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CHELMSFORD, GALLEYWOOD, STOCK and BILLERICAY.

	Daily.	Mons., Weds., Thurs. and Sats.		Daily.	Mons., Weds., Thurs. and Sats.		Daily.	Sat. only.	BILLERICAY	
		s.m.	p.m.		s.m.	p.m.			Tuesdays, and Fridays.	
Chelmsford 'Bus Term. dep.	8.30	10.30	1.0	3.45	6.35	8.15			9.45	3.45
St. John's Ch., Moolaham arr.	8.37	10.37	1.5	3.52	6.42	8.22			9.52	3.52
Rising Sun	8.40	10.30	1.8	3.55	6.45	8.25			9.55	3.55
Galleywood	9.0	10.45	1.99	4.15	7.0	8.40			10.15	4.15
Stock .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			10.35	4.25
Billericay .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..			10.55	4.55
Billericay dep.	..	..	..	..	..	..			11.5	5.5
Stock arr.	..	..	..	..	..	..			11.30	5.30
Galleywood	9.10	10.45	1.25	4.25	7.5	8.45			11.40	5.40
Rising Sun	9.20	10.55	1.35	4.35	7.15	8.53			11.50	5.50
St. John's Church ..	9.33	11.0	1.35	4.35	7.18	8.56			11.53	5.53
Chelmsford 'Bus Term. ..	9.50	11.7	1.45	4.45	7.35	9.3			12.0	6.0

	FARES.		Adults.		Child.	
	Adults.	Child.	Adults.	Child.	Adults.	Child.
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus & St. John's Church	1	..	1	..	1	..
Shire Hall and Rising Sun	1	..	1	..
Rising Sun and Waterworks	1	..	1	..
Waterworks and Galleywood (Bagle)	1	..	1	..
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus and Rising Sun	2	..	1	..
Haddock Road and Waterworks	2	..	1	..
Rising Sun and Galleywood	2	..	1	..
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus and Waterworks	3	..	2	..
Waterworks and Stock (The Ship)	3	..	2	..
Galleywood (Bagle) and Stock (The Bear)	3	..	2	..
Stock (The Bear) and Billericay	3	..	2	..
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus and Galleywood	4	..	2	..
Waterworks and Stock (The Bear)	4	..	2	..
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus and Stock (Ship)	6	..	3	..
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus and Stock (Bear)	7	..	4	..
Chelmsford 'Bus Terminus and Billericay	9	..	5	..

By 1920 the bus service to Billericay was daily. The main bus stop then and until after

This is the earliest known bus timetable for Stock and dates from February 1917. As can be seen at this time the bus service was only on two days a week – Tuesdays and Fridays. Buses first ran to Galleywood in 1912 and reached Stock in 1913 and Billericay in 1914. Unfortunately unless anyone has a timetable for a date earlier than 1917 it is not known if the bus service was originally daily beyond Galleywood but was later curtailed because of the First World War. By the end of 1920 the bus service had become daily.

It is interesting to note several things. Firstly the buses in use at this time were powered by steam engines burning naphtha rather than petrol engines. Steam power was replaced by the petrol engine in 1920. Secondly at that time and until 1952 buses stopped at The Bear in the Square rather than in the High Street. For obvious reasons The War Memorial wasn't in existence when they first started running. Thirdly despite having to climb Stock hills on the way back from Billericay the buses were allowed 15 minutes, but in the opposite direction when they had the advantage of a falling gradient they were allowed 20 minutes. Times today (2006) are 10 minutes in both directions.