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A Welcome addition to the ranks of preserved ENOC vehicles is AVX 975G, new in 1968 as coach 2614, it is being restored by member Paul Harrison to its post 1975 condition as bus 2946. It is seen here on May 24th 1988 receiving some attention to the bodywork prior to repainting. A future magazine will feature a photo of this vehicle restored to its former glory. (P Harrison)

ROCHFORD MEETING

The September meeting will be held on September 13th at the Freight House, which is adjacent to Rochford station. This will be a members 'Summer Days' slide evening, to which you are invited to bring your own slides of appropriate vehicles/services.

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ESSEX COACH TOUR - SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

A booking form is enclosed for this tour which will visit Brentwood, Braintree, Colchester, Maldon and Chelmsford depots and will also afford an opportunity to travel on a former London Transport RT on service 622 between Braintree and Great Yeldham. Pick up points will be at Newbury Park, Romford and Brentwood, with a later and cheaper pick up in Chelmsford. The vehicle to be used will be an Alexander bodied Tiger. So why not come along and enjoy a day out combining the old(RT) with the new (Lynx at Chelmsford & Maldon)?

RT OPERATION OF LRT SERVICE 165 SAT 17TH SEPTEMBER

To coincide with the closure of London Buses Hornchurch garage, following the loss of its service to East Midlands & Ensigns in the recent round of competitive tendering, the above service will be operated by Blue Triangles RT2150 and RT2799 between 0600 and 2100 hours. The vehicles will operate between Havering Park, Hunters Grove and Rainham War Memorial, with certain short workings during the day. Normal LRT fares will apply all day and any valid travelcard etc. will also be accepted. Special tickets will be issued with all profit going to Charity, so make the most of this day to photograph and travel on the RT's as well as the Titans of London Buses. It is reported that changes to LRT Hornchurch services will commence on September 24th.

APOLOGY FROM JOHN ZEBEDEE

John would like to apologise to the few who enquired about the trip to Sandtoft in July but received no reply. This was due to the fact that John broke his leg whilst in the New Forest and spent some time in hospital and away from home recovering and as a result did not have the list of names and addresses of those who were interested. I would like to pass on our best wishes for a full recovery and remind John to stick to photographing buses, it's far safer.

NEW BOOK

The following is now available from Andy Meadows (address on cover) :-

'Ipswich Buses' published by Ipswich Buses this is a fully illustrated booklet detailing the history and current fleet of the Ipswich undertaking. It contains 48 pages with 65 photographs of which 24 are in colour (including some of trolley buses in service). The price of this excellent publication is just £2.50 post paid.

OLD TIMETABLES

A number of Eastern National/Westcliff/Essex County Council timetable books and leaflets are now available from Andy, dating back to the 1950's. For a full list please send 2x13p stamps.

EXCURSION TO AMSTERDAM

In connection with the 1988 RAI Bus and Coach Show in Amsterdam, being held in early November a weekend tour has been arranged from London, departing on the 4th. A Dutch Bovo Tours coach leaves London on Friday evening travelling via the Olau line ferry to arrive in Amsterdam on Saturday morning. The rest of the day is available to visit the RAI, take in some sightseeing or to travel on the local transport system, which includes trams. Saturday night will be spent at the luxurious Crest Hotel. Sundays return is taken at a leisurely pace with arrival back in London at about 8pm. This trip is being organised by EBEG, but full details are available from Andy Meadows.

EASTERN NATIONAL LIMITEDNew Vehicles

1405-9 F405-9 LTW Leyland Lynx LX112L10ZRIR B49F+22 Standing

Chassis numbers of the above are LX1164/72/73/74/75 and all arrived on July 26th. 1402-4 have been registered F402-4 LTW. 1400-5 have been fitted with tachographs.

Vehicle Re-Allocations

8/88 1123 SE - BE; 1400 New - HH; 1401 New - CF; 1402 New - CF; 1403 New - MN; 1404 New - BN; 1405 New - BN; 1406 New - MN; 1407 New - MN; 1408 New - CF; 1409 New - HH; 1653 BD - D/L(D); 1658 SE - CR; 1659 SE - D/L(D); 1701 BS - D/L(D); 1704 CR - D/L(D); 1739 BS-D/L(D); 1749 BS - BE; 1752 CF - Pool; 1755 MN - Pool; 1762 CF - Pool; 1774 CF - Pool; 1813 SE - BE; 1831 MN - SE - CR; 1835 HH - CF; 1843 BN - BS; 1844 BN - BS; 1861 SE - BE; 1862 SE - BE; 1866 CF - HH; 1875 SE - CR; 1928 HH - BD; 1934 BN - CR; 3020 SE - D/L(D); 3031 CN - D/L(D); 3055 SE - BE; 3059 SE - BE; 3068 BN - SD; 3084 SD - BN; 3085 HH - CR; 4006 SE - CR; 4014 SE - CR; 4015 SE - CR; 4512 BE - CF.

The above changes reflect the entry of the initial Lynx vehicles into service, plus the closure of Silver End garage after operations on the 6th August.

Repaints

w/e 9.7.88 1768 at CN.
w/e 16.7.88 1120 at ENE.
w/e 23.7.88 1788 at ENE, 1832 at ENE, 1893 at ENE.

Missed last month was that 1863 was the former Glasswells all over advert. The following are also in the new livery, dates unknown 1127, 1746, 1819, 1933 & 3090.

Services

20 Monday to Saturday service will be extended from Shoeburyness, Osprey to East Beach with effect from 22.8.88.
53,337,353 Revised timetables introduced from 8.8.88.
152 0639 Basildon to Billericay is advanced to 0634, together with an additional 0749 Basildon to Grays introduced from 30.8.88 on Mondays to Fridays Only.
154 With effect from 30.8.88 the 1547 Chelmsford High School to Basildon is revised to operate from Chelmsford Bus Stn. at 1550.
500 Revised timetable introduced from 11.7.88.
795 EN service to be withdrawn after operation on 16.9.88.

General

All Leyland Nationals at Chelmsford depot with the exception of 2201 are now fitted with full depth blinds, if anyone has full details of blinds at any depot, please send them to the News Sheet Editor so as they can be published in the magazine. The outparking arrangement at Bishops Stortford has been changed and two vehicles now park at the Bus station with two others in the Rail Station yard. Press reports state that the Tendering Council have given the go ahead for the demolition of Castle Road, Clacton depot and the building of a three storey warden assisted block of flats in its place. With the closure of Silver End garage, all services except the 53 and a couple of Witham Town services which are to become Colchester operated will pass to Braintree. As a result of the visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Chelmsford on 29th July, services operating in the town were diverted on incoming journeys via Parkway and Cova Lane, with outward services operating via Broomfield Road, Rectory Lane and Victoria Road to Springfield Road to regain normal

routes. The royal train arrived on time at Chelmsford (Why don't the others?) with 86 253 the 'Manchester Guardian' providing the haulage.

Publicity

Timetable leaflets for 53, 337, 353 all dated 8.8.88.

Coach excursions from Chelmsford area dated 21.7.88 to 8.9.88.

Bus excursions from the Chelmsford area dated 25.7.88. to 5.9.88.

Clacton and Walton excursions from Bishops Stortford and Chelmsford dated 17.7.88 to 28.8.88.

DISPOSALS

Eastern National Limited

Subsequent Disposals

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|------|------------|---|
| 1413 | (X00 882L) | Still with 1st Weston Scouts, Runcorn (N-PSV), 7/88. (See also NS277). |
| 2763 | (RWC 605) | In use at The Corning Glass Center, Corning, New York transporting visitors in the complex, between June and October, averages about 50 miles a day along with six ex Bristol Omnibus FLF's. It's registration is NY 5968BE. |
| 2775 | (988 K00) | With Wally Mellor, Dixon, California in 6/88 for scrap ex Double Decker Tours, Reno, Nevada. This vehicle caught fire after a turbocharger which had been installed exploded. It's Nevada registration is 035 AFW. |
| 2783 | (934 LWC) | Owned by Larry Sergeant and advertises Double Decker Tours. Seen in South San Francisco in 3/88, and in Reno, Nevada in 5/88. Now fitted with a Detroit Diesel 6-71 engine (FLF6D). |
| 2803 | (BVX 679B) | Martin, Middlewich by 7/88, ex Walker, Anderton. |
| 2820 | (JHK 452C) | Owned and operated by Webbs Spirit of 76 Tours. Seen in 5/88 picking up lobbyists at the exclusive Willard Hotel in Washington DC. Fitted with the engine and front body assembly of 2829 (KNO 952C) it's including registration. |
| 2878 | (SVX 277D) | Painted in red livery with a cream band with a London Transport fleetname and given fleetnumber RT2878 by C Ireland, Hull. Presumed this vehicle will now be exported to the USA. |
| 2932 | (ACA 979A) | Martin, Middlewich by 7/88, ex Walker, Anderton. Now carries the registration shown ex 184 XNO. (Further to Mag. 276). |
| 3005 | (SMS 31H) | On the premises of Martins, Middlewich, 7/88, ex Crosville Wales. |
| 3007 | (SMS 33H) | As per 3005. |
| 3009 | (SMS 35H) | As per 3005. |
| 3012 | (SMS 38H) | As per 3005. |

AJN 825 has been returned from Canvey, where it had been on long term loan to the company during June. It is understood that AJN 825 is now based at Basildon depot. The details of vehicles now in the USA, have been supplied by Colin Turnridge a group member living in the United States. Colour prints are available of all these vehicles, please write to the news sheet editor if you are interested, to enable a bulk order to be placed.

Unusual Workings

- 7/7 BS 1502 on 333 (and again on 8/7).
- 11/7 CF 3057 on 53 (arrived in Colchester very late and is assumed to have replaced a failed SE vehicle).
- 15/7 SD 1116 on 4.
- 26/7 CN 3025 on 12 and CN 3041 on 1 with service 2 not being operated.

Recent loans include CF1747 to BS as a replacement for 1111, CR4003 at CF with CF4005 at Colchester during late July/early August. CF4013 was in use from SE with 4015 at BS for the 712 between 9/7 and 15/7.

LRT News

Services 20 & 167 will operate to revised timetables from 14.8.88 as a result of changes to ECC routes in the Loughton area. Selbourne Road, Walthamstow was opened on 13.7.88 and as a result vehicles can now operate via a more direct route between WW depot and the bus station. Further to the notes in Junes magazine, service 193 has NOT been diverted to serve the Ice Rink.

Highwayman

Further to the notes in magazine 290, services 815/825 are being operated by Hadleigh with Basildon operating the 816/826.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Another midi-bus demonstrator, a Metrorider B33F, E637 TOG, which was numbered D26 by CBT, arrived on 19.7.88, was used on services 13 and 31 on 20.7.88 and left on 21.7.88. It is understood that this is the preferred type for an order by CBT.

The two coach seated Olympians on order has not arrived by the end of July 1988 and were not expected before October 1988. As a result, two vehicles from other operators were hired. Maidstone & District's Leyland Olympian ONTL11/2R, ECW CH45/28F 5451 (C451 BKM) in Invictaway livery arrived on 27.7.88 and has been numbered 91 by CBT. Reading Transport's Leyland Titan TNLXCT/1RF, Leyland CH39/27F 78 (RMO 78Y) in Goldline livery arrived the following day and was numbered 92. Both buses were first used on 30.7.88, 91 on a private hire to Great Leighs and 92 on the service 2/2A/2B/4A cycle. It is understood that 91 will not be used on ordinary services.

The two remaining RE's, 16 and 22, were still in regular use at the of July 1988 and were not expected to go to Busways before the end of August 1988.

The diversions mentioned last month were both removed on about 4.7.88.

Lynx 34 was back on the road by 9.7.88. Olympian 42 was returned to service on 7.7.88. Olympian 41 was used on the tour on 28.7.88 in place of open-top Atlantean 48, but the latter was in the Colchester carnival on 30.7.88. Atlantean 52 was still off the road on 30.7.88. 59 was back in use by 9.7.88, 63 by 28.7.88 and 64 by 23.7.88.

The excursions to Woburn and Chessington did not operate, but the others have been well patronised.

A number of journeys on National Express service 084 have run recently using 101 on 7/7, 102 & 103 on 15/7 and 37 on 23/7.

Recent unusual workings include 33 on Marks Tey/Sudbury rail replacement on 12/7, 54 on 4/4A and 80 on 3/31 on the 13/7, 54 on 74A and 57 on the 31 on the 26/7 and 74 on the 31 on 29/7. Services of both CBT and EN were subject to long delays on 2/8 when two bomb scares caused Mersea Road to be closed, resulting in traffic delays in the entire town.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT LIMITED

These notes are correct to August 3.

Vehicles

ACQUIRED: we can confirm that the Routemasters will be numbered 101-12; these numbers were last used for trolleybuses. None had been delivered as we went to press, but they are expected during August and September. Informed sources suggest that the batch will include RM12 (OYM 413A).

MODIFIED: open toppers 901 - 3 [371 - 3] have been named Sea Horse, Sea Farer and Sea Breeze respectively, following a staff competition.

SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS:

333 (AYF 864T) Following on from last month's notes, this coach was sold by Spence (Thorpe Bay) to S & M Coaches, Hadleigh, during July.

FLEET RENUMBERING: the renumbering scheme detailed last month was implemented on the night of Saturday 30/7 when all vehicles concerned (including the DMS's) were relettered using vinyl stickers. Prior to this radio call signs had been altered on many buses but with vehicles continuing to carry their old numbers externally. Amongst the first buses to be treated were the three open toppers. We hope to publish a full fleet list next month but in the meanwhile copies can be obtained from the sub-editor (SAE please). The renumbering marks the final move away from the old Council scheme which had restricted the PSV fleet to the 2xx and 3xx series for many years.

With effect from this issue we will refer to all vehicles by their NEW number, whether or not the vehicle concerned has been relettered. Until the end of this year at least, the old number will also be shown [in square brackets] for reference.

Services

67 Duly started on 22/7 as planned, under contract to both Essex CC and Southend Borough Council. The route is slightly different from any previous version, viz: Shoebury East Beach - Station - High Street - Elm Road - Ness Road - Seafront (NO diversion to Central Bus Stn this year) - Chalkwell Stn - Old Leigh - Leigh Stn forecourt (double run) - Belton Way East - Leigh Church (double run) - Marine Parade - Thames Drive/London Road. Operations see the welcome return of an evening service (to view the Southend illuminations) and comprise: Main service is hourly, daily (2 buses) from 22/7 to 18/9, plus S/Su 24/9 - 30/10; additional service in the evenings (half hourly, 3 buses) daily 21/8 to 30/10. On M-S a £2 Rover ticket is available; the £1-99 Essex Sunday Saver offers better value on Suns and August BH Monday. ECC have produced two A5 size leaflets to promote the route, together with press adverts. The inaugural day saw 372 used for publicity work for the Borough Council, with a band on the top deck (in the rain!).

See below ('Tender News') re 7C, 14, 23, 24, 25, 61, 225 and 404.

General

The conversion to Wayfarer machines was due to be phased in during the week beginning August 1. Further buses fitted early on for training use were 223 and 251 [307] (in addition to 228).

The new range of discount fares detailed last month (292/6) was introduced from Saturday July 23. One change not reported last month is that the City Rover has been withdrawn; the £2-60 Day Rover (valid east of Vange) remains however. A change to single fares is that all halves are now rounded up to the nearest 5p above.

ST's plans to reintroduce conductor operation with Routemasters and the new fares were covered by the local papers, including an interview with Mark Howarth in the 'Yellow Advertiser'. The same issue of the YA also covered the reintroduction of the 67 and had a full page article on the 'Rock Tour of London' which is run by Will Birch (drummer with the Kursaal Flyers) using Ensign Bus DMS JGF 353K; copies of all these articles are available from the Sub Editor - SAE please.

The destination blind listing in last month's magazine concludes the series on current ST blinds. For reference, the series was published as follows:

Introduction/general comments	283/11	October 1987
Bus destination blind (T16)	292/10	July 1988
Coach destination blind (CT15)	283/12	October 1987
Astromega combined blind (602/3 only)	287/12	February 1988
Passing points (P7)	287/11	February 1988
Single track numbers (N20)	287/12	February 1988

Some buses still carry earlier versions of certain blinds: listings of these will appear as a historical feature in future editions when space permits.

Traffic congestion in central Southend has increased considerably since the opening of the Royals shopping centre, largely due to the excessive number of traffic lights: perhaps the worst problems to date occurred on the afternoon of Saturday July 23 - for instance, I observed one 63 which took no less than 16 minutes from leaving its stand in the bus station to clearing the traffic lights in York Road, at the bus station exit!! Those who know ST's routes well will already have realised that this delay was more than the running time for the whole journey!

Further Midland Red North vehicles repainted at Tickfield Road works (see 292/6) are Tiger/Duple coaches A602 HVT & B514 OEH and Leopard/Plaxton coaches SLJ 386X & SND 301X.

TENDER NEWS :

We have some (unofficial) advance notice of changes to ECC contracts which are due for renewal near the end of October - in each case, the present operator is shown first:

73C M-F am	Ashingdon-Rochford	ST (big bus) to District Bus (mini)
23* Sch only	Leigh local	ST (big bus) to District Bus (mini)
24 M-S eves	Southend-Dawes Heath	EN (big bus) to District Bus (mini)
24 Suns	Southend-Dawes Heath	EN (big bus) to Southend Tpt (mini)
25 Evenings	Southend-Leigh	ST (big bus) to District Bus (mini)
61 M-F days	Southend-Sutton	EN to Southend Transport
223/231 M-S	Wickford-Billericay	Crown Coaches to District Bus
225*Sch only	Wickford local	ST to Nelson (NIBS) - consequently
the ST commercial 14 will be withdrawn between Rayleigh and Shotgate.		

* Note: the schooldays only contracts on the 23 & 225 will take effect from the start of the new school term, hence the last day of operation by ST was 22/7.

There will not be any changes to operators on 11A (M-S eve), 152 (both EN), 240 (Clintona) and 404 (Southend Transport).

A more immediate change affects ECC routes 250 & 251 at Waltham Cross, presently run by Sampsons. That company are withdrawing from all local bus service operations and East Midland (Frontrunner, South East) will take over from 14 Aug. East Midland are of course also to take on LRT Hornchurch routes 248 and 252, probably from September 24.

Meanwhile, Southend Borough Council have invited tenders for 3 routes, all to commence on November 7, using mini/midi-buses:

a) M-F half hourly, 0725-2025 Central Bus Stn - old 62 to Westcliff, Plough - Hospital - Southbourne Gr - Kent Elms - A127 - Progress Rd - Eastwood Rise (terminal loop as per ST 9A).

This will be a contentious route as it covers parts of many commercial services, particularly EN 6, 20 and 29A/C.

b) M-F hourly, 0800-1600 Central Bus Stn - Westcliff Stn - Chalkwell Park - Southbourne Gr - Blenheim Chase - Eastwood (Woodcutters) - ie the old, pre deregulation 17 resurrected.

c) M-S, 4 jnys Blenheim Chase (Old Vienna) - West Leigh Sch - London Rd - Hadleigh Rd - Leigh Church (part cover for the withdrawn off peak service on ST 23).

OTHER OPERATORS - South East Essex

District Bus (Tomlin), Wickford: a third Sherpa/Carlyle Works B18F is E105 SOG - this bus has the earlier Mark I Carlyle body, as opposed to the previous pair which are Mark II's. A 4th Sherpa is due shortly, and will be needed to cope with the award of ECC contracts for 7C, 23, 24, 25, 223 and 231 - see 'Tender News' above.

From 1/8 for one month there will be an experimental extension to the commercial operations (under a special dispensation from the Traffic Commissioners) - a M-S evening service on the existing 101 (Basildon-Laindon), and a new M-S evenings only 102, Basildon B/S-Gt Knightleys-Ballards Walk-Upper Mayne-Noak Bridge; both will be hourly and will interwork at Basildon Bus Station.

S & M Coaches (Linkfast), Hadleigh: withdrawn are 157 EPX (Bristol RELH/Plaxton C47F, originally JNK 561N) and TOE 438N (Bristol VRTSL/MCW H43/33F, ex West Midlands & South Wales). Both were sold to Spence (dealer) and passed immediately to M & E Coachways, Southend. Ex Southend Transport (originally Limebourne & later London Cityrama) AYF 864T has been purchased from Spence (previously on loan).

The current fleet comprises:

WJN 368J	Daimler	CRL6-33	NCME	H49/31D	Orig Southend; ex COMS
GHJ 384L	"	"	"	"	" " " "
UFC 422K	"	CRL6	"	H43/27D	Ex COMS (Note below)
UFC 423K	"	"	"	"	" " " "
UFC 427K	"	"	"	"	" " (Note below)
549 YKM	"	CRG6	PRV	H39/33F	" East Kent (RFN 960G)
905 GVX	"	"	"	"	" " (RFN 963G)
LJF 26F	Leyland	PD3A/12	MCW	H41/33R	" Leicester
GRY 48D	"	PD3A/1	"	"	" " "
GRY 49D	"	"	"	"	" " "
AYF 864T	"	PSU3E/4R	Duple	C53F	Orig Limebourne; ex ST
LUA 288V	"	"	Plaxton	"	Ex Wallace Arnold

Note: UFC 422/7K are owned by Spence (dealer) and are on loan to S&M.

In addition the following are currently out of service:

LJF 22F PD3A/12. East Lincs H41/33R (Orig Leicester) - for sale
 NLJ 829G RELL6G, ECW DP50F (Orig H&D, ex ST) - under repair
 UNK 619E VAM. Duple C--F (Ex ??) - for sale
 GHJ 382L CRL6-33, NCME H--/--D (Orig Southend) - store shed.

Vehicles are kept either at Victoria House Corner, Hadleigh or One Tree Hill, Corringham.

Harris, Grays: we understand that a further Metrorider and two more Scania/Alexander double deck buses are on order. The 3 open top PD3's came direct from Southdown, not via Ensign. Of the re-registrations listed last month, FHJ 84Y (to become 2396 FH) had not been done as at press date. DAF/Berkhof double deck coach D401 SHJ was burnt out some months ago and is at Berkhof for rebodging.

Stephensons, Southend: it seems that the evening service from Rayleigh to Hullbridge on the 22C will be withdrawn completely from 9/8 (according to N&P). and the morning service will be further curtailed.

Dealers: Spence (Thorpe Bay): more activity this month has seen the purchase of 2 vehicles from S & M (see above) for sale to M & E Coachways of Southend. Purchased from M & E was SNM 73R (Bedford YMT/Plaxton C--F). Ex Southend Leopard AYF 864T has been sold to S & M.

At the cafe at One Tree Hill, Corringham (on the A13) a large number of buses can usually be found - in addition to those belonging to S & M Coaches (see list above), the following were noted on 24 July, dumped:
 EO 9172 PD2/3 (1950). Roe H/R (1959) Orig Barrow - owned by Spence;
 to be scrapped

MDW 388/91G PDR, Alexander (Orig Newport) - now owned by Wealden Omnibuses (dealer), awaiting collection for scrap

LJF 25F PD3A, East Lincs H/R (Orig Leicester) - ditto

VJG 190J Swift, Marshall B51F (Orig East Kent) - also Wealden

10 ATO PD2, MCW (Orig Nottingham, latterly a Southend playbus) - now sold by Spence to Hawkes, Pode Hole (Nr Spalding) - for sale.

VISITORS TO EASTERN NATIONAL ENGINEERING - JULY 1988

Essex County Council	SVW 274K
Hedingham	L115 & L134
Kentish Bus	303
Linkfast Ltd	157 EPX
Maldstone & District	5831

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

CHARTERCOACH The two new coaches are as follows :-
 E178 KNH DAF MB230 Caetano G??F
 E179 KNH " " " G??F

FORDS Missing from the fleetlist in Mag. 291 in addition to last months entry was GNO 32H Ford R226 Plaxton C53F.

HEDINGHAM The first minibus for this operator is :-
 L149 E79 HVX Iveco Ford Carlyle Dailybus B25F
 Entering service on 11.7.88 on service 82, it was in use on its intended service, the 52 on 12.7.88, but was back on the 82 on 16.7.88. Also new is a Leyland Lynx which will be numbered L150, with a corresponding 'F' registration. It will be used on the 88, replacing L103 as the flagship of the bus fleet.

PREMIER TRAVEL Withdrew from the 738 in mid june, and a revised joint Cambus/LCNE service began.

WESTS With effect from 15.8.88 a new service 214/5 begins, operating between Debden and Loughton which will replace the majority of service 204 which will be reduced to schooldays only. EN service 167 will also be revised as a result of these changes.

NON-PSV Malden Majorettes have acquired PRG 138J from Norfolks, with thier former bus 301 XRA going the other way.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

An anniversary has gone un-noticed.

The 60th Anniversary of the introduction of motor buses by CCT, as it then was, four Dennis G's with Strachen and Brown B20F bodies were purchased in April 1928, reg no VW 4389/92 and fleetnumbers 1 - 4. They entered service on 21st May 1928, when the trams ceased to run between High St and East Gates, The new buses enabled the service to be extended to run between Parsons Heath - Shrub End and Greenstead Road - Drury Hotel. These buses were resealed to B18F by the mid 1930's, Bus 4 lasted until 1943, 1 and 2 until 1944 and 3 until 1945. No 1 and 4 were scrapped, 2 passed to a Clacton man for use as a lorry lasting until March 1946 by which time it had passed to a Stoke by Nayland man. No 3 went to Fossetts Circus and was last licensed in December 1951.

Thus it all goes to prove that nothing is new, Colchester was running mini buses 60 years ago, and what will 1988 hold. Watch this space.

EASTERN NATIONAL BUS QUIZ

Here's an opportunity for you to prove just how much you know about the recent operations and history of Eastern National.

The answers are at the bottom of the page. No cheating allowed.

- 1) Which service operated between Southend and Clacton ?
- 2) What is the only Bristol RE left in the fleet ?
- 3) Which operator competed with EN between Chelmsford and Maldon in 1987 ?
- 4) What is the registration number of CF 1937 ?
- 5) Which vehicle carries an Essex Radio all over advert ?
- 6) What fleet number did the Bristol LDLX6G of 1958 carry ?
- 7) Which vehicles last carried fleet numbers in the 12xx series ?
- 8) Which four Leyland Nationals past to Wilts & Dorset in 1986 ?
- 9) Which Essex Sunday Summer service is operated by EN this year ?
- 10) From which depot did the last EN Bristol FLF operate from ?
- 11) Bristol VR's 3110-23 were not ordered by EN, who did order them ?
- 12) What fleet number is carried by Leyland National WNO 560L ?
- 13) Who was the original operator of 2200 ?
- 14) Which vehicles carry BBC Essex all over adverts ?
- 15) When did the first Bristol VR enter service with EN ?
- 16) Which two depots currently provide the main service on route 151 ?
- 17) What were the fleet numbers of vehicles registered UVX 4-7S ?
- 18) Which depot operates service to Barnet ?
- 19) What were the last vehicles purchased new to have Duple bodywork ?
- 20) From which depot did the Ford/Duple vehicles 1000-1004 operate from ?

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Contributions for the September magazine to reach the news sheet editor's by 2nd September.

Answers To Above Quiz :-

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| 19) 1300/1 | 20) Blashops Stortford |
| 16) Basildon & Brentwood | 17) 1100-3 |
| 13) Plymouth City Transport | 14) 1865 & 1866 |
| 10) Chelmsford | 11) Southdown |
| 7) Bedford TMT/Duple | 8) 1759, 1783, 1794 & 1815 |
| 7) Bedford | 5) 3084 |
| 4) STM 20W | 2) 2203 (X00 878L) |
| 1) 19 | 3) Gullien Coaches |
| | 6) 2510 |
| | 9) 635 |
| | 12) 9011 |
| | 15) 1969 |
| | 18) Ponders End |



SERVICE 67

ALL ALONG THE SEAFRONT



DAILY

Shoeburyness, East Beach	1000
Shoeburyness, Rail Station	1001
Elm Road/Vanguard Way	1003
Shoebury Common, Shore House	1008
Thorpe Hall Avenue Shelter	1011
Marine Parade, Kursaal	1016
Southend Pier, Never Never Land	1019
Chalkwell Shelter	1024
Chalkwell, Rail Station	1027
Old Leigh, Ship	1030
Leigh, Rail Station	1032
Leigh, Church	1036
Highlands, Thames Dr/Sth'land Bvd	1041

Highlands, Thames Dr/Sth'land Bvd	1014
Leigh, Church	1020
Leigh, Rail Station	1023
Old Leigh, Ship	1025
Chalkwell, Rail Station	1028
Chalkwell Shelter	1031
Southend Pier, Never Never Land	1036
Marine Parade, Kursaal	1039
Thorpe Hall Avenue Shelter	1044
Shoebury Common, Shore House	1047
Elm Road/Vanguard Way	1052
Shoeburyness, Rail Station	1054
Shoeburyness, East Beach	1055

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1931	01	31	2201
1933	03	33	2203
1938	08	38	2208
1941	11	41	2211
1946	16	46	2216
1949	19	49	2219
1954	24	54	2224
1957	27	57	2227
2000	30	00	2230
2002	32	02	2232
2006	36	06	2236
2011	41	11	2241

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1950	20	50	2220
1953	23	53	2223
1955	25	55	2225
1958	28	58	2228
2001	31	01	2231
2006	36	06	2236
2009	39	09	2239
2014	44	14	2244
2017	47	17	2247
2022	52	22	2252
2024	54	24	2254
2025	55	25	2255

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Route: Shoeburyness (East Beach), Rampart Terrace, Rampart Street, High Street, Shoeburyness Rail Station, Elm Road, Ness Road, Seafront Esplanades, Chalkwell Avenue, The Ridgeway, Cliff Gardens, Grand Parade, Cliff Parade, Leigh Hill, New Road, Belton Gardens, Leigh Rail Station, Belton Way East, Rectory Grove, Elm Road, Broadway West, Marine Parade, Thames Drive, Highlands (Sutherland Boulevard).

Return: Highlands (Sutherland Boulevard), Thames Drive, Marine Parade, Rectory Grove, Elm Road, Broadway West, Belton Way East, Leigh Rail Station, Belton Gardens, New Road, Leigh Hill, Cliff Parade, Grand Parade, Cliff Gardens, The Ridgeway, Chalkwell Avenue, Seafront Esplanades, Ness Road, Elm Road, High Street, Shoeburyness Rail Station, George Street, Shoeburyness (East Beach).