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FREEMANS TRAVEL FORD R1114 TPJ305S on the Thursday only journey on route 93 from Althorne to Little Baddow. P Snell



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EDITORIAL

NEWS. 'COUNTY BUS MOVES EAST'

County Bus are now operating the South Woodham Ferrers Town service 37 under contract to Essex County Council,at present a Dennis Dart is being operated pending delivery of a Mercedes.

VACANCY FOR THAMESWAY SUB EDITOR.

Following his re-employment,Paul Harvey has tendered his resignation as Thamesway sub-editor after production of the draft for the September 1993 issue of EBN.On behalf of the Membership I would like to thank Paul for his valued efforts over the past few years.

There is thus a vacancy for a Thamesway sub editor,whichmay also carry commitee membership. A typewriter can be supplied if required.The new appointee to take up post from 15 September 1993,to first produce the October 1993 column draft.

Applications for the post should be addressed to the Chairman, Alan Osborne, 7 Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford Essex IG3 8LT to arrive as soon as possible.

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Enthusiast Special

GROUP TOUR.

Members are reminded that the next GroupTour is on Sunday 3rd October.Tour by Routemaster to East London operators,seats still available ,bookings to Andy Meadows.

Acknowledgements.

Essex County Council. Thamesway. County Bus & Coach. Badgerline Enthusiasts Group. I Burton S Menzies. S Thompson. R Delahoye.

Notes for the September EBN should be with the Sub Editors by the 27th August.

PJS/6/8/93.

Sorry but no report on Southend Transport from Sub Editor at time of going to press,full report next month,



HEDINGHAM AND DISTRICT Bristol VR L161 SNJ 591 R working the school day only route 95a from Althorne to Burnham on Crouch via Southminster.

EASTERN NATIONAL

New Vehicles

647-55 L647-55 MEV Mercedes Benz 709D Plaxton Beaver B23F

The tenth vehicle of this batch has been diverted, to a Badgerline subsiduary. A further single minibus will be delivered later in the year to replace it.
The entire batch entered service at Clacton in early August, replacing nine of the original Mercedes which are to be re-allocated as Transit replacements.

Vehicles on Order

In addition to the outstanding Mercedes and two Dennis Darts, which are all due this year, a batch of Dennis Dart/Plaxton is due for delivery next year.

Vehicle Loans

Details of vehicles loaned to Badgerline are now available.
They were loaned to release Badgerline VRs for the Pilton Pop Festival and operated from Marlborough Street Bristol, Badgerline allocated fleetnumbers are shown in brackets where known:-

1926 1927 1929 (303) 1932 (300) 1933 (301) 1936 (302)

1925 and 1930 were due to be used but both failed en-route and were replaced by 1929 and 1936. Hence the appearance of 1925 at Thamesway premises.

Allocations

8/93 203-11 CN-POOL; 647-55 NEW-CN

203-11 are to be repainted in new livery before re-allocation to other depots.
Pool vehicles 0710 at CR and 0715 at CN are being used as dpot run around vehicles.

Vehicle News

Leyland Lynx 1402 has now been fitted with Diptac features.
The moquette seats have been removed from 1930-32/37-39 and placed in 1850/55/70 1901/10/16.

Initial Disposals

1805 (TJN 504R) Hardwick for scrap 7/93.

Due to work and other commitments it has not proved possible to provide a full Eastern National and other operators coverage this month. My apologies for this and rest assured full coverage will resume next month.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION AUGUST 1993

Chelmsford (CF)	601-20/22/31-46 700-5/20/21 1110/14/15 1119/21/28-30 1401/02/03/07/08/13-16 1425-29 1832/33/41/60/62/63/67/73/90 1899 1924 1940 3070/77/79/83/84/92/94 3106/12 4011/13 4510/11
Clacton (CN)	0212-24 647-55 1844/50/51/55/70 1901/10/16 3064 3219-22
Colchester (CR)	1111/12/17/20 1824/72/74/92 1921/23 3068/69/71/78/91/93/95 3103/11/14/27 3128 3218 4014/15/17/18/20/21 4501/03/12
Bishops Stortford (BS)	0708/09/11/12/19 1125/27 1843/61/65 1885 1909/14 4016
Braintree (BE)	0120 0200/2 621/23-30 0713/14/16-18
Dunmow (DW)	Normally 1 Tiger/Alexander from CF.
Maldon (MN)	2 Tiger/Alexander, 4 Lynx, 2 VRT and 1 Transit from CF.
Harwich (DT)	0750-54 1123 3072/6/3109 4007/8/12/19
Walton (WN)	Three Mercedes from CN depot.
Driver Training	9006 9012
Pool Vehicles	203-11 0706/07/10/15 1831/34 2383/84 3500/1
Delicensed Disposal	1766 1806/28/42/56 1917/25-27/29 1930-33/35-39 2201

Bishops Stortford, Dunmow and Maldon are outstations of Chelmsford, Harwich is an outstation of Colchester and Walton is an outstation of Clacton.
The official EN allocation list only allocates vehicles to Chelmsford, Braintree , Colchester and Clacton. The above split is based on observations of the vehicles normally working from the depots shown.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET SUMMARY AUGUST 1993

	BE	BS	CF	CN	CR	DT	DW	MN	WN	POOL	DIS	TOT
PEUGOT	1											1
MERCEDES	11		37	19					3	9		79
TRANSIT	5	5	7			5		1		4		27
TIGER (CO)			2									2
TIGER (DP)		2	3		4	1	1	2				13
LYNX			10					4				14
NATIONAL		6	12	8	6					2	20	54
VRT			7	5	13	3		2		2		32
ON (CO)			2		3							5
ON (DP)		1	2		6	4						13
KSW										2		2
TOTALS	17	14	82	32	32	13	1	9	3	19	20	242

+ 2 Driver Trainers = Fleet Total 244

Aquired Vehicle

202 C696 ECV Mercedes Benz L608D Reeve Burgess DP19F

Aquired by Thamesway June 93 in Thamesway livery ex Western National 81

Allocations

June 202 WNOC-BD
July 701 HH-BD 714 HH-D/L(D) 755/56 HH-BD

General

Brentwood Mercedes 301-303 have had their LT service stickers and Radio Pods removed in June 93. They retain Hoppa stickers and are used on Brentwood town services. Brentwoods small Mercedes 230-234 have gained LT service stickers and Radio Pods for use on service 462.
All the minibuses are now receiving white fleetnumber plates on front, rear and side of vehicle. All vehicles are now receiving stickers on the back window proclaiming "A Badgerline group company" with the badger symbol.
Eastern National Leyland National 2 1925 is parked at Basildon depot.

Repaints

Noted repainted in fleet livery is 1845 (second time)

Service Revisions

7/7A/8 These new services were not introduced on 19th July.
203 Schools contract service withdrawn, replaced by Blue Triangle.
241/4 New weekday evening ECC contract service between Laindon and Pitsea commencing 2nd August
250 New weekday evening ECC contract service between Shotgate and Basildon commencing 2nd August
Service revisions are due to be implented in the Southend area from Sunday 29th August. Full details not available at the time of writing but understand services 6, 20A, 25, 27A and 29B will be affected. Full details next month.

Publicity

6 dated 19-7-93
11 dated 2-4-92(reprinted 4-5-93)
2, 15, 250 dated 19-7-93

Spotlight on Brentwood

From 28th June minibus requirements for town services were revised to Mon-Fri all day 9 minibuses while on Saturdays 8 minibuses. Minibuses interwork between services according to service and drivers duty requirements.
Leyland National workings on town servies are as reported in EBN 347 (March

93) plus the following additional journeys Mon-Fri:-
Service 80 7-35 and 8-35 ex Shenfield Station
Service 81/2 17-52 and 18-15 ex Shenfield Station
Service 501 18-50 ex Brentwood Station
plus associated workings.
New LT service 462 requires 3 minibuses Mon-Fri while service 362 still requires 6 minibuses Mon-Fri and Saturday.

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Usually working

5-7-93 PD 246 on service 76

City of London Street closures

Due to the decision by the City of London authorities to restrict travel within the area of the "Square Mile" a number of controlled entry and exit points have been created along with the closure of a vast number of other streets. From 2nd July the plan went into action and will be in operation for the foreseeable future. These road closures affect LT214 where southbound will operate from Finsbury Pavement via South Place, Eldon Street, Bloomfield Street and London Wall. Northbound as per normal route.

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SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS

Correction to EBN351 : 1747 (HAR487N) should read 1741 (HAR487N)

428	(LWC979J) (SCT 330) (ARU199A) (MWV 61J)	"Gone" from Miller, Horsham by 6/92. Last reported as being used for spares, 10/90.
1001	(MAR776P) (402 UHI)	Confirmed as derelict on premises of Cornane (additional information EBN346)
1710	(WNO559L)	Reported as numbered 1146 by London Borough of Wandsworth, S.W.18. When was this vehicle acquired, and is it N-PSV ?
1724	(NEV681M)	Repainted into Midland Fox red/yellow livery, 4/93, ex Loughborough Coach & Bus green/cream. (Was last remaining vehicle to wear the former colours.)
1768	(MAR790P)	Hardwick (breaker), Carlton, 5/93.
1804	(TJN503R)	Hardwick (breaker), Carlton, 4/93.
1811	(VNO734S)	AJS (breaker), Carlton, 4/93.
1813	(VNO736S)	as 1804.
3054	(LJN649P)	Now reported as "stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap, 5/93." However, vehicle also given previously as passing to Wigley (dealer), Carlton, by 2/93. Are these two reports about the **same** vehicle, clarification please.

城巴 Citybus

Walthamstow Citybus Ltd

Frontrunner Buses South East Ltd

Acquired

742 [MSO 11W] entered service on Friday July 9th.
There appears to be no sign yet of THX 288T entering service. It is still in DM yard in largely as acquired condition.

Repaint = 128 (G128 YEV)

Services

D4 (28 June 93) An extra loop added in Leamouth - from Oregano Drive via Rosemary Drive, Saffron Avenue, Nutmeg Lane, Clove Crescent, Nutmeg Lane, Saffron Avenue back to Rosemary Drive - so who has been reading a book on herbs and spices, then.Frequency decreased to x20m (ex x15m)

345 (September) This LRT contract gained from the start of the new school term - schooldays only, Goodmayes-Ilford-Woodford Green-Chingford. 3 jnys am and pm- reports say it is to be run off the 296. Currently run by London Buses-East London

Disposal - 770(F170 DET) Stevensons of Uttoxeter Ltd, Spath.

Running Numbers 340 = NP 251 + , SB1/7/8/9 = NP 261 +

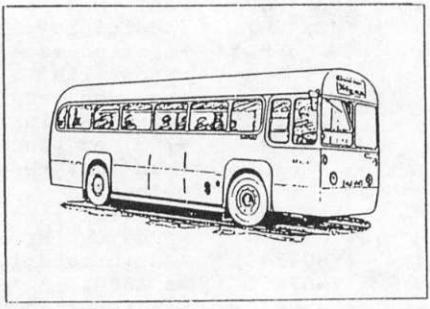
General

9m long Dennis Dart/Plaxton bus DRL 148 [L148WAG] has been on demonstartion to the Company , noted at DM on Thurs/Friday August 5th/6th. It is intended for London Buses. 166, the Olympian with the prototype NCME body ,spent 2 weeks onthe 252 instead of the planned one each on the 252 and D6, then moved to NP to start a similar round of one week on each of that depots double deck routes. The two remaining former Southend Daimler Fleetlines are still dumped disused in DM yard--- 593/594 JTD 393/4P.

SERVICE 500 - RF ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

During the summer period of operation (23 May - 26 September) Blue Triangle RF 401 will operate on Service 500 between Romford and Harlow to mark London Transport's Diamond Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of the closure of the London Transport garage at Epping and the opening of Harlow garage.

RF 401 was delivered as a central area red RF and during its early life was crew operated without a door. Throughout its entire life with London Transport it was a 'red bus'. Red RF's worked out from Romford as far as Epping Town on Route 250 although there is no evidence that this vehicle ever worked this route. Green RF's worked to Harlow and beyond to Watford, High Wycombe and Windsor on Route 724.



* Whilst it is intended to operate an RF type vehicle on this service we cannot guarantee their use as they may need to be substituted for operational reasons. *

Essex County Council

COUNTY BUS & COACH COMPANY LIMITED

FLEET

New Vehicles

MB 711/2 were incorrectly registered K810/1 JKH by the support dealer in Chelmsford. They will be re-registered K711/2 FNO during early 8/93

The chassis numbers for MB 707-10 are: ZCFC5980002068279/ 807/ 9559/ 71720

New Vehicles on Order

MD 613/4 L613/4 LVX Mercedez Benz 811D Dormobile B31F scheduled for late 8/93 delivery.

Aquired Vehicle

TPL 518 E118 KFV was aquired in 7/93

Vehicle Reseated

TDL 55 from C53F to C49F, 7/93

Withdrawn Vehicles

MB 820	E520 PWR	sold to Globe, Barnsley, 7/93 (last of 11 1987 City Pacers)
SN585/6	PWY 585/6W	transferred to Citibus, Chadderton, 8/93

Repaints

7/93	AN 238	from Luton & District to CB livery
	BP 504	from Davian to new Sampson Livery
	LR 7	from Paradise Park colorbus to CB livery
	MB 796	from Welwyn Hatfield Line to CB livery
	TL 17	from Hancocks colorbus to colorbus for Canonbury Builders Merchants
	TL 27	from CB livery to colorbus for Ray Powell Garages
	TPL 518	from white with orange/ blue stripes to new Sampson livery. (BP 507 which will now be retained to follow to complete programme).

Allocation Changes for 1 August 1993

AN 238	Delicensed to Grays	SN 213	Grays to Harlow
MB 49	Grays to Harlow	SN 585	Harlow to Citibus
MB 57	Harlow to Grays	SN 586	Harlow to Citibus
MB 820	Delicensed to Sold		

SERVICES

2 August	37	NEW SERVICE under contract to ECC. South Woodham Ferrers Town Service 'frequent' Monday to Friday only. To be operated by Wyatts Green outstation with new Mercedez 811. (currently Hedingham Omnibuses).
28 August	261	target date of conversion from single deck to new Mercedez 811 at Wyatts Green with swap of work with Debden during pm peak.
4 September	W16	Running time adjustments on Monday to Saturday.
13 September	503	NEW SERVICE between Saffron Walden and Harlow on College Days only via 2 routes within Saffron Walden then via Newport, Stansted Mountfitchet, A120 and M11 to Harlow. 2 journeys ex Saffron Walden running together from Newport returning from Harlow at 1715 and 1745 each journey covering all points within Saffron Walden on request.
1 November	378	1855 NSSu Grays to Lakeside withdrawn
	379	NEW SERVICE under contract to ECC. Grays to Orsett Hospital via Tilbury and Chadwell St. Mary NSu evenings (replaces current contracted operation on Service 372, 375, 381 and 382 operated by Harris Bus).
6 November	372	NEW SERVICE under contract to ECC. Tilbury to West Thurrock 1 early morning Saturday journey only (currently Harris Bus).

GENERAL

Properties

The new freehold site at Marsh Lane, Ware (code WE) became operation on 10 July. The new freehold depot off London Road, Grays is on target for early September occupation.

Lynton Travel Group

Citibus Tours Ltd. of Chadderton, Oldham became a fully owned subsidiary on 16 July.

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING LIVERIES 1 AUGUST 1993

Davian	BP 507
Green Line	TDL 53, TDL 54, TDL 65, TL 20, TL 33, TP 70, TPL 510
Green Line 724	TDL 55, TDL 60, TDL 63, TP 61, TP 71, TP 72, TP 75
Sampson	AN 110, BCL 501, BP 504, BTL 6, BTL 10, BTL 28, LD 554, LD 557, LD 558, MC 540, STL 10, TDL 37, TPL 518, VDL 537, VPL 530

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Edmonton	DP 301-12, DW 314/5, MD 601-12, MB 927-930, BCL 501, BP 507, BTL 6/28, LD 557, VDL 537
Grays	AN 190/4/9/238/44-52/4/6, DP 318-23, DW 316/7, MB 46/7/8/50/7/115/154/700/1/924/5/6
Harlow	LN 604/6, LX 251-5/7/8, TDB 61/3, VPB 64/5, DPL 406-14, SN213/27/51/77/306/12/19/38, TL 10/3/5/7/20/7/9/30/1/3, MB 49/51/706-12/45/9/51/2/5/808/9/918/9/931/8, TDL 53/4/5/60/3/5, TPL 510, BD 537(NPSV)
Ware	LR 1-5/7/9-11/5/7/23, DPL 505, DWL 401-4, LD 552, LP 549-51/5/6, SN 215, MB 45/52/3/4/6/795/6, BTL 10, LD 554/8, STL 30, TDL 37, TP 61/70/1/2/5, TPL 518, VPL 530, MC 540, BP 504, AN 110
Delicensed	LX 256, MB 806/7, TDB 62



FLEET LIST

TBW 452P	Bristol	VRTSL6LX	ECW	DPH39/27F	Ex South Midland, originally City of Oxford MS.
WWY 120S	"	"	"	H43/31F	Ex Aintree Coachlines, originally West Yorkshire.
TPE 155S	"	"	"	"	Ex Berks Bucks Bus Co, originally Alder Valley.
TNJ 995S	"	"	"	COH43/27D	Ex Brighton & Hove, originally Southdown.
TNJ 998S	"	"	"	"	Ex Brighton & Hove, originally Southdown.
EWR 164T	"	"	"	H43/31F	Ex West Yorkshire; overall advert – 'Circle Services'.
JHW 120P	"	LH6L	"	DP22FI	Ex Rhymney Valley DC (non PSV); originally Bristol OC. Fitted with a wheelchair lift on the nearside centre.
MSL 21X	Volvo	B58	Duple	C55F	Ex Hemmings, Trimdon, originally Stagecoach.
SND 290X	Leyland	PSU5D/4R	"	C53F	Ex Roadmark Travel; originally National Travel (West).
FAD 272Y	"	Royal Tiger	Roe Doyen	C50F	Ex Cheltenham & Gloucester, originally National Travel (West); originally registered DAD 218Y, later YJV 806.

ROUTES

Bus services

3B	Shoebury (Asda) – Benfleet (Tarpots) or Rayleigh (Station) via Southend, Leigh, Hadleigh Positioning journeys only, Monday to Friday.	
7B	Hullbridge – Rochford via Hockley, Ashingdon	Positioning journeys only, schooldays.
	Rochford – Southend (CBS)	Positioning journeys, daily.
11A	Southend – Chelmsford via Rayleigh, East Hanningfield	Sundays every 2 hours; mainly ECC contract.
22C	Hullbridge – Rayleigh (Sweyne School)	Schooldays only
63B	Prittlewell (Cricketers) – Temple Sutton (Cecil Jones school)	Schooldays only (mornings only).
67	Highlands (Thames Drive) – Shoebury (East Beach) via Chalkwell, Westcliff, Southend Hourly, summer only (26/6/93 to 26/9/93), ECC contract.	Operated by open top double deckers.
68	Rochford – Highlands (Thames Drive) via Prittlewell, North Leigh Daily, summer only, positioning journeys.	Operated by open top double deckers.
77	Shoebury (East Beach) – Rochford via North Shoebury, Temple Sutton Daily, summer only, 1 journey only.	Operated by open top double deckers.
222	Southend – Brentwood via Rayleigh, Wickford, Billericay Schooldays – positioning journeys Prittlewell to Wickford;	Sundays every 2 hours; ECC contract.
224	Nevendon (Dick Turpin) – Chelmsford (Bus Stn) via Wickford, West Hanningfield Tuesday/Friday & Saturday only; ECC contract. Nevendon (Dick Turpin) – Rochford via A127 Positioning journeys only	
225	Brock Hill – Wickford (Beauchamps School)	Schooldays only; ECC contract.
402	Rochford – Romford via Ashingdon, Hullbridge, Rayleigh	Wednesdays only, 1 journey each way.

Contract services

Free services to Asda, Shoeburyness:

Wed/Fri	Benfleet (Tarpots) via Hadleigh, Leigh, Southend, Thorpe Bay
Tue/Thur	Rayleigh (Station) via Eastwood, Prittlewell, Southchurch
T/W/Th/F	Rayleigh (Station) via Hullbridge, Hockley, Ashingdon, Rochford, Southchurch
T/Th/F	Southchurch (White Horse) via Barling, Little Wakering, Great Wakering, Shoebury

School services:

Various routes to Temple Sutton, Cecil Jones school.
Inter school transfers for St Bernards Sch. and Hadleigh Junior sch.
Hullbridge to Westcliff, Thomas More school.