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The Shaftesbury Society now use this Volvo/Plaxton B192 BPP for the transport of disabled people. A lift is fitted towards the rear nearside.

(D Arnold)

ROCHFORD MEETING

The May meeting takes place on the 8th of the month commencing at 8pm. This will be an open slide show and members are invited to bring their older slides. This will be the final meeting before the summer with the next meeting taking place in September.

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GROUP NOTICES

The Ipthorne Connection

A booking form for this tour is included with this months Magazine. Our tours are often very popular so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

Vintage Coach tours of the Isle of Wight

Transport is provided by Bedford OB, CCF 648. Details may be obtained from :

John Woodhams Vintage Tours, 79 Gt. Preston Road, Ryde,
Isle of Wight. PO33 1EF

Blue Triangle Excursion Programme 1990

Excursions are operated by RT or RM vehicles to various events including Cobham, Nottingham AEC Rally, Carlton Colville, pickups include Romford and Central London. Details from :

Blue Triangle, 25 Lovell Walk, Rainham, Essex RM13 7ND.
(Telephone 0708 767710 or 04027 55895)

Preservation of Bristol LL5G ONO995

The above vehicle is currently undergoing restoration on behalf of its owner at ENE.

It is the former 4081 in the Eastern National fleet being new in 1950 with ECW B39R bodywork.

If anyone has information, photographs or technical details of this vehicle could they please contact:

David Rafis, ENE, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, CM2 OSU.
Care will be taken of any material sent, which will be returned as soon as copies have been taken.

Correction of correction!

Owing to brain failure on the part of the news sheet editor please amend the date of the last Hadleigh FLF to read 1.8.81. or just after midnight making it 2.8.81.

EASTERN NATIONAL LIMITED

Badgerline takeover

Eastern National were sold to Badgerline on 12.4.90. and this has already led to changes with only two directors of the old company remaining. Badgerline was one of the first NBC companies to be sold off in 1986 and operate in the Bristol, Bath and Weston area. In 1988 National Travelworld was acquired, this was followed by the takeover of Midland Red West owner of Bristol in the same year. A large financial interest in Western National led to the ownership of that company as well. Finally in February of 1989 the South Wales group of companies was taken over. Badgerline now own in the region of 2,500 vehicles.

Vehicle Allocations

4/90 1118 HH-BN; 1919 BN-HH

Vehicle on loan

The loan of the Dennis Dart did not in fact take place during March and this vehicle arrived on 12.4.90. It was expected to used over the Easter weekend and is registered G541 JBV.

Repaints

w.e. 10.2.90. 4512 at CN
w.e. 24.2.90. 1885 at CN
w.e. 3.3.90. 4016 at CN
w.e. 10.3.90. 1866 at BN (ex BBC Essex overall advert)
w.e. 17.3.90. 1918 at HH (Victoria Circus overall advert ex
Southend Airport advert)
w.e. 7.4.90 1899 at Tom Sangster (base colour for Autotrader)
0231 at BN (revised Eddy Grimstead advert)

Vehicle news

1737 (D/L D) is currently at Hadleigh being stripped for spares. Pool vehicles 1740 and 1751 have been in use from CF as 1426 and 1804 are both off the road following recent accidents. 1426 was sent to Leylands, Bristol for repair during mid April. CF vehicles remain on loan to BS with 1775 having replaced 1870 here in late March. It is normal for any loaned vehicle to be kept on the 309.

Unusual Workings

31/1 BN 1854 on service 15 (SD duty)
15/2 Pool 1725 on service 251
20/2 WW 3110 noted in Walthamstow with 307 on blind. (PD route)
24/2 BS 1501 noted in Walthamstow just before midnight. Was this vehicle on loan or are BS drivers working here ?
2/3 BS 1501 on LRT service 167
22/3 BD 3092 on service 351 (normally LN or Tiger from BD)
27/3 BS 4510 on service 309. BS1127 on service 333 (normally LN worked)
13/4 CF depot provided a number of vehicles to evacuate people living in the Gt Baddow area, following a fire at GEC Research causing a dangerous gas to be released.

Subsequent Disposals

331 (7017 HK) Pitt & Cole, Heston (for preservation), by 6/89, ex Dean, Leatherhead (for preservation). Seating given as C34F and C39F - which is correct please.
431 (LWC982J) Now reported as mobile caravan, Gt Yarmouth,

- by 7/89, previously given as -?-, Norfolk (N-PSV), advertising Norwich Snooker Club. Is this a change of owner or a re-iteration of previous details
- 1340 (2730 VX) Details given elsewhere of this vehicle passing to Barwell are incorrect (see mag 308)
- 1407 (XVW632L) Now given as passing to Northern, North Anston, 219, 4/89, ex Frampton, Hillingdon. Vehicle did not pass to either Lewis, Iver or Miller, Horsham. (clarification Mag 309)
- 1411 (X00880L) Now reported as passing from West, Escombe to (CSV 231) Harty, Cosham in 6/89!! (see mags 307 and 309 for the full story)
- 1654 (KCG611L) Withdrawn by East Midland, 529, 12/89 and canabilised.
- 1656 (KCG613L) Passed to Fuggle, Benenden, 11/89. (corrects Mag 309)
- 1713 (WNO562L) Numbered 26 by Yorkshire Terrier
- 1714 (WNO563L) Renumbered from 363 to 3 by Hastings and District, 1/90, to avoid duplication when this fleet is combined with Southdown.
- 1718 (NEV675M) Withdrawn by Hastings and District, 11/89, passing to Yorkshire Terrier, 11/89, and numbered 28. (additional to Mag 309)
- 1720 (NEV677M) As per 1718 but now 27.
- 1731 (NEV688M) Driffield and District ceased 2/90. All vehicles offered for sale, by Eddison, Huddersfield, may go via public auction.
- 1736 (HWC 87N) Wreake Valley Travel, 12/89, ex Midland Fox. Repainted into Astill & Jordan livery, 1/90.
- 1746 (JNO195N) Numbered 25 by Yorkshire Terrier, in service by 1/90.
- 2861 (RHK346D) Mobile caravan, noted Elm Village, London NW1. 2/90, owned by a hippie. Carries false Idaho registration : 2 6249
- J
- Previously Mobile Womens Centre with London Borough of Camden, 867. Also reported as passing to Cahalane, Wembley, 11/88 as mobile caravan. Is this the present owner ?
- 3008 (SMS 34H) Mac, Roydon, 8/89, ex Marino, Harlow. But then withdrawn 11/89.
- 3019 (SMS 45H) Withdrawn by Ribble, 2042, 12/89.
- 3023 (OWC296K) Wigley, Carlton, 9/89, ex Wright, Mancot. (further to Mag 310).

SERVICE REVISIONS IN ESSEX

Saffron Walden, Braintree

- 17 With effect from 2.4.90. this service passed from Millers to Hedinghams. Departs Gt Bardfield 0930 and returns at 1245. Remains under contract to ECC on Tue, Fri, Sat, but is commercially operated Mon, Wed, Thur.
- 38 Revised timetable introduced by Premier Travel from 5.5.90

- 60 This service operated by Viceroy under contract to ECC was withdrawn on 20.3.90.
- 370 The 0935 ex Watchouse Green and 1125 ex Bishops Stortford were withdrawn on 25.3.90.

Colchester

As mentioned last month the Countrycar services were withdrawn from 1.4.90. and replaced by minibus services details as follows:

- 72 Layer Marney to Colchester on Wednesdays only. Departs 1030 returning at 1345. Operated by Freemans Coaches.
- 81 Pebmarsh to Colchester on Tuesdays only. Departs 0930 and returns at 1245. Operated by Eastern National.
- 128 Stones Green to Colchester on Wednesdays only. Departs 0935 and returns at 1230. Operated by Freemans Coaches.
- 177 East Mersea to Colchester on Thursdays only. Departs East Mersea 0930 and returns at 1230. Operated by Eastern National.
- Ernest Johns has registered a service between Monkwick and Tollgate via St. Michaels, Shrub End and Lexden from 23.4.90. operating Mondays to Saturdays. It is assumed this is some form of taxibus operation.
- 605/06 Further to 311/5 these services are to be operated by Freemans and commence on 20.5.90.

Theobalds Withdrew the Tuesday service from Haverhill with effect from 3.4.90.

Harlow

- T9 NEW SERVICE. Operates on Monday to Saturday and replaces the Leisure Bus which is withdrawn. Serves Little Pardon, Mark Hall South and Old Harlow. Operation is by Eastern National (their first Harlow town service) and commenced on 2.4.90.
- T15 Revised route and timetable introduced by SM Travel on 19.3.90.
- County have once again revised the network of town services in Harlow, the starting date being 17.3.90 further details will be given next month.

Loughton Ongar

- 209 Passed from Ongar Coaches to Vantage and was revised with the 1315 ex Abridge and 1500 (ex 1445) ex Loughton operating Wednesday only with effect from 4.4.90.
- 216 NEW SERVICE. Debden to Claybury Hospital. This service operates Wednesday and Friday only departing Debden 0900 and 1230 returning at 1030 and 1520. Operation is under contract to ECC by Vantage and commenced on 7.3.90.
- 502 On Saturdays from 17.3.90. the 0805 ex Debden was revised to start from Stapleford Abbots at 0748.

Chelmsford South Woodham

- 31D The 0805 ex Woodham Mortimer WAS withdrawn by EN on 2.4.90.

- 36 From 2.4.90. the 2017 ex Sth Woodham was withdrawn and replaced by a journey at 2249.
- 37 Passed to Heddingham from Stephenson's on 2.4.90. A revised timetable was also introduced with Sat. services withdrawn.
- 40 The 1205 ex RHP and 1245 ex Debenhams were withdrawn from 2.4.90.
- 46 Revised timetable introduced on 2.4.90. Remains EN operated under contract to ECC.
- 95.96 Minor timetable revisions introduced on 2.4.90.
- 227 This service operated by NIBS under contract to ECC was withdrawn after 26.3.90.
- 247 This service operated by Woods was withdrawn on 27.4.90.

Basildon

- 6,7,12,15,21,22 Revised timetables introduced by NIBS on 2.4.90.
- 14,16,20 Services withdrawn by NIBS with effect from 2.4.90.
- 21 Revised timetable introduced by NIBS on 19.3.90.
- 153 Revised to serve Basildon Hospital by EN from 2.4.90.
- 232/33 Slight timetable revision introduced by EN on 26.3.90.
- 380 Passed from Cunningham to Priory on 2.4.90.
- 387 Withdrawn with effect from 27.3.90.
- 400 Revised timetable to be introduced by EN from 6.5.90.
- 501/11/20/21/23 Revised timetables to be introduced by EN on 7.5.90.

Grays Tilbury

- 303/04 Both services were withdrawn by Harris on 20.4.90.

Southend

- 27 EN revised the 0741 ex Canvey to terminate at Sth Benfleet from 2.4.90.

Easter Bus Services

Good Friday In most areas a Sunday service operated although in Colchester, CBT operated a special service on routes 1,1A,2,2A,4,4A,5A,5B,6A,7C,8,8A which meant that the ECC town services did not operate. In Basildon EN provided special services on 151,152,153,503,506,520,521 until about 1700 when the normal Sunday services provided by NIBS commenced. District Bus were operating services 101 and 104 between 0800 and 1830. Easter Monday A normal Sunday service was provided on all routes. Details of LRT services were not available as we went to print and will be given next month.

Essex County Council

Fares were increased on all ECC tendered routes with effect from 1.4.90. Sunday savers were increased to Adult 2.40, Child 1.30 and Family 4.95 which is still good value for a day out.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT LIMITED

These notes are correct to April 9.

Vehicles

ACQUIRED:

561	A103 EPA	Leyland	TRCTL11/2R	Plaxton 3200	C53F
562	A106 EPA	"	"	"	"
563	A124 EPA	"	"	"	"
564	A126 EPA	"	"	"	"
554	A154 EPA	"	TRCTL11/3R	"	C57F
556	A156 EPA	"	"	"	"

Acquired 3 & 4/90 ex Kirkby (dealer), these Tigers were latterly: 561-4 numbers 01/2/5/6 in the Kentish Bus fleet, which they had joined in 5/89 (to operate the ex Redwing Coaches Gravesend - London commuter services); ~~554/6~~, Kentish Bus 104/5. They originated with LCBS as TP3/6/24/6, TPL 54/6, the first 4 later operating for LCNW (561/2) or LCNE (563/4). All 6 will be repainted before entering service; none had been completed as we went to press.

MODIFIED: work continues on the conversion of 210 (JTD 390P) to open top; the centre door has now been removed. 215 (JTD 395P) entered the works at the beginning of April for its conversion. They will be numbered 904/5 after conversion.

As a result of 215 being taken out of traffic, 211 has become the last bus in blue/cream. To commemorate the demise of this traditional livery, 211 emerged on 7/4 with the between decks area on the sides painted white, and carrying the legend "76 YEARS OF SERVICE 1914 - 1990" in red, together with the last version of the old fleetname with crest, and the current fleetname. It has also received the new fleetname in the conventional place below the lower deck windows (the only bus in old livery to receive the new fleetname); the Borough crest was still carried on the front panels initially but was due to be replaced by the new style name on April 12th. The 1914 date relates to the introduction of the first motor buses - municipal road transport in Southend had commenced in 1901 when the trams were introduced. The blue and cream livery however did not appear until August 1939.

All those coaches required to be fitted with speed limiters but which were not already so equipped (basically 546-51/81/2) have been fitted with Econocruise speed limiters by Eastern National Engineering.

Ivecos 411/2 have now received their electronic rear route number displays; as with 261, 398/9, this work has been funded by Essex County Council who will provide grants to operators to enable DiPTAC recommended features to be fitted. To avoid a recapture of the grant, the vehicles must be used for at least 5 years and hence it is not expected that the LN's will be so fitted.

WITHDRAWN/INITIAL DISPOSALS:

510	KWG 130W	)	Sold 3/90 to Swallow Coaches, Rainham and Dagenham
601	NDS 841Y	)	(this is the trading name of Safeway Coaches Ltd),
602	JEV 243Y	)	painted in an off white/blue livery.
603	JEV 244Y	)	Being prepared for sale to ?Apex Travel?

It is reported that the former 901/2 (WJN 371/2J) are being repainted by Appleby's into their livery of cream with red and green trim, ready for service on Scarborough sea front this summer.

Currently advertised for sale are the remaining two Astromegas, 605/6 (a snip at only £58,000 plus VAT), the 2 1985 Duple Laser bodied DAF's, 581/2 (at £47,500 + VAT), 57 seat Leopards (presumably the stored 523/4) and Leyland Nationals - the latter being some of the ones acquired from London & Country which have not entered service. Currently GPD 298N appears ready for sale and LPB 217P & NPK 241R are being prepared; they are offered recertified and painted in one base colour for £4,500 + VAT.

SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS:

- 368 WJN 368J S&M, Hadleigh to Amraf Ltd, South Benfleet (non psv), an HGV driving school, to be used to transport trainees to/from sites.
- 380 GHJ 380L Worth, Enstone to South Notts, Gotham c.3/90. It is being converted to one door layout and will join ex ST 352/3 (WJN 352/3J), which remain in front line use.

Services

23 group Timetable revisions were due from May 13 - details next month.

63 The evening service is due to be reinstated from 13/5.

64/65 These Sunday routes will be withdrawn after operation on Bank Holiday Monday May 7th; ECC have issued tenders for a contract replacement at the same times, except that the solitary late 64 at 2315 will be dropped. On Mondays to Saturdays this 64 will revert to being a 63 journey, returning from Temple Sutton to the garage via Hamstel Road and the White Horse.

X1/11 Additional summer Sunday journeys will be introduced from Sun May 13, 0810 X11 CBS-Aldgate, 1015 X1 return and 1730 CBS to Aldgate X1, returning to Southend as an X11.

X2/X41 We can now clarify last month's item: from Monday 14 May, X41 will be re-routed between Southend and Basildon to operate via the X1 route but with a diversion to Pitsea Broadway; it will continue to run via Homesteads en route to London and will be renumbered X2 (as will other existing journeys via Homesteads) Thus the section via Rochford/Ashingdon/Rayleigh will be withdrawn after Friday May 11.

General

In connection with the Southend Bus Rally, to be held on Sunday June 3rd, ST will again be operating an RM on the X1, leaving Aldgate at 1015 (having worked up to London as the 0810 X11 - the first time an RM has worked on X11). The journey will continue on to Southchurch Park, and a special route 7B shuttle between the Park and CBS will operate throughout the day with a variety of interesting vehicles. The day return fare of £3-15 from London will give unlimited travel on the 7B.

Prior to that, 102 will operate an excursion to the Ipswich Buses open day on May 13, leaving Southend at 0815, fare £5. The route will be A127 (possibly A13 to Hadleigh), A130, A12, and pick ups can be arranged en route - phone Southend 355711 to book.

Publicity News: new leaflets are a revised Travelcard leaflet (showing the new prices) and an 'Easter Bunny' issue aimed at encouraging travel during the school Easter holidays.

OTHER OPERATORS - South East Essex

Avro, Stanford le Hope: acquired (perhaps some months ago) is an ex South Yorks and latterly Ribble, Fleetline/ECW, GWA 808N.

County Bus & Coach: are understood to have won the tenders for LRT routes 66 (to be Lynx's from Harlow) and 103 (Olympians from Grays), no doubt much to the disappointment of Ensign and London Buses!

District Bus (Tomlin), Wickford: service changes from April 2 affected the commercial Basildon town services - full details next month.

Ensign Bus Services, Purfleet/Dagenham: it can be confirmed that the 4 ex Leicester Metrobuses are FUT 36-9V. 38 was at the Barking RT rally on April 1st, in Ensign livery but with no fleetnumber. A second Metroliner coach has had its roof removed, and the first is now fitted with bus seats upstairs: Ensign are obviously out to up-stage London Coaches extended RM! Talking of RM's, Ensign have now acquired one for service use (in the same way as the two RT's are used) - it is 549 CLT, ex RM1549 and it was formerly a playbus. The renumbering mentioned last month has affected the Atlanteans, which now have 4xx numbers in place of their former 2xx ones.

Nelson, Wickford (NIBS): has finally started to use destination blinds - most vehicles have previously operated with number blinds in use but destinations shown on slipboards only. Can anyone supply a blind listing, please?

Simien Coaches, Canvey: have registered an all day (0830-1730) M-F service between Benfleet Station and Canvey Leigh Beck, apparently via EN route 3, commencing on April 30, to supplement their present peaks only operation. We presume that they will continue to use Ford coaches on this bus work.

I V Taxis, Southend: a further Transit/Dormobile, ex Cambus, is C297 MEG. Withdrawn is 8 seat VW, VKW 32Y. The extended M-S evening service on 1S, reported last month, was balanced by the complete withdrawal of the late evening (until after midnight) service on that route on Fri/Sat.

Non PSV's: making an unusual appearance under this heading is the name of BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL, who had a CVE Omni demonstrator, G206 CHN, from March 21 - 28; it was operated as B12F+3 wheelchairs by the Care and Welfare Services Department.

The Bristol FLF owned by Bender School of Motoring, Laindon, CHY 418C, was sold in 10/89 to a new preservation group, the Bristol C7200 Group, based at the Canvey museum.

AND FINALLY

. . . can anyone identify an ex South Wales VR, WTH 947T, seen recently in the Epping area, still in NBC red, carrying school children?

Publicity

Essex County Council timetable leaflet for evening and Sunday services in Harlow dated 2.4.90.

Harris Bus timetable for 303 dated 26.2.90. (but see above).

EN Highwayman leaflet for excursions to Ideal Home Exhibition and the Chelsea Flower Show dated 13.3.90. to 25.5.90.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Services

On 2.4.90. the 1713 from Tollgate to North Station on service 5 was extended to Severalls and was renumbered 5B. This bus then forms the 1803 service 8. A new timetable leaflet has been published for the 5 group of services.

Instead of the regular Sunday rail replacement services between Colchester and Witham on the 1st and 8th of April there were services between Colchester and Clacton, Colchester/Ipswich and Colchester/Witham. Altogether 43 CBT vehicles were used.

On 20.3.90. the rail bridge at Kelvedon station was struck by a removal lorry which resulted in train services being stopped for about 45 minutes. CBT made 72,75,80,86,87 plus one other available for rail replacement but they were not required.

Vehicles

Atlanteans 52 and 53 were removed from the depot in the first week of March.

Tiger 103 and coach seated Olympian 46 were both painted in the white and blue livery of CBT Coachways during March.

A Scania 113 demonstrator G113 SKX was on loan from 22.3.90 to 27.3.90 and was used in service mainly on the 9/9A as well as on the rail replacement service on 25.3.90. Fleet number D29 was allocated during its stay. A further swap has taken place with Ipswich Buses with Atlantean 36 (RBJ 36W) arriving on 16.3.90 and Metrorider 15 going the other way. CBT have given the AN fleet number 136 during its stay.

Metrorider 13 returned from ENE in the middle of March and was replaced there by 14, which returned home at the end of the month. Atlantean 63 was fitted with a new engine at ENE in March.

ENOC 2954

With the comment in the March magazine regarding the Eastern National coach fleet of 1990, cast yourself back to the 30s, when a similar situation existed.

Having inherited a collection of various coaches and charabancs from National, Eastern National acquired two Leyland TS1s numbered 3088/9 EV1224/1305 with 26 seat Duple bodies in 1931. The following year five Leyland TS4 with Beadle 26 seat coachwork arrived 3304-08 MJ401-5 and a solitary AEC Regal 3331 EV6062 with Strachen body, this was probably ordered by one of the operators acquired by EN.

In 1933 a further Leyland TS4 3424 AEV794 was taken into stock, this being the only coach, although five Dennis dual purpose

saloons, all with ECOC coachwork were in use. 1934 saw a repeat order for DP Dennis Lancets.

Dennis products had by now gained favour, for in 1935 the DP Dennis took precedent, but two Lancets 3584/5 CPU 196/7 had 26 seat centre entry bodywork.

In 1936 six 20 seat Dennis Ace coaches were ordered, no doubt to replace a motley collection of smaller coaches acquired secondhand, these became 3609-14 these were followed by more ECOC DP saloons, the first on Bristol chassis.

Finally in 1937 a trio of Leyland TS7 with ECOC 31 seat bodies, 3663-5 EN0941-3 proved to be the last coaches purchased new for over a decade, when in 1947 the inevitable Bedford OB came on the scene.

In the years 1931-1937 many coaches were acquired with the fleets of various operators selling out, but most of these soon disappeared, although a few lasted to be rebodied or refurbished as service buses, notable among these must be 3510 AEV88 which came with the business of Bird Motor Services, Halstead and was used on company publicity.

So the comparisons of the 30s and the late 80s and now 1990 is somewhat the same with the dedicated coach much in the minority, EN having reached a coach fleet peak in the 50s and 60s when they were a major force in Essex, but now much of this work is in the hands of smaller operators.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

APT TRAVEL	Have a new Dennis Javelin/Caetano G854 VAY fitted with 53 reclining seats.
BOONS	Have acquired D685 JVF a Van Hool T815 from Birds, Hunstanton.
BRANDONS	Have acquired 6330FH a Bova Futura from Harris and passed JFD 286V a Ford/Duple to Harris in part exchange. The Bova will be reregistered with the plates passing back to Harris. 986RHA a Bristol LH/Plaxton has passed to Ruffle, Castle Hedingham.
CHARTERCOACH ENSIGNS	Have a new Ensign Charisma registered G--- CNO. Late news is that the London Tour Company were taken over in April. Suprising vehicle news is that Olympians 129/30 have passed to LCNW.
FERRERS COACHES HEDINGHAMS	New is a Dennis Javelin/Duple 320 G856 VAY. The Walton outstation has lost its building but a decker and three single deckers are still kept there.
ONGAR COACHES	The normal vehicle on services 209 and 217 was a Bedford/Plaxton PBT 531P, although XJS 14X a Mercedes 25 seater was noted on the 209 on 14.3.90
OSBORNES	The two new Van Hools seat C49FT.
STANS	VWV 907S has been reregistered OIH 2853.
WAY MINIS	The Mercedes is registered G261 DRF.
WOODS	Further to last month, the previous ASV 247 has become WHJ 246M. Seddon BPJ 77H has become EHJ 112H whilst its original mark has passed to another vehicle in the fleet.

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NON PSVS

As a correction to last month A600 NWC is with Priory, Stanford le Hope. Priory vehicles are kept at Wrexham Road, Laindon not far from the yard of Bender School of Motoring.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPH OR SLIDE

During November last year Harris had Eastbourne Leyland National 21 on hire. If anyone managed to photograph this vehicle during its time in Essex, could they please contact Peter Snell.

ON THE BUSES

Wogan on 16.3.90. included an interview with Reg Varney who together with the rest of the cast of this series are on the verge of making a pilot for a new series. Older members will of course be aware that this series was made at the former EN Wood Green depot using EN vehicles, so a change of location will have to be made, although if they can manage to find an FLF to use, your news sheet editor will not be that disappointed.

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