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Top: Further Enviro400s arrived at BN on 19 April, i.e. 33504/44-6/70, following on from 33507/48/51/3/61/74 received earlier. Tridents 32804/9/49/56/87 have gone to storage at BE temporarily. These are destined for Southampton. Here we see 33545 with a 'native' Enviro200 at Hadleigh where it went for PDI.
John G. Lidstone.



Lower picture:

16 April saw the loan of Arriva Maidstone Sapphire top-spec Alexander Dennis Enviro400 6483 (SN15 LNP) for route trials ahead of the re-introduction of double-deckers, with new MAX E400s, now expected in October 2016 for route 1. Associated Floor Coverings of Leigh and a route 1 Optare Versa V1170 in the background.

John G. Lidstone.

Front Cover Picture.

John was up at the crack of dawn on the morning of 27 April, just to photograph some of the last 6 First Leicester Alexander Dennis Enviro400s arriving at Basildon after their long 3-hour drives south from Leicester. He commends First Leicester for keeping these buses in such outstandingly good condition - they are a credit to First Leicester in every way. Last to arrive was 33549, which was solely due to it suffering a minor puncture prior to departure, which was sorted out very efficiently. The bus also carried Leicester's Enviro spares for Basildon to have. Here we see 33562 arriving in the sun, just missing the rain and hailstorms and the associated poor light!

John G. Lidstone.

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Every effort is made to ensure accuracy but the Group cannot accept responsibility for any errors published.

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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. There is a small car park on site, other public ones nearby.

Tea and coffee making facilities. For those who need other refreshment, there are plenty of excellent pubs and eating establishments nearby. Members and guests welcome. £2.00 donation towards cost of room hire, please.

Doors open at 1915 for an informal chat and often impromptu slide show, with the main talk or show from 1945 to 2145.

Thursday 26 May

Thursday 23 June

Life Member Bob Palmer, "Pure Nostalgia".

John Wilson's memories of 1962 to 70 with ENOC, plus associations with LT, Grey-Green, Harris and Sovereign.

Thursday 28 July

Thursday 22 September

Thursday 27 October

Thursday 24 November

Owen Woodliffe, "Rally and Running Days".

tba

Suzy & Caroline Scott, publishers of "Here to There" timetables and other bus information.

tba

Thursday 15 December

tba plus Christmas special.

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.

£2.00 donation towards room hire, please. Slides/digital photos are preferred, but prints can also be shown. Members and guests welcome.

Friday 13 May

Friday 10 June

Other 2016 dates, all Fridays

Richard Delahoy, "20 Years Ago".

John Podgorski. "All Change"

8 July, 12 August, 9 Sept, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.



A Blast From The Past!

By Paul Harvey.

Ex-Eastern National Leyland National 1847, YEV 305S seen operating for Powells Bus in Sheffield during 1999.

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

EVENTS

Sat/Sun 14/15 May East Anglian Transport Museum 40's Weekend. www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk
Sat 4 June Stephenson's Olympian Running Day. www.stephensonofessex.com
Sunday 5 June Clacton Bus Rally. Clacton Factory Outlet. www.colneestuarpb.co.uk
Sunday 19 June Dad's Day Out. East Anglian Transport Museum. www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk
Sunday 26 June Basildon Bus Rally at Barleylands, Billericay. www.basildonbusrally.com
Sat/Sun 2/3 July Vintage Transport Festival and 60's weekend. North Norfolk Railway.
Sat/Sun 9/10 July London Event. East Anglian Transport Museum. www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk
Sunday 10 July Historic Transport Rally & Road Run. Haverhill
Sunday 10 July Bus & Commercial Vehicle Rally. Sacrawell Farm (A47/A1 junc) Peterborough.
Sunday 21 August Buses Festival. Gaydon. www.busesfestival.com

Note changed date. Group Stall here.

GROUP TOUR

Saturday 28 May 2016

THE SUFFOLK PANTHER

Departing Colchester **(North) Rail Station** at 0830 and using Panther Travel's ex Leyland Olympian commuter coach, we shall be visiting a selection of interesting Suffolk operators, both large and small. It is hoped to witness the reunion of two former EN Olympian/ECW coaches. Highlights of the trip will be visits to Ipswich Buses, Soames, Borderbus, Bucklands and Venuturer Coachways. Lunch stop will be taken in Woodbridge, packed lunch recommended. Return to Colchester approx 1830. Beestons have a large job that day and regret they are unable to accommodate us so Soames have agreed (just before they cease trading), plus another to be confirmed.

Fare is £20. To book, please send cheque payable to E.B.E.G together with S.A.E. to Keith Woods, 34 Normandie Way, Bures, Suffolk CO8 5BE

Saturday 27 August 2016

LONDON TOUR BY EX-ST ASTROMEGA COACH

Group member Matthew Evans is organising a tour to London using Ensign's ex ST Astromega 245. Depart Southend at 0930 via ST X10 route, pick ups by arrangement at Basildon & Grays. Then via Culturebus old 614 route. Return 1700hrs. Cost £10. Bookings to Matthew on 07746 779 414 after 2000hrs. **Seats need to be confirmed and paid for by 31 July latest.**

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

Old Geezer On The Run! Your Ed. is not sure whether the title refers to the bus or the driver!



Fred Lawrance writes: "I am pleased to say that KMW 175P performed faultlessly on its first attendance at an East Anglian event of the 2016 season. [The Ipswich – Felixstowe run on May Day (the 1st)] Many thanks to Gary Sharpe, Chris Sampson, Lyndon Carter and Jay Carter who assisted me in getting the vehicle ready for the event in time".

Fred Lawrance.

Note this former Thamesway Daimler Fleetline was described in EBN623p31.

In the days before motor factors had little vans doing express delivery, most out of the way garages had parts delivered by bus and many a farmer would stand at the end of his lane for a part for his tractor so he could get on with his ploughing.

We had some unusual parcels as well. When we took over the Dunmow to Saffron Walden run from Viceroy coaches, we would often be halted at the Doctor's Pond at Dunmow by a lady carrying a galvanised bucket. She would pay for a parcel ticket, about one shilling and 3 pence (7p) and leave the bucket in our tender care. The bucket had a piece of foil as a lid and string tied over it. The string turned the bucket into a "parcel" as defined in the company rules. The bucket contained a casserole dish, with freshly cooked casserole for her daughter in Walden. She was, by all accounts, a rubbish cook. The said daughter would meet the bus at The Gate pub, and toddle off to reheat her supper. On Monday the bucket, empty dish and essential string would make the return trip.

Even more interesting was a daily parcel. This was a little wooden box, tied with the obligatory string, which went from the doctors' surgery in Dunmow to the Herts & Essex hospital in Bishop's Stortford. It contained blood and other bodily fluids for analysis. A porter would meet us at the hospital, exchanging the full box for yesterday's empty one. One Christmas Eve, he failed to appear, and the full box spent several days in the Inspectors' Office in Chelmsford, where it made its presence felt!

PARCELS SERVICE



SEND YOUR PARCELS BY BUS

THROUGHOUT ESSEX

and adjoining Counties

PARCELS may be handed to the conductor, to local Offices of the Company or authorised Agents for conveyance by Company's Service and delivery to the nearest Local Office or Agent or to be met by the consignee.

Weight not exceeding :

7 lbs.	1/6
14 lbs.	2/6
28 lbs.	3/9
(max.)	

Any Distance.

CONVENIENT AND EXPEDITIOUS TRANSIT

An anecdote from Chris Stewart about parcels –

in the 1970s, his brother worked for a firm of estate agents and surveyors with offices in, amongst other places, London Road, Southend and Queen Street, Colchester. The manager of Southend office was prone to wander into the drawing office mid morning, lose his train of thought completely and ask 'has anybody got anything to eat?' Some time after he moved to run the Colchester office, those at Southend sent a parcel by bus (the 19 at the time, which handily connected the two towns) containing two cheese rolls and phoned him up to say there was a package for collection from the nearby Bus Station.

Pictures:

Pre and post-decimal parcels adverts from Dec 1965 (this page, left) and Dec 1971 (next page, top) timetables, together with the list of parcels agents from the latter (next page, bottom).

Chris Stewart collection.

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PARCELS may be handed to the conductor, to Offices of the Company or authorised Agents for conveyance by Company's Service and delivery to the nearest Office or Agent or to be met by the consignee.

Weight not exceeding :

7 lbs.	10p
14 lbs.	15p
28 lbs.	20p
(max.)	

Any Distance.

Parcels will be generally accepted between 0900 and 1700 hrs. at Company's Offices on Mondays to Saturdays and will not be accepted on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

PARCELS AGENTS

Aldham—Mr. D. E. Reeve, P.O. Stores, Ford Street.
Alresford—Watts, Essex Electrical Services, Colchester Road.

Bradfield—Mr. E. Luxford, Garage, High St. Brightlingsea—"Maskells" 18 Victoria Place.
Burns—H. C. Chambers & Son, Ltd. Burnsville Park—Mr. A. Holdaway, The Stores, Burns Road.

Castle Hedingham—Tills V. Smith & Co., The Garage, Nunbury Street.
Cattawade—Mr. F. W. Whitby, Newsagent.
Chappel—Mr. W. Brown, The Stores.
Coggeshall—Mr. Southgate, Market Hill Stores.

Deffham—Mr. F. W. Harvey, The Pharmacy, Royal Square, High Street.
Dingle—Mr. P. F. Bray, The "White Horse".
Dunmow—Mr. Blower, Ironmonger, High Street.

Eris Colne—Mrs. G. A. A. Spurling, Colne Crafts, High Street.
East Mersea—Mr. F. Nicholson, The Stores.

Flested—Mr. L. H. Woodley, The Garage.
Finchingfield—Mr. Waller, The Garage.
Fordham—Mr. R. H. G. Baker, The Corner Stores.

Fratton—The Crossways Garage.
Frinton-on-Sea—Mr. Starling, Newsagent, Gateway Stores, Walton Road.

Gosfield—Seymour Bros., Rookery Garage.
Grays—Fints (Greys) Ltd., 30/32 Orsett Road.
Great Bardfield—Mr. H. D. Fudge, General Stores, Brook Street.
Great Bentley—Mr. D. Richer, Randalls Store, Plough Road.
Great Leighs—Mr. Fleuty, The Stores.
Great Tatham—Mr. Cooper, The "Compass".
Mr. F. Holmes, The Garage.
Great Yeldham—Mr. J. Harris, The "Wagon & Horses".

Harlow—London Country Bus Services Ltd., Bus Station.
Hatfield Peverel—A. S. Cable Ltd., Station Corner Garage.

Ipswich—Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Dogs Head Street.

Kirby Cross—Mr. Vincent, Coronation Garage.

Leaden Roding—Mr. Simpson, The Stores.
Little Clacton—Mr. A. F. Chappell, Candor Motors.
Little Dunmow—Mr. G. R. McDonald, The Supply Stores.

Manningtree—Mr. D. J. Hiskey, Stores, 33 Station Rd. (Service 70).
Mr. A. E. Hudson, 53 Station Rd. (Services 123 & 215).
Marks Tey—Mrs. Warren, Clark's Stores, London Road.

Ongar—Mrs. I. L. Stones, Ongar Woods, High Street.
Highway Travel Ltd., High Street.

Pleshey—Mr. Polhill, Mount Stores.

Ramsey—Mr. F. Page, Butcher, Harwich Road.
Rayleigh—The Library, High Street.
Rowhedge—Mr. B. Gibson, The Stores.

St. Osyth—Gentry's Restaurant, Clacton Rd.
Sible Hedingham—Mrs. Bretton, The Stores, Swan Street.
Silver End—C. Grant & Son, Boot Shop, Western Road.
Southminster—Mr. T. Hooper, Forster News Agency, High Street.
Stanway—Mr. Cattarmull, Street Bakery, 277 London Road.
Stoke-by-Nayland—Mr. P. M. Cooley, General Stores.
Sudbury—P. H. Jordan, Coal Office, Gt. Eastern Road.

Thorpe-le-Soken—Wright's Stores, The Street.
Thornington Cross—The Stores.
Tiptree—Pyke & Lister, The Cafe.

Wesley—Mr. F. Greenleaf, Newsagent.
West Bergholt—Mr. G. F. Cowling, The Stores, Pitts Corner.
West Mersea—Mrs. J. S. Jeffery, High St.
Wickford—Adcock, Travel Agents.
Witham—"Euynas", Travel Agents, 32 Newland Street.
Mr. R. A. Ashby, The Garage, London Road.
Wivenhoe—Mr. Glosier, Tobacconist, High Street.
Writtle—Mrs. M. Gowing, Panda Cafe & Stores, St. John's Green.

Publicity News

by Ian Ransom.

First timetable booklets for:

31/B/C/X/33/36;
40;
41/51/A;
42/A/542;
45/A/48A;
54/A/C/55/56/A;
70/352;
71/A/B/C/X/72/73;
100;
Brentwood area;
Clacton area
all dated 10 April 2016.

Arriva timetable booklets for:

Harlow Town Services;
59;
308/9;
508/9/10
all dated 10 April 2016.

Trustybus —

Your complete guide to Trustybus services in Hertfordshire & Essex,
36 page booklet dated 11 April 2016.

Essex County Council contract

10 (Basildon — Shotgate) (First)
leaflet dated 10 April 2016.
13/13A/14 (Chelmsford — Wickford) (First)
photocopied sheet dated 10 April 2016

Service Changes by Paul Harvey.

Airport Bus Express

19 March 16	A20/21	D	London Victoria to Stansted Airport: additional service introduced from Liverpool Street Station & Stratford to Stansted Airport.
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Amber Coaches

14 May 16	374	M-S	Grays to Basildon: revision to route and timetable, to serve Butts Lane, Stanford.
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picture above: As reported in EBN623p6, as one route 37 commenced, another one ended. From 10 April, First Essex took over operation of the South Woodham Ferrers town service from Amber Coaches, using routes numbers 94/A/B/C (with Monday to Saturday services being extended to Basildon). Amber's SK07 HLN is seen outside the Railway Station on the last Friday of route 37, 8 April.

Adam Kelleher.

Bishop Stortford Minibus Trust

27 June 16	STORT	M-F	Bishop Stortford Town Service: new service operating approx. hourly serving Herts & Essex Hospital.
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Epping Forest Community Transport

11 April 16	SB01	Wed	Dobbs Weir to Hoddesdon: journey from Hoddesdon operates 30 mins later.
	SB03	Thur	High Beach to Loughton: service withdrawn.
	SB03	Mon	Dobbs Weir to Epping Hospital: new service.
	SB07	Mon	High Beach to Epping Hospital: new service.

Galleon Travel (Trustybus)

13 June 16	424	M-S	Harlow to Hertford: revised timetable and route not serving Stansted Abbots & St. Margarets.
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Go Ahead (Hedingham)

10 April 16	63/A	M-S	Colchester Mason Road to Berechurch: new contract service (updated Information).
18 April 16	87	D	Brightlingsea to Colchester: revision to route due to closure of Wivenhoe Road Alresford until 2 May 16.
24 April 16	79	Fri	Colchester to Tiptree: minor revision to route.
	82/A/B	M-S	Colchester to Colne Engaine: minor revision to route.
16 May 16	95/A	M-F	Tollesbury to Maldon: service extended to/from Morrisons Maldon.



picture above: The first day today of the new Thursdays only service 84B to/from Little Horkesley and Colchester. Hedingham (Anglian bus liveried) Optare Solo 904 departing from Little Horkesley towards Colchester on the first trip, driving by Group stalwart Dave Arnold.

Russell Young.

Lodge & Sons

10 April 16	319	Sch	High Roding to Bishop Stortford Schs: revision to route not serving Great Hallingbury.
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National Express

17 Oct 15	305	D	Clacton to Liverpool: coach service withdrawn.
April 16	A6	D	London to Stansted Airport: revised to operate from Paddington via Mable Arch & Baker Street to Stansted Airport every half hour.
	A7	D	London Victoria to Stansted Airport: new coach service via Waterloo & Southwark every 15/20 mins daytime.
	A8	D	London Liverpool Street to Stansted Airport: new coach service via Whitechapel, Bethnal Green & Bow every 20/30 mins daytime.
	A9	D	London Bethnal Green to Stansted Airport: revised to operate from Stratford to Stansted Airport every 30 mins daytime.
16 May 16	090	D	London to Southend: revision to timetable & route. At some unknown date additional journeys were introduced from Southend Airport at 2345 and from London Victoria at 0315 daily.

Service Changes, continued by Paul Harvey.

Panther Travel

3 May 16	80/A	M-S	Colchester to Dedham: minor revision to timetable.
	81/A	M-S	Colchester to Manningtree: minor revision to route & timetable.



picture above: Panther Travel AB62 PAN on the new 1235 80 from Colchester to Dedham on 22 April 2016. Seen here at Dedham, Marlborough Head, once the site of an EN outstation until about 1960.

Keith Shayshutt.

Regal Busways

11 April 16	322	Sch	Old Harlow to Saffron Walden: revision to timetable & route.
9 May 16	1/A/X	M-F	Oxney Green to Canvey: revised timetable with certain journeys withdrawn. Last journey from Chelmsford will operate via Rayleigh, Thundersley & Hadleigh Victoria House Corner to Tarpots as service 1B.
	390	M-F	Upshire to Harlow: service withdrawn.
	391	M-F	Bumbles Green to Harlow: revised timetable.
30 May 16	322	Sch	Old Harlow to Saffron Walden: revision to timetable and route.

Stephensons of Essex

16 April 16	313/A	M-S	Great Dunmow to Saffron Walden: revised Saturday contract timetable.
18 April 16	38/A	M-S	Witham to Halstead: minor timetable revisions with a number of peak journeys within Witham withdrawn.
	90	M-S	Witham to Maldon: minor timetable revisions.
1 May 16	20X/515	Sch	Rochford to Rayleigh Swayne School: revised starting point in mornings to be Stambridge Church instead of Rochford.

Swallow Coach Co/Vigar Travel (EOS)

11 April 16

542/A

M-S

Debden Circular: new contract service.

Terravision

1 Feb 16

A52

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31 March 16

A51

D

A53

D

London, Stratford to Stansted Airport: service ceased operating.

London, Victoria to Stansted Airport:

shuttle service provided to/from St Pancras for transfer to Stansted Citylink.

London, Liverpool Street Station to Stansted Airport: service ceased operating.

London, Notting Hill to Stansted Airport: proposed new service never commenced.

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



Concluded from EBN625p17 – by Adam Kelleher.

Basildon and Hadleigh

Non-Hybrids seen on route 100 (all BN):

47656 (8 April), 41525 (13th), 47651 (21st), 66821 (21st), 66824 (23rd), 47652 & 66813 (28th), 47655, 66822, 66824 & 66825 (4 May)

21 April T-registered Trident / Presidents BN32801 and BN32810 still in use, the former seen "Not in Service" between Billericay and Basildon (possibly returning from an afternoon school run) and the latter on 200, BN33188 on 100X, BN33424 on new route 94A (introduced on 11 April), BN33425 on 100X & 300, BN41527 on new route 10 (also introduced on 11 April), HH47644 on 25A, BN47654 on 5

28 BN33047, BN33077 & BN41513 amongst the recently acquired Enviro 400s on 25, HH63170 on 25A

4 May BN33077 on 100X, BN33544 & BN33545 on 561, BN33555 on 825, BN33561 on 8A, BN33568 on 8, BN33573 on 5, HH44004 on 25, BN69907 on 300, BN69915 on 5 (unusual for a non-Sunday, and on a day when four non hybrids were seen on route 100, see above)

Sources: own observations, and with thanks to M Allen, R Appleton, S Barham, D Bell, J Bennee, N Clark, T Clark, J Clayton, L Cornwell, J Cush, R Delahoy, M Evans, D Flatman, J Lidstone, J Long, D Lund-Conlon, P Harvey, A Hughes, W Morrison, G Norris, A Peacock, J Podgorski, I Ransom, J Salmon, K Smith, G Toon, R West, First Essex, Essex Buses Google group, Flickr, Bus Lists on the Web and Terminus.



First Essex took advantage of the major changes to bus routes in Essex from 10 April to reverse the number of Brentwood local route 73 to 37, presumably to cease having two route 73s both operating from Chelmsford garage (the other is Chelmsford to Maldon). The number 37 also fits in with other routes in the 30 series operated from Chelmsford. On the penultimate day of route 73, 8 April, 53132, one of only two Solos still in Barbie livery (the other being 53117) is seen at Brentwood Station and two days later, on the first day of route 37, 53136 in Urban livery is seen at the same location.

Both pics

Adam Kelleher.

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Chris Stewart came across this leaflet from 30 years ago

and would be interested to know what vehicles were used - presumably all three routes were worked off Brentwood depot?



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Bus to the Beach

SUNDAYS (8th July to 31st August 1986) and Bank Holiday Monday
TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (22nd July to 29th August 1986)

COLLIER ROW, Double Trip

0800	0800
0815	0815
0830	0830
0845	0845
0900	0900
0915	0915
0930	0930
0945	0945
1000	1000
1015	1015
1030	1030
1045	1045
1100	1100
1115	1115
1130	1130
1145	1145

Bus to the Beach

CLACTON

WALTON

Find out more

John Masek
Brentwood
(0277)
22704

BUSES LEAVE FOR RETURN JOURNEY:

from Walton, The Hoe	1700
from Walton, The Bus Station	1724
from Walton, The Hoe	1840
from Walton, The Bus Station	1860

PRICES TO CLACTON/FRINTON/WALTON

From	Collier Row	Ingstone
	Ramford	Margate
	Brentwood	Chelmsford
	Mouthmead	Springfield
Adult Single	£2.75	£1.25
Child Single	£1.50	£1.25
Adult Day Return	£4.00	£3.50
Child Day Return	£2.50	£1.75
Adult Weekend Return	£4.75	£4.50
Child Weekend Return	£2.50	£2.25
Family Day Return*	£8.00	£7.00
Family Weekend Return*	£9.50	£8.75

*Family returns - Up to two adults and two children with one additional child under 5 years of age free.

WEEKEND returns available for children travel on Friday returning on the following Sunday.

*Family returns - Up to two adults and two children with one additional child under 5 years of age free.

EXPLORER TICKETS ARE NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL ON THESE SERVICES

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Bus to the Beach

Wood Green, Turnpike Lane, Tottenham, Seven Sisters Station, Walthamstow, Bell, Gants Hill, Eastern Avenue, Post Office, Romford, St. Edwards Way, Gidea Park, Gallows Corner, Southend

ALL JOURNEYS RUN EVERY SUNDAY
From 6th July to 26th August (including Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday)
THURSDAYS From 24th July to 28th August.

SPECIALS ON THURSDAYS

Journeys at 0940 from Wood Green and 1735 from Southend will also run on THURSDAYS from 24th July to 28th August.

WOOD GREEN, High Road, Butler Road	0840	0940	2040
Turnpike Lane, LT Station, ABC Cinema	0843	0943	2043
Tottenham, Seven Sisters Station	0848	0948	2048
Walthamstow, Bell	0855	0955	2055
South Woodford, New Road Roundabout (East)	0900	1000	2100
Gants Hill, Eastern Avenue, Post Office	0909	1009	2109
Newbury Park, King Georges Hospital	0913	1013	2113
Romford, St. Edwards Way	0926	1026	2126
Gidea Park, Gallows Corner, Upper Brentwood Road	0931	1031	2131
SOUTHEND, Central Bus Station	1020	1120	2220

SOUTHEND, Central Bus Station	0735	1735	1835
Gidea Park, Gallows Corner, Upper Brentwood Road	0824	1824	1924
Romford, St. Edwards Way	0829	1829	1929
Newbury Park, opposite LT Station	0842	1842	1942
Gants Hill, Woodford Avenue, Bus Stop 'B'	0846	1846	1946
South Woodford, New Road Roundabout (East)	0855	1855	1955
Walthamstow, Bell	0900	1900	2000
Tottenham, Seven Sisters Station	0907	1907	2007
Turnpike Lane, LT Station, Wood Green High Road	0912	1912	2012
WOOD GREEN, High Road, Butler Road	0915	1915	2015

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Bus to the Beach

Bishops Hall Estate, Brentwood, High Street, Harold Hill, Petersfield Avenue, Shopping Centre, Gidea Park, Gallows Corner, Upper Brentwood Road, ROMFORD, St. Edwards Way, Bus Stop 'H', Romes Corner, Elm Park, Elm Park Avenue/Warren Drive, Elm Park Station, Coronation Drive/South End Road, Airfield Way/South End Road, Airfield Way, Shops, St. Georges Hospital, Hornchurch, Station, Hornchurch, White Hart, outside Harris Carpets, Upminster Bridge Station, Upminster Station, CANTERBURY, MARGATE, Pier, BROADSTAIRS, RAMSGATE, Harbour

WEDNESDAYS (30th July to 27th August)

BISHOPS HALL ESTATE, Clarence Road	0830
BISHOPS HALL ESTATE, Elizabeth Road	0832
BRENTWOOD, High Street	0837
Brook Street, The Bull	0841
Harold Hill, Petersfield Avenue	0844
Harold Hill, Petersfield Avenue, Shops	0846
Harold Hill, Hildene Avenue, Shopping Centre	0851
Gidea Park, Gallows Corner, Upper Brentwood Road	0854
ROMFORD, St. Edwards Way, Bus Stop 'H'	0900
Romes Corner	0905
Elm Park, Elm Park Avenue/Warren Drive	0908
Elm Park Station	0911
Coronation Drive/South End Road	0914
Airfield Way/South End Road	0916
Airfield Way, Shops	0918
St. Georges Hospital	0920
Hornchurch, Station	0922
Hornchurch, White Hart, outside Harris Carpets	0924
Upminster Bridge Station	0927
Upminster Station	0930
CANTERBURY	1050
MARGATE, Pier	1120
BROADSTAIRS	1135
RAMSGATE, Harbour	1145

Buses pick-up and set down only at points shown between Bishops Hall Estate and Upminster for travel to or from Canterbury, Margate, Broadstairs or Ramsgate.

BUSES LEAVE FOR RETURN JOURNEY:

from Ramsgate	at 1445
from Broadstairs	at 1755
from Margate	at 1810
from Canterbury	at 1840

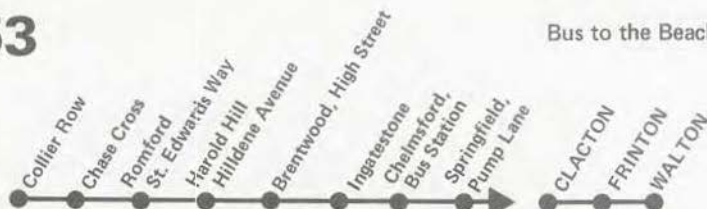
PRICES FROM ALL POINTS SHOWN ...

	To: Canterbury	Margate/Broadstairs/Ramsgate
Adult Single	£3.50	£3.50
Child Single	£1.50	£1.75
Adult Day Return	£4.50	£5.00
Child Day Return	£2.25	£2.50
Family Day Return*	£9.00	£10.00

*Family Day Returns - Up to two adults and two children with one additional child under 5 years of age free.

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Bus to the Beach



SUNDAYS (6th July to 31st August 1986) and Bank Holiday Monday

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS (22nd July to 29th August 1986)

COLLIER ROW, Double Top	0850
Chase Cross	0854
ROMFORD, St. Edwards Way, Bus Stop 'E'	0900
GIDEA PARK, Gallows Corner, Upper Brentwood Rd	0905
Harold Hill, Hildene Avenue, Shopping Centre	0908
Harold Hill, Petersfield Avenue, Shops	0913
Harold Park, Petersfield Avenue	0915
Brook Street, The Bull	0918
BRENTWOOD, High Street	0925
Shenfield, Green Dragon	0929
Mountnessing, Post Office	0935
Ingatestone, Park Place	0939
Margaretting, Black Bull	0944
Wood Street, Roundabout	0951
CHELMSFORD, Bus Station	1000
Springfield, Pump Lane	1010
CLACTON, Bus Station	1100
Frinton, Rail Gates	1120
WALTON, Bus Station	1126
WALTON, The Naze	1130

To find out
more



John Masek
Brentwood
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Buses stop at all points shown between Collier Row and Brentwood, and all Route 451 stops between Brentwood and Chelmsford and all stops between Chelmsford and Springfield for travel to or from Clacton, Frinton or Walton.

BUSES LEAVE FOR RETURN JOURNEY:

from Walton, The Naze	1730
Walton, The Bus Station	1734
from Frinton, Rail Gates	1740
from Clacton, Bus Station	1800

PRICES TO CLACTON/FRINTON/WALTON

From:	Collier Row	Ingatestone
	Romford	Margaretting
	Brentwood	Chelmsford
	Mountnessing	Springfield
Adult Single	£2.75	£2.50
Child Single	£1.50	£1.25
Adult Day Return	£4.00	£3.50
Child Day Return	£2.00	£1.75
Adult Weekend Return	£4.75	£4.50
Child Weekend Return	£2.50	£2.25
Family Day Return*	£8.00	£7.00
Family Weekend Return*	£9.50	£8.75

Weekend returns available for outward travel on Friday returning on the following Sunday.

*Family returns — Up to two adults and two children with one additional child under 5 years of age free.

SORRY: EXPLORER TICKETS ARE NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL ON THESE SERVICES

Acquired Vehicles

33504	LK08 FLX	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4544	AD 7420/1	H41/26D	05/08
33507	LK08 FKZ	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4546	AD 7420/4	H41/26D	05/08
33544	SN58 CFK	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4686	AD 8423/1	H41/26D	10/08
33545	SN58 CFL	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4769	AD 8423/2	H41/26D	10/08
33546	SN58 CFM	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4770	AD 8423/3	H41/26D	10/08
33548	SN58 CFP	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4785	AD 8423/5	H41/26D	10/08
33549	SN58 CFU	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4786	AD 8423/6	H41/26D	10/08
33551	SN58 CFX	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4788	AD 8423/8	H41/26D	10/08
33552	SN58 CFY	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4789	AD 8423/9	H41/26D	10/08
33553	SN58 CFZ	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4790	AD 8423/10	H41/26D	10/08
33555	SN58 CGF	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4819	AD 8424/2	H41/26D	11/08
33557	SN58 CGK	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4821	AD 8424/4	H41/26D	11/08
33558	SN58 CGO	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4822	AD 8424/5	H41/26D	11/08
33559	SN58 CGU	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4823	AD 8424/6	H41/26D	11/08
33561	SN58 CGX	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4825	AD 8424/8	H41/26D	11/08
33562	SN58 CGY	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4826	AD 8424/9	H41/26D	11/08
33563	SN58 CGZ	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4827	AD 8424/10	H41/26D	11/08
33567	SN58 CHG	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4831	AD 8424/14	H41/26D	11/08
33568	SN58 CHH	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4832	AD 8424/15	H41/26D	11/08
33570	SN58 CHK	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4834	AD 8424/17	H41/26D	11/08
33572	SN58 CHO	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4836	AD 8424/19	H41/26D	11/08
33573	SN58 ENR	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4837	AD 8424/20	H41/26D	11/08
33574	SN58 ENT	AD Tt SFD16MBRA8GXB4838	AD 8424/21	H41/26D	11/08



Newly acquired 33574 clearly shows the spaceships and planets design on its yellow vinyls (plus the lack of a rear fleet number) when seen in Basildon Bus Station on route 25 on 21 April. **Adam Kelleher.**

Enviro 400 bodies. From First Leicester, they were new to First London. Converted to H41/30F, repainted in Urban livery, all round LED blinds and leather seats fitted after London service. They operated from First London's Dagenham depot until September 2013 when that was closed down as First withdrew from London operations. At least some of them operated on route 498 from Romford to Brentwood and route 265 from Brentwood to Lakeside. After service in London, all of 33504/6-8/544-74 moved to First Leicester, but 33506/8/47/50/4/6/60/4-6/9/71 subsequently passed to First West of England at Bristol which explains the gaps in the numbers above. They have been replaced at Leicester by new Wrightbus StreetDecks.

At Leicester, 33545/6/9/52/7/61/2/70/2 carried blue vinyl branding for route 22 and 33507/44/8/51/3/5/8/73/4 had yellow vinyl branding for route 54. (The yellow branding incorporates sketches of spaceships and planets, as route 54 passed the National Space Centre.) The vinyls included route number each side towards the front, places served at the bottom of the side upper deck windows and vinyl round the front destination box. Most of the vinyls towards the front of the buses, plus route numbers and places served, have been removed, although most vehicles entered service in Essex still with the vinyls at rear / rear of side, although some have also had the vinyl removed from the rear side lower panels. Route branding vinyls were also applied to the interior of these vehicles and, at least, some, of these remain. Doubtless, over time, more of the vinyls will be removed. 33504/59/63/7-8 arrived without route branding. Main Essex fleet names have been applied on the lower panels each side and small Essex names (but without "First") above the driver's cab and entrance doors plus Basildon depot stickers have been added to some, but not all vehicles. Most of these buses do not have rear fleet numbers (33562 does have). They already had Westway, Chelmsford legal lettering (first line was "Leicester Citybus")

33563 and 33568 were delivered to Basildon on 8 April, 33507, 33548, 33551, 33553, 33561 and 33574 on 14th, 33555, 33557-9 and 33573 on 15th, 33504, 33544-6 on 19th, 33549, 33552, 33562, 33567, 33570 and 33572 on 26th.

Some early sightings in service with First Essex have been as follows (all dates April 2016 except where stated):

33504 on 8 (26th); 33507 on 8 (4 May); 33544 on 25 (22nd), 5 (26th); 33545 on 200 (21st), 5 (23rd) (still with blue vinyl around front destination screen); 33548 on 25 (28th); 33551 on 25A (16th) (still with yellow vinyl around front destination screen); 33553 on 1710 Sandon P&R extra (20th), 200 (21st) (still with yellow vinyl around front destination screen); 33555 on 25 (21st), 25A (26th) (still with yellow vinyl around front destination screen); 33557 on 8A (19th), 25 (28th) (still with blue vinyl around front destination screen); 33558 on 25A (18th & 19th), 561 (20th); 33559 on 25 (22nd), 200 (26th); 33561 on 25A (14th); 33562 on 25 (28th); 33563 on 15 (13th), 25A (14th), 25 (18th); 33568 on 25 (11th, LEDs, not programmed, route number in windscreen), 200 (19th, LEDs in use), 825 (21st); 33572 on 25 (28th); 33573 seen in service on 19th (route unknown), on 25A (25th), 94 (26th); 33574 on 25 (21st). As at 5 May, 33546, 33549, 33552, 33567 and 33570 had not yet been noted in service.



A rare photo... This is a Sandon park and ride extra from Leicester (with love). Sorry, couldn't resist the Bond thing there! One bus comes off the school runs and provides two P&R runs, out, back, out then to Basildon. 33555 on 28 April taken through Chelmsford library windows, hence the slight reflection!

Dominic Lund-Conlon.

Allocation Changes

BN-Basildon; CF-Chelmsford; CN-Clacton; CR-Colchester; HH-Hadleigh; CF(DS)-Driving School (based at Chelmsford); Sh-Driver Shuttle; BE(out of service)-withdrawn vehicles stored at Braintree; FEC-to / from First Eastern Counties*; FG-to / from another First Group company* (*both involving change of legal ownership)

Period 1 (27 March - 23 April)

30902 CN-FEC, 32804 BN-BE(out of service), 32809 BN-BE(out of service), 32847 BN-BE(out of service), 32849 BN-BE(out of service), 32850 BN-BE(out of service), 32855 BN-BE(out of service), 32856 BN-BE(out of service), 32864 BN-BE(out of service), 32887 BN-BE(out of service), 32905 BN-BE(out of service), 33504 FG-BN, 33507 FG-BN, 33544 FG-BN, 33545 FG-BN, 33546 FG-BN, 33548 FG-BN, 33551 FG-BN, 33553 FG-BN, 33555 FG-BN, 33557 FG-BN, 33558 FG-BN, 33559 FG-BN, 33561 FG-BN, 33563 FG-BN, 33568 FG-BN, 33573 FG-BN, 33574 FG-BN

Disposal

30902 to First Eastern Counties at Lowestoft, to replace 30889 (W744 DWX), which was damaged in an RTC on the A12 at Wrentham on 30 March. 30902 entered service on 12 April on route 99, Lowestoft to Kessingland, LEDs fully programmed, nearside Essex fleet name removed (it did not have one on the offside).

Repaints

To Urban livery

CF32475, seen on route 70 on 15 April

Small "First Essex" names with f symbol above entrance door and driver's cab, depot stickers both sides and main "Essex" fleet names on lower panels both sides. Updating EBN615, BN66806 also has small "First Essex" names with f symbol above entrance door plus depot sticker and main "Essex" fleet name on cove panels on the offside as well as the nearside.



To replace Marshall-bodied Dennis Dart 41761 (X761 HLR), withdrawn owing to a chassis problem (beyond economic repair), Chelmsford TransBus Dart 42487 (SN03 WME) arrived at Hadleigh during the afternoon of 30 April to replace it.

John G. Lidstone.

Other Vehicle News and Workings

General

CR32477 has had its 61/62 branding on the nearside removed but retains it on the offside. CF32652 has had its main Colchester fleet names removed from both sides, although it retains the small First Colchester name above the entrance doors. 63164 & 63166 (both HH) have gained a main Essex fleet name on offside lower panels. CF32481 has gained a super rear advert for Workshop Play.co.uk. BN69909 is another to have received a super rear advert for Route 100. CF68508 was again on driver training (see EBN624), seen in Brentwood on 12 April. Shuttle bus 43480 (CF) has also been seen on driver training during April. HH47529 has lost its chrome "W" mouldings on front dash (plus the f symbol above).



John G. Lidstone was surprised to find ex-Eastern Counties Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton Pointer 2 43480 (R680 DPW) in use as a temporary driver trainer whilst on his wait for the last Leicester Enviro400s to arrive in Basildon.

Service Changes from 10 April

Further to EBN623, some sightings just before and just after the service changes that came into effect from 10 April.

- 8 April** CF53132, one of only two Solos still in Barbie livery, on Brentwood local route 73, the penultimate day before this route had its number reversed. CF53138 on 15A, the penultimate day of this route number, from 11 April the 14/15/A were renumbered 13/A/14 and extended in Wickford. (This renumbering ended the strange anomaly where two completely different routes 15 and 15A operated by the same company, although from different depots (Chelmsford and Basildon), shared short stretches of road in Wickford.) CR33078 on Colchester route 15 on its last day before transfer to Hedingham on 11th. CF42485 on 46, the penultimate day of First Essex operation of the route before it transferred to NIBS on 11th. CN44598 on 9 (Great Holland to Walton) on the last day before transfer to Stephensons.
- 9** CR63331 operated the last evening 71C service (from Chelmsford to Colchester at 2215). From 11th, the service was restructured and renumbered 71A, with operation transferring from Colchester to Chelmsford. (The Sunday / Bank Holiday 71C operated by Regal continues.) CR69429 on 63, last day before the route transferred to Hedingham
- 10** CF32651 on first day of First operation of Sunday service on route 70, taken over from Network (Arriva) Colchester, extended from Braintree to Chelmsford and in Colchester to Mason Road (to provide a service to the Leisure Centre). CR63328 also on a route revised to serve Mason Road, the 67B, with destination display of "Col Mason Road". CR63335 on 2A, which was previously Network Colchester 2C, but now diverted via Horkesley Heath, matching the Monday to Saturday evening service (the main daytime service 2 continues to be operated by Network Colchester). CF53136 on Brentwood local route 37, the first day of service of the previous 73 with its number reversed. CF66797 on 36 (extended on Sundays only to Broomfield Hospital and at South Woodham Ferrers to Marsh Farm, the vehicle off the 36 then operates the Sunday 91C SWF local service). NIBS Dart 551 on 21 in Braintree on the first day after taking over the Sunday service from First.
- 11** Clacton depot gained service 2, Clacton - Mistley, from Hedingham (First Eastern National originally operated this service when it started on 4 January 1999 as part of the Village Link initiative), CN42556 was in use on the first day (subsequent sightings have all been of 9.4m Darts, CN42555-7/61). Clacton depot thus now operates two route 2s, the other being the Harwich town service.
- 12** CF44543 on 71A

Colchester and Clacton

CR33184 came off the road into a ditch on The Strood whilst working route 67 from Colchester to Mersea Island on 29 April. There were no serious injuries. The bus just about remained upright but at a steep angle. Photos and a report are available on the Daily Gazette / Essex County Standard website. Colchester Borough Transport and First Essex vehicles have previously suffered a similar fate at this location. The following were seen withdrawn at the back of Clacton depot on 22 April, in various states of disrepair, with windows and panels missing: 30903, 43485, 60206, 62406, 65627, 65631, 65650, 66165 and 66177. Double deckers and StreetLites seen on routes 103/4 during April (all CR): 33080 (8th), 32476, 33195 (11th), 33044, 33196 (14th), 33196 (15th), 33184 (19th), 33196 (20th), 33195 (21st), 33078 (29th), 63328, 63329 (11th), 63344 (14th), 63342 (15th). CN30902 started April working on route 76 before its transfer to First Eastern Counties. CN30887 started the month working route 5/A, but was seen on the 76 on 8th, 22nd and 29th.

Former Basildon Vehicles (Period 2 transfers)

32087 was seen on Clacton route 5 on 25 April, then on the 27th it operated the 1515 Clacton to Point Clear school service 117. It then returned dead to Clacton before working the 1610 76 to Colchester (the third bus required on this route in the afternoon peak). It was on 5/A again on 29th. Sister 32068 was seen at Clacton on the 27th parked at the rear of the depot. By the 29th it had moved to the front. Both 32068 and 32087 are in Barbie livery so once again Clacton is no longer a 100% Urban livery depot. 32640 and 32641 have moved to Colchester, the former was seen on route 70 on 4 May and 62 on 5th, the latter on 70 on 5th.

8 April	CN42928 on 74B
9	CR33078 & CR33190 on 65
10	CR63330 on 102
11	CR33002 & CR33184 on 67, one double decker on this route is usual but two is rare, CN65666 on 3/30A/2A
13	CR33001 on 65
18	CR33044 on 64A
19	CR33196 on 64
22	Unusually, three double deckers on 61, CR33078, CR33080 & CR33088. CN65667 on 3/30A/2A
25	CF33002 on 65
29	CR32475 on 1A, CN42561, CN42918, CN42922 & CN42927 on 10/11/12
30	CR33044 & CR33086 on 65



On the first day of First Essex operation, 11 April, Alexander Dennis Dart SLF/Pointer 42556 (WX05 UAN) worked 1430 Clacton - Mistley service 2. It is turning from Colchester Road, Lawford in to Long Road, then it will continue via New Road, Mistley to the existing terminus at Mistley (Rigby Avenue). **Robert Appleton**

Chelmsford (including Braintree Outstation)

Sightings at Braintree outstation: 32481, 32482, 32485, 32652, 32654, 66795 plus out of service 32804, 32809, 32849, 32856 and 32905 (17 April); 32482, 32483, 32485, 32654, 65029, 66808 plus out of service 32804, 32809, 32847, 32849, 32850, 32855, 32856, 32864 and 32887 (24th).

8 April CF69434 on Sandon Park & Ride (and again 19th & 26th)
11 CF44542 on 71
12 CF53112 on 42A
13 CF44550 on 36, CF53113 on 42
14 CF44547 unusual Enviro 200 operation on 70
15 CF32483 unusual double deck operation on a normal Sandon Park & Ride working, CF42486 on 14, CF44550 on 71 & 71X
17 CF44549 on 42A, CF65030 on X30, CF66802 & CF66812 on 352
18 CF67901 on 36, CF69421 on Chelmer Valley Park & Ride
20 CF44551 on 71
21 CF43845 on 71, CF53138 on 542, CF69533 on 72
23 CF43801 on 73
25 CF67901 on 71
28 CF42487 on 71A, CF43846 on 71, CF53129 on 72
29 CF44550 & CF53121 on 71



Optare Solo 53115 on 46 in early April, just before "the changes". Waiting outside Chelmsford Railway station. **John Salmon.**

Basildon and Hadleigh information and sources are shown on EBN625p9

Greater Anglia Rail Replacement

Colchester-Clacton: CR33086, CR33186, CR33196 (24 April)

Depots Further to EBN 624, Tendring Council has approved the change of use of the former Harwich depot to part general industry and part drinking establishment. The owner of Harwich Town Brewing Company hopes to be ready to open for the International Shanty Festival in October. The previous small Haven Road, Colchester depot is now occupied by Velvis - prestige and sports automotive services. EBN625p17

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Dealing Stock Movements

April 2016.

Mark Lloyd with thanks to Ross Newman.

Vehicles In

Arriva London	LJ54 BFF/BDY	Volvo B7TLs
Bath Bus Co	N548LHG	Olympians
	P718/67/72/74 SWC	
First Norwich	RML2623/RML2480	
Go-Ahead London	SN56 AYC	Darts
	AE06 HCG / HCK	
	SN51 UAK	
	PN06 UYM/O/P/R/V/W	
	LK03 NHF/G/V	Volvo B7TLs
	BV55 UCT/U/W/Y	Scania's
	X552/69/707 EGK	Volvo B7TLs
	Y732/3 TGH	
	LF52 ZNU	
	LF52 ZPB/C/D/G/H/J	
	FJ54 DZR	DAF SB120s
	BX04 BXN	
Go-Ahead South Coast	N205/13 NNJ	Darts
	Y749 TGH	Volvo B7TLs
	PL51 LDO	
Metroline	LK03 GFZ /CFL/CEY/GHZ/CFD	Tridents
	GHF/CFA/CFG	
Rotala	YT59 NZN	Scania
Stagecoach London	LX53 JYO	Trident
Stagecoach Merseyside	YK53 GXJ/M	Volvo
B10BLEs		
Stagecoach South	P285 VPN	Olympian
Chris Steel	RM2185	

Vehicles Out

Abbey Travel, Erith, Kent	LF52 ZNU	Volvo B7TL
Avondale Coaches, Glasgow	SN03 ECC	Dart
Cardinal Buses, Egham, Surrey	LX53 JYO	Trident
County Connect, Sidcup, Kent	Y815 TGH	Volvo B7TL
Faresaver, Chippenham, Wilts	YX12TAT	Enviro 200s
	YX62 FET	
GHA Coaches, Wrexham	V531GDS	Volvo B10BLEs
	R842/7 PRG	
Nu-Venture, Maidstone	SN03 EBZ	Dart
Regency Coaches, Bexhill	YN06 JYG	Scania
Rotala plc	LJ04 LFA/D/LDC	DAF DB250s
Seaford and District	P757 SWC	Olympian
Stagecoach East	LK03 CFC	Trident
Stagecoach E Mids	LK03 GFZ	Tridents
Stagecoach Midlands	LK03 CEY/CFD	Tridents
Stagecoach West	LT52 XAK	Trident
Stephensons of Essex	BV55 UCT/W	Scanias
Trustybus, Roydon, Essex	YN53 RXV/RXO	Scanias
Wellglade Group, Notts	YN56 FDU/Y/Z	Scanias
	YN06 JYK	
Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants	N213 NNJ	Dart
York Pullman	K736 ODL	Olympian

Other Movements

Volvo B7TL	LJ54 BCZ
Cheddar Gorge and Caves, Cheddar, Somerset.	
Olympian	P285 VPN Red Kite, Tilsworth, Beds.
RML2480	Bus and Us, Thetford, Norfolk.
RML2623	Dawson Rentals.
RM2185	Carters Heritage Travel, Capel-St-Mary.
MAN's AJ58 WBF / AE09 DHK Omega Buses, Paralimi, Cyprus.	
Tridents	X792 JHG / V801 EBR / LK03 CFA DAF LJ03
MWV	Scania YN53 RXW MC Tractors for scrap.
Dart	N205 NNJ Carl English, Southwick, W Sussex.

Fleet News April 2016; – Vehicles Into Fleet

109	LJ54BD0	Volvo B7TL ALX400	now single door	ex VLA89
110	LJ54BDV	Volvo B7TL ALX400	now single door ex VLA91	
716	YX60EOR	Enviro 200 ex Edinburgh Airport Car Parks – converted from dual door		
717	YX60EOS	Enviro 200 ex Edinburgh Airport Car Parks – converted from dual door		
718	YX60EOT	Enviro 200 ex Edinburgh Airport Car Parks – converted from dual door		
796	LK03NLJ	Dart SLF Caetano Nimbus	797	LK03NLM Dart SLF Caetano Nimbus
798	LK53FDN	Dart SLF Caetano Nimbus	901	LJ54BCY Volvo B7TL ALX400 Ex Arriva VLA85
902	LJ54BFF	Volvo B7TL ALX400 VLA79	903	LJ54BDF Volvo B7TL ALX400 VLA88
904	LJ54BDU	Volvo B7TL ALX400 VLA90	905	LJ54BDZ Volvo B7TL ALX400 VLA94
906	LJ54BFO	Volvo B7TL ALX400 VLA84	907	LJ54BFL Volvo B7TL ALX400 VLA81

Vehicles Withdrawn

393	P493MBY	Volvo Olympian Alexander O43/31F	Sold to Alphabus, Soulbury, Bucks.
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General

The 7 Volvo B7TL's that were temporary additions are now staying until February 2017 for an 8-month rail contract. It is a TfL rail contract so they will not be going blue and silver.

Darts 796-8 added to the fleet are for Tilbury Cruise Terminal work.



When Townlink route 21 was curtailed at Ongar, Ensignbus provided a replacement service between there and Brentwood. 702, an Enviro E20D, is at the Two Brewers as the route double-runs through Ongar town centre.

Owen Woodliffe.

EBN625p19

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Card, Richard Delahoy, Keith Sadler and HarlowRide.

Dart SLF 3413 (SN54 HWY) has transferred from **Harlow to Colchester**. It wears Arriva colours.

Harlow based Versas 4198/9 (YJ58 PFY/Z) have lost SX connect livery for Arriva colours. Meanwhile, Optare Solos 1456 (YJ06 FXV), 1457 (YJ06 FXV) 1467 (KE55 KTC) and 1460 (KE54 OSV) have lost Network Harlow livery for Arriva colours. This leaves just 5 vehicles remaining in Network Harlow livery, all Solos, fleet numbers 1466, 1473, 1454, 1455 and 1465.

Loan Dart SLF / Alexander 3331 (W462 XKX) returned from **Colchester to Northfleet** mid April but 3333 (W465 XKX) remains on loan at **Colchester**.



picture above: Network Colchester Scania/East Lancs (AY55 DKA) about to turn into Queen Street from High Street, Colchester on April 20th on service 8 to Monkwick. **Ken Coldwell.**

To Supplement Peter's report above, Richard Lewis advises:

Colchester's 5373 and Harlow's 4198/4199 have all received Arriva livery in our Paint Shop at Maidstone over the past few days. This is the start of a full repaint programme over the next few weeks that will see SXConnect, Network Harlow and Network Colchester liveries replaced by standard Arriva livery.

Fares in the Colchester area will be revised with effect from this Sunday, 17 April. A number of single and return fares will see significant reductions, others will stay at existing process and some of the fares for longer distances will increase by 5p or 10p. The Colchester weekly ticket will reduce from £16 to £14.

Acquired

Two further Scania N94UD/East Lancs double deckers ex Go-Ahead Group are BV55 UCT & BV55 UCW, currently awaiting single door conversion and repaint.

Olympian Running Day – Saturday 4 June.

This is going ahead as previously advertised, when the following buses are expected to be used on services 14/15 (Haverhill - Bury St Edmunds) and 16 (Bury St Edmunds – Mildenhall - Newmarket):

724 J624 GCR Leyland Olympian (Gardner)/Alexander 1991

862 J562 HAT Leyland Olympian (Gardner)/Northern Counties 1992

947 H547 VAT Leyland Olympian (Cummins)/Northern Counties 1990

And at least one each of:

808 – 810 M408-410 RVU Volvo Olympian (Cummins)/Northern Counties 1995

829 – 831 N881,959,960 FKK Volvo Olympian (Cummins)/Alexander (Belfast) 1996.

It is also hoped that a surprise guest vehicle will run free short tours from Bury bus station during the day.

For further details, see www.stephensonsofsex.com, News page.



picture above: Stephensons ScaniaOptare Olympus 505 (YN07 LHX) on arrival at East Hill, Colchester on the 0910 ex Walton on Naze service 105 on 20 April. The destination has already been set for the return journey. This service was operated by Network Colchester until 10 April.

Ken Coldwell.

Editor's note: I know it is not an Olympian but it is an excellent, topical pic!

Chambers Guy KCF 711 by Chris Stewart.



Further to Doug Brown's comment in EBN624p31, here is a photo by

Philip Wallis dated March 1962 showing KCF 711 with a single piece (top hung opening) driver's window, which Chris assumes it had from new.



Just as I am ready to press the button for printing, this beauty pops into the in-box. Group Member Dave Edwards former EN 1516, Bristol RELL/ECW B53F at the Silver End village 90th anniversary event. More next EBN.

Chris Stewart.

EBN625p22

Fleet news

701	T801 RFG	TY to HD
702	T802 RFG	TY to HD
723	W823 NNJ	CN to TY
726	W826 NNJ	CN to TY
740	V161 MEV	TY to Anglian Bus at Beccles by 21/4

Withdrawn

714	T814 RFG	Withdrawn at CN
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General

It was reported in April "Buses" magazine that 582 X507 EGK had been sold. It had been reported locally that Pot Kiln Primary School in Gt. Cornard had been fortunate enough to have had a double decker bus donated to them by Chambers. In February 2016, EGK was engineless in the SY yard. It has been reported in late April by a group member that it was seen at the SY depot on 21/4 with Hedingham fleetnames applied to its Go Ahead London livery. It still retained its dual door layout from London days.

Service 15(am) and early 82/83/A/B normally uses SLF/MPD from HD Monday to Friday.

Service 15(pm) and later 82/83/A/B normally SLF duty from CN.

Service 63A normally CN Omnidekka M-F and Enviro 200/SLF Sat.

School service 22/D Chappel/Gt Tey — Stanway School has transferred from TY to HD with the vehicles.



Hedingham 1513 Scania/East Lincs (YN55 PZU) on East Hill, Colchester heading out to Brightlingsea on service 87 on 20 April.

Ken Coldwell.

Ambus (Amber Coaches' bus operations) by Adam Kelleher

With thanks to LOTS

Disposals

Volvo B7TL / Plaxton Presidents Y172 NLK and Y202 NLK were sold by December 2015.

Livery Variation

Typo in EBN623, SK07 HOV should have read HLV. Sister vehicle HLN does not have any orange relief and is still in all over off white livery.



Regal Busways by Adam Kelleher

With thanks to Nigel Clark, Terry Clark, Chris Hatley, Dominic Lund-Conlon, John Podgorski, Geoff Toon and Owen Woodliffe

Fleet Numbering

Although not carried on the vehicle, Trident X263 NNO is referred to internally as 1304.

Bus Fire

P 02 was destroyed by fire in the early morning of 26 April, on the A130 between Rayleigh Spur and Sadlers Farm roundabout (the Fire Incident time was 0602). It had been on its way out of service to South Benfleet (Tarpots) to commence operation of the 0608 route 1A to Canvey. When fire crews arrived the bus was 100% alight and they closed the southbound road for safety reasons. The blaze was extinguished by 0710. Around midday what was left of the vehicle (wheels, chassis and framework, but no panels or glass) was removed by a Scania low-loader.

Workings and Observations All dates April 2016 except where stated

Greater Anglia Rail Replacement

Chelmsford to Newbury Park: 651, YJ03 PGZ (1 May)

Ingatestone to Newbury Park: YJ03 PGZ, MX10 DFK (2 May)

Ingatestone to Shenfield shuttle: 801 (2 May)

Ingatestone Cross Platform shuttle: 210 (2 May)

Coaches YJ03 PGZ on 3 (25th)

Solos 206 on 10 (17th), 0060 (27th - 29th), 343 (also 29th); 207 on 31A (13th), 71C & 88 (24th); 208 on 31A & 75 (8th); 209 on 52 & 70 (8th); 210 on B2 (26th); 211 on 0060 (21st)

Darts 611 on 0060 (18 - 20th, 22nd, 25th & 26th), Braintree Freeport Shuttle (23rd); 615 on 12 (17th); 618 on 52 (13th)

MANs 702 on 565 (12th & 21st)

Tempos P 03 on 75 (12th), 3 (28th).

EOS London.com (Vigar Travel Ltd, a subsidiary of Swallow Coaches, Rainham, Essex)

by Adam Kelleher

With thanks to John Card and Owen Woodliffe

Acquired Vehicle

PN03 ULY, TransBus Trident / TransBus President, H41/23D, new to London General (PDL 39) 3/03

Later acquired by Hackney Community Transport (CT Plus) for use on Transport for London route 388. Whilst there, it received a restricted front destination display. First seen with EOS on TfL Rail Replacement, Newbury Park to Shenfield on Easter Sunday & Monday 27 & 28 March, still all red. On route 66 (no blinds) on 14 April.

Parking

There is now some out-stationing of vehicles at Purkiss Farm on the A1184 between Thornwood and M11 Junction 7. (On the evening of 18 April, one Dart was seen parked in a layby outside.) The farm is where a number of local coach operators have parked in the recent past.



Trustybus (Galleon Travel 2009, Roydon, Essex bus operations) by Adam Kelleher

With thanks to John Card, LOTS, Bus Lists on the Web and Flickr

Acquired Vehicles

YN53 RXO, Scania N94UB / Scania, B37D, new to Metrobus (521) 12/03

YN53 RXV, Scania N94UB / Scania, B37D, new to Metrobus (526) 11/03

From Ensign, April 2016, previously with Go Ahead London (Metrobus).

These join those listed in EBNs 619-21. Like those, when with Metrobus / Go Ahead, these were mainly allocated to Transport for London route 358. They retain dual doors and are B32D, the tip up seats were removed whilst on TfL service. However, unlike those previously acquired, they have not been repainted into fleet livery or received LED blinds. They entered service in overall red without blinds. YN53 RXO was seen on route 410 on 25 April & 392 on 28th and YN53 RXV was seen on route 505 on 25th.

Other Vehicle News

KM51 BFO (see EBN624) was still on loan during April. Scania / East Lancs YU02 GHG and YR52 VFN have had LED blinds fitted.

Withdrawn from Service

EDL 35 (LY58 PFX) has not been seen in service for some time and as at March was unlicensed. This is the former prototype Enviro 300 built as a test rig in 2001 and acquired in June 2014 with a 2008 registration.

Re-registrations

YR52 VFH to NNZ 7336. Further to EBN624, ex YR52 VFM has retained its fleet letters TB VFM despite having been re-registered to HXZ 9926. (Correcting EBN623, YR52 VFH did not carry fleet letters TB VFH.)



Trustybus RXH, blinded for route 420 on 1 March 2016 in Harlow Bus Station. **Adam Kelleher.**

In full colour, this bus stood out well against the grey concrete car park! Ed.

The Blind Spot — another in an occasional series by Bob Williamson.

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picture above: This bus has the blind shown on the previous page. Where is it taken? The buildings top left may be a clue! **Bob Williamsom.**



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All the
way to
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to see
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Solo on
Rottnest
Island in
early
April
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**John
Salmon.**
EBN625p27

The Leicester Phenomenon!

Well! It seems as though it is Leicester's annus fantasticus what with finding the remains of Richard III and his "rehabilitation", a bit of fuss about some incredible football results and now getting a series of new buses and passing their older ones to Essex! It seemed as though most of our south-Essex based membership was out taking pics; here is a selection.



"New"
Enviro400
33573
taken in
Rayleigh
on 25
April.

**Nigel
Clark.**



33549 arrived at Basildon from Leicester on 26 April with full blue Route 22 branding. But it is no stranger to Essex, it is seen here in all over red three and a half years earlier in Brentwood High Street on route 498 when operating from First London's Dagenham depot on 1 October 2012.

Adam Kelleher.



top picture: "I sent you a pic of 33563 ex-Leicester on 25 at Eastwood the other day. Someone commented on my Flickr site that these had been new to Dagenham. Guess which bus I snapped in Thames Drive during the 'Olympic bus test' event on 31 July 2011.....none other than the (then) DN33563! Also, then dual-door." **John G. Lidstone.**

Lower picture: E400s take over - 33507 (LK08 FKZ) leads 33559 out of the bus station on 26 April, 33507 with yellow branding on sides still, removed from front and 33559 with no branding. **John G. Lidstone.**

EBN625p29

Smaller Operators

by Roger A. Smith, with thanks to the PSV Circle.

Barker, Roydon

BAZ 7912 (ex-T46 DGD), an Iveco with Beulas C49T body; WIN 4748 (ex-P94 KCA), a Balmoral bodied Mercedes Benz C35F; R482 NPR, an East Lancs bodied Dennis Dart B37F; X956 BNE, an LDV Convoy M16 and BX55 NYB, a BMC C43F have all gone from here.

Falconrise (Roman Cars), Colchester

Iriza bodied Scania C49FT, YN51 MHO is here from New Horizon, Frating and has been re-registered as V21 ROM.

Flagfinders, Braintree

DT05 DON (ex-YJ05 XWP), a Bova Futura C49FT has been acquired from Don's, Great Dunmow and re-registered as GB05 FLG, whilst similar RY04 ERN has become GB04 FLG and KC55 ABC is now GB55 FLG

Ford, Althorne

YT13 HLF, a Scania K360EB4 with Iriza C49FT body is here from City Circle, Newbridge, Scotland.

Golding, Little Maplestead

Plaxton bodied Volvo B10M C53F, reg. no. N611 APU has gone from here.

Lodge, High Easter

FY52 PMV (sister vehicle to FY5 PMU mentioned on EBN624p30), a MAN/East Lancs Mylennium has gone to Gordon Springate Training Services, Detling, Kent where it has been re-registered as G15 SPR. Meanwhile, one of the East Lancs bodied Dennis Tridents acquired last October from Yellowbus, Bournemouth, Dorset (possibly T273 BPR) has been re-registered as YAZ 8827.

Truck & Bus (Coachstop), Rettendon

J3 KCT (ex- J431 GHT), a Volvo/Plaxton B10M C53F has been acquired from Thornes of Rayleigh, Benfleet.



Whilst freezing my bits to pieces waiting for the E400, just for you, this morning (16 April), rather nicely a local Cooks Iriza passed by an SBC Coaches twin Iriza right in front.

John G. Lidstone.

The Letters Page.

Terry Challis from near Blackpool

Thank you for EBN624. Having just travelled home along Blackpool sea front on a VRT operated by Catch 22 Bus. (The VRT is one of the Lancastrian transport Trust Collection and is Ribble 1997). I feel I have to write to you about the photo of the collection of buses outside the Hadleigh Garage of First Essex on the inside back cover of EBN624. The caption mentions ENOC VRT 3107 (UAR 597W) but the only double-decker that I can see in the photo is the 'Westcliff' liveried Trident. Am I right? Is my eye-sight failing? Or is it an April Fool Joke? Or am I just being my usual pedantic self? If it is a joke, well done! As someone who as a boy and teenager remembers Hadleigh Garage in its 'Benfleet', 'Westcliff' and ENOC days, it is great to see that it is still the scene of so much bus activity.

Your Editor's reply to Terry: It wasn't a conscious joke; I cut and pasted two captions without looking at them carefully enough! The original plan had been to include JGLs second pic. but I subbed the Rayleigh Weir blind pic and didn't alter my blind! You are the first to spot the matter but, no doubt, there will be others! **Ed:** *No-one has mentioned this!*

Michael Allen by email

I have only just skimmed through what looks another excellent and informative issue, but I did just notice a couple of errors re Service Changes namely EBN624p10, Go-Ahead (Heddingham) route 63/63A terminates at Berechurch William Harris Way (First Bus used to show Roman Way on destination screen) and not St. Michaels, which is where First Bus route 64A terminates. EBN624p11 under Stephensons - route 4 is now operated by Network Colchester and not Heddingham as stated.

Ed: *Keith Sadler also spotted this and, no doubt others who just tutted at the boo-boo !*

David Grimmert, Minehead. "The Hairy Busdriver".

Route Change Updates!

ENOC 1404 (See further info re 1404 in issue 626)

Whilst reading EBN624, I fell upon the picture of ENOC 1404 and thought "I recognise that registration" so I dived into my photo collection and, sure enough, I managed to take this picture of it laying over in, of all places, Minehead. It had obviously worked the overnight 115 from Essex and is seen here on the waste ground that was "the coach park". 1404 looks pretty new; unfortunately I lost the notebook in which I recorded my photo taking, so I guess this was 1973, but someone in the group can probably put a more accurate date to this picture.

And then, lo and behold, the little grey cells clicked in again and I remembered the second picture of 1404 in the hands of Colchester driver Bob Fleetwood who now, to complete the full circle, lives in Minehead!

Ed's note: *That will be held over for another EBN. Meanwhile, can anyone take up the challenge set by David?*



Richard Lewis, Marketing Manager, Arriva Mid-Kent & Essex

Fleet Query

In response to a question from Richard Delahoy. "3517 is listed as based at Watford".



The guv'nor at work - Roger Wright pilots London Bus Company's RT 3871 on recently reintroduced seasonal 339 between Epping and Shenfield to serve the Epping Ongar Railway. **Owen Woodliffe.**

Meetings survey Following suggestions at the AGM and in light of mixed numbers at the mid-Essex meetings, we are conducting a survey to decide on the future format of our mid-Essex meetings. All regular meeting attendees should have received a survey form by the time that this issue is published, but if you have not had one or would like to contribute, please contact Richard Delahoy (contact details on page 1, under the "Data Protection" heading). Survey forms should be returned by 31 May, please. Note that no changes are proposed to the successful format of the north-Essex Colchester meetings.

Target Dates for EBN626 (June 2016).

By	Tuesday 31 May 2016	Reports to Sub-Editors.
By	Saturday 4 June 2016	Sub-Editor drafts to Editor.
By	Monday 13 June 2016	Dispatch by Printers.

Back Cover Photos.

Outer Top Essex Way & Benfleet Road now have regular buses again M-F with NIBS Buses extended 21C (formerly Canvey, Eastern Esplanade - Benfleet Station, run by First Tridents, now EE - Hadleigh Church via Essex Way). On 13 April, NIBS used Scania/East Lancs OmniDekka EU12 ECV was used, on the 3rd day of NIBS operation. John went back (short car test) to Essex Way on 20 April to see if a different bus was in use - it was, 204 (BIL 6894). Nice driver, friendly wave both ways. Quite awkward to photograph, as these fast Scantias storm the hill, so it's a trade-off between fast shutter speed (no desto. shows) or risk of movement blur. So good to see buses on Essex Way again. Back in SCT days, this long hill used to kill Lowlanders - at least three times I know of! **John G. Lidstone**

Outer Lower Carters 260 VDL/MCV Evolution (AY60 BVD), the only single decker in the fleet on East Hill, Colchester on 20 April inbound from Ipswich. Carters is in the process of being absorbed by Ipswich Buses in the autumn. **Ken Coldwell.**

New Routes!

Top picture:

New NIBS service 63 (Landwick - Great Wakering - Little Wakering - Sutton - Rockford - Prittlewell - Hawkwell - Hockley - Hullbridge - Rayleigh & Rayleigh Weir) on Weds/Fris started on 13 April seen here in Rochford on its first day.

John G. Lidstone.



Middle picture:

A rarity on 17 April - Arriva Kent Thameside (Southend) buses on routes 1, 7 and 8 were diverted eastbound to the north side of Thorpe Bay station along the scenic Barnstaple Road, passing even more scenic Burleigh Square. "In all the 16 years I worked with ST, we never once ran any bus down Barnstaple Road".

John G. Lidstone.



Lower picture:

Stephensons 464 (EU62 FDF) an AD Enviro 200 on service 9 from Great Holland to Walton on Naze in Walton High Street on 12 April. This service was previously operated by First Essex. Stephensons have also acquired the 105/107 service from Walton to Colchester on an hourly frequency from 11 April, the previous Network Colchester service was two hourly.

Ken Coldwell.





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