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A Happy New Year to all our readers !



It is perhaps appropriate that EBN 333 should feature a vehicle on service 333! Leyland National 2 1940 is arriving at Stansted Airport during 1991.

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TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT - A review of the Group's activities during 1991

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year has witnessed a number of departures. Early in the year we lost the most valued services of Richard Delahoy as Sub-Editor for Southend Transport and South Essex independents. Over many years Richard has provided generous assistance for the Group and will be sadly missed. However, he still continues as our Auditor. The second loss was of co-operation from Thamesway for "commercial reasons". This has meant that coach tours must look elsewhere and that Paul Harvey now has a much more difficult job as Sub-Editor; however, the flow of news still seems to be coming through. Fortunately, very good relations still exist with most other Essex operators. Finally, I have resigned as Tours Organiser, leaving the way clear for a fresh approach. Departures, of course, always make way for new arrivals to continue the progress of the Group.

ALAN OSBORNE (Chairman & Founder)

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership (1990 figures in brackets)

The Group started 1991 with 240 members (231) and ended the year with 251 (244), which certainly indicates a slight upward trend. The main way of advertising the Group has been by classified advertisements in Buses magazine although the response each time is varied, to say the least, and quite unpredictable from year to year. One distinct change from previous years is the number of members passing on to the "great bus station in the sky". Three of our longer standing members have left us in this way during the year. Condolences were passed on to the surviving relatives.

Subscriptions

Members renewing during 1991 paid £8.30 (1st class post) or £7.70 (2nd class post). However, from October 1991 rates were increased to £8.70 and £7.95 which has applied to those people renewing for 1992. Part of the increase was of course caused by the Post Office increasing postal charges (by 2p for 1st class post). So £0.24 or £0.12 of each increase is passed on to the Post Office. This means our printer/despacher has called for very little in the way of an increase for 1992 and the Committee would like to place on record our thanks to Peter Jaques of Kithead Ltd. for his interest in our magazine and printing it for a modest charge. It would be a nightmare to change our production system now.

Treasurer's Report

As at the time of writing this report the Group's accounts had not been prepared, it is only possible to draw attention to one or two salient points. The current account only just held out in the black by 30th November mainly because coach tours did not make a lot of profit during 1991 and we also paid out for the production of a publication (without dipping into our NSB reserves account). Despite raising subscriptions for 1992 it is probable that we shall have to raid the reserves towards the end of 1992 mainly because it seems that coach tours will no longer be run; however, as the NSB account will have earned somewhere in the region of £300 in interest during 1991, hopefully this is all that will be needed. Our other main activity, namely photograph sales and meetings at Rochford (using a room which we pay to hire) will have to stand on their own during 1992 as they seem to have done in 1991, but it may be that we will need to find somewhere else to hold meetings in the South East Essex area (preferably free of charge!). Whatever happens I hope that the size of the monthly magazine can be held at its present size and perhaps be increased in size giving members better value for their subscriptions. The Cliff Agency and ourselves finally cleared up the buyout of our sales stand activities and also a long running problem (but an entirely amicable one) with the 1989 Fleet Book. Finally, once again our thanks are due to Richard Delahoy for auditing the Group's books and preparing the final accounts.

BOB PALMER (Treasurer & Membership Secretary)

TOURS ORGANISER'S REPORT

Two tours were organised during the year, using vehicles supplied by London Forest Travel, courtesy of Bob Palmer, viz :-

Sunday, 19th May -	Alternative Tour 43 passengers London Forest TPL 7 and Premier Travel FLF452
Sunday, 15th September -	Solentside Tour 26 passengers London Forest TPL 8 and 7164 Group KOW909F

The Nene Valley tour was cancelled due to insufficient bookings.

Our thanks to all the operators and drivers who have assisted us with the operation of these tours, without your help they would not have been possible.

With the withdrawal of co-operation from Thamesway, the demise of London Forest and the poor load on the Solentside tour, I have decided to resign from my temporary four year

appointment and make way for somebody else and a new approach.

ALAN OSBORNE (Tours Organiser)

GROUP PUBLICATIONS

1991 could well be remembered for its economic recession. Fortunately, however, this recession does not seem to have affected the bus enthusiast industry. A Fleet Book was produced in mid-1991 by The Cliff Agency (in conjunction with the Group) and this has sold well and will be repeated again in 1992. The Cliff Agency handles the sale of books from other publishers, and this has remained consistent throughout the year. Capital Transport have excelled themselves with major publications on London Transport's RM and RF classes.

Another major event during 1991 was East Kent's 75th anniversary, which has precipitated plenty of written material on the subject and, for model collectors, some excellent models. Highlight of the year's events was a rally organised by East Kent and held at Cheriton, near Folkestone. This event attracted a large number of former East Kent vehicles now preserved and was well attended by the public.

1992 should be another good year with many new publications planned. The Cliff Agency attends most local events, and, in addition, a selection of publications is always available at the Group's meetings at Rochford and also on the Group's coach tours. In preparation for the 1992 Fleet Book, I am now collecting photographic material for use in this publication, and any contributions for this would be gratefully received.

ANDY MEADOWS (Committee Member)

MAGAZINE EDITOR'S REPORT

The increased amount of news during the year, with independent coverage being greatly improved, led to 176 pages being published compared to 172 in 1990. General improvements made during the year include a new style and clearer cover, and the inclusion of two photographs in most magazines.

Service changes have seen an increase in the number of minibuses with both Eastern National and Thamesway, with some big buses coming to Eastern National from South Wales providing some interest. Southend Transport have perhaps created the greatest interest with further Routemasters, Leyland National's, Leyland Olympian's and coaches entering service. Colchester Borough Transport have continued to update their fleet with new Leyland Lynx and Leyland Olympian vehicles replacing Leyland Atlantean's, some of which have passed to smaller operators

in the County. To reverse the trend created elsewhere the minibus fleet was withdrawn and sent to Scotland. Hedingham and District expanded when others contracted and purchased the services and vehicles of Norfolk of Nayland and Went of Boxted.

It is intended to include some new features during 1992 and it is hoped that these will be of interest and any ideas from members would also be welcome.

In closing may I thank all those who have contributed to the magazine during 1991, with special thanks to Edward Cecil, Paul Harvey, Mark Lloyd and Roger Dennis. Finally, on behalf of the Group, I would like to extend our thanks to all the operators who have provided help during the year, and look forward to their continued support during 1992.

IAN RANSOM (Magazine Editor)

TIMETABLE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Essex County Council continued to publish their comprehensive timetable booklets for North Essex and South Essex on a regular basis during 1991. The Group's timetable subscription service has over 50 members, and subscribers not only receive copies of new timetables but also timetable update news published by Essex County Council and generally not available to the public from other sources.

DEREK STEBBING (Committee Member)

VACANCY FOR TOURS ORGANISER

NO applications for this post have so far been received, details about the post were given in the November magazine. If you are interested, please apply soon otherwise there will be NO GROUP COACH TOURS IN 1992. Early application is essential since preliminary planning needs to start in January for the 1992 season. Applications should be sent to: Alan Osborne, Chairman, EBEG, 7 Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex IG3 8LT.

VACANCY FOR SOUTHEAD TRANSPORT SUB EDITOR

Applications are invited for the post of ST sub editor, which has become vacant following Edward Cecils change of employment and hence a reduction of time to produce notes for the magazine. It would be appreciated if those who offered to take on the position before, would contact me again to say if they are still willing to take on the role. ST provide a major contribution to the notes each month, so a need to live in Southend is not essential. Please write to Ian Ransom if you are able to help.

ROCHFORD MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 11th of February and will be a members slide evening. You are invited to bring your own slides of interest and the meeting commences at 8pm. The location is as usual the Freight House which is adjacent to Rochford Station.

WINTER SALE

In order to make way for new stock, a sale of books and videos is to be made. All prices include post and packing and apply until 29.2.92. Calle's are welcome but only by prior arrangement on Rayleigh 781657. Orders by post should be sent to Andy Meadows.

Books

Bus Systems- SHMD (TPC)	10.00	(14.50)
Bus Systems- Shearings (TPC)	10.00	(14.50)
Bus Enthusiast Review 1986	1.50	(2.95)
Bus Enthusiast Review 4 (1988)	1.95	(3.50)
Bus Enthusiast Review 5 (1989)	1.95	(3.95)
Edinburgh Trams & Buses	2.95	(4.95)
Londoners in Exile- DMS Worldwide	1.00	(2.45)
Half Cab Double Deckers	1.00	(1.95)
Routemasters around Gt. Britain	2.95	(6.50)
World Metro Systems (Capital)	3.50	(6.95)

Videos

Trams By The Seaside	10.95	(17.95)
Liverpool Trams	10.95	(17.95)
Sheffield Trams	11.95	(18.95)

Also available are a number of 1960s and 1970s Buses Annuals and

other books. Details are available from Andy.

CAN YOU HELP?

Could members in the Clacton/Colchester area please provide details of duties scheduled for Colchester depot on services 118/9. Please reply to the editor, if you can help. Thank You.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Acquired Vehicle

4011 C411 HJN Leyland Olympian ECW DPH42/30F

This vehicle was acquired from Thamesway in 11/91 with whom it carried an overall advert for Interlink. This vehicle was of course new to Eastern National in 1986.

Vehicles on Loan

Leyland Nationals 1778 (PEV 690R) and 1827 (VNO 729S) have been on loan to fellow Badgerline company South Wales since 3.12.91. It is understood that they are being used in competition with a local operator in Swansea. Further details and photos would be most welcome.

Allocation Changes

11/91 4005 CF-TWAY; 4011 TWAY-CF

12/91 1778 BS-D/L(D); 1792 D/L(D)-CF; 1804 BS-D/L(D); 1885 DT-BE
3076 BE-DT;

The use of 1778 and 1804 at Stansted Airport ceased during November, when the Airside shuttle came back into operation. The orange flashing lights were then removed and 1804 has been in use from Braintree.

Repaints

12/91 4011 in revised dp livery.

CF 3083 and MN 3112 still carry rear end adverts for Kennings, although these premises now trade under a different name!

General

Tescos are opening a new store in Maldon during February to which Eastern National were asked to provide a shuttle bus service. However with routes 92,119 and Hedinghams 90/A at present serving the store no new routes are to be introduced at present. However M.D. Robin Orbell in an interview in the Eastern National in house magazine states that a minibus conversion for Maldon is planned for early in the new year.

The third round Britain Bus Marathon visited Chelmsford on 14.9.91. as part of a nine day tour to collect money on behalf of

the Cancer Research Campaign. Drivers who had collected money from passengers during the previous week together with donations made by themselves handed over a cheque for 2960. Some drivers had appeared in fancy dress, causing some laughs for passengers and fellow crew. Social Club and Canteen staff donated extra cash to take the sum to a round 3000 to which the company added 300, to give a grand total of 3300.

Unusual Workings

7.12.91. CF 4013 replaced CR 4501 on service 53.
14.12.91. CF 3083 replaced CR 4509 on service 53.
15.12.91. BE 4021 on service 452 (normally LN).
22.12.91. BE 4016 on service 452 (as above).

The 53/X continues to provide interest and Leyland Nationals and dual purpose Olympians, are as common as the scheduled Olympian coach/Tigers. In addition 4004 has been seen on 3.12.91. and on 22.12.91. (a Sunday!).

On 16.12.91. a most unusual Rail Replacement Service was operated from Springfield Green, Chelmsford to Liverpool Street. A power failure resulted in the up boat train being replaced by VRTs 3077, 3083 and 3106 all CF. Passengers were de-trained by ladders and brought up to road level by the trackmens steps. This may be the first instance of EN replacing the boat train and even Mr Delahoy and the LTS line have never had this experience, or have they?

A rail replacement service between Romford and Shenfield was being operated on 8.12.91. VRs and Olympians were in use together with Thamesway (VR, Olympian and Nationals) and County Bus Atlanteans.

Two unusual private hires may be of interest to members. At the end of August 1129 visited Pavullo in Italy with The Essex Dance Theatre as part of the International Dance and Music Festival. On 27.11.91. the same vehicle was used to convey the Essex County Cricket Club to Buckingham Palace, for the presentation of the County Championship by HKH Prince Philip.

Further to EBN 332, although the Coopers End link road reopened on 15.11.91. services were not rerouted until 18.11.91.

Services

- 11 From 8.12.91. one journey extended to Sudbury from Halstead. Service withdrawn from 19.1.92. see service 43.
- 21 From 19.1.92. was revised to stop in Fairfield Road and no longer serves the Bus Park.
- 30 Revised route and timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
- 31A Revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
- 32 Revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
- 33/A Revised timetable with service 33A withdrawn from 20.1.92.
- 34 From 20.1.92. was rerouted and no longer serves Acorn Avenue, also now terminates in Fairfield Road.
- 36 Slightly revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
- 37 Revised from 20.1.92. to no longer serve Marlborough Road

- and terminate in Fairfield Road.
- 40/A Slightly revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
 - 41A/B Slightly revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
 - 43/A Revised from 20.1.92. with journeys extended to Halstead to replace service 11.
 - 44 Slightly revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
 - 53/X Revised route and timetable with service 53X renumbered 53B from 20.1.92.
 - 87/A Revised timetable with one journey extended to Mistley from 20.1.92.
 - 133 Revised timetable with services 132/3/233 renumbered to 133 introduced from 20.1.92.
 - 310 ECC journeys renumbered 43 from 19.1.92.
 - 350/1 Slightly revised timetable introduced from 20.1.92.
 - 354-6 Revised timetable with services 355/6 withdrawn and replaced by ECC tendered journeys from 20.1.92.

Commuter services 192/3/4 will be revised and service 712 withdrawn with effect from 20.1.92.

Christmas and New Year Services

In general the following services were provided over this period

- 24.12 Normal service until about 2030 when services finished
- 25.12 No service
- 26.12 No service
- 27.12 Saturday service
- 31.12 As for 24.12
- 1.1 No service

A normal service was provided on all other days.

Publicity

Your Buses in Mid Essex & Herts during the period 24.12.91. to 2.1.92.
 Real Ale Runabouts dated 14.1.92 to 30.6.92.
 Commuter Coach 192/193 dated 28.10.91.

Initial Disposals

1769 (MAR 791P) 1816 (VNO 739S) 3063 (LJN 658P) 9011 (WNO 560L)
 all passed to Peterborough PVS, London, E17 for scrap 11/91.

- 0121 (B259 CHK) Passed to Thamesway, 7/90, and is thought to have been used by the Chief Engineer as a company car. It is now in use from Brentwood as a ferry car by drivers on LRT services.
- 1737 (GJN 997N) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap c. 8/91. Although this vehicle was at Hadleigh official records do not show this vehicle passing to Thamesway in 7/90, although by this stage very little of the vehicle remained anyway!

1740 (HAR 486N) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap c.9/91
 1751 (LJN 659P) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap 6/91
 1928 (MHJ 724V) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap 6/91
 3052 (LJN 647P) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap c. 11/91
 3059 (LJN 654P) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap c.9/91
 3062 (LJN 657P) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap c.1/91
 4005 (C711 GEV) Thamesway, Basildon, 11/91.
 4011 (C411 HJN) Returned to EN from Thamesway in exchange.11/91

Subsequent Disposals

453 (RPV 868M) Breakway Trust (N-PSV), Heaton Park, 7/91, ex. Vale, Cheetham Hill.
 1204 (BNO 690T) "Gone" from Rhodes, Kawanee, by 9/91.
 1269 (AJN 825) Thamesway, Basildon (for preservation), 7/90, ex Eastern National (for preservation).
 1301 (XHK 214X) Still with Hills, Tredegar, 9/91, Hills were advertised for sale by accountants Touche-Ross following their appointment as receivers.
 1306 (LLT 347V) Correct spelling of dealer is Kavanagh (see also EBN 330).
 1403 (1251 EV) Now reported as passing to J Newton, Spennymoor by 4/83 (car transporter), ex Evans, Sunderland (N-PSV). Previously noted as passing from Evans (contractor), Sunderland to Taylor, Sunderland (for preservation), by 8/82, thence to Aycliff & District Bus Preservation Society (for preservation), by 4/83, and then to Newton in 4/83. Was it ever therefore with the two intermediate owners or not? (Additional to NS 223 and EBN 326).
 1536 (OHK 226K) Beattie, Hillsborough (for scrap), 9/89, ex. Citybus, Belfast, 704.
 1540 (PEV 502K) As per 1536 but in 2/90 and numbered 709.
 1547 (SVV 275K) Correction to EBN 328/9: Withdrawn by Citybus, Belfast, 713, 7/89, not 2/90 as previously given.
 1723 (NEV 680M) Still with Pride of the Road, Royston, 9/91.
 1726 (NEV 683M) Southampton City Transport, 428, 8/91, ex Solent Blue Line, 428; fitted with Wayfarer ticket machine. (See EBN 331 for details of operations). It is as yet unconfirmed whether these vehicles were directly acquired or were on loan before acquisition.
 1729 (NEV 686M) Withdrawn by Battrick & Brown, Clayton-le-Dale, Blackburn, 4/91.
 1739 (GJN 999N) City Fleet, Aintree, 7/91, ex. Powney, Aintree.
 1749 (JNO 198N) As 1726, fleetnumber 430.
 1818 (VNO 741S) Sovereign Bus & Coach, by 11/91. (T)

1838 (WJN 558S) As 1818.
 1848 (YEV 306S) As 1818.
 2015 (20 PVX) Noted in 4/91, in service with Brian Hamlyn, Burbank, California, USA. Now fitted with Cummins engine and Allinson automatic gearbox.
 2385 (WNO 481) Withdrawn by White, Bickett Wood, by 9/90.
 2717 (97 TVX) With North (dealer), Sherburn by 11/91, ex Drivesafe (for driver training).
 2780 (993 K00) With North (dealer), Sherburn, by 11/91, ex Double Two shirts, Wakefield.
 2841 (MVX 878C) London Borough of Richmond (N-PSV), 3/91, for driver training, ex. Thorn, Bromsgrove (N-PSV) (for driver training). Also reported as passing to Royal Borough of Kingston, 4/91.
 2858 (OPU 823D) Is H ?/22F with London Borough of Richmond, note correct registration (see also EBN 331).
 2904 (WVW 531F) Still with Norths, Sherburn (dealer), 11/91.
 2944 (AVW 403F) Sold by P Harrison, Chelmsford (for spares), 6/91, to PVS, Barnsley. Remains broken by 11/91.

THAMESWAY

Acquired Vehicle

4005 C711 GEV Leyland Olympian ECW H45/32F

This vehicle was acquired from Eastern National in 11/91 with whom it carried an overall advert for Essex County Cricket Club. Peugeot Estate B259 CHK has been acquired from Eastern National. See EN initial disposals for full details.

Allocations

12/91 1779 WW-BD; 1780/1/91/1814 POOL-D/L(D); 1836 BD-WW;
 2200 BN-DpT; 3085 BD-PD; 3099 D/L(D)-WW; 3124 WW-D/L(D);
 3205 PD-BD; 4005 EN-POOL; 4011 POOL-EN

Repaints

201 is now in fleet livery (ex Allens overall advert), while 234 is also now in fleet livery. This leaves just 227 and 231 at BD to be repainted in fleet livery and both currently carry Eddy Grimstead overall adverts. 711,712,715 have been repainted from Badgerline livery into fleet livery. Olympian 4005 has been repainted into fleet livery ex Essex CCC.

General

Leyland Lynx 1406 has been extensively rebuilt by Bristol Cityline Engineering following accident damage. This vehicle is back in service at Basildon, still in EN livery!
 Olympian 4009 has lost its computer destination equipment in favour of standard blinds.
 Fares were increased in the Southend & District area from 5.1.92.

whilst participation in the Southend Travelcard scheme ceased from the same date.

Unusual Workings

4.11.91. BN 1891 on service 250 (normally Mercedes)
5.11.91. HH 317 on service 11 (normally Leyland National)
15.11.91. HH 349 on service 11
PD 3089 on service 235 (WW service)
29.11.91. BN 1887 on service 250 (see above)
13.12.91. BN 1891 on service 250 (see above)
21.12.91. HH 1915 on service 25 (normally minibus)
3.1.92. BN 1883 on service 40 (normally minibus)

In addition D/L(D) 1767 has been in use from Hadleigh between at least 15.11.91 and 5.12.91

Services

- 24 Additional early morning journeys from Southchurch to Southend introduced from 21.10.91.
24A Service restored between Rayleigh and Hadleigh every 30 minutes on Monday to Saturday. It is thought from 21.10.91. Big buses are used as these act as crew ferry buses for handovers on service 250 at Rayleigh.
27 From 21.10.91. an additional Monday to Friday service from Canvey to Hadleigh at 0617 was introduced.

Christmas and New Years services were operated on the same basis as Eastern National in the Southend, Basildon and Brentwood areas. In London a normal service ran on all days except 25/26.12 when no service operated and on 1.1. when a Sunday service was operated.

Publicity

Timetable leaflets for services 24 and 27/28 dated 21.10.91. Christmas and New Year leaflets were published for Southend and District, Basildon and Thurrock and it is assumed for Brentwood.

Spotlight on Brentwood

Brentwood Town Services require 11 minibuses for weekday services and 9 on Saturday.
Leyland Nationals are scheduled for the following town services:- A1-A5 at 0720, 0759, 0816, 0828, 0915, 1655, 1745 and 1828 ex Bishops Hall plus associated workings. School service B at 1545 from St Martins School and the 1545 service 268 from Sawyers Hall Lane.

Thamesway Fleet Allocation as at 1st December 1991

Basildon	236-44 358-87 718-22 1404-06/10-12/22-24 1789 1866 1877/79/83/84/86-89/91/93/96/98 1904/08/22
Brentwood	201/25-35 301-06/88-95 1779 1839/45-47/54/59/76/81

1900/02/03/12/13/19 3205 4012
 Hadleigh 307-56 701-17/55/56 1400/09/17-21 1787 1817/21/30
 1835/37/40/49/52/57/64/68/69/71/75/78/80/95/97
 1906/07/15/18
 Ponders End 245-52/57 1001-4 3085/87-90 3100/01/04/08/13/17/20
 3122 3216 4000-03/06
 Walthamstow 253-56/58-60 800-04 1801/03/10/20/22/23/26/36/82
 1894 1905/11/20 3096/99 3105/07/10/15/16/18/19/21
 3123/25/26
 Reserve Fleet 1776/88/96 1853 4005/09/10
 Training Fleet 2200 9005/13-15

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles

Further to last months news ex Burnham & District Routemaster VLT 44 entered service as 122 during the week before Christmas. 122 was still in red livery with 'Burnham & District' fleetnames, but with ST legal lettering and small (bus stop flag size) fleetname stickers and was first noted in service on 20.12.

CUV 162C and BMJ 919A (former RM 2162 and 908) have been placed in store. One of the two is expected to enter service shortly.

RM 44 and 2162 were purchased from F Spence (dealer) in 11/91 while RM 908 came from United Counties in 11/91.

A further acquisition of interest is KTF 594 an AEC Regent Mk3 with Park Royal 033/26R bodywork. This vehicle was new to Morecambe & Heysham in 1949 and it is not yet known what the proposed use of this vehicle is.

Former Blackpool Leyland National 718 (GGE 161T) has now entered service in full ST livery and was first noted in use on 10.12.91. This leaves 720 as the only ex Blackpool machine not yet in service.

DAF coach 581 has been reinstated and has been in use on the London services since mid December.

Subsequent Disposals

A report has been received that 603 (JEV 244Y) is still in full Apix, London livery despite being reported as sold to Cooper, Gilesgate Moor by 8/90. Can anyone confirm its current owner?

Services

11 The Sunday journey will be rerouted to serve Little Wheatleys and Carpenters Arms, Rayleigh instead of Downhall Road and Rawreth Lane and will be renumbered 11A from 12.1.92.

Christmas and New Year Services

The following services were operated during the holiday period:-

24.12. Normal service with some alterations to 3,23A and X group.
 25.12. 0830 Southend to Victoria and 1045 Victoria to Southend operated by Olympian 265.

26.12. Special services on routes 1,3,3B,4A,5,7,9A,29,63 and X1.
1.1. As for 26.12.

On all other days a normal service was provided except for some minor changes to the London services.

Members Observations

A number of coaches have seen use on stage work recently with:-
5.12. 559 on 18 13.12 561/4 on 12 16.12 563 on 17 564 on 12
23.12 561 on 29 27.12 561 on 29

On a Personal Note

This will be my last magazine as Sub-Editor for Southend Transport and I would like to thank all contributors and Southend Transport for their help. Edward Cecil

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Unusual Workings

Tigers 103 and 104 were both noted on the morning service 83 during w/e 14.12.91. These vehicles still remain in use with CBT during January awaiting sale.

Services

Christmas extras were being operated between 0930 and 1200 on Saturdays between 30.11.91. and 21.12.91. as duplicates to Osborne Street a couple of minutes in front of the scheduled services from the following points:-

1/1A	From Greenstead Centurion	2	From Magdalen Wood
4A	From Greenstead Forest Rd	7/7A	From Cherry Tree
8/8A	From Monkwick Bardfield Rd		

Atlanteans were used on 1/1A and 8/8A with Lynx on the other routes.

Services over the Christmas and New Year period were operated as follows:-

24.12 and 31.12.	Normal Tuesday service until 1900
25.12; 26.12; 1.1.	No service
27.12	Saturday service

In addition service 77 operated on 24.12. and there was no afternoon service on routes 11 or 15 on 24.12. or 31.12. From 20.1.92. all service 8 journeys (except for the first one on Saturday) will be extended to Horkesley Heath and renumbered 8A. On Saturdays from 25.1.92. service 2/2A will operate on reduced running time and service 5A is extended from the Town Centre to Highwoods as on Monday to Friday, except it will operate via Brinkley Grove instead of Severalls Industrial Estate. All service 8A journeys have reduced running time.

General

As in previous years collections were made on buses in the run up to Christmas with the money collected being used for the Childrens Ward at the General Hospital. Some drivers were in fancy dress with the usual pantomime characters being seen.

HEDINGHAM

Vehicles

Acquired vehicles to report are L193 (D600 MVR) a Plaxton bodied Tiger (EBN 330 refers). This coach has blue frontal lettering to blend the coaches interior to the standard livery. Also acquired is L194 (JWV 271W) a Bristol VRT/ECW but with the rare Leyland 0.680 engine from Brighton and Hove. Vehicles sold are L134 (KAD 347V) and the AEC Renown L179 (DAU 379C), the former passing to a dealer in part exchange and the AEC passing to Partridge. A couple of demonstrators have visited the company, with a Jonckhree bodied Javelin and a Wadham Stringer bodied Dart being inspected.

AEC Reliance L180 has been reregistered UBJ 847R and L182 is now BBJ 568S, the cherished marks have passed to Partridge. Ex Kemp Bedford L170 (W00 903W) has been repainted and is now used on school contracts from Hedingham. Ex Kemp Bova L172 has also been repainted. Also repainted into standard livery is L135 (KGS 489Y) which has carried various versions of the 25 years of Hedingham service livery since being acquired. Accident victim L116 (HAR 116Y) is being rebuilt. L87 (PHK 387R) is unusual in having a split rear screen and no rear quarter bumpers. The ex Norfolks Nationals are receiving red wheels.

Services

- 59 The 0950 from Audley End (Mon-Fri), 0940 from Clavering (Sat) and the 1215 from Haverhill (Mon-Sat) were rerouted via Helions Bumpstead from 19.1.92.
- 329 Revised timetable introduced from 21.1.92.

Services on the 80 and 84 group now run via Turner Road and Mill Road to serve the General Hospital.

General

Hedingham have won the 1992 contract to take local old folk on sponsored coach outings to destinations such as Cromer, Eastbourne and Southend.

With increased loads leading up to Christmas service 88 was double deck operated on Saturdays with L159 (TBW 451P), L160 (H160 HJN) and L167 (JWT 757V) all being noted.

OTHER OPERATORS

APT RAYLEIGH Bedford YMT 24 FLC has been reregistered UVW 761R. TIA 5819, the Magris-Deutz with unusual split height Ayats

bodywork has been sold to Trathens, Plymouth after a very short stay. Further to EBN 332 the original APT 827 a Van Hool T815 was reregistered BJS 98Y and sold to BJS, Gt Wakering.

ASSOCIATED COACHWAYS Further to EBN 332 journeys depart from Eastwick at 1400 and Harlow at 1600.

BONNERS The afternoon journey on service 207 was extended from Epping to Coopersale Common from the start of the school term.

BOON BOREHAM TGX 704M the former London Transport DMS has not been noted recently and may have been sold.

BRANDONS BLACKMORE END Have acquired LXR 958 a Van Hool TD 824 integral which was new as MSU 586Y.

CARTERS The Bristol RELH6G coach SVF 896G has been sold for preservation. The Dodge C204 WGV expired in the run up to Christmas and an Ipswich BT machine was on loan to cover. Further to EBN 332, Leopard EKJ 441K entered service during December still in primer as a result of other vehicles being off the road. This vehicle was with Carters previously passing to Blue Bus Services in 1989.

CEDRICS A further Ikarus bodied Volvo to be acquired is D140 SWL which has been reregistered KIW 6416.

CHARTERCOACH Have acquired two further Ensign Charisma or Sanos coaches these being C749/51 KWE which were soon reregistered HIL 5679/80. They are in standard Chartercoach tours livery. The following have passed to Ensigns (dealer) Sanos coaches F180 CGN, G968/70 CNO and DAF/Berkhof B593 XNO.

COUNTY BUS Introduced a new service 400 between Grays and Chafford Hundred on Mondays to Fridays from 6.1.92. Service 370 was revised to operate on all public holidays (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day) from 1.1.92. Minor timing adjustments were made to service 379 from 12.1.92. The 1905 service 505 journey from Harlow was advanced to 1835 from 19.1.92.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD LAT 256 has been sold.

CUNNINGHAM Services 152 and 722 will be withdrawn with effect from 31.1.92. A Sherpa D873 LWR has been in use on service 387.

DISTRICT BUS A new service numbered 113 was introduced on 4.12.91. between Crays Hill and Wickford Bromfords School operating schooldays only.

EAST LONDON Operation of service 723 between Stratford and Lakeside recommenced on 16.11.91. on Saturdays only until 18.1.92. Operation of service N96 (Trafalgar Square to Debden passed from the disbanded London Forest to East London with effect from 23.11.91.

FORDS ALTHORNE Have acquired A522 LPP a Leyland Tiger with Plaxton Paramount 3500 bodywork. Also at the depot is former Thamesway Leyland National 1721 (NEV 678M) but it is not known if this vehicle has been acquired.

FREEMANS The Blackmore End to Braintree schooldays service was revised from 4.11.91.

PETER GODWARD COACHES Have introduced two services in the Basildon area. Service 44 runs four times daily between Shotgate and Stanford le Hope, while service 48 runs twice daily between Basildon and Corringham.

GRAHMS KELVEDON Two recent acquisitions are D322 VVV a Quest with Jonckhree bodywork and MFK 768V a Vovlo B58 with Duple bodywork.

HARRIS BUS Have also introduced a service 400 between Grays and Chafford Hundred from 6.1.92. operating during peak hours only. Volvos D302/4 PEV have been repainted into the new blue and white livery. A number of vehicles have been on hire including OJD 200R a Leyland Fleetline from Metrobus for one day on 30.11.91. Olympian/Northern Counties E256 DPN from Eastbourne Buses from 4.12.91. to 13.12.91. also from Eastbourne have come Leyland PD3 LFR 532F and Leyland Atlantean JJG 5P. The latter pair remain on hire at the time of writing.

INGATESTONE COACHES Further to EBN 331 HIL 4457 was, new as VYM 508M. However this now appears to have gone and been replaced by BEG 438T a Bedford/Duple.

JACKSONS BICKNACRE C678 KFW has been sold to Thomas, Ewell. Also sold is MJI 2375 (ex BCJ 900V) which is now with WHM.

KENTISH BUS Have introduced a Saturdays only service between Gravesend and Lakeside operating four journeys in each direction. This service commenced on 18.1.92. and is numbered 722.

KINGS STANWAY B335 ANY a Bova Futura has been sold.

PRIORY STANFORD LE HOPE Have acquired FLJ 745V a Ford/Plaxton from Southlands, Bromley.

RAYS TRAVEL BRAINTREE PYY 198 a Volvo with Plaxton Viewmaster bodywork has been acquired from Chelmsford Travel (ex GWC 33T) it replaces BEV 542S a Ford/Plaxton which has passed to Webbs, Highwood.

SOUTHEND RADIO CARS Service 10 was withdrawn after 4.1.92. and replaced by a door to door service operated by Andrews Taxis under contract to ECC.

STEPHENSONS Have acquired JHW 120P a Bristol LH6L with ECW B28FL which was latterly with Rhymney Valley District Council as a non PSV. The wheelchair lift is fitted in the centre of the vehicle. The sale of LMA 59P to Dredge (EBN 331) was cancelled and this vehicle together with Leopard/Duples XWX 169S and WFH 166S (held in a dealer capacity) passed to Silcox, Pembroke Dock.

The planned new years day services did not operate as a result of the increased activity of Southend Transport on this day compared to previous years. From 12.1.92. service 251 will be renumbered 222 and will be diverted via Little Wheatleys in Rayleigh and will also serve Wickford Broadway in both directions, the latter involving a lengthy detour, encompassing the same roundabout twice. Service 11 will be renumbered 11A from the same date and will now serve Little Wheatleys and the Carpenters Arms instead of Downhall Road and Rawreth Lane. There will be slight timetable revisions to both services.

Wayfarer Ticket equipment will replace Almex machines on Town Lynx bus services during January.

WALKERS Now in service is a Talbot Tri-axle minibus E563 MAC.

WESTS Are using a new style logo on their vehicles, which is shown below. H550 AMT has been reregistered A19 BUS.

WICKS BRAINTREE Have acquired XRW 518S a Bedford YMT/Plaxton and WRK 17X a DAF/Jonckhree from the now defunct Stansted Coaches.

WIFFENS FINCHINGFIELD Bova Futuras E277-9 HRY have been sold. E279 HRY is now with Kings, the others passed to dealers. Minibus F879 TNH has also been sold.

WINDMILL COPFORD Bova YGY 641Y has been reregistered 816 BAU.

NEW

129 - 132/4/5	J129 YRM	Leyland Olympian	- NCME	H47/30F	-9/91
136 - 146	J136 YRM	" "	- Leyland	H47/29F	-10/91
147	J247 YRM	" "	" "	" "	-11/91
148 - 151	J148 YRM	" "	" "	" "	-11/91
152-- 158	J152 YRM	" "	" "	" "	-12/91
181/2	J181 HME	Dennis Dominator	- NCME	H45/29F	-11/91

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181 has the new Gardener LG1200 engine, while 182 has a Cummins L10

All the above are in the new all over yellow with red bands livery: they are licensed to Walthamstow Citybus Ltd.

ACQUIRED

101/2	JHE 171/2W	MCW Metrobus mkl	- MCW	H46/31F	- new 1980/1
103/6	JHE 196,157W	" "	" "	" "	" "
108/110	JHE 178,170W	" "	" "	" "	" "
113/4	JHE 169/62W	" "	" "	" "	" "
115/6	JHE 182,146W	" "	" "	" "	" "
117-120	JHE 147-150W	" "	" "	" "	" "

ex South Yorkshire Transport, 1871/2 ect, 12/91

250 J135 PVC Leyland Olympian - Leyland H??/?D -6/91
ex Volvo-Leyland, Warwick 11/91 -exhibited at the UITP congress
in Stockholm as 'H141OLY', then on loan to London Buses/East London.

503	URF 673S	Bristol VRT/SL3	- ECW	H43/31F	-new 1978
505	BTU 375S	" "	" "	" "	-new "

ex Potteries 673 ,DVL375 -505 new toCrosville. To sevice 10/91

Again, all the above are in the yellow with red bands livery.

Liveries

109 (KUC219P)-yellow, with blue panels below the lower deck windows,
with thin red bands on the front & rear only(ex IBM advert)
127 (G127YEV)-yellow and silver (ex blue & silver)
211 (GHV69N) -yellow and silver (ex John bull advert)
282 (F282NHJ)-yellow and silver (ex blue and silver)
297 (JWF497W)-Maroon/silver on the front & offside,Dark Green
& silver on the rear & nearside (ex Castle Glass advert),for
two weeks in August ,them to yellow with red bands.
263-274 - yellow with red bands.

It should be noted that the yellow used on 127,211,282 is slightly darker than the yellow now in use as the fleet livery.

On Order

20 x Mercedes Benz 811D/Reeve Burgess (for North London routes)

GENERAL

The Ensign fleetname was painted out on the blue & silver fleet over the night of 22/23 November, leaving them running as just 'Citybus'. So far, only one or two have had 'Capital' added.

Operations are now being undertaken outside the 'normal' operating area of Barking/Ilford/Romford/Rainham. Railway replacement jobs have recently been run from Stevenage to Hitchin, & Herne Hill to Beckenham Junction. The company have also gained the Hertfordshire tender for route 321 (Luton-St Albans-Watford-Rickmansworth) on Sundays : Double Decks are used ,altho I'm told that it will get mini'd in February. The 321 is worked by London Country North West /Luton & District on Mon-Sat daytime, Seemarks Mon-Sat evenings. Route 347 (Dagenham Dock-Romford) is to be withdrawn, last day to be Fri 03JAN92.

ON HIRE

To cover for the late delivery of 152-158 ,a number of buses were hired in late November : Ipswich Transport 1,3,5 (HDX 904/6/8N), 10 (MRT 10P), Atlantean AN68-Roe, Metrobus of Orpington DMS OJD200R , and Leyland Olympian/Leyland demo J976 PRW, in the colors of Preston Corporation. They were used mainly on the 252 and 347.

THE NEW DEPOT at Marsh Lane, Northumberland Park opened 30th November. It is the 'River Lea' side of the railway from the BR station at Northumberland Park .Allocation of routes to depots seems to be-

DM- 123,165,246,248,252,323,345,348,446,550,565.
NP- 97,97a,158,212,215,321.

NON PSVS IN ESSEX

Basildon Fishing Club have acquired LPB 216P a former County Bus Leyland National.
East Tilbury Scouts are using KPV 820P a Bedford/Plaxton coach.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Leaflets giving details of Christmas and New Year services were published for the following areas:-

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| 1. NW Essex | 2. NE Essex | 3. W Essex | 4. Central Essex |
| 5. S Essex | 6. SE Essex | | |

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting

This years AGM will be held at the Freight House, Rochford on Tuesday 10th March commencing at 8pm. The evening will incorporate a slide show. If you are unable to attend but wish to make any suggestions etc. please send them to either Alan Osborne or Ian Ransom.

Chelmsford Meeting

This will be held at the home of Colin Sigston on the evening of Tuesday 25th February. This will give a chance to chat about local operators past and present.

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Stephesons Leyland Leopard JMB 330T departs from Southend on
service 251 on a warm Sunday last summer.

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