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STANDING IN BRAINTREE BUS PARK AWAITING ANOTHER DUTY ON ROUTE 356
TO TYE GREEN.

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ESSEX BUS ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

ROCHFORD MEETINGS.

Tuesday 8th March. Group's AGM and slide show by Alan Osborne, Buses in Essex 70s
If you have any comments to make about the Group, then this is the time to shout.
Tuesday 12th April Slide show at 52 Ferndale Rd. Rayleigh. thanks to Andy and
Janice for this facility. 8pm as usual.

ESSEX PUBLIC TRANSPORT MAP

Enclosed with this month's magazine is a copy of the Essex Public Transport Map,
published by Essex County Council. The Group is grateful to E.C.C. for providing
sufficient copies of the map for all Group members.

FUTURE EVENTS.

3rd/4th April Blake Hall Bus Rally.
10th April Cobham bus museum open day.
17th April Hants & Dorset running day at Poole.
8th May Barking Rally.
5th June Southend Rally.
25th/26th June Crosville Enthusiasts Group rally at The Plassey Wrexham.
Details from Chris Goodwin 22 Btyn Clywedog, Coedpath, Wrexham, Clwyd LL11 3SR see.
9th/10th July East Anglian Transport Museum, London Event. Details from E A T M
Chapel Rd, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 1BL.

Letters to the Editor.

Dear Peter,

Thanks to David Harman for producing, once again, a detailed report of the Group tour around East London. I hope these reports whet the appetite of those members who have thought of booking a seat but for one reason or another never have. Can I assure everyone that the tours are run very informally and there are always plenty of lively discussions 'on the go' throughout the vehicles we travel around on. You don't have to sit by yourself in silence all day if you don't want to! Can I just add to David's report that although I was responsible for devising the tour, a BIG thankyou must go to Paul Harvey who organized the vehicle, talked Steve into driving it and arranged the visits with the operators. It's success was all due to Paul's hard work.

Just two items need comment. We actually had lunch in Walthamstow before visiting Stamford Hill and the 150 feet of flood water refers to the length rather than depth!! Mind you none of us 'other ranks' on the top deck got our feet wet.

Yes it was a good tour inspite of not using the Routemaster. Still perhaps we can use it later this year and do some operators to the south of London,

regards,

Bob Palmer

THE ANDY MEADOWS COLUMN.

Saturday 12th March

A pre-season sale is to be held on Saturday 12th March at 52 Ferndale Road, Rayleigh between 1000 and 1600. In addition to the usual selection of new and secondhand books, also available will be my entire stock of old magazines and timetables and Group photographs. This is an ideal opportunity for all members to add to their collections in the comfort of the atmosphere of 52 Ferndale Road without the pressures of going to a rally. Light refreshments will be on sale throughout the day. I am always on the lookout for second-hand books that I can re-sell, if you have any unwanted books, bring them along on the 12th and I am sure that we can make any necessary arrangements.

ANDY MEADOWS

Sunday 1st May

1994 is the thirtieth birthday of the first Eastern National Bristol REs. To celebrate this momentous event, a 'Route Study' tour using Carters of Colchester former Eastern National Bristol RELL SVW 274K is to operate on Sunday 1st May. A booking form for this tour will be included in next months EBN and provisional bookings and enquiries can be made on 0268 781657.

1850 F

In EBN353, an appeal for information on the above vehicle was made. No answers were forthcoming. The fact remains therefore that the official ECW photograph shows the bus to have 5 seats over each wheelarch, it must be assumed that the vehicle entered service like this. The only other fact to emerge is that 1850 F was the only Eastern National Bristol LD to be built in snction 222.. (?????)

EDITORIAL Continued.

From letters in the Southend Evening Echo, there are very mixed feelings about the demise of the Routemaster at Southend. Some of these letters were in my opinion written by people who had not got a clue what a Routemaster was, still you cannot please everybody. The split for and against was about 50 50.

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COUNTY BUS GIFT PACK.

With thanks to County Bus & Coach we are able to members the following, County Bus & Coach fleet list Jan 94. updated Feb 8th, 3 timetables and current fleet allocation. Just send 80p for postage to Andy Meadows.

Essex County Council are to sponsor 10 Dennis SLF/Wright bodied saloons, these are to be operated by County Bus(4), Hedingham(2) and Southend Transport(4).

Acknowledgements.

C Sigston, N Turner, R Dennis, P Harvey, J Wilby, I Burton, A Spindler, P Ford, G Toon, R Delahoy, M Evans, PSV Circle, Colchester B T, Southend Transport. Eastern National, Essex C C, County Bus & Coach.

THAMESWAY

Acquired Vehicles

	D764 KWT	Mercedes 609D, Robin Hood B20F	1986
1709	PJT 256R	Leyland National 10351A/1R 03745 B41F	1976
1712	XEU 860T	Leyland National 10351B/1R 06342 B44F	1979
1782	JTH 782P	Leyland National 11351A/1R 03375 B52F	1975
1783	JTH 783P	Leyland National 11351A/1R 03376 B49F	1975

All of the above were acquired from Brewers in 1.94, the Leyland Nationals having been on loan (EBN 357). 1709 is working at Basildon still in white livery as has 1783 at Hadleigh. The Mercedes has been repainted and was seen on 5th February working on crew transfer work at Ponders End (I assume that this vehicle will be numbered 203).

Services

The ECC Contracts for routes 211/213 are due for re-tender in May 1994.

Repaints and Alterations

HH1830 has been repainted in fleet livery.
BN1424 now has black badger logos towards the rear.

Unusual Workings

BN1709 seen in Chelmsford working the 153
Western National Neoplan Skyliner 1400 (E213 BOD) noted on a morning S1 journey towards London. (Is this regular and connected with the evening journeies mentioned in EBN357?).

General

HH1852 and BN 1891 are most definitely in service.
1905 was sold to Crown (dlr), Bristol in 3.93 (EBN351) after sustaining accident damage

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The B Type National in Essex

With the recent loan to Thamesway of B Type National XEU860T from Brewers. I checked through records to find how many of this type have operated in Essex, and in fact the total is very few.

Southend Transport acquired three that originated from Crosville, these are 712 JTU593T, 715 HMA560T and finally 751 JTU586T, all B41F, the latter fitted with a Gardner engine, these have been the only regularly operated B types in the country.

For a short period in 1991, County Bus at Grays had on hire from London Country North West, SNB468 BPL468T, one of the large fleet originating with the London Country Bus Services. No B types were allocated the London Country garages at Grays and Harlow. If anybody can add to this I would be interested to hear about them.

P Snell

EASTERN NATIONAL



VEHICLES ON ORDER

A batch of 20 Dennis Darts with Plaxton bodies are due for delivery during April and May. They will be numbered 803-822 (L803-22 MEV).

VEHICLES ON LOAN

A Dennis Lance/Alexander demonstrator K740 YPJ was noted on service 53 on 24.1.94. Leyland National 3027 (KHT 125P) has been removed from service. It is in store at Clacton and is expected to return to Badgerline shortly. Sister vehicles 3017 (JHW 105P) and 3019 (KHT 117P) continue in service in full Badgerline Bath livery with the addition of Eastern National fleetnames on the front panel.

REPAINTS

1/94 4016

SERVICES

87/A Futher to EBN 357, the revised timetable was introduced from 4.1.94.

88/A Slight timetable revisions introduced from 4.1.94.

Recent revisions to Colchester town services can be found in this months and last months North East Essex Bus War articles.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

12.10.93 BE 628 on service 44 (Chelmsford town service)

27.12.93 Badgerline 3019 on service 2C

21.01.94 CN 229 on service 65 (Colchester town service)

26.01.94 CR1117 on service 69 (normally National)

30.01.94 CR 4512 on service 129

31.01.94 CR 3091 on service 119 (covering Maldon duty)

Vehicles from the two Colchester depots continue to interwork. For instance 3078 on the 65 on 30.12.93. and 1872 on service 65 on 8.1.94. while Leyland National 2s continue to appear on service 53.

GENERAL

The buildings of the former Central Works in New Writtle Street, Chelmsford were demolished in December and January to make way for a housing development.

Leyland National 2 1936 suffered accident damage in Colchester during January and in early February was out of use at Clacton depot.

As a result of the increase in fuel costs announced in the November budget, certain fares were increased as follows from 6.12.93. £1.20 to £2.50 rose 5p, £2.60 to £3.20 rose 10p, will follow on increases for child, oap and return tickets. All other fares remained unchanged.

During January tickets issued from Chelmsford depot carried an offer on the rear to enable passengers to purchase a discounted meal from Kentucky Fried Chicken. Your sub-editor was to be seen making full use of this and feels it should be encouraged!

Members may like to know that a model of Tiger/Plaxton 1129 (B697 WAR) has been released by Corgi and is now available from dealers.

PUBLICITY

Timetable leaflets for services 118/119/129 dated 21.11.93; 87/A, 103/4, 133 all dated 2.1.94; 73,74/A/B/C,77, 78/A/178 all dated 20.1.94.

Summary of services Colchester - University - Wivenhoe dated 20.1.94.

Free timetable booklet for Colchester town services dated 2.1.94.

Colchester Castle Card leaflet dated 1.1.94 and Colchester Borough Card leaflet also dated 1.1.94.

Days Out leaflet dated January to April 1994.

Undated Essex Ranger leaflet with colour photos of 1425, 4019 and 4512 plus a Mercedes all in new livery.

Real Ale Runabout from Chelmsford leaflet dated 11.1.94. to 28.6.94

Non EN items that maybe of interest are Essex County Council Public Transport Map dated Winter 1993, Essex County Council Sunday Bus services in Chelmsford dated 5.12.93.

Ipswich area Evening Buses dated September 1993, includes details of EN contract services.

INITIAL DISPOSAL

1842 (WJN 562S) Hardwick for scrap 1/94.

HEDINGHAM

VEHICLES

A further ex Shearings Tiger/Plaxton is reported as acquired and is to be numbered L205. Joining it in the fleet is L206 (J724 KBC) a Leyland Lynx ex Westbus, Ashford, Kent. It seats 47 passengers, but has not entered service in early February.

L148 has now returned with its new Easts Lancs body and is allocated to Sudbury depot. It is now B53F and is fitted with some Dipcac features.

Bovas L173 (HHJ 772Y) and L174 (BRY 701Y) have been sold to Lodge High Easter.

SERVICES

X15 Service withdrawn with effect from 18.2.94.

GENERAL

The new depot building in Sudbury was almost complete by late January, although the interior has yet to be fitted out. The depot code is SY in white on a purple background.

A new timetable for the North West area dated January 1994 is now available, it has pictures of L160 and 198 and includes services 1/2/5/6/7/8/9/10/14/17/18/19/20/23/59/88/89/89A/102/103/313 and 329.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION 1.2.94.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (BS)	203-08 1125/27 1843/60/65/67/85 1914 4016
BRAINTREE (BE)	120 707/08 200/02/09-11 621/23-30
CHELMSFORD (CF)	601-20/22/31-46 700/02/03/11/19 1110/14/15/19 1121/28-30 1401-03/07/08/13-16/25-29 1832/33 1841/61-63/73/90/99 1909/24/40 3070/77/79/83 3084/92/94 3106/12 4011/13 4510/11
CLACTON (CN)	225-36 647-56 1844/50/51/55/70 1901/10/16 3064 3219-22
COLCHESTER (CR)	801/02 1111/12/17/20 1824/72/74 1921/23 3068 3069/71/78/91/93/95 3103/11/14/27/28 3218 4012/14/15/17/18/20/21 4501/03/12
DUNMOW (DW)	1 Lynx from CF depot
HARWICH (DT)	710/50-54 1123 3072/76 3109 4007/08/19
HAVEN ROAD (HN)	212-24/37-46 1925-27/30/32/33/35/36/38/39
MALDON (MN)	2 Tiger/Alexander, 4 Lynx, 2 VR and 1 Transit from CF
WALTON (WN)	3 Mercedes from CN depot
DRIVER TRAINING	9012
POOL VEHICLES	718/20 1831/34/92 2383/84 3500/01
DISPOSAL VEHICLES	701/05/06/09/12-17/21 1806 2201 9006

Bishops Stortford is an outstation of CF depot, the vehicles shown are based on observations by the sub-ed and is not an official allocation.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET SUMMARY 1.2.94

	BE	BS	CF	CN	CR	DT	DW	HN	MN	WN	POOL	DIS	TOTAL
PEUGEOT	1												1
MERCEDES	14	6	37	19				23		3			102
TRANSIT	2		4			6			1		2	11	26
TR (CO)			2										2
TR (DP)			2	6	4	1			2				15
DART					1					1			2
LYNX			9				1		4				14
NATIONAL		6	12	8	5			10			3	2	46
VRT			5	5	13	3			2		2	1	31
ON (CO)			2		3								5
ON (DP)		1	2		7	3							13
KSW											2		2
TOTAL	17	15	79	32	33	13	1	33	9	4	9	14	259

TOTAL FLEET 259 + 1 DRIVER TRAINER = 260

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SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS

0756	(D756RWC)	Wessex, Bristol, 10/93. (T)
1200	(BNO686T)	Correction to EBN326 : owner should read <u>Regent</u> , Fernhurst.
1304	(LLT345V)	Further to EBN357 : it appears that Charity, Thringstone is owned by Craig Lewis. However, despite report of vehicle being acquired by Eastern Counties, 10/93, is now quoted as <u>still current</u> with Charity (Craig Lewis), Thringstone, 1/94. (We can only assume that this last report is inaccurate, having been overtaken by events)
1306	(LLT347D)	J. Kavanagh, Dublin, Eire trades as Malahide Coaches.
	(80 D 684)	(additional information to EBN357)
1348	(208 YVX)	Operator now quoted as Batty (N-PSV), Lumby (see also EBN330) In recent years vehicle lettered "Glasgow or Bust Co", last noted 6/93.
1703	(WNO552L)	P.V.S. (breaker), Carlton, 4/91, ex. East Midland Motor Services Ltd., Chesterfield, 531. (see also EBN354)
1715	(WNO564L)	Correction to EBN357 : registration should read WNO564L.
1725	(NEV682M)	Edinburgh Transport, Edinburgh, ET104, 10/93, ex. Silver Coach Lines, Edinburgh, ET404. Was vehicle re-numbered or did it carry same fleetnumber with both operators ?
1732	(HWC 83N)	Liyell, Willenhall, 17, 11/93. Reported to be ex. Priory, Gosport, but has been with Beeston, Long Melford in the interim period.
	(PJI4084)	
1734	(HWC 85N)	P.V.S. (breaker), Carlton, 4/91, ex. East Midland Motor Services Ltd., Chesterfield, 535.
1783	(PEV695R)	Quickstep Travel, Hunslet, 69, 10/93, ex. Quickstep, Hunslet, 69. This operator was acquired by Rider Holdings Ltd., 5/10/93.
1794	(PEV706R)	as 1783, fleetnumber 6.
1803	(TJN502R)	Withdrawn by Thamesway, by 10/93 (previously given as withdrawn, 7/92 - see EBN343). Sold for scrap, by 10/93. (T)
1820	(VNO743S)	Withdrawn by Thamesway, by 10/93. Sold for scrap, by 10/93. (T)
3100	(UAR590W)	Repainted by Western National (1248) into overall advertising livery for 'Marks and Spencer', 10/93, previously in overall advertising livery for 'John Nike Leisuresport Complex'.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

There has been a lot of coming and going of Olympians, but the position as of 8.2.94 was as follows. Nos 41, 43, 45 and 49 remained with CBT. No 46 was in the paint shop at Magdalen Street, being painted in Southend Transport's livery, (ex CBT Coachways). It was expected to be transferred to Southend around 15.2.94. 42 and 44 were transferred to Midland Fox in January 1994 in return for Nationals (see below), and 47 and 48 went to Southend Transport in December 1993.

Leopards 101 and 102 were lent to Southend Transport on 7.1.94. 101 was returned on 29.1.94 and despatched to Midland Fox the same day, in return for a (newer!) National. 102 was due for the same treatment on 11/12.2.94.

The first three of four ex-Midland Fox Leyland National 2s are being refurbished, with new seats, at Magdalen Street before being painted in CBT livery. They are B49F+21 NL116L11/1R, new in 1980. BVP821V was formerly Midland Fox's 3821 and has chassis no 06762; it is to become CBT no 21. EON826V (ex MF 3826) has chassis no 06933 and is to become CBT no 26. EON829V (ex MF 3829) has chassis no 06951. Its CBT no is unknown; 29 is carried by a Lynx.

The rest of the CBT fleet comprises Lynxes 27 to 40, Atlanteans 67, 68, 71 and 73 to 90, and the two Tigers, 103 and 104, still in Coachways livery. Also at Magdalen Street on 8.2.94 was open-top Atlantean 55 (despite a report to the contrary in "Buses"). The recovery truck has been returned to Colchester.

The operating office was transferred from 26 St Botolph's Street to accommodation at Magdalen Street on 6.2.94, but the canteen remained temporarily at St Botolph's Street. A & O Travel of 32 St Botolph's Street is acting as a travel enquiry, ticket sales and lost property office for the Company.

CBT published a leaflet for Christmas and New Year Services as usual, and copies were freely available on the buses and in the enquiry office.

NORTH ESSEX NOTES

The new edition of the Central & North Essex timetable valid from 16th January solved the question of the commencement date of EN Colchester Town service revisions with the date being shown as 4.1.94. Service 81 from Colchester to Leavenheath is listed as Service 60. It also reveals that CBT made some unpublicised amendments: Service 4A 0834 ex St Michaels advanced to 0829(M-F) from 6.12.93 and Service 8 0825(M-F) ex Weir Lane advanced to 0822 from an unknown date.

The December issue of Grapevine, the Eastern National staff magazine carried an item by Geoff Cook their Chief Driving Instructor. In late August Robin Orbell said he wanted 44 drivers in a month and 16 more two weeks after that. Out of 45 PCV holders interviewed only 29 reached the company standard and only needed familiarisation and Wayfarer training. Car and HGV drivers were then considered, all of which would need training. Out of 53 tested, 44 passed onto full training. By the end of November 61 new drivers were working for the company, 11 having dropped out before or during training while one left after passing the PCV test. Training was undertaken by Geoff and Hank Salmons the EN Driving Instructor together with Gwyn Williams from City Line, Bristol; John Rogers from Eastern Counties; John Worters, Alf Bailey and Chris Kennedy from Thamesway.

Contrary to reports in the February issue of Buses, 49 was noted in Colchester on 24th January operating Services 7/8, while 55 the open-topper remains in Colchester, noted in depot on 9th January. It was still there 6th February when it was observed that the breakdown truck had returned. While Coachways is no more memories linger on with 103 and 104 remaining in blue and white. The annual collection for the Childrens Ward at the District General Hospital by CBT drivers raised £1851.58. Well down on previous years as may be expected, but far fewer buses were carrying collecting tins.

A closer look at the new Castle Card folder reveals that since the start of the year this travel card has been valid on EN contract services.

January 10th 1994: During this week CBT were issuing tickets with full colour voucher on the reverse offering a two for the price of one deal at Kentucky Fried Chicken. The EG (Evening Gazette) reported that following reassurances about traffic concerns the Council had agreed to EN continuing to use the Haven Road depot. Alterations to the entrance and parking arrangements were planned. Graham Turner, British Bus Colchester Manager told the paper, under a headline *Town bus services may be extended*, that they had no intention to close any routes in the town. He added "We have got to look at the commercial viability should we start up additional routes. It seems it is working out very well at present, passenger loyalty has remained very constant."

January 13th 1994: The EG reported that a new hourly EN service would be introduced the next Thursday serving Cowdray Ave and Greenstead on its way to the University.

January 14th 1994: The ECS (Essex County Standard) expands on the Haven Road depot story and states that a number of conditions will be attached to the planning consent including a restriction to 21 minibuses and 7 large buses. The daily EN adverts in the EG cease and subsequently only appear on Wednesdays.

January 16th 1994: The EG repeats the story on the new University service which it claims has been set up to provide students and staff with regular links to town, ignoring the fact that a ten minute service already exists during the day.

January 17th 1994: The CBT ECC Service 7C contract journeys are renumbered 67C.

January 20th 1994: Eastern National introduce a new Monday to Saturday service. Service 73: Bus Station - Cowdray Avenue - Harwich Road - Greenstead - University. Hourly from the Bus Station 0830 until 2130 then at 2250 and 2350. From the University at 0900 until 2200 then at 2320 and 0020. The service does not serve North Station, while running time may not permit this during the day it is rather shortsighted not to divert the two late night journeys as one would reach that point shortly after a fast train from London. Types observed so far LN, ON and VR but loadings from town appear sparse. The service has the unusual feature that you can watch the bus depart from a terminal and get to the other to watch it arrive by using other services. As a result of the introduction of Service 73, country services diverted via Greenstead revert to normal route.

January 21st 1994: 0718 on Service 69A and 1892 on Service 64. Badgerline 3017 was noted on Service 73, clearly a commercial service as a sticker adjacent to the doors advises that Services 500 - 999 are sponsored by Avon County Council, the ECS gives the service coverage.

January 27th 1994: 0718 noted on Service 64A. Leaflets are available on CBT buses detailing the March/April excursion programme of A & O Travel. Nearly every press item on the events in Colchester repeats the fact that CBT was sold for £1 and £750,000 of debt, yet according to the EG the Conservative Party newsletter for St John's Ward claims it was sold for £1 million! The party member responsible claimed he wrote £1, something must have gone wrong.

January 28th 1994: The ECS reports that 18 office jobs at CBT are to go; most cease today, although two workers are staying on until the reorganisation of the administration department is finalised. Graham Turner, British Bus Colchester Manager said administration was now handled by the company's headquarters in Reigate. Other staff had been found alternative work at other offices, including Reigate. He said the offices in St Botolph's Street would close in about two weeks and driver facilities based there would be moved to the Magdalen Street depot. A inquiry and booking office would be operated on an agency basis by A & O Travel. "The company was in financial trouble when British Bus took it over with a view to seeing if it could streamline it and make a more efficient service", he said. "We will be operating bus services and hopefully we can give a better service to customers in the near future". The building is leased from Colchester Council under an agreement due to end soon.

January 31st 1994: 0718 noted on Service 64A. The CBT shop has closed and business is now handled by A & O Travel a few doors away.

February 1st 1994: A & O Travel advertise in EG.

February 2nd 1994: A letter to the EG urges people to complain to the Vehicle Inspectorate to report buses with dirty exhausts. While with some companies complaints to the driver may not have any effect, particularly if the engine is running and no driver present, those made to CBT drivers brought speedy results.

February 3rd 1994: The EG reported that for seven days from Sunday February 14th Colchester Town station would be closed while equipment at East Gates Junction Box was overhauled. The booking office would remain open and passengers with valid rail tickets could travel between the station and Hythe or North Station by scheduled CBT or EN services.

February 6th 1994: Sunday contract service 76C diverts via Magdalen Street and Wimpole Road because of resurfacing work in Military Road today, and for the following the Sundays.

February 7th 1994: A & O Travel advertise their excursion in the EG, and also inform readers they are main agents for CBT. A letter from a reader asks why bus services could not issue a return ticket for the price of a single early in the morning. EN did so after 9am but by then everyone was at work.

February 8th 1994: The EG reports that an emergency bus lane is to be introduced in Head Street while the roadworks take place in High Street. A photo of 3 CBT and 2 EN buses queuing in St Johns St illustrates the item.

February 9th 1994. The EG reveals that A & O Travel has been set up by Alan Boswick, a former CBT Coachways employee, using his redundancy money. He said "There was a big hole in the market and people were saying 'What are we going to do now?'".

WELCOME TO A & O TRAVEL

A & O Travel has been set up by myself to continue providing a Day Excursion Programme which has become so popular with the people of Colchester.

As an opening gesture I have reduced the price on some of the well used trips, and introduced new destinations to give a variety in the opening period.

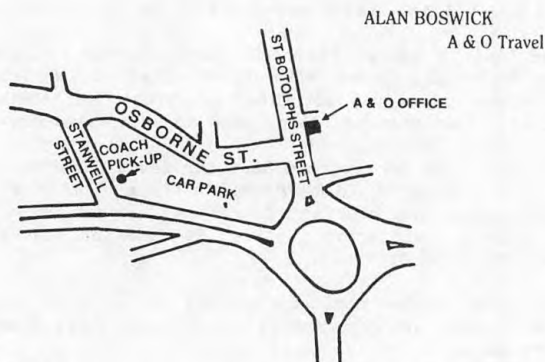
The "Adventuress Canal Trip" will include a cream tea onboard, "Cadbury World" will visit "Stratford" on the way home, and our "Suffolk Coastal", "Essex Villages" and "London Panoramic" will be escorted by a Local Guide.

At present, all coaches will depart from and return to Stanwell Street, with the normal en-route pick-up points, i.e. London Road Car Park, Lucy Lane, etc. westbound, Ipswich Road, etc. northbound.

For your comfort I will be visiting a local coach company to provide the coaches and as in previous years, all will be classified non smoking. Wherever possible, they will include a toilet and drinks machine, but will not be guaranteed.

As the year progresses, more new destinations will be introduced, as well as retaining the popular destinations used in 1993.

I am sure that with your support in this new venture, it can be a success, and for those who regularly used CBT in 1993 I look forward to seeing you again in 1994.



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A & O TRAVEL

FEBRUARY 1964: News Sheet Number 2

FEBRUARY 1974: New Sheet Number 119

Colchester Corporation renumbered 21/22 (193/4MNO) to 63/62 during 12/73 and then withdrew them, 23 (682 HEV) was renumbered 60. Loan vehicles were returned during December following delivery of 19-23 (OVC719 - 23M). Southend Corporation returned the Great Yarmouth vehicles on loan on 26/1/74.

FEBRUARY 1984: News Sheet Number 239

Colchester Borough Transport loaned Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) to Southend Transport from 24/1/84 receiving Fleetline 242 (MRJ242W) in return. 28/1/84 saw the last conductor leave CBT. 15/7 (YWC15/7L) were withdrawn.

Southend Transport received a variety of vehicles on long term hire, 1 RE, 4 Fleetlines and 3 Leopards. In addition to the CBT Leopard, Fylde Borough Transport loaned their 36 XRN 36R, a similar vehicle.

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Did you know:

48/49 New Writtle Street, Chelmsford is the Registered Office of:

Gurna Ltd., Eastern National Ltd., Westcliff On Sea Motor Services Ltd., Coastal Red Ltd., Thamesway Ltd., and Colchester Passenger Transport Ltd.

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Southend Transport

VEHICLES

FL 116 (MBE 616R) Leyland Fleetline FE30AGR Roe H45/29D.
On hire from Stephenson's, acquired from Grimsby Cleethorpes.
LN 719 (GGE 162T) has returned to service at Southend.
ON 448 (H48 MJN) is to return to Colchester, as the swop to coach seats cannot take place. Its replacement being C.B.T. 46 (F246 MTW) is due to receive the new S.T. livery before arrival.
C.B.T. 101 (DHK 101T) was returned on 30/1/94 and 102 (DHK 102T) was returned on 11/2/94.

DISPOSALS

RM 102 & 121 (VLT 172 & CUV 256C) to Brackell Omnibus, London.
RM 104, 108 & 123 (VYJ 542, 61 CLT & CUV 162C) to Kittyhawk, North Carolina. Converted to open top before shipment by East Kent Engineering.
RM 103 (WLT 577) to preservation.
RM 116 (543 CLT) to preservation at ex L.T. depot at Twickenham.

SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS

PD 314 (PHJ 953) to S & M Coaches, Benfleet, ex preservation.
LD 505 (BTE 205V) now with Elseys of Gosberton. 1/94.
PD 335 (CJN 435C) noted at Crown Hall Farm near Spalding, still in livery. 1/94. ex Castlepoint Bus Co.

PUBLICITY

New faretable books are now available at £2, and includes a full X1 farechart. Books available from London Road Depot only.



Former Colchester 48, now Southend 448 at Southend Bus St., in the new London Coachlink livery, it is reported that this is to be returned to Colchester.

OTHER OPERATORS REST OF ESSEX

ANGLIA MINIBUS CLACTON Ford Transit B405 VWY has been sold.

APT RAYLEIGH Not previously recorded is that VJT 614X passed to an Irish operator in 1992.

BASILDON COACHLINES Operate from the rear of Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way. The fleet consists of TFL 222S a Bedford YLQ/Plaxton and FCW 75W a Mercedes minibus. Also here is WPN 367Y a Ford Transit, but this is not thought to be owned.

BONNER HARLOW Mercedes L608D A830 BSE has been sold.

CARTERS Until the RE is ready for service, an Ipswich Falcon is hired in on Wednesdays due to the Diptac requirements of services 85/6.

Service 758 had a revised timetable introduced from 26.1.94.

CEDRICS WIVENHOE Two further Bristol VRs have joined the fleet, in the shape of PWR 443/6W, which are ex West Riding. They entered service in cream and red before being re-painted.

CHARTERCOACH HARWICH Following the collapse of the company operations and five vehicles passed to Supreme. The vehicles concerned are K457/8 PNR (Volvo/Plaxton) K707/8 PNR (Volvo/Caetano) and K459 PNR (Toyota/Caetano). The Volvo/Plaxtons are to be replaced with vehicles from the Supreme fleet.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Acquired is Ford Transit G881 ELJ.

Operation of the following EasyBus contracts on behalf of Essex CC will commence from 28.2.94.-

E40 Ongar, Cripsey Avenue to Epping Station via Greenstead Green and North Weald.

E41 Epping St Margrets Hospital to Loughton Library via Theydon Bois, Abridge and Debden.

E42 Loughton Library to Whipps Cross Hospital via Buckhurst Hill, Woodford.

E43 Waltham Abbey, Shernbroke Road to Waltham Cross.

E44 Waltham Cross to Harlow via Waltham Abbey, Nazeing and Roydon.

E45 Hatfield Broad Oak to Harlow Princess Alexandra via Sheering and Old Harlow.

E46 Waltham Cross to Epping Green via Waltham Abbey, Upshire and Epping.

COGGESHALL COMMUNITY BUS A new Ford Transit/Dormobile B16FL L537 BKM is in use.

COOKS WESTCLIFF Ford R1114/Plaxton UPU 304R has been acquired from Supreme for spares.

CROWN THUNDERSLEY TRE 929X a Fiat minibus has passed to Royles, Rochford.

CUNNINGHAM CORRINGHAM Bristol LHS/Plaxton BKJ 462T has been acquired. **q.v.**

DON DUNMOW Dennis Javelins NIW 4122 with Duple body and PJI 4655 with Plaxton body have been acquired.

ESSEX THAMESIDE CANVEY Mercedes minicoach E201 WMB has been sold to Milestone, Canvey.

FARGO RAYNE Two Dodge minibuses with Rootes bodywork have been acquired from USAFI. They are Q394 NPU and FRR 601T.

FOURWAYS CHELMSFORD Recent additions are A732 TGS a Dodge/Reeve Burgess and WNU 27Y a Volvo B58/Jonckhree the latter ex Don Dunmow.

FREEMANS COACHES The remains of XKV 492S have been sold for scrap. According to a driver the operating centre will move to Fordham in the near future.

HARRIS BUS A timetable leaflet dated 31.1.94. giving details of services 372/375/383/390S/391/392/L1/L2/L3/L4 is now available. This includes a revised timetable on service 372 and 375 which was withdrawn between Woodside and Orsett from the same date.

JACKSON BICKNACRE A new Mercedes 609D with Autobus B23F body is L738 NWU. Two minibuses acquired are B897 AGJ a Mercedes and D609 PJN a Ford Transit.

LEE ROY BRENTWOOD Volvo/Plaxton WXC 732 has been re-registered UJN 744Y.

NELSON WICKFORD A further Bristol VR has joined the fleet, it is AUP 714S ex United. It is being operated in part Nelsons yellow and cream and part United red. It is best described as eye catching!

PRIORY LAINDON DAF/Berkhof B680 BTW has passed to Florida Coaches, Halstead. Other vehicles sold are 6853 TU a Bedford YMP/Wrights and Sherpa D529 NDA. Ford/Plaxton DHE 674V and Transit E307 VKL are no longer in use.

S&M HADLEIGH Leyland Atlantean GDR 207N has been acquired from Capital Citybus for spares. Members may like to know the former Castle Point vehicles GRY 48/54D and UFC 423/7K are now with Roy Hawkes t/a Diecast Models Toy Techniques and are based at Crown Hall Farm near Spalding.

S&P ROCHFORD MAN SR280 KDN 593 has been sold.

STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD Another acquired vehicle to report is MBE 616R a Fleetline/Roe ex Grimsby Cleethorpes 116. It is due to go on hire to Southend Transport from 1.2.94.

Royal Tiger Doyen OIB 5402 now carries Woods of Essex fleetnames on Stephensons livery, please refer to the Woods note below for the reason.

STORT VALLEY COACHES BISHOPS STORTFORD Introduces a number of London commuter services from Elsenham, Stansted and Bishops Stortford from 28.2.94.

TEE-JAYS WIVENHOE Have acquired RAY 2W a Volvo/Jonckhree.

TELGATE MINI COACHES RAMSDEN BELLHOUSE Have sold Bedford CFL/Reeve Burgess ABJ 591S.

TIGERWAYS HARLOW Acquired from Woods is EPC 896V a Ford/Duple.

WARD ARLESFORD Acquired in 9/93 was LAH 893A an ex Caroline Seagull 1963 AEC Reliance with 1974 Plaxton body.

WIFFEN FINCHINGFIELD Mercedes 609D F177 LVU has been acquired.

WOOD RAMSDEN HEATH Thanks to Richard Delahoy for the following information on this operator. There were two separate companies in the past, these being Woods of Essex, a partnership operating the vehicles which ceased trading (being a partnership it could not go into receivership). The other company was Woods Tours Ltd - this company owns no vehicles but operates tours, previously using Woods of Essex vehicles hired in. It is not in receivership and continues to trade using Woods of Essex Ltd. vehicles, this is the new title of Lynxline Ltd. and is therefore a subsidiary of Stephensons. Lynxline having changed its name in late 1993 after the demise of Woods of Essex.

During January there were a few changes to do with the Cunningham Carriage Co. fleet. The changes were:

671 BOF	Optare Spectra	was sold
K300 CCC	Scania	was sold

The current fleet is therefore as follows.

Cunningham Carriage Co., Stanford-Le-Hope

572 XAE Kassbohrer Setra 215HD

K200 CCC Scania 113

B885 WNB Mercedes 608D

VYB 704 Volvo B10M

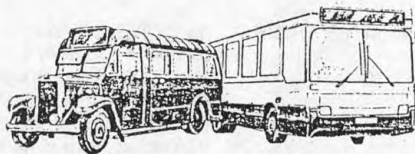
BKJ 462T Bedford LHS

Van Hool Alizee
Plaxton Supreme

COUNTY BUS & COACH

New Vehicle

L415 NHJ Dennis Dart 9.8 SDL Wright B40F new 2/94



New Vehicles on Order

MBT 805 L805 xxx Talbot Freeway TBP B18FL scheduled for 6/94 delivery
ELW 266-9 M266-9 xxx Dennis Lance SLF Wright B40FL scheduled for 9/94 delivery

Withdrawn Vehicles

MB 51 E351 SWY transferred to Citibus Tours, Chadderton, 2/94

Repaints

12/93 LR 15 from ECP Garages to colorbus for Fishpools Garage (correction to EBN 357)
1/94 MB 743/8 from Keighley and District to CB livery

Allocation Changes for 1 February 1994

DWL 415	New to Ware	MB 748	Acquired to Harlow (see EBN 357)
MB 51	Harlow to Citibus	SN 227	Ware to Grays
MB 743	Acquired to Harlow (see EBN 357)	STL 10	Delicensed to Ware

General

The four Dennis Lance SLF's are being acquired for a route conversion of 502 - Harlow to Romford - and are being purchased with the assistance of a capital grant from Essex County Council. Two other Essex operators are understood to be considering the purchase of similar vehicles.

Volvo B6R/Alexander B40F L478 TDU and Dennis Lance/Alexander B47F K740 YPJ, both demonstrators, were used in service at Harlow between 4 and 10 January and 18 and 22 January respectively.

Of the three 'D' registered Iveco's acquired as non-runners during December (D129 DRV, D547/54 HNW), D554 HNW is currently being prepared at Harlow for the Citibus fleet.

SERVICES

29 January	545	Saturday operation introduced on this temporary LRT contracted service.
31 January	375	The only journey - 0525 NSSu Aveley to Orsett Hospital - truncated to terminate at Grays Bus Station.
25 March	262	Last day of operation on this ECC contracted service which is being withdrawn.



28 March 211/213 NEW SERVICES under contract to ECC. 211 NSu Breach Barns to Waltham Cross/ Cheshunt approximately 2 hourly and 213 NSu Upshire, Princefield Road to Cross/ Cheshunt approximately 2 hourly. To be tri-axle operated by Harlow upon delivery of MBT 805 and prior to that a minibus from Harlow will be used (this service is currently operated by Thamesway).

1 May 240/250/251 ECC contract retained for a further period. No timetable change but the 0643 NSu Waltham Cross to Loughton journey converts to commercial operation and the Sunday service will be midibus operated.

GENERAL

Airport Coaches

BTL 28 was painted in the new fleet livery, 1/94.

The current Airport Coaches fleet is as follows:

Coach - Double Deck

UCY 629	Neoplan N122/3	Neoplan CH71CT	1982
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Coach - Single Deck

C128 PPE	Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3RH	Berkhof C49FT	1985
C140 SPB	Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3RH	Berkhof C37FT	1986
C393 UPC	LAG Panoramic	LAG C53FT	1986

Minibuses (Non-PSV)

D526/7 MJO	Dodge S56	Reeve Burgees DP18F	1986
D548 CVN	Ford Transit	Ford B11	1988
E586 DPU	Ford Transit	Ford CB	1988

Ancillary Vehicle

F154 NCE	Volvo 740 Estate	1988
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LATEST NEWS FROM THE LYNTON GROUP.

The latest acquisition by the Lynton Group is the coach business of Biss Bros Bishop's Stortford.

BISS BROTHERS COACHES

DSU 733	Leyland Leopard PSU5A/4R	Duple C57F (built 1986)	1976 (PNK 160R)
KBH 860V	" " PSU5C/4R	Plaxton C57F	1980
KBH 861V	" "	" C51F	"
125 LUP	Mercedes Benz 0303/15R	Jonckheere C51FT	1984 (A113 SNM)
556 EHN	Bova Futura FHM12-280	Bova C49FT	1985 (B558 KRY)
696 BTV	" "	"	1986
E940 CJN	Mercedes Benz 609D	Reeve Burgess DP19F	1988
114 UPH	Van Hool T815	Van Hool C49FT	" (E314 MMM)
E290 OMG	Mercedes Benz 709D	Reeve Burgess DP25F	"
PUU 970	Van Hool T815	Van Hool C49FT	1990 (G601 VML)
G643 YVS	Mercedes Benz 814D	Reeve Burgess DP29F	"
J7 BBC	Bova Futura FHM12-290	Bova C49FT	1992
J8 BBC	" "	"	"

NEW - Chassis numbers - 166 = ON20487 , 167/8 = 25002/01

ON ORDER -10 Volvo B6 / Alexander for NP depots route 236

(to be) **ACQUIRED ?** - No additional buses have arrived at DM depot to cover for the five buses needed for the D5 apart from the hired Ipswich Falcons (see below) . LOTS reports that a number of Leyland Nationals are to be purchased from British Airways but at the time of writing (January 31st) none had appeared at DM ,with one exception. Reports say that 3 mk1 Nationals were to be purchased (WGY 586/7S, GLP 428T) but these were re-sold ,possibly without visiting Citybus premises, and 4 mkII Nationals- NLP 389/91V, B358/9LOY. NLP 389V appeared in DM in as acquired condition (BA livery, dual door n/side, center door offside, transverse seating) in mid-December for about a week, and then departed : it was then seen heading west down the A13 on February 1st converted to BxxF and painted yellow - seating not observed: it did not go to DM , however. Further developments are awaited.

ON HIRE - from Ipswich Borough Transport.

100	YDX 100X	Dennis Falcon	SDA408/122	East Lancs(A3601)	B44D
101	YDX 101X	"	SDA408/123	)a3602)	
107	C107 SDX	"	SDA416/180	NCME	(2830) B49D

100/1 were new in 1983 and are named Condor and Golden Eagle, while 107 was new in 1986 and is named Beric. They arrived on Sunday 5th December and left on Thursday 23rd December. 101 then returned to DM on Thursday January 4th and was still on hire on January 30th.

208 E208GPV Dodge S56 D218032 Ncme (3466) B20F new 1987 This was on hire from Ipswich Borough from December 12th at NP to cover for defective Mercedes midis- it was on the D4 during that route s last few days. When did it go back to Ipswich ?

From Ensign London Pride:

105 B105 UAT Dennis Dominator DDA903/790 Alexander H43/32F This was new to Hull City in 12/84, passing to Ensign in 10/93. It was on hire possibly for just one day, Thursday January 6th, doing DM48 on the 165 in the morning and DM88 on the 252 in the pm.

A Volvo B6 -Alexander demonstrator, L478 TDU ,was inspected on 13th December.

REPAINTS - 254(H254KVX) this was repainted yellow as a result of bad offside accident damage ,whether it means that the rest of the batch is to be done remains to be seen.

RUNNING NUMBERS - 345 = DM67,68,69 D5= DM 131-135

DISPOSALS

239(GHV119N) , 465 (GDR205N) -slowly being stripped for spares by Ensign at their Rainham premises, 1/94

When the Volvo B6 are delivered, 5 of the 601-20 batch of Mercedes will pass to County Bus and 5 to Citibus of CHadderton(owned by County).

SERVICES

D5 (Mile End- Isle of Dogs, Mon-Fri, no late evenings)- assumed from MON 06 DEC 93- should be Leyland Nationals but being run with a mix of s/d and d/d.

D6 Late evening and Sunday service altered to turn at Blackwall DLR station instead of Robin Hood Lane.

D4 Withdrawn due to the LDDC stopping the subsidy. Last day FRI Jan 14

9xx series mobility bus routes in the Hackney-Walthamstow-Newham area all lost to County Bus upon re-tendering. date- June 94-

550 (Gallows Corner-Cranham)- Offered for re-tender by LRT, start date Autumn.

Unusual workings

LN 740/route 215/09 OCT

Scania 763/DM88/252/27 OCT

LN 742 /365/25 NOV

M-Benz 632/33-348/DM72,73, 27Nov

ON 162/348/30 Nov, 17.07 ex Romford

RM429/550 pm/Nov 30 -the RM can quite often be seen on the 345 or 173 school runs, such is the bus shortage.

On Friday 03 Dec all but one daytime 365 and some 165 were Olympian worked due to the bus wash at DM being inoperative, buses were being to Grey Green at Barking for washing. --

365- DM 51- 172	52- 123	53-124, then 133	54-122
56- 128	57- 180		

165 DM 41- 127, then 128	45 -121	47-125/
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On Monday 27 December HertsCC 321 was run by DM based Nationals due to a Saturday LRT service and a Sunday HertsCC service meaning not enough Mercedes were available. On Tuesday 28th the 321 was again National worked but the HertsCC 340,SB1,7,8,9 were run by Sovereign Bus & Coach.

LN 741/97a/NP65

Scania764/252/DM88pm/Feb 3rd.

GENERAL

On December 26th the usual once a year specials were run. Route 22b (normally Kentish Bus) ran Homerton Hospital to Tottenham Court Road, the 86b ran Noak Hill to Dagenham (a mix of bits of the 174,86,169, 62,145) and the 257 -usually Stratford to Walthamstow was extended to Chingford via the 69. New destination and route/via blinds have been fitted to DM buses which apart from including things like the 349 and D5 also include dedicated blind displays for three Underground lines in correct line colours, as so much railway work goes on now. The 3 carried are CIRCLE LINE REPLACEMENT BUS SERVICE in white on yellow, plus DISTRICT in green and CENTRAL in red, with appropriate destinations also in line colours.

ON HIRE

DM depots' two yellow older NCME-Dennis Dominators 254 and 261 went on hire to Liverline/London Suburban Buses towards the end of January, according to reports. Further info and precise dates would be welcome.

DID YOU READ ABOUT

Up to 3000 coach travellers face losing their holidays after Dovercourt based Charter-Coach Holidays fails to secure financial bonding for their customers money. The Bus and Coach Council confirmed they had turned down the Charter-Coach application for 1994. Crusader Coaches of Clacton are trying to put together an emergency package to try to provide people with holidays. The Charter-Coach office is closed and a telephone answering machine refers callers to the BCC although they say they did not know the company had closed.

Evening Gazette - January 10th 1994

More than half of parents with small children will take a taxi or mini-cab rather than public transport because of bad access for buggies a survey has revealed.

Evening Gazette - January 10th 1994

Joyriders stole a bus worth £5000 from Hithingham Omnibuses in Neetings Road, Sudbury. It was driven through the gates of the depot and abandoned in Wymondham Road. £200 of damage was caused to bus and gates.

Teletext on 3 - January 10th 1994

(Remarkable, Hedingham had a bus stolen and left in Windham Road the same day!)

Knights Coaches is to continue running a weekly bus service to the shops for Tiptree pensioners. The Thursday service leaves West End Road at 1015 and returns from The Centre at 1120 and 1135.

Evening Gazette - January 11th 1994

Supreme Holidays of Hadleigh has paid more than £500,000 for a package including five Charter-Coach vehicles and eight of the fifteen staff. With Charter-Coach in liquidation the name, depot and coach operations had been purchased said Supreme MD John Bridge. Operations would continue from the Harwich area retaining the name and logo.

Evening Gazette - January 14th 1994

Following closure of the Co-op grocery shop in Southminster a free bus service to the ferry customers to the Burnham Fiveways.

Evening Gazette - January 17th 1994

New bid to stop bus accidents headlines a story that minibus drivers have been invited by to a police safety talk. In Essex during 1993 there were 46 accidents involving minibuses. A police spokesman said that with changes to legislation it seemed many people were driving illegally without knowing it. The idea was to educate drivers on minibus law, driving and safety features.

Evening Gazette - January 18th 1994

Young people in Halstead may get a 604 Special to take them to Braintree Leisure Centre. Braintree Council is to organise a one-off free bus as an experiment.

Evening Gazette - January 20th 1994

The school transport subsidy is under review after figures show the county's annual bill has soared by a third in the past three years to a record £15 million. Grant maintained schools with pupils attending from far afield are blamed as is the increase in V1th Form students with some 9500 entitled to free travel. The County has set aside £500,000 to pay for each secondary school child to have a separate seat rather than the existing three to two arrangement.

Essex County Standard/Evening Gazette - January 21st 1994

A Mistley man is preparing a feasibility study for a Harwich to Felixstowe chain ferry capable of carrying up to 90 cars, or vans and buses. One idea is to use a chain ferry which if put in place would be the world's longest. The scheme would cost no more than a road of the same distance. Similar ferries operate on the continent.

EADT - January 22nd/ BBC Essex - February 9th 1994

The 'Rat of the Week' nomination goes to the driver of the 11.40am Sunday bus from Feering to Colchester who, five minutes late at The Anchor sped past the lone woman expecting to board, ignoring her outstretched arm.

Evening Gazette - January 25th 1994

Bus shelters at Gore Pit, Feering are going to be moved when the junction has been redesigned.

Essex County Standard - January 28th 1994

A CBT bus driver was recovering after a passenger, who had not paid his fare, punched him twice in the face and pushed him down the stairs when the driver went after him. The man then stole a cash bag containing £60. The incident took place at about 5pm yesterday in Elm Crescent.

Evening Gazette - January 28th 1994

Homes were blacked out when an Eastern National double decker bus crashed into an electricity pole in Barrack Lane, Great Waltham. The bus had been stolen from the depot on Friday evening and police were seeking a man seen running from the crash.

Teletext On 3/BBC Essex - February 5th 1994

Frinton & Walton Town Council are to upgrade 10 bus shelters at a cost of £2,500

Evening Gazette - February 7th 1994

Hedingham Omnibuses is introducing a low-floor bus service of its 90/90A route from Witham to Maldon as part of a countywide pilot scheme. Three operators have bought special buses with grants from ECC.

Evening Gazette - February 9th 1994

Rail Replacement Services

On the 23rd January, 30th January and 6th February a rail replacement service was operated in place of the 'Stansted Express' between Broxbourne and Stansted Airport. The service was operated from 0700 - 2400 that the service was operated from 0700 - 2300 on the Sunday. Buses left Broxbourne at 27 and 57 minutes past the hour and arrived at Stansted Airport at 07 and 37 minutes past respectively. Buses left Stansted Airport at 00 and 30 minutes past the hour and arrived at Broxbourne at 40 and 10 minutes past respectively.

On Sunday 23rd January 1994 the service was operated and 7 vehicles were in use. The registration numbers were as follows:

Sampsons A137 RMJ, B106 KPF, B110 KPF, L501 M00
Airport Coaches C128 PPE, C393 UPC, UCY 629

On Sunday 30th January 1994 the service was operated and 6 vehicles were in use. The registration numbers were as follows:

Sampsons B110 KPF, L501 M00
Airport Coaches C128 PPE, C140 SPB, C393 UPC
Green Line 724 D1B 3522

On Sunday 6th February the service was also operated and 6 vehicles were in use. The registration numbers were as follows:

Sampsons A137 RMJ, E118 KFY, L501 M00
Airport Coaches C128 PPE
Biss Brothers KBH B61V, 556 EHM

The 2 Biss Brothers coaches were on hire to Airport Coaches and were being driven by Airport Coaches drivers.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT – ROUTEMASTER BLINDS

Destination displays

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT
HIGHLANDS THAMES DRIVE
HADLEIGH CHURCH
HADLEIGH VICTORIA HOUSE
THUNDERSLEY WOODMANS ARMS
RAYLEIGH STATION
SOUTHEND CENTRAL BUS STN.
BASILDON HOSPITAL
CANVEY NEWLANDS CREEK ROAD
CANVEY HAYSTACK
CANVEY LEIGH BECK
BENFLEET STATION
LT. WAKERING CORONATION CLOSE
GT. WAKERING CHURCH
LANDWICK
SHOEBURYNESS OSPREY
SHOEBURYNESS EAST BEACH
RAYLEIGH STATION
SOUTHCHURCH WHITE HORSE
BOURNES GREEN
ASHINGDON SCHOOLS
HOCKLEY
GOLDEN CROSS
ROCHFORD
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PRIVATE
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SOUTHEND CENTRAL BUS STN.
SOUTHEND VICTORIA CIRCUS
SOUTHEND S.T. GARAGE
EASTWOOD SILVER JUBILEE
EASTWOOD WESTERN APPROACHES

CANEWDON LOFTMANS CORNER
THORPE BAY
PAGLESHAM
EASTWOOD KENT ELMS
CHALKWELL STATION
FOULNESS COURT END
LEIGH ELMS
LEIGH CHURCH
EASTWOOD RISE
LEIGH STATION
HIGHLANDS WOODLANDS PARK
EASTWOOD BELGRAVE ROAD
SOUTHEND CENTRAL BUS STN.
TEMPLE SUTTON
DAWS HEATH RIVERS CNL
SOUTHEND GENERAL HOSPITAL
WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL
COOMBS CORNER
BELFAIRS WOODCUTTERS
SOUTHCHURCH NEWINGTON AVENUE
PRITTEWELL ROYSTON AVENUE
SUTTON CEMETERY
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RAWRETH
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SHOEBURYNESS BLACKGATE ROAD
PRIVATE
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LONDON ALDGATE
LONDON HYDE PK. CNRL

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LONDON HEATHROW I)
GATWICK AIRPORT I)
STANSTED AIRPORT I)
BRIGHTON via GATWICK)
GRAYS
THURROCK LAKESIDE
BASILDON
RAYLEIGH
SOUTHWILMINSTER
FAMBRIDGE
STH. WOODHAM FERRERS
WICKFORD
BILLERICAY
SHENFIELD
BRENTWOOD
ROMFORD
CHELMSFORD
SHOEBURYNESS
PITSEA
LAINDON
UPMINSTER
BARLING
STANFORD-LE-HOPE
TILBURY
SOUTHCHURCH PARK
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Note:

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT – ROUTEMASTER BLINDS

Route numbers

List no. N91/RM

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Canopy numbers

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X3	14
X10	15
X11	16
X33	16 A
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1 A	19
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3	21
3 A	22
3 B	22 A
4	23
4 A	23 A
4 B	23 B
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5 A	24 A
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previously
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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT – ROUTEMASTER BLINDS

Passing points (front)

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Victoria Circus London Road Westcliff
London Road Hadleigh Tarpots Pitsea
London Road Hadleigh Tarpots Benfleet Link Road
London Road Hadleigh Kents Hill Rd Benfleet Link Road
Long Road Link Road Waterside Farm
Thundersley Tarpots Benfleet High Rd.
Leigh Broadway Southend Southchurch
Southchurch Road Bournes Green Great Wakering
Southchurch Road Bournes Grn. Barling Little Wakering
Thorpe Bay Southend Victoria Ave. Rochford Golden X Hockley
Asda Bournes Grn. Woodgrange Drive Southend Rochford
Victoria Avenue Rochford Golden Cross
Asda Thorpe Bay Woodgrange Drive
Victoria Ave. Airport Eastwoodbury Eastwood Oakwood

Victoria Ave. Rochford Stambridge Ballards Gore
Woodgrange Drive Southend Hospital Rochford Stambridge
Victoria Avenue Arterial Road Rayleigh Weir
Chalkwell Park Southbourne Grove Bridgewater Drive
Cliffs Pavilion Westcliff Chalkwell
Temple Sutton Prittlewell Bell Manchester Drive
Victoria Avenue Kent Elms Rayleigh Road
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2 London Road Hadleigh Tarpots Clay Hill Road	17 Cliffs Pavilion Westcliff Chalkwell
3 London Road Hadleigh Tarpots Benfleet Link Road	21
3 Thundersley Tarpots Benfleet High Rd.	22 Victoria Avenue Kent Elms Rayleigh Road
3A London Road Hadleigh Kents Hill Rd Benfleet Link Road	23 Leigh Elms Eastwood Road Belfairs
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UTTLESFORD District

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PF0582	11	Funston's Trans.	Funston	Church Road	Chrishall	W	10/B2	TL446394
PF1365/N	2	Raynham & Co. Ltd.	Raynham	11-15 High Street	Saffron Walden	W	13/E1	TL53.38.
(Application)								
PF0201	9	Moore FC Ltd	Viceroy	12 Bridge Street	Saffron Walden	W	13/E1	TL535387
PF0582		Funston's Trans.	Funston	Car Park, Catons Lane	Saffron Walden	W	13/E1	TL538388
PF0183		Cordall	Adtax Contracts	Sheds Lane	Saffron Walden	W	13/F1	TL54.38.
PF0183	4	Cordall	Adtax Contracts	24 South Road	Saffron Walden	W	25/F4	TL541379
PF0066		Moore A.A.	Town Trav/Alan's	97-111 Thaxted Road	Saffron Walden	W	25/F4	TL545380
PF0066	4	Moore A.A.	Town Trav/Alan's	130 Thaxted Road	Saffron Walden	W	25/F4	TL546379
PF0066		Moore A.A.	Town Trav/Alan's	Sub Stn.Gar.,118 Thaxted Rd.	Saffron Walden	W	25/F4	TL546380
PF1100/R	1	Holt	JCM Cars	10 De Mandeville Road	Elsenham	W	48/B1	TL534265
PF1346/N	6	Hornsby & Vidler	Halls Coaches	Railway Sidings, Old Mead Rd.	Elsenham	W	48/B2	TL531274
(Application - to replace PF0560)								
PF0560	5	Hornsby	Halls Coaches	Railway Sidings, Old Mead Rd.	Elsenham	W	48/B2	TL531274
PF0273		Croxford	Farnham Hire S.	6 Thrimley Lane	Farnham	W	56/B3	TL473248
PF1168/N	2	Elite Cars	Warwick Air. Ss.	Stansted Airport	Stansted	W	58/..	TL5..2..
PF1320/N	4	Airport Coaches Ltd.	Airport Coaches	44 First Avenue	Stansted	W	58/A1	TL529229
PF0599		Eastern National	Eastern Nat.(DW)	c/o Don's, Parsonage Downs	Great Dunmow	W	61/E2	TL624231
PF0032	14	Don's Coaches	Don's Coaches	Parsonage Downs	Great Dunmow	W	61/E2	TL624231
PF1276/R	1	Richards	Richards Travel	6 Leyfield	Takeley	W	70/B4	TL564215
PF0996/R		Tyler	Eastern Mini-Cs.	Martel Ind.Es,High Easter Rd.	Barnston	W	73/D2	TL640196
PF0139	7	Goodwin	Goodwin	School Road	Bartholomew Green	W	75/F4	TL721210
PF0152/I	10	Lodge JW & Sons L.	Lodge Coaches	The Garage, The Street	High Easter	W	82/B1	TL622149
PF0675	2	Wilkins	Wilkins	Westons, Reed Yard,Stort.Rd.	White Roding	W	93/E4	TL566136
PF1052/R	1	Raymond	Abridge 1st Cls.	28 Holloway Crescent	Leaden Roding	W	94/B4	TL593135

BRAINTREE District

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PF0178	4	Amos	Amos	Cole Green	Belchamp St.Paul	E	5/D1	TL792423
PF0825/I	2	Sibley & Keeble	Florida	Ltle.Stubleys Fm, Sudbury Rd.	Halstead	E	../..	TL8..3..
PF0050	73	Heddingham & Dist.	Heddingham (HD)	Wethersfield Road	Sible Heddingham	E	15/D1	TL769341
PF0813/N		Ruffle's of C.Hed.	Ruffle's	c/o Barry Ives, Rippers Crt.	Sible Heddingham	E	15/F1	TL781347
PF0813/N	14	Ruffle's of C.Hed.	Ruffle's	The Bungalow, Church Lane	Castle Heddingham	E	15/F2	TL784355
PF1368/I	7	Howard	Halstead Travel	Graham trans., Sudbury Road	Little Maplestead	E	17/E1	TQ83.34.
(Application)								
PF1294/N	3	Golding	Turners Taxis	Shiel Cottage, The Green	Wickham St. Paul	E	17/E3	TL832363
PF0590	20	Brandon	Brandon	School Green	Blackmore End	E	23/D2	TL734314
PF0590		Brandon	Brandon	Mushroom Fm.I.E,Heddingham Rd.	Blackmore End	E	23/D3	TL731323
PF0941/R	1	Gladwin	Colne Valley Tr.	"Cranbrook" Tidings Hill	Halstead	E	43/F4	TL81.29.
PF0896/R	1	Ward A.D.	Award Travel	"Gardeners", Station Road	Earls Colne	E	45/D4	TL851294

BRAINTREE (continued)

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PF0599	Eastern National	Eastern Nat.(BE)	Fairfield Road	Braintree	E 59/F1	TL758229
PF0833	10 Wicks	Wicks Coaches	167 Notley Road	Braintree	E 59/F1	TL759220
PF0590	Brandon	Brandon	Bus Station, Victoria Street	Braintree	E 59/F1	TL759229
\\\\\\\\\\\\	\\\\ \ Braintree B.Stn.	\\\\ \ Braintree B.S.	Victoria Street	Braintree	E 59/F1	TL759229
PF1353/I	7 Flagfinders (CTB)	Ld. Flagfinders	267 Coggeshall Road (B1256)	Braintree	E 60/B2	TL770234
(Application - to replace PF0562)						
PF0562	7 Cook & Powell	Flagfinders	267 Coggeshall Road (B1256)	Braintree	E 60/B2	TL770234
PF0544/CB	. Coggeshall Com. Bus	Coggeshall Com.	63 Colchester Road	Coggeshall	E 63/E1	TL865229
PF1277/N	1 Sprawling	Compass Trekking	107 Bedells Avenue	Black Notley	E 78/A3	TL769203
PF0783	10 McGregor	Heddingham (KN)	Unit 8, 215-7 High Street	Kelvedon	E 81/E2	TL863192
PF0227	8 Ellis	Grahams Coaches	Ind. Est. off Station Road	Kelvedon	E 81/E2	TL864192
PF0272	2 Cranvey	Peverel	Ulting Road	Hatfield Peverel	E114/B1	TL801109
PF1210/I	1 Harvey	White Horse Tr.	c/o Wiffens, Sunnyside Garage	Finchingfield	W 42/B3	TL684329
PF0015	22 Chenery	Chenery	Sunnyside Garage	Finchingfield	W 42/B3	TL684329
PF0111	7 Wiffens Coaches	Wiffens	Sunnyside Garage	Finchingfield	W 42/B3	TL684329
PF0367/I	23 Smith L.J.	Fargo Coachlines	"Allviews", School Road	Rayne	W 75/F4	TL724217

COLCHESTER District

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PF1235/R	1 Jackson W.R.	Colch. Headway	Headway Ho., Severalls Hosp.	Colchester	E 49/F3	TL993287
PF0753	6 Freeman	Freeman's Trav.	Elm Farm, Elm Lane	Little Tey	E 64/A2	TL887231
PF1288/N	1 Brookes	Genial Travel	Elm Farm, Elm Lane	Little Tey	E 64/A2	TL887231
PF0050	Heddingham & Dist.	Heddingham (CR)	Church Lane	Little Tey	E 64/B2	TL891235
PF0371	8 Poulson	Windmill Coach.	105 London Road	Copford	E 65/E2	TL928238
PF1209/I	1 Osborne RD & DFF	Travelrich	c/o Windmill, 105 London Rd.	Copford	E 65/E2	TL928238
PF0263	7 King & Cousins	Kings Coaches	364 London Road	Stanway	E 65/F3	TL935242
PF0835/T	. Pinder	Pinder	30 James Carter Road	Colchester	E 66/C2	TL965234
PF0773/T	. Mead GW	AAB Mini Cabs	2A Arthur Street	Colchester	E 67/F3	TL998249
PF0599	Eastern National	Eastern Nat.(CR)	43/5 Queen Street	Colchester	E 67/F4	TM000251
PF0020	. Colchester Borough	Colchester B.T.	30-40 Magdalen Street	Colchester	E 68/A3	TM003247
\\\\\\\\\\\\	\\\\ \ Colchester B.Stn.	\\\\ \ Colchester B.S.	High Street	Colchester	E 68/A4	TM001251
PF1235/R	Jackson W.R.	Colch. Headway	14 Alanbrooke Road, Old Heath	Colchester	E 68/B1	TM019225
PF0450	3 Beardon	Dave's / DCH	c/o Braiswick Tyres, Haven Rd.	Colchester	E 68/B2	TM017240
PF0599	Eastern National	Eastern Nat.(HN)	Unit 3, Haven Road, The Hythe	Colchester	E 68/B3	TM017241
PF0744	1 Waller	Tee-Jays Travel	2 Cappillar Close	Wivenhoe	E 69/D1	TM036227
PF0014	22 Cedric Garages	Cedric	"Tudor House", The Avenue	Wivenhoe	E 69/D1	TM039220
PF0723/R	1 Bennett A.J. & C.M.	Colchester Carr.	"The Ridings", The Folley	Malting Green	E 85/D3	TL975201
PF0954/N	3 Glew	Tony Glew P.H.	104 Finchingfield Way (in rd.)	Colchester	E 86/A4	TM002217