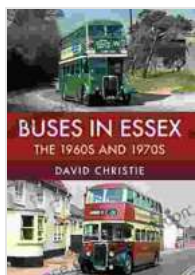


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New Bus Types

The 1960s saw the of a number of new bus types in Essex. These included the double-decker bus, the single-decker bus, and the minibus.

The double-decker bus was the most common type of bus in Essex during the 1960s and 1970s. These buses were typically used on high-capacity routes, such as those between Chelmsford and Colchester.

The single-decker bus was a smaller type of bus that was typically used on lower-capacity routes. These buses were often used in rural areas, where the roads were narrower.

The minibus was a small, lightweight bus that was typically used for school services and other short-distance journeys.

Expansion of Bus Services

The 1960s and 1970s saw a significant expansion of bus services in Essex. This was due to a number of factors, including the growth of the population, the increase in car ownership, and the decline of the railways.

The growth of the population led to an increase in the demand for bus services. This was especially true in the new towns that were built in Essex during the 1960s and 1970s, such as Harlow, Basildon, and Stevenage.

The increase in car ownership also led to an increase in the demand for bus services. This was because many people who owned cars still needed to use buses to get to work, school, or other destinations.

The decline of the railways also led to an increase in the demand for bus services. This was because many railway lines were closed during the 1960s and 1970s, which left many people without a reliable way to travel.

Decline of the Traditional Bus Companies

The 1960s and 1970s saw the decline of the traditional bus companies in Essex. These companies were typically family-owned businesses that had operated for many years.

There were a number of factors that contributed to the decline of the traditional bus companies. These included the increase in competition from the new bus companies, the rising cost of fuel, and the of government regulations.

The increase in competition from the new bus companies was one of the major factors that led to the decline of the traditional bus companies. The new bus companies were often more efficient and had lower operating costs than the traditional bus companies.

The rising cost of fuel was another factor that contributed to the decline of the traditional bus companies. The price of fuel increased significantly during the 1960s and 1970s, which made it difficult for the traditional bus companies to make a profit.

The of government regulations was another factor that contributed to the decline of the traditional bus companies. These regulations included the Transport Act of 1968, which required bus companies to obtain licenses from the government.

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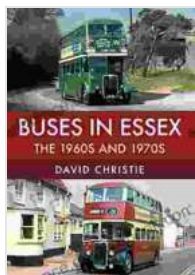
These changes had a significant impact on the way that people in Essex travelled. The new bus types made it easier for people to get around, the expansion of bus services made it possible for people to reach more destinations, and the decline of the traditional bus companies led to the emergence of new bus companies.

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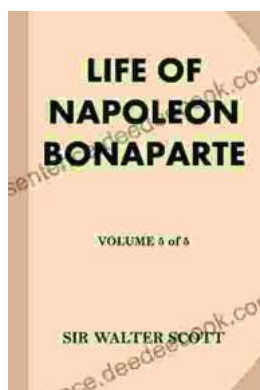
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