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Too low even for a Lodekka! Newly-renumbered 46114 (K914 CVW) engaged in 'wrong line working' past road works in Kavanaghs Road, Brentwood. Above is the First Great Eastern (from 1 April, *One*) line. 24 March 2004. *Chris Stewart*

First renumbering ~ see page 9

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Dates for your diary

GROUP TOURS

- ▶ **Tuesday May 11 - Evening Tour from Colchester** - see below.
- ▶ **Saturday July 3 - North Norfolk Coach Tour** - booking form in centre pages.

OTHER TOURS

- ▶ **Weekend July 17/18 - Blackpool Tram Excursion** from south Essex - see EBN479.

RALLIES, OPEN & RUNNING DAYS etc.

- ▶ **Sunday May 16 - Not the RM 50th Anniversary Bus Rally** - "Woodman", Stanford Rivers. An event for 7ft 6ins. wide buses and coaches (i.e. RE, RT, etc) types only. With enthusiasts' bazaar and special bus service to/from Epping and Theydon Bois Underground Stations.
- ▶ **Sunday June 6 - 30th Annual Southend Bus & Transport Show**, Southchurch Park East, Lifstan Way, Southend.
- ▶ **Sunday June 6 - Hertford & Stevenage Running Day** - pre-1970 buses working routes from Hertford Bus Station; 1970s buses from Stevenage Bus Station, with regular service linking the two.
- ▶ **Sunday June 27 - North Weald Bus Rally** - "50 Years of the Routemaster".

Evening Tour from Colchester ~ May 11

A mini-tour has been arranged, departing from **Colchester North Station** (down side bus stand) at **19.00 hrs.** Both members and friends are welcome to take part.

Open-top ex-Colchester Atlantean YNO77S, in City Sightseeing livery, will take us to **Talisman Coaches** at Great Bromley, where the vehicular contents of the depot are at our disposal. These should include newly-acquired ex-London Central Olympian/Alexander Royales, an ex-Dublin Bus Olympian and former Colchester Atlantean 90, now back in CBT livery.

After tea and biccies, we transfer to restored DAF/Plaxton YJN455S and head for Clacton, where we hope to visit the DAF's original owners, **Staines Crusader Coaches** (to be confirmed; failing which, an alternative of interest will be found).

Then, back to Great Bromley, where we board one of the Olympians to return to Colchester North (stop-offs en route can be arranged).

As Paul and Terry Smith of Talisman are kindly providing transport and refreshments completely free of charge, donations on the day of **£5** per person (more if you wish) are requested, which will go to an appropriate charity in memory of our late member, Andy Meadows.

Book NOW for a good evening out AND help a worthy cause ...

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Dave Arnold

from the Chairman & Founder ...

► **EBEG PRESIDENT for 2004**

I am very pleased to announce that Stephen Smith, Director & General Manager of First (Essex Buses) has kindly consented to become the President of the Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group in our 40th Anniversary year. Mr Smith will give an address to Group members in the Autumn and further details will be published in due course.

► **ANNUAL REPORT and STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

As an economy measure, to offset the higher printing costs of Essex Bus News, our 2003 Annual Report will not appear in the magazine. It was instead distributed at the Annual General Meeting and was duly approved. For members interested, copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are available from the Chairman upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope sent to the address below.

► **MEETINGS IN NORTH ESSEX**

A suggestion has been made for meetings to be held in north Essex, perhaps in Colchester. These would cater to those members who find it difficult to attend the Rochford meetings. Would enough members support such a venture in north Essex? Is there someone prepared to organise them? Can anyone suggest a suitable venue?

► **URGENTLY WANTED - A SALES OFFICER**

Peter Snell has successfully managed the Group's Sales Stall for a great many years, but reluctantly must now stand down. A successor is urgently needed.

The role entails storing Group publications, timetables and photographs, and taking them to selected events during the year. Dry storage space and own means of transport are thus, highly desirable. The principal events are the Southend and North Weald Bus Rallies, Canvey Open Day and LOTS Autumn Sale, to all of which, the Sales Officer gains free admittance. Various members help man the stall on the day, so there is plenty of opportunity to wander round and view the buses and other stalls.

This is an important role. The Group relies on these events to recruit new members and to sell publications etc. Profits from the latter help keep subscriptions down and are now vital in view of the higher printing and postage costs of EBN.

If you can donate some of your time to help the Group or would like to discuss the role in more detail, please contact Peter Snell (address on page 2) or myself.

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from the Editor ...

ARRIVA COLCHESTER /SOUTHEND ~ Professional commitments mean that Sean Menzies is no longer able to compile EBN news for these operators, and a new Sub-Editor is sought. Any volunteers?

The ideal candidate will live in either the Southend or Colchester areas and have a keen interest in the local vehicles and services. Computer expertise and email access are highly desirable. If you can help or would like to know more, contact:

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FIRST ESSEX

As the February allocation changes were not recorded in EBN479 and the March transfers took place before the 'Sema Voyager' renumbering scheme was implemented on 17th March, these are set out below using the 'old' numbers in use at the time.

Allocation changes

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

(A)=acquired, (R)=reserve, (Sp)=spare; (D)=disposal

Period ending 22 Feb 2004:

975 CR-(Sp); 1406 BN-(D); 1415 CF-(Sp); 2662 (D)-CF; 2666 BE-(D); 2673 CF-(D)

Period ending 28 March 2004:

3219 BE-(D); 4019 CN-BE; 4312 FGC-CR; 4320 CR-CN

Vehicles into the fleet

At early April, all the former Stagecoach Olympians had arrived but only 34011 and 34018 were reported as having entered service. Also received (from *First Glasgow*) during March were:

31376 L164UNS Leyland Olympian/Alexander

40777 P856VUS Dennis Dart/East Lancs Spryte

whilst Olympian 31377 (L165UNS) had arrived by 2nd April.

Fleet renumbering

Renumbering began over the weekend of 13th/14th March, with North Essex vehicles changed progressively followed by those in South Essex, although as at 9th April there were a number of buses still carrying their old numbers. A number of vehicles operated for two or three days without any external fleetnumbers, whilst some (notably at BE) carry both numbers. In this month's column, 'old' numbers are used for sightings before 17th March and 'new' numbers after that date, irrespective of what the bus actually carried at the time. See pages 9-13.

Vehicle Workings

Chelmsford-Shenfield rail replacement log (9th April was Shenfield-Wickford)

7th March: HH1409 CF2662 CF2679 BE3219 HH4005 CF4010 CF4012 CN4018
CF4025 BN4038 CR4304 CR4305 DT4311

Chambers W124JDX *NIBS* 603 607

Stephensons TSO13X TSO15X A890PKR B752GSC

14th March: HH1423 HH1424 HH4005 CF4010 CF4012 CF4014 CN4015 CN4016
CN4017 CN4018 CN4019 BN4038 CR4304 DT4311 DT4314

Stephensons B248NVN B752GSC *Chambers* W124JDX

21st March: BN31198 CN34280 CR34301 CF34707 CF34812 CF34814 CN34819
HH42857 CF51468 CF52580 HH62509

Chambers W124JDX *NIBS* 241 604 607

Stephensons TSO13X B248NVN

28th March: CF30043 BN31198 CR34301 CF34660 CF34707 CN34816 CN34818
CN34819 BE38790 CF51469 CF52583

Chambers W124JDX *NIBS* 241 245 603 607

Stephensons B248NVN C81CHM

4th April: CR34302 CR34304 BN34373 CF34707 CF34812 CN34815 CN34817
CN34819 CF52852
Chambers W87HRT NIBS 229 603 Stephensons TSO12X TSO15X
9th April: CF34807 CF34810 CF34812 CF34814 BE34819 CF34860 CF38790 CF51779
CF67036 CF67039 and also 90777 (S936RBE) - engineering or shuttle

Noteworthy sightings in everyday service:

On two occasions during March, the 351 was severely disrupted by traffic at Brook Street roundabout (M25 J28); on 19th March the M25 was closed north of Brentwood, and at least 43733 and 67037 turned short at Brentwood. Five days later, an accident on the Dartford Bridge caused similar chaos; 38807 was noted waiting time in Brentwood, and then passing through Mountnessing at 12.15 - a minute behind 34707 which had worked an extra to Brentwood. Also of note on the 351 have been greater number of double-deck workings during school term time: 4015, 4024 and 4033 were all noted during the week commencing 15th March on what are normally single-deck duties.

March 10th BN713 on 8A, BN2825 on 25B
13th HH745 on 20, HH746 on 21, HH938 on 24/24A
CF733 on 42 then 351, CF2658 on 41/51
16th CF781 on 42
15th 2666 and 2673 both in use at CN (2666 on driver shuttle, 2673 on 10)
19th HH46113 on 20, HH46154 on 20/20A
24th HH46111 on 20C
30th CF51470 on 47, HH43721 on 20C
31st CF47228 on 40, CF47229 on 42, CF51474 on 47 and CF52580 on 43
BN51804 on (Hutton) 82, and subsequently
April 2nd BN43734 on (Hutton) 81
5th BE34819 on (Coachlink) 222
6th HH40777 on 24/24A
BN65669 on (Hutton) 83 - possibly the first ever Scania on this route

VR-watch

3072 (38790)

Having performed as planned on the 72 until 13th March, 3072 is thought to have worked either one or two round trips on 20th March before high winds day prompted it to be replaced by a Dart. Unfortunately a brake defect stopped it appearing on Sat 27th March, having worked the 70X as usual most of that week, but it went to Shenfield as spare bus the following day for Chelmsford rail replacements. Similar mechanical problems prevented planned attendance at Cobham, but on Good Friday 9th April the VR was back at work on Shenfield-Wickford rail duty.

3219 (38644) - gone but not forgotten

New to South Wales Transport as its 941 in August 1978, Leyland 501-engined Bristol VR VTH941T was delivered in NBC poppy

red and white to Brunswick depot in Swansea (and would have been TWN941S if it had been licensed a month earlier). By December 1985 all of Brunswick's allocation had moved to Ravenhill, where the VRs were eventually replaced by large fleet of Mercedes minibuses - another large batch of VRs went to Western National at that time, and sister VTH942T is still operating there. 941 received all-over adverts for SWT Coach Tours and Minibreaks in 6/81, National Travelworld in 1/85 and Travelwise in 2/87. Withdrawn in 12/88, it was subsequently reinstated and finally withdrawn from the associated Brewers' fleet in 9/90. In 10/90 it passed to Eastern National along with 3220-2 (WTH 949/58T, BEP 963V) which were used at CN on Brightlingsea school services in competition with Cedric's. 3219 entered service (painted dark green and yellow) in



3219 pauses at Gosfield in fine weather on 13 April 2002.

Chris Stewart

11/90 at Harwich (DT), replacing 3057 (LJN652P; also Leyland-engined), and stayed there until 9/91 when it moved to CN as a result of Harwich town services 20/22 being taken over by minibuses. Repainted in the light green and yellow livery in 1/96, withdrawn from CN in 8/98 only to be reinstated to Reserve in 1/99 and back to DT in 3/99. The 501 engine was replaced by a Gardner 6LXB in 5/99. In 9/00 it moved to

CE, but only for a month before being transferred to BE; it had a further spell at CF between May and August 2001. In 8/02, it was withdrawn from BE with mechanical problems (replaced by 3072) but reappeared in use (at CR this time) only a month later, although still officially on the disposal list; during this time it had another very brief spell at DT and one at Airport Buses on Central Line replacement work. On 14th July 2003, 3219 was taken out of service again (having been the last Bristol/ECW vehicle to work at CR) but even then was resurrected at BE on 18th September. In practice it worked its last few months from CF; enthusiasts gave this survivor a good send-off during the 351 VR running days organised by *First Essex*, and on Saturday 13th March VR 3219 pulled into Chelmsford Bus Station for the last time on the 19.02 arrival from Romford. With MOT due to expire at midnight, the ticket machine and blinds were removed with almost unseemly haste and 3219 left for storage at Clacton (parked next to some RMLs, presumably to remind it of Romford!). Our sincere thanks go to *First Essex* for the VR initiative, and to the drivers (enthusiastic and otherwise!) who took the wheel of 3219.



April 2004, and **3219** really is "... looking for a new job ..." *David Harman*

Visit the **3219** page at:
<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/robsly/vth941t.html>

Big Cat Diary

Member Nigel Clark has kindly submitted this snapshot of Lynx activity over 3 days in March:

Tues 23rd (am): 62503 on Cxx contract, 62524 on 25, 62514 on 256 (seen by your Sub-Editor)
(pm): 62510 & 62514 on 750, 62511 & 62523 on 2
Weds 24th (am): 62503 on C25, 62510 on 646, 62518 on 750 and 62520 on 2
(all day): 62519 on 2, 62523 on 25
(midday): 62510 on 751, 62514 on 22, 62522 on 2 and 90245 (1428) on training
Thurs 25th (am): 62503 on C25, 62511 & 62519 on 2, 62511 62519 & 62523 on 25
(midday): 62518 on 5
(pm): 62514 on 22
and w/c 29th: 62515 parked at the rear of BN marked 'Do not use'.



Endangered species: Lynx 1414 on the 09.10 81 from Shenfield Station - a single morning working by a Basildon car off school route 860. Seen in Woodland Avenue, Hutton on 18 February 2004. *Chris Stewart*

Other News

Further First London RMLs at CN for storage are RML2378 and 2476, both marked sold to "J Zervian, Slovakia". These buses arrived on tow, either late on 18th March or very early on the 19th.

Dart 2901 (47219) suffered serious front end damage after collision with a tree in Writtle on 8th March, whilst (unusually) working a 45. Dart 47816 (2816) remains off the road after receiving serious damage in a collision during February.

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FIRST RENUMBERING into "Sema" system, as at 17 March 2004.

Note: 62409 duplicates a similar vehicle with First Hampshire & Dorset and is awaiting allocation of a new number from First Group HO. *Chris Stewart*

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401	51801	P401HPU RD	532	53132	EO02NFP CF	720	43720	R720DJN HH
402	51802	P402HPU RD	533	53133	EO02NFR CF	721	43721	R721DJN HH
403	51803	P403HPU H	534	53134	EO02NFT CF	729	43729	S729TWC CF
404	51804	P404HPU BN	535	53135	EO02NEU CF	730	43730	S730TWC CF
405	51805	P405HPU BN	536	53136	EO02NFV CF	731	43731	S731TWC CF
406	51806	P406HPU HH	537	53137	EO02NFX CF	732	43732	S732TWC CF
407	51807	P407HPU HH	602	20102	N602APU Sp	733	43733	S733TWC CF
408	51808	P408HPU HH	608	20108	N608APU Sp	734	43734	S734TWC BN
409	51809	P409HPU HH	610	20110	N610APU CR	735	43735	S735TWC BN
410	51810	P410HPU HH	650	65650	T650SSF CR	736	43736	S736TWC BN
430	52580	V430GTW CF	651	65651	T651SSF CR	737	43737	S737TWC BN
431	52581	V431GTW CF	652	65652	T652SSF CR	738	43738	S738TWC BN
432	52582	V432GTW CF	653	65653	T653SSF CR	739	43739	V739GPU CF
433	52583	V433GTW CF	654	65654	T654SSF CR	740	43740	V740GPU CF
434	52584	V434GTW CF	655	65673	SN51UYG BN	741	43741	V741GPU CF
435	52585	V435GTW CF	656	65676	SN51UYK BN	742	43742	V742GPU CF
450	56001	YN53VBT CR	657	65665	SN51UXX BN	743	43743	V743GPU CF
451	56002	YN53VBU CR	658	65668	SN51UYA BN	744	43744	V744GPU CF
452	56003	YN53VBV CR	659	65671	SN51UYD BN	745	42852	P852VUS HH
501	53101	EO02FLA RD	660	65674	SN51UYH BN	746	42853	P853VUS HH
502	53102	EO02FLB RD	661	65677	SN51UYL BN	747	42854	P854VUS HH
503	53103	EO02FLC RD	662	65666	SN51UXY BN	748	42855	P855VUS HH
504	53104	EO02FLD RD	663	65669	SN51UYB BN	750	42857	P857VUS HH
505	53105	EO02FLE RD	664	65672	SN51UYE BN	753	41637	R637VLX BN
506	53106	EO02FLF RD	665	65675	SN51UYJ BN	754	41640	R640VLX BN
507	53107	EO02FLG RD	666	65667	SN51UXZ BN	755	41642	R642TLM BN
508	53108	EO02FLH RD	667	65670	SN51UYC BN	756	41644	R644TLM BN
509	53109	EO02FLJ RD	668	65678	YP02ABN CR	757	41645	R645TLM BN
510	53110	EO02FLK RD	669	65679	YR52VEH CR	758	41650	R650TLM BN
511	53111	EO02FKZ RD	670	65680	YR52VEK CF	759	41651	R651TLM BN
512	53112	EO02NDX CF	671	65681	YR52VEL CF	760	41653	R653TLM BN
513	53113	EO02NDY CF	672	65682	YR52VEP CF	761	41647	R647TLM BN
514	53114	EO02NDZ CF	673	65683	YR52VEU CF	762	41005	R705VLA HH
515	53115	EO02NEF CF	674	65684	YR52VEY CF	763	41006	R706VLA HH
516	53116	EO02NEJ CF	675	65685	YR52VFO CR	764	41007	R707VLA HH
517	53117	EO02NEN CF	678	65686	YS03ZKC CR	765	41008	R708VLA HH
518	53118	EO02NEU CF	682	62409	YS03ZKG CR	766	41009	R709VLA HH
519	53119	EO02NEY CF	683	65688	YS03ZKH CR	767	41010	R710VLA HH
520	53120	EO02NFA CF	684	65689	YS03ZKJ CR	768	41011	R711VLA HH
521	53121	EO02NFC CF	685	65690	YS03ZKK CR	769	41012	R712VLA HH
522	53122	EO02NFD CF	686	65691	YS03ZKL CR	770	41013	R713VLA HH
523	53123	EO02NFE CF	687	65692	YS03ZKM CR	771	41014	R714VLA HH
524	53124	EO02NFF CF	712	43712	R712DJN BN	772	41015	R715VLA HH
525	53125	EO02NFG CF	713	43713	R713DJN BN	773	41016	R716VLA HH
526	53126	EO02NFH CF	714	43714	R714DJN BN	774	41017	R717VLA HH
527	53127	EO02NFJ CF	715	43715	R715DJN CR	775	42482	SN03WLD CF
528	53128	EO02NFK CF	716	43716	R716DJN CR	776	42483	SN03WLK CF
529	53129	EO02NFL CF	717	43717	R717DJN HH	777	42484	SN03WLW CF
530	53130	EO02NFM CF	718	43718	R718DJN HH	778	42487	SN03WLE BE
531	53131	EO02NFN CF	719	43719	R719DJN HH	779	42485	SN03WLM BE

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780	42486	SN03WLX BE	928	46128	M928TEV HH	953	46153	N953CPU HH
781	42488	SN53KJX CF	929	46129	M929TEV BN	954	46154	N954CPU HH
782	42489	SN53KJY CF	930	46130	M930TEV BN	955	46155	N955CPU HH
852	46852	N852CPU BN	931	46131	M931TEV BN	956	46156	N956CPU HH
853	46853	N853CPU BN	932	46132	M932TEV BN	957	46157	N957CPU HH
854	46854	N854CPU BN	933	46133	M933TEV BN	958	46158	N958CPU HH
855	43800	S979JLM BN	934	46134	M934TEV BN	967	46167	N967CPU BN
907	46107	K907CVW HH	935	46135	M935TEV HH	968	46168	N968CPU BN
908	46108	K908CVW HH	936	46136	M936TEV BN	969	46169	N969CPU BN
909	46109	K909CVW HH	937	46137	M937TEV BN	970	46170	N970CPU BN
910	46110	K910CVW HH	938	46138	M938TEV HH	971	46171	N971CPU BN
911	46111	K911CVW HH	939	46139	M939TEV HH	972	46172	N972CPU BN
912	46112	K912CVW RD	940	46140	M940TEV HH	973	46173	N973EHJ BN
913	46113	K913CVW HH	941	46141	M941TEV HH	974	46174	N974EHJ BN
914	46114	K914CVW RD	942	46142	M942TEV HH	975	46175	N975EHJ Res
916	46116	K916CVW RD	943	46143	M943TEV BE	976	46176	N976EHJ CR
918	46118	M918TEV BN	944	46144	N944CPU BE	977	46177	N977EHJ CR
919	46119	M919TEV CN	945	46145	N945CPU BN	978	46178	N978EHJ CR
920	46120	M920TEV BN	946	46146	N946CPU HH	979	46179	N979EHJ CR
921	46121	M921TEV CN	947	46147	N947CPU HH	980	46180	N980EHJ CR
922	46122	M922TEV CN	948	46148	N948CPU HH	981	46181	N981EHJ CR
924	46124	M924TEV CN	949	46149	N949CPU HH	982	46182	N982EHJ CR
925	46125	M925TEV CN	950	46150	N950CPU HH	983	46183	N983EHJ BN
926	46126	M926TEV CN	951	46151	N951CPU HH	984	46184	N984EHJ BN
927	46127	M927TEV BN	952	46152	N952CPU HH	985	46185	N985EHJ BN



The Bristol VR made it into the Sema numbering system ... just! 38790 (or 3072 if you prefer), at Braintree Bus Park on Saturday 27 March 2004, ready for rail replacement work on the following day. 34819 (ex-4019) is alongside. Chris Stewart

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986	46186	N986EHJ BN	2669	51469	M669VJN CF	2922	47102	N202VSA CR
987	46187	N987EHJ BN	2670	51470	M670VJN CF	2923	47103	N203VSA CR
1402	62502	F402LTW (D)	2671	51471	M671VJN BE	2924	47104	N204VSA CR
1403	62503	F403LTW BN	2672	51472	M672VJN (D)	2925	47105	N205VSA CR
1404	62504	F404LTW (D)	2673	51473	M673VJN (D)	2926	47106	N206VSA CR
1405	62505	F405LTW Res	2674	51474	M674VJN CF	3072	38790	KOO790V BE
1406	62506	F406LTW (D)	2675	51475	M675VJN BE	3219	38644	VTH941T (D)
1409	62509	F409LTW HH	2676	51476	M676VJN CF	4003	34698	B698BPU HH
1410	62510	F410MNO BN	2678	51778	P678HPU CF	4004	34699	B699BPU HH
1411	62511	F411MNO Res	2679	51779	P679HPU CF	4005	34811	C711GEV HH
1412	62512	F412MNO BN	2680	51780	P680HPU BE	4007	34807	C407HJN CF
1414	62514	F414MNO BN	2681	51781	P681HPU DT	4008	34808	C408HJN DT
1415	62515	F415MWC Res	2682	51782	P682HPU DT	4009	34809	C409HJN DT
1416	62516	F416MWC (D)	2683	51889	P689HND CN	4010	34810	C410HJN CF
1417	62517	F417MWC HH	2801	46801	L801MEV CN	4012	34812	C412HJN CF
1418	62518	F418MWC BN	2802	46802	L802MEV DT	4013	34813	C413HJN DT
1419	62519	F419MWC HH	2803	46803	L803OPU HH	4014	34814	C414HJN CF
1420	62520	F420MJN HH	2804	46804	L804OPU RD	4015	34815	C415HJN CN
1421	62521	F421MJN HH	2805	46805	L805OPU CN	4016	34816	C416HJN CN
1422	62522	F422MJN HH	2806	46806	L806OPU CN	4017	34817	C417HJN CN
1423	62523	F423MJN HH	2808	46808	L808OPU BE	4018	34818	C418HJN CN
1424	62524	F424MJN HH	2809	46809	L809OPU CN	4019	34819	C419HJN BE
1425	62525	F425MJN (D)	2810	46810	L810OPU CN	4024	34660	B960WRN CF
1426	62526	F426MJN (D)	2811	46811	L811OPU BE	4025	34707	A147UDM CF
1429	62529	F429MJN Res	2812	46812	L812OPU BE	4026	34485	FUM485Y (D)
1501	67001	P501MNO CR	2813	46813	L813OPU DT	4027	34493	FUM493Y (D)
1502	67002	P502MNO CR	2814	46814	L814OPU HH	4033	30043	GFM109X CF
1503	67003	P503MNO CR	2815	46815	L815OPU HH	4034	34514	KFM113Y CF
1504	67004	P504MNO CR	2816	46816	L816OPU BE	4035	31374	L161UNS BN
1505	67005	P505MNO CR	2817	46817	L817OPU DT	4036	31375	L162UNS BN
1506	67006	P506MNO CR	2818	46818	L818OPU HH	4037	31373	L160UNS BN
1507	67007	P507MNO CR	2819	46819	L819OPU CN	4038	31198	L163UNS BN
1508	67008	P508MNO CR	2820	46820	L820OPU CN	4301	34301	L301PWR CR
1509	67009	P509MNO CR	2821	46821	L821OPU BE	4302	34302	L302PWR CR
1510	67010	P510MNO CN	2822	46822	L822OPU CF	4303	34303	L303PWR CR
1511	67011	P511MNO CN	2823	46823	N823APU BE	4304	34304	L304PWR CR
1512	67012	P512MNO CN	2824	46824	N824APU BE	4305	34305	L305PWR CR
1513	67013	P513MNO CN	2825	46825	N825APU BN	4307	34307	L307PWR CR
1516	67036	K736JAH CF	2826	46826	N826APU BE	4308	34308	L308PWR DT
1517	67037	K737JAH CF	2827	46827	N827APU BE	4309	34309	L309PWR CR
1518	67038	K738JAH CF	2828	46828	N828APU BE	4310	34310	L310PWR DT
1519	67039	K739JAH CF	2829	46829	N829APU CR	4311	34311	L311PWR DT
1520	67040	K740JAH CF	2830	46830	N830APU CR	4312	34018	P546EFL CR
2649	51249	M649MEV (D)	2901	47219	M219VWW CF	4313	34011	P551EFL u/a
2650	51260	M650MEV (D)	2902	47220	M220VWW CF	4314	34314	L314PWR DT
2652	51252	M652MEV (D)	2903	47221	M221VWW CF	4315	34315	L315PWR CR
2654	51254	M654MEV (D)	2904	47252	M450VWW CF	4316	34012	P552EFL u/a
2658	51458	M658VJN CF	2905	47223	M223VWW CF	4317	34013	P553EFL u/a
2662	51462	M662VJN CF	2906	47224	M224VWW CF	4318	34014	P554EFL u/a
2663	51463	M663VJN (D)	2907	47225	M225VWW CF	4319	34056	P556EFL u/a
2664	51464	M664VJN Res	2908	47226	M226VWW CF	4320	34280	P180TGD CN
2665	51465	M665VJN CF	2909	47227	M227VWW CF	4321	34284	P184TGD CR
2666	51466	M166VJN (D)	2910	47228	M228VWW CF	4322	34282	P182TGD CR
2667	51467	M667VJN (D)	2911	47229	M229VWW CF	4323	34290	P191TGD CR
2668	51468	M668VJN CF	2921	47101	N201VSA CR	4324	34286	P186TGD CR

4325	34288	P188TGD	CR	9030	90237	H606OVW	HO	BE	Braintree
4326	34285	P185TGD	CR	9033		W354HHL	CR	BN	Basildon
				9038	90241	H315LJN	CF	CF	Chelmsford
35	20069	4750WY	BN	9039	90242	F413MNO	HO	CN	Clacton
1433	90229	D756DLO	BN	9040	90243	S935RBE	HH	CR	Colchester
2111		E50CEV	(D)	9041	90244	F427MJN	HO	DT	Harwich
2383	90230	WNO479	DT	9042	90277	S936RBE	CF	HH	Hadleigh
9001	90231	AJN825	HO	9043	90245	F428MJN	HO	HO	Head Office
9002	90232	G707VHA	(D)	9044	90246	L656MEV	HO	RD	Romford
9004		L631VAE	CF	9045		X846KAN	CN	(D)	Disposal
9008		M186PNP	CF	9308		S586RVW	BN	Sp	Spare
9010		E157BTL	HO					Res	Reserve
9028	90236	H397OHK	CN					u/a	Unallocated

FIRST FLEET as at 17 March 2004 - indexed by Sema number.

COACHES

Volvo

20069	4750WY	34315	L315PWR
20102	N602APU	34485	FUM485Y
20108	N608APU	34493	FUM493Y
20110	N610APU	34514	KFM113Y
		34660	B960WRN
		34698	B698BPU
		34699	B699BPU
		34707	A147UDM
		34807	C407HJN

DOUBLE-DECKS

Olympian

30043	GFM109X	34808	C408HJN
31198	L163UNS	34809	C409HJN
31373	L160UNS	34810	C410HJN
31374	L161UNS	34811	C711GEV
31375	L162UNS	34812	C412HJN
34011	P551EFL	34813	C413HJN
34012	P552EFL	34814	C414HJN
34013	P553EFL	34815	C415HJN
34014	P554EFL	34816	C416HJN
34018	P546EFL	34817	C417HJN
34056	P556EFL	34818	C418HJN
34280	P180TGD	34819	C419HJN
34282	P182TGD		
34284	P184TGD		
34285	P185TGD		
34286	P186TGD		
34288	P188TGD		
34290	P191TGD		
34301	L301PWR		
34302	L302PWR		
34303	L303PWR		
34304	L304PWR		
34305	L305PWR		
34307	L307PWR		
34308	L308PWR		
34309	L309PWR		
34310	L310PWR		
34311	L311PWR		
34314	L314PWR		

Bristol VR

38644	VTH941T
38790	KOO790V

MIDIBUSES

Dennis Dart

41005	R705VLA
41006	R706VLA
41007	R707VLA
41008	R708VLA
41009	R709VLA
41010	R710VLA
41011	R711VLA
41012	R712VLA
41013	R713VLA
41014	R714VLA
41015	R715VLA

41016	R716VLA	43736	S736TWC	46141	M941TEV
41017	R717VLA	43737	S737TWC	46142	M942TEV
41637	R637VLX	43738	S738TWC	46143	M943TEV
41640	R640VLX	43739	V739GPU	46144	N944CPU
41642	R642TLM	43740	V740GPU	46145	N945CPU
41644	R644TLM	43741	V741GPU	46146	N946CPU
41645	R645TLM	43742	V742GPU	46147	N947CPU
41647	R647TLM	43743	V743GPU	46148	N948CPU
41650	R650TLM	43744	V744GPU	46149	N949CPU
41651	R651TLM	43800	S979JLM	46150	N950CPU
41653	R653TLM	46107	K907CVW	46151	N951CPU
42482	SN03WLD	46108	K908CVW	46152	N952CPU
42483	SN03WLK	46109	K909CVW	46153	N953CPU
42484	SN03WLW	46110	K910CVW	46154	N954CPU
42485	SN03WLM	46111	K911CVW	46155	N955CPU
42486	SN03WLX	46112	K912CVW	46156	N956CPU
42487	SN03WLE	46113	K913CVW	46157	N957CPU
42488	SN53KJX	46114	K914CVW	46158	N958CPU
42489	SN53KJY	46116	K916CVW	46167	N967CPU
42852	P852VUS	46118	M918TEV	46168	N968CPU
42853	P853VUS	46119	M919TEV	46169	N969CPU
42854	P854VUS	46120	M920TEV	46170	N970CPU
42855	P855VUS	46121	M921TEV	46171	N971CPU
42857	P857VUS	46122	M922TEV	46172	N972CPU
43712	R712DJN	46124	M924TEV	46173	N973EHJ
43713	R713DJN	46125	M925TEV	46174	N974EHJ
43714	R714DJN	46126	M926TEV	46175	N975EHJ
43715	R715DJN	46127	M927TEV	46176	N976EHJ
43716	R716DJN	46128	M928TEV	46177	N977EHJ
43717	R717DJN	46129	M929TEV	46178	N978EHJ
43718	R718DJN	46130	M930TEV	46179	N979EHJ
43719	R719DJN	46131	M931TEV	46180	N980EHJ
43720	R720DJN	46132	M932TEV	46181	N981EHJ
43721	R721DJN	46133	M933TEV	46182	N982EHJ
43729	S729TWC	46134	M934TEV	46183	N983EHJ
43730	S730TWC	46135	M935TEV	46184	N984EHJ
43731	S731TWC	46136	M936TEV	46185	N985EHJ
43732	S732TWC	46137	M937TEV	46186	N986EHJ
43733	S733TWC	46138	M938TEV	46187	N987EHJ
43734	S734TWC	46139	M939TEV	46801	L801MEV
43735	S735TWC	46140	M940TEV	46802	L802MEV

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 47104 N204VSA
 47105 N205VSA
 47106 N206VSA
 47219 M219VWW
 47220 M220VWW
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 47225 M225VWW
 47226 M226VWW
 47227 M227VWW
 47228 M228VWW
 47229 M229VWW
 47252 M450VWW

MINIBUSES

Mercedes - bus

51249 M649MEV
 51252 M652MEV
 51254 M654MEV
 51260 M650MEV
 51458 M658VJN
 51462 M662VJN
 51463 M663VJN
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 51781 P681HPU
 51782 P682HPU
 51801 P401HPU
 51802 P402HPU
 51803 P403HPU
 51804 P404HPU
 51805 P405HPU
 51806 P406HPU
 51807 P407HPU
 51808 P408HPU
 51809 P409HPU
 51810 P410HPU
 51889 P689HND
 52580 V430GTW
 52581 V431GTW
 52582 V432GTW
 52583 V433GTW
 52584 V434GTW
 52585 V435GTW

Optare Solo

53101 EO02FLA
 53102 EO02FLB
 53103 EO02FLC

53104 EO02FLD
 53105 EO02FLE
 53106 EO02FLF
 53107 EO02FLG
 53108 EO02FLH
 53109 EO02FLJ
 53110 EO02FLK
 53111 EO02FKZ
 53112 EO02NDX
 53113 EO02NDY
 53114 EO02NDZ
 53115 EO02NEF
 53116 EO02NEJ
 53117 EO02NEN
 53118 EO02NEU
 53119 EO02NEY
 53120 EO02NFA
 53121 EO02NFC
 53122 EO02NFD
 53123 EO02NFE
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 53125 EO02NFG
 53126 EO02NFH
 53127 EO02NFJ
 53128 EO02NFK
 53129 EO02NFL
 53130 EO02NFM
 53131 EO02NFN
 53132 EO02NFP
 53133 EO02NFR
 53134 EO02NFT
 53135 EO02NFU
 53136 EO02NFV
 53137 EO02NFX

Mercedes - coach

56001 YN53VBT
 56002 YN53VBU
 56003 YN53VBV

SINGLE-DECKS

Scania

62409 YS03ZKG

Leyland Lynx

62502 F402LTW
 62503 F403LTW
 62504 F404LTW

62505 F405LTW
 62506 F406LTW
 62509 F409LTW
 62510 F410MNO
 62511 F411MNO
 62512 F412MNO
 62514 F414MNO
 62515 F415MWC
 62516 F416MWC
 62517 F417MWC
 62518 F418MWC
 62519 F419MWC
 62520 F420MJN
 62521 F421MJN
 62522 F422MJN
 62523 F423MJN
 62524 F424MJN
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 62526 F426MJN
 62529 F429MJN

Scania

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 65665 SN51UXX
 65666 SN51UXY
 65667 SN51UXZ
 65668 SN51UYA
 65669 SN51UYB
 65670 SN51UYC
 65671 SN51UYD
 65672 SN51UYE
 65673 SN51UYG
 65674 SN51UYH
 65675 SN51UYJ
 65676 SN51UYK
 65677 SN51UYL
 65678 YP02ABN
 65679 YR52VEH
 65680 YR52VEK
 65681 YR52VEL
 65682 YR52VEP
 65683 YR52VEU
 65684 YR52VEY
 65685 YR52VFO
 65686 YS03ZKC
 65688 YS03ZKH

65689 YS03ZKJ
 65690 YS03ZKK
 65691 YS03ZKL
 65692 YS03ZKM

Dennis Lance

67001 P501MNO
 67002 P502MNO
 67003 P503MNO
 67004 P504MNO
 67005 P505MNO
 67006 P506MNO
 67007 P507MNO
 67008 P508MNO
 67009 P509MNO
 67010 P510MNO
 67011 P511MNO
 67012 P512MNO
 67013 P513MNO
 67036 K736JAH
 67037 K737JAH
 67038 K738JAH
 67039 K739JAH
 67040 K740JAH

ANCILLIARY VEHICLES

90229 D756DLO
 90230 WNO479
 90231 AJN825
 90232 G707VHA
 90236 H397OHK
 90237 H606OVW
 90241 H315LJN
 90242 F413MNO
 90243 S935RBE
 90244 F427MJN
 90245 F428MJN
 90246 L656MEV
 90277 S936RBE
 E50CEV
 L631VAE
 M186PNP
 E157BTL
 W354HHL
 X846KAN
 S586RVW

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Bus numbers: the typeface used for the vinyl numbers seems to be a variation of, left: *Helvetica Condensed* (earlier), and right: *Helvetica* (recent and Sema).

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ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX Limited

New vehicles

3830	KE 04 CZF	VOL SB120	Wright Cadet B35F	3/04
3831	KE 04 CZG	VOL SB120	Wright Cadet B35F	3/04
3832	KE 04 CZH	VOL SB120	Wright Cadet B35F	3/04

Allocations

3/04: 3830-2. WE 2109/2226. HA - HAu

Other news

3358/60 (K408/10 FHJ) have received route branding for service 251.

Hedingham



Dart MPD **L334** in Chelmsford on the 73A. 'Maldon' is not yet on the blinds, but a neat board improvises - no felt-tip scribble on the back of a cornflakes packet here!

Chris Stewart

Full details of the acquired Darts are:

- L334** V250BNV Dennis Dart MPD SFD612BR1XGW13944
Plaxton 998.8GKB1465 B29F New 12/99
ex- Fazakarley (t/a Zaks), Birmingham via Dawson Rentals,
Milton Keynes 03/04. To Clacton for service 73A.
- L335** PJ 02RHE Dennis Dart SLF SFD3C2CR31GW16184
Plaxton 0154/8 B39F
ex- Probus (t/a Petes Travel), West Bromwich
via Ventura (dealer), Lingfield 03/04. To Kelvedon for service 73A.
- L229** F464NRT Leyland Tiger/Duple has gone to Ventura, Lingfield, 03/04.

Essex Small Operator News

1 TO 1 MINICOACHES Here but hardly a minicoach is K442 BMO a Scania/Irizar from Sarfas, Worthing.

BASILDON TRAVEL LDV 400 L431 VVV has gone to Oxley, Allestree.

CEEFA Crays Hill Sold to Setra (dealer) are Setras 572 XAE (KEU 572X) and NJI 2304 (C429 NFV)

CHARIOTS Corringham Acquired are J388 RRX a Mercedes 308D/NWCS ex Charter, Meldreth and T139 PDA a LDV 200 from an unknown owner.

EXCEL Stansted Airport Acquired from Tellings Golden Miller is F71 SJX a Mercedes 709D/Onyx. Further Dennis Dart/Plaxton reported here are former Metrobus J228 HGY and K708/09/16 KGU. Volvo B10M/Plaxton A14 SOE has been returned to Stephenson, Rochford.

FARGO, Rayne New here are LDV Convoy EU03 VPV and Scania/Irizar YN53 CDE.

FORD, Althorne Dennis Javelin/Berkhof P347 KCF hs been re-registered P8 AWF

GROUP TAXIBUS, Chelmsford Ford Transit EU51 BYR is reported as being sold.

HARRIS COACHES, West Thurrock DAF/Van Hool 6306 FH (M501 XWC) has gone to Jones, Flint.

JWS TRAVEL, Chadwell St. Mary Dennis Dominator/East Lancs C129 CAT has passed to Collins, Duxford.

MILESTONE, Canvey Acquired is Mercedes 609D/NWCS G840 CLV from A2B, Prenton. Vehicles sold are Ford Transit G180 XMD and DAF 400 J476 TSG.

NCS, Newport L180 AGE an LDV 400 has been acquired.

OLYMPIAN, Harlow Acquired from Frank, Hartlepool are Bova Futuras MUI 5952/54 (ex L11/55 FTG).

PRODUCTION EUROPE, Frinton Acquired from Campbell, Harrow is Renault Master P351 SBX.

STORT VALLEY, Gt.Dunmow Sold are Volvo B10M/Plaxton G282 OHE and Dennis Javelin/Plaxton T637/8 JWB.

TURNERS TOURS, Wickham St.Paul G855 KKY a Mercedes 609D/Whitaker has arrived from Chambers, Bures.

VICEROY, Saffron Walden Leyland Atlantean/Alexander AVK 157V has been acquired.



This anonymous-looking Leyland Tiger/Bordacoach (Dave Stubbington) was snapped outside the NIBS depot at Wickford in February 2003.

Chris Stewart

VEHICLES IN from

Arriva London:

*Leyland Olympian L14,52,63,148,152,154,
L156,158,173,195,199,205,209,212,247.*

MCW Metrobus M1097,1100.

Go Ahead North East:

Leyland Olympian B736GCN.

Isle of Man Transport:

Dennis Dart SLF DMN21/30/35R.

London Central:

Routemaster RML2513,2712,2733.

McKindless Coaches, Wishaw:

Dennis Dart J60217KCU.

Metrobus:

Dennis Dart J983JNJ (Accident damage).

Metroline:

MCW Metrobus M4,367,935,1067,1111.

Stagecoach East Midlands:

Volvo B6 L443VWA

Stagecoach South:

Dennis Dart J501YRM,J5131543GCD.

VEHICLES OUT to

Aintree Coachlines:

Volvo Olympian NV14.

Avro Coaches, Stanford le Hope:

MCW Metrnbus M1431.

Barnes Coaches, Dagenham:

MCW Metrobus M1429.

Circus Tavern, Purfleet:

MCW Metrobus BYX233V.

Glenvale Transport:

Dennis Dart K593NHC.

Halifax Joint Committee:

Dennis Dart K414119MGN,J983JNJ,J602/7KCU.

Imperial, Rainham:

Routemaster RML2630 (Accident damage).

McKindless Coaches, Wishaw:

Dennis Dart DMN21/3/30/5/6R

MASS Transit, Lincoln:

National 2 FTN667R1199/7061713V,TJR720Y.

Poynters Coaches, Wye:

Optare Delta G93617MYG.

PVS (dlr for scrap):

MCW Metrobus M655.

Southern Transit, Brighton:

National 2 FTN697V.

Sullivan Buses, South Mimms:

MCW Metrobus M1097/8.

Swanbrook, Cheltenham:

*Olympian H97PVW [90-D-1097],
H119PVW [90-D-1096].*

Dave Arnold (with thanks to Ross Newman, Ensignbus)

Essex Publicity Review - 2003

Ian Taylor rounds up the range of publicity issued by smaller operators in Essex in 2003.

Essex County Council treated their A5 size route leaflets to a new look around May 2003. Hitherto simply black print on a variety of different coloured paper, they acquired multi-coloured covers on white paper similar to the Sunday Travel Guide. Yellow is the dominant colour with a blue bus on a pink road and the Essex County Council logo on a green strip. Some leaflets issued earlier in the year in the old style were later re-issued in the new design (e.g. Regal Busways 381/2).

BAINES BOATS

A twice folded slimline -leaflet was produced for the "Harwich Harbour Foot Ferry" for the 2003 season which ran from Good Friday to 14th September.

BEESTONS

An 8 page A5 size booklet was produced following changes to the Sudbury to Great Cornard Service on 6.8.03. Timetables were also included for the following: Ipswich to Sudbury (3.2.03), Sudbury to Haverhill (6.8.03), Sudbury to Hadleigh (5.8.02), Sudbury to East Bergholt (8.9.01) and Hadleigh to Colchester (5.9.00).

BUZZ CO-OPERATIVE

Operations ceased on 25.3.03 and Arriva produced blue A4 leaflets folded to A5 with black print for their replacement services B1 (from 27.3.03) and B6 (from 26.3.03).

CHAMBERS

An undated single-sided pink A4 sheet came to light during April 2003. It showed the full timetable for service 753, although use of the codes was not explained. It would appear to be the timetable of 2.1.02, and is very similar to that produced for service 84 as recorded in EBN464. Two double sided black on white, A4 sheets showing all services in Suffolk and Essex were dated 5.5.03 and 13.9.03 to the usual format.

CHARIOTS

New style Essex CC leaflet was issued for routes 14/15/15A dated 28.4.03.

CITY SIGHTSEEING

A twice folded slimline leaflet was issued for service 67 dated "2003".

EXCEL COACHES

Two slimline leaflets were issued for services 308/309 and 333 dated 7.7.03. The 308/309 leaflet was sponsored by BAA Stansted. A new style Essex CC leaflet was produced for services 34/34A dated 1-9-03.

FOUR COUNTIES BUSES/ VICEROY COACHES

A new style Essex CC leaflet was issued for services 313/312 dated 27.5.03.

GATWICK FLYER

Two very standard items of publicity from this operator. The summer timetable leaflet was dated 1.5.03 to 31.10.03, whilst the winter one was dated 1.11.03 to 30.4.04. Both had royal blue print on white paper.

HEDINGHAM

A twice folded slimline leaflet dated 2.1.03 printed in orange and black gave the new timetable for service 88 whilst a similar one, printed in red and black and dated 11.7.02, has since come to light for service 89. A pink A5 leaflet was issued for Village Link route 16 dated 12.1.03 by Essex CC. Another pink leaflet was for service 73/73A dated 13.1.03, but A4 folded to A5. It was followed by a

twice folded A5 leaflet to Village Link design for service 344 dated 1.4.03. The leaflet for route 16 was later re-issued in the new design.

IMPERIAL

A double sided green A5 leaflet was issued following the extension of service to Buckhurst Hill from 1.3.03. An undated double sided A5 was also issued on white glossy paper with green print when the extension was withdrawn on 1.11.03. Essex CC produced a new style leaflet for services 268/269 dated 1.9.03.

JWS TRAVEL

Following revisions on 31.3.03 a single sided white A5 leaflet was issued for service 320. In addition to the leaflet recorded in EBN470 for the 22.7.02 change to service 374, I have since obtained a double sided green A5 sheet bearing the same date. This leaflet has been properly printed, but obviously cribbed from the Thurrock Council book.

LOCALLINK BUSES

Essex CC produced a twice folded A5 Village Link timetable leaflet for service 319 dated 31.3.03. The company issued a, double sided A4 sheet following revisions to services 210/410 from 26.4.03. Black printing was employed on white paper throughout. Further changes to the 410 on 11.10.03 witnessed the issue of another double sided A4 employing black print on bright yellow paper. The introduction date of 28.9.03 and the whole timetable which appeared in the W&NW Essex timetable book was incorrect. New style Essex CC leaflets appeared for services 47/146/147 dated 30.9.03 and for service 502 dated 1.10.03, for 200/201/203 dated 25.5.03, for 347 dated 27.5.03 whilst there were two issues for service 1 dated 31.3.03 and 15.9.03.

LODGES

A new style Essex CC leaflet was issued for services 17/18 dated 8.9.03,

LOWER THAMES & MEDWAY PASSENGER BOAT CO.

An undated Thurrock Council leaflet was issued during the year which included ferry times unchanged since 1.6.02. On the reverse

was a full timetable for Town & Country Travel 380 and the c2c Shuttle. The 380 timetable was the one introduced on 12.5.03

NETWORK WITHAM

Two A4 leaflets folded to A5 were produced on thin white card dated 8.12..03. "Route 38 Revised Service" used royal blue print throughout whilst red was employed for "Route 39 New Service".

NIBS

Essex CC issued a double sided orange A5 leaflet for Malbus Route 4 dated 1.4.03 whilst a new style leaflet for service 237 was dated 28.4.03

REGAL BUSWAYS

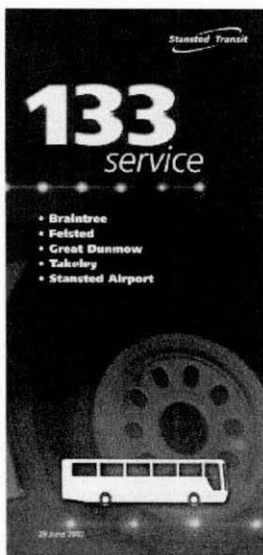
Pink A4 leaflets folded to A5 were produced by Essex CC for routes 381/382 dated 10.2.03 and 10.3.03. The latter was also re-issued in the new format. There were two issues for service 34/34A, dated 31.3.03 and 1.9.03. A double sided A5 leaflet with black print on white paper was produced for service 506 dated 3.5.03. A street map of Waltham Abbey Town Centre and a full timetable appeared on the reverse.

STANSTED TRANSIT

Essex CC provided blue A5 leaflets for services 301 and 306, both dated 24.2.03. New style leaflets appeared for services 133 (dated 6.4.03) and for 306 dated 28.4.03. A blue and white slimline was sponsored by BAA Stansted for service 133 dated 29.6.03. There were also Essex CC leaflets for Village Link services 9,10 dated 28.1.03 and a new style leaflet for service 301 dated 14.4.03.

STEPHENSONS

A thrice-folded slimline was issued for the Blackwater Link 90 dated 31.3.03. An



undated twice folded leaflet printed in yellow, green and black on white glossy paper was issued during May for services X1, X2, X10, X11. As per EBN470, a yellow A4 leaflet folded to A5 was produced following revisions to services 200/210 from 12.2.03.

TREVOR

TAYLOR MARINE

An undated single sided blue A5 leaflet was received on 7.2.03 advising that Trevor Taylor Marine were no longer operating the ferry service, nor any river trips. They had provided these facilities for a period of ten years.

TOWN &

COUNTRY TRAVEL

Further to EBN470, thanks to a member I can now reveal that the 10.11.02 leaflet for service 364 was produced by Ihurrock Council and was an A4 sheet folded to A5.

TRUSTLINE

A double sided A5 leaflet was issued by the company for new service C4 which commenced on 7.6.03. Red and blue printing was used on yellow paper throughout. A new style Essex CC leaflet was issued for service 500 dated 28.7.03.

UTTLESFORD

DISTRICT COUNCIL

A 12-page booklet with an orange cover entitled "Public

Bus Services in Uttlesford" was issued in October 2002. It contained summaries of the bus services in 56 towns and villages including "nil entries" for Great Canfield, Margaret Roding and Tilty. A map of Stansted Connections appeared on the back cover but without frequency details.

The Leyland "MPUs"



3984 (MPU 45), one of the Midland Area Luton allocation. The bus, with its adjustable radiator muff in place, and passers-by in hats and coats suggest this is wintertime.
Photographer unknown

In 1947, Eastern National took delivery of 18 Leyland PD1s with standard Eastern Coach Works bodies L53R bodywork. It would appear that these were purchased, along with those delivered to other Tilling operators, due to slow delivery of Bristol K-type chassis.

The batch were numbered 3975-3992 (MPU36-52) and divided between three of

the largest depots, Luton, Bedford and Chelmsford and allocated equally between these:

3975/6/9/84-6 (MPU36/7/40/5-6)

~ Luton

3977/8/80-2/92 (MPU3819/41/2/3/53)

~ Bedford; 3980 outstationed at
Stony Stratford

3983/7-91 (MPU44/48-52) ~ Chelmsford



from March 1950 EN Midland Area timetable

The Luton allocation were used mainly on local services, whereas the Bedford cars were to be seen on the service 7D from Bedford to Oxford, joint with the City of Oxford Motor Services. The Luton allocation were transferred to Bedford in 1955/6.

The Midland area vehicles were all transferred to United Counties in May 1952, where they were numbered 538-594. In 1955/56 they were delicensed probably for body overhauls, 587/90 (MPU40/43) gained post-1950 style front and rear destination

boxes including 3 track number blinds. 589 (MPU42) was fitted with a Gardner 5LW engine in 1953.

In 1959, the 12 were sold to Cumberland Motor Services, and United Counties overhauled and repainted them into Cumberland's red livery, also fitting T type front destination blinds, this work was undertaken at Northampton. They were numbered 206-217 by CMS, but by December 1961 were renumbered 300-310. 211 (MPU41) had been withdrawn by this time, the remainder were all withdrawn in 1963/4.

The Chelmsford allocation could be found on the Southend, London, Brentwood and Tilbury Ferry routes with an occasional trip to Bishops Stortford. They were regarded as Chelmsford's front line double deckers for about 4 years until the arrival of Bristol KSWs. In 1953/4 they were transferred to Southend (Tylers Avenue) to work alongside the Leyland PD1 fleet taken over from Westcliff Motor Services (originally

City Coach Company). Here they worked on the long ex-City route 251 to Wood Green, gaining City fleetnames. On delivery of new Bristol Lodekkas the MPUs were transferred to more mundane services at Braintree, Southend and finally at Canvey and Hadleigh.

In July 1954 they were renumbered 1114/5/8-21 (MPU44/48-52). 1114/8 served some of the rural routes at Braintree and during this time they gained rubber mounted destination boxes, these two were at Southend later in 1963. Withdrawal commenced in 1963 except for 1121 (MPU52) which survived to be renumbered in 1964 to 2106, but was withdrawn the same year. It was sold to Benfleet Methodist Youth Club and was used for European tours in 1965-1966. It was later sold for preservation and is currently in the Canvey Island Transport museum undergoing restoration.

Peter Snell

50 Years of Eastern National Lodekkas - Corrigenda

XVX22 - photograph is by R F Mack.

LHY949 and XVX26 are EBEG Collection photos, the latter courtesy Frank Church.

XVX26 is at Pier Hill, Southend: note 'Kent Elm Comer' displayed not 'Elms'

RWC945D/182XN0 are courtesy of Paul Harrison Collection

357LPU is in fact in Tilling green with top band painted out, white band and fleetnames added

XVX19 is at Cuckoo Corner, Southend (thanks to Richard Delahoy for pointing this out)

538HVX has just slogged up Belton Way from Leigh-on-Sea station, rather than 'trundled'

Other details worthy of note:

322GPU has the original body style with horizontal fairing under canopy,

538HVX has the 'Mk II' body with sloping edge. Likewise, compare offside treatment between XYX19 and 320GPU (bottom of cab windows differs as well).

320GPU was the only EN LD with CBC -

the six referred to were delivered to other Tilling group companies
236LN0 entered service in 1959

Chris Stewart

Where are they now? - EBN479 p15
Boston Doubledeckers 004 was former Hants & Dorset (as were several of their Lodekkas) and was originally Wilts & Dorset 690 (JMR820F). After the company ceased trading it passed back to British Promotions (the prolific US importer of the 1980s) who stored it in Cambridge, Massachusetts. However 690 was stolen from the yard and didn't turn up again until many years later in New Hampshire. Unfortunately, current whereabouts is unknown.

Rob Sly

Visit the **Bristol Commercial Vehicle Enthusiasts** website for Bristols - VR, RE, etc - type listings, photos, vehicles for sale, workshop manuals etc.

www.bvres.freereserve.co.uk/

NORTH NORFOLK COACH TOUR ~ 3 July

We will be travelling in a luxury coach supplied by **Genial Travel** of Colchester, with pick-ups at the usual points.

Morning visits are planned to **KENZIES** (Shepreth) and **NORFOLK GREEN**.

Kenzies have an interesting and well-presented coach fleet. In contrast, Norfolk Green operate a varied bus fleet, which includes Mercedes O405's and minibuses, Optare Deltas and Solos.

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... If you are allergic to DAFs or Optares, this tour is *not* for you !



Fare £18

Pickup points and timings

■	06.45	Colchester North Station	21.30	↑
↓	07.20	Boreham Main Road	20.55	
	07.50	Shenfield Station	20.35	
	07.55	Brentwood High Street, Argos	20.30	
	08.05	Gallows Corner Halfords	20.25	
	08.10	Newbury Park opposite station	20.10	
	08.15	Gants Hill	20.05	
↓	08.20	Redbridge opposite station	20.00	↓

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