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Carrying passengers for the first time since its meticulous restoration. See Richard Delahoy's article at [EBN655pp22-24](#).
Richard Delahoy.



E20 DGE is a Toyota / Caetano Optimo new in 3/08 as BU08 E1F to Silverline. It was acquired by Lodges in 4/17 and is seen here at their garage on 25 October 2018.
Andrew Mead.

Front Cover Picture.

Contrasting with last year's cluster of half a dozen or so Enviro400 MMCs bedecked with poppies on their fronts, this year, just one bus, 6500 (SN66 WHT) has been stripped of side adverts and given one huge poppy on offside at the rear, nearside toward the front and rear. Here we see the bus in Thorpe Hall Avenue - unfortunately random sun and cloud defeated all three attempts to capture the bus in sunlight on its first day in the poppy scheme. This is probably a "rare" shot as the bus was later adorned with a different rear advert and supportive lettering as can be seen on the rear cover of this issue.

John G. Lidstone.

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We are delighted that around half the membership has already renewed for next year, thank you! If you haven't yet, please use the form enclosed with last month's magazine or see the entry on page 32 of this issue for details of the different ways to pay.

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

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The Running Card (Dates For Your Diary) compiled by Owen Woodliffe.

MID-ESSEX MEETINGS by Maurice Austin.

Quaker Meeting House, corner of Parkway and Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, less than 10 minutes walk from the Bus and Rail stations; continue along Duke Street past Civic Centre and cross to far side of Parkway. Small car park on site, other public ones nearby. Tea and coffee making facilities. Members and guests welcome. £2.00 donation towards cost of room hire, please. Doors open at 1915 for an informal chat and often impromptu slide show, with the main talk or show from **1945** to 2145.

Thursday 22 November	Alan Osborne	30 Years AGO & KSW – Poles Apart.
Thursday 13 December	Richard Delahoy	20 years ago.

2019 dates: 24 Jan, 28 Feb, 28 Mar, 25 Apr, 23 May, 27 June, 25 July, 26 Sept, 24 Oct, 28 Nov, 12 Dec.

NORTH ESSEX MEETINGS by Dave Arnold.

Downstairs room at the Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Town centre bus stops and parking are nearby. Doors open at 1915 for informal chat, and often an impromptu slide show, with the main talk or show from **1945** to 2145. **£3.00** donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome.

Friday 14 December	Gary Sharpe	tba
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A Blast From The Past.

Paul Harvey.



Thirty years ago! District Bus E962 SVP Freight Rover Sherpa Carlyle fleet number 21 in Basildon Bus Station during 1988. District Bus was purchased by Thamesway in July 1995 from British Bus.

Paul Harvey.

The Running Card (Dates For Your Diary), continued, by Owen Woodliffe.

EVENTS

Sunday 18 November
Saturday 1 December
Saturday 8 December
Sunday 9 December
Saturday 15 December
Saturday 22 December
Friday 28 December

Classic Bus & Coach. Ipswich Transport Museum.
Ensignbus Running Day. Timetables at www.ensignbus.co.uk
Christmas Cracker. Ipswich Transport Museum.
LT Country Bus Rally. Bromley mini-running Day.
Epsom & Ewell Transport Fair. Bourne Hall, Spring St Ewell KT17 1UF
Ensignbus Christmas Tour to London on Routemaster. Pre-Booked only.
Depot Discovery Tours. Acton depot.

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Trustybus have programmed Scantias YN56 NNE and NNG to display a poppy emblem alternately with route number. Scantias YN05 WKD/E/H/K and YN56 NNE have been noted with 'Lest We Forget' which flashes alternately in destination display.

Owen Woodliffe.

Model Miscellany

Michael Parsons, one of our two members resident in Canada but a one-time EN conductor and later driver at Wood Green from 1957 to 1962, sent Richard Delahoy some photos of models in his collection with his very prompt 2019 subs. renewal. We are pleased to share a few of them with other members.



Above Bristol LD Lodekka 508HTW, modelled as WG1507 complete with route branding various buses carried for the 251 service.
Below A diorama representing the EN depot at Kingsway, Dovercourt, featuring a Bedford OB coach, Bristol LS coach and bus and, with artistic licence, a more modern Olympian. Dovercourt closed in 1967 and was replaced by Harwich, now itself shut. **Michael Parsons.**



Michael's collection includes Leyland PD2 FIN205, presented as BD1123. This was one of 6 ordered by the City Coach Company but delivered to Westcliff after City had sold out to the Government. Michael passed his psv test in this bus in 1961. Another diorama shows the former City garage/bus station at Wood Green, with a selection of Lodekkas ready for duty.

Diecast Model Review of 1:76 scale Iriza i6 of Galleon Travel by Oxford Diecast.

Roger A. Smith.

Just like the buses themselves, model articles sometimes come along in bunches!

The majority of model buses and coaches from Oxford Diecast are of vehicles from the 1950s and 60s. However, they are bang up to date with their representation of the Iriza i6 integral coach. This has appeared in a number of guises and the latest incarnation should be of particular interest to readers of EBN as it is of YN15 YTP in the fleet of Galleon Travel, Roydon. The model is decorated in a graduated colour scheme and is an excellent representation of the real thing. This model will make a good addition to anyone's collection. It represents superb value at under £25 when one considers that 1:76 models from other companies can cost in the region of £50.



Top picture Off-side view.

Lower picture showing the inside.

Both pics by **Roger A. Smith.**

P655 VWX for EBN655

Robert Appleton.

NIBS P655 VWX Scania L113CRL with East Lancashire body in Duke Street, Chelmsford city centre on 21 April 2005 (but then it was just the town centre!) and opposite Fairfield Road by the exit to the old bus station. P655 VWX was new to Black Prince of Morley near Leeds in 1997. **Eds** note: many of the shops have changed but the area is still much the same.



Robert Appleton.

Stephensons of Essex, Pictorial Survey, 45 years of service, by Geoff R Mills.

Richard Delahoy.

As mentioned briefly last month, the Group has stocks of this brand new book marking the first 45 years of this respected Essex operator, who also have a base in Suffolk. Written by Geoff Mills, it has been published in conjunction with the operator. 86 pages A4, card covers. Copiously illustrated, most in colour. Includes a fleet list from the earliest days, showing vehicles used in the operational fleet (but not dealer stock sales) plus many photos of other vehicles in fleets acquired by Stephensons.

With each book we'll include a free insert of the up to date fleet list, correct to 12/10/18 and including the 29 buses of NIBS, Wickford which Stephensons acquired a few days before publication and hence which are not included in this book.

The book costs **£16.95 plus £2 P&P**, order from our Sales Officer Owen Woodliffe, details on page 1. Copies also available at Chelmsford meetings.

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From a single coach to a 100 vehicle bus fleet, during 45 years in Essex and 7 years in Suffolk.

Stephensons

by Geoff R Mills
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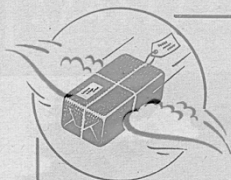
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Issued January, 1951

Parcels By Bus.

Chris Stewart.

Back in EBN625 we looked briefly at 'Parcels by Bus' - amongst some items passed across by John Rugg was this rather attractive little 1951 leaflet on the same topic.



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Service Revisions

by Paul Harvey.

(acknowledgements to LOTS, Essex, Hertfordshire & Suffolk County Councils, Omnibus Society (Eastern Branch), & Richard Delahoy).

Highlights/Lowlights of the Period:

Swallow back in the news!
First Essex fights back in Brentwood
Seasonal extras on Chelmsford P&R and around Lakeside
TfL 2 changes twice!

3 September 18

133 Abridge to Debden Park School (Sch) Swallow Buses – service back projected from Abridge to/from Ongar via Passingford Bridge. Service withdrawn from Limes Farm Estate at Chigwell and Coopers Close at Chigwell Row.

15 September 18

13, 61, 66A & 133 Swallow Coach Co services were re-registered to the new Eastern Traffic Area 0 licence after the SE Traffic Area 0 Licence was revoked from the 14th.

21 October 18

64/A Greenstead to Shrub End/St Michaels (D) First Essex – revised mid evening timetable on Monday to Saturday.
66 West Bergholt to Rowhedge (D) First Essex -
revised Monday to Friday afternoon peak period timetable to improve reliability.
67C West Bergholt to Rowhedge (Sch) First Essex – minor revisions to this schoolday service.

28 October 18

37 Brentwood to Bishop Hall Estate (D) First Essex –
Monday to Friday peak period timetable revised to provide improve frequency. (and fares reduced).

29 October 18

X15 Harwich to Colchester (M-S) Panther Travel – revision to timetable.
48 Basildon to Shenfield (Sch) NIBS –new school service replacing Blueline service 888.
888 Basildon to Shenfield (Sch) Blueline – school service withdrawn.

14 November 18

STSH Bishop Stortford Town Shuttle Service (M-F) Bishop Stortford Community Transport –
new service replacing registration operated by Bishop Stortford Minibus Trust.



An Irizar Integral of
Swallow Coaches at
Norbreck Castle
Hotel,
Blackpool
on 25 October.

Terry Challis.

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17 November 18

20 Walthamstow to Debden (D) Go Ahead London General – revision to timetable.

18 November 18

P&R Sandon Park & Ride to Chelmer Valley Park & Ride (M-S) First Essex – will operate additionally on Sundays 18 November, 2, 9 & 16 December between 0900 & 1700. Additionally, evening journeys will operate on 18 November in conjunction with the Chelmsford Christmas Lights switch on. Sunday service will only operate between Chelmsford City Centre & Sandon P&R.

10 December 18

22X Lakeside to Purfleet (M-F) Ensign Bus – two additional late-night journeys introduced from Lakeside to Purfleet until 21 December 18.
73/A Tilbury to Lakeside (D) Ensign Bus – additional Mon to Fri late night journey on service 73A from Lakeside to Tilbury introduced until 21 December 18.

31 December 18

177 West Mersea to Colchester Schools (Sch) New Horizon Travel – school service withdrawn.

22 March 2019

20 Walthamstow to Debden (D) Go Ahead London General – TfL service withdrawn and replaced by CT Plus.



Picture TfL provided a bus service from Epping during the Central Line tube-drivers' strike on 7 November. Sullivan Buses Enviro 400 E44 is at Chingford for passenger connection on London Overground service to Liverpool Street Station. **Owen Woodliffe.**

Ongoing consultations

Service 38

Harlow - Coopersale

Operated by

Community Link

Closing Date: 26 November 2018.

Service 381 operates Monday to Saturdays with financial support from Essex County Council (ECC). ECC are considering amending the Monday - Friday timetable and is carrying out a public consultation regarding this proposal.

Service 63

Colchester North Rail Station - Monkwick

Operated by

Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd

Closing Date 15 October 2018.

Service 63 (Colchester North Station to Monkwick) operates Monday to Saturdays with financial support from Essex County Council (ECC). ECC are considering withdrawing the 0658 journey only and a public consultation was carried out regarding this proposal.

Outcome

The consultation is being assessed.



Hedingham 514 (LB02 YXF), a Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini on service 89 from Great Yeldham, descending a wet Halstead Market Hill on 1 November.

Ken Coldwell.

Publicity News

by Ian Ransom.

Chambers Buses	timetable leaflets 84/A dated 21.10.18 751/2/3/4/6 dated 21.10.18
First Essex	timetable leaflets for services 57/A/B/C dated 21.10.18 61/62/A/B dated 21.10.18 64/A dated 21.10.18 66/B/174/175 dated 21.10.18 67/B/C/68 dated 21.10.18 75/A dated 21.10.18 102/3/4/6 dated 21.10.18 Brentwood Area timetable book dated 21.10.18
Fords Coaches	timetable leaflet for 105 dated 29.10.18 FC03 dated 29.10.18
NIBS	timetable leaflets for 473/4 dated September 2018
Panther Travel	timetable leaflet for X15 dated 22.10.18
Trustybus	timetable leaflets for 410 dated 21.10.18 418/B dated 21.10.18 420/A dated 21.10.18 424 dated 21.10.18



by Ian Ransom with thanks to Stephen Barham.

Acquired Vehicles

Enviro 200 YX09 FLE has been re-registered SB09 PAN, converted to single door and repainted into fleet livery, it is named Stephen.
Similar YX09 FLA has also been converted to single door and has been advertised for sale.
Primo YX07 HNP was acquired from Jones, Braintree, but was sold for scrap in October, without being used.

Vehicles Sold

BIG 9248 was re-registered to its original S303 JUA and has been sold to Hams Travel of East Sussex, in early October.
The remains of source of spares Primo L12 PPN went to Walton salvage in October.
Primos DC04 PAN (MX55 WDT) and YX55 DSE were sold to M&D Travel, Stockton-on-Tees for spares recovery, by September 2018.
Leyland Olympian/ECW coach BIG 4005 was re-registered B693 BPU and sold for preservation in October.

Central Line Replacement Service

As a result of strike action on 7 November, two vehicles were provided to assist with the requirement for additional buses, both operated 0630 – 0930 and 1630 – 1030.

Leyland Olympian/Alexander BIG 9210 (N592 BRH) operated between Stratford and Leyton on route 158.

Leyland Olympian/Leyland BIG 9249 (J114 KCW) operated between Ilford and Aldgate on route 25.

Sources own observations, and with thanks to R Appleton, S Austin, S Barham, T Clark, L Cornwell, J Gill, J Mulley, J Norris, J Podgorski, D Pretty, D Stebbing, C Stewart, R West, First Essex, East Norfolk Bus Blog, Essex Buses Google group, Bus Lists on the Web, Flickr and Terminus.

Acquired Vehicles

67755	SN62 ASO	SFD1C8AR2CGG30728	C312/5	B41F.	02/13	First Glasgow
67756	SN62 ASU	SFD1C8AR2CGG30730	C312/6	B41F.	02/13	First Glasgow
67779	SN62 AXZ	SFD1C8AR2CGG30704	C314/7	B41F.	01/13	First Scotland East
67805	SN13 CPE	SFD1C8AR2DGG30836	D303/23	B46F.	07/13	First Aberdeen

Alexander Dennis E30D / Enviro 300, 11.8m. This is a new type for First Essex.

67755 & 67756 were acquired from First Scotland East (Midland Bluebird), October 2018. Seen on 14th at Westway but moved to Colchester on 16th. Both in Urban livery, both had small "First Midland Bluebird" with f symbol fleet name above doors, but both have had the "Midland Bluebird" part removed, 67756 has had this replaced with "Essex". Both have small "First" with f symbol fleet name above driver's cab, no main fleet name on offside, advert on nearside. Both have depot stickers on nearside. 67779 was also acquired from First Scotland East (Midland Bluebird), on 1 November. It had received new First Midland Bluebird livery of royal blue with a darker blue skirt in July 2017 and has retained this livery. It had a small "First Midland Bluebird" fleet name over the doors which has been amended to "First Essex" and a Colchester depot sticker has been added but no main fleet name (offside not seen). 67805 was acquired from First Aberdeen and was seen at Colchester on 3 November. It is in Urban livery. 67755 was first reported in service on route 65 on 25 October, with 67756 on 174/175 on 29th.



The current First livery on recently acquired Alexander Dennis Enviro 300 67755 (SN62 ASO) in Stanwell Street, Colchester, on 31 October 2018, prior to working 1455 service 103 to Harwich. Contrast with the "traditional" livery shown on p14.

Robert Appleton.

Allocation Changes

BE-Braintree (used for stored vehicles); BN-Basildon; CF-Chelmsford; CR-Colchester; HH-Hadleigh; FG-First Group cascade (to / from another First company).

Period 7 2018/19 (30 September - 27 October)

33178 BN-CR, 37017 CR (out of service)-CR, 41520 CF (out of service)-Disposal, 65673 CR-FG, 65677 CR-FG, 67755 FG-CR, 67756 FG-CR, 68508 BE (out of service)-Disposal, 68509 BE (out of service)-Disposal, 68532 BE (out of service)-Disposal, 68551 CF (out of service)-Disposal

33178 was seen on route 67 on 9 October. Further to EBN651, 37017 has been repaired and is back in service.

The sale of 68508, 68509 & 68532 means that Braintree outstation has now been fully vacated by the company. They left BE between 15 & 17 October.

Disposals

41520 & 68551 to Alpha Recovery, October 2018.

65673 & 65677 to First Eastern Counties, 21 October 2018 (to Great Yarmouth for Bernard Matthews contract work in the run up to Christmas, although they have also been used on normal service). It has been reported that 65672 was due to move to FEC but broke down in Clacton on 19th, so 65673 went instead.

65678 to First Eastern Counties, 6 November 2018 (to Norwich). (65673, 65677 & 65678 are all still in Barbie livery.)

68508, 68509 & 68532 to Truck & Plant, October 2018.

Repaints

Further to EBN654, 44539 & 44540 were repainted at Westway and are mainly being used on Brentwood local route 37 (which is subject to competition from Ensignbus's route 31). By early November, both had received white on purple route branding for route 37 on cove panels.



For two nights, on 8 and 8 November from 7pm to midnight, most (but not all) First vehicles on services 21B, 27 and 28 diverted via Thames Drive, Leigh-on-Sea. This was the first time double-deckers operated until just before midnight since the conversion of services 24 and 25 to OMO back some 47 years ago. The photo shows the 'last bus of the night' Dennis Trident/Plaxton President 33073 (LN51 GOE) at 2341. If I recall, the last 25 to Highlands Boulevard of the night used to be at circa 2350. The bus is seen at speed heading up Thames Drive on the last 27 - which normally runs along London Road here - complete with poppy on its front dash.

John G. Lidstone.

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First Essex - Other Vehicle News and Workings –

Colchester

(All vehicles listed below allocated to CR)

66804 has been at Volvo Bury St Edmunds for the last couple of months awaiting a new engine. Route 62/A/B branded Volvos seen working on other routes during October: 37133 on 2A (Sunday 7th), on 88A (13th), on 70 (17th) plus on 61 on 2 November; 37134 on 1A (Sunday 14th); 37135 on 88A (Sunday 7th), on 65 (8th, 11th & 18th) on 88/A (23rd), on 61 (31st); 37136 on 103 (12th, 13th & 23rd), on 17 & pm peak 65 (17th & 19th) plus on 75 on 3 November; 37138 on 75 (12th & 16th); 37139 on 61 (16th), on 75 (22nd).

Other double deckers seen operating on routes 103/4 during October (fewer sightings than normal this month): 32068 (12th), 32477 (11th & 19th), 32478 (25th), 32480 (25th), 33078 (26th), 37009 (19th), 37010 (12th), 37020 (22nd), plus newly acquired Enviro 300s 67755 on 31 October and 67756 on 6 November.

8 Oct 66803 on 70, 66828 on 75 - last Colchester-Maldon and return

11 65678 on 70

12 62410 on 75 - last Colchester-Maldon and return, 63332 on 174/175, 63341 on 67, 65032 on 75, 65677 on 104

14 37140 attended the Carvey Bus Rally

17 63333 on 174/175

18 32068 on 65, pm peak

19 32480 on 62

26 33195 on 62

31 65678 on 103, 67756 on 97

1 Nov 33078 (on 17 bus 1 pm, then on to 62, 33088 on 17 bus 2 pm, then on to 65 pm peak, 67756 on 174/175 (and, again the next day)

3 63342 on 71

5 67755 on 71



There are still a few buses on the Colchester allocation in the original First corporate livery; e.g. 65678 (YP02 ABN) Scania L94UB/Wright Solar, in Stanwell Street, Colchester, on 31 October 2018, prior to working 1355 service 103 to Harwich.

Robert Appleton.

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First Essex - Other Vehicle News and Workings –

Chelmsford

(All vehicles listed below allocated to CF).

Sightings on school route 525: 32640 (29 October), 68520 (30th), 32485 (31st), 32484 (5 November)

8 Oct	42934 on 70, 44540 on 71
15	44597 & 66795 on 70
16	44539 on 70 (prior to receiving Route 37 branding)
18	42935 on 70
20	42557 on 70
26	Route X30 branded 67169 on 70
31	Route X30 branded 67171 on 70
1 Nov	Route X30 branded 37986 very unusual on Colchester school work, 42561 on 71
2	43848 & Route X30 branded 67165 on 71



Picture First Essex 37986 at Southway, Colchester on 1/11/18, on one of the 5xx school runs. I think this is the first time this bus has ever been to Colchester.

John Podgorski.

Basildon & Hadleigh

14 Oct HH33191 attended the Canvey Bus Rally.

General

Some vehicles have received Poppy stickers.

Panther Travel BIG 4005, new as Eastern National 4005 (B693 BPU), has been sold for private preservation in Essex after 33 and a half years of service. It moved to Thamesway with the July 1990 split and was sold to Liverbus in March 1991. When new, it was exhibited at the Southend Bus Rally in June 1985.

Clacton depot has been bought by A1 Van and Trucks Ltd, which has moved from smaller premises in Telford Road.

Vehicles In

- PN06 UBK MAN / Beaulas Cygnus C35F Acquired 10/08/18 at the retirement auction of Reynolds Coaches of Caister.
New 6/06 to Holmewood Coaches and was acquired by Reynolds in 2009.
- HTC 577 Bedford OB / Duple Visa Acquired 8/18 from private owner at Fordham, Colchester, Essex.
In a very bad condition and without seats. Therefore, its future is uncertain, it will probably be used as a donor to keep other OBs on the road.
New 6/47 to W. Robinson & Sons, Great Harwood.
- SMK 722F AEC Routemaster / PRV Acquired 9/18 from Ensign (dealer) for conversion into a cream tea bar for a very well known Essex jam maker. To be used at events in around Essex.
New 10/67 to London Transport.

Vehicles Out

- MB04 TCY MAN / Marco Polo C55F
Sold 8/18 to Acme Bus Company Ltd, Bishops Stortford. It joins sister MB04 TCZ.
- K738 ODL Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties
Sold 8/18 to private owner, Essex for preservation.
- P574 EFL Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties
Sold 9/18 to private owner, Dorset for conversion into a home.

More News

On 13 October, Andrew observed former Talisman BU13 ZUA with Angus Coaches, Ipswich. It was at Alexandra Palace attending the Knit and Stitch show. There were just under 100 coaches attending on this day. Many from Essex!



Bedford OB HTC 577 in storage at Lodges garage on the 25 October 2018.

Andrew Mead.



Volvo Olympian K738 ODL awaiting collection by its new owner. Seen in withdrawn condition in the Meadow at the rear of Lodges garage on 25 October 2018.

Andrew Mead.



I'll bet no-one knows what this is!
Just a reminder of the Group Tour in 2017, which included a visit to the Lodges museum.

Chris Stewart.

It is a 1929 Model T "Depot Hack"!

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Richard Delahoy.

Ex Abellio E200 YX10 FFC has been converted to single door as B36F and repainted into fleet livery but has not yet been allocated a fleet number and is stored.



Upper picture A nice cluster of refurbished 'sales stock' ex-Abellio E200s with the lone fleet example left to right YX10 FFK, FEH, FFG, FFH, FFC. All single-door except YX10 FFH.

John G. Lidstone.

To clarify last month's listing of the NIBS fleet, the fleet numbers shown there are the Stephensons numbers now allocated to the vehicles, not former NIBS numbers.



Lower picture Stephensons 474 (EU65 EOK), an AD Enviro 200 is climbing Market Hill, Halstead on service 38A to Halstead Colne Road.

Ken Coldwell.

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Upper picture Stephensons 413 (EU03 CFX) an AD Dart on service 30 to Beckers Green entering the Bus Park at Braintree on 1 November.
Ken Coldwell.

Lower. Stephensons DIB 5401 at Hylands Country Park, Chelmsford Essex 21/5/97 Leyland Tiger/Doyen original registration DAD 272Y.
Robert Downton.





Above Arriva Southend 6515 (SN66 WJM) at Rail Station Rayleigh 15/10/18 2016 ADL E40D/ADL Enviro 400 H75F.

Both pictures by **Robert Downton.**

Below Arriva Southend 4259 (KX13 AVF) at Rail Station Rayleigh 15/10/18 2013 Optare Versa/Optare B44F.





Arriva Southend / Harlow / Colchester.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Card, Richard Delahoy, Keith Sadler, Owen Woodliffe and Harlowride.co.uk.

Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 MMC 3106 (YX17 NME), understood last month to have joined the allocation at **Harlow**, had instead transferred to Arriva Midlands at Hinkley by 20 October.

To correct EBN653, although new to High Wycombe, 3106 reached **Harlow** from Arriva Midlands at Wigston (Leicester).

One bus each at **Southend and at Colchester** have received large poppies and appropriate lettering to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 MMC 6500 (SN66 WHT) at Southend and Alexander Dennis Dart SLF 3419 (SN54 HXF) at Colchester. 6500 initially ran in service with large poppies and lettering on the rear [see picture on the front cover of this EBN]. Additional smaller poppies and 'Arriva / Proud supporter of the Poppy Appeal' lettering was added in the run up to Remembrance Sunday, thereby replicating the treatment of 3419 at Colchester [see photo on this EBN rear cover]. 6500 was due to attend a remembrance parade in Rayleigh on 11 November (Remembrance Sunday) and then run in service after the parade (Enviro 400s are not currently used in service on Sundays).

At **Harlow**, most of the allocation have a poppy transfer affixed to the nearside lower front, an exception being Solo 1454, which is still in Network Harlow livery.



Picture

Arriva Kent and Essex 4015 (GN58 BTY) an AD Enviro 200 on the Freeport shuttle entering Braintree Bus Park on 1 November.

Ken Coldwell.

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Preservation Progress – ONO 59

by Richard Delahoy.



Last month we illustrated the debut of this former Eastern National Bristol K, when it won the award for "Best in Show" at the Showbus Rally. At the Lincoln rally/museum open day on 4 November she carried passengers for the first time since the 1960s and now sports a full set of blinds front and back following the fitment of replica ones to complement the genuine intermediate blind carried at the front. A few final details remain to be added but she looks absolutely superb and is a credit to the team at LVVS (Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Society).
Cont below

<<< picture
Driver Colin Hodgkin and Conductor Tom Deakin (an EBEG member) with ONO, having just returned from a local tour. Behind is the other major LVVS project, ex United Auto FHN833.
Richard Delahoy.

To recap, after sale by EN, ON 059 was converted to a mobile caravan in 1967 (whilst parked outside the Elms pub in Leigh on Sea, as commemorated by notices still inside the pub today) and embarked on a round the world tour, covering 120,000 miles through 20 countries, visiting India, Australia, New Zealand, Central and North America before passing to the LVVS, who used her as a support/tender vehicle for many years before she was retired, awaiting restoration to EN condition as Clacton-allocated 1327.

At the rally/open day on 4 November she was joined by another hugely significant restoration by the LVVS team, of ex United Auto ECW-bodied Bristol L FHN 833 dating from 1940.

Other Essex visitors to the transport festival included Eastern National 1516, Dave Edwards' superb Bristol REL, ex Hedingham L84, a Leopard/Willowbrook now with Black Cat Travel, NNN7M, an ex-East Midland Bristol RELH that ran in the Brentwood area in the late 1980s as part of East Midland's Frontrunner operation there, and a more modern preserved bus, ex-First Essex 65667 (SN51 UXZ), a Wrights bodied Scania now in the Yeldham Transport Collection. Oh and yes, there were quite a few EBEG members in attendance as well.



Two more vehicles with an Essex connection. Dave Edwards' Bristol RE116 outside the Museum contrasts with a Bristol RELH with similar ECW bus-shell body, NNN7M, which ran for East Midland's Frontrunner operation in the Brentwood area in the late 1980s and seen opposite Lincoln station.
Both pictures by **Richard Delahoy**.



More ONO 59!

To follow up Richard Delahoy's article on EBN655p22, these pictures show the attention to detail with the interior restoration, as well as the exterior.

Just look at that period traffic notice!

All three pictures by **Richard Delahoy**.

Mark Lloyd

With thanks to Essex-buses yahoo group, Robert Appleton, John Podgorski & Hedingham buses website.

Vehicles Withdrawn

723

W823 NNJ

Update – to Alpha recovery for scrap.

Vehicle On Hire

BU14 YNT

Ford Transit

Returned to Robertsons – end of w/c 22 October.

Allocations

262	EU58 JCI	HD to KN	2 November
584	PJ02 REU	Short loan to KN	9 October
802	YN55 PZD	KN to SY	12 October
806	YN55 PZH	KN to SY	19 October
808	YN55 PZL	SY to KN	19 October until 30 October
810	YN55 PZO	SY to KN	12 October
812	YN55 PZR	KN to SY	24 to 30 October
813	YN55 PZU	Loaned to Chambers	23 October
814	YN55 PZV	Short loan to Konect	20 October

Fleet News

911 SF04 SKE finally entered service on Clacton town services on 18 October. 521 LX05 EZD Volvo B7TL Wright was the first of the ex-London Eclipse double deckers to be seen in service, spotted on the X76 service from 25 October onwards. **Robert Appleton's** photo [below] shows 521 at Stanwell Street Colchester on 26 October about to depart. Ex London Specification blinds have given way to electronic destination equipment. Sister 525 LX05 EZH has returned from Konect on 22 October but is currently awaiting single door conversion at Clacton. 290 EX02 RYR was spotted on a 754 duty leaving Colchester for Sudbury on Saturday 3 November.



Other News

Ex L300 S300
XHK and L347
W649 FUM
attended Canvey
Bus Rally on
Sunday 14
October.

Ex L84 RGV
284N attended
the Lincolnshire
Road Transport
Museum open
day on 4
November.



Upper picture Wrightbus Demonstrator (on hire to Trustybus Harlow) SK68TNF at Two Brewers Ongar on route 420 at 0645 on 11 October 2018 Wright Streetlite DF/Wright B45F.

Robert Downton.

Lower picture Panther Travel DB09 PAN (YX09 AEV) ex Metroline Alexander Dennis Enviro 200, departing from Harwich on 0925 service 14 to Clacton on 16 October 2018. Rebuilt by Panther Travel from B29D to B36F and repainted by Mardens of Benfleet. No trace of where the second door was.

Robert Appleton.





A very unusual vehicle to observe in Ensign's covered 'dealer stock' barn is this Freightliner 'school bus truck'; basically it's a Freightliner truck high chassis, with a spartan USA-style school bus body sitting on top! With thanks to Ensignbus. **John G. Lidstone.**

Ensign Operational Museum Vehicles at 1 October 2018.

Following a query from Martin Weyell, Ian Ransom has confirmed that the ex-Jersey Leyland Titan TD1 that was on display at Lakeside last year is still in the fleet; unfortunately, it dropped off the Non-Operational list. Please add:

25. 6332 J. Leyland TD2 Leyland

It's been off road for an engine rebuild which is now being completed. Out thanks to Martin for spotting this.

News From the Campaign for Better Transport

Bus journeys hit 12 year low.

The number of bus journeys has fallen to its lowest point in 12 years, according to government statistics. Given that supported services have been reduced by more than 3,000 in the last eight years and local authority bus budgets have almost halved, this is hardly surprising. Add to this is the rising cost of bus fares and the fuel duty freeze making driving cheaper and of course less people are travelling by bus. We will continue pressing for a national bus investment strategy to start to reverse this decline and ensure local buses remain part of our national transport mix.

Buses in the Budget

The Bus Service Operators' Grant (BSOG) was under threat again this year. As the main Government revenue support for bus services, we wrote to the Chancellor to ask him to protect BSOG until more suitable long-term funding can be found to help ensure communities remain connected to jobs, education, leisure facilities and health services. He listened to our calls and BSOG remains an important piece of funding for local buses and was unchanged in this year's Budget. The Chancellor also announced support for on-demand buses in the Budget. Whilst this is welcome, it doesn't replace the need for a proper national bus investment strategy, nor replace the £172 million in local bus funding lost in the last eight years that has left some communities isolated without access to any public transport.



Mark Lloyd with thanks to Ross Newman.

Ensignbus

Dealing Stock Movements October 2018.

Vehicles in

Aintree Coaches	OU04 FMV	Dart
Coach Hire Surrey	YJ58 FFW	Van Hool
Go-Ahead London	LX05 EYR	Darts
	LT02 NUM/O/U/V/NVE/H-J	
	LT52 WUO/WUP / WUR	
	LT02 ZDR	
	LN51 DWO	
	SN51 UAO	
	LX07 BYP/LX07 BYU	E200's
	LX03 EEG	Volvo B7TL's
	LF52 ZNY	
	LG02 KHX	
	LG02 KJF	
	LF52 ZNY	
	PJ53 SOE/H/U/SPU-V	
	LX05 EZE	
	LX06 DZO	
	YN56 FDK/FEG	Scania's
	PN09 ENM/EKX/EKT/EMX/EKY/ EKR/EKU/EKW/ENL/ENK	
	PO59 KFX	
	YR58 SNY/SN	
	YP58 UFV	
	SN03 WMK	Dart

Metroline	LK04 UWU/V/X/Y/Z /UXA/C-F/H LK54 FWF/G	Volvo B7TL's
Swallow Coaches	LK53 FDF / FDC	Darts
Wealden PSV	T402/3 SMV	Tridents
Whealers Travel	YX11 HNT	Enviro 200

Vehicles Out

A2B buses, Cambridge	LT02 NVJ	Dart
Als Coaches, Liverpool	YR58 SNY / SNZ YP58 UFV K06 DZE	Scania's Volvo B7TL
ACME Buses , Bishops Stortford, Essex	YN55 NLA/NKS/U/NLK	Scania's
Bear Buses, Feltham, Middx.	LX06 FAA	Dart
Connexions Buses, Harrogate.	YN53 RYF	Scania
Delaine Buses, Bourne, Lincs	LJ04 YXA	Volvo B7TL
Goodwins Coaches, Manchester	LX06 DZG	Volvo B7TL
Lothian Buses	LX11 CVY/CVW	Volvo B9TL's
Nu-Venture, Maidstone	LX05 EYR	Dart
Red Route Buses, Northfleet	LX06 EYT	Dart
SK Coaches, Southall	YJ58 FFW	Van Hool
Whealers Travel, Southampton	YN53 RYD/RZD	Scanias



For caption see EBN655p29. **Robert Downton.** EBN655p28

Robert Downton.

Other Operators.

Roger A. Smith.

With thanks to the PSV Circle.

APT Coaches, Rayleigh

BMC 850, C53F, registration BX08 EZR is gone from here.

Acme Bus, Molehill Green

R925 RAU, Plaxton B40F bodied Dennis Dart SLF is no longer here.

Ashby, Abridge

Recently acquired is BF61 HBL, a Mercedes Benz C53F Tourismo, previously with Bliss, Victoria, London. This vehicle has been re-registered as SIL 474.

Bone, (Tendring Travel), Thorpe-le-Soken

Setra S315-GT-HD, registration LSU 788 (ex-W2 SET) has been re-registered as W973 UAR.

Flagfinders, Braintree

This operator's Vehicle Allocation has been increased from 30 to 39 and an additional operating centre is given as 14, Station Road, Kelvedon CO5 9NP, formerly the address for Grahams Coaches. Flagfinders have acquired Grahams fleet and additionally, two East Lancs H51/39F Scania N94UDs, registrations YN07 EYP and YN07 EYT are here, ex-Nottingham City Transport.

Kirby's Coaches, Rayleigh

Former Talisman, Great Bromley Setra S315GT-HD, registration T259 GON (ex-TSU 182) is now here.

New Horizon, Frating

Recently arrived here is HF54 HGY, a Volvo B7RLE with Wright B40F bodywork, formerly with Go South Coast whilst Van Hool C49FT bodied Volvo B12M, registration FJ03 AAZ has gone to Plaxton, Anston (dealers).

Nicholls, Wickford

Plaxton C46FT bodied Volvo B10M, registration N46 MDW has gone from here to Graham, Orpington, Greater London.



Picture Remember that long-hot summer? Here, we see Lodge of High Easter's Setra S416GFHD, reg. JW10 DGE (formerly BV10 ZJX), unloading passengers at Ely Cathedral for the Flower Festival.

Roger A. Smith.

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Letters

Nigel Turner from Panfield

I've had a quick look at the puzzle you set in this month's EBN and reckon the list must date from between September 1955 when Service 12 was renumbered 35 and 9 June 1957 when Service 11A started.

Last Month's Puzzle.

Robin Jenkinson from Rickinghall Superior

LEV 919.

In EBN654p22 mentions the days when LEV 919 still had a roof on and I wondered whether the enclosed picture would be of interest. I photographed it on service 26 at Leigh Beck, Canvey Island in 1958 (and I cannot believe it was 60 years ago!). It was a fantastic time on Canvey Island, the ex-Canvey and Benfleet Daimlers had all gone and had been replaced by Leyland PD1s. The ex-City ones with Beadle, Alexander and Roberts bodies and the original ENOC ones with ECW bodies. Not a Bristol in sight!



Picture Former City Coach Company Beadle-bodied Leyland PD1, LEV 919 as Eastern National 1110, with roof seen on Leigh Beck, Canvey Island on 28 December 1958. Note the CY garage plate! Note, too the fixed radiator baffle plate -it must have been cold on Canvey!
Robin Jenkinson.

Roger A. Smith from Witham

Query Corner

On the weekend of 12 to 15 October, Mr & Mrs Smith went to North Wales on a trip organised by "JustGo". Transport was by NH11 STH, a Setra S415GT-HD, formerly fleet number 365 in the National Holidays fleet. This coach was plain white with no lettering whatsoever. Does anyone know who now owns this vehicle?

Martin Weyell

Green Modern "RM" & Lincoln Running Day.

[in response to a request for information from The Editor – many thanks]

The Borismaster is Arriva's LT 2 -it is painted in what is supposed to be LT country area green but is the wrong shade- too light, my memory suggests that country area green was darker. It has been around for a couple of years now and is normally on the 38. Have just got back from a weekend at the LVVS running day at Lincoln. Had a ride on ONO 59 the round the world K - superbly restored. Richard Delahoy was there - he did a day trip there from Thorpe Bay - he has more stamina than me! - If you have never been to the LVVS open day I can recommend it - there are 2 per year, Easter Sunday and the first Sunday in November.



Following on from the articles on the Dragoman bus in the last two months EBN, **Dominic Lund-Conlon** spotted the dramatic vehicle on the A12 on Friday 12 October, presumably on a test run or on delivery. Mark Lloyd writes "I am impressed to see one of our builds in traffic and for a colleague to have obviously read the magazine and recognised the vehicle. That is great. Thanks for the feedback. Incidentally, your Editor shared a copy of EBN654, October 2018 with a former First Essex bus driver recently – he, too, was greatly impressed by the vehicle and had a hundred and one questions about it – which I could not answer!

Membership renewals

Richard Delahoy.

Further to Richard's note in EBN655p1, we reproduce the ways which you can renew your membership.

With EBN654, all paying members had a renewal slip to continue their membership for 2019. We are delighted to announce that subs have been held at £21 for another year and we hope you'll agree that this represents excellent value for 12 copies of our 36-page magazine with its mix of current news and historical features, delivered direct to your door. This year we are again offering the option to pay by BACS and we hope many members will find this useful, as well as being easier for us!

You can renew by paying £21 in one of four ways:

- 1) Return the slip with your payment by cheque or postal order payable to EBEG;
- 2) Pay by direct bank transfer (BACS) to Santander a/c 09-06-66, 42118196 - please quote your full name as a reference;
- 3) Pay by PayPal to admin@signal-training.com;
- 4) Pay in cash at one of our meetings.

To clarify the bank option (2), this can only be done through on-line or app access to your account, you cannot go into a branch of Santander to make the payment. Overseas members are asked to e-mail to check the appropriate price.

We do hope you'll continue to support the Group and look forward to receiving your renewal! But if for any reason you do not plan to renew, could you please let the membership secretary know (details on page 1) so we don't waste time sending reminders.

Target Dates for EBN656 (December 2018).

Before ...	Saturday	1 December 2018	Reports to Sub-Editors.	
Before ---	Saturday	8 December 2018	Sub-Editor drafts to Editor.	
On or before ...	Monday	17 December 2018	Dispatch by Printers.	EBN655p32

London

Green Liveries



Top picture

Due to closure of the Central Line between Loughton and Bethnal Green on the weekend of the Reshaping & Beyond event, route 339 to Epping was extended over the route of former Green Line 718 to Chingford, where RCL 2260 is seen.

Owen Woodliffe.



Middle picture

A surprise vehicle at the event was AEC Reliance SMA8, diverted to London Country to replace the ageing RF's on Green Line route. Driven by Roger Wright, it is at Theydon Bois.

Owen Woodliffe.



Lower picture

By way of a Contrast!

"Modern Routemaster"

Arriva's LT2 on Shaftesbury Avenue going onto Piccadilly Circus early evening 14 October. See letters page.

Peter Austin.



Lest We Forget Poppy Day 100

Top picture

On the first day (2 Nov) that special 100-years poppy decorations were applied to First Essex (Hadleigh), one of the first to appear in service was on smart Dennis Trident / Plaxton President 33074 (LN51 G0H) on route 26. I gather the entire allocation is to be treated.

John G. Lidstone.



Middle picture

Trustybus Scania YN05 WKD/E/H/K and YN56 NNE have been noted with 'Lest We Forget' which flashes alternately in destination display. Seen in Harlow Bus Station on 8 Nov.

Owen Woodliffe.



Lower picture

First day in service (8 Nov) for Arriva Kent Thameside (Southend) Alexander Dennis Enviro400 MMC 6500 (SN66 WHT) with its poppy livery now completed with vinyl lettering on the sides of the upper saloon.

John G. Lidstone.

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