

ESSEX BUS NEWS

**No. 561
January 2011**



ESSEX BUS ENTHUSIASTS GROUP
www.essexbus.org.uk



Southend Heritage Bus Running Day

Talismans former Colchester Olympian H48 MJN on route 7 in Southend. *Russell Young*

The Ensignbus' Shillibeer livery DMS THX 646S on route 3 in Westcliff. *John G Lidstone*



Essex Bus News

Magazine Editor

**Eastern National Enthusiasts Guild
Ensignbus / Hedingham / NatEx :**

David Harman, 24 Frankfield Rise
Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5LF
essexbusnews@casuarina.org.uk

First in Essex :

Chris Stewart, 10 Crossways,
Shenfield, CM15 8QX
shenfield252@gmail.com

**Arriva Southend / TGM Group (Excel
Passenger Logistics / Network Colchester) :**

Peter Mansbridge
petemans_1@hotmail.com

Arriva Harlow & Ware :

Mark Garrett, 36 High Street, Chrishall,
Royston, SG8 8RP
degarwv@waitrose.com

**Stephensons, NIBS, Regal, other Essex
operators, Publicity News :**

Ian Ransom, 34 Donald Way,
Chelmsford, CM2 9JE
ianandsallyr@googlemail.com

Service Changes :

Paul Harvey, 3 Orangewood Close
Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham, Lincs,
NG31 8QW
pw.harvey@ntlworld.com

Your reports and observations

Members reports, quality photos (prints, slides or JPGs) and original articles are always welcome.

The Editors exercise the normal discretion to publish contributions in full, in part or not at all and cannot guarantee publication in any particular month.

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy but the Group cannot accept responsibility for any errors published.

Views expressed in EBN do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Group.

© 2011 Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group

Dates for your diary

■ PRESS DATES

<i>EBN dated</i>	<i>reports to Editors by</i>
February	29th January
March	26th February

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 be obtained from the Membership Secretary (see Group Directory).

■ SOUTH ESSEX MEETINGS

Venue: **Wickford Cricket Club, off Swan Lane, Wickford** - five minutes walk from Wickford Station and five minutes drive from the A130 and A127. Doors open at **1930** for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from **2000 to 2145/2200**; a cash bar is available. Members and guests welcome. £1.50 donation please towards the hire of the room.

Front cover:

Southend Heritage Bus Running Day: **Lodges'** former Southend Olympian/ Alexander F261 RHJ, makes a welcome return to its old stamping ground. *John G Lidstone*

2011 programme

- ▶ **Monday January 24** - rally round-up - a look back at some notable rallies over the last 30 years, by Richard Delahoy
- ▶ **Monday February 28** - *Malta then and now* - slide show by Alan Osborne and Chris Stewart, contrasting visits to Malta over the last 40 years and including a look at the current scene, before it all changes irrevocably during 2011.
- ▶ **Monday March 28** - AGM followed by slide show by Alan Osborne, "*40+ years AGO*"
- ▶ **Monday April 11** - another dip into Martin Weyell's slide presentation "*an A-Z of Essex area operators*".
- ▶ (then outdoor meetings/visits in May/June/July, to be advised nearer to the time)
- ▶ **Monday September 26** - to be announced
- ▶ **Monday October 24** - to be announced
- ▶ **Monday November 28** - to be announced
- ▶ **Monday December 19** - Christmas Social and "*20 years ago*" slide show by Richard Delahoy.

Richard Delahoy

■ NORTH ESSEX 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. Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2200. £1.50 donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome.

Dave Arnold

2011 programme ~ slide shows

- | | |
|---|--|
| ▶ Fridays: | July 8th - to be announced |
| February 11th - Trevor Brookes | August 12th - to be announced |
| March 11th - Owen Woodliffe | September 9th - to be announced |
| April 8th - to be announced | October 14th - to be announced |
| May 13th - slide show by Richard Delahoy | November 11th - to be announced |
| <i>"20 years ago"</i> | December 9th - to be announced |
| June 10th - to be announced | |

■ EVENTS

- ▶ **Saturday February 26th:** Enfield Spring Transport Bazaar, St.Stephen's Church Hall, Park Avenue, Enfield.
- ▶ **Weekend March 12/13th:** North Norfolk Railway, Celebration Spring Steam Gala with free classic bus services. All buses welcome!
- ▶ **Saturday April 9th:** M&D 100, Centenary of Maidstone & District Motor Services, Kent Showground, Detling.
- ▶ **Weekend April 9th/10th:** North Norfolk Railway Train & Bus Weekend, with rally on the Sunday. All buses welcome!
- ▶ **Sunday April 10th:** "Cobham" (except that it's not at Cobham) Annual Spring Bus & Coach Gathering & RF60, London Bus Preservation Trust, Dunsfold Aerodrome, Surrey (bus service from Guildford station). Museum not open.

Information is published in good faith and members are strongly advised to check details with the organisers, as the Group can accept no liability if events are cancelled or altered.

Election of Committee for 2011

The six members of the present committee are all prepared to stand for re-election for 2011: Chris Stewart (Chairman), Richard Delahoy (Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Alan Osborne (Secretary), Owen Woodliffe (Sales Officer), Ian Ransom (Tours Officer) and David Harman (EBN Editor). There is still one vacancy for which nominations are now invited. If any member wishes to serve on the committee, or has any objection to the proposed nominations, these should be made in writing to:

**The Secretary, Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group,
7, Farley drive, Seven Kings, ILFORD, Essex IG3 8LT**

Closing date for applications is 10 March 2011.

Alan Osborne, Secretary

Welcome to new members

We extend a warm welcome to new members:

R M Mayes of Chelmsford - 1019
Jeff Clayton of Leicester - 1020

Richard Delahoy

Group Directory

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A calendar year subscription is **£20**, renewable in January.

New members may join from any month during the year, but subscriptions will always run to December, from whichever month the member chooses. Those joining from February to December inclusive will pay a pro-rata subscription calculated at **£1.70** per month. E.g., a member joining in March would pay 10 x £1.70; i.e. £17.

Data Protection Act: Members' details are held on computer for the purpose of administration. If you object to your information being held in this way, please write to:

Richard Delahoy, 272 Shoebury Road
Southend-on-Sea SS1 3TT
richard@signal-training.com

Replacements for missing or defective EBNs are available from Richard.

TIMETABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Join this scheme to receive the Essex County Council timetable book and bus map. Send

your details and a cheque for £12 to
Richard Delahoy, 272 Shoebury Road,
Southend on Sea SS1 3TT.

Subscriptions can start with any issue of the book (usually three a year) and will be renewable annually at the same time as your Group membership subscription is due.

PUBLICATION SALES

Send orders for publications to:

Owen Woodliffe, 196 Sinclair Road,
Chingford, London E4 8PT

Owen also stocks a wide range of colour photos - send SAE with your requirements.

BLACK & WHITE PHOTO SALES

Lyn Watson
Willow Tree Cottage, 11 Roman Bank,
Gedney Dyke, Lincolnshire, PE12 0AR

Prints of specific EN (and predecessor) vehicles can be supplied; email with requirements:

lynw@barrons-bds.com

1-1-11 : the 4th Southend Heritage Bus Running Day

New Year's Day dawned dry and not excessively cold, thankfully, as drivers and conductors gathered in various points in Essex and Hertfordshire to prepare their buses for service in Southend, providing a service on a day when the normal Arriva and First services were not running (X30 excepted).

Early on the control bus, former Eastern National 1924 (JHJ150V, a Leyland National in the deregulation livery style) took up station in the Travel Centre layover area, Steven Hughes at the ready to control the day's operations. By 1000, seven of the fifteen operational buses had already arrived in Southend, the others following soon after from the outer terminals of the 3 (Canvey & Benfleet) and the 251 (Rayleigh).

Despite rain in early afternoon, there were plenty of enthusiasts mixing with the general public on the network of special services (as listed in last month's magazine), up to the last departures on most routes around 16:30-100. By then conductors were busy cashing up and paying in, drivers ready to take their buses back to the various companies participating in the running day. Altogether 18 drivers and 16 conductors worked on the services, drawn from a wide area, including crews from Lincolnshire and Leicestershire!

A few conductors used Setright ticket machines, but most passengers received specially printed commemorative card tickets produced by EBN Editor David Harman. We have a few spare sets left and these are

available from the Membership Secretary (address in the Group Directory on page 3), price £2.50 including postage, or £3.50 to include 2010's set as well (cheques payable to Essex Air Ambulance, please).

All profits from the running day are again being donated to charities nominated by the operators and crews, principally Essex Air Ambulance. The final total was still being worked out as we went to press, but it is expected to exceed £1,000. In total, over 1,500 passenger journeys were made.

Vehicle highlights were surely two former Southend Transport buses making a rare return to their home territory – the Van Hool Astromega of Fords of Althorne, once Southend Transport's 245 on the X1 London service, and the first Olympian bought new by ST, 261, now with Lodges of High Easter after a lengthy spell with East Yorkshire. Both were superbly turned out, although unfortunately neither was able to display Southend destination blinds. First's offering on the X30 also included two Scania/Wrights single deck buses in place of the usual coaches, giving further interest to the photographers.

The organisers will now take a well-deserved rest before commencing planning for next year. Put 1/1/12 in your diaries now!

Richard Delahoy

The full list of participating vehicles comprised:

Stephensons of Essex:

424 DCD, Leyland PD3/Northern Counties, ex Southdown
MRJ233W, Leyland Fleetline/Northern Counties, ex Southend Transport
F630MSL, Leyland Olympian/Alexander ex Stagecoach
K890CSE, Leyland Olympian/Alexander ex Lothian
N828BKK, Volvo Olympian/Alexander ex Dublin Bus
EU09NYO, ADL Enviro 200

Ensign Bus:

485CLT, the former London Transport RMC1485, now unusually in LT red not green
THX646S, ex LT's DMS2646 in Shillibeer livery

Timebus:

ALD871B, originally RM1871 with LT and later Southend Transport 113, preserved as SRM7 in silver livery

Regal Busways:

EU100JE, their new MAN/ADL Enviro bus

TGM Group – Network Colchester:

N161VVO, Scania N113/East Lancs decker, originally with Derby City Transport

Fords of Althorne:

820 KPO, Van Hool Astromega, formerly Southend Transport JEV245Y

Lodges of High Easter:

F261RHJ, Leyland Olympian/Alexander, ex Southend Transport 261

Panther Travel/A Barham & Sons:

JHJ150V, Leyland National ex Eastern National 1924

PDZ6275, Leyland National Greenway, based on UFG 54S, ex Southdown

Talisman Logistics:

H48MJN, Leyland Olympian/Leyland, originally Colchester Borough Transport 48.



Fords' Astromega in Southend. *Russell Young*

Two shapely former Southend rear ends.

John G Lidstone





TGM Group - Network Colchester's ex-Derby Scania N161 NVO at Rochford Square (Russell Young), and **Stephensons'** ex-Stagecoach Olympian F930 MSL at Bournes Green. (Richard Delahoy)





Ensignbus RMC1485, one of two representatives of the Southend Routemaster era.

John G Lidstone

Panther Travel National Greenway PDZ 6275 in Westcliff. *Russell Young*



Service changes

Arriva Southend

11 Dec 10	370	D	Lakeside to Romford: amendment to route in Romford (updated information).
7 Feb 11	5	M-S	Southend to Lakeside: revision to timetable.

Braintree Community Transport

4 Jan 11	SB22	M	Colne Valley service: revised timetable.
	SB23	Tu	Haverhill service: revised timetable.
	SB24	Tu	Upper Colne to Haverhill: revised route and timetable.
	SB25	Wed	Stour Valley Service: revised timetable.
	SB26	Wed	Sudbury Service: revised timetable.
	SB27	Thur	Sailings service: day of operation changed to Friday.

Centrebus

6 Feb 11	524	M-S	Harlow to Hertford: service withdrawn.
13 Feb 11	7/A	M-S	Bishop Stortford to Stansted Airport: service withdrawn.

Coggeshall Community Bus

13 Dec 10	CCB	M-F	Kelvedon to Coggeshall: revised times to connect with Trains.
-----------	-----	-----	---

Ensignbus

29 Nov 10	22	D	Lakeside to Aveley: extra late night journey introduced Mondays to Saturdays extended to Purfleet until 23rd December.
	73	D	Lakeside to Tilbury: extra late night journey introduced Mondays to Saturdays until 23rd December.

First

8 Jan 11	2	D	Southend to Basildon: revised timetable.
	20	D	Southend to Hullbridge: minor timetable revisions.
	21	D	Southend to Canvey Island: minor timetable revisions.
	26	D	Southend to Canvey Island: minor timetable revisions to the late afternoon service affecting Benfleet Station. The Sunday 26B will operate via Leigh Station & Church.
	27	D	Garron Park to Canvey Island: minor timetable changes.
9 Jan 11	16	M-F	Southend to Canvey Island: minor timetable revisions to the late afternoon journeys affecting Benfleet Station.
	17/18	D	Clacton to Point Clear: minor timetable changes.
	22	D	Canvey Island to Basildon: the 1855 journey from Canvey renumbered 22A and extended to Hadleigh.
	24	M-S	Rawreth to Southchurch: minor timetable changes at the Southchurch end.
	28	M-F	Canvey to Benfleet: minor changes to timetable.
	40/50	D	Chelmsford to Great Baddow: revised timetable
	41/51	D	Galleywood to Chignall Estate: introduction of service 41A to operate from Chignall Estate to Chelmsford.
	47	M-S	Broomfield Hospital to Chelmer Village: revised route at the Chelmer Village end with revised timetable.
	55	M-F	Chelmsford to North Springfield: revised timetable with afternoon journeys withdrawn.

	351	D	Chelmsford to Brentwood: minor timetable change to the 1613 departure.
Roadrunner			
24 Jan 11	351	M-F	Hertford to Bishop Stortford via Harlow: service withdrawn.
SM Coaches			
8 Jan 11	19/20	M-S	Harlow to Ongar: revised timetable with some journeys extended to Brentwood as service 21.
15 Jan 11	14	M-S	Harlow to Church Langley: revised timetable.
14 Feb 11	18	M-S	Harlow to Bishop Stortford: service withdrawn.
Stephensons			
7 Feb 11	32	M-S	Chelmsford to Ongar: minor timetable adjustment.
TGM Stansted			
9 Jan 11	X22	D	Stansted Airport to Colchester University: new service.
Townlynx (Gemma Smith)			
22 Jan 11	555	M-S	Harlow to Loughton: service revised and renumbered as 255 Loughton/Debden to Waltham Cross Mondays to Saturdays and 355 Waltham Cross and Harlow Mondays to Fridays.
Travel with Hunny			
14 Feb 10	X5	M-S	Harlow to Romford: new service with five journeys each way.

Paul Harvey
(acknowledgements to LOTS, Essex & Hertfordshire County Council,
Richard Delahoy, Harlowride & First)

Publicity News

First items obtained recently (including some older Basildon leaflets) are

First corporate pocket size leaflets for 2 dated 17.10.10; 8/ A dated 29.8.10; 22 dated 4.7.10; 25 dated 6.12.09; 25A/ B/ C dated July 2010; 200 dated 11.1.10.

First corporate leaflets for services 70 dated 7.11.10; 71/ A/ C/ X dated 8.11.10; 102/ 103/ 104 dated 8.11.10; 351 dated 3.10.10. These feature different front page pictures to those used in the past, which have an autumn/ winter theme, such as a child in coat and wellies, or a small dog in a coat.

Ian Ransom

■ FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD

Acquired vehicles

32894 V894 HLH Dennis Trident SFD313BR1XGX30803 Plaxton 6741 2/00
Centrewest TN894
33001 LK51 UZO Dennis Trident SFD339BR21GX21608 Plaxton 7483 9/01
First Capital TNL1001
39480 JJD 480D AEC Routemaster R2RH/1/2494 Park Royal H40/32R 5/66 LT RM2480

32894 and 33001 acquired from First London, 39480 from First Eastern Counties

Allocation changes

End of Period 9: list dated 26th December 2010

These are, and always have been, taken from the Company's allocation sheet. For operational reasons there may sometimes be discrepancies with the actual situation on the ground. FEC=First Eastern Counties; FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to/from any other First fleet; (A)=acquired, including vehicles on loan; Anc=Ancillary fleet; RES=reserve (spare/retained, licensed); D/L(S)=spare/retained (delicensed); D/L(D)=delicensed for disposal; DS=Driving School; PH=Private Hire; PS=Paint Spare

32894 FGC-RES; 33001 FGC-HH; 34818 RES-sold; 39480 FEC-BE(PH); 46172 D/L(D)-sold;
46175 D/L(D)-sold; 46182 D/L(D)-CN; 47229 CN-D/L(D)

Corrections to previous EBNs

66814/5/6/7/8 CF-BE p/e 21st November 2010.

Transfer of 34311 in p/e 28th March 2010 and 62409 & 65690/2 in p/e 23rd May 2010 should all read CN-CR and not CR-CN. Likewise 34314 transferred CN-CR during July 2010. 46178 is shown wrongly in EBN549 having already been sold.

Disposals:

34818 to private owner for preservation

46172 46175 46179 46181 to Erith Commercial Ltd for scrap
(delete reference to 46180 in EBN560)

60755 passed to Insurance Company for onward sale/disposal

Previous disposals not recorded:

31374, 46155 and 47252 all to Erith Commercial Ltd

47223 is given incorrectly as sold in EBN552 although it remains in the fleet awaiting disposal.

Area News - workings and sightings

[x] indicates route branding

Olympian Matters

Olympian 34818 (C418HJN) was moved to Westway unserviceable after use at Braintree on 2nd Dec (see EBN560). It left CF on suspended tow during the late afternoon of 13th Dec for its new home in preservation. Thus ended a line of succession going back to Bristol GO5G ENO931 of 1937 (see Colchester article in EBN560), the first ECW bodied vehicle in the Eastern National fleet, or indeed to the first ECOC bodied vehicle which was Dennis Lancet AEV764 of 1933. 34818 clocked up just short of 25 years service and was also the last Gardner-engined bus in the fleet, another long historical line.

The next oldest vehicle in the fleet, CN34610 (K610LAE), was noted on the 74 (20th and 30th Dec) while BE's 34613 worked the 132 to Witham on 11th & 22nd. Newer Olympians seen on the 132 have been CF34301 (16th/17th) and 34355 (10th). On the 6th, CF34301 was also used on the 131.

Double deckers on the 70 have included CF34284 on 7th Dec (first time reported back in service after major chassis repairs), CF34302 & CR34314 (2nd), CR30560 (22nd) and 34355 (22nd/23rd). CF34302 had also worked the evening 70X on 22nd November while service 71/71A had CF30558 on 24th Dec and 34355 on 31st.

Several Olympian sightings on Colchester's 64 have been CR34314 (27th Nov), CR34311 (64A on 29th Nov), CR34056 (6th Dec) and CR34314 (27th Dec). Meanwhile 29th Nov also saw CR30560 on 66A in place of the usual Scania LE. Olympian CR34310 worked the 65 on 20th Dec, followed by CR34290 on 24th. The first reported double decker sighting on the 68 was CR34315 (8th Dec).

Olympians seen on services 25/25B in South Essex are listed under the BN/HH notes below.

'Pointers and Dashes'

During December, disposal-listed 46145 remained in use from HH (noted on 11th working the 26, and seen again on 24th) with 46151/2 at BN (the latter on the 25B on 13th). 46154 was on the 41 (9th Dec) and 40 (15th Dec) while 46183 was seen running light on A12 southbound at Marks Tey on 17th December.

Chelmsford's reserve fleet 46120 was noted on the 54/56 on 11th & 14th December, as well as working service 45 on 15th & 22nd. BN46185 was working the 351 on 31st Dec.

Clacton (CN) and Harwich (DT)

On 12th December, Harwich (DT) had Trident CN32852, Olympians CR34308/11 and Primo CN57002 on loan. Dart/Enviro 44517 and five Tridents were unavailable for service - 32804 at BN for MOT, 32809 still undergoing accident repairs at CN and 32810/47/9 all at CN for rear axle/engine faults.

Very heavy snow hit North Essex for the second time on 18th December, the 17.35 Colchester-Harwich arriving at 23.30 and the 18.05 some time after 00.30 on 19th. Colchester town services had been suspended after about 17.30 and CN/Harwich services were all off the road on 19th, Clacton (but not Harwich) resuming on main roads the next day. On the 18th, vehicles on loan were Trident CN32852, Olympians CR34285 & CR34308, Scania CR61054 and Primo CN57002 although this was returned by 23rd and seen on service 74.

On 22nd, Olympian CF34282 was on loan along with step Dart CN46182, Trident CN32852 and Scania CR61054. These remained at DT (mainly covering for Tridents) as at 28th along with Olympian CR34303.

Colchester (CR)

Bridge Street, Coggeshall was closed for two weeks from 29th November for gas main works. Although no First Essex routes directly traverse this thoroughfare, disruption was caused to services 70/X and 509 owing to The Gravel becoming temporarily two way with traffic lights. This added further to the normal congestion around Market Hill and Market End.

The early (and heavy) snowfall on 30th November caused severe problems with services 67, 71, 74 and X22. Normal service was maintained on 1st December but the morning peak was badly disrupted on 2nd and 509 did not run on 2nd or 3rd owing to school closures.

Colchester High Street was closed on 8th (student protests) and 12th (Christmas Fair).

On 19th (see Harwich notes), observation suggested that CR services remained suspended although a limited X22 service was noted from Colchester to Stansted during the afternoon. The following day, services were running until about 20.00 but North Hill was closed with diversion via Balmerne Hill. 61 was not serving University Quays or Wivenhoe railway station, 63 wasn't serving the North Station-Tufnell Way section and the 83 was omitting Great Tey.

December

- 7th CR67004 on 65
- 16th CR65653 on 67 - usually Lance
- 14th Ex FEC Scania CR65539 on 71 (14.40 ex CF)
- 18th CR67006 on 68 - first reported Lance on this route
- 22nd CR65682 on 67 - usually Lance
- 23rd Scania CR60757 on 67A - usually Lance; Lance CR67005 on 64

Chelmsford (CF) & Braintree (BE)

There have been several reported instances of Lances on route 42 to Galleywood/Broomfield during December - 60102 (14th), 67008 (18th & 21st - the latter date on 42A to Stansted), 67010 (4th, 18th & 20th) and 67011 (20th). In addition, 67008 was working the 31X on 18th. Meanwhile the 41/51 has seen a variety of vehicles (as well as the step Darts mentioned above), with 42486/9 on 14th, 40736, 42489 and MPD 43358 on 15th, 42918 on 18th, 40736 & 42483 on 20th and MPD 43357 on 31st.

SLF Dart BE42489 appeared on the 71A on 10th December, followed by CF42483 on 13th since when the type has become fairly common.

A 45-minutes snapshot of Chelmsford Bus Station on 22nd November from member Richard Wansbury:

- Solo CF53115 on depot shuttle, late afternoon
- Volvo CF66794 on X30, 16.40 to Southend which left at 16.55
- Scania BN65626 on 100, 17.00 to Lakeside
- Volvo CF20463 on X30, 17.00 to Stansted Airport
- Dart BN41732 on 351, 17.05 to Brentwood
- Dart CF42920 on X30, 17.10 to Southend
- Olympian CF34302 on 70X, 17.15 Braintree/Halstead
- Scania CR65671 on 70, 17.25 to Colchester

December

- 15th CF66795 on BE70
- 22nd CF66808 on BE70
- 23rd CF42911 on BE70
- 27th CF66799 on X30
- 28th CF66794 on X30
- 31st CF42485 on 31, CF42927 and BE43358 on 42, BE43802 on 48, BE66814 & CF67010 on 71

Basildon (BN) & Hadleigh (HH)

Dart/East Lances 41014 returned to service on or by 23rd December after a lengthy absence, while conversely accident victim 43737 has continued to be cannibalised.

December

- 11th HH32864 on 21
- 13th HH33002 on 27

14th HH32859 on 21
 17th HH32863, 32882 on 21 with HH32860 on 21A
 20th BN67001 on 351 (usually Dart)
 21st HH41009 on 24
 23rd BN31376 and BN46827 on 25B
 24th 46827 on 551, 31456 and BN46828 on 25B
 28th BN's 31376, 31462, 34011, 60103 & 60104 all seen working 25 route in Eastwood
 31st BN46828 on 551

Other News

The fleet list with allocations is as at 26th December 2010. Any allocations shown in [brackets] are where the actual one differs from that shown on paper.

Many thanks are due to members Adam Kelleher and Colin Sigston for assisting me with this list and indeed, in the process, for identifying a few errors and omissions from past EBNs. However if members note any other discrepancies then please let me know. It seems that Trident 32810 (T810LLC) has never been shown in acquisitions (it arrived in May 2010) whilst, for the avoidance of doubt, 53138/9 are registered EU54BNK/J (as shown in this list) and 62408/9 are YS03ZKE/D.

20351	CN	WA05UNG	Volvo	B7R	Plaxton
20352	CN	WA05UNE	Volvo	B7R	Plaxton
20353	CN	WA05UNF	Volvo	B7R	Plaxton
20463	CF	X193HFB	Volvo	B10M	Plaxton
20500	CF PH	AO02RBX	Volvo	B12M	Plaxton
20501	CF PH	AO02RBY	Volvo	B12M	Plaxton
20801	CF	YN08OWO	Volvo	B9R	Plaxton
20802	CF	YN08OWP	Volvo	B9R	Plaxton
20803	CF	YN08OWR	Volvo	B9R	Plaxton
20804	CF	YN08OWU	Volvo	B9R	Plaxton
20805	CF	YN08OWV	Volvo	B9R	Plaxton
30558	CF	P181TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
30560	BN	P190TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
31198	BN	L163UNS	Leyland	Olympian	Alexander
31375	RES BN	L162UNS	Leyland	Olympian	Alexander
31376	RES BN	L164UNS	Leyland	Olympian	Alexander
31456	BN	N967SOS	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
31462	BN	N973SOS	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
32801	DT	T801LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32804	DT	T804LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32809	DT	T809LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32810	DT	T810LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32818	DT	T818LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32847	DT	T847LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32849	DT	T849LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32850	CN	T850LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32852	CN	T852LLC	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32854	CN	T854KLF	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32855	CN	V855HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32856	CN	V856HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32857	HH	V857HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32859	HH	V859HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32860	HH	V860HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32862	HH	V862HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32863	HH	V863HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32864	HH	T864KLF	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32877	HH	V877HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32881	HH	T881KLF	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32882	HH	V882HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32883	HH	T883KLF	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton

32884	HH	T884KLF	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32885	HH	T885KLF	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32886	HH	V886HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32887	HH	V887HBY	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32894	RES	V894HLH	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
32905	HH	W905VLN	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
33001	HH	LK51UZO	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
33002	HH	LK51UZP	Dennis	Trident	Plaxton
34011	BN	P551EFL	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34012	BN	P552EFL	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34013	CR	P553EFL	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34014	CR	P554EFL	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34018	CR	P546EFL	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34056	CR	P556EFL	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34280	D/L(D)	P1807GD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34282	CF [DT]	P182TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34284	CF	P184TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34285	CR	P185TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34286	CF [CN]	P186TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34288	CR	P188TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34290	CR	P191TGD	Volvo	Olympian	Alexander
34301	CF	L301PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34302	CF	L302PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34303	CR	L303PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34304	CR	L304PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34305	CR	L305PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34307	CR	L307PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34308	CR	L308PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34309	CR	L309PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34310	CR	L310PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34311	CR	L311PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34314	CR	L314PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34315	CR	L315PWR	Volvo	Olympian	Northern Counties
34355	BN [CF]	L155UNS	Leyland	Olympian	Alexander
34610	CN	K610LAE	Leyland	Olympian	Northern Counties
34613	BE	K613LAE	Leyland	Olympian	Northern Counties
39480	BE PH	JJD480D	AEC	Routemaster	Park Royal
40733	BN	P626WSU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
40734	BN	P627WSU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
40736	CF	P629WSU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
40737	CF	P630WSU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
40738	CF	P631WSU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
40777	HH	P856VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
40778	HH	P858VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
40779	HH	P859VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41005	HH	R705VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41006	HH	R706VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41007	HH	R707VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41008	HH	R708VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41009	HH	R709VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41010	HH	R710VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41011	HH	R711VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41012	HH	R712VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41013	HH	R713VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41014	HH	R714VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41015	HH	R715VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41016	HH	R716VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41017	HH	R717VLA	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
41235	BN	S235KLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41238	BN	S238KLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41239	BN	S239KLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41240	BN	S240KLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41241	BN	S241KLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall

41640	BN	R640VLX	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41642	CN	R642TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41644	CN	R644TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41645	BN	R645TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41647	CN	R647TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41650	BN	R650TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41651	BN	R651TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41653	BN	R653TLM	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41730	BN	X503JLO	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41732	BN	X732HLF	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41735	BN	X735HLF	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41736	BN	X736HLF	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41737	HH	X737HLF	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41741	HH	X741HLF	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41761	HH	X761HLR	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
41762	HH	X762HLR	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
42439	HH	P439ORL	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
42440	HH	P440ORL	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
42482	BE	SN03WLD	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42483	BE	SN03WLK	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42484	BE	SN03WLW	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42485	BE	SN03WMM	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42486	BE	SN03WMX	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42487	BE	SN03WME	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42488	BE	SN53KJX	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42489	BE	SN53KJY	Transbus	Dart	Transbus
42551	BN	S551WAT	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
42852	HH	P852VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
42854	HH	P854VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
42855	HH	P855VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
42857	HH	P857VUS	Dennis	Dart	East Lancs
42918	CF	EU05AUK	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42919	CF	EU05AUL	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42920	CF	EU05AUM	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42921	CF	EU05AUN	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42922	CF	EU05AUO	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42923	CF	EU05AUP	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42927	CF	SN05EAF	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42928	CF	SN05EAG	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42929	CF	SN05EAJ	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42930	CF	SN05EAM	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42931	CF	SN05EAO	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42932	CF	SN05EAP	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42933	CF	SN05DZO	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42934	CF	SN05DZP	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42935	CF	SN05DZR	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42936	CF	SN05DZS	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
42937	DT	SN05DZT	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander Dennis
43357	BE	V357DVG	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
43358	BE	V358DVG	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
43359	BE	V359DVG	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
43360	BE	V360DVG	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
43678	CN	R678MEW	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
43679	CN	R679MEW	Dennis	Dart	Marshall
43712	HH	R712DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43713	HH	R713DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43714	HH	R714DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43715	HH	R715DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43716	HH	R716DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43717	HH	R717DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43718	HH	R718DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43719	HH	R719DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43720	HH	R720DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton

43721	HH	R721DJN	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43729	HH	S729TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43730	HH	S730TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43731	HH	S731TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43732	HH	S732TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43733	HH	S733TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43734	HH	S734TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43735	HH	S735TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43736	HH	S736TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43737	HH [DISP]	S737TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43738	HH	S738TWC	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
43739	CN	V739GPU	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
43740	CN	V740GPU	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
43741	CN	V741GPU	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
43742	CN	V742GPU	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
43743	CN	V743GPU	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
43744	CN	V744GPU	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
43800	BN	S979JLM	Dennis	Dart MPD	Marshall
43801	BE	AO02ODM	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
43802	BE	AO02ODN	Dennis	Dart MPD	Plaxton
43845	BN	SN55CXH	Alexander Dennis	Dart MPD	Alexander Dennis
43846	BN	SN55CXF	Alexander Dennis	Dart MPD	Alexander Dennis
43847	BN	SN55CXJ	Alexander Dennis	Dart MPD	Alexander Dennis
43848	BN	SN55CXE	Alexander Dennis	Dart MPD	Alexander Dennis
44516	DT	YX09ACV	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander
44517	DT	YX09ACY	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander
44518	DT	YX09ACZ	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander
44519	DT	YX09ADO	Alexander Dennis	Dart	Alexander
46120	RES CF	M920TEV	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46145	D/L(D) [HH]	N945CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46151	D/L(D) [HH]	N951CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46152	D/L(D) [BN]	N952CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46153	BN	N953CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46154	D/L(D) [CF]	N954CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46157	HH	N957CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46158	HH	N958CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46168	HH	N968CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46169	D/L(D) [HH]	N969CPU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46177	HH	N977EHJ	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46180	D/L(D)	N980EHJ	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46182	CN	N982EHJ	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46183	D/L(D)	N983EHJ	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46185	BN	N985EHJ	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46827	D/L(D) [BN]	N827APU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
46828	BN	N828APU	Dennis	Dart	Plaxton
47101	D/L(D) [CF]	N201VSA	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
47104	D/L(D)	N204VSA	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
47223	D/L(D)	M223VWW	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
47228	CN	M228VWW	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
47229	D/L(D)	M229VWW	Dennis	Dart	Alexander
53112	CF	EO02NDX	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53113	CF	EO02NDY	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53114	CF	EO02NDZ	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53115	CF	EO02NEF	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53116	CF	EO02NEJ	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53117	CF	EO02NEN	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53124	CF	EO02NFF	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53125	CF	EO02NFG	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53126	CF	EO02NFH	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53127	CF	EO02NFJ	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53128	CF	EO02NFK	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53129	CF	EO02NFL	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53130	CF	EO02NFM	Optare	Solo M920	Optare

53131	CF	EO02NFN	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53132	CF	EO02NFP	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53133	CF	EO02NFR	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53134	CF	EO02NFT	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53135	CF	EO02NFU	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53136	CF	EO02NFV	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53137	CF	EO02NFX	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53138	CF	EU54BNK	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
53139	CF	EU54BNJ	Optare	Solo M920	Optare
56005	RES PH	EY54BPZ	Mercedes-Benz	O814D	Plaxton
56006	RES PH	EY54BRF	Mercedes-Benz	O814D	Plaxton
56009	CF PH	EY54BRZ	Mercedes-Benz	O814D	Plaxton
57001	CN	YN56NHE	Enterprise Bus	Plasma	Plaxton
57002	CN	YN56NHF	Enterprise Bus	EB01	Plaxton
60031	D/L(D)	R346GHS	Volvo	B10M-62	Plaxton
60102	CF	P868MBF	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
60103	BN	P869MBF	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
60104	BN	P870MBF	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
60117	DVT	N553WVR	Volvo	B10B-58	Wright
60130	D/L(D)	R344GHS	Volvo	B10M-62	Plaxton
60206	CR	Y598KNE	Scania	L94UB	Wright
60304	DVT	M509PNA	Volvo	B10B-58	Wright
60305	DVT	M510PNA	Volvo	B10B-58	Wright
60319	DVT	N524WVR	Volvo	B10B-58	Wright
60321	DVT	N526WVR	Volvo	B10B-58	Wright
60756	CR	N421MWY	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
60757	CR	N422MWY	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
60758	CR	N423MWY	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
61054	CR	R434GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
61057	CR	R437GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
62406	CR	YS03ZKA	Scania	L94UB	Wright
62407	CR	YS03ZKB	Scania	L94UB	Wright
62408	CR	YS03ZKE	Scania	L94UB	Wright
62409	CR	YS03ZKD	Scania	L94UB	Wright
62410	CR	YS03ZKF	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65028	CF	YN06TDO	Scania	CN94UB	Scania
65029	CF	YN06TDU	Scania	CN94UB	Scania
65030	CF	YN06TDV	Scania	CN94UB	Scania
65031	CF	YN06TDX	Scania	CN94UB	Scania
65032	CF	YN06TDZ	Scania	CN94UB	Scania
65521	CR	R141GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65522	CR	R142GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65523	CR	R143GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65534	CR	R134GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65537	CR	R137GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65538	CR	R138GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65539	CR	R139GSF	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65553	CR	R553CNG	Scania	L113CRL	Wright
65626	BN	V826FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65627	BN	V827FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65628	BN	V828FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65629	BN	V829FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65630	BN	V830FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65631	BN	V831FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65632	BN	V832FSC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65650	CR	T650SSF	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65651	CR	T651SSF	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65652	CR	T652SSF	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65653	CR	T653SSF	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65654	CR	T654SSF	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65665	BN	SN51UXX	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65666	BN	SN51UXY	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65667	BN	SN51UXZ	Scania	L94UB	Wright

65668	BN	SN51UYA	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65669	BN	SN51UYB	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65670	BN	SN51UYC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65671	BN	SN51UYD	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65672	CR	SN51UYE	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65673	CR	SN51UYG	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65674	CR	SN51UYH	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65675	CR	SN51UYJ	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65676	CR	SN51UYK	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65677	CR	SN51UYL	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65678	CR	YP02ABN	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65679	CR	YR52VEH	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65680	CR	YR52VEK	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65681	CR	YR52VEL	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65682	CR	YR52VEP	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65683	CR	YR52VEU	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65684	CR	YR52VEY	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65685	CR	YR52VFO	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65686	CR	YS03ZKC	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65687	CR	YS03ZKG	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65688	CR	YS03ZKH	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65689	CR	YS03ZKJ	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65690	CR	YS03ZKK	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65691	CR	YS03ZKL	Scania	L94UB	Wright
65692	CR	YS03ZKM	Scania	L94UB	Wright
66794	CF	MX05CBF	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66795	CF	MX05CBU	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66796	CF	MX05CBV	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66797	CF	MX05CBY	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66798	CF	MX05CCA	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66799	CF	MX05CCD	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66800	BN	MX05CCF	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66801	BN	MX05CCJ	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66802	CF	MX05CCK	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66803	BN	MX05CCN	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66804	BN	MX05CCO	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66805	BN	MX05CCU	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66806	BN	MX05CCV	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66807	CF	MX05CCY	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66808	CF	MX05CCZ	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66809	CF	MX05CDE	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66810	CF	MX05CDF	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66811	CF	MX05CDK	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66812	CF	MX05CDN	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66813	BN	MX05CDO	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66814	BE	MX05CDU	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66815	BE	MX05CDV	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66816	BE	MX05CDY	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66817	BE	MX05CDZ	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66818	BE	MX05CEA	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66819	BN	MX05CEF	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66820	BN	MX05CEJ	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66821	BN	MX05CEK	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66822	BN	MX05CEO	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66823	BN	MX05CEU	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66824	BN	MX05CEV	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66825	BN	MX05CEY	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66826	BN	MX05CFA	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66827	BN	MX05CFD	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66828	CF	MX05CFE	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66829	CF	MX05CFG	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66830	CF	MX05CFJ	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright
66837	CF	MX05CFU	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright

67001 BN	P501MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67002 BN	P502MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67003 CR	P503MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67004 CR	P504MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67005 CR	P505MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67006 CR	P506MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67007 CR	P507MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67008 CF	P508MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67009 BN	P509MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67010 CF	P510MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67011 CF	P511MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67012 BN	P512MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
67013 BN	P513MNO	Dennis	Lance	Northern Counties
68521 CF	KP54AZV	BMC	1100FE	BMC
68532 CF	LK54FNE	BMC	1100FE	BMC
68534 CF	LK54FNL	BMC	1100FE	BMC
68535 CF	EU05DXR	BMC	1100FE	BMC
68551 CF	EU05DXS	BMC	1100FE	BMC
68552 CF	EU05DXT	BMC	1100FE	BMC
68555 CF	MX55NWS	BMC	1100FE	BMC
69434 CF	EU58JWZ	Volvo	B7RLE	Wright

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to First Essex and to A Bird, N Clark, T Clark, J Collins, D Edwards, M Farmer, J Podgorski, D Pretty, I Ransom, Rob Sly, 'Solo', TBL177M, L813OPU, R West, the Essex, East Anglia, South West and British Buses Abroad in North America yahoo! groups, Essex and East Anglia Google groups, www.bustlistsontheweb.co.uk, Real Bus News, LOTS, PSV Circle, 'Terminus' and Bristol VR South West Bus News (<http://ndl642m.blogspot.com>).

Reports relating to First Group may be sent by text on 07973 509459, by e-mail to shenfield252@gmail.com or by conventional post. Many thanks to all who do so.

Chris Stewart

Arriva

■ ARRIVA SOUTHEND

As illustrated in EBN 560, Dart SLF 3277 (T277 JKM) worked as an extra on TfL route 66 running shorts between Leytonstone and Newbury Park during the Tube strike on 29th November. *Peter Mansbridge*

TGM Group

■ NETWORK COLCHESTER

On loan from TGM Stansted in mid December was Scania 113L/East Lancs 876 (N176 PUT) required as Dart SLFs 362 and 512 are both off the road receiving accident damage repairs.

Rail Replacement

Sat 4th December
Sun 19th December

Canning Town to Tower Hill – 103/104/105/106
Cambridge to Stansted Airport – 101/102/105

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Richard Delahoy and Keith Sadler

Centrebus

The following fleetlist, is the current allocation at that operators Harlow depot. Operations are not restricted to Harlow, with services covering the Welwyn Garden City, Bishops Stortford and Hertford areas. Thanks to Dave Stewart, for his help in compiling this list.

Ian Ransom

112	L712 JUD	Dennis Dart	Plaxton	B37D
181	X1L 6081	Dennis Dart	Plaxton	B37F K860LGN
322	YJ10 EYO	Optare Solo	Optare	B??F
323	YJ10 EYP	Optare Solo	Optare	B??F
365	T298 BNN	Optare Solo	Optare	B33F
367	V110 LVH	Optare Solo	Optare	B29F
387	MX03 YCM	Optare Solo	Optare	B29F
396	YJ60 LRA	Optare Solo	Optare	B??F
397	YJ60 LRE	Optare Solo	Optare	B??F
513	S522 KFL	Dennis Dart SLF	Marshall	B32F
541	LN03 AYL	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B37F
542	LN03 AYM	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B37F
544	EU04 BZY	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B29F
549	LK07 GTF	Alexander Dennis Dart 200	Alexander 200	B29F
562	R462 LGH	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B36F
584	R484 LGH	Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B36F
748	YN08 MRO	Scania	Wright	B44F
749	YR59 NNT	Scania	Wright	B43F
750	YR59 NNU	Scania	Wright	B43F
751	YR59 NNV	Scania	Wright	B43F
767	M267 VPU	Dennis Lance SLF	Wright	B40F
768	M268 VPU	Dennis Lance SLF	Wright	B40F
769	P10 TLS	MAN	Optare	B39F

Ensignbus

■ DEALING STOCK MOVEMENTS

Vehicles in

from

Dublin Bus: Volvo B6s 00-D-70021-30
Volvo B7LAs 00-D-65001 3

First Essex: Olympian C418 HJN

Metroline: Tridents V309/12 GLB, T61/89 KLD, T194 CLO

Stagecoach Manchester: Dennis Dragons M681/83/6/8/90/3/5/8 TDB,
M379 TJA, L392 LNA

Stagecoach Midlands: Olympians F625/6/9/32 MSL

Stagecoach Yorkshire: Volvo B10M L339 KCK

Vehicles out

to

Metrobus BIG 8751: **Avro**, Grays, Essex
Dublin Olympian 97-D-355 now P751 SWC with **Langston & Tasker**, Steeple
Claydon, Bucks.

Dragons M681 TDB/M379 TJA: **Lawton**, Stickney, Lincs.

DAF SB120s 01-D-4804, 4752/95/4, 4800, 4792
now X928/32/3/5/7/8 CNO with **McGills**, Glasgow

Darts 02-C-16544, 62203, 16545 now EG02 NZU/NZV/OAB with **McGills**, Glasgow

Tridents V303/10 GLB: **Mike De Courcey**, Coventry
 DAF SB120 01-D-4744 now X931CNO with **Ridgeway**, Port Talbot
 Dragons M690/3 TDB: **Rowe & Tudhope**, Kilmarnock
 Mercedes 811s R810 YJC / R787 DUB:
 Squirrel, Ipswich
 Darts 02-D18255/6/9 now EK51XXL/O/M with **Strawberry**, St Helens
 Dart S609 HGD: **Tates Travel**, Barnsley
 Olympians G35/6 OCK J113 KCW: **York Pullman**
 Olympian C418 HJN: **Mr Gareth Norris**, Rainham, for preservation
 Scania N11 CHN: **PJ Commercials**, Horsmonden, Kent

■ **ENSIGNBUS CO. LTD.**

Acquired vehicle

from Bus Eireann via sales stock

706 X926 CNO DAF SB120 / Wright Cadet B39F

David Harman with thanks to Ross Newman of Ensignbus



DAF 706 has replaced a Dart/UVG as regular Brentwood local 81 driver, Paul Ashman's steed. Seen here in Brentwood High Street on 5th January. *Chris Stewart*

Olympus / Roadrunner / SM Coaches

Further to EBN559, vehicles purchased from Galleon Travel (2009) are Mercedes Benz 0814D/ Plaxton LSU 607 (X216 HCD), Ayats Bravo WX05 NFY, Scania K114/Irizar YN06 CKY, Scania K340/Irizar YN07 LFT and Scania K440/Irizar YR10 BBK.

Correcting EBN560, the second Irisbus Agora Line recently acquired, is AU05 FKC, not AU05 KFC. Like most of the existing Agora Lines in the fleet, this was previously with Norse Commercial Services, Norwich (Airport Park & Ride).

Ian Ransom

regal busways

Regal Busways

Vehicles withdrawn (probably for scrap) are Dennis Dart/Alexander 512 (P390 LPS) and Dennis Dart/Plaxton 540 (J140 DUV). Leyland Lynx F212 YHG, is currently delicensed, following a mechanical failure.

Not previously reported is that MAN 14.240/Alexander Dennis EU10 OJE has been repainted from dealer white, into the new low floor livery (as illustrated in EBN560).

Ian Ransom

talisman coachlines

Talisman Coachlines

A new Setra S416 GT-HD was collected from Evobus at Coventry on 23rd December. It will be registered in March with an 11 plate.

National Express timings operated before and after Christmas were:

21st December:	A6 Stansted to London Victoria operated by OK08ULM
22nd December:	A6 Stansted to London Victoria operated by TSU182
	305 Southend to Liverpool operated by WSU225
24th December	350 Colchester to Nottingham operated by YT10WLH
29th December	350 Ipswich to Liverpool operated by OK08ULM
	484 Clacton to London operated by EW03NLY

Planned rail replacement services were operated on 27th/28th December and 1st, 2nd and 3rd January plus emergency work on 29th December (defective train and wires down), between Witham and Shenfield.

Paul Smith

Other operators

Due to the poor weather experienced in December, there is a lack of news to report this month. Your sub-editor, hopes to have more to report in February

FLAGFINDERS Braintree Vehicles repainted in blue/white fleet livery in recent months are Leyland Olympian A990 XAF (ex white), G805 GSX (ex Stagecoach) and P263/5 PSX (ex Lothian)

FLORIDA Halstead New here (and

displayed at Bus & Coach at NEC) is MAN 24.480/Beulas tri-axle, PO60 HZH

KNIGHTS Witham Acquired is LDV Convoy DX04 LPY

NEED-A-BUS Bowers Gifford Acquired from Cruisers, Redhill is Mercedes Benz 0814D/Plaxton SF53 KUP

Ian Ransom with thanks to Owen Woodliffe and the PSV Circle

Years gone by

January 1971

Eastern National has just taken delivery of new Bristol RE/ECW 1528/29 (LVX 116/7J), which completed delivery of the 1970 order programme.

It was also confirmed that all double deckers, would have their rear destination indicators panelled over.

An interesting demonstrator, was Ford R192/Plaxton KEV 951J, which had been used from Basildon, on services 234 and 248

An application to increase fares had been lodged. The single fare for a 5 mile journey, would now cost 12p (return 21p), while a 71 mile journey, would cost 80p (£1.40 return).

A mix of 28 Bristol MW/RELH coaches, had been transferred from Eastern National, to Tillings Travel.

Colchester Corporation had also applied to increase fares, which compared to EN, would appear to be a bargain. A 6 mile journey here, would only cost 7p.

Southend Corporation, had completed the conversion of Leyland PD3/Massey 312 (PHJ 951) to open top, this vehicle is preserved in a museum in Thailand.

January 1981

No new vehicles were delivered, although the batch of 10 Bedford YMQ/Wadham Stringer, were expected to arrive shortly. Bristol FLF 2936 (RWC 607) had been sold to Ted Miles for preservation and this vehicle still exists today.

The company Golden Jubilee Bristol VR 3048 (JNO 189N) had moved from Southend to Bishops Stortford and was due to transfer to Brentwood in February.

Colchester Corporation had just withdrawn Leyland Atlanteans 45/47 (WEV 745/7F) and 51/53 (AVX 51/53G).

Southend Corporation had withdrawn Leyland PD3's 334/40/42 (CJN 434/40/42C). The X1 joint service to Reading, had seen advertising for the service applied to Leopards 201/5-7/

963V), to continue the theme, VTH 941T, is preserved.

Leyland Leopards 1309/10 had been repainted in a revised style of Highwayman livery, with additional green areas.

Thamesway had acquired Ford Transit/Dormobile 701-703 (C439/45/46 BHY) from Bristol Cityline.

Southend had acquired two Leyland Tiger/Plaxton from Yorkshire Voyager Travel Services, these were numbered 557/8 (B83/4 SWX). A remarkable coincidence, given the running day on 1.1.2011, was that Olympian 261, had been offered for sale at £68,000, as it was non-standard

District Bus, who operated a number of services in the Basildon area, had taken delivery of G150 GOL an Iveco/Carlyle.

January 2001

Eastern National acquired Dennis Dart/Alexander 2901-12 (M219-21/450/223-230 VWW) from First Leeds. Lynx 5011 (G473 DHF) had arrived for use on Phoenix Schools Travel duties. This was part of a batch owned by Phoenix, but operated by EN.

Colchester were operating Volvo B6/Alexander 672/4 (L672/4 RMD) on loan from First Capital. They were numbered 6721 and 6741 here.

Thamesway had taken 35 (4750 WY) a Volvo B10M/Plaxton from First Airport Bus & Coach, for use from Basildon, on London Commuter services. Similar 601 (N601 APU), went the other way.

Arriva Colchester had taken delivery of 4 Mercedes Benz/Plaxton minibuses, from Arriva the Shires. These were 2128/31/34/36 (N908/11/14/16 ETM).

Arriva Southend had Leyland Olympian/Alexander 5094 (F644 LMJ) on loan from Arriva the Shires. This was due to it having CCTV, used for special surveillance.

Heddingham had just acquired Olympians L316/7 (FWL 778/81Y) from Oxford Bus. A change in technology, saw the start of a column on web sites which may be of interest to enthusiasts.

Ian Ransom

January 1991

Eastern National had acquired 4 Bristol VR's from SWT subsidiary, Brewers. These were numbered 3219-3222 (VTH 941/9/58T, BEP

If you were 13 in 1955 ... No, I was 8 ...

There was indeed a Shippey's "Up-To-Date Time Table" dated Summer 1955, still priced 8d. and with one exception the timetables shown in the article were unchanged, service changes were rare events then unlike today when the frequent changes made to services often results in a timetable being out of date before it reaches the shops. The exception is Moore's Service 27 from Colchester to Messing where the 9.00am from Colchester had been withdrawn. The other journeys were now operating on Wednesdays and well as Fridays.

The article refers to Messing as being served by Service 31 from Earls Colne to Colchester but the licence for this service was not granted until March 1956. The route was Earls Colne (The Lion), B1024, Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Messing, Easthorpe, Copford, Hardy's Green, Birch PO, Heckford Bridge, Black Pits, Villa Road, A12, Bus Station and was licensed to operate daily. Consequent to this, the licences for Service 27 and Service 22 (Earls Colne – Kelvedon) were surrendered, although Shippey's timetable dated Summer 1957 shows Service 27 as still operating.

Mawdsley & Brown's Colchester terminus was the Plough opposite St Botolphs' station and was from where Fale, the previous owner's carrier cart had departed. The photograph is taken at the Regent Street

terminus in Rowhedge.

Another hangover from the days of the carrier's cart was R W Hooks who operated to Little and Great Oakley from what was described in the registration as the East Castle Bus Park, better known as the yard of the Castle Public House in the High Street. Bus operations eventually went to Eastern National but the schools and private hire business continued and later became CharterCoach with bus work returning in 1986 under the name of Coastal Red.

The extra journeys on a Wednesday operated by Sage was down to early closing. Back in the 1950's, shops opened 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday and closing early at 1pm on one of those days. Wednesday was early closing day in the villages and small towns around Colchester and with most villages, unlike today, having a number of shops there was a need for the extra journeys on that day to take the workers into town on their afternoon off.

Early closing in Colchester was Thursday, so many routes had an extra journey out to the villages between 1pm and 2pm to take shop workers home, and with the shops in town closed on some routes there were fewer afternoon/early evening journeys.

N&P 420: 25th
November 1946:
application for
Moore's Service 27.
I've cut out all the
small print regards
journeys in Colchester
Corporation territory,
amongst which is a
footnote that the
service ran on
Maundy Thursday
instead of Good
Friday.

F./R.120/27.—**Moore Bros. (Kelvedon), Ltd.**, Roslyn Garage, Kelvedon, Essex, for a road service licence to provide a new service of stage carriages between Messing (Crown) and Colchester (Bus Park) via Bye road Messing, Easthorpe, Copford Green, A.12 Copford Turning to Colchester.

Fridays only.

	a.m.	p.m.	p.ni.		a.m.	p.m.
Colchester (Bus Park)	..	9.0	12.0	3.0	Messing (Crown)	 10.0 1.0
Copford Corner	..	9.15	12.15	3.15	Easthorpe Church	 10.10 1.10
Copford Green	..	9.20	12.20	3.20	Copford Green	 10.20 1.20
Easthorpe Church	..	9.30	12.30	3.30	Copford Corner	 10.25 1.25
Messing (Crown)	..	9.40	12.40	3.40	Colchester (Bus Park)	 10.40 1.40

Fare Table.

Messing (Crown)					
3d	Easthorpe Church				
4d	2d	Copford Green			
6d	4d	2d	Copford Corner		
7d	5d	3d	1d	Stanway (Swan)	
8d	6d	4d	2d	1d	Stanway Rose Gardens
9d	6d	4d	2d	1d	Villa Road
9d	7d	5d	3d	2d	1d Lexden Borough Boundary
10d	8d	6d	4d	3d	2d 1d Park Road
11d	9d	7d	5d	4d	3d 2d 1d Colchester Bus Park

Return Fares.

Colchester to Copford Corner	 9d
" " Copford Green	 1d
" " Easthorpe Church	 1/5
" " Messing (Crown)	 1/6

82 TO GREAT AND LITTLE OAKLEY—R W HOOKS—FROM EAST CASTLE

via Tendring Heath, Mondays to Fridays.

Colchester (East Castle) ...	1130 4 30	Tollgate ...	7 56 1 25
Bromley (Black Boy) ...	1145 4 45	Lt. Oakley (Mayes Lane) ...	8 01 30
Lt. Bentley (Bricklayers) ...	1155 4 55	Gt. Oakley Memorial ...	8 10 1 40
Tendring (Heath Hap) ...	12 05 0	Wix Cross ...	8 15 1 45
Wix Cross ...	1210 5 10	Tendring (Heath Hap) ...	8 25 1 55
Gt. Oakley Memorial ...	1215 5 15	Lt. Bentley (Bricklayers) ...	8 30 2 0
Lt. Oakley (Mayes Lane) ...	1225 5 25	Bromley (Black Boy) ...	8 40 2 10
Tollgate ...	1230 5 30	Colchester (East Castle) ...	8 55 2 25

via Horsley Cross, Wednesdays and Saturdays (via Back Road Gt. Oakley)

Colchester ...	1 04 30 6 45	Lt. Oakley ...	9 30 2 0
Bromley Black Boy ...	1 15 4 45 7 0	Gt. Oakley ...	9 40 2 10
Lt. Bentley ...	1 25 4 55 7 5	Wix ...	9 50 2 20
Horsley Cross ...	1 30 5 0 7 10	Horsley Cross ...	10 02 30
Wix ...	1 40 5 10 7 20	Lt. Bentley ...	10 5 38
Gt. Oakley ...	1 50 5 20 7 30	Bromley Black Boy ...	10 15 45
Lt. Oakley ...	2 0 5 30 7 40	Colchester ...	10 30 5 0

via Stones Green and Tendring Wednesdays and Saturdays

Colchester ...	1 01 30 4 30 6 45	Gt. Oakley ...	9 15 2 15
Bromley Black Boy ...	1 15 1 45 4 45 7 0	Stones Green ...	9 25 2 25
Lt. Bentley ...	1 20 1 55 4 50 7 5	Beaumont ...	9 35 2 35
Tendring ...	1 28 2 0 4 58 7 13	Tendring ...	9 47 2 47 0
Beaumont ...	1 48 ... 5 18 7 33	Lt. Bentley ...	9 55 2 55 4 5
Stones Green ...	1 53 ... 5 23 7 38	Bromley Black Boy ...	10 0 3 0 15
Gt. Oakley ...	2 0 ... 5 30 7 45	Colchester ...	10 10 3 20 30

WO Wednesdays only

SO Saturdays only

Hooks Timetable:

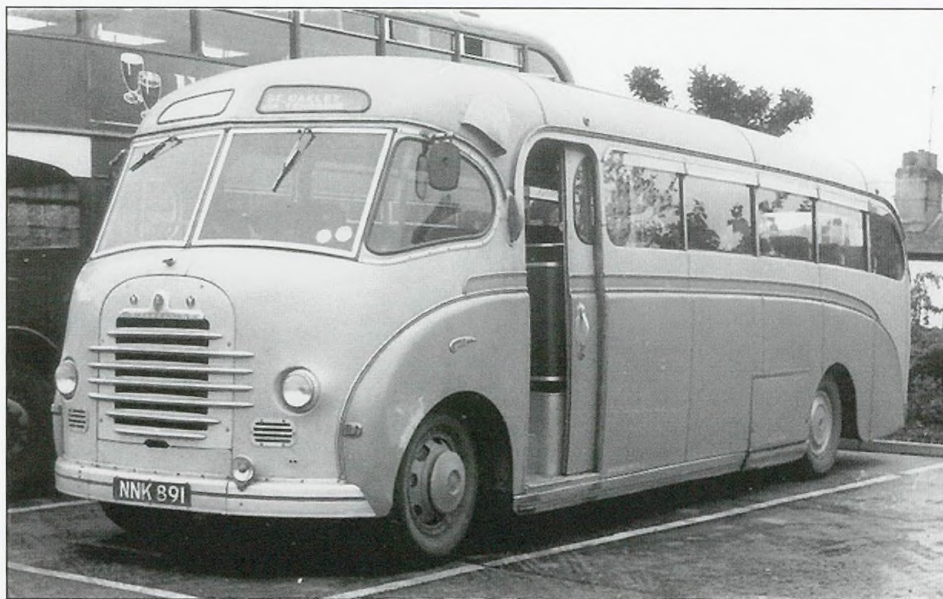
summer 1955.

The Wednesday journey to Tendring was another of those aspects missing from services today - hospital visiting. In this instance, to the Tendring Union Workhouse or Heath Hospital as it had by then become.

(The photo at top of page 13 of *EBEG Fact File 4, Coastal Red*, is at the back of the Castle PH)



George Digby's Bedford OB GOR 824 on stand 18 in Colchester Bus Park. Note the "Via North Station, Braiswick" board in the nearside windscreen, obstructing the drivers view!! The Truman's advertisement could not be better placed, as in 1958 they took over Daniel's Brewery, which the bus passed on its way into West Bergholt. Alongside on stand 17, is Osborne's HLW 191 (RT204) which entered service in July 1959, so this dates the photo between then and 1961. The OB bus to the left of Osborne's HLX 222 on page 25 (EBN560) looks like it was probably Digby's too. *RHG Simpson*



Hook's Bedford SB/Duple OB NNK 891 in the new Colchester Bus Station. This had been acquired in June 1961 from Adams & Weeks of Felixstowe. Livery: pale green and cream.

RHG Simpson

Eastern National Service 77 Colchester to Aingers Green had journeys at 1.05pm from Colchester and 1.40pm from Aingers Green operating only on a Thursday. By 1961 the shop workers lot had improved. There was time for a quick dash home to change before returning to Colchester for a visit to the pictures, as the bus now left at 1.50pm running as far as Thorrington Cross where it connected at 2.10pm with a Service 78 into Colchester. Alternatively there was time for a bite to eat as it returned from Thorrington Cross at 2.15pm, running via Great Bentley through to Clacton. This gave time for three hours by the sea or some shopping, early closing there being on a Wednesday, before returning home on the 5.45pm Clacton to Colchester via Great Bentley.

The old St John's Street bus park would be a nightmare in the modern day health and safety culture, for whilst the front bays had a narrow pedestrian strip marked out between them, if your bus was on the back

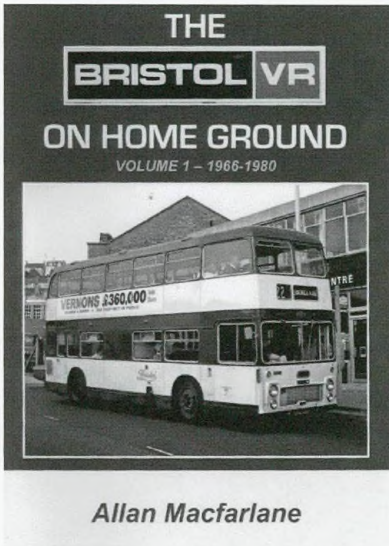
row, where there were none, you just had to squeeze through the gap between the buses to board.



Severalls Mental Hospital was mentioned as being non-PC, but in 1955 that would have been a PC term for what was, to give it its original title, the Severalls Asylum for Lunatics. Incidentally, next to North Station was the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles.

Geoff Toon

Book Review



Allan MacFarlane is an acknowledged authority on Bristol/ECW vehicles and the Bristol Omnibus Company, and to mark 40 years of VRs at work in Bristol he has published the first part of a three Volume series on the type entitled 'The Bristol VR on home ground'. This 72 page A4 sized book (with colour card covers) deals with the period 1966-1980, and although it relates entirely to vehicles which operated for the

BOC group there are many parallels with the story of the VR in Essex. There is also the background to the type – originally classified 'N' by Bristol – and the two prototype VRLs which spent many years at Osborne's of Tollesbury. Interior and exterior shots of these when new, at the Commercial Motor Show and in service with Bristol are followed by a detailed look at the production VRs bought by BOC. A few of these ultimately ran in Essex – Harris Bus, M&E of Rochford and a Badgerline loan bus after the Colchester depot fire being just three examples – and although not illustrated as such there are numerous well-reproduced 'Bristol' photographs and a very readable text. Some of the underlying issues such as Union resistance to one-man double decks and later to buses without power steering mirror obstacles also encountered by Eastern National. This first volume charts the development of the VRT from somewhat shaky beginnings (remembering of course that EN 3000: CPU979G was the first production chassis) to the reliable and popular workhorse it eventually became.

Chris Stewart

Copies are available direct from
**A R MacFarlane, 18 Downs Cote View,
Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 3TU** for
only **£11.50** including P&P.

rear cover: snow angles

Substituting for the usual front line Enviro 400 on **Heddingham** flagship route 88, Colchester to Halstead during the December bad weather, Volvo Olympian L337 (R279 LGH) with commendably informative blind still manages to look smart despite the road conditions. The former London Central NV79 is seen at Aldham. *Keith Woods*

First Dart 42922 on the 352 at Little Waltham on Sunday morning, 19th December.

John Salmon

opposite, top

Now with **First Essex** as part of the private hire fleet, Routemaster **39480** was new to London Transport in May 1966 as RML2480, initially at Putney (AF) for the 37. Having latterly gained body B2471 and a Cummins engine, it passed to First Centrewest in 1994 and was last used on the 23 and 7. It went to First Glasgow in November 2003 and First Eastern Counties at Great Yarmouth in July 2005, being seen here at Beeston Regis on 8th August 2006 with regular driver Des Speed from Yarmouth depot at the wheel.

Russell Young



New Horizon's ex London Trident (V124 MEV) is the regular bus for the 77 service, with a Spectra usually only doing isolated peak trips on Monday - Fridays. However on 11th December, Spectra K108 VLJ operated the first round trip, and was caught at Great Bentley. *Russell Young*

