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New Mercedes minibus 0248 stands at a very wet Southgate station on 28.1.89.
(B Morrison)

ROCHFORD MEETING

The April meeting will take place on the 11th April at the Rochford Fright House, which is located next to Rochford station. This meeting will take the form of a 'Surprise Evening' as the subject has not yet been decided.

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TOUR PROGRAMME FOR 1989 - ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Preliminary information concerning tours for the coming season are given below.

Full details and booking forms will be circulated with the Magazine, in the meantime make a note of the proposed dates in your diary.

South Essex Tour - Sunday 21st May 1989

This tour will include a number of interesting operators in South Essex, a booking form will be circulated with the April issue of the magazine.

Longer Distance Day Tour - Saturday 15th July 1989

This tour will feature some interesting independent operators in Lincolnshire, together with centre visits.

Bristol FLF Tour - Sunday 13th August 1989

By kind permission of group member Paul Harrison a tour will be run on this date using former Eastern National FLF 2946. Plans are still at an advanced stage, but the tour will include the entire 251 route by these fine vehicles from Southend Central to London Wood Green. If you would like to be part of this tour, write to Ian Ransom enclosing a £3 deposit plus a SAE for details.

Weekend Coach Tour - August Bank Holiday: Friday 25th to Monday 28th August 1989

It is hoped to operate a weekend coach tour this year, possibly to the north east of England. Travel to and from the area will be by coach.

EASTERN NATIONAL LIMITEDNew Vehicles

0253-60 F253 - 260 ??? Mercedes Benz L709D Reeve Burgess B23F
0800-04 F800 - 804 ??? " " L811D " " "

We regret that owing to publishing deadlines it has not been possible to obtain details of these vehicles, these will appear next month.

Vehicle Re-Allocations

3/89 0253-6/58-60 NEW - WW; 0257 NEW - PD; 0800-4 NEW - WW;
1055/7 - Pool(DrT) - D/L(D); 1408 CF - DW; 1658 - D/L(D); 1716/7 BN - D/L(D);
1718 SD - D/L(D); 1720 Pool - D/L(D); 1721 HH - Pool; 1732 SD - D/L(D);
1755 BD - BN; 1779 WW - BD; 1780 WW - SD; 1785 BD - BN; 1789 WW - BN;
1791 WW - BD; 1797 WW - SD; 1800 WW - HH; 1890 DW - CF; 1915 WW - BN;
3052 BN - CR; 3068 BN - PD; 3100 PD - WW

General

The only item to report this month, is that the Sunday Rail Replacement service between Colchester and Ipswich is being operated using mainly Colchester vehicles, but with some Clacton drivers, with a minibus being used as a shuttle vehicle to bring them from Clacton.

Disposals - Subsequent - Corrections to Mag 298

1397 (OWC 606) should read 1357.
 1650 (LMO 225L) East Midland fleetnumber should read 530.
 1654 (KCG 611L) " " " " " 529.

Disposals - Subsequent

1700 (WNO 549L) Still with Pedley, Hammerwich, 12/88.
 1401 (PWC 345K) Still with Moreton End School, Harpenden, 12/88.
 1412 (WEU 72L ex XOO 881L) Still with Relph, Newgate Street, 12/88.
 433 (PWC 34OK) Withdrawn by Cleverly, Cwmbran by 12/88.
 453 (RPV 868M) Withdrawn by Smith-Shearing, Wigan 88, 12/88, subsequently to Vales, Cheetham, 12/88.
 1000 (MAR 775P) O'Callaghan, Dripsey, by 11/86, ex B.Kavanagh (dealer), Urlingford, (410 LIP) Eire.
 1216 (BNO 702T) Numbered 15 by New Enterprise, Tonbridge by 6/88. New Enterprise now controlled by Eimkorn Ltd., parent Company of Maidstone & District.
 1522 (KHK 414J) Withdrawn after accident damage by Hedingham Omnibuses, L118, subsequently to Partridge, Hadleigh and thence to Norfolk, Nayland, for spares or possibly for further service.
 1705 (WNO 554L) Martin (dealer), Middlewich by 12/88 ex Williams, Deiniolen.
 1708 (WNO 557L) Midland Red (North) 798, 12/88 ex Martin (dealer), Middlewich.
 1715 (WNO 564L) as 1708, fleetnumber 799.
 1724 (NEV 681M) Still with Martin (dealer), Middlewich, 12/88.
 1727 (NEV 684M) Sold by Pride of the Road, Royston, by 12/88.
 1729 (NEV 686M) Milton Keynes Citybus, 12/88 ex Martin (dealer), Middlewich.
 1730 (NEV 687M) Was acquired by Coleman, Yeovil in 3/88 (additional information to Mag. 295).
 2301 (RHK 348D) Chicago Motor Coach Co., Chicago, U.S.A., date not known. Carried local registration 24264 H in 9/88.
 2380 (WNO 478) Acquired by Eastern National Preservation Group in 12/11. (additional information to NS160 suppl.)
 2717 (97 TVX) Still with Drivesafe, Scotswood, Newcastle (as a Driver Training Vehicle), 1/89.
 2736 (183 XNO) Upper deck converted to a caravan, lower deck serves as a garage for a mini. Last noted in Agha Khan Road, Islamabad, Pakistan, 10/88.
 2783 (934 LWC) In 3/88 carried local Nevada registration 190 BSL (additional information to Mag 293).
 2803 (BVX 679B) Still at Martin (dealer), Middlewich, 12/88.
 2841 (MVX 878C) Thorne, Bromsgrove (N-PSV) as a Driver Trainer, ex Hedingham Omnibuses L101.
 2860 (RHK 345D) Still owned by Merton Community Bus Association (N-PSV), London SW20.
 3005 (SMS 31H) Still at Martin (dealer), Middlewich, 12/88.
 3012 (SMS 38H) as per 3005.
 3034 (NPU 981M) Gold Star, St Asaph by 12/88, ex Wigley (dealer), Carlton (Presumably PVS, Barnsley passed it to Wigley - C.F. NS297)
 3047 (OCS 576H) Eagles & Hughes, Mold, 10/88, ex Jones, Minera.
 3900 (KNO 603) Scrapped by Midland Counties PSV Restoration Club, 1/71, formerly United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Driver Training

For further details of 2841 (MVX 878C) and 3032 (NPU 979M) see Hedingham notes.

The disposal of 3034 (NPU 981M) is of interest. It arrived with Gold Star, St. Asaph but the engine soon blew. Gold Star then towed it back to Wigley, Demanding Repairs. Wigley apparently refused. Gold Star left it there and promptly cancelled the cheque. So did Gold Star actually ever acquire it?

Crosville Motor Services Ltd have taken over the bus interests of G.L. Travel (Lightfoot), Winsford, as of 1/2/89. 3024 (WNO 544L) has passed to Crosville, and is presently at Rock Ferry depot for mechanical repairs.

Further to the note in Januarys magazine regarding the disposal of 1000 (MAR 775P) and 1003 (MAR 778P), some additional information was published in NS250 regarding the Ford R1014 saloons (1000-4).

Publicity

Timetable leaflets for service 2 dated 5.2.89; 32/452 dated 1.1.89; LRT 20 dated 4.3.89; LRT 167 dated 4.3.89; LRT 275 dated 4.3.89; LRT W13, W16 dated 4.3.89. Highwayman services 824, 825 & 827 dated 27.5.89.

SERVICE REVISIONS - ALL OPERATORS (EXCEPT ST)

Bishops Stortford, Saffron Walden

- 100 NEW SERVICE. Bishops Stortford Town Service introduced by Biss Bros on 6.2.89. 4 journeys M-F, 7 Saturdays.
- 301 This service has been revised to terminate in the grounds of Saffron Walden District Hospital. In addition the 0755 ex Saffron Walden was extended to Bishops Stortford, Bridge Street from 20.3.89.
- 306 The 1548 ex Bishops Stortford was revised to operate on Thursdays only during school holidays from 23.3.89.
- 333 The 1635 & 1735 ex Epping were revised from 20.3.89 and no longer serve Bishops Stortford Interchange.
- 370 The 1735 ex Bishops Stortford was revised to operate via Stanstead Airport from 20.3.89.

Harlow

- 505 A revised timetable was introduced on 6.3.89.
- 622 To be reintroduced between 30.4.89 and 15.10.89 and is again operated by Blue Triangle, Sundays & Bank Holidays only.

Chelmsford, Maldon

- The Chelmsford Cab Company withdrew their Saturday service after 3.2.89.
- 635 As per 622 with operation by Eastern National.

Brentwood

- 699 NEW SERVICE. Romford - Upminster circular via County Parks, to operate Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays Only 30.4.89 to 15.10.89 operated by London Buses using N5 Metroriders.

Basildon, Wickford

- 224 The 1128 Wickford to Fanton Avenue and 1140 return have been advanced to 1108 and 1119 although the date of revision is not known.

Southend

- 28/28A Minor timetable revisions introduced from 20.3.89.

LRT CHANGES

Following changes to the LRT service network in the Walthamstow area from 4.3.89., Eastern National Citybus operations from WW are as follows :-

- 20 Remains as before except that running time has been extended by about two minutes.
- 167 Remains as before except that running time is extended on some journeys.
- 206 Withdrawn and replaced by service between Leytonstone and Claybury Hospital.
- 275 Remains as before on Mondays - Saturdays by minibuses on Sundays.
- W13 NEW SERVICE. Minibus operation between Leytonstone Station and Woodford Wells via former London Buses 235.
- W14 NEW SERVICE. Minibus operation between Leytonstone Station and Claybury Hospital via former 206.
- 235 One journey at 0807 ex Leytonstone, 1545 ex Woodford Wells to be operated by EN using a full size bus over the W13 route on schooldays only.
- 379 NEW SERVICE. Chingford Station and Yarldey Lane Estate taken over from Grey Green, using minibuses probably from PD depot.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Atlanteans 57 (JHK 497N) and 60 (JHK 500N) were withdrawn at the end of January 1989 and left Colchester a few days later, 57 at the second attempt and after being fitted with the engine out of 55. This bus has had its roof removed and a new engine fitted, but conversion to open-top is not yet complete.

Olympian 46 has been sent to Workington for bodywork repair. When it is returned, 45 will be taken there.

Atlantean 73 was damaged in an accident in Osborn Stree on 1.3.89.

Leopard 101 was returned to use by 11.2.89 following bodywork repairs.

CBT is operating railway replacement services between Arlesford, Thorpe, Clacton and Walton at Weekends during March 1989, involving seven buses.

A commercial service is to be operated on Good Friday, with an hourly headway on services 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A, 5B, 6A and 8 and two-hourly on 7C.

The new timetables introduced on 27.2.89 involves an Atlantean operating in the evening peak on service 3/3A/31. New timetable leaflets have been published for services 1/1A, 2/2A/2B, 3/3A/31, 4/4A, 5/5A/5B, 9/9A and 74A.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

The Evening Gazette has reported:

Braintree Country car faces a loss of £16,000 this year rising to £17,000 next year. ECC had previous paid 50% of the cost and the Transport Committee was being urged to continue to contribute at this rate. Braintree DC meets the rest of the costs.

Helstead Council is reported as being concerned that residents using the 7.00 bus to Braintree arrive just after the train to London has left, and are asking EN to advance the departure time or introduce an additional journey. EN are reported as saying that the existing journey is well used and changing would be unfair to existing passengers. They were however to look at the idea of running a service to the station so passengers did not have to catch a bus in Coggeshall Road. (They probably mean "from" not "to").

The cafe in Clacton Bus Station is reported to be closing during March as the initial step towards the sale of the site. This scheme depends upon Tendring District Council allowing additional bus stops to be sited in the town centre. If the go ahead is given phase one will see the Bus Station being leased out for parking from May according to NE Essex manager Michael Holden.

The construction of a multi storey car park would be a possible second phase to the scheme. A later report states that the Democrats on the Council consider the scheme to site stops in Station Road and West Road would cause hold-ups, accident blackspots and congestion. They would like to see lay bys constructed in Jackson Road, Old Road and the northern end of the Station Road.

Yet again bus services appear to be taking second place to the provision of car parking - a sensible scheme would be for the present site to have a multi storey car park constructed on top with buses continuing to use the ground floor.

Michael Holden has denied claims that school buses between Colchester and Mistley are dangerously overcrowded, and that children were being left behind. A check had shown that one morning six children failed to board a bus at Ardleigh with 25 empty seats and waited for the following bus which was full.

He surmised that as their friends were not on the first they waited for the second bus.

In response to a plea from Lawford Dale Residents Association one of the Colchester-Harwich services is to be diverted via Dale Hall Estate. Michael Holden is reported as saying that one or two proposals are being looked at with a view to starting the service in early May.

It will run via Cotman Avenue and Gainsborough Drive on a hail and ride basis. If the usual reaction follows I expect to report next month of danger to children, noise, invasion of privacy etc!

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT LIMITED

These notes are correct to March 5.

Vehicles

ON ORDER:

It is pleasing to be able to report that a new Cummins engined Leyland Olympian with Alexander low height body is on order, to be numbered 261 (registration F261 RHJ has been reserved). The bus, which will be supplied by dealers Arlington, is in build now and is being completed to ST's specification; delivery is due at Easter. The last brand new double deck buses for Southend were delivered as long ago as June 1981.

Also on order are two Iveco Daily/Carlyle Works B23F; they are E registered, ex demonstrators (to be 411/2??). They will replace 2 City Pacers and it is likely that all 6 Optares will soon be ousted by more Ivecos.

ACQUIRED:

701	TPD 194M	Leyland National	1051/1R	B41F
702	TPD 195M	"	"	"
703	UPE 204M	"	"	"

All three were acquired from Gatwick Engineering Ltd; they had been new to London Country Bus Services (SNB 94/5, 104) and had passed to LC-SW on 1/9/86, before being sold to Gatwick Engineering in March 1987. They were delivered on 17/2 (701/2) and 22/2 (703). All three were delivered in white and are being repainted into bus livery (all over blue save for white window surrounds and a red band below the windows) and are due to be retrimmed with moquette seats prior to entering service. 702 was used for driver familiarisation prior to being repainted, and 701 was similarly used from 27/2 on after repaint. They had not entered service as we went to press.

It is understood that a further three 10.3 metre LN's (704-6) are to be acquired shortly. The initial 3 vehicles will displace Fleetlines on the 23/A/B group of routes at Leigh (these routes had reverted to Fleetline operation ex minibus some months ago, due to overloading problems). The second batch of 3 will reduce the present dependence on coaches for local service work (in recent months coaches have been regularly employed on local services, often as duplicates on the routes which face competition from the various taxi buses).

Routemasters 113/4 were previously Southampton Citybus numbers 416, 407 respectively (to amplify last month's notes) and entered service on 24/2 (113) and 4/3 (114). Names allocated are Pride of .. Belfairs (113) and Southchurch (114); neither had been applied at press date. In the first batch of RM's, the illuminated adverts on 110-2 are now in use as such.

MODIFIED:

Further repaints into the new bus livery are 216/31/7/41. Single deck coaches are having their boot doors painted white with signwriting in red and blue to promote the London Express services.

SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS:

323	YHG 3N	Sold by Burnley & Pendle to Hunter, Seaton Delavel.
384	GHJ 384L	S&M, Hadleigh to Tarka Travel, Bideford, Devon, 2/89.

ON HIRE:

Yet another demonstrator has been evaluated by ST, viz:
 410 F821 PBP Mercedes 811 Wadham Stringer B25F
 In a yellow/red livery (lettered "Wessex Shuttle"), this minibus was demonstrated by Wadham Stringer and was used from February 13 to 21.

In addition, dealers Arlington demonstrated an unregistered Olympian with Optare double deck body (part of a cancelled Boroline order) to ST on February 13, and subsequently demonstrated another unregistered Olympian, this time with a low height Alexander H47/32F body, on February 24. The latter was similar to the one on order and was used for clearance tests under the railway bridges at Hockley and Hawkwell on the 7 and 8 routes. This brings to 9 the number of buses evaluated in recent months (5 double decks, 2 minibuses and 2 single deck buses).

Coach 523 (EBM 439T) has been on loan to Matchbox Toys, Rochford, for staff transport since early in January.
 Coach 511 (XGS 770X) was loaned to Premier Travel to operate National Express service 305 (Southend - Birmingham) on February 11/2 following the failure of PT's scheduled Tiger/Plaxton coach.

Services

- 24 The confusion over the route in Chalkwell continues! Although the Sub Editor has observed buses running via the Shelter, that route will not officially come into use until April 30, despite what the County's timetable says about this tendered service!
- 795 Will be reintroduced from March 25 until September 24, as follows: Fri 0515 Southend - Brighton/1000 return; Sats & Suns (and holiday Mons) 0810 Southend - Brighton/1700 return. The route in Kent is more direct than in 1988, omitting Bexleyheath and Sevenoaks. There will not be any EN operation on 795 this year.

General

Another piece of SCT history disappeared in February when, as a result of the redecoration of the traffic office, the last 'current' traffic circular signed by Mr Baxendale as General Manager was removed from display. Older members will recall that Baxendale had retired as long ago as 1968!! He had been Southend's longest serving GM, with 26 years in office.

ST's Routemasters have received further television coverage recently, both on LWT and on TVS.

Another London Buses Red Arrow LS, 492, was noted at the works for repair during February.

Unusual workings: as noted above, coaches have been in regular use recently on local services (especially 1 (CBS-Thames Drive duplicates), the 7 group (mainly on duplicates) and 63). Although not scheduled as such, an RM is frequently used on 63 on Saturdays in place of the normal OPO Fleetline. A considerably more unusual RM working took place on Weds 8/2 when 111 substituted for a City Pacer on the following duty: 1055 service B62 (Southend BC contract) CBS-Eastwood and return; 1241 Weds only 13 Garage-Canvey, 1330 ECC contract 404 (Canvey-Rochford hospital) and finally a duplicate 7 back to the garage!!

OTHER OPERATORS - South East Essex

District Bus (Tomlin), Wickford: a further commercial service registered is 105, Shotgate - Wickford - Basildon, Mon-Sat, which commenced on November 7 last year. Subsequently 2 journeys were diverted to serve the Bryn Centre off Whitmore Way, from January 9, with route number 106. Also registered to start from Jan 9 was 107, Wickford Station circular via Alderney Gdns, Mon-Sat; a timetable for 105-7 would be appreciated.

Eagle Coaches, Basildon: further ex Hedingham Omnibuses Bedford YRQ's purchased are VWC 477K (Marshall B45F) and PPU 783M (Willowbrook B47F). The new service 31, Basildon-Wickford, is confirmed as running Mon to Sat (297/14 refers).

Lynxline Ltd, South Woodham: acquired (to be delivered 24/3) is RBW 84M, Bristol RELH6L, ECW DP49F (bus shell body), ex Wealden Omnibuses. Originally with City of Oxford, it was latterly with Black Prince of Morley and is from the same batch as the ones examined by ST (but not purchased) in spring 1985. It has been acquired for use on a Summer Sunday ECC contract, Sth Woodham-Chelmsford. It is expected that the existing RELL, LHT 166L will be sold to Stephensons Coaches shortly.

M & E Coaches, Southend: a third Bristol VRT/ECW has been acquired, JHW 111P (ex Bristol OC), from Wealden (dlr) who have taken Fleetline TGM229J. The 2 ECW VR's are in a striking white/green/yellow livery and perform on the Rochford Leisure Bus free service and a schools contract.

S & M Coaches (Linkfast), Hadleigh: see under Spence (below) re hires/sales to S&M of AEC Reliance buses. It is intended that eventually RN's 1/3/4-6 will be in traffic; ex Southend Fleetline GHJ 384L has been withdrawn and 368 is expected to be placed in reserve. Ex Leicester PD3 LJF 26F has been withdrawn and exported to Belgium (in LT red livery) to be used as a McDonalds resaurant!! This leaves PD3's GRY 48/9D still in service on schools contracts; they are expected to last another year.

Ted's Coaches, Canvey: this new one vehicle operator (E W Fisher, of 70 St Marks Rd, Canvey) is joining the peak hour fray at Benfleet Station, with a service registered to commence March 7: Ted 1, a circular via Benfleet High Rd, Tarpots, A13 and Kents Hill Rd, every 25 minutes from 1637 to 1900. We do not have vehicle details yet.

Dealers: Spence (Thorpe Bay) complete news of the ex London Country SW fleet of RN's (AEC Reliance/Plaxton bus, ex Barton, registered MRR 811, 802-10K) is as follows:

RN1/3 - still in service with LC-SW; will be acquired by Spence when withdrawn and will then go on loan to S&M, Hadleigh.

RN2 - acquired by Spence in accident damaged condition; sold on to Allco, Ruislip for spares. RN4 - recert. to B64F and sold to S&M.

RN5 - put into immediate use on loan to S&M following acquisition. RN6/7 - sold to S&M for service/spares respectively.

RN8 - sold to DGB Products, Manningtree for conversion to mobile workshop. RN9/10 - sold to M&T Spares, Scunthorpe for spares.

Other acquisitions by Spence are RMA58 (NMY 655E, Routemaster/PRV H/F) from Verwood Transport, Wimborne, Dorset and 604 JPU, Bristol SC4LK/ECW, originally ENOC 427 (from Hawkes, Pode Hole, Lincs). The SC is for sale (for preservation only) - if any reader is interested, please phone Frank Spence on 0702 586454.

Non PSV's: the Bristol VRT driver trainer, FHE 800L, which was noted in Westcliff late last year (see 295/14) has been identified as belonging to Frontrunner South East (Rainham), despite the full Yorkshire Traction livery and fleetnames! A further local non psv in use on hospital transport is F276 KVV, Mercedes L609D, Devon Conversions B20F, in a cream livery and based at Runwell Hospital.

"ENOC 2954"

ENOC 2954 is to be a column devoted to the Eastern National era from 1929 through to the 1954 renumbering. We will endeavour to answer members enquiries related to this period, and a photograph list of prints available will be published shortly, listing all vehicles carrying old style fleet numbers.

Perhaps we have a member who can answer the following question. Leyland TD3, TD4, TD5 were mainly allocated to the Midland Area, but a photograph shows Leyland TD5 3712 FEV 181 operating from Waldon depot. Does anyone know what date this was?

If you have a question on this period, send your enquiries to Peter Snell at the address on the front cover.

Before any member starts shouting we know that 2954 was not an Eastern National vehicle - it operated in the West Country.

Eastern National Destination Blinds:

Manufactured by Norbury Bros. Ltd. Altringham, Cheshire.

List 10: Dated December 1966 Removed from 1338 HD

White	GREAT YELDHAM
SERVICE	CASILE HEDINGHAM
PRIVATE	SIBLE HEDINGHAM
DUPLICATE	BURY ST. EDMUNDS
SCHOOLS SERVICE	LONDON ^{King's} _{Cross}
WORKS SERVICE	SUDBURY
HALSTEAD TIDINGS HILL	SUDBURY ^{C.A.V.} _{Works}
COLCHESTER	GREAT CORNARD
HALSTEAD	GLEMSFORD
CHELMSFORD	COUNTESS CROSS
BRAINTREE	GREAT MAPLESTEAD
BLACKMORE END	GREENSTEAD GREEN
MUSHROOM FARM	PEEMARSH
EARLS COLNE	HALSTEAD
PENNY POT	WETHERSFIELD AIR BASE
HAVERHILL	WETHERSFIELD ^{Old} _{Dog}
TOPPESFIELD	HALSTEAD ^{Conies} _{Road}
LITTLE YELDHAM	White ***

*** This display has been added locally

Eastern National Destination Blinds

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List 7 (404") Dated. December 1966

SERVICE	CLACTON
PRIVATE	KELVEDON
DUPLICATE	LEXDEN ^{Norman} _{Way}
WORKS SERVICE	LITTLE CLACTON
SCHOOLS SERVICE	MALDON
BASILDON	MEADOWVIEW CAMP
BEAUMONT	NOTLEY HOSPITAL
BISHOP'S STORTFORD	POINT CLEAR
BRIGHTLINGSEA	SACKETTS GROVE
BURRSVILLE PARK	ST. OSYTH
CATTAWADE	ST OSYTH BEACH
CHELMSFORD	SOUTHEND
CHESTER CAMP	TENDRING HEATH
BRAINTREE	THORRINGTON CROSS
DEDHAM	TILBURY FERRY
DOVERCOURT	VALLEY FARM CAMP
DOVERCOURT ^{Caravan} _{Camp}	WARGRAVE ROAD
FRINTON	WEELEY
CLACTON ^{Rail} _{Station}	WIVENHOE
CLACTON	WIX
COLCHESTER	STONES GREEN
WALTON	GT. OAKLEY SCHOOL
WALTON ^{The} _{Naze}	HOLLAND-ON-SEA ^{Fleetwood} _{Avenue}
GT. OAKLEY	COLCHESTER ^{North Rail Stn.}
HARWICH ^{Quay}	WIVENHOE ^{Univ of Essex}
HARWICH ^{Rail} _{Station}	CLACTON / BURRSVILLE
HIGHFIELD PARK	THORPE GREEN
HIGHLANDS CAMP	HOLLAND-ON-SEA ^{The} _{Chase}
HOLLAND-ON-SEA ^{Brighton} _{Road}	GT. CLACTON ^{Carisbrooke} _{Avenue}
HOLLAND-ON-SEA ^{Farnwood} _{Avenue}	BOCKINGS ELM
HOLLAND RD. SCHOOL	FLATFORD DRIVE
IPSWICH	BRAINTREE ^{via} _{Notley} _{Hospital}
JAYWICK SANDS	
JAYWICK ^{Tudor} _{Estate}	

The wear on the blind indicates that the vehicle to which it was fitted was used almost exclusively on Colchester/Clacton/Walton services Displays Gt. Oakley School and thereafter added locally.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

CHAMBERS, BURES The new Olympian was first noted in service on 20.2.89. although its registration is yet to be reported. On weekdays it is allocated to run 0755 ex Sudbury, 0900 ex Colchester, 1230 ex Bury, 1430 ex Colchester and 1645 and 1645 ex Bury although it may only operate this service as far as Sudbury or Bures.

HEDINGHAM Former Eastern National Bristol VR 3032 (NPU 979M) has been acquired from PVS, Barnsley with former Trent VR DRB 309H going in part exchange.

L101 (MVX 878C) passed to R. Thorne, Bromsgrove for driver training work whilst L104 (LFS 292F) has passed to an operator in the Sheffield area.

One reallocation this month is that of L142 from CR to KN.

An outstation has been opened at Pleshy Village Hall for the one minibus required for operation of service 52.

A new blind has been fitted to L152, L153 :-

328 SUDBURY	90 WICKHAM BISHOPS
328 GT CORNARD	90 GT TOTHAM
320 BRAINTREE BUS PARK	22 B NOTLEY
320 SPRINGWOOD	22 WITHAM
90 WITHAM	21 FULLER STREET
90 HEYBRIDGE	21 WITHAM

NEW COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH LIST

The photographs listed below are now available at 30p each+postage from Peter Snell, whose address can be found on the front cover.

C8901	KGK 959	AEC RT	Blue Triangle Rte622	Braintree (a)
C8902	KGK 959	AEC RT	" " Rte165	Romford (a)
C8903	BNO 700T	Bed YMT	Heddingham L125	Braintree (b)
C8904	HHJ 376Y	Leyland	Tiger EN1115	Braintree
C8905	YEV 318S	LN	Trimoco OOA	Chelmsford
C8906	ANA 92Y	Leyland	Tiger EN1308	Braintree
C8907	F415	MWC	Leyland Lynx EN1415	Braintree
C8908	E401	HWC	Leyland Lynx EN1401	Colchester
C8909	JHJ 150V	LN	Quest Motors OOA	Maldon
C8910	A691	OHJ	Leyland Tiger EN 1122	Brentwood
C8911	D227	PPU	Mercedes EN 0227 Eddy Grimstead OOA	
C8912	DAR 121T	LN 1899	Mid Sussex H.A. OOA	Chelmsford
C8913	JHJ 143V	LN 1917	Springfield Motors OOA	Chelmsford
C8914	JHJ 149V	LN 1923	Lancaster Motors OOA	Colchester
C8915	B698	BPU	Leyland Olympian 4003 Lucus OOA	Colchester
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C8917	E33	EVW	Leyland Lynx Colchester 33	
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C8920	E308	HPU	Leyland Swift Harrisbus Grays	
C8921	BUF 426C	Leyland PD3	Harrisbus Grays (c)	
C8922	ALM 5B & ALD 871B		Routemaster ex Southampton 407-416 (a)(d)	
C8923	ALM 5B		Routemaster ex Southampton 407 (a)(d)	
C8924	F172	SMT	Leyland Swift Golden Boy	Harlow
C8925	E381	ERB	Scania Demonstrator o/h	Southend (e)
C8926	F290	NHJ	Metrobus Ensignbus 290 o/h	Southend (e)

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(b) Originally Eastern National 1214.

(c) Originally Southdown 426.

(d) In Southampton livery as acquired by Southend Transport.

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CORRECTIONS

295/4 The South Wales LN is KEP 829X.

297/8 The Transit service van is F309 LEV.

298/1 The cover photo should be credited to Peter Snell, (my apologies to him).

LATE NEWS

Operation of routes 211/A/B & 213 passed to London Buses from 1.4.89 using Walthamstow Metroriders. Service 240 will be withdrawn after operation on 29.4.89, whilst the 387 passed from Eagle Coaches to Cunningham Carriage Co on 1.5.89.

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