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Left: At Detling (South East Bus Festival), on 5 April, former Southend Transport Van Hool Astromega C256 FHJ (now CCG 376 with Aspen Bussing of Leatherhead) rubs shoulders with Talisman Coach Lines' similar DSK 107 (new as D228 HMT).
Chris Stewart.



Bottom picture this page: Dennis Trident/Alexander ALX400 H47/33F mentioned in EBN598p25, just prior to delivery to Heddingham's at CN. From Jeff Clayton taken by **Nick Field** at Beccles.

Front cover: A real Essex lady again! AJN825, 1939 Bristol K5G. See Editors note on p32.

Chris Stewart.

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Chris Bell, Colchester
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The Running Card (Dates For Your Diary) by Owen Woodliffe.

SOUTH ESSEX MEETINGS.

The Spring session has moved to **Freight House, Rochford** for meetings. This is the former Goods Shed of Rochford Railway Station and meetings are held in an upstairs room, entry by far right as you face the building. Ample free parking in front and a cash bar is available. Doors open at 1930 for informal chat with main show from 2000 to 2145/2200. A cash bar is available. Members and guests welcome - £1.50 donation towards cost of room, please.

Wednesday 21 May. Welsh Wanderings in the 1970s and 1980s, slides by Richard Delahoy.

Wednesday 18 June. Dave Arnold and Richard Delahoy. Jersey and Guernsey 1975 onwards.

Wednesday 16 July Visit to Canvey Island Transport Museum. Meet from 1000 onward.

No meeting in August.

NORTH ESSEX MEETINGS by Dave Arnold.

Venue: 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 an informal chat, and often impromptu slide show, with the main talk or show from 1945 to 2145. £1.50 donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome.

Friday 13 June. Gary Sharpe. Slides of some sort!

Friday 11 July. Alan Osborne. DMS in London & beyond.

Friday 8 Aug. Chris Stewart.

Friday 12 Sept. Russell Young.

Friday 10 Oct. Steve Maskell.

Friday 14 Nov. Fred Lawrance. Tour of Essex Operators in Grays from 1940's to 1960's.

Friday 12 Dec. Gary Sharpe. Christmas Special.



A Blast from the Past!

Thamesway 703
Dennis Dart
SLF Plaxton
P703HPU seen
at Central Bus
Station Southend
during 1998. This
vehicle became
40879 in the First
numbering
system.

Paul Harvey.

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

GROUP TOURS.

Saturday 24 May 2014. "The Delaine Crusader".

Join us for this day tour visiting some very interesting operators.

Our morning visits will be to Greys of Ely, Emblings/Judds of Guyhirn and Decker Bus of Whittlesey. After a lunch break in Peterborough Town Centre we will spend the afternoon with Delaine at Bourne. Departure from Colchester North Station at 0800 / Return 1850 and Dunmow High Street at 0840 / Return 1815. Fare £20. To book, please send cheque payable to E.B.E.G. and S.A.E. to Keith Woods, 34 Normandie Way, Bures, Suffolk, CO8 5BE. Please state choice of pick up point.

Tuesday 24 June 2014. Evening tour from Colchester. Pick up Colchester North Station at 1900. The cost is £10 (payable on bus) which will be donated to Essex Air Ambulance.

EVENTS.

Monday 26 May.

Ipswich Transport Museum. Bristol Commercial Vehicles event.
www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co.uk

Sunday 1 June.

Clacton Bus Rally. Clacton Factory Outlet. Display of heritage and modern buses, enthusiasts stalls, free parking. The Group stall will be at this event with a large collection of pre-owned books, Group publications and photographs.

Sunday 22 June.

North Weald Bus and Coach Rally. www.northwealdrally.net.

Sunday 22 June.

East Anglian Transport Museum 'Hop on a Bus' Day.
www.eatm.org.uk.

Sunday 6 July.

Cambridge Omnibus Society have a trip to Wirksworth Classic Bus Rally in conjunction with the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. Travel by ex OK Tiger, pick up at Sawston at 0800. Contact Owen Woodliffe as EBN601p1 for further details.

Information is published in good faith and members are strongly advised to check details with the organisers, as the Group can accept no liability if events are cancelled or altered.



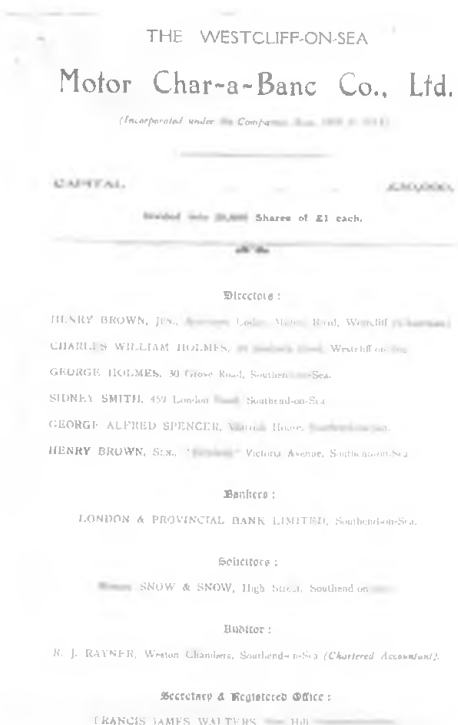
When the Epping and Ongar Railway re-opened in 2012 bus route 339 was introduced between Epping, North Weald and Ongar to connect the Underground at Epping with the railway at North Weald and Ongar. From this year some journeys on the 339 are extended to and from Shenfield station to provide a link with Greater Anglia services. This saves passengers having to go to Stratford and back out to Epping on the train and tube. RT1700 is seen in Shenfield on the first day of the extended service, Good Friday, 18 April 18.

Adam Kelleher.

100 years of Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd.

A centenary tribute by Alan Osborne.

St. Georges Day, Wednesday 23 April 2014 was a very special day. It was exactly 100 years since the Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Charabanc Co. Ltd. (WSMC) was registered.



The present day image of Westcliff-on-Sea is readily recognised through the magnificently restored AJN825, in traditional red and cream livery. This bus is a 1939 Bristol KG5, new to Westcliff in 1939 and is now 75 years old. For more details, see EBN600.

However, many of our 'younger' members will know nothing or very little about the legacy that the company has left. Some Southend enthusiasts may have bought their food in Sainsbury's in London Road little realising that this site was once their local bus garage. They might have stood on the terraces at Roots Hall watching Southend United FC and looked out towards Fairfax Drive which was where the Prittlewell works was located. Or they might have shopped at the Royals Centre, the site of the bygone Coach Station in Pier Hill. Some former Westcliff properties do still exist; the Canvey & District depot at Leigh Beck now houses the Castle Point Transport Museum whilst the First Essex premises in London Road, Hadleigh were originally built by the Bridge family for their newly acquired Benfleet & District business. For details about the other Hadleigh bus depot, please read my book.

So, now to a brief history of Westcliff. The WSMC was created by the merger of two former

charabanc operators, with an initial fleet of seven cars, tours and excursions only were run. Their first bus service started on 19 July 1920 from Pier Hill to Westcliff via Clifftown Road. Other routes then followed to Rayleigh, Shoebury and Rochford. On 28 January 1922, the company name was changed to the Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. (WMS). Early bus service numbers were continually changed but by 1923 had settled down such that service 1 ran to Rayleigh via Hadleigh (still exists), with service 2 going to Pitsea and Vange (withdrawn only recently). Some WMS service numbers are still around (the 4 and 7 being further examples), incidentally Southend Corporation did not start using route numbers until 1949.

Westcliff coach tours were very popular and started from a Coach Station in Pier Hill, later joined by an adjacent second site. A number of longer distant semi-limited stop services to the London area were introduced running to Stratford, East Ham and Wood Green. The latter service was sold to the City Coach Company in January 1935 and forms the basis of the well remembered Eastern National service 251.



Left: The crew of open top Daimler CK pose in front of their steed sometime in the early 1920's. Service 1 still connects Rayleigh and Southend and is now run by Arriva using branded Optare Versas.

A. G. Osborne collection.

Further bus service extensions towards the capital saw the red WMS buses connecting with the red central area buses of the London General Omnibus Co. Ltd. at Romford, Upminster and Grays. WMS was the only neighbouring provincial operator with connections to the central LGOC area but not with London General Country Services Ltd.

In December 1934, Thomas Tilling Ltd. acquired a majority share holding in the company, following which new vehicle deliveries were mainly of Bristol manufacture, rather than the AEC's and Daimlers used previously. WMS obtained the very first ECW bodied Bristol K5G. Attempts to form a co-ordinated transport area in Southend were first proposed as early as July 1935

but it would take another twenty years to be realised.

In 1948, WMS came under state ownership when Thomas Tilling Ltd. sold out to the British Transport Commission. Prior to the takeover the fleet strength stood at 102 vehicles (53 Bristol, 38 AEC (many with Gardener engines) and 11 others). Three WMS Bristol K5G's were loaned to London Transport in 1949/50.



Bottom Left:

Weymann bodied JN5461 was the veru last AEC Regent bought by Westcliff-on-Sea, new in 1935, it was rebuilt by local firm C. W. Beale in 1946. Seen loading at Victoria Circus en route to Landwick via Southchurch on service 4, which still serves the same points today.

P. J. Snell archive.

100 Years of Westcliff-on-Sea, by Alan Osborne, cont.

On 2 March 1951, the Bridge family bus business was acquired via Benfleet & District (based at Hadleigh, services 3 & 27) and Canvey & District (based at Leigh Beck, isolated service 26).

Then on 17 February 1952, the City Coach Company sold out to the BTC and their operations passed to WMS. As part of a scheme to rationalise the areas served by the former Tilling companies, the Midland area of the Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd. (ENOC) passed to the United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. on 1 May 1952, following which control of WMS passed to ENOC from 18 May.

Although ENOC had a much larger operating area, they contributed 239 vehicles whilst WMS provided 277. In 1953, WMS carried 50.4 million passengers, compared to the ENOC figure of 41.5 million, thus WMS was in no way the smaller partner. From 1953, WMS vehicles were delivered in Tilling green and cream livery carrying 'Westcliff-on-Sea' fleetnamers with Essex CC registrations (lots of WNO's). The last Southend CBC marks used by WMS were from the FJN series.



Left: An early view of the first Westcliff coach station at Pier Hill. To the left is the Temperance billiards saloon which was purchased and converted into a second more spacious coach station.

J. B. Young collection.

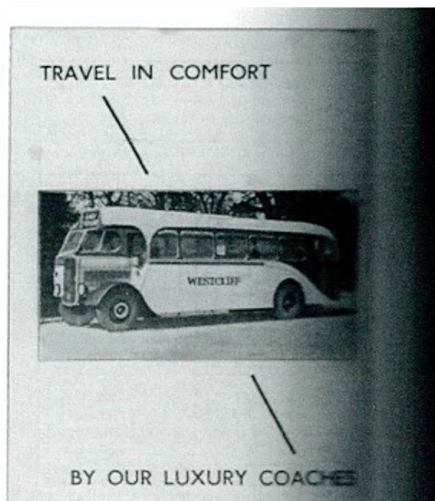
A comprehensive re-numbering scheme which consolidated the ENOC, Hicks, WMS and City stock took place on Sunday 18 July 1954. The Southend co-ordination scheme finally came into effect on 2 January 1955, initially with WMS as one of the three operating constituents. Although the use of the 'Westcliff-on-Sea' fleetname on buses gradually ebbed away, coaches allocated to Prittwell still featured the local identity since Westcliff Coach Tours were still held in high esteem, the name lasting until 1961.

The Pier Hill Coach Station was sold in 1967 and the Leigh Beck garage (latterly ENOC CY) closed on 29 April 1978. The WMS main garage (latterly ENOC SD) closed on 27 June 1987, all operations being transferred to Fairfax Drive, Prittwell. Operations then transferred to Hadleigh (ENOC HH) after service on 7 September 1991.

The last example of the once extensive WMS AEC Regent fleet were finally withdrawn in 1961 after 28 years service, having been re-bodied by ECW in 1949 and fitted with Gardner 5LW engines. The last 'real' WMS vehicle registered in Southend, FJN161, was retired in January 1971, whilst the very last vehicles delivered new to WMS were the 1954 Bristol Lodekkas (XVX23 - 31) which lasted until March 1973.

Finally, Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. (company number 135399) was dissolved on 4 November 1977. It is most appropriate that I write this tribute on their Centenary Day.

If you would like to know more about WMS then copies of my book are still available for sale, either through the Group or direct from myself at 7, Farley Drive, Seven Kings, ILFORD, Essex IG3 8LT, price £30 (carriage included). I will be most pleased to autograph any copy should you so desire. The book runs to 224 A4 pages with nearly 500 illustrations. For a review, see EBN574.



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Service 6 - PINE HILL (SOUTHEND) & PLOUGH HOTEL (WESTCLIFF).		
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above: Timetable, 9th series, August 1936.

Terry Challis writes:

"With regard to the article on page 4 of EBN600, as far as I know, none of the Westcliff pre-war K5Gs were re-bodied by ECW. All of the JN and AHJ batches were modernised by the fitting of PV2 radiators and some of the GO5Gs were completely re-bodied by ECW.

The photo of AJN825 in Hadleigh Garage is appropriate as AJN 824 was a Hadleigh bus in the 1950s. I believe that the AJN batch, when new, were fitted with 'canvas sliding roofs' and that is why the rear upper-deck window is smaller than other contemporary K5Gs. The canvas roof was supposed to fold into a recess above the upper-deck rear window. I have never seen any comment about this. Presumably a 'solid' roof was fitted during the Second World War.

Incidentally I can remember seeing one of the JN/AHJ K5Gs passing through Hadleigh with the cab panelling cut away some time in the late 1940s. I assume it was on the way to the bodybuilders. I think that the PV2 radiator had already been fitted.

AHJ 402 was also modernised by the fitting of rubber-mounted windows; this was also a Hadleigh car in the 1950s. My late brother, who was a driver at Hadleigh garage at the time, remembered AHJ 402 as being a very lively bus. Some Hadleigh buses had their governors 'adjusted' by the fitters I believe."

Chris Stewart adds: "With regards to the canvas roofs, Martin Farmer says he was told in the early 1970s by the Mechanical Foreman at Basildon, (who had been at Prittlewell at the time) that AJN 825's was panelled over in 1947. The framework remains exposed to view internally. And one minor correction – Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services came under ENOC control in 1952, not 1954."

A note from the Editor.

I had hoped to give you a picture of the "First Westcliff" Trident launch for this month's front cover but the timing hasn't been quite right. But I make no apology for featuring AJN825 for a second month! Chris Stewart's stunning picture of this superbly preserved vehicle justifiably merits a "double exposure"!

Target dates for EBN602 (June 2014).

By	---	31 May 2014	---	Reports to Sub-Editors.
By	---	6 June 2014	---	Sub-Editor drafts to Editor.
By	---	16 June 2014	---	Dispatch by Printers.

Back Cover Photos.

I have had a surfeit of 601's this month so have parked these two up at the back of EBN601!

Inside Top: 601 and 602 were Regal's first low floor Darts bought in August 2004 for Village Link routes 14, 15 and 15A between Chelmsford and Wickford. 601 is in Chelmsford Bus Station on 11 August 2010, showing the branding applied for these routes. The routes passed to Hedingham in August 2012 but as at April 2014, 601 still carried this branding, although by then it had acquired LED destination displays.

Adam Kelleher.

Inside Bottom: L601 MWC was new to Thamesway as its 601 in September 1993. It was Thamesway's only Northern Counties bodied Volvo B6. However, it did not stay long and moved on to Eastern Counties. It is seen here as Eastern Counties 400 in Colchester Bus Station in 1998.

Taken by **Eric Thompson**, copyright **Adam Kelleher.**

Outside Top : W821NNJ which has arrived at Hedingham from Konect bus / Anglian bus has been here before; she was to be L399. She was prepared for service but was then sent Norfolk with out being used. T814RFG became the replacement L399. Picture taken at the back of Hedingham depot by ...

Dave Arnold.

Outside bottom: Yet more rail replacement and more Panther! Easter Monday 21 April. See EBN601p19 for more details.

Steve Simister.

WESTCLIFF ON SEA

MOTOR SERVICES LIMITED

Official Time Tables
MARCH 26th, 1947
 and until further notice
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Price: Fourpence

Alan's book has something for every bus enthusiast! Route maps and descriptions, tickets, timetables, premises and the buses themselves!

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CANEWON—CREEKSEA—PAGLESHAM
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ROUTE	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
SOUTHEND—ROCHFORD	7.15 AM	7.45 AM	7.15 AM	7.45 AM
SOUTHEND—ASHINGDON—HOCKLEY	7.15 AM	7.45 AM	7.15 AM	7.45 AM
SOUTHEND—STAMBRIDGE—CANEWON—CREEKSEA—PAGLESHAM	7.15 AM	7.45 AM	7.15 AM	7.45 AM
SOUTHEND—FAMBRIDGE—LARKS HILL	7.15 AM	7.45 AM	7.15 AM	7.45 AM

NOTE: The above times are subject to change without notice.

And Yet Another Anniversary! – 30 years since the last 095 coach. By Owen Woodliffe.



Upper pic:
In Braintree
in May 1984
on last day
of 095
service,
Eastern
Counties
LL792,
Willowbrook
Leyland
Leopard.
**Owen
Woodliffe.**



**Editor's
Note:**
Owen has
provided a
nice story to
go with these
pics. I am
full up so you
will have to
wait for
another to
come along.
It won't be
long!!!

Lower pic:
Grey-Green
823, a
Leyland
Leopard
PSU3/4R
Duple
Dominant 11
Express
bodied
Leopard reg
FYX823W
waits at
Silver End
on a pm
return 083
journey to
London in
May 1984.
**Owen
Woodliffe.**

Service Changes by Paul Harvey.

Ensign Bus

7 April 14	81	M-S	Brentwood to Hutton: revised timetable.
3 May 14	C2C	SSu	Canvey to Basildon: revised timetable.
15 June 14	99	M-S	Tilbury Ferry to Tilbury: will operate on Sunday 5 June only.

First

4 April 14	120	MDO	Colchester Bruffs Close to Stadium: new service
	121	MDO	Colchester Ancient House PH to Stadium: new service.
	122	MDO	Colchester Stanwell Street to Stadium: new service.
	123	MDO	Colchester St Michaels Estate to Stadium: new service.
20 April 14	41	D	Chelmsford to Galleywood: minor timetable revisions on non schooldays.
	47	M-S	Chelmsford to Broomfield Hospital: revised evening peak t'table.
6 May 14	21/A	D	Bocking to Black Notley: revised Mon to Fri peak timetable.
	70	M-S	Colchester to Chelmsford: minor t'table changes on Schooldays.
	131/2	M-S	Halstead to Witham: minor timetable changes.
1 June 14	45	D	Moulsham Lodge to Oxney Green: revised timetable with increased frequency M-S.



The shuttle bus service between Colchester North Station and the Weston Homes Community Stadium for Colchester United home games is now run by First Essex. On Saturday 26 April 2014, they were assisted by Fourways Coaches, who used three Olympians, ex Eastbourne Buses E856 DPN, ex Dublin Bus H699 PTW and also ex Dublin Bus G981 PTW, which is pictured departing from Bruff Close, Colchester.

Russell Young.

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Kirby's Coaches

28 April 14	LC	M-F
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Rayleigh to London: new commuter service might have started for pre-booked passengers only.

London Bus Company

31 May 14	381	SSu
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North Weald to Epping Station: reintroduction of summer service until 26 October 14.



Chris Stewart "snapped" this lovely Saunders-bodied RT3062 in Shenfield on Easter Sunday, 20 April. EBN603p3 gives fuller details of this new service.

Olympus Bus & Coach (Olympian Coaches)

15 April 14	741/741A	M-F	Bishop Stortford to London: services withdrawn.
22 April 14	741	M-F	Harlow to London Victoria: new service.
	741A	M-F	Harlow to Bishop Stortford: new service.

Roadrunner Buses

16 May 14	255	M-S	Waltham Cross to Debden: new service.
	R1	M-S	Harlow to Sumners Circular: new service.
23 May 14	511	M-S	Harlow to Bishop Stortford: new service.
	512	M-S	Bishop Stortford to Thorley Park: new service.

Roadrunner Coaches

5 April 14	386	Sch	Buntingford to Bishop Stortford: service withdrawn.
16 May 14	245	M-S	Cheshunt to Holdbrook Estate: service withdrawn.
	250	M-S	Harlow to Waltham Cross: service withdrawn.
	255	M-S	Loughton to Waltham Cross: service withdrawn.
	511/12	M-S	Harlow to Bishop Stortford: services withdrawn.
	808	Sch	Hunsdon to Bishop Stortford: service withdrawn.
	R1/R3	M-S	Harlow to Sumners Circular: services withdrawn. EBN601p11

Service Changes by Paul Harvey, concluded.

TGM Group (Colchester)

2 June 14	133	D	Stansted Airport to University of Essex: revision to route and timetable.
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TGM Group (Harlow)

6 May 14	7/A	M-S	Harlow to Mark Hall Circular: revision to route and timetable with service 7A withdrawn and replaced by Service 6 (updated information).
	10/20	D	Harlow to Church Langley Circular: revision to route and timetable. Service 20 withdrawn and all journey's to operate as service 10 (updated information).

TrustyBus

22 April 14	386	Sch	Buntingford to Bishop Stortford: new schoolday service.
24 July 14	880/1	Sch	Nazeing to Chancellors School: services withdrawn.

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

Publicity news by Ian Ransom and Owen Woodliffe.

First Essex Timetable leaflets for 8/A; 20; 21/A/B/C/X; 22/28; 24/24/A; 47 all dated 20 April 2014. Braintree area booklet dated 4 May 2014

Trustybus mini pocket guide for 246, 410, 411 - February 2014

Network Harlow 505: Harlow Town Services - both 6 May 2014

SX Connect 509/510 - 16 March 2014

Lodge Coaches 2014 Day trips and short breaks from Bishops Stortford and Harlow

EMD601J for EBN 601 by Owen Woodliffe.

Top picture next page.

The George Ewer Group was an early customer for Bristol chassis when the embargo on sale to non-THC companies was lifted. The first batch of 5 LHL6L arrived during 1969, with a pair following the following year. 601 was one of four LH delivered in 1971, but with 602 was the shorter version (LH6L) for tour work with Orange Luxury fleet and thus had just 41 seats. In 1973 the pair was transferred to Grey-Green and up-seated to 45.

As with previous deliveries, bodywork was Plaxton Panorama Elite, although this quartet had the Mark 11 version. Being fitted with Leyland engines, the Bristols were very suitable to supplement the heavyweight Leopards on East Anglian Services. 601 was so engaged when photographed by the late **Wilf Rowley** whilst working an East Anglian express service passing through Hatfield Peverel..

601, along with its sister, was withdrawn in 1976 and exported to Cyprus. The purchaser paid cash from a suitcase at Stamford Hill!

D601GHY for EBN601 by Paul Smith of Talisman.

Lower picture next page.

D601GHY new to Badgerline, purchased by Talisman as it was auto and 57 seats and was useful for rail work. Some members may recall it was used on an EBEG group tour to a rally in Bristol during 2007.

EBN601p12



Upper picture, see text previous page.

The late Wilf Rowley.



Lower picture, see text previous page.

Paul Smith of Talisman.

EBN601p13

Smaller Operators by Roger A. Smith. With thanks to the PSV Circle.

Brailey, Canvey Island.

Iriza bodied Scania C49FT, reg. W354MKY and ET03LCT have gone to Scania, Worksop, Notts.

Farrington (South East Coaches), South Woodham Ferrers.

This operator has acquired BU04Ezd, a Setra S415HD C49FT, formerly with Grindle, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Greenfield (Richard's Travel), Great Baddow.

A new vehicle with this operator is YJ14CEV, a Temsa Safari coach, seating capacity currently not known.

Lodge, High Easter.

Setra S416GT-HD is new here, reg. EU14GXR.

NIBS, Wickford.

Two Scania H41/22D, reg. numbers LX08ECF & LX08ECW are here from Docklands Buses, London.

Sammons, East Tilbury.

Toyota/Caetano C21F, reg. P164ANR is understood to have gone for scrap.

Terravision, Stansted Airport.

King Long C55F, reg. BK63ZTC is here but it is unclear as to whether it was purchased new, as an ex-demonstrator or is a dealer loan.

Truck & Bus, Rettendon.

YU04XJH, a Plaxton bodied Irisbus C53F is currently here from Fernhill, Bracknell, Berkshire.



Former United Counties/Eastern National MW coach YBD201, supplied via Ensign. Taken at the Irish Transport Heritage Annual Bus & Coach Rally at Cultra, Co. Down on 25 April.

Chris Stewart.

EBN601p14

Acquired Vehicles

33189	LT52 WVE	Ds Tt	SFD136BR22GX22344	Pn 7917	H39/20D	09/02	F C-West TN1189
33191	LT52 XAB	Ds Tt	SFD136BR22GX22346	Pn 7919	H39/20D	09/02	F C-West TN1191

Both converted to single door layout. 33189 was delivered to Hadleigh on 3 April and 33191 on 23rd. 33189 was seen parked at the side of HH depot with London scroll blinds still in place on 12th (although by then it had received magenta lining and "Essex" fleet names). It entered service on 8 May on route 26, with all round LED blinds fitted. As reported last month, 33191 has been painted into *Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services* red and cream livery as part of the centenary celebrations of that company. Because of its bonded windows there is no cream surround to the upper deck windows but there is a cream band underneath. Wheels are black. When seen in late April shortly after repaint, like 33189 it retained London scroll blinds, but unlike 33189 it also retained the yellow panels with red "F" symbol either side of the front blinds which were a feature of *First London* vehicles before TfL introduced the 100% red livery rule.

Correction to EBN 600: 44002 and 44005 were new to *First Centrewest* not *First Capital East* (both were part of *First London*). For the record, 44001-6 were new to *Centrewest* and 44076-81 to *Capital*.

Vehicles on Loan

66168 remained on loan during April. 61533 was sold to Alpha in April.



As mentioned in EBN 600, 68531 has proved very elusive since acquisition, with sightings of it being rare. But here it is on driver shuttles in Chelmsford Bus Station on 8 April this year. This is First Essex's only yellow school bus to have the front destination covered in this way. Note the branding for Cranbrook School, Ilford and the GB prefix to the fleet number, both from its days with First London.

Adam Kelleher.

Allocation Changes

These are, and always have been, taken from the Company's allocation sheet. For operational reasons there may sometimes be discrepancies with the actual situation on the ground.

FEC=First Eastern Counties; FG=to/from another First Group company (both involving change of legal ownership); Acq=acquired from a non First company

The following traditional depot codes are used in EBN, although no longer by the company:

BN-Basildon; BE-Braintree; CF-Chelmsford; CN-Clacton; CR-Colchester; DT-Harwich (outstation of CR); HH-Hadleigh; DS-Driving School; (D)-Disposal, RES=reserve; Sh=shuttle bus (non PCV)

Period 1 (30 March-26 April)

32807 BN(DS)-CN(store); 33189 FG-HH*; 43713 CN(store)-sold; 43729 HH-sold; 43738 HH(out of use)-sold; 43741 CN-CN(store); 43742 CN(store)-sold; 60810 CF-Reserve; 60865 CF-CR; 65576 CR-CN(store).

*Being prepared for service

Disposals

To Alpha Recovery, Cramlington for scrap: 43713 (March 2014); 43729, 43738, 43742 plus loaned 61533 (all April).

Other Vehicle News and Workings

General

Amendment to EBN 600: It was stated that BN69901 is another hybrid to have the vinyl removed from the rear window. This is correct, but this happened last summer and had already been reported in EBN 593.



First 65671 Scania L94UB Wrightbus Solar at Colchester General Hospital on 6 February - shortly after return from a loan spell at CF.

John Salmon.

EBN601p16

Olympians

The two remaining Olympians continued in service during April. 34014 was noted on 61/62 (11 and 15 April), at Harwich outstation on 16th, on Colchester to Clacton rail replacement (20th), 88 (22nd) and 75 (23rd). 34305 was seen on 42 on 15, 16 and 19 April and 6 May.

Older Darts

41239, the last remaining Marshall bodied Dart at Basildon, was noted on route 9 on 12 and 14 April. HH42439 was on 21A on 3 May. The sale of 43742 leaves 43741 as the sole remaining Alexander ALX200 bodied Dart, but this too is now out of service. Three more of the new to Eastern National / Thamesway Dart SLF / Pointer 2s have gone for scrap. Of the batches 43712-21 (R reg) and 43729-38 (S reg) (20 in total), three remain in service at CN (43712/14/35) and 10 at HH (43715/17/19-21/31-34/36).

Clacton (CN) and Colchester (CR) (including Harwich (DT) outstation)

Vehicles in use from Harwich during April and early May (all CR allocated) have been five buses for services 103/104 and school service 30A plus Sunday (and BH) service 3 with no spare. Noted during this period:

4 April	32476, 32480, 62410, 65668 and 65682
6	32480, 32484, 62410, 65682 and 66985*
13	32654, 65586, 65666, 65680* and 66986
16	32480, 34014, 65586, 65680 and 66983
18	32477, 32480, 32652, 65586 and 65680 with 65586 operating route 3 (it was Good Friday) with destination "First" and "3" in windscreen.
20	32477, 32652, 65586, 65680 and 66986*
23	32477, 32652, 65677, 65680 and 65688
27	32480, 32484, 65676, 65681 and 66978*
30	65565, 65668, 65676, 65681 and 66978
4 May	65586, 65678, 66976, 66978* and 69421
7	32481, 62409, 65586, 66976 and 69430

*These buses worked Sunday route 3, the others on these dates were parked up ready for service the next day. 66986 also worked the 3 on Easter Monday 21 April and 66978 also worked this route on Bank Holiday Monday 5 May. Note the lack of double deckers on both 30 April and 4 May - on the former date 65681 on 0710 Harwich-Colchester 104 and 65565 on 0720 Harwich-Colchester 103 were both seen in Manningtree with standing passengers. Harwich outstation is due to close completely on 28 June, the Sunday 3 will transfer to Clacton (with additional positioning journeys added to the timetable) and the 103/4 will transfer to Colchester. Early morning and evening positioning journeys for the 103/4 will run as service 106.

Single deckers no longer seem to regularly appear on 75/A or 88/A. Other observations:

10 April	CN43714 on 76
18	32483 amongst a number of CR vehicles on Colchester to Clacton and Walton rail replacement (and throughout the Easter Bank Holiday weekend). 32476, 32483 and 34014 were seen on 20th. On Easter Monday (21st) 32476, 32478, 32485 and 65682 were noted at Thorpe-le-Soken station with 32482 at Walton-on-the-Naze station
22	CR66984 on 71/A

Stop Press!!! A Great Photo (and bus riding) Opportunity.

Andrew Wheeler, Marketing and Revenue Manager, First East England (Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex) writes:-

"On Friday 16 May 2014, First Essex will proudly be unveiling a special anniversary vehicle, to celebrate 100 years of Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services.

The bus itself, a Dennis Trident, originally used on London services, has been painted and detailed in a distinctive red and cream Westcliff livery, with gold lettering and branding, mirroring the buses of Westcliff-on-Sea in 1914. Moreover, this one off 'heritage' bus will enter full service from **Monday 19 May**, and will be seen on the roads in South Essex, serving First Customers.

The launch of this eye-catching vehicle will take place at the First Hadleigh depot, alongside a 75 year old Westcliff Bristol bus. Where there will be opportunities for photographs before hopping on the bus for a tour of Westcliff on-Sea, and returning to the depot for a history tour, and the chance to speak with the people who lovingly created and preserved both of the Westcliff buses."

Chelmsford (CF) and Braintree (BE)

- 10 April CF43801 on 71/A
- 15 CF42934 on 71
- 17 CF44547 on 42
- 22 CF68552 on driver shuttles
- 25 CF44900 on 70 and on 71/A the next day.
- 30 CF43801 on 73 and 351 but with "Sorry Not in Service" on the flip dot blinds, with both route numbers (no destinations) in windscreens, CF44545 on 42, CF68555 at CF Bus Station possibly on driver shuttles.
- 1 May BE33088 on 70X
- 2 CF44545 on 42A

Basildon (BN) and Hadleigh (HH)

- 13 April HH44001 attended the London Bus Museum open day at Brooklands.
- 15 BN66806 on 100
- 16 BN41543 on 100 (and again on 17th)
- 17 BN41538 and BN41543 on 100, BN43846 on 25
- 19 CF65030 on 36
- 21 BN66165 on 251
- 22 HH43736 on the extended 25A in Basildon
- 25 BN66165 on 9
- 27 BN66169 on 251
- 2 May BN66822 on 100, BN 60766 and 66819 on 200
- 4 CF(DS)32806 still at the back of BN depot yard, BN66177 on 251, BN69917 on 300.



This bus gets everywhere! We have shown it in previous EBN's on various routes other than the liveried 61 – 62; here, First 32484 is on the Easter Colchester - Clacton/Walton Rail Replacement Service. Caught in Cowdray Avenue, Colchester on 21 April 14 by **Russell Young**. Your Editor saw it in Maldon on the 75 a few days later!

Other News

Former Eastern National and Thamesway Olympian coach 4505 (B693 BPU) has been acquired by Panther Travel. This vehicle moved from Thamesway to Liverbus and has since operated for Rapsons of Inverness, K&J Travel of York and M&E of Rochford. Whilst with Rapsons it temporarily carried registration NIL 2735. It operated for M&E in K&J livery and attended the June 2012 Clacton Bus Rally, but later suffered accident damage and was stored for a while (circa July 2013) pending a decision as to its future. It was at seen at Mardens, Benfleet on 9 April 2014 prepared for painting into Panther livery following months of mechanical and body repairs. The repainting was complete by 16th and it was first seen in use on Colchester to Clacton and Walton rail replacements on Good Friday 18 April and throughout the Easter weekend. Adam Kelleher's photo of this great survivor photograph is on the back cover.

What is left of the old Walton bus station, the former enquiry office, is now a popular motorcycle clothes and café bar called "Revved Up", which is believed to have replaced the previous shop there in March 2012.

Sources: Own observations, and with thanks to R Appleton, S Barham, G Butler, N Clark, T Clark, N Field, John Lidstone, D Lund-Conlon, J Podgorski, S Simister, R Webb, the Essex yahoo! group, *Essex Buses Google group*, www.buslistsontheweb.co.uk, *Real Bus News*, LOTS, PSV Circle and 'Terminus'.

Reports relating to First Group may be sent by text on 07973 509459, by e-mail to shenfield252@gmail.com or by conventional post. Many thanks to all those who do so.



Some say the best part of an eastern view is the spacious sky! Here, - with a few extra seagulls is First Essex 65682 demonstrating the then new "Colchester" fleet name. This view, taken outside Harwich outstation on Sunday 19 January ready for service the next day is one that will not be possible to see for very much longer! **Adam Kelleher.**

Do you remember that photo in EBN600p5 of John G. Lidstone looking rather pleased with himself at the wheel of AJN825? Well, it seems that the picture was actually taken by Steven Quay using John's camera. I am not sure who owns the copyright but I am happy to give both gentlemen the appropriate credit.

Additions

909 YJ51 XSM Optare Solo M920 Optare B31F Ex Anglianbus

Originally Horsburgh 9/2001, this has been acquired from Beccles depot but for parts only.

Fleet

Plaxton MPD-bodied Dennis Dart SLF 285 (W799 VMV) has returned to use after accident repairs.

It is still the firm's intention to withdraw Wright Pathfinder-bodied Dennis Lance SLF 212 (M211 WHJ) this year and there is still the opportunity to acquire it for preservation. Any interested parties are requested to address an email to services@hedingham.co.uk (FAO General Manager, ref EBN).

with thanks to Jeff Clayton & Essex-Buses yahoo group.



Hedingham 286 (L394) Dennis Dart SLF at Asda, South Woodham Ferrers on 11 April, (formerly Metrobus BRS 346 and Brighton & Hove 246).

John Salmon.

EBN601p20

Amber Coaches by Adam Kelleher.

Acquired Vehicle

N210 NNJ Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer, B38F, new May 1996, Brighton 210

This vehicle was previously on loan from Ensign (see EBNs 599 and 600) but has now been acquired. It is in Brighton & Hove livery. Seen on 265 on 5 April, 1 and 2 May and on 269 on 15 April.

Other Vehicle News

KX58 BGY (see EBN 600) was again seen on route 261 on 8 April this time with front and side LEDs programmed and working. It was then a regular performer on the route throughout the month and into May. Y172 / Y202 NLK again operated on TfL route 26 during the Underground strike on 29 and 30 April (see EBN 598 for previous mention of this service). Coach OIB 3514 was parked in Brentwood High Street on the afternoon of 30 April, possibly on driver changeover duty.

With thanks to Ross Newman and Chris Stewart.



As previously reported, Amber took over operation of route 374 on 1 April 2014. X595 XBB is seen here at Basildon Bus Station (showing the full rear destination display (in company with NIBS G603 KTX.

Adam Kelleher.

Ensignbus; Dealing Stock Movements April 2014. By Mark Lloyd.

Vehicles In.

Arriva London	LJ09KRN/KRK	Wright Gemini Hybrids
	LJ58AVK	Wright Gemini Hybrid
Astons Coaches	CU06LCN	Optare Solo
	V129/167MEV	Tridents
Bakers Dolphin	AJ58PZB/C/D/E	MAN
Brighton & Hove	N209NNJ	Dart SLF
	T312/3SMV	Dart SLF
	T669/70/1KPU	Trident
	PK02REU/RDO	Tridents
	Y848/859GCD	Tridents
	R217/230HCD	Volvo B10BLE Wright
City of Oxford	AB/DB/EB/	Volvo B12
	FB/JB/KB07OXF	Volvo B12
Freedom Travel	MX07BBU	Optare Solo
Imperial Buses	W996JNF	Mercedes
	VU52UEG/Y251NLK	Dart
	R874MCE/X312KRX	Dart
	X319KRX/W138ULR	Dart
	R446LGH	Dart
Jim Stones	VE58XKX/Y	Enviro 200
Metroline	LK58CTZ/CTY	Tempo Hybrids
New Adventure Travel	CN10GFY	MAN
Stagecoach Manchester	R938XVM	Volvo B10M
Weaverway	SN11BWG/H	Enviro 200
	SN61DCF	Enviro 200
Webberbus	WA09FHK/FHL	Enviro 200
	YX08HCC	Enviro 200
Western Greyhound	MX06BRF/PL06TFW	Optare Solo



Belfast City Sightseeing PS1 839XUJ (ex Ensign) and former United Counties/Eastern National MW coach YBD201, supplied via Ensign. Taken at the Irish Transport Heritage Annual Bus & Coach Rally at Cultra, Co.Down on 25 April. **Chris Stewart.**

Ensignbus; Dealing Stock Movements April 2014, cont. By Mark Lloyd.

Vehicles Out

Aintree C	OU04FMV	Dart
	CB54BUS	DAF
	VE58KXX	Enviro 200 ex Jim Stones
Amber C	N210NNJ	Dart SLF ex Brighton & Hove
Bear Cross Bus Co	CRU184C	Fleetline
Buses Etc	T672KPU	Trident
Country Bus, N Abbott, Devon	MX06BRF	Solo
	PL06TFW	Solo
	DX05OMB	Solo
	MX07BBU	Solo
	CU06CLN	Solo
D and G Buses, Staffs	WA09FHL	Enviro 200
Finesse Coaches, Smethwick	Y368/73/6HMY	Dart Caetano ex Metrobus
Galleon Travel, Nazeing	T312/3SMV	Dart
	LK03CGV/GFX/GJY	Tridents
Hamilton Gray C, Exeter	DB/EB/FB07OXF	Volvo B12s
London Borough of Havering	Y862/69GCD	Trident ex Brighton & Hove
National Express Group	SN11BWG/H SN61DCF	Enviro 200 Ex Weaverway
New Adventure, Cardiff	AF53EUV	MAN
Peoples Bus, Liverpool	EU06KDJ	Dart
Peter Reynolds C, Middx	T677KPU	Trident ex Brighton & Hove
Redline Buses, Aylesbury	Y251NLK/VU52EUG	Dart
Sleaford & District	N209NNJ	Dart SLF ex Brighton & Hove
	P886PWW	DAF
	R224HCD	Volvo B10BLE ex Brighton & Hove
	X103HKY	Ex Dublin B7 00-D-40018
South Lancs Travel	SN56AYB	Enviro 200
	WA09FHK	Enviro 200
York Pullman	X138HKY	Ex Dublin B7 00-D-40083
	X124HKY	Ex Dublin B7 00-D-40084
Z & S Coaches, Aylesbury	VE58 XKY	Enviro 200 ex Jim Stones

Other Movements

AJ58PZB/C/D/E & CN10 GFY to Associated Coach Sales, New Zealand.
 RML2528 Ghost Bus Tours, London.
 N61FWU & R938XVM to Clockhouse Farm, Maidstone.
 MUI7583/4 to Africa Gaming Ltd, Harare, Zimbabwe.
 X646WTN Mercedes to Balcoach, Co Cork, Eire.
 YK55ATO Volvo B7TL to Liam Bus Hire, Dublin.
 YK55ATY Volvo B7TL to South East Coachworks, Faversham
 N531LHG & F712SDL to Delta Force Paintball, Manchester.

with thanks to Ross Newman.

Regal Busways by Adam Kelleher.

Acquired Vehicle

YJ03 PGZ, DAF SB4000 / Van Hool Alizee C49Ft, new May 2003 to Birmingham Coach, Tividale for use on National Express services. It later moved to Aztecbird, Guiseley and to South Gloucestershire Bus and Coach. It was seen at SGBC's premises awaiting despatch to Regal on 19 April. Whilst with SGBC it carried registration L444 SGB and later L555 SGB but reverted to its original mark before being sold to Regal. It was noted at Colchester station on 24 April and on Broxbourne - Stansted Airport / Audley End rail replacement on 27th. It is in all white livery.

Other Vehicle News

Correction to EBN 582(!): 601 had all round LED blinds fitted sometime between March 2011 and May 2012.

Workings and Observations

7 April	601 and 1404 on First Data shuttle (601 again on 8th)
8	203 on 1, 1302 on 7 (all round LEDs programmed for the route), PO2 on 75
15	211 on 31A, 601 on 52
16	203 on First Data shuttle (1204 parked at First Data car park bus stop), 614 on B2, 801 on 552
18	1302, 1401 and 1404 on Colchester to Clacton Rail Replacement
22	1206 on 7
28	515 on 3
29	PO2 on TfL route RV1 on Underground strike day (and possibly again the next day)
2 May	1404 on 1
6	1401 on driver changeover duty at Brentwood station

With thanks to Jonathan Bale, Terry Clark and John Podgorski.



Regal Busways Braintree Freeport advert Dart 611 in Lexden Road on route 71C, substituting for the more usual Essex Pullman Optare Tempo on Sunday 12 April 2014.

Russell Young.

EBN601p24

Trustybus (Galleon Travel 2009, Roydon, Essex bus operations) by Adam Kelleher.

Acquired Vehicles

T312 SMV Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer 2 B29F new July 1999 Metrobus 312

T313 SMV Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer 2 B29F new July 1999 Metrobus 313

From Brighton & Hove via Ensign

LK03 CGV Transbus Trident / Transbus President H39/20D new April 2003 Metroliner TP428

LK03 GFX Transbus Trident / Transbus President H39/20D new June 2003 Metroliner TP431

LK03 GJY Transbus Trident / Transbus President H39/20D new July 2003 Metroliner TP461

From Metroliner via Ensign. CGV and GFX are in Metroliner livery of red with blue skirt and white pinstripe, GJY is all over red. All three were used as extras on TfL route 8 (shorts between Bow Church and Liverpool Street station) during the Underground strike on 30 April and it is likely that they were also used on the 29th (also a strike day).

Re-Registration Dennis Dart / Plaxton MPD X501 WRG to VJZ 3283.

Repaint NK51 MKM has been repainted into fleet livery and been given fleet number EDS 22.

Other Vehicle News P980 LNB has been fitted with a front LED number / destination screen.

Disposals Dart S91 EGK has been withdrawn for scrap. *With thanks to Ross Newman and LOTS.*

CPT Essex & London & South East Groups – Plaxton Trip; 18 to 20 Feb 2014.

By Paul Smith.

During the February half term holiday, operator members and suppliers visited Scarborough for a visit to the Plaxton factory. A 2011 Plaxton Elite Volvo B13R was made available to Lodge's of Chelmsford who supplied the driver for the 3 days. Essex operators attending were Talisman, Lodge's, Fourway's and Panther.

On the first day en-route to Scarborough a visit was made to Pickering for a trip by train to Goathland. The second day was a presentation and factory tour followed by an evening dinner hosted by Plaxton. The final day a visit was made to The Deep Aquarium in Hull before returning to Essex.



YN11AXU a Plaxton Elite Volvo B13R new to Corporate Coaching of Northern Ireland who's livery can be seen when dropping the group at Pickering. **Paul Smith.**

EBN601p25

Rail Replacement Service; Colchester - Clacton/Walton over Easter 2014.

Alongside First Essex (see this issue, page18) were :



above: New Horizon with Tridents; V124 MEV in Alresford.

below: Regal Busways also with Tridents; 1404 in Clacton.

Russell Young.

Russell Young.



EBN601p26



above: Panther Travel with the usual immaculately turned out coaches and Olympians, including CWR 512Y at Thorpe le Soken.

below: and, a few weeks earlier, Regal Busways 1302, a very well presented ex Stagecoach Selkent Alexander bodied Dennis Trident on a Greater Anglia Marks Tey - Clacton rail replacement service, departing Colchester North Station on 16 March 2014.

Both pictures by **Russell Young**.



The Blind Spot by Robert J. Williamson.

At long last, I have space for another part of the very occasional series of Eastern National blinds.

This time, we feature Brentwood Depot. The first column and a bit are 48" x 5" destinations printed by King & Flack to EN order and dated March 1956. These are shown opposite.

The right hand column and the larger middle bit (marked with a 5 in a ring) are passing points by Norbury Bros. and dated June 1960.



This handsome beast (note the perfectly set blinds!) is fleet number 311 Bristol L5G, ECW B35R, reg. ONO49, new in 1950. I think the setting is Brentwood (BD) garage but, no doubt, will be swiftly told if I am wrong! Thanks to **Robert J. Williamson** for his help, I believe he also took the photo.



Optare Solo Slimline M880 962 (MX58 XDB) is the only single deck in the new two-tone red Chambers livery, interspersed with white relief. It was acquired from Anglianbus in 2013. It is regularly allocated to a Suffolk County Council school contract and a factory works shuttle in Sudbury during the week, and service 374 (Bury St. Edmunds – Clare) on Saturdays.

Jeff Clayton.

EBN601p28

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BISHOPS STORTFORD
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BRENTWOOD
BRENTWOOD (STATION)
CHELMSFORD
DUNMOW
EASTWOOD (ROCKFORD CORNER)
EAST HORNDON (HALL-WAY ROAD)
EAST HORNDON
FELSTED FACTORY
GRAYS
GREAT BURSTEAD (KINGS HEAD)
HERONGATE
HERONGATE (OLD DOG)
HOOK END
HUTTON (THE PLOUGH)
HUTTON (THE CHLOUERS)
HUTTON (BRACKEN HANE)
ILFORD (GANTS HILL)
KENT ELMS CORNER
LITTLE WARLEY (COTTAGE ROAD)
LANGDON HILLS (THE CROWN)
LAINDON
LAINDON (RAILWAY STATION)
LAINDON (FORTUNE OF WAR)
LONDON (BOW)
LONDON (WOOD GREEN)
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RAYLEIGH
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RAWRETH (BAYLON CORNER)
RAWRETH (SHOTGATE)
ROMFORD
ST. VINCENTS HAMLET
SHENFIELD STATION
SOUTHEND
SOUTHEND (TYLERS AVE.)
SOUTHEND (VICTORIA CHURCH)
STONDON
STONDON (CHURCH)

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TILBURY FERRY
VANGE (THE BULL)
WARLEY (WATER WORKS)
WOODMAN ROAD
WEST HORNDON (STATION)
WOODMAN ROAD
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Model Corner returns! Diecast Model Review by Roger A. Smith.

Iriza bodied Scania by Oxford Diecast 1:76 scale.

This Iriza PB tri-axle with bodywork in Bus Eireann/Eurolines livery is well detailed, right down to the legal lettering and emergency exit notices. Even the seat cushions are visible. The only slight gripe with my model is that the rear engine cover doesn't quite fit properly, otherwise an excellent effort, especially at the price! I paid just over £18 direct from Oxford Diecast, although I have since seen this model on sale for as little as £15 in "Buses" magazine. Compare this with prices charged by other companies in the field of diecast models and coaches. Although this model is not of immediate local interest, a similar model in Eddie Stobart livery has been announced so, who knows, maybe one in a more local livery might arrive at some time?



lower picture: Corgi model of Eastern National 3934, reg. LPU624, a Bedford OB modelled and pictured by **Roger A. Smith.**

Rear end cropped out by your Editor!

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The Keith Woods page!



Left: NIBS [Nelson] Wickford have acquired six Scania OmniCity double-deckers from Go-Ahead London to replace their remaining step entrance deckers.

Here, the former SOC4 [LX08RCJ] is seen in "as withdrawn" London condition at Wickford on 12 March 2014.

Keith Woods.

Below: A memorable survivor still in regular service with Flagfinders, Braintree is very early Dennis Dart G129RGT with original style Duple Dartline bodywork.

New to Metroline London Northern 24 years ago, it is now in it's 14th year of service at Braintree and is seen here at the depot on 5 March 2014.

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