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Editorial

Autumn Meetings

Tuesday November 11: North Essex in the early Deregulation era-talk by Michael Holden - then North Essex manager for Eastern National now of crusader holidays

Tuesday December 9: Slide show '20 years ago' by Richard Delahoy

Meetings take place in the Pullman Suite, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford. Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000-2145.

Apologies for the absence of last months magazine. This was due to work commitments and computer problems. This month's issue is a double issue including all of September's news.

cover

From 1st September Imperial took over operation of service 269 from First. Chris Stewart caught L104 HHV in Kings Road Brentwood operating the First Imperial 269.

Photo

Buses in the news

The latest news from the bus world

Dengie Village Link under threat

There is uncertainty over the future of the Dengie Village link services as government funding comes to an end next March. Essex County Council's highways and transportation policy development group is being told in a report that the Government cash, under its Rural Bus challenge Fund, is due to run out in March. Although the council will bid for its renewal there is no guarantee that the renewal will occur.

Buses to be banned from Rochford Square?

In the past year ten buses have hit buildings as they make their way into Rochford Square on Arriva Southend's routes 7 and 8. The problem is caused by the tight turn from South Street into Rochford Square. Rochford District Council has admitted that there is no long term solution to the problem. Ideas include banning buses from the square and re-routing buses travelling towards Ashingdon via Dalys Road instead of serving Rochford Station. The council are open to suggestions.

Call for better bus services in Billericay

Residents on Billericay's Queen's Park Estate have called for improved services between the area and Billericay town centre. Residents have been left frustrated by poor reliability on routes 101 and 751 operated by First.

Roof Ripped off by low bridge incident

Supreme Coaches Metrobus SND 124X was de-roofed on Wednesday 24 September whilst operating a school contact in Kirby. The vehicle was transporting school children from Clacton and Great Holland to Frinton.

Short Street Depot Fire

Two Arriva Southend Dennis Tridents, fleetnumbers 5448 and 5449, worth more than £200,000 were destroyed in a fire which broke out at approximately 9.20 pm on 26 September at the Arriva Southend Depot. Police are treating the fire as suspicious.

Night buses introduced in Southend

Friday 3rd October saw Arriva Southend commence operation of three night bus routes in Southend on Friday and Saturday nights. Three routes operate: 199, 299 and 399 running to Hadleigh, Rayleigh and Shoebury respectively. The services are marketed as "Club Bus".

STOP PRESS!!!

Phoenix Student Travel went into liquidation and ceased operations from 17th October 2003 - Full details in next months Essex Bus News



Phoenix Student Travel 6014 Leyland Olympian C44 CHM
Typical of the Phoenix Fleet this ex-London vehicle was seen at
Phoenix's Maldon Depot (Peter Mansbridge)

Essex service changes

Changes are now split into two sections to avoid some changes appearing more than once. Changes to "regular" services appear first, with changes to school services at the end. All changes are subject to change, so please check with the operator or Traveline before travelling.

I can be e-mailed at EBEGSCEDITOR@AOL.COM

Saturday 16th August 2003

B6 As in Issue 471.

Friday 29th August 2003

10 As in Issues 471 and 472.

210 (*Localink*) (Harlow & Sawbridgeworth) Service withdrawn after service on this date.

W/C Saturday 30th August 2003

59, 505, 549 As in Issue 471.

7, 8, 8A, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 20B, 20C, 31, 59, 74X, 78X, 269, 352 As in Issue 472.

18 (*Viceroy Coaches*) (Haverhill & Saffron Walden) Further to issue 472, service transferred to Excel Coaches from 1st September.

34,34A (*Regal Busways*) (Braintree circulars via Great Notley) Services transferred to Excel Coaches from 1st September.

40A (*Town & Country*) (Chafford Hundred & Grays) Rerouted in Chafford Hundred to run direct via Drake Road instead of Clifford Road from 1st September.

93 (*First*) (Southminster & Maldon) The journey from Burnham-on-Crouch to Bradwell-on-Sea withdrawn from 1st September.

98 (*First*) (Lakeside & Orsett Hospital) Route transferred to Town & Country from Monday 1st September. Timings will not be altered.

252 (*Arriva*) (Waltham Abbey & Waltham Cross) Further to issue 471, the route runs Monday to Saturdays x30mins and x60mins Sundays.

352 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Halstead) New Monday to Friday timetable from 4th September.

388 (*Clintona*) (Basildon & Aveley) New timetable from 1st September.

389 (*Clintona*) (Basildon & Aveley) New timetable from 1st September.

505 In addition to earlier issues the loop at the Old Harlow end is from the Post Office via Wayre Road, Green Man, Old Road, Priory Avenue, Station Road, back to the Post Office and buses then return to Chingford.

549 In addition to Issues 471 and 472, the terminal was re-altered in Loughton from the station to Traps Hill Library.

W/C Saturday 6th September 2003

- 1,2 (*J W Lodge & Sons*) (Great Dunmow & Chelmsford) New timetable from 8th September. Services renumbered 17 and 18.
- 100 (*Arriva*) (Lakeside & Basildon) Sunday service transferred to Town & Country from 7th September.
- AM1405 (*Group Taxibus*) (Cock Clarks & Chelmsford) New timetable from 8th September.

Monday 15th September 2003

- 1 (*Locallink*) (Bishops Stortford & Saffron Walden) New timetable.

Friday 26th September 2003

- 8 As in Issue 472.

W/C Saturday 27th September 2003

- 61 (*First*) (Colchester North & Wivenhoe) New Monday to Saturday route running x30 minutes via Essex University, Colchester Town Centre, Hythe and Whitehall Road registered from 29th September.
- 47 (*Locallink*) (Ongar & Harlow) New timetable from 30th September.
- 77 (*First*) (Colchester & Wivenhoe) New Monday to Friday timetable from 29th September. Journeys terminating at Middleborough will be extended to and from the General Hospital.
- 78 (*First*) (Colchester & Brightlingsea) New Monday to Friday timetable from 29th September. Journeys terminating at Middleborough will be extended to and from the General Hospital.
- 78X (*First*) (Brightlingsea & Colchester) New Monday to Friday route via Essex University registered from 29th September.
- 146 (*Locallink*) (Ongar & Abbess Roding) New timetable. Extended from Abbess Roding to Hatfield Heath via White Roding from 30th September.
- 147 (*Locallink*) (Toot Hill & Harlow) New timetable from 30th September.
- 202 (*Locallink*) (Bishops Stortford/Debden & Romford) Extended from Debden to Waltham Cross from 1st October. It is not known whether the garage journeys to and from Bishops Stortford will remain.
- 221 (*NIBS*) (Wickford Town Service) Morning peak hours journeys diverted via Wickford Station from 28th September.
- 222 (*NIBS*) (Shotgate & Billericay) Routeing and timetable change from 28th September.
- 410 (*Locallink*) (Harlow & Bishops Stortford) Extended from Bishops Stortford to Stansted Business Park and new Sunday service introduced from 28th September.
- 502 (*Locallink*) (Harlow & Waltham Cross) New Wednesday, Friday and Saturday only route. No further details known.
- T6 (*S M Travel*) (Harlow Town Service) Changes to routeing, timetable and stopping places from 3rd October.
- Stansted Coach Link (*First*) (Stansted Airport & Colchester) New timetable. Braintree Freeport will only be served on weekends. Service renumbered 222.

Sunday 5th October 2003

320 (*JWS Travel*) (Grays & Tilbury) Service deregistered.

School Services and SDO variations

Thursday 14th August 2003 (i.e in reality end of school term)

CM0005 (*Brandons Coaches*) (Great Leighs & Braintree) Service de-registered.

CM0011 (*Brandons Coaches*) (Shalford Green & Braintree) Service de-registered.

CM0021 (*Brandons Coaches*) (Silver End & Braintree) Service de-registered.

CM0056 (*Brandons Coaches*) (White Notley & Black Notley) Service de-registered.

CM0523 (*Group Taxibus*) (Terling & Witham) Service de-registered.

CM0608 (*Brandons Coaches*) (Wethersfield & Saffron Walden) Service de-registered.

CM0610 (*Group Taxibus*) (Terling & Witham) Service de-registered.

AM1057 (*Group Taxibus*) (Roxwell & Hylands School) Service de-registered.

W/C Monday 1st September 2003 (i.e. start of school year)

20X, 41, 43, 44, 45, 48, 50, 204, 351, CM0501, AM0502, 505, 525, 526, 579, 581, 606, 609, 951 As in Issue 472.

18 (*Viceroy Coaches*) (Haverhill & Newport Grammar School) Transferred to Excel.

31 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Maldon) Additional SDO journey introduced from Maldon (Milton Road) to Chelmsford at 0731.

FCL201 (*Fargo Coachlines*) (Copford & Coggeshall) New SDO
Service via Marks Tey.

FCL203 (*Fargo Coachlines*) (Chappel & Coggeshall) New SDO
service via Great Tey and Marks Tey.

FCL204, FCL205, FCL206 (*Fargo Coachlines*) (Kelvedon &
Coggeshall) New SDO services via Feering.

268 (*First*) (Grays & Blackmore) Route transferred to Imperial.

351 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Romford) Further to issue 472, there will be additional SDO
journey from Brentwood to Chelmsford at 0753.

352 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Halstead) There will be an additional SDO journey from
Braintree to Chelmsford at 0731.

620 (*First*) (Epping & Ingatestone) Routeing and timetable changes.

820 (*First*) (Lower Hockley & Rayleigh) Changes to afternoon timings.

E7 (*S M Travel*) (Harlow & Stansted) New service. No further details known.

Tender Awards

In addition to Issue 472, the 370 and 373 award is for five years.

W/C Saturday 6th September 2003

1,2, 100, AM1405 As in Issue 473.

Monday 15th September 2003

1 As in Issue 473.

348 (*Locallink*) (Sawbridgeworth & Bishops Stortford) New service via Hatfield Heath from 18th September.

Friday 26th September 2003

8 As in Issue 472.

W/C Saturday 27th September 2003

47, 61, 77, 78, 78X, 146, 147, 221, 222, T6, Stansted Coach Link As in Issue 473.

17 (*First*) (Sutton Cemetery & Leigh) Revised route and timetable from 29th September.

202 Further to issue 473, the route will also be renumbered 502 (see below for details).

317 (*Stansted Transit*) (Elsenham & Bishops Stortford) Withdrawn from Takeley Mobile Home Park from 29th September.

410 Deferred to 15th October.

502 (*Locallink*) (Romford & Waltham Cross) The Romford & Loughton route 202 renumbered 502 from 1st October. It will be extended to Waltham Cross via Waltham Abbey. The garage journeys to and from Bishops Stortford will be withdrawn.

503 (*Locallink*) (Harlow & Waltham Cross) New Wednesday, Friday and Saturday only route from 1st October. Departs Harlow at 0758, 1130 and 1430, returning at 1200, 1500 and 1800

741 (*Olympian Coaches*) (Braintree/Stansted Airport & London) New Monday to Saturday commuter service to London.

T6 (*SM Travel*) (Harlow circular) Route revised to run between Church Langley & Harlow via Potter Street from 3rd October.

W/C Saturday 4th October 2003

320 As in Issue 473 from 5th October.

199 (*Arriva*) (Southend & Hadleigh) New night service from 4th October running on Saturday nights/Sunday mornings only.

299 (*Arriva*) (Southend & Rayleigh Weir) New night service from 4th October running on Saturday nights/Sunday mornings only.

399 (*Arriva*) (Southend & North Shoebury, Southchurch Road) New night service from 4th October running on Saturday nights/Sunday mornings only.

446 (*Four Counties Buses*) (Manuden & Saffron Walden) Route transferred to Locallink from 6th October. Revised routing and timetable.

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- 600** (*Olympian Coaches*) (Bishops Stortford & Lakeside) New service via Sawbridgeworth, Harlow and Old Harlow from 6th October.
- R1** (*Olympian Coaches*) (Templefields & Harlow) Revised routeing and timetable from 6th October. Journeys will run as either R1, R11, R21 or R31.
- R4** (*Olympian Coaches*) (Harlow & Latton Bush) New service running every 10 minutes Mondays to Fridays from 6th October.

Wednesday 15th October 2003

- 410** Deferred from 27th September (See Issue 473)

Arriva Southend Changes (26th/27th October 2003)

- 1, 1A** (Shoeburyness & Rayleigh) From 26th October, Shoeburyness terminal altered to Blackgate Road. Sunday Service 1A re-numbered Service 1 and will operate between Southend and Rayleigh only.
- 2** (Southend Central & Basildon Hospital) Withdrawn after service on 26th October.
- 4, 4A, 4B** (Southend Central & Foulness, Shoeburyness or Landwick) Revised timetable from 26th October. Service 4B will be re-numbered Service 14 and extended to/from Southend General Hospital and Westcliff High Schools.
- 5** (Southend Central & Leigh) Revised timetable. Service extended from Leigh to Basildon Bus Station to partly replace service 2 from 27th October.
- 5A** (Southend & Rayleigh) Revised timetable with all journeys operating to and from Rayleigh from 26th October.
- 6** (Southend Central & Eastwood) Revised timetable from 27th October.
- 6A** (Kent Elms & Leigh) Revised timetable. Service to Leigh Station will operate morning peak hours only and service from Leigh station will operate evening peak hours only.
- 7, 7A, 7B, 8, 8A, 8B** (Shoeburyness & Rayleigh) Revised timetables from 26th October with all journeys numbered 7/8.
- 9** (Shoeburyness & Rayleigh) Revised timetable from 26th October.
- 13, 19A** (Southend Central & Temple Sutton/Belfairs) Revised timetables from 26th October. Service 19 will be withdrawn and replaced by revised service 13.
- 29** (Southend & Eastwood) **Frequency will be increased from three to four buses per hour** from 26th October.

W/C Saturday 1st November 2003

- 10** (*Imperial*) (Passingford Bridge & Loughton) Revised timetable from 3rd November.

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- H1** (*Imperial*) (Buckhurst Hill & Harlow) Withdrawn between Buckhurst Hill and Loughton from 1st November. Also rerouted in Epping to run via Ivy Chimneys.

30th November 2003

- 700** (*Arriva*) (Stansted Airport & Stevenage) Withdrawn on Sundays.

School Services and SDO variations

W/C Monday 1st September 2003 (i.e. start of school year)

20X, 41, 43, 44, 45, 48, 50, 204, 351, CMO501, AMO502, 505, 525, 526, 579, 581, 606, 609, 951 As in Issue 472.

18, 31, FCL201, FCL203, FCL204, FCL205, FCL206, 268, 351, 352, 620, 820, E7 As in Issue 473.

AMO507 (*Group Taxibus*) (Boyton Cross & Chelmsford, Hylands School) New route via Willingale and Roxwell.

AMO574 (*Group Taxibus*) (Sible Hedingham & Chelmsford) New route via Wethersfield, Braintree and Felsted.

Monday 15th September 2003

- 33** (*First*) (Chelmsford & Stansted Airport) On SDO, the 0630 departure from Chelmsford and 0731 departure from Stansted will operate 10 minutes earlier throughout.

Monday 29th September 2003

447 (*Four Counties Buses*) (Anstey & Saffron Walden) New SDO service to partly replace the revised 446.

825 (*First*) (Basildon & St. Thomas More School) Revised timetable.

Monday 27th October 2003

401 (*Arriva*) (Benfleet & Hullbridge or Belfairs & Southend) New SDO service between SEEVIC College and Hullbridge **and between Belfairs School and Southend.**

407, 408 (*Arriva*) (Greensward School or Shoeburyness & Southend) **New SDO services between Greensward School and Southend and between Shoeburyness High School and Southend.**



Vehicles into the fleet

8.03	775	SN03 WLD	Transbus Dart/Pointer SFD3CACR33GW87255
	776	SN03 WLK	Transbus Dart/Pointer SFD3CACR33GW87256
	777	SN03 WLW	Transbus Dart/Pointer SFD3CACR33GW87206
	778	SN03 WLE	Transbus Dart/Pointer SFD3CACR33GW87267
	779	SN03 WLM	Transbus Dart/Pointer SFD3CACR33GW87268
	780	SN03 WLX	Transbus Dart/Pointer SFD3CACR33GW87269
	4035 (31374)	L161 UNS	Leyland Olympian Alexander H47/31F
	ex First Glasgow; new in 1993 to Strathclyde Buses (fleet number LO61).		

2 further Darts are on order for delivery by the end of the year, together with 3 Mercedes/Plaxton Cheetah midicoaches for the 222.

Repaints

8.03 4308 (to Barbie 2)

Route branding

Vehicles for the 31/31X are being given route branding details on a brown background, and carry 'Chelmsford-Burnham Connection' wording where 'Overground' is placed on others. Likewise the new vehicles for the 352 are carrying similar details on a blue background, although 775 at least entered service without this.

Colchester service 64 (blue) details are now carried by all of 650-4, with service 65 (red) displayed on 668/75/8/83-6.

Brand new books for the autumn

**SEE NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE FOR
SOME GREAT SPECIAL OFFERS**

Allocation changes

Period ending 24 August 2003

FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to another First fleet (see below for details)

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

669 (A)-CR; 1400 BN-(D); 1429 (Sp)-BN; 5001 CF-PST; 5002 PST-BN; 5005 BN-PST; 5006 PST-CF.

31 August

406 BN-HH; 670 (A)-CF; 671 (A)-CF; 672 (A)-CF; 673 (A)-CF; 674 (A)-CF; 775 New-CF; 776 New-CF; 777 New-CF; 778 New-BE; 779 New-BE; 780 New-BE; 909 DT-HH; 1401 CF-(D); 1402 CF-(D); 1403 CF-BN; 1407 CF-HH; 1416 CF-(D); 1428 CF-DVT (9043); 1429 BN-(Sp); 2652 BN-(D); 2656 BE-DVT (9044); 2657 HH-(D); 2658 HH-(D); 2659 HH-(D); 2660 HH-(D); 2661 HH-(D); 2662 HH-(D); 2803 (R)-HH; 2814 (R)-HH; 2815 (R)-HH; 2817 BE-DT; 2818 BE-HH; 3113 BN-(D); 4027 HH-(D); 4033 CF-BN

Vehicle News

Disposal-listed 2646 remained in use on Brentwood 73s during August and early September, while former HH motor 2662 was in use at CN on service 5A on 5th September.

Yellow warning discs have been fitted to many vehicles' wing mirrors recently, with others receiving complete yellow mirror backs on the offside.

Disposals

8.03	397, 398	Excel Coaches Ltd (at Stansted)
	1401	on loan to <i>First Bristol</i> (reportedly for driver training, but
		was seen on service 1 (Broomhill-Westbury/Cribbs Causeway) on 10.9.03)

Vehicle Workings

With the introduction of Scania on the 31/31X and new Darts on the 352, Chelmsford's allocation of Lynxes is down to two (1414/5).

From 1st September, the M-F 351 allocation is now four Lances and one Olympian, but during the first week substitutions were made by new Dart SLF 775, older Dart SLF 729, Lynx 1415 and Darts 2822/8 & 2903.

Coachlink 222 has had its fair share of unusual vehicles, including Dart CR979 and Lance CR1502 on 13th August, 65-branded Scania CR685 on 17th August and Lance CR1507 the next day.

At Hadleigh, the remaining manual-gearbox Mercedes 709Ds were withdrawn when the 24/24A became predominantly Dart-operated from 1st September.

Unusual sightings

- 13.8.03 CF2829 on off-peak 45
CR2683 on loan to DT
- 15.8.03 CF2902 on Diamond
- 18.8.03 CF2828 on 47
- 19.8.03 HH910 on 23, HH1409 on 21 all day and HH4005 on 26 until 10.50
- 22.8.03 CF1416 on Diamond (ex CF 16.40) - notably its last run to SD
- 27.8.03 BN5002 on morning Hutton 81 circuit
- 30.8.03 CR669 in Bus Station yard showing 88B, CR2924 on 64/64A
- 31.8.03 CF4014 noted on private hire at Great Yarmouth
- 3.9.03 CR654 worked the last Maldon/Tiptree services, ex 77 earlier
- 4.9.03 HH719 (branded for 27) on 20
- 5.9.03 CF2907 on Diamond
- 9.9.03 CR684 on 70 (07.39 ex Coggeshall), CR976 on 222
- 10.9.03 CF2674 on 51 (16.25 ex Galleywood)

VR-watch

And then there were two... 3113 was towed away from Basildon to Clacton on 3rd September, all prospect of repair having been abandoned, and ending 34 years of VR operation in South Essex without any chance of a "send-off". Chelmsford's V2003 event, however, saw survivors 3072 and 3112 in constant use on all three days. On Friday 15th August, 3072 appeared to be the main bus during the daytime, assisted by four Olympians as required. The VR had been seen earlier leaving on the 07.15 service 352 to Halstead. It made further journeys over this route on at least the 19th, 21st, 22nd, 28th and 30th August (one member stretching his lunch hour on the 28th to get a ride!), but come 1st September the 352 had been converted to low-floor Darts and the opportunities for a VR on it may now have gone forever. Both Braintree VRs have since been noted on their usual 70X and 509 duties.

Your sub-Editor, however, was in Cornwall in mid-August (the third visit this year, after an absence of 30 years - a lot of catching up to do!) and had the pleasure of a ride from Penzance to Land's End and Sennen Cove on former 3120, now First Western National 1240 (XHK 225X) on 13th August, with a trip from Truro to Falmouth the next day on 1250 (XHK 220X). News from St Austell is that 1246 (UAR 597W) worked the lengthy X7 (Eden Project-St. Austell-Truro-Falmouth-Penzance) on 1st and 3rd September, that 1250 ran the 21 to Newquay on 3rd September and that 1242 (XHK 228X), 1246 and 1249

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(XHK 223X) were all out on 5th September. 1243 (UAR 586W) has been withdrawn and is being dismantled for spares at St. Austell while 1244 (UAR 589W) has been placed in the reserve fleet, ex disposal listed.

Abus of Bristol have loaned KOO 793V to Ebley, Stroud pending delivery of a permanent VR from elsewhere, but continue to run KOO 791/2V, STW 33W and XHK 221/2X. Badly damaged XHK 224X is in the same yard (owned by Munden, dealer) having been hit by a falling tree whilst on location with its owners Bristol Film Services.

Rail replacements

The following scheduled rail replacement dates have been announced by *First Great Eastern*, although the bus operators are not known at the time of writing:

13/14, 20/21 September	Harwich International-Harwich Town
14, 21 September	Billericay-Rayleigh
28 September	Hockley-Southend Victoria
2, 9 November	Chelmsford-Colchester
16, 23, 30 November	Witham-Colchester and Shenfield-Wickford
7 December	Witham-Colchester and Shenfield-Wickford

On 14 September, First Essex sent the following vehicles out on the Billericay-Rayleigh service: BN1403, CF4010, CN4017, CR4303, CR4315, CR4324 and BN5002. Phoenix Student Travel themselves used Lynx 5010, and recently acquired Olympian/ECW C668 LJR.



Soon to be withdrawn Leyland Lynx 1404 (F404 LTW) passes through Great Warley on 30.08.03, the last day of the 'first' operated 269. (Chris Stewart)

Braintree (BE)	943/4, 2656/63/6/71/5/80, 2808/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 2909-11, 3072, 3112
Basildon (BN)	404-6, 655-67, 712-4/34-8/53-61, 852-5, 918/20/2/5/7/9-34/6/7/45, 967-73/83-6, 1404/5/10/29, 3113, 4026/34, 5002
Chelmsford (CF)	430-5, 512-37, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/14/5/6/28, 1516-20, 2667-70/2-4/6/8/9, 2822/8-30, 2901-8, 4007/10/2/4, 4024/5/33, 5004/6
Clacton (CN)	919/21/4/6, 1510-3, 2665, 2801/5/6/9/10/9/20/3/4, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	650-4/68/9/75/8/82-7, 715/6, 977-82, 1501-9, 2683, 2921-6, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-6
Hadleigh (HH)	403/7-10, 705/8-10/7-21, 746-8/50/62-7, 907/8/10/11/3, 928/35/8-42/6-58/74/87, 1406/9/11/2/7-24, 2657-62, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	909, 2681/2, 2802/13, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401/2, 501-11, 912/4/6, 2804
Heritage	2383, 9001 (AJN825)
Spare	975/6, 2655/64, 2803/14/5/25
Reserve	2652
Disposal	1400/8/25/6/30-2, 2640-51/3/4, 3092, 3101/3/9, 3219, 4028/30, 9002/3/20/9
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN); 1924, 9026/39/41 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles	(note that some of these details are by members' observation only) BN: 9030, 9308; CF: 9008/38; CN: 2111, 9028; CR: 9033; HH: 9035; HO: 9004/10; (D) 9029

The following buses are currently fitted with tachographs:

852-4, 1400/4/5/32/3, 2383, 2656, 2829/30, 4013/5/6/9/30, 4311/5

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Glory Days - Eastern National

Ian Allan have just published this latest title in their *Glory Days* series, written by Group member Richard Delahoy and featuring illustrations from Group members and our photo collection. The book spans the period 1930 to 1969, with a 16,000 word history, 75 B/W photos and 50 colour, many reproduced one to a page. The Group is *not* stocking the book but copies are available direct from the author at Group meetings or by post, at the special price of £15 (cover price £16.99) post free.

Orders should be sent to Richard Delahoy, 272 Shoebury Road, Southend on Sea, SS1 3TT, with a cheque payable to 'Signal Training'. Please indicate if you would like your copy autographed.

Depot requirements and vehicle allocations

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	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL BY TYPE
OPERAT'L REQ'T									
Minibus	5	3	14 (2)	1	1	2	10	1	39
Midibus	13	39	44	12	12	2	45	4	171
SD	0	16	5 (6)	4	22	0	10	0	63
DD	2	2	6	4	14	6	3	0	37
Phoenix DD	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mobility (Midi)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Route 193 (Midi)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Coach	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Total Operational requirement	20	64	71 (8)	21	52	10	68	15	329
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
Midibus	1	3	5	1	2	0	2	0	14
SD	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Mobility (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL ALLOC									
Minibus	6	3	14 (2)	1	1	3	11	2	43
Midibus	14	42	49	13	14	2	47	4	185
SD	0	17	7 (6)	4	24	0	12	0	70
DD	2	3	7	5	15	7	4	0	43
Phoenix DD	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mobility (Midi)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Coach	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
TOTALS	BE	BN	CF	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	FLEET TOTAL
	22	70	79 (8)	23	57	12	74	17	362

First Essex

FLEET CHANGES

Vehicles into the fleet

9.03	768	R711VLA	Dennis Dart/East Lancs Spryte (see EBN468)
	770	R712VLA	
	4036	(31375)	
			L162UNS Leyland Olympian Alexander H47/31F new 1993 and ex First Glasgow (originally LO62)
10.03	769	R712VLA	
	771	R714VLA	
	772	R715VLA	
	773	R716VLA	

Route branding

The 31/31X 'Connection' branding is in fact a burgundy colour, not brown (sorry, it was dark!). Solo 512 has received a rear end advert for 'Bang & Olufsen'; both 512 and 535 carry blue generic 'branding' with wording suitable for all routes. East Lancs Dart 768 is branded for the 21, and 770/4 for the 26. New Dart 775 is unbranded, acting as spare bus for the 352 but also for other duties as required. At HH, 911 has been branded for the 24/24A.

Allocation changes (period ending 27 September 2003)

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

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

406 BN-HH; 670 (A)-CF; 671 (A)-CF; 672 (A)-CF; 673 (A)-CF; 674 (A)-CF; 705 HH-FGC; 708 HH-FGC; 768 FGC-HH; 770 FGC-HH; 775 New-CF; 776 New-CF; 777 New-CF; 778 New-BE; 779 New-BE; 780 New-BE; 909 DT-HH; 922 BN-CN; 925 BN-CN; 975 (R)-CR; 976 (R)-CR; 1401 CF-(D); 1402 CF-(D); 1403 CF-BN; 1407 CF-HH; 1416 CF-(D); 1428 CF-DVT (9043); 1429 BN-(Sp); 1924 DVT-sold; 2647 (D)-FGC; 2652 (R)-(D); 2656 BE-DVT (9044); 2657 HH-FGC; 2658 HH-CF; 2659 HH-FGC; 2660 HH-FGC; 2661 HH-FGC; 2662 HH-CN; 2665 CN-(D); 2672 CF-(D); 2677 (D)-FGC; 2803 (R)-HH; 2814 (R)-HH; 2815 (R)-HH; 2817 BE-DT; 2818 BE-HH; 2823 CN-CF; 2824 CN-CF; 2829 CF-CR; 2830 CF-CR; 3112 BE-(D); 3113 BN-(D); 3219 (D)-BE; 4026 BN-(D); 4027 HH-(D); 4033 CF-BN; 4035 FGC-BN; 4036 FGC-BN; 5002 BN-PST; 9026 DVT-(D)

due to take place 3 October

709 HH-FGC; 710 HH-FGC; 769 FGC-HH; 770 FGC-HH; 772 FGC-HH; 773 FGC-HH; 774 FGC-HH; 1404 BN-(D); 1406 HH-BN; 1407 HH-(R) at CN; 1411 HH-(R) at HH; 2641 (D)-FGC; 2642 (D)-FGC; 2645 (D)-FGC; 2653 (D)-FGC; 2655 (D)-CF

Vehicle News

With 4026/7 taken out of service, none of the Bristol-built Olympians acquired from Keighley & District in 1999 remain in service. This leaves 4033/4 as the only examples in service with chassis built at the former BCV Works in Brislington (closed 20 years ago), in addition to the two Bristol VRs.

At Showbus (28 September), excellent preparation of CR684 was rewarded when it won the award for Best First Corporate Bus. Also present were BN659, HH770, 2383 and AJN825 whilst privately owned former ENOC vehicles noted were VNO859, 7017HK, 215MHK, NTW942C and FWC439H. 659 won Best post 1990 First Group vehicle, and 2383 Best 1950s vehicle.

Disposals

9.03	705/8	<i>First Huddersfield (709/10 to follow)</i>
	1924	<i>S Smith Esq (preservation)</i>
	2640	<i>Phoenix Studnet Travel</i>
	2647/77	<i>First Eastern Counties (at Great Yarmouth)</i>
		<i>(2642/3/5/51 to follow)</i>
	2657/9/60/1	<i>First Hampshire & Dorset (702-5) at Hilsea</i>

Dennis Javelin/Plaxton coach M291FAE, ex 1551, has now moved to First Western National as no. 2860 (based at Plymouth, and noted on Exeter-Plymouth rail replacement work). FWN already have M292FAE.

VEHICLE WORKINGS

On 14 September, the following were noted on scheduled rail replacement work from Billericay to Rayleigh:

BN1403 CF4010 CN4017 CR4304 CR4315 CR4324 BN5002
PST 5010 & C668LJR

Lynx remain common on the 351 (1414 or 1415) and are frequently to be seen on Hutton local 83, once the sole preserve of Darts.

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Unusual sightings include:

- 13.9.03 HH913 (24/24A branded) on 20
CF2905 on Diamond
- 15.9.03 CF2905 on Diamond
- 17.9.03 CR975 on 222, replacing CR1506
- 18.9.03 BN4036 on 502 (first sighting in service)
CR1506 on 65, CR4307 on 77
- 19.9.03 Phoenix C668LJR on 620 (Epping-Anglo via Brentwood, usually
CF40xx or 5006)
- 20.9.03 CR669 and CR682 on 222 (669 on 11.15 ex CR, 678 on 12.15)
CR2683 working at DT (22A Harwich-Long Meadows circular)
- 24.9.03 CR1509 on 16.30 107
- 25.9.03 CF2907 on 70X
BN5002 on pm 502 ex 99 earlier
- 26.9.03 CR1502 on 77, CR2923 on 64A
- 6.10.03 BN Scania on evening 860/81
- 11.10.03 CF4012 in Bus Station showing '31'

VR-watch

Well yes, there were two - but not the same two! On 18th Sept, withdrawn 3219 was noted back in service on the 70X as a temporary replacement for 3112. The latter was awaiting a decision on underbody/floor repairs necessary to pass the PCV test, but was still at CF unused on 11th Oct. By 29th Sept, 3219 was working from CF and operated at least the morning Phoenix 525 to Colchester that day and the evening trip on the 30th. The following day (1st Oct) it was seen in Chelmsford Bus Station showing 'Chelmsford 351', and on 2nd Oct it was seen showing '619' (the 70X having been worked by Olympian CF4025). On Sat 4th, 3219 was in the bus station showing 'Sorry...36' and was noted working the 36 on 7th. By 9th Oct, however, it was back at Braintree on the 509, leaving 3072 to cover the 70X.

In Devon & Cornwall, the latest allocations of former Essex VRs running with First Western National are as follows (1258 STW34W has been sold):

Camborne: 1238/42/9 (KOO785V, XHK228/3X)

St Austell: 1246/50 (UAR597W, XHK220X)

Plymouth: 1265 (UAR588W)

Driver Training: 1238 (UAR595W)

Disposal: 1240/3/4 (XHK225X, UAR586/9W)

First Essex fleet allocation - 27 September 2003

Braintree (BE)	778-80, 943/4, 2663/6/71/5/80, 2808/11/2/6/21/6/7, 2909-11, 3072, 3219
Basildon (BN)	404/5, 655-67, 712-4/34-8/53-61, 852-5, 918/20/7/9-34/6/7/45, 967-73/83-6, 1403/4/5/10, 4033-6
Chelmsford (CF)	430-5, 512-37, 729-33/9-44/75-97, 1414/5, 1516-20, 2658/67-70/3/4/6/8/9, 2822-4/8, 2901-8, 4007/10/2/4, 4024/5, 5004/6
Clacton (CN)	919/21/2/4-6, 1510-3, 2662, 2801/5/6/9/10/9/20, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	650-4/68/9/75/8/82-7, 715/6, 975-82, 1501-9, 2683, 2829/30, 2921-6, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-6
Hadleigh (HH)	403/6-10, 709/10/7-21, 746-8/50/62-8/70, 907-11/3, 928/35/8-42/6-58/74/87, 1406/7/9/11/2/7-24, 2803/14/5/8, 4003-5
Harwich (DT)	2681/2, 2802/13/7, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401/2, 501-11, 912/4/6, 2804
Heritage	2383, 9001 (AJN825)
Spare	2655/64, 2825
Reserve	1429
Disposal	1400-2/8/16/25/6/30-2, 2641-6/8-51/3/4/65/72, 3092, 3101/3/9/12, 4026-8/30, 9002/3/20/6
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN), 9039/41/3/4 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles	(note that some of these details are by members' observation only) BN: 9030, 9308; CF: 9008/38/42; CN: 2111, 9028; CR: 9033; HH: 9035/40; HO: 9004/10; (D) 9029

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First Essex 4304 and 4315 pass each other at Billericay whilst operating Rail Replacement Services.
(Chris Stewart)



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	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL BY TYPE
OPERAT'LR EQ'T									
Minibus	4	2	13 (1)	1	1	2	5	1	30
Midibus	14	37	44 (3)	12	16	2	50	4	182
SD	0	16	9 (3)	4	22	0	11	0	65
DD	2	3	5	4	14	6	2	0	36
Phoenix DD	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mobility (Midi)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Route 193 (Midi)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Coach	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Total operational requirement	20	61	73 (7)	21	56	10	68	15	331
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4
Midibus	1	3	5	1	2	0	2	0	14
SD	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Mobility (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL ALLOC									
Minibus	5	2	14 (2)	1	1	2	6	2	35
Midibus	15	40	49 (3)	13	18	3	52	4	197
SD	0	17	9 (3)	4	24	0	13	0	70
DD	2	4	6	5	15	7	3	0	42
Phoenix DD	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mobility (Midi)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Coach	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
TOTALS	BE	BN	CF	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	FLEET TOTAL
	22	67	80 (8)	23	61	12	74	17	364

ARRIVA Southern Counties

Allocation Changes

Around Essex

DS004 L506CPJ Dennis Dart/East Lancs
DS006 L508CPJ Dennis Dart/East Lancs
E3245 M845DDS Volvo B6/Alexander
E3387 P257FPK Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton
E4310 A250SVW Leyland Tiger/Duple

Delicenced at SE-CR
SE-CR
CR-Delicenced
GR-SE
SE-Delicenced

Out of the Essex fleet

E3420 P420HVX Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton
E3430 P430HVX Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton

CR-Gillingham
CR-Gillingham



First Essex 770 (R713 VLA)- This former First London dart, along with others from the R***VLA batch are now at Hadleigh. 770, branded for Southend Metro Green Line (Route 26), was at this years Showbus Rally. (Chris Stewart)

Arriva Data File

Peak vehicle requirements from August 2003

Depot	M-F peak hours	M-F off peak	Sat	Sun
Colchester	~38	~38	~38	0
Coach	4	0	0	0
Grays	30 am, 29 pm (a)	26	26	12
Southend	57 am, 58 pm (b)	50 (51 Wed&Thu)	51	19
Dengie	Mon-Sat 5 (with PM vehicle swap)			

Key: (a) 29 am, 28 pm on non-school days (b) 58 am, 59 pm on non-college days

The Grays allocation includes TfL-contracted routes 256 and 346, operated by DAF SB120s/Wright Cadet. The PVRs are as follows:

Route 256 Monday-Friday peak hours, 10, Monday-Friday off peak 9,

Saturday 9, Sunday 5 (3 when meal relief is taken at the garage later in the day.)

Route 346 Monday-Saturday 2

Allocations: Southend (SE)

Dennis Dominator	E5273	E5274	E5275	E5276	E5278
	E5286	E5287	E5288	DD16	
Dennis Trident	E5434	E5435	E5436	E5437	E5438
	E5439	E5441	E5442	E5443	E5445
	E5446	E5547	E5548	E5549	E5451
Leyland Olympian	E5392	E5393T	E5394	E5395	E5396
	E5399				
Volvo Olympian	E5415T	E5416T	E5417T	E5418T	E5419T
Dennis Dart SLF	E3218	E3220	E3221	E3222	E3223
	E3224	E3225	E3226	E3387	E3391
	E3392	E3393	E3394	E3395	E3396
	E3397				
Dennis Lance SLF	E3379	E3381	E3382	E3383	E3384
Dennis Dart	DS7	DS8	DS9	DS14	E3092
	E3349	E3350	E3370	E3373	E3404
Mercedes O.810 Vario	E2188	E2191	E2192	E2193	
Mercedes 410D Sprinter	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755
	1756				
Coach	E4310T				
Training School Buses					
Leyland Lynx	YDT965	YDT966	YDT888		

Colchester (CR)

Leyland Olympian	<u>E5389T</u>	<u>E5397T</u>	<u>E5398T</u>	E5404T	<u>E5407T</u>
	<u>E5408T</u>	<u>E5409T</u>			
Volvo D10M	613	614	617		
DAF SB220	<u>E4335</u>	<u>E4336</u>	<u>E4337</u>	<u>E4339</u>	
Dennis Dart SLF	<u>E3419</u>	<u>E3422</u>			
Leyland Lynx	<u>E3341</u>	<u>E3342</u>	<u>E3343</u>	<u>E3346</u>	<u>E3347</u>
Volvo B6	<u>E3241</u>	<u>E3246</u>			
Dennis Dart	DS4	DS6	DS15	DS20	DS21
	DS23	E3168	E3406		
Mercedes 711D	<u>E2392</u>				
Mercedes O.810 Vario	<u>E2174</u>	<u>E2243</u>	<u>E2372</u>	<u>E2382</u>	<u>E2383</u>
Mercedes 811D	1461	1462			
Coach	PVR 4		Allocation	4	
Scania K113DRB	E4352T	E4353T			
Leyland Tiger	E4305T	2196	Trainer	Lynx	YDT 47

Grays (GY)

MCW Metrobus	M615				
Leyland Olympian	E5402	E5405T			
DAF SB120	E4500	E4501	E4502	E4503	E4504
	E4505	E4506	E4507	E4508	E4509
	E4510	E4511	E4512	E4513	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3388	E3389	E3390	E3400	E3401
	E3402	E3403	E3421	E3423	E3424
	E3425	E3426	E3427	E3428	E3429
	E3431				
Dennis Dart	E3405	E3407			
Ferry Buses	YFB160	YFB580	YFB698	YFB724	

Key: T Vehicle fitted with tachograph;

[Underlined] Vehicle fitted with GPS.

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ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX**Vehicles in**

From Arriva the Shires 2140 (8/03), 2143 (9/03)

2140	N370 JGS 4/96	MB 709D 669003-2N-036843	Pn 957.6MHV4548	B27F
2143	N373 JGS 4/96	MB 709D 669003-2N-038752	Pn 957.6MHV4843	B27F

From Arriva the Shires 3098, 3334/99 8/03

3098	H245 MUK 2/91	Ds Dt 9.8SDL3004/396	Ce C27.012	B40F
3334	L124 YVK 3/94	Ds Dt 9SDL3034/1746	NC 4662	B35F
3399	L119 YVK 3/94	Ds Dt 9SDL3034/1739	NC 4657	B35F

From Arriva London South L59/36 9/03

5850	C 59 CHM 4/86	Ld ONLXB/1RH ON2341	ECW 26341	H42/26D
5851	C 36 CHM 3/86	Ld ONLXB/1RH ON2318	ECW 26318	H42/26D

From Arriva London North LDR7 9/03

LDR7	N677 GUM B40F 11/95	Ds Dt 9.8SDL3054/2973	Pn 9510HXN4006
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Allocations

8/03: 2140, 3098 HA; 3334/99 WE.

9/03: 2143 HA; 5850/1 u; LDR7 WE

Vehicles out

3081 (F153 KGS), 5117/22/3 (G287/92/3 UMJ): Arriva the Shires 3081, 5117/22/3 9/03

5827 (E227 CFC): Ensign, Rainham (dealer) 8/03

Subsequent histories

DRN118 (as 3398) (L118 YVK): Arriva London North 9/03 ex Arriva the Shires

5386 (B184 BLG): Ensign, Rainham (dealer) 8/03 ex Arriva the Shires

Liveries

(Repaints other than those Arriva National livery)

8/03: 2189 (R189 DNM): allover advertisement for Sainsbury's

3435/9 (R165/9 GNW): Arriva London

General News

5850/1 are earmarked for Ware to replace the remaining non-London deckers there (5119 & 5130)

3435/9 are in Arriva London livery for service 549, a short term contract for TfL

2140/3 and one other are to replace the recently acquired Minis 2282-4 which are to be returned to their originating companies.

LDR7 (N677 GUM) is on temporary loan in exchange for Dart 3398 (L118 YVK). Apparently Arriva London North have an urgent requirement for a 9.0 m vehicle.

Other Operators

A & M MINIBUSES BASILDON S450 YON is in (by 9.03) - thought to be a LDV Cy.

A.P.T. RAYLEIGH N681 AHL Scania / Berkhof is in (by 9.03) ex Hartwood (t.a. Grayline), Bicester, Oxon.

BASILDON TRAVEL BASILDON M323 VET (ex L3 HCR, B6 WER, M323 VET), N410 SFH (ex N2 HCR) & N411 SFH (ex N3 HCR) all Scania / Irizar and all ex Tanners Croft (t.a. Hardings), Redditch, Hereford & Worcester are all in (9.03) (There may be another similar vehicle.)

BOON BOREHAM There are only 6 vehicles in the yard. We think MVK 538R went some time ago, and another has obviously gone. This is possibly YNO 78S. NNO 63P (one of the 6 still there) has been used for spares. The 6 were still in the yard on 29.9.03.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE C669 LJR Leyland Olympian/ECW is in ex Go Northern 3669 (by 2.03) with fleet no.1.

CS TRAVEL COLCHESTER S153 NPO Ford Transit is in (by 9.03)

FARGO RAYNE AHG 339V & GHG 344W Ld Atlantean / East Lancs are in (by 9.03) ex Blackpool 339 & 344.

GODWARD SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS K610 MOR LDAF Sherpa 400 / LDAF is with this operator ex Bowles (t.a. Ferryman Travel), Leybourne, Kent (assumed in by 1.03 when it was first seen at Shot Farm.)

GROUP TAXIBUS CHELMSFORD EX53 URW - fleet no. 40 - is another Ford Transit (new 9.03).

DAF/Van Hool RJ1 6621 (ex APT 42S, HSB 906Y, GIL 7364, GIL 3573, HSB 549Y, HIL 6570, OGE 8Y) now carries fleet no. 86 (9.03).

Mercedes/Robin Hood F118 OGS now carries fleet no. 87 (9.03).

EF52 ANX (48), EF52 KSK (54) and EY03 NFU (45) have semi-overall adverts for Essex FM (6.03) - by 'semi-overall' we mean the sides and rear from the pillar behind the front door rearwards and including contravision on the windows.

All the R...EVW, R...FTW, R...HVW and S...SNO Ford Transit have now gone.

NIBS WICKFORD BIL4710 (ex J51GCX) has been reregistered to ? (9.03).

H226LOM has been reregistered BIL4710 (9.03).

P653/4VWX Scania / East Lancs are in (9.03) ex Black Prince, Morley, W.Yorks. via Southdown PSV (dealer).

G253 EHD went to Southdown PSV (dealer) (9.03).

RS TRAVEL BRAINTREE RJ1 4076 (ex F861 PGS) Ft 49-10 / Robin Hood is in (by 9.03) ex Farrelly, Booker Common, Bucks.

TALISMAN GT.BROMLEY YJN 455S DAF/Plaxton is in ex Staines Crusader, Clacton-on-Sea (9.03) - a heritage vehicle, not expected to see much service.

Miscellaneous

G45 HDW Dennis Javelin / Caetano seen in S.E. Essex (9.03) - owner unknown, may be an Essex operator. (last reported with Kerfoot-Davies, Trefnant, N.Wales.)

G205 YDL Mercedes Benz 811D / Phoenix seen in N.W. Essex 1.10.03 - (last with Fazarkarley, Birmingham, W.Midlands)

K464 PNR (ex REL 220, K464 PNR) Volvo / Plaxton seen in yard at S.Woodham Ferrers (9.03) - owner not known - (last reported with Tudor Hotels, Bournemouth, Dorset)

M893AEU Vauxhall Midi seen 9.03 with 'Bestax' name and a PSV disc. (This vehicle was previously with Bowhay, Rayleigh (t.a. Bestax) - possibly now with Abba Cars.)

Ensign dealer report

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Vehicles in

Dublin Bus

Leyland Olympians/Alexander 91-D-1076/7/92-104.

Arriva the Shires

Leyland National/East Lancs Greenway TIB 4886.

Manns Travel, Gravesend

Dennis Darts/Carlyle G503/5VYE, H138 MOB.

Finch's, Wigan

Leyland Olympian B101 SEO.

Vehicles out

Carterton Coaches, Witney, Oxfordshire

Leyland Olympian/ECW B184 BLG.

Decker Bus, South Mimms

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