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**THE FINAL RUN BY A SOUTHEND FLEETLINE. 5339 (MRJ239W)
PREPARES TO LEAVE SHOE BURY, THE RENOWN, ON THE 1856
TO CENTRAL BUS STATION ON FRIDAY JULY 14th 2000.**

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1436 OO9543 Bristol Mw6G ECW DP41F, was one of a batch of coaches converted to dual-purpose saloons by Eastern National in January 1969, it was previously 353 in the coach fleet. it was new in April 1962 and withdrawn in July 1978.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that I have to announce the sudden death of Phil Ford. Phil had become a very keen member of the Group, always out and about with his camera and note book and managed to be in the right place at the right time to get some interesting photos, and was a regularly seen at the Bus Station at Southend where died of a heart attack. Our condolences have been extended to to Mrs Ford and Family.

Apologies for the delay in the arrival of the July EBN and for the non appearance of part 4 of Aan Osbornes articles on Essex bus timetables, due to some minor administrative problems.

IN THIS ISSUE

Fleetlines finally leave Southend after 29 years.
New Thamesway branded route from Basildon.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS FREIGHT HOUSE ROCHFORD 8pm

September 12th	Guest speaker or slide show not finalised yet
October 10th	Slide show by Ray Palmer."I didn't take that"
November 14th	Programme to be announced.
December 12th	Slide show by Richard Delahoy." 20 years ago".

Essex Buses now have their own web sites
WWW First Easternnational.CO.UK.
WWW First Thamesway.CO.UK.

MEDIA COMMENTS

Canvey Bus way, Plans are under review by Essex County Council for a busway linking Canvey Island and Pitsea Station.
Canewdon parents "up in arms"at loss of school bus.
Calls for conductors on buses in Southend.
If you see any news or comments relating to buses in Essex in your local paper, please send them to me.Man Editor. BUSMEDIA.

EVENTS

September 3rd Stanford Rivers Transport Rally
October 8th Canvey Museum Open day
October 15th X1 Anniversary Run. more detail next month.
November 4th LOTS Spectacular Enfield.

ADVERT

Bus timetables for sale--various County Council and operator timetable books from the late 80's to mid 90's. Please send SAE for list to:Ian Burton,46 Stoneleigh Drive, Hoddesdon. Herts EN11 9LN.

Late change to September meeting at Rochford-----September 12th

The entire collection of photographs, books, fleet histories, etc, of the late Phil Ford has been handed to the Group for disposal, so I have decided that this would be good opportunity for members at the meeting to have a good look at this collection, so if you want to expand your collection, turn up on the date. The proceeds will go to the Ford Family.

THE SO46 GROUP

The owners of this former Maidstone and District Bristol L6A ECW B35R SO46 LKT994 is celebrating the 50th anniversary of this vehicle with trips by this and other preserved Maidstone and Southdown buses on September 10th. For further details send a SAE to -----

The SO46 Group,
81 Pilgrims Way.
Kemsing
Sevenoaks TN15 6TD



DISPOSALS July 2000

1803 TJN 502R To Hardwick (dealer) Carlton.

REPAIRS July 2000

1420

ALLOCATION CHANGES July 2000

312 HH – Disposal. 342 Paint Spare – Disposal. 9029 to Driver Trainer.

SERVICE CHANGES

103 Billericay circular. Mon.– Fri. New route introduced at the request of Billericay Town Council
111 Glebefields – Basildon. Mon/Wed/Fri. Now runs daily Monday to Friday.
751 Revised route and timetable from August 7th

ODD WORKINGS

11-7-2000 Dart 712 on 81/82 (normally a double decker)
12-7-2000 Mercedes 311 on 2 and 25
15-7-2000 Mercedes 317 on 2 (15.15 hrs.) also on 25
19-7-2000 Mercedes 318 on 20
21-7-2000 Lynx 1432 on Canvey Clipper
31-7-2000 Olympian 4027 on 21

NEWS

Ten Alexander bodied Dennis Darts are due to be transferred to Essex Buses from First Leeds in the near future. (See Eastern National notes.) Six are to be allocated to Hadleigh.

Route 751 has been diverted to serve Laindon starting from August 7th. The new route now follows that of the short lived London Forester service of 1986. Route branded low floor Darts are to be used and 712 carried its vinyls well before the changes came into force.

Mercedes 807, 2657 and 2658 have been fitted with full destination displays for Village Link services.

VRs 3213 and 3226 are currently off the road at Hadleigh.

Thamesway now have a website which is [www. first thamesway.co.uk](http://www.first-thamesway.co.uk)

f THAMESWAY

601-619 N601-619NPU VOLVO B10M PLAXTON C53F 8/85-12/95

601	N601NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
602	N602NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
603	N603NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
604	N604NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 48	4/99
605	N605NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
606	N606NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 47	8/99
607	N607NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
608	N608NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
609	N609NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
610	N610NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
611	N611NPU	f THAMESWAY GREEN LINE	
612	N612NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 49	12/99
613	N613NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 51	1/00
614	N614NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 50	1/00
615	N615NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 48	12/99
616	N616NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 45	9/98
617	N617NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 43	8/98
618	N618NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 44	8/98
619	N619NPU	f EASTERN COUNTIES 40	10/97

Liveries.

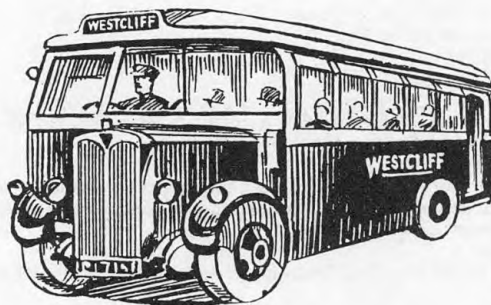
606	Victoria Coach Station	4/97-4/98
606	Arterial Express	5/98-6/99
611	Victoria Coach Station	3/99-current

616 was used on Summer Special service 250 Walthamstow-Southend 25/7/98-5/9/98

602 was used as school bus at Hadleigh depot 5/98.

609 was used on Arterial Express 26/2/99

If you know any other unusual workings of these coaches, please let the Editor know.
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FIRST GROUP NEWS

First Group sold its 26% share in New World First Bus based in Hong Kong on 15th May. A day later the results for 1999 were issued. Group Turnover increased by 22% to £1,795m, while profit before tax increased 28% to £190.9m. First Group remains the largest operator of services in UK with over 10,000 vehicles. During 1999 some 634 new vehicles were delivered and the average age of the fleet is now 8 years. The Bus Division saw turnover up 8% to £744.3m and profit increased 9% to £111.4m. Passenger volumes were maintained, while in areas where quality partnerships are in place they increased by up to 4%. First Group are now involved in 50 of these schemes.

First Group has suggested the use of American style yellow buses for use on schools routes. It is thought that the cost per vehicle, which may be similar to the Bluebirds used by a couple of UK operators, could be as low as £30,000. First Group have experience of operating a large number of schools buses in the USA and hope to increase the number of pupils travelling by bus in the UK. This currently stands at 20% compared to 54% in the USA.

As most members are probably aware, First Group are now operating trams in Croydon. This involves running on streets, on former BR lines and new construction. Most trams are in a red and white livery, a small number are overall adverts, while one is in First Corporate colours. It even mentions Chelmsford on the side! If you have not yet been for a ride, it is well worth the effort as apart from the trams a good variety of vehicles from different operators can be seen in Croydon (Arriva London, Arriva Sussex, Metrobus and Stagecoach Selkent to name a few) and if you are travelling from Essex you can use the Docklands railway to get from Stratford to Lewisham and then travel by Bus or Train to Elmers End.

EASTERN NATIONAL

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

5000	H116 THE	Dennis Dart 8.5SDL3003	Reeve Burgess	B28F
5001	JTY 371X	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	ECW	H45/32F
5002	JTY 382X	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	ECW	H45/32F
5003	JTY 395X	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	ECW	H45/32F
5004	JTY 400X	Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	ECW	H45/32F
	M219 VWW	Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3054	Alexander	B40F

5000 was previously with Metroline, 5001-5004 are ex Go-Ahead North East, M219 VWW is not yet numbered and is ex First Leeds. All were acquired in July 2000.

These vehicles are for increased requirements at Chelmsford, as a result of winning the contract to provide transport to The Anglo-European School in Ingatestone. This is thought to require about 15 vehicles.

ALLOCATIONS

By 30.7.00. 382 Reserve-D/L(D); 4029 CF-D/L(D); 5000-5004 Acqd-Reserve

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

26.7.00. CF2816 on Diamond Service (normally Dart SLF)

REPAINTS

7/00 915 943 944 1511

1511 carries an overall advert for Dream Radio FM (Clacton)

SERVICES

132/3 ECC journeys pass to Arriva EH&E from 21.8.00.

279 Withdrawn after operation on 21.7.00

317 Passed to Arriva EH&E from 31.7.00.

585 Withdrawn after operation on 21.7.00

PUBLICITY

Leaflet for Bus Excursions from Chelmsford from 25.7.00 to 31.8.00.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

2232 (C489 BHY) Hardwick, (dealer - for scrap), Carlton, 7/00

AIRPORT BUS AND COACH

REPAINTS

7/00 100 102

100 and 101 now carry a pale blue livery and Coachlink fleetname for the Colchester to Stansted Airport service.

GENERAL

Fiat 107 (P750 HTW) and Mercedes 397 (K397 GHJ) operate with Red Diesel and as such are not permitted to leave Stansted Airport. Most roads here although available to the public are on private land belonging to BAA.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

109 (N458 DBK) Stephensons (dealer), Rochford, 6/00

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ACE OF CLUBS BENFLEET Acquired from Arriva The Shires is Iveco/Carlyle G145 GOL.

AMOS BELCHAMP ST PAUL The Ovington to Sudbury service had a revised timetable introduced from 7.8.00.

BLUE TRIANGLE Service 265 was renumbered 565 from 29.7.00 Former London Titan T1055 is once again the regular vehicle on this service, although Metrobuses appear from time to time.

BRENTWOOD COACHES Recent additions from Hedingham are Leyland Tiger/Plaxton JIL5623 (FNM 860Y), B273 AMG and E668 UNE.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE The remains of Bristol VR/ECW HTC 729N were sold for scrap earlier this year.

CHARIOTS CORRINGHAM Recent additions are F476 RUW a Renault Master and F92 KKM a Talbot Pullman, both may be for the associated Bobbys Minibus fleet.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Iveco/Marshall P481 CEG has been sold to Walden Travel, Saffron Walden.

EASTERN COUNTIES Service 96C was withdrawn at the end of the college term.

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE Acquired recently was LDV Convoy/Jubilee Conversions P365 NOM.

GALE MOTORS HARLOW Mercedes 811D/Dormobile H35 DGD was acquired from Arriva EH&E in May.

GLEW COLCHESTER Talbot Express D326 MNC has been sold to a Colchester scrap dealer.

KV MINIBUS TRAVEL LITTLE OAKLEY Ford Transits H904 PAH and K763 EVW have been acquired, but are non PCV.

LODGE HIGH EASTER Scania/Van Hool coaches sold are 46 AEW (K3 ACE), E442 JAR (160 GBK, E663 YDT) and E443 JAR (436 VVT, 46 AEW, E665 YDT)

MASTER TRAVEL HERONGATE An interesting addition is Quest J/Jonckhree D327 VVV.

MCS CHADWELL ST MARY This new operator has C499 AAY a Toyota/Caetano.

MIKES COACHES CRAYS HILL Bova MIL 2397 for which no further details are currently available has been acquired. Also acquired is Mercedes 609D/PMT WIB 1114.

NEW HORIZONS WIVENHOE LDV Convoys added to this fleet and not previously reported are P595 WWO and P801 MTR. Freight Rover D241 NUR has been sold.

PAGECOACH FOBBOING Acquired from Arriva The Shires are Iveco/Carlye G146 GOL and G148 GOL

PRICE WICKFORD A second Ford Transit is R321 YEV.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW A second Metrobus for this fleet is JBO 75W.

STORT VALLEY STANSTED Volvo/Plaxton P88 HMC has been sold.

SUPREME SOUTHEND MAN/Jonckhree K4 SUP has been sold.

TEEJAYS COLCHESTER Bedford VAS/Duple RJ1 1633 (VMJ 973S) has been sold for scrap to a local dealer.

TRAVELRICH CLACTON Another Neoplan for this fleet is M15 HMC ex Hallmark, Luton.

TURNERS WICKHAM ST PAUL New here is W269 MKY a Van Hool bodied Scania K124. Acquired from Dorset Travel Services is MAN/Jonckhree K334 VRU, which was sold shortly afterwards.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN Service 11 has been extended to Great Chishill to replace service 42 (operated by CG Myall) which has been withdrawn. Service 34 has been introduced on Saturdays to replace Hedingham service 14 which has been withdrawn on this day.

BISHOPS STORTFORD TIMETABLE CHANGES

The following are in addition to last months notes

19 Is still being operated by Arriva EH&E, but is now under contract to ECC.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

A timetable leaflet for service 261 (Blackmore-Brentwood) and now operated by Clintona is available dated 12.8.00.

A new timetable for South Essex dated 18.6.00 is now available.

ARRIVA EAST HERTS AND ESSEX.

FLEET

Liveries

July 00: 2339 (M719 UTW), 3363 (K413 FHJ), 4335 (J56 GCX) to Arriva corporate livery

General

1257 (T557 UOX) is the dedicated vehicle for Harlow "Zip" service 1.

Subsequent Movements

2291 (G931 WGS) to Alexander, Eythorne 02/00, via Ramm, Sudden
T73 JBA, V943 DNB, W936/7 JNF to Connex Bus 06/00, via Mistral, Knutsford

Allocation Changes - Not previously reported (all 02/00) are:

2273	G73 PKR	Withdrawn to dismantled for spares at Grays
2274	G74 PKR	Grays to Sold (Dunstable Sea Cadets)
2287	G927 WGS	Harlow to Sold (Ramm, Sudden)
2298	G918 UPP	Harlow to Sold (Ramm, Sudden)
3351	J401 XVX	Remains to Hardwick, Carlton, for scrap
5354	GBU 4V	Withdrawn to dismantled for spares at Ware
5356	DTG 366V	Withdrawn to dismantled for spares at Grays

FLEET ALLOCATION AS AT JULY 2000

HA - Harlow & Debden

Minibus	1257, 2055/72, 2290/9, 2309/11/3-20/7-33/6-41/5/9-58
Single Decker	3230/1/50-7, 3328/9/37/41-4/6-7/56-64/6-72/6-8, 3461-9/71-9/81, 4339
Double Decker	5371/2/8/9
Coach	4320

GY - Grays

Minibus	2310/34/46-8/59-64
Single Decker	3349/50/73-5/80-90, 3404-14/21/3-9/31
Double Decker	5349/53/68

WE - Ware & Hoddesdon

Minibus	2167/86-93, 2224/43, 2369-82
Single Decker	3352-5/65/85, 3416/35/9-49
Double Decker	5250-3/5/7/60/9, 5348/63/7/70

Withdrawn (w) 2063, 3340, 3338/45/8

SERVICES

31 July 317 Elsenham - Bishops Stortford. ECC contract, Monday to Friday from First Airport Bus & Coach.



National Omnibus 2152 LH8480 AEC B in the Bishops Stortford yard. This vehicle is working on route 13 to Saffron Walden. (EBEG collection)



Westcliff Motor Services AEC Renown JN4612. This bus worked on the Wood Green service. It is seen here with AEC Q JN3457. (EBEG collection)



Parts of Southend were hit by 15 inches of snow on 12th January 1987. A view of the travel office and depot in London Road with a Leyland National stranded at the exit. (Peter Ashton)



Eastern National Leyland Olympian 4009 C409 HJN, one of the dual purpose "deckers" used on the short lived X51 service to Oxford Street, referred to in Chris Stewart's Brentwood article. 4009 is seen at Hamlet Court Road Westcliff on 12th January 1987. (Peter Ashton)



Leyland National 1816 VNO 739S is seen here in Maldon depot awaiting departure to Clacton on 27th August 1988. The glass screen just inside the depot is the original position of the door to the old disposal yard and parking area. (Peter Ashton)



Eastern National Bristol LD 1456 884 CEV in Romford on route 30 to London (Bow) in 1960. John Fryer (C. Stewart)



Genial Travel of Colchester Volvo B10M Plaxton Paramount at Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, in May 2000. This is the coach currently used for group tours. (Dave Arnold)



First Airport Bus and Coach 101 S936 RBE, Mercedes 410D with Autobus coachwork at Stansted airport in a new livery of pale blue. Route branded for the Colchester-Stansted coachlink service. (The late Phil Ford)

ARRIVA SOUTHEND

ACQUIRED

Ex Arriva The Shires 8/2000

4055/6

R455/6SKX DAF SB3000 Plaxton Prima C53F

These are expected to replace 4322/3 Volvo B10M/Plaxton

TRIDENTS

All the Tridents were in service by Friday 7th July, not all of these are route branded (see Fleetlist).

5445 has an incomplete fleetname. it does not serve Southend!!!!

5442 has been returned to Dennis's, due to a major engine fault.

FLEETLINES

After Friday July 7th only 5333/4/6/9 remained available for use, as a reserve fleet. They did not run on the Saturday or Sunday, but some were used every day from the 10th to the 14th. The last day was Friday 14th when all four were noted in service at certain times during the day, being used on the 7/8 group, 12, 29 and 62/62a. The last run of all was by 5339, on the 1856 Shoebury Renown to Central Bus Station service 7, coming out of service at 1914 (in the rain!). It was suitably decorated for the final run.

All the remaining operational fleet was reported to have been sold, however 5337 is at present at The Shires depot at Castle St Luton, together with 5340. Ensign are advertising the Fleetlines at £4500 each

DISPOSALS

4306	Irvine Salsburgh	3/00
4313	Poppleton Pontefract	3/00
4314	Cherry Bootle	3/00
4315	Helms Bootle	3/00
5330	Towed away by breaker	14/7/00
5375	Arriva East Herts and Essex	7/00

215 A215PEV still with Arriva, Midlands North has been stripped of all bright work and boot and reseated B53F

392 JTD392P withdrawn by Arriva Cymru

Schedule and route changes are due in September.

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Contribution for September Essex Bus News, should be with Sub Editors by 4th Sept, and Man Editor by 8th September.

ARRIVA SOUTHEND FLEET LIST AUGUST 2000

Renault Traffic	Renault	M7	0329/31-4
LDV Convoy	LDV	B16F	1253
Mercedes Benz 709D	Leicester C B	B25F	2086-8
Mercedes Benz 709D	Plaxton	B23F	2264
Mercedes Benz 810D	Plaxton	B27F	2383-4
Mercedes Benz 711D	Plaxton	B27F	2388/91/2
Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B33F	3218/20-3
Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B39F	3224-6
Dennis Dart	Plaxton	B35F	3370
Dennis Lance SLF	Wright	B40F	3379
Dennis Lance SLF	Wright	B39F	3381-4
Dennis Dart SLF	Plaxton	B39F	3386/7/91-7
Dennis Dart SLF	Wright	B41F	3417/8
Volvo B10M	Plaxton	C53F	4322/3/30-3
Scania K113CRB	Van Hool	C49F	4351-4
Dennis Dominator	East Lancs	H76F	5273-6/8/86-8
Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	ECW	H77F	5373/6/81/5-8
Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1R	ECW	DPH64F	5384
Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RZ	Alexander	H79F	5392-6/9
Leyland Olympian ONCL10/1RZ	Leyland	H78F	5402/3
Leyland Olympian ONCL10/1RZ	Leyland	DPH73F	5404/5
Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	H77F	5415-7
Volvo Olympian	Northern Counties	DPH75F	5418/9
Dennis Trident	Alexander	H47/31F	5434-9/41-3/5-9/51
	some remain	H51/31F	at present

3387	Currently at Arriva Grays
3218/20-3	Route branded for service 9
5274/5/86/7	Route branded for service 2
5434-7/9/41-3	Route branded for services 7 & 8
0329/31-4	Dengie Village Link buses
1253	Shuttle bus and Village Link spare

LIVERIES	
non Arriva corporate style	
0329/31-4	Essex C.C dark blue
1253	White
4322/3/30-3/51-4	Green Line
3386/7/91-7,5394/5,5403/15-9	ST blue/white

OVERALL ADVERTS

5392	HWS Alfa Romeo
5396	Southend United Football Club

REAR END ADVERTS

3395	South East Essex College
5395	Dansk International Furniture

Arriva Southend - trivia corner

With the withdrawal of the last Fleetlines, the Southend Transport/Arriva Southend fleet has seen some very dramatic changes from only a few years ago. Consider these points:

- for the first time since 1961, there are no dual door buses in the fleet
- over the past 10 years, since the summer of 1990, every single vehicle in the fleet has changed
- of the fleet owned when Southend Transport was sold to British Bus in June 1993, only 12 buses remain (all Olympians)
- since the take-over, 54 new vehicles have been delivered to Southend
- the average age in 1993 was 16.2 years, now it's 6.2 years
- two thirds of the fleet now carries Arriva colours.

The changing face of the fleet - contrast the fleet when sold to British Bus with that today:

<i>Chassis manufacturers</i>	<i>June 1993</i>	<i>July 2000</i>
Daimler	11	
Leyland	52	18
AEC	20	
Bristol	17	
Leyland National	29	
Dennis		47
Volvo		11
Mercedes		9
Scania		4
Renault		5

Totals: **129** **94**

<i>Body manufacturers</i>	<i>June 1993</i>	<i>July 2000</i>
Northern Counties	33	5
Plaxton	11	29
ECW	26	8
Park Royal	20	
Leyland	4	4
Alexander	0	21
Leyland National	29	
Duple	6	
East Lancs		8
Wrights		7
Van Hool		4
Leicester Carriage Builders		3
Renault (van conversion)		5

Totals: **129** **94**

<i>Fleet types:</i>	<i>June 1993</i>		<i>July 2000</i>	
Double deck bus & DP	83	64%	46	49%
Single deck bus	29	23%	24	26%
Coach	17	13%	10	10%
Minibus			9	10%
Microbus			5	5%

Totals: **129** **94**

SOUTHEND FLEETLINE TOUR JULY 2nd 2000

A total of 35 passengers gathered at Southend Bus Station to find "221" XTE221V ready for a tour of the old "haunts" of these fine old buses.

Setting off our first stop was the Palace Hotel and then Southend Pier, at every stop a photograph army was present, our next stop was the Kursaal before proceeding out to Great Wakering and Shoebury where stops were made at the Railway Station, Blackgate Road, Cambridge Hotel and Shoebury Common. Our next stop was back at the Central Bus Station before a lengthy trip through Rochford, Canewdon and out to Wallasea Island once the terminus of service 12. leaving there we had a surprise stop at the home of two preserved former Southend Transport vehicles, 209 GJN509D and 212 JTD392P. At South Fambridge the entire population and patrons of the public house could not believe their eyes when a bus appeared, with all cameras at rest we drove through the Lower Hockley road to The Dome Caravan site, terminus at one time of service 22, by now it was time for a lunch break that was taken at Wickford Station.

After lunch we all boarded 221 for a trip to Canvey Island, Eastern Esplanade, Leigh Beck and thanks to Stuart Jacobs a visit was made to the Canvey Island Museum to view the buses in states of preservation, our next stop was at Newlands before leaving the Island. A steady climb up Essex Way was made before former destinations in Leigh and Westcliff were seen and 221 duly photographed before returning to the Southend Bus Station.

Thanks is extended to Matthew Evans and Richard Delahoy for organising a very interesting trip and to Richard for producing a short history of the Southend Fleetlines, and finally to Arriva Southend for the use of " 221".

A total of £240-00 was raised for the Friends of Lancaster School.

ARRIVA COLCHESTER

ACQUIRED

Ex Arriva The Shires and Essex.

2243 R763DUB

Mercedes 810D

Plaxton

B27F

2369 P939HVX

Mercedes 711D

Plaxton

B27F

REPAINT

3308 3312 7/2000

DISPOSALS

4302 OHE274X Arriva Fox County, Leicester 22/7/2000

2058 H408FGS Gale Harlow 6/2000

Lynx 31 JB Coaches Repton Notts. 3/2000

Lynx 35 JB Coaches Repton Notts 3/2000

Service 133 Braintree Bishops Stortford. Suns and Bank Hols.

To be operated commercially by Arriva Colchester from 21/8/2000, extra positioning journeys to be introduced, British Airports Authority will provide some funding.

The Mercedes will be operating journeys on the following routes.

2/8 evenings, 11. 15,

83 ex Hedingham, 82a last Journey, 87a, 133 Suns and Bank Hols.

ALONG THE PROMENADE 2000

Clacton's open top service is again being operated by Hedingham with their Bristol VR/ECW 1302 UVW615S. At Colchester the Town Tour is operated by their sole Leyland Atlantean 5301 JHK495N, and finally the service at Southend from Shoebury to Highlands at Leigh is in the hands of Stephenson's of Essex with their Bristol VRs VHB677/8S.

The Eastern National sole Bristol KSW opentopper based at Harwich, 2383 WNO479 is available for special services and promotional work, and was a welcome site at Southend at the Classic Car Show on 30th July. 2383 is of course a former Westcliff bus and when converted to opentop was used at Southend.

GREEN LINE IN ESSEX

Express services marketed under the Green Line banner in Essex are operated by four operators, First Thamesway, Arriva Southend, Arriva East Herts and Essex, and Leaside Travel.

The 709/710/720-3 group from Southend, (720 from Canvey) are jointly operated by First Thamesway and Arriva Southend.

Vehicles used.

First Thamesway

Volvo B10M Plaxton

601-3/5/7-11 N601-3/5/7-11.

Arriva Southend

Volvo B10M Plaxton

4322 F572UPB

4323 F523UVW

4330 H372PHK

4331 H566MPD

4332 H567MPD

4333 H845AHS

Scania K113CRB Van Hool

4351-4354 M51-54AWW

The 724 service from Harlow to Heathrow makes a brief run in Essex before crossing into Hertfordshire to skirt the northern suburbs of London through Hertford, Welwyn Garden City, St Albans and Watford.

Vehicles used,

DAF Plaxton Prestige DP37F

34412-3449 R201-9VPU

Finally the 711 operated by Leaside Travel from Harlow enters London via the M11 and is basically a commuter service with one journey each way Monday to Friday.

Vehicles used.

A coach from the Leaside Travel fleet.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TIMETABLES

Part 4 - 1990 to 1998

A review by Alan Osborne

In Part 3 a review of the timetables issued by Essex County Council during the period 1990 to 1998 was presented. In this final part a complete listing of the timetables issued during this period is given, together with details of their cover colours. For further details please refer to Part 3.

COLOUR DESIGNATIONS

In the colour designations given below, two descriptions have been provided. The general colour using a letter code, provides a quick reference. This is followed by a number which indicates a more accurate colour match for the wide variety of subtle colour shades used. The colour descriptions have been determined by matching with the ICI Dulux Paint Colour Card (1999 edition). The colour descriptions were made by consideration of the complete base colour hue and also of the Essex County map outline. However, even using this extensive range of colours, some cover colours still proved difficult to describe, hence the nearest colour match had to be used. In compiling the survey the designations have been extensively cross matched to ensure a high degree of conformity.

General colours :

bl	:	blue	p	:	pale
br	:	brown	pi	:	pink
bu	:	buff	pu	:	purple
d	:	dark	re	:	red
gr	:	green	ye	:	yellow

Accurate colours :

1	:	Apple cream	16	:	Mango surprise
2	:	Aquamarine	17	:	Mediterranean blue
3	:	Citronella	18	:	Paradise blue
4	:	Cranberry	19	:	Real indigo
5	:	Crushed satin	20	:	Rich red
6	:	Earthenware	21	:	Rich russet
7	:	Flamenco	22	:	Soft jade
8	:	Fresh green	23	:	Soft lilac
9	:	Floribunda	24	:	Sunshine stunner
10	:	Fuchsia	25	:	Tazman satin
11	:	Golden dazzle	26	:	Terrific turquoise
12	:	Happy violet	27	:	Toscana
13	:	Honey bee	28	:	Turquoise pool
14	:	Lemon dew	29	:	Turquoise tropics
15	:	Lime fizz	30	:	Zingy yellow

COMPLETE LISTING OF TIMETABLES ISSUED

This is given on the next page.

SERIES E

C&NE

2/12/90	bl	28
17/3/91	pu	10
19/5/91	bl/gr	2
21/7/91	gr	8
27/10/91	bu	16
19/1/92	bl	29
29/3/92	p gr	3
17/5/92	gr	15
12/7/92	bl	26
6/9/92	bu	1
1/11/92	d gr	25
17/1/93	bl	17
28/3/93	gr	8
23/5/93	p gr	15
1/8/93	bl	28
31/10/93	gr	8
16/1/94	pu	12
27/3/94	p gr	15
22/5/94	bl	29
31/7/94	ye	24
4/9/94	gr	8
30/10/94	pu	19
15/1/95	bl	26
26/3/95	p gr	15

SE

1/7/90	bu	16
28/10/90	gr	8
13/1/91	br	4
3/3/91	bl/gr	2
12/5/91	bu	13
7/7/91	ye	30
8/9/91	pl	21
27/10/91	bl	29
12/1/92	pu	5
15/3/92	ye	30
10/5/92	bl	28
26/7/92	re	20
6/9/92	bu	13
1/11/92	br	7
10/1/93	br	7
21/3/93	ye	24
16/5/93	bu	13
18/7/93	pu	10
5/9/93	br	7
31/10/93	bl	18
9/1/94	br	4
20/3/94	ye	24
15/5/94	gr	15
31/7/94	pu	10
4/9/94	bl	17
30/10/94	br	7
8/1/95	bl	17
19/3/95	ye	24

SERIES F

C&NE2

21/5/95	pu	5
23/7/95	gr	8
3/9/95	bu	13
29/10/95	gr	8
14/1/96	bl	18
24/3/96	pi	9
19/5/96	gr	8
4/8/96	bu	27
27/10/96	bl	28
12/1/97	ye	11
30/3/97	pu	10
25/5/97	gr	15
31/8/97	pi	9
2/11/97	bl	29
11/1/98	bu	16

W&NWE

21/5/95	bl	26
3/9/95	gr	15
29/10/95	pu	10
14/1/96	ye	11
24/3/96	gr	15
19/5/96	pu	10
4/8/96	bl	29
27/10/96	gr	15
12/1/97	pi	21
30/3/97	bl	29
25/5/97	bu	16
31/8/97	bl	22
2/11/97	br	6
11/1/98	pu	23

SE

21/5/95	re	20
16/7/95	bl	29
3/9/95	ye	24
29/10/95	bl	29
7/1/96	pi	21
31/3/96	bu	13
19/5/96	bl	29
4/8/96	ye	11
3/11/96	pu	10
19/1/97	bl	22
30/3/97	br	6
25/5/97	pu	23
31/8/97	ye	11
2/11/97	pu	10
18/1/98	gr	15

SERIES G

C&NE2

29/3/98	bl	22
24/5/98	br	6
6/9/98	pu	23
6/9/98rep	pu	23

W&NW

29/3/98	ye	14
24/5/98	pu	10
6/9/98	gr	15
6/9/98rep	gr	15

SE&S

29/3/98	pi	21
24/5/98	bl	28
6/9/98	bu	16
6/9/98rep	bu	16

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