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Editorial

Autumn meetings

Tuesday September 9 - talk - Phoenix Student Travel,
by Bob Farrell, Managing Director

Tuesday October 14 - Members photo evening

Tuesday November 11 - provisional - talk on Coastal Red
and the Clacton bus war

Tuesday December 9 - slide show, "20 years ago"
by Richard Delahoy

Meetings take place in the Pullman Suite, Freight House, Bradley Way,
Rochford (the old railway goods shed, adjacent to Rochford station).
Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show
from 2000 to 2145.

A big thank you to this month's guest editor Jeff Clayton

Cover

Bristols in Braintree: A rarity these days, so we all have Mr.
A. Nugent to thank for this shot of First Essex Bristol VRs/
ECW 3072 (KOO 790V) alongside 3112 (XHK 217X). Seen in
the town's bus park on a warm and sunny 15th July.

Photo

Essex service changes

Changes are now split into two sections to avoid some changes appearing more than once. Changes to "regular" services appear first, with changes to school services described in brief at the end. All changes are subject to change, so please check with the operator or Traveline before travelling.

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Tuesday 1st July 2003

- 4 (NIBS) (Curling Tye Green/Little Baddow & Maldon Tesco) New route running Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays only. One return journey in each direction, leaving Little Baddow at 0915, returning at 1143.

W/C Saturday 5th July 2003

Unnumbered, 9, 308, 309, 333 As in Issue 470.

67, 167, 308, 309, 333 As in Issue 471.

- 33 (First) (Stansted Airport & Chelmsford) In the event, the route was not extended and remains unchanged.

- 79 (First) (Maldon & Hatfield Peverel) Further to previous issues, it appears the route may have operated until 24th July.

- B (Arriva) (St Lawrence & Burnham) Routeing change from Thursday 10th July.

- D (Arriva) (Latchingdon & Chelmsford) Routeing change from Thursday 10th July.

- E (Arriva) (Maylandsea & North Fambridge) Routeing change from Thursday 10th July.

W/C Saturday 12th July 2003.

65, 65A As in Issue 470.

133 As in Issue 471.

W/C Saturday 19th July 2003

Colchester Tour, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 504, X40 As in Issue 470.

370, 373, 377, 383 As in Issue 471.

W/C Saturday 26th July 2003

Woodham Swimbuses As in Issue 470.

32, 351, 354 As in Issue 471.

31 (*Stagecoach*) (Barley & Cambridge) Withdrawn after service on Saturday 26th July.

31 (*Whippet Coaches*) (Barley & Cambridge) New route replacing the Stagecoach route from Monday 28th July.

500 (*Arriva*) (Old Harlow & Romford) From Monday 28th July, the evening journeys operated under contract to Essex County Council were transferred from Arriva to Trustline. Timings were altered. These journeys run via Tumbler Road (Brays Grove) and are as follows:

1915, 2015, 2115, 2215 (Harlow Bus Station & Romford)

2315 (Harlow Bus Station & Theydon Bois)

2017, 2117, 2217, 2317 (Romford & Harlow Bus Station)

The daytime service remains unchanged, despite a routeing changed being quoted in N&P.

Saturday 16th August 2003

B6 As in Issue 471.

Friday 29th August 2003

10 In addition to Issue 471, the journeys between Braintree and Cornish Hall End are a separate service and will remain unchanged.

210 (*Locallink*) (Harlow & Bishops Stortford)

W/C Saturday 30th August 2003

59, 252, 505, 549 As in Issue 471.

7, 8, 8A (*First*) (Clacton & Walton) School term timetable recommences from Monday 1st September. Route 8A afternoon journeys revert to route 8 and minor timing changes to evening journeys.

10, 11 (*First*) (Great Clacton & Jaywick) Additional Monday to Fridays journeys introduced.

18 (*Viceroy Coaches*) (Haverhill & Saffron Walden) Service de-registered after service on Saturday 30th August.

19 (*Locallink*) (Farnham Green & Bishops Stortford) New timetable from Thursday 4th September.

20, 20B, 20C (*First*) (Southend & Hullbridge) New timetable from Monday 1st September.

- 31 *(First)* (Chelmsford & Burnham) New timetable from Thursday 4th September.
- 59 *(Arriva/First)* (Chelmsford & Harlow) The following Saturday journeys operated by Arriva will be withdrawn:
0800 (Chelmsford & Harlow),
0754, 1714 (Hatfield Broad Oak & Harlow) and
1635, 1758 (Harlow & Hatfield Broad Oak).
- 74X, 78X *(Cedric Coaches)* (Brightlingsea & Colchester) Services will NOT be withdrawn and will continue as at present.
- 98 *(First)* (Lakeside- Grays- Orsett Hospital) Thurrocl council route awarded to Town and Country
- 269 *(First)* (Grays & Brentwood) Essex county council route awarded to Imperial from Monday 1st September. Timings will not be altered.
- 352 *(First)* (Chelmsford & Halstead) New timetable from Thursday 4th September.
- 505 *(Arriva)* (Old Harlow & Walthamstow) Further to earlier issues, the Old Harlow end will become a loop and the service effectively becomes a Chingford circular. Also the route will be replaced within London by new mobility bus route 905 on Mondays and Fridays only - not 908 as was originally planned.
- 549 In addition to Issue 471, the TfL contract has been awarded to Arriva for 18 months (i.e. until February 2005), reportedly using 2 low-floor single deckers.

Friday 26th September 2003

- 8 *(Hedingham Omnibuses)* (Toppesfield & Haverhill) Routeing and timetable change.

School Services (all areas)

W/C Monday 7th July 2003

- 167 *(Arriva)* (Ilford & Buckhurst Hill) From Thursday 10th July until Wednesday 23rd July and on Tuesday 2nd September the SDO journeys will be withdrawn between Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill due to the closure of Roding Lane.
- E7 *(SM Travel)* (Harlow Town Station & Stansted Mountfitchet School) New route via Sawbridgeworth, Thorley and Bishops Stortford from Tuesday 8th July 2003.

Monday 21st July 2003

373 As in Issue 471.

Monday 28th July 2003 (i.e. end of school year)

35A As in Issues 470 and 471.

268 (*First*) (Blackmore & Grays) Service de-registered.

401 (*Phoenix*) (Steeple & Sandon School) Service de-registered.

522 (*First*) (Colchester & Great Holland) Service de-registered.

CMO537, CMO538 (Hedingham Omnibuses) (Kelvedon & Honeywood School) Service de-registered.

610 (*Phoenix*) (Brentwood & Ingatestone) Service de-registered.

AMO805 (Hedingham Omnibuses) (Wickham Bishops & Maldon) Service de-registered.

W/C Monday 1st September 2003 (i.e. start of school year)

20X (*Stephenson's*) (Rochford & Sweyne School) New afternoon timetable.

41 (*NIBS*) (Brentwood & Rayleigh) Routeing change.

43 (*NIBS*) (Shotgate & Billericay) Routeing change.

44 (*NIBS*) (Shotgate & Billericay) Routeing change.

45 (*NIBS*) (Billericay & Shotgate) Routeing change.

48 (*NIBS*) (Laindon & Wickford) Routeing change.

50 (*NIBS*) (Shotgate & Ingatestone) Routeing change.

204 (*Blue Triangle*) (Debden & West Hatch School) New timetable.

351 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Romford) Changes to timings of SDO journeys.

CMO501 As in Issue 471.

AMO502 (*Lodge Coaches*) (Good Easter & Chelmer Valley) New route.

505 (*Phoenix*) (Danbury & Colchester) Routeing change. Service will start from Langford.

525 (*First*) (Colchester & Great Baddow) Routeing change. Service will start from Chelmsford and will no longer stop in Boreham or Hatfield.

526 (*Phoenix*) (Maldon & Colchester) New route via Great Baddow.

579 (*Phoenix*) (Maldon & Chelmsford) Terminal in Maldon altered to Safeway.

581 (*Hedingham Omnibuses*) (Clacton & Norman, Colchester Way) New route via Little Clacton, Weeley, Great Bentley, Frating, Great Bromley and Elmstead Market.

- 606 (Phoenix)** (Braintree & Ingatestone) New timetable.
609 (Phoenix) (Maldon & Ingatestone) Routeing change.
951 (Golden Boy) (Ware College & Bishops Stortford) Routeing change.

Tender Awards

TfL has announced four new tenders, which affect routes in Essex. The award for 372 is for 5 years rising to 7 depending on performance. The award for 549 is a short-term contract for 18 months, so that is due for renewal at the same time as other TfL routes in the area. The lengths of contract for 370 and 373 are unknown.

- 370 (Romford & Grays)** Daily evening and weekend morning journeys awarded to Arriva from Saturday 27th March 2004. These journeys will run between Romford and Lakeside only.
- 372 (Hornchurch & Lakeside)** Reawarded to Blue Triangle with four existing low floor buses from Saturday 27th March 2004.
- 373 (Romford & Grays)** Daily evening and weekend morning journeys awarded to Arriva from Saturday 27th March 2004. These journeys will run between Romford and Lakeside only.
- 549 (South Woodford & Loughton)** Awarded to Arriva with two existing low floor buses from Saturday 30th August 2003.



Do you remember... how quickly enthusiasts gathered to photograph Leyland Olympian/ECW coach B689 BPU at the Southend bus rally on 3rd June 2001? *Jeff Clayton* was there to see this vehicle not having long been acquired by Stephensons of Essex. Numbered 4501 with previous and original owner Eastern National, she began life working "City Commuter" services between Essex and London. This bus has now passed to Fargo of Rayne.



A splash of colour: In a change from NBC green and white, several VRs received allover adverts in the mid-1980s. ECW-bodied Mk3 example 3112 (XHK 217X) wore this mainly grey advert for car dealers Jones of Chelmsford, and posed for Mr. A. Nugent's camera at Chelmsford bus station on 26th March 1985.



Shrimpers at Showbus: During a drier spell at the annual event on 22nd September 2002, Southend resident Jeff Clayton caught up with a vehicle regularly seen in his neck of the woods. The only vehicle wearing an allover advert in the Arriva Southend fleet, Leyland Olympian/Alexander RL 5393 (F573 SMG) showed off its mainly dark blue colour scheme for Southend United FC.



Vehicles into the fleet

7.03 668 669 675 678 682 683 684 685 686 687
(see EBN471)
675 has chassis number 1842148, 678/82-7 are B44F

Correction to EBN471: 'National' fleetnumbers 62406-10 are carried by YS03ZKA/B/E/D/F in that order (thanks to Dave Stewart for pointing out this error). It would also seem that a certain amount of allocation swapping takes place, with 3 buses at Weymouth and 2 at Bridport at any one time.

672-4 were noted at Clacton on 7.8.03. Six new Darts were anticipated in mid-August, up to five ex *First Glasgow* Leyland Olympians/Alexander are expected, and at BN a former *First Cymru/Brewers* Van Hool integral bus has been received (presumably G841 PNW, but awaiting confirmation); it is thought to be for use as a computer classroom.

Repaints

7.03 to 'Barbie 2' - 2806 4305 1516 1517 1518 937 all at Harris
to 'Barbie 1' - 668 675 at Scania Bus & Coach

To clarify the branding on Scantias, all those at BN carry Overground lettering but 658 has never received the turquoise 100 information. CR red route 65 details are carried by at least 668/75/8/84/6, while 654 has blue 64 signage.

Allocation changes (period ending 27 July 2003)

FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to another First fleet (see below for details)

(A)=acquired, (R)=reserve, (Sp)=spare; (D)=disposal

100 (R)-engineering vehicle 9040 (HH); 101 AC-FGC*; 111 AC-sold; 112 AC-sold; 397 AC-(D); 398 AC-(D); 432 AB-CF; 434 AB-CF; 435 AB-CF; 602 AB-CR; 608 AB-CR; 610 AB-CR; 668 (A)-CR; 669 (A)-CR; 675 (A)-CR; 678 (A)-CR; 682 New-CR; 683 New-CR; 684 New-CR; 685 New-CR; 686 New-CR; 687 New-CR; 910 CR-HH; 911 CR-HH; 915 RD-FGC; 917 AB-FGC; 943 AB-BE; 974 CR-HH; 975 CR-(R); 976 CR-(R); 1405 HH-BN; 1413 CF-DVT (9039); 1427 CF-DVT (9041); 1432 BN-(D); 1550 AB-FGC; 1551 AB-FGC; 2640 AB-(D); 2642 AB-(D); 2646 CF-(D); 2648 AB-(D); 2649 AB(R)-(D); 2650 AB-(D); 2653 HH-(D); 2654 (R)-(D); 2669 DT-CF; 2671 BE-CF; 2677 CF-(D); 2679 AC-CF; 2683 AB-CR; 2804 DT-RD; 2813 AB-DT; 2814 AB-(R); 2815 AB-(R); 2822 AB-CF; 2825 AB-CN; 2829 CR-CF; 2830 CR-CF; 9002 DVT-(D); 9003 DVT-(D); 9020 DVT-(D).

Vehicle News

*101 was scheduled for transfer to *First Western National*, but was returned. Currently on loan to *First Hampshire & Dorset*, it will become engineering vehicle 9042. 1400 suffered an engine compartment fire in late July and has been delicensed as a result. On 30.7.03, 5002 arrived at BN to replace 5005 which is presumed to have gone to PST.

Disposals

7.03	111, 112	private owner
	915, 917	First Avon & Somerset 304/303 (at Yeovil)
	1550, 1551	First Beeline Buses Ltd (<i>First Berkshire</i>) (these have currently displaced two Volvo B12s (VPT701/3) to Bristol from Reading-Heathrow work)
	5017	to Phoenix Student Travel (having been used for Driver Training by <i>First Essex</i>)

Vehicle Workings

Unusual sightings

Further to EBN471 there are Vario diagrams on the 33, while the 08.07 service 45 from Writtle to Mousham Lodge and 08.47 return to the Bus Station are diagrammed for a Dart.

- 27.6.03 CF2903 on 47, CF2828 on 51
CF4014 on 59
- 9.7.03 CF535 (unbranded) on 43 - this does happen from time to time
- 10.7.03 (BN)1551 on C62 Coopers Coburn school contract (not C25 as given in EBN471)
- 11.7.03 HH748 (Metro 27 branding) on 20 all day
- 15.7.03 CF1428 on Diamond
- 16.7.03 CF2676 on afternoon 31
- 17.7.03 CF514 on 43 (see above)
- 19.7.03 HH718 on 21, HH954 on 27
- 24.7.03 CF537 on daytime 42
- 25.7.03 CF1407 on Diamond (15.55 CF-SD and return)
- 25.7.03 CF2908 on 72
- 28.7.03 CF4025 on loan to CN, worked 11.05 CR-MN and 12.05 MN-CN 75.
- 29.7.03 CF2829/30 first noted on 351 (still with CR blinds)
- 30.7.03 BN665 on 750
- 1.8.03 (R)2652 on 750
- 4.8.03 BE944 on 351*
- 5.8.03 CF731 on 36 (13.50 ex CF)
BE944 on 16.40 CF-SD Diamond*
CR2922 seen ex 222
CF4012 on 31X (08.05 ex CF)
- 6.8.03 CR4302 on 76 (17.10 ex CR), replacing failed CR1513.
DT4309 on loan to CR, working 67s
- 7.8.03 HH745 (branded 27) on 20
CF1401 on Diamond (13.40 ex CF and 15.02 ex SD) - showing "D1A" on blinds
(scheduled CF733 not available)
- 8.8.03 (D)2646 on Brentwood 73

*CF are now carrying out maintenance on BE vehicles - interchanges are now common.

With thanks

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VR-watch

Many decades of Bristol/ECW operation at Colchester depot came to an abrupt end on 14th July, when 3219 was withdrawn from service with mechanical defects; it quickly joined the withdrawn vehicles at Clacton. With BN3113 still off the road, out of 165 VRs operated by *Eastern National/Thamesway* just two remain in service - BE3072 and BE3112. On 19th July, 3112 worked the 10.28 service 352 from Halstead and 11.45 from Chelmsford, while on 5th August 3072 operated the 13.20 and 16.20 CF-BE service 72.

First Essex fleet allocation - 27 July 2003

Braintree (BE)	943/4, 2656/63/6/71/5/80, 2808/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 2909-11, 3072, 3112
Basildon (BN)	404-6, 655-67, 712-4/34-8/53-61, 852-5, 918/20/2/5/7, 929-34/6/7/45/67-73/83-6, 1400/4/5/10, 3113, 4026/34, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	430-5, 512-37, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/8/15/6/28, 1516-20, 2667-70/2-4/6/8/9, 2822/8-30, 2901-8, 4007/10/2/4, 4024/5/33, 5001/4
Clacton (CN)	919/21/4/6, 1510-3, 2665, 2801/5/6/9/10/9/20/3/4, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	650-4/68/9/75/8/82-7, 715/6, 977-82, 1501-9, 2683, 2921-6, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-6
Hadleigh (HH)	403/7-10, 705/8-10/7-21, 746-8/50/62-7, 907/8/10/11/3, 928/35/8-42/6-58/74/87, 1406/9/11/2/7-24, 2657-62, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	909, 2681/2, 2802/13, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401/2, 501-11, 912/4/6, 2804
Heritage	2383, 9001 (AJN825)
Spare	975/6, 1429, 2655/64, 2803/14/5/25
Reserve	2652
Disposal	1414/25/6/30-2, 2640-51/3/4, 3092, 3101/3/9, 3219, 4028/30, 9002/3/20/9
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN); 1924, 9026/39/41 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles	(note that some of these details are by members' observation only) BN: 9030, 9308; CF: 9008/38; CN: 2111, 9028; CR: 9033; HH: 9035; HO: 9004/10; (D) 9029

Depot requirements and vehicle allocations

This information is given for guidance only, and may be subject to change for operational reasons.

	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL BY TYPE
PVR									
Minibus	5	3	14 (2)	1	1	2	10	1	39
Midibus	13	39	44	12	12	2	45	4	171
SD	0	16	5 (6)	4	22	0	10	0	63
DD	2	2	6	4	14	6	3	0	37
Phoenix DD	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mobility (Midi)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Route 193 (Midi)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Coach	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Total	20	64	71 (8)	21	52	10	68	15	329
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
Midibus	1	3	5	1	2	0	2	0	14
SD	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Mobility (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL									
Minibus	6	3	14 (2)	1	1	3	11	2	43
Midibus	14	42	49	13	14	2	47	4	185
SD	0	17	7 (6)	4	24	0	12	0	70
DD	2	3	7	5	15	7	4	0	43
Phoenix DD	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mobility (Midi)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Coach	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
TOTALS	BE	BN	CF	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	FLEET TOTAL
	22	70	79 (8)	23	57	12	74	17	362

ARRIVA Southern Counties

MOTs

7th July DS4 and 5408;
14th July 3246;
22nd July 2243;
29th July 5389;
5th August 2372.

Rail Replacements

CR Leyland Olympians 5397 and 5408 helped out with London Underground replacement services between Wembley Park and Finchley Road on 27th July.

Repaints

CR Volvo B6 3246 went to Dartford for a reapplication of Arriva colours on 26th July, and returned on 2nd August. In addition on that day, 5398 went to Gillingham for refurbishment.

By late July, Volvo Olympian 5418 had received a fresh coat of Arriva colours, in turn gaining the smaller company logo above the doors and driver's cab on the side dimensions.

In late July/early August, Dart SLF 3387 had the standard Arriva livery reapplied, in turn losing its routes 370 & 373 branding.

Movements

Volvo B6 V201 moved from Northfleet to Colchester on 9th July, entering service on the 11th. Also on the 9th, Dennis Dart DS4 and Leyland Olympian 5408 returned from SE, whilst DS9 (the loan Dart) reappeared there.

One other point of interest is that during early August, Dart SLF 3387 moved from GY back to SE, where it was new to Southend Transport in 1996. It only spent a few years by the sea before transferral, and was then painted into corporate Arriva colours, also gaining branding for routes 370 & 373. Back now at its first home, 3387 is a plain-liveried vehicle once again.

Arriva Data File

Peak vehicle requirements from August 2003

Depot	M-F peak hours	M-F off peak	Sat	Sun
Colchester	~38	~38	~38	0
Coach	4	0	0	0
Grays	30 am, 29 pm (a)	26	26	12
Southend	57 am, 58 pm (b)	50 (51 Wed&Thu)	51	19
Dengie	Mon-Sat 5 (with PM vehicle swap)			

Key: (a) 29 am, 28 pm on non-school days (b) 58 am, 59 pm on non-college days

The Grays allocation includes TfL-contracted routes 256 and 346, operated by DAF

SB120s/Wright Cadet. The PVRs are as follows:

Route 256 Monday-Friday peak hours, 10, Monday-Friday off peak 9,

Saturday 9, Sunday 5 (3 when meal relief is taken at the garage later in the day.)

Route 346 Monday-Saturday 2

Allocations: Southend (SE)

Dennis Dominator	E5273	E5274	E5275	E5276	E5278
	E5286	E5287	E5288	DD16	
Dennis Trident	E5434	E5435	E5436	E5437	E5438
	E5439	E5441	E5442	E5443	E5445
	E5446	E5547	E5548	E5549	E5451
Leyland Olympian	E5392	E5393T	E5394	E5395	E5396
	E5399				
Volvo Olympian	E5415T	E5416T	E5417T	E5418T	E5419T
Dennis Dart SLF	E3218	E3220	E3221	E3222	E3223
	E3224	E3225	E3226	E3387	E3391
	E3392	E3393	E3394	E3395	E3396
	E3397				
Dennis Lance SLF	E3379	E3381	E3382	E3383	E3384
Dennis Dart	DS7	DS8	DS9	DS14	E3092
	E3349	E3350	E3370	E3373	E3404
Mercedes O.810 Vario	E2188	E2191	E2192	E2193	
Mercedes 410D Sprinter	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755
	1756				
Coach	E4310T				
Training School Buses					
Leyland Lynx	YDT965	YDT966	YDT888		

Colchester (CR)

Leyland Olympian	<u>E5389T</u>	<u>E5397T</u>	<u>E5398T</u>	E5404T	<u>E5407T</u>
	<u>E5408T</u>	<u>E5409T</u>			
Volvo D10M	613	614	617		
DAF SB220	<u>E4335</u>	<u>E4336</u>	<u>E4337</u>	<u>E4339</u>	
Dennis Dart SLF	<u>E3419</u>	<u>E3422</u>			
Leyland Lynx	<u>E3341</u>	<u>E3342</u>	<u>E3343</u>	<u>E3346</u>	<u>E3347</u>
Volvo B6	<u>E3241</u>	<u>E3246</u>			
Dennis Dart	DS4	DS6	DS15	DS20	DS21
	DS23	E3168	E3406		
Mercedes 711D	<u>E2392</u>				
Mercedes O.810 Vario	<u>E2174</u>	<u>E2243</u>	<u>E2372</u>	<u>E2382</u>	<u>E2383</u>
Mercedes 811D	1461	1462			
Coach	PVR 4		Allocation	4	
Scania K113DRB	E4352T	E4353T			
Leyland Tiger	E4305T	2196	Trainer	Lynx	YDT 47

Grays (GY)

MCW Metrobus	M615				
Leyland Olympian	E5402	E5405T			
DAF SB120	E4500	E4501	E4502	E4503	E4504
	E4505	E4506	E4507	E4508	E4509
	E4510	E4511	E4512	E4513	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3388	E3389	E3390	E3400	E3401
	E3402	E3403	E3421	E3423	E3424
	E3425	E3426	E3427	E3428	E3429
	E3431				
Dennis Dart	E3405	E3407			
Ferry Buses	YFB160	YFB580	YFB698	YFB724	

Key: T Vehicle fitted with tachograph;

[Underlined] Vehicle fitted with GPS.

All information is subject to change and given for guidance only.

Compiled by Sean Menzies and Jeff Clayton with invaluable help from Arriva Southern Counties.

ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX

Vehicles in

From Arriva Midlands North 382/3 6/03
2282 P382 FEA MB 709D 669003-2N-042845 ArB
M7101 1096 B25F 11/96
2283 P383 FEA MB 709D 669003-2N-042858 ArB
M7102 1096 B25F 11/96
From Arriva Fox County 1116 6/03
2284 P116 HCH MB 0814D 6703732N062393 Ar
9538/15 B29F 6/97
From Arriva London South L231/240/224/31 6/03
5845 D231 FYM Ld ONLXB/1RH ON2593 ECW
26568 H42/26D 1/87
5846 D240 FYM Ld ONLXB/1RH ON2607 ECW
26577 H42/26D 1/87
5847 D224 FYM Ld ONLXB/1RH ON2581 ECW
26561 H42/26D 12/86
5849 C 31 CHM Ld ONLXB/1RH ON2313 ECW
26313 H42/26D 3/86

Note there is no 5848. The fleet number was used many years ago for a Arriva the Shires Atlantean (VPA 148S)

from Arriva the Shires 7/03
5827 E227 CFC Ld ONLXB/1RH ON10751 Ar
RKL37/4287/2 H47/30F 5/88

Allocations

6/03: 2282-4. HA; 5117.w; 5841/3-6. WE; 5847/9.u
7/03: 5827.u; 5847/9. WE

Vehicles out

118/9/24 (L118/9/24 YVK): Arriva the Shires 3398/9, 3334
7/03
2357 (M737 AOO): T O'Neal, Ireland 7/03
5117 (G287 UMJ): Ensign, Purfleet (dealer) 7/03
5120 (G290 UMJ), 5129/33 (H199/203 GRO): Arriva the
Shires 5120/9/33 6/03

General news

- Minibuses 2282-4 have been obtained for Harlow's increased commitment following the part assumption of service 333 following First Group's closure of their Stansted base and withdrawal from the area. It is thought that they are merely on loan.
- Following the loss of the short term contracts for services 350 (Hertford-Bishops Stortford) & 354 (Buntingford-Harlow), Dennis Darts 118/9/24 (L118/9/24 YVK) have been transferred to the Aylesbury/High Wycombe area.
- The tenure of Olympian 5827 (E227 CFC) is not expected to be long. It has already been earmarked (with other vehicles) for disposal to Ensign.



Buses of a royal standard: This trio of buses added interest to the Duxford line-up last year, on Sunday 22nd September. *Jeff Clayton* photographed Leyland Olympian/ECW 6014 (C44 CHM), Dennis Dart/Carlyle 5007 (G29 TGW) and mobile support vehicle Mercedes-Benz 709D/Plaxton Beaver 5050 (K633 GVX), presenting themselves in the special Golden Jubilee version of the Phoenix Student Travel company livery - complete with miniature Union flags on the wing mirrors!

Other operators

ADTAX SAFFRON WALDEN LDV 200 M904 YEW was sold to a private owner some while ago.

ADVANCE MINIBUSES HOCKLEY The previous identity of SIL 7048 is N988 DEY. It is a Mercedes 412D.

AMBER RAYLEIGH P34 OET (ex SIL 4134, 12 EWO) Bova Futura 12-340 is in (by 7.03) ex Silver Fox, Renfrew, Scotland

AOG SERVICE SOUTHEND DAF 400 29 HLW has been reregistered to an unknown plate.

APT RAYLEIGH Acquired from Kings Ferry, Gillingham are T906/7 LKE, both are Scania L94/Irizar. These have been reregistered T50 APT and T40 APT. 896 BRK (ex F853 YJX, 809 AOU, F853 YJX) DAF SB2305 / Duple is in (by 7.03) and is for sale.

F212 TAN (ex 904 DRH, F212 TAN) Bova Futura has gone to Massey, Orsett (by 7.03). This will replace FUM 484Y, this operator's only vehicle a Leyland Olympian/ECW.

ARROW CARS MALDON N513 FFA Ford Transit is in on taxi plate (passed through Chelmsford auction 5.03)

EK02ZGR and **AY52 BXO** both Ford Transit Tourneo are in (by 7.03) on taxi plate.

ASHES CRESSING R250 PBM Mercedes Benz O814D / Leicester Carriage is in (6.03) ex Rainbow, Stanmore, Gt.London.

AVRO ORSETT Are now using MCW Metrobus KYV 805X, formerly with McFeeters at the same location. Bristol VR ONH 925V has been sold.

BOON BOREHAM This company appears to have ceased trading in 7.03. All vehicles are still in the yard.

(Coincidentally the Boon's name has also gone from the coaches with Windmill - now Talisman - in 7.03; the sad end of a long era!)

BRENTWOOD COACHES Former Webbs, Leyland Leopard SHD 330X (UTR 705) has gone to Horsey, Bromley.

BROMLEY PRIVATE HIRE ELMSTEAD MARKET N27 MPV LDV 400 is in (by 7.03).

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Fiat 49-10/Fiat N157 CMM has gone (by 7.03) (seen in Colchester area - possibly with Glew.)

H211 FPD Mercedes Benz / Crystals is in (by 7.03) ex Dunne, Bulphan (non-PSV)

CJ TRAVEL HARLOW LDV 400 K861 SDF has been sold to an unknown owner.

COOK WESTCLIFF Bova Futura K651 EEV has gone to Saint Cloud, Rochford (by 7.03).

DAF/Plaxton E132 YUD has come from Stevens in exchange.

CROWN THUNDERSLEY Bova B962 COX was written off in an accident on the A127 They are currently using a loaned Ambassador Coaches, Southend LAG F677 BBD to fulfill private hire work (This was once with Crown!).

CUNNINGHAM CORRINGHAM This operators Scania/Irizar V323 EAK, worked National Express Service 305 (Southend-Liverpool) on the morning of 30th JULY. This service is normally operated by Selwyns, Runcorn.

DENGIE TAXIS MAYLANDSEA T229 PNA a LDV Convoy is in (by 7.03).

D.M.A. BRENTWOOD M328 TOO a Mercedes Benz minibus is in (by 7.03)

EAGLE LINE BULPHAN Ford Transit G305 BHJ has gone to a private owner.

EXCEL COACHES (operating from Stansted) L319 YDU, L687/8 CDD Mercedes Benz 709D / Alexander Belfast are in (by 7.03) ex Stagecoach South - they have branding for services 308/309.

Similar L313-15 YDU are in (by 7.03) ex Stagecoach South - they have branding for service 333.

Also here for Airside work is L316 YDU.

Also here, from the sister Stephensons, Rochford fleet is Dennis Dart K108 SAG.

FARGO RAYNE Two new LDV Convoy minibuses to report are EU03 VRD and EU03 VRE.

FLORIDA HALSTEAD Ford Transit J983 AKY has gone to Patrick, Felixstowe.

FORD ALTHORNE New here is Iveco/Indcar FG03 JDF.

FOURWAYS HIGHWOOD Bristol VR GGM 106W has been sold to Ensigns and exported to Belgium by April 03. Leyland Leopard/Duple DKE 350Y has gone (7.03) (thought to have gone to a preservationist in Suffolk)

GRAHAM'S KELVEDON YN03 DDE is a new Scania/Irizar C49Ft (in by 7.03)

Scania/Plaxton G805RNC has gone (by 7.03).

GROUP TAXIBUS CHELMSFORD Further new Fiat Ducato by (7.03) are:-

EU03 EFR (24), EU03 EFT (25), EU03 EFS (26), EU03 EPX (27), EU03 EWP (29).

Toyota/Caetano G17 OXJF has gone to Coach Europe (dealer) (probably 12.02)

HARDY-MILES ROCHFORD A new Mercedes Benz / ? is in (by 7.03) - reg. is something like GK03EUU (or GK03EUV) - needs checking.

KINGS STANWAY YJ03 PFV DAF SB4000 C49Ft was on loan here (from Arriva Bus & Coach) from 1.7.03 until 31.7.03

KNIGHTS COACHES GT BRAXTED G343 WHY a Mercedes 609D/Made to Measure has been sold.

LODGE HIGH EASTER R307 PTF (ex WLT 852, R307 PTF) Mercedes Benz O814D / Autobus is in (by 7.03) ex Wings, Uxbridge, Gt.London and has been reregistered to 160EBK (by 7.03).

Mercedes 811D/Carlyle G836 UDV is unlicensed (by 7.03).

Scania/Plaxton A9 FRX (ex H922 DRJ) has gone (by 7.03)

NEW HORIZON ALRESFORD SBZ 5832 (ex H798 XUM, H8 OVA, H620 FUT) Bova Futura is in (5.03 or 6.03) ex Clark, Stairfoot, S.Yorks.

This operator has an additional operating centre at a farm in the Elmstead Market area

OLYMPIAN HARLOW Have sold H35 DGD a Mercedes 811D/Dormobile to Chalmers, Whitburn.

Of the Iveco/Marshall vehicles acquired (see last month), M728 UTW is being used for spares (7.03) and M735/6 AOO are being prepared for service (7.03)

PHOENIX STUDENT TRAVEL, WITHAM F464 MCA (ex SEL 853, F725 JTU) Vo/Pn is in (7.03) ex Selwyn, Runcorn, Cheshire.

C507 OTW (ex WLT 491, C91 CHM) Ld ON/ECW is in (7.03) ex Roberts, Hugglescote, Leicester via Ensign (q) who converted it to single door. **C108 CHM** Ld ON/ECW is in (7.03) but not yet painted or in use. It also is now single door. **FYN077S** has fleet no. 7001.

PDQ COLCHESTER Renault Traffic K127 JVX has gone to a private owner.

RICHARD'S GT.BADDOW L885 MWB Mercedes Benz 609D is in (by 7.03) ex Amber Valley C.T. (x), Derbys

RS TRAVEL BRAINTREE ...have sold N737 FKX a LDV 400 to an unknown owner.

RYDERS HARLOW YX51 DVJ a LDV Convoy is in (by 7.03).

SEYMOUR HARLOW Mercedes 811D/Optare G103 KUB has gone to Hall, Kennoway. Registration LIL 5072 is now on a Duple 425 (by 7.03) (thought to be ex E205 EPB, YSU 572, E205 EPB).

The previous LIL 5072 (ex XSV 839, A400 WGH) a Vo B10M/Pn must have been reregistered (by 7.03).

SM TRAVEL HARLOW MCW Metrobus KJW 318W has gone to Ellaway & Bjelobada, Soulbury.

LK03 PZW is a new lo Daily / ? (van conversion) (by 7.03).

M600 TMS Volvo / Plaxton is in (by 6.03) ex Independent (no. 111), Horsforth, Leeds.

L722 OVX, M159 RBH Iveco / Marshall are in (by 7.03) ex Arriva E. Herts & Essex 2336, 2099.

STANWAY TRAVEL SERVICES LAYER-DE-LA-HAYE VW Carvelle 269 YPJ has been reregistered to an unknown plate and sold. Also sold is VW Transporter L482 SCD.

STEPHENSON ROCHFORD Vo B10M/EL (rebody) MIL 8340 has gone to Marshall, Leighton Buzzard.

STORT VALLEY GREAT DUNMOW Bristol VR UNW 928R was sold to Ensign (dealer) and exported to USA by April 2003.

TALISMAN (FORMERLEY WINDMILL), GT.BROMLEY The discs have been changed to Talisman Coach Lines Ltd.(7.03) and legal lettering has also been changed on most vehicles (7.03). The names on all single deck coaches have now been changed to 'Talisman'. Thus the 'Boon's' name has now disappeared. Also the address has been changed to 'The Coach Station' rather than 'Hazell's Yard', although this is the same location - there has not been any move.

C522 LJR has been repainted in a new livery of blue/cream for double-decker buses (similar to Eastbourne Buses livery) and has fleet no. 522. All buses are to receive fleet numbers corresponding with the registrations

TOWN & COUNTRY GRAYS MCW Metrobus GYE 581W has arrived from an unknown source. Similar GOG 265W has gone to Ensign (dealer). Mercedes Benz/Optare F34 CWY is in (by 7.03) with fleet no. 101 (new as London Buses SR34).

VALLEY ASSOCIATES BASILDON Have acquired the following from Basildon Travel, with whom they share an operating centre. Bd YNT/Pn

C995 ERO, Mercedes Benz 709D/Marshall M660 SRE, Bedford YMP/Plaxton D279 RBV, LDV 400 L206 HOX and N741 FGX plus Scania/Irizar R473 YDT (98-D-41114). In from Blackwell, Abess Roding is Mercedes 609D/PMT D156 XCP.

238 JUO (ex E548 NVT, 4327 PL, E39 JRF) Scania / Plaxton is in (by 7.03) ex Hicks & Shaw, Heathfield, E.Sussex.

K106 RNS Mercedes Benz 709D / Dormobile is in (by 7.03).

WEST WOODFORD GREEN Volvo/Plaxton G275 XAR has been reregistered A13BUS (by 7.03). (This number was previously on a rare TAZ - new number unknown.)

WESTONS TAXIS CLACTON Have sold Mazda E2200 P73 BJU to Direct Line Taxis, Braintree.

BOONS, BOREHAM CLOSING FLEET - JULY 2003

NNO 63P	Ld AN	ECW	H43/31F
MVK 538R	Ld AN	Ar	H48/34F
YNO 78S	Ld AN	ECW	H43/31F
RVW 90W	Ld AN	ECW	H43/31F
VPA 149S	Ld AN	PR	H43/30F
XPG 182T	Ld AN	PR	H43/30F
KYO 628X	MCW DR101	MCW	H43/28D
B146 WUL	MCW DR101	MCW	H43/28D

MISCELLANEOUS

R730 VJA Mercedes Benz Sprinter seen in Ongar with a restricted disc (7.03) - operator unknown.

BSK 887 (ex E332PWO) Dennis / Duple seen in Harlow area (7.03) - operator unknown.

F71 SJX Mercedes Benz 709D/Onyx (ex Tellings Golden Miller 71, Twickenham, Gtr Ldn.) seen 7.03 parked at Stansted Airport and also in use - operator unknown (but possibly Excel).

The following ex London United vehicles were parked at Stansted Airport (7.03) (at the site formerly used by Airport Buses/Coaches) - owner unknown (but possibly Stephenson (dealer)):-

BYX203V, OJD835Y, A967SYF, B240/266WUL, C353BUV ex
M203/835/967/1240/1266/1353.

E472 SDU Talbot Freeway / Talbot is now a caravan and often parked near Thurrock services.



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Vehicles in

Arriva London:

MCW Metrobus M714 (KYV 714X)

Arriva North West:

MCW Metrobuses 3807/9-12/4-8/21/4/5 (F807 YLV etc).

Arriva the Shires:

Leyland Olympian/ECW 5386 (B184 BLG);

Leyland Olympians 5088 (F638 LMJ), 5827 (E227 CFC).

Christian Life, Dagenham:

MCW Metrobuses M1056, 1182, 1265 (B56 WUL etc).

London General:

MCW Metrobuses M202 (BYX 202V), M923 (A923 SUL), M1434 (C434 BUV).

Metroline:

MCW Metrobuses M455 (GYE 455W), 1148/98, 1204/87 (B148 WUL etc), 1330/46, 1416 (C330 BUV etc);

Dennis Darts/Northern Counties Paladin DNL101/2/10/8 (L101 HHV etc).

Phoenix Student Travel:

Leyland Olympians/ECW 5001 (JTY 371X), 5005 (XWY 478X);

Leyland Lynxes 5011 (G473 DHF), 5014 (F283 AWW).

Sovereign Buses:

Leyland Lynx G384 MWX.

Vehicles out

Ausden Clarke, Leicester:

Scania N113DRBs/Alexander RH J819/20 HMC.

Big Bus

3 Dennis Condors:

DL 8 (EF 3349) - re-registered to F418 UJN.

DL 23 (EG 5851) - re-registered to G67 FWC.

DL 34 (EH 6321) - re-registered to G42 FWC.

Blackburn Transport:

Leyland Olympian B272 LPH;
Leyland Titan T1018 (A618 THV).

City Sightseeing, Florence:

Scania N113DRB/Alexander RH H225 LOM - converted to open-top.

Courtney Coaches, Bracknell:

Ex-Dublin Bus Leyland Olympian/Alexander 90-D-1048 - re-registered to H859 PTW.

CSM Recruitment, Southend:

MCW Metrobus M1182 (B182 WUL).

Decker Bus, South Mimms:

MCW Metrobuses M575 (GYE 575W), 651/99 (KYV 651/99X), 1153 (B153 WUL).

Ebley Coaches, Gloucestershire:

Bristol VR/ECW LBD 921V.

Peter Heaps, Doncaster:

Daimler CVG5 JAM 146E - for preservation.

Lodges Coaches, Chelmsford:

Optare Vecta M73 WYG.

Phoenix Student Travel:

Leyland Olympians/ECW L104 (C104 CHM), C668 LJR.

PVS:

M341 (EYE 341W), 1038 (A738 THV) - for scrap.

Rainham Metals:

Leyland DAB Artic RLN 238W - for scrap.

Red Kite, Bedfordshire:

Leyland Olympians/ECW JTY 371X, XWY 478X.

Top Line Travel, York:

M1105/48 (B105/48 WUL), 1416 (C416 BUV).

Town and Country, Grays:

Dennis Darts/Northern Counties Paladin DNL110/2 (L110/2 HHV).

Wootens Coaches, Chesham:

Leyland Olympian E227 CFC.

Ensign News

MCW Metrobus 138 (A638 BCN) has been withdrawn, with newer F821 YLV taking its place.

Also of interest is open top Olympian 367 operating a Gravesend-Gillingham emergency rail service on 9th August, and Upminster-Pitsea on 10th August. And lastly, RCL2220 ran between Wickford and Southend on 10th August!

For details of all the latest stock visit www.ensignbus.com

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EASTERN NATIONAL BEDFORD SB

Little has been written about the Bedford SBs operated by Eastern National and Tillings Transport.

Eastern National took delivery in March 1964 of six Bedford SB13s with Duple Northern C41F bodies, these were numbered 500 - 505 (BNO109B - 114B). Tillings Transport also operated six Bedfords (6-8 BXB) Bedford SB8 Duple C41F, (19 POO) Bedford SB8 Duple C41F and (BPU 20/1/3B) Bedford SB13 Duple Northern C41F all 41 seaters.

Eastern National provided works facilities and functions at Chelmsford for Tillings so when Eastern National renumbered their fleet in August 1964 the Tillings fleet was numbered in the same way as Eastern National so the six Bedfords were numbered T500-T505. In 1966 the Tillings fleet was again renumbered to avoid clashes with Eastern National coaches, hence (7 BXB, 19 POO. and BPU 20/1/B) were renumbered T540 - 543, (6 BXB and 8 BXB) having been transferred to Eastern National as 506 - 507 in May 1965. Between June 1969 and February 1970 the remaining Tillings were transferred to Eastern National and numbered 508 (BPU 21B), 509 (7 BXB), 510 (19 POO), 511 (BPU 20B).

The Bedford fleet was used on express, private hire and excursions and were all withdrawn between September 1969 and October 1970 and were soon forgotten about.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

3543 (BTW 482) Dennis Lancet E C O C DP32R last known report June 1970, 3900 (KNO 603)1 Bristol L5G E C W B35R was known to be with the Midland Bus Presevation Group.

4081 (ONO 995) Bristol LL5G E C W B39R was at one time being rebuilt by Van Crown Engineering at Central Works at Chelmsford around April 1990 Any news on the above would be welcome, please contact Peter Snell at the address on page 2.

CANVEY AND DISTRICT AEC REGENT VX 4108

VX 4108 AEC Regent (petrol engine) chassis number 661128. fitted with a Short L50R body was delivered in February 1930 to the National Omnibus and Transport Company and given fleetnumber 3020, subsequently transferred to Eastern National on the 11th of April in the same year.

In April 1932 it was fitted with an AEC A161 6-8 litre oil engine from Western National 3119, which gained the petrol engine from 3020.

Withdrawn by Eastern National in 1942, records show that the chassis was scrapped and body sold in 1942, but the chassis was purchased by Canvey and District but was found to be damaged and Canvey applied to rechassis with a frame from Nottingham City Transport No 9 (TV 729), this had chassis number 661055 but this was not allowed, so it retained the original chassis but it seems likely that the Nottingham was used anyway unofficially. It was rebodied by N C B with a UH56R body in 1942 and subsequently passed to the Westcliff Motor Services March 1951 and was last licensed in December 1951 and sold for scrap to W North in Leeds in June 1952.Canvey□

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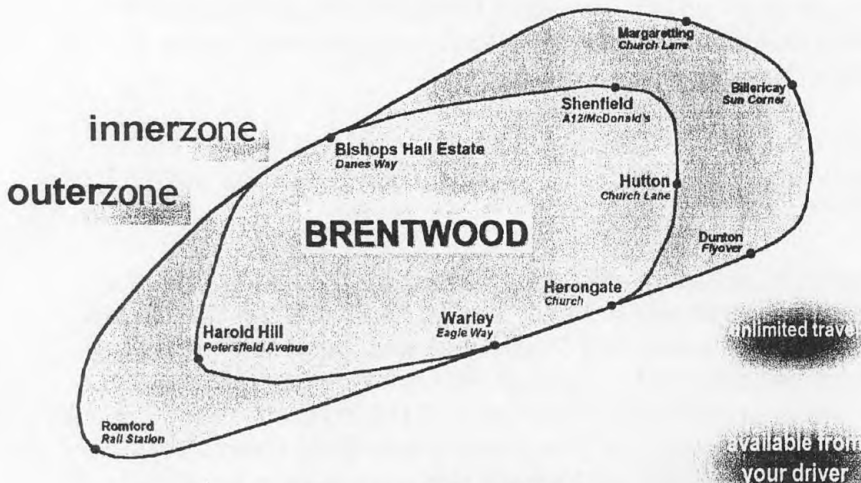
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