



# An introduction to the club and its facilities, including:

- Monthly *Invicta* magazine
- Publications
- Photograph sales
- Subscription rates



For more information visit

**[mdekbusclub.blogspot.com](http://mdekbusclub.blogspot.com)**

or write to

**The M&D and East Kent Bus Club  
20 Swift Crescent Chatham  
Kent ME5 7QY**

**THE M&D AND EAST KENT BUS CLUB** was formed in 1952 to bring together those interested in the buses and coaches of Kent and East Sussex.

Membership is open to anyone aged 12 or over from all areas of the UK and overseas.

The main companies covered by the Club are Arriva Kent & Surrey and Stagecoach East Kent (including East Sussex operations from the depots at Hastings and Eastbourne).

The Club is recognised officially by a number of operators who kindly supply information and news about their fleets directly to us.

We also provide full current coverage of all other licensed bus and coach companies within the Club's defined area, fringe coverage of Arriva Kent Thameside's Northfleet depot operations, and historical information on the predecessors of local operators including Maidstone & District, East Kent, Boro'line Maidstone, Maidstone Corporation Transport and Maidstone Borough Council.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Annual membership includes our monthly news booklet, *Invicta*, which contains up-to-date information on all local bus and coach fleets together with news of Club activities.

Family membership, at a reduced rate, is available to people living at the same address as a fully-subscribed member.

**INVICTA** is produced in A5 format and features full-colour illustrations on the front and back covers with additional images inside when space permits. The number of pages each month is typically between 28 and 36, dependent upon the amount of news that there is to report.

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

**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, lists of which are available on request or can be downloaded from our website. 6in x 4in black-and-white and colour prints are competitively priced. Our stock is constantly changing, and a selection is offered for sale at our Annual General Meeting and at other events attended by the Club's sales team. Specific enquiries can also often be fulfilled by contacting the Club.

**SALES:** Publications are available to non-members by post. Our sales stand attends a number of bus rallies and other events in the South-East each season; other items including model buses and souvenir collectables may be available at these events. A selection of our publications is also stocked by Dinnages Transport Publishing, which has a sales stand at other Kent and Sussex events.

**LOCAL MEETINGS** take place regularly at various locations in the Club's area, allowing members to share news or view pictures ranging from vintage colour slides to modern digital images. Area Organisers look after these local activities and details of meetings are usually 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 (fleet number DH159) in 1967. Active preservation work continues on this vehicle, which represents the Club at selected events each year.

**TOURS and VISITS** are arranged during the summer which include visits to town centres and operators' depots, both local and farther afield.

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

**FACEBOOK :** The Club's Facebook page is used to keep members informed of news about our activities and other relevant information. Just search on Facebook for 'The M&D and East Kent Bus Club'.

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME:** If you would like to join the Club, please complete a membership application form, which can be downloaded from our website, and send it to the following address, with a payment to cover your subscription:

The M&D and East Kent Bus Club,  
The Homestead, Headcorn Road,  
Grafty Green,  
MAIDSTONE, Kent, ME17 2AP.

Alternatively, you can email a photo or scan of your completed form to [Treasurer@mdekbusclub.org.uk](mailto:Treasurer@mdekbusclub.org.uk) and

request details of how to pay electronically via bank transfer (BACS). Unfortunately we cannot accept payments by debit or credit card.

We reduce the cost of joining as the year progresses, though you may opt for full-year membership to include all back number issues of *Invicta* published from the January of the year in which you subscribe.

If you would first like to view a specimen copy of *Invicta*, please visit our website at <http://www.mdekbusclub.blogspot.com>, send an e-mail to [mdekbusclub@gmail.com](mailto:mdekbusclub@gmail.com) or write to

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For practical reasons, Club business is conducted only by post or e-mail; we are unable to receive callers in person or by telephone. Membership is not normally available to those under twelve years of age.

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