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EBN PRESS DATES

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

March	1 March	10 March
April	5 April	14 April
May	3 May	12 May

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ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Venue: **Pullman Suite, Freight House, Rochford**, (adjacent to Rochford station). **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 14 February** - "Tribute to the Routemaster": slides and film celebrating the almost complete demise of the Routemaster in everyday service. Members who can contribute material, ideally in the form of a "10 minute personal tribute", are invited to contact Richard Delahoy. I would like to arrange a varied evening looking at different aspects of the Routemaster, not just lots of photos, so if you can contribute perhaps memories of RMs from a driver's perspective, or memorable journeys as a passenger (eg a 721 ride from Brentwood to Aldgate), please get in touch! If you don't, you may have my "100 minute personal tribute"!!
- ▶ **Tuesday 14 March** - Annual General Meeting followed by slide show "30 years AGO" by *Alan G Osborne*.
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 April** - "You tell us" - mystery slide show featuring historic shots from the Andy Meadows and Peter Snell collections - and if you like what you see, you can buy the slide at the meeting!
- ▶ **Tuesday 9 May** - illustrated talk, "Piers of the Realm" (with particular emphasis on Southend) by *Dave Carson*.
- ▶ **Tuesday 13 June** - subject to be advised
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 July** - informal social evening - bring along your photos and models to display and be ready for a gossip!

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 10 March** - Talk by *Robert MacGregor* on Hedingham, plus slide show.

Cover: Red double-deckers return to Brentwood. **Arriva Southend 6222** (S267 JUA) in William Hunter Way on the 498 on 21 January. *Chris Stewart*

- ▶ **Friday 7 April** - *Alan Osborne*: 'Up North'. N.B. date is the **second** Friday, not first, which is Good Friday.
- ▶ **Friday 12 May** - *Richard Delahoy*: '20 Years ago'.
- ▶ **Friday 9 June** - *Geoff Dodson*: 'A Lifetime on the Buses'.
- ▶ **Fridays 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December**: *tba*

2006 TOUR PROGRAMME

Dates and provisional details are as follows:

- ▶ **Sunday 14 May** - By popular request, our third **Hedingham shed bash**.
- ▶ **Saturday 24 June** - *tba*
- ▶ **Saturday 2 September** - **Essex area tour**.

Dave Arnold

RALLIES, OPEN DAYS ETC.

- ▶ **Saturday/Sunday 24-25 February** ~ **London's Transport Museum - Acton Depot Open Weekend**. "London's Transport in Miniature": 11:00 - 17:00. 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
- ▶ **Saturday 25 March** ~ **Ipswich Transport Museum** ~ special event: "Transport in Miniature", ITM, Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Road, Ipswich. IB bus 6 from Tower Ramparts. www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk
- ▶ **Sunday 2 April** ~ **Annual Open Day & Bus & Coach Gathering** - London Bus Preservation Trust, Cobham, Surrey: Wisley Airfield, off the A3 nr M25 junction 10. www.lbpt.org/index
- ▶ **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/
- ▶ **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

From the Editor ...

A problem appears to have occurred with the printing of envelopes for EBN in January resulting in some members not receiving a copy. However, it has not been possible to determine which members were affected. Accordingly, the printers have reprinted January EBN and re-mailed it to all members.

In view of the possible delay in some members receiving EBN501, the deadline for **Photo List No. 5** (GO's and K's) is **extended to February 14**.

Photo List No.6 (JO's and L's) is enclosed with this EBN.

David Harman

Essex Bus Publicity News

In a follow-on to a previous article on Major Operators websites in **Essex Bus News**, we now start a review the websites of some of the other operators who provide bus services in Essex.

BEESTONS Have a neat looking and well laid out website at www.beestons.co.uk, it includes bus timetables (11/12/13 Halstead to Sudbury of Essex interest), plus details of excursion and holidays, mainly from Suffolk, although some do feature Essex pick ups.

CHAMBERS Information on bus times, excursions (pick up in Halstead, Braintree and Witham), information about the company and a fleetlist (that appears to be out of date) is available from www.chamberscoaches.co.uk. Navigation is easy, although the format is fairly basic.

COGGESHALL COMMUNITY BUS details of the service and a picture of the vehicle used (although I suspect the real thing is a different shape!), is available at www.coggeshallbus.co.uk. It features a service status page, although it always appears to run normally and a few local links of interest. Again navigation is easy.

FORDS ALTHORNE Although a few stage services are operated, the only ones mentioned on www.fordscoaches.co.uk are under the excursions button. The site is mainly aimed at the private hire market. Photos of some of the vehicles in the fleet, are on the website. Excursion destinations vary, from the delights of Bruges, to the wonders of Romford.

HEDINGHAM OMNIBUSES Promises much, but not a lot to be found at www.hedingham.co.uk. Timetables provides a link to traveline, while the about Heddingham link, provides a good brief history of the company, but none of the photo or fleetlist links work.

NELSONS An excellent site can be found at www.nibsbuses.co.uk This details bus times for schools and stage services. The schools service are listed by schools, a great feature for parents or pupils that don't know the route number. I really like the schoolbus info page, that

answers many of the questions that parents or pupils would ask. There is also an up to date fleetlist and a nice photo of the new Scania decker.

NETWORK COLCHESTER Can it really be that in 2006, this operator does not have a website? Or is it just difficult to find. Either way not very impressive.

OLYMPIAN This Harlow based operator, has a busy website at www.olympiancoaches.com Timetables for local, school and commuter services are available, for download in pdf or Excel format. A picture gallery, features the new Noge coaches and further pictures are promised.

REGAL BUSWAYS Despite a fairly basic look, this is an excellent site, with bus times, fleetlist, latest news and job opportunities. The news page is kept up to date and explains why the low floor buses were not on Village Link duties in November. Find out for yourself at www.regalbusways.com (For those without the internet – it was due to roadworks in the Hanningfields)

STEPHENSONS Provides a good source of information, with bus timetables (including free store buses for Asda and Tescos), London express coach services, a fleetlist and details on private hire. There are even fares for the schools routes. Log on at www.stephensonsofessex.com and wait for the Plaxton bodied Volvo to charge across your screen!

VICEROY The Saffron Walden based operator, has a site at www.viceroycoaches.co.uk It features photos of some of the fleet, a timetable section (well scanned images from Essex CC publicity) and a two line company history. At least it's better than nothing.

This series will be continued as space permits.

The following items of publicity have been issued recently by smaller operators in the county:

The winter timetable leaflet for the **Gatwick Flyer** is dated 1st November 2005 to 30th April 2006.

Regal Busways have issued a double sided A5 on glossy paper for services 214/X14 dated 2nd October 2005 to 15th January 2006 whilst there is a single sided A5 for Commuter Link 502 dated 24th August 2005. The leaflet for service 506 dated 4th September 2004 has been re-issued; the fares have gone up but the times are unaltered. The latest "55" registered bus, used on the route, is also now depicted on the leaflet.

Olympian Coaches issued a single sided A4 sheet giving details of minor timetable changes to route 741 from 28th November 2005 complete with details of operation over the Christmas and New Year period.

Chambers of Bures issued another double sided A4 timetable dated 31st October 2005.

Unusually this sheet has been printed landscape rather than portrait.

Ensignbus have leaflets for routes X80 and 64 both dated 28th December 2005.

The Coggeshall Community Bus has issued an A5 folded leaflet dated 3rd January 2006.

Network Colchester have reissued their timetable book, dated 3rd January 2006.

Ian Ransom with acknowledgements to Ian Taylor for the paper publicity items

Essex Service Changes

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Route</i>	<i>Days of operation</i>	<i>Terminals and Notes</i>
Arriva East Herts & Essex				
	3 Jan 06	46	M-S	Ongar, Two Brewers - Chelmsford, Vicarage Road Service extended to and from Oaklands Park to partly replace withdrawn First service 43.
Blue Triangle Buses Ltd				
	4 Jan 06	804	SDO	Debden Broadway, Torrington Drive - Loughton Station. Minor changes to timetable.
Excel				
	14 Feb 06	309	M-S	Stansted Airport Coach Station - Bishops Park, Tesco Store. Service withdrawn, journeys incorporated into service 308.
	15 Feb 06	308	M-S	Stansted Airport Coach Station - Bishops Park, Tesco Store. Revised timetable. The frequency has been increased from 1bph to 2bph to allow for the revamping of the 308/309 now all numbered and operate as service 308.
First				
	27 Dec 05	43	Weekdays	Chelmsford, Westway (First Depot) - Oaklands Park, Moulsham Drive. Service withdrawn.
	9 Jan 06	105	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Walton Rail Station Minor timetable revisions.
		107	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Walton Rail Station Minor timetable revision.
		109	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Walton Rail Station Minor timetable revision.
Heddingham Omnibuses				
	6 Mar 06	136	M-F	Jaywich, Tower Camp - Clacton (circular) New Service. Six daytime circular journeys.
National Express				
	19 Dec 05	737	Daily	Stansted Airport Coach Station - Oxford Bus Station

Route renumbered from 757 and minor timetable changes.

Olympian Coaches

3 Jan06 M1 M-S

M7 M-F

M8 M-F

M11 M-F

M21 M-F

M31 M-S

R2 M-S

Harlow Bus station - Sumners
Formerly service R1. Revised timetable.
Harlow Bus Station - Old Harlow (circular)
New hourly service outward via Harlow Station operating approximately between 09:00 and 14:45.
Harlow Bus Station - Old Harlow (circular)
New hourly service outward via Mark Hall operating approximately between 09:00 and 14:45.
Harlow Town Station - Pinnacles, Flex Meadow
Formerly R11. Minor timetable revision.
Edinburgh way, River Way - Harlow Town station
Formerly R21. Minor timetable revision.
Harlow Bus Station - Sumners (circular)
Revised timetable (formerly route R31?)
Harlow Bus Station - Staple Tye (circular)
Service withdrawn.

Stansted Transit

5 Dec 05 5 M-S

3 Jan 06 73A M-S

4 Jan 06 301 M-S

302 SDO

Bishops Stortford Interchange - Saffron Walden, Tesco Store. The 07:06 Bishops Stortford to Saffron Walden will run 10 minutes earlier at 06:56 on schooldays.
Maldon, Cherry Gardens - Chelmsford, Coval Lane
Additional journeys to partly replace withdrawn First service 73 journeys.
Bishops Stortford, Interchange - Saffron Walden, Tesco Store. Minor changes to school journeys.
Bishops Stortford, St Michaels Mead - Saffron Walden, High Street. Minor timetable change to journey.

Stephensons

9 Jan 06 510 SDO

Southminster, High Street - Chelmsford, St John Payne School. Minor timetable alteration.

David Tomlin



■ ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX LIMITED

New vehicles

2463	KE 55 KPG	Optare Solo M880	SAB19000000002026	Optare B29F	12/05
2464	KE 55 KPJ	Optare Solo M880	SAB19000000002027	Optare B29F	12/05
2465	KE 55 KTJ	Optare Solo M950	SAB19000000002121	Optare B33F	1/06
2466	KE 55 KTD	Optare Solo M880	SAB19000000002119	Optare B29F	1/06
2467	KE 55 KTC	Optare Solo M880	SAB19000000002120	Optare B29F	1/06

Vehicles in

from Arriva London North M1437/379 12/05

5337	C437 BUV	MCW Metrobus DR101/17	MB8482	MCW CH43/24F	1/86
	(ex VLT 12, C437 BUV)				
5379	C379 BUV	MCW Metrobus DR101/17	MB8424	MCW CH43/28F	11/85
	(ex VLT 88, C379 BUV)				

Allocations

12/05: 2463/4.WE; 5337/79.HA

1/06: 2107/16.u; 2119/20/3/ 4/6/45/9/51.w; 2373/4/465-7.HA; 3124.HA; 3353.WE;
3445/8.u; 5837/42.w; 5847.u; 5850.w

Vehicles out

2118 (N188 EMJ): Arriva the Shires (Hemel Hempstead as ancillary vehicle) 1/06

Subsequent histories

3094 (H926 LOX): Stafford Bus Centre, Cotes Heath (dealer) by 11/05
ex Arriva the Shires 3094

Liveries

12/05: Arriva National ex Arriva London - 5337 (C437 BUV ex VLT 12, C437 BUV),
5379 (C379 BUV ex VLT 88, C379 BUV)

General

The two Metrobuses allocated to Harlow are for school contracts and reintroduce double deckers to that depot. Leyland Olympians 5837/42/50 are stored at Harlow depot.

Mark Garrett

■ ARRIVA SOUTHEND Limited

Vehicles in

from Arriva London DLA65-8

6220	S265 JUA	DAF DE02RSDB250 006981	Alexander 9812/1	H45/17D	new 2/99
6221	S266 JUA	DAF DE02RSDB250 006982	Alexander 9812/2	H45/17D	new 2/99
6222	S267 JUA	DAF DE02RSDB250 006983	Alexander 9812/3	H45/17D	new 2/99
6223	S268 JUA	DAF DE02RSDB250 006984	Alexander 9812/4	H45/17D	new 2/99

These were new to Arriva London North.

6220-3 were collected from Arriva London at Wood Green on Saturday 14th January and went to Dartford for service preparation. They entered service on route 498 from Grays depot a week later on Saturday 21st January. They are blinded for 370 (Romford - Corbets Tey school bus only), 492 (so may appear on loan at Dartford) and 498.

Loans to Grays

Extra vehicles allocated to Grays during December/January to cover a vehicle shortage and also to augment the fleet for service 498 are listed below:

3004/6	L506/8 CPJ	Dart/East Lancs ex-hire to Network Colchester;
3089	P289 FPK	Dart SLF/Pointer (in red livery) from Dartford;
3112	L112 YVK	Dart/Northern Counties from Dartford;
3285	T285 JKM	Dart SLF/Pointer from Dartford;
3412	P332 HVX	Dart/Pointer from Guildford;
4525	KE03 OUM	DAF SB120/Cadet from Arriva The Shires.

As mentioned in EBN501, 3004 was delivered from Colchester to Southend on 20th December and used there before transferring to Grays. 3006 went straight from Colchester to Grays on 21st December.

4525 is the 'as yet not identified loan vehicle from Arriva The Shires' described in EBN501.

The entry of 6220-23 into service saw the following vehicle movements.

3089 and 3285 returned to Dartford.

4525 to the Shires at Hitchin

3004/6/112 moved to the disposal pool.

3412 was due to transfer out within the Southern Counties group but it is unknown where to at the time of writing.

Changes to operational and engineering management

December 2005 saw Dartford and Grays depots come together under common operational and engineering management. Therefore inter-depot loans are likely to become more commonplace.

Dartford's Cadets have blind inserts for Grays' 346 and as mentioned above 6220-23 will be available for use at Dartford if necessary. The new Dart MPD/Pointers being built for service 162 at Dartford will also have 346 displays.

New Vehicles for TfL route 498

The new VDL SB120/Wright Cadets for service 498 are not now expected until early June. They will be 10.2m long, seat 28 and in accordance with the latest TfL conditions, will have centre plug doors and be in allover red livery with white roofs.

Other News

A shortage of serviceable Sprinters in early December once again saw Darts allocated to Dengie Village Link routes for about a week.

*Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Matthew Arnold
(Essex Planning and Scheduling, Arriva Southern Counties)*



Red 3089 (P289 FPK) put in an appearance on the 498 on 4 January. Chris Stewart

■ FIRST ESSEX

Allocation changes

Period 10: 25 Dec 2005 to 22 Jan 2006

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

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

30558 HH-BN; 30559 HH-BN; 31376 BN-HH; 31377 BN-HH; 34813 CF-D/L(D);

34815 D/L(D)-CF; 52584 RES-BN

In practice, 30558/9 went straight into service at BN and 31376/7 have remained at HH. 34813 does not appear to have been used at CF, 34815 being retained instead.

Repaints: Period 10 - 52584 46187 67010

Other Changes: Olympians 34807/15 have gained overall rear adverts for Westbury Homes.

Disposals: 34809 left for First Devon & Cornwall at the end of January, to be followed by 34812/3.

VEHICLE WORKINGS

The heading 'Final retreat from Romford - 24 December 2005' was, of course, somewhat premature as the Sunday ECC supported 351 continues to run into and out of Romford. 24 December nevertheless marked the end of a long connection between Romford and the Basildon area, involving (amongst others) the 750/751, 550/551, Victoria/Kings Cross X10 & 400, Wood Green/Romford 151, Canvey-Romford 26, the former Westcliff 15 group and the WMS 2A.

Unusual sightings:

January 4th	CF43729 on 36, CF43730 on 352
7th	CR34310 on Harwich 103/104 (15.05 ex CR et seq)
9th	BN31374 on 100, CR34014/56/308/15 on 78, CR34011 (77/78 branded) on 67, CR47103 on DT 103/104, CR43742 on 65
10th	Lance CR67005 on 65
11th	CR34308 on 66A, CR67006 on 67
14th	CR34012 on 71, CR34303 on 78, CR34305 on 65s, Lance CF60103 on 48
15th	CF42484 on 71C (18.05 ex CR)
16th	Scania BN61054 on Hutton 82
18th	CR34315 on 64A (19.15 ex Osborne Street), BN65670 on 551, BN65679 on 70
19th	CR47108 on 64/A (13.48 ex Bus Stn), CR67008 on 78A (21.18 ex Bus Stn)
20th	CR47101 on 64, CR34012/301 & 46829 all on 65s
23rd	CR47101/3 on 66A, CR67005 on 65
24th	CR34304 on 65, CR34309 on 64, 34809 on CN 74, Lance CR67011 on CN 75
25th	CR34301 on 09.05 CR-BE and return 70 (see below), CR34056 on 64A
28th	CR34012 on 65, CR34303 on 64, CR34308 on X22
29th	BN51805 on 565 (normally Dart)
30th	CF53136 on 351 (17.05 ex Chelmsford)
31st	BN52584 on 25A, BN30559 on 551 and later on 100 (first recorded sighting of DD 551 since December service change)



**Route 551 ~
Basildon Bus Station to
Brentwood Rail Station**

above:

Scania 65677 (SN51 UYL) with
100 branding and incorrect
route number.

left:

Marshall Dart 41653
(R653 TLM) with paper route
number. These buses have
London single-track blinds to
which 551 is presumably yet
to be added.

Both seen on 12 January in
Brentwood High Street.

A Nugent

Double deck workings: from members' observations, double deckers generally appear on the following:

CF depot: 06.20 Chelmsford-Stansted & return 33
06.55 Chelmsford-South Woodham & return 36
07.58 Brook Street-Chelmsford 351 (schooldays)
15.45 Chelmsford-Halstead & return 352

CR depot: All 78/78A
One all day working on Halstead 88
11.05, 13.05 et seq Colchester-Braintree & return 70
Afternoon schooldays Colchester-East Bergholt 193 and then 16.45 Great Yeldham 88
Morning and afternoon East Mersea 67E

DT depot: Virtually all Colchester-Harwich 103/104

OTHER NEWS

Former EN VRs in the South West:

The three KOO-V Bristol VRs with ABus have finally gone their separate ways. KOO791V (3073) left for Southampton Docks on 11 January – where it remained at the time of writing. It has been sold to British Bus Co, San Diego, California. KOO792V (3074) is on loan to Kingswood Travel, Wootton under Edge, and KOO793V (3075) has gone to David Hoare of Chepstow for spares or repair, as has STW33W (3089), leaving XHK221/2X (3116/7). XHK221X is in use, and accident damaged XHK222X is expected to be repaired after all.

UAR597W (3107) ex First Devon & Cornwall 38897 is now back in south west Essex with a preservationist owner who at one time drove VRs at EN/TW Walthamstow. It passed via S Munden (Bristol Bus & Coach Sales) and was brought back from Bristol on 4th Feb.

Clacton Yard:

The line up at Clacton on 30.1.06 was as follows (* = reserve fleet)

51889 51782 51476 62522 62521 46125* 34819 38790 (Heritage)
46120 (defective engine) 46118* 46119* 67999 (Van Hool 836) 46126* 34812 34813

Correction to EBN501: In the Basildon allocation list, 62526-32 should read 65626-32 (Scanias). It should also be noted that not all ancillary vehicles are shown on the official list from which details were taken.

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to First Essex and to A Bird, T Clark, D Edwards, M Farmer, I Hardie, A Kelleher, J Podgorski, C Sigston, D Stewart, A Walker, R Webb, R Whitley, Essex Bus and South West y-groups, Real Bus News group, LOTS, PSV Circle, Terminus.

My apologies if any reports have been sent but not used this month – changeover of my computer equipment means that some e-mails were lost around mid month.

Chris Stewart

■ NETWORK COLCHESTER

Vehicles Out

351/2/3/6/7 (H251/2/3/6/7 GEV) Leyland Lynx

These vehicles were withdrawn and removed on Friday 27th January. The next withdrawals to help with fleet modernisation are likely to be the two DAF/Ikarus (358/9).

Unusual Workings

Jan 23rd 354 (8 branded) on 1, 373 on 8, 367 (1 branded) on 8.
27th 387 (2 branded) on 1.

Other News

Destination blinds are on order in an attempt to improve the appearance of the fleet.

Peter Mansbridge

Ensignbus

Omnibus suppliers to the World

■ DEALER STOCK MOVEMENTS

VEHICLES IN

from:

Amberlee UK: RML2535/2736

Arriva London: RML2277/2287/2328/2344/2468/2534/2546/2675/2750.

Dublin Bus: RH81 (91-D-1081)

Imperial Buses: RML2759

London General: DRM2516 (The original one)

Metrobus: Dart L354 LPF

Metroline: DL12/14/16/17/75/77/78/79/81/83/85

Stagecoach Merseyside: T339/424/612

VEHICLES OUT:

to:

Dart J310 WHJ: A1 Minibus Travel, Northampton.

RML2688: Charter Holdings, Fleet, Hampshire.

Tiger H643 ERO: Eastbrook Travel, Barking.

RML2521: Will Geffin, Hove, East Sussex.

DL81: Imperial Buses, Rainham.

RML2409: Simon Johnstone, Muswell Hill, London.

Olympian 91-D-1081: Con Keenan, Dublin.

RML2549: London and Bath Estates, London, W14

RML2684: John Massy, Roermond, Holland.

RML2540: Mr Cool Ltd, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

DL12/17/75: Renown Coaches, Bexhill, East Sussex.

RT1206: The RT1206 Group, Little Hadham, Herts.

Olympian B962 WRN: S and M Coaches, Benfleet, Essex.

RML2279: Simon Pub, Catanzaro, Italy.

M509: Smiles Engineering, Newcastle.

Olympian UWW 6X: Trimmer Travel, Romford.

Tigers G661/2 WMD: Village Coaches, Findon, East Sussex.

Olympians G804 SMV H807 XMY: Western Greyhound, Newquay, Cornwall.

RML2468: Wych Cross Nurseries, Forest Row, East Sussex.

OPERATIONAL FLEET

■ ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Correction: Dart 712 is P202 OLX, not as given last month.

Acquired vehicles

from Metroline, Harrow, DL77/82, 12/05

777 R177 VLA Dennis Dart SLF SFD212BR1WGW12192 Plaxton 9810.1HJB8707 B35F 6/98

782 R182 VLA Dennis Dart SLF SFD212BR1WGW12238 Plaxton 9810.1HJB8712 B35F 6/98

Both are for routes X80 and 64.

Sold vehicle

151 R241 LGH Olympian/Northern Counties to FirstGroup (by 12/05)

With thanks to Ross Newman of Ensignbus

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A H MINIBUSES Clacton R420 CRP Ford Transit, R930 CVF Mercedes Benz Sprinter, T278 SHU Citroen Relay all in by 12.05 (R930CVF is ex Norfolk C.C.)

AMBER/BASILDON TRAVEL There is a new (additional) operating centre at Rawreth Industrial Estate (by 1.06). The operating centre at Rettendon has been vacated (by 1.06).

ANTAS Stansted Airport Dennis Javelin/Caetano M6 ERN has been sold to Owen, Knighton.

APS MINIBUS Wickford Have ceased operations and Ford Transit R798 BUJ has been sold

APT TRAVEL Rayleigh S360 SET Scania/Irizar is in (by 1.06) ex Provence, St.Albans, Herts.

The vehicle carrying registration 827 APT (a Bova Futura) is in fleet livery (by 1.06), i.e. does not now have the "Mad about Jazz" lettering etc; so either there has had a repaint or else registration 827 APT is on another vehicle.

H921 OBE (ex H3KMT, H921 OBE, UVE 288, H960 FFW) Scania/Berkhof is in the yard (1.06), probably in a dealer capacity. Last with McDonald, Dundee.

G870MAH Volvo B10M/Plaxton is parked at the o.c. of D.Thorn (1.06) but is thought to be a dealer vehicle with A.P.T. Last with Collins, Hanwell, W7.

BB's TRANSPORT Hullbridge This new operator has Ford Transit M7 WAB.

BJS Gt.Wakering IIL 1044 (ex D808 RKY)

Au N216H is in (seen 4.12.05). There aren't many of this model in this country.

BRENTWOOD COACHES Volvo/Caetano M577 JBC is now registered AIG 7832

LUI7650 is reported to be on one of the ex Epsom Coaches vehicles (probably BR07 DPA)(12.05).

BRIAN'S Maylandsea LDV Convoy S870 TAH seen 15.1.06 with all lettering removed - sold?

CAROUSEL Harlow Vauxhall Movano T940 KUR has gone to a private owner.

CD TRAVEL Kelvedon EH2 9339 (H103 EDV) a Mercedes Benz 811D/Carlyle has been sold.

CLINTONA Brentwood MX54 ZBJ a LDV Cy has been reported (1.06)

COLCHESTER COACHES Clacton Bristol VR/East Lancs GHB 85W, had left the fleet by October 2005.

COUNTY COACHES Brentwood YXI 7923 has been reported (12.05) on a Scania/? Which may be 2786 RU reregistered. This is subject to confirmation.

DONS Gt Dunmow Leyland Olympian A486 HKB has been withdrawn. Dennis Javelin/Marco Polo M706 HBC has been fitted with 70 seats. It is believed that double deckers are no longer in use, being replaced on schools work, by high capacity coaches.

ESSEX POLICE Chelmsford H277 NJN A Volvo B10M/Plaxton (that was a PSV



Stephensons Withamlink-branded Dart SK02 XGP temporarily became the newest bus in the Southend area. It has now been replaced by even newer ADL Dart EU05 CZA. SK02 CZA is seen on the newly-won Essex County Council route 14.

Photos: above: Ian Banks; below: Peter Mansbridge





The *one* rail replacement program on January 7-8/15/22/29, (which continues for Sundays February 5, 12, 19 and 26), has produced some fine bus running days. *above*: elderly ex-London Country Olympian TPD 111X of Fargo; *below*: ex-London Central Olympian M87 MYM of Talisman. Both seen on January 8 at Shenfield Station. Chris Stewart



here) has been advertised for sale by Fowler, Holbeach Drove, Lincs. (possibly has not been operated by Fowler)

FARGO Rayne Acquired is C47 KBE a Leyland Olympian/East Lancs ex Lincolnshire 647

FLAGFINDERS Braintree Renault Masters V240/1 JKE, which were purchased for use on Freeport services have been withdrawn. Their capacity being too small. Dennis Darts from the existing fleet are now used. Leyland Olympian/ECW coach D510 PPU is in (by 11.05) ex Lodge, High Easter and is reregistered PLZ 2876 (by 11.05).

FORD Althorne KUI 8329 (C141 KFL) a DAF/Jonckhree has gone to Nash, Welwyn Garden City, while LJI 477 (XNM 830S) a Bedford YMT/Willowbrook (rebody) has gone for scrap.

G48FKG Scania/Alexander is in (seen 5.12.05) ex Newport 48. (in addition to G50FKG already reported)

FOWLER Loughton The previously mentioned W104 MWG, is a LDV Convoy. It replaced Ford Transit J919 UWO here.

GEORGES MINIBUSES Canvey Island BU55 OLD VW/VW-Stanford was exhibited at the Bus & Coach Show (10.05), lettered "Georges" for this operator.

GLEW Gt Tey JNM 749Y a Bedford YNT/Plaxton, is now being used for spares.

GODWARD South Woodham Ferrers J452 CEV is former Hong Kong Citybus 1274 (reg. FD207) Volvo B10M/Van Hool (in by 12.05) via Ensign

GROUP TAXIBUS Chelmsford Ford Transit EX53 URW has been sold.

LJ55 YVD (no. 77) & LJ55 YVE (no. 78) are new LDV Convoy (in 12.05).

R956/9RFP have probably gone - 956 had the lettering removed by mid December.

EF03NWZ, Excellent Connections, Manchester no.15, was parked at the Chelmsford o.c. on 2.10.05 - presumed to be awaiting disposal.

HAILSTONE Basildon Mercedes Benz 609D/Olympic N112 SPB has been sold.

KINGS Stanway P994 SVW (ex P111 ABC) has been reported with Richards, Guist, Norfolk (by 1.06)

KIRBY Rayleigh Recently acquired is

K9 BYS a Setra.

LODGE High Easter Scania/Van Hool T20 DGE has been reported with A & P Travel of Sleaford, Lincs. (by 1.06) (thought to be a new operator)

MARINA Chelmsford This new operator has EX03 ZVZ a Ford Transit (by 11.05) and A12 SKP a Mercedes Benz Vito (by 11.05) - operates on taxi plate.

NCS Sarron Walden GN51 OXF a LDV Convoy has gone to North West, Liverpool. Similar AE51 TWM is acquired.

NEW HORIZONS Alesford LDV Convoy EO02 EOX has been sold. Mercedes Benz Sprinter MX54 YSR has been acquired

P&M Shotgun Volvo B10M/Plaxton J713 CWT has gone to Eastbourne Coach Tours, Eastbourne.

REGAL Highwood New here is Alexander Dennis Dart/MCV AE55 EHM. It is normally used on Waltham Cross routes during the day and the evening service 332.

STEPHENSONS Rochford Open top Olympian JFR 4W has been exported to Bulgaria.

The only other point of interest is that Flight Delay Services Ltd (a subsidiary of Excel) has now been granted a 20 vehicle O licence in Manchester (where it is based) and one of the Scania's is presently on loan from Stansted. In due course some coaches may be permanently transferred, and/or new vehicles purchased

SUPREME Southend The remains of the fleet were sold to a combination of dealers and operators in late 2005. It is far to long to list here, we will of course report any vehicles that reappear in Essex.

SWT South Woodham Ferrers LDV 400 N484 UJH was still unlicensed and without registration plates (11.05) - it has been like this since 'by 4.05'

TALISMAN Gt.Bromley J534CEV Leyland Olympian/Alexander DPH57/45F is in ex Hong Kong Citybus (operated on behalf of China Light & Power) 304 (reg. FC1714). Re-registration date is 25.11.05, in to Talisman 12.05. This has been in use in Hong Kong livery including advertisements. with the Chinese script but with fleetname replaced by "Talisman". Similar vehicle no. 306 (reg. FC7431) has also been purchased but is

not yet certified etc.

Similar, bus less exotic, H643 PTW (ex 90-D-1057) has gone to Khan, Aylesbury, Bucks. (by 11.05)

WARD Alresford DAF/Caetano JIL 7651 (L706 CNR) has been sold.

YOUNGS TRAVEL Shotgate Acquired from Houlton, Appleton is Iveco/Caetano C403 NAW.

ESSEX - Non-PSV Operators

Salvation Army, Chelmsford

CE55UJM Fd Tt / Fd is parked here (by 10.05) and assumed owned (it is unmarked).

The vehicles which were here previously seem to have gone, these being P375JWC which was lettered and G394YHJ which was unmarked; both were Fd Tt.

Miscellaneous

L46DBC Ta / Co seen in Billericay 7.1.06 lettered "De Luxe Travel". Could this be Ball of Westcliff?

M640KVU Vo / VH has been seen in Shenfield - don't know if with a local operator or not.

P128KKE Fd Tt / Fd-? seen in Billericay 7.1.06 lettered "MK Travel".

T152CHY LDV Cy has been seen in Brentwood (12.05) - may not be a PSV.

Y849CNG Fd Tt seen in Chelmsford 4.12.05 lettered "A & J Minibuses". This could be Etherton & Robinson of Rochford; their fleetname is "A & J" rather than "A J" as in our records.

ML51KCZ MB has been seen in Brentwood (12.05) - may not be PSV.

Ian Ransom

Sold for further service

Former **Southend Transport** Leyland Tiger/Duple Caribbean 248 (A248 SVW), now with **Aardvark Coaches** (C.B.Goodman) of Peterborough. Livery: blue/grey. *Sue Burden*

(The aardvark is a shy, nocturnal creature, indigenous to Africa, but also popular with businesses who seek to have the very first entry in *Yellow Pages*).



Preservation Notebook

OWC 182D

Like so many transport enthusiasts I have been interested in buses and coaches since childhood. I grew up in Bristol where a large, interesting and ever changing fleet kept me involved right up to my late teens when study, training for my profession, marriage and a post overseas brought all bus interests to an end. My career subsequently never took me back to my native city and I have now lived in Luton for thirty four years. Thus when it became possible to think of owning a vehicle early in 2004, although still a West Countryman at heart, it seemed sensible to think in terms of having something with relevance to the area where I have undoubtedly settled and am most likely to remain for the rest of my years.

Firstly I joined the Three Counties Museum Group and found a place where I could store a vehicle under cover. Then, in June I began looking for a vehicle. Because I am 68 next March and my chief interest was to drive and not to restore I had to find something in really good order. With this in mind I decided my best bet was to get a good Green Line RF. This, I felt would be relevant to the Luton area, and I thought not too difficult to find.

After several false starts, being warned off various vehicles, I was eventually recommended to look at an RF in Lostwithiel in Cornwall and had made arrangements to go down there the day after the Woburn rally. I was not terribly happy at what I had set up for myself as I did not relish the journey down there to see it, or the possible prospect of bringing it back to Luton. Also the price was right at the top of my budget but it was the first prospect which "my advisors" considered sensible.



I spent the day at Woburn showing all and sundry a picture of what I might be purchasing the next day and at 3.50 pm just as we were making preparations to go I discovered by chance that OWC, which had been standing next to us all day 'might be for sale'. I shot off our double decker, United Counties 712 and got myself introduced to Nigel Adams of the Chelveston Preservation Society and within twenty minutes had agreed to meet his price and purchase the vehicle. Nigel warned me not to commit myself until I had driven it because I had no experience with a crash box and 'heavy' steering. But I knew I wanted this beautiful 'Bristol' and I would do whatever it took to drive it. It was so much more than I had hoped to obtain. As a Tilling/Eastern National vehicle it was relevant to my adopted Eastern area but its chassis had been made in Brislington, Bristol so it also had relevance to my youth. As I told my wife during the week which elapsed before I went up to Rushden to complete the deal, I was going to have it even if I only kept it in a barn and went to sit in it each day!!!!!!

The weekend came to collect it and my good friends from The Three Counties took me to Rushden. They tried out the vehicle first and

were delighted by it. Then it was my turn. I went up and down a long lay-by two or three times and then took it back to its base. Yes, there was a bit of 'graunching' and I frequently could not find third, and then anything else!!!! But I was hooked. The cheque was handed over and I drove it to just north of Bedford where, not wishing to be too cocky I handed over to one of my experienced friends to take it through the town.

During the following week I practiced up and down the Leighton Buzzard bypass where it is wide enough to stop without inconveniencing too many people, and there are a lot of roundabouts and a small hill. On the following Sunday I drove it to Showbus and experienced the pleasure of entering the showground in my own beautiful Bristol being snapped and videoed in the process.

Since then I have also taken it the Canvey Island open day which was most appropriate as they were the first owners after it came out of service. I am extremely grateful to Gordon and a young man at The Canvey Museum for making available for me to photograph Eastern National original green linen coach blinds which are missing from my vehicle. From these photographs I have managed to construct a pair of "blinds" which are far more like the original that I obtained with the vehicle.

As you have seen I have been lucky to obtain a coach in excellent general condition. The big Gardner six barely seems to be more than ticking over as she cruises along at about 53 mph. Amazingly on the Canvey run, mainly fifth gear on the motorway she averaged 20 mpg!!!! She is, I think, amazingly driver friendly once you have mastered the gearbox. She sits firmly on the road and gives a very comfortable ride, with little vibration and no squeaks and groans. I personally do not regard the steering as heavy. It is beautifully positive with absolutely no play. I am absolutely delighted with the biggest toy I have ever had and one which I've wanted since childhood!

When purchased the heater and blower did

not work, and the speedometer had not worked, for at least six years. One of my good friends at Three Counties is an absolute whiz at all matters electronic and couldn't wait to get his hands on the wiring. He soon found a well-hidden, blown in-line fuse and I had a speedo again before Duxford. Another discovery was of a burned-out coil in a relay and now the blowers and heater fans are working again. In addition he has completely gone through all the under dashboard 'spaghetti', taking out anything redundant and putting correct coloured wiring where it was wrong.

Other small TLC jobs I have completed are replacing five missing escutcheons over the budget lock holes on the sides, tidying up some of the slightly torn material on the bulkhead and driver's door, making a small repair to the fibreglass trim just in front of the entrance door and replacing the batteries.

If any readers can oblige, I am seeking a set of original green linen Eastern National coach blinds, a relevant coach driver's white uniform jacket, and any Eastern National old coach tickets of the period. Also any photographs of the vehicle when in service.

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Brief History of OWC;

OWC 182 D (T312) was delivered to the Tilling fleet in 1966, with two others, OWC 181D and OWC 183D. All three had 34 reclining seats and were used for fourteen day Scottish and Welsh tours and Thomas Cook European tours.

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| March 1968 | All three were transferred to Eastern National.
OWC 182D numbered 392 |
| January 1971 | 181 and 182 were transferred back to Tillings. |
| January 1974 | They joined National Travel (SE) who fitted 39 coach seats instead of the reclining seats. |
| January 1976 | OWC 182D became a driver training vehicle. |
| January 1979 | passed to National Travel London. |

June 1984	Sold into preservation.	Liveries applied	
1986	Purchased from Canvey Island Bus Museum by the Chelveston Preservation Society.	When new: pearl grey and maroon	
	Purchased by Nigel Adams	Eastern National: cream and green	
August 2005	Purchased by Gerry Serpell-Morris.	National Travel: white	
		In preservation: cream and green.	

Essex Public Transport Maps

The current series of maps issued by Essex County Council dates back to Winter 1993. There have been summer and winter editions in all subsequent years without exception. Originally produced by FWT, preparation switched to Pindar in Summer 1996 but returned to FWT with the Summer 2002 edition. Until Winter 2000/2001 the cover was basically green with a montage of rural Essex scenes. The Summer 2001 edition introduced a new cover, similar to the Essex Sunday Travel Guide timetable books. The design shows a navy blue bus travelling along a pink road amidst green fields near to the coastline with a train in the distance (see overleaf). 2005 maps have new style pictorial theme covers as per EBN497 page 4.

Winter	1993	FWT 7.1.94	Summer	2000	Pindar
Summer	1994	FWT 3.5.94	Winter	2000/2001	Pindar
Winter	1994/1995	FWT 18.10.94	Summer	2001	Pindar
Summer	1995	FWT 4.5.95	Winter	2001/2002	Pindar
Winter	1995/1996	FWT 4.10.95	Summer	2002	FWT 20.5.02
Summer	1996	Pindar	Winter	2002/2003	FWT 26.9.02
Winter	1996/1997	Pindar	Summer	2003	FWT 19.5.03
Summer	1997	Pindar	Winter	2003/2004	FWT 25.11.03
Winter	1997/1998	Pindar	Summer	2004	FWT 27.5.04
Summer	1998	Pindar	Summer	2004	FWT 27.5.04
Winter	1998/1999	Pindar	Winter	2004/5	FWT 12.11.04
Summer	1999	Pindar	Summer	2005	FWT 2.6.05
Winter	1999/2000	Pindar	Winter	2005/06	FWT 29.11.05

In August 2003 a VillageLink Services Route Map was produced, although no printer was credited. Essex County Council has confirmed that no future editions of this map are planned.

ESSEX PUBLIC TRANSPORT MAP

There was an earlier series of maps produced by Essex County Council as mentioned in EBN 482. These were issued in the late 1970s and the following editions are known to exist:

Comprehensive Bus Rote Map	January 1977
Public Transport Route Map for Essex	June 1977
Public Transport Route Map for Essex	February 1977
Essex PublicTransport Route Map	November 1978
Essex Public Transport Route Map	June 1979

In addition, I understand that a June 1978 edition exists. To accompany the very first Essex County Council timetable book in June 1977 an undated Bus Route Map for Bishops Stortford, Saffron Walden, Royston, Haverhill area was issued bearing Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Essex County Council names. Cover design matched that of the book: an illustration of a Ford/Duple-bodied saloon registered BYX 212P heading for Bishops Stortford.

For deregulation a set of maps folded to A5 were issued entitled "The Complete Bus Guide*, Route Map And Passenger Information". The areas were:

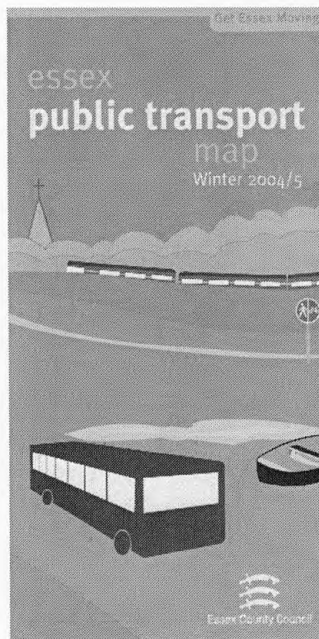
Braintree	Tendring	Harlow	Epping
Corringham	Brentwood	Uttlesford	Maldon
Grays	Colchester	Chelmsford	

VILLAGE LINK SERVICES ROUTE MAP

A "one off" production dated August 2003 on back cover. In 2004 a twice folded leaflet entitled "Community & Rural Transport in Essex" included a version of the Villagelink Route map valid until 19.4.04. Service 319 was removed from the network on this date following it's reduction to a schooldays only operation. A Villagelink Services Route Map was issued dated January 2005.

THE SUNDAY ROVER MAP & GUIDE

As a member of the Sunday Rover Consortium, Essex County Council contributed towards a map which showed roads served by buses accepting the Sunday Rover ticket. The map also gave details of attractions and Tourist Information Centres. It was produced by FWT between 1996-1999, although the amount of detail on the 1996 edition was never quite matched. There was never a 2000 version and the 2001 Sunday Rover Guide was merely a single fold leaflet showing the counties participating, a price guide and a wonderful display of council logos. There have been no further editions.



1996	FWT 21.6.96	The Sunday Rover Map & Guide
1997/8	FWT 15.5.97	The Sunday Rover Map & Guide
1998 - 1999	ETT	The Sunday Rover. Your Guide to SUNDAY LEISURE TRAVEL
1999/2000	FWT 28.6.99	The Sunday Rover Map & Guide
27 May 2001	-	The Sunday Rover Guide (Leaflet only)

BAA STANSTED

Stansted Airport Limited produced an undated thrice folded map in 2000 with a purple cover entitled "Travel to and from London Stansted". There was a rail map inside together with a second map showing bus and coach services to the airport. To my knowledge there have been no further editions, but it is always difficult to say for sure with undated items. Transport connections at Stansted Airport maps have however appeared subsequently in timetable leaflets for routes serving the airport, but never in "standalone" format. During 2004 two twelve-page slimline booklets were issued, dated January and September, entitled "Travel to and from London Stansted". On the 'by bus and coach' page inside was a map of the various National Express Airport and local bus services fanning out from Stansted. These booklets were the successors to the undated route map issued in 2000.

Ian Taylor

Blind Spot

RELIEF	
HADLEIGH	1
THUNDERSLEY	
RAYLEIGH WEIR	3
SOUTHEND VICTORIA CIRCUS	
SOUTHCHURCH	3
THORPE BAY	
SOUTHCHURCH ROAD	6
SOUTHCHURCH	
HAMSTEL ROAD	6
GENERAL HOSPITAL	
WESTCLIFF STN	6
SOUTHEND CENTRAL STN.	
CARLTON AVENUE	6A
WESTCLIFF STN.	
SOUTHEND CENTRAL STN.	9A
PRITTLEWELL	
SOUTHEND VICTORIA CIRCUS	9A
SOUTHEND CENTRAL STN.	
PRITTLEWELL	9B
MANNERS WAY	
SOUTHEND AIRPORT	11
RAYLEIGH	
EAST HANNINGFIELD	11A
GREAT BADDOW	
RAYLEIGH	
RETTENDON MAIN RD.	16A
GREAT BADDOW	
CHALKWELL AVENUE	16
CHALKWELL PARK	
SOUTHBOURNE GROVE	16
EASTERN AVENUE	
SOUTHEND CENTRAL STN.	17
WESTCLIFF STN.	
CLUMY SQUARE	20
SOUTHEND CENTRAL STN.	
WESTCLIFF STN.	21
ARTERIAL ROAD	
RAYLEIGH	22
RAWRETH LANE	
MANCHESTER DRIVE	22
WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHS.	
CARLTON AVENUE	23
KENT ELM CORNER	
EASTWOOD	
RAYLEIGH	
WEST LEIGH SCHOOLS	
WOODCUTTERS ARMS	
FAIRFAX	

ELMSLEIGH DRIVE	23A
COOMBS CORNER	
KENT ELM CORNER	24
HADLEIGH (VICTORIA HSE)	
WOODMANS ARMS	25
RAYLEIGH WEIR	
SOUTHEND VICTORIA CIRCUS	25A
CHALKWELL PARK	
LEIGH CHURCH	28
SOUTHEND VICTORIA CIRCUS	
CHALKWELL PARK	29
LEIGH CHURCH	
NORTH AVENUE	29A
SOUTHEND VICTORIA CIRCUS	
CHALKWELL PARK	61
PRIORY PARK	
FAIRFAX DRIVE	61A
CHALKWELL PARK	
SOUTHCHURCH ROAD	62
BOURNEMOUTH PK. RD.	
EASTERN AVENUE	69
SOUTHCHURCH ROAD	
BOURNEMOUTH PK. RD.	
EASTERN AVENUE	
SUTTON ROAD	
PRITTLEWELL STN	
WEST ROAD	
FAIRFAX DRIVE	
PRIORY PARK	
EKCO WORKS	
PRIVATE	
WORKS	
CONTRACT	

Updating note, added March 2021:
This blind reflects the service changes of April 1964 and would only have been suitable for the oldest 5 Bristol Ks at Southend (1300/8/12/3/30, later 2228/36/40/1/58) which had two part destination boxes. Newer buses had three part displays with separate numbers. Those buses were withdrawn in 1966/7 but no photographic evidence has been found of this blind actually in use.

Printed by Norury Bros., Altrincham June 1964. A 48" x 11" passing point Southend blind as fitted to Bristol L, Bristol K and ECW bodied Leylands. This blind is unusual as it only provides for joint routes with Southend Corporation. It was found in a skip at Southend E.N. depot in 1977 and was rolled inside out, suggesting that it had never been used. Hand-stamped "list No. 22/1"

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PCV HOLDER ?

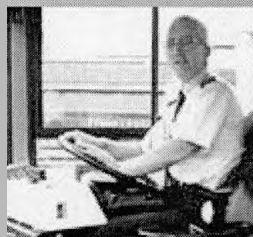
⇒ Full and Part-Time Drivers required

Stephensons of Essex and our associated company, Excel Passenger Logistics are expanding fast and we have vacancies for drivers at our Maldon, Rochford and Stansted depots.

Full and Part time drivers are needed for school services and weekend rail replacement, together with scheduled service work and private hires.

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