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EDITORIAL

439 FOCUS OF THE MONTH

437FEV Bristol LS5G ECW B45F Eastern National 421 renumbered 1241 in 1964 delivered in 1956 it was rebuilt by ECW to B41F (OMO), 6/65 and to B45F (OMO) in 1/60.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS FREIGHT HOUSE 8PM

December 12th 2001	Slide show by Richard Delahoy "20years ago"
January	No meeting.
February 13th	Programme to be announced
March 13th	Group AGM followed by Slide Show by Alan Osborne "Far North"
April 10th	Programme to be announced
May	

I have spoked to Brian Smith of S & M Coaches who will give us a talk in the New Year, his wife is ill at present.

Have you been watching TV lately ? Channel 4 commercial advert for Nat-West Bank shows a First Capital Dennis Trident ! but listen to the sound, RM I think, any comments would be welcome.

Well the Rally season is over for another year, fortunately we were not washed this year, sales have been good but if you are still looking for any particular photos, then contact me at 6 Mandeville Way, Benfleet Essex SS7 4LH I may be able to help you.

The New Year will see some changes in the Editorial Team, more details will be published next month.

LATE NEWS

Nelsons of Wickford are replacing their ageing Bristol VRs with Scania N113DRB Alexander H47/33F ex Cardiff, first to be seen is G604KTX, reported to be part of a batch of seven.

Contributions this month received with thanks from Essex Buses, Arriva Southend, Arriva East Herts and Essex, LOTS, PSV Circle, First Group Enthusiasts Group, C Sigston, C Stewart, D Livermore, F Mannings G Belfall, S Burden, G Torrance, R Delahoy, D R Macgregor, Hedingham Omnibuses.

Contributions for December EBN should be with Sub Editos by 3rd December and Managing Editor by 7th December please note the earlier dates due to Christmas Mail.

THURROCK COUNTY COUNCIL

A new timetable booklet dated August 2000 is available. IT includes train and ferry times. In addition a map is included.

f EASTERN NATIONAL.

GENERAL

The unregistered yellow Bluebird schoolbus demonstrator, was in Chelmsford over the weekend of 7th and 8th of October.

The recent fuel crisis led to an improved service on one day! Eastern National and BAA joined forces to operate an hourly service in route 33 on 17th September. Some services were reported to have been reduced, mainly at Bishops Stortford, but most depots were able to cope. Service cuts were on the verge of being made at Chelmsford when the blockades were removed, so were hence able to continue as normal.

REPAINTS

Airport Buses 102 also carries CoachLink names for use on the Colchester to Stansted Airport service.

ALLOCATION CHANGED October 2000

1431 Thamesway BN- Esatern National CF

1850 CF - Disposal but see later note.

1924 CF - Pool

2601 Paint Spare - Pool

2614 CF - Paint Spare

2903/4 Reserve - CF

2905-9/11/12 Acquired - Reserve

Route 351 Chelmsford - Brentwood - Romford, generally worked by Bristol VRTs or Leyland Olympians, but on 18 October Dart 2910 and 19 October Darts 2904 2910

Five double deckers appeared in Brentwood on 23 October with three Eastern National and two Thamesway (VRs) on 151.

The two remaining Leyland Nationals were still active in October with 1850 on route 33 and 1924 on route 31 on 18th October. but as you will see from the allocation list their fate seems near, however on 7th November 1850 was seen on route 76 Colchester - Clacton.

Bristol VR 3079 STW 23W en route to West Mersea ended up in a ditch

RAILWAY REPLACEMENT

5th November Chelmsford - Shenfield, vehicles noted were 2823, 3112. 4008 and Phoenix 5002 (SJR616Y).

TACHOGRAPHS

The following Eastern National vehicles are fitted with 'Calibrated tachographs)

1510/11 2823 2618/21/55/56/77 2801/9/29/30 4008-19/12/3/5-7/9 4310/11/15.

On 28th October former Eastern National Leyland Tiger/ Plaxton 1130 (C130HJN) now First Eastern Counties 19 was seen on a RBG route 156 Fakenham - Dereham via Brisley, usually a minibus. The Tiger had just been repaired after an accident and has now gained red/chrome yellow livery

PUBLICITY

73/73A 3rd November

74/74b 3rd November

Service 90 Maldon - Witham from 14th November will be operated by Eastern National, formerly operated by Hedingahm Omnibuses.

BOROUGH MOTOR SERVICES SOUTHEND

Eastern National acquired the business of Borough Motor Services of Southend in 1935 and the company remained separate until October 1940. The legal owner remained Borough Motor Services Writtle Street Chelmsford.

The fleet was numbered into the Eastern National fleet series, 3432-3449 which included six AEC Regents with Park Royal and Short bodies, three of which were formerly AEC demonstrators.

3437 (KR4997) Short L48R was a demonstrated to Maidstone Corporation in 1930 and was acquired by Borough in March 1931. It was transferred to Eastern National stock in 1938 and was rebodied by Beadle L52R in 1947. Renumbered 1149 in 1954 it survived to 1956 and was later scrapped.

3438 (JN343) Park Royal L50R purchased new by Borough in 1930. It was fitted with a body that had dropped gangways on either side of the upper deck, which left three seats between the the two gangways, 3428 was withdrawn in 1936.

3439 (CN4520) Short L50R was another demonstrator having been with Northern General Transport at Gateshead and Borough until November 1931 and was then purchased by Borough in June 1932. Transferred to Eastern National in 1939 and withdrawn the same year.

3440 (JN2310) Park Royal L55R purchased new by Borough in 1933, and transferred to Eastern National in 1940 and withdrawn in 1943.

3441 (MY2542) Short L50R the third of the demonstrators was purchased by Borough in February 1931 and withdrawn in 1938.

3442 (JN2767) Park Royal L55R added to the fleet in 1933 and transferred to Eastern National in 1940 and withdrawn in 1952, it is believed to have been exported.

EASTERN NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS AYLESBURY 1st JULY 1948

3070	EV1488	Leyland TD1	ECW	L55R
3397	AEV707	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B36R
3407	AEV777	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B36R
3412	AEV782	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B36R
3413	AEV783	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B36R
3415	AEV785	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B36R
3516	AEV786	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B32R
3546	BTW485	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B32R
3551	BTW490	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B32R
3555	BTW494	Dennis Lancet	ECOC	B32R
3723	FNO796	Bristol JO5G	ECW	B31R
3732	FPU512	Bristol K5G	ECW	L48R
3735	FPU515	Bristol K5G	ECW	L48R
3755	GNO699	Bristol K5G	ECW	L55R
3827	JEV418	Bristol K5G	ECW	L55R
3889	KHK513	Bristol K5G	ECW	L55R
3904	KNO607	Bristol L5G	ECW	B35R
3930	LPU620	Bedford OB	Beadle	B30F
3996	NNO96	Bristol K5G	ECW	L55R

EASTERN NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS CANVEY ISLAND FEBRUARY 1961

396	725APU	Bristol	SC6P	ECW	B35F
1120	MPU51	Leyland	PD1	ECW	L55R
1121	MPU52	Leyland	PD1	ECW	L55R
1125	NVX302	Leyland	PD1A	Roberts	L55R
1125	NVX305	Leyland	PD1A	Roberts	L55R
1127	NVX307	Leyland	PD1A	Roberts	L55R
1236	DEV476	Bristol	GO5G	ECW	L55R
1482	34ENO	Bristol	LD5G	ECW	L60R
1484	36ENO	Bristol	LD5G	ECW	L60R
1499	325GPU	Bristol	LD5G	ECW	L60R
1500	885GVX	Bristol	LD5G	ECW	L60R
1502	818HNO	Bristol	LD5G	ECW	L60R

The following were delicensed. Canvey was used as a winter store for coaches and opentops

301	NNO108	Bristol	L5G	ECW	B35R
307	ONO47	Bristol	L5G	ECW	B35R
308	ONO48	Bristol	L5G	ECW	B35R
322	615JPU	Bristol	LS6G	ECW	C34F
323	616JPU	Bristol	LS6G	ECW	C34F
324	617JPU	Bristol	LS6G	ECW	C34F
359	UEV829	Bristol	LS5G	ECW	DP41F
372	VNO869	Bristol	LS5G	ECW	DP41F
373	VNO870	Bristol	LS5G	ECW	DP41F
377	VNO871	Bristol	LS5G	ECW	DP41F
378	FJN162	Bristol	LS5G	ECW	DP41F
428	613JPU	Bristol	LS6G	ECW	C34F
1110	LEV919	Leyland	PD1/1	Beadle/EN	OT59R
1112	LEV917	Leyland	PD1A	Beadle/EN	OT59R
1113	LEV918	Leyland	PD1A	Beadle/EN	OT59R
1128	NVX308	Leyland	PD1A	Beadle/EN	OT59R
1129	NVX309	Leyland	PD1A	Beadle/EN	OT59R
1131	NVX311	Leyland	PD1A	Beadle/EN	OT59R

PLEASE HELP!

While the Eastern National coverage in EBN is good, it could be much better. That's where you can help, I currently receive notes from two members on a regular basis and the three of us cannot see everything that goes on.

Can you please help by supplying timetable leaflets, unusual workings or any other items of interest. It will only cost you the price of a second class stamp, or e-mail me on IanandSally@Bigfoot.com

Thank You for your co-operation, Ian Ransom (EN sub-editor)

CAN YOU HELP?

Volvo/Van Hool A37 DTV has been seen a couple of times in Essex without lettering. Does this belong to a local operator?

DISPOSAL September 2000

309 H310 LJN To First Eastern Counties

ALLOCATION CHANGES October 2000

1431 BN – EN.CF 9016 Driver Trainer - Disposal

ODD WORKINGS

13/ 9/00 Dart 919 (Super 8 livery) on 269

10/10/00 Mercedes 318 on 20

Dart 711 on 721

15/10/00 Volvo 602 on Private Hire

17/10/00 VR 3109 on 151

23/10/00 Olympian 4030 on 721

NEWS

Olympians 4027 and 4031 were used on railway replacement service between Shenfield and Wickford on October 1st.

Fares were revised from Sunday October 29th.

FIRST GROUP NEWS

The Overground system started in Glasgow of high quality, frequent buses on core routes has been extended during the summer. Systems are now up and running in Edinburgh, Bradford and Sheffield. This has led to some complaints, mainly in Edinburgh - where a number of rural routes have been given up recently.

While this may be fair in some cases, it is of course illegal to cross subsidise from profitable routes to non-profit making services. There has been a similar reaction from some quarters in Essex, but routes given up recently such as 32 (Chelmsford-Ongar) could not have carried enough passengers to cover costs anyway.

There was some speculation in the press that the French Rail Company SNCF were in talks to take over First Groups London operations. This was strongly denied by First Group.

A joint bid with Dutch Rail operator NS has been made for the South West Trains franchise. A further joint bid with Via GTI has been made for the new Trans Pennine franchise.

A second "Bangers for Cash" scheme this year, resulted in 264 cars being given up for a free yearly bus pass.

In London Ken Livingstone has said that larged groups will need to improve performance and cut costs to retain thier current level of tendered services. The use of East Thames Buses a few weeks later as an example to follow, was perhaps unfortunate given their current staff shortages!

Former First Group Boss, Trevor Smallwood has joined Automotive & Management Development as Chairman. It is part of a training organisation for bus, coach and taxi companys.

ARRIVA EAST HERTS & ESSEX

FLEET

Vehicles In / Transfers

2191-3	R191-3 DNM	Mercedes Benz 810D, Plaxton B27F
3048/53	BAZ 6869 / CAZ 6852	National Greenway, East Lincs B41F
3305/8	JIL 2195 / NIW 6508	National Greenway, East Lincs B49F
3335	H350 PNO	Leyland Swift, Wadham Stringer B39F
3400-3	R310-3 NGM	Dennis Dart SLF, Plaxton B33F
5072	A152 FPG	Leyland Olympian, Roe H43/29F
5080	B270 LPH	Leyland Olympian, ECW H43/29F
5254	C404 BUV	MCW Metrobus H43/28D
5256/62	KYV 756/82X	MCW Metrobus H43/28D
5373/81	MUH 283/1X	Leyland Olympian, ECW H45/32F
5380	TPD 110X	Leyland Olympian, Roe H43/29F
5384	A110 FDL	Leyland Olympian EVW CH41/23F

Liveries

Sept 00: 3362 (K412 FHJ), 3374/5 (K761/2 JVX), 3386 (P256 FPK), 4337 (J927 CYL), 5072 (A152 FPG), 5080 (B270 LPH) to Arriva corporate livery

General

3352-4 (J402-4 XVX) were transferred to Arriva Southend to replace 3386/417/8 (correction to EBN 438).

The services of Waters, Corringham (t/a Town & Country) were taken over in September. Only 4 vehicles were transferred, the remainder coming from other Arriva subsidiaries.

Allocation Changes to September 2000

2317	J937 WHJ	Harlow to Sold (Ramm, Sudden)
3048/53	BAZ 6869 / CAZ 6852	Arriva the Shires to Grays
3305/8	JIL 2195 / NIW 6508	Arriva Colchester to Grays
3335	H350 PNO	Arriva Colchester to Grays
5072	A152 FPG	Arriva the Shires to Grays
5080	B270 LPH	Arriva the Shires to Grays
5373/81	MUH 283/1X	Arriva Southend to Grays
5382	TDP 115X	Unserviceable at Stevenage (used for spares) to withdrawn
5384	A110 FDL	Arriva Southend to Grays

Allocation Changes to October 2000

2315/6	J935/6 WHJ	Harlow to Sold (Ramm, Sudden)
3400-3	R310-3 NGM	Waters, Corringham to Grays
5254	C404 BUV	Arriva London North to Grays
5256/62	KYV 756/82X	Arriva London North to Grays

ESSEX ODDS AND ENDS

CHELMSFORD STAR TWIRLETTES In by 6/00 was A707 FMX a Ford Transit /Dormobile.

FELSTEAD SCHOOL FELSTEAD Peugeot Boxer V998 DJT was here by 4/00.

Ford Transit F916 NBB has been seen in late 1999 and again during 2000, lettered for PPL Travel. It has legal lettering for an address in Chadwell St mary, but has no operators disc or taxi plate

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD

Acquired 10/2000

ex ?

P772VVL

Iveco 59.10

Marshall B27F

Services operated ref EBN437

389 Basildon - Aveley. Saturday journeys taken over from Town & Country and Arriva

omitted from EBN 437

97 Temple Grove Caravan Park-Galleywood- Chelmsford Town Centre-Nth Springfield.

ARRIVA SOUTHEND

TRANSFERS IN

Ex Arriva The Shires 10/2000

2110 N906ETM Mercedes 709D

Plaxton DP27F

2137 N917ETM Mercedes 709D

Plaxton B27F

DISPOSALS

Fleetline (coorections to EBN438)

221 5321 De Courcey Coventry

233 5333 Sidcup Coaches Sidcuo via Stephensons Dkr

237 5337 Seen at Arriva Cannock, painted orange 9/2000

DElete 243 and 244.

904 (JTD390P) withdrawn by Arriva Cymru ODL190 9/2000.

REPAINTS

Darts 3391 3392 3397 Arriva corporate livery

Volvo 5419 Arriva corporate livery

ROUTE DIVERSION

Service 9 Rayleigh - Shoebury

Due to roadworks in Dandies Road Eastwood for three weeks from 9th October.journeys to Southend were diverted via Nobles Green Road.

With the recent transfers 'in and out' of mini-buses, it was thought appropriate to print an up date on the fleet.

2070	J65UNA	Mercedes 709D	Plaxton	B23F	orig J6SLT
2086	L326AUT	Mercedes 709D	Leicester C B	B25F	
2087	L327AUT	Mercedes 709D	Leicester C B	B25F	
2088	L328AUT	Mercedes 709D	Leicester C B	B25F	
2110	N906ETM	Mercedes 709D	Plaxton	DP27F	
2137	N917ETM	Mercedes 709D	Plaxton	B27F	
2191	R191DNM	Mercedes O810D	Plaxton	B27F	
2192	R192DNM	Mercedes O810D	Plaxton	B27F	
2193	R193DNM	Mercedes O810D	Plaxton	B27	
2224	L424CPB	Mercedes 709D	Dormobile	B25F	
2264	K4SLT	Mercedes 709D	Plaxton	B27F	
2388	P478DPE	Mercedes 711D	Plaxton	B27F	
2391	P481DPE	Mercedes 711D	Plaxton	B27F	
2392	P482DPE	Mercedes 711D	Plaxton	B27F	

X1 Anniversary Run

November 15th 2000

The weather was kind as we assembled at Central Bus Station Southend, for this anniversary run to Reading.

The former Arriva Southend 4309 (A249SVW) Leyland Tiger/Duple, appeared, accompanied by ex Southend Leyland Fleetline 212 (JTD392P) and another ex Southend vehicle, namely 122 (VLT44) a Routemaster which was also in the fleet of Reading Mainline. The fourth vehicle that was originally to have taken part unfortunately was not available, this was ex Southend 209 (GJN 509D) Leyland Leopard/Marshall.

The "convoy" set off from Central Bus Station, picking up various points en route, a photo stop at Socketts Heath Grays was made, and at our final pick-up was at Aldgate Bus Station this made a total of 29 for the event. At Aldgate we were joined by Reading Buses Metrobus 193 (LMO193X) to complete the convoy. The Reading bus was to have been the original Metrobus on the X1 174 (HCF174W), but this had been involved in an accident a few days earlier, as we were to see later. At Aldgate we were given the choice of what bus we would like to sample, giving us the chance to ride on four different types, which the journey most interesting.

Our next stop was at Heston Services for a "relief stop", parking here was a bit difficult as the parking area was full of "juggernauts" from all over Europe including Russia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Poland, Turkey, Belgium, to name a few.

On leaving Heston we visited Heathrow Airport, as did the old X1 and on to the A4 through Slough, Maidenhead and Twyford where another photo-stop was made. The first call in Reading was at the Station where passers-by were asking questions as to why so many photos were being taken. On leaving some of our passengers here, we departed to Reading Buses new depot in Great Knollys Street where a guided tour had been arranged. This fine building is a credit to Reading Buses, the workshop area was so spacious and spotlessly clean.

The fleet of Titans, Metrobuses, Olympians and all types of Optares were all seen, and the Metrobus that should have met us in Aldgate was parked up looking rather "sick". Reading have currently four liveries, the main livery of cream/maroon, blue Optares for the "park and ride" at Lodden Bridge, and four new Optares, "X" registration in a cream/green livery for a new service from the Station to Thames Valley Park which seems to be occupied by high-tec companys. The fourth livery of Blue/cream is carried on the private hire fleet, Goldline.

Time was allowed before we all boarded "249" for the journey back to Southend, we called again at Reading Station to collect the last of the passengers before setting off through the town, out on to the M4 and through Central London.

Everybody agreed it was a good day and all credit must be given to Richard Delahoye for the first class organisation, the bag of "goodies" was much appreciated and lastly to Matthew Evans for the assistance given to Richard.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

AIRLINKS Leyland Olympians R91/2 GTM are in Buzz advertising colours of yellow and purple, for use on the Stansted to London service.

AMBER RAYLEIGH Leyland Tiger/Berkhof C133 PPE has been sold.

APT RAYLEIGH BAZ 7052 (G852 RNC) a Volvo/Van Hool has been acquired.

ARROW TAXIS MALDON Mercedes M185 TEV has been sold. It is replaced by Ford Transit V783 DWH.

ASSOCIATED COACHWAYS STANSTED Acquired by 5/00 was former Eastern Counties D541 FAE a Mercedes L608D/Dornmobile.

AUTOHIRE STANSTED Have recently re-commenced with two Ford Transits D376 BAY and D264 VHK.

AVRO ORSETT Another Bristol VR has been acquired, it is ONH 925V ex Arriva The Shires.

BILLERICAY CARRIAGES BILLERICAY In by 6/00 was V690 MEV a minibus, of which no further details are known.

BRENTWOOD COACHES Ex Hedingham Leyland Tigers are numbered 12 (E668 UNE) and 18 (JIL 5623).

CARTERS IPSWICH Have registered a Ipswich to Colchester via East Bergholm and Capel St Mary service, on Monday to Saturday from 11.9.00.

CHARIOTS STANFORD LE HOPE Recently acquired is C31 SNH a Mercedes L608D/ Frank Guy.

COLCHESTER CARRIAGE LAYER-DE-LA-HAYE Ford Transit/Asquith YY 6554 (D832 PPU) has been sold.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD Bristol VR GGM 104W has been acquired from Brentwood Coaches. It is thought that sister 2899 RU (CJH 121V) has been re-registered 5189 RU.

CRUSADER COACHES CLACTON An Ayats double-decker W126 CPU or possibly W125 CPU was acquired in 5/00 and appeared at the Brighton Rally. It had been returned to it's dealers by the end of the month (it had been towed back from Paris twice!). In its place came N820 DKU a Scania/Trizar, which was ex Windmill, Copford. Also acquired is M232 JBC a Toyota/Caetano. New but for which further details are awaited is V105 OJN a very high specification vehicle lettered "Millenium Edition 2000". A sister V106 OJN is also supposed to be here. Van Hool T815 integral LSU 113 (E107 G00) has been re-registered E107 GOO and sold to Kings, Stanway.

FARGO RAYNE LDV Convoy R275 LDF has been acquired.

FIRST EASTERN COUNTIES Registered service 751 (Ipswich to Colchester) via Chapel St Mary and East Bergholt on Mondays to Fridays from 4.9.00.

FORD ALTHORNE Malbus service 1 (Asheldham to Maldon) will have a revised timetable from 21.11.00.

GALE HARLOW A further ex Arriva EH&E vehicle is G896 TGG a Mercedes 811D/Reeve Burgess. Also acquired from Arriva the Shaires are Mercedes 709D/Dornmobile H848 AUS and similar K543 OGA. Leyland Tiger/Duple C265 SPC has also come from Arriva EH&E.

GOLDEN BOY ROYDON C5 BOY a Volvo/Van Hool was noted in 8/00. This is thought to be H198 DVM re-registered. Leyland Tiger/Plaxton YOI 2805 (F777 GNA) has been re-registered F603 UHJ and sold.

GOLDLINE ROCHFORD Leyland Tiger/Plaxton C211 PPE is a recent acquisition.

HALLUMS ROCHFORD Volvo B10M/Plaxton A342 LDG is now in stock.

HARDY MILES TRAVEL SOUTHEND Recent additions are P851 HMG a Ford Transit and P294 YOD a Mercedes 312D.

KNIGHTS GREAT BRAXTED Acquired here is S466 OEW, thought to be a recent conversion from a van.

M&E ROCHFORD Bristol VR SNV 934W formerly with Arriva The Shires has been acquired.

NATIONAL EXPRESS Winter schedules were introduced from 25.9.00.

PAGECOACH FOBHING Are thought to have ceased in 8/00.

RICHMONDS BARLEY Are operating the only Optare Solo in regular service in Essex, but only just! It can be found on service 43 (Chrishall to Royston), which just about crosses from Hertfordshire into Essex.

S&M BENFLEET Former London Merobuses acquired are BYX 307V and OJD 888Y.

STANS GREAT TOTHAM Acquired from Felix, Long Melford is Mercedes 609D/Autobus N783 WEF. It replaces RIL 4328 (D31 CFL) a similar, but Reeve Burgess bodied vehicle sold to Knights Coaches, Gt Braxted.

STANWAY TRAVEL SERVICES LAYER-DE-LA-HAYE A recent addition, but on a taxi plate is Ford Transit W204 YHJ.

SUPREME SOUTHEND MAN/Jonckhree K4/5 SUP have been sold. The latter is now with Florida Coaches, Halstead. Another all MCW Metrobus here is LOA 426X, while ex London examples are WYW 43T and BYX 99V.

TEE-JAYS TRAVEL COLCHESTER Have acquired a re-registered Bristol LH/Plaxton AFG 476S (no previous details known).

TOWN & COUNTRY PURFLEET Services 20 (Tilbury and Lakeside), 324 (Romford and Bluewater) and 348 (Romford to Chadwell St Mary), were withdrawn after 7.10.00, operation passing to Arriva East Herts & Essex. No vehicles were involved, other than the Low Floor Darts R310-3 HGM. This has led to the appearance of Metroriders on Sunday service 140 (Basildon - Chelmsford).

TRAVELRICH MANNINGTREE Acquired from Kings Ferry is Mercedes 0303 H5 KFC.

TREKKERS HARLOW This new operator has a second Duple 425 E208 EPB.

WAYS BOREHAM The entire fleet has been re-registered. Mercedes/Whitaker EMR 302 (E833 YHL) is now E659 JAR, Ford Transit LHJ 766 (H821 HVM) is now H792 PPU, Mercedes/PMT WLT 378 (G261 DRF) is now G207 FVX.

H792 PPU has been sold to Ashes Euro Travel, Cressing.

WILKINS WHITE RODING MAN SR280 YFJ 694X (new as KMR 4X) has been sold to another local operator, by 4/00, but it is not known who this is.

TOWN AND COUNTRY TRAVEL FLEETLIST NOVEMBER 2000

METROBUS

ORJ94W
GOG265W
BYX174V

ORJ100W
GOG269W

ORJ178W
BYX156V

LEYLAND OLYMPIAN/ ECW

C43CHM

C100CHM

DAF MB200/ DUPLE C57F

E957GGX

Acquired

J961JNL Optare Metrorider Optare B25F

The four Dennis Darts 210-213 (R310NGM-313NGM) acquired by Arriva East Herts and Essex have been numbered 3400-3403 at Grays.

NORTH ESSEX BUS SCENE

Hedingham Omnibuses

Vehicles Out

<u>Fleet No.</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Details</u>
L139	FCY 287W	Bedford YMQ Duple Dominant B43F.
L141	FCY 289W	Bedford YMQ Duple Dominant B43F.
L146	FCY 285W	Bedford YMQ Duple Dominant DP45F.

(All offered for sale at Sudbury Depot).

Service Revisions

90	Maldon - Witham; Mondays to Saturdays. From 30th October the timetable for this service will be revised with the 07.50 Witham to Maldon and 08.25 Maldon to Witham journeys withdrawn.
91	Tollesbury - Witham; Mondays to Saturdays. From 30th October the timetable for this service will be revised with the 08.05 Witham to Tiptree and 08.30 Tiptree to Witham journeys being withdrawn.
331/2	Great Bardfield - Braintree; Mondays to Fridays. From 30th October the timetable for this service will be revised with the 07.50 Great Bardfield to Braintree journey being withdrawn.
50	Colchester - Tollesbury; Mondays to Saturdays. From 6th October the service will be withdrawn from Mill Lane, Malting Green. There will be no other change to the timetable.
195	New Service. Tolleshunt Major to Maldon via Little Totham. Monday & Thursday only from 24/08/00.

General

L87	PHK 387R has been scrapped by 06/00.
L305	WWL 212X is H47/32F, (not as given at 719 - 2 - 262).
L312	W312 WJN has VIN no. SFD322BR1XGW14364 and body no.2296, B39F.
L310/313	are to be VJO202/6X Ld ON/ECW ex City of Oxford 202/6 (being converted to single door before use). L314/5 are expected to be further City of Oxford Olympians.

The first vehicles to be repainted in the new paint shop at Tollesbury depot are L103, (completed 04/08/00), and L229, (completed 17/08/00). L236 registration No. CJH 143V has roof damage by 08/00 and is out of use at Hedingham. Nine vehicles were sold by auction at Sudbury depot at 01/09/00 with the purchasers as follows. Note that VAT is payable in addition to the bid price and that the successful bidder may or may not be purchasing on his own behalf.

L96	NFX 446P	Sold to.....Mr. Boughton, (failed engine).
L112	UVX 5S	Sold to.....Mr. Thomas.
L113	UVX 6S	Sold to.....Mr. Thomas.
L125	BNO 700T	Sold to.....Mr. A. Smith.
L126	BNO 703T	Sold to.....Mr. Collins.
L162	MOD 569P	Sold to.....Mr. Boughton.
L163	MGR 672P	Sold to.....Mr. Larkin.
L164	SUP 685R	Sold to.....Mr. Boughton.
L240	XPW 877X	Sold to.....Mr. Thomas.

Late News

L314 & L315 are now in fleet colours. L310 is based at Kelvedon, L314 is based at Hedingham and L315 is currently unallocated.