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Contributions and Closing Dates

Thank you to the dozens of contributors for their valuable news and information for this month's issue. There would much less to read without them.

**Contributions for the next issue of Essex Bus News to Sub-editors by 4th January and to the Managing editor by 7th January.
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Welcome Aboard!

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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE BEST FOR 2002
FROM EVERYONE AT ESSEX BUS NEWS**

New Year Meetings

Tuesday 8th January 2002 Bus video or slide show

Tuesday 12th February 2002 Guest speaker from Nelson's (NIBS)

All meetings are held at the Freight House in Rochford. Doors open 19.30
,meeting starts at 20.00 and finishes by 22.00.

Buses in The News

Arriva Changes

Arriva Passenger Services restructured the South East Division in November and the management control of Southend, Colchester and Grays depots moved to the management team of ARRIVA Southern Counties at Maidstone.

The company said it was making the changes to enable it to give more support to these locations and improve their operational performance and quality of service.

The Managing Director responsible for ARRIVA Southern Counties is Bob Scowen
The other depots with Arriva E Herts & Essex, Harlow and Ware are still managed as part of the Shires & Essex at Luton.

Front Cover Photo Mercedes M988 CYS Brentwood based Clintona Minicoaches have developed a sizable network of Bus routes in recent years. All registered services are Essex County Council contracts apart from Service 261 Brentwood – Blackmore, operated commercially. One of their West Essex routes is the 215 and to enable drivers meal breaks, one of the buses from Route 1 completes a few round trips. Chris Stewart's photo at Debden Broadway, shows the bus on layover.

First in Essex

The ultimate Guide

Welcome to the new look First in Essex pages. Each month we aim to bring you everything you need to know about the vehicles and services. Your contributions will make these page's even better and you can either email us at essexbusnews@hotmail.com or write to us.

Solos's on the way

The Optare Solos for Romford's 193 may start to arrive any time from the end of this month, but are unlikely to enter service until the whole batch of 11 is delivered (current estimate for this being February). Chelmsford is also set to receive an order for approximately 30 Solos next year.

Acquired Vehicles

977/80/5 **N977/80/5EHJ** Dennis Dart/Plaxton B40F ex First Capital

The remaining Darts expected from First in London are 774/8/9, 781-4 (N974EHJ etc). Of these 778, 781/4 were still in Thamesway yellow/purple, with 774/9, 782/3 carrying Capital red/yellow relief. All arrivals to Essex are in 'Barbie 2' livery, the latest three having been painted at Harris. At the time of writing three more were being prepared at Hampshire Trim.

Leyland Olympian A743JRE (**3334** – retaining its First Manchester number) has been found unsuitable for further use and is being cannibalised for spares. It was new in 1984 to PMT as their 743 (chassis ON1122, ECW body 25817).

Allocations

(period ending 25 November)

355 BN-Disp; **372** BN-RD; **380** BN-Disp; **977** Acq-BN; **980** Acq-BN; **985** Acq-BN; **2603** RD-Disp; **3334** Acq-Disp; **9023** DVT-Disp;

Disposals

11.01 **310/81**, **2253**, **2610/20/9**, **3222/6/30**, **9017** to Hardwick, Carlton for scrap
601/3/5/7/9/11, **2618/23/4**, **4031** to First in Norfolk & Suffolk (4031 for spares only)

Correction to last month: Volvo/Plaxton **607** is now numbered 05 at Lowestoft, and **609** is 09 at Norwich. **2618/23/4** have all been seen at work in Norwich.

Repaints/Refurbishments

All to 'Barbie 2' livery with 'First' fleetnames only (not all have full vinyls as yet)

11.01	Repainted	957 2676 2678 2679 2680 9002 9003
	Refurbished	1422 4015 (by Hampshire Trim)

Subsequent sightings in early December have been of 987, 1403 and 1417.

Green Line Coaches Latest

First Airport 602 and 610 (still in full Green Line livery) are reported to have settled onto the Smith Kline contract in Harlow along with ex Biss 111; on 3 December, whilst at Basildon for maintenance, 610 was used on school contract C25 via Brentwood and is thought to have worked the 751 the previous evening.

Last Days of the National

Driving Trainers 625 and 1924 are likely to be replaced by two Leyland Lynxes in the next few months, bringing to an end just under 30 years of Leyland Nationals in the fleet (the first ones having been delivered in 1973).

AJN 125 Update

The repainting of Westcliff K5G AJN825 is understood to be almost complete.

462 Returns

Operation of Service 462 was due to revert to First in Essex from 15 December until at least March 2002, although at the time of writing the exact vehicles and depot allocation were not finalised.

Lynxes on the 5

Unusual appearances of Leyland Lynxes have been BN1430 on the 'Famous 5' (21.9.01) and HH1421 on the Canvey Clipper (24.9.01).

Help us to help you

Send your news, observations and photos

First in Essex fleet allocation 25.11.01

Braintree (BE)	944/5, 2626/8/30/56/63/4/80, 2803/4/8/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 3219, 5000
Basildon (BN)	374-6/9, 711-6/34-8, 805/9/11, 852-5, 913-5/8-22/4-34/59-72/3/7, 980/5/6, 1430/2/3, 2657/60/1, 3109/12, 4026/30, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	430/1/3, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/8/13-6/25-9, 1516-20, 2621/7, 2646/67/8/70-4/6-8, 2806/9/10/23/4, 2902-11, 3083, 4007/10/2/24/5, 5001-4/6/11
Clacton (CN)	912/6, 1510-3, 2647-54/65/83, 2801/5/19/20, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	621-4/6, 650-4, 907-11/75/6, 1501-9, 2679, 2829/30, 2921-6, 3072/8/9/92/3, 3101, 4014, 4301-5/7/9/15
Hadleigh (HH)	314-21/3-7, 701-10/8-21, 808, 935-42/6-58, 987, 1400/4-6/9-12, 1417-24/31, 3069, 3113, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	2655/66/9/81/2, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/11/4
Romford (RD)	372, 401-10, 806/7/10, 2658/9/62
Heritage	2383
Paint/refurb spares	2619, 3103
Reserve	368 (RD/BN)
Disposal	313/46/55/7/64/80, 2603/8, 3071/6/7/84/94, 3110, 3228/30, 3334, 4028, 9023/31/2, 9411
Driver Training	35, 625 (usually at BN); 1924, 9002/3/20/1/6 (usually at CF)
Ancillary vehicles	9001, 9028-30 (at BN)

	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL
TRAFFIC REQ'T									
Minibus	6	9	27 (1)	9	1	4	11	15	83
Midibus	12	47	24	5	18	0	35	0	141
SD	0	3	12 (5)	4	11	0	15	0	50
DD	1	4	8 (1)	4	14	6	5	0	43
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	1	3	1	0	1	3	2	12
Midibus	2	6	3	1	2	0	2	0	16
SD	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	8
DD	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	7
TOTAL ALLOC									
Minibus	7	10	30 (1)	10	1	5	14	17	95
Midibus	14	53	27	6	20	0	37	0	157
SD	0	3	15 (5)	4	14	0	17	0	58
DD	1	5	10 (1)	5	15	7	6	0	50
TOTALS	22	71	82 (7)	25	50	12	74	17	360

Airport Fleet

Airport Buses	100/1/12, 432/4/5, 917/43, 602/8/10, 2605/17/25/75, 2802/13-5/22/5/8
Airport Coaches	102-4/7/11, 397/8
Disposal	117, 2602/7/9

Colour Bus (C)/Mega Rear (M) Contracts

Vehicle	Depot	Type	Contract	Expiry Date
1511	CN	C	Dream Radio	15.07.02
2658	RD	C	BT	01.01.02
2662	RD	C	'The Brewery'	31.08.02
2826	BE	C	Meadows Shopping Centre	15.03.02
2901	CF	M	Countryside	31.12.01
2902	CF	M	Countryside	31.12.01
4007	CF	C	Chelmsford Council	31.12.01
4010	CF	M	Essex FM	31.10.01
4030	BN	M	Essex FM	31.10.01

And finally

My thanks to Ian Ransom for 14 years of informative reporting on (First) Eastern National matters, and to those individuals (within Essex Buses and outside) who have already offered their support as I take over Ian's role. Keep all those snippets of information coming!!

ARRIVA Colchester

Darts Still Expected

Darts from Grays are still expected, though the number of them and when is still unknown.

Rail Replacement

Arriva Colchester helped out on an emergency rail replacement due to a train fire between Colchester and Ipswich on 1 December. 5408 and 5409 were on duty.

ARRIVA East Herts & Essex

New Cadets Arrive

The new DAF/Wright buses started to arrive in early December to resource the TfL contracts 256 & 346. A batch of 14 is expected and it's possible that some will be stored at Southend Garage until the complete allocation has been received. It is likely that the current batch of Darts on the 256/346 will be re-allocated in the new year.

Service Changes

Service 5: Little Parndon Circular; Mondays to Saturdays.

This service will operate to a revised route and timetable from 22 December. It will now serve Princess Alexandra Hospital but the some early morning and late afternoon journeys will be withdrawn.

Service 7: Old Harlow - Water Lane; Mondays to Saturdays.

This new service will commence on 22 December and replace partly service 392 in Harlow.

Service 251: Upshire - Hammond Street; Mondays to Fridays.

From 24 December, the Monday to Friday timetable will be adjusted to allow for traffic congestion delays

Service 392: Old Harlow - Hundred Acre Estate; Mondays to Saturdays.

This service will be withdrawn from 22 December. It will be replaced within Harlow by new service 7. A replacement service beyond Harlow is currently being considered by Essex County Council.

Service 502: Harlow - Romford; Mondays to Saturdays.

This service will be withdrawn from 22 December. A replacement service is currently being considered by Essex County Council.

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ARRIVA Southend

Management Changes

Management control of Southend, Grays and Colchester garages was transferred to Arriva Southern Counties from mid- November

The list of vehicles to be transferred to Southern Counties for Grays/Southend/Colchester is still to be finalised.

To cope with duplicated numbers in the short term, Essex vehicles nominally have an "E" prefix but this will not be carried.

Operators licences are specific to companies and traffic areas. One possibility to the Grays hive-off from the rest of E Herts is to seek an increase in an existing licence (say Southend) to cover Grays, or to apply for a new licence for Grays IF it is constituted as a separate company. Grays cannot operate under the licence of any of the Kent companies as they are in a different traffic area.

At present we are talking about management changes - it is not clear when changes to the legal entities will take place.

Out of The Fleet

3218 to Arriva Shires & Essex in 12/01

Rear End Ad's

5416 Nokia Centre, Lakeside

5417 Debenham for Christmas

Both of these vehicles formally carried mega-rears for Essex FM.

New Year Changes

Changes to Southend Bus services are expected to take place from late January to provide a more reliable and consistent service. More next month.

Southend User Group

The Southend Area Bus User Group (SABUG) recently issued it's Autumn newsletter which gives full details of latest and forthcoming developments.

The group had been active in trying to improve bus services in the area and the recent successes include getting big buses back on the 29 from Southend to Belfairs and making suggestions for the revised Green Line service.

To continue to be effective, the group needs new members. Membership is only £2 per year or £5 for 3 years. To join please write to SABUG 40 Orchard Grove, Leigh on Sea SS9 5TR. Please make your cheque payable to SABUG.



Leyland National NEV 678M Kettlewells's of Retford withdrew former this former Eastern National machine at the end of the Summer school term but in late September Martin Weyell was lucky to find it still in their yard awaiting it's fate.



MCW Metrobus BYX 156V New to London Transport, Peter Snell caught up with the vehicle later in it's life at Pitsea Rail Station. Numbered 209, it's in the fleet of Purfleet based Town & Country, owned by Bernie Walters, formally of Harris Bus.



Leyland Atlantean/ECW YNO 77S This former Colchester Borough Transport bus is now with well known City tour operator Guide Friday and Martin Weyell's photo on 28th July 2001 shows it earning its keep on a sight seeing tour in Portsmouth.



Volvo B6/Northern Counties L601 MWC New to Thamesway in 1993, this vehicle has had an interesting life and after a spell of duty with Eastern Counties, Martin Weyell caught up with it in Leicester. On 1st September the bus was operating a Journey on Service 70 to Glenfield with First Leicester and is treated to one of their many different liveries.

OTHER OPERATORS

ABOUT TOWN TRAVEL CANVEY ISLAND Have acquired Freight Rover E211 KUL from Benfleet Bus, Benfleet.

A&D THUNDERSLEY Bedford YMP/Plaxton B630 WNG has been sold. Ford Transit F358 SMU has been acquired from CM3 Cars, South Woodham. Mercedes minicoach N112 SPB has gone to Hailstone, Basildon.

ANTELOPE CLACTON New here is Mercedes/Plaxton SN51 LUE.

AUTOHIRE STANSTED Iveco/Carlyle E79 HVX, G659 OKP a Ford Transit/Dormobile and Talbot Freeway H108 LOM have been acquired.

AVRO STANFORD LE HOPE Ford R1114/Duple VBC 985X has been acquired.

APT RAYLEIGH Have sold Mercedes/Reeve Burgess E62 UKL

BARKER ROYDON A further Duple 425 here is PIL 3178 (previous details unknown at present).

BJS GREAT WAKERING M ercedes minibus B885 WNB formerly with Cunningham, Corringham has been acquired.

BLACKWELL ABBESS RODING Bedford YMP/Plaxton C403 DML was sold some while ago.

BUZZ HARLOW Leyland Tiger/Plaxton B292 KPF has been sold.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Acquired earlier this year was N316 BYA a Volvo/Van Hool double deck coach.

CEEFA COACHES BASILDON Have acquired Setra NJI 2304 (C429 NFV)

CHARIOTS CORRINGHAM DAF/Van Hool ADC 366A (AGV 260Y) has been sold, as has N591 GBW a Dennis Javelin/Caetano. A further LAG Panoramic is DXI 3778 (previous details unknown at present).

CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS Ford Transit S891 CAV which was fitted with an experimental fuel system has been sold. Alsos sold are Ford Transit R451 HVW and Leyland Cub/Reeve Burgess A777 UYL.

CN ENTERPRISES Volvo/Jonckhree TXI 8757 (new as MRP 837Y) and a similar combination VIA 137 (P356 VWR) have been acquired. The former VIA 137 a Setra has been re-registered and sold.

COUNTY BRENTWOOD WIW 6673 (new as E712 GNH) has been sold.

COOK SOUTHEND New here is Bova Futura Y653 HWY.

DON GREAT DUNMOW Dennis Javelin/Plaxton J413 GRH and Dennis Javelin/Duple H194 TYC have been sold.

ECABS GREAT DUNMOW E79 HVX an Iveco/Carlyle minibus has been sold.

FARGO RAYNE Dennis Javelin R137 XWF a Dennis Javelin/Plaxton is now in service.

FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES FARNHAM Have acquired short Dennis Javelin/Duple G963 WNR.

FLORIDA HALSTEAD WSV 533 (ADV 143Y) a Volvo/Plaxton has been acquired.

GALE HARLOW Leyland Tiger/Duple C265 SPC is reported in stock here.

HAILSTONE BASILDON Mercedes/Optare F321 SMD has been sold.

HARWICH TAXIS Renault Master P6 BRT is in service with this operator.

LC TRAVEL ROCHFORD Have acquired C211 PPE a Leyland Tiger/Plaxton from Goldline, Rochford and D534 FAE a Mercedes L608D/Dormobile.

MASTER TRAVEL HERONGATE Scania/Jonckhree A53 JLW is in stock here.

MCS GRAYS Leyland Tiger/Plaxton FKK 836Y has been added to stock with this operator.

NEW HORIZONS WIVENHOE LDV Convoy R624 FYG is a recent addition. Ford Transit G488 VFE has been sold.

OLYMPIAN HARLOW Leyland Tiger/Plaxton FIL 7665 (new as A527 LPP) has been acquired.

PALMER LAINDON Have moved to the operation of full size coaches with TJI 4832 (J742 TDP) A Scania/Berkhof.

PHILLIPS SOUTH WOODHAM MAN SR280 YFJ 694X did not stay long and has been sold.

PRESIDENTIAL COACHWAYS SHOEBOURNESS Sold Ford/Plaxton JBO 242W some while ago.

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Dennis Javelin/Neoplan M917 OVR has been acquired.

SEAVIEW ROCHFORD DAF/Plaxton E132 YUD has been acquired from Goldline, Rochford.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW Vehicles sold include HIL 2923 a Bova Futura, KEH 976N (GOG 530N) a Daimler Fleetline/Park Royal, RNH 784V (new as LRP 21V) a Ford R1114/Plaxton and B205 YBX a Neoplan. Acquired is WSV 496 a Bova Futura.

SUPREME SOUTHEND Bristol VR/ECW BTU 375S was broken for spares, Neoplan P972 HWF has been sold.

TEE JAYS WIVENHOE Ford Transit E558 LFA has been sold.

WESTON CLACTON P595 HHF a Mercedes 412D is in use here.

WINDMILL COLCHESTER Have acquired FSU 637 (A779 VFM) a Van Hool T815.

Essex Fleet focus

JWS TRAVEL

ROUTES OPERATED

300 TIKBURY-CHADWELL ST MARY-EAST TILBURY-STANFORD LE HOPE-BASILDON

374 LAKESIDE-GRAYS-EAST TILBURY-HORNDON ON THE HILL-BULPHAN-WEST HORNDON

374 LAKESIDE-STIFFORD CLAYS-TILBURY-EAST TILDURY

EXTRA Suns only 25th November-23rd December

Fleet

N254DUR
N255DUR
P750TBH
V385SVV
V386SVV
P173ANR
J58SDB
N322HLA
P552OVG

Mercedes 709D
Mercedes 709D
Iveco 59.12
Mercedes 0814D
Mercedes 0814D
MAN 11.190
Ford Transit
Ford Transit
L D V

Marshall B
Marshall B
Marshall B27F
Plaxton B27F
Plaxton B27F
Caetano C F
Deansgate M11
M11
B16F

Essex Dealer Report

The latest vehicle movements at Purfleet dealer Ensignbus

Vehicles in

From Arriva London M1221 1/11/01 From WN.
 From TOLST. ERM46 ERM47 RCL2220 RCL2248.
 From Weavaway, Newbury Olympic EEH910Y
 From Brakell Omnibus Sales DMS2216, 2168, M38 BristolVR XJJ680V. Atlanteans
 KPJ240W, EPH213V.
 From Jaycrest, Northfleet Metrobus 2 E750SKR.
 From Aplus Buses, Dartford T80 UJN344V.
 From Arriva London M441 (EM 8/11)
 From John's School of Motoring Dominator C364XLO
 From Karl Griffin T94.
 From Brakell's M191
 From Coakley's, Glasgow Lynx's F293AWW F302AWW.

Vehicles out

M194 Ariel Services, Eastbourne (Mobile Exhibition Unit.)
 T813 Whippet, Cambs.
 Bedfords SPU898W, JAR495V Freetown, Sierra Leone (Mr Buffy Bailor)
 M266 John's School of Motoring, Hackney.
 Metrobus E750SKR Geldards, Leeds.
 M467, T441, T717, T974, T287 All to PVS for scrap.
 Hong Kong Metrobuses ML52 (DU3481 MB9050) ML45 (DT4549 MB9059) Arriva
 TOLST.
 " " " ML60 (DU704 MB9045) ML79 (DZ6532 MB9726) Exported to
 Ghana
 " " " ML65 (MB9720) ML50 (MB9727) Now F215UJN and F214UJN
 with Weavaway Travel, Newbury.
 T988 T885 Thomas, South Wales.
 Metrobus B148EDP Red Route, Northfleet.
 M1285 The Reverend Malcolm (!) Hackney.
 M1149 Swanbrook, Glos.
 Olympian EEH910Y A plus buses, Dartford.
 Metrorider J590CUB, J591CUB Beresford, Hants.
 Other than that the 2 RCL's are both going in to the Ensign fleet
 To PVS M191, M168, T564, T502 Olympian JTY397X, Metrobus SAG525W.
 To McKindless, Wishaw M1109, M939, M544, M702, M661.
 To Mark Cole, Hornchurch T23.
 To Swanbrook, Cheltenham M1221
 To Ariel, Eastbourne M213.
 To Church Ministries, Mombassa, Kenya T785, T603, T704.
 To Bluebird, Eire M1173, M1255.
 To Robinsons, Stewkley Olympian WDC215Y.
 Scrapped on site at Purfleet Metrobus A644BCN (Fleet 134)

Eastern National Enthusiasts Guild

-Celebrating the original Eastern National -

EASTERN NATIONAL LEYLAND TD4

The Leyland Titan TD4s operated by Eastern National were delivered in two batches.

1936	3647-3652	DEV483-488	Brush L56R
1937	3656-3662	ENO934-940	E.C.O.C. 148R

3649 (DEV485) received a second hand ECOC body in 1949, possibly from a Bristol GQ5G or Leyland TD4 that was rebodied by Eastern Coachworks.

3652 (DEV488) received an ECW front top deck section, whilst with Eastern National.

3647-52 (DEV483-8) to United Counties 556-561 5/52.

3658/9 (DEV936/7) Rebuilt by Beadle in 1944

3658/9 (DEV936/7) engine change from Leyland 8.6 to Gardner 5LW and Bristol gearbox in

3669 (ENO938) Destroyed on Hitchin - Luton road in 1943.

3657-9/61 (ENO934-7/61) rebodied ECW in 1949.

3656/7/61/2 (ENO934/5/39/40) United Counties 562-5 5/52

3658/9 (ENO937/8) renumbered 1107/8 /54.

Where Are They Now ?

Continuing our regular look at the latest locations of former
Eastern National , Thamesway & Essex Buses

1402	VHK175L	Hart et al, York (preservation). ex Beattie, Hillsborough (dlr), NI. ex PHAB, Belfast.	03/01 by 12/00	EN
1406	EUF828L [ex ARU99A VBY546L CSV253 XVW631L]	cut up on site by Miller, Horsham.	by 03/00	EN
1418	JEU509N [ex CSV524 GJD194N]	Bisseat, Westbury (preservation).		EN
1419	MIB4194 [ex JEU508N CSV992 GJD196N]	Bisseat, Westbury (preservation).		EN
1516	FWC439H	Edwards, Witham (preservation). ex Barton, Peterborough (preservation).	10/01	EN
1601	D497NYS	P M T Ltd FLEET No 884. renumbered 7884. to First Manchester FLEET No 7884.	01/01 04/01	EB
1625	2705TD [ex BGX649Y]	Hurst & Leak, Goose Green. ex Heyfordian, Bicester. re-reg BGX649Y.	08/01 by 08/01 06/01	EN
1626	UXI8638 [ex BGX650Y]	Gone. ex Coward, Crossflatts.		EN
1702	UOA322L	Cooper, <u>Bolsover</u> (preservation).		
1709	WNO558L	gone. ex Rest & Ride, Smethwick.	by 05/01	EN

1718	NEV675M	Cooper, Bolsover (preservation).	by 08/99	
1847	YEV305S	Wigley, Carlton (dlr for scrap).	10/00	TW
		ex Powell Bus, Hellaby FLEET No 36.		
1880	BNO670T	gone.	by 09/00	TW
		ex Shorey, Maulden.		
1885	BNO675T	Sanders, Benfleet (preservation)	02/01	EB
		ex Nash, Weybridge (dlr).		
1900	DAR122T	being used as a shed.	by 12/00	EB
		by Linkstart, Craven Arms.		
1913	JHJ139V	Hulley, Baslow FLEET No 19.	10/00	TW
		ex Trent Fleet No 569.		
1914	VIB9485	Ludlows, Halesowen.		EB
	[ex JHJ140V]	re-reg JHJ140V.	09/00	
1915	JHJ141V	gone.	by 05/01	TW
		ex Rest & Ride, Smethwick.	by 01/01	
		ex Thandi, Smethwick.		
1920	JHJ146V	North, Sherburn (dlr).	09/00	TW
		ex Trent Motor Traction Co Ltd FLEET No 570.		
1925	MHJ721V	gone.	05/01	EN
		ex Williams, Crosskeys FLEET No 14.		
1927	MHJ723V	First Hampshire Ltd FLEET No 430.		
11/00		EN		
		ex Yorkshire Rider FLEET No 1371.		
		to PVS, Carlton (dlr for scrap).	03/01	
1933	MHJ729V	gone.	05/01	EN
		ex Williams, Crosskeys FLEET No 23.		
1935	MHJ731V	Spall, Dallinghoo (dlr for scrap).	02/00	EB
		ex First Eastern Counties FLEET No 630.		
2228	C482BHY	Hammond, Dromhair.	09/96	EN
		ex Hardwick, Carlton (dlr).		
2243	C697ECV	Thorn, Rayleigh [for spares].	by 03/01	EB
		ex Snow, Great Waking.		
2246	C964ECV	Goldline Travel, Rochford.	by 10/00	EB
		ex M & E Coaches, Shoebury.		
2601	H601OVW	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 843.	11/00	EB
2611	J611UTW	<u>Yorkshire Rider Ltd.</u>	09/01	EB
2612	J612UTW	<u>Yorkshire Rider Ltd.</u>	09/01	EB
2613	J613UTW	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 840.		
2614	J614UTW	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 901.		
2615	J615UTW	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 900.		
2616	J616UTW	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 835.		
2700	AHJ142A	New York Double Decker Tours FLEET No 5	by 06/93	EN
	[ex 80TVX]	<u>ex Red Rover Ltd, Hartford, CT.</u>		
		gone.	by 10/96	
2763	RWC605	Gulf Breeze Media, Fort Walton Beach.	c - /96	EN
		Corning Glass Center, Corning, NY.		
		[Now powered by a Chevrolet truck engine and since about 1996 it has been used as a promotional vehicle for KOOL FM on 92.1 "Good Time Oldies" and is called the "Majic Bus"]		
		and is on local registration MFK 98E.		
2810	FWC428B	New York Double Decker Tours FLEET No 19	by 10/96	EN
		ex Webb, Spirit of 76, New Carrollton, MD.		
		to FLEET No 9.	by 12/97	
2817	HEV995B	gone.	by 06/99	EN
		ex Clown Jewels, Invergordon [npsv].		

2819	HEV997B	- ? - , Cordoba, Argentina. ex New York Double Decker Tours FLEET No 14.	c 08/97	EN
2823	JHK455C	gone. ex Hoare (t/a Chepstow Classic), Chepstow.	by 04/01	EN
2912	M230VWW	First Eastern Counties FLEET No 354.		
2936	RWC607	exported to Germany. ex Ireland, Hull (dlr).	by 02/01 by 09/96	EN
3035	NPU982M	ex Miles, Little Staughton (preservation). PVS, Carlton (dlr for scrap)	03/01	EN
3082	STW26W	ex Jones, Bontnewydd. New York Apple Tours FLEET No 160. ex Bristol FLEET No 5550.	08/99	TW
3087	STW31W	withdrawn. New York Apple Tours FLEET No 159. ex Bristol FLEET No 5558.	12/00 08/99	TW
3088	STW32W	withdrawn. Beard, Cinderford.	12/00 by 06/00	TW
3089	STW33W	ex Hoare, Chepstow (dlr). Munden S, Bristol (dlr). ex First Bristol FLEET No 5560.	07/00	TW
3104	UAR594W	to Munden/Peters (t/a Crown/Abus), Bristol. gone.	11/00 11/00	TW
3108	UAR598W	ex First Western National FLEET No 1245. gone.	03/01	TW
3116	XHK221X	ex First Cymru Buses Ltd FLEET No 949. Munden S, Bristol (dlr).	07/00	TW
3129	XHK234X	ex First Bristol Ltd FLEET No 5562. Harrison, Canvey (preservation).	06/00	TW
3226	ABD75X	ex First Cymru FLEET No 946. "Jumbo Cafe", Longmoor Camp.	by 03/00	EB
4501	B689BPU	ex Chariots, Stanford-le-Hope. Smith (t/a Fargo), Rayne. ex Stephenson, Rochford.	08/01 by 01/01 12/99	EB
9019	LFS298F	ex Nash, Weybridge (dlr). ex Watford & District, Park Street. Doubledecker Bus & Tours, Chula Vista, California. ex Subby's Double Decker, Chula Vista.	01/94	EN

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WESTCLIFF ON SEA AND THE BRISTOL L (LL LWL)

Westcliff had very few Bristol Ls compared to other Tilling companys. When large fleets were being added to some operators. Westcliff only acquired one L before the Second World War, this was (AJN826) with Eastern Coachworks B32R bodywork.

It was not until 1950 that any more Bristol L appeared when (EHJ27-29) fitted with Eastern Coachworks FC31F, having Bristol six cylinder engines they were acquired for touring work.

The coaches were followed by three LWL saloons (EJN633-635) with 39 seat rear entrance bodies, the LWL was the eight wide version of the L.

Other vehicles did carry the Westcliff fleet name when transferred from Eastern National these were 332 (PTW104) a Bristol L the same as (EHJ27-9) and 332 (RHK123) a Bristol LL5G B39R, which was sent to Brentwood garage to work on ex City Coach services.

The underfloor engined LS was a different story when they were introduced.

Essex By Bus

Jackson's to South Woodham

On Saturday 21st July, John Rugg decided to try a return trip on Jackson's Service 237 from Basildon to South Woodham Ferrers.

This long-standing commercial service was diverted via Billericay and Outwood Common when Thamesway stopped serving Ramsden Heath during the daytime in 1998. However, from the 23rd July this year this diversion was withdrawn and the 237e reverted to it's original route from Basildon via Noak Bridge, Wash Road and Hardings Elm Road to Crays Hill, saving a considerable mileage on each trip. There are four journeys each way on Monday's to Saturday's with a running time of just under one-hour in each direction.

On the last day of full operation, the vehicle was L738 NWU Mercedes/Autobus Classique with 23 seats, New to Jackson's in 1993 and it was driven by regular driver Michael, who seemed to know most of the passengers.

On arrival at Basildon Bus Station from the Basildon Hospital direction, four passengers remained on the bus (One of them kindly jumping off to get the driver some refreshments in his five-minute layover.) Four other passengers got on with me and I asked for a Return to South Woodham Ferrers. There are no Return fares apparently, so I paid £2.20 single for a 50 minute journey and in was given a double Setright ticket showing 11* twice and dated 16th July!

Immediately after leaving the Bus Station, the vehicle stopped 200 yards away outside the Gala Bingo Club where the original four passengers got off. The journey was then non stop for over 20 minutes until one passenger alighted in Ramsden Bellhouse having spent the entire journey sitting next to me talking to friends on his mobile phone. A little further along the route at Ramsden Heath, one further passenger joined us to travel to South Woodham.

Once we reached the terminus, I stayed on the bus and paid for the return journey back to Basildon. Ten other passengers then boarded with most of them also going as far as Basildon and altogether, we carried respectable eighteen passengers.

Our driver Michael drove the bus well and had to achieve quite high speeds to keep to time, although the new timetable and shorter route appears to have more generous running time.

Value for money 10 out of 10!

What could be improved? Absolutely nothing. The 237 is a well established service giving four return journeys a day, linking two centres of population in an efficient manner. Long live private enterprise!

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VICEROY COACHES Saffron Walden, Debden Aerodrome, Debden Village

REVISED TIME TABLE Commencing Monday, February 2nd, 1953

MONDAYS—FRIDAYS, (inclusive)

	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
SAFFRON WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, depart	7.45	5.00	5.45	9.00	10.15
Debden Aerodrome (South Entrance) arrive	8.00	5.15	6.00	7.00	9.15
Debden Village Chapel ... arrive	8.05	—	6.05	—	10.35
Debden Village Chapel ... depart	8.05	—	6.05	—	10.35
Debden Aerodrome (South Entrance) ... depart	8.10	5.15	6.10	7.00	9.15
SAFFRON WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, arrive	8.25	5.30	6.25	7.15	9.30

SATURDAYS

	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
SAFFRON WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, depart	7.45	1.00	and every hour until	...	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.15
Debden Aerodrome (South Entrance) arrive	8.00	1.15	and every 15 mins. past hour until	...	6.15	7.15	8.15	9.15	10.30
Debden Village Chapel ... arrive	8.05	—	—	—	6.20	—	—	—	10.35
Debden Village Chapel ... depart	8.05	—	—	—	6.20	—	—	—	10.35
Debden Aerodrome (South Entrance) ... depart	8.10	12.00	1.15	and every 15 mins. past hour until	5.15	6.25	7.15	8.15	9.15
SAFFRON WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, arrive	8.25	12.15	1.30	and every 30 mins. past hour until	5.30	6.40	7.30	8.30	9.30

SUNDAYS

	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
SAFF. WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, dep.	5.45	7.00	9.00	9.53	10.53	
Debden Aerodrome (South Entrance) arrive	6.00	7.15	9.15	10.07	11.07	
Debden Village Chapel ... arrive	6.05	—	9.20			
Debden Village Chapel ... depart	6.10	—	9.20			
Debden Aerodrome (South Entrance) depart	6.15	7.15	9.25			
SAFF. WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, arr.	6.30	7.30	9.40			

* These journeys come through from Audley End Station and the departure times at Saffron Walden are therefore approximate.

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