAVEL, Harlow Peugeot Boxer N756 PPG and LDV 400 N874 WOC are here

ACME, Transport Stansted Mercedes Benz 609D/Onyx M269 FNS is a recent addition

ADVANCE MINIBUS, Hockley Toyota Hiace JAZ 3250 was registered back to H952 PPU and has now been sold.

AH MINIBUSES, Clacton Ford Transit N272 BHJ has been sold.

A&J MINIBUS, Rochford Ford Transit Y849 CNG is a recent addition, this confirms the note in EBN 502. Also here is H952 KVV a Ford Transit/Dormobile.

AJS, Harlow Recently acquired is Ford Transit EY54 VYM, from Brown, Harlow.

AMAYESING MINIBUSES, Grays Ford Transit P494 WBM has been sold.

AMBER, Rayleigh Mercedes Benz 609D/PMT D156 XCP has been sold. Bristol VR/ECW GGM 104W has gone, thought to be for scrap.

APT, Rayleigh Acquired in December was former Hedingham Leyland Tiger/Plaxton XGS 767X. Vehicles sold are Scania K113/Berkhof TJI 4833 (J743 KDP) to Redwood, Hemyock and J396 UBM a Mercedes Benz 0303 to Williams, Merthyr Tydfil. Mercedes Benz 609D L694 JEC has passed to Ronda, Rochford. Scania K113/Plaxton J36 UHP has also been sold.

AUTOHIRE, Stansted Acquired from Excel, Stansted is F860 YJX a DAF SB2300/Duple

BARKER, Roydon Two recent additions are Leyland Swift/Elme BHZ 9550 (G917 GRN) and a non-PSV D104 XAN a Mercedes L307D/Reeve Burgess. Duple 425 E454 CGM has been re-registered NUI 9050. Leyland Tiger/Plaxton JIL 9153 (C208 PPE) has passed to Roots, Aldershot. Talbot Freeway G731 UYF has been sold to a private owner.

BB's TRANSPORT, Hullbridge Further to EBN 502, Ford Transit M7 WAB, was previously YC02 XKX.

BRENTWOOD COACHES Volvo B10M/Plaxton LUI 7648 (L644 AYS and others) has been sold to D&J Fletcher, Malton. Volvo B10M/Jonckhree LUI 7650

(ex P807DPA) has fleet no. 8, WXC 732 (ex P806DPA) has fleet no. 10

CD TRAVEL, Kelvedon Mercedes Benz 811D/Carlyle EHZ 9339 (H103 HDV) previously reported as sold, is still here. A recent addition is N811 ERP a LDV 400

CEDRIC, Wivenhoe A planning application has been submitted, to demolish the existing depot and replace it with 24 residential and two retail units.

According to a posting on the Essex Buses Yahoo Group, the three former Armchair Olympians H547/548/552 GKX are the normal performers on service 78X. Although an unusual working was Olympian B748 GCN on all day 78X on 10/2/06.

Olympians ACM 705X and coach version B162 AKH are reported to be out of use at Thorrington.

Vehicles acquired are G756 UYT (number 24) Leyland Olympian/Northern Counties (seen 2.06) ex Arriva Northumbria 7279 and K816 HMV Leyland Olympian/Leyland (seen 3.06) ex Metrobus 816. Similar H552 GKX has been numbered 11.

Leyland Olympian/ECW A189 RUM (number 9) has been sold to Bone, Hook, while sister B748 GCN (28) has been renumbered 9

Last VR FKM 881V "has flown" through its latest Class 6 MOT, so should see at least another years service

CHARIOTS, Stanford le Hope LAG Panoramic DXI 3778 (C410 UPC) and JBZ 3250 (A61 GRY) a Volvo B10M/LAG have been sold. F100UEH Mercedes Benz 609D/PMT seen 21.1.06 on the premises of Chariots, Stanford-le-Hope - last reported with Lever, St.Helens, Merseyside.

CLARK, South Benfleet This new operator, has Ford Transit AY02 TBZ.

CLINTONA, Brentwood New is Mercedes Benz Vario/Plaxton AE55 VPO, this is a coach, rather than for ECC work.

COUNTY, Brentwood Further to EBN 502, recently acquired was YXI 7923 (N547 SJF) a Volvo B10M/Jonckhree, ex Holmeswood, Lancashire, this has been



Imperial Darts: DL261 (N261 PJR), ex-Metrobus, Crawley, but new to Catch-a-Bus (Hylton Castle Motors) of Sunderland is seen in Chelmsford in April.

DL81 (R181 VLA) ex-Metroline in Brentwood on 10 March, with an Arriva DAF in the background. Is this what Brentwood would have looked like if the National Bus Company and deregulation had never happened: green and cream Eastern National Darts on the 40 (269 in new money) and red LTE DAFs on the 87 (498 + the Rainham bit)? DRH

Photos: above: Dave Arnold; below: Chris Stewart



reregistered 2786 RU. The previous 2786 RU a Scania/Irizar was reregistered T745 JHE and is now with Holmeswood.. Also here is S9 BOS (S618 KUT) a Volvo B10M/ Caetano.

Bristol VR/ECW KKK 887V is still owned, but is not in use.

CPD, Basildon Have ceased operating and Ford Transit W483 MFT has been sold.

CRUADER HOLIDAYS, Clacton Recent additions are Setra S416 EU06 JBO/JBV and Setra S415 EU06 JBX/JBY/JBZ. These arrived during February 2006.

A partial fleet renumbering has taken place, but owing to space constraints this is held over until next month.

CUNNINGHAM, Corringham

Scania/Irizar V323 EAK, the last vehicle recorded here has been sold to A2Z, Walsall, back in May last year.

DAVES MINIBUSES, Dovercourt N556 DKO an Iveco minibus has been sold.

DELUX, Southend Airport Toyota/ Caetano L46 DBC entered service with this new operator in November 2005 (further to misc. section of EBN 502)

DMA, Brentwood Ford Transit G947 PFD has been sold.

EAGLES TRAVEL, Harlow Acquired from A1 Travel, Harlow is Ford Transit L830 MJN.

EXCALIBUR TRAVEL, St Lawrence DAF 400 H434 VGK has been sold.

EXCEL, Stansted Sold some time ago was J555 SAS a Scania K113/ Van Hool to Maghull Coaches, Bootle.

FISHING IN FRANCE, Bradwell-on-Sea Fiat Ducato P386 NVR and similar R340 JHU are here.

FLAGFINDERS, Braintree No sooner had I written the note for EBN 502 and V240 JKE a Renault Master had gone back into service. Sister V241 JKE is the subject of two reports, one saying it's back in use, the other that it remains out of use! Bristol VR VPF 288S was withdrawn at the end of March. Optare Solo MX04 VLP has been noted on the Braintree-Freeport shuttle service. It is reported to have replaced Dart SLF/ Alexander VU02 TPX.

FLORIDA Halstead Bova Futura 449 BHU has been re-registered to it's original F690 ONR. Acquired from Ensigns is J590 CEV (FC 7328) a former Hong Kong, Leyland Olympian/ Alexander

FORDS, Althorne The fortnightly Fridays only service from Chelmsford to Tillingham normally worked by Olympian CUD 222Y, unusually on 24th March, it was worked by Scania G50 FKG.

FOURWAYS, Highwood It is reported that LBD 923V a Bristol VR/ECW, will pass to a Bedfordshire owner for preservation shortly.

GARDNER, Widford DAF 400 minibus L400 DVR has been withdrawn.

GEORGES MINIBUS, Canvey Island GX55 DMO VW LT46-109 / VW-Stanford is here - this is presumably the vehicle shown at the Bus & Coach Show with BU55OLD plates

HANN, Harlow Ford Transit R798 BUJ arrived from APS Wickford by October 2005.

HARDY MILES, Southend MCW Metrobus withdrawn are GOG 249W, ORJ 91W, LOA 380X, LOA 417X, LOA 427X, ANA 154Y, ANA 163Y and C336 BUV.

HARWOOD, Gt Wakering Bedford YMT/Plaxton EBM 460T has been sold to Fareline, Diss.

KELLYS, Harlow Setra S215H UIL 4721 (G841 AOW) has been acquired from Luxtravel, Maidstone.

KIRBYS, Rayleigh Further to EBN 502, the recently acquired Setra K9 BYS was new to Edwards, Efail Isaf as BX04 NBE and is a S415HD. Setra WVY 596 a S215HD model, has been sold to Crown, Thundersley.

KNIGHTS, Tiptree Mercedes 408D/ Crystals F619 PPC has been sold. A recent addition is LDV Convoy LK03ZVE.

LCB TRAVEL, Harlow A recent addition is ML51 KCZ a Mercedes Benz 208 CDI (further to EBN 502)

LINKFAST, Thundersley Leyland Olympian/ECW B962 WRN has arrived from Ensign (dealer), Purfleet.

LODGE, High Easter Vehicles sold are Scania/ Van Hool 98 CLJ (P159 FJO) to Hendry, Ilford and Vario/ Autobus VIL 8760 (P216 RWR) to Blanks, Longfield.

LOGIC, Nazeing Fiat Ducato P414 JKW has been sold.

LUXURY LIMOUSINES, Canvey Island Is the latest operator of limousines, to use restricted PSV discs for their operation.

MALCOLMS BLUE BUS, Clacton Former

First Essex Mercedes Benz 709D/Plaxton K634 GVX passed to Talisman, Gt.Bromley on 10.2.06 and on to Country Travel, Saxmundham, Suffolk the same day.

MAYHAM EVENTS, Abridge LDV Convoy P803 NSC has been sold.

MCS, Chadwell St Mary Have ceased operating and D178 CLH a Mercedes Benz 811D/Robin Hood has been sold.

MILESTONE, Canvey Island P261CCH an LDV Convoy has had its lettering removed and is in the yard next door, so is thought to have been sold.

NCS, Saffron Walden Vehicles sold are L803 RKL and E702 DPU both Ford Transit and LDV 400 L825 ADX. LDV Convoy AE04 RDZ has been acquired.

NEED-A-BUS, Canvey Island Ford Transit S933 SOO has been sold.

NELSONS, Wickford Very unusual on Sunday 5th February, was the sight of OmniDekka EU05 ECV on service 222 (Southend-Brentwood). An Optare Solo demonstrator YK55 ENJ was on loan

during mid-March.

NEW CENTURY, Thundersley Leyland Tiger/Van Hool NIW 2309 is now a driver trainer with RSM, Canvey Island. Mercedes Benz 709D E758 OWY is with a private owner.

NEW HORIZONS, Alresford LDV Convoy R624 FYG has been sold. Ford Transit Tourneo EY05 VHC is now in use. MX55 VLG a Mercedes Benz ? is reported here, but no other details are reported.

There is a operating centre at Park Farm Business Centre, Colchester Road (A133), Elmstead CO7 7BA (this appears to be the official address although maps have this stretch of road as Clacton Road)

NITELINE, Maldon Peugeot Boxer N712 AKP is here.

O'TOOLE COACHES, Navestockside Further to the misc. section of EBN 502, M640 KVV a Volvo B10M/Van Hool, is with this operator.

PDQ, Colchester Ford Transit AV04 XJY has been sold.

PEOPLES TRANSPORT, South Benfleet

The Optare Solo loaned to Nelsons: YK55 ENJ; livery is red and silver. *Chris Stewart*





above: Dart SK02 XGP of **Stephensons** in Withamlink colours at Witham (Morrisons).

Dave Arnold

below: Olympian G305 UYK - a recent acquisition, new to London United. Seen here at Westcliff High School. *Peter Mansbridge*



Ford Transit EX 53 KOV has been sold.
P&M COACHES, Shotgate TEC 956Y a Bedford YNT/Plaxton is still at the Birkett Hall Stables yard at Woodham Ferrers (where it has been for some time) - it currently has no seats and other body parts are missing.

PRODUCTION EUROPE, Frinton Renault Master P351 SBX has been sold.

RAYNHAM, Newport Ford Transit J854 LLU has been sold.

REGAL, Highwood Mercedes/Plaxton N918 ETM was on loan from a dealer in January and February

RONDA, Rochford Mercedes Benz 609D/Scott E364 YGB, previously reported here, has never been here.

RUFFLE, Castle Hedingham Mercedes Benz 308D K144 PLP has been acquired. It is a non-PSV.

SBC, Southend To correct EBN 501, the correct registration of the former T377 JWA is S11 SFC.

SEYMOUR, Harlow Mercedes Benz 811D/Carlyle G836 UDV has been sold.

SJH, Crays Hill C266 BMS (C669 XRU) a Volvo B10M/Plaxton previously reported as sold, is still here. Acquired from P&M, Shotgate in October, was F367 BUA a Mercedes Benz 811D/Optare.

SM, Harlow A further Iveco/Beulas is LV02 LKD from Redwing, while also acquired is Bova Futura W197 EJO from Weavaway, Thatcham

STANS, Gt Totham Acquired from Felix, Sudbury is K392 BVS a Mercedes/Plaxton, it did not stay long and has now passed to APT, Rayleigh (possibly as a dealer)

STANSTED HOTEL SPRINTER Stansted Mercedes Benz S609 BVE, Dennis Javelin/Neoplan M904 OVR and T180 SUT a MAN/Marco Polo have been sold.

Recent fleet additions are, W261GBV Scania/Irizar ex Holdsworth, Gt. Harwood, Y991 OCT, a Mercedes Benz/Autobus ex M.C.H., Uxbridge and AE 55 NYN Mercedes Benz Vario/Eurocoach

STANSTED TRANSPORT SERVICES, Stansted Are operating LDV 400 minibuses M814 TRD.

STANWAY TRAVEL, Layer-de-la-Haye Ford Transit R663 TCR has been sold.

STEPHENSONS, Rochford Recently acquired is Leyland Olympian G305 UYK, it replaces similar B248 NVN, which has been withdrawn. Former London Olympian C106 CHM is now in Tesco livery. It is normally on the free services in Pitsea (MWF) or Barking (TTh). It also operates service 800 (Southend to Thurrock College).

SUPREME, Southend This is not the original Supreme, but is a new operation, although using former Supreme vehicles. Those here are CAZ 6273 (A519 NCL) a Volvo B10M/Plaxton, ANA 153Y a MCW Metrobus, L100/300 SUP short Volvo B10M/Berkhof, L200 SUP a Scania K113/Berkhof, R454 YDT a Scania K113/Van Hool, T455 JHK a Ford Transit and T376 JWA a Scania K124/Irizar. L200/300 SUP previously were reported with SBC, Southend, but this was in error.

TALISMAN, Gt Bromley Acquired from Dawlish Coaches, is BX54 EBL a Mercedes Benz 1836RL. Hong Kong Citybus 306 was collected from Ensign (dealer) on 4.3.06 - it is now certified but a registration has not yet been allocated. Leyland Olympian/Alexander (Belfast) H859 PTW passed to Martin (Newquay Minibuses), Newquay, Cornwall on 10.3.06

Scania/Van Hool WIL 3635 (L562 FND) to Ayling (Sussex Coaches), Shipley, W.Sussex on 14.3.06

THORNS OF ESSEX, Rayleigh Bristol VR FDV 835V has been offered for sale on eBay.

TOMS MINIBUSES, Southend Ford Transit F726 EKR has been sold.

TOWN CARS, Clacton Recently acquired is Y273 LBH a Citroen Relay.

TRANSIT GROUP, Hare Street YT5 EAF / EAM Dennis Dart/Plaxton are in (by 2.06) - ex Connex Bus DP6/10. Both have Stansted Transit fleetnames and have been on Essex C.C. service 73A.

TREKKERS, Magdalen Laver PJI 1244 a Duple 425, is operated here, rather than with Bernards Coaches, Harlow, as previously reported

TRUSTLINE, Hndon Have won the Herts. CC tender from 26.03.06. for service 700 (Stevenage to Stansted), currently operated by Arriva. It is reported by LOTS, that two new MCV bodied Darts

are on order (These have now been delivered).

VICEROY, Saffron Walden Bedford YNV/Plaxton KAZ 6901 (C413 DML) has been acquired from Funston, Haverhill. Mercedes Benz 312D N387 VPB has been sold. Mercedes Benz Vario/Plaxton PF51 KHB has been acquired from Harrisons, Morecambe.

WARD, Alresford Ford Transit W354 ODX has been acquired.

WESTBROOK TRAVEL, Shoeburyness
This new operator has Ford Transit W986 XOG.

YELLOW, Braintree Ford Transit L658 CPF has gone to a private owner.

YOUNGS TRAVEL, Shotgate Bova Futura B842 FFM is now with Trimmer Travel, Romford.

Gough, Wrexham

T556 TOL LDV Convoy seen in Essex 3.2.06 lettered "Fred's UK Travel" and with a restricted disc - believed to be this operator. (A search of the VOSA web site reveals that Gough is quoting a contact

address in Brightlingsea, Essex but an operating centre in Wrexham, Wales)

An LDV Convoy, registration R212 JGA, is currently being offered on eBay (item no. 4611403132) It is lettered for "Fred's UK Travel" and is given as located at Colchester in Essex.

ESSEX - Non-PSV Operators Salvation Army, Chelmsford

Further to our previous note, Ford Transit CE55 UJM is now lettered for the Salvation Army.

PEB 124R Bedford YMT/Plaxton is at private premises in Post Office Road, Woodham Mortimer (by 12.05). Possibly being used as a caravan.

B312 YKJ an unidentified minibus, is also at the above address with PEB 124R. This is also possibly being used as a caravan

Thanks to Colin Sigston, Dave Arnold, Chris Stewart, John Podgorski, Richard Delahoy, PSV Circle, Essex y-groups, LOTS, Paul Smith (Talisman)

Stansted Transit Dart KE53 VDP in London Road, Braintree *Dave Arnold*



Blind Spot

Below are the special blinds for **Arriva Southend's** ex London Olympians 5386/7. These were produced/fitted in February 2006 and the buses withdrawn/due to be withdrawn in March/April 2006! Note the use of the Johnston font - thought to be the first time ever in Southend. The restricted list of displays reflected the limited availability of these full-height buses. *Richard Delahoy*

5386 (C32 CHM)
prepares for some
unusual workings.
Richard Delahoy



Intermediate displays

via London Road	1
Bournes Green	4
Great Waking	
Bournes Green	4A
Great Waking	
via Sutton Road	13
Prittlewell	29
North Leigh	
Contract	

Destination

HADLEIGH CHURCH
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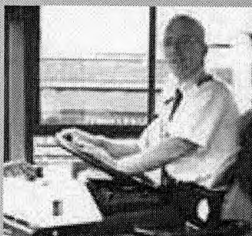
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ROUTE 339**EPHING – THORNWOOD – POTTER STREET – HARLOW**

Bus	1	3	4
Epping Station	0911	1011	1111
Potter Street Red Lion	0923	1023	1123
Harlow Bus Station	0933	1033	1133

ROUTE 363**BACON END/GREAT DUNMOW – FELSTED – BRAINTREE – CRESSING - WITHAM****ROUTE 622****HARLOW – HATFIELD HEATH – GREAT DUNMOW – FELSTED - BRAINTREE**

Route	622	363	622	622	363	363	622	363	363	622	363	362	622	363
Bus	1	1	3	4	3	1	2	2	3	4	3	2	1	1
Harlow Bus Station	0938		1038	1138			1238			1438			1638	
Old Harlow Post Office	0944		1044	1144			1244			1444			1644	
Sheering Cock	0953		1053	1153			1253			1453			1653	
Hatfield Heath Stag	0956		1056	1156			1256			1456			1656	
Hatfield Broad Oak Dukes Head	1002		1102	1202			1302			1502			1702	
Takeley Four Ashes	1008		1108	1208			1308			1508			1708	
Bacon End Banana Factory	↓		↓	↓		1252	↓			↓		1612	↓	
Great Dunmow Post Office	1017		1117	1217		1259	1317		1449	1517	1619	1649	1717	
Little Dunmow Throws Cnr (a)	1021		1121	1221		1303	1321		1453	1521	1623	1653	1721	
(d)	1023		1123	1223		1303	1323		1453	1523	1625	1653	1723	
Little Dunmow Post Office	1025		1125	1225		1305	1325		1455	1525	1627	1655	1725	
Felsted Church	1030		1130	1230		1310	1330		1500	1530	1632	1700	1730	
Rayne Welsh Princess	1039		1139	1239		1319	1339		1509	1539	1641	1709	1739	
Braintree Bus Park	1048	1058	1148	1248	1258	1328	1348	1448	1518	1548	1650	1718	1748	1806
Tye Green Post Office		1107			1307			1457			1659			1815
Cressing Three Ashes		1111			1311			1501			1703			1819
Silver End, Boars Tye Road, Temple Ln		1116			1316			1506			1708			1824
Rivenhall Oak		1120			1320			1510			1712			1828
Witham Conrad Road		1124			1324			1514			1716			1832
Witham Station		1130			1330			1520			1722			1838

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**ROUTE 363
ROUTE 622**
**WITHAM – CRESSING – BRAINTREE – FELSTED – GREAT DUNMOW/BACON END
BRAINTREE – FELSTED – GREAT DUNMOW – HATFIELD HEATH - HARLOW**

Route	363	622	363	622	363	622	363	363	622	363	622	622
Bus	2	2	1	4	3	1	3	2	4	3	2	3
Witham Station	1016		1136		1336			1526		1729		
Witham Conrad Road	1022		1142		1342			1532		1735		
Rivenhall Oak	1026		1146		1346			1536		1739		
Silver End, Boars Tye Road, Temple Ln	1030		1150		1350			1540		1743		
Cressing Three Ashes	1035		1155		1355			1545		1748		
Tye Green Post Office	1039		1159		1359			1549		1752		
Braintree Bus Park	1048	1056	1208	1256	1408	1456	1528	1558	1656	1801	1806	1836
Rayne Welsh Princess		1105	1217	1305	1417	1505	1537	1607	1705		1815	1845
Felsted Church		1114	1226	1314	1426	1514	1546	1616	1714		1824	1854
Little Dunmow Post Office		1119	1231	1319	1431	1519	1551	1621	1719		1829	1859
Little Dunmow Throws Cnr (a)		1121	1233	1321	1433	1521	1553	1623	1721		1831	1901
(d)		1123	1233	1323	1433	1523	1553	1625	1723		1831	1901
Great Dunmow Post Office		1127	1237	1327	1437	1527	1557	1629	1727		1835	1905
Bacon End Banana Factory		↓	1244	↓		↓	1604	↓		↓	↓	↓
Takeley Four Ashes		1136		1336		1536		1736		1844	1914	
Hatfield Broad Oak Dukas Head		1142		1342		1542		1742		1850	1920	
Hatfield Heath Stag		1148		1348		1548		1748		1856	1926	
Sheering Cock		1151		1351		1551		1751		1859	1929	
Old Harlow Post Office		1200		1400		1600		1800		1907	1937	
Harlow Bus Station		1208		1408		1608		1808		1915	1945	

ROUTE 339
HARLOW – POTTER STREET – THORNWOOD - EPPING

Bus	4	2	3
Harlow Bus Station	1813	1920	1950
Potter Street Red Lion	1823	1930	2000
Epping Station	1835	1942	2012

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06.45	COLCHESTER North Station	21.30
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07.45	SHENFIELD Station	20.35
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08.05	GALLOWES CORNER (bus stop near Halfords) ..	20.25
08.15	NEWBURY PARK (opposite Underground)	20.10
08.20	GANTS HILL Underground	20.05
08.30	REDBRIDGE (opposite Underground)	20.00

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