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60 Years Ago: In 1944, Eastern National received Bristol K5G, 3885 (JWV 430) with prototype ECW body. Here it is as 1274, in Maldon yard, next to SC 445, and with a line of delicensed coaches in the background. 1274 (as 2201) was withdrawn exactly 40 years ago and, happily, is now preserved.

Arnold Richardson/Photobus

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Dates for your diary

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Venue: **Pullman Suite, Freight House, Rochford, 19.30 onwards:**

- ▶ Tuesday **July 13** - "Model buses" ~ bring along models from your collection !
- ▶ Tuesday **September 14** - to be advised

COLCHESTER MEETINGS

In response to requests, meetings have now been arranged at the **Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester: 20.00 to 22.00** (doors open at **19.30**). 50p nominal charge. The venue is in the town centre, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Main bus stops are nearby; there is an adjacent car park (£1.50 after 19.00). No refreshments are provided, unless a volunteer would like to be 'mum' and bring coffee, milk, etc. (kitchen facilities are available). The programme has yet to be finalised, but dates booked are:

- ▶ Friday **September 10**
- ▶ Friday **October 8**
- ▶ Friday **November 12**
- ▶ Friday **December 12** (?)

Can **YOU** present a slide show or talk, and help make this venture a success? Also, can any local member lend a slide projector? Please contact:

Dave Arnold - tel. 01621 857509 email: david@arnold1.fsnet.co.uk

TOURS

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

RALLIES, OPEN & RUNNING DAYS etc.

- ▶ Sunday **June 27** - **North Weald Bus Rally** - "50 Years of the Routemaster".
- ▶ Saturday/Sunday **July 24/5** - **50 Years of the Routemaster** - Finsbury Park - gathering of Routemasters, free bus services, procession of vintage LT buses, stalls etc. ~ www.routemaster50.org.uk

NORTH NORFOLK COACH TOUR ~ 3 July

Visiting **KENZIES, NORFOLK GREEN, KONECT BUS** and **SANDERS of HOLT**, with lunch-stop at **KINGS LYNN**.

Some seats are still available, but please book **NOW** to be sure of taking part in this tour.



Fare £18

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Andy Meadows

Graham Huggins' report of the Evening Tour to Talisman Coachlines is on page 16. The tour was a great success, raising £130 in aid of the Disabled Photographers' Society, of which Andy was a member. Thanks are due to Dave Arnold for organisation and to Terry & Paul of Talisman for providing the transport free of charge.

Cath Farrow of the Society wrote to Alan Osborne to acknowledge the donation and explained that the Society provides aids such as wheelchair clamps and other adaptations to enable members to enjoy their hobby more fully. Thus, the money will be put to good use. She also enclosed the following obituary which appeared in the Spring edition of the Society's magazine:

OBITUARY ~ ANDY MEADOWS

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of our friend Andy Meadows. Andy was a member of long standing and came to all the early DPS Weekends until his health declined and he was no longer able to travel. Andy was always cheerful despite his disability, and particularly when talking about his beloved buses (he had been a bus driver in the days before his ataxia became severe). He enjoyed his photography and was always cheeky to the models in the studio shoots and enjoyed a beer or two afterwards. His humour was infectious and he liked to tell a joke, often laughing before he told the punch-line. We will miss him.

Mike Birbeck

From the Editor ...

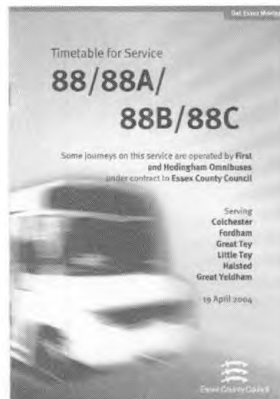
Wanted - Publicity Sub-Editor: The idea of regularly recording publicity items - timetables, maps etc has again come up. Ian Taylor, who provides the annual review of material issued by the smaller operators cannot undertake it, although he would be willing to help with the small firms. Is there someone who could keep tabs on First, Arriva and Essex County Council publicity items and write a periodic (not necessarily monthly), column? If so, please contact me:

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Wanted - Photographs: We always need photographs for EBN but, with some honourable exceptions, few members send any in. YOUR photographs are welcome AND essential - whether topical or historical, three-quarter view or pictorial, colour or monochrome. Prints, slides, negatives and digital images (in JPG format) can all be used, as long as they are sharp and reasonably exposed. A note of the location and date is helpful, and of the copyright holder, if it is not yourself.

I can only predict dire consequences if the shortage of suitable pix continues - I shall have to dig out even more of MY shots and use *them* ! You have been warned !

David Harman



Essex Service Changes

The **Locallinks** collapse: summary and corrections to *EBN481*:

All Locallinks services were withdrawn after **7 April**. Services are believed to have been: 1, 19, 38, X38, 39, 47, 146, 147, 200, 201, 203, 319, 347, 410, 446, 502, 503.

The **38/9** were being operated by Centra by 10 April (but passed to Stephensons from 19 April). Can the following other changes be confirmed as at the dates quoted by Essex County Council in their monthly Bus Passenger News?

8 April

- 1 Takeley - Saffron Walden. Operator now *Centra*.
- 19 Farnham Green - Bishops Stortford Operator now *Centra*.
- 47/146/147 Ongar/Toot Hill -Harlow /Hatfield Heath. Operator now *Centra*.
- 347 Hatfield Broad Oak - Harlow. Operator now *Centra*.
- 502 Waltham Cross - Romford. Operator now *Centra* and revised to operate between Loughton and Romford only.
- 503 Harlow - Waltham Cross. Withdrawn.

11 April

- 200/201/203 Harlow /Ongar - Buckhurst Hill/Debden. Operator now *Centra*.

19 April (not May as shown in *EBN481*)

- 38/39 (*Stephensons of Essex*) Witham Town Services. New services to partly replace *Centra* short-term licences. [confirmed]
- 319 Great Dunmow - Bishops Stortford. Operator now *Centra*.
- 410 Harlow - Stansted. Operator now *Centra*.
- 446 Manuden - Saffron Walden. Operator now *Four Counties*.

Acknowledgements to *Andrew Sugden* and *Dave Stewart* (LOTS). DRH



FIRST ESSEX

Vehicles into the fleet

- 5.04 Scania/Wright **62406/7** (YS03ZKA/B) from *First Hampshire & Dorset*.

Disposals

- 30043 and 34707 remain in use with First Essex at present

Allocation changes (period ending 23 May 2004) - none

Repaints (to 'Barbie 2')

- p/e 23 May: 51809 51808 46819 46802 46107 46815 34811 34315 34307

These may be the last repaints into 'Barbie 2', as a further revised livery is understood to be on its way. At Colchester, only 20110, 67001/3-8 and 90244 are in non-'Barbie' liveries; 34315 was the last green and yellow double decker at CR.

VEHICLE WORKINGS

Chelmsford-Shenfield rail replacement log (contract finished 16th May)

9th May: CN34280 CN34282 CR34290 CF34810 CF34812 BE34818 CN67010
NIBS 603 604 *Stephensons* TSO15X *Chambers* W87HRT

16th May: CR34056 CN34284 CR34301 CR34304 CF34816 BE34818 CF52580
BN65665 NIBS 245 601 603 *Stephensons* B248NVN *Chambers* W124JDX

Unusual sightings:

- May 8th 34707 on Diamond, 11.40 and 14.40 ex Chelmsford (not via Battlesbridge - see EBN481 - but note it is the river bridge which is blocked not the railway bridge)
- 10th BN46183 on 100, BN65674 on 860/81 (Brentwood)
- 15th Lynx BN62510 and BN62518 on LUL replacement Newbury Park-Grange Hill (via low bridge at Fairlop), on loan to First London - BN62510 later became defective and was replaced by HH62517
- 16th CF42483 on 36
- 17th HH62517 on 22
- 18th CF34814 on Diamond (12.40 ex Chelmsford, 14.00 ex Southend)
- 19th CF42482 on 42 (branded for 352)
- 20th CF46824 on 352
- 23rd CF43729 on 352 (Diamond branding)
- 25th CR67006 on 78 (20.45 to General Hospital et seq)
- 26th CF51462 on 54 (displaying 'North Springfield')
- 27th CF42489 on 352 (branded for 36)
- 28th HH34811 on 2/25
- 31st Disposal listed 30043 & 34707 working from CF, along with float 34660



First minis/midis: On Chelmsford Overground brown line 50, in March 2004: Solo 519 (now 53119). *Chris Stewart*

June 1st CF34814 on Diamond
4th BN51804 on 82
CF43732 (Diamond) on 42

Other vehicle news

Heritage fleet VR 38790 (KOO790V) was at BN for PCV testing at the time of writing, following which it is expected to be repainted. *First Devon & Cornwall's* VRs have once again defied extinction, a considerable number (including former Essex examples) remaining in service after the 29th May service changes - but cascaded vehicles currently are arriving.

Volvo Olympian 34303 is currently at Volvo Bus for repairs to accident damage, with Dart 47105 also out of use with what is believed to be a cracked chassis.

Ex Stagecoach Olympian 34014 entered service on 25th May, working the afternoon 69 and then the 16.15 88B but became defective and was exchanged for Lance 67005 on the 17.45 to Halstead. Olympians 34011-4/8/56 have UPPER CASE lettering programmed on their 'Hanover' illuminated destination displays, but 34280 now has mixed upper and lower case with a scrolling display similar to the Scantias.

The three London Routemasters marked for Slovakia have now departed from CN disposal yard, leaving RML2352, 2369 and 2476. On 2nd June they were joined by First London Metrobus trainer M1338 (C338BUV). Van Hool integral G841PNW (Sema number 67999), intended as a computer classroom at BN, was also moved to CN for disposal on 20th May.

Dart/Alexander 2904 was still not carrying its 'Sema' number (47252) in late May.

Sources: Own observations plus many thanks to S Coates, D Edwards, M Farmer, N Field, P Mansbridge, P Rowden, C Sigston, J Salmon, P Snell, D Stewart, A Toms, R Webb, R Whitley, Essex Bus and South West y-groups, *First Essex*, PSV Circle, *Terminus*
Chris Stewart



In contrast, one of the small number of *First* buses still in non-Barbie schemes: Mercedes 51469 in Brentwood High Street on local 73A, March 2004. *Chris Stewart*

ARRIVA SOUTHERN COUNTIES LTD.

Southend

Branded vehicles

The application of branding to vehicles following the network re-launch of October 2003 is nearing completion. Below is a list of the branded vehicles including details of the route they are branded for and therefore the colour of the branding:

Route 1	(red)	5273/4/6/8, 5286/8, 5416/9
Route 5	(royal blue)	3222/4/5
Route 7/8	(orange)	3379, 3382-4, 5434-42
Route 9	(mid green)	3387/91-7

Since October 2003, vehicle types have been allocated to routes on Mondays to Saturdays as follows:

1 – Dominator/Olympian	9 – Dart SLF + <i>Trident</i>
4/14 – Dart	13 – Dart/Vario
5 – Dart SLF	29 – Dart/Olympian
6 – Vario	60 – Dart/Vario
7/8 – Lance/Trident	



Route 1 (red) branding on Olympian 5419. *David Harman*

Unusual Workings:

May 12	2193 on 9 replacing failed 3395
	5399 on 8 and 5273 on 7
June 1	5437 on 5 and 3381 on 4A
4	5395 on 6 and 3370 on 9

Vehicle News

Volvo Olympian 5416 (N706 TPK) now carries an all-over rear end advertisement for 'one' account, therefore joining 5418 which carries a 'mega-rear' for Little Changes of Leigh-on-sea.

5417, which suffered an engine fire in April, had returned to service by at least 1st June.

Colchester

3343 (H253 GEV) is presently on hire to Arriva Medway Towns covering for Dart SLF's being refurbished in preparation for a complete revamp of the Medway network from 14 June. The Dart/Northern Counties 3154 (L154 YVK) briefly at Southend (see *EBN* 479) is also being used for this purpose, alongside others from the same batch borrowed from Arriva Kent Thameside.



Arriva Colchester 3343 (H253 GEV) ascends the ramp up to the Pentagon Bus Station at Chatham on 29 May. *David Harman*

ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX LTD.

Mercedes/Ar 2226 (M454 HPG) and DAF/Optare 3328 (G621 YMG) are both parked up at Arriva the Shires, Stevenage depot on 2/6 awaiting disposal or conversion to trainer respectively

Dart SLF/EL 3174 (P674 OPP) was on the 322 (Old Harlow – Saffron Walden) on 25th May (usually a "K" plated Dart).

Subsequent histories

2098 (M158 RBH), 2348/9 (M728/9 UTW): dismantled for spares by Olympian, Harlow (EX) by 5/04

2351 (M731 AOO): Holloways, Willenhall (Q) by 4/04 ex Olympian, Harlow (EX)

5367 (GYE 508W): Ensign, Purfleet (Q) by 2/04 ex Guide Friday (WK) 108; Shannon, Manchester (XGM) 2/04, for use as a playbus

LATEST VEHICLE MOVEMENTS

VEHICLES IN *from*

Aintree Coachlines:
Arriva London:
Go Ahead North East:

H.A.D Coaches:
Locallink, Stansted:
London Central / General:

Metroline:

Stagecoach East:

Stagecoach South:
Stagecoach Wales:

Warrington Transport:

Olympian E217WBG.
Olympian L41/78/229/49.
Metrobus A635/46BCN.
Olympian B735/44GCN, C656LJR.
National 2 UPT672/83V, TJR715/9/21Y.
Olympian A730/1FYS.
Greenway IIL4821.
Dennis Dart LDP22/3.
Routemaster RML2279/2440.
Volvo Olympian AV8, NV19/39.
Titan T1060 [this is the last T owned by LC/LG].
Dennis Dart DR93/4.
MCW Metrobus M1080/1/1425/8.
Routemaster RM1348/1799 [not for resale].
Dennis Dart K707/8PCN, L454/5YNL.
Olympian A546HAC, A681/3KDV, A561KWY.
Titan NUW584/90Y, A830SUL, B96/117WUV.
Volvo B6 L414/7/8JBD, L422MVV, L455/6YAC.
Dennis Dart J516/33GCD.
Dennis Dart K984/90/3/5CBO.
Volvo B6 L834/6CDG, L79CWO, L702/4 /7/10FWO, M78HBB.
Olympian A486HKB.

VEHICLES OUT *to*

2Travel Group, Swansea:

Ayrways, Ayr:
B & J Travel,
 Chadwell-St-Mary, Essex:
Barker bus, Harlow, Essex:
Big Bus Co, London:
Bretagne Zoo, France:
British Bus Sales,
 San Diego, Ca, USA:

CL Travel, Cambs:
Carousel Buses,
 High Wycombe, Bucks:
Centra Passenger Services,
 Heathrow, Middx:

Olympian D177/202FYM.
Volvo B6 L79CWO, L702/4/10FWO, L4147JBD, L422MVV, M78HBB.
National 2 UPT672/83V, TJR715/21Y.
Metrobus M1385.
Olympian ARP606X.
Titan T1060.
Routemaster RML2415.
Atlantean WRH294J,
Routemaster RML2381.
Olympian A592NWX.
Metrobus M1092/1100/1101.
Olympian M82/3MYM.

Chambers, Bures, Suffolk:
 Mr S Clark, Sofia, Bulgaria:
 Clegg & Brooking, Middle Wallop:
 Dons Coaches, Dunmow:
 Eastonways, Ramsgate, Kent:
 Glenvale Transport:
 Herman Transport,
 Zwota, Germany:
 Hunts Coaches, Lincs:
 Johnsons Coaches,
 Hodthorpe:

Mary Kelly, Dublin:
 Liverpool City Coaches:
 Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber,
 Somerset:
 McKindless Coaches, Wishaw:
 Pauls Travel, Huddersfield:
 Puzzle Pub, Earlsfield, SW18:
 Red Route, Northfleet, Kent:
 S & A Produce, Hereford:
 S & M Coaches, Benfleet, Essex:
 Springfield Coaches, Wigan:
 Swanbrook, Cheltenham, Glos:
 Transit Group, Stansted, Essex:
 Whippet Coaches, Cambs:
 Wiltax Buses, Surrey:

Olympian M81MYM.
 Metrobus M1055. Routemaster RML2397.
 Dublin Olympian H97PVW [90-D-1094].
 Olympian A486HKB.
 Metrobus A640BCN.
 Dennis Dart K707/8PCN. J516/33GCD.

Metrobus M726.
 Volvo B6 M733BSJ.

Olympian B735/6/44GCN, C332HWJ,
 C656LJR.

Metrobus E754UKR.
 Olympian E217WBG.

Routemaster RML890.
 LDP22/3.

Dennis Dart L754JNL.
 Metrobus M1308 [childrens playbus].

National 2 TJR719Y.
 National 2 FTN703W.

Olympian ARP608X, A323AKU.
 Volvo B6 L707FWO, L418JBD.

Dublin Olympian H137PVW [90-D-1095].
 Volvo B6 L237CCW, M843EMW.

Volvo B6 L455/6YAC.
 Metrobus M429,1428.

Dave Arnold, with thanks to Ross Newman, Ensignbus

OPERATING FLEET

Acquired:

ex-London Central NV13

113 (N413 JBV) Volvo Olympian Northern Counties H43/30F new 1995

ex-London Central AV9

164 (M264 SGY) Volvo Olympian Alexander H45/29F new 1995

ex-Stagecoach United Counties 30554

754 (L454 YAC) Volvo B6 Alexander B40F new 1994

113 and 754 are in green and cream South Eastern Trains livery; 164 is in normal blue/silver. 113, which has route branding for the X80/90, is a demonstrator for potential buyers of other similar examples. It cannot be used on the Higham-Strood rail replacement service because of low bridges. *LOTS/David Harman*

The acquisition of Volvo Olympian/Northern Counties P913 RYO for the operating fleet and repaint into SET livery was reported in *EBN 481*. Is this correct?

2004 Southend Bus Rally Album



Routemaster contrasts: An RM from the premier Routemaster operator alongside one from the London fleet. Southend 122 (VLT 44) and LT RM1138 (138 CLT).



675 OCV: The sort of coach that, thirty years ago, wouldn't have merited a second glance in a Southend coach park - a Bedford SB with Duple Super Vega body. Would OCV's original operator, Crimson Coaches, have offered day excursions to Southend from their home base of St Ives in Cornwall? Probably not!



All together, now ... aaahh !!!

A Classic Bus: ENOC 1516

(FWC 439H) - 1969 Bristol RE/ECW.



Southend Routemaster detail

Mr MacGregor's superb
Gt.Yarmouth 66 (EX 6566) - a 1949
Leyland PD2/1 with Leyland body.
Another Classic Bus.





Volvo B7TL contrasts: Heddingham's magnificent L330 (EU53 MVZ) with Transbus body. The variation in window shapes on the lower-deck is noteworthy, with just two out of six being identical. Equally impressive is **Delaine's** 139 (AD04 DCT) with East Lancs Vyking body. On the rear, traditional fleetname meets web-address plus routes and frequencies - common-sense marketing.





The back of a bus (or coach).

left:

How it used to be done: Traditional signwriting on Don's of Dunmow's Bedford VAS/Plaxton ETC 760B.

below:

First line-up: ex-First Capital Dart 41017, Olympian 34811 and Solo 53116.

Arriva line-up: Olympians ex-Colchester 5407, ex-Arriva London 5387, and ex-Southend 5419.

First score slightly more points by (mostly) utilising the back to promote their branded routes to other road users.

All pictures: David Harman



Evening Tour to Talisman Coachlines ~ 11 May

By kind invitation of Paul and Terry Smith, around 26 Group members and friends assembled at Colchester North station on a rather chilly evening to await arrival of Talisman's former Colchester Borough Transport Leyland Atlantean, YNO 77S. This vehicle is now in Colchester Sightseeing livery, converted to open-top and was to provide our transport to Talisman's Great Bromley premises. Talisman had also kindly arranged to bring RVW 90W, in CBT livery, to the station for photographic purposes and the cameras were busy.

The hardier souls amongst us occupied the top deck as 77, followed by 90, headed down the A133 and onto the old A604 to Great Bromley. Here we found an interesting array of Talisman's fleet of Setra coaches, present were former Eastern National Mercedes mini-buses K633/4/40 GVX (633/4 in Phoenix livery), M85/7 MYM former London General Olympians and H643 PTW originally Dublin bus. YNO 78S

Talisman's second open-top vehicle, was in the workshops still in C B T livery.

After a pleasant half-hour or so we boarded Talisman's DAF coach YJN 455S, preserved in Crusader livery for a run to Clacton where the vehicle was posed on the forecourt of Crusader's modern premises. A circuitous return route then took us past Heddingham's and First Essex's Clacton depots, then we found Colchester Coaches XPG 184T, a former London Country Leyland Atlantean in the town centre.

A swift run back to Great Bromley ensued, where we transferred to M85 MYM which took us back to Colchester Station.

Our thanks go to Talisman Coachlines for a enjoyable evening and it is pleasing to record that the sum of £130.00 was raised to go the Disabled Photographers Society, this being in memory of Andy Meadows, our late member, who sadly died last December.

Richard Huggins



Classic coach: Preserved ex-Staines Crusader Coaches DAF/Plaxton YJN 455S positively gleams as it stands in the Talisman yard. *Dave Arnold*



Also immaculate is preserved ex-Colchester Atlantean 90 (RVW 90W), seen here at the North Station. 90 needs a full set of pukka CBT blinds. If anyone can help, Terry and Paul (01206 210263) would be pleased to hear from you. *Dave Arnold*



Former London Central Olympian/ Alexander Royales M85/7 MYM. *Dave Arnold*

40-plus years of Group Tours

I was very interested to see the photo of XTW 152 outside the ex-Wright outstation on the back cover of *EBN481* as I took the photo.

In those days, Essex area tours always took place in November, January or February and this one was on 19 January 1964. It visited Biss Bros, Heddingham (they only had one depot then) plus EN at BD, BE CF and HD. The problem with doing tours at that time of the year is the weather; the murk can be seen in the background, and on the coach in the form of dirt. This was tour no.9. The very first tour was on 12 November 1961 using Leyland PSU1 Royal Tiger 133 (FJN 216), and visited six EN depots and Colchester

Corporation. The tour in the photo was the last one to run via Tilbury Ferry to pick up and set down Kent area passengers - after that tours started from Pancras Road, Kings Cross.

I still have a list of all the tours run by the Group under, firstly Alan's and then, my stewardship. There was no number 13 - presumably superstition, no number 19 - I'm not sure if 19 was given to an idea that did not run or whether Alan lost count! Later on, there were two tours numbered 23 to even things out: one, an excursion to Clacton in ex-Moores' Commer 102; the other the Group's first ever weekend tour to Exeter and Plymouth.

Alan and my tour organising days came



A visit to Osborne's: HLX 222 at the original, rustic Tollesbury depot. The former RT405 was the first of five RT family buses in the Osborne fleet, arriving in February 1958 and staying until September 1967. Date of tour is uncertain. No doubt, someone, maybe the youthful member standing by the rear of what looks like Bridgemaister 80 WMH, can say.

Martin Weyell

to an end with tour no. 70 on 26 July 1987 when we ran Stagecoach East London T3 to the Cambus depots at Cambridge and Peterborough. Group member Dave Tidy did the driving. By then attendance levels

had fallen to such levels that it was not considered worth organising any more. There was a gap of a number of years before tours restarted under new management.

Martin Weyell



A visit to Ensign's: Ex-London buses and/or inclement weather still occasionally feature on Group Tours. Ensignbus RCL2220 was snapped on the May 2003 Tour, with the mother of all depot puddles in the foreground. The Met Office forecast was "rain later". As those who went on the tour will recall, this was by no means inaccurate. *David Harman*

The principle of running tours only in the winter months seems a strange one, but *Alan Osborne* provides an explanation.

The tours generally/(always ?) included visits to ENOC depots and transport was in an ENOC coach. The winter was a slack time for coaching but the spring, summer and autumn were not and a spare coach and driver would not always be available. The depots were also far busier in the warmer months, and probably for this reason, the Chief Engineer was not keen on visits then.

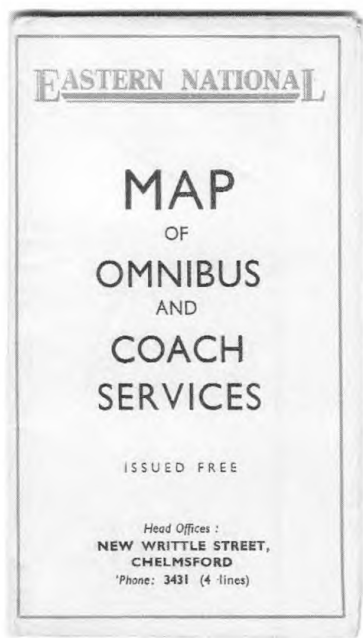
This could have been partly got

around if a coach were hired from what was then termed an "independent" operator. However, this would present problems at ENOC depots and getting buses moved for photography. The ENOC coach driver could obviously do that; an independent's coach driver couldn't.

The omission of tour no.19 came about through something that is fortunately rare nowadays. When the day of the tour approached, there were plenty of buses at the depots but none on the road - ENOC crews were on strike !

David Harman

The Eastern National Map of Omnibus and Coach Services



1957/58. It is likely that production ceased with the 1964 edition as the company timetable books were produced by Dyson Bros of Peterborough rather than Index Publishers from 1965 onwards, although no one is credited on any of these maps.

All codes are prefixed E.N.A.D.

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(a) 'Westcliff-on-Sea' is included on front cover

(b) Cover dated January, 1955.

'Incorporating The Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services, Ltd. Hicks Bros., Ltd.' also shown on cover.

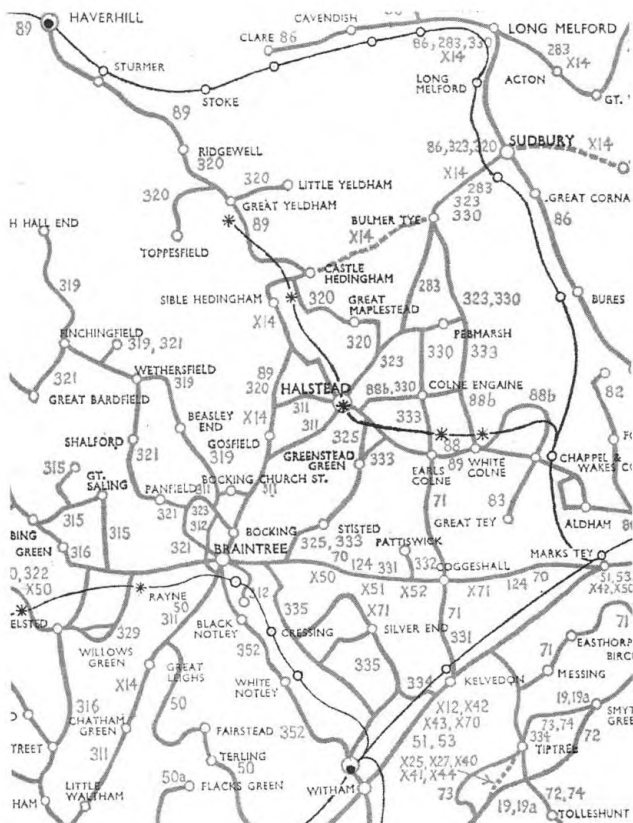
This series of maps was issued between the mid 1950s and mid 1960s and as far as is known ten different editions exist. All were very similar in appearance using green and black print on white paper throughout. They were similar to the route maps included in the inside back-covers of timetable books of the same period except that they included advertisements for excursions, tours and extended tours, parcel services and private hire. A list of offices and depots appeared on the back cover. The dimensions when folded were 75mm x 135mm.

Only one map bore a cover date, the remainder are only identifiable by their print codes shown on the back cover. The print run was 3,000 in each case.

If anyone knows of any additional maps in this series, I would be grateful if you could report the relevant print codes. In particular there seems to be a gap for

A map to an entirely new design was issued by Eastern National but it was undated and had no print code or printers name. It was titled 'Bus Routes Map' and used the Eastern National logo of the mid/late 1960's. It was issued sometime in 1965 to 1967 as it showed service 30 running through to Bow, and London Transport 10 serving Abridge. It is possible that there was more than one edition, but as with all undated items, it is difficult to say for sure. It folded to 100mm x 135mm and had red roads with black route numbers. There were numerous enlargements for Essex towns. Essex CC issued maps to a very similar design in the years 1977 to 1979 but these incorporated the 'Rose of Essex' logo. The Council had of course issued full colour public transport maps twice-yearly since 1993 and these may form another article at a later date.

Ian Taylor



*From the 1963 edition:
Part of the northern area
and many routes that have
long since disappeared.*

EXPRESS COACH SERVICES

The following Express Coach Services are in operation:-

- X10 London (Victoria) - Basildon - Southend
- X11 London (Euston) - Enfield - Basildon - Southend
- X12 London (Victoria) - Colchester - Clacton - Southend
- X14 London (King's X) - Braintree - Halstead - Sudbury - Bury St. Edmunds - Stowmarket
- X15 London (King's X) - Dunmow - Malden - London (King's X) - Dunmow - Braintree - London (Wood Green) - Brentwood
- X16 London (Bow) - Brentwood - Chelmsford
- X17 Southend-on-Sea - Brighton - Worthing
- X18 Southend-on-Sea - Eastbourne
- X19 Southend-on-Sea - Folkestone
- X20 Southend-on-Sea - Hastings
- X21 Southend-on-Sea - Ramsgate - Margate
- X22 Southend-on-Sea - Lowestoft - Yarmouth
- X23 Southend-on-Sea - Bourne - Clacton - Walton
- X24 Southend-on-Sea - Chelmsford - Cambridge
- X25 Southend-on-Sea - Nottingham - Derby
- X26 Tilbury - Grays - Basildon - Lowestoft - Yarmouth
- X27 Tilbury - Grays - Basildon - Clacton - Walton
- X28 Tilbury - Grays - Basildon - Clacton
- X29 Basildon - Dovercourt - Harwich
- X30 Harlow - Bishops Stortford - Braintree - Clacton - Walton
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FULL DETAILS OF ALL SERVICES ARE CONTAINED IN TIME TABLE BOOKLETS

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In addition to the Regular Omnibus and Express Coach Services shown on the Map, Day Excursions and Tours are operated during the Summer Months to Seaside and Inland Beauty Spots from principal places in the Area.

Details of Destinations, Dates and Times are contained in Special Excursion Folders, issued as under:-

Programmes No.

- 1.- From Chelmsford, Danbury, etc.
- 2.- Malden, Braintree, Southminster
- 3.- Brentwood, Billericay
- 4.- Chislehurst
- 5.- Bishop's Stortford, Harlow
- 6.- Clavering, Newport, etc.
- 7.- Roding
- 8.- Dunmow, Braintree
- 9.- Halstead
- 10.- Clacton, Holland, Jaywick
- 11.- Walton, Friston
- 12.- Dovercourt, Harwich
- 13.- St. Cyprian Beach
- 14.- Grays, Tilbury
- 15.- Basildon, Prittle, Wickford
- 16.- Southend, Leigh

Tour Destinations include:

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D Day ~ June 1944 ~ The Essex Transport Scene

The days leading up to D Day in June saw massed movements all over the country up to the actual day. The subsequent events are now history. In Essex, bus operators were still struggling to keep services going. New vehicles were scarce and a few Daimlers and Guys, backed up by secondhand vehicles helped to maintain services.

BENFLEET & DISTRICT/CANVEY &

DISTRICT rebodied three secondhand AEC Regent's with Northern Coachbuilders UH56R bodies. HF 7435, WN 4761 and VX 4108 were the buses involved.

CITY COACH COMPANY acquired a Bedford OWB from Cooper, Oakengates: B33 (CAW 762) Duple B32F

COLCHESTER CORPORATION took delivery of four Guy Arabs with Strachan UH56R bodies: 41 -44 (JWV 579 - 82) and withdrew a few early Dennis's.

OSBORNES TOLLESBURY added a new Daimler CWA6/Duple UL56R (JWV 648) to their fleet, no doubt to transport the many servicemen based in the area.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION added seven Daimler CWA6's to the seaside fleet: 222/3 (BHJ 748 749) Duple UL55R, 224 (BHJ 773) Brush UL55R and 230 -233 (BHJ 804-806) Duple UL55R. Similar vehicles were received in 1943 and 1945.

WESTCLIFF MOTOR SERVICES still had some double deckers away on hire to Eastern Counties at Norwich, AEC Regents (JN 3231/JN 4295/JN4748), where they had been since 1941. Various Bristol GO and K types were still active.

EASTERN NATIONAL took delivery of a solitary Bristol K5G, 3885 (JWV430). This was fitted with a prototype Eastern Coach Works L55R body, and toured various Tilling operators before delivery to Eastern National.

Finally one utility bus that should be mentioned was operated by **J AMOS & Son** off Belchamp St Paul. This was JWV 307, a Bedford OWB Duple UB32F that served the North Essex community for 20 years, before being withdrawn in 1964.

Peter Snell



City LT7 (CUL 801) 1936 Leyland T57T/ Duple in wartime at Kentish Town. *S.L. Poole*



Southend Corporation 223 (BHI 749) Daimler CWA6/Duple, seen in post-war years heading for Shoeburyness. Apart from receiving upholstered seats, rubber-set top-deck front windows and the postwar standard Southend destination layout, the utility body appears to be unaltered. 223 was sold and scrapped in 1958. *Brian Pask*



New in 1944

Canvey & District Regent WN 4761 was new with a Brush body as South Wales Transport 261 in 1932. It passed to Blyth & Berwick of Bradford in 1939, and to Canvey in 1942. An AEC oil engine and NCB body were fitted in 1944. Westcliff withdrew it in 1951, the year they took over Canvey.

Brian Pask

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