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One of the few new coaches in the County is J91 WWC a Setra S215HD used by Harris on Eurolines work.

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TOUR TO BRISTOL AND AVON 27th JUNE 1992

This tour has now been expanded and will include visits to Marlborough Street Bus Station and Lawrence Hill. If you have not yet booked, seats are still available. Please contact Andy Meadows asap.

BOREHAM MEETING 14th JULY 1992

A meeting will take place at the home of Colin Sigston, 62 Plantation Road, Boreham commencing at 8pm.

SOUTHEND BUS RALLY

As a final reminder this event takes place on 7.6.92. and ST are operating a Routemaster on the 0730 ex Southend and 0935 ex Victoria, as well as a shuttle service between Central Southend and the rally site.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Acquired Vehicles

Excluded from last months magazine were the details of 720/1. They are ex Thamesway 721 (B454 WTC) and 722 (B464 WTC) and were acquired in 3/92.

Allocation Changes

4/92 None

Repaints

1924 has been repainted as an overall advert for Essex County Cricket Club.

Services

- 36 The 0640 and 0710 ex Chelmsford and 0726 and 0757 return journeys have been advanced by 5 minutes.
- 53/B Slight route and timetable revisions introduced from 25.5.92.
- 77/78 Slight timetable revisions introduced from 25.5.92.
- 100/200 Reintroduced daily between Highfields and St Osyth from 25.5.92. until 12.9.92.
- 103/4 Slight timetable revisions introduced from 25.5.92. Evening journeys operated for ECC will serve Mayes Lane with slight timetable revisions from 18.5.92.
- 129 All journeys retimed and depart Colchester 5 minutes later and Clacton 5 minutes earlier.
- 154 Revised route and timetable introduced from 26.5.92.

All Clacton area minibus services were revised from 24.5.92.

Unusual Workings

18.4.92. MN 1114, Pool 1824, CR3103 and CF 4013 all on service 53
4.5.92. Pool 2202 maintained the entire service 53A. This means that the oldest vehicle (except open tops) spent almost 16 hours in service covering over 350 miles. Or the same distance as Colchester to Lands End, with only six minutes layover every two hours.

Initial Disposals

1308 (ANA 92Y) Brewer, Maesteg, by 5/92.
1309 (ANA 93Y) As 1308.
1310 (ANA 94Y) As 1308.
3066 (UVX 3S) Stripped for spares and remains sold for scrap, 4/92.

THAMESWAY

Allocations

3/92 721/2 BN-EN; 1810 WW-BD (correction); 3088/90 POOL-D/L(D)
4/92 1826 WW-D/L(D); 1877 BN-D/L(D); 1881 BD-BN; 1886 BN-BD;
3100 BD-POOL; 3101 WW-D/Sch; 3104 POOL-D/L(D);
3105/8/16 WW-D/L(D); 3110/13 WW-BD; 3115/18/25 WW-POOL;
3119/20/22/26 WW-D/L(D); 9005 D/Sch-D/L(D)

Pool vehicles 1801/22/36/47/53 and 1905 are being used from Hadleigh and are used on extra services on 20 and 27 in competition with Southend Transport.

Vehicles

To correct last months magazine Transits 721/22 were transferred to Eastern National at Maldon.
National 1888 has been noted with Badgerline Group and logo on the front end. 2200 has been named Expo Bus and also carries Badgerline Group and logo. It was being used for publicity purposes in the Southend area during late April.

Repaints

Now in fleet livery are 1400 (the first Lynx treated) and 1922 (ex Crow Windscreens). 1886 is a new allover advert for Romford Greyhound Stadium.

Disposals

To Badgerline by 5/92:- 3085/7/8/9/90/3116/7/9/22 as 5557-5565, however 3088 passed to Western National as 1239 prior to passing to Badgerline.
To Western National by 5/92:- 3096/99/3104/5/7/20/23/26/3205/16 as 1240-1249/39. 3216 replaced 3088 with Western National.
At the time of writing none of the above had entered service with their new owners.

Service Revisions

- 20/A All journeys advanced to operate 5 minutes earlier than advertised from 19.4.92.
27/A As per 20/A but operate 3 minutes earlier.
221 From 23.3.92. ECC tendered services renumbered 239.

Basildon Town Services are to be revised from 26.5.92. and in Southend services 3/A/C; 20/A/B; 26/A; 27/A/B; 28/A will be revised from the same date.

Spotlight on Brentwood

In addition to last months magazine the 1755 ex Bishops Hall Estate is National operated on Saturday. On Monday to Friday services C1/2/3/4 interwork in the High Street or Shenfield Station. On Saturdays services B/C1/C2/C4/220 interwork in the High Street.

Unusual Workings

- 14.4.92. BD 305 on services A1-A5.
27.4.92. BD 305 on service W13.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles

Further to EBN 336 former Ribble Bristol VR CBV 17S has been numbered 306 by Southend Transport. This is a VRTSL3/6LXB and seats H43/31F.

For commercial reasons ST have kindly asked the group to hold over further details of further VRs until next month, when they will provide a full update.

It is understood that 305 was new to Northern General with a 6LX engine as 3377. It then passed to Devon General before being sold to ST. It has at some stage been fitted with a 6LXB engine and if any member knows when this was fitted could they please contact the sub-editor.

To clarify the position regarding Leyland National 720. The original 720 (GGE 164T) never entered service and was used for spares. The 720 now in service is former County Bus LPB 206P a 10351A/1R seating 41 passengers and new in 1976. It has been retrimmed and repainted. The dual purpose National 787 (LPB 201P) has been repainted this vehicle seats DP39F and is a 10351A/1R.

DAF coach 581 (B252 CVX) has once again been reinstated, from 21st April for the summer X1 service.

The open top Fleetlines 914/5 have re-entered during April. They carry a slightly modified livery and have painted adverts for Essex Sunday Savers and Essex Tourism.

Iveco 411 has been sold to Routemaster Travel and there are now no minibuses in the ST fleet.

Subsequent Disposals

324 (YNG 4N) has passed from Hunter, Seaton Delavel to Anderson, Westerhope.
327 (HRN 97N) now reregistered YNJ 434 has been renumbered by Fylde from 26 to 29, in the Seagull Coaches fleet.

Services

Excluded from last months notes is that two evening journeys operate between Rayleigh and Hullbridge on Mondays to Saturdays. From 7.6.92. a number of service revisions will take place these are as follows:-

- 1 Revised route and timetable.
- 2 Additional early morning and evening journeys.
- 3 group Revised route and timetable.
- 4 0820 ex Southend and 1530 ex Southchurch withdrawn.
- 5/A Extended to serve Newington Avenue and Hadleigh.
- 7/A Revised timetable.
- 8/A Revised timetable.
- 9A Renumbered 9 and revised to serve Nobles Green Road instead of Dandies Drive. Extended to Hullbridge on Sundays.
- 12/A Revised route and timetable introduced.
- 13 Renumbered 3C.
- 20 Revised timetable including and evening and Sunday service.
- 21 0742 ex Cuckoo Corner and 1404 (SO) ex Southchurch withdrawn.
- 22 Revised timetable with service 22A withdrawn.
- 23 group Revised timetable introduced, with service 23B withdrawn
- 61 Additional journeys introduced on Monday to Friday.
- 62A Introduced on Sunday afternoons.
- 63 Evening service introduced on Sundays.
- 250 Revised route and timetable.

Service 67 will operate daily between 27.6.92 and 20.9.92.
The above information is taken from N&P (published by The Traffic Commissioner), not ST and will no doubt be expanded or corrected next month.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Services

- 6 Minor timetable revisions from 11.5.92. to maintain rail connections.
- 11,15 From 11.5.92. the first morning journeys were advanced by 5 minutes.
- 14 Revised route and timetable introduced from 18.5.92.

Some duplicate town services were provided on the morning of Easter Saturday (18.4.92).
To correct EBN 336, service T5 operated on Thursdays and Fridays.

Publicity

Timetable leaflet for service 9/9A dated 21.4.92.

HEDINGHAM

Vehicles

The identity of L195 is D584 MVR and is a Tiger/Plaxton.
To correct EBN 335 the National being used for spares in RUF 39R.

Services

- 59 Service revised from 18.5.92. due to revised BR timetable.
- 81 Revised route to serve Great Tey, Marks Tey and Lexden from 19.5.92. Departure times are unchanged.
- 89 Additional journey from Sible Hedingham to Braintree at 0725 on Mondays to Fridays introduced from 4.5.92.
- 90 0945, 1145 and 1245 ex Maldon extended to Ebenezer Close returning at 1031, 1231 and 1331 from 18.5.92.

OTHER OPERATORS

BLUE TRIANGLE Slight timetable revisions to service 500 from 17.5.92.

CAPITAL CITYBUS Have introduced a service 251 between Soutgate and Southend with one journey each way on Sundays only.

CARTERS Service 135 withdrawn (see Suffolk CC notes).

COUNTY From 17.5.92. service 504 is revised to operate between Harlow and Stansted Airport. From 18.5.92. service 501 has been rerouted to serve Hare Street in Harlow. Some late evening journeys on service 250 were withdrawn from 17.5.92.

DISTRICT BUS Most Basildon area services were revised during May. Service 223 was revised from 18.5.92. with most journeys advanced by 5 minutes.

ESSEX THAMESIDE A Saturday service is to be introduced between Canvey (The Point) and Benfleet Station.

FREEMANS Service 720 was withdrawn after 10.5.92. when the Sunday rail service was reinstated.

GODWARD COACHES The 1829 service was revised to operate 15 minutes earlier on Fridays Only from 23.4.92.

HARRIS BUS Additional journey on service 250 at 1944 from Basildon to Shotgate.

NELSONS Additional news to EBN 336 is that Ford/Plaxton BIL 4710 (new as ATW 584L) remains in the yard out of use. Indeed it is not thought to have been used for almost two years!

ONGAR COACHES From 18.5.92. service 394 was revised and now runs from and to Moreton, no longer serving Hastingwood.

OSBORNES RTW 148R is now being used by Force One Training Ltd., Basildon as a driver trainer.

SIMIEN The Benfleet shuttle service was withdrawn after 15.5.92.

WESTS Revised timetable introduced on service 201 from 17.5.92.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The following Summer Sunday services will be operated this year between 17.5.92 and 20.9.92. Operators are in brackets with service 612 scheduled for RF operation.

601 Colchester-Sudbury-Haverhill-Saffron Walden. (Hedinghams)
 605 Colchester-Weeley-Walton. (Ipswich Buses)
 606 Walton-Thorpe-Dovercourt-Harwich. (Ipswich Buses)
 612 Romford-Dunmow-Braintree-Sudbury-Colchester. (Blue Triangle)
 622 Harlow-Dunmow-Braintree. (Pullman Travel)
 631 Saffron Walden-Braintree-Witham-Maldon-Burnham. (EN)

Essex Sunday Savers are still valid on contract services in Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Suffolk as well as the commercial services of Cambus, Ipswich Travel and Eastern Counties although a surcharge is payable on the latter. They are not valid on Thamesway.

Suffolk County Council provide the following Summer Sunday services serving Essex:-

635/6 Ipswich-East Bergholt-Colchester. (Ipswich Buses/Carters)
 639 Ipswich-Flatford-Wix-Clacton. (Ipswich Buses)
 657 Lavenham-Gt Yeldham-Braintree. (Hedingham)

Full details are available in the usual Essex Sunday Saver timetable available from Essex County Council.

Further news from ECC is that since 5.4.92. ChelmerCards have been accepted on Sundays and from 17.5.92. that Harlow Travelwide tickets are available on services operated under contract by County.

THAMESWAY FLEET ALLOCATION AS AT 1st APRIL 1992

BASILDON	236-44 358-87 717-20 1404-6/10-12/22-24 1866/79/81-84 1887-89/91/93/96/98 1904/8/20/22
BRENTWOOD	201/25-35 301-6/88-95 1810/23/39/45/46/54/59/76/86/94 1900/3/11-13/19 3110/13 4009/10/12
PONDERS END	245-60 800-04 1001-04 4000-03/05/06
HADLEIGH	307-56 701-16/55/56 1400/09/17-21 1803/17/21/30/35/37 1840/49/52/57/64/68/69/71/75/78/80/95/97 1906/07/15 1918
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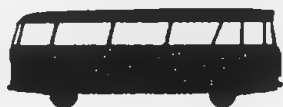
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