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HEDINGHAM OMNIBUSES LATEST FLEET ADDITIONS ARE A PAIR OF VOLVO B6's
L207/8 L207/8 RNO FITTED WITH ALEXANDER BODYWORK. L207 IS SEEN HERE
AT WITHAM RAILWAY STATION ON SERVICE 90 TO MALDON

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EDITORIAL

BRISTOL COUNTY TOUR - Saturday, 1st, October, 1994

Tour of County Bus garages with photographic stops in Hertford and Harlow, arranged by Alan Osborne. Vehicle to be used will be former Royal Blue Bristol LS coach courtesy of Barry Povey. Pick up points will be Romford and Newbury Park, fare ca. £8. Booking form to be circulated with August EBN. In the meantime, make a note of the date and keep it free.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS.

Freight House 8pm.

The following dates should be noted.

September 13th Slide show by Ray Palmer. "Found in my slide box", a nostalgic look at slides taken in the last 25 years.

October 11th Slide show by John Weekes.

Watch out for further dates.

FUTURE EVENTS

September 24th

Celebrating 40 years of the Routemaster, at the Royal Victoria Dock and Covent Garden.

Black and White Photographs.

Due to the continued decline in black and white photograph sales, I have made new arrangements regarding the printing of orders. The price per print will be 38p and will be printed on double weight paper, postage of course is extra. Colour prints will remain at 35p. pjs

Photos Required.

Photographs required of Stephenson's FAD 272Y and Canvey Ford/Plaxton on hire to Southend Transport ref EBN362. pjs

AUGUST EBN.

Will all Sub Editors and subscribers note the dead line for the next issue of EBN is August 7-8th. This is due to Kitehead's annual shut down. If you cannot have a report ready by this date, please let the Managing Editor know.

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EASTERN NATIONAL

NEW VEHICLE

820 L820 OPU Dennis Dart 9SDL 3034/1891 Plaxton 94 9.2 2537 B34F

ALLOCATION CHANGES

5/94 812-16 NEW-BS; 1127 BS-CF; 1843/60/65/85 BS-CF
6/94 212 CN-D/L(D); 213/4/5 POOL-DT; 216 POOL-CN; 238/9 HN-POOL;
242/44/47/50 HN-D/L(D); 243 HN-CF; 245/6 HN-POOL; 700 CF-D/L(D);
751 POOL-D/L(D); 752-54 DT-D/L(D); 809/11/18/20 NEW-CR;
810/17/19/21/22 NEW-CN; 1111/12 CR-CN; 1117 CR-BS; 1120 CR-CF;
1831 POOL-D/L(D), 1833 CF-POOL; 1844/50/51/70 CN-CR;
1910 CN-D/L(D); 1916 CN-CR; 1935 CR-POOL

In addition to the above, the Haven Road allocation is now regarded by the company as part of the Colchester allocation. Mercedes 218-24/37/40/41 therefore move HN-CR.

GENERAL

On Tuesday 28th June, a rail replacement service was introduced following a problem during the middle of the day. Vehicles were provided by Eastern National, CBT, Hedingham, Southend Transport, Ingatestone Coaches and Stans of Gt. Totham. If anyone has further details could they please let me know.

REPAINTS

4/94 1125
5/94 1128 4510
6/94 1428 1429 4501

SERVICES

8 Revised timetable introduced from 4.7.94 to 10.9.94
12 Passes to Hedingham with effect from 2.8.94.
133 Slight timetable revision from 1.8.94.

The evening services on 66 and 67 will pass to Eastern National from 1.8.94.
Harlow town services 851-854 had a revised timetable introduced on Sundays from 17.7.94.

The Countrycar services will be withdrawn after 30.7.94. and are to be replaced by a Renault minibus operated by Fargo

INITIAL DISPOSALS

1806 (TJN 505R) Hardwick (breaker), Carlton, 6/94.
9006 (LJN 650P) As 1806.

HEDINGHAM

SERVICES

88 Revised timetable introduced from 31.7.94

133 The 0700 ex Braintree will be withdrawn after 29.7.94.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

BOON BOREHAM F86 CWG a Scania/Plaxton was noted in late June but is thought only to be on loan.

BRANDON BLACKMORE END MLK 677L a former London DMS is back in service after along period out of use.

CATTON HARLOW New is Ford Transit L420 K VX.

DISTRICT BUS Revised timetable introduced on services 102,103,105,106 and 233 from 1.8.94. Services 271-273 will pass to Nelsons with effect from 1.8.94.

FORDS ALTHORNE A revised timetable is to be introduced on Malbus service 1 from 1.8.94.

HARRIS BUS Due soon are L475/6 GOV both are Talbot Freeways for Easybus services. Talbot E572 YKR was on loan from 10.6.94. to 17.6.94. Also on loan is Setra J76 VTG which is expected to stay until October, it carries Eurolines stickers. From 1.8.94. the following services are to be operated under tender to ECC, evening journeys on 23C Highlands to Eastwood Rise (currently ST) and services 98/99 Bradwell to Broomfield Hospital which are to be converted to Easybus operation (currently Clintona minibus). Service 383 will have a revised timetable with a Sunday service introduced from 21.8.94.

POST OFFICE A new service based on Saffron Walden to local villages commences on 1.8.94. twice daily on Monday to Friday.

STALLION COACHES BOREHAM The operating centre has moved to Advans, Damases Lane, Boreham.

SUPREME SOUTHEND New vehicles to report are L100/300 SUP, both are Volvo B9M/Berkhof 2000 and L67 YJF a PSV licensed Toyota with 11 seats. Double deckers acquired for new school contracts are BFR 304R (new to Blackpool) and XRF 24/25S (new to East Staffs) all are Atlantean/East Lancs, OEM 787S (new to Merseyside) an Atlantean/MCW, OKW 504R (new to South Yorks) a Fleetline/MCW and SDA 620S (new to West Mids) a Fleetline/Park Royal.

WESTS A revised timetable was introduced on service 201 on 18.7.94.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION 1.7.94.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (BS)	203-06/08 812-16 1117/25 4016
BRAINTREE (BE)	120 200/02/09-11/49 621/23-30
CHELMSFORD (CF)	207/43/51 601-20/22/31-46 808 1110/14/15/19 1120/21/27-30 1401-03/07/08/13-16/25-29 1832 1843/60-62/65/85 1909/14/24/40 3071/77/79/83 3084/92/94 3106/12 4011/13 4510/11
CLACTON (CN)	216/17/25-36/48 647-55 810/17/19/21/22 1111/12 3064 3219-22
COLCHESTER (CR)	218-24/37/40/41 801-07/09/11/18/20 1844/50/51 1863/67/70/72/74/90/99 1916/21/23/25/33 3068 3069/78/91/93/95 3103/11/14/27/28 3218 4012/14/15/17/18/20/21 4501/03/12
DUNMOW (DW)	1 Tiger/Alexander from CF depot
HARWICH (DT)	213-15/252 656 1123 3072/76 3109 4007/08/19
MALDON (MN)	2 Tiger/Alexander, 4 Lynx, 2 VR
WALTON (WN)	3 Mercedes from CN depot
DRIVER TRAINING	9012/13
POOL VEHICLES	238/39/45/46 750 1833/92 1935 2383/84 3500/01
DISPOSAL VEHICLES	212/42/44/47/50 700/02/03/06/07/11/51-54 1824 1831/34/41/55/1873 1901/10/26/27/30/32/36/38 1939 3070

Bishops Stortford is an outstation of CF depot, the vehicles shown are based on observations and is not an official allocation.
The minibus required for the Maldon town service, runs in service to and from Chelmsford (service 31) and is therefore not shown as part of the Maldon allocation.

"The Book of Southend On Sea" - we do not plan to offer a full review of this general historical title but must make a brief mention. As is so often the case with such books, public transport only merits the briefest of mentions, with little attempt to demonstrate its importance in the development of the town. However, this book contains a bizarre and quite unacceptable howler - on page 45 is a photo of what purports to be a float in Southend's torchlight carnival; it is in fact a shot of illuminated Blackpool tram 731 loading outside North Pier!! In my younger days Southend's illuminations once vied with Blackpool's for quality, even if Southend could never hope to match the sheer scale seen in Blackpool, but this photo is stretching the point rather too far! If only general historians consulted those of us with some transport knowledge, howlers like this would not appear in print!

(Richard Delahoy)

193	(ONO 89)	Last reported (EBN283) as derelict on premises of Twell (dealer), Ingham, 10/87. Now quoted as passing to Burton, Alfreton, -/93, ex. unknown preservationalist. Subsequently scrapped by Burton, -/94.
701*	(B463WTC)	Lancashire Bus & Coach, Newton-le-Willows, -/94.
705	(B472WTC)	as 701*
708	(C429AHT)	White Horse Ferries, Swindon, 3/94.
709	(C432BHY)	as 708
710	(C433BHY)	as 708
712	(C437BHY)	Bluebird Buses, Cardiff, 3/94.
713	(C438BHY)	as 712
714	(C441BHY)	as 712
715	(C443BHY)	as 708
716	(C444BHY)	as 712
717	(C447BHY)	as 712
718	(C448BHY)	Transferred to driver training fleet as instructional vehicle, 3/94, re-numbered 9013.
719	(C457BHY)	as 701*
720	(B454WTC)	as 701*
721	(B464WTC)	as 701*
1000	(MAR775P)	Cournane, Cahirciveen, Ireland, by 4/94, ex Drummond, Sneem, Ireland.
1401	(PWC345K)	PVS (dealer), Carlton, by 4/94, ex East Leeds Comets (N-PSV).
1415	(GJD198N)	Withdrawn and sold by Sale Moor Cars, Partington (also quoted as in Bradford ?), by 9/92.
1532	(MHK914J)	Citybus, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 789, ex. Ulsterbus, 789, 11/88.
1709	(WNO558L)	Now reported to have passed to Merseyside Transport, 12/93. Was not used, withdrawn, 1/94, and thence to Sahota & Sarai, Smethwick, 1/94. (additional information to EBN360)
1724	(NEV681M)	Withdrawn by Loughborough Coach & Bus, Loughborough, 3381, 1/94; sold 4/94.
1736	(HWC 87N)	Withdrawn by Loughborough Coach & Bus, Loughborough, 3387, 1/94; transferred back to Midland Fox, 3387, 1/94.
2201	(KCG618L)	Hardwick (AJS) (breaker), Carlton, 2/94, for scrap.
2812	(GNO788B)	Still with Michelmersh Brick Co. Ltd., Romsey (N-PSV), 5/93, as demonstration vehicle. However, was last licensed 11/90, future uncertain, since publicity budget cut !
3105	(UAR595W)	Repainted into latest Western National livery comprising white and blue incorporating blue and red flags. (T)

* - Ford Transits previously numbered 07xx and 7xx will all be referred to as 7xx in this disposals column.

Bus Stop

A cream and black Southend area request bus stop flag has recently been acquired. Unusually (and unique!), the bus stop has the wording '66 404 only. Presumably the stop was used in the Rochford area but where? This collectors item is for sale - make me an offer! (Andy Meadows)

COUNTY BUS & COACH

FLEET

New Vehicles

MBT 717/8	L717-8 OVX	Iveco 59.12	Marshall	B25F	new 6/94
MB 722-4	L722 OVX, L723/4 PHK	Iveco 59.12	Marshall	B25F	new 7/94
MB 805	L805 OVX	Talbot Freeway	TBP	B18FL	new 7/94

NB The chassis numbers of MBT 713-6 are ZCFC5980002106542/841/2/7120 (See EBN 362). These 4 vehicles are in a special livery of London Transport red and Tilling (County Bus) cream.

It is unlikely that all of the remaining new Iveco's - MB719-21/5-7 - will enter service during July and therefore certain of the proposed registration numbers may be voided.

Acquired Vehicles

LDL 533 DSU 733 Leyland Leopard PSU5A/4R Duple C57F (built 1988) 1976
ex Biss Brothers Coaches, 6/94

MB 747 D547 HNW Iveco 49.10 Robin Hood B21 1986
acquired as a 'non runner' from BlazeField Holdings Group on 12/93 now being prepared for service. The third 'non runner' acquired - D129 DRV - is under cannibalisation and will not be used - D554 HNW entered service as MB 754 in 3/94.

Vehicle on Hire

BP 504 returned from Citibus ex loan on 3/6 (See EBN 360).
West Midlands Travel Metrobus 2698 A698 UOE remains on long-term hire at Ware.

Repaints

6/94 TL31 from colorbus for JYG Disco to new County Bus livery

NB A revised livery designed by Best Impressions is to be adopted which involves a simplification of the current Brunswick green/ Tilling cream areas with the addition of lime green horizontal lines over the Brunswick green lower body area and above the windows on the Tilling cream area. New updated Lea Valley, Thameside and Townlink logos are included which incorporate the County Bus name.

Vehicle Withdrawn

VPL 530 EHI 74P withdrawn for cannibalisation 6/94.

Allocation Changes for 1 July 1994

BP 504	Citibus to Edmonton	MBT 716	New to Edmonton
BP 507	Ware to Edmonton	MB 717	New to Harlow
CIT46	Harlow to Citibus	MB 718	New to Harlow
CIT57	Harlow to Citibus	MB 722	New to Ware

LDL 553	Biss Bros to Ware	MB 723	New to Ware
LP 549	Ware to Delicensed	MB 724	New to Ware
LP 555	Ware to Delicensed	MBT 805	New to Harlow
MBT 713	New to Edmonton	MB 929	Harlow to Edmonton
MBT 714	New to Edmonton	STL 10	Edmonton to Ware
MBT 715	New to Edmonton	VPL 530	Ware to Carnibalisation

When delivered MB 719-21 will be allocated to Harlow and MB 725-7 to Grays.

General

The application for the renewal of 'O' licence PF 6042-180 discs - was approved and the new licence runs from 1 June 1994 to 31 May 1999.

County Bus had 4 vehicles on show at the North Weald Bus Rally on Sunday 26th June

1994. They were:	MBT 716	L716 OVX	In special LT livery.
	MBT 717	L717 OVX	No fleetnames yet. Will operate route 517 when ready.
	TL 31	WPH 131Y	In new County Bus livery with new Townlink fleetnames.
	TDB 61	F61 SMC	In 'old' Townlink livery.

SERVICES

28/29 May	353	Special 'free' shuttle service operated on behalf of ECC between Aveley, Usk Road/ Purfleet, Garrison Estate and Purfleet Satation during the closure of Purfleet Level Crossing. Operated during the evening of 28/5 and all day 29/5.
15/22 June	Special	During these two Wednesday national rail strikes the Stansted Express rail service between Stansted Airport and Liverpool Street Station replaced by a half-hourly coach service, with one intermediate stop at Tottenham Hale, between c.0530 and 2400 hours. On 15 June, 9 CB vehicles and 1 Airport Coaches and on 22 June, 4 CB vehicles, 2 Airport Coaches, 2 Halls Coaches of Henham and 2 Nelsons of Wickford were used.
1 August	239/501	The NSu evening ECC contract journeys between Brentwood and Blackmore/ Ongar pass to Thamesway upon the loss of the contract. Minor adjustments ti day time service 261 introduced.
1 August	363	Revised/ extended operation introduced on 2 July enhanced on Mondays to Fridays with off-peak operation between Hammond Street and Tottenham Hale being increased from hourly to half-hourly and approximately hourly Hammond Street to Tottenham Hale frequency introduced during peaks.
1 August	500/502	Existing ECC NSu contract operation retained for a further period in revised form. The Bishops Stortford to Epping hourly section on 500 extended to Theydon Bois and the Epping to Romford section withdrawn and replaced by a new 502 operation, Passingford Bridge to Romford with first and last journeys extended to/from Harlow. Other minor timetable adjustments effective start/end of 'commercial' operating day.

501 1810 NSu Ongar to Harlow and 1820 NSu Lakeside to Harlow re-routed to serve Epping Church and Epping Station in lieu of direct operation missing out Central Epping.
 808 1741 NSSu Harlow Circular retarded to 1751.
 31 October 505 Operation converts from ECC to commercial except for the four evening journeys (2 each way) which are retained under a new contract.

General

2 new ECC school contracts have been won for 9/94 introduction (3 vehicles). Details next month.

Publicity

A new leaflet for 724 was produced for 11 June.

OTHER GROUP COMPANIES

Biss Brothers Coaches Limited

The new Bova was delivered in June. It is L343 RWF Bova Futura FHD 12-340 with a C49FT body - out of the 5 Bovas, this is the only one with a DAF rather than a Mercedes power unit. Rebodyed Leopard/ Duple DSU 733 transferred to CB as proposed. On order for August is a new Toyota Coaster/ Caetano Optimo.

The contract for ECC Service 317 has been lost from the end of October to newcomer Intercontinental Tours of Islington.



RESPLENDENT IN THE NEW EASTERN NATIONAL LIVRY IS LEYLAND OLYMPIAN 4020 C420HJN AT COLCHESTER BUS STN.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Three more Leyland National 2s have been acquired from Midland Fox They are

- 9 BVP 809 V chassis no 06676 formerly 3809,
- 12 BVP 812 V chassis no 06716 formerly 3812,
- 25 EON 825 V chassis no 06932 formerly 3825,

All are 116L11/1R B49F+24F, new in 1980. They are being refurbished at Magdalen Street to entering service, and along with two more Nationals, will replace the five remaining Lynxes.

During June, Atlantean 84 was repainted at Magdalen Street in a special 90th anniversary livery in tuscan red, it entered service at the end of the month. (The more obvious choice of no90 could be used because it carries a painted contract advertisement.

Details have been obtained of the destinations shown on the Colchester Corp. Trams, they were:

LEXDEN
EAST GATES
NORTH RY STN
HYTHE
RECREATION GRND
CAR DEPOT ONLY
HIGH STREET

ROUTEMASTER

Celebrating 40 years of the Routemaster



Celebrate with us

At The Royal Victoria Dock & Covent Garden
On Saturday 24th September

- * Undercover bus display
- * Undercover enthusiast stalls
- * Special displays at Covent Gdn
- * Frequently changing display of buses outside the LT museum
- * Special Routemaster services
- * Fun events at the LT Museum
- * Road Run
- * Routemaster only event
- * Local tours of Docklands

Southend Transport

Vehicles.

Q415 DPG & Q416 DPG. Dotto shuttle trains, built in Italy.
(ex Windsor Safari Park.)

Best described as Loco+ 28C +28C.

The 4 Dennis Lance SLF,s are due November.

They are to be used on routes 5,6 & 6B and possible 241/244 on Sundays.
Possible fleet No,s 801-804.

Subsequent Disposals.

RM 101/119 (OYM 413A/LDS 280A) have been fully refurbished ,similar
to L.T RML,s.They will see some use on L.T route 13.

RM 103/105-107,110,118 & 122, have all passed to READING Main line.
for further service.

FL 206 (JTD 386P) has passed to London Metals (scrapdealer) Dagenham.
Ex Gifford Tacho center.
(7/94)

FL 213 (JTD 393P) is being prepared for service, by Stephensons.

It is now one door. 214 (JTD 394P) is the donor for parts and then
will be scrapped.

FL 384 (GHJ 384L) is in service with Glantawe Coaches, Pontardawe,
West Glamorgan.
(ex White, Harpford. ?/92)

Repaints.

ON 447 (H47 MJN) is now in London Coachlink livery, without Fleetnames.

VR 307 (WTU 473W) into all over advert livery for Perrys, (Ford dealer.)

Services.

23C S.T last day of operation 30/7/94.

232,241/244 S.T operation commences 30/10/94.

A rail replacement service is being operated between Southend Central &
Shoeburyness ,at weekends for about 5 weeks. The main allocation is
Olympians.

Publicity.

A Bus & Coach timetable book, dated Spring 1994 is now available from
S.T offices price 10p.

Hire,s.

On Sundays from 26/6/94 to 25/9/94 2 S.T buses will be on hire to
Stephensons for use on 11A + 222.

Colchester TR 104 (OHE 280X) was on loan 8/7/94 to 9/7/94.

Colchester LN 10 (BVP 810V) was used for one day on 4B & 63.

Unusual Workings.

5/7/94. ON 258 07.30 X1(Southend to Victoria) 17.20 X2(Embankment to Snd)
ON 259 08.30 X1(Southend to Heathrow) 12.50 X1(Heathrow to South'd)
16.30 X1(Southend to Victoria) 19.40 X2(Victoria to South'd).
ON 260 18.30 X2(Southend to Victoria) 21.40 X2(Victoria to South'd)
ON 262 14.30 X1(Southend to Victoria) 18.15 X1(H.Park to South'd.)
VR 382 07.00 X1(Southend to Victoria) 12.15 X1(Aldgate to South'd.)
6/7/94 ON 284 13.30 X1(Southend to Hyde Park) 16.25 X2(H.Park to Southend.)
7/7/94 ON 262 18.30 X2(Southend to Victoria) 21.40 X2(Victoria to South'd)
8/7/94 TR 104 07.30 X1(Southend to Victoria) 11.35 X1(Victoria to South'd)
15.30 X1(Southend to Hyde Park) 18.45 X1(H.Park to Southend.)

VEHICLES**Acquired**

208 C491 HCV Mercedes L608D, Reeve Burgess DP19F new 1986
 209 C967 GCV Mercedes L608D, Reeve Burgess DP19F new 1986

ex Western National 126 and 121 in 6.94

Allocations

208/9 - BD, 396/7/8 BD - PD (to cover extension to W11)

Repaint

375 (H386 OHK) has been repainted with a lighter shade of maroon.

Workings

25.6 722 on crew transfer work ex BD
 18.6 917 on LRT 307
 29.6 3113 on BD town routes 73/79/81/82
 5.7 4005 on 251
 28.5 4004 on Brentwood town 81
 11.6 4010 on 351

Lately, BD journeys scheduled for Leyland National operation have been worked by double deckers.

SERVICES

250 Slight revision to timetable and routeing on schoolday journeys from 20 June.
 256 Timetable revised with additional journeys.

Following the March revisions to Brentwood town routes, the following are now operated by full-size buses.

71A 1727 ex Brentwood Station
 72 0717 ex Stondon Massey (Bristol VR goes on to school contract 2)
 73 0805 ex Bishops Hall Estate
 73 1901, 1941 ex Warley Eagle Way
 79 1538 ex St Martins School (schooldays only)
 80 0735, 0835 ex Shenfield Station
 81/82 1620, 1710, 1750, 1830 ex Brentwood High Street
 82 1658 ex Brentwood Station
 81/82 1732, 1802, 1827, 1857 ex Shenfield Station
 The 1827 journey operates in service to Warley so that it can take up the 1901 73 (above).

Publicity

152-5 Dated 28.1.94
 152-5 dated 6.6.94
 2/251/551 dated 14.1.94
 11 dated 19.5.94
 250 dated 20.6.94

LATE NEWS

14/7/94
 Vehicle on hire.
 YORKSHIRE GOLD RIDER 1613 F613XWY
 Leyland TRCTL11/3AR2A
 Plaxton DP53F on Citysaver S1