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Editorial

There's some good news concerning our increasingly popular Rochford group meetings.

Starting with the September meeting, we'll be using the larger Pullman room at the Freight house which will give us much more room.

To cover the cost of the extra charges, we'll need to ask you to pay 50p for each meeting you attend.

There's a wide variety of special guests planned for the Autumn and winter and I'm sure you'll agree the small charge is well worth it.

Lookout for more info about the meetings soon.

Cover

First Essex 767 R710 VLA Dennis Dart/East Lance Spryte

New to Capital Citybus, this batch of 13 buses is now moving to First's Hadleigh garage to convert more routes to low floor as part of the Southend Metro. (Peter Snell)

Photo

Buses in the news

The latest news from the bus world

First Transforms Southend travel

Commencing Sunday, June 15th, First, revised its Southend area bus network as 'Metro'.

This is the next phase of First's overall plan of 'transforming travel' within Essex and is supplemented by the launch of a complete set of new-style 'Metro' timetable booklets, designed to make bus travel much more user-friendly for all.

Supplementing the service revisions will be a fleet of modern newly-liveried low-floor, easy-access buses that will have frequencies and special-price ticket deals publicised both inside and outside, with routes being colour-coded to make bus identification easier for customers.

The Daytime Metro services and frequencies are:

2 claret every 30 mins

Southend-Hadleigh-South Benfleet-Pitsea-Basildon

20 red every 15 mins

Southend-Eastwood-Grove Rd-Rayleigh-Hullbridge

21/A/B blue every 20 mins

Southend-Leigh-Hadleigh-South Benfleet-Canvey (Eastern Esplanade)

24,24A purple every 10/30 mins

Rawreth-Rayleigh-Leigh-Southend-Southchurch

25 mauve every 30 mins

Southend-Eastwood-Rayleigh-Wickford-Basildon

26,26A,26B green every 30 mins

Bournes Green-Southend-Hadleigh-South Benfleet-Canvey (Newlands)

27/A/B orange every 20 mins

Temple Sutton-Southend-Hadleigh-South Benfleet-Canvey (Leigh Beck)

28 turquoise peak hrs only

Canvey (Leigh Beck)-Central Wall Road-South Benfleet Station

Essex service changes

Changes are now split into two sections to avoid some changes appearing more than once. Changes to "regular" services appear first, with changes to school services described in brief at the end. All changes, especially those with a date after 9th May, are subject to change, so please check with the operator or Traveline before travelling. I can be e-mailed at EBEGSCEDITOR@AOL.COM

Thursday 1st May 2003

374 (*JWS Travel*) (Lakeside & West Horndon) Route transferred to Town & Country.

Saturday 3rd May 2003

506, 600 As in Issue 468.

Saturday 10th May 2003

20 As in Issue 469.

Week Commencing Saturday 17th May 2003

40A As in Issue 468 from Saturday 17th May.

500 As in Issue 468 from Sunday 18th May.

Tilbury Shuttle As in Issue 468 from Monday 19th May.

Week Commencing Saturday 24th May 2003

348 As in Issue 468 from Saturday 24th May.

203 As in Issue 468 from Sunday 25th May.

347 As in Issue 468 from Tuesday 27th May.

200, 201 As in Issue 469 from Saturday 24th May.

75, 335, 605, 606 As in Issue 469 from Sunday 25th May.

313 As in Issue 469 from Monday 26th May.

R2, R3 As in Issue 469 from Tuesday 27th May.

1 As in Issue 469 from Thursday 29th May.

40A (*Town & Country*) (Grays & Chafford Hundred) New Monday to Fridays peak hours service from Tuesday 27th May. 5 journeys in each direction (Chafford Hundred to Grays morning peak, Grays to Chafford Hundred evening peak)

- 317** (*Stansted Transit*) (Elsenham & Bishops Stortford) New Monday to Friday route from Friday 30th May via Molehill Green and Henham.
- 335** (*First*) (Braintree & Maldon) New Sundays only two hourly route from Sunday 25th May. Departs Braintree Bus Park at 0820, 1020, 1220, 1420, 1620, 1820 and 2020. Journeys at 1020, 1220 and 1420 serve Witham Safeway and Maldon Tesco. Departs Maldon (Blackwater Leisure Centre) at 0945, 1145, 1345, 1545, 1749, 1949 and 2149. Journeys at 0945, 1145, 1345 and 1545 serve Witham Safeway and Maldon Tesco.
- 605** (*First*) (Colchester & Walton) New Sundays only route via Elmstead Market and Thorpe-le-Soken from Sunday 25th May. Departs Colchester at 1115, returning at 1750.
- 606** (*First*) (Walton & Harwich Quay) New Sundays only route via Great Oakley and Thorpe-le-Soken from Sunday 25th May. Departs Walton at 1250, returning at 1655.
- Village Link 9, 10** (*Stansted Transit*) (Braintree & Great Bardfield) New Monday to Friday route from Friday 30th May via Wethersfield.

Week commencing Saturday 31st May 2003

- 17** (*Stansted Transit*) (Great Bardfield & Saffron Walden) New Tuesday, Friday and Saturdays only route from Saturday 31st May via Great Sampford and Finchingfield.
- 318** (*Stansted Transit*) (Thaxted & Bishops Stortford) New Thursday only route from Thursday 5th May via Broxton and Woodside Green.
- 322** (*Arriva*) (Old Harlow & Saffron Walden) Timetable change from Monday 2nd June 2003.
- 565** (*First*) (Brentwood & Bulphan) The 0757 journey from West Horndon will run five minutes earlier from Monday 2nd June 2003.

Week Commencing Saturday 7th June 2003

- 310B, C4** As in Issue 469 from Saturday 7th June.
- R3** As in Issue 469 from Tuesday 10th June.
- R2** (*Olympian*) (Harlow Town Service) Timetable change from Tuesday 10th June.

Sunday 15th June 2003

Canvey Clipper, 2, 3, 11A, 15, 16, 16C, 20, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21, 21C, 21D, 21E, 22, 24A, 25, 27, 29B, 64, 65

As in Issue 469.

- 22 (First) (Basildon Hospital & Canvey Leigh Beck) Curtailed at Basildon Bus Station.
- 24, 24C (First) (Southchurch & South Woodham) Renumbered 24 and 24A. Withdrawn between Rawreth and South Woodham.
- 25A, 25B (First) (Shotgate/Runwell & Langdon Hills) 25A will now terminate at Shotgate Post Office
New timetable for both routes.
- 25C, 25D (First) (Southend & Basildon Hospital) Withdrawn. 25C replaced by new schoolday service 825.
- 25E (First) (Sutton & Basildon) Re-routed via Carlton Avenue and the back of Southend Hospital instead of Prittlewell Chase and the front of Southend Hospital.

Thursday 19th June 2003

773 (Hadleigh Community Transport) (Hadleigh circular) New Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only service.

Week Commencing Monday 7th July

Unnumbered (Drawdive) (Brock Hill and Maldon) Withdrawn from Monday 7th July.

- 9 (Bordacoach) (Cheshunt & Basildon) New service running every Thursday from July to September via Waltham Cross, Waltham Abbey, Debden, Loughton, Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell and Collier Row.
- 33 (First) (Stansted Airport & Chelmsford) Extended from Stansted to Bishops Stortford (Bishops Park Tesco) to replace routes 308 and 309.
- 79 (First) (Maldon & Hatfield Peverel) Withdrawn after service on Friday 11th July.
- 308, 309 (First) (Stansted Airport & Bishops Park) Routes transferred to Stephensons from Monday 7th July.

- 333 (First)** (Stansted Airport & Epping) Route deregistered by First. There will be TWO replacement services, both numbered 333! Arriva will run a partial replacement service x30 minutes between Harlow and Heath Row only and Stephensons a service between Stansted and Epping, frequency unknown.

Tuesday 15th July 2003.

- 65, 65A (First)** (Stanway Tollgate & Highwoods) All journeys will operate via the 65A routing, but will be numbered 65.

Week Commencing Saturday 19th July 2003

- Colchester Tour (Pheonix Student Travel)** (Colchester Castle Gates circular) New limited stop service operating daily in high season and weekends only in low season.

- 7, 8 (First)** (Clacton & Walton) New timetable from Monday 21st July.

- 10, 11 (First)** (Great Clacton & Jaywick) New timetable from Monday 21st July.

- 17, 18 (First)** (Clacton & Point Clear) Routing change from Monday 21st July.

- 79 (First)** (Maldon & Hatfield Peverel) Withdrawn from Wednesday 25th July.

- 504 (Regal Busways)** (Chelmsford & Waltham Cross) Withdrawn from Saturday 19th July.

- X40 (First)** (Stansted Airport & Bury St. Edmunds) New timetable from Sunday 20th July.

Timetable changes in the Grays area - From Sat 19 July, Arriva will introduce new timetables on services 370/3,377,383. These changes are intended to improve time keeping.

Week Commencing Monday 28th July 2003

- Woodham Swimbis (Fords Coaches)** (South Woodham Ferrers & Chelmsford) This service will run Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only from Monday 28th July to Friday 29th August.

- Woodham Swimbis (Fords Coaches)** (South Woodham Ferrers & Maldon) This service will run Tuesdays only from Tuesday 29th July to Tuesday 26th August.

Saturday 30th August 2003

505 (*Arriva*) (Harlow & Walthamstow) Revised to operate as now between Harlow and Lee Valley Caravan site and then re-routed via Sewardstone Road, Kings Head Hill and Station Road to terminate at Chingford Station.

School Services (all areas)

Monday 28th April 2003

551 (*Locallink*) (Harlow & Bishops Stortford) New route via Sumners Farm, Staple Tye, Potter Street and Church Langley.

552 (*Locallink*) (Staple Tye & Bishops Stortford) New route via Brays Grove, Long Ley and Old Harlow.

Monday 2nd June 2003

501, 605, 607, 608, 609 As in Issue 469.

Monday 16th June 2003

820 (*First*) (Lower Hockley & Sweyne School) New service replacing 20A.

821, 822 (*First*) (Southchurch/Bournes Green & Canvey/South Benfleet) New services replacing 21C, 21D and 21D.

825 (*First*) (Basildon & Westcliff High Schools/St. Thomas More) New service replacing 25C.

Monday 28th July 2003

35A (*First*) (Basildon & St. Theresa's School) Withdrawn. A routing change has also been quoted from 7th July, so I shall wait to see what actually happens!

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New Scania for improved services

A number of new and nearly-new Scania L94UB/Wright Solar have been arriving at CN since late May, thought to be for use on the enhanced service 65 in CR and the 31 from CF/MN. The position was far from clear at the time of writing (16th June), since two have departed again to Bury St Edmunds and others are thought to be going on loan to *First in Hampshire & Dorset* before entering service in Essex. Reports suggest that 8 new buses (03-registered) and 7 others (02/52-registered) are due; seven new buses have arrived (others from the same registration series having gone to *First in Somerset & Dorset*), together with two older examples. The 03-registered vehicles are in full 'Barbie 1' with corporate interiors, the other two being dealer white with 'First' fleetnames and non-standard interiors; all have Scania legal lettering. Details known are:

YP02ABN Chassis no. YS4L4X20001841520 body no. F044 B42F
YR52JFO

Both currently working from Bury St Edmunds

YS03ZKC/G/H/J/K/L/M - all at CN

Vehicles on loan

Stephensons of Essex Volvo coach A16SOE was on loan for driver training at the end of May, while earlier in the month an open-top double-deck (presumably Olympian JFR4W) was used at Basildon in connection with staff recruitment. First Midland Red drivers were again on loan, this time at BN, throughout May and up until at least 10th June.

Your contributions are always welcome : See page 2 for the ways to contact us.

Repaints (to 'Barbie 2'; on buses where 'Metro' branding is to be applied, the blue roof is omitted)

5.03 2830 928 4311 4326 913 941 2809 925 926 922 938
 4301

by observation since: 927 928 946 2805 4314

Southend 'Metro' branding is as follows, vehicles so far noted being indicated alongside:

Claret (2)

Red (20): 938-41/6/7

Blue (21/21A/21B): 762-7

Grey (22)

Purple (24/24A): 913

Mauve (25)

Green (26/26A/26B)

Orange (27/27A/27B): 717-21, 745/6-8

Turquoise (28)

Allocation changes (period ending 25 May 2003)

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

Acq=acquired, Res=reserve, Disp=disposal

403 RD-HH; 805 RD-Disp; 806 RD-Disp; 809 BN-Disp; 810 RD-Disp; 811 HH-Disp; 907 CN-HH; 908 CN-HH; 912 CN-RD; 914 BN-RD; 915 BN-RD; 916 CN-RD; 919 Res-CN; 921 Res-CN; 922 Res-BN; 924 Res-CN; 925 Res-BN; 926 Res-CN; 927 Res-BN; 928 Res-HH; 2643 HH-Disp; 2645 HH-Disp

2647 and 3219 remain in use (see below). 2654 has been in use from BN and 2655 from CN.

All remaining long Mercedes 811D's are now listed for disposal, while Romford has gained (short) Dennis Darts again for its Brentwood 81/82 duties.

Airport Buses/Coaches Stansted depot is to close on 7th July. The Village Link duties will be operated from CF, while the Coachlink (formerly 222) will operate from Haven Road, Colchester using Volvo coaches 602/8/10.

Mercedes 314 has been renumbered 9038 in the ancillary series.

Want to get the latest news from Ensign? See what's new on page 26

Disposals

By early June, the following had all arrived at Telford Road, Clacton for storage or disposal (although 100/1 were noted subsequently at CR):

101 806 806 810 811 2641 2649 3109 9003 9020

VEHICLE WORKINGS

Member Maurice Austin reports that CR4315 (EBN469) worked the 07.45 South Woodham-Chelmsford schools 506 and the 08.55 Chelmsford-Stansted 33 (& 10.25 return) on 2.5.03, as well as the 351 mentioned in EBN469, before being used on a Sports & Social Club outing to Nottingham the following day (Saturday 3rd).

Lynx 1402/13/4/6 were all noted on Driver Training Duties during May (1413 is thought to be destined as a permanent training vehicle to replace 1924 in due course).

In response to a member's query, the following departures from Chelmsford on service 352 are normally undertaken by CF depot (the remainder BE):

Mon-Fri 06.15, 08.15, 08.45*, 10.45, 11.15*, 13.15*, 13.45, 15.45*, 16.15, 17.15

Sat 07.25, 09.15, 09.45, 11.45, 12.15, 14.15, 17.15

Those marked * are usually a double-decker (Olympian)

Unusual sightings

3.5.03	HH720 on 20, BN736 on 100, CF2667 and 2668 on 54/56
10.5.03	CF5006 on 512
15.5.03	HH737 on 25A
16.5.03	BN713 on 100
23.5.03	CR1505 on 65
29.5.03	AB2648 on Coachlink
31.5.03	CR4301 on 64, CR4303 on 64A, CR4320 on 67, CR1504 ex 76
11.6.03	BN1410 on 12, BE2680 on 70 (replacing failed CR1503), then 17.50 88B.
14.6.03	CF4007 on 48 (12.06 departure)
16.6.03	HH1418 on 21, HH2652 and HH2653 both on 20

VR-watch

BE3072 sustained upper deck accident damage whilst on rail replacement work but has been repaired at Clacton. Withdrawn 3078 was expected to leave for a new home in Holland on 15th June, reportedly as a mobile grandstand. 3084/92 remain at CN, heavily cannibalised, along with 3101 which remains intact. 3109 joined the disposal vehicles at CN on 29th May, following MOT expiry. BN3113, having returned to service on 16th May after repair to its fuel tank straps, was again off the road at the end of the month but was back on the 502 and 750 on 6th June.

3219 continues in use at CR, noted on 78/78A (27th and 29th May), the 64A (30th May) and the 64 (31st May). On 3rd June it worked the 08.35 Colchester-Chelmsford 71 and 10.05 return, as well as the 13.45 and 15.45 Halstead service 88. On 5th it worked route 64 all day, the last arrival back at the depot being at 23.27. On 6th it ran dead at 06.40 to Coggeshall, and then worked the 07.10 service 70 to CR, 07.55 CR-BE and 09.05 BE-CR before being used on several school swimming contracts. In the afternoon it worked the 67E Norman Way Schools-East Mersea, returning dead to operate the 17.35 departure to CF on the 71 and 19.05 return. On 11th June, 3219 worked 17.05 CR-BE and return (see above) and the following day it was on at least the 11.36, 13.06, 14.36 and 16.06 CR-West Mersea service 67s. On 14th June it was noted on the 64.

Last month's list of former Essex VRs with First Western National omitted Plymouth's 1265 (UAR588W, ex 3108).

OTHER NEWS

The old office building at Jackson Road, Clacton was being demolished during the first week of June.

PHOTOS WANTED

You are welcome to send photos for possible use in Essex Bus News.

We're always looking for topical views of current or former Essex buses and all items are returned to you after publication.

Please send your photos to Sean Menzies 32 Clarence Road Brentwood Essex CM15 9PB

First Essex/First Airport fleet allocation - 25 May 2003

Airport Buses	112, 432/4/5, 602/8/10, 917/43, 1550/1, 2640/8/50/83, 2813-5/22/5
Airport Coaches	101/11, 397/8, 2679
Braintree (BE)	944, 2656/63/6/71/5/80, 2804/8/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 2909-11, 3072, 3112
Basildon (BN)	404-6, 655-67, 712-4/34-8/53-61, 852-5, 918/20/2/5/7, 929-34/6/7/45/67-73/83-6, 1400/4/10/32, 3113, 4026/34, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	430/1/3, 512-37, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/13-6/27/8, 1516-20, 2646/67/8/70/2-4/6-8, 2828, 2901-8, 4007/10/2, 4014/24/5/33, 5001/4/17
Clacton (CN)	919/21/4/6, 1510-3, 2665, 2801/5/6/9/10/9/20/3/4, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	650-4, 715/6, 910/1/74-82, 1501-9, 2829/30, 2921-6, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-6
Hadleigh (HH)	407-10, 705/8-10/7-21/46-8/50/62-7, 907/8/13/28/35, 938-42/6-58/87, 1405/6/9/11/2/7-24, 2652/3/7-62, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	909, 2669/81/2, 2802, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401/2, 501-11, 912/4-6
Heritage	2383, 9001 (AJN825)
Spare	1429, 2655/64, 2803, 3109
Reserve	100, 2649/54
Disposal	805/6/9-11, 1408/25/6/30/1, 2641/2-4/5/7/51, 3078/92, 3101/3, 3219, 4028/30
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN); 1924, 9002/3/20/6 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles	(note that some of these details are by members' observation only) BN: 9030, 9308; CF: 9008/38; CN: 2111, 9028; CR: 9033; HH: 9035; HO: 9004/10; Disp 9029/34

The following buses are fitted with tachographs:

701, 852-4, 1400/4/5/32/3, 1510/1, 2383, 2655/6/77, 2801/9/29/30, 4013/5/6/9/30, 4310/1/5

CITYSIGHTSEEING IN COLCHESTER & SOUTHEND

Turn to page 24 for full details

Depot requirements and vehicle allocations

For operational reasons this information may be subject to change, and is given for guidance only

	BE	BN	CFand (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL BY TYPE
PVR									
Minibus	5	3	11 (2)	1	0	2	12	1	37
Midibus	13	39	41	12	20	2	41	4	172
SD	0	16	7 (6)	4	12	0	11	0	56
DD	2	2	6	4	14	6	3	0	37
Phoenix DD	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Phoenix	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SD/Midi									
Mobility	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
(Midi)									
Route 193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
(Midi)									
Total PVR	20	64	68 (8)	21	46	10	67	15	319
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
Midibus	1	3	5	1	1	0	3	0	14
SD	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Mobility	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
(Midi)									
Route 193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
(Mini)									
TOTAL									
Minibus	6	3	11 (2)	1	0	3	13	2	41
Midibus	14	42	46	13	21	2	44	4	186
SD	0	17	9 (6)	4	14	0	13	0	63
DD	2	3	7	5	15	7	4	0	43
Phoenix DD	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Phoenix	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SD/Midi									
Mobility	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
(Midi)									
Route 193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
(Mini)									
	BE	BN	CF	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	FLEET
TOTALS	22	70	76 (8)	23	50	12	74	17	352

First Airport

	AIRPORT BUSES	AIRPORT COACHES
TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT		
Minibus	6	3
Midibus	6	0
Coach	6	1
SPARES		
Minibus	1	1
Midibus	1	0
Coach	0	0
TOTAL ALLOCATION		
Minibus	7	4
Midibus	7	0
Coach	6	1
TOTAL	20	5

A big thank you to everyone for your help this month, we couldn't do it without you!

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809 K809 DJN Mercedes 809D/Plaxton – Recently withdrawn from service. (Dave Arnold)

ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX

New vehicles

3828 KE 03 UKK Denni Dart SLF SFD6BACR33GW87162/ Transbus
B29F5/03

Vehicles in

From Arriva the Shires (Watford) 5/03
5082 B272 LPH Leyland Olympian ONTL11/1R ON1822
 ECW 26232 H43/29F 5/85
 From Arriva London South L181/215/203/146/**242/211** 5/03
5839 D181 FYM Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH ON2508
 ECW 26506 H42/26D 10/86
5840 815 DYE Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH ON2567
 ECW 26540 H42/26D 12/86 (ex D215 FYM 8/91)
5841 D203 FYM Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH ON2545
 ECW 26528 H42/26D 11/86
5842 D146 FYM Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH ON2429
 ECW 26471 H42/26D 9/86
5843 D242 FYM Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH ON2609
 ECW 26579 H42/26D 1/87
5844 D211 FYM Leyland Olympian ONLXB/1RH ON2553
 ECW 26536 H42/26D 11/86

Vehicles out

2093/4/6-9 (M153/4/6-9 RBH): gone 4/03
 2128/32/6 (N908/12/6 ETM), 2224 (L424 CPB): Arriva the Shires ,
 Luton 2128/32/36/224 4/03
 2230/1 (M290/1 AJC), 2338 (L718 OVX), 2349 (M729 UTW),
 2351-3/5-8 (M731-3/5-8 AOO), 2362 (N742 AVW): gone 4/03
5124 (G294 UMJ): Arriva the Shires (High Wycombe) 6/03

5132 (H203 GRO): Arriva the Shires (High Wycombe u) 5/03
5385 (B183 BLG): UK North, Gorton Manchester 8/02

NOTE: 2093/4/6/7, 2338/52/3/8 were awaiting collection from
Stevenage & 2098 from Ware on 1st June 2003

Allocations

5/03: 3353/828. WE; 5115/29.u; **5839/40/2.WE; 5841/3/4.u**

Subsequent movements

2299 (G919 UPP): Dunn, Port Glasgow 1/03 ex Clarke, Port Glasgow
2309 (G924 WGS ex LAZ 5929, G924 WGS): Bailey, Blackburn 3/03
ex Astrascreen, Greenock

2348 (M728 UTW), 2359 (N739 AVW): gone from Arriva the Shires
4/03

3337 (D102 NDW): Stott, Milnsbridge , West Yorkshire 3/03 via
Lister, Bolton (dealer)

5251 (KYV 681X): Clockwork Travel, Gillingham 2/03 via Ensign,
Purfleet (dealer)

5253 (B283 WUL): Wilkinson, Staines (for preservation) 2/03 via
Ensign, Purfleet (dealer)

5257 (KYV 771X): Mee & Rees, Northfleet, Kent 2/03 via Ensign,
Purfleet (dealer)

5348 (KYV 786X): Telepages UK, Newport (XCS) 2/03 via Ensign,
Purfleet (dealer)

5370 (A988 SYF): Regal, Edgware 3/03 via Ensign, Purfleet (dealer)

5376 (MUH 286X): Gainsbury, Rainham, Essex 3/03 via Ensign,
Purfleet (dealer)

Liveries

4/03: *Arriva National* - 5836 (WLT 916 ex C816 BYY), 5837 (D187
FYM),

5838 (C 38 CHM)

5/03: *Arriva London* - 3828 (KE 03 UKK)

5/03: *Arriva National* - 5839 (D181 FYM), 5840 (815 DYE ex D215 FYM),
5841-4 (D203/146/242/211 FYM)

News in brief

3828 (KE 03 UKK) is the dedicated vehicle for service 327 (Waltham Cross - Turkey Street)

Readers will note that the acquired Leyland Olympians at Ware are retaining their centre doors.

ARRIVA Southern Counties

Comprehensive information on allocation changes has not been issued this month and we hope to have the latest news next issue.

Colchester

M.O.T's

20/05 - 3168 to Southend and 3122 to Colchester

23/05 - 613 to Southend but sustained a smashed window on its return

01/06 - 5397 to Southend and 613 to Colchester

Repaints

17/05 - 5407 to Gillingham

23/05 - 5409 to Colchester

Accidents

Friday 30 May 3422 had an accident at Headgate traffic lights, a car had jumped the traffic lights and the driver was taken to hospital.

W/c 01/06 - 5404 hit some overhanging scaffolding in East Street knocking out 3 top deck windows and causing panel damage. 3342 was damaged in the garage window and panel damage then when the shunter reversed the bus onto the pit he reversed into the bus wash (needless to say he no longer works for Arriva). On

Fares review - 1 June 2003

Basically only the cross-town £1.10 rose by 10p and the Bronze and Clipper cards were increased.

Other Operators

Hedingham & District

Y747HWT Vo/Pn is in (5.03) ex Wallace Arnold (via Transbus (q)) - fleet no. L329. It has been altered to C53F by Transbus (q).

ESSEX - Other PSV Operators

A.P.T., Rayleigh

T40APT (ex ??????) Sca/Ir is in and rereg. (by 5.03) - thought to be an ex Dunn-Line vehicle.

Andrews (South Woodham Taxis), S.Woodham Ferrers
R927GNH Fd Tt/Fd is in (by 5.03) - operates on taxi plate.

Booth (Advance Mini Buses), Hockley
SIL7048 MB/? is in (by 5.03) - identity unknown but may be N387VPB reregistered.

Brandon/Smith (Fargo), Rayne

KUC217P has gone to PVS (q), Barnsley for scrap (by 5.03)

LHE258W has gone for scrap (by 5.03)

All VRs have now gone (by 5.03)

Q475MEV (chassis ex GHJ377L) has gone to Stephenson (q), Rochford (5.03)

MBE616R is (u) (by 5.03)

P145GHE & R468YDT have gone to Moseley (q) (5.03)

YJ03GXL & YJ03GXS are new Ba FHD (in 5.03)

URN208V Ld AN/EL is in (5.03) ex Stephenson (q), Rochford (Note - this in addition to URN209V already recorded)

Bourgein (KB), Wickford

L7CCH Vo/Bf is in (by 1.03) ex PR Coaches, Southall, Gt.Lon.

Cook, Westcliff

A236KTT has gone to Eyres-Scott, Basildon (by 5.03)

Excellent Connections

EF03NWL, EF03NWN, EF03NXA & EF03NXC are Fd Tt/Fd seen 5.03 - these had 0161... (Manchester) phone nos.

EF03NXS is a further similar vehicle - location not known.

Eyres-Scott (Basildon Travel), Basildon

A236KTT Bd/Du is in (by 5.03) ex Cook, Westcliff.

K442BMO (ex A17HLC, K442BMO) Sca/Bf is in (by 5.03) - last noted with Kingston, Hockley.

Flagfinders, Braintree

HO17544 (ex E696LLR, A15LBH, E962PAJ, TTC86, E125BRG) Sca/VH is in (by 4.03) ex Holmeswood, Holmeswood, Lancs.

Greenfield (Richard's), Gt.Baddow

EY51CVC is a Fd Tt/Fd which was in by 1.03 and has been operating on a taxi plate.

Group Taxibus, Chelmsford

37 - EO03UUG is another Fd Tt/Fd (by 5.03)

20 - EJ03KZT; 21 - EU03DSZ; 22 - EU03DTF; 23 - EU03DVC are Ft Do/Ft new 5.03 (Yes - they are FIATs).

EU02OXP is a Fd Tt/Fd that was parked at the o.c. in late March and early April. It was unmarked and (as far as we are aware) was not used.

We think it safe to assume that the following have gone (by 4.03) - dates in brackets are our last sightings:-

G651PKO (1.03), G342PKR (12.02), G807SKP (1.03), G124UKJ (12.02) - all Fd Tt/Do-Cys.

M258LNR (5.02), M259LNR (10.02), W878TBC (10.02) - all LDV/LDV.

(Note: M257LNR is still here)

N105BPU (5.02), R293EVW (5.02), R678FTW (12.02), R679FTW (4.02), R698FTW (12.02), S360SNO (11.02) - all Fd Tt/Fd.

Also the following are assumed gone (by 4.03), these are thought to have been demonstration or loan vehicles (again last sightings in brackets):-

Y513GJN (1.03), Y538GJN (1.03), EY51BVU (12.02), AJ02CWN (11.02), EA02UMR (?) - all Fd Tt/Fd

Jackson, Bicknacre

BDZ5198 (ex C335UFP) has gone to Direct Coach Sales (q), Loughborough (4.03) (from advert.).

E23FLD has now definitely gone (by 5.03) - it was never used by Jackson.

Linkfast, Benfleet

B215WUL MCW/MCW is in (5.03)

Merriday (Fourways), Chelmsford

DKE350Y is (u) (3.03).

Ld ON/ArB G937FVX, H691/9PTW are all now H47/33F (altered by Ensign (q) before use by Merriday). Reregistration dates are:-

G937FVX (ex 90-D-1008) 20.3.03

H691PTW (ex 90-D-1049) 9.12.02

H699PTW (ex 90-D-1016) 18.12.02

The fourth is G981FVX (ex 90-D-1009) also now H47/33F (in 5.03)

Nelson, Wickford

The complete fleet at mid-May was:-

BIL4710 (ex J51GCX) DAF/Is

NDL652R, FDV835V, LFJ855W BI VR/ECW

C51CHM (ex EMN204U, C51CHM), C70CHM (ex EMN210U, C70CHM), C73CHM (ex EMN213U, C73CHM),

C80CHM (ex EMN203U, C80CHM) Ld ON/ECW

G253EHD DAF/Oe

G601KTX, G603KTX, G604KTX, G605KTX, G607KTX Sca/Ar

H226LOM, H228LOM, H229LOM, H241LOM, H245LOM Sca/Ar

L890UVE, L891UVE MB/ML

N811CSC MB/Ar

(Note: some of the H...LOM batch may not have been recorded)

With the exception of the VRs and L890/1UVE, all other vehicles are in the new yellow/red livery.

N811CSC has the name 'Niblet'

DNG232T, now with Ensign (q), has had the door filled in and replaced with a door in the centre of the offside.

LBD921V is also with Ensign (q).

Nicholls (P & M), Wickford

A Vo/Pn Pt 3500 is in (by 5.03) with a registration E???VTH (probably 589)

Olympian, Harlow

P546MSF MB 310D/MB-? is with this operator (by 3.03) - (Note: it was not with WG Services as we suggested at the time)

PDQ, Colchester

L865EDA Rt Mtr T35D / Rt-Jb was offered at Chelmsford auction on

2.6.03 - VIN is VF1FB30A510815930, reg. date 1.12.93 - it was

submitted as C11 - 3 single seats on the nearside had been removed.

P249UTM Fd Tt/Fd is in (by 5.03) - operates on a taxi plate.

Phillips, Pitsea

FX03GKP MB 0814 (VIN: WDB6703742N108453) /Oe (no. 1839) C..F is new (reg. date 12.5.03).

E958KDP (ex WSV479) has gone (by 5.03) - accident damage.

Seaview, Rochford

KOU796P BI VR/ECW, C964GCV MB/MB-RB & E132YUD DAF/Pn have all gone to Stevens, Southend (by 5.03) - (note: some of these may not have been booked in to Seaview).

MIL2397 (ex VHY437, 2942FH, A953TJN) has gone (by 5.03).

This operator currently has no vehicles.

Staines (Clintona), Brentwood

MX03PPV MBO814/? has been reported in (by 4.03)

EF52OKX Fd Tt/Fd is in (by 5.03)

Stevens (Saint Cloud), Southend

KOU796P BI VR/ECW, C964GCV MB/MB-RB & E132YUD DAF/Pn are all in (by 5.03) ex Seaview, Rochford.

Ward, Alresford

W542WRV LDV Cy/LDV M16 is in (by 4.03)

Waters (Town & Country), Corringham

H237LOM Sca/Ar is in (by 5.03) ex W.Midlands.

C809BYY has fleet no. 202

Willett (Eagle Line), Bulphan

N760BWF LDV 400/LDV (high) is in (by 5.03) ex Allen, Coventry, W.Mids.

K554CEG has gone to Swallow, Rainham, Gt.London.

Windmill, Gt. Bromley

W4FWS Ka S315GT-HD is in (5.03) ex Stainton, Kendal, Cumbria via Moseley (q)

ESSEX - Non-PSV Operators

Maldon Hockey Club

C906MHK is (u) - tax expired end 4.03

Miscellaneous

ULO379R (ex RIB5083, RYG767R) LN seen 5.03 parked in yard by the A120 at Stansted - owner unknown.

WBB532Y (ex NTU11Y) LN2 - this vehicle is in an unmarked beige livery (the same as E927JAR) and is thought to belong to Help Force Recruitment. It is (u) and has been parked at the Atholl Road o.c. of Group Taxibus from late 5.03. It is ex Arriva Teeside 9997 and has come via Ensign (q), Purfleet. It is understood that its original registration was acquired by a Nick Tully (N.TU11Y). It was new to Crosville as SNG11 and B48D, but was rebuilt to B52F by North Western in 1.94.

We're sorry for the large number of abbreviations used in this months section. Owing to the Sub Editors holidays, the section was totally compiled from notes kindly supplied by Dave Arnold and Colin Sigston.



With taped commentary about
the history & sights of Southend!



CitySightseeing

HopOn HopOff Stop

Seafront open top bus 67 – The Southend Tour

2003 season: Saturdays and Sundays only, July 5 to July 20
DAILY July 26 to September 3

Southend Pier, Adventure Island	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730
Westcliff Sporting Club	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1633	1733
Chalkwell Shelter	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436	1536	1636	1736
Chalkwell Station m	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1639	1739
Old Leigh, opposite The Ship	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1642	1742
Leigh Station m	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745
Highlands, Thames Dr, London Rd arrive	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750
Highlands, Thames Dr, London Rd depart	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Leigh, Rectory Grove Post Office	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501	1601	1701	1801
Leigh Broadway, Grand Hotel	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1703	1803
Chalkwell Station m	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806
Chalkwell Shelter	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1708	1808
Westcliff, Cliffs Pavilion	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1714	1814
Southend, Prittlewell Square	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818
SOUTHEND, bus station stand F, arrive	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1623	1723	1823
SOUTHEND, bus station stand F, depart	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Kursaal, Marine Parade	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1633	1733	1833
Woodgrange Drive, Southchurch Hall	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1637	1737	1837
Lifstan Way, Southchurch Park East	1141	1241	1341	1441	1541	1641	1741	1841
Shoebury Common, Uncle Toms Cabin	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547	1647	1747	1847
Shoeburyness, East Beach (near m) arrive	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1652	1752	1852
Shoeburyness, East Beach (near m) depart	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1657	1757	1857
Shoebury Common, Uncle Toms Cabin	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1802	1902
Thorpe Bay Corner	1204	1304	1404	1504	1604	1704	1804	1904
Eastern Esplanade, Sea Life Aquarium	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	1707	1807	1907
SOUTHEND, Kursaal, Marine Parade	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1809	1909
Southend Pier, Adventure Island	1213	1313	1413	1513	1613	1713	--	--
<i>Tour continues from Adventure Island at</i>	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	--	--

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The Colchester tour 2003

This year the famous tour of the historic town of Colchester will be operated by Phoenix Student Travel using open top buses in City Sightseeing colours. The service will run on Saturday/Sunday 19/20 July then daily from 26 July to 3 September. The final tours will run over the weekend of 6/7 September.

Colchester, Castle Gates	1000	1600
East Bridge	1003	1603
Greenstead Rd, Hunting Gate	1006	1606
Bourne Rd, opp Bourne Mill	1015	1615
Military Rd, Church	1018	Then 1618
St Botolphs Circus	1020	Every 1620
Shrub End Rd, Cunobelin Way	1025	Hour 1625
Colchester Zoo	1030	Until 1630
Straight Rd, Lexden	1037	1637
Lexden Rd (High School)	1045	1645
High Street, Nr Town Hall	1050	1650
Colchester, Castle Gates	1055	1655



The distinctive Citysightseeing livery will light up the streets of Colchester and Southend this summer. Stephenson's of Essex Bristol VR/ECW UWV 618 is seen at the Kersaal in Southend last summer. (Jeff Clayton)

Ensign dealer report

Your monthly guide to the latest vehicle movements

Vehicles in

From Metroline. DNL108,M1284.
From Dazed and Confused ltd, Stratford, E1 Metrobus KYV774X.
From Go North East. Olympians C521/22LJR.
From London Central T774 Q on 23/05.
From Go North East Olympians C520LJR C668LJR.
From Arriva London North M575/636/651/716
From Arriva TOLST M633.
From Isle of Man TPT Darts DMN16/17/19/20R.
From Metroline DP237.
From Mr Singh, Gravesend. Atlantean EPH222V, Fleetline RCU833S.
From LEC, Chislehurst. M223.
From Metroline DNL's 3,12,14.
From Arriva London M699
From JP Travel, Middleton Metrobus D683MHS
From Clockwork Travel, Crawley M681.
From Town and Country Metrobus GOG265W.
From JWS Travel Metroriders J936JJR,J943JJR.
From London Central T677 (Q on 19/06)
From Go North East Metrobus C762OCN Olympians C520/2LJR.
From Castor's, Romford M807.

Vehicles out

Dublin Olympian 90-D-1025 now H793PTW with Nu-Venture.
Dublin Olympians 90-D1024/36 Isle of Man Transport.
DNL108 Trustline, Harlow.
Lynx E61WDT Amberlee, Chatham.
Olympian C521LJR Clockwork , Crawley.
T445 PVS for scrap.
M247 Eastonways, Ramsgate
M1306 and T546 PVS for scrap.
Dublin Olympian 90-d-1053 now H805PTW with Kimes, Folkingham.
Dublin Olympian 90-D-1009 now G981FVX with Fourways, Chelmsford.
Dublin Olympians 90-D-1026/7 Isle of Man Tpt.
National WBB532Y Fargo,Rayne.
T1005,T774 Big Bus,London
M1215 S and M Coaches, Benfleet.

Dennis Falcons G120/1/2VDX Alec Head, Luton
Scania's H201/4/9/18/9/23/4 " " "
Atlantean EPH222V, Fleetline RCU835S RS Travel, Braintree.
Scania's J814/18HMC Irvines Coaches, Law.
Scania H239LOM Town and Country, Grays.
Condor DL22 EG4627 now G991FVX with Big Bus, London.
T1014, T1073, T677 Big Bus Co, London
Metrobus C7620CN De Courcey Travel, Coventry.
DNL106 Holloway Coaches, Scunthorpe.
National 2 FDC10X Freight Media, Banbury.
Olympians C520/2LJR Windmill Coaches, Essex.
M807 Imperial, Rainham (for spares)

For details of all the latest stock visit
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In early May, preserved Leyland National 1850 YEV 308S was out and about on a special road run over former route 152. Chris Stewart was one of the many passengers and his photo shows the bus departing Billericay station.

Essex Publicity Review

Ian Taylor rounds up the range of publicity issued by smaller operators in Essex from June to December 2002. Please note that some items are included which were issued earlier in the year, but which only came to light after the article in EBN464 had been prepared.

BEESTONS

Essex County Council (ECC) issued a yellow A4 leaflet folded to A5 dated 5th August 2002, following revisions to Village Link services 11/12/13.

BUZZ CO-OPERATIVE

Two undated double sided timetables on A4 paper were issued for routes B6 and B1/B11/B31 as a consequence of roadworks in Harlow Town Centre. These "temporary" timetables came into effect on 5th June 2002 and, although expected to last only until September, were still in force on 31st December 2002.

CHAMBERS

Service revisions on 2nd September 2002 yielded yet another double sided A4 timetable sheet similar to the two issued earlier in the year.

GATWICK FLYER

Another very standard item of publicity from this operator. For the winter, the timetable leaflet was dated 1st November 2002 to 30th April 2003, with royal blue print on white paper.

GEMINI TRAVEL

A slimline glossy leaflet for Buscycle services 150/740 dated 13th May 2002 proved difficult to obtain by post. Thanks to a member I can report it was mostly navy blue, red and white.

HAVERING COUNCIL

Following changes to service HV1 from 10th June 2002, the council produced a revised A4 size timetable sheet. TfL style panel timetables were produced for services HV1 and HV2 dated 20th September 2002. Those for HV1 and HV2 were hastily re-issued on 31st August 2002 correcting the flat fare from 60p to 70p. The council produced a photocopied A3 sheet showing the usual map for routes HV1 and HV2. This was folded to A4 with the TfL panel timetables dated 20th August 2002 reproduced on the reverse. An A4 sheet was produced by the council in similar style for route TG2, although route TG1 was not included due to its withdrawal from 30th November 2002. In the event it was reprieved. Services H4 and H5 were renumbered to HV4 & HV5, and TfL obliged with panel timetables for each route dated 1st April 2002. The council did not produce any revised publicity for either route, however, in 2002.

HEDINGHAM

A double-sided yellow A4 entitled "Days Out 2002" included a timetable for route 602. ECC provided a pink A5 leaflet for Village Link route 2 dated 5th August 2002, whilst a green A5 leaflet dated 31st March 2002 included Hedingham's Sunday evening journeys on route 10 and 11 as well as the First daytime service.

JWS TRAVEL

A yellow A4 leaflet folded to A5 and dated 22nd July 2002 included a timetable for route 374. There was also a version on white paper which included route 320 as well. A single sided A5 leaflet gave details of how children could obtain a free swim at Impulse Leisure during July/August in conjunction with travel on route 374. An undated navy blue on white A5 was produced for the revisions to routes 320/374 on 9th November 2002.

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

This Parish Council, in conjunction with Essex and Suffolk County Councils, produced a twice-folded mauve leaflet dated 28th October 2002. It detailed changes to services from this date, and included summaries of bus services from Langham to Ipswich and Colchester provided by Arriva, First, Carter's and Chambers'.

LOCALLINK

An A4 leaflet folded to A5 was issued dated 11th November 2002, following revisions to services 210/410/710. Navy blue print was used on white paper throughout. A black on yellow A5 leaflet was issued for "Route One" in Harlow, also from 11th November 2002, whilst a leaflet was produce for the 701 shoppers' bus to Lakeside and Bluewater which started on 23rd November. However I was unable to secure a copy of either leaflet.

LODGE

A blue A4 leaflet folded to A5 was produced by ECC for routes 1 and 2 dated 2nd December 2002.

LONDON TRANSIT

ECC produced a blue A5 leaflet for route 318 dated 8th August 2002, and similar route 17 dated 3rd April 2002.

MALCOLM'S BLUE BUS SERVICES

An undated white single-sided A4 sheet was issued for route 130, for the change on 27th May 2002. This was the old Hedingham publicity but with a footer reading: "This service is provided by Malcolm's Blue Bus Services. Hedingham Omnibuses are not responsible for reliability or operation of the above service".

REGAL BUSWAYS

ECC issued pink A5 leaflets for services 211/212 and 213, both dated 5th August 2002. There was also a pink folded to A5 for routes 381/382 dated 30th November 2002.

STEPHENSON'S OF ESSEX

A revised version of the leaflet for London Link services X1, X2, X10 and X11 appeared for the changes of 22nd July 2002. An orange A4 leaflet folded to A5 was produced by the operator for shopper services 200/210 which began week commencing 2nd December 2002. (Revisions from 12th February 2003 led to the production of a very similar leaflet using yellow paper). ECC produced a blue A4 leaflet folded to A5 dated 25th November 2002 for routes 60/560. This included all journeys provided by Stephenson's and Arriva. In addition Stephenson's issued a single-sided black on white A4 sheet entitled "Rush hour and Saturday buses for Cane don and Stambridge". This showed only Stephenson's-worked journeys together with details of a £10 weekly ticket available from drivers.

STORT VALLEY COACHES

There was a timetable revision on 5th June 2002 which was not widely reported although a TfL panel (T4166) was produced. The Start Hill to Stansted Airport section (i.e. the garage journeys) was no longer public and the 12.00 (Friday), 18.00 (M-F) 620s to London and their returns at 19.55 and 22.00 from Victoria were withdrawn. The on 4th November 2002 a more drastic withdrawal meant there were now only five journeys each way in each peak. Service numbers 600/10/20/40/41 were no longer used in favour of 601-605. The one journey each way on Saturdays still runs as a 620. A black on white A4 leaflet folded to A5 was produced for the revisions of 4th November. For the record, Capital Connect 630 (Braintree to Victoria) still operates to the inaugural timetable of 10th December 2001, and a single-sided A4 timetable leaflet is available.

TOWN & COUNTRY BUSES

An A5 leaflet for the revised 364 in Thurrock from 9th November 2002 was seen posted at bus stops in Lakeside, but I have been unable to obtain one for review.

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1800

2607

1336

2208

1503

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1800	TJN499R	Leyland National
2208	EAM613	Bristol K
2226	CHJ255	K
2227	CHJ256	K
2253	DJN610	K
2607	BNX669B	FLF

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