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Front Cover

The break up and sale of First London starts on 22 June.

Russell Young's photo illustrates one the small batch of Alexander bodied Dennis Tridents allocated to DM nominally for schools work. The 608 is a TfL contracted 3 return journeys between Gallows Corner and Shenfield High School (in First Essex territory). TNA33380 in Hilldene Avenue, Harold Hill on 4 June 2013.



above: RT3871 in Chelmsford on Private Hire on 18 May. More details inside!

John Salmon



above: The ex Go Ahead London PVLs now seem to be in the majority, with only a few Olympians observed working on Sat 18 May. L429 (former PVL87) photographed in between Assington and Levenheath, where the 'industrial strength' tree defenders are put to good use.

Russell Young.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY by Owen Woodliffe

SOUTH ESSEX MEETINGS

Meetings transferred to the Freight House, Rochford in April. This is adjacent to Rochford Station. Doors open at 1930 for informal chat with main talk or show from 2000 to 2145/2200. A cash bar is available. Members and guests are welcome - £1.50 donation towards cost of room, please.

Monday 1 July. Preservation in the frozen north – this Easter's Kirkby Stephen Rally, the North West Museum of Transport, Sheffield 100 and perhaps more!

There will be no meeting in August at Castlepoint Transport Museum as support has been disappointing for last two years.

Meetings resume at Wickford and dates for remainder of 2013 are expected to be **30 September, 28 October, 25 November, 18 December** - venues and dates subject to confirmation.

NORTH ESSEX MEETINGS by Dave Arnold

Venue: downstairs room at the Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Town centre bus stops and parking are nearby. Doors open at 1915 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 1945 to 2145. £1.50 donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome.

Friday 14 June 14. Dave Arnold.

Friday 9 August. Russell Young.

Friday 11 October. Alan Osborne.

Friday 13 December. Gary Sharpe.

Friday 12 July. Paul Smith.

Friday 13 September. Nigel Turner.

Friday 8 November. Steve Maskell.

TOURS

Tuesday 18 June. Mystery Tour using Talisman vehicle. Leave Colchester North Station at 1900. £10, which will be donated to a worthy cause - the Essex Air Ambulance. No need to book, just turn up and pay on the bus!

Tuesday 30 July. Visit to Lodge Coaches. Pick up at front of Chelmsford Rail Station at 1900. To book, please send cheque for £10, payable to E.B.E.G. to Keith Woods, 34 Normandie Way, Bures, Suffolk, CO8 5BE

EVENTS

7 and 13 July LEJOG BUS. Alex Johnson's sponsored bus trip in aid of British Heart Foundation.

See dedicated website www.lejogbus.webs.com and Twitter feed- @lejog.

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



OK, so it's not an Essex bus and it's not shot in Essex but it was taken recently by member Owen Woodliffe (in Brooklands, Surrey) and fits in with his picture of "the other end" taken in Harlow Bus Station on 31 May this year and shown on the inner rear cover.

Former Daimler Fleetline THM515M, ex DMS1515 was converted in 1991 by LT to promote the One-day Travelcard.

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This is not a bus either BUT it was in Essex and pre-dated most of our beloved vehicles. Ian Banks unearthed this piece of old tram track on the corner of Southend High Street and Warrior Square on 3 June, he is not sure if it suitable for EBN.

Your editor thinks it is and would be pleased to hear what other members think.

PUBLICITY NEWS by Ian Ransom



Recent items from transforming travel are :-

dated February 2013: Corporate style leaflet for X30

dated 4.4.13: Corporate style leaflet for 75/A

dated 7.4.13: Corporate style timetable booklets for 61/A/C/62/A, 63, 64/A/B, 65, 66/A, 67A, 68

dated 5.5.13: Corporate style timetable booklets for 5 Basildon – Pitsea), 8, 15/A/B, 20; 21/A.B/X, 22/28, 23, 26/27, 31, 36, 70, 71/A/C/X, H1/2/3

dated 5.5.13: Brentwood Area Bus Guide

dated 5.5.13: Braintree Area bus guide 42 page booklet

dated 5.5.13: First booklets dated for 23/24 (this is in addition to that for 23 mentioned below) and 100/200/201

From Essex County Council

dated 29.1.13 ECC leaflet for 14/15/A

dated May 2013: Essex County Council Bus and Train Map for Essex

SERVICE CHANGES By Paul Harvey

Colchester Community Voluntary Services

1 April 13	SB34	MO	Colchester to Wormingford & Fordham: service withdrawn.
15 April 13	SB31	WO	Colchester to Layer Breton: revision to timetable.

Epping Forest Community Transport

1 June 13	SB02	FO	Dobbs Weir to Harlow: revised to operate from Dobbs Weir to Brookfield Centre Cheshunt.
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First Essex

22 July 13	19	M-S	Clacton to St Osyth Beach: new summer service.
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Galleon Travel (Trustybus)

21 May 13	351	M-S	Hertford to Bishop Stortford: new service
17 June 13	C3	M-S	Harlow to Cheshunt & Hammond Street: new service.

Go Ahead London (Blue Triangle)

30 July 13	575X	TTh	Romford to Southend: new service summer school Holidays only.
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Logic Travel

16 June 13	L3	M-S	Harlow to Cuffey Brookfield Centre: service withdrawn.
1 July 13	1	M-S	Harlow Town service: service withdrawn.

National Express

13 May 13	010-012	D	Dereham to London via Cambridge: revised route and timetable. Certain village stops withdrawn and reduced service to Stratford.
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Olympus Bus

8 July 13 742/744 M-F Bishop Stortford to London: services withdrawn.

Roadrunner

29 June 13 245 M-F Cheshunt Brookfield Centre to Holdbrook Estate: new service.
 250 M-S Debden to Harlow: new service.
 255 M-S Loughton to Waltham Cross: service extended to Cheshunt Brookfield Centre.
 C3 D Harlow to Waltham Cross: service withdrawn.

TGM (Stansted)

9 June 13 308 D Bishop Park to Stansted Airport: 0615 journey from Bishop Park to operate 5 mins earlier Mon to Fri.

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

Photo's left, EBN590p4, Chris Stewart took this shot of Ex Jersey Dart 43856 passing Clacton railway station on the day of the Clacton Bus Rally, Sunday 2nd June.

Photo above, this page, The SX Connect Wright Volvo's branded for route 133 have occasionally wandered onto normal Colchester town services recently, but notable was 632 working route 8 on three consecutive days, Tues/Weds/Thurs 28/29/30 May.

This photo was taken by Russell Young in Mill Road, Colchester early on Thursday 30 May.

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FIRST ESSEX NOTES by Chris Stewart

Acquired vehicles

43854	EG52 FFZ	Ds Dart SLF SFD6BACR32GWA6767	Caetano 4319/02 B29F	10/02
43855	EG52 FGC	Ds Dart SLF SFD6BACR32GWA6765	Caetano 4318/02 B29F	10/02
43856	EG52 FGD	Ds Dart SLF SFD6BACR32GWA6764	Caetano 4316/02 B29F	10/02
43857	EG52 FGF	Ds Dart SLF SFD6BACR32GWA6739	Caetano 4307/02 B29F	9/02

New to Connex, Jersey as 229/8/6/20 (J101729/8/6/20), these were acquired from Ensign, Purfleet in May (43854/6) and June (43855/7). These four are at Clacton, with others from the same batch going to Great Yarmouth and Worcester.

Volvo B10M/Alexander PS 60460 (G605 NWA), new to South Yorkshire and latterly with *First Leicester*, has been noted in Chelmsford several times on Driver Training since about 20th May although it may only be on loan.

Allocation changes; Period 2: 28th April to 25th May 2013

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

FEC=First Eastern Counties; FG=to/from another First Group company (both change of legal ownership); RES=reserve; Sh=shuttle bus (non PCV)

The following traditional depot codes are used in EBN, although they no longer appear on the company's listings:

BN-Basildon; BE-Braintree; CF-Chelmsford; CN-Clacton; CR-Colchester; DT-Harwich; HH-Hadleigh; (D)-Disposal

32887 HH-BN; 32905 HH-BN; 40682 BE-sold; 41015 HH-sold; 41017 HH-sold; 41650 BN-CF; 42446 BN-CF; 42473 BE-sold; 42482 CF-sold; 43448 BN-CF; 43854 Acq-CN; 43856 Acq-CN; 53138 CN-CF; 53139 CN-CF; 65628 BN-FEC (April); 66800 BN-HH (April); 66803 BN-HH; 66804 BN-HH; 66807 BE-HH

Additions to Period 1 (EBN590):

34314 BN-CF; 42489 CF-BE; 65630 BN-FEC; 65632 BN-FEC; 65665 BN-CR; 65666 BN-CR; 65668 BN-CR; 65669 BN-CR; 65671 CF-CR; 65676 BN-FEC; 65692 BN-FEC

Corrections to EBN589:

65668 went to Ipswich in error during very early April and was at CR by 25th April. 65690 in fact went to Ipswich on 26th July 2012. 33196 was acquired by 8th February and 65531 is not a First Essex vehicle (listed at Northampton in store).

Disposals

Alpha Recovery, Cramlington (scrap): 41015/7, 40682, 42473/82

Norwich City College (apprentice training): 34315

First Eastern Counties Ltd: 65628/30/2, 65692

Darts and Lances

Of the nine original R-reg Marshall Darts (416xx series), four remain in use. 41650 moved from BN to CF with the 5th May changes and has often been on the 73/351. 41644 remains in service at HH (with its rear route number panel painted over and a white "F" symbol fixed to the glass) while 41647 remains in service at CN. 41640 is still at BN (working the 200 on 20th May and over the pits on 25th).

Step Dart driver shuttle 46827 was still at BN on 25th May despite no longer being required in that role for Brentwood since the 4th, while 46158 has been in use at CF (rather than BE), working the 51 on 6th June and the 40 on 7th. Lance 67241 was out of use and being cannibalised at CN on 2nd June.

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FIRST ESSEX NOTES by Chris Stewart, continued.

Olympians (mostly) at Colchester (CR)

May

7th CR34013 on 62, CR34018 on 61, CR34307 on 61
8th CR34014 on 71/A, CR34056 on 62, CR34305 on 65
10th CR34013 on 61A
13th CR34013 on 62, CR65653/77 on 75
14th StreetLite CR47401 on morning 71
19th CR34056 on 61A (and on 61 on 20th)
21st CR34013 on 61
29th CR34014, CR34304/7 on 61/62, CR34056 and CR32482 on 70

Chelmsford (CF) and Braintree (BE)

May

5th CF67901 on very early morning 42A
7th CF41650 on 54 and CF53114 on 42
8th CF44544 on 42A
11th CF41650 on 42
12th CF67901 on very early morning 42A
16th CF20501 on 525
17th Aircoach CF20802 on 525
18th BE53701 on 70
20th CF20463 on 525, Scania Omnicity CF65032 on H3
22nd CF44547 on 70
23rd CF67901 on 42A
24th Aircoach CF20802 on 525, Hybrid CF67903 on 71/A
28th Hybrid CF67901 on morning 36X

The 09.00 service 42 from Warner's Farm, which originally terminated at Chelmsford Rail Station, now terminates at Galleywood. The usual double decker has been replaced by a 668xx Volvo.

Basildon (BN) & Hadleigh (HH)

May 5th HH33132 on LUL Canning Town-Tower Hill rail replacement

Ancillary vehicles

Sold to private owners in March 2013:

Ford Transit vans S586 RVW (BN), W758 BOC (CN), KE04 DDV (HH), HJ03 WVC (CF90414) and KE04 DDX (CR90402)

Peugeot Partner van LX52 KDT

New Ford Transit vans noted are ST62 JMV (CN engineering) and SP13 GHU (CR electricians) together with ST62 LFH (CR engineering) and ST62 PKC (CF) already reported. No SEMA fleet numbers appear to be carried/

Fiesta van EX55 ZHA has also been acquired for use by CR stores.

First Essex report EBN590

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to *First Essex* and to S Austin, A Bird, N Clark, T Clark, F406LTW, D Edwards, A Kelleher, J Long, J Podgorski, D Pretty, I Ransom, J Salmon, R West, the *Essex, East Anglia and British Buses in North America* yahoo! groups, *Essex Buses* Google group, www.buslistsontheweb.co.uk, *Real Bus News*, LOTS, PSV Circle and 'Terminus'.

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

Peter Mansbridge's photo of First Essex 66804 on EBN589p9 which I showed as a black and white engraving can be seen in its original form on

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/8614049@N04/8713371693/>

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Arriva Southend notes by Peter Mansbridge

The Southend allocation as of mid May is understood to have comprised:

14 Dart SLF/Plaxton:

3276-81/9, 3320-6

9 DAF Wright Cadets: 3500/1/3-9

9 DAF Plaxton: 3911-6/8/9/21

29 Versas: 4200-12, 4245-60

The planned transfer in of the Streetlite DF 4224 has not yet happened but it is still expected to arrive.

All P-reg Dart SLFs, including the native P/FPK registered batch, have been withdrawn following entry into the service of the Versas. The P/FPKs were new to the then Cowie owned Southend Transport in the spring of 1997. They were the last remaining vehicles in the Arriva Southend fleet to have worn Southend Transport colours (albeit the Cowie predominately white based livery.) Whilst some of the batch did spend time away from Southend in their early years, the majority have been based at Southend continually since 1997, providing some fleet continuity amongst several seismic changes to the Southend allocation during the 2000s. Step entrance Darts were drafted in from the Southern Counties empire in 2002 to replace minibuses, the most modern 'deckers (Dennis Tridents and Volvo Olympians) were transferred out from 2004 replaced by older Leyland Olympians and then from 2008 low floor Scania's, DAFs and more Dart SLFs arrived to oust the older 'deckers and step entrance Darts. Throughout this time, the P/FPKs were part of the daily allocation on service 9 for 14 years until the arrival of the first batch of Versas in the autumn of 2011.

with thanks to Essex Buses Yahoo Group, Richard Delahoy.



John Lidstone "snapped" these competing Versa's in London Road, Leigh-on-Sea on 20 April

TGM Essex - Network Harlow by Peter Mansbridge

Further ex Arriva Southern Counties Dart SLFs to have entered service are P221/6/9 MKL. Arriva fleet numbers 3221, 3226, 3229 are still carried but the use of 3229 clashes with an existing vehicle in the Harlow fleet, Dart SLF T829 NMJ which is also numbered 3229. The new arrivals are in Arriva livery but with Network Harlow logos applied.

A further arrival is Volvo B6 / Wright 3259 (V259 HBH) from Arriva the Shires. This joins six from the same batch of vehicles already working in Harlow.

with thanks to HarlowRide.

Travel With Hunny by Adam Kelleher

Vehicles

X507 WRG, which had been off road (see EBN 589), was seen on the 31 on May 11th and the 269 on May 13th.

Dennis / Plaxton 11.3m Super Pointer Dart X962 VAP, which remains in Stagecoach livery (but with fleet names and Basingstoke "Jazz" routes branding removed), and is on hire to Roadrunner from Ensign, was on the 269 on May 22nd.

RX51 FNY, ex Metroline DP 1008, which worked the 269 on April 15th (see EBN 589) was not owned by Roadrunner but on hire from Ensign. It returned at the end of April.

with thanks to Ross Newman, Steve Simister and LOTS.

Regal Busways by Adam Kelleher

Disposals

603 has been towed away for scrap.

Other Vehicle News

1301 was de-roofed when attempting to pass under Chelmsford's Duke Street railway bridge while on route 3 on May 16th. (This bridge is only accessible to lowbridge double deckers, 1301 is a highbridge). One bus enthusiast's escape from the crash was the main front page story in both the "Brentwood Gazette" and "Essex Chronicle" the following week. A link to an edited version of the story together with a photo is at: <http://www.thisistotalessex.co.uk/Bus-company-investigating-Chelmsford-bus-rail/story-19015532-detail/story.html#axzz2VWXUQnYa>. Fortunately there were no injuries but the bus itself is a write off. (It was still at Regal's yard on June 3rd.) 1303 also had a coming together with railway property recently when the upper deck came into contact with a roof canopy whilst on a Lowestoft rail replacement service. Damage was slight and it awaits repair. To cover for these, BIG 7596 returned from Panther on hire on June 4th (see EBN 586 and 587 for details of previous hire of this vehicle), together with another Olympian believed to be F640 OMJ still in TGM livery.

701 has been off road for a few months but has now been sent for repair.

BF60 O EZ Mercedes Benz Citaro which was loaned from Evobus for a week last September to run alongside the Tempos for comparison tests (see EBN 582) has been on loan to Western Greyhound to help cover for vehicles recently lost in a fire.

Services

It is reported in June 5th's "Brentwood Gazette" that Regal are planning to deregister service 261 from July 19th.

Workings and Observations

Olympian 1206 has made many appearances on route 3, seen on May 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st and 23rd.

June 6th - 613 on 3

May 5th - 611 on 71C, 801 on Greater Anglia Rail Replacement

with thanks Terry Clark, Chris Hatley, John Podgorski and Owen Woodliffe.

Hedingham

notes by Mark Lloyd

Acquired Vehicles:-

L416	T108DBW	Dennis Trident	Alexander ALX400	Ex City Of Oxford
L417	T117DBW	Dennis Trident	Alexander ALX400	Ex City Of Oxford

Arrived at Hedingham 27th April 2013.

Withdrawn Vehicles:-

L210 withdrawn and purchased by Truck & Plant Sales, is still on HO premises end of May.

Allocations:-

L291	HD – SY:	L350	CN – KN:	L415-7	HD
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General:-

The new arrivals L415-7 are having new Go-Ahead corporate style Hedingham fleetnames added. The font has changed to the Go-Ahead corporate font and the Hedingham fleetname is underlined with corporate colours in the same style as the Chambers recent arrivals. L417 has been a regular performer from mid-May on the 88 service. The interior of these vehicles is a vivid green colour. The park & ride luggage fittings over the two front wheel arch tubs have been retained. The single door conversion is very apparent from inside the vehicles as the laminate and flooring in the rebuilt areas ahead of the rear axle are different colours. The seats appear to have been re-trimmed at sometime in their life or have survived well, and are in Go Ahead corporate colours with depictions of the Oxford architecture and spires. As with all early Tridents the downstairs fixed seats are quite a distance from the front door for the elderly due to the luggage pens and wheelchair area.

L399/400/401 ex B&H Tridents have had front LED destination equipment fitted instead of blinds.

(KN) Kelvedon depot's engineering workshop has been closed with the maintenance and repair operations transferred to Tollesbury (TY). This will no doubt see more vehicle interchanges between KN and TY. KN remains as a depot but without engineering/fitting facilities and is effectively an out-station of Tollesbury.

Iveco Recovery vehicle N316HGP was withdrawn Friday 17th May and was taken to Truck and Plant Sales Ltd, Ashby-De-La-Zouch.

L390, L408 & L417 attended Clacton Rally on 2nd June 2013.

Preservation Corner

Ex L103 BAR103X Leyland Leopard Bustler was employed on heritage services at the 1st Fenland Classic Bus Rally and Running day held at Whittlesey Cambridgeshire on 18th May. It was operating the 701 Emblings/Judds Peterborough – Whittlesey service still in HO red & cream proudly displaying fleet number L103.

Another Ex Hedingham Leopard starring in an Open Day was ex L115 FEV115Y this time a Plaxton Supreme bodied variant, repatriated to Great Yeldham bus museum from Suffolk, where it was displayed to the public on the 19th May. A consortium of local enthusiasts have joined together to create the L115 Preservation Group (see article below, Ed.)

Not to be out-done, L124 B124BOO Leyland Tiger Paramount has popped up for sale on Ebay during early June.

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Heddingham notes by Mark Lloyd, continued.



Text, cont.
For those of you who can access the web, search for L129 GOO543N on Flickr and you will find recent photos of the ex Jennings Dominant I bodied coach, which was converted into a motorbike carrier, now touring the UK as a mobile home, still on its original registration number.



Both pictures by Mark Lloyd. See his report for details.

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CHAMBERS notes by Mark Lloyd

Acquired Vehicles:-

Entries into service April/May 2013

L421 W484WGH L423 W506WGH L429 W487WGH

L432 W526WGH

L433 W516WGH

L435 W518WGH Still to enter service at the end of May 13 were L420/L422/L425/L426/L430/L431

Transferred Vehicles:-

L291 HD-SY

Withdrawn vehicles:-

L442 P515UUG Volvo B10LB Wright Endurance B51F Ex Keighley & Dist P515UUG never gained a physical fleet number. Susequent Operation:- P484MBY Volvo Olympian Alexander Barway Services, Ely, Cambridgeshire. General:-

L291 retains Hedingham fleetnames & livery. Olympians remaining in service end of May 13:- N529/31 LHG, P901/910RYO, R989KAR, R552LGH & R941YOV. L427 attended Clacton rally 2nd June 2013.

with thanks to Dave Arnold, Paul Clarke, & Essex-Buses yahoo group (for both Chambers and HO notes).



Tee ex Go Ahead London PVLs are now in the majority at Chambers. L427 on the last northbound route 84 journey at Great Horkesley on 6 June 13. Russell Young.



Elderly Dart L241 (bottom) retains Hedingham livery but with Chambers fleetnames applied, is one on the regular buses allocated to Route 374 (Clare and Bury St. Edmunds). The other is ex Hedingham Volvo B6 M832 CVG (top) which carries Chambers red livery. L241 photographed approaching Clare and M832 in Cavendish heading for Bury. Both on Sat 18 May 13 by Russell Young. EBN590p13

Ensignbus Dealing Stock Movements for May 2013 by Mark Lloyd.

VEHICLES IN

Arriva the Shires	R209GMU/P265FPK	Dart SLF ?/Ex Arriva ST 3395
Countryliner	HV52WTJ	Dart Caetano ex DC39
London United	PO54ADV/OOD	Volvo B7TL's E Lancs ex VLE41/2
Roadrunner Coaches	N66BUS	Volvo B10M Plaxton Premiere
Stagecoach E Scotland	R141/4EVX	Olympian Alexander ex 16141/4
	R150 / 160 / 176HHK	Olympian ex 16150/60/76
	R337HFS	Volvo B10M Alexander PS ex 20337
Stagecoach Merseyside	S104/107TNB	Scania Wright ex 28534/5/6/986/?
	T562BSS	
	S351MFP	
	V130DND	
Stagecoach Yorkshire	W478MKU	DAF SB220 East Lancs Ex 26108
Transdev BlazeField	PL05UBS/UBR	Volvo B7RLE's Wright ex 1852/1

VEHICLES OUT

Axe Valley, Seaton, Devon	X324HLL	Trident ex TAL124 Metroline
Barway Services, Ely, Cambs	P484MBY	Olympian Alexander ex Go Ahead Chambers
Bear Buses, Feltham, Middx	X544EGK	Volvo B7TL ex PVL144 London General
Belfast City Sightseeing	Y133LTF	Merc 814 Beaver ex Fleet Buzz
Buglers Coaches, Bristol	P265FPK	Dart SLF ex Arriva ST 3395
Buzzlines, Hythe, Kent	MUI7851	Trident orig X344NNO ALX 400 SC17344
Central Buses, Birmingham	X236NNO	Trident ALX400 ex SC 17236
Carters Heritage Buses, Ipswich		RML2266
D and E Coaches, Inverness	R236KRG	Volvo B10BLE ALX 300 ex SC21136
Diamond Leisure Transport, Belfast	00-D-70120/2/5-6	Dublin Volvo B7TL's
First Group	FJ58YSL	Enviro 200 Ex Premiere 3315
	KX57BWf	ex 3318
	YX08HJF	ex 3321
	AY08EKT	Ex Carters 208
	FJ08FYN	Volvo B9TL
	MX56HYO/P	Dart MPD ex Centrebus
	EG52FGX	Ex Jersey Dart J101731
	EG52FFV	Ex Jersey Dart J101716
	EG52FFY	Ex Jersey Dart J101730
	EG52FGF	Ex Jersey Dart J101720
	EG52FFT	Ex Jersey Dart J101722
	EG52FGK	Ex Jersey Dart J101723
	EG52FGU	Ex Jersey Dart J101725
	EG52FGV	Ex Jersey Dart J101724
	EG52FFJ	Ex Jersey Dart J101703
	EG52FFK	Ex Jersey Dart J101718
	EG52FHD	Ex Jersey Dart J101732
	EG52FHC	Ex Jersey Dart J101733
	EU60LFS	Ex Jersey Enviro 200 J52083
	SN60CAA	Ex Jersey Enviro 400 J57156

Ensignbus Dealing Stock Movements May 2013 by Mark Lloyd, cont.

VEHICLES OUT, cont.

Galleon Travel, Nazeing, Essex	X956/64/8/72VAP	Ex Stagecoach 33056/64/8/72
Harrogate Coach Travel	R622NFX/ YJ05WCF	Solo
Herberts Coaches,	M559VNN	Volvo B10M Caetano ex S Vectis
Shefford, Beds	R237/46KRG	Volvo B10BLE's ALX300 ex SC21137/46
Holloway Coaches, Scunthorpe	X639LLX	Volvo B7TL ex VPL139 Metroliner
Imperial Coaches, Southall	N66BUS	Volvo B10M Plaxton Premiere ex Roadrunner
Lewis Travel, Greenwich	P567MSX	Volvo B10M Plaxton Premiere N232HWX
Red Route Buses, Northfleet	R209GMJ	Dart
	C168HBA	Olympian Ex Cass of the Wirral
Reliance, York	X191CHJ	was Dublin Volvo B7TL 00-D-40055
TH Jones, Glan-Y-Dan, Pwllheli	R243KRG	Volvo B10BLE ALX 300 ex SC 21143
Travelmasters, Manchester	SV07ACY	Volvo B12BT Plaxton ex SC54014
AC Williams Coaches,		
Grantham, Lincs	SP07CAY/SV56BWE	Volvo B12BTs Plaxton

OTHER MOVEMENTS:

Dart W141ULR : Mr Kane London, Southampton.
 Trident X348NNO : UE Global Ltd, Ealing, London.
 AEC Regent BOW503C : Phil Blair, Southampton.
 Trident X259NNO : Mr Stafford Muttisya, London.
 Volvo B10M N813DNE : Geoff Ripley, Barnsley.
 Trident T105KLD : Arnold KLP Ltd, London.
 Titan A823SUL : Daubeney Primary School, Clapton, London.
 Dart W137ULR : St Johns College, Southsea.
 Olympian E300MSG: Chris Keesecker, Sarasota, USA.

with thanks to Ross Newman.



I know there is another one of these pictured in EBN590, but their introduction is rather unusual!

Ex Jersey Caetano Darts at Clacton, sourced from Ensignbus. 43856 on First Essex route 12 in West Road, Clacton on 24 May 13.

Russell Young

Ken Coldwell at the Group Norfolk Crusader Tour Saturday 25 May



above: Volvo/Van Hool 3 axle WSV 555 at Mulleys Motorways by Ken Coldwell

below: Optare Tempo MX05 EKW at the Konnectbus depot at Dereham.





Top: Seen at the Thetford premises of Coach Services is ADL Enviro 200 SF07 KCE. Ken Coldwell.

Bottom: Members enjoying their visit to Mulleys Motorways at Ixworth.

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Lyn Watson – EOO 590 for EBN590!

Lyn Watson as kindly sorted through his extensive collection of bus pics (note page 1 of each issue) to find a bus with the number matching the EBN number. On this occasion, he has submitted ...

E00 590 Bristol FLF6B seen heading for London Wood Green on the 251 when newly delivered - no adverts yet fitted and some great reflections off the new paintwork. It was allocated to Brentwood when photographed, fleetnumber 1622. This batch was interesting in that E00 580-E00583 had the original LD style grills, whilst from E00 584 onwards the new style grills as used on RE coaches were used.

Delivered in September 1962, it was subsequently re-numbered 2748 in 1964. It was withdrawn in 1977, after 15 years service and went to Twell (dealer) Ingham, it is recorded by the PSV circle as passing to Fords of Althorne and later to Salmon Canvey Island for preservation in 1982 - whatever did happen to it??

The only earlier reference Lyn can find to a bus with a registration including 590 was in 1931 when a Leyland S4 36 seater was acquired from Hinsby St Neots, but he have never seen an image of it.

Now there are a couple of challenges for you!



To illustrate Lyn's point about differing grilles, he has submitted this picture. Spot the difference!

Incidentally, last month's spot the difference on pages 24 & 25 was not popular and, hopefully, will not be repeated!

More from Ken Coldwell!

Following an exchange where Ken teased me about my apparent predilection for the new First Volvo Hybrids, he kindly sent me some shots of a few of his excellent model buses. In addition, I have since found that several other members indulge in this fascinating pastime. I show a couple of Ken's own photo's with an Essex connection and invite other members to submit theirs.

T642, an AEC 10T10 saloon on the Z1 to Grays



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The L115 Preservation Group – by Jonathan Bale

Former Heddingham Omnibuses FEV115Y, a Leyland Leopard / Plaxton Supreme IV entered preservation on 18th May 2013. She was purchased by the L115 Preservation Group from DJ Spalls of Dallingho, who had her in their scrapyard awaiting her fate.

Originally the group formed as The L105 Preservation Group, after finding out that BEV105X (L105 in the Heddingham fleet), a Supreme IV Express bodied-Leopard was withdrawn and dumped out of use at Southern Transit. A price and cost of towing out was found out, and the group sought a donor coach for spares, due to L105's condition. Finding a picture on Flickr of FEV115Y (Heddingham's L115), led to a visit being made to Spalls to see what could be used for spares. At that first visit it was decided that FEV115Y was in better condition than BEV105X, so the decision was taken to try to save L115. After a second visit on 6th April 2013 she was started and moved, albeit over a very small distance! This meant the project was viable, and we started negotiating a price with the vehicle recyclers.

Despite the registration in August 1982, L115 was actually built in 1980 (Plaxton body number 8011LC022), and spent time in stock at dealers Arlington. We have been given allocation information as follows; after purchase by Heddingham, the coach was allocated to Sible Heddingham (HD) from new until she transferred to Sudbury (SY) from 09/96 to 02/00 when she went to Little Tey. She was at Kelvedon (KN) from 07/01 until sale to Ensign (Dealer) in July 2005. August 2005 saw her sold to Rallybeam, Clopton, finally operating on the Venturer Coachways licence.

If anyone has further operational information or and photographs of FEV115Y throughout her life that they are able to pass on to us, please email us at l115preservationgroup@yahoo.co.uk

We will slowly work our way through the jobs required to get our coach ready for the rally scene, however, we are not setting ourselves a deadline as we are taking the "it'll take as long as it takes" approach. L115 Preservation Group has a Facebook page, where we will be updating progress as we go on.

We would like to give public thanks here to the invaluable help given to us by DJ Spalls, and members of Colne Estuary Preserved Buses and Suffolk Bus Preservation Group.



At the Yeldham open day



Both pictures by Jonathan Bale, taken in Yeldham

Chris Stewart at the Clacton Bus Rally, Sunday 2nd June



top: MW6G 1356 at Walton-on-the-Naze, almost opposite the site of the old ENOC depot at Kino Road

bottom: Panther Travel recently suffered the loss of a number of vehicles in a fire at Matching Green but several of the fleet were at Clacton rally which A Barham & Sons also supported.



Top: Patrick Burnside's Eastern Counties L5G LL711 (KNG711) was a welcome visitor at Clacton.
 Bottom: Michael Cole's Series II VR JJT437N, new to Hants & Dorset but later transferred to Wilts & Dorset, worked in Suffolk for Beeston's at Hadleigh and A C Aldis at Framlingham prior to being acquired for preservation. It is seen at St Osyth on 2nd June.

A Day Out in the City of Chelmsford!



top: Optare Solo 53137 of First Essex (E002 NFX) seen in Chelmsford sporting the refreshed livery on 11th May. Ken Coldwell.



Regal Busways X28 ONH in Chelmsford on 11th May on service 1 to Canvey Island. Ken Coldwell.



W701 BFV an ex Transdev Mini Pointer Dart which retains Transdev Lancashire United livery and fleetnames. Now running with Regal Busways - in New London Road, Chelmsford on 5 June 13. Russell Young.



First Essex Volvo hybrid 69908 (BV13 ZBN), seen here in Chelmsford on 11th May on service 100 to Lakeside. Ken Coldwell.

The EPPING/ONGAR Railway



50 members of the Chelmsford Branch of the National Trust visited the Epping - Ongar Railway on Saturday 18th May.

Transport from/back to Chelmsford was on RT 3871 shown left and top next page. A good day was had by all with multiple steam/diesel trips from Ongar to Coopersale and back.

The vintage bus service was also operated by RT's 3228 & 3238, above. Pictures by John Salmon.



London Bus Company started another route connecting with trains on the Epping Ongar Railway on Saturday 25 May. It runs between North Weald Station and Epping Station via Toothill. Single decks have to be used because of low trees. RF401 operated the service on Sunday 26 May. The attached picture shows it arriving at North Weald. Russel Young.

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Barling - bus to the back of beyond? - Ian Banks (FF20374) revisits old haunts

In March I took a ride on the 14 from Southend to Shoeburyness, successor to the "traditional" 4B service. Today's service is run by Stephenson's under contract to Essex County Council, following a relatively obscure country route via Barling on its way from Southend to Foulness Island or Shoeburyness. This was the first time I had travelled on the route since the sixties when I worked for Southend Corporation Transport, but the route has not changed a bit over the rural section from Bournes Green to Coronation Close at Little Wakering where the 4B had terminated.

When we got to Shoeburyness I was talking to the driver (who happened to be Trevor Owen, voted the UK's top bus driver 2011) and said how I used to drive the 4B. I mentioned that at Christmas some of the passengers would give the driver half a crown as a gift and during the summer months apples and pears from their trees. The route was an early convert to OMO ("one man operation", for our younger readers!), we also dropped passengers at their houses saving a walk from the nearest bus stop - as still happens today! The first 4B in the morning back in the 1960s was always a double decker because of the loadings back to town, at Coronation Close a lady used to come out every morning with a tray of tea and biscuits for the driver and conductor.

I can remember a couple of fare stages, The Shoulder Stick which used to be a public house and Jail Farm where prisoners of war were held.

Happy days!



Regular performers on the 4B in Ian's days were the Albion Aberdonian single deckers, 200/1/2/5. Here 202 boards in Broadway Market at Victoria Circus for the 26 minute run to "Little Wakering Coronation Close". Photo by Bob Mack, EBEG collection.



Contrasting, today's service 14 extends beyond Little Wakering on to either Foulness or Shoeburyness East Beach. On Saturday June 8th, Richard Delahoy took Enviro 200, 421, EU09NYD passing "Ye Olde Shoulderstick", a pub in Ian's days but now a private house, but still used as the name for the local stop, as the rather weatherbeaten sign shows. This is one area not yet graced with new style stop flags.

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SOUTHEM (Victoria Circus) — SOUTHCHURCH — BARLING —
LITTLE WAKERING (Coronation Close)

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ROUTE — Southend (Victoria Circus, Broadway Market), Southchurch Road, Southchurch Boulevard, Bournes Green, Wakering Road, Barling Road, Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering (Coronation Close).
Return: As above route reversed to Southchurch Road, Milton Street, Bradley Street, Southend (Victoria Circus, Broadway Market).

Daily

	BS	MF	BS	BS							
Southend, Victoria Circus	6 22	7 17	42 8	42 10	0 11	0 12	0 13	0 1330	14 0 1430	15 0 1530	16 0 1630
Southchurch, White Horse	6 27	7 57	47 9	47 10	5 11	5 12	5 13	5 1335	14 5 1435	15 5 1535	16 5 1635
Bournes Green	6 27	7 57	49 9	49 10	7 11	7 12	7 13	7 1337	14 7 1437	15 7 1537	16 7 1637
Rose Inn	6 31	7 57	51 9	51 10	9 11	9 12	9 13	9 1339	14 9 1439	15 9 1539	16 9 1639
High House Farm	6 36	7 14	56 9	56 10	14 11	14 12	14 13	14 1344	14 14 1444	15 14 1544	16 14 1644
Barling, Weir Pond Corner	6 47	7 20	6 29	6 30	20 12	20 22	20 23	20 1350	14 20 1450	15 20 1550	16 20 1650
Lt. Wakering, Coronation Close	6 48	7 26	6 8	6 10	26 12	26 22	26 23	26 1356	14 26 1456	15 26 1556	16 26 1656
S-Saturdays only. SSe-Saturdays and Sundays only.											
	BS	MF	BS	BS							
Southend, Victoria Circus	20 1	21 1	22 1	22 1							
Southchurch, White Horse	20 5	21 5	22 5	22 5							
Bournes Green	20 7	21 7	22 7	22 7							
Rose Inn	20 11	21 11	22 11	22 11							
High House Farm	20 14	21 14	22 14	22 14							
Barling, Weir Pond Corner	20 20	21 20	22 20	22 20							
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Barling, Weir Pond Corner	6 37	7 37	12 37	12 37	37 1037	137 1237	137 14 7	1437 15 7	1537 16 7	1637 17 7	1737 18 7
High House Farm	7 2	42 22	32 9	42 10	42 1042	142 1242	142 14 12	1442 15 12	1542 16 12	1642 17 12	1742 18 12
Rose Inn	7 7	47 3	37 9	47 10	47 1047	147 1247	147 14 17	1447 15 17	1547 16 17	1647 17 17	1747 18 17
Bournes Green	7 12	49 3	39 9	49 10	49 1049	149 1249	149 14 22	1449 15 22	1549 16 22	1649 17 22	1749 18 22
Southchurch, White Horse	7 17	51 3	41 9	51 10	51 1051	151 1251	151 14 27	1451 15 27	1551 16 27	1651 17 27	1751 18 27
Southend, Victoria Circus	7 18	58 3	48 9	58 10	58 1058	158 1258	158 14 28	1458 15 28	1558 16 28	1658 17 28	1758 18 28
S-Saturdays only. SSe-Saturdays and Sundays only.											
	BS	MF	BS	BS							
Lt. Wakering, Coronation Close	1932	2032	2132	2232	23 2						
Barling, Weir Pond Corner	1937	2037	2137	2237	23 7						
High House Farm	1942	2042	2142	2242	23 12						
Rose Inn	1947	2047	2147	2247	23 17						
Bournes Green	1949	2049	2149	2249	23 19						
Southchurch, White Horse	1951	2051	2151	2251	23 21						
Southend, Victoria Circus	1958	2058	2158	2258	23 28						

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BARLING – Bus to the back of beyond, continued

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To read more about Ian's experiences with SCT, see <http://www.sct61.org.uk/blfb.htm>.
Research by Richard Delahoy.

And Now For Something Completely Different!

Both pictures by Peter Sedge



Amongst the visitors to Mardens paint shop in Benfleet during May was this unusual and distinctive bus. Former Southport Corporation 1947 all-Leyland PD2, FFY 403. It arrived in Southport colours as seen in the first view on May 23, being prepared for repaint. It emerged on June 6th resplendent in pseudo York Pullman livery and was photographed the following day about to depart for Torquay, via an overnight stop in Bristol, duly lettered up for its new role for "English Riviera Sightseeing Tours". It had been part of the Blackman family's collection in Halifax and passed via Ensign to its new owners.



Hedingham L397 an ex Brighton and Hove Trident/East Lancs laying over at Osborne Street, Colchester on 13th May. Ken Coldwell

Target Dates for EBM591 (July 2013)

By 29 June 2013	...	Reports to Sub-Editors
By 6 July 2013	...	Sub-Editor drafts to Editor
By 15 July 2013	...	Dispatch by Printers

Apologies for the late delivery of EBN589. The address labels got lost in the post between the Group and the printer. A "spare" set has been dispatched to avoid a reoccurrence of this problem.

Have you seen the First photographic competition? Details on the website or from the Company offices if you are not connected. Basically, they want pictures to be used on timetables, closing date 1 November 2013.

Back Cover Photographs

Top One of the two vintage Commers undergoing paint treatment at Simonds at Diss. See piece about Group trip to Norfolk. Ken Coldwell.

Bottom Jonathan Bale and fellow enthusiast Patrick Munford (as the L115 Preservation Group) have just purchased former Hedingham Leyland Leopard / Plaxton Supreme IV FEV115Y for preservation. It is seen being towed through Sudbury by Derek Spall of DJ Spalls on Saturday 18th May. See Jonathan's article inside.



top: Seen in Harlow Bus Station on 31 May advertising the Epping/Ongar Railway, THM515M was Daimler Fleetline DMS1515, rebuilt to advertise the One-Day Travelcard.. It is now with London Bus Company. Owen Woodliffe
 bottom: Lodges triaxle J534CEV resting following the Chelmer Valley School contract. The buses used on this contract normally rest over during the day at a farm in Little Waltham with one used to transport the drivers back to the High Easter depot. John Salmon



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