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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*

Autumn 2005 season:

- ▶ Meetings will be held on **Tuesdays 11 October, 8 November and 13 December** - further details to be announced later, but in the meanwhile, mark these in your diaries now!

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**). All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. We can now show prints, slides or digital photos. *Dave Arnold*

Autumn 2005/Winter 2005-2006 programme:

- ▶ **Friday 14 October** - *Dave Savage*: tba
- ▶ **Friday 11 November** - A follow-on from the May meeting with a selection of black & white photographs - 'London Traffic Area Coach Operators - a perspective - The first 20 years - 1946 - 1966'. by *Fred Lawrence*, then of Dagenham.
- ▶ **Friday 9 December** - *Dave Arnold*: 'Around the UK in 2005' and 'Rail Replacement'.
- ▶ **2006 - Friday 13 January** - *John Podgorski*: 'Across the Pond' pictures from the USA, Norway and Switzerland.

IPSWICH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL TRANSPORT SOCIETY

Group members are cordially invited to the meetings of the above, 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. The £1 charge includes refreshments. The hall is three minutes walk from Congreve Road/Fircroft Road roundabout (Ipswich Buses service 10 from Tower Ramparts). There is ample car parking available.

Topics presented cover all modes - rail, waterways, air, as well as road transport. Two, likely to be of interest to members are:

- ▶ **Tuesday 11 October** - *Colin Curtis OBE*: 'Routemaster buses - their design and features'.
- ▶ **2006: Tuesday 10 January** - *Geoff Dodson*: 'My life on the Buses'.

GROUP TOUR

- ▶ **Saturday 8 October**: "South Essex KSW Experience". Booking form enclosed.

RALLIES, OPEN DAYS ETC.

- ▶ **Sunday 18 September** - **EFE Showbus Rally**, Duxford, Cambs. Brolly time again.
- ▶ **Sunday 9 October** - **Castle Point Transport Museum Open Day**, Point Road, Canvey. The Group Sales Stall is expected to attend this event with a new and extensive selection of photos, books etc.

<i>Cover:</i> NIBS new Scania OmniDekka EU05 ECV poses for the camera at Shotgate on 22 August, with blinds set for V2005, its first duty. <i>Chris Stewart</i>

AND SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT ...

- **Friday/Saturday 14/15 October:** *The Roads & Road Transport History Association Autumn Symposium: "Transport Anniversaries"* at The Moat House, Trinity Street, Chester CH1 2BD. **Friday** evening - Transport highlights from the Mitchell & Kenyon Film Collection. **Saturday** all day - *Ian Yearsley* - 'Unhorsing the Victorians'; *Geoffrey Jones* - the 75th Anniversary of the Traffic Commissioners; *Bert Morris* - the centenary of the Automobile Association; *Giles Fearnley*, Chairman, Blazefield Holdings - Family Connections in Passenger Transport over 100 years. Price: £48 for both days, £36 for Saturday only, including refreshments, buffet lunch and a copy of the Symposium Papers. Bookings to:

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From the Editor ...

- **75th ANNIVERSARY of EASTERN NATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION**

Don't forget! entries should be submitted by **25 September** to:

EBN Editor, 24 Frankfield Rise, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5LF

or email to ebn@casuarina.org.uk

- There are four 'pull-outs' in the centre of this EBN:-
 1. Booking form for the **South Essex KSW Experience** tour, organised by *Alan Osborne*.
 2. The first of a series of **Photo Sales Lists**, (EN Bristol FLF's), compiled by *Lyn Watson*.
 3. Order form for *75 Years of service in Essex 1930-2005 with Eastern National & First*.
 4. The **2005 Publication List**, compiled by *Owen Woodliffe*.

To remove, grip the relevant pages and gently pull away from the staples. Pull-outs 3 and 4 then need to be cut in half. Alternatively, photocopies of any or all are acceptable.

YOUR support for the Tour and Photograph/Publication Sales is vital. The Group relies more than ever on non-subscription income to stay in the black. So, please support YOUR Group.

- **RENEWALS:** Some members due to renew in July have yet to do so. If you *haven't* renewed, please do so as soon as possible.

David Harman



Essex Bus Publicity News

A new edition of the **ECC North East Essex timetable** has been published, dated 4 September. The pictorial cover theme is continued, with a lady and basket of fruit + veg on a train; caption: "feeling fruity".

Summer 2005 editions of the **Sunday Travel Guide** and **Public Transport Map** are also available. Covers are in the same style, with a gent on a bus plus bunch of flowers, and a girl sharing an iced drink in a bus shelter, whilst a *First 42* whizzes by, as respective themes.

Join the Timetable Subscription Scheme and receive all these items as soon as they are published, by contacting **Derek Stebbing** (address on page 2).

David Harman

Essex Service Changes

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Route</i>	<i>Days of operation</i>	<i>Terminals and Notes</i>
Arriva London North East				
	5 Sep 05	20	Daily	Walthamstow Central Station - Debden Broadway, Torrington Drive. Revised Timetable. This service is operated under contract to <i>London Buses Ltd.</i>
Arriva the Shires & Essex				
	30 Aug 05	10	M-S	Harlow Town Station - Church Langley (circular) Revised Timetable.
	30 Aug 05	501	Weekdays	Old Harlow, Post Office - Brentwood Rail Station Revised peak hour timetable.
	30 Aug 05	505	M-S	Harlow Bus Station - Chingford Rail Station Additional journey introduced at 16:16 from Harlow Bus Station to Waltham Abbey, Quaker Lane.
	19 Sep 05	333	M-S	Harlow Bus Station - Bishops Stortford, Heath Row (Snowley Parade) Revised route and timetable. Service withdrawn between Princess Alexandra Hospital and Harlow Bus Station and re-routed in Bishops Stortford.
Blue Triangle Buses Ltd.				
	30 Aug 05	804	SDO	Debden Broadway, Torrington Drive - Loughton Station. Service number change. Formerly 204.
	29 Oct 05	347	M-S	South Ockendon Station - Romford Station Change of operator from <i>First</i> . Service operated under contract to <i>London Buses Ltd.</i>
Carters Coaches				
	30 Aug 05	755	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Capel St Mary, White Horse. Revised timetable.
	30 Aug 05	756	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station. Revised timetable.
First				
	1 Aug 05	21	M-S	Southend Central Bus Station - Canvey, Eastern Esplanade. Minor changes to timetable.
		21A	M-F	Southend Central Bus Station - Canvey, Eastern Esplanade. Minor changes to timetable.
		21B	Daily	Temple Sutton, Garons Park - Canvey, Furtherwick Road (Labworth Park). Minor changes to timetable.
	27 Aug 05	93	M-S	Colchester Bus Station - Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station. Registration cancelled. Change of operator to <i>Network Colchester</i> .
	28 Aug 05	21	M-S	Bocking, Deanery Gardens - Black Notley, Bedells Avenue. The weekday evening service is operated under contract to ECC. Change of operator for Sunday service (See below).
	5 Sep 05	71C	Daily	Colchester Bus Station - Chelmsford, Coval Lane Minor timetable alteration with the 23:30 from Colchester to Marks Tey now extended to Kelvedon.
	28 Oct 05	347	M-S	South Ockendon Station - Romford Station Registration cancelled. Change of operator to <i>Blue Triangle Buses Limited</i> .

Hedingham Omnibuses

30 Aug 05	89B	F
	172	W
1 Sep 05	4	ThS
	115	SDO
5 Sep 05	134	M-F

Malcolms Blue Bus Service

4 Sep 05	555	TFS
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Network Colchester

18 Jul 05	2	M-S
30 Aug 05	93 (group)	Daily
	247	M-S
3 Sep 05	2B	M-S
	8A	M-S

NIBS

30 Aug 05	221	M-F
	225	SDO
31 Aug 05	4	ThS

Olympian Coaches

13 Jun 05	525	M-S
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Regal Busways

30 Aug 05	52	M-S
2 Oct 05	214	Su

Halstead, High Street - Haverhill Bus Station
Service withdrawn.
Colchester Bus Station - Messing, Old Crown
Service withdrawn.
Little Baddow, Spring Close - Maldon, Tesco Store
Change of Operator from NIBS.
Weeley, Black Boy - Tendring Technology College,
Lower School. Revised timetable with the afternoon
journey running 30 minutes earlier at 14:50
Holland Haven - Clacton (circular).
Revised timetable with the 14:30 journey from Holland
Haven now withdrawn.

Jaywick, Meadow Way - Great Clacton (circular)
Service withdrawn.

Horkesley Heath, Malvern Way - Severalls Park, The
Crescent. In addition to the commercial changes made
on this date two additional journeys added on
Saturdays with the support of ECC.
Colchester Bus Station - Ipswich, Old Cattle Market
Bus Station. Network Colchester now operate M-S day
time journeys (in addition to Evening and Sundays
journeys).
Colchester Bus Station - East Bergholt, Cooks Garage
Additional journey (M-F only) 09:45 ex Dedham and
12:30 Colchester to Dedham.
Boxted - Highwoods, Tesco Store. Additional Saturday
journey at 10:15 ex Boxted to Colchester and 12:45
Colchester to Boxted supported by ECC.
Monkwick, Gosfield Road - Highwoods, Tesco Store
In addition to the commercial changes an additional
journey added on M-F early evening with the support
of ECC.

Wickford, Broadway - the Wick (circular).
Revised Timetable with one SDO journey operating
between Beauchamps School and Brock Hill
(renumbered from 225).
Brock Hill, Lindon Road - Beauchamps School.
Now renumbered and incorporated within the 221
timetable.
Maldon, Tesco Store - Little Baddow, Spring Close
Registration cancelled. Change of operator to
Hedingham Omnibuses.

Harlow Bus Station - Chingford. The service has not
operated and registration has been cancelled

Pleshey, Back Lane - Temple Grove. Minor timetable
changes.
Waltham Cross - Lakeside Bus Station. New Service.

Stansted Transit

28 Aug 05	21	Su	Bocking, Deanery Gardens - Black Notley, Bedells Avenue. Change of operator from <i>First</i> . Service operated under contract to ECC.
30 Aug 05	73A	M-S	Maldon, Cherry Gardens - Chelmsford, Coval Lane Change of operator from <i>Hedingham Omnibuses</i> . Service operated under contract to ECC.
	301	M-S	Bishops Stortford, St Michaels Mead - Saffron Walden, Tesco Store. Revised timetable. SDO journeys now re-numbered 302.
	302	SDO	Bishops Stortford - Saffron Walden. Change of service number (formerly 301).
	347	M-S	Harlow Bus Station - Hatfield Broad Oak, Barnfield Change of operator from <i>Trustline</i> .
5 Sep 05	319	SDO	Great Dunmow, High Street - Bishops Stortford Boys High School. Change of operator from <i>Trustline</i> .

Stephensons of Essex

4 Sep 05	530	SDO	Canvey, Somnes Avenue - Rochford, South Street. Service withdrawn.
5 Sep 05	60	M-S	Southend Central Bus Station - Canewden, Loftman's Corner. Minor changes to timetable.
	504	SDO	Southend High School for Girls - Wickham Bishops, Snows Corner. Minor changes to timetable.
	509	SDO	Southend, Eastern Avenue (Sutton Road) - Westcliff, St Thomas More School Revised route and timetable.
	510	SDO	Southminster, High Street - Chelmsford, St John Payne School. Minor timetable alteration.
	560	Sch	Southend, Eastern Avenue (Sutton Road - Westcliff, St Thomas More School. Revised route and timetable
	X1	M-F	Rochford, South Street - London, Victoria (Buckingham Palace Road). Minor timetable revision with some off-peak journeys withdrawn.
	X2	M-F	Rochford, South Street - London, Victoria (Buckingham Palace Road). Revised timetable with X2 journeys re-numbered X1.
67/68	Special	*	The Southend Sea service ran on two days only this year:- 68: Sunday 5th June 2005 to coincide with the Bus Rally at Southchurch Park. 67: Sunday 18th September 2005 for the Old Leigh Regatta under contract to Leigh Town Council.

Town & Country

1 Sep 05	380	M-S	Tilbury Ferry - Orsett Hospital, Rowley Road. LOST IN TRANSLATION! It appears that this service has not been withdrawn; merely that the SDO journeys to/from William Edwards School no longer operate.
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Trustline

27 Aug 05	347	M-S	Hatfield Broad Oak, Barnfield - Harlow Bus Station Registration cancelled. Change of operator to <i>Stansted Transit</i> .
2 Sep 05	319	SDO	Great Dunmow, High Street - Bishops Stortford Boys High School. Registration cancelled. Change of operator to <i>Stansted Transit</i> .

David Tomlin



20-21 August 2005

top:

NIBS Scania H241 LOM with suitable route number, with **G601 KTX** behind, opposite the Civic Theatre in Fairfield Road.

centre:

First Olympians 31198 (L163 UNS) flanked by **34807 C407 HJN** and **34308** (L308PWR).

bottom:

The last EN liveried double decker, **34808** (C408 HJN), in front of **34018** (P546EFL).

all: Adam Kelleher



FIRST ESSEX

Park & Ride

According to the Essex CC website, operation of the first phase of Chelmsford's Park & Ride scheme, based on Sandon, has been awarded to First Essex for a 5 year period (commencement date yet to be specified) at a tender price of £520,000 per annum.

V2005

This year's 'V' festival at Hylands Park, Chelmsford on 20th/21st August provided what may turn out to have been something of a swansong for ECW-bodied Olympians, as well as seeing very smartly turned out newly-repainted Northern Counties bodied examples, various First London vehicles, one from Stagecoach, all four Fourways Olympians and NIBS' brand new Scania Omnidekka on its first public outing. Braintree drivers were using Olympians 34809/16/8/9 on the Sunday at least.

The following were reported in use:

First Essex:

Olympian/Alexander 31198 31373 34284 34286 34290
 Olympian/Northern Counties 34011 34012 34013 34014 34018 34301 34303 34304
 34305 34306 34308 34309 34310 34314 34315
 Olympian/ECW 34807 34808 34809 34812 34813 34816 34818 34819
 Lance 67009, Merc 51889 (staff shuttle)

First London:

Trident/Plaxton TN32805 TN32876 TN32975 TNL33086 TNL33087 TNL33089
 TNL33091 TNL33093
 Olympian/Northern Counties VDN34209 VDN34211 VDN34214 VDN34215
 LDN34336 LDN34337 LDN34339

Fourways G937FVX G981FVX H691PTW H699PTW

NIBS Scania EU05ECV G601KTX G603KTX H241LOM H245LOM BIL4710

Stephenson's C77CHM C383SAO

Stagecoach Trident 18242

Rail Replacements

For six Sundays starting 11th September, Shenfield-Wickford train services will be replaced by buses contracted from *First Essex*.

New & Cascaded Vehicles

The BMC school buses have the following fleet numbers and chassis numbers (all starting NMC111TKCRD):

68532	LK54FNE	200035	B60F
68534	LK54FNL	200041	B60F
68535	EU05DXR	200019	B60F
68551	EU05DXS	200079	B55F with rear disabled ramp
68552	EU05DXT	200080	B55F with rear disabled ramp

Note that 68534 (LK54FNL) replaced LK54FNJ, which has gone to Southampton without being used in Essex. The five listed above entered service as expected on Tuesday 2nd September, at the beginning of the new school term.

Allocation changes - Period 5: 25 July 2005 to 21 August 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

31456 RES-HH; 31462 RES-HH; 34698 HH-FGC; 34808 CF-FGC; 34809 HH-RES;
34817 CF-FGC; 46112 RES-D/L(D); 46116 BN-RES; 46118 BN-RES; 46120 BN-RES;
46122 CN-RES; 46127 BN-DS; 46811 CF-BE; 46823 CF-BE; 46828 CF-CN;
51471 D/L(D)-sold; 51474 D/L(D)-sold; 51476 BE-DT; 51780 BE-DT; 51782 DT-RES;
51889 DT-RES; 62511 D/L(D)-sold; 62526 FGC-BN; 62527 FGC-BN; 62528 FGC-BN;
62531 FGC-BN; 67039 BN-DS; 68532 new-RES; 68534 new-RES; 68535 new-RES;
68551 new-RES; 68552 new-RES; 90246 D/L(D)-sold

Disposals - Period 5

34698 First Eastern Counties Buses Ltd (at King's Lynn)
34808 First Midland Red Buses Ltd (seen 25th August heading west on the M25)
34817 *First Coaches* unit of First Somerset & Avon Ltd at Bristol
51471 & 90246 Hardwick (dealer) for scrap
51474 Erith Commercials
62511 to be confirmed

Repaints - Period 5:

46131, 43729, 46133, 34282, 46134, 46129, 34817 and 34303 all to First Group standard livery (34817 in preparation for transfer from First Essex, ex 'Anglia' green/yellow).

The green and yellow double decker is now extinct from the fleet (except for 'Heritage' VR 38790) - last month's list should have included 34808 (Badgerline style green/yellow) and 34817 (see above), but both have since been transferred out. 51889 should be added to the list of vehicles in 'Anglia' green and yellow. With the repaints listed above, only Dart 46118 remains in Thamesway magenta/yellow sash livery (62511 having been sold), and there are no longer any active Darts in Thamesway 'Anglia' livery.



31462 (N973 NOS), Olympian/Alexander RL, ex-First Glasgow, at Rayleigh Station on 8 August. Peter Mansbridge



*Iain Stewart's
First
photo diary*

Two of the cascaded Wright-bodied Scania's are seen in Basildon Bus Station. Above is Overground 8-branded 65626 (V826 FSC), new to First Beeline. Below is 61057 (R437 GSF), new to Rider Group (Huddersfield). The latter has the latest digital destination blinds, incorporating scrolling via points. Date: 13 August, with 3072 on the 551 in the background.





75th Anniversary of Eastern National Running Days
above: 3072 in Billericay (with 3219 in the background); 20 August.
below: 47252 in East Mersea Road; 6 August.

Chris Stewart



Withdrawn vehicles

On 3rd September, the following were present at Clacton awaiting disposal:

34811, 46114, 51778/9/81, 51806/10, 62520 and Van Hool integral 836 (G841PNW) together with previously sold 51470 and 90242.

Other vehicle information

Olympian 31462 entered service at HH on 8th August (service 20) with LED blind displays fitted, and carrying a 'Mega' rear advert for Lorus. 51809 has gained one for Mercury Executive Car Centre in Hutton. ONs 34286/90 now have glass upper deck windows and nearside number plates on the rear, but 34284 has returned from repaint without these modifications.

34303 now has LED destination/route number displays on the front; 34303/10 do not have LED rear service number displays. 34302/8, 34282/5 have LED lower tail light clusters, while 34303/5/10 have received Alexander Dennis type rear lights (upper and lower) following repaint.

VEHICLE WORKINGS

Alexander-bodied Darts from CF covering BE maintenance work, and those from CR on the 61, 64/64A, 66/66A and 67C have become relatively common and are not recorded below. ECW Olympian 34815 appeared regularly on 74/5/6 from CN during the school holidays.

Bus stop raised kerbs have appeared on parts of the route 78 corridor, mainly in Arlesford. From 22nd August, route 351 in Shenfield reverted temporarily to the use of Chelmsford Road during bridge repairs in Alexander Lane.

For the record, the allocated duties of green Dart 47252 and VR 38790 were exchanged on 27th August, with the VR additionally working the 18.40 CF-MN service 31. Many thanks are due to the drivers of these two vehicles at CR, HH, BN and CF for their co-operation with photographers and enthusiast passengers.

Unusual sightings:

Jul 31st Solo CF53114 on X30

- Aug 6th VR 38790 worked the 20.30 service 78A to Brightlingsea and both the 21.58 and 23.45 return, after its appearance all day on the 67 to West Mersea. It also worked one round trip on the 78 the following morning.
- 8th CF47252 on 175 (after working 67s on 6th)
- 9th SLF Dart BN43714 on Brentwood 80 (usually step entrance Dart)
- 10th 66-branded Dart CR43734 on 16.15 70 ex CR and last 77s
- 13th CF53136 on X30 (11.00 ex SD), BN31373 on 22 and CF34807 on 351.
- 16th Merc BN51801 on 80 (usually full size bus)
Olympian CF34816 on 13.00 and 16.00 Diamond from CF (Pensioners' Free Travel Day) with CF34819 on 14.40 ex CF
Step entrance Dart CR46829 on 61 (usually SLF).
- 17th Merc 51802 on 82 (usually Dart/Plaxton), Marshall-bodied BN41642 on 81
ON CR34309 on 67A (off peak) - usually Lance
- 18th Dart/Alexander CR47101 on 175 (usually Lance), CR46829 on 175, CR34310 on 64A
- 19th Olympian CF34819 on 351, Marshall Dart BN41637 on 81, ON/NC CR34309 on 61 and CR34310 on 103
- 20th Dart CF47223 on 50 (usually Solo)
- 22nd Olympian BN34812 on 551 (and on several other occasions)
Lance CR67005 on X22, CR67008 on 64A
- 23rd ON/NC CR34013 on 105 (14.05 ex CR) - usually single deck, CR46829 on 61, 66-branded CR43741 on 64A, 77/78 branded ON CR34013 on 105
- 24th ON/NC CR34308 on 64

- 25th Dart CN46119 on 75 (10.00 ex CR), Lance CR67003 on 71C
- 28th 61-branded CR43716 on Sunday service 1 (and again 29th)
- 29th Lance CR67005 on X22, CR67008 on 65 (usually Scania)
Former BN short Dart 46112 on 17.40 ser 74 ex CR
- 30th CR34302 on 64A
- Sep 1st Olympians CF34818/9 on 352 (34818 earlier on 36), normally single deck
ON/NC CR34302 on 64, Lance CR67004 on 105/107
- 2nd ONs BN31373 and BN34813 both on 551, 34809 on 351 (later on new schools
route 618, Anglo European-Brentwood-Blackmore)
Volvo coach CR20110 on 88
BN43712, BN46145 and Lance BN60102 all on 100
- 3rd Solo CF53114 on X30, 61-branded SLF Dart CR43715 on 70
- 5th Lance CR67004 on 61, ON/NC CR34056 on 75 (15.30 MN-CR, CN duty)
Cheetah CR56002 on 70X, Scania CR65679 on 71
- 6th Former BN short Dart 46116 on Braintree 30
- 8th Scania CR65679 on 70X

Other vehicle news

Bristol VR 3099 (UAR589W), sold by First Devon & Cornwall (1244) to Simon Munden of Bristol, hired to ABus and subsequently sold to a French buyer via eBay, again appeared on the internet auction site following repaint into a red livery and some internal refitting.

Bristol LD5G 2484 (297JHK), briefly Eastern Counties LKD219, has surfaced again (reasonably intact) in the USA after about 15 years unreported - more on this will follow in a later EBN.

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to *First Essex* and to A Bird, J Clayton, R Delahoy, D Edwards, M Farmer, A R MacFarlane, P Mansbridge, N Field, I Hardie, A Kelleher, J Podgorski, P Rowden, C Sigston, R Sly, D Stewart, R Whitley, M730, Essex CC website, *Essex Bus and South West y-groups*, *Real Bus News* group, LOTS, PSV Circle, *Terminus*.

Chris Stewart



Former Thamesway Volvo B10M/Plaxton 604 (N604 APU) is now First Eastern Counties 20104. It is seen on the Excel X4 to Bury, in the cathedral-like splendour of the new Norwich Bus Station. Date: 31 August, a day after the official opening. *David Harman*



A remarkable survivor: Mercedes 51782 (P682 HPU) on the Harwich town service on 10 August.

Seen on the same day is **First Eastern Counties 34822** (G122 YEV), acquired from First Capital and originally new to Ensignbus. It is no longer possible to see an FEC vehicle in Colchester since the Network Colchester takeover of service 93.

Peter Mansbridge





Vario 1188 (R188 DNM) - the last Arriva Southend minibus - also the last in normal service in the town (the Mercedes Sprinters are used only on Dengie routes well out of the area), as First Essex has no minis left now. Seen in Chichester Road.

Lance 3379 (M269 VPU) - one of only two full-sized saloons left in Southend, the other being twin Lance 3384 (M764 JPA) new to Southend. At Southend Interim Bus Station on formerly low-floor branded service 9. First has no full sized single deckers in the Southend area at all now, since the demise of the last two Lynxes.

John Lidstone



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General

On order for imminent delivery are seven Optare Solos to be numbered **2461-7**. Three are for Harlow services 46 (Ongar-Chelmsford) and 214 (Debden local) and the balance at Ware for service C1 (Cuffley-Cheshunt-Turnford).

1257 (T557 UOX) the Mercedes-Benz Vito 110CDi used on the *Zip* service at Harlow has been withdrawn and replaced by a new vehicle:

1258 KS05 JJE Mercedes-Benz Vito CDI115 Mercedes-Benz M8

A temporary hire before the arrival of 1258 was a Vauxhall Zafira, registered BK03 ODY.

Mark Garrett

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Vehicles Out

3424 (P424 HVX) Dennis Dart SLE This vehicle has been withdrawn from Grays following fire damage. This is contrary to what was said in EBN493.

Other Vehicle News

Olympian 5090 (F640 LMJ) has had a new electronic destination display fitted after the previous one was smashed by vandals. For the first few weeks in July it ran in service with the display area panelled over and painted cream. One such occasion was on the 1st July when it was operating service 1 between Southend and Rayleigh off-peak.

Vehicle Workings:

From 21st August, for 11 days Ashingdon Road was closed southbound between Golden Cross and Dalys Road Rochford. It was also closed northbound between 7pm and 7am. During these closures, service 7 buses ran between Golden Cross and Rochford via Rectory road and Hall Road, with service 8 buses running between Nursery Corner and Rochford via Hall Road.

Unusual Workings:

July 12th 5387 on 10
13th 3391 on 1
21st 5393 on 13
23rd 5807 on 5
Aug 8th 3124 on 7
13th 3379 on 5
16th 5807 on 9 and 5278 on 7
18th 3392 on 1
23rd 3608 on 9 and 1188 on 4
30th 3379 on 4

Other News

Maintenance work at Southend for Grays depot and for Network Colchester has now ceased with Grays maintenance now taking place at Northfleet.

Former Arriva Southend Volvo Olympian/Northern Counties 5419 (N709 TPK) is now with Arriva North West at Huyton Depot, gaining fleet number 3354. It had been on extended loan to Arriva Yorkshire's Heckmondwike Depot since its departure from Southend last autumn.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Richard Lewis at Arriva Southern Counties

Breaking News ...

... TGM acquire school contracts and depot of Supreme Coaches Colchester

Tellings Golden-Miller have acquired the goodwill of the former Supreme Coaches Colchester operations and are to take over the depot on Whitehall Industrial Estate, Hythe. It is to be put under the management of Network Colchester.

Three Volvo B10M double-deckers, 333/4/7 and one (unidentified) minicoach from Haverhill are to be transferred there to cover school contracts. Also obtained for the 93 route and associated workings is a brand new Scania OmniDekka/East Lancs, fleetnumber 340 (AY55 DKA). This carries route branding for the 93. Full details in next month's EBN.

Vehicles in

From TGM Hampshire following the deregistration of Southampton – Portsmouth X27/47

381 W901 UJM Volvo B10BLE	006049 Alexander ALX300 9958/1 DP44F	new 4/00
382 W902 UJM Volvo B10BLE	006050 Alexander ALX300 9958/2 DP44F	new 4/00
387 W907 UJM Volvo B10BLE	006061 Alexander ALX300 9958/7 DP44F	new 4/00

These vehicles are part of a batch of seven which were new for the 726 in south London. 381/2 were received with full Solent Clipper lettering but 387 was in plain TGM livery with gold TGM fleetnames.

At least one of the above vehicles entered service on route 2 on 5th September, with 381 and 382 both working service 2 on the 6th September.

Other Vehicle News

DAF 359 became a driver trainer from mid-August but is still PCV licensed.

Vehicle Workings

The school holidays have seen more double deck workings than usual on 5, whilst service 2 has seen double deckers in all day service. Lynxes have appeared more often on the 8/ A as well.

A bomb scare at Colchester Town rail station during the evening peak of 10th August meant services 8/ A (northbound and southbound) had to be diverted between Mersea Road and the town centre as follows:

Northbound: Mersea Road, Bourne Road, Wimpole Road, Brook Street, East Hill, bus station, Queen Street, St Botholphs Street, Osbourne Street.

Southbound: High Street, East Hill, Brook Street, Wimpole Road, Bourne Road, Mersea Road.

Unusual Workings:

Aug 1st	347 on 1
2nd	347 on 5, 353 on 8E (eve)
3rd	535 on 8
4th	309 (branded for 8) on 5 (a.m.) and 1 (p.m)
5th	358 on 8A, 319 on 2
6th	360 on 92, 335 on 8, 348 on 8, 347 on 2, 306 on 8E (eve)
10th	351 on 8A, 359 on 8A, 374 on 8
11th	351 on 8, 310 (branded for route 8) on 5, 366 on 8 (day)
12th	351 on 8A
13th	310 on 8E
15th	358 on 8, 360 on 5



Former Tellings Golden Miller **W901/2/7 UJM**, Volvo B10BLE/ Alexander ALX300. These were originally new to TGM Buses in 2000 for TfL route 726. Latterly they had been used on the X27/X47 Solent Clipper (Southampton - Portsmouth).

Here are all three at Magdalen Street, being prepared for service.

Photos: Richard Delahoy

(taken with permission of Network Colchester in an area not accessible to enthusiasts)



16th 356 on 8, 360 on 5, 348 on 5, 374 on 93
 17th 333 on 5, 348 on 5, 373 on 2E
 18th 352 on 8A, 306/8 on 2;
 20th 374 on 93;
 21st 373 on 96A;
 22nd 333 on 5, 374 on 93
 23rd 373 on 2E
 24th 351 on 8A, 356 on 8, 361 on 5, 316 on 2
 25th 357 on 8, 613 on 5, 308 on 2, 356 on 1, 374 on 93;
 29th 374 on 93;
 31st 358 on 8, 310 (branded for 8) on 1, 335 on 1, 347 on 5 (a.m.).

Other News

Vehicles still in Arriva livery at the end of August 2005, a year after the takeover of Arriva Colchester are:

Dart/East Lancs	306/8/13
Dart/Pointer	316
B6/Pointer	317
B6/Dash	318/9
B10M/East Lancs	333-5/7
Lynx	351-3/6/7
DAF SB220/Ikarus	358/9
Mercedes 0814D/Beaver	373/4

Following the service revisions of 24th July, Colchester Bus Users Group (C-BUS) has criticised TGM management for lack of publicity over the July changes. The TGM response was that no new timetable booklets had been issued for the July changes because they were unsure what further changes would be required, hence the supplementary leaflets.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Richard Delahoy, John Podgorski, Essex Bus y-group

Heddingham

Acquired vehicles

ex-Trustline, Hunsdon, Herts, via Ensign, 7.05

L342? L108 HHV Dennis Dart 9SDL.3034/1891 Northern Counties 4727 B34F new 6/94

Disposals

7.05 **L103** (BAR 103X), **L105** (BEV 105X), **L115** (FEV 115Y) and **L121** (DBH 452X), all Leyland Leopard/Plaxton to Ensign. Subsequently:

BAR 103X Fowlers Coaches, Holbeach Drove, Lincs.

FEV 115Y, DBH 452X: Rallybeam, Woodbridge, Suffolk

These were the last Leopards in regular use; only the semi-preserved L84 (RGV 284N) remains.

LATEST DEALER MOVEMENTS

VEHICLES IN

	<i>from</i>
Arriva London:	L24/191/230/522/27-32/34/544/546 M537/770/903/1000
CM Farms:	DMS1002 - for (eventual) restoration.
Dublin Bus:	Olympian 91-D-1065
Go-Ahead London:	RML899/2290/2321/61/63/98/2466/2564/75/90/ 2605/15/18/31/40/69/80 NV 22/26/27/47/51/77/108/118/122/136
Harrogate & District:	Olympians L8/9 YCL
London General:	RML2297/2412
Metroline:	Darts DLS3/5, DL1/2, ex-Armchair P693 RWU
Isle of Man Transport:	Olympian DMN 19R
Stagecoach North West:	Mercedes 709's K117 XHG/K622 UFR/L127 DRN/ L883/6 SDY

VEHICLES OUT

	<i>to</i>
RML2654:	Acmas Trucks , Sofia, Bulgaria.
NV22:	Aintree Coaches , Liverpool
RML2329/2664:	Ambassatours Ltd , Halifax, Canada.
RML2517:	Mr John Armstrong , Haywards Heath, West Sussex.
RML2606:	Aurora Ltd , St Albans, Herts.
RML899:	Blue Triangle , Rainham.
RML2371:	Nigel Beckenbridge , Brighton.
L8:	Cambridge Blue .
RML2398:	Mr Nicholas Charrington , Colchester.
RML2502:	CHI Ltd , London.
RML2692:	Robert Dale , London.
Fleetline UKV 482R:	Engel & Volkes , Palma, Spain.
Dart DL1:	Ensign operational fleet
Darts K865 PCN K366/8/9 RTY J951/2	MFT J606 KCU:
	First Stop Travel , Renfrew.
Condor EM8539 now G310 FWC	Fourways , Chelmsford.
Leopard BAR 103X:	Fowlers Coaches , Holbeach Drove, Lincs.
Olympians DMN17/20R (now H481/5	PVW); L528/9:
	Go-Ahead North East
Olympians L24/46/49/50/56/65/79/185/230/247/258 and UWW 6X hired to:	Go-Ahead North East
	All above are for increased school commitments
Metrobus GOG 208W:	Golden Eagle , Glasgow.
RML2543:	Paul Green , Hants.
M1080; RML2466/2564:	Hardy Miles Ltd , Southend.
M1000:	Mr T Hart , London for preservation.
Mercedes 709's K117XHG/K622UFR/L127DRN/L883/6SDY:	Herberts Travel , Beds.
Olympian DMN 18R now H479 PTW:	Hornsby Coaches , Scunthorpe, Lincs.
L201:	Ipswich Buses .
RML2626:	Ian Kennedy , south London.

M864/1372:	Ideas In Motion , Dublin.
Olympian E151 OMD:	Loveden Travel , Leadenham, Lincs.
RM110 (RSK 572 The lowered one):	Mark Lynas , Farnborough, Hants.
M732/798/1129:	McKindless , Wishaw
Condor EN1721 (now G303 FWC):	Mullaney's , Watford, Herts.
M143:	Postcode Lottery , Richmond, Surrey.
Leopards FEV 115Y; DBH 452Y:	Rallybeam , Woodbridge, Suffolk.
RML2640:	RB International Ltd , Guisborough, N Yorks.
Volvo FE02 AKX:	Red Arrow , Huddersfield.
L199:	Red Kite , Tilsworth, Beds.
RML2590:	Mr Nick Rose , Bournemouth, Hants.
M1123:	Screen Services Ltd , Bromsgrove, Worcs.
MMS269; Lynx E678DCU:	Shamrock Coaches , Pontypridd.
RML2631:	Stenball Construction Ltd , Godalming, Surrey.
Dart H539 XGK:	Stratford Blue for spares.
NV26/51/118/122 DLS5, RML889:	Sullivan Buses , South Mimms, Herts.
L524/31/2:	TM Travel , Chesterfield, Derbys.
Lynx F80 SMC:	Trustline , Stansted, Essex.
RML2262:	WCR Ltd , Evesham, Worcs.
RM1119:	Williams and Soars Ltd , Romford.

with thanks to Ross Newman of Ensignbus

Ensignbus

Operational Fleet

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Acquired vehicle:

ex-Metroline DL1

711 P201 OLX Dennis Dart SLF SFD212BR1VGW10949

Plaxton Pointer 9710HJZ6819 B36F new 1997

This is an additional vehicle for use on route X80.

CAMBRIDGE BLUE, Cambridge

Acquired vehicle:

ex-Arriva London South L8

108 C808 BYY Leyland ONLXB/1HR ECW 26290 H42/26D new 2/86

108 is in full Cambridge Blue livery for use chiefly on the 007 station-city centre shuttle, leaving Metrobuses free for rail work as their higher top speed is useful. It is earmarked for eventual preservation in the Ensign Museum.

STRATFORD BLUE, Stratford-upon-Avon

Acquired vehicle (for spares)

ex-City Direct, Knocknamarra, Galway (92-G-6938)

- H539 XGK Dennis Dart 8.5SDL3003/509 Plaxton 918DAR0169 B28F new 5/91

with thanks to Ross Newman of Ensignbus

Essex Small Operator News

ACME TRANSPORT, Stansted Ford Transit M971 TKL is now here.

ADTAX Saffron Walden Ford Transit AK54 KCY is new here.

APT Rayleigh Volvo B10M/Berkhof R6 APT has been re-registered R915 ULA and sold to BJS, Gt Wakering.

A Mercedes Benz O303 / Plaxton appears in an advertisement with A.P.T. lettering. Registration is something like J...UBM. This is thought to be ex 133MBJ, J7KFC last with Tate, Markyate, Herts.

F715 ENE (ex KSU 455, F715 ENE, 2 JVK, F715 ENE) Ld Tiger/Plaxton is currently being offered on eBay - thought to be dealer stock only.

H10 SUP MAN/Jonckheere seen at the depot (9.05) - not sure if in use or just dealer stock.

Registration R6 APT is currently on a Volvo/Jonckhree (9.05).

Registration APT 42S is currently on a Volvo/Caetano - this is thought to be ex N790 SJU, 6663 RU, N790 SJU. It was previously on a Volvo B10M/Plaxton, new as E609 YJO.

BARKER, Roydon Leyland Tiger/Jonckheere IUI 7970 (A331 VHB) has been sold. Recent additions are HKZ 3852 (G132 RYC) a Volvo B10M/Ikarus, JIL 9153 (C208 PPE) a Leyland Tiger/Plaxton, B457 DWE a Mercedes Benz L608D/Reeve Burgess, D521 WNV a DAF SB2300/ Caetano and G408/9 NET which are both Mercedes Benz L308D/Whittaker.

BASILDON TRAVEL, Basildon L215 BPL Toyota/Caetano had this operator's (Valley Associates) disc when seen 9.7.05. It has therefore not been sold as previously reported

BRANDON, Blackmore End Rare ACE Puma/Plaxton WAZ 3429 (D501 BFS) was sold in early 2005, to an unknown owner.

BROWN, Harlow New here is Ford Transit EY54 VYM.

CATTONS MINIBUS, Hatfield Heath Ford Transit N442 HTW is a recent addition.

CD TRAVEL, Witham Bedford YMT/Plaxton WOO 903W had been sold to an unknown owner by mid 2005.

CEDRIC, Wivenhoe R16 CED (ex R71 VVP, HST 11, R71 VVP) a Neoplan double-deck coach has gone (by 8.05) - we do not know whether it was re-registered first.

Olympians MUH 284X, ARP 614X have been delicensed, but will re enter service. As a result, VR FKM 881V has returned to use

CHARIOTS, Stanford-le-Hope Bova Europa 719 EKH (JFB 249X) was sold last year.

COUNTY, Brentwood Preserved Bedford OB/Duple EDR 793 was sold to an owner in Holland in 2003.

CRUSADER HOLIDAYS, Clacton Geoff Clarkson, Chairman of Crusader and a Group Member, has notified us that 3 x Setra S415GTHD and 2 x Setra S416GTD are on order for February 2006. They will all seat C48FT. The 416's are Crusader first tri-axle vehicles and are 13.02 metres long and are to be used for evaluation. They will replace the 4 remaining T registration S315's, these are T107/109/ 111/120 LTW, so fleet size will increase by 1 vehicle.

EAGLES TRAVEL, Harlow Acquired is TXI 9303 (H906 GGL) a Mercedes Benz 609D/G&M

EXCEL, Stansted Airport Scania K114/Irizar YN53 GDV is no longer owned. To correct EBN 495, Leyland Olympian B204 DTU came from Bexhill Bus, rather than passing to them. My apologies.

A new engineering base has been opened at Hatfield Broad Oak, replacing existing facilities at Royston

FARGO, Rayne Ford Transit R833 ULC is a recent addition. Leyland Atlanteans sold, following their replacement with Olympians are URN 208/9V, GFV 155W and KCK 203/4W. Mercedes 811D/Optare E200 UWT has gone to Swift cars, Chelmsford.

FLORIDA, Halstead G659 DTJ Volvo/East Lancs is in (by 8.05) ex Arriva Kent Thameside 7708

FORD, Althorne The status of the two ex Southend Fleetlines has changed, with MRJ 239W entering service and MRJ 241W, being taken off the road. Bedford YNT/Plaxton CHK 312X has been sold for

scrap, while Bova Europa GEX 790Y has been sold to Moseley (dealer) for preservation.

FUN4UBUS, Tiptree Toyota/Caetano F818 OJF was sold 7.05 by eBay. According to the advertisement, it was C21F (confirmed by the picture) and was registered 1.1.89. Similar K704RNR was sold 8.05 by eBay.

The advertisement for K704 RNR advised that the company was closing down on 13.8.05

GLEW, Colchester Mercedes 711D E976 WDS has gone for scrap, after use here as a store. LIW 1941 (ex A830 PPP) Leyland Tiger/Plaxton in is (by 7.05) ex Clowes, Longnor, Staffs.

E856 ENR Volkswagen LT55/Optare has come from Grahams, Kelvedon (7.05). This has not been used for some time and may not be for use by Glew.

GODWARD, Basildon Iveco/Beulas coaches P383 ARY and R4 DWA went to a dealer in April 2005.

GRAHAMS Kelvedon Ford Transit/Deansgate E23 EFW is now used as a seat store (by 8.05)

GROUP TAXIBUS, Chelmsford New Ford Transit (seen 7.05) are: 64 EF05 OLX, 65 EF05 OMC, 66 EF05 OMB, 67 EF05 OLV. Several of the LDVs have been renumbered (by 7.05):

65 EY54DHK is now 134, 66

EY54DHM now has number 135,

67 EY54DHN is now 136

68 EU54ANF is now 137, 64 EY54 DHL has probably been renumbered, 69 EU54 ANP now has number 138

HAILSTONE TRAVEL, Basildon Recently acquired is W238 KDO a Mercedes 0814D/ Autobus.

HARDY MILES, Southend N251 XKR Mercedes Benz 609D/Robin Hood is in (by 7.05) ex London Borough of Brent 498

KELLYS OF ESSEX, Harlow Recently acquired is IJZ 3644 (ex unknown) a Setra S315GT.

LAMTRA, Harlow This new operator has Ford Transit ET 51 KPZ.

LOGIC TRANSPORT, Nazeing This recently established operator has LAG Panoramic IIW 372 (D885 UDY). Volvo B10M/Caetano VIB 5297 (C704 KDS), Bova Futura G417 WFP, Fiat Ducato P414 JKW, Ford Transits P688 OAV, X685 KRD and BMC Probus BU03 YTE.

M&E, Rochford Bova Europa BAZ 6877 (YBM 247X) was sold in late 2004.

MACGREGOR, Kelvedon Mercedes 814D/Plaxton V399 SVV has been sold. This may not have operated here. This operator has one international disc, used if and when a Hedingham vehicles goes to Europe.

NCS, Newport LDV 200 L613 JOB has been sold to CD Travel, Witham. Renault Trafic J281 BJN is now with E Cabs, Gt Dunmow (non PSV operator) and LDV 400 L180 AGE has gone to a private owner.

NELSONS, Wickford The new Scania/East Lancs is registered EU05 ECV. Details are as follows:

Scania type N94UD4X2EB230; VIN no. YS2N4X20001851910; East Lancs H51/33F + 11. Body no. 56601; Dims 10.55m x 2.519m, height 4.24m (13'11")

Standard seats, no seat belts. Tacho fitted, CCTV equipped. Red/yellow livery but with yellow u/d window surrounds.

Arrived Friday 19th August, used Sat/Sun on V2005. Expected to be used on service 221 (The Wick) and Saturday 222 (Billericay-The Wick) which are enhanced with ECC support from 30th August.

Scania H229 LOM was on rail replacement work in Bucks recently after the Tesco Tunnel collapse. They don't make tunnels like they use to!

NEW HORIZON, Alresford A new Mercedes Benz/Optare C29F is probably YX05 DJJ (info. from picture in Coach & Bus Weekly)

NIKITAS TAXIBUS, Wickford Recently reported, but here for some time are Iveco 35-12 minibus M12 ERL and Mercedes Benz 413CDI Y477 EDA.

PB TRAVEL, Harlow Citroen C25D/AVB V924 FGC is a recent addition.

PHILLIPS, South Woodham Ferrers Bova Futura N75 WSB is confirmed with this operator (ex Cook, Westcliff)

RAYNHAM, Mewport S788 ENU a Mercedes Benz 108D is a recent addition.

ROSIE'S MINIBUS SERVICE, Linford EP04 GYA Ford Transit was seen 8.05, with this new operator.

S-CAPE, Corringham Acquired from a private owner is P966 PUA a Mercedes Benz 412D.



Fords of Althorne Olympians in Chelmsford on their fortnightly shopper services:

above: ex-Oxford Bus Co. **CUD 222Y**, despite the blinds, on route 6 for Burnham; March 2005.

below: ex-Arriva London South via Phoenix Travel and Stephenson's **C44 CHM**, destination Tillingham on route 3; October 2004. *Kevin Smith*





Stephensons of Essex

Volvo B10M-62/Plaxton Expressliner N70 SLK models the new *London Link Express* route branding. Colours are lime green, lemon and deep cream on white. A colour view may be found at www.oxford-chiltern-bus-page.co.uk/050905.htm.

The Expressliner was new to Speedlink Airport Services. The 'select' registration (SpeedLink) happily continues to be appropriate (Stephensons London Link).

Photos: Richard Delahoy

Olympian C383 SAO, illustrated on EBN496/9 was new to Northern Scottish as C474 SSO, and then re-registered GSO 4V, *not* the other way about. It was transferred by Stagecoach Bluebird to Stagecoach North West, where it gained its present mark.

DRH

SM TRAVEL, Harlow New here is FD54 EOO a Scolabus. Acquired from Olympian, Harlow is Iveco 59-12/ Marshall M291 AJC. MAN 11.190/ Optare K805 DCF has been sold to Driving Ambition, London.

STANWAY TRAVEL Layer-de-la-Haye New here is Ford Transit KP54 BVF, while similar R663 TCR has been acquired.

STB Coaches Chadwell St Mary To correct EBN 495, the Ford Transit is V950 MRO.

STEPHENSONS, Rochford Have taken over the King Edmunds school contracts from Supremes with effect from September and 10 double deckers are to be fitted with internal and external CCTV in connection with this contract. Several other contract changes have taken place, and London Link services are revised from September to serve Docklands, the evening service ex Southend at 5pm will be withdrawn. Shuffling of bus allocations between Rochford and Maldon will take place over the summer holidays to accommodate revised operating requirements. Engineering has now moved in-house (previously with TLM Coachassist, a former connected company that has now left the group and relocated from Rochford)

The new Dart is EU05CZA. After delivery it was hired back by Alexander Dennis for a week to be demonstrated to Norfolk Green

Further to EBN 495, Bristol VR UVW 618S was offered for sale on eBay, but failed to make its reserve price. It has, however, since been sold privately to a US buyer.

SUPREME, Southend Vehicles sold are MCW Metrobus LOA 337X, Scania K113/Irizar M259 TAK and Volvo B10M/ Plaxton K659 BOH (K3 CEN). Sad news is that the administrators were called in during August and only private hire work is being carried out, while they try to find a buyer. Holidays were bonded through ABTA.

TALISMAN, Gt Bromley Mercedes Benz/Plaxton K634 GVX has been sold. It has been seen with Malcolms on Clacton Town Services, but is thought to be on loan there. Similar K640 GVX is also reported as sold. Volvo Olympian/ Alexander Belfast H643 PTW (ex 90-D-

1057) is back in service after roof repairs (c 7.05).

TOMS MINI COACHES Ford Transit G188 FWC (G378 BEV) is here, not with NCS, Newport, as previously recorded.

TURNERS, Wickham St Paul M105 AJN Renault Trafic is in (by 7.05) - this is presumed to be a reregistered ex MoD vehicle. S148 FVE (ex G17 ELY, ESU 378) Dennis Javelin/Berkhof is in (by 8.05) ex Grey, Witchford, Cambs.

VICEROY, Saffron Walden LAG Panoramic WIB 9498 (F679 BBD) and Bedford YRQ/Duple PNM 682W, have been sold.

WARD, Alresford Dennis Javelin/Caetano RIL 9731 (K710 RNR) has been sold to Swanage Taxis, Swanage via APT, Rayleigh.

YOUNGS, TRAVEL Rayleigh Volvo B10M/ Duple 342 FRH (A501 OKH) has been withdrawn.

The above sale by Viceroy, leaves only one Bedford YRQ, recorded in PSV use in Essex. That is Plaxton bodied PNU 133R with Brians, Maylandsea.

MISCELLANEOUS

P801MTR LDV Convoy (which was with New Horizon Travel, Alresford) has been seen several times recently in the Colchester area lettered 'TN Travel'. Who is this?

SD52YRS Ford Transit seen twice recently in Essex. Lettered: 'TL. Mini Buses'. Who is this?

ESSEX - Non-PSV Operators

Chelmsford Dial-a-Ride Mercedes Sprinter YX05 EEW & YX05 EEY both seen 8.05

Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford Y501 JAW LDV Convoy is in (by 4.05)

MISCELLANEOUS

K631 WOV Tb Freeway /TBP seen 23.6.05 on the A12 in Essex (unmarked - was new to Sandwell Community Transport, W.Mids.)

649 DJJ Bd (VAS ?) / Du (Northern ?) is at a farm at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (This is one of a batch of around 25 similar vehicles which were new to Metropolitan Police.)

With thanks to Dave Arnold, Colin Sigston, John Podgorski, David Harman, Crusader Holidays, Essex Buses Yahoo Group and PSV Circle

Book Review

75 YEARS OF SERVICE IN ESSEX

with Eastern National and First

For the 75th anniversary of the Eastern National Omnibus Company Ltd, its successor First Essex has produced a 64 page A5 size book subtitled 'significant landmarks down the years', edited by former Marketing Manager Geoff Dodson. Building on his 1990 publication '60 years of service to Essex', over half the new book is devoted to the two decades since Deregulation, privatisation and transformation into part of the nationwide First Group. The comprehensive (and closely typed) text is split into decades, with 22 B&W photographs to



30. In May 1986, minibus operators were launched at Clacton and Walton, registered as 'CoastLine'. Initially, there was a nice livery of blue, white and yellow for the 25 Mercedes minibuses. They were later repainted into the 'new' EN livery. (226, C480 BMY and 232, C480 BMY are seen in Clacton 6 years on).



31. 1986-1992 saw the 'invasion' of minibuses in Braintree and Witham, Chelmsford, Scitenden, Basildon, Harwich and Dovercourt and Maldon under the 'Little Green Bus' banner, using some 70 Ford Transits and Mercedes 900's acquired from Bridgeline and City Line. Typical is 710, C143 BMY, a 1986 Ford Transit with Mercedes 19 seat body on Service 34 in White Court Estate, Braintree.

complement the earlier parts of the history. These pictures (many from EN's own archive) range from a National Steam Car bus loading at Chelmsford for Ongar, through a Dennis Ace at Clacton, producer gas buses at Maldon, a KSW & L together at Southend Victoria to Lodekkas and beyond. The 28 colour photos take the story forward from the 1980s, including the Peugeot 'Countrycar' at Braintree, an evocative shot of a Ford Transit in deep snow on a Braintree estate through to the opening of Westway depot in Chelmsford. Both the green Dart 47252 and heritage VR 38790 feature.

What this book does not set out to do is list specific details of vehicles (since that work has been carried out very effectively elsewhere) - there is naturally a considerable amount about the buses and coaches, but generally in the context of their role in the Company's development. The book summarises the origins of ENOC, its expansion in the 1930s under the Tilling influence, the challenges of waning demand in the 1950s and 1960s, the standardisation of the NBC/National Travel era, and the re-positioning of the company in the very different world of 21st Century public transport. The minibus and low floor revolutions

feature alongside the gradual withdrawal from the London area and coaching - and the abandonment of traditional liveries, fleetnames and even depot buildings (one page shows Braintree in EN days, contrasting with the present outstation facility). It is also about people - the staff who have made the company function over the years, the first lady drivers (back in April 1974), recent Industry Awards for excellence and the use of a minibus and driver in BBC's 'Lovejoy' being just three examples from many - as well as the harsher realities of the Chelmsford strike, staff shortages and the elimination of conductors by the 1980s.

Photographic reproduction is a little flat in places, but doubtless reflects the desire to keep the cover price to £7. Overall, Geoff and the team from First Essex are to be congratulated for researching and chronicling so many of the significant events which have occurred in the 75 years since Eastern National was created.

Chris Stewart

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WESTCLIFF'S NEW TOWN SERVICES

As part of the regrouping of British Transport Commission operating Companies into more localised areas, control of Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. passed to Eastern National in May 1952.

The first joint timetable was published on 4th January 1953, the former Westcliff services retained their numbers but were prefixed with a "W" to differentiate them from duplicated Eastern National numbers. The range extended from W1 (Southend - Rayleigh) to W80 (Pitsea - East Tilbury, Bata Factory), although the "W" was never displayed on the vehicles.

The services acquired from the City Coach Company of Brentwood were numbered in a new series extending from 251 (Southend - London, Wood Green) to 261 (Brentwood - Stondon Massey).

In the interim period before the full service re-organisation occurred in 1955 Westcliff-on-Sea introduced some new town services which further extended their service number series.

Their first innovation started on 23rd August 1953 in the form of a projection into the rapidly expanding Basildon New Town. This was service W84 (Grays - Basildon) which was co-ordinated with Westcliff-on-Sea service 2 and Eastern National service 70 (which was formerly operated by Borough Services of Southend).

Later on Sunday 14th February 1954 two further town services were inaugurated. The first of these was service W44 which provided a much needed link between Basildon New Town and the

SERVICE	SOUTHEND-ON-SEA — HADLEIGH — PITSEA — CORRINGHAM — STANFORD-LE-HOPE — GRAYS Including also Services W2, W2b and W84 of the Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services, Limited																SERVICE
70																	70
Light figures denote A.M. times Dark figures denote P.M. times																	
Weekdays																	
	EN	W	EN	W	EN	W	EN	W	EN	W	EN	W	EN	W	EN	W	
	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	
Southend, Victoria Railway Station ... dep.	5 37	5 52	6 12	6 17	6 32	6 47	7 02	7 17	7 32	7 47	8 02	8 17	8 32	8 47	9 02	9 17	
Southend, Victoria Circus	5 40	5 55	6 15	6 20	6 35	6 50	7 05	7 20	7 35	7 50	8 05	8 20	8 35	8 50	9 05	9 20	
Westcliff, Plough Hotel	5 43	5 58	6 18	6 23	6 40	6 55	7 10	7 25	7 40	7 55	8 10	8 25	8 40	8 55	9 10	9 25	
Chalkwell, Schools	5 46	6 01	6 21	6 26	6 43	6 58	7 13	7 28	7 43	7 58	8 13	8 28	8 43	8 58	9 13	9 28	
Leigh, Elm Hotel	5 50	6 05	6 25	6 30	6 47	7 02	7 17	7 32	7 47	8 02	8 17	8 32	8 47	9 02	9 17	9 32	
Leigh, Canvey Road	5 53	6 08	6 28	6 33	6 50	7 05	7 20	7 35	7 50	8 05	8 20	8 35	8 50	9 05	9 20	9 35	
Leigh, Thames Drive	5 55	6 10	6 30	6 35	6 52	7 07	7 22	7 37	7 52	8 07	8 22	8 37	8 52	9 07	9 22	9 37	
Hadleigh, Church	5 58	6 13	6 33	6 38	6 55	7 10	7 25	7 40	7 55	8 10	8 25	8 40	8 55	9 10	9 25	9 40	
Thundersley, Kenneth Road	6 01	6 16	6 36	6 41	7 00	7 15	7 30	7 45	8 00	8 15	8 30	8 45	9 00	9 15	9 30	9 45	
South Benfleet, Tarpots Corner	6 04	6 19	6 39	6 44	7 03	7 18	7 33	7 48	8 03	8 18	8 33	8 48	9 03	9 18	9 33	9 48	
Bowers Gifford, The Gun	6 07	6 22	6 42	6 47	7 06	7 21	7 36	7 51	8 06	8 21	8 36	8 51	9 06	9 21	9 36	9 51	
Basildon, Whitmore Way	6 10	6 25	6 45	6 50	7 09	7 24	7 39	7 54	8 09	8 24	8 39	8 54	9 09	9 24	9 39	9 54	
Pitsea, Station Lane	6 13	6 28	6 48	6 53	7 12	7 27	7 42	7 57	8 12	8 27	8 42	8 57	9 12	9 27	9 42	9 57	
Vange, Barge Inn	6 16	6 31	6 51	6 56	7 15	7 30	7 45	8 00	8 15	8 30	8 45	9 00	9 15	9 30	9 45	10 00	
Vange, Five Bells	6 19	6 34	6 54	6 59	7 18	7 33	7 48	8 03	8 18	8 33	8 48	9 03	9 18	9 33	9 48	10 03	
Corringham, Bus Shelter	6 22	6 37	6 57	7 02	7 21	7 36	7 51	8 06	8 21	8 36	8 51	9 06	9 21	9 36	9 51	10 06	
Homesteads, Red Hut	6 25	6 40	7 00	7 05	7 24	7 39	7 54	8 09	8 24	8 39	8 54	9 09	9 24	9 39	9 54	10 09	
Stanford-le-Hope, Church	6 28	6 43	7 03	7 08	7 27	7 42	7 57	8 12	8 27	8 42	8 57	9 12	9 27	9 42	9 57	10 12	
Stanford-le-Hope, Kings Head	6 31	6 46	7 06	7 11	7 30	7 45	8 00	8 15	8 30	8 45	9 00	9 15	9 30	9 45	10 00	10 15	
Orsett, The Cock	6 34	6 49	7 09	7 14	7 33	7 48	8 03	8 18	8 33	8 48	9 03	9 18	9 33	9 48	10 03	10 18	
Grays Corner	6 37	6 52	7 12	7 17	7 36	7 51	8 06	8 21	8 36	8 51	9 06	9 21	9 36	9 51	10 06	10 21	
Sockets Heath, Piggs Corner	6 40	6 55	7 15	7 20	7 39	7 54	8 09	8 24	8 39	8 54	9 09	9 24	9 39	9 54	10 09	10 24	
Grays, War Memorial	6 43	6 58	7 18	7 23	7 42	7 57	8 12	8 27	8 42	8 57	9 12	9 27	9 42	9 57	10 12	10 27	
Weekends																	
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Southend, Victoria Railway Station ... dep.	7 17	7 32	7 47	8 02	8 17	8 32	8 47	9 02	9 17	9 32	9 47	10 02	10 17	10 32	10 47	11 02	
Southend, Victoria Circus	7 20	7 35	7 50	8 05	8 20	8 35	8 50	9 05	9 20	9 35	9 50	10 05	10 20	10 35	10 50	11 05	
Westcliff, Plough Hotel	7 23	7 38	7 53	8 08	8 23	8 38	8 53	9 08	9 23	9 38	9 53	10 08	10 23	10 38	10 53	11 08	
Chalkwell, Schools	7 26	7 41	7 56	8 11	8 26	8 41	8 56	9 11	9 26	9 41	9 56	10 11	10 26	10 41	10 56	11 11	
Leigh, Elm Hotel	7 29	7 44	7 59	8 14	8 29	8 44	8 59	9 14	9 29	9 44	9 59	10 14	10 29	10 44	10 59	11 14	
Leigh, Canvey Road	7 32	7 47	8 02	8 17	8 32	8 47	9 02	9 17	9 32	9 47	10 02	10 17	10 32	10 47	11 02	11 17	
Leigh, Thames Drive	7 35	7 50	8 05	8 20	8 35	8 50	9 05	9 20	9 35	9 50	10 05	10 20	10 35	10 50	11 05	11 20	
Hadleigh, Church	7 38	7 53	8 08	8 23	8 38	8 53	9 08	9 23	9 38	9 53	10 08	10 23	10 38	10 53	11 08	11 23	
Thundersley, Kenneth Road	7 41	7 56	8 11	8 26	8 41	8 56	9 11	9 26	9 41	9 56	10 11	10 26	10 41	10 56	11 11	11 26	
South Benfleet, Tarpots Corner	7 44	8 00	8 15	8 30	8 45	9 00	9 15	9 30	9 45	10 00	10 15	10 30	10 45	11 00	11 15	11 30	
Bowers Gifford, The Gun	7 47	8 03	8 18	8 33	8 48	9 03	9 18	9 33	9 48	10 03	10 18	10 33	10 48	11 03	11 18	11 33	
Basildon, Whitmore Way	7 50	8 06	8 21	8 36	8 51	9 06	9 21	9 36	9 51	10 06	10 21	10 36	10 51	11 06	11 21	11 36	
Pitsea, Station Lane	7 53	8 09	8 24	8 39	8 54	9 09	9 24	9 39	9 54	10 09	10 24	10 39	10 54	11 09	11 24	11 39	
Vange, Barge Inn	7 56	8 12	8 27	8 42	8 57	9 12	9 27	9 42	9 57	10 12	10 27	10 42	10 57	11 12	11 27	11 42	
Vange, Five Bells	7 59	8 15	8 30	8 45	9 00	9 15	9 30	9 45	10 00	10 15	10 30	10 45	11 00	11 15	11 30	11 45	
Corringham, Bus Shelter	8 02	8 18	8 33	8 48	9 03	9 18	9 33	9 48	10 03	10 18	10 33	10 48	11 03	11 18	11 33	11 48	
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Stanford-le-Hope, Church	8 08	8 24	8 39	8 54	9 09	9 24	9 39	9 54	10 09	10 24	10 39	10 54	11 09	11 24	11 39	11 54	
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Orsett, The Cock	8 14	8 30	8 45	9 00	9 15	9 30	9 45	10 00	10 15	10 30	10 45	11 00	11 15	11 30	11 45	12 00	
Grays Corner	8 17	8 33	8 48	9 03	9 18	9 33	9 48	10 03	10 18	10 33	10 48	11 03	11 18	11 33	11 48	12 03	
Sockets Heath, Piggs Corner	8 20	8 36	8 51	9 06	9 21	9 36	9 51	10 06	10 21	10 36	10 51	11 06	11 21	11 36	11 51	12 06	
Grays, War Memorial	8 23	8 39	8 54	9 09	9 24	9 39	9 54	10 09	10 24	10 39	10 54	11 09	11 24	11 39	11 54	12 09	
ADDITIONAL JOURNEY (Mondays to Fridays): 6.0 a.m., Vange, Barge Inn to Stanford-le-Hope, Rookery Corner.																	
EN-Operated by "Eastern National." W-Operated by "Westcliff."																	

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

NEW SERVICE 84

GRAYS—PITSEA— BASILDON

(Whitmore Way)

COMMENCING
SUNDAY, 23rd AUGUST, 1953

ROUTE : From Grays by Normal Route via Homesteads to Pitsea, thence via Rectory Road, Burnt Mills Road, Timberlog Lane to Whitmore Way. Return as outward reversed.

From Grays (War Memorial)
8.7 (S), 9.7 (NSu), 10.7 a.m. and every hour until 9.7 p.m.
(10.7 p.m. to Pitsea only).

From Basildon (Whitmore Way)
7.12 (NSu), 8.5 (NSu), 9.12 a.m. and every hour until 9.12 p.m.
NSu—Not Sundays. S—Saturdays only.

NOTE : The above Service will take the place of the existing short journeys between Grays and South Benfleet (Tarpots Corner) on Service 2b.

For Full Details of the above Service, together with Services W2, W2b and 70, see pages 2-5.

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local rail head at Pitsea. Over the years this was to become the "main line"

Basildon Town Service. It is interesting to note that the Westcliff leaflet no. 92 featured the local office at Bull Road, Vange which was actually an Eastern National garage at the time.

The second new facility was a Brentwood Town Service which was numbered following on from the former City series, taking the number 262. It will be observed that the Westcliff leaflet no. 97 featured the new enquiry office recently opened at 3, High Street, Brentwood.

Following the service re-numbering in 1955, the W44 became 244 and W84 became 248. This was an interesting time in the development of bus routes in South Essex and features the very last service innovations introduced under the Westcliff-on-Sea banner.

Alan Osborne

- > The conductor consults with the driver of Lodekka 2468 (884 GVX) in Clarence Road, Bishops Hall Estate. The destination SHENFIELD / RAIL STATION shows this to be the Sunday extension of the 262 over the 252.

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Bristol L 314 (ONO 988) on the 262 at Wilson's Corner, crossing Brentwood High Street from Ingrave Road to Ongar Road. In the background, another L, on the 252, and a long-standing landmark - the striped awning of Wilson's department store.

Dave Savage





WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

NEW SERVICE

**BASILDON (WHITMORE WAY)
QUENDON ROAD**

— VANGE —

**PITSEA (RAILWAY STATION)
(VIA TIMBERLOG LANE)**

Commencing, Sunday, 14th February, 1954

SERVICE W44	BASILDON (Whitmore Way)—VANGE— PITSEA (Railway Station)										SERVICE W44
Light figures denote A.M. times Dark figures denote P.M. times											
Weekdays											
Basildon, Whitmore Way					Thurs						
Basildon, Grimsdon Road	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
Vange, Gates Corner	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
Vange, The Barge	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
Pitsea, Station Lane	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
Pitsea, Railway Station	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
Quendon Road	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
Sundays											
Basildon, Whitmore Way					Thurs						
Basildon, Grimsdon Road	5.15	5.55	6.25	6.55	Thurs	21.57	21.59	21.59	22.05	22.05	22.11
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LEAFLET No. 97

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

NEW FACILITY

BRENTWOOD TOWN SERVICE

**BISHOPS HALL ESTATE—
ONGAR ROAD—INGRAVE ROAD—
THREE ARCH ESTATE**

Commencing SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 1954

SERVICE 262	BISHOPS HALL ESTATE—INGRAVE ROAD—THREE ARCH ESTATE		SERVICE 262		
Light figures denote A.M. times Dark figures denote P.M. times					
Weekdays					
Bishops Hall Estate	7.15	7.45	8.15		
Ingrave Road	7.15	7.45	8.15		
Three Arch Estate	7.15	7.45	8.15		
Sundays					
Bishops Hall Estate	10.5	11.15	11.45		
Ingrave Road	10.5	11.15	11.45		
Three Arch Estate	10.5	11.15	11.45		

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