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Dates for your diary

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Venue: **Pullman Suite, Freight House, Rochford**, (adjacent to Rochford station). **19.30** onwards. Refreshments available. All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. *Richard Delahoy*

Spring 2006 season:

- ▶ **Tuesday 10 January** - Slide Show by *Trevor Brooks*, "Islands and Ireland" (this will be in the upstairs Committee Room, not the Pullman Suite).
- ▶ **Tuesday 14 February** - "Tribute to the Routemaster": slides and film celebrating the almost complete demise of the Routemaster in everyday service. Members who can contribute material, ideally in the form of a "10 minute personal tribute", are invited to contact Richard Delahoy. I would like to arrange a varied evening looking at different aspects of the Routemaster, not just lots of photos, so if you can contribute perhaps memories of RMs from a driver's perspective, or memorable journeys as a passenger (eg a 721 ride from Brentwood to Aldgate), please get in touch! If you don't, you may have my "100 minute personal tribute"!!
- ▶ **Tuesday 14 March** - Annual General Meeting followed by slide show "30 years AGO" by *Alan G Osborne*.
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 April** - subject to be confirmed
- ▶ **Tuesday 9 May** - illustrated talk, "Piers of the Realm" (with particular emphasis on Southend) by *Dave Carson*.

COLCHESTER MEETINGS

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. **20.00 to 22.00** (doors open at **19.30**). Refreshments available. All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. We can now show prints, slides or digital photos. *Dave Arnold*

2006 programme:

- ▶ **Friday 13 January** - *John Podgorski*: 'Across the Pond' pictures from the USA, Norway and Switzerland.
- ▶ **Friday 10 February** - *Gary Sharpe*; slide show: *tba*.
- ▶ **Friday 10 March** - Talk by *Robert MacGregor* on Hedingham, plus slide show.
- ▶ **Friday 7 April** - *Alan Osborne*: 'Up North'. N.B. date is **second** Friday, not first, which is Good Friday.
- ▶ **Friday 12 May** - *Richard Delahoy*: '20 Years ago'.
- ▶ **Friday 9 June** - *Geoff Dodson*: 'A Lifetime on the Buses'.
- ▶ **Fridays 8 September, 13 October, 10 November, 8 December**: *tba*

2006 TOUR PROGRAMME

Dates and provisional details are as follows:

- ▶ **Sunday 14 May** - By popular request, our third **Hedingham shed bash**.
- ▶ **Saturday 24 June** - *tba*
- ▶ **Saturday 2 September** - **Essex area tour**.

Dave Arnold

Cover: Golden Jubilee-liveried **RML2405** waiting to depart on the 1715 **Ensignbus** X80 from Lakeside on 10 December. *David Harman*

ENSIGNBUS X80 RUNNING DAY ~ Saturday 17 December

- ▶ Additional trips hourly from 1115-1715 ex Lakeside and 1200-1700 ex Gravesend Station. Buses will not serve Swanscombe village (due to speed bumps) or Valley Drive. Note: due to circumstances beyond our/Blue Triangle's control, it has **not** proved possible to arrange any vintage buses on the 248 or 372.

On 10th December, **RLH61, RT624, RT1431, RT3232, RT4421, RCL2220, RML2405** and Bristol **HLJ44** all featured, so why not see what turns up on the 17th? The view from the top-deck of an RT, RM or Bristol K as you go over the QE2 bridge is spectacular!

Standard X80 fares apply, but a special £5 all-day enthusiast fare is available from conductors of any of the vintage buses. So, if you fancy a day out, riding these buses, whilst keeping the 'other half' happy (she can Christmas shop in Lakeside AND Bluewater!!) please come along.

Ross Newman, ensignross@yahoo.com

IPSWICH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL TRANSPORT SOCIETY

Group members are cordially invited to the I&DHTS meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month (Sept-Jun inclusive) at **The Ascension Hall, Larchcroft Road, Ipswich**. Doors open at 19.00 for 19.30 start. £1 charge includes refreshments. The venue is three minutes walk from Congreve Road/Fircroft Road roundabout (Ipswich Buses service 10 from Tower Ramparts). There is ample car parking available.

- ▶ 2006 - Tuesday 10 January - Geoff Dodson: 'My Life on the Buses'.

CLASSIC BUS COMPETITION



Classic Bus magazine has been relaunched with a fresh, new look, and to celebrate, we have a small competition. The first correct set of answers pulled out of the hat on 1 January 2006, will win a **FREE SIX-MONTH SUBSCRIPTION** to **CLASSIC BUS**. Three runners-up will each receive a **FREE** copy of **CLASSIC BUS** January 2006 edition. All you have to do is answer the following e-a-s-y questions:

Classic Bus Question 1

What was the original fleet number of Eastern National's only Bristol LDL?

Classic Bus Question 2

What was the fleet number of Southend Corporation's only AEC "Q" trolleybus?

Classic Bus Question 3

What was the fleet number of Colchester Corporation's only Crossley/Massey?

Send entries to arrive by 1 January 2006 to:

EBEG Editor, 24 Frankfield Rise, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5LF
or email to: ebn@casuarina.org.uk

From the Editor ...

A sad note to begin with. We are sorry to record the death of Arnold Richardson of Photobus. Many members will have met Arnold whilst browsing the Photobus stall at rallies. Arnold was a perfect gentleman who would always find time to chat about buses, photos and much more. His death is a sad loss to the enthusiast world.

We understand that his wife and family are hopeful of continuing the Photobus service. However, for obvious reasons, it is recommended that members refrain from making postal enquiries for the time being.

As December is nigh and the festive season will soon be upon us, it's time once again to thank all the many contributors to EBN, enthusiasts, our sister societies and those in the industry, and to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Harman

EBN 2004 + 2005 on CD

All 12 issues of 2004 and 2005 *Essex Bus News* are available on CD in Acrobat PDF format. EBN appears exactly as per the printed version, but with **full-colour** photos! Requires Acrobat Reader (free download from Adobe website) to view or print.

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If you bought **EBN 2004 on CD** last year, simply return your disk to have 2005 added for ~ **£2 post-free.**

EBEG TOUR PHOTO ALBUMS on CD

- ▶ **North Norfolk Tour** - 3 July 2004 - 54 high-quality JPG images
- ▶ **South Essex KSW Experience** - 8 October - 42 high-quality JPG images

Includes Google Picasa slide show viewer which will run on any PC. Images may be freely copied to disk, printed etc., but PLEASE NOTE they are copyright and are intended for personal use only. No image may be published (including on the internet) in any form, without the express, prior consent of the copyright owner.

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Make cheques payable to "Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group", and send to:

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- ▶ **Both CDs will be available at the next Rochford and Colchester meetings.**

10th Anniversary UK Bus Awards ~ 2005

The County Council and First were again represented: Awards included:

Bus Marketing Campaign of the Year

Commended - **Essex County Council** - enhanced route marketing

Customer Services Team of the Year

Commended - **First Essex** Travel Offices

Successful Partnership Award

Commended - **Essex County Council** and **BAA Stansted** - route 133

Award for Innovation

Highly commended - **Essex County Council** - Ipaq computers for inspectors

Award for Social Responsibility

Commended - **FirstGroup** - Corporate Social Responsibility Report.

David Harman

Kickstart Bus Challenge ~ awards for Essex

Full details of the two awards are now to hand:

Canvey Island direct link to Chelmsford ~ £548,681

A new hourly branded service will be operated by **Regal Busways**, Monday to Saturday. It will serve all stops between Canvey and Benfleet, and then run limited stop to Chelmsford, connecting with trains at Benfleet & Chelmsford as well as the X30 coach to Stansted Airport at Chelmsford. The service aims to provide a north-south link where there is currently no rail service. It is intended that the scheme will be linked to the South East Rapid Transit system, which is being developed as part of the Thames Gateway initiative.

Jaywick to Clacton Town Centre ~ £245,000

Hedingham will provide an hourly service, Monday to Friday, in the form of a circular route between Jaywick and Clacton via Bishop's Park College and Brook Farm Retail Park.

Essex County Council

Essex Bus Timetables

The **Essex County Council** A5-sized timetable books have gradually become thicker and heavier. In an attempt to devise a more convenient format, the September 2005 edition of the South Essex book has been re-issued in an experimental style:

A4 size, saddle-stitched, so that it opens flat.

Excluding rail timetables to save space (since both c2c and ONE issue their own comprehensive booklets).

With maps integral in the centre pages.

Richard Delahoy was able to give out samples at the December Rochford meeting. The County Council invite comments on the new style, so please do comment to:

scc@essexcc.gov.uk

If you weren't there and would like a copy, stocks permitting, please write to Richard at:

272 Shobury Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3TT

or email: **richard@signal-training.com**

Chelmsford Park & Ride

The Park & Ride site is to be located at Sandon on the A1060 / A12 / A414 interchange and will include secure parking for 600 cars (with the potential to expand to nearly 1,000) and a modern bus terminus building. P&R buses to be operated by First, will use the new bus lane along the westbound length of the A1114 Baddow bypass up to the Army and Navy roundabout, and there will be priority measures within the Town Centre.

The service is proposed to operate 6 days a week from 7:00am to 7:00pm, with buses departing the site every 10 minutes for key locations within the Town Centre. Real-time information displays will show bus and parking space information.

The Park & Ride is expected to open in Spring 2006.

David Harman

Colchester Bus Station developments

The decision was taken in October by Colchester Borough Council to accept a proposed outline plan for a Temporary Bus Station. A temporary site is necessary because what is described as a "timing differential" exists between the planned closure of the old bus station and the opening of the new one as part of the Vineyard Gate development. In plain language, the old one will close before the new one opens. There has to be somewhere to accommodate buses in the meantime!

The Temporary Bus Station will be located in the southern part of the existing bus station. From the Borough Council document dated 17 October: Buses will enter from the Queen Street entrance and move in a clockwise direction through the temporary bus station. All nine stops within the temporary bus station will have between four and nine departures per hour. Buses will exit the temporary bus station into Queen Street. There will need to be some amendments to routes, because no buses will run along Brook Street. This means that buses currently exiting the bus station and turning right onto High Street/East Hill will either not enter the temporary bus station running straight down East Hill, or will go through Magdalen Street and straight down Hythe Hill. This will include routes to Wivenhoe, Harwich, Clacton and Ipswich.

David Harman

Clarification: Town & Country Travel

Following reports in the trade press of financial difficulties (particularly as a result of a reduced volume of rail replacement work), we would like to clarify the position regarding this operator, which is a sole trader (B W Waters t/a Town & Country Travel). Mr Waters has made a proposal to his creditors in the form of what is known as an "Individual Voluntary Arrangement" (IVA), proposing that the debts of his business are paid off over an extended period. The IVA was overwhelmingly approved by the creditors on December 6th and this provides a legal framework for the business to continue trading. Hence any reports about the demise of the business are wrong! Action is likely to reduce costs within the business, and already the 364 (Grays-Purfleet) route has been deregistered, apart from contracted journeys to/from Purfleet school.

Essex Service Changes

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Route</i>	<i>Days of operation</i>	<i>Terminals and Notes</i>
Arriva Kent Thameside				
	26 Dec 05	498	Daily	Romford Station - Brentwood, Sainsburys New TfL service replacing the withdrawn section of First routes 351/551 between Brentwood and Romford. To be operated with wheelchair-accessible double-deck buses every 30 minutes M-S daytime and hourly in the evenings and all day Sunday. (Although quoted by TfL as operated (and presumably licenced) by Arriva Kent Thameside, the route will be actually be operated by Arriva Southend (Grays)).
Arriva Southend				
	6 Nov 05	4A	Daily	Southend Bus Station - Landwick The section of the route between Great Wakering and Shoeburyness has been withdrawn with the exception of the solitary evening journey (in each direction) operated under contract to ECC. The remaining journeys operate to or from Landwick.
		14	M-S	Westcliff High Schools - Shoeburyness, East Beech Service deregistered. See new service operated by Stephenson's of Essex.
	7 Nov 05	401	COL/SDO	Southend Bus Station - Hullbridge, The Anchor Two journeys only as follows: 07:55 Hullbridge to Belfairs (then becomes a service 1); 16:20 (M) and 16:35 (T-F): Thundersley (SEEVIC) to Hullbridge.
		402	SDO	Belfairs School - Southend Central Bus Station One inbound journey at 15:00.
Arriva East Herts & Essex				
	5 Dec 05	59	M-S	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Harlow Bus Station Additional journey from Chelmsford to Harlow at 20:06 (M-F) and 19:55 (Sat) with minor changes to intermediate running times.
	12 Dec 05	SW1	M-F	Sawbridgeworth, Leventhorpe School - Rail Station (circular) Timetable revised to maintain train connections at Sawbridgeworth Rail Station.
	23 Dec 05	1A	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Katherines (circular) Service withdrawn.
	28 Dec 05	1	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Katherines (circular) Service withdrawn during day time leaving just the evening ECC contract journeys.
		2	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Staple Tye (circular) Revised timetable. Service reduced from 6 to 5bph (M-F) and increased from 4 to 5bph (Sat).
		3	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Staple Tye (circular) Revised timetable. Service reduced from 6 to 5 bph (M-F) and increased from 4 to 5 bph (Sat).
		5	M-S	Pinnacles, Flex Meadows - Potter Street (circular) Revised timetable. Daytime service withdrawn. Service operates morning and evening (M-S).

	6	M-S	Harlow Princes Alexandra Hospital - Latton Bush (circular) Amended service (every 30 minutes) replacing the 'B6' (every 20 minutes) and now operating to and from the Hospital.
	252	Daily	Waltham Cross Bus Station - Waltham Abbey (circular) Revised timetable.
4 Jan 06	10	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Church Langley (circular) Minor timetable revision. The SDO journey at 08:10 advanced to 08:05 with increased running time.
Carters Coaches			
2 Apr 05	93	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station. Update of Information. The following journeys only now operated 06:22 (M-F) and 08:43 (Sun) Capel St Mary - Ipswich and 19:00 (Sun only) Ipswich - Capel St Mary. For full service refer to <i>Network Colchester</i> service 93.
Coggeshall Community Bus			
4 Jan 06	CCB	M-F	Kelvedon (circular) Timetable revised to effect better connections with trains.
Ensign Bus Company			
28 Dec 05	X80	Daily	Gravesend, McKenzie Way East - Chafford Hundred Rail Station. Revised timetable. Operates half hourly (M-S) but on Sundays only, operates between Bluewater and Lakeside on an hourly basis.
First			
14 Nov 05	5	Daily	Basildon Bus Station - Pitsea, Tesco Store Increased frequency from 6 to 8bph (m-s). Sunday service unchanged.
27 Nov 05	31X	M-S	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Burnham on Crouch, Clock Tower. Service now operates to/from Chelmsford via the new Baddow By-Pass bus lane.
28 Nov 05	103	M-S	Harwich Bus Station - Colchester Bus Station Minor adjustment to the timetable with the 07:10 from Harwich advanced to 07:00.
	10	M-S	Great Clacton, Telford Road - Jaywick, Tower Camp Minor timetable revision.
	11	M-S	Great Clacton, Telford Road - Jaywick, Tower Camp. Minor timetable revision.
	103	M-S	Harwich Bus Station - Colchester Bus Station Further minor revision to timetable.
24 Dec 05	80	M-S	Shenfield Station - Brentwood Station Service Withdrawn
26 Dec 05	X30	Daily	Southend Central Bus Station - Stansted Airport Minor timetable revision allowing additional running time for peak journeys (M-F).
27 Dec 05	351	Daily	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Brentwood Rail Station Revised route and timetable. The section of route beyond Brentwood to Romford withdrawn (now operated by TfL route 498) and no longer serves Shenfield Station. The Sunday ECC contract will continue to operate Chelmsford - Romford Station.
28 Dec 05	33	Daily	Chelmsford Rail Station - Stansted Airport, Coach Station. Revised timetable with adjustments to peak time journeys (certain journeys withdrawn from

			Broomfield Hospital).
	35	M-S	Southend Bus Station - Chelmsford, Coval Lane Revision to timetable with journeys operating via the new Baddow By-Pass bus lane numbered 35X.
	51	Daily	Galleywood, Barnard Rd (West Lawn) - Chignall Estate, Welland Ave. Re-routed between Beehive Lane and Parkway (in both directions) via Loftin Way, Waterson Vale, Princes Road, Lady Lane and Mildmay Road instead of via Baddow Road (partly replaces part of withdrawn route 43).
	72	M-S	Chelmsford, Westway (First Depot) - Braintree, Fairfield Road. Minor timetable revision with the 09:02 from First Depot, Westway, Chelmsford now advanced to 08:55 (M-F).
	551	M-S	Basildon Bus Station - Brentwood Rail Station Revised to operate between Basildon and Brentwood only but increased to every half hour.
3 Jan 06	48	M-S	Chelmsford, Westway, (First Depot) - Chelmer Village, New Dukes Way. Extension of route from Chelmsford, Coval Lane to Westway to cover withdrawn journeys on route 43.
	71	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Chelmsford, Coval Lane Revised timetable with the 17:10, 17:40 and 18:05 Chelmsford - Colchester advanced to 17:06, 17:36 and 18:01(M-F).
4 Jan 06	35X	M-S	Southend Bus Station - Chelmsford, Coval Lane New service number for the 05:17 Chelmsford to Southend and the 07:00 and 08:15 Southend to Chelmsford journeys (M-F) now using the Baddow bus lane.
	73	M-F	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Maldon, Tesco Store Service withdrawn.
	851	SDO	Gallows Corner - Shenfield School Revised timetable with the 07:48 from Gallows Corner now advanced to 07:40.
7 Jan 06	77	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Wivenhoe Rail Station Service withdrawn and incorporated within route 78.
8 Jan 06	10	M-S	Great Clacton, Telford Road - Jaywick, Tower Camp Minor timetable revision.
	11	M-S	Great Clacton, Telford Road - Jaywick, Tower Camp. Minor timetable revision.
	61	M-S	Wivenhoe Rail Station - Mile End, Defoe Crescent New terminal now Wivenhoe Rail Station. Diverted via new Quays area at Hythe and frequency increased from 2 to 3bph.
	65	Daily	Stanway, Tollgate Medical Centre - Highwoods, Tesco Store. Minor route revision in Highwoods.
	70	Daily	Colchester Bus Station - Braintree, Fairfield Avenue Minor timetable change.
	78	Daily	Colchester High Street - Brightlingsea, Regent Road Withdrawn between General Hospital and Town Centre and minor routing change in Brightlingsea.
	88	Daily	Colchester Bus Station - Great Yeldham, The Green Minor timetable change (M-F)

	9 Jan 06	5	M-S	Holland, Frinton Rd (Park Boulevard) - Bockings Elm, Flatford Drive (Kersey Drive). Revised to operate via Grenfell Avenue (Holland on Sea) instead of Norman Road.
		67	M-S	Colchester High Street - West Mersea, High Street The section of route between General Hospital and Town centre withdrawn and minor timetable adjustment.
Gemini Travel				
2 Nov 05	745	WThFSa	East Bergholt, Four Sisters - Brantham Hill Service operated under contract to SCC.	
	746	WThFSa	Holbrook, Compasses - Mistley, Rigby Avenue Service operated under contract to SCC.	
H C Chambers				
31 Oct 05	84	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Sudbury Bus Station Minor timetable change with the 07:20 from Sudbury Bus Station to Colchester, Norman Way School operating 10 minutes earlier at 07:10 and not serving the General Hospital.	
	753	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Bury St Edmunds Bus Station Minor timetable changes. The 09:05 from Sudbury Bus Station now starts from Great Conard at 08:58 and the 17:20 from Sicklesmere operates at 17:30 and terminates at Great Conard.	
Imperial Bus				
9 Jan 06	32	M-S	Chelmsford, Coval Lane - Ongar, Two Brewers Minor timetable changes.	
Ipswich Buses				
14 Nov 05	750	MWF	Colchester Bus Station - Dedham Heath, Crossroads Service withdrawn.	
National Express				
19 Dec 05	757	Daily	Stansted Airport Coach Station - Oxford Bus Station Further minor timetable changes.	
Network Colchester				
9 Jan 06	2	M-F	Horkesley Heath, Malvern Way - Severalls Park, The Crescent. Minor timetable revision.	
9 Jan 06	5	M-F	Shrub End, Leather Bottle - North Station, Asda Store Minor reduction in service and timetable revision.	
9 Jan 05	8	M-S	Monkwick, Gosfield Road - Highwoods, Tesco Store Minor timetable revision.	
NIBS				
26 Sep 05	221	M-F	Wickford, Broadway - the Wick (circular) Minor timetable alteration with the 07:50 journey from Wickford Broadway retimed to operate at 07:55.	
Olympian Coaches				
20 Jun 05	741	M-F	Sawbridgeworth - London, Victoria (Bressenden Place) Information as per timetable: AM journeys operate Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford then to London. PM journeys operate Potter Street, Church Langley, Sawbridgeworth and Bishops Stortford connecting at Potter Street for pm 742 short workings serving various points in Harlow.	
	742	M-F	Harlow, Brays Grove (School) - London, Victoria (Bressenden Place). Information as per timetable: AM	

			journeys operate Harlow to London. PM service operates Potter Street - The Stow only connecting at Potter Street with 741 journeys from London.
	743	M-F	Braintree, Marks Farm (Tesco Store) - London, Victoria (Buckingham Palace Road) Information as per timetable. One commuter journey in each direction.
			LOTS say that the above took effect only from about mid-July. Further revisions took place in November.
28 Nov 05	R8	M-F	Harlow Bus Station - Old Harlow (circular) Service withdrawn.
Regal Busways			
17 Jan 06	214	Sun	Waltham Cross - Lakeside Bus Station Service withdrawn.
S M Coaches			
28 Dec 05	T10	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Church Langley (circular) Service withdrawn.
6 Jan 06	M15	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Potter Street, The Red Lion (circular). Revised routing, change of number (formerly T15) and increased frequency from 4 to 6bph.
	M16	M-S	Harlow Edinburgh Way - Potter Street, The Red Lion (circular). Morning and afternoon peak journeys only.
Stansted Transit			
30 Aug 05	9	M-F	Braintree Bus Park - Great Bardfield, Alienor Avenue The 08:50 from Great Bardfield to Braintree retimed to operate at 08:55
	10	M-F	Braintree Bus Park - Great Bardfield, Alienor Avenue The 08:06 journey from Braintree to great Bardfield retimed to operate at 08:13
	301	M-S	Bishops Stortford, Interchange - Saffron Walden, Tesco Store. This service operates to /from Bishops Stortford Interchange with one with one sdo journey to/from Bishops Stortford, St Marys RC School
Stephensons of Essex			
7 Nov 05	14	M-S	Westcliff High Schools - Shoeburyness, East Beech Change of Operator. Service now operated under contract to ECC.
Town & Country			
28 Dec 05	364	M-F	Grays Bus Station - Uplands Estate, Watts Crescent Service withdrawn except for the 08:40 SDO journey Uplands Estate to Purfleet, Primary School and the 15:20 SDO return journey.

David Tomlin

■ FIRST ESSEX

New/Cascaded Vehicles

Period 8 (see below)

Volvo Olympian/ Alexander H74/32F, new to Strathclyde Buses, then to First Leicester and First Mainline.

30558	P181TGD	chassis YN2RV18V326823	body 9529/38	new 8.96 (VO81)
30560	P190TGD	chassis YN2RV18V326819	body 9529/48	new 9.96 (VO90)

Dennis Lance/Northern Counties Paladin B47F, new to PMT

60103	P869MBF	chassis SFO211BR2TGL10569	body 5662	new 2.97 (SDC869)
60104	P870MBF	chassis SFO211BR2TGL10570	body 5663	new 2.97 (SDC870)

Allocation changes

Period 8: 24 Oct to 20 Nov 2005

FGC=First Group cascade, i.e. transfer to/from another *First* fleet

(A)=acquired; Anc=Ancillary fleet; RES=spare/reserve (licensed); D/L(RES)=spare/reserve (delicensed); D/L(D)=delicensed for disposal; DS=Driving School

30558 FGC-RES; 30560 FGC-CR; 34819 CF-D/L(D); 43732 CF-BN; 43733 CF-BN;
46118 D/L(D)-BN; 46183 BN-CF; 46186 BN-CF; 51470 D/L(D)-sold; 51778 D/L(D)-sold;
51779 D/L(D)-sold; 51781 D/L(D)-sold; 51802 D/L(D)-sold; 51806 D/L(D)-sold;
51810 D/L(D)-sold; 60103 FGC-CF; 60104 FGC-CF; 62520 D/L(D)-sold;
62522 DS-D/L(D); 65629 RES-BN; 67036 CF-DS; 67039 CF-DS

In practice 46118 has remained licenced and in use throughout, as noted in earlier EBNs.

Repaints:

Apologies - *Period 7 & 8* shown in EBN499 should read *Period 6 & 7* respectively.

Period 8: 34280 47102 43738 67012 46177 67009 60104 47103 (all to standard livery)

Disposals:

11.05 34811 46112 46114 51470 51778 51779 51781 51802 51806 51810 62520 90242
all to Erith Commercials, Dartford Road, Erith, Kent (the Mercedes are thought to be for export -see www.erithcommercials.co.uk)

As at the 28th November, CN disposal yard contained only 34819, 51476, 51889, 62521/2 and the Van Hool integral.

VEHICLE WORKINGS

There is a 71 working Monday to Friday (1635 CR-CF and 1805 return) which is off a 65 diagram, normally 65679. This will no longer be reported as an 'unusual sighting'.

Colchester 85/86 are now worked by Darts following the withdrawal of 709D 51889.

CF Darts on the 21/30/37/72 or CF/BE step entrance Darts on the 352 are normally maintenance swaps for BE, and will no longer be recorded. Marshall-bodied Darts have recently become fairly common on Brentwood town services.

DT 46802 appears regularly on Harwich town service 20 when not being used as backup for the Village Link Solos.



41653 on the 12 to Thundersley - 13 November

42857 on an unusual single-deck working of the 24 in July.

Steven Rowe



Unusual sightings:

November	2nd	CR62408 on 70 (0900 ex CR).
	5th	CR47102 on 65.
	6th	CR34307 on 2C, CR34308 on 1.
	8th	CR67004 on X22, DT53138 on 104 (2100 CR-DT).
	9th	BN34812 on 25A, CF43730 on 31X, CN46119 on 104.
	9th	CR65678 on 78, CR65679 on 61.
	10th	BN60102 on 82, BN61057 on 551.
	11th	CR46829 on 66, CR62408 on 70X.
	14th	CR30560 on 64A, CR34310 on 64A, CR46829 on 66.
14th/15th		CR 67006 on 105.
	15th	CR34301 on 64A, CR46829 on 67A.
	16th	CR34302 on 64, CR67003 (67 branded) on 61.
	17th	CR34307 on 64, CR34310 on 65, CR43715 on 64A, CR62408 on X22.
	18th	CF43729 on 352, CF46183 on 54, CR65678/9 on 70, CR65679 on X22.
	21st	CR34315 on 61, CR43741 on 68 then 67A, CR43742 on 65, CR67003 on 67 then 68. CR67005 on 64A.
	22nd	CR34308 on 65, CR47106 on 78, CF60103 on 352, BN61054/7 both on 100.
	23rd	CR30560 on 64A, CR34310 on 175, CR47106 on 77
	24th	CR34304 on 65, CR47106 on 61, CF60103 on 43, CR62407 (64/A branded) on 71
	25th	CR47103 on CN75/76.
	26th	BN34812 on 100, BN46173 on 100.
	27th	CR34304 on 64 all day.
	28th	CR47101 on 61.
	29th	CR34315 on 61, CR65685 (65 branded) on 70.
	30th	CR43740 on DT103 with CR driver, CN46122 on CR64A.
December	1st	CN46122 on 66A, Scania CR65679 on 88 (11.45 ex HD), CR34013 on 75 (21.00 ex CR) and X22
	2nd	CF47229 on 509 (usually Olympian).
	6th	BN52581 on Hutton local 81 (first sighting of a Vario on Brentwood service)
	7th	BN52581 on 73 (first sighting on this route)

OTHER NEWS

The Brentwood-Romford 498 will commence on Boxing Day (Monday 26th December), operated by Arriva from Grays depot. In view of its historic connection with Eastern National, Thamesway and First services, some details will continue to be recorded here for the time being.

An Estate Agent's board (Claridges Commercial) has appeared on Braintree depot building, advertising short-term letting.

47101-5 have all lost their rear service number displays, and 47101-4 have gained new rear light clusters (like the repainted Olympians).

First Essex report EBN500

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to *First Essex* and to A Bird, D Edwards, M Farmer, I Hardie, A Kelleher, J Podgorski, C Sigston, D Stewart, Dr M Walker, R Webb, W White, R Whitley, *Essex Bus* and *South West* y-groups, *Real Bus News* group, LOTS, PSV Circle, *Terminus*.

Chris Stewart

■ ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX Limited

New vehicles

Updated information

2461	KE 55 FDG	Optare Solo M850	SAB19000000002063	Optare B29F	9/05
2462	KE 55 FDF	Optare Solo M850	SAB19000000002064	Optare B29F	9/05

Vehicles in

From *Arriva the Shires* (Luton) 5423-6 11/05

5423	W423 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20919	Alexander 9950/3	H47/31F 7/00
5424	W424 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20920	Alexander 9950/4	H47/31F 7/00
5425	W425 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20921	Alexander 9950/5	H47/31F 7/00
5426	W426 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20922	Alexander 9950/6	H47/31F 7/00

From *Arriva the Shires* (Luton) 5428/9/3310/05

5428	W428 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20924	Alexander 9950/8	H47/31F 7/00
5429	W429 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20925	Alexander 9950/9	H47/31F 7/00
5433	W433 XKX	Dennis Trident	321BR1YGX20928	Alexander 9950/12	H47/31F 7/00

From *Arriva Southend* 3601/2/8 11/05

L601 EKM	Volvo B6-50	005241	Plaxton 9310.2VWN2074	B40F	3/94
L602 EKM	Volvo B6-50	005242	Plaxton 9310.2VWN2075	B40F	3/94
L608 EKM	Volvo B6-50	005321	Plaxton 9310.2VWN2081	B40F	3/94

Allocations

11/05: 2139 w; 2374 u; 5423-6/8/9/33 Ware; 5845/6 w

12/05: L601/2/8 EKM Harlow

Vehicles out

2138 (N368 JGS): gone 11/05

3416 (P416 HVX): Arriva the Shires (Stevenage) by 11/05

5838 (C 38 CHM): gone 10/05

5839/40 (D181/215 FYM): gone 11/05

Subsequent histories

2112 (M42 WUR): Moon & Benney, Bodmin 9/05 ex Pickford, Chippenham ; Pickford, Chippenham 10/05

2125 (N195 EMJ): Pickford, Chippenham 9/05 ex Atherton, Abingdon

2236 (N936 ETU), 3355 (K405 FHJ), 3375 (K762 JVX ex J 12 BUS): gone from Arriva the Shires 2236, 3355/75 11/05

5844 (D211 FYM): Renown, Bexhill by 10/05 ex Arriva the Shires 5844

Fleet allocation 11/05

Harlow (HA)	443/4, 1258, 2107/16/18-4/26/43/45/49/58/59/72/75/77/89/90/94/95 2248, 2370/71/77, 2457-60, 3100, 3230/31/50-57, 3352/53/55-60/62-64/66-69/71/72, 3413/14/45-49, 3818, 3856-60
Ware (WE)	2373/75/76, 2461/62, 3123/24, 3269, 3398/99, 3417/18/35/39-44/83, 3838/30-32, 4521/22, 5423/24/26-29/33/42/43/45-47/51, 5837/42/43/47/50

Unserviceable (u)

/withdrawn (w) 2139, 2374, 5425, 5845/46

General

L601/2/8 EKM are to replace Mercedes 709Ds with manual gearboxes.

The Dennis Tridents at Ware are gradually relieving the ex-London Leyland Olympians on service 310 (Hertford-Enfield). This service is to be cut back to Waltham Cross (with the exception of some peak hour journeys) after 23 December

■ ARRIVA SOUTHEND Limited

Vehicles in

(N543 TPK) Dart/East Lancs B40F – This vehicle has returned to Arriva Southern Counties after being on loan to Network Colchester (Tellings Golden Miller).

Vehicles Out

3601/2/8 (L601/2/8 EKM) Volvo B6/Plaxton to Arriva the Shires at Harlow.

3601/8 were stood down from service following the service changes of 6th November which resulted in a PVR reduction of two vehicles. 3602 was then replaced by the arrival of 3123 at a later date. The current allocation at Southend (not including Grays) as of 25th November is 69 vehicles for a PVR of 60.

Vehicle Workings

Mid-November saw many strange workings on Dengie routes as a result of mechanical difficulties with the Sprinters; the remaining Vario (1188) and assorted Darts were used where necessary.

Other News

New TfL route 498 (Romford – Brentwood) commences on Boxing Day, initially using Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 3400-3 from the current Grays fleet. They are due to be replaced eventually by new vehicles.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Richard Delahoy , Matthew Arnold (Arriva Southend), Richard Lewis (Arriva Southern Counties @ Maidstone)

- ▼ The 6A now runs to the Woodcutters instead of Kent Elms. L145 YVK is seen at Leigh-on-Sea station on 4 November. *Steven Rowe*



Vehicles in

from Burton main fleet:

303	M723 CGO Dennis Dart	Plaxton 9.8 B35F
385	W905 UJM Volvo B10BLE	Alexander ALX
386	W906 UJM Volvo B10BLE	Alexander ALX
109	R90 BCL Dennis Dart SLF	Caetano B42F;
?	Y40 TGM Dennis Dart SLF	
?	Y50 TGM Dennis Dart SLF	Caetano B36D.

(Fleet numbers not known for Y40 & 50 TGM).

Vehicles Out

313 (ex Arriva 3123) has returned to Arriva Southern Counties and has entered service at Southend.

316 (P326 HVX) has also gone to Southend but this may be destined for Grays in reality.

Lynx 351 has gone to Haverhill. This may only be a short loan.

Vehicle Workings

School route 9 interworks with 2, so appearances by low floors will become more common soon.

Following the arrival of the B10BLEs and SLF/Caetanos, daytime route 2 is virtually all low floor, and the daytime 8/A often sees low floors too. The Route 8 branded Darts are increasingly appearing off their allocated route.

Unusual sightings

November	1st	302 on 9, 359 on 93
	2nd	360 on 5, 316 on 2
	4th	347 on 5
	7th	358 on 632
	8th	317 on 2, 309 (8 branded) on 5
	9th	309 (8 branded) on 2, 362 on 8 (daytime), 381 on 5, 382 on 9, (note these two are the first recorded workings of B10Bs on routes other than 2)
	10th	381 on 1, 358 on 8E
	11th	382 on 1, 358 on 5
	14th	309 (8 branded) on 247, 360 on 8A (daytime)
	17th	360 on 5, 317 on 8E
	21st	311 (8 branded) on 5, Y50 TGM first seen on service 8.
	22nd	Y40 TGM first seen on service 2.
	23rd	348 on 8A, 359 on 5, 381 on 9
	25th	362 on 2 (daytime)
	28th	340 on 2, 357 on 8E
	29th	311 (8 branded) on 247, 357 on 5, 333 on 8A
	30th	309 (8 branded) on 83, 348 on 247, 310 (8 branded) on 93, 364 on 2 (daytime)

Repaints/Branding

- 333/5 to TGM blue/white, ex Arriva.
- 302 to TGM blue/white, ex Metrobus blue/yellow.
- 303 to TGM blue/white, ex Metrobus blue/yellow and with blue branding for route 8.
- 382/7 have received green branding for route 2 and 'Network Colchester' names.

374 is currently in the paintshop receiving a repaint into TGM blue/white.

Other News

Suffolk County Council routes 730/1 (Mistley/Manningtree-Hadleigh/Bildeston) and Mon-Sat Suffolk County Council evening runs on 90 (Sudbury-Ipswich) were initially worked from an outstation at Semer, near Bildeston which has now relocated to Hadleigh. Varios S108 HGX and S550 BNV have been run from there, using Colchester drivers. (Sunday/Bank holiday 90s are worked from Colchester and daytime Monday-Saturday 90s worked by Beeston's). The Hadleigh outstation is located at Peyton Hall, Stone Street, which is to the north of the town off the Bildeston Road.

One of the Dart SLFs was stolen on 27th October and later found undamaged at Marks Tey.

On the evening of 8th November B10BLE 382 broke down on the Albert Roundabout, blocking the exit into North Station Road (northbound).

The tram shed (number 1 depot) at Magdalen Street, was cleared out during the week commencing 14th November and was vacated by the end of the month.

Number 2 depot and the yard at Magdalen Street will continue to be used by Network Colchester.

Burton's Colchester Coachways.

Volvo B10M/Pn W700 BCL lost its Travelsphere livery and is now white with Burton's names.

Harris Coaches Volvo B10M/Pn T600 BCL was present on 30th November, and in use on school contracts.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Podgorski, Richard Delahoy

▼ Y50 TGM seen with Burton's in Cambridge on 19 March. *Peter Mansbridge*



Heddingham

Acquired vehicle *ex-Metroline DLS4 via Ensign*

L344 P104 OLX Dennis Dart SLF SFD112BR1VGW11103 / Plaxton 979.2HEZ7033 B31F New 6/1997. This was delivered on 11 November but is not yet in service. It arrived as B31F but was quoted as B32F with Metroline. One seat appears to have been removed at some time to increase luggage space.

Disposals

L268 (XGS 767X), **L269** (GVS 948Y), **L270** (CPU 125X) to Ensign on 11.11.05

Dave Arnold/Colin Sigston

Essex Small Operator News

ACME TRANSPORT, Stansted. Acquired are LDV 400 M947 JFP and Fiat Ducato P47 HHL.

AIRPORT CARZ, Stansted. Have lost the contract with BAA, to provide taxi facilities at Stansted. It is now being operated by Checker Cars, using Ford Galaxy cars.

APT COACHES, Rayleigh. Recent additions are H10 SUP a MAN/Jonckhree from Carvers, Ellesmere Port and J36 UHP, a Scania K113/Plaxton from Oakleaf Coaches, Barnsley. Bova Futura K126 HEG, has gone to Harry Shaw, Coventry.

ASHES, Cressing The recently acquired Iveco, is confirmed as H992 FEW.

BARKER, Roydon Recently acquired from Kenmore Coaches, Wigan is Duple 425 E454 CGM.

BASILDON TRAVEL, Basildon F303 JNC a Mercedes Benz 609D/PMT, is being used for spares. Toyota/Caetano L215 BPL has been sold.

BESTAX, Rayleigh Acquired from an unknown owner and first noted in September, is Ford Transit M543 RCP.

BRANDON, Blackmore End In response to a query, this operation, is now part of Fargo, Rayne. Bova Futura HIL 2922 (A251 SBM), Bristol LHS/Plaxton LXR 958 (LFG 248W), sister 841 BMB (RGF 230P). Talbot Pullman E364 KKV and Talbot Freeway F589 HUS, were sold, some time ago.

BUSHEL & SACK HOTEL, Barnston Holds a restricted licence and Ford Transit S361

SNO, has recently arrived from Fargo, Rayne.

CD TRAVEL, Kelvedon Bedford YNT/Plaxton B787 OUT, has been acquired.

CEDRIC, Wivenhoe Leyland Olympian B748 GCN, is now back in service. LDV Convoy P595 WWO, has been sold. Volvo B12/Van Hool N316 BYA, has been reregistered YIL 7758.

COLCHESTER COACHES, Clacton Bristol VR/East Lancs GHB 85W has been withdrawn. Bova Futura FHD12.290 C18 OVA (K295 GDT) has been sold.

DONS, Dunmow *Buses* magazine reports that former Glasgow Atlantean/Alexander sold for preservation are JGA 189N, JUS 774N and YDS 650N. Similar but new to Tyne and Wear EJ9 113W has gone for scrap and MKV 538R (which was with Colchester) is stripped for spares.

FARGO, Rayne New some time ago, but not previously reported is LDV Convoy EU03 VPG (a non-PSV). More recent additions are ex Semmence, Wymondham E677 UND a Mercedes Benz 609D/Made to Measure, ex Brandon, Blackmore End Bova Futura F26 EKR, ex Stagecoach United Counties K352 ANV a Mercedes 709D/Alexander Belfast, ex Airport Carz, Stansted Airport EY03 NCE/F both are Ford Transits and similar R452 HVW from an unknown source. Leyland Olympian/ECW A563 KQY, has been withdrawn. Vehicles sold include Leyland

Fleetline/Roe MBE 616R, Mercedes L608D A862 UDM, Mercedes 811D/Optare J361 BNW, DAF 400 L668 WFT, Ford Transit N105 BPU and LDV Convoy X679 ABN.

FLAGFINDERS, Braintree Bristol VR/ECW FKM 877V, has gone to RTF Commercial, Bocking (dealer). Also sold are Bedford YNT/Duple A504 HUT and Bedford YNV/Plaxton C402 XFO.

FLORIDA, Halstead Recent additions are 449 BHU a Bova Futura, Ford Transit N804 HVX and VW minibus VK54 FRC. Rare Volvo B10M/Padane WSV 533 (ADV 143Y) has been sold.

FORD, Althorne One vehicle is outstationed at a drivers home in Steeple. This covers the contract formerly provided by Hedingham and is worked by the same driver.

FREEDOM 2 TRAVEL, Thundersley To correct EBN 499, HSK 860 has not been re-registered, or sold, and remains here.

FST COACHES, Basildon 2942 FH (\$436 JRV) a LDV 400 minibus, is in use here.

HARDY MILES TRAVEL, Southend Acquired from Supreme, Southend, for use on schools contracts, are MCW Metrobus GOG225/49W, MRJ 37W, LOA 413/26X and C344/60 BUV.

KINGS, Stanway New here is KC55 ABC a Bova Futura FHD13.340XE. Bova Futura FHD12.330 P111 ABC, has been re-registered P994 SVW and has gone to Moseley (dealer) in part exchange.

KIRBYS, Rayleigh Setra S130 OTW 116K and Setra S215HD WNO 115W are both delicensed and are to be preserved.

LOGIC TRANSPORT, Nazeing Mercedes Benz 811D/Reeve Burgess 46 HLT (F173 CKW) and Leyland Tiger/Plaxton F701 ENE have been acquired from Seymour, Moreton. Also acquired from Leatherhead Minibuses is LDV Convoy T626 NMJ.

MICKS MINIBUSES, Canvey Island Are operating VW LT55 M11 XMB.

NELSONS, Shotgate Bristol VR/ECW LFJ 855W has been sold.

NEW CENTURY, Bowers Gifford Here and not previously recorded are Iveco/Indcar R510 SCH and sister W818 AAY. Less glamorous is LDV Convoy AE53 ZNY.

NIKITAS TAXIBUS, Wickford New here in May, was Ford Transit ML05 KSY.

OLYMPIAN, Harlow Scania/Plaxton AHZ

7344 (K777 GSM) previously reported as sold, is still here. Acquired from New Century is Mercedes 0404 S139 RWA. Vehicles sold are Iveco 59.12/Marshall M732 ADO and Marshall minibus R211 VLX.

P&M COACHES, Shotgate Recently acquired from Croydon Coaches, Newport, Gwent is BMC 850 CN53 FRO.

PDQ, Colchester Renault Master L78 VBX, is now with a private owner in London.

PETER GODWARD, Basildon Ford Transit P24 XAG, has arrived, from an unknown source. Vehicles sold are an unregistered Quest/Jonckhree (new as D327 VVV) and Volvo B10M/Plaxton RJI 8602 (E828 EUT).

REGAL, Highwood New here is an ADL Dart with MCV Evolution B35F body: 701 - AE55 EHM. Former Yorkshire Traction, Leyland Olympian/ECW acquired are A639 WDT and B664 CET. These replace Leyland Fleetline/Alexander SHE 557S and MCW Metrobus BYX 140V, which have been sold. Volvo B6/Marshall L660 MFL has gone for scrap.

RONDA COACHES, Rochford Ford Transit/Robin Hood UKK 419X, reported as sold, some while ago, is still here.

SBC, Southend Former Supreme L200 SUP a Scania K113/Berkhof and L300 SUP a Volvo B10/Berkhof have been acquired.

SM TRAVEL, Harlow Iveco minibus M530 VWT, is now back in use.

SOUTHEND RADIO CARS Acquired from Manchester City Council are Iveco minibuses N963/4 ABU and N524 BJA.

STANSTED HOTEL SPRINTER, Stansted Mercedes Benz 413 Cdi X973 JVP and Y357 RTD, have been acquired.

STRAIGHT DRIVE GOLF DAYS, Halstead Ford Transit M499 SWJ is here.

STERLING MINICOACHES, Basildon LDV 400 L257 GUL is a recent addition.

SUPREME, Southend The PSV Circle reports the following are now in use with Ensigns, mainly on contract work. MCW Metrobus LOA434X, B184/269 EUL, C343/352/361/374/439BUV and Scania L94/Van Hool R863 SDT.

SWIFT CARS, Chelmsford In from Portsmouth Social Services is T299 GRC a Mercedes Benz 412D/AVB.

TALISMAN, Gt Bromley Leyland Olympian/Alexander (Belfast) H643 PTW,

has been sold to an Aylesbury area operator.

THORNS OF RAYLEIGH YDO 519T a Bedford YMT/Plaxton, has been sold.

TOWN CARS, Clacton New here, is Ford Transit GK05 SOE.

TURNERS, Wickham St Paul Recent additions are L991 CRY a Toyota/Caetano, from an unknown source and former Arriva Cymru Mercedes 709D/Marshall M711/4 YJC. DAF 400 H84 CDB and Renault Trafic K378 FAR, have been withdrawn.

VICEROY, Saffron Walden Acquired are Volvo B10M/Plaxton R584/95 GDX

(R60/70 BCL) from TGM, Twickenham. Ford Transit G272 NWF and Mercedes Benz/Adams P614 RGB, have also been acquired. Setras H433/4 GVL, have been sold.

WARD, Alresford Acquired is former Brighton & Hove R501 HUF a Volvo B10M/Plaxton Excalibur.

YELLOW CARS, Braintree Ford Transit L658 CPF, has been withdrawn.

Ian Ransom, With thanks to Dave Arnold, Colin Sigston, John Podgorski and PSV Circle

75th Anniversary of Eastern National Running Days

Three pictures from summer 2005:

3072 on service 67 coming off The Strood at West Mersea (*Chris Stewart*)

47252 on the 67 at West Mersea (*Chris Stewart*)

3072 beside Stagecoach East London Trident 17445 at Romford (*Iain Stewart*)





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