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Editorial

Happy Christmas
and a
prosperous 2003
from all the team

Cover

First 527 E002 NFJ Optare Solo

The Chelmsford Overground was one of this years highlights and the stylish Solo certainly looks at home in the modern surroundings of Beaulieu Park on 15 May 2002. (Chris Stewart)

Photo

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Buses in the news

The latest news from the bus world

Tendring: Bus services under threat

The Evening Gazette has reported that a number of bus services across Tendring are under threat because they do not attract enough passengers.

Essex County Council, which subsidises the routes said contracts on the services run out in March and tough choices will have to be made where the route is not well-used and the cost per journey is too high.

Under the spotlight will be a host of Sunday evening services from Clacton to Walton, Jaywick, and Point Clear where the council is paying out £28,000 in all. On the Walton-to-Clacton route, the cost per passenger is £13.30. Also under consideration will be the Clacton to Brightlingsea service on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The actual cost per passenger is currently running at £7.70 and the bill to the county is about £18,000 a year.

The council stated that in some cases, it may be possible to reduce the level of service in order to reduce costs and, hopefully, to bring them within the criteria which would ensure their continuance.

Southend: Late buses need cash

Arriva say they would consider running late buses out of Southend - but only if it was safe and someone else paid for them.

There have been many calls for better public transport on Friday and Saturday nights and Arriva has responded by saying that in principle, they would actively consider proposals to later services. However, these would require revenue support as demand is unlikely to be sufficient to operate them commercially and they would also seek assurances that running services at this time would be safe for employees and customers.

VR Memories

Owing to a printers error, last month's VR Memories supplement was collated in the wrong order. You can rectify this by carefully removing the staples and swapping over the centre pages. We trust that this mistake didn't affect your enjoyment.

Essex bus diary

Your guide to forthcoming events

Tuesday 14 January Group Meeting , Rochford

An illustrated talk by John Wilson, the former Coaching Manager for Eastern National and National Travel South East, about his career with London Transport, EN, Grey Green, National Travel and Harris Coaches.

Group meetings take place in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford (the old railway goods shed, adjacent to Rochford station). There is a large car park and Great Eastern trains and Arriva services 7/8 stop nearby. Doors open at 1930 for an informal chat, with the main talk or show from 2000 to 2145. Other meetings on 12 Feb & 11 March 2003.

2003 rally dates—Looking ahead to next year and the following dates are booked for some London area events. **Cobham - Sunday 6 April, Barking -Sunday 20 April, North Weald- Sunday 29 June**

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- ◆ **Sea change in Southend** - Jeff Clayton looks at the dramatic changes to bus services since the mid nineties.
- ◆ **National Nostalgia** - Remembering 30 years of the familiar sights and sounds of EN's Leyland Nationals.

Plus lookout for more great days out, events,
group meetings and so much more!

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Essex Service Changes

Changes are split into four geographical areas, so some changes may appear more than once. All changes, especially those with a date after 5th December, are subject to change, so please check with the operator before travelling.

East Essex (Clacton, Colchester, Harwich and the surrounding area)

Saturday 16th November 2002

- C2** (First) (Colchester & Butt Road) Withdrawn after operation on 9th November.
- C3** (First) (Colchester & North Station) Frequency increased to every 15 minutes, (PVR now 3 vehicles). This route is now free for car users only.

Monday 9th December 2002

- 87/A** (Arriva) (Colchester & Dedham, M-S) The timetable for this service will be revised from 9 December.
- 247** (Arriva) (Dedham Heath & Colchester, Sch) From 9 December, the timetable for this service will be revised to operate 3 journeys in each direction on Mondays to Saturdays.
- 750** (Ipswich Buses) (Ipswich & Colchester, M-F) There is a minor revision to the timetable from 9 December.

W/C Saturday 28th December 2002

- 608** (Hedingham Omnibuses) (Halstead & Colchester, M-F) This service will be withdrawn at the end of December.

Monday 18th November 2002

- 755** (Carters) (Capel St Mary & Colchester, M-F) Another revision was made to the Monday to Friday timetable from 17 November.

Thursday 2nd January 2003

- 50** As in Issue 463.

Sunday 12th/Monday 13th January 2003

- 7/8** (First) (Clacton & Walton) New timetables.
- 74/74B** (First) (Clacton & Colchester North) New timetable and routeing change.
- 76** (First) (Clacton & Colchester) New timetable and routeing change.

Central and North Essex (Braintree, Chelmsford and the surrounding area)

Monday 11th November 2002

47 As in Issue 463.

210 (Locallink) (Harlow Bus Station & Sawbridgeworth) This route will now operate to Bullfields within Sawbridgeworth rather than serving Bishops Stortford (see new route 410). Buses will continue to operate via Maddox Road and Momples Road and will be improved to run hourly.

410 (Locallink) (Harlow Bus Station & Bishops Stortford) This new route will run hourly on Mondays to Saturdays. Buses will operate direct via First Avenue, then serve Old Harlow, Sawbridgeworth and Spellbrook.

Sunday 17th November 2002

X40 (First) (Bury St Edmunds & Stansted, Daily) The timetable changes expected to occur on this date were cancelled and the service continues to operate all journeys as previously.

Saturday 23rd November 2002

605 As in Issue 463.

701 (Locallink) (Bishops Stortford & Bluewater) This new route will run on Saturdays until mid-January from Bishops Stortford and Harlow to Lakeside and Bluewater. Buses will leave Harlow Bus Station at 9.30 and 11.30, serving Bush Fair and Potter Street a few minutes later. Return times are 3pm and 5pm from Bluewater and 3.30pm and 5.30pm from Lakeside.

Monday 2nd December 2002

33 (J W Lodge) (Good Easter & Chelmsford, Fri & Sat) This service will be replaced by two new routes between Great Dunmow and Chelmsford. **Route 1** operating via Leaden Roding, Good Easter & Chignall Smealy on Mons/Weds/Fri/Sat. **Route 2** will run via Leaden Roding, Good Easter & Chignall St James on Tues/Thurs.

319 (First) (Great Dunmow & Bishops Stortford, M-S) This new service will operate 3 return journeys Mondays to Fridays and 2 on Saturdays via Takeley & Great Hallingbury.

344 (First) (Witham & Chelmsford, Tue & Fri) This new service will offer 3 return journeys via Hatfield Peverel, Terling, Flacks Green, Gambles Green, Russell Green, Little Waltham & Broomfield Hospital.

W/C Saturday 28th December 2002

608 (*Heddingham Omnibuses*) (Halstead & Colchester, M-F) This service will be withdrawn at the end of December.

Unnumbered (*Amos*) (Ovington & Sudbury, Tue/Thur/Sat) This service will be withdrawn after 28th December.

Sunday 12th/Monday 13th January 2003

36 (*First*) (Chelmsford & South Woodham) New timetable.

73 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Maldon) New timetable.

351 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Romford) New timetable.

352 (*First*) (Chelmsford & Halstead) New timetable.

606 (*First*) (Braintree & Ingatestone) New timetable and routeing change.

619 (*First*) (Debden & Ingatestone) A new timetable and routeing change.

South Essex (Basildon, Canvey Island, Grays, Southend and the surrounding area)

Unknown Date

Unnumbered (*JWS Travel*) (Lakeside & Bluewater) A new coach service is now in operation, departing from Lakeside at 0800, 0900 and 1000. Returns from Bluewater at 1630, 1730, 1830 and 1930.

Saturday 9th November 2002

47,324,348,372,378 As in Issue 463.

98 (*First*) (Orsett Hospital & Lakeside, M-F) New Monday to Friday only route via Stifford Clays and Chafford Hundred.

364 (*Town & Country*) (Grays & Purfleet) New Saturdays only route.

370 (*Arriva*) (Romford & Grays, Daily) The changes listed for 9th December actually occurred on 9th **November**.

373 (*Arriva*) (Romford & Grays, Daily) The changes listed for 9th December actually occurred on 9th **November**.

Monday 2nd December 2002

5, 13, 19 As in Issue 463.

200/210 (*Stephensons*) (Bradwell & Southend/Basildon, Sch)

New schooldays only services via South Woodham Ferrers operating one journey in each direction to Southend on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays and Basildon on Wednesdays & Fridays.

Monday 9th December 2002

6, 6A, 951, 952 As in issue 463

370,373 See 9th November

565 (*First*) (Bulphan & Brentwood, M-S) This service will operate to a revised route and timetable to avoid the turning movement at West Horndon Station.

Saturday 4th January 2003

372 As in issue 463.

Sunday 12th January 2003

73 (*First*) (Bishops Hall Estate & Warley) New timetable.

West Essex (Epping, Harlow, Loughton and the surrounding area)

Saturday 23rd November 2002

Park & Ride (*Arriva*) (Burnt Mill School & Harlow, Weekends)

This service will operate on Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas. Buses will run every 10 minutes between 0830 & 1720.

60 (*Stephensons*) (Canewdon & Southend, M-S) The timetable for this service was revised from Monday 25th.

Saturday 30th November 2002

381 (*Regal Busways*) (Harlow & Toot Hill, M-S) New limited Saturday service with two return journeys from Harlow Bus Station (depart 0845, 1245) to Toot Hill, Hillcrest Road (return 0943, 1343). Also one return journey from Harlow Bus Station (depart 1615) to Coopersale Post Office only (return 1700).

Monday 9th December 2002

R1 (*Olympian*) (Harlow & Pinnacles Ind. Estate, M-F) New service via Katherines, Sumners, Staple Tye and Harlow Bus Station.

R2 (*Olympian*) (Harlow town service) timetable and routeing change.

W/C Saturday 14th December 2002

4 (*Arriva*) (Harlow & Latton Bush Circular, M-S) Minor change to the Monday to Friday timetable.

503 (*Regal Busways*) (Brentwood & Harlow, Sch) New service from 16 December- 2 return trips per day via Ongar, Epping & Potter Street.

504 (*Regal Busways*) (Chelmsford & Waltham Cross, Sch) New service from 16 December -1 return trip per day via Ongar, Epping & Uppshire.

Tuesday 7th January 2003

R3 (Olympian) (Harlow town service) A new timetable and routeing change.

Monday 13th January 2003

619 (First) (Debden & Ingatestone) A new timetable and routeing change will occur on this date.

Christmas arrangements for Essex County Council contracted bus services

Normal timetables will operate except on the following days:

Wednesday 25th December No services.

Thursday 26th December No services (except 133 Sunday timetable).

Wednesday 1st January No services (except 133 Sunday timetable).

Christmas arrangements for Arriva Colchester, Grays and Southend bus services

Monday 23rd December Normal timetables.

Tuesday 24th December Normal timetables.

Wednesday 25th December No services.

Thursday 26th December No services (except 133 Sunday timetable).

Friday 27th December Routes 6,6A,11,15,83 and Dengie village link will run to normal timetables. Routes 50 and 92 will not run. All other routes will operate to a Saturday timetable.

Saturday 28th December Normal timetables.

Sunday 29th December Normal timetables.

Monday 30th December As Friday 27th December.

Tuesday 31st December As Friday 27th December.

Wednesday 1st January **Colchester** – No services (except 133 Sunday timetable)

Grays – Sunday timetables.

Southend – No services.

Thursday 2nd January Normal services resume.

First in Essex

Marshall Darts for Basildon overground

Eight Dennis Dart SLF/Marshall Capital 10.2m B37F are expected from First London (ex London Buses). None had been seen at the time of writing, but their registrations and chassis numbers are believed to be as follows:

R637VLX	SFD212BR111295
R640VLX	SFD212BR111298
R642TLM	SFD212BR111885
R644TLM	SFD212BR111888
R645TLM	SFD212BR111889
R650TLM	SFD212BR111894
R651TLM	SFD212BR111895
R653TLM	SFD212BR111848

Formerly DML637 etc, they are to be renumbered **753-760**, but not necessarily in the same order.

All are being repainted at Mainline in Rotherham, prior to introduction on Basildon's route 8 as part of an 'Overground' network being launched in early December. They are expected to appear in corporate livery with route branding.

11.02 **746/7/50** (see EBN463), with 745/9/51/2 still awaited as at 3rd December.

Allocations (period ending 24 November 2002)

406 HH-BN; **746** Acq-HH; **747** Acq-HH; **750** Acq-HH; **809** HH-BN; **2641** spare-BE; **2643** spare-HH; **2648** spare-AB; **9029** to Disposal

Subsequent changes:

908 spare-DT-CN; **909** CR-DT; **982** BN-CR; **1408** CF-Disposal; **2802** CN-DT

Two Darts have moved to DT for Village Link use, but the further exchange took place because the smaller fuel tank in 908 was inadequate. Two Mercedes are believed to have moved from DT to CR.

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Disposal-listed **2641** and **2647** remain in use at CN, with **3078** running at DT until taken out of service on 14th November. **3219** continues in service at DT (see below).

Correction: **913** was BN-HH in 9.02

Disposals

11.02 **633** to First Glasgow
 2628/30 to Houston Ramm

Repaints

11.02 **2658** to 'Barbie 2' (ex 'Brewery' advert)

Other vehicle news

735-8 have been noted with red route branding for Basildon service 5.

4010/24 now have mega rear adverts for Homepride "Mediterranean Tomato Sauce".

Vehicle workings

Colchester Park & Ride C3 was operated by Darts 974/5 on 25.11.02

Unusual workings

6.11.02 HH633 on 27, HH746 on CC
9.11.02 CF1402 on Diamond
11.11.02 HH1429 on 3
12.11.02 CF1403 on Diamond
15.11.02 BN1404 on 502 (shortage of serviceable double deckers at BN)
18.11.02 2641 on 09.05 Tiptree-CR 75
19.11.02 BN1410 on morning 502
20.11.02 Unidentified Solo reported on 31A
25.11.02 BN1410 on 502 ex Southend, replaced by BN5005 from Shotgate (and presumably 5005 worked evening 102 service)
 CR715 on 66A. CR1503 on 222

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Unusual workings (Cont from previous page)

- 2.12.02 BN659 on early morning 82 (then Coupers School Contract)
BN1400 on 502
CF536 on evening 42 (or is this now common?)
- 3.12.02 HH719 and 721 on 20
- 4.12.02 BN855 and BN1432 on 5
2641 on 70 duplicate (to Coggeshall)
HH721 on 15 and 20

VR watch

3078 was taken out of traffic on 14th November, to be replaced by 3219 transferred from CR. Three days later 3219 was back at CR, spending the morning of the 18th parked at the Bus Station before working the 15.50 service 193 to East Bergholt. It was noted as the 08.46 Wivenhoe-CR 77 on 19th, then the 88B to Little Tey and the 17.45 Halstead-Colchester 88. It went on to work evening 78/78A's before returning to the depot as the last bus at 00.25. Also on 19th 3109 worked the 08.28 Ardleigh-East Bergholt 193 (a regular DT duty), a rare appearance of a Thamesway liveried bus in Suffolk.

At Basildon 3113 became defective that day and had not re-entered service by early December, although under repair. On 20th November former Southend-allocated 3081, now NIBS BIL4710, was working Shoeburyness-Leigh rail replacements.

Meanwhile in Devon & Cornwall UAR595W (one time 3105) has taken on a new role as a permanent driving trainer with First Western National (1239), and was seen on 18th November along with 1265 (UAR588W) on the 84 to Tavistock.

WESTCLIFF BRISTOL IS BACK

Read the remarkable story of the restoration of Westcliff Motor Services 1939 AJN 825 in January's Bus & Coach Preservation.

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Your at a glance guide

First in Essex fleet allocation 24 November 2002

Airport Buses	112, 432/4/5, 602/8/10, 917/43, 1550/1, 2640/8/9/50/83, 2813-5/22/5/8
Airport Coaches	101/11, 397/8, 2679
Braintree (BE)	944, 2641/2/6/56/63/75/80, 2803/4/8/11/2/6-8/21/6/7, 2910/1, 3112, 3219, 5000
Basildon (BN)	404-6, 655-67, 711-4/34-8, 809, 852-5, 914/5/8-22/4-34/45/65-73/82-6, 1400/4/10/32, 3113, 4026/30, 5005
Chelmsford (CF)	430/1/3, 512-37, 729-33/9-44, 1401-3/7/8/13-6/26-8, 1516-20, 2644/67/8/70-4/6-8, 2901-9, 4007/10/2/24/5/33/4, 5001-4/6
Clacton (CN)	907/12/6, 1510-3, 2665, 2801/5/6/9/10/9/20/3/4, 4015-9
Colchester (CR)	650-4, 715/6, 909-11/74-81, 1501-9, 2829/30, 2921-6, 4014, 4301-5/7/9/15/20-5
Hadleigh (HH)	407-10, 633, 701-10/7-21/46-8/50, 811, 913/35-42/6-58/87, 1405/6/9/11/2/7-24, 2643/5/52/3/7-62, 4003-5/27
Harwich (DT)	2655/66/9/81/2, 4008/9/13, 4308/10/1/4
Romford (RD)	401-3, 501-11, 805/6/10
Heritage	2383, 9001
Spare	314, 908, 1429, 2654/64, 3109
Disposal	1425/30/1, 2647/51, 3078/92, 3101/3, 3219, 4028
Reserve	100
Driver Training	35, 1433 (BN); 1924, 9002/3/20/6 (HO)
Ancillary vehicles (note that some of these details are by members' observation only)	
	BN: 9028/30, 9308; CF: 9008; CN: 2111;
	CR: 9033; HH: 9035; HO: 9004/10; Disp 9029/34

The following buses are fitted with tachographs:

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

First Airport

	BUSES	COACHES
TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT		
Minibus	6	3
Midibus	7	0
Coach	6	1
SPARES		
Minibus	1	1
Midibus	1	0
Coach	0	0

Depot requirements and vehicle allocations

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

	BE	BN	CF and (MN)	CN	CR	DT	HH	RD	TOTAL BY TYPE
TRAFFIC REQ'T									
Minibus	7	4	12 (2)	1	0	4	14	5	49
Midibus	12	38	41	12	20	0	38	0	161
SD	0	16	9 (6)	4	12	0	13	0	60
DD	2	2	7	4	14	6	3	0	38
Phoenix DD	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Phoenix	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SD/Midi									
Mobility (Midi)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Total	22	65	72 (8)	21	46	10	68	15	326
ENG SPARE									
Minibus	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
Midibus	1	4	5	1	1	0	3	0	15
SD	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	7
DD	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Phoenix DD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SD/Midi									
Mobility (Midi)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL ALLOC									
Minibus	8	4	12 (2)	1	0	5	15	6	53
Midibus	13	42	46	13	21	0	41	0	176
SD	0	17	11 (6)	4	14	0	15	0	67
DD	2	3	8	5	15	7	4	0	44
Phoenix DD	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Phoenix	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SD/Midi									
Mobility (Midi)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Route 193 (Mini)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
TOTALS	24	71	80 (8)	23	50	12	75	17	FLEET TOTAL 360



Regal Busways 1557 SHE 557S Leyland Fleetline/Alexander
 New to South Yorkshire PTE in March 78 and still going strong 24 years
 later when seen at Shenfield School on 6 September 2002. (Chris Stewart)



First 1414 F414 MNO Leyland Lynx
 Pictured at the terminus of the Southminster branch line on rail
 replacement duty on 1 April 2002. (Chris Stewart)



NIBS C73 CHM Leyland Olympian/ECW (Ex Isle of Man 3 EMN 3U)
 One of a batch of 4 Olympians acquired from Ensign during the summer for School contracts, Chris Stewart caught up with this example at North Farnbridge on 27 September.



Arriva DS006 L508 CPJ Dennis Dart/East Lancs
 A number of Darts recently migrated from Surrey to Colchester and Southend to replace minibuses. (Dave Arnold)

Arriva Harlow & Ware

Vehicles in

From Arriva the Shires (Watford) 11/02

3104 L400 BUS Dennis Dart 9SDL3031/2088 Marshall C36.003 B34F
New 11/94

Vehicles out

2100 M160 RBH 2334 L724 PHK To Grays (staff buses) 10/02

5080 B270 LPH Arriva the Shires 2/02 and thence to Arriva Scotland
West 3/02

In Brief

3104 is still officially allocated to Watford but has been working from Harlow for some weeks.

Although only of peripheral interest, it is noted that Arriva the Shires are expecting imminently, 25 DAF DB250/Alexander ALX400 double deckers for TfL services 142 & 340 worked from Watford garage. It is reported that some of the Leyland Olympians so replaced ("G" & "H" plated) will be transferred to Ware to replace the Metrobuses on services 310.

Current allocations

1) Operational

HARLOW including Debden (HA) : 0443/4, 1257, 2108/09/11/12/16-26/28/36/45/51/58/59, 2189/90/94/95, 2226, 2371, 3091/96, 3103/04, 3230/31/50-57, 3328/29/56-60/62-64/66-69/71/72, 3446-49/61-69/71-79/81 (Of these 3461-69/71-79/81 are normally outstationed at Debden for services W13, W14 & 397. Debden also has a few other vehicles for services 250/51, 549)

WARE (WE) 2132/74, 2370/73-77, 3352/53, 3416-18/35/39-45/83, 5251-53/55/57/60/63, 5348/63/67/70/76

2) Vehicles parked-up

Harlow: 2231, 2333/36/37/49, 5259, Ware: 2091/98/99, 2230, 2339-1/45/51/55-57/60-62/64 Stevenage: 2090/92-94/96/97, 2233, 2338/48/52/53/58/59

Arriva Southern counties

Allocation changes

Owing to the frequent vehicle transfers, the Arriva Southern counties Essex garages at Colchester (CR), Grays (GY) and Southend (SE) are treated as one fleet. The letter codes are used to denote movements between these garages. Vehicle allocated to/from Arriva Southern counties Kent and Surrey fleets are indicated by the garage name. For the record, these garages are Gillingham, Sittingbourne, Sheerness, Northfleet, Dartford, Maidstone, Hawkhurst, Tunbridge Wells, New Enterprise coaches, Tonbridge, Guildford, Cranleigh & Horsham.

You can find out more about the Kent operations by joining the M&D and East Kent Bus Club – see their website

<http://website.lineone.net/~mdekbusclub/>

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E2115 N919 ETM Mercedes Benz 709D/Plaxton Beaver **CR – Horsham**
E2130 N910 ETM Mercedes Benz 709D/Plaxton Beaver **GY – Gillingham**
E2134 N914 ETM Mercedes Benz 709D/Plaxton Beaver **GY – Gillingham**
E2135 N915 ETM Mercedes Benz 709D/Plaxton Beaver **GY – Gillingham**
E3404 P324 HVX Dennis Dart 9.0SDL/Plaxton Pointer **GY – SE**
E3408 P328 HVX Dennis Dart 9.0SDL/Plaxton Pointer **GY – Tunbridge W**
E3409 P329 HVX Dennis Dart 9.0SDL/Plaxton Pointer **GY – Tunbridge W**
E3410 P330 HVX Dennis Dart 9.0SDL/Plaxton Pointer **GY – Tunbridge W**
E5361 BYX 301V MCW Metrobus DR101/12 **CR – Training sch at CR**
E5404 H264 GEV Leyland Olympian/Leyland **SE – CR**
610 G610 BPH Volvo Citybus B10M-50/East Lancs **CR – Delicenced and stored at SE**
DD16 N716 TPK Dennis Dominator DDA2006 /East Lancs B45/31F New 1996 **Guildford – SE**
DS19 N539 TPF Dennis Dart 9.8SDL/East Lancs **CR – Horsham**

The details – 21/11 – 610 to Southend, 5402/4 to Colchester (5402 has a camera fitted)

30/11 – 2196 borrowed by Southend, Leaside Travel coach 70 CLT hired by CR for a staff day trip to France

02/12 – 5402 to Southend, 2196 to Colchester

Rail replacement work -10/11 – Manningtree – Ipswich – 2 Darts numbers unknown

17/11 – Manningtree – Ipswich – 3419/3422

24/11 – Manningtree – Ipswich – 5402/5404/5408/3420

Arriva Data File

Welcome to our new look data file designed to make it easier to find key information. New features include detailed vehicle requirements for each garage. (Full information for Grays will follow next month).

Vehicle requirements from 2 December

Garage	M-F peaks	M-F off peak	Sat	Sun
Colchester (Bus)	36AM 35PM	28 (29 W)	28	3
Coach	4	0	0	0
Grays	About 32	TBA	TBA	TBA
Southend	59AM 60PM(a)	52 (53 W/T)	53	19
Dengie	4	4	4	0

Key – (a) 58 AM 59 PM on non college days TBA- To be advised.

W –Wednesday T – Thursday

Allocations –Southend (SE)

Dennis Dominator	E5273	E5274	E5275	E5276	E5278
	E5286	E5287	E5288	DD16	
Dennis Trident	E5434	E5435	E5436	E5437	E5438
	E5439	E5441	E5442	E5443	E5445
	E5446	E5547	E5548	E5549	E5451
Leyland Olympian	E5392	E5393T	E5394	E5395	E5396
	E5399	E5402	E5405T		
Volvo Olympian	E5415T	E5416T	E5417T	E5418T	E5419T
Dennis Dart SLF	E3218	E3220	E3221	E3222	E3223
	E3224	E3225	E3226	E3391	E3392
	E3393	E3394	E3395	E3396	E3397
Dennis Lance SLF	E3379	E3381	E3382	E3383	E3384
Dennis Dart	DS004	DS006	DS007	DS008	DS009
	DS014	E3092	E3349	E3350	E3370
	E3373	E3404			
Mercedes 709	E2110T				
Mercedes 810	E2188	E2191	E2192	E2193	
Renault Master T35	E0329	E0331	E0332	E0333	E0334
Coach	E4310T				
Training School Buses					
Leyland Lynx	E3065	E3066	E3338		
Shuttles	E1253	R580LVL			

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Colchester (CR)

Leyland Olympian	<u>E5389T</u>	<u>E5397T</u>	<u>E5398T</u>		
	E5403	E5404T	<u>E5407T</u>	<u>E5408T</u>	<u>E5409T</u>
Volvo D10M	613	614	617		
DAF SB220	<u>E4335</u>	<u>E4336</u>	<u>E4337</u>	<u>E4339</u>	
Dennis Dart SLF	<u>E3419</u>	<u>E3420</u>	<u>E3422</u>	<u>E3430T</u>	
Leyland Lynx	<u>E3341</u>	<u>E3342</u>	<u>E3343</u>	<u>E3346</u>	<u>E3347</u>
Volvo B6	<u>E3241</u>	<u>E3245</u>	<u>E3246</u>		
Dennis Dart	DS015	DS020	DS021	DS023	
	DS024	3168			
Mercedes 711	<u>E2388</u>	<u>E2391</u>	<u>E2392</u>		
Mercedes 810	<u>E2174</u>	<u>E2243</u>	<u>E2372</u>	<u>E2382</u>	<u>E2383</u>
Mercedes 811	1461	1462			
Coach	PVR 4		Allocation	4	
Scania k113	E4352T	E4353T			
Leyland Tiger	E4505T	2196	Trainer	E5361	

Grays (GY)

MCW Metrobus	M615				
DAF SB120	E4500	E4501	E4502	E4503	E4504
	E4505	E4506	E4507	E4508	E4509
	E4510	E4511	E4512	E4513	
Dennis Dart SLF	E3387	E3388	E3389	E3390	E3400
	E3401	E3402	E3403	E3421	E3423
	E3424	E3425	E3426	E3427	E3428
	E3429	E3431			
Dennis Dart	E3405	E3406	E3407	E3411	E3412
Mercedes 709	E2137				
Ferry Bus 609	YFB58	YFB86			

Key – T- Vehicle fitted with tachograph, Underlined – Fitted with GPS

All information is subject to change and given for guidance only. Compiled by Sean Menzies with invaluable help from Arriva Southern Counties.

Other operators

A&M COURIERS BASILDON Toyota/Caetano JUI 9570 is a recent addition. No previous details are known.

AMBER RAYLEIGH Further Bova Europas here are 227 ASV (SMY 627X) and KEG 689Y. H523 YCX a DAF/Van Hool has been acquired.

AMOS BELCHAMP ST PAUL Bedford YLQ/Plaxton TGV 322R and similar but Duple bodied VFT 935T, left the fleet during the summer. Don't forget that this operator will cease at the end of December, if you want to get a photograph.

ANTELOPE CLACTON Recent additions are Optare Metrorider J716 CUM and Mercedes 412D/Autobus N921 BWA. Vehicles sold are Ford Transit D75 WRS, Renault Master F802 KKP and Talbot Express H210 GBK.

ARROW TAXIS MALDON Peugeot Boxer N394 VNT and Ford Transit V783 DWH both now operate on taxi plates.

ASHES EURO TRAVEL CRESSING A further vehicle acquired from Ways, Boreham but not reported until now is E659 JAR a Mercedes Benz 609D/Whitaker

AVRO ORSETT Former London Metrobus, M805 is reported to have been acquired.

BARKER ROYDON A second Plaxton 425 reported here is L345 MKU.

B&C MINIBUSES LOUGHTON This new operator has Ford Transit J919 UWO.

BLUE DIAMOND HARLOW The operating centre is now at Fosters Croft, Foster Street.

The following are current (10.02) – Toyota/Caetano H691 HRT, DAF 400 J53 JGV, Mercedes Benz 709D/Dormobile K543 OGA, and DAF 400 L949 HBH.

BLUE TRIANGLE RAINHAM In response to an e-mail, we don't cover this operator in much detail. Although just based in Essex, the majority of it's operations are in London and are covered by the excellent LOTS monthly magazine.

BRANDON BLACKMORE END Talbot Freeway F589 HUS, was acquired from Fargo, Rayne, earlier this year.

This operator suffered a major fire at the School Green site in the early hours of Sunday 27.10.02. Six coaches were completely burnt out, two of them being Volvo B58/Plaxton WOI 2658 (ex RHP 24W) and Bova Futura BMB 20M (ex F573 WHD). Daimler Fleetline/Park Royal KUC 217P suffered scorching but is being repainted. M10 KFC Toyota/Caetano of Dons, Gt Dunmow is here (29.10.02) and is assumed to be a loan.

A653 EMY Leyland Royal Tiger/Roe is here (29.10.02) with markings of 'Roadrunner Travel' (Temple, Grafton, N.Yorks.) - this was last noted at Stephenson (dealer), Rochford - we do not know whether it is loaned or bought.

Daimler Fleetlines GHV 13N and GHV 23N, although reported broken up, are actually still at the Mushroom Farm site and still identifiable, albeit well stripped. Similar JTD 393P is in a similar state.

KBH860V Leyland Leopard/Plaxton is at the Mushroom Farm site ex Fargo, Rayne, but does not appear to be in use (by 10.02).

BRENTWOOD COACHES Sold for continued preservation are Leyland PS1/Harrington JYC 855, AEC Regal/Duple NXL 847 and Beadle WKJ 787. Leyland Fleetline ULS 671T has gone for scrap, after being used as a store.

BROOMSTICK FINCHINGFIELD H889 ERY a Toyota/Caetano has been acquired

CD HIRE HARLOW V115KHK a Ford Transit has been acquired.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Acquired in the summer was Volvo B10M/Plaxton 602 JHU (B441 YHW). Bristol VR/ECW HWJ 934W has gone for scrap.

CHARIOTS CORRINGHAM Registration VIL 4058 is on one of S642/3 MGA the Mercedes Vario/Marshall used on Village Link services 14 and 15.

CHELMSFORD TAXIBUS Vehicles previously reported as sold, but still here are Ford Transit/Crystals G651 PKO and DAF/Van Hool RJ1 6621 (new as OGE 8Y). Ford Transit R451 HVW has returned from the sister operation at Bristol Airport, it is now fitted with a tail lift.

The once large fleet of Omni's continues to dwindle, the following have not been seen for some time and are assumed to have been sold, G622 EDC, H210 BKM, H224 BKM, J418 NKK, K416 SKO and J383 NKM. Ford Transits not seen for some time and also assumed sold are K45 DFA, R291 EVW, R699 FTW and N375 EHJ. LDV Convoy R957 RFP is also thought to have gone.

LDV Convoy W878 TBC, which had been for sale at a Woodham Mortimer garage is now back here, but unlicensed.

Volvo/Duple E858 WSB has been re-registered EX1 2805.

Ford Transits added to the fleet recently are EY51 BVU, AJ02 CWN, EA02 UMR, EK52 CLN, EX52 HAU and EX52 HBF. Y513 GJN thought to have been a Ford demonstrator, is also here.

LDV 400 M257 LNR and Mercedes 811D F118 OGS, no longer carry fleetnumbers.

CHILTERN TRAVEL DEBDEN Scania K113/Van Hool 160 EBK (M7 SLC) has been acquired from Lodges, High Easter.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD Volvo B10M/Plaxton HIL 2392 (E573 UHS) has been acquired from Brentwood Coaches and reregistered 2851 RU.

DENGIE TAXIS LATCHINGDON L352 VHY a DAF 400 has been sold.

DMA BRENTWOOD Mercedes 307D E168 FLK is now operating on a PSV disc. Mercedes L608D/Reeve Burgess D804 WNO, was reported some while ago as being sold. However, it is now reported as still being here, can someone please confirm?

DREWERY ABRIDGE Volvo B10M/Plaxton G275 XAR has gone to Wests, Woodford Green.

EAGLES TRAVEL HARLOW G941 AAY a DAF 400 has been acquired. The legal address on this vehicle is 219 Potters Field, Harlow.

FARGO RAYNE A further Leyland Atlantean/East Lancs is GFV 155W. Neoplan/Plaxton C751 CWX has been sold.

FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES FARNHAM X845HEE a Mercedes Benz 413CDI / Autobus, is a recent addition.

FLORIDA COACHES HALSTEAD FA02 JVV MAN/Noge is new, while R382 DNB Mercedes Benz Vito is acquired (a long while ago) - not sure if on taxi plate or PSV disc.

FORD ALTHORNE Leyland Atlantean/Alexander PRG 127J has gone to Aberdeen for preservation.

GALE MOTORS HARLOW Leyland Tiger/Plaxton H24 JMJ has been acquired, as has K709 FNO an Iveco/Dormobile.

GODWARD COACHES SHOTGATE P383 ARY an Iveco/Beulas has been acquired.

HALSTEAD TRAVEL Freight Rover E816 UKW has been withdrawn. Leyland Tiger/Van Hool OXI 525 (A167 MNE) has been sold.

HANN HARLOW Talbot Express C953 SHC has been noted abandoned on the A12. It is assumed to have sold before this!

HARRIS COACHES WEST THURROCK DAF/Van Hool N604 EEV has been re-registered 1245 FH. DAF/Ikarus P703 NHJ has gone to Master Travel, Brentwood. Similar P872 PWW went some while ago, this is thought to have been a short term loan. LDV 200 N316 VNT is understood to have gone to East Thames Buses, when the Harris Bus business passed to them.

HARWOODS TRAVEL ROCHFORD Mercedes L608D B885 WNB has been sold.

JWS TRAVEL CHADWELL ST MARY Mercedes 814D/Autobus A19 HOD (but new in 1996) is a recent addition.

KELLYS TRAVEL HARLOW E882 YKY a Leyland Tiger/Plaxton, is a recent acquisition.

KINGSTONS RETTENDON Further to EBN 461, Leyland Tiger/Plaxton B518 HAM, was re-registered B167 XBU before use here.

LEE ROY LAINDON Ford Transit M902 EGK has been sold. Quest/Jonckhree D327 VVV has gone to Godward Coaches, Shotgate.

LINKFAST BENFLEET MCW Metrobus KYV 675X has been acquired from Kingstons, Rettendon.

LOCALINK BISHOPS STORTFORD D109 NDW a Leyland Lynx has been sold.

Dennis Dart/Wright JDZ 2350 did not pass here from Stort Valley and is reported by LOTS as having been sold.

Leyland Lynx E266 WUB in a red and cream livery has been seen here, it is not known if it's acquired or on loan.

MCW Metrobus BYX 100V is here, but unlikely to see further service as most of the windows are smashed. Sister A928 SUL is also here, but retains Trustline names, so may only be a loan. Leyland Titan A606 THV is still here, but being used as a store.

Leyland Olympian/Marshall TJT 195/6X are in use here. LOTS reports that these are owned by Trustline, Hunsdon, but are here on long term hire..

LODGE HIGH EASTER New are Scania K114/Van Hool EX52 TJV and EX52 TWA.

Scania/Van Hool S555 YMJ has been sold. It may be remembered this was bought new, with the registration to reverse long serving Bedford YMJ 555S.

MARKS TEY TRAVEL Given that this operator is now based in Suffolk, it will no longer be covered here. LDV Convoy S659 RAO was the only vehicle owned.

MASTER TRAVEL HERONGATE The operating centre has moved to c/o Milman Transport, East Horndon Hall, Tilbury Road, East Horndon. Bedford VAS/Duple EGS 154T and MCW Metrorider E640 KYW have not been seen for some time and are assumed to have been sold. Mercedes 609D/Crystals J730 USF is to be converted into an office.

NCS NEWPORT M807 LYL a DAF 400 has been acquired.

NEED A BUS NORTH BENFLEET New is Mercedes 611D CU51 AJX

OLYMPIAN HARLOW Additions are Dennis Dart/Duple G350 GCX and P161 FBC an Iveco/Beulas. The majority of the fleet parks at Horseshoe Farm, Latton. MJI 7857 (ex B267 XNK) a Setra S215H is now unlicensed.

PDQ COLCHESTER Acquired recently is Mercedes 312D R505 YOJ.

REGAL COCKSMILL GREEN A recent acquisition is Mercedes Benz 709D/Dormobile L428 CPC, although LOTS report that it may only be on loan. Two further Volvo B6/Marshall have been acquired, these are L664/5 MFL. The ex Preston Dodge, F88 UHG has been sold.

Vehicles noted on loan during the summer and not reported here are Vario's W992/5 JNF and Optare Solo demonstrator YG02 FWJ.

RYDERS TRAVEL HARLOW X878 EKL thought to be an Iveco 49-10, is a recent acquisition. DAF 400 J558 PPA is now lettered for Linco Signs, we're unsure if it has been sold, or is an advert livery.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW Iveco/Mellor M530 VWT was rebuilt to C25F before it arrived here. Bova Futura HIL 2923 (A398 VML) is still with this operator.

SOUTHEND RADIO CARS Not previously reported here, is Ford Transit G707 YMG.

STANWAY TRAVEL SERVICES LAYER DE LA HAYE New here is Ford Transit EU52 JZ0.

STEPHENSON ROCHFORD Former Lothian Leyland Olympian/ECW B752 GSC has been acquired. Volvo B10M/Plaxton H372 PHK is reported to be re-registered A17 SOE.

This conflicts with the caption for EBN 462, which reports this as being ex G345 FFX, can someone please confirm which is correct.

STORT VALLEY GREAT DUNMOW The Dennis R/Plaxton on loan here, was in fact Y795 UDT., it has now returned to it's owner. A further Airlinks Scania/Van Hool has been acquired, it is J555 SAS.

SUPREME COLCHESTER G442 NVV a LAG E180Z has been sold. Leyland Atlantean/East Lancs XRF 25S has been delicensed.

THORNS OF RAYLEIGH

Bedford YNT/Duple YFC 736 (TGS 924W) has been sold.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PURFLEET Further ex London Leyland Olympian/ECW here are C30/107/117 CHM. The operating centre moved to Askew Farm Lane, Grays on 27th October.

WARD ARLESFORD Bristol VR/ECW URF 673S has gone to Localink, Bishops Stortford via Stephenson, Rochford for dealer stock. It is still in Supreme livery.

WEBBS HIGHWOOD Leyland Leopard/Duple UTR 705 has been re-registered to its original SHD 330X and sold to Brentwood Coaches.

WESTS WOODFORD GREEN Dennis Javelin/SC Coachbuilders S275 LRY has been re-registered J3 BUS.

WICKS BRAINTREE Ford R1014/Duple TXI 8748 (XPP 412S) has been withdrawn.

WOODCROFT SCHOOL LOUGHTON Seen here are G788 AEV Bedford Midi and L552 RHJ (ex ????????) Ford Transit. Both are PSV's hence their appearance here.

YELLOWLINE BRAINTREE Ford Transit R204 BHL AND LDV Convoy V232 MNM are recent additions.

Non-PSV Operators

EPHING FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH LPB 121P Bedford YRQ/Plaxton has this church's name on it and 'Kidz Club'. It is parked at Langston Road Lorry Park, Debden (by 10.02). Previous operator was Cudlipp, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. Vehicle has Linko Travel (Southern), Henstidge, Somerset which may be the same operator

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL EU51 BZC Ford Transit was new in September

JOBSEVE TIPTREE GYE 410W MCW Metrobus is in October 02, ex Arriva Colchester 5350. It has been altered to H0/7F. (BYX 220/63V are also H0/7F)

MCW Metrobus A622 BCN was ex Ensign Bus in December 01 and is H0/3F + built in benches on both decks with computer terminals.

MCW Metrobus BYX 299V ex Colchester 5369 is currently being prepared for Jobserve at Preston Street Coachworks, Faversham, Kent.

KIMBERLEY-CLARKE WYV 17T Leyland Titan seen 31.10.02 at Colchester Council yard (probably for a class 5 M.o.T. test) - it was painted as an overall advert. for 'Huggies'.

Miscellaneous

OJD 855Y MCW Metrobus seen 29.10.02 parked in a yard at Bovingdon Road, Bocking - lettered 'Pete's Travel' from previous owner (Lionspeed/Pete's Travel, W.Bromwich, W.Mids.)

G761 WMP Ford Transit / Dormobile (new to London Borough of Newham as 688, later renumbered 721606) seen 10.02 in public car park outside Chelmsford auction converted to a mobile home.

H371 OTX Ford Transit / Dormobile B0FL is currently (10.02) parked adjacent to the premises of Lodge, High Easter. (note: cannot be seen from the road, only from the rear of Lodge's yard.)

Tuesday 14 January Group Meeting , Rochford

An illustrated talk by John Wilson, the former Coaching Manager for Eastern National and National Travel South East, about his career with London Transport, EN, Grey Green, National Travel and Harris Coaches.

See Bus Diary on Page 5 for more information

Essex dealer report

The latest vehicle movements at Ensignbus

Vehicles in

From London General M1177, M1226. AL on 14/11.
From Arriva the Shires Volvo B10M GIL6253.
From Robinsons Coaches. T506, T938 ,Olympians WDC215Y, SJR613Y.
From Travel West Midlands Scania H232LOM.
From Castle Coaches , Portsmouth Volvo B10M A193LLS.
From Halifax Joint Committee T1068

Vehicles out

Dominator C129CAT Trimmer Travel, Romford.
M624 M1177 Halifax Joint Committee.
Olympian 90-D-1037 Kimes, Folkingham (Reg TBA)
Olympian 90-D-1049 Fourways Coaches, Chelmsford (Reg TBA)
Scania E113KYN Northern Blue, Burnley.
Olympian A139SMA Confidence, Leicester.
Olympian SJR613Y Country Hopper, Ibstock.
T938 Rennies, Dunfermline.
T506 Mr Paul Hodgson, Wickford for preservation.
T486 Delta Force Paintball.
T1068 Morleys of Whittlesey.
DMS2216 Steve O' Connor ,Tulse Hill for preservation.

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Disposals and subsequent history of London based vehicles are covered in more detail by London Omnibus Traction Society (LOTS) See their web page www.lots.org.uk for details on joining the group. London operator's disposals are usually referred to by their fleet number. For registrations see 'London Bus & Tram Fleetbook 2002' published by LOTS

Essex publicity review

Ian Taylor rounds up the range of publicity issued by smaller operators in Essex from January – June 2002.

BEESTONS

A single sided A4 timetable sheet dated 4th March 2002 following introduction of Village Link services 11/12/13 between Sudbury and Halstead. In addition Essex County Council issued a yellow A4 leaflet folded to A5 resulting in two different leaflets being available for the same services!

CARTERS

A single sided A4 sheet was issued following revisions to routes 755/756 from 2nd January 2002.

CHAMBERS

Double sided A4 timetable sheets were issued following revisions on 1st January 2002 and 10th April 2002. In addition a pink single sided A4 sheet gave details of service 84, which was revised with effect from 8th April 2002.

CHARIOTS OF ESSEX

Essex County Council following timetable revisions to Village Link services 14/15/15A on 2nd April 2002 produced a yellow A4 leaflet folded to A5.

COGGESHALL COMMUNITY BUS

A green A4 leaflet folded to A5 was issued showing the revised timetable introduced on 21st January 2002.

FOUR COUNTIES BUSES

Essex County Council produced blue A5 leaflets for services 314 (dated 3rd April 2002), 315 (dated 4th April 2002), 346 (dated 4th April 2002) and 446 (dated 8th April 2002).

GATWICK FLYER

The Summer timetable leaflet was dated 1st May 2002 to 31st October 2002 with royal blue print on white paper.

HEDINGHAM

A single sided A4 sheet was issued on 2nd January 2002 following introduction of new off peak times on route 50 whilst there was a pink A5 leaflet for route 80. Two 16-page A5 booklets entitled "Rural Villages North Essex/South Suffolk Bus Guide" appeared dated 2nd January 2002 and 1st June 2002.

A similar 12-page A5 size booklet for the Clacton area was dated 27th May 2002 and featured a street map of the town in the centre-fold with services 130/131/134/135 overlaid using various colours. Going back to 2001 a slimline leaflet (i.e. a twice folded A4) was issued for service 88 dated 5th November 2001 which included route 608 as well.

JWS TRAVEL

A twice-folded leaflet to A5 size was issued for services 374,300,320 using royal blue print on white paper throughout. It was undated although route 320 is thought to have commenced on 12th April 2002. A single sided green A5 sheet was produced following the withdrawal of the evening service on route 300 with effect from 4th March 2002 whilst further revisions on 8th April 2002 yielded a single sided green A4 sheet.

KINGSTONS OF ESSEX

An undated single sided pink A4 leaflet was issued on 5th March 2002 following revisions to route X20. Details of route 511 were also included. As far as is known no leaflet was issued for route 80 which only ran from 16th February 2002 to 1st March 2002.

LOCALLINK

An A4 leaflet folded to A5 for route 210 dated 2nd April 2002. Essex County Council produced seven leaflets to publicise the changes that took place in early April. A5 leaflets appeared on yellow paper for routes 19 (dated 4th April 2002) 347/8 (dated 2nd April 2002) whilst green paper was used for routes 47/146/147 (dated 2nd April 2002). A4 leaflets folded to A5 were circulated on yellow paper for the Sunday service on route 500 (dated 1st April 2002), routes 200/1 (dated 1st April 2002) and for route 202 (dated 3rd April 2002). The latter included details of Imperial Bus Company route 10, unchanged since 24th December 2001. The leaflet for service 5 was on blue paper and included all journeys provided by Arriva.

LONDON TRANSIT

Essex County Council following the introduction of Village Link 9/10 on 28th January 2002 issued a blue A4 leaflet folded to A5. The take over of service 301 on 4th March 2002 yielded a similar Essex County Council leaflet.

NELSONS

Essex County Council for service 41 dated 7th January 2002 issued a white A4 leaflet.

OLYMPIAN COACHES

A single sided blue A5 leaflet was issued for service OC3 that commenced on 10th June 2002 whilst a single sided blue A4 sheet was issued for school service OC1. Unusually the latter used lower case throughout.

REGAL BUSWAYS

Essex County Council produced a pink A4 leaflet folded to A5 for services 381/382 and a pink A5 for routes 52/52A/52B both dated 2nd April 2002.

STEPHENSONS

An A4 leaflet folded to A5 printed in green on white paper was issued for London Link services X1, X2, and X10 that replaced Green Line 721 on 18th February 2002. A red and purple slimline leaflet appeared in early summer for the city sightseeing service in Southend on Sea that commenced on 15th June.

TOWN & COUNTRY BUSES

Thurrock Council issued an undated buff coloured A4 leaflet folded to A5 for service 380 during February. Essex County Council produced a blue A5 size leaflet for service 80 dated 2nd April 2002.

TRUSTLINE

Essex County Council produced a blue A5 leaflet for the Sunday service on route 251 dated 1st April 2002, whilst there was a blue A4 folded to A5 for services 392/393 dated 2nd April 2002.

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