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MERCEDES L608D ALEXANDER B18F WAS ACQUIRED BY THAMESWAY WITH THE FLEET OF LONDON & COUNTRY T/A DISTRICT BUS. IT IS SEEN HERE IN BASILDON BUS STATION.

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Sub Editor Message

I. Ransom will move to his new address on 25th August, but for the time being reports should still be sent c/o 16 Welland Ave, Chelmsford, CM1 2JW.

Rochford Meeting Freight House 8.00 p.m.

Sept 12th Guest Speaker - David Tomlin - Traffic Manager Southend Transport.
This should be a very interesting evening, when you think of District Bus events in recent weeks.

Oct 10th Open Slide Evening, bring your summer holiday slides.

Forthcoming Event

Sept 3rd - "Go Topless to Southend" - buses that is, at Lifstan Way, an extra rally for Southend with the emphasis on open toppers. Let us hope the weather is more in our favour this time.

N. Reg - Apart from Eastern National, what other Essex operator has an N. Reg? It is reported that Coach Stop, Leigh-on-Sea have a new BOVA N851BDT.

Hedingham leave the Burnham-on-Crouch area, with recent contract changes in the Dengie Hundred, Hedingham have only one journey on the 96 now curtailed to Steeple-Maldon and Sunday workings on route 31.

Thamesway acquire District Bus from London & Country, some of the original fleet is withdrawn replaced by Mercedes from Bristol Cityline.

Lack of time and an earlier deadline has prevented the production of the Looking Back this month. A combined August/September feature will appear next month.

All notes relating to District Bus Operations should now be sent to Thamesway Sub-Editor Andy Meadows.

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Footnote

Correspondents required for Hedingham Omnibus Fleet movements, reports please to Ian Ransom or direct to Peter Snell.

THAMESWAY

As from midnight on Friday 21st June, Thamesway acquired from London and Country the business of D Tomlin, Wickford t/a District Bus. The acquisition included eleven vehicles, the Shot Farm, Wickford premises and routes in the Basildon area. The future of the fleet is unclear at this stage, the current situation is as follows:-

Vehicles Acquired

FRS21	E962 SVP	FR Sa 818458	Carlyle B18F	C2-215	1.88
FRS22	E509 TOV	FR Sa 811382	Carlyle B18F	C2-204	4.88
FRS23	E105 SOG	FR Sa 801165	Carlyle B18F	CFL819	8.87
FRS24	F892 XOE	FR Sa 824730	Carlyle B18F	C2-328	9.88
FRS30	D873 LWR	FR Sa 801675	Dormobile B20F	8073 979 87	3.87
IMB5	E905 EPD	Iveco 49-10 4865	Robin Hood B19F	11104	9.87
IMB26	F995 XOY	Iveco 49-10 11070	Carlyle B23F	C4-493	4.89
IMB27	F996 XOY	Iveco 49-10 11052	Carlyle B23F	C4-4944.89	
IMB28	G158 GOL	Iveco 49-10 501348	Carlyle B23F	C24-013	7.90
IMB29	G145 GOL	Iveco 49-10 501342	Carlyle B23F	C24-003	7.90
220	D220 SKD	MB L608D 310327-20-759626	ArB18F	AM8/486/26	9.86

Acquired from London & Country (District Bus) 7.95

7504	D504 FAE	Mercedes L608D 756847	Dormobile B20F 866004-M616-86	10.86
7505	D505 FAE	Mercedes L608D 757130	Dormobile B20F 866005-M6616-86	10.85
7506	D506 FAE	Mercedes L608D 757501	Dormobile B20F 866006-M616-86	10.86
7507	D507 FAE	Mercedes L608D 758559	Dormobile B20F 866007-M616-86	10.86
7511	D511 FAE	Mercedes L608D 758746	Dormobile B20F 866011-M616-86	10.86

Acquired from Bristol Cityline 7.95 for use at District Bus.

At the time of takeover the following were on hire from Northumbria

MR807/11/35/7/8 E807/11/35/7/8BTN MCW Metrider MF150 DP23F (807/11) or B23F (835/7/8)

BD261 is at present working for 'District Bus'. with D B fleetname.

Repaints

317 and 318 are in the new livery, 322 is not.

Operations

256 Essex County Council contract to District Bus (!) from 8 Aug.

The London Transport contracts for the Barking Mobility routes 939/45-62 is due to start on 28th October.

New leaflets for City Saver, Ranger Tickets and route 2 have recently been issued.

8 July 3110 noted working route 251.



NEW

300 M647 RCP DAF DB250 - 003968 - NCME (4792) H47/30F - 14ft-2in.
This was delivered to DM on May 25 and is on hire for approx 6 months.
It arrived in dealer white and soon moved to NP where it was stored,
being painted, and delivered to DM on July 14th. It has so far only been
used on Coastliner excursions and has not been used in passenger service
on normal bus routes. It has a Euro 2 spec engine and has transfers on
the lower deck windows to this effect. The front blinds are non-standard
with a three track route number blind and a single, combined via and
destination blind. The body style is Palatine II with no rear window,
and has proper seats in red moquette, not the nasty plastic ones fitted
to recent deliveries.

ACQUIRED

827 C427 AHT Ford Transit 190D- BDVYFB93341 - Carlyle B16F -new 11/85
New to Bristol Omnibus as 7427, Company renamed Bristol City Line, 1/1/86 was
then renumbered 4427. into service 2/86.
828 C198 KBH Ford Transit 190D -BDVYFB93745 - Carlyle B16F -new 5/86
New to Luton & District ,no 24.withdrawn 10/94 ,to H. Ramm(dealer),
Rochdale, 1/95 .
These were acquired 6/95 and are for staff transfers. Body nos are
CBS 149, CBS 181.

PERSONEL

Tim Silver ,Personel Director, left the company on July 17th.

TRANSFERS

183/4/90 NP to DM 296/7/9 NP to DM 827-NP 828-DM

ROUTES

89 Diverted via Limes Farm Estate -05SEPT95
296 Diverted after 20.00 e/b away from the A12 via Rose Lane, Collier Row
Lane, White Hart Lane, and Mawney Road back to the A12 from 03JULY
for approx 4 weeks due to road re-surfacing.
ELX contract extended to at least Jan 96 due to the tunnel being made a
listed building.
COASTLINER started on June 18th and runs to September 3rd, resorts range
from Felixstowe (Aug 6th) to Portsmouth (July 16th)-
745 Thames View Estate-Barking-Upney-Becontree-Becontree-Rainham
748 Gidea Park-Harold Hill/Wood -Cranham-Ockenden-Belhus-Aveley
752 Lodge Lane-Collier Row-Romford-Hornchurch-Elm Park-Purfleet
753 Northumberland Park-Tottenham Hale-Stamford Hill-Clapton-Hackney-
Bethnal Green-Mile End-Bow-Stratford
762 Ilford via 296 to Rose Lane, 62 to Becontree-Dagenham-
757 Lee Valley-Chingford-Highams Park-Walthamstow-Leyton-Wanstead
758 Sewardstone-Chingford Mount-via 158 to Leyton-Harrow Green
The DM routes meet at Purfleet ,the NP ones at Redbridge Station.

REPAINTS - 252, 262 -yellow . Only 251/5/7 left in blue-silver

DISPOSAL

796 (BYW 396V) Ensign (dealer) 12/94, Thorpe, Kensington, by 3/95

GENERAL

JHE 138W ,a Metrobus I similar to the 101-120 batch arrived at NP in
mid-July, in the livery of Stevensons of Spath.

EASTERN NATIONAL

NEW VEHICLES

New Dennis Darts 823 - 830 (N823 APU etc) entered service from Maldon outstation on 1st August. They have revised seating moquette and also feature side and rear electronic route numbers.

These vehicles should see the removal of Leyland Nationals from Chelmsford and its outstations. Indeed on 3.8.95. two Leyland Lynx were operating from Bishops Stortford, in support of the normal Darts and Mercedes.

GENERAL

A number of Clacton based vehicles have attended recent events. Bristol KSW 2383 and Mercedes 655 were at the Diesel Day at Chappel on 23.7.95. The KSW is also due to visit the Southend event on 3.9.95. A new Dart should visit the Bristol rally on 19.8.95.

The allocation at Maldon outstation is now 8 Dennis Darts and 1 Bristol VR.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

26.7.95. CF1429 on service 33 (normally Tiger/Duple)

SERVICES

- 1/A/B Slight timetable revisions on Monday to Friday from 3.7.95.
- 8/A Some afternoon 8 journeys rerouted as 8A from 3.7.95.
- 31 The 0630 ex Maldon re-timed to 0620 from 17.7.95.
- 33/X Minor revisions to evening service from 24.7.95.
- 73 The 1544 ex Maldon re-routed in Heybridge from 17.7.95.
- 81 Contract passed to EN from Heddingham with effect from 8.8.95.
- 93B Contract passed to EN from Heddingham with effect from 7.8.95.
- 314 Re-routed to serve Watchouse Green and Willows Green to replace Heddingham service 327.

Colchester town services 2 & 8 currently operated by CBT under contract to ECC on Monday to Saturday evenings passed to EN from 7.8.95.

HEDDINGHAM

SERVICES

- 23 Revised route and timetable introduced from 9.8.95.
- 94 Service passed to Nelsons, with a revised route and timetable from 8.8.95.
- 96 No longer serves Burnham or Southminster with effect from 8.8.95.
- 324 From 7.8.95. passed to Fargo with a revised timetable.
- 327 Service withdrawn after operation on 26.7.95

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles:

Volvo B10M /Plaxton Paramount 3500 mk.III.
565 (H845 AHS) & 567 (H567 MPD)

Volvo B10M /Plaxton Paramount 3200 mkIII.
570 (F467 UVW)

Repaints:

ON 256 (A110 FDL) Blue/White bus livery.
TR 549 (A249 SVW)
TR 557 (B83 SWX) GreenLine livery.
Tow Truck 005 (SUJ 69R) Blue with Red/White stripe.

Disposals:

TR 561/2/4 (A103/6/26 EPA) to Thamesdown Transport, Swindon.

Services:

964 The return journey to London is a tour of SUFFOLK, not Essex.
(Correction to EBN 374.)

Unusual Workings:

Rail Strike Days, 14/7 & 20/7/95.

Fri 14 July.

ON 262 (H262 GEV)	on 15:15	X10 (Southend - Embankment)
	17:40	X10 (Embankment - Southend)
ON 263 (H263 GEV)	on 09:30	X1 (Southend - Victoria)
	12:35	X1 (Victoria - Southend)
	16:30	X1 (Southend - Victoria)
	19:40	X2 (Victoria - Southend)
ON 447 (H47 MJN)	on 15:30	X1 (Aldgate - Southend) DUP.
VO 572 (F572 UPB)	on 16:50	X10 (Aldgate - Southend) DUP

Thur 20 July.

ON 257 (B185 BLG)	on 18:00	X10 (Embankment - Southend)
ON 262 (H262 GEV)	on 15:30	X1 (Southend - Embankment)
	18:30	X2 (Embankment - Southend)
ON 263 (H263 GEV)	on 07:00	X11 (Southend - Victoria)
	10:35	X1 (Victoria - Southend)
	15:15	X10 (Southend - Embankment)
	17:40	X10 (Embankment - Southend)
ON 284 (MUH 286X)	07:30	X1 (Southend - Basildon) DUP.
TR 557 (B83 SWX)	06:31	X10 (Leigh Elms -Victoria)
	15:00	X1 (Embankment - Southend) DUP.
VO 572 (F572 UPB)	08:34	X1 (Garage - Victoria) DUP.
	15:55	X3 (Embankment - Southend)DUP.

26/7/95	ON 262 (H262 GEV)	on 16:30	X1 (Southend - Victoria)
		19:40	X2 (Victoria - Southend)
27/7/95	ON 262 (H262 GEV)	on 17:30	X1 (Southend - Hyde Park)
		20:45	X2 (Hyde Park - Southend)



28/7/95	ON 262 (H262 GEV) on	17:30 X1 (Southend - Hyde Park)
		20:45 X2 (Hyde Park - Southend)
	ON 263 (H263 GEV) on	06:34 X2 (Garage - Hyde Park)
		10:15 X10 (Hyde Park - Southend)
		16:00 X10 (Garage - Embankment) DUP.
		18:00 X10 (Embankment - Southend)
	ON 259 (B183 BLG) on	07:00 X11 (Southend - Victoria)
		09:35 X1 (Victoria - Southend)
	ON 447 (H47 MJN) on	17:03 X3 (Lakeside - Southend) DUP.
31/7/95	ON 259 (B183 BLG) on	18:30 X3 (Southend - Victoria)
		21:40 X2 (Victoria - Southend)

Hire,s

Colchester LN 19 (EON 829V) remains on hire. (4/8/95)

TR 546 (A246 SVW) remains on hire to Colchester.

Other Notes.

VO 570 (F467 UVW) entered service on 1/8/95, on 06:34 X2
(Garage - Hyde Park)

VO 565 (H845 AHS) entered service on 1/8/95, on 06:00 X10
(Southend - Victoria) Lay over duty.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

From 7.8.95 the evening ECC journeys on services 2 and 8 were lost to Eastern National. Services 3, 11 and 15 (all MF peaks only, to/from North Station) have been de-registered from 4.9.95. On the (limited) plus side, school contract service 17 has been won from Hedingham from 4.9.95.

National 12 was lent to Southend Transport on 7.7.95 in exchange for their 551. Both went home the following day.

National 25 has had a partial repaint and now has a maroon front bumper and a cream band at head-lamp level. It was back in use on 12.7.95. It now has a radio, the first National to do so, although the other types have them. Southend's Olympian 256 was repainted at Magdalen Street between 10 and 20.7.95. It was followed into the paint shop by National 12.

Tiger 100's weekly holidays finished on 21.7.95. From 31.7.95 it was used on one-day excursions organised by A & O Travel.

Open-top 55 is being used on tours of Colchester at 1100, 1330 and 1500 daily except Sundays.

In CBT depot on August 3rd was Southend Tiger 546(A246SVW) showing 084 on the number blind. Tiger 558 (B84SWX) was in the paintshop being rubbed down. It is expected to appear in Green Line colours by the middle of August.

BUDGET BUSWAYS

10th June - 28th July

The Evening Gazette on July 19th carried a front page headline - Budget Busway: End Of The Road? Demand had fallen way below expectations and some buses had been running with no passengers at all. The Thorntons were reported as admitting they were "in serious trouble...if we don't get more passengers we will go down." They had put their house up for sale. and were living in a caravan near the bus depot in Queen Street (?) for convenience.

From July 24th services to Braintree were to be two hourly for a period of two weeks because of staff shortage according to press reports. If this happened is not clear but a notice in the buses advised that during this time the 2105, 2305 ex Colchester and 2203 ex Chelmsford would not run. On July 26th a letter to the Evening Gazette from a customer encouraged people to use the company as you could travel the complete route for less than the EN off-peak fare for half the distance. If they did not they may regret not supporting the long awaited challenge to the EN monopoly.

Bus Firm Is Off The Road - Drivers arrive to find business no longer running is the main story in the Evening Gazette on August 1st. No services had run since Friday and there was no sign of Jean and Trevor Thornton. Bus and Coach Hire of Brighton were preparing to take back the 11(?) buses leased. Robin Flint of BCH said "It's a great shame, they had tried so hard to make it work". Some drivers had turned up for work on Sunday(?) and yesterday to find the business not running. It was believed the final blow was the delay in receiving a £19000 fuel rebate cheque from the DOT. The paper understood that when the cheque arrived the business could restart. A cleaner said "The business had a lot of potential but it just went wrong through a lack of funds".

Speaking on BBC Essex a driver said he had been telephoned on the Friday evening and told not to come in on the Saturday, he would be called again on Sunday; no call had been received. A weeks wages and a week in hand were outstanding and he was not surprised the company had gone down. Mention was made of a dirt tricks campaign but he would not expand. People had called for an alternative to EN but when one was provided those same people ignored the new service. A large number of people hadn't been carried and he wondered if the fares had been set at too low a level. Steve Argent of the TGWU they had tried to take EN on with the wrong equipment and old uneconomical buses. They had needed better advice. EN now appeared to have things sewn up.

The Evening Gazette continued the story on August 2nd with news that the Vehicle Inspectorate had written to Budget Busways on July 7th after three complaints of "thick black smoke" coming from Budget vehicles had been passed on by Colchester Borough Council. No reply having been received a second letter gave the company 14 days to respond. This period had now passed and a pollution expert would visit the company and if an emissions test failed to meet the required standard there could be a prosecution. Speaking on BBC Essex Robin Flint of BCH said he was owed "a few thousand," but was more interested in helping the man when he had spoken to Mr. Thornton on the Sunday. He understood a fuel company had not been paid and drivers were due £300 to £400. He was taking the 10 buses back but needed to replace engines in three of them before they could be moved.

MEDIA MONITOR

Robin Orbell of Eastern National appeared on a phone-in on BBC Essex. In the absence of Bill Hiron he also took questions on Thamesway. Services to Rochford and Southend Hospital arose yet again with a number of callers expecting a door to door service without change of bus. Two callers complained of the withdrawal of public toilet facilities at Chelmsford Bus Station. It was explained that problems with drug users had caused the closure but the facilities would be reopened when a method of controlling the problem was found. A suggestion of attendants was rejected on cost grounds however it was pointed out that if an acceptable level of service was not provided for those waiting for buses it could lead to loss of customers. The last bus from Chelmsford to Gt. Dunmow at 1745 was far too early for one caller. Lack of support for a later bus was the problem and even ECC did not consider it necessary but the company was always ready to try new services and gave them three months to prove their worth. The new service 33 was causing problems for East Hanningfield and Howe Green residents with the reduced frequency. The point was accepted but Robin said he was in a no win situation since the changes had brought a link to Broomfield Hospital from the south of the country, a service demanded on previous programmes. Asked why there was no London service along the A12 as there was along the A13 it was explained that apart from Brentwood there were no large centres along the A12 unlike the A13. The question of Braintree garage and use of the Bus Park was raised.

July 8th: Coach & Bus Week reported that record business in 1994 was why Supreme Holidays of Hadleigh had decided on four new coaches for the 1995 season and with the purchase of Scania K113TRB with Irizar Century bodywork they had the biggest fleet of this model in the country. The new 49 seat vehicles were to be used mainly on the longer distance continental tours said director John Bridge. Last year they carried 36000 passengers this year they expected over 40000. In an expanding market you needed the right equipment.

July 11th: Great Eastern Railway is to improve some services to Wrabness, Gt. Bentley and Weeley after pressure from local councils. Great Bentley will again have a Sunday train service from 16th July. The Evening Gazette however fails to mention the new Sunday ECC contract bus service between Harwich and Manningtree Station which commenced on July 30.

July 22nd. Coach & Bus Week carried a report of Viceroy Coaches appearance before the Eastern Traffic Commissioner, Brigadier Compton Boyd. At the end of the two day hearing he refused the application from F C Moore Ltd to renew their licence. The company had already appeared at two inquiries into its maintenance record. In January 1990 the licence had been cut from 13 to 7 vehicles and its duration shortened and in November 1993 reduced from 10 to 9 vehicles and again shortened. 10 immediate and 3 delayed prohibitions had been issued in five years, half of these since the last inquiry. He heard of difficulties between "family and outsiders" and said it appeared to him that the company had lurched from crisis to crisis. In short there had been a long history of instability in maintenance and he was not prepared to let it continue.

July 28th: Notes on a Stoke by Nayland Parish Council meeting in the Essex County Standard reported that a bus user had raised the question of the withdrawal by Heddingham of the last bus from Colchester. The council heard that EN would be operating the service. (note: this is a SCC contract, these are revised from early September). The Evening Gazette reports that St Osyth Parish Council supports the widening of Stanmore Way to allow buses to serve the Longfield Estate. Tendring Council and EN are to be asked their views.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

AMBER BUS RAYLEIGH This operators version of service 1 (for which I have no details) was withdrawn with effect from 29.7.95. Service 28 between Benfleet and canvey was revised from the same date.

BERNARDS COACHES Service 381 withdrawn after 18.8.95. It will be replaced by an ECC tendered service between Coopersale and Harlow.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE A new Bova FHD12-340 has arrived, M8 CED.

C&M LAINDON Transit E535 DPU has been sold.

EAST LONDON Service N96 between Debden and Central London was withdrawn after 13.7.95.

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE Renault mini G502 KWF has been sold.

HARRIS BUS Service 372 has been re-routed to serve Chafford Hundred Station. Not previously reported is that the Brentwood area Easybus services were revised from 22.5.95.

MILESTONE CANVEY Acquired is short Dennis Javelin/Duple F201 SHY.

MIKES COACHES BASILDON Reported as acquired are Ford/Plaxton MOC 635P and Mercedes/PMT mini E463 NVT.

MJ TRAVEL LEIGH Yet another Southend area minibus operator, with Transit B46 BML.

RAYNHAM SAFFRON WALDEN Have a second vehicle, F863 TNH a Toyota/Catano.

S&M HADLEIGH Noted here is former Grampian Atlantean/Alexander NRG 174M.

S&P ROCHFORD A recent addition is D494 YLN a Fiat/Elme mini.

STEPHENSONS Service 224 re-routed to serve Radwinter Roadin lieu of Nevendon Road in Wickford. Service 67 was re-introduced on 25.6.95. until 3.9.95. plus 9/10.9.95. under contract to Essex CC. Bristol VR has been converted to open top and painted in Tilling cream with green lettering. The service operates between Thames Drive and the Kursaal. There are positioning journeys numbered 3B Thames Drive to Deeping and 7B Rochford to Deeping.

STORT VALLEY This operator with bases in Harlow and Bishops Stortford is confirmed as having taken over the operations of Viceroy. Services operated by Viceroy are unchanged except that service 318 journeys have been withdrawn.

SUPREME SOUTHEND Scania/Jonckhree NSU 991 (B492 CBD) has been sold.

WESTS Service 208 was withdrawn at the end of the school summer term.

WHITE HORSE STANSTED Have sold YSV 602 (WNR 532X) a Van Hool T815.

COLCHESTER BUS STATION

By July 20 country services were using their correct stands although the bay numbers were not yet in place. Town services commenced using the Bus Station again from July 24th as scheduled. Demolition of the multi storey car park cost £337,000, more than its construction had cost in 1972. As part of a £150,000 contract new shelters, lighting and signs are to be provided along with a 20 minute parking area and an improved taxi rank. Buses and Coaches are now laying over in what had been the ground floor car parking area.

Guided **OPEN TOP** **SIGHTSEEING** *Tour of Colchester*

Mondays to Saturdays (not Bank Hols)

26 June to 2 September 1995

departs Castle Park (Main Gate by War Memorial)

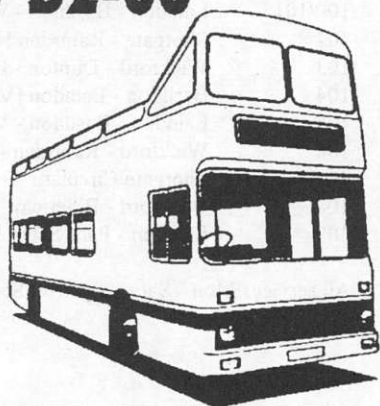
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No booking!
adult **£4-50**

Just pay on the bus
child **£2-00**

OAP **£3-00**

Tour lasts
75 minutes
approx.



Colchester Borough Transport

A DISTRICT BUS UPDATE

As noted in the Thamesway column, eleven vehicles were acquired from London & Country Ltd T/A District Bus on 23rd July.

Observed in service at Basildon Bus Stn. on Saturday morning were the following G509TOV, F996XOV, E905EPD and D220SKD, all carried Thamesway legal ownership and disc's, also Northumbria E807BTN, Metro Rider with Thamesway disc but not owned by Thamesway.

At Shot Farm Shotgate on Saturday 24th July the following were parked F995/6XOV, E962SVP, E807/38BTN, Thamesway 261 D764KWT and ex Bristol Cityline Mercedes 7511 D511FAE, the later complete with DB fleet name, also District Bus D473LWR, G145GOL showing they had been withdrawn.

The following Sunday 30th July, Shot Farm was host to the following E509TOV F995/6XOV, D764KWT (261) D504/5/7/11FAE, Metro Riders E811/835BTN and Thamesway 717.

It is understood that the Metro Riders are only on loan from L & C, although E811BTN was seen on 7th August in Basildon on route 102.

Information received states that G145GOL & D473LWR are away for major body repairs, finally two other Freight Rovers E105SOG & F892XOE have not been observed. Members reports state that E905EPD was in Southend Bus Station on Wednesday 24th July and is now being re-painted, an interesting observation of this particular vehicle was operating in British Bus (L & C livery) on rival First Bus Thamesway legal ownership.

We now await to see exactly what the final fleet for Shot Farm will be.

Hadleigh Depot at present appears to maintain the D.B. fleet. Routes taken over were:-

100/101	Laindon - Basildon - Wickford
102	Shotgate - Ramsden Hth - Basildon
103	Wickford - Dunton - Dunton Hills
104	Basildon - Laindon (Victoria Rd)
105	Laindon - Basildon - Wickford
106	Wickford - Ramsden - Basildon
107	Shotgate Circular
108	Wickford - Billericay - Little Burstead - Basildon
109	Laindon - Park School

All services Mon - Sat except 109 School Days.