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Dates for your diary

■ EBN PRESS DATES

For inclusion in EBN dated

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January 2008
February 2008

reports should reach Editors by

5 December
5 January 2008
February 2008

planned despatch date

14 December
21 January 2008
February 2008

Please note that the planned despatch date may change for all sorts of reasons. The actual despatch day is posted to the website as soon as it is known. Please allow reasonable time for postal delays (at least seven working days) before claiming non-receipt. Replacements can only be obtained from the Membership Secretary (address opposite).

■ ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Meetings take place in the **Committee Room** (upstairs), **Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford** (the old railway goods shed, adjacent to Rochford station). There is a large free car park and one Great Eastern trains & Arriva Southend services 7/8 stop nearby. Doors open at 1915 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2145. Drinks are normally available. All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. Prints, slides and digital photographs can all be shown. *Richard Delahoy*

- ▶ **Tuesday 11 December 11 - '20 Years ago'** - slide show by *Richard Delahoy*

2008 Programme

- ▶ **Tuesday 8 January** - Slide show by *Trevor Brookes*, "**Germany 2008**"
- ▶ **Tuesday 12 February** - to be advised
- ▶ **Tuesday 11 March** - AGM followed by slide show by *Alan Osborne*, "**North to Brentwood**"
- ▶ **Tuesday 8 April** - *Paul Harvey* will present an illustrated talk "**Lincolnshire's successful InterConnect strategy**" followed by a current look at buses in Lincolnshire
- ▶ **Tuesday 13 May** - to be advised
- ▶ **Tuesday 10 June** - to be advised

Winter / Spring 2008 Programme dates are as follows: make a note in your diary now! **January 8, February 12, March 11** (AGM followed by slide show), **April 8, May 13** and **June 10**. Full details of the programme to be announced nearer to the time.

■ COLCHESTER MEETINGS

Meetings take place in the downstairs room at the Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Colchester, just south of "Jumbo" (the water tower) and behind the Mercury Theatre. Town centre bus stops and parking are nearby. 20.00 to 22.00 (doors open at 19.30). All members and guests are very welcome. £1 donation towards room hire please. Slides or digital photos are preferable, but prints can also be shown. *Dave Arnold*

- ▶ **Friday 14 December** - slide show by *Fred Lawrance* - '**Coach operators of East Anglia - 1950s and 1960s**'.

cover: **Ensignbus** had an Optare Versa on loan. **YJ57 EHE** swings into Lakeside bus station with **Ross Newman** at the wheel. *Kevin Smith*

2008 Programme

- ▶ **Friday 11 January** - slide show by *Graham Belfall*
- ▶ **Friday 8 February** - to be advised
- ▶ **Friday 14 March** - to be advised
- ▶ April meeting date to be confirmed later
- ▶ **Friday 9 May** - slide show by *Richard Delahoy*, "20 years ago part 2"

■ EVENTS

- ▶ **Saturday 24 November ~ LOTS Autumn Transport Spectacular**, Harrow Leisure Centre. www.lots.org.uk/ Owen will not be able to attend this event, but a limited amount of Group material will be available on stall 12.
- ▶ **Sunday 25 November** ~ free vintage bus shuttle from Southend Victoria station to Garons Leisure Centre for the annual model railway exhibition using buses from Castle Point Transport museum. There is no shuttle on Saturday as normal buses operating. Exhibition is open Saturday 1000-1730, Sunday 1000-1700.
- ▶ **Saturdays 1 and 8 December ~ Ensignbus X80 Running Days**. A variety of vintage buses will depart from Grays Bus Station at 0857 and half-hourly to 1657, for Gravesend Clock Tower, via Lakeside, Greenhithe, Bluewater and Northfleet. Return at 1015 and half-hourly to 1815 (last trip to Lakeside only). Day Rovers available on the X80 and Ensignbus local network.
- ▶ **Tuesday January 1, 2008 ~ Southend Area Running Day**
Stephensons of Essex are planning to provide special services on New Year's Day, mainly using heritage buses. Full details will be published next month, but it is hoped at least 10 buses will be operating a skeleton service on the core routes in the style of the old Southend Transport Boxing Day and New Year's Day services. In the meanwhile, if any operator wishes to participate (operations will be limited to buses with a full psv test and operator licence), they should contact
Richard Delahoy, richard@signal-training.com

Group Matters

PHOTOS

This month's list includes the first batch of photos taken from negatives by Bill Cansick. Bill took very high quality pictures of Eastern National buses in the 60s and 70s, mainly in Basildon. The subjects were usually stationary and Bill took the opportunity to record a variety of views including front, rear and side shots for posterity, in the course capturing some very rare images. He very kindly lent the negatives to the Eastern National Preservation Group some years ago to assist with their fundraising efforts. The negatives have been in the custodianship of Paul Harrison, who produced a limited range of prints some time ago. The ENPG has now been disbanded, and Paul has kindly passed the negatives to us for safe keeping. As we may not be able to offer prints from these negatives more than once, members are strongly urged to order prints while they are available.

Please note that a small increase in price applies from list 22 onwards.

SERVICE CHANGES

Due to increased business commitments, David Tomlin has had to step down as editor of this section. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David for his sterling efforts over the past few years, and I am sure members will join me in this.

We now need to find a member who can take over, if the section is to continue. The job entails scanning the Traffic Commissioners service registrations and other sources, and translating them into a readable draft for EBN. Familiarity with the present network of service in Essex is highly desirable (a free Essex CC timetable subscription is a 'perk' of the job), and computer and email facilities are essential.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact:

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ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE

Paul Smith has sent a letter from the Essex Air Ambulance Team, thanking Talisman Coachlines for the donation of £260, raised from this year's tours. The Air Ambulance receives no central Government or National Lottery funding, and thus relies solely on voluntary donations such as this. Each flight costs about £2,000 and the helicopter is deployed three-four times each day. It has been operational since 1998 and has flown 9,000 missions. A worthwhile cause. www.essexairambulance.org.uk

Service Changes

Arriva East Herts & Essex

12 Jan 07	250	M-S	Debden Broadway, Torrington Drive - Waltham Cross Bus Station: Revised timetable
11 Nov 07	253	M-S	Waltham Cross Bus Station - Hammond Street, Smiths Lane Service withdrawn
12 Nov 07	251	Daily	Upshire, Princefield Road - Hammond Street Revised route and timetable with the section of the route between Waltham Cross and Hammond Street (253) now re-incorporated
19 Nov 07	724	M-S	St Albans - Harlow Bus Station: New M-S service
	724	Daily	Heathrow Airport, Central Bus Station - Harlow Bus Station Minor timetable changes

Arriva Southend

3 Nov 07	370	Daily	Lakeside Bus Station - Romford, Mercury Gardens Revised to operate every fifteen minutes (M-S) and half hourly Sundays
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Carters Coaches

3 Sep 07	96	M-S	Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station - Mistley, Rigby Avenue: Revised route in Capel St Mary
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Crown Coaches

22 Oct 07	35	M-S	Southend Bus Station - Rayleigh, Town Centre, Eastwood Road. Information suggests that the service is curtailed at Rayleigh with advice to passengers to change to local services for journeys to/from Southend (This operator has ceased - can anyone say what the last day was?)
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Ensign

10 Nov 07	33	M-S	Grays Bus Station - Lakeside Bus Station New half hourly service M-F and hourly Saturday
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Excel

10 Sep 07	308	M-S	Stansted Airport Coach Station - Bishops Park, Tesco Store Minor timetable and route revision on evening journeys
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First

30 Sep 07	605	Su	Colchester Bus Station - Walton on the Naze Service withdrawn
	606	Su	Walton on the Naze - Harwich Quay, West Street Service withdrawn
8 Oct 07	65	Daily	Stanway, Tollgate Medical Centre - Highwoods, Tesco Store Two additional M-F journeys from Stanway at 09:20 and 09:40 and minor revisions at morning peak

Imperial Bus

17 Nov 07	H1	M-S	Loughton Station - Harlow Bus Station Revised route and timetable no longer serving Debden
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Network Colchester

28 Aug 07	2B	M-S	Boxted - Severalls Park: Minor changes to the timetable and certain journeys re-routed via Horkesley Heath, Malvern Way in both directions
	8E	M-S	Monkwick, Gosfield Road - Great Horkesley, Malvern Way Evening journeys operated under contract to ECC
	2	M-S	Horkesley Heath, Malvern Way - Severalls Park Minor changes to the timetable.
21 Oct 07	88	Su	Colchester Bus Station - Halstead, Conies Road Service operates 8 minutes earlier throughout

S M Coaches

14 Nov 07	14	M-S	Harlow Bus Station - Pinnacles: New service
15 Nov 07	SM19	M-F	Harlow - Epping: Revised timetable with some early morning and late evening journeys withdrawn

Stansted Transit

4 Sep 07	302	SDO	Bishops Stortford, St Michaels Mead - Saffron Walden, High Street: 15:30 journey will now start from Newport, Coach & Horses. (New SDO service 802 will start from Saffron Walden High School)
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David Tomlin

Publicity News

LOTS report that **Arriva** issued an A7 format promotional folder as part of a direct-mail marketing campaign for a large number of areas in the Shires Area, including Harlow; Harlow, Bishops Stortford and Stansted Airport; Hammond Street, Waltham Abbey, Waltham Cross and Debden

National Express have issued a number of slimline leaflets for services from Stansted.

These include A4/A6/A9 (London); 717/727/797 (Heathrow and Gatwick); 717/787/797 (Cambridge-Stansted-Luton-Heathrow-Gatwick); 727 (Norwich-Stansted-Heathrow-Gatwick); 737 (Oxford-Luton-Stansted); 767 (Nottingham-Leicester-Luton-Stansted); 777 (Birmingham-Luton-Stansted) all dated 5.3.07 to 2.3.08

Network Colchester have a new slimline timetable booklet dated 28th August 2007 which is similar to all previous editions

Ian Ransom, with thanks to LOTS and Ian Taylor

■ FIRST ESSEX

Acquired vehicles

Dates of first taxation for the recently acquired BMC and Volvos are:

20201 – 24.6.99 20202 – 6.7.99 20203 – 1.8.99 68555 – 7.9.05

68555 has lettering on the side for First Student *transforming travel* and for Colchester High School (to and from which it operates daily on service 520).

Allocation changes

Period 7: 1 October 2007 to October 2007 none

Repaints (Periods 7):

46151 65652 53124 46168 65650 46814 65653 65654 60103 46815

As a result, only 65651 is now left in use with 64/A branding.

CR34307 now has super rear advert for Easyjet.

Vehicle workings:

Chelmsford & Braintree

Dunmow outstation (latterly home to ECW Olympian 34815 for schools service 509, and previously the 619) closed on 8th October; the bus and its regular long-serving driver Richard Wright transferring to Westway depot. Hicks Bros opened a depot in North Street, Dunmow in 1928 and this remained in use after Hicks sold out to the BTC in 1950. Under Eastern National, a vehicle was eventually outstationed at Don's Coaches and the depot disposed of. Don's original yard was redeveloped some years ago and Don's new depot in Thaxted Road continued to be used.

From 19th October, 72/72A were diverted via Braintree Freeport and Ashes Road owing to a collapsed sewer in Cressing. A shuttle operated (using Cheetah CF56004 on 24th at least) to and from Tye Green.

First London TN32806 (T806LLC) was noted on driver training in Westway by member Dale Pretty on 8th November, and passed your sub-Editor in Ingatestone soon afterwards.

October sightings

- 4th Scania CF65683 on 352
- 8th Olympian CF34818 on 31/36
- 9th CF65680 on 352
- 11th CF47223 and CF47329 on 352
- 12th CF31198 on 72 (10.55 ex CF), CF47223, CF46826 and CF34815 on 352
- 13th BE46173 on 72
- 15th CF47221 on 352
- 16th CF47221, CF43729 and CF43730 on 352
- 19th CF47229 on 352 and CF47228 on 33
- 21st CF65683 on 33
- 26th CF46827 and CF47221 on 352; unidentified 42 vehicle on late night X30 to Stansted
- 27th Olympian CF34807 on 33 (with repaired front but still in Barbie 2)
- 28th CF65684 on 33, and the remaining 352-branded vehicle CF42483 on 36
- 30th CF56002 on 72

November sightings

- 1st CF53130 on 351 (07.27 ex BD)
- 5th CF34818 on 72
- 6th CF31198 on Service 48 today, CF56003 on 72



New for driver training purposes is former Mainline Volvo/Alexander PS 60469 (G624 NWA).



Newly-repainted Dart 46814 (L814 OPU).



Dart 46154 (N954 CPU) has received an LED destination display.

John G. Lidstone

7th Cheetah CF56003 on 45 (a.m. peak); CF53124 on 42 (a.m.) & 48 (p.m.); Solo
CF53116 on 352
9th BE46813 on 45

Colchester, Clacton & Harwich

On the morning of 5th October, an Essex Fire & Rescue van carrying gas cylinders caught fire on the A12 between Stanway and Marks Tey. Following standard practice, an exclusion zone was set up and the road closed for 24 hours to allow the cylinders to cool. Traffic on the A12 was diverted through Colchester with inevitable major congestion and severe delays to the 65, 70, 71 and 88/A/B. Service X22 had to be diverted both ways via the old London Road, through Lexden, Stanway, Copford and Marks Tey.

On 9th, heavy rain caused the B1032 road beneath Kirby Cross railway bridge to flood and caused some disruption to routes 7 & 8. Then on the 10th, a collision on the southbound A12 at Hatfield Peverel caused delays to Chelmsford bound 71s and 72s.

North Hill, Colchester was closed southbound all day on 18th, following a fire in the early hours, which made a building unsafe. Eastbound X22, southbound 61, 62, 65, 66 and the ECC 74 & 78s were diverted via Middleborough, Balkerne Hill, Southway, Headgate, Head Street and back onto High Street. The diversion remained in place into the following day, but North Hill fully reopened after lunch.

From 21st, Chapel Road in West Bergholt was temporarily closed for roadworks. West Bergholt bound 66s were diverted via Chapel Road, New Church Road, Lexden Road, Mumford Road, Donard Drive and then to normal terminus at Chapel Road, by the Queens Head pub. Return route to Colchester/Old Heath/Rowhedge was as normal.

On 23rd, Halstead High St was closed while a suspect package was dealt with. Services 88 and 352 were curtailed for the duration.

In the north east corner of the County, Mercedes 51780 remained in use at least until 2nd November although generally from CN rather than DT. Lance DT60102 ran off the road on 9th October, went to Clacton for repair and has been working from there ever since – CR30560 has been on loan to DT covering for it. Member Robert Appleton noted it on 2nd November working the 13.20 DT-CR 103, 14.45 CR-DT 104 and 16.20 DT-CR 103 (as well as seeing DT43800 on 103/104 – see below). Meanwhile DT34282 went to Duffields (Volvo Ipswich) for a new engine.

October sightings

- 1st CR62408 on 62
- 2nd CR43741 on 70X (usually d/d)
- 5th CR46820 on 62; CN47224 on CR 71 (17.50 ex CR)
- 8th BN46170 on 61
- 9th CN34311 on 17; BN46170 on 64A; CR62408 on 88; CR62409 on 61; CR62410 on 70 (11.02 ex BE)
- 10th CN67011 on CR64A
- 11th CR62408 on 61; CN67012 on CN17 (usually Dart)
- 12th CF20103 running light in CR, showing "X30"
- 18th CN46803 on 75/76 (Tiptree pm short); de-branded CR65650 back on its "old haunt" of 65, where its sisters will no doubt follow.
- 23rd CF56005 on CR X22 (and 24th)
- 28th 65-branded CR65689 on 67B (but showing 66A).

November

- 2nd CF53124 on Village Link 4, DT43800 on 13.50 DT-CR 104 & 15.05 CR-DT 103
- 3rd CF53124 on 3/4, DT53139 on 104, CR30560 on DT103/4
- 5th CF53124 on 103

Basildon/Hadleigh

On 3rd November, CR65652 was noted in BN after repaint along with CF34815 and First Eastern Counties 34872 (F172LBL). CN paint spare 46806 was noted there (out of use) on 8th

along with CR34305, CF53127 and the shell of an unidentified First London Marshall-bodied Dart (DMS class).

During the week ending 5th October, HH31377 went to Barnhawk Engineering for refurbishment and a replacement engine.

Other News - Where are they now? – Bus Stops in Brook Street

DVLA dates of last taxation for VRs mentioned in EBN522 were:

PWC515M – 17.7.89 JRP801L – 14.9.90 RNV810M – 5.11.99 SMS42H – 1.6.99

Mercedes 709 H602OVW is reported with McLaughlin/Walton Swift on Penwortham, Preston.

Olympian/ECW 34808 (C408HJN), latterly with First Wyvern, was removed from Redditch depot by PVS of Barnsley for scrap on 9th August. It had sustained terminal damage in a head-on collision with a Royal Mail van down a country lane earlier in the summer.

Following the withdrawal of First Essex 351 to Brook Street (and Romford), TfL have recently replaced many of the ECC bus stops with standard LT-type roundel signs and poles, harking back to the days of the Green Line 721 and red bus 87/287. It is only quite recently that a number of long-lived LT concrete posts had been replaced by the ECC poles.

Sources: Own observations, with many thanks to *First Essex* and to R Appleton, A Bird, T Clark, J Clayton, D Edwards, M Farmer, I Hardie, A Langley, G Norris, J Podgorski, I Ransom, D Pretty, J Salmon, C Sigston, K Smith, 'Solo', D Stebbing, A Timms, A Toms, N Turner, R Webb, R Whitley, the *Essex Bus*, *South West* and *British Buses in North America* y-groups, www.bustlistsontheweb.co.uk, *Real Bus News*, LOTS, PSV Circle, *Terminus*.

Reports relating to First Group may be sent by text on 07973 509459, by fax on 01277 216745, by e-mail or by conventional post. Many thanks to all who do so.

Chris Stewart



Vehicles Out

800 (N540 TPF) Dart/East Lancs to Burtons, Haverhill

800 had been physically renumbered from 310 prior to being transferred away from Colchester.

Vehicle Workings

ECC route 83 is now mainly worked by step-entrance Darts.

Unusual sightings:

Oct 1st Solo 300 on 8E

5th 219 on 8.

9th 307 on 2.

12th 102 (route 2 branded) on 93.

29th 109 on 1.

Other News

On 18th October North Hill Colchester was closed Southbound after a fire in the early hours made a building unsafe. Southbound routes 2/E, 8/A/E and the one Network Colchester route 78 journey were diverted via Middleborough, Balkerne Hill, Southway, Headgate, Head St and back onto High Street. The diversion remained in place until lunchtime on the 19th October.

On 29th October the Bus Users UK "Bus Surgery" visited Colchester. Network Colchester staffed and garaged Optare Tempo demonstrator YJ 07 EGD, which was used by Bus Users UK as a meeting place outside Colchester Town Hall.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to John Podgorski

Acquired vehicles *ex-Dublin Bus RH202/3 via Southdown PSV (dlr)*

L361 M144 UKN (95-D-202) Volvo Olympian SLVYC21SCO25857

Alexander (Belfast) D10.07 H47/27D new 3/1995, reregistered 10/2007

L362 tba (95-D-203) Volvo Olympian SLVYC21SCO25860

Alexander (Belfast) D10.08 H47/27D new 3/1995, reregistered 10/2007

Clarification to issue 522: L358/9/60 were supplied via *Southdown PSV Ltd.*, not as shown. L360 was registered M282 UKN, 10/2007 and not as shown.

The six 1995 Volvo Olympian double deckers recently acquired are all to be allocated to Sudbury depot. Three are already in service, with the final double decker scheduled for January 2008 after painting in the Hedingham paint shop. These vehicles will displace all the double deckers at Sudbury when the existing allocation will be transferred to Clacton.

All six vehicles will be employed on Suffolk County Council school contracts serving Sudbury Upper, Great Cornard, Stoke by Nayland and Clare Middle Schools.

D R MacGregor

Newly-prepared **L360** (M282 UKN) stands outside the paintshop at Hedingham depot.

D R MacGregor



■ ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX LIMITED

New vehicles

2486	YJ 57 EJF	Optare Solo	M950	SABFWGAE07R192903	Optare	B33F	9/07
2487	YJ 57 EJK	Optare Solo	M950	SABFWGAE07R192904	Optare	B33F	9/07
2488	YJ 57 EJK	Optare Solo	M950	SABFWGAE07R192905	Optare	B33F	9/07
2489	YJ 57 EKL	Optare Solo	M950	SABFWGAE07R192906	Optare	B33F	9/07
2490	YJ 57 EKN	Optare Solo	M880	SABENGAF07R192927	Optare	B23F	10/07

updated information

2483	YK 07 BCZ	Optare Solo	M950	SABFNGAF07R192902	Optare	B32F	9/07
2484	YK 07 BEO	Optare Solo	M950	SABFWGAE07R192900	Optare	B33F	9/07
2485	YK 07 BEU	Optare Solo	M950	SABFWGAE07R192901	Optare	B33F	9/07

Allocations

9/07: 2483-9.HA; 3338.u

10/07: 2490.WE; 3352/8/9.u; 3364.t; 3371.u

Vehicles out

2120 (N190 EMJ): Grant Palmer, Dunstable 8/07

General

2483-9 based at Harlow are for Waltham Cross/Abbey local services and have replaced Dennis Darts. 2490 is for services 320/3, local services in Hoddesdon.

Mark Garrett

■ ARRIVA SOUTHEND LIMITED

Vehicles In

From Maidstone

3307 (R307 CMV)	Dennis Dart SLF SFD322BR1VGW11584	Plaxton B39F
	New 11/97 as Guildford & West Surrey DSL107	
3308 (R308 CMV)	Dennis Dart SLF SFD322BR1VGW11584	Plaxton B39F
	New 11/97 as Guildford & West Surrey DSL108	

These two Dart SLFs are coming to Southend to enable service 13 (Southend – Temple Sutton) to be converted to low floor operation. The Hanover displays on 3307/8 will be programmed with a full set of destinations, so in reality are likely to work all low floor routes (9, 13, 29 and possibly 5). 3308 carries a 'super square' offside advertisement for Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre in Gillingham.

Other Vehicle News

Former Dengie Village Link Mercedes Sprinter 1753 (DE52 OKX) has been acquired by Easyway Minibus Hire of Bridgend.

Peter Mansbridge with thanks to Matthew Arnold and David Harman



Recent repaints in the Arriva Southend fleet, include this Dart SLF, 3431 (P431 HVX).



Transferred-in Dart SLF 3808 (R308 CMV) with LED display and 'super square' advertisement. Note the front 'swoop' falls below the headlights on this one.



Dart-lookalike Volvo B6 3606 (L606 EKM) started life with Maidstone & District in Tunbridge Wells, but is now seeing out its senior days at Southend.

John G. Lidstone

In late October, negotiations were completed for the purchase of **Fargo** of Rayne. It includes all vehicles and the operating centre in Witham, but the depot in Rayne is excluded. Fargo will be reducing their licence authorisation and will continue to run a small fleet of coaches from their Rayne bases, which Stephensons are not acquiring.

Excel have taken over eight vehicle workings (school routes/contracts, a works contract and other odds and ends) and these will be operated from the existing Stansted base (where the 35 vehicle O licence has the capacity to absorb the work). This took effect from October 22.

Stephensons have taken on 16 vehicle workings, again school routes and various contracts, plus the yard at Witham that Fargo used. This becomes the Stephensons Witham depot and is in addition to Maldon, not in replacement, although in time there will be a small reallocation of work between the two bases. To accommodate this, Stephensons' O licence has been increased to 65 vehicles. This all took effect from week commencing 5 November .

Regular weekday buses returned to Paglesham from September 3, 2007 after many years' absence, with the extension of a morning and afternoon peak hour trip on Stephensons service 60 from Canewdon. Here 676 (C176ECK), a former Ribble ECW bodied Olympian, stands at the terminus alongside the Plough & Sail pub on September 13th. The only other scheduled service to Paglesham is Wednesday shopper bus route 10 funded by Essex CC and operated by Arriva Southend (and very rarely photographed!). *Richard Delahoy*



In general, the former Fargo services had route numbers FCLxxx and are being renumbered into a 6xx series by Stephensons/Excel, although the Honywood school (Coggeshall) routes will remain 2xx for now.

Vehicles: all the high value coaches have moved to Excel at Stansted, although they will be distributed around the group or in the case of the Bovas, sold. The Scania double-deckers are expected to move to Excel, whilst others have already appeared in some unusual places. Full details will be available next month.

■ EXCEL, Stansted

The two Plaxton step entrance Darts left the fleet in September - J226 HGY and K718 KGU, both to D Taylor,

■ STEPHENSONS of ESSEX, Rochford

Unusual on Southend area service 61 on 25th September was Solo EU07 FVO.

Ian Ransom, with thanks to Lyn Watson

Ensignbus

Omnibus suppliers to the World

■ DEALER STOCK MOVEMENTS

Vehicles in

from

A2Z Travel: Olympian C450 BKM
Brighton and Hove: Scania N751-7 OAP, Darts M69CYJ, N214NNJ
Chester City Transport: Darts L63/4 SFM, L61 PDM, J51EDM
Kimes Coaches: Mercedes 711 YAZ 8744, DAF PAZ 3185
Lothian Buses: Olympians J840/1/2/3 TSC
Metroline: Darts T63/4/5 KLD, P286/315 MLD
Paul's Travel: Mercedes 709's L326/7 AUT,
 Darts L754 VNL P720 RYL
Stagecoach Devon: Olympian G183 JHG, Volvo D10M F306 MYJ
 Varios R101/2/3/5/7/10/2/3 NTA
Stagecoach East Midland: Olympian G343 KKW
Stockton Council: Solo V649 EEF
SunFun Holidays: Volvo D10M's G133/8 NGK, Olympian F254 YTJ
Travelmasters: Bristol VRT AIG 6624

Vehicles out

to

Mercedes 814 R102 NTA: **ACL Buses**, Bristol
 Olympian J839 TSC: **Applegates Coaches**, Glos.
 AV29 and Olympian L202 SKD: **Aintree Coaches**, Merseyside.
 Olympian N597 BRW: **Beestons Coaches**, Hadleigh, Suffolk
 Dart K988 SCU: **Jack Bell**, Belfast
 RT981: **Carousel Buses**, High Wycombe, Bucks.
 Olympian G520 VBB: **City Sightseeing**, Norwich
 Dublin Olympians 91-D-10114/5/21 now J851/855/850CEV, 92-D-149
 now J852CEV, 93-D-10155/10170 now L928/34SNO
Dunn-Line (Veolia), Nottingham
 DAF DB250's V651/5 LWT: **Eastbourne Buses**
 Darts L63/4 SFM L61 PDM J51 EDM, K92 BNY:
Galleon Travel, Harlow



The distinctive Optare Versa demonstrator on loan to **Ensignbus**. *Kevin Smith*



DAF SB220 PAZ 3185: **Dermot Glennon**, Co. Westmeath, Eire
 AV3: **Herberts Coaches**, Beds.
 Olympian G521 VBB: **Imperial**, Rainham, Essex
 Olympian F254 YTJ: **Landmark Coaches**, Hitchin, Herts.
 Scania's N751-3/6-7 OAP: **Maghull Coaches**, Merseyside
 Olympian K361 DWJ: **Marchants Coaches**, Cheltenham, Glos.
 Olympian PJI 4983: **Carol Peters**, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent
 Dennis Lance WIL 9202: **Powells Coaches**, Hellaby, South Yorks.
 Solo V649 EEF, Darts K703/10 PCN J702 KCU, L720 OMV:
Renown Coaches, Bexhill, East Sussex
 Scania's F153/7 DET: **Stephensons Coaches**, Easingwold, Yorks.
 DAF DB250 P317 KTW: **Stockton Council**
 Volvo D10M's F307/8 MYJ: **SunFun Holidays**, Earith, Cambs.
 Olympian L972 MSC: **Talisman Coaches**, Colchester, Essex
 Volvo D10M's G133/8 PGK: **Travelmasters**, Sheerness, Kent.
 Olympian L109 LHL, Volvo D10M F304 MYJ, Scania N755 OAP:
Tyres Tours, Adlington, Lancs.
 Mercedes L326/7 AUT YAZ 8744: **TJ Walsh**, Sowerby Bridge, W. Yorks.

T424: **Dave Goulbourne**, Merseyside for preservation

Leyland PD3 FTE 631B: **Ideas-in-Motion**, Dublin
 Olympian C450 BKM: **OTT Ltd**, Faversham, Kent
 Metrorider P420 VRG: **School Shop Ltd**, Maidstone, Kent

Dart L86 CWO, T565: **PVS** for scrap

■ ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Vehicle on loan

Optare Versa demonstrator YJ57 EHE for two weeks in October.

Acquired vehicle

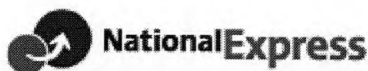
from London General (LDP20) via Ensign sales stock

720 P720 RYL Dennis Dart SLF SFD212BR1TGW10467 Plaxton 9610HJZ6113 B36F
 New 11/1996.

Disposal

Dart 692 : Galleon Travel (Trustline), Harlow.

David Harman, with thanks to Ross Newman, Ensignbus



Traffic

There was disruption to National Express services around Colchester on 5th October, due to part of the A12 being closed due to a van fire. The 481(London-Felixstowe) and 484 (London-Walton) normally use the closed section of the A12 between Stanway and Marks Tey. They were diverted (both ways) via the "old" London Road (B1408) through Stanway, Copford and Marks Tey. There was severe gridlock in the area throughout the day. The 350 (Liverpool-Clacton) was not so badly affected, as it does not go near west Colchester.

On 18th october, Walton bound 484s were diverted in Colchester via Balkerne Hill, Southway, Headgate, Head St and back onto High St to reach the bus station. This was due to the usual route via North Hill being closed following a fire that left a building unsafe. The diversion remained in place into the 19th, but North Hill fully reopened after lunch.

Ancillary vehicles

Stansted based Fd Focus crew ferry KY 56 FEO has fleet no FF 1.

John Podgorski

Regal Busways

Volvo B6/Marshall L665/9 MFL have been sold. They were the last of their type here Regal won the Best Small Operator of the Year, at the *Route One Excellence Awards*. Congratulations to all those involved. Some details can be found at www.route-one-excellenceawards.net/ Ian Ransom

Elderly step-entrance Dart 540 (J140 FUV) lays over in the sylvan surroundings of Bulphan.

Keith Shayshutt



Another new Enviro 200 is KX57 FMA (numbered 1010). Previously reported KX57 FMC/D are 1012/11 - note order.

Acquired in September were:

KP51 SXU Dennis Dart / Plaxton ex Birmingham Motor Traction.

KP51 SXZ Dennis Dart / Plaxton ex Supertravel, Merseyside.

Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton P677/78/81/84/85 RWU, displaced by recent additions, have all been sold to Olympian, Harlow. Y284 HUA a DAF/Wright has gone to Kimes, Folkingham via Ensign (dealer). MCW Metrobus G121 FJW and Dennis Dart/Plaxton J303 WHJ have been withdrawn

Ian Ransom

Small Operators

1084, Saffron Walden:

LDV Convoy N770 BWF has been sold

A&D MINICOACHES, Basildon:

Ford Transit ET53 VHY has gone to a private owner

ACME TRANSPORT, Stansted Airport:

Fiat Ducato P47 HHL has been withdrawn

ADTAX, Saffron Walden:

LDV Convoy R901 SBV is now with Minet Private Hire (a taxi firm), Saffron Walden

APT COACHES, Rayleigh:

Acquired from Top Brass, Luton is R953 SCH, a Volvo B10M/Jonckheere.

ARROW, Maldon:

New is Ford Transit EJ57 GUH

ASTROCABZ, Maylandsea:

Ford Transit G808 FTW has been sold

BULL & NICHOLLS, Shotgate:

Were named Lemon Coaches, but this appears to have been dropped. Acquired from Arctic Brook, South Mimms is R914 ULA a Volvo B10M/Jonckheere.

CAROUSEL, Harlow:

Have ceased operating and Ford Transits RY02 RYH and EY03

VNP are assumed to have been sold.

CEDRIC, Wivenhoe:

It is reported that recent addition YD02 RCO a DAF SB4000/ Van Hool is used as the Colchester United team coach. Setra S250 S7 CED has been repainted white. The last Bristol VR FKM 881V and Olympian B748 GCN have gone for scrap, whilst also sold is

Olympian C659 LJR, this follows the loss of school contracts to Brightlingsea.

Coaches sold are FSK 868 (K908 RGE) and K565 TUP both Volvo B10M/Jonckheere, P200 OMT a Setra S250, R5 CED a Volvo B10M/Plaxton and S7 CED a Setra S250

All-Leyland Olympian G285 UMJ has been acquired from Beestons, whose livery it retains with the addition of Cedrics fleetnames.

Most remaining Olympians have had their radiator grilles painted black

CF TRANSPORT, Hadleigh:

Recently acquired is X623 VDN an Iveco 49.10 minibus

CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS, Chelmsford:

Fleetnumbers for Ford Transits are EK07 UYZ (46), EX07 UFH (48) and EK07 VUT (53). A correction is EK07 VUA (is 35 not 53). Ford Transit/Stanford EY54 NXD is now a schoolbus in Gravesend. Ford Transits EY54 NXL, EA54 HXY and Fiat Duato EU03 DSZ have been sold.

CLINTONA, Brentwood:

SF04 RHZ and VU06 KFE Mercedes Benz 0814D/Plaxton have recently been acquired.

CM3 CARS, South Woodham Ferrers:

Recently acquired is Ford Transit NJ04 SOE.

COLCHESTER COACHES, Clacton-on-Sea:

A Bedford YNT/Plaxton B23 XKX is a

- recent addition. It replaces Leyland Olympian/ECW C669 GET.
- CROWN, Thundersley:** Have ceased all operations. N418 UWN an Iveco 59.12/UVG was sold in the summer.
- CRUSADER HOLIDAYS, Clacton-on-Sea:** Setra S315GT coaches sold to Evobus (dealer) at the end of the summer season were EK51 KYX/Y.
- DALYS TRAVEL, Harlow:** This new operator has AD02 HCO a LDV Convoy, which was previously with a private owner.
- ENIGMA TRAVEL, Colchester:** Recently acquired is Mercedes Benz/Frank Guy M11 WFB (M901 LTT).
- FARGO, Rayne:** Ex Blackpool Atlantean AHG 331V has been sold.
- FLAGFINDERS, Braintree:** Leyland Olympian/ECW A990 XAF has been acquired from Mike Nash (dealer)
- FORD, Althorne:** Despite reports elsewhere, former Southend Van Hool Astromega was still here, in early September, registered 820 KPO (JEV 245Y) and taxed until 31.8.08.
- GODWARD, Basildon:** Recent new additions are Scania K114/Irizar YN07 LJE/F both are lettered Alan Dawney Holidays. According to the PSV Circle, this is a trading name of Godward, Unit 6, Transit Works, Power Station Road, Sheerness-on-Sea (PK1015204).
- H & E MINIBUSES, Wickford:** EU03DSZ Fiat Ducato is in (seen 14.9.07) ex Group Taxibus 21.
- HARDY MILES, Southend:** MCW Metrobuses ANA 163Y and B80 WUL have been sold for scrap.
- HAWAII FIVE O TAXIS, Colchester:** Now has Ford Transit EU04 EAA, Ford Tourneo NJ 54 JCO (non PSV).
- KIRBYS OF RAYLEIGH:** Recently acquired Setra S250 GSK 673 (R772 KSX) has been re-registered M2 TVL.
- KIRBY, RAYLEIGH:** Not to be confused with the above, which is owned by a family member. A new addition for the "main fleet" is Setra S415HGT-HD BX07 NLR. Setra S215HD F993 MTW and G636 CAF have been advertised for sale.
- KNIGHTS MINICOACHES, Gt Braxted:** XIL 8477 is a Phoenix bodied Mercedes Bena 609D ex Chalkwell, Sittingbourne.
- LCB TRAVEL, Harlow:** Mercedes Benz Sprinter W724 WAK has been acquired. Similar X734 AVU has been re-registered C10 LCB.
- LINKFAST/S&M, Thundersley:** MCW Metrobuses KYV 724X, KYX 729X, B219 WUL, B252 WUL and Leyland Olympian/ECW C205 GTU are all withdrawn. B252 WUL is reported as passing to Supreme, Southend.
- LODGE, High Easter:** Acquired is N3 RED (new as 96-KK-98) a Scania K113/Van Hool.
- LONDON HERITAGE, Rettendon:** RM 1989 (ALD 989B) has joined RML 2558/2714. It was with a preservationist in Reading. They are named Francheska, Judith and Danielle (in order).
- M&E, Rochford:** Leyland Tiger/Plaxton 711 BHR (LEC 195X) has been sold. Leyland Olympian/ECW A203 MEL has been re-registered A745 WEV.
- MICKS MINIBUSES, Canvey Island:** VW LT45 GX55 DMF has been sold
- MILESTONE, Canvey Island:** G146 GOL an Iveco 49.10/Carlyle has been sold.
- NCS, Widdington:** EJ52 UBZ a LDV Convoy is now operating on a taxi plate. A further Renault Trafic here is W916 XBV.
- NEW HORIZONS, Alresford:** Now has Iveco Turbo Daily OV02 WCX, and ex Chelmsford Taxibus Ford Transit/Stamford EY 54 NXC.
- OLYMPIAN, Harlow:** A correction is that M153 RBH an Iveco 59.12/Marshall is still here. Acquired from City of Oxford, is Volvo B10M/Plaxton V283 SBW (V14 OXF). Bova Futura G561 XRG has been re-registered HUI 4165.
- P&M, Shotgate:** Another recent addition is Volvo B10M/Plaxton FE02 FBN. Bedford YNT/Plaxton B787 OUT has been sold
- ROSS, Kelvedon:** Recently acquired is R822 HDS a Mercedes Benz 614D/Crest.
- RUFFLE, Castle Hedingham:** L919 ABJ an LDV 400 has been sold.
- SAINT CLOUD, Rochford:** N626 EUR an LDV 400 has been withdrawn.
- SM TRAVEL, Harlow:** Dennis Dart/Plaxton J313 WHJ had re-entered service by mid-October. Vehixel Scolabus FD54 EOP has been sold to Swan, Chaddleton, Greater Manchester.
- SOUTHEAST RADIO CARS:** Volvo Citybus/

Alexander BIG 8746 (F254 OFP) has been withdrawn. The remains of MCW Metrobus GBU 5V have been sold for scrap.

STANS, Gt Totham: Further to last month, Dennis Javelin TIB 8271 is named Master Tom. Bedford YMP/Plaxton XIL 8166 (D142 HML) has been sold.

SUPREME, Southend: L200 SUP a Scania K113/Berkhof has been sold to Bob Vale (dealer), Gt. Kingshill.

S S CABS, Tiptree: FX51 BOV a Mercedes Benz Sprinter/Ferqui has been acquired, and was promptly re-registered X6 SYD. One vehicle is being kept at Brook Hall, Brook Road (B1023), Tiptree.

STANSTED TRANSPORT SERVICES, Stansted: Are now based at Duck End Farm, Birchanger Lane, Duck End. N798 CMJ a LDV 200 has moved "over the yard" from Stansted Coach & Carriage.

TALISMAN, Gt Bromley: Setra S228DT B413 CGG, which had been used as a store, went for scrap to Wheeler, Colchester in late September.

VICEROY, Saffron Walden: New are KX07 HDO a Volvo B12/Plaxton and KX07 KNZ a Plaxton Primo. Ford Transit G272 NWF remains here, although withdrawn. Mercedes Benz 0404 coaches sold are W368 EOL and W401 PRC.

WILSONS TRAVEL, Grays: S170 UBU an Iveco 49.10/Mellor has been sold.

YOUNG, Rayleigh: 342 FRH (ex A501 OKH) Volvo B10M/Duple seen 20.9.07 with Anderment (of Dorset/Enfield), who park vehicles at Shot Farm, Shotgate, with disc and similar labels in windscreen. This vehicle still has the 'Horseshoe' name on the rear illuminated panel, a company it left 16 years ago when that company ceased trading.

Acquired is LDV Convoy P130 KBL.

MISCELLANEOUS

XIL7867 (ex HCR 233, DSK 515, FWH 40Y) Leyland Tiger/Plaxton parked outside Amber's yard on 11.9.07. Had lettering for Hosking, Ludgvan, Cornwall (no legal lettering), but no tax or PSV discs.

J13WSB (ex RAZ 3785, J13 WSB) Dennis Javelin/Plaxton appeared at Heddingham's Tollesbury depot on 19.9.07 for M.O.T. Possibly with Lodge, High Easter or else being prepared by them for someone else. (last with Soul, Olney, Bucks.)

*Ian Ransom, with thanks to Dave Arnold,
Colin Sigston, John Podgorski, Ian Hardie,
PSV Circle, Essex Bus y-group*

"... for the Guidance of Employees" (4)

184 Intoxicated or Disorderly Persons.

Intoxicated or disorderly persons and those whose conduct or clothing may be offensive to the other passengers, are not to be allowed to enter the vehicle, or if on a vehicle are to be asked quietly to alight, returning the fare if it has been paid. If the Conductor cannot persuade them to leave the vehicle the aid of the Police may be obtained for this purpose. The names and addresses of two or more witnesses are to be obtained and a full report of all circumstances made in writing to the General Manager.

Conductors are not permitted to give a person into custody, but in a special emergency this authority may be given by an Inspector.

From: "General Instructions, Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws for the Guidance of Employees", issued by Southend-on-Sea Corporation Transport Department, June 1936, courtesy Richard Delahoy



**October Rail
Replacement** in the
Marks Tey - Colchester -
Manningtree area

Galloways Optare Spectra
5946 PP *Kevin Smith*

Talisman former Lincoln
East Lancs-bodied
Olympian KTL 44Y
Dave Arnold

Talisman former Lothian
Alexander-bodied
Olympian L592 MSC
Kevin Smith





21st Chappel Beer Festival ... and Routemaster !



Talisman Coachline's immaculate Routemaster supplemented the Sudbury Branch line for the 21st Chappel Beer Festival from 6th to 8th September 2007.

The train is in Central Trains green livery with soon-to-vanish *one* branding.

Paul Smith



from top:

Upminster c2c station

Nelson Street, Southend

Foulness: George & Dragon,
with post office behind bus

Dusk: return to Southend
Travel Centre

John G.Lidstone



Destination : Foulness

Although on the fringe of our area, it is worth recording that following the sale of Blue Triangle by Roger Wright to the Go-Ahead Group, a licence was granted on 21st September for 12 vehicles (PK 1072967), in the name of the **London Bus Company Ltd.** LOTS record that there are currently 89 vehicles: 10 (hire fleet), 22 (operational heritage) and 57 (stored, preserved, stock etc).

On 21 October, the London Bus Company ran a unique excursion to Foulness, using a Blue Triangle RT, and **John G. Lidstone** was privileged to be among the party on board. He kindly supplied the photographs opposite.

We are indebted to Richard Delahoy for recounting the history of the Foulness route:

The service to Foulness was started by Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services during the 1920s; it was certainly running by 1926, numbered 18.

The route continued unchanged when the Coordination scheme took effect on 2nd January 1955. At some point, regular

operation swapped from Eastern National (as successor to Westcliff) to Southend Corporation.

The 18 ceased to be a standalone service from 17th February 2002, when certain trips on the 4 were extended to Foulness instead and the use of the number ceased.

A separate number, 14, was then introduced from 26th October 2003, but this also incorporated the 4B service via Barling (the 18 never served Barling) and was extended over part of the 19 from Southend to the Hospital, still operated by Arriva as eventual successor to the Corporation.

Arriva withdrew the service from 6th November 2005 and Stephensons won the Essex CC gross cost contract for a replacement, Southend-Barling-Wakering-Foulness, from 7th November 2005. Richard drove the first Stephensons bus onto Foulness. This service has continued unchanged to the present day.

With thanks to Richard Delahoy, John G. Lidstone and Ian Ransom

Service No. 18.		SOUTHEND AND FOULNESS (Church End)			
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"	7 30	3 15	"	8 30	4 15
"	"	5 15	"	"	6 15
"	"	7 15	"	"	8 15
"	"	9 15	"	"	10 15

WMS timetable ~ August 1930

Southend & District timetable ~ 2nd January 1955

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Preservation Notebook

38 years ago ~ Eastern National's first VR

Eastern National 3000 (CPU 979G) has been resident at the Canvey Museum for some time. It has now been acquired for continued preservation by the 3000 Group, which includes our member *Ian Banks*. Ian is looking forward to driving it once it is back on the road.

His photos show it at this year's Canvey Open Day. Work which needs to be done includes fitting a replacement engine, restoring the 'T' destination screens, and a repaint into the special DP green/cream scheme carried when used on the X10. Work starts in earnest in 2008 and Ian promises to keep us posted on his and his colleagues' progress.

David Harman

Canvey depot panorama with PD1 2106 (MPU 52), the first VR, 3000 (CPU 979G) and last FLE, 2946 (AVX 975G).

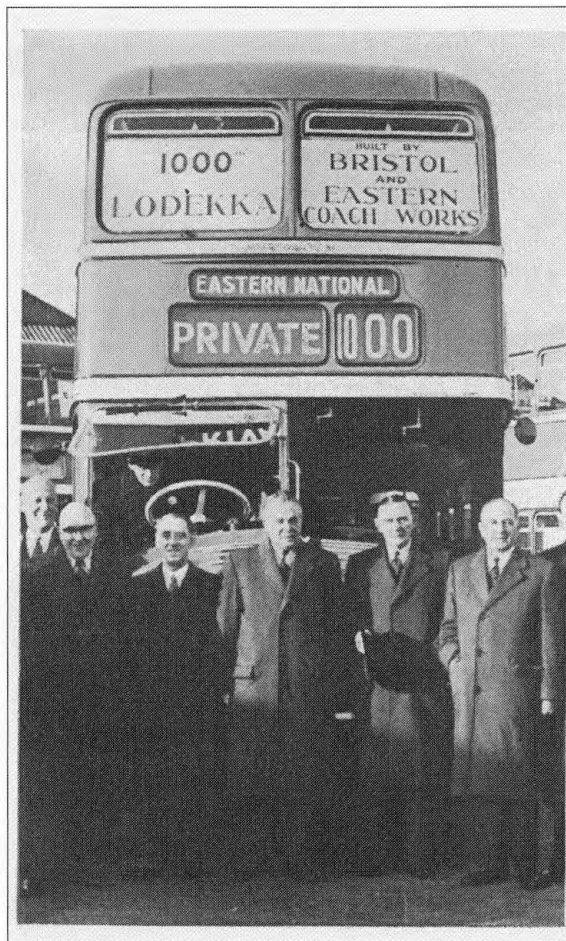
Ian Banks



EASTERN NATIONAL

Enthusiast's Guild

50 years ago ~ the 1000th Lodekka



The 1,000th Bristol Lodekka bus to be constructed since 1953, to a special double-decker design for use by B.T.C. companies on routes with low bridge clearances, was handed over to the Eastern National Omnibus Company Ltd. upon its completion on January 3rd at Lowestoft. All the chassis for these vehicles have been manufactured at the Brislington Works of Bristol Commercial Vehicles Ltd., and all bodywork by Eastern Coach Works Ltd. This picture shows officials of the various undertakings concerned in front of the 1,000th Lodekka at the handing-over ceremony: (left to right) Messrs. A. W. Hallpike (Director and General Manager, Bristol Commercial Vehicles Ltd.), R. E. Sugden (Director and General Manager, Eastern Coach Works Ltd.), S. Kennedy (Chairman of the Management Board of the Tilling Group of Omnibus Companies), T. S. Gavin (Chairman, Eastern National Omnibus Company Ltd.), and L. E. Richards (Director and General Manager, Eastern National).

Last month we showed a rather poor shot of 2484 (297 JHK), still extant in the USA. This was the 1000th Bristol Lodekka built. The above picture of the handing-over ceremony at Lowestoft in January 1957, appeared in *Passenger Transport Year Book 1958*.

The '1000' number blind display was not knocked-up as a special task by ECW's junior apprentice, but appears to use genuine ENOC number scrolls. Bob Williamson tells me that the first track ran: 0 1 2 3 4 5 (black blank) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. The numbers above '9' allowed Clacton area suffixed routes like '101A and '101B', to be displayed. All cunning stuff! Track two ran: 0 1 2 3 4 (black blank) 5 6 7 8 9, and track three: 0 1 2 3 4 (black blank) 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F G H J K L M. From 1964, 'X' was added to track one, to cater to the renumbering of the express services into the 'X' series.

David Harman

PCV HOLDER ?



> **FULL AND PART-TIME DRIVERS REQUIRED**

Stephensons of Essex and our associated company, Excel Passenger Logistics are expanding fast and we have vacancies for drivers at our Maldon, Rochford and Stansted depots.

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For more details of any of the above vacancies, contact

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Excel:	Graham Hayden	01279 681800

