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Upper picture
XNV 882S Bristol VRT operated by United Counties new in 1978, passed to Milton Keynes CityBus in January 1986. In October 1986 the bus passed to Eastern National as 3209, transferred to Thamesway in July 1990 until withdrawn in July 1991 and passed to Fords Coaches. Now in preservation, it was seen at the recent Stagecoach Bedford Open Day on Saturday 10 August on the occasion of a century of continuous use as an operational depot. On 11 April 1930 Eastern National Omnibus Co Ltd officially took responsibility for Bedford depot until 1 May 1952 where the Midlands area was transferred to United Counties.
Paul Harvey.



Lower picture
Chambers newly acquired 454 YTH LVF on layover in Colchester High Street
31 Aug 2019.
Mark Lloyd.

Front Cover Picture.

Trustybus Harlow YP59 OES on route 420 Ongar at Two Brewers Ongar 8 August 2019, new in 2010, Scania N230UD/Omnicity H63D ex-London United SP157, showing off its newish Capital Connect livery.

Robert Downton.

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Mr M J Lodge of Writtle - 1147

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The Running Card (Dates For Your Diary) compiled by Owen Woodliffe.

MID-ESSEX MEETINGS by Maurice Austin.

Quaker Meeting House, corner of Parkway and Rainsford Road, Chelmsford, less than 10 minutes walk from the Bus and Rail stations; continue along Duke Street past Civic Centre and cross to far side of Parkway.

Small car park on site **but now only accessible via Parkway and Cedar Road West**, other public car parks nearby. Tea and coffee making facilities. Members and guests welcome. £2.00 donation towards cost of room hire, please.

Thursday 26 September Owen Woodliffe Anniversary & Centenary Events.

Thursday 24 October Alan Osborne Islands.

Thursday 28 November Philip Kirk the Bus Archive.

Thursday 12 December Richard Delahoy 20 years ago.

Dates for 2020; 23 January, 27 Feb, 26 Mar, 23 April, 28 May, 25 June, 23 July, 24 September, 22 October, 26 November, 10 December.

NORTH ESSEX MEETINGS by Dave Arnold.

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 informal chat, and often an impromptu slide show, with the main talk or show from 1945 to 2145. **£3.00** donation towards room hire, please.

Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome.

Friday 13 September Trevor Brookes.

Friday 11 October tba.

Friday 8 November Steve Maskell.

Friday 13 December Alan Moore, Malta since 1991 plus Hong Kong since 2002.

A Blast From The Past

Paul Harvey.



Compare with August's BFTP and p25 this month's; Eastern National WNO 979 open top Bristol KSW ECW 2383 seen during the summer of 1989 at Southend Central Bus Station operating seafront service 67. This was the spare bus and was based at Hadleigh Depot.

Paul Harvey.

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The Running Card (Dates For Your Diary), continued, by Owen Woodliffe.

EVENTS

Sat/Sun 21/22 Sept Trolley Weekend EATM. After dark running Sat. www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk
Sunday 22 Sept Amberley Museum Autumn Bus Rally & Running Day. www.amberleymuseum.co.uk
Sunday 22 Sept Northampton Transport Heritage Classic bus services Market Sq. www.NTHeritage.org
Fri-Sun 27-29 Sept Epping-Ongar Railway. Marking closure of line 25 years ago. www.eorailway.co.uk

Saturday 28 Sept Delaine Heritage Running Day. www.delaineheritagetrust.org
Sunday 29 Sept Showbus International. Hertfordshire Showground, Redbourne. www.showbus.com
Saturday 5 October Ipswich Transport Museum. Classic Vehicles Day. www.ipswichtransportmuseum.co
Saturday 12 October Transport Bazaar Theydon Bois Village Hall.

Sunday 13 October Big Wheels 2019 Canvey Transport Museum. www.castlepointtransportmuseum.co.uk
Saturday 19 October Wheels By Lamplight. 1730 - 2100 Ipswich Transport Museum.
Sunday 20 October Transportfest – The AEC Story London Bus Museum, Brooklands
Saturday 26 October Halloween Event. 1500 - 2100. East Anglian Transport Museum Carlton Colville

Saturday 2 November Aldenham Transport Spectacular. Allum Lane, Elstree & Borehamwood.
Sunday 3 November Transport Festival Lincolnshire Transport Museum. www.ltvs.org.uk

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 or altered.



Preserved former Eastern National 480 (1402) 217 MHK, 1959 Bristol MW5G/ECW DP41F at Essex Bus Rally, Barleylands, 27 July 2019.

Robert Downton.

The Wanderer returns – 50 years late!

Richard Delahoy explains the celebrations at ONO 59's return to The Elms pub in Leigh

We've featured the restoration of former Eastern National Bristol K5G ONO59 in previous issues. To recap briefly, the bus was new in 1949 as 4038 (later 1327 and finally 2255) and led a routine life with EN before being sold to the Lincolnshire dealer Sid Twell in autumn 1966. But Sid never collected it from the Maldon graveyard as a group of seven lads from Essex wanted to buy a double deck bus to try something no-one had attempted before – to circumnavigate the globe in a double decker!

They examined three Ks stored at Maldon and selected ONO 59, paying Sid the princely sum of £150 for her - and he gave them £5 back as a discount towards the trip. The interior was stripped out and converted to living/cooking/sleeping quarters. Once completed, the bus was parked at The Elms pub on the London Road in Leigh for some weeks before the epic trip started on 27 January 1967, aided by a £50 donation from the then owner of the pub.

Their ground-breaking trip was to last almost three years, taking the bus through Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia & New Zealand, Central America and the US, before the bus arrived back in the UK (via Antwerp) and ended up dumped at Battlesbridge, from where it was rescued by the Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Society and towed to Lincoln. The LVVS then rallied the bus as a support/tender vehicle until the 1980s when she was laid up, awaiting the magnificent restoration completed over the last few years.

But there was one piece of unfinished business. The adventure had started from the car park of The Elms, but the bus never went back there – until now. On Bank Holiday Monday, Colin Hodgkin and Steve Milner of the LVVS set off from Lincoln for a slow drive to Essex, via Sleaford, Kings Lynn, Bury St Edmunds, Halstead and Chelmsford, being met en-route by some of the “magnificent seven” who'd travelled on the bus, for the final leg into south Essex.





<<< picture left. Emerging from the cab just as he would have done thousands of times during the trip, a beaming Ron Sverdlhoff was the originator of the idea of the round the world tour and the trip's navigator. **Colin Hodgkin/LVVS.**

After overnight garaging at Arriva Southend and a trip out to Battlesbridge, the bus was back on the pub forecourt on Tuesday 27 August, finally bringing her back home to where it all had started – only 50 years late! That day and the next, ONO stood on the pub forecourt with most of the original travellers and their families and friends there to see the bus. Display boards and ephemera told the story and the bus attracted huge interest, including an interview on BBC Essex. On Tuesday evening, she was also joined by PTW 110, the Bristol L6B coach preserved at the Canvey Transport Museum. A number of former EN staff also showed up to see the bus and share their memories.

If you'd like to read more about the epic trip (round the world that is, not Lincoln to Leigh by the slow roads!), I can strongly recommend the website www.essexbusboys.com which has photos, maps, a lengthy (but incomplete) diary and a pdf copy of the 17-page article that appeared in the LVVS magazine The Conrod last winter. And hopefully, ONO will be running once again at the LVVS open day on 3 November. Perhaps we'll see you there?



Lower picture

As the pub sign shows, The Elms is now a Wetherspoons. ONO looks resplendent standing in the pub car park, a restoration that is a credit to the volunteers at the LVVS.

Richard Delahoy.

Count to 12 – a follow up to Richard Delahoy's article.

Chris Stewart

Reference to 'The Years Between' (Crawley, Simpson and MacGregor) indicates the following three-digit route numbers with suffix letters were used by EN:

101A, 101B, 103A, 104A, 104B, 107A, 113A, 114A, 115A, 118A, 119A, 119B, 120A, 123A and 126A.

Post-World War 2, and therefore into the era of three-track number blinds, those which remained were:

101A	Clacton – St Osyth – Point Clear (until 9/62)
101B	Clacton – St Osyth Beach (until 6/64)
114A	Clacton town circular (until 9/62)
115A	Jaywick – Holland-on-Sea (until 9/63)
119A	Harwich – Dovercourt (latterly Transit Camp) (until 9/63)
120A	Dovercourt Station – Holiday Camp (until 1968 at the latest, but not shown in timetables)
123A	Clacton – Weeley – Marks Tey (1950/51 only).

From May 1968, journeys to and from Yeoman's Works in Valley Road, which again do not appear to have been published in timetables, were numbered 114A (to Jaywick Sands) and 126A (to Clacton), with the 126A mutating into the 113A from September 1968 and extended through to Jaywick (Tudor Estate).

It was fortuitous, then, that Paul Bateson took his camera to Clacton on 19 June 1963 with a view to photographing the Southern Vectis Bristol K5Gs hired for the summer. He says a supervisor instructed him to stop taking photographs (yes, even back then) but he nevertheless managed to capture LD5G 1454 (882 CEV) – renumbered 2423 the following year – in the Bus Station having worked a short 115A during the last season that route number was used. The 115A had, it seems, operated from Jaywick to Holland-on-Sea via Marine Parade in 1932-33, was revived via the railway and bus stations from 1947-55 and restarted again in 1958 (with various slight route changes along the way). It ran daily, mostly hourly, for the summer only – commencing 1 June in 1963.



Picture, as described above

Paul Bateson

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Paul also captured MW5G 465 (202 MHK), later 1307, off the 109 but making use of the '10' on the first track. Note the ex-Moore's Guy alongside and Southern Vectis K5G just in shot, not to mention SC4LK 427 (604 JPU) next to the LD.

I'm obviously happy to be corrected on any of the above or for any further information, and (not being local to Clacton) what was Yeoman's Works? Meanwhile grateful thanks to Paul Bateson for supplying the photos, which (along with many others) are on his Flickr site.



Picture Route 9? No, it is 10 | 9! **Paul Bateson.**



Ian Ransom with thanks to Adam Barham

The new school term sees Panther operating three new school routes serving Manningtree High School on behalf of 24 x 7 and three new school routes to Ipswich School, i.e.

1 from Dedham, 1 from Raydon/East Bergholt and 1 from West Bergholt.

Route 1 to Manningtree is usually operated by DAF DB250/East Lancs DC52 PAN.

Vehicle changes

Enviro 200 YX10 BGK is now being prepared for fleet.

Enviro 200 YX10 BGO is now painted and fully operational.

The main service bus operational fleet is now Enviro 200 with two Darts and a Primo as spare.

Service Revisions

by Paul Harvey.

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

Highlights and Lowlights of the Period.

- § Viceroy give up bus services to concentrate on coaching and contract work.
- § many new school year service changes and some to connect with revised train services
- § First thins Saturday early and late services but introduces innovations such as 36 minor re-routing after years of stability , additional 71Xs to utilise dead school runs and improves core frequencies, including some on Saturdays.

22 August 19

- HHP&R Holland Haven Car Park to Clacton Seafront Anglefield (ThF) **Go Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)**
- Special Park & Ride service for Clacton Airshow on 22 & 23 August only.

31 August 19

- 20 Walthamstow to Debden (D) **CT Plus**
- Revised timetable to improve reliability.

1 September 19

- 7/8 Clacton to Walton (D) **First Essex**
- One evening journey Mon to Sat and Sunday service withdrawn.
- 9 Basildon to Warley (M-S) **First Essex**
- Revised timetable.
- 9A Shenfield to Brentwood Knights Way (M-F) **First Essex**
- The 0800 from Knights Way to operate at 0755 and extended from Shenfield to Warley via Brentwood.
- 20 Hullbridge to Southend (D) **First Essex**
- Minor timetable revisions on Mon to Fri with a revised timetable on Saturdays. The core frequencies of the service will be every 15 minutes Mon to Fri, every 20 mins on Saturdays & every 30 minutes on Sundays.
- 21/21B Southend to Canvey Newlands (D) **First Essex**
- Revised timetable operating every 30 mins Mon to Fri with additional journeys in the peak period. Revised Saturday t,t.
- 22 Canvey Leigh Beck to Basildon (D) **First Essex**
- Revised timetable on Saturdays, core frequencies of the service will be every 15 mins Mon to Fri, every 20 mins Saturdays and every 30 mins Sundays.
- 24 Southend to Southchurch (M-S) **First Essex**
- Minor revision to Mon to Fri timetable with additional journey at 0756 from Southend while the 2026 journey from Southend withdrawn. Revised timetable on Saturdays with improved level of service operating up to every 20 mins.
- 25 Basildon to Southend (D) **First Essex**
- Revised Mon to Fri morning peak timetable to improve reliability.
- 26 Hadleigh to Southchurch (M-S) **First Essex**
- Revised Mon to Fri timetable with additional journey at 0812 from Southchurch. Revised evening timetable. The Saturday timetable will be improved to operate up to every 20 mins.
- 27 Canvey Leigh Beck to Southchurch (D) **First Essex**
- Minor timetable revisions to Mon to Fri timetable and revised timetable on Saturdays. The core frequencies of the service will be every 15 mins Mon to Fri, every 20 mins Saturdays and every 30 mins Sundays.
- 28 Southend to Basildon (D) **First Essex**
- Minor changes to Mon to Fri timetable and revised timetable on Saturdays. The core frequencies of the service will be every 15 mins Mon to Fri, every 20 mins Saturdays and every 30 mins Sunday.
- 31/31B/31C/31X Chelmsford to Burnham (M-S) **First Essex**
- Minor changes to Mon to Fri timetable with additional journey at 0615 from Chelmsford to Maldon. The Saturday early morning & early evening timetable is revised with a number of journeys withdrawn.
- 36 Chelmsford to South Woodham (D) **First Essex**
- Revised Mon to Sat timetable. The service will operate via Broughton Road throughout the late afternoon/early evening on Mon to Fri. Some journeys will divert via the western section of Inchbonnie Road as 36A. One early evening journey to Chelmsford omits Baddow Road and is numbered 36B. Saturday early evening timetable is revised.
- 40 Broomfield Hospital to Boreham (M-S) **First Essex**
- Revised Mon to Sat early morning and early evening timetable.

1 September 2019 continued

42/42A/42B	Galleywood to Broomfield Hospital/Stansted Airport/Braintree (D)	First Essex
	Revised daily timetable with some 42B journeys revised to replace early and late service 70 journeys on Mon to Sat extending from Braintree to Marks Farm. Revised Saturday timetable providing service every 10 minutes to Broomfield Hospital with one journey per hour continuing to Stansted Airport as 42A and one journey per hour to Braintree as 42B. Journeys which terminate at Barnard Road Galleywood extended to the Barnard Road Co-op stop.	
45	Moulsham Lodge to Writtle (D)	First Essex
	Revised early morning Mon to Fri and early morning/late afternoon Saturday timetable.	
51	Channels to Great Baddow Maltings Estate (M-S)	First Essex
	Revised Mon to Fri evening timetable with improve service between Chelmsford & Channels. One late afternoon journey towards Maltings Estate omits Vineyards is numbered 51A.	
54/56	Beaulieu Park to North Melbourne (D)	First Essex
	The evening 54 journeys which terminate at Beaulieu Park are extended to Goldenacres. Revised Saturday early morning timetable. Sunday daytime timetable revised to improve reliability.	
57/57A/57B/57C	Beaulieu Park to Galleywood (D)	First Essex
	Minor timing changes to early morning journeys which start at Armistic Avenue. Revised Saturday early morning/late afternoon timetable. Evening journeys which terminate at White Hart Lane are extended to Brackenden Drive.	
62/62A/62B	Colchester to Brightlingsea (D)	First Essex
	The Mon to Fri timetable is revised to provide improve links to Colne School Brightlingsea. Two afternoon journeys from Colchester will serve Bateman Road in Brightlingsea on schooldays.	
70	Chelmsford to Colchester via Braintree (D)	First Essex
	Revised Mon-Sat timetable with some early and late journeys between Chelmsford & Braintree replaced by service 42B journeys.	
71/71A/71C	Chelmsford to Colchester via Witham (D)	First Essex
	Revised Mon to Sat timetable to improve reliability. Additional 71X journeys operate on schooldays.	
71B	Chelmsford to Boreham/Witham (M-F)	First Essex
	Revised timetable with two morning and two evening journeys extended to/from Witham.	
74A	Colchester to Clacton (Sun)	<i>Service withdrawn.</i> First Essex
75B	Colchester to University of Essex (M-S)	First Essex
	Revised Saturday timetable operating every 60 mins.	
97/98	Colchester to Walton via Clacton (M-S)	First Essex
	On Mon to Fri the 1800 departure from Colchester to Clacton will operate as service 98 and then continue as service 97 from Clacton to Walton. Introduction of Sunday timetable replacing services 7, 8 & 74A.	
99	Clacton to Holland (Sun)	<i>Service withdrawn.</i> First Essex
100	Chelmsford to Lakeside (D)	First Essex
	Revised timetable with core frequencies of the service will be every 15 mins Mon to Fri, every 20 mins Saturday and every 30 mins Sundays. The Mon to Sat mid evening service to and from Lakeside is improved. Additional journeys introduced on Sunday mornings and evenings.	
103/104	Colchester to Harwich (M-S)	First Essex
	Revised off peak Mon to Sat timetable to operate at a reduced frequency. Additional 104 journey introduced during the Mon to Fri peak service to Colchester and the evening peak timetable revised.	
351	Chelmsford to Brentwood (D)	First Essex
	Revised Mon to Sat early morning and late afternoon/early evening timetable. The 2005 from Chelmsford to Brentwood & withdrawn.	
502	Shenfield to Southend High School for Boys (Sch)	First Essex
	School service withdrawn, section between Billericay & Westcliff/Southend replaced by new service 625 (updated information).	
511	Billericay to Southend High School for Boys (Sch)	First Essex
	School service withdrawn, replaced by new service 725 (updated information).	
512	Chelmsford to Southend High School for Boys (Sch)	First Essex
	School service withdrawn, replaced by new services 625 & 725 (updated information)	
561	Basildon to Chelmsford Patching Hall Lane (Sch)	First Essex
	Afternoon journey will terminate at Billericay Station.	
620	Epping to Ingatestone (Sch)	First Essex
	Service revised to additionally serve Abridge, Theydon Bois, Ongar & Wyatts Green as part replacement for withdrawn svce 689.	
625	Chelmsford to Southend High School for Boys (Sch)	First Essex
	New school service replacing withdrawn services 502 & 512 (updated information).	

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- 725 Basildon to Southend High School for Boys (Sch)
New school service replacing withdrawn services 502 & 511 (updated information).
First Essex
- 820 Hullbridge to Rayleigh Sweyn School (Sch)
Afternoon service revised with one journey instead of two.
First Essex
- 825 Basildon to Southend High School (Sch)
School service will extend to and from Southend Travel Centre.
First Essex

2 September 19

- 667 Ilford to Chigwell West Hatch School (Sch)
Revision to timetable with new journey introduced in the afternoon.
Go-Ahead London
- 689 Debden Station to Ingatestone (Sch)
School service withdrawn with revise service 620 as part replacement (updated information).
First Essex
- CFP&R Chelmer Valley P&R to Sandon P&R (M-S)
Revision to timetable with the introduction of an additional school day journey at 1605 Chelmsford Victoria Road to Sandon P&R.
First Essex

3 September 19

- 3 Harwich to Clacton (D)
The 1455 from Clacton & 1555 from Harwich will operate 5 mins later Mon to Sat.
Go Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
- 4/4A Jaywick to Clacton Shopping Centre/Bocking Elm (D)
Revisions to timetable affecting afternoon and evening journeys.
Go Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
- 91 Tollesbury to Witham (M-S)
The 0840 Witham to Tollesbury on schooldays will operate at 0854 and terminate at Tiptree.
Go Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
- 134 Clacton to Holland (M-S)
The extra summer journeys withdrawn with service reverting to winter timetable.
Go Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
- 137 Clacton to Clacton Shopping Village (D)
Minor timetable revisions to afternoon journeys. Additional journeys to operate on 22 & 23 August in connection with Clacton Air Show.
Go Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)



Hedingham Scania 816 YN 55 PZX on Route 137 the feeder service from the car park at Clacton Village Shopping Outlet. **Alan Moore.**

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901	Mount Bures to Colchester Stanway School (Sch) New school service replacing closed school service 1.	Go-Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
902	Little Horkesley to Colchester Stanway School (Sch) New school service replacing closed school service 2.	Go-Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
903	Kelvedon to Colchester Stanway School (Sch) New school service replacing closed school service 3.	Go-Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
904	Great Wigborough Billeys Farm to Colchester Stanway School (Sch) New school service replacing closed school service 4.	Go-Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)
DAN001	Bicknacre to Middle Borough Colchester (Sch) New school service.	Flagfinders
GTB001	Chelmsford Lodge Road to Colchester Schools (Sch) School service withdrawn.	Group Taxibus Ltd
GTNOT2	Rayne to Notley High School (Sch) School service withdrawn.	Flagfinders
HALCON 2 (C)	Halstead White Horse Avenue to Coggeshall Honeywood School (Sch) Revision to route and timetable.	Flagfinders
HOOLNE 1 (D)	Colne Engaine to Coggeshall Honeywood School (Sch) Revision to timetable.	Flagfinders
HONYB 1 (K)	Braintree to Coggeshall Honeywood School (Sch) Revision to timetable.	Flagfinders
RAYNOT 1 (E)	Rayne to Notley High School (Sch) Revision to route and timetable.	Flagfinders
X76	Jawick to Colchester (M-S) Mon to Fri afternoon journeys will call at Pier Avenue en-route to Jawick. Minor timetable revisions introduced.	Go-Ahead Konnect Bus (Hedingham)



Robert Downton.

5 September 19

27 Socketts Heath to Hassenbrook Academy (Sch)
Revision to timetable.

Ensignbus

9 September 19

508 Great Dunmow to Colchester Norman Way (Sch)
Revision to route and timetable, service withdrawn between Great Dunmow & Stebbing due to the temporary closure of Stebbing High Street.

First Essex

509 Little Dunmow to Colchester Norman Way (Sch)
Revision to route and timetable service extended to/from Great Dunmow due to the temporary closure of Stebbing High Street.

First Essex

12 September 19

25 Purfleet to Stifford Clays (Sch) Revision to timetable.

Ensignbus

14 September 19

498 Brentwood to Romford (D)
Revision to timetable to allow additional running time on Mon to Fri during school term.

Stagecoach London

22 September 19

59/590 Saffron Walden to Audley End Station (M-F)
Service withdrawn and replaced by Stephenson's of Essex with no change of timetable.

Viceroy of Essex

23 September 19

COG1 Coggeshall to Kelvedon (M-F)
Revision to timetable to connect with train service.

Coggeshall Community Bus



Ensignbus, Purfleet, 405, LX19EAW 2019 - BCI Enterprise/BCI DPH80F at Essex Bus Rally Barleylands, 27 July 2019. **Robert Downton.**
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Chelmsford Park & Ride Consultation January 2019

Closed 22 March 2019

Essex County Council is reviewing the ticketing options and fares offered and days of opening for the Chelmsford Park and Ride Services.

OUTCOME The consultation is being assessed.

Consultation on proposals for a review of Essex County Council's supported Evening and Sunday local bus services - Consultation December 2018

Closed 22 March 2019

Essex County Council (ECC) is reviewing the way it supports local bus services which operate on evenings and Sundays and carried out a public consultation. The consultation also included proposals regarding delivering ECC services differently and devolving ECC funded local bus services to communities.

Update - 15 July 2019: Proposed evening and Sunday bus service changes

Following the recent consultation carried out on evening and Sundays services operated under contract to Essex County Council we have created a page to present the timetables showing the journeys currently operated on those contracts which are colour coded to highlight the journeys that may be affected by the changes.

The timetables are available <https://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/getting-around/bus/bus-service-changes.aspx>

OUTCOME The consultation is being assessed.

Park & Ride Concessionary Bus Pass Consultation May 2019

Closed 31 July 2019

Consultation on changes to the use of Concessionary Bus Passes on Essex County Council run Park and Ride services only from April 2020.

OUTCOME The consultation is being assessed.



Heddingham 524, LX05 EZG, an out of service Volvo B7TL/Wright Gemini followed by a Park and Ride AD E200, SK15 GXU and First Essex 65683, YS03 ZKH Scania L94UB/Wright Solar all grinding up North Hill, Colchester on 8 August.

Ken Coldwell. EBN665p13

Acquired Vehicles

30954	YJ51 RDO	YV3S3G5132A001851	0149/1	H49/27F	12/01	First York 5809
32064	W224 XBD	YV3S2C611YC000444	0009/25	H49/27F	07/00	First Leicester 224
32629	KP54 KAX	YV3S2G6215A103516	H670	H45/29F	02/05	First Northampton

Acquired from First Eastern Counties (Great Yarmouth) on 1 September 2019 in exchange for 32480, 32481 and 32651 (see Disposals below). All are Volvo B7TLs, 30954 has Transbus ALX400 bodywork, 32064 has Alexander ALX400 bodywork and 32629 has Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini bodywork. 32629 is still in Barbie livery, the other two are in Urban. 32064 still has "Great Yarmouth" main fleet names (on lower side panels) and depot stickers. 32629 fills a gap in a sequence of vehicles First Essex previously acquired from First Leicester, 32628, 32631, 32640-2. 32064 entered service on route 62 on 2nd, 32629 entered service the same day on routes 88 & 75B. 30954 was on route 64A on 4th, although it is likely that it was in service on the 2nd and / or 3rd but with another vehicle's ticket machine.

44908	YX09 AFV	SFD151AR28GY11053	8241/4	B28F	03/09	First Glasgow (Number 2)
44909	YX09 AFY	SFD151AR28GY11054	8241/5	B28F	03/09	First Glasgow (Number 2)
44910	YX09 AFZ	SFD151AR28GY11055	8241/6	B28F	03/09	First Glasgow (Number 2)
44913	YX09 AGV	SFD151AR28GY11058	8241/9	B28F	03/09	First Glasgow (Number 2)
44914	YX09 AGZ	SFD151AR28GY11059	8241/10	B28F	03/09	First Glasgow (Number 2)
44915	YX09 AHA	SFD151AR28GY11060	8241/11	B28F	03/09	First Glasgow (Number 2)

Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 Dart / Enviro 200, 8.9m. Collected from First West of England's Bath depot on 1 September. 44908-10 are for Basildon and are in Urban livery, 44913-15 are for Chelmsford and are still in Barbie livery. These join the only other "mini" Enviro 200 in the fleet, 44900. First reports in service: 44908 on route 8 on 2 September; 44909 on 200 (2nd); 44910 on 8A (3rd); 44913 on 71 (3rd); 44915 on 31X & 47 (3rd).

A correction to EBN664. The report of 66848 on routes 31B/X was an error, and so this bus entered service on route 100 on the afternoon of 5 August. 66863 was seen parked at the back of Basildon depot on 15 August then in Westway workshops two days later, whilst 66860 was parked at the back behind Westway depot. 66863 returned to Basildon on 20th and entered service on route 8 the next day. 66860 entered service on routes 71 & 70 on 23 August. 66846, 66848, 66861 and 66863 had "First Greater Manchester" with f symbol above the doors, seen on 24, 27, 14 & 15 August respectively, but by 30th, 66846, 66861 and 66863 had had the "Greater Manchester" part replaced with "Essex". 66860 just had "First" with f symbol. 66848 was the only one with depot stickers, for Bolton. None have main fleet names.



First Essex
67779, 2
013 ADL
Dart
E30D/ADL
Enviro 200
B41F
ex-First
Scotland
East at
Barleylands
Rally on 27
July 2019.
**Robert
Downton.**

Allocation Changes BN-Basildon; CF-Chelmsford; CR-Colchester; HH-Hadleigh; DS-Driving School; FG-First Group cascade (to / from another First company); oos-out of service.

Period 5 2019/20 (28 July - 24 August)

30894 Pool (HH)-HH, 32631 CF-CF (oos), 32651 CF-FG, 33073 BN-HH, 33081 HH-HH (oos), 33188 BN (oos)-BN, 33190 BN-HH, 33229 BN-BN (oos), 33558 BN (oos)-BN, 37139 CR (oos)-CR, 41494 BN-BN (oos), 41514 BN-BN (oos), 43846 CF (oos)-CF, 47658 BN (oos)-BN, 60651 CR(DS) loan-CF(DS) loan-Returned off loan, 65684 CR-CR (oos), 66807 CR (oos)-CR, 66819 BN (oos)-BN, 66846 CF (oos)-BN, 66848 CF (oos)-BN, 66860 CF (oos)-CF, 66861 FG-BN, 66863 FG-BN, 69901 BN (oos)-BN, 69904 BN-BN (oos)

30894 is now officially a Hadleigh vehicle again, replacing 33081. 33081, 33229 and 65684 are all out of service with blown engines. 33081's last day of service was 14 August. It was seen in Hadleigh yard on 22nd with its front LED destination, gearbox, engine and front panel removed. Its six-month old gearbox has been fitted to HH33134. 33229's last day of service was 13 August. Since then it has been parked at the back of Basildon yard. 65684's last day of service was 15 August, it is now being stripped for spares at Quayside. Of the four Presidents that moved from Hadleigh to Basildon in Period 3, 33073 & 33190 have now returned and 33133 followed on 29 August (a Period 6 transfer). The fourth was 33229.

Disposals 32480 & 32481 to First Eastern Counties at Ipswich on 1 September 2019. They (plus 32651 which went to Ipswich last month) are required at Ipswich for service revisions from the start of September; Ipswich depot cannot accommodate full height double deckers. 30954, 32064 and 32629 were acquired in exchange (see above).

Repaints & Advert 69516 arrived back at Hadleigh from repaint on 13 August. Unusually, this was repainted at Mardens rather than Westway. It has retained its silver f symbols either side of the front destination screen and its silver small "f First Essex" above the rear windows (it does not have magenta f symbol and "Essex" on rear window). It has small "First Essex" with f symbol above driver's cab & doors and depot stickers both sides but no main fleet names. 69517 returned to Hadleigh from repaint at Westway on 27 August. It has small "First Essex" with f symbol above the driver's cab & doors, main "Essex" fleet names on cove panels both sides and depot stickers both sides. 69520 was seen at Hadleigh on 17 August with its vinyls removed in preparation for repaint but continued in service until 30 August before going for repaint on 2 September. CF32642 has gained a new super rear advert for a holiday property company, Parkdean Resorts, first seen on 15 August.

Barbie Livery The withdrawal from service of 65684 reduced the number of vehicles in Barbie livery to six, 41541 & 66821 at Basildon and 65677, 65679, 65681 & 65682 at Colchester. However, the acquisition of 32629, 44913, 44914 & 44915 unexpectedly increased the number back into double figures, as well as re-introducing Barbie livery at Westway, although 44914 has not yet been seen in service so it is possible that it went straight for repaint when acquired.

Destination Displays

Some additional notes to expand on information in recent EBNs. On older displays with scrolling via points, route numbers at the front & rear are three pixels wide, destinations and scrolling via points at the front are two pixels wide. Destinations are on the top line, with scrolling via points (including the word "via") on the second line. Colchester depot still has this type of display, seen on 3 September. In contrast, Chelmsford depot now almost universally has the new layout without scrolling via points. In a one-hour visit to the bus station on 15 August, only one bus was seen with scrolling vias, 44551 on route 32. The new displays continue to have route numbers at the front & rear that are three pixels wide and destinations at the front that are two pixels wide, but the via points at the front are now only one pixel wide. The new displays still generally have the destination on the top line and via points on the second. One, two and three via displays have been seen; when there is more than one, the display switches between each after a few seconds. The word "via" can either be at the end on the top line or at the beginning of the second, depending where it best fits (in both cases one pixel wide). Occasionally, the second line can be used to give additional information about the final destination. As an example, on route 36, "South Woodham" is the fixed destination on the top line with "via Gt Dunmow, Danbury" and "via Bicknacre" alternating on the second line, but on Sundays when the route is extended beyond the town centre, the second line has a third display "Marsh Farm" which is two pixels wide as it is part of the ultimate destination. Similarly, route 71B has "Chelmer Village" fixed on the top line, with "New Dukes Way" two pixels wide as part of the final destination alternating with "via Chelmer Village Way" one pixel wide on the second line. Some further new destination displays were programmed in over the weekend of 31 August - 1 September for the service changes from the latter date. At at least Chelmsford & Basildon, the two line "Sorry Not In Service" has been replaced by a one line "Not in service". There is also a new one-line "Staff Bus" for buses used as driver shuttles at Chelmsford. Meanwhile, on route 9, 47657 & 47658 were seen on 31 August with an updated ultimate display of "Brentwood & Warley" (similar to the one now used on the last Monday to Saturday 351 journeys). On the same day, 47650 was still showing the previous "Warley, Eagle Way". It had the new alternating via points, but on its return journey it had the old scrolling via point display, "via Hutton, Billericay and Outwood Common". Another unusual display was seen on 44543 on route 32 on 30 August, "Terminating at" one pixel wide on the top line with "Bus Station" two pixels wide on the second line.

Caetano Watch

41494 was withdrawn from service after use on 9 August, on 19th it was seen parked along the back row of Basildon yard with its rear window removed. It was still there at the end of the month. 41414 and 41523 were both on route 251 on 11 August, but the former has not been in service since 22nd. Also, on 11th, Publicity Vehicle 41521 attended the Canvey Transport Spectacular (Chelmsford's Enviro 200 MMC 67166 was also in attendance). It was also on display in St Martin's Square, Basildon on 31st, as part of the Basildon 70 celebrations, inside were photos of buses taken in Basildon, sourced by Richard Delahoy and Chris Stewart from the EBEG collection, including shots by Frank Church, Bill Cansick and John Rugg. It was seen outside Hadleigh depot on 2 September and then the next day was being used to update bus stop timetables between Basildon and Southend. Since the photo on the inside front cover of EBN664 was taken, the pink vinyl has been extended around the destination box at the front.

Area News and Workings – Colchester (All vehicles listed below allocated to CR)

Further to EBN664, Michael Allen has provided additional information about the new turning circle at Colchester General Hospital. It was opened on 9 July, with all town centre bound buses now entering and departing the hospital grounds via the South entrance. The previous arrangement of entering via the North entrance and leaving by the South entrance ceased on 26 June, due to new facilities being built. During the closure period buses went straight down Turner Road and NHS produced notices advising of the temporary arrangements were affixed to the relevant bus stops. Most buses cannot complete the new turning circle without having to reverse a little. There has been no change as far as buses from the town centre are concerned, with them continuing not to enter the hospital grounds.

Only one double decker has been seen operating on routes 103/4 during August, 37037 on 15th.

Some sightings of Barbie liveried Scania L94UB / Wrightbus Solars during August: 65677 on 71 (13th & 14th), 2A (Sunday 18th), 66 (22nd), 61 (23rd), 64A (Sunday 25th), 1A (Bank Holiday Monday 26th), 67 (29th) plus 65 on 3 September; 65679 on 66 (10th), 64 (11th, 13th & 22nd), 71 (20th), 103/4 (23rd), 65 (28th & 30th plus 3 September), 67 (29th); 65681 on 61 (10th), 65 (13th), 71 (22nd, 27th & 30th plus 3 September), 76 & 99 (Bank Holiday Monday 26th, the final day of Sunday & Bank Holiday route 99 which had been introduced just over a year previously), 103/4 (29th); 65682 on 71 (7th, 23rd & 31st), 64A (8th, 27th & 29th), 61 (10th), 103/4 (19th, 21st & 22nd), 1A (Bank Holiday Monday 26th); 65684 on 61 (9th), 71 (12th & 17th), 103/4 (13th), 64A (15th, the last report of this vehicle in service).

3 August	Correction to EBN664, it was 37037 on 65, not 37042
6	66810 & 67742 on 71
9	33195 on 62, 37020 on 64
10	32481 & 33044 on 62, Route 62 liveried 37139 on 70, 63331 on 71
11	A snapshot of some Sunday workings: 32087 on 75, 32481 on 62, 37015 on 88A, 37020 & 37027 on 62B, 32481 on 61, 63334, 63335 & 63340 on 65, 63338 on 64A, 65679 & 65688 on 64, 65691 on 66, 66798 & 66807 on 1A, 66800 on 102, 67735 on 2A, 67805 on 67B
15	32481 on 64A, 33087, 63328, 63344 & 67805 on 67, 37027 on 174 & 65 pm peak, Route 62 liveried 37134 on 70, similar 37136 on 75
16	33044 on 65 all day, 67738 & 67739 on 71, unusual for one Enviro 300 to be on the route, let alone two on the same day
19	63342 on 71
21	32068 on 62, 63332 on 71
22	33086 on 62, 63343 on 71 & 71X, 67901 on 71
24	67737 & 67738 on 71, again unusual for two Enviro 300s to be on the route on the same day
25	32480 on 75, start of its last week in service with First Essex
27	62408 unusual single-decker on 62
28	33078 on 65 all day
31	33087 on 65 all day
3 Sep	Newly acquired 32064 on afternoon 17 and then on to 65

Parkway

Further to EBN664, services 32 and 46 are two other routes that used the old Parkway bus gate. Four recent rides on route 351, timed from when the bus turned left from New London Road into Parkway until the bus turned left from Parkway back into New London Road, all took almost exactly two minutes, compared to the few seconds when the bus gate was in operation and the 40 seconds that ECC claimed they would take when they proposed to remove the bus gate. All four buses had to wait at a red light before the left turn back into New London Road. None of them got caught in traffic on Parkway, the time taken would be significantly longer if they did.

Area News and Workings – Chelmsford All vehicles listed below allocated to CF.

White railings were installed outside the railway station entrance / exit in the bus station on 19 August, principally to prevent commuters alighting from trains from walking straight across the bus station. A subsidiary advantage was (in theory) to help deter cars from illegally waiting there. A downside is it reduces space for buses to drop off passengers there.

- 9 August 67166 & 67902 on 71
12 44662 very unusual on X30 (evening)
15 DS62242 on driver training in Margarettin
17 47656 on 100
18 42944 very unusual on 71C on a Sunday (normally a B7RLE)
19 42561 on 71, 44542 on X30 (evening), 44659 on 40, X30 liveried 67170 on 36, DS66179 on driver training at Basildon Bus Station (and in Colchester on 22nd)
20 DS62191 on driver training on A133 between Elmstead Market and Frating
23 44545 on 71
27 43845 & 43846 on 71
30 42944 on 45 still with “f First Greater Manchester” above the doors
31 66830 on the final 2000 351 from Chelmsford and return from Warley before withdrawal of this journey (from 2 September the 1905 became the last journey, this is extended to Warley to partly compensate for the withdrawal of the 2000 service)
3 Sep 32482, 32484 & 32485 on school services from Colchester in the afternoon. 32484 had earlier been seen on driver shuttle work at Chelmsford with “Staff Bus” on the blind.



First Essex 67165, YY66 PBO, AD Enviro 20D/Enviro 200MMC waiting at Broomfield Hospital main entrance on 15 August.

Maurice Austin.

Area News and Workings - Basildon & Hadleigh

All vehicles listed below allocated to BN except where stated.

Further to EBNs 652 & 653, Stop J at Basildon Bus Station remained out of use on 19 August, but by then stop L was also out of use, with route 5 to Pitsea using stop K.

There have been a number of Volvo Hybrid sightings on route X10 in late August, usually one bus a day. These have been: 69905 (21st & 22nd), 69919 (23rd), 69911 (24th), 69907 (25th), 69902 (27th), 69909 (28th), 69913 (29th), 69908 (30th).

Further to EBN654, HH47527 was not used over the weekend 10-11 August and was back in use at Hadleigh on route 21 on 12th, so it was used at Basildon on one day only, 9th.

6 August 33559 seen on the back of a LJ Transportation low loader, on A12, past Sandon at 1715. It was on its way to HB Commercial, Ipswich for MOT.

9 X10 liveried 67164 on 25.

14 The three recently acquired ex-Greater Manchester Volvo B7RLEs which had entered service by this date, 66846, 66848 and 66861, all on route 100 and all on it again the next day. Many sightings of them on the route since.

15 33570 taken to HB Commercial, Ipswich for MOT and 33559 picked up from there and back to Basildon. 33559 back in service, on 200, the next day.

17 47656 on 100.

19 47656 on 25, 47657 on 8A, 47658 on 200

21 66821, 66823 & 66861 on 100.

22 47657, 66827, 66861 & 66863 on 100.

23 66813 & 66819 on 100, 69901 unusual on 9A.

25 47651 on X10.

27 HH33191 on 25 (so Westcliff-on-Sea livery in Basildon), 47650 on 100.

31 47651 on 25, 47654 on 5, 66819 extremely rare on 9, normally Volvo B7RLEs are considered too long for the route. The last reported use of such a long vehicle was in 2012 when the route was still numbered 551.

2 Sep 33555 on 9A.



First Essex 36216, BJ12 VVY, 2012 Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini H72F ex-First Games Transport (one of the 6 reported last month) at Barleylands rally 27 July.

Robert Downton.

EBN665p18

Legal Lettering

A slight correction and clarification to EBN664. Leicester, Worcester and Stoke-on-Trent depots, the last with an outstation at Newcastle-Under-Lyme, form the Midlands division of First Bus, and since 4 July 2019 these all have a new legal address of Abbey Lane (not Road), Leicester, replacing Westway.

mTickets

From 28 July, the price of pre-paid mobile tickets was increased to match those of tickets purchased on the bus (an example being an all-day anywhere adult First Essex m-ticket increased from £8.50 to £8.80).

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First Hadleigh B9TL 36220, BJ12 VXD, with Leeds-style contactless rear ad covering the rear window pictured in early July.

John G. Lidstone.

Just like the rows of buses that build up in traffic congestion, your Editor is collecting a back-log of excellent material waiting to be published. It will be in due course but, just as the unions used to get worked up over the numbers of standing passengers, the Royal Mail is not very tolerant with overweight packages, so we cannot add extra pages without incurring surcharges! So, to the budding authors and photographers, your creations will have to wait for the next one to come along! Meanwhile, thanks for your efforts and keep them coming in. **Ed.**



Arriva Southend / Harlow / Colchester.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Card, Lee Burvill-Eckett, Richard Delahoy, Keith Sadler, harlowride.co.uk

Optare Versa 4186 (KX62 JKE), B37F, has arrived at **Southend** from Hemel Hempstead as part of the planned cascade (see EBN663) but is not yet in service here. The cascade has been delayed by the late delivery of new Wright Streetlites at Hemel.

DAF Cadet 3514 (LJ03MZE) has been withdrawn at **Southend**.

On August Bank Holiday Sunday, unusually, **Southend** operated duplicates on service 1 (Southend to Hadleigh) and service 9 (Southend to Shoebury). Service 9 was however diverted away from the seafront at times due to heavy traffic congestion, in some cases buses running via Lifstan Way and Southchurch Road to avoid gridlock around Seaway car park.

Due to severe delays on services 7/8/9 caused by roadworks, on the evening of Tuesday 27 August, Enviro 400 6458 (SN58 ENX) very unusually worked on both routes 7 and 9 between **Southend** and Landwick/Shoebury; neither route is scheduled for double deck operation. Heritage liveried Enviro 400 6499 spent the day on service 29 on Sat 24 August and service 6 & 29 on Sun 25 August.

Colchester borrowed 4 of Southend's E400 deckers, 6505/6/12/13 over the August Bank Holiday weekend to run shuttles from Trinity Park to Chantry Park in Ipswich in connection with the Ed Sheeran concerts held there.

At **Harlow**, slim Optare Solo M780SE B24F 2482 (YJ07VRF) has arrived from Hemel Hempstead. It was first observed working from Harlow on 17 August. Mercedes- Benz Sprinters (1010 and 1015) have not been seen in service since mid-July.

Harlow timetable changes on 28 July saw the PVR on routes 508/509/510 increase from 12 to 13. With only 12 E200 MMCs at Harlow it means there will always be at least one other vehicle type allocated daily. The PVR on routes 2/3 changed from 5 to 4 on the same date. One of the 2 vehicles on routes 6/8 still supplements during peak hours when the routes are extended to the station.



Arriva 4327, SK68 TWV on service 133 Stansted Airport duty at Braintree Bus Park on 8 August.

Ken Coldwell.

EBN665p20

The Human Touch!

Doug Brown; DB from BD.

My conductor, Jim, and I were parked up at Hornbeam Close, the terminus of 262 when a little boy and his Mum got on the bus. He was very talkative and said to me "I want to be a bus driver when I grow up". I said, "do you now, we had better do something about this, come with me", I took him to the cab and made sure the gearstick was not in cog before lifting him in. He sat on my seat and after a lot of vroom, vroom on the steering wheel, I said "don't you think it's time you left?" "Yes" he said. I told him to "press that button" and when the engine fired it startled him a bit as it had now become a vibrating beast. I asked him to go near the windscreen so I could get in my seat. I told him "from now on you don't touch anything and hold on the grab rails behind, do you understand?" "Yes", he said. At every bus stop he waved to passengers and they were waving to him. I do not know who was enjoying it most. At Brentwood, Mum came to the car and took him out and when I got out of the cab. Mummy gave me a hug and a kiss. had I picked up a jumper or any office bureaucrats had seen me, I would have been sacked.

I wonder if that little boy became a bus-driver? He probably would not want to do so today with all the rules and regulations!

Eds note does this ring a bell with anyone? Could the young boy now be a leading light in the bus industry.



Brentwood depot's 2468 (884 GVX), a 1956 LD6B is seen at the Clarence Road (Bishop's Hall Estate) terminus of the cross-town 262. This is a Sunday, however, when the 252 to Shenfield Station via the East Ham Estate and Bracken Bank was combined with the 262. The conductor has presumably re-set the blinds and has time for a chat with the driver before departure. First 37 and NIBS 31 now serve this stop en route to and from Pilgrim's Hatch (Danes Way). **EBEG.**

The cab of withdrawn LD5G 2531 (54 PPU) seen at Canvey depot.
Chris Stewart.



EBN665p21



Mark Lloyd with thanks to Ross Newman.

Ensignbus Dealing Stock Movements – July/August 2019

Vehicles in

Arriva Southern Counties	YN07 DZU / DZV	Merc 814s
	RX53 LBJ	
	HX04 HTP / HTZ	Darts
	Y299TKJ	
	SN54GPO	
	LJ03 MYG / MZL / MYK	DAFSB120s
	KE03 OUU / OUS	
	LF02 PMY / PNE / PNJ	
	LF52 OUE	
Centrebus	YN53 CFJ / CFO	Scania's
Connexions Buses		
	MK63 WZY	E200
East Yorkshire MS		
	W659 WKH / X762ABU	Volvo B7TLs
Go-Ahead London	LX03 ECV	Volvo B7TL
Go-Ahead NENK54 NUM / NUO / NUP		Volvo B7RLE's
London City Tours		
	LX60 DXB / DXC / DWZ / DXH	Volvo B9TL's
Metroline	LK07 AZU	E400
	YX60 BZN / YX10BFY	E200's
Nottingham City Transport		
	YN08 MSO / MSU / MSV /	Scania's
	MSX / YT09YHK / YHM / YHR	
	YN05 WFK	
RATP London	YN55 NJJ / NIJ	Scania's
	YN08 MRU / YP59 ODT	Scania's
	YJ58 VBA / VBK	Versa
Stagecoach London	LX09 ACJ / FZT / AEL / AEK	Scania's
	YX58 CFL / CFJ	

Stagecoach SE	GX54 FVY	Darts
	PX55 EGC	
Swallow Coaches	YR10 AZV	Scania
Travelmasters	SF55 GXL	Dart

Vehicles Out

Acme Transport Services, Bishops's Stortford, Essex		
	FJ08 KLS	Scania
Aintree Coaches	SN04 AAK	Trident
Als Coaches, Liverpool	YN56 NVC	Scania
	YN07 EXM	Scania
Avondale, Glasgow	SF55 GXL	Dart
Bear Buses, Feltham, Middx		
	GX54 FVY	Dart
Belle-Vue, Manchester	YP59 OEZ / OEY	Scania's
	YN08 MLL/MSY/MLU/MLK	Scania's
	YP59 ODS	
Bournemouth Yellow Buses		
	LF55 CYV / CYX	Volvo B7TL's
	SN13 CHZ	E400
Cambridge Coach Services	YN06 TGI / TGZ	Scania's
Centrebus, Grantham	LX09 ABV / ABZ	Scania's
WB Chambers, Maidstone	YN07 EXH	Scania
Coach Services, Thetford	YT09 YHK / YHM	Scania's
D and E Coaches, Inverness		
	LW55 CCK	
		Dublin B9TL 05-D-70004
	LW55 CDO	
		Dublin B9TL 05-D-70015
East Yorkshire	BX55 XMJ/XMW/XMC	Volvo B7TL's
(XMC is full open top. Also please note XMG listed last month should be XMU)		
Faresaver, Chippenham, Wilts		
	BJ11 EAC / EBM	Volvo B9TL's
		EBN665p22



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Vehicles Out, continued.

Galleon Travel, Roydon, Essex

YJ07 EGE / AE06 TWN Solo's

YP59 OEM / OER Scania's

Garnetts Coaches, Bishop Auckland

LX05 FBL/FBO/FCD Volvo B7TL's

LX03 ECV

Go-Goodwins, Manchester YN07 EXG / EXK Scania's

Grant Palmer, Dunstable MK63 WZY E200

Johnsons Coaches, Hodthorpe

YN05 WFK Scania

Nu-venture, Maidstone YX10 BFY / YX60 BZN E200's

Portsmouth City Coaches SN04 AEZ Trident

YN55 NGU / NGV Scania's

Reading Buses YT59 OZN-R Scania's

Redline, Aylesbury YN06 JXW / JXR Scania's

YM55 JXO / SXR / SXP

Redline Coaches, Preston LW55 CCD

Dublin B9TL 05-D-70017

Souls Coaches, Olney, Bucks

LW55 CCA

Dublin B9TL 05-D-70005

LW55 CDE

Dublin B9TL 05-D-70010

Sullivan Buses, South Mimms

YT59 DYH / LX09 ADZ Scania's

Transdev Blazefield LK07 AZF / AZI / AZL / AZN E400's

AZO / AZP / AZR

Travelmasters, Sheerness MX08 ZFA E200

Tyrers, Adlington, Lancs YP59 ODU / ODV / ODW Scania's

Vision Bus, Bolton LX09 AFV/AFO/AFK/AGU/AHC

Scania's

YP59 OEG-L

Youngs Coaches, Cambridge

YN08 MRU

Scania

Other Movements

E400s LK07 AZC / AZD / LK56 FHJ

Ashbourne Connect, Leinster, Co Meath, Eire.

Volvo B7TL LX03 ECV

S and A Produce, Hereford.

Volvo B7RLE DX57 TVW

Ace Coaches, Co Tyrone, Eire.

Trident SN51 SYF

Buttsbury School, Billericay, Essex.

Darts Y299 TKJ / SN54 GPO

DAFSB120s LJ03 MYG / MZL / MYK / KE03 OUU / OUS

LF02 PMY / PNE / PNJ / LF52 OUE

Merc 814 RX53 LBJ

Hardwicks, Barnsley for scrap

Scania YT59 DYD

The Bus Business, Witney, Ox.

Trident T801 RFG

Southern Transit for preservation.

Volvo B7TL's

LJ53 BAU / BBF

AH Commercials, Peterborough.

Volvo B7TL BX54 DHP

Mr N Wainwright, Falmouth.

EBN665p23



Mark Lloyd with thanks to Ross Newman.

Other Movements, continued.

Trident PX55 AHJ

Bell Brothers, Co Durham.

The following have gone to **Shelton Motors for scrap:**

Spectra W231 CDN

Darts HX04 HTP / HTZ / KU02YKO

Dekkabus, Poole, Dorset.

Solos YN53 SVV / YJ56 AOL / AOO

E200 PE56 UFS

Volvo 9700 YX59 FUO

Tridents W822/825/826 NNI, LX03 BXK, LK05 GGF / GGA

Hire Your Transport, Kingswood, Surrey.

Volvo B7TLs BX55 XMZ / LF52 ZRT



Ensignbus, Purfleet 132, YX66 WLH, 2017 ADL Trident E40D/ADL Enviro 400 MMCH86F ex-Goodwins, Eccles seen at Essex Bus Rally, Barleylands 27 July 2019.

Robert Downton.

Go-Ahead London

by Richard Delahoy.

To add to our report last month about the Southend seafront open-top service 68, this year the second bus used on the high-season service (generally E14) was based locally at SBC Leisure's depot in Wickford, with a regular driver who lives locally. The other bus (usually PVL224) continued to run to/from Northumberland Park depot every day.



Making a starring appearance in Southend's evening Carnival procession on Saturday 17 August was preserved Bristol KSW open topper WNO 482, the former Eastern National 2381. It is seen here in Lifstan Way in the early evening, just off Southend seafront, as the procession formed up. Displaying appropriate route 67 blinds (the service ran along this road), you might think that 2381 had passed this way many times before, but in fact it had never operated at Southend in EN days, always being based at Clacton. The bus was used to carry Southend's Mayor and other dignitaries. Two places behind it is Arriva Southend's heritage liveried E400 decker, 6499.



Trustybus

East Lancs Dart PE55 WPP acquired in January from Go South Coast was still in Quay Connect livery when seen on ECC route 7 at Elsenham level crossing. The interior also has cove panels advertising the delights of Hampshire and the upholstered seats give a comfy ride.

Owen Woodliffe.

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Fleet - Acquired

KF19 LCV, Mercedes Benz Sprinter/Mellor Strata Ultra B27F, a former demonstrator. Awaiting repaint before entering service. Fleet number to be advised (probably 302).

Darts 412 (SK02 XGP) and 455 (EG02 NZD) have transferred back from being on loan to Galloway, to provide vehicles for the 384/5 (see below).

Stephensons Scania decker 644 (YN55NKG) has been transferred to NIBS for use on service 269 (Brentwood to Grays) to cope with increased loadings.

NIBS E200s 418 (MX59 AVN) and 419 (CN11 FBE), both ex Ensign, are transferred to Stephensons where they are being refurbished and repainted.

Fleet - Withdrawn

Solo 325 (EU08 WND), following accident damage;

Darts 454 (HV52 WTE), 455 (EG02 NZD), 457 (GU52 HJY), 459 (GU52 HKD) – all for component recovery and then scrapping.

Operations

Bury St Edmunds outstation is currently operating **Galloway** commercial services 384/5 (Bury to Stowmarket/Stowupland) on hire, using two buses.

From 22 September, **Viceroy of Saffron Walden** will cease their last remaining bus operation, commercial services 59/590; Stephensons are taking them on, initially at least with no changes to the timetable and they will be worked from Haverhill depot.

Regarding the diversions affecting services 9/9A & 16, reported last month, **Michael Allen** has provided some clarification as follows: the bridge closure is at Great Bardfield on B1057 and not at Finchingfield as reported. The Roman Coaches route 9B connects out of and into route 9 at Shalford Village Hall and not Finchingfield. Route 16 continues from Great Bardfield via Wethersfield to Finchingfield where it terminates, it does not do a double run as reported.



G665 KKA for EBN665

Robert Appleton.



Upper picture
Arriva Southend
5275 (G665 FKA)
at Southend Central
Bus Station on 25
April 2000. Dennis
Dominor
DDA1031 with East
Lancashire
H47/29F body new
in June 1990 to
North Western.
This was the "new"
North Western
created from the
southern part of
Ribble in 1986,
when Ribble was
split up prior to
privatisation. Both
North Western and
Southend

And MTF 665G!

Paul Bateson.



Transport became
part of British Bus
Group, which was
acquired by Cowie
Group in 1996, and
renamed Arriva in
1997. Southend
Transport became
Arriva Southend in
April 1998.

**Robert
Appleton.**

Lower picture
Park Royal-bodied
Leyland Atlantean
demonstrator
MTF 665G with
Southend
Corporation
Transport. It is
seen on route 61A
at the Ecko Works
on 5 November
1968.

Paul Bateson.

Mark Lloyd

With thanks to Essex-buses yahoo group, R Appleton, J. Podgorski & Heddingham buses website.

Vehicles Transferred - Incoming

457	AU61 AVK	Scania K230UB	Omnalink	B46F	Ex Konect new to Anglian by 1 Aug
851	A057 EZL	Scania N270UD	Omnicity	H77F	Ex Konect by 30 Aug

Vehicles Transferred - outgoing

296	SN10 CCY	ADL	Enviro200	B29F	To Konect—swapped with 851 see above
564	W409 WGH	Volvo B7TL	President	H70F	To Konect by 23 Aug

Vehicles Withdrawn

8	R453 FWT	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premiere	Withdrawn at CN
9	S290 TVW	Volvo B10M	Plaxton Premiere	Withdrawn at SY
505	PL51 LGO	Volvo B7TL	East Lincs	Withdrawn at HD
561	V301 LGC	Volvo B7TL	Plaxton President	Withdrawn
562	V303 LGC	Volvo B7TL	Plaxton President	Withdrawn at SY
566	W428 WGH	Volvo B7TL	Plaxton President	Withdrawn at SY
578	W519 WGH	Volvo B7TL	Plaxton President	Withdrawn at CN
581	W956 WGH	Volvo B7TL	Plaxton President	Withdrawn at CN
725	W825 NNJ	Trident	E Lincs	Confirmed w/d to Ensign then scrapped

Significant Allocations

259	KN to HD	6 Aug	
261	HD to KN	16 Aug	Then to CN by 31 Aug
262	HD to KN	21 Aug	Then KN to CN by 22 Aug
286	KN to HD	23 Aug	
287	HD to KN	7 Aug	
288	HD to KN	7 Aug	
291	HD to KN	15 Aug	
292	CN to KN	21 Aug	
293	KN to HD	7 Aug	
457	Konect to SY by 1 Aug		
510	KN to HD	6 Aug	
570	KN to SY	14 Aug	Then SY to CN by 20 Aug

Fleet News

Tridents 701/727 were collected from Clacton by Ensign by 3 August. John Podgorski has confirmed 725 has been withdrawn. AU61 AVK, fleet no. 457, appeared at Dereham Rally earlier in the year — repainted into the latest Konect livery — but has now been transferred to Chambers. 564 has transferred to Konect — not known if for storage or operational at this time. Late August saw 296 SN10 CCY depart for Konect but swapped for 851 A057 EZL Scania Omnicity — should meet up with 850/852 in the fleet. 853 was withdrawn a while back due to front nearside and chassis accident damage. Withdrawn 562 was the last operational B7TL at SY.

Open topper 500 PL51 LDJ is H51/25F with an offside wheelchair space. Upstairs seating is grey plastic, with grey plastic walls, durable grey flooring to base of stairs. Lower deck has moquette seating. Upstairs is fitted with speakers but they are not used on the Clacton service. The Chambers Olympus Scania deckers as confirmed by Robert Appleton last month have an upstairs seating arrangement of 47 seats.

The seating and general interior creates a very comfortable ride and the vehicles seem suited to the type of work on the long service to Bury St Edmunds but do seem prone to roof strikes, centrally as the bodies seem marginally higher than the previous tree line created by the B7TLs and the Omnidexkas. Of interest are the elliptical interior lights — not sure if these mimic the Metrobus logo or if they were common to the bodies — also the dark blue seat frames and the interior screens on the stairs — I think to show upper deck occupancy on way in.

Service News

Contactless ticketing arrived on Sunday 11 August. When sampled on the 13 August – a requested rover ticket could not be found by the driver which suggested incomplete training or readiness of the system. Otherwise contactless payments have been accepted for “Family Day Tickets” in Clacton without issues and were easily available on the Clacton Air Show Park & Ride services.

Hedingham provided service 137 Direct and Service B for the two park & ride sites for the Airshow. 137 Direct serving Pier Avenue from Clacton Factory Shopping Complex and Service B serving Marine Parade East Angelfields from Holland Haven. Holland Haven operated until 10pm on Thursday 22 August due to late firework displays but could have benefited from tower lighting as the car park was in absolute darkness.

Nayland, Cornard Upper, Manningtree and Samuel Ward school services ceased at the end of the school year and these services will be operated by other operators in the new school year. BU14YNT the Robertson’s Ford Transit hired for the Manningtree contract has been returned.

From 3 Sept there were several service changes due to school service amendments and affecting commercial services. New school services have been registered as below:-

- 901 Mount Bures – Stanway School
- 902 Little Horkesley – Stanway School
- 903 Kelvedon – Stanway School
- 904 Layer – Stanway School

These operate already, or with a few minor changes, but have now been registered under these service numbers. Other small changes are:-

- 3 Change in pm timings to improve punctuality
- 4/A Small changes based on usage
- 134 Reverts to non-summer timetable
- 137 Small changes
- X76 Small changes – see Hedingham website for all details.



Other News

Air show P&R was in the hands of double deckers from the normal fleet – namely Volvo B7TL President, Eclipse and Scania Omnicity Deckers ex Anglian. Other vehicles were moved around in the fleet temporarily to allow this to happen. Optare Solo 911 was temporarily at SY but was assisting with services affected by road closures. Both Scania East Lancs 458/460 now appear to be in service at CN.

521 LX05 EZD has a new super rear advert for a Vinegar manufacturer and was first spotted on the Airshow park & ride as newly fitted. Photo left sees 521 in Head Street Colchester about to depart on an X76 to Clacton on 31 August.

During July/August W822/25/26 NNJ passed from Ensign to Shelton Motors for scrap but thankfully Southern Transit have purchased T801 RFG for preservation. Another significant preservation example V301 LGC has just been withdrawn, significant in being ex PVL1.

Photo left described above **Mark Lloyd**.

Letters

Andrew Mead from High Easter

I paid a visit to the Trinity Fair at Rayleigh on Sunday 9 June and noticed PF53 WPZ, a Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL, in the ownership of Little Legs Buses of Stanford-le-Hope and pictured in EBN664. While there I visited the Rayleigh Town Museum and was amazed to discover that they produced a DVD entitled 'The Story of Kirbys Coaches'. A very interesting DVD made from old film shot in the 1950s and 1960s. The cost is just £4.00 + p&p from the Museum. ([01268 773535](tel:01268773535)). See Andrew's article next issue.

Terry Challis from Thornton Cleveleys

Thank you for EBN663, another excellent edition. I was especially interested in Richard Delahoy's article about Southend Transport and Eastern National destination displays (page 4). I imagine the addition of 10, 11 and 12 on a single track was most used at Clacton. The 101A Point Clear) and 101B (St. Osyth Beach) come to mind.

However, it was the photos of ST and EN destination displays for the 21 that caught my attention. This was the bus that I sometimes used on my way to Westcliff High School in the early 1950s. It was a Westcliff service and the 0830 (or thereabouts) departure from Leigh Station was operated by two double-deckers in order to accommodate the boys and girls from Canvey who travelled by train from Benfleet to Leigh. At that time the buses were usually Bristol G05Gs which had been re-bodied by Beadle in the 1940s. They were usually JN6890 and JN6897. These buses had one-piece destination displays that showed Holeythick Lane, 21, and couple of 'via' points.

Paul Bateson, Canada, Editor British Buses Abroad

I found the article about ENOC destination blinds and suffix letters interesting. I did actually photograph 1454 (882 CEV) displaying 115A in Clacton on 19 June 1963 (picture included in Chris Stewart's article on p6, this issue). I do enjoy the newsletter.

Michael Springett from Hadleigh

Really enjoy Essex Bus News each month. Thank you.

Clive Romaine

Hi, Maurice, I've just been reading EBN664 which I always enjoy; I thought you'd like to know that the first FLF allocated new to Kelvedon was 2821, JHK 453C.

Chris Stewart from Shenfield

A little while back [can't remember which EBN off hand] I wrote short piece about Ford demonstrators with EN. Trawling through old ENEG newsletters for something else made me realise I'd missed one from 1967, namely SVW 275D which was a red Ford R192/Willowbrook B45F (omo) used from 12th to 27th March 1967 from CF on the 11, 32/32A, 42-44, 46/48/49, 50/50B, 51/51B and 54. Did anyone get a photo they could share? I haven't got one in my collection.

The Story of Kirbys Coaches.

My 1/2/3 Track Mind!

More on Blinds - & A Stroke For The Editor!

Another Stroke For The Editor!

Kelvedon's First FLF Allocations

Request for pictures of Fords.

Last Month's Puzzle/Enigma

Alan Osborne.

Alan said "I have a bus ticket for the most frequent service in a particular British county where both terminals had no residents and it passed through a completely unpopulated area. There were often long queues to board!". No-one got the correct answer!

This is the Cape Wrath minibus that provides a link to the most north westerly point of the Scottish mainland, Cape Wrath. To get to it you must cross the Kyle of Durness on the ferry and then pick up the minibus on the other side for the 11 mile journey to Cape Wrath. It was very popular and every early journey in 1995 was full.

The minibus is taken over at the beginning of the season. A fishing boat is moored in the Kyle and then you wait for the tide to go out. They ballast the boat so that it tilts to one side when it beaches. Planks are then positioned from the sandy beach on to the fishing boat and then the bus drives on and sits astride the vessel in the middle of the planks with the brakes firmly on. Everyone stays on board! When the tide rises the fishing boat can then cross the Kyle to the other side, then it is a wait for low tide when it is beached again. On disembarkation, the reverse process is repeated and the bus drives off and parks up. The bus stays over the other side during the season so all repairs and re-fuelling are carried out there.

During the season there is a passenger ferry from the jetty adjoining the nearby hotel, which is where we stayed. Needed to be out early after breakfast to beat the Germans!

Before the advent of vehicular ferries this was the normal practice to get a bus on to a remote island.

Other Operators.

Roger A. Smith.

With thanks to the PSV Circle.

Acme Bus, Molehill Green

FJ08 KLF, a Scania K340EB6 with C53 FLT bodywork by Salvador Caetano arrived here in June.

Bone, (Tendring Travel, Thorpe-le-Soken)

A recent arrival here is Alexander H43/27F bodied Dennis Trident, reg. SN51 SYH, formerly fleet number TA40209 in the London United fleet.

Don's, Great Dunmow

YN08 MLF and YN08 MLJ are a pair of East Lancs. H51/35F bodied Scania N270UDs here from Nottingham City Transport. Recent brand-new arrival is DH19 DON, an Irizar i6s C36FT integral.



Picture A trio of Don's coaches with treasured registrations on show at the Don's Coaches open day on 31 August at their Parsonage Down depot near Great Dunmow. **Andrew Mead.**

Falconrise (Roman Coaches), Colchester

MJ11 DHM, a Neoplan C52F is here from Angela, Lowford, Hampshire.

CORRECTION; in this column last month, I stated that Iriza bodied Scania E114EB4, registration YN51MHO was previously with Jackson, Bicknacre and APT, Rayleigh. In fact, this vehicle was acquired ex-New Horizon, Frating. The former Jackson's/APT vehicle is very similar MJ1 5031 (previously YN51 MHE). Apologies for any confusion.

Jackson, Bicknacre

A recent arrival here is SJ66 LKZ, a Volvo B8R with Sunsundegui C70 body, previously with AAA, Kirknewtown, West Lothian, Scotland.

Kirby's Coaches, Rayleigh

BX64 JZV, a Mercedes Benz Tourismo has been re-registered as K30 BYS. This registration was on a Setra S250 C48FT which reverted to its original registration of R104 HEV and is no longer here. BX64 WHN, also a MB Tourismo is now registered as K100 BYS.



Galleon operate an unusual tour on behalf of Gangster Tours Ltd of east London visiting places frequented by the notorious underworld gangs. Alexander bodied Trident X336 NNO is suitably branded, although it was open-topped by previous owner Golden Tours and is seen at the tour starting point in Bishopsgate outside Liverpool Street Station.

Owen Woodliffe.



<<<<Picture left

On holiday recently at the Marks Tey Hotel was J200 TRU a new Neoplan Tourliner with Trumans Coaches of Aldershot.

Paul Smith.

Target Dates for EBN666 (October 2019).

Before ...	Saturday	5 October 2019	Reports to Sub-Editors.
Before ---	Friday	11 October 2019	Sub-Editor drafts to Editor.
On or before	Monday	21 October 2019	Dispatch by Printers.

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Clacton Air Show - 23 August 2019

A Few Moments of Mooreness!

Alan Moore went along to the Clacton Airshow on Friday 23 August 2019. Here are some pics of what was happening on the "land-side of things". See Mark Lloyds report, pages 26 & 27 this issue for further details.



Top left
Hedingham 527 Volvo B7TL LX 06 EAK, displaying Route B
Holland Haven. **Alan Moore.**



Middle left
Belle Coaches of Lowestoft sent along Setra S315GT-HD, reg.
LIL 9452. **Alan Moore.**



Bottom left
Sadly, Hedingham 565, W425 WGH needed some TLC from the
engineers whose van can be seen behind the bus. **Alan Moore.**



Top right
on routine service work was Hedingham 267, a MCV bodied Dart
AJ 58 PZS. **Alan Moore.**



Middle right
close on the heels of Hedingham Scania 816, YN55 PZX was
Hedingham Scania 815, YN 55 PZW, both on route 137, the
feeder service from the car Park at Clacton village shopping
outlet. **Alan Moore.**



Bottom right
Richmond's of Royston used Van Hool TX16 Astron, 438 XYA.
Alan Moore.
EBN665 inner rear cover



NIBS now operate route 269 with a double deck as Ensign's X90 was not taken on and extra capacity is needed at peak times. Scania Omnicity LX08 ECJ, fleet no 524, is at Brentwood with our member Chris Hatley at the wheel.
Owen Woodliffe.



I was passing Hadleigh Depot this afternoon (Sunday 1 September) and the two heritage liveried vehicles were both outside.
Michael Springett.

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