

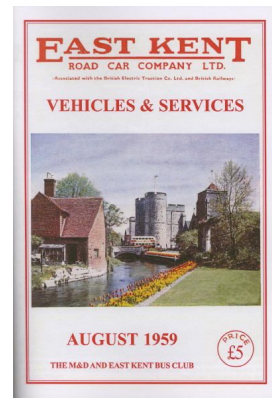
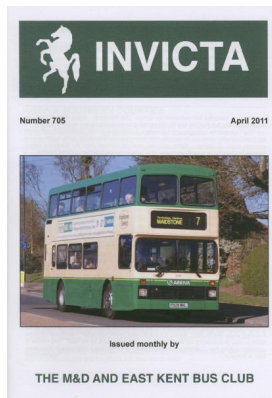
An introduction

THE M&D AND EAST KENT BUS CLUB was formed in 1952 and aims to bring together those interested in the road passenger transport of Kent and East Sussex. Membership is open to applicants from all areas of the UK and overseas.



The main operators covered by the Club are Arriva Kent & Sussex and Arriva Medway Towns, New Enterprise, Stagecoach in East Kent, and Stagecoach in Hastings (Hastings & District). These operators recognise the Club officially and supply much of our information and news. We also provide full current coverage of all other licensed operators within the area, fringe coverage of Arriva Kent Thameside and Stagecoach in Eastbourne, and historical information on Boro'line Maidstone and the predecessors of local operators including Maidstone & District, East Kent and Maidstone Corporation Transport.

A nominal enrolment fee (currently £2) is payable on joining the Club. The illustrated monthly news booklet *Invicta* is available by annual subscription and contains accurate up-to-date information on all local fleets together with news of Club activities.



PUBLICATIONS include current fleet lists, route working details, fleet histories and a range of historical items. Most incorporate illustrations. Members are entitled to receive publications post-free.

POSTCARD PHOTOGRAPHS: We have over 17,000 prints covering a wide range of vehicles and related subjects from the early 1900s to date. These include views from official collections, of which a list is available on request. Postcard-size black-and-white and 6" x 4" colour prints are competitively priced. Our stock is constantly changing, and a selection is offered for sale at local events or may be sent on approval (Please state vehicle types and/or operators required if you ask for an approval selection).

SALES: Publications and photographs can be sent to non-members by post. Our sales stand attends major rallies and sales events in the South-East each season; other items including models and souvenir items are available at these events. A selection of our publications is also stocked by Gordon Dinnage, who has a sales stand at other Kent and Sussex events.

LOCAL MEETINGS take place regularly at various locations in the area. These may be a talk, a colour slide or movie show, or just a general discussion. Publication and photograph sales are sometimes available at these meetings. Area Organisers have been appointed to foster local activities. Details of local meetings are normally announced in *Invicta*.



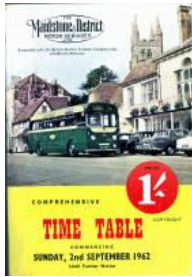
VEHICLE PRESERVATION : Part-owners within the Club own HKE 867, a 1945 Bristol K6A (rebodied by Weymann in 1953) acquired from Maidstone & District (DH159) in 1967. Active preservation work continues on this vehicle, which represents the Club at selected events each year.

CREDIT ACCOUNT and **STANDING ORDER** schemes help members and the Club to save time and money.

CLUB BADGE : Members can buy a three-colour lapel badge showing the Club's name.

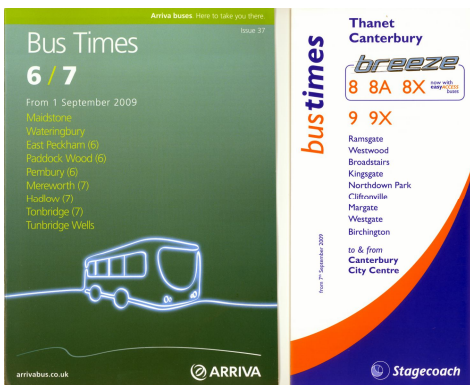
DESTINATION BLINDS : We have available for sale a variety of obsolete blinds from East Kent, Maidstone & District and successor companies.

LIBRARY : The Club's Library contains a wide selection of out-of-print items which may be borrowed for research, including official timetable books and faretables from the 1920s onwards, News-Sheets or *Invicta* for most years, and Fleet Histories.



TOURS and VISITS are arranged regularly during the summer. They include visits to operators both local and farther afield, using a variety of interesting vehicles.

TIMETABLE LEAFLETS SCHEME: Members can arrange to receive copies of timetable leaflets of Arriva Kent & Sussex, Arriva Medway Towns, Stagecoach in East Kent and Stagecoach in Hastings on a regular basis, subject to availability. Details are given in *Invicta* when opportunities to subscribe occur.



NEWSGROUP : An e-mail based newsgroup is available for members to share their observations and photographs online. For full details visit <http://groups.google.com/group/mdekbusclub>.

INFORMATION : The Club provides a central point to which members can send notes and observations for inclusion in *Invicta*, publications and other records, and from which they can obtain answers to their own queries.

For practical reasons, Club business is conducted only by post or e-mail; we cannot receive callers in person or by telephone at the Club address. Membership is not normally available to those under twelve years of age. Information contained in this leaflet is correct at September 2011 but may change during its currency.

If you would like to join the Club, please complete a Membership Application form and send it to the address given below, with a payment to cover your enrolment fee and subscription for one year. New members enrolled part-way through the year (before 1st October) will receive back-issues of *Invicta* for the whole year. Please ask for a new form if intending to enrol for the following year.

If, however, you would first like to receive a specimen copy of *Invicta*, please write to

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