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EDITORIAL

397 Focus of the Month

LHJ397 was a Leyland PD2/12 with Massey bodywork of Southend Transport, fleet number 283, entering service in 1956. It was one of 56 Titans operated by Southend. It survived until 1971.

EVENTS

June 1st	Transport Rally, Southchurch Park, Southend
June 26th	Visit to Harris Bus, West Thurrock, 7pm
June 29th	North Weald
July 15th	By invitation from the Omnibus Society, visit to Southend Transport 7pm

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GROUP TOUR

July 12th Hedingham Depot Tour. Get your booking in early.

GENERAL

The Plaxton Beaver/Mercedes is now the most popular bus in Essex operated by Eastern National, Thamesway, County Bus, Buzz Coop, Southend Transport, and Graham Kelvedon.

With the common ownership of Great Eastern Railway and Essex Buses by First Bus, a fair bit of overlap is bound to appear, therefore I propose that where applicable the combined news will appear in EBN - see Multi Media.

FLEET NEWS

Thamesway acquire Leyland Lynx's, Southend Transport receive more Dennis Darts.

NEW PUBLICATION

EN Chelmsford Allocation 1945-1948.

Send 2x1st class and 1x2nd class stamps to Peter Snell.

Material for EBN 398 should be with sub-editors by 6th June and Man. Editor by 12th June.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

VEHICLES

DSL64-67 P264-7 FPK Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton B33F or B39F, ...

64-6 arrived 22/4

67 arrived 25/4

All now in service.

Withdrawn	FL208 JTD 388P	LN4707 TPL 293S	LN716 GGE 156T
	VR307 WTU 473W	LN713 LPB 218P	LN723 GGE 172T

Disposals LN713 & 4707 To London & County, Crawley 25/4/97
Train 415 Q415DPG to ???, Great Yarmouth 12/5/97

Repaints ON282 MUH 285X - new revised fleet livery. Blue Skirt with a broad red band above. The rest is white to below the upper deck windows, remainder blue. (Basically the same as Darts and Minibuses but with a blue roof).

SERVICES Updated to changes 3/5/97

Route 1B	(Sundays) Operates Shoebury-Hadleigh-Rayleigh
Route 5A	(Sunday eve) Operates Shoebury-Southend-Leigh Church
Route 14	Operates 3 additional journeys. 1 Saturday and 2 Sunday
Route 17	Operates as 17A from Belfairs to Sutton Cemetery
Route 23A	06:03 Kent Elms, journey starts at Progress Road at 05:56
	06:39 Kent Elms, journey starts at Progress Road at 06:32
	06:19 Journey from Leigh Station is withdrawn
Route 29	(Sundays) Operates to Rayleigh Station all day
Route 63	Journeys operated by S.T withdrawn

M E D I A M O N I T O R

April 14th: The high tide due for 3.43pm the previous Friday was more than a foot higher than expected and had delayed buses to West Mersea by two hours.

April 15th: A £9.25m investment in Great Eastern Railways is being made by new owners FirstBus. £3m will be spent on improving stations with every one receiving a minimum of a repaint by 2000. Joint bus/rail ticketing is being trialed and from the start of the summer timetable bus links to Brightlingsea, Danbury, Great Dunmow, Halstead, Maldon and West Mersea will appear in the rail timetables. A special peak hour bus service will run from Maldon to Hatfield Peverel Station. A new information system for both rail and bus companies will cost £2.5m and includes a Eastern National/Thamesway/GER customer service centre based in Colchester. All rail stations will have a public address system, smaller ones a "long line" system from the nearest manned station. £1.5m will go on improved security both on stations and trains. Rolling stock will be repainted using a new livery based on the two tone FirstBus Grey, Badgerline Green and the original Great Eastern blue. EMU 315809 has already been repainted. Some existing stock recently painted will have existing NSE colours amended.

April 17th: An EN driver on Service 64 refused to hand over his takings, £4, when confronted by a scar faced youth with a razor blade in Shrub End Colchester. His jacket was damaged when he raised his arm to protect himself. The attacker ran off with the driver in pursuit but he got away.

April 21st: Coggeshall Parish Council were told the County Council would not be providing a bus service to Colchester General Hospital. The matter would be raised at the next transport consultative committee.

April 28th: Essex County Council would be renewing Sunday bus contracts that expire later in the year. The Clacton - Point Clear and Harlow - Braintree services regularly had more passengers than required by the Passengers Transport Plan. Those from Clacton to Jaywick and Walton and between Braintree and Bishops Stortford did not meet the minimum but would continue as there were no alternative services.

April 30th: Park and Ride schemes at Essex University and Marks Tey have been shelved as it is felt they would be under used at present.

May 1st: Valerie Carter of Carters Coach Services died on April 24th aged 56 after a short illness. She had been driving buses up until the end of March.

May 2nd: Mr. Crook-Williams of Hedingham had attended a meeting of Tollesbury Parish Council to explain problems that had emerged, especially concerning school children. These had been addressed and the new timetables were now operating.

May 9th: Tiptree Parish Council were told by a resident that bus stops had still not been provided in Maldon Road and sometimes passengers were faced with a long walk.

The above news appeared in the Colchester Evening Gazette, East Anglian Daily Times or Essex County Standard.

Send your cuttings giving name of paper and date to

Geoff Toon, 30 Wavell Avenue, Colchester CO2 7HR or fax to 01206 765558

ChrisMcCormack of Thamesway and Mike Holden of Eastern National were guests of Dave Monk on BBC Essex on 28th April answering listeners questions.

A Braintree caller had bought a return ticket from Marlborough Road to the Town Centre on the 1520 journey on a Saturday when the last bus back was at 1600. Why did not buses run later. The usual answer of no demand was given. When pressed by Dave Monk on if the ticket should have been sold, it was agreed it should not and a refund was offered.

Why did notices request passengers not to get up until the bus stops yet the bus moved off before the passengers were seated was the problem raised from South Ockendon. They should not was the reply. Why had they been refused half fare for a rover as a pension book could not be produced, this was a valuable item that they did not wish to carry around with them. No real answer, drivers discretion, pensioners look younger these days etc.

The rerouting of the 13 and 14 in Clacton was raised with most of Gorse Lane, a residential area not being covered, while the buses now travelled though the Stephenson Road Industrial Estate. The problems was known and service revisions were planned at the end of May.

A Hadleigh caller was concerned that there were no buses to Leigh Station on a Sunday. Service revisions from 25th May would take care of this. The caller revealed that a card certifying a person was of pension age is available from the DSS in Newcastle.

Why are child fares not reduced in the school holidays was the question from Maldon. It was pointed out that they already travelled at half fare and the Essex Ranger was plugged. After some discussion it was agreed that some form of special offer to promote travel might indeed be a good idea and it would be looked into.

Lack of destination blinds on the rear of vehicles was raised by a Hadleigh caller. All new Thamesway buses would have rear blinds was the reply but it was unclear if the busmen were referring just to number blinds.

The performance on the first Sunday journeys from/to Braintree and Chelmsford was questioned. These were not going into White Court, either did not appear at all or were up to twenty minutes late. The customer had been told no half fares before 0900, and was sworn at by the driver who was smoking. Suitable signs of dissatisfaction were forthcoming and the promise it would be looked into.

Follow up questions can cause embarrassment and this was the case when someone from Hockley who clearly knew the industry asked what use were rear number blinds when 9 out of 10 vehicles arriving at Hullbridge on the 20 were showing black blank. The excuse of late running and the driver had to go to the back of the bus were offered but not accepted and Chris, who lived in the area would check himself.

A Braintree traveller was disgusted with the state of the toilets at Chelmsford Bus Station and wanted to know how often the standard of cleanliness was checked - most toilets had a check list showing time of last clean etc. No real answer given except that this was the only public toilet that either company owned.

Update: Clacton 13 and 14 are renumbered 5 and 6 and have experienced timekeeping problems as there is only one minute layover at each end. An additional vehicle is now on the service between 0930 and 1430 but passengers can no longer travel through the Little Clacton Safeways terminal without a change of bus which will no doubt bring more complaints

Eastern National

NEW VEHICLES

1512 P512 MNO Dennis Lance N.Counties Paladin B49F

Chassis number for the above is D211BR3TGL10583 and the body number is 5659.

Please accept my apologies, for the cock up in new vehicle registrations last month. 1510/11 are registered P510/11 MNO, there are not three vehicles registered P504 MNO!

ACQUIRED VEHICLE

I had a bad time last month, and forgot to publish details of Olympian 4009 acquired from Thamesway and now at Clacton. For the record they are:-

C409 HJN Leyland ONLXB/1RH ECW CH42/30F

Chassis number is ON10004, body number is 26546.

Leyland National 1870 passed to Thamesway at Basildon in exchange.

ALLOCATIONS

Period end 27.4.97. 1007 CF-D/L(D); 1512 NEW-DT; 1833 POOL-CN; 1851 CR-CN; 1924 CR-CN 2667 CR-DT; 2680 DT-CR

1833 and 1851 are expected to be the regular performers on services 1 and 2. This means there will be no open top services in Clacton this summer.

REPAIRS

4/97 3084 3093 4019 4512

3084 and 3093 become the latest VR's to be refurbished by Marshalls and now seat H43/31F.

For the record vehicles treated so far are 3072/76/77/78/79/83/84/93/94 and 3101.

According to my records, the following vehicles are still in old livery:-

Pool 1833
CN 1851
D/L 1862/63/65/67/72/74/85/90
CF 3069/71/92

In addition the pair of KSW's still retain traditional EN open top livery.

GENERAL

Bristol KSW 2383. passed its annual test on 11.4.97. and should appear at the Southend Rally.

Leyland Tiger/Duple 1007 suffered severe accident damage during April and is out of use at Chelmsford depot.

SERVICES

- 1** Introduced daily between Clacton and St Osyth from 25.5. to 31.8.97
- 2** Introduced Monday to Saturday between Holland and Jaywick from 27.5. to 30.8
- 16** Revised timetable introduced from 27.5.97
- 75/B** Minor timetable revision from 27.5.97.
- 109** Withdrawn after operation on 27.3.97. Part replaced by service 16.
- 126** As service 16.
- 306** Revised route and timetable introduced owing to a bridge closure. Part replaced by service 307 (operated by Hedingham).
- 314** Re-routed in Dunmow, owing to closure of Church End bridge.
- 316** As service 314
- 605** Introduced between Colchester and Walton, on same days as 631, with one journey each way.
- 606** Introduced between Walton and Harwich, with same operation as service 605.
- 631** Introduced on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 25.5 to 28.9.97. Saffron Walden to Burnham every two hours.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

12.4.97. CN 3222 on service 75 (normally Dart)

13.4.97. Thamesway 975 on services 1A/4 in Colchester

The use of 975 is thought to be due to its being fitted with a driver protection screen, following recent incidents in the town.

Sunday services 1A, 2C, 4, 8C and 76C are now operated by Mercedes minibuses.

Outstation allocations on 29.4.97. were as follows:-

Bishops Stortford	1413 2202 2601/3/4 2812-6/25
Dunmow	2807
Maldon	1425/9 2823/26-30 3077

These are subject to constant change and are not a permanent allocation.

PUBLICITY

Timetable leaflets for services 102 dated 30.3.97; 5,6; 7,8/A,9; 21/A; 59; 333 all dated 1.4.97.

Timetable leaflet for services to University of Essex as at April 1997.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

1861 (YEV 319S) South Wales Transport, Swansea, 4/97.
2210 (C210 HJN) As 1861.

HARRIS BUS

VEHICLES

Talbot Freeway F924 ABV has re-entered service, being noted on services 98/99 during April. To correct information elsewhere, this seats DP22F. E563 MAC being B20F.

Optare Excel P324 NHJ was delivered on 5.4.97. and appeared at Cobham the following day. The rest of the batch were delivered during April, and have now entered service on route 108. Chassis numbers for P324-32 NHJ, P333 HBC and P334 NHJ are VN 9101-11.

SERVICES

71C Revised timetable introduced on Sundays from 25.5.97.
140 Revised timetable introduced on Sundays from 25.5.97.

HARRIS COACHES

VEHICLES

Former Excelsior, Bournemouth M515 NCG (ex A7 EXC) and M519 NCG (ex A9 EXC) were acquired in March. Both are Volvo B10/Plaxton Premiere 320.
Due in May are P701-3 NHJ, all of which are DAF/Ikarus.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ACS TENDRING DAF400 J428 UOC has been acquired.

AIRPORT EXPRESS SOUTHEND Ford Transit K115 FSC is now in use here. Vehicles sold are Ford Transits C987 SLT and K2 KMK, and J6 KMK a DAF 200.

A&M COACHES CORRINGHAM MCW Metrorider D658 NNE has been acquired. Volvo/Plaxton J1L 2212 has been sold.

APT RAYLEIGH Dennis Javelin/Marco Polo M1 APT entered service in March. L1L 2184 a Setra ex Watson Enterprises, Thurrock has been acquired.

ASSOCIATED COACHWAYS HARLOW A recent addition is former Essex County Council, Ford Transit E954 ANO. AEC Reliance TJI 7519 was formerly TDK 688J.

BACK OF BEYOND FRINTON Mercedes 811D/Coachcraft G761 XEE has recently joined this fleet.

BARKER ROYDON To correct last months magazine, the Plaxton 425 here is registered L345 MKU.

BERNARDS HARLOW Vehicles sold recently are C487 HAK and D748 VSA, both are Volvo/Plaxton.

BLUE DIAMOND HARLOW Expansion of operations has led to the addition of JMJ 144V a Ford Transit, ex Cunningham Corringham, D532 NDA a Freight Rover/Carlyle ex Ruffle, Castle Hedingham and similar D171 NON from a Sussex operator.

BUZZ HARLOW Mercedes/Autobus Classique L768 XLK has been acquired. Mercedes/Reeve Burgess F77 SMC has been sold.

CAMBUS The Sunday service on routes 102/3 passed to C G Myall from 25.5.97.

CHARIOTS CORRINGHAM A further Volvo/Van Hool is H177 DVM.

COACHSTOP SOUTHEND Setra s250 P692 XVL is a recent addition. It seats C40FT or reduced to C32FT, when tables are fitted.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD Scania 7947 RU was formerly F947 RNV. Volvo/LAG MIL 9747 (A320 FHN) has been sold to Lee-Roy, Brentwood.

CRUSADER CLACTON LSU 113 is a further Iveco/Beulas.

DMA BRENTWOOD Volvo/Jonckhree P90, HIL 3087 (new as A312 EAJ) is a recent arrival.

DONS DUNMOW A further Dennis Javelin, M707 HBC has been acquired. This is a first for this fleet in that it has Marco Polo bodywork.

FARGO RAYNE Mercedes/Optare E872 EHK has been sold. Scania/Plaxton K500 GSM had arrived here in April, but may be a dealer loan.

FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES Freight Rover E965 VKY has been sold to Brown, Harlow.

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE Previously mentioned MGV 645V has a Bedford YMT chassis. Added to the fleet is Dennis Javelin/Neoplan N571 AWJ.

GLEW COLCHESTER Former Fargo Bedford YMP/Plaxton FAR 601T (C333 PEW) is with this operator.

GOLDEN BOY ROYDON Volvo/Van Hool BAZ 6527 (G847 RNC) has been acquired from Shearings.

HALSTEAD TRAVEL Bedford YMT/Plaxton YSV 617 (PNK 165R) is still owned.

INGATESTONE COACHES GPV 379T (new as YDO 509T) a Bedford YMT/Plaxton has been acquired.

LODGES HIGH EASTER Ex Osbornes DAF/Caetano L705/6 CNR are confirmed as being here. Leyland Tiger/Van Hool AAL 551A (ex A164 MNE) has been sold.

MASTER TRAVEL HERONGATE MCW Metrorider E640 KYW has been acquired.

NATIONAL EXPRESS Summer schedules were introduced, with effect from 19.5.97.

ROYAL MAIL A second Post Bus service based on saffron walden, commenced on 19.5.97. at 1035 from Littlebury and 1300 from Saffron Walden.

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Former Osbornes Volvo/Plaxton TJI 1670/85 have been acquired via a dealer. A further Mercedes/Devon Conversions is K145 PLP. Leyland Swift/Reeve Burgess F308 RMH has been sold. Large vehicles are now kept at Bracken Woodcraft and Highbrook, Station Road, Sible Hedingham.

S&M HADLEIGH Recently acquired from Horsham Buses is GHV 29N a Fleetline/Park Royal. Leyland Leopard/Duple Dominant bus GBO 246W is also acquired and carries Castle Point names. Acquired for spares is LJU 881V (ex LAT 255 and HRO 986V) a Bedford/Duple.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW Iveco/Carlyle F224 AKG has been acquired.

S&P ROCHFORD KIW 8606 a Ford/ Van Hool has been acquired from LC Coach Travel, Southend. Bedford YMT/Plaxton JKV 423V has been sold to Cooks, Southend.

STANS GT TOTHAM Recently acquired is H8 OVA (H620 FUT) a Bova Futura named Miss Mandy.

STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD Bristol VR's TPE 155S and YBF 682S have been withdrawn. In reply to a recent query a large number of vehicles are here for dealer stock, and do not form part of the operational fleet. Leyland Olympian/ECW coach GKE 441Y was noted here in April.

SUPREME SOUTHEND Leyland Atlantean LGA 18P has been sold, following accident damage.

TEEJAYS COLCHESTER MAN SR280 MHX 50X is a recent acquisition, as is Ford/Duple SUE 262W. Operations have moved to W. Fieldgate & Son, Warehouse 5, Haven Road, Colchester.

THURROCK COACHES The only vehicle, Bedford YMT/Plaxton XRP 60S has been sold.

TIGERWAYS HARLOW TJI 8789 a Volvo/Plaxton, for which no further details are yet known has been acquired.

TURNERS WICKHAM ST PAUL Recent additions are ILL 1953 a LAG Panoramic and G109 APC a Toyota Caetano. Freight Rover C834 NWC has been sold.

WARDS ARLESFORD Former Greater Manchester Atlantean XRJ 206S has been acquired.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Starting on 4.5.97, the company has a contract to operate between the Colchester area and the Hollywood Night Club in Ipswich.

On 13.4.97 Olympians 48 and 49 were used on a railway replacement service between Ilford and Romford, on a sub-contract from Capital Citybus. A similar arrangement was planned for 11.5.97.

On 20.4.97 all the Olympians (41, 43, and 45 to 49), Atlanteans 86 to 88 and 90, and coaches 100, 104 and 123 went to Wembley. 89 was on a private hire for Braintree Rugby club.

46 received roof damage at Flatford Mill on 24.4.97.

Green Line coach BTL 44 (C144 SPD) was borrowed from Guildford for a private hire on 7.5.97.

Take a Stagecoach in Essex

To ride in a Stagecoach in Essex is not an easy thing to do, the omnibus empire has missed this county up to present.

In the North Western part of Essex there are six routes originating in Cambridge that cross the boundary, namely the 22, 31, 102, 103, 112, X12 operated by Stagecoach Cambus.

In the South of the County, Stagecoach East London enter Essex on the 150 that terminates at the Maypole at Chigwell Row.

The County 'Heavies'

Now that County Bus is devoid of the Leyland National, having replaced them in the main with Dennis Darts. Ignoring these, the fleet contains an interesting assortment of saloons, some acquired new the remainder from various operators.

From Sovereign in 1989 came TDB61-3 F61-3 SMC - Leyland Tigers with Duple B51F bodies.

On gaining the London transport contract for the 66 service they acquired Leyland Lynx's LX251-8 H251-8 GEV. When the services of Sampson Hoddesdon were taken over two Volvo B10M Plaxton B54F saloons VPB64/5 E564/5 BNK joined the fleet.

County Bus have operated a fleet of Tiger/ECW coaches on bus routes for some years, these are now being replaced by fellow Cowie Group vehicles and to date Leyland Lynx E888/9 KYW, DAF/Ikarus J926-931 CYL and Volvo B10M/East Lancs. B855-7 UYM have joined the fleet.

Quite a mixed bag.

TED MILES REFLECTS

Looking at my diary it is interesting to recall that 4038/9 ONO59/60 Bristol K/ECW were both Clacton vehicles from new, but were permanently allocated to Harwich for Route 51 - which in theory worked right through to Tilbury Ferry, but on arrival at Colchester any through passengers would be transferred to the through car from Clacton, Route 53, which arrived at the same time, to make connections. Also I see that 3945 MPU6 was the vehicle sent to Harwich when 4038 or 4039 were not available for service.

Incidentally, 4038 ONO59 is the Bristol K that was driven overland to Australia and back, and now resides in the Lincoln Vintage Vehicle Society collection.

COWIE - COUNTY BUS & COACH

FLEET

New Vehicles

MB 939	P939 HVX	Mercedes Benz 711D	Plaxton	DP25F
MBT 865	P865 VTJ	LDV Convoy	Whitacres	B8FL
(used for ECC Dial-a-Ride)				

Acquired Vehicles

M 367	DTG 367V	MCW Metrobus	MCW	H46/27D
M372	DTG 372V	MCW Metrobus	MCW	H46/31F
VDL 185	185 CLT	Volvo B10M	Duple	C53F
	(ex E892 KYW)			
VDL 205	205 CLT	Volvo B10M	Duple	C53F
	(ex E893 KYW)			
VEL 858-61	B858-61 XYR	Volvo B10M	East Lancs	B49F
VPL 874/6	C874/6 CYX	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Paramount	C53F

Vehicles Re-registered

TPL 518 from E118 MFV to 530 MUY

TDL 37 from 530 MUY to A214 WEV (now sold) (see EBN 396)

Subsequent Movements

MB 343	E343 SWY	Matthews, Newcastle (1/97) ex Fleetmaster, Horsham
MB 701	E701 EHJ	Matthews, Newcastle (1/97) ex Fleetmaster, Horsham

Repaints

2/97	DP 545/6	K545/6 OKH	to Cowie style fleet livery (green and cream)
	LX 888	E888 KYW	to Cowie style fleet livery (green and cream)
	VEL857	B857 XYR	to Cowie style fleet livery (green and cream)
4/97	DI 926-8	J926-8 CYL	to Cowie style fleet livery (red and cream)
	DI 929	J929 CYL	to plain red and cream
	MB 45	D45 OKH	to special livery for Tesco, Borehamwood
	MB 939	P939 HVX	to all over white livery with West Anglia Great Northern Railway logos for Ware Rail Link Service

Allocation Changes to May 1997

M75	JBO 75W	Ware to Withdrawn at Ware (correction to EBN 396)
M367	DTG 367V	Grey Green to Awaiting Allocation
M372	DTG 372V	Grey Green to Grays
VDL 185	185 CLT	Cowie Leaside to Awaiting Allocation
VDL 205	205 CLT	Cowie Leaside to Awaiting Allocation
	(not VDL 201 as in EBN 396)	
VEL 858-61	B858-61 XYR	Cowie Leaside to Awaiting Allocation
VPL 874/6	C874/6 CYX	Grey Green to Leaside Travel

Publicity

A new Lea Valley timetable book dated 5th April is now available and also covers Cowie Leaside and MTL London services in the Waltham Cross area.

General

DI 926-8 have been painted in the red and cream livery with route branding for the improved 310A service (EBN 396 refers), but the route branding is different to that used by MTL London on the route. DI 926-8 have route numbers 310 and 310A (they are not used on the 310) painted in red above the door and cab but their nearside three-track route number blinds do not allow the use of the A suffix, so a card is stuck in the windscreens. The three MTL London DAFs used of the 310A have offside numbers displays and so show the A on the main blind.

The Metrobuses (M80, M372, M 474 and M782) at Grays are used primarily on school services. M372 remains in Grey Green livery with Grey Green fleetname and number.

At Ware, 12 LRs are available for just 6 workings on the 310. This has resulted in LRs appearing every day on route 331 (Hertford - Buntingford/Royston), and occasionally on minibus route 333 (Hertford Town Service, see EBN 396).

MB939 (P939 HVX) is to be used on the Ware Rail Link service on behalf of West Anglia Great Northern Railway (WAGN) and is financed by Hertfordshire County Council in an attempt to reduce car parking around Ware station. The driver will have a railway ticket machine and be able to issue tickets to WAGN rail destinations.

SERVICES

11 May	W14	Revised running time. Re-routing at Leytonstone Station and Claybury Hospital site.
2 June	M1	HCC Contract. Existing timetable replaced by a new rail link Monday-Friday peak operation. Service to connect with trains at Ware Station.
	M3	HCC Contract. Additional am peak journey.
	M4	HCC Contract. Additional pm peak journey.
7 June	W14	Minor revisions to running time following curtailment from Claybury Hospital to Woodford Bridge and re-routing at Leytonstone Station.
14 June	815	Service withdrawn from Ambercrombie Way and Southern Way and re-routed via Three Horseshoes Road and Kingsmoor Road. Terminal loop at Latton Bush shortened. Buses return from Rundells direct to Commons Road and omit Trotters Road, Southern Way and Tysea Road. Revised timetable.
21 June	333	Revision to Monday-Friday morning peak journeys.
	724	Provisional. Earlier and later journeys daily to and from Heathrow for shift changes at Heathrow Airport.
September	W14	Provisional. Revised timetable.
	66	Provisional. Revised running time. Extension to Leytonstone Station.

Allocations 27th April

209 BD-D?L(D), 235 BN-BD

Repaints

345, 364, 374, 1418.

Initial Disposals

200	C494 BHY	4.97 Hardwick(dlr), Carlton
209	C967 GCV	4.97 Hardwick(dlr), Carlton
1846	WJN 566S	4.97 Hardwick(dlr), Carlton

Service Revisions

- W13 The change in Leytonstone deferred until 11th May. From 18th April rerouted after Leytonstone Green Man as a result of new road construction, via High Road via Gainsborough Road, New Bridge, Fillebrook Road to Grove Green Road returning via Drayton Road.
- 950-61 Revisions due to commence on 10th May.
- 957 New service introduced between Hainault and Lakeside on Fridays from 18th May operating one journey in each direction.

The following service revisions are due to commence on Sunday 25th May affecting SUNDAY timetables only.

- 2 Revised timetable with some journeys operating to/from Lakeside as service 2A.
- 3B Revised timetable which will include its diversion to Canvey Newlands as service 3A.
- 11A New service operating between Sutton Cemetery and Chelmsford via Southend, Westcliff and Eastwood replacing Stephensons 33A.
- 20 Revised timetable.
- 21B This service to be revised and operate between Sutton Cemetery and Canvey Leigh Beck as service 21.
- 25A New service operating between Basildon Hospital and Sutton Cemetery 4 journeys in each direction.
- 27A Revised timetable including its diversion to Canvey Eastern Esplanade renumbered 27.
- 61 Withdrawn.

The following revisions are due to be introduced from 14th June affecting services in East London. There should be revisions effecting South Essex services but no details are available at this time.

- 2 Withdrawn mon-sat between Southend and Walthamstow. A limited Sunday service will continue.
- 151 Withdrawn between Canvey and Romford.
- 255 Withdrawn between Brentwood and Lakeside(only operated Saturdays).

- 251 Rerouted between Newbury Park and Goodmayes via King George Hospital and Barley Lane instead of Aldborough Road South and Seven Kings. Withdrawn between Romford and Basildon via Gidea Park, Brentwood and Billericay and rerouted instead via Main Road, Gallows Corner Arterial Road (route 2) to Basildon, with certain peak journeys to South Benfleet. Mon-Sat evening service hourly Walthamstow to Romford.
- 551 Increased from hourly to half-hourly (evenings hourly) Withdrawn in Brentwood from Bishop Hall Estate and journeys to Basildon via Billericay withdrawn, but rerouted after Brentwood via Herongate and Laindon (151 route) to Basildon.
- 552/3 New services Mon-Sat half hourly Romford to Harold Hill (via former 151 route) to Brentwood then 552 via former 251 (Shenfield and Billericat) to Basildon or 553 to Brentwood Bishop Hall Estate (replacing part of 551).

Late News

D755 DLO Leyland Lynx LX112TL11ZR1S, Leyland B49F new 1987
 This vehicle had been in service with London Buses and was acquired from Martin (dlr), Middlewich being delivered to Hadleigh on 8th May.
 Four Lynxes are to be acquired numbered 1430-1433.

NEW BOOK

HEYDAY OF THE BUS-POST WAR YEARS is a new book recently published by Ian Allan. The Heyday series are books of full colour illustrations following the titled theme. This edition is full of photos taken by C Carter from 1947. Although coverage is Countrywide there are a number of illustrations of local interest. In addition to the Westcliff AEC Regent on the cover, Hicks, City, Benfleet, Westcliff and Eastern National are included. Priced at just £12.99 (post free) from
 The Cliff Agency, 10 Harvard Court, Boston Avenue, Rayleigh, SS6 9ST

BOOK SALE

At the Southend Rally on Sunday 1st June I will be holding a book sale. This one off sale will feature many books at half price or less. As usual my stand will be alongside the Groups photo stand.

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