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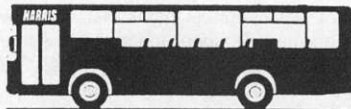
(Formerly the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group)

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New Additions to the Fargo (Smith) Braintree Fleet are three Scania K113CRB, Van Hool Coaches - M308 - 10 VET.

D. Arnold



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ROCHFORD MEETING Freight House Rochford 8.00 p.m.

Sept 12th

Guest Speaker David Tomlin
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When the Eastern National/Thamesway split took place in 1990, six Leyland Tiger Alexander dual purpose saloons were included in the latter fleet. Although they were not retained for long can any member confirm if these carried Thamesway fleetnames?

Sub Editor Dave Arnold has kindly donated his negative collection to the group, this contains several thousand coloured negatives taken over the last few years. Thanks Dave.

40p - Great Yarmouth 5/95

45p - Heddingham Omnibuses 4/95, Portsmouth Transit 4/95, Thamesdown Transport 6/95

50p - Grey Green 5/95, Q Drive Buses 5/95, Brighton & Hove 4/95

55p - Oxford Bus Company 4/95, Northumbria 4/95, Bristol Omnibus 4/95,
Ensign Buses 2/89

70p - County Bus & Coach 7/95

Please send money and details of which fleet lists you require to:
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SUB EDITORS CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ian Ransom hopes to move in late July to a new home. Would you therefore please send any notes to c/o 16 Welland Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 0XU as an interim measure, a new address will be given next month (assuming the move goes as planned).

AN APOLOGY

The lack of Eastern National and other operators notes last month was due to my house sale, which meant that I and my wife spent most of our spare time viewing homes and that left no time to prepare my normal monthly notes. The forthcoming move may well reduce the amount of time I can dedicate to the August magazine, but rest assured that full and normal service will resume in September. My full apologies are extended for this, but no doubt you are aware of the time and problems involved in moving home.

Contributions for the August EBN should be with subeditors by Aug 4th and the managing editor by 7th Aug.

ESSEX TIMETABLE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Do you have a few spare hours every other month and able to help the group? The packing and mailing of timetables is currently undertaken by Ian Ransom. In addition to this, I also produce notes for the magazine each month and help in the organisation of group tours. As a result of increased workloads, plus the move from a flat to a house the amount of time I can devote to Group activities, will have to be reduced. Therefore I will have to pass the task of timetable distribution to someone else, as soon as possible. If you feel able to help please contact either myself or Derek Stebbing. Thank You.

Acknowledgements

EN Ltd, Southend Transport, Thamesway Ltd, WM County Bus & Coach, Essex C.C., M. Torrance, I. Burton, R. Dennis, G. Toon, C. Sigston, P. Ashton, P. Sparks, M. Evans, P. Leonard. PHARVEY. M HOWARTH WESTERN NATIONAL.

ENOC 2954

The PSV Circle reports that Dennis 3614 CTW210 that has resided at the Canvey Museum for many years has now been acquired by a Mr Emerton of Nantwich, hopefully for continued preservation, as many of you will know this vehicle was in a very poor state, so let us all hope that one day it may operate again. Good luck to Mr Emerton. I hope to find out some more details about this venture.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Tiger coach 103 has been repainted in maroon and cream, similar to 100. It re-entered service on 20.6.95 on service 9. It was replaced in the paint shop by Olympian 48, which now has a maroon front bumper and rear engine flap. Next was the turn of National 26, which had its rear end repainted, being back in use on 3.7.95.

The whole fleet is having the owner's address changed from Lesbourne Road, Reigate to Magdalen Street, Colchester.

Throughout June, Tiger 100 was used on weekly holidays in Cornwall, starting on 12.6.95. On 1.7.95, it was taken to the Isle of Wight by the General Manager, Raymond Giles. Southend's 546 was borrowed on 12.6.95, National 19 being lent to ST.

Atlantean 86 went returned from Ipswich Buses on 9.6.95. 72 was there from 19 to 21.6.95.

CBT did railway work between Witham and Colchester on 11, 14, 15 and 25.6.95 and 6.7.95.

EASTERN NATIONAL

VEHICLES ON ORDER

The eight Dennis Darts on order should have been delivered by the time these notes are read. They will enter service in August with N registrations and are expected to start a new sequence of fleet numbers, as they are longer than the Darts already in service.

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

Body numbers for the entire batch of ex Yorkshire Rider Tigers are as follows:-

1001 339/5627 1002 339/5628 1003 339/5630 1004 439/5804 1005 439/5806
1006 439/5809 1007 439/5810

VEHICLES ON HIRE

The last of the Bristol VRs hired as replacements for the Colchester fire victims has been returned. The final vehicle being South Wales 984 returned to them in May. Bristol VRs 3226 and 3232 were hired to Badgerline in connection with the increased vehicle requirement for the Glastonbury pop festival, held over the last weekend in June.

REPAINTS

5/95 3229 3225 3231 4010
6/95 3226 1402

1402 was the last Lynx in old livery. 3227 is the last ex Yorkshire Rider VR in their livery and was being re-painted in late June into new EN livery.

GENERAL

The long lasting and bitter dispute with the sacked Chelmsford drivers has been settled. The drivers accepted an offer from EN of £400 for every years service and as a result of this agreement the Free Bus service in Chelmsford operated by the T&G was withdrawn at the end of June.

The Badgerline Group stickers have been removed from all vehicles. They have been replaced by First Bus and welcome to First Bus stickers. Badgers are not expected to be removed from vehicles, until they are due for repaint.

With effect from 9.5.95. services 46 (Chelmsford - Ongar) and 52 (Chelmsford - Pleshey) have been converted to Mercedes 709 operation. Vehicles from the batch 642-46 cover the requirement of one vehicle for each service. 644-46 have exterior lights mounted above the passenger door, to increase safety when used in the hours of darkness.

A Dennis Dart and Leyland National 2 1940 are now normally used from Maldon outstation, in addition to the normal Lynx and VR.

Further to EBN 374, Bristol KSW 2383 also attended the Southend rally.

SERVICES

- 70** Revised timetable introduced from 19.6.95. Additional journeys every half hour Monday to Saturday, between Colchester and Marks Tey, Wilsons Lane.
- 72A** Introduced from 19.6.95. Chelmsford to Witham, Conrad Road via Springfield Road. Half hourly Monday to Saturday.
- 106** The through summer journeys between Clacton and Harwich run from 26.7.95. to 2.9.95. Three journeys each way Monday to Friday.
- 108** Introduced on Sundays from 21.5.95. Harwich to Clacton via Little Oakley and Thorpe le Soken. Five journeys each way under contract to ECC.
- 129** Extended to Colchester North station on Sundays from 4.6.95.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

27.6.95 CF 1413 on service 33 (normally Tiger/Duple)

5.7.95. Thamesway 1846 on service 351 (assumed to have replaced a failed CF vehicle in Brentwood).

Service 33 is normally operated by double deck vehicles on Bank Holiday Mondays. During early June Pool vehicles 1870 and 1935 were both in use from Clacton.

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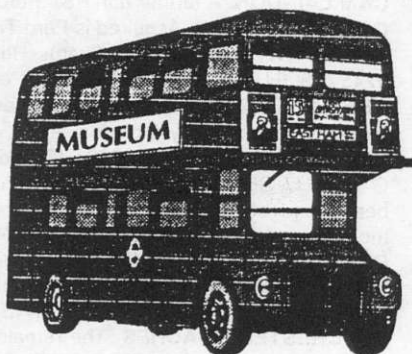
Timetable leaflets for services 1/A/B dated 3.7.95; 70 dated 18.6.95; 70/71 dated 18.6.95; 72/A dated 18.6.95; 71/72/72A/73 dated 19.6.95; 73/75 dated 21.5.95; 75/A/119/129 dated 21.5.95; 75/A/119/129 dated 4.6.95 (revised Sunday service); 79/A/81 dated 8.8.95; 108/127 dated 21.5.95. Summary of buses to Tollgate Centre dated 18.6.95.

Timetable book for North Essex dated 28.5.95 priced 25p.

EN route map and frequency guide.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

- 209 (C209 HJN) Brewer, Port Talbot, 5/95.
213 (C213 HJN) Western National, Truro, 6/95.
214 (C214 HJN) Western National, Truro, 5/95.
216 (C216 HJN) As 213.
218 (C218 HJN) As 214.
219 (C219 HJN) As 214.
221 (C221 HJN) As 209.
224 (C224 HJN) As 213.
226 (C480 BHY) As 209.
1909 (DAR 131T) Thamesway, Basildon, 5/95.
1923 (JHJ 149V) Lister (dealer), Bolton, 5/95.



As recorded in the Thamesway notes last month, 1844 passed to Thamesway, but was returned to EN in 5/95.

The batch of Tiger/Alexander withdrawn for disposal (1111/14/15/17/19/23/27) have passed "on paper" to Yorkshire Rider, in exchange for 1001-7. This is therefore regarded by the company and therefore by us as the initial disposal.

1114/5 have then passed to Thamesway, 1117 to Badgerline and 1123 to Western National. Badgerline Enthusiasts report that all seven vehicles were expected to pass to Badgerline.

A Clacton member reports that 3500 has been sold to fellow First Bus member, Eastern Counties and 3501 is expected to follow.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ACE OF CLUBS BENFLEET A further Sherpa has arrived, E270 KPD, thought to be ex Surrey Police.

AIRPORT EXPRESS STANSTED Noted here in late June was minibus E450 TYG with Citimini fleetnames.

APT RAYLEIGH Noted here recently was ?/Duple RIB 8815, it may only be for dealer stock however.

BARKER ROYDON Further to EBN 372, the Metroliner is confirmed asex EN 1602 (B459 WHJ).

BERNARDS HARLOW A recent addition here is Volvo/Plaxton C487 HAK.

BLUTE BRAINTREE It appears that Sherpa D241 NUR has been re-painted and re-registered AFX 228A.

BOON BOREHAM Scania/Van Hool H825 RWJ appears to have been sold. Setras J75/76 VTG are on loan from a dealer. Setra M858 YVW has been re-registered WSU 225. The previous WSU 225 was sold to West Kinsdown and is thought to be re-registered E961 JHJ (it was new as E494 EPM).

BRAINTREE YELLOW LINE Have recently applied for a PSV operators licence. A number of minibuses are owned including, Transits L658 CPF, J803 CVF, D629 REV, D300 VWC, J978 AKY, F36 BAH, G510 EPY, H191 WUF and K828 DVT. It is not known what (if any) of these are PSV registered.

C&M LAINDON A further non PSV Ford Transit is M193 XHJ.

CATTON HARLOW Acquired is Ford Transit B649 OVU.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Volvo/Ikarus HIL 6244 (E499 UOP) and Volvo/Plaxton HIL 6245 (E906 UNW) are thought to have been sold.

CHELMSFORD CAB A number of cars are now operating with PSV discs rather than taxi plates. They include Sierras J48 AOO F730 SLK F793 TTW G776 YFE H359 CMG Peugeot 505 F360 FJO and Granadas F283 FBA G768 AAR G831 ANK G481 XHJ G641 JWW G996 RGK and G697 YLR. CVE Omni H743/45 LHN has been acquired from London & Country. Further Ford Transits acquired in recent months are H836 EKL and H984 XYH. New LDV Sherpa 400s are M257-59 LNR.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Recent additions are M365 UML an Iveco minibus, G716 WDU and F289 PAC both Transit/Dormobile and E125 AAL a further Transit.

COACHSTOP SOUTHEND M951 XWB is a new Bova FHD12-340.

COLCHESTER COACHES The remains of TYU 497S have been sold for scrap. A fleet addition is 271 AKV (GGD 667T) a Volvo/Plaxton.

COOK SOUTHEND Bova G522 XHK has been sold.

DAVITA RADIO CARS PITSEA This operators PSV licence has expired and all minibuses now operate on taxi plates.

DON DUNMOW Recent disposals are of Leyland Tiger/Plaxton 4025 RU (TSJ 141Y) and Tiger/Jonckhree B515 CBD.

ESSEX THAMESIDE CANVEY B951 HBB a ?/Caetano has been acquired.

EUROPA WICKFORD Bristol VR MAU 142P has been sold to Nelsons. The operating centre is now empty and it is thought Europa may have ceased operations.

FARGO RAYNE Further to EBN 373, the Scania/Irizar are M306/7 VET. Smaller additions are Ford Transits B480 MAP and C707 APN, both are PSVs.

FERRERS COACHES Have sold BLJ 718Y a Ford/Plaxton.

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE Bristol VR NJT 35P has been acquired from Brentwood Coaches.

FORDS ALTHORNE Have registered a service from South Woodham to Chelmsford Riverside Leisure Centre. It operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday only from 24.7.95 to 25.8.95. A ?/Caetano H411 CJF has been acquired.

FREELANCE ROCHFORD The full size coaches owned by this operator, have not been noted at the Airport for some time. Does anyone know where they are now kept?

GLEW COLCHESTER Bedford VAS/Plaxton NUT 567W has been acquired.

GRAHAMS KELVEDON Recent disposals are Daf/Duple F652 OHD and Mercedes mini E283 OMG. Acquired is G885 GNA a Scania/Plaxton.

HAILSTONE BASILDON Fiat/Dormobile F467 MUF has been acquired.

HARRIS THURROCK Leyland Swifts E308/9 HPU have been sold to Rhondda Buses and departed in late May. This resulted in two Atlanteans OYJ 69/71R being hired from Nottingham City from 1.6.95. They were both new to Brighton Buses. Linkfast DMS OJD 167R was also hired for a few days in early June. A major rail replacement job over the first weekend in May resulted in a number of hires from Essex operators plus Olympians E852/7 DPN from Eastbourne, while from Metrobus came G426/9 YAY Javelin/Duple and Lynx F80 SMC. A more unusual hire was Volvo B6/Wright Crusader M918 MRW on 18 and 19 June from Volvo Bus Ltd. Warwick. It is understood that two Mercedes/Wadham Stringer are on order. News from the coach fleet is of a new Neoplan Skyliner M504 XWC. New style Eurolines names have been applied to J91 WWC, K95 GEV and K122 OCT. The previously white K123 OCT also now carries Eurolines names.

JACKSONS BICKNACRE Acquired from Road Car, Lincolnshire is C245 OFE a MB 608D/Reeve Burgess, it is normally on service 237. The Romford service was withdrawn after 31.5.95.

KINGS STANWAY Volvo/Plaxton FAV 17Y has been re-registered and sold. The registration FAV 17Y is now on a drivers car. It has been replaced by former London Coaches DAF/Van Hool F613 HGO.

KIRBY RAYLEIGH A further Setra G636 CAF has been added to the fleet.

LEE ROY BRENTWOOD A recent addition is AIB 8390 (BBD 855X) a Volvo/Jonckhree.

LODGE HIGH EASTER New is Scania/Van Hool M7 SLC.

MILESTONE CANVEY Acquired is F201 SHY a short ?/Duple 320.

NELSONS Have registered service 94, to operate between South Woodham and Maldon, Tuesdays only from 8.8.95. One journey each way. Former EN Bristol VR STW 25W has been re-registered BIL 4710. This registration was on ex GM Buses Dodge C808 CBU, which is now C566 NHJ and is for sale.

OSBORNE TOLLESBURY A new Volvo/Caetano is M577 JBC.

PANDORA LAINDON Mercedes minibus JHW 150X has been sold to A&M Couriers, Pitsea.

PRIORY CORRINGHAM New is Scania/Van Hool M332 VET for Cosmos tour work.

ROADRUNNER CANVEY Further Ford Transits reported are F827 TRW and G129 CAD.

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Leyland Swift/Elme F578 WCK has been acquired.
SM TRAVEL HARLOW A recent addition is Mercedes minicoach G455 SGB.

STEPHENSONS Essex Sunday Savers and Anglia Sunday Tickets are no longer being accepted on service 11A, without further payment. BristolVR OTO 151R has been converted to open top and carries Stephenson Summertime Special lettering.

SUPREME SOUTHEAD New coaches to report are M256-59 TAK, they are 3 axle Scania/Irizar Century. K991 HVO has been re-registered K3 SUP. Volvo/Plaxton437 SHN(TMD 279Y) has been sold, as has HSK 833 (E696 NNH).

T&GW CHELMSFORD Two further Mercedes/Alexander entered service during late April, they are M381/2 KVR. The following vehicles were in operation in early June:- LDV minibuses M772 XEW L285 FDV M671 AFL M702 BEU all on hire from self drive hire companies, plus Mercedes minibuses M381/82/86/91 KVR.

TEE-JAYS WIVENHOE 57 FGC a Volvo/Plaxton has been sold. It has been replaced by a Bova/Duple registration unknown at present.

TILBURY TAXIS This operators PSV licence has expired and all minibuses now operate on taxi plates.

TRAVELRICH COPFORD Neoplan USV 330 has been re-registered to an unknown plate, with the original passing back to Redwood.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN Have had their operators licence revoked by the traffic commissioners. It appears that Stort Valley have taken over operations as National ULO 379R has their legal lettering and Viceroy's services have been registered by Stort Valley from 13.6.95.

WATSON TILBURY Scania/Plaxton 4000 C103 CYE has been acquired from Grey Green and re-registered LIL 2184.

WHM LITTLE WALTHAM Recent arrivals are Fleetline/ECW ULS 662/71/74/75T and Fleetline/Alexander LMS 151/52/55/66W. Bedford YNT/Plaxton UJN 752Y (2786 RU, YPY 747Y) has been sold. In answer to a query this company trades as both Brentwood Coaches and Chelmsford Travel, with vehicles swapped between fleets from time to time.

WILKINSON RAMSDEN HEATH Recently acquired is KJX 549W a Ford/Plaxton.

WILLIAMS DEBDEN This operator has now ceased, the final fleet being HOI 2640 a Bedford/Duple, OHP 9W a Ford/Plaxton and DAZ 4299 a Tiger/Plaxton.

FOR SALE: ORIGINAL PAINTING of Southend Corporation AEC Regent 259 at Victoria Circus in 1954. This painting was specially commissioned by Richard Delahoy from renowned transport artist G S Cooper and features on a postcard sold by the Group. The original painting is now being sold as there's no room left on my walls for it (displaced by a Great Central Railway scene)! The painting (image size 22" x 15") is framed in a 26" x 19" dark wood frame, with special non reflective glass. A unique opportunity to acquire the original of this classic scene, complete with spelling mistake on the bus stop sign (corrected on the postcard version)! Price £75. Contact Richard Delahoy on 01702 588590.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles;

Volvo 568 (NXI 9003) has been registered (H372 PHK).

570 (NXI 9005) is to be re-registered before entering service.

Index (NXI 9005) has passed to Mr P.D Leonard.(E.B.E.G.)member.

Repaints.

TR 553 (A141 EPA)

TR 563 (A124 EPA) into GreenLine livery.

TR 557 (B83 SWX) has gone away to be painted.

Disposals.

The remains of LN 715 (HMA 560T) & 726 (GGE 174T) and VR (LPF 597P) have been taken away for scrap.

Services.

961 Southend - Blenheim Park/ Stratford.Upon.Avon.

(Sundays only. 4/6/95 to 3/9/95) Departs Southend 08;00

Arrives back 20;45.

Unusual Workings;

18/6/95.

VR 381 (BUH 233V) on	08;21	X2 (Southend - Aldgate)
	10;25	X2 (Aldgate - Southend)
	16;30	X3 (Southend - Victoria)
	19;00	X2 (Victoria - Southend)
ON 262 (H262 GEV) on	18;30	X3 (to Aldgate) DUP.

22/6/95.

ON 260 (B184 BLG) on	11;30	X1 (to Victoria)
	14;35	X1 (to Southend)

28/6/95.

ON 282 (MUH 285X) on	18;30	X3 (to Victoria)
	21;40	X2 (to Southend)

Hire,s.

Colchester LN 19 (EON 829V) from 13/6/95 to Present.

TR 546 (A246 SVW) on hire to Colchester from 12/6/95 to Present.

LN 714 (NPK 241R) 716 (GGE 156T) 745 (PJI 3745) on hire to District Bus from 5/6/95 to 20/6/95. (745 returned on 8/6. replaced by 716 on 9/6).

Dennis Lance,s.

For those interested ,here are the normal Monday to Friday car schedules for 761-764 on routes 5,6 & 6B only.

SOUTHEAST TRANSPORT BUS WORKINGS.

RUNNING

NUMBER 31

DEPOT: S.T.GARAGE

PERIOD Monday-Friday

MON-FRI 1995

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SER- JOUR- ***** FROM ***** ***** TO *****
VICE RNEY                                         departs:                               arrives:

DEPARTS FROM:
S.T.GARAGE                                0611

2  3101 S.T.GARAGE                        0611 PITSEA BDY(EAST)                0643
   3102 PITSEA BDY(EAST)                  0645 CENTRAL BUS STATION            0726
4B 3103 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              0730 L.WAKERING,C'NATION CL        0756
   3104 L.WAKERING,C'NATION CL            0801 CENTRAL BUS STATION            0827
5  3105 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              0830 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          0854
   3106 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              0904 CENTRAL BUS STATION            0926
6  3107 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              0937 EASTWOOD,TESCO STORE          0959
   3108 EASTWOOD,TESCO STORE              1003 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1025
5  3109 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1030 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1054
   3110 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1104 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1126
6  3111 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1137 EASTWOOD,TESCO STORE          1159
   3112 EASTWOOD,TESCO STORE              1203 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1225
5  3113 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1230 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1254
   3114 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1304 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1326
6  3115 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1337 EASTWOOD,TESCO STORE          1359
   3116 EASTWOOD,TESCO STORE              1403 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1425
5  3117 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1430 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1454
   3118 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1504 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1526

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DEAD RUN

RUNNING NUMBER 32

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SER- JOUR- ***** FROM ***** ***** TO *****
VICE RNEY                                         departs:                               arrives:

DEPARTS FROM:
S.T.GARAGE                                0706

5  3201 S.T.GARAGE                        0706 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          0724
   3202 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              0734 CENTRAL BUS STATION            0756
   3203 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              0800 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          0824
   3204 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              0834 CENTRAL BUS STATION            0856
6B 3205 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              0907 BELFAIRS,WOODCUTTERS          0930
   3206 BELFAIRS,WOODCUTTERS              0932 CENTRAL BUS STATION            0955
5  3207 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1000 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1024
   3208 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1034 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1056
6B 3209 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1107 BELFAIRS,WOODCUTTERS          1130
   3210 BELFAIRS,WOODCUTTERS              1132 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1155
5  3211 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1200 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1224
   3212 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1234 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1256
6B 3213 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1307 BELFAIRS,WOODCUTTERS          1330
   3214 BELFAIRS,WOODCUTTERS              1332 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1355
5  3215 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1400 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1424
   3216 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1434 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1456
4A 3217 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)              1510 BOURNES GREEN                  1521
5A 3218 BOURNES GREEN                    1525 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR          1554
5  3219 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR              1604 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1626
12B 3220 CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)             1640 CANEWDON, LOFTMANS CHR          1716
   3221 CANEWDON, LOFTMANS CHR            1728 CENTRAL BUS STATION            1804

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SOUTHEAST TRANSPORT BUS WORKINGS.

RUNNING

DEPOT: S.T.GARAGE

NUMBER 33

PERIOD Monday-Friday

MON-FRI 1995

SER- JOUR- ***** FROM *****

***** TO *****

VICE RNEY

departs:

arrives:

DEPARTS FROM:

S.T.GARAGE

0532

SER	JOUR	DEPARTS FROM	DEPARTS	ARRIVES
23A	3301	EASTWOOD, PROGRESS RD	0551 LEIGH STATION	0611
D E A D R U N				
2	3302	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	0628 BASILDON BUS STN(DEP)	0659
	3303	BASILDON BUS STN(DEP)	0700 CENTRAL BUS STATION	0756
63	3304	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	0805 GGT-WAITROSE STORE	0820
	3305	GGT-WAITROSE STORE	0821 CENTRAL BUS STATION	0836
6	3306	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	0837 EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	0859
	3307	EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	0903 CENTRAL BUS STATION	0925
5	3308	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	0930 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	0954
	3309	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1004 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1026
6	3310	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1037 EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	1059
	3311	EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	1103 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1125
5	3312	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1130 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1154
	3313	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1204 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1226
6	3314	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1237 EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	1259
	3315	EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	1303 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1325
5	3316	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1330 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1354
	3317	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1404 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1426
6	3318	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1437 EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	1459
	3319	EASTWOOD, TESCO STORE	1503 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1525
	3320	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1537 EASTWOOD KENT ELMS CNR	1556

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RUNNING NUMBER 34

SER- JOUR- ***** FROM *****

***** TO *****

VICE RNEY

departs:

arrives:

DEPARTS FROM:

S.T.GARAGE

0736

SER	JOUR	DEPARTS FROM	DEPARTS	ARRIVES
5	3401	S.T.GARAGE	0736 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	0754
5A	3402	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	0804 BOURNES GREEN	0831
7A	3403	BOURNES GREEN	0841 CENTRAL BUS STATION	0850
5	3404	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	0900 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	0924
	3405	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	0934 CENTRAL BUS STATION	0956
6B	3406	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1007 BELFAIRS, WOODCUTTERS	1030
	3407	BELFAIRS, WOODCUTTERS	1032 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1055
5	3408	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1100 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1124
	3409	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1134 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1156
6B	3410	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1207 BELFAIRS, WOODCUTTERS	1230
	3411	BELFAIRS, WOODCUTTERS	1232 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1255
5	3412	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1300 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1324
	3413	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1334 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1356
6B	3414	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1407 BELFAIRS, WOODCUTTERS	1430
	3415	BELFAIRS, WOODCUTTERS	1432 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1455
5	3416	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1500 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1524
	3417	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1534 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1556
	3418	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1630 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1654
	3419	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1704 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1726
	3420	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1730 HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1754
	3421	HIGHLANDS, THAMES DR	1804 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1826
4	3422	CENTRAL BUS STN(DEP)	1835 LANDWICK	1859
	3423	LANDWICK	1908 CENTRAL BUS STATION	1932

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MEDIA MONITOR

The Evening Echo reported that the prospect of the Great Berry Busway in Langdon Hills being brought into use raised complaints from residents who fear a loss of privacy, and danger to children. Although never used, Thamesway say there is now a market among new homes, but without the busway the service may not be viable.

June 13th: In an Evening Gazette story on the proposed withdrawal of free transport to pupils at selective schools it is clear that the true cost of public transport is not known to many. A parent claims that it would cost him £20 a week in bus fares to send his child from Feering to Colchester.

June 16th: Pupils were left heartbroken yesterday after a school trip to West Stow near Bury St. Edmunds had to be cancelled after the Hedingham Omnibuses coach failed to turn up. It was suggested in the Evening Gazette that the vehicle concerned had been used on rail replacements. HO were not available for comment.

June 21st: As part of Green Transport Week four Colchester Borough Council officials travelled from Wivenhoe (Park Hotel) to Colchester (Town Hall) by various forms of transport. The Evening Gazette gave the result: Train: 16 minutes - £1.70 return. Cycle: 19 minutes - £0.00. Car: 28 minutes £2.54 (petrol/parking) Bus: 35 minutes - £1.90 return. Robert MacGregor of HO said that they had apologised for failing to carry out the school trip and would take them free at a later date and pay for the admission charges at the destination. "I feel very bad about it.... we did not, and never would, just dump private hire customers to ferry rail passengers".

June 26th: Two Braintree pensioners want Eastern National to be forced to use the Bus Park. They claim they both fell over trying to avoid a bus leaving the Fairfield Road garage. Braintree Council said that it was up to the operator if they used the Bus Park. EN declined to comment to the Evening Gazette.

July 5th: A £250,000 scheme for a rail/bus interchange at Braintree, may be carried out next year according to Rail.

July 7th: "Children stranded after school bus fails" is considered by the Evening Gazette to be worthy of a front page story. A Hedingham vehicle on its way to operate their morning service 10 journey failed on Hythe Hill with a broken clutch. Robert Macgregor of HO said the distance to school was "only a short walk" and it had given the school "good service all year. Parents claim pupils had a 1½ mile walk, the distance on the map - just over ¼ mile!!

COLCHESTER BUS STATION

By the last week of June the car park had been reduced to a pile of rubble. On Friday 7th July the demolition contractors were removing their plant from site and repairs were being carried out on the roof of café.

THAMESWAY

VEHICLES

Eastern National's seven Leyland Tiger/Alexander were transferred to Yorkshire Rider in exchange for the seven Duple bodied Tigers that are now on the 33/33X. On paper therefore 1114 and 1115 were acquired from Yorkshire Rider.

The July allocation card had not been received at the time of writing.

BD1920 is at present on loan to Hadleigh and 1869 is providing spare parts to keep some other Leyland Nationals on the road. HH344 has also been off of the road for several months.

Disposals

1835 VAR 895S Hardwick (dlr), Carlton 7.95

1904 DAR 126T Hardwick (dlr), Carlton 7.95

These two vehicles were seen speeding northwards on suspended tow on 6th July.

Repaints

318 and 332 are now in the new livery, confirmation of 322 being repainted is required.

A visit to Brentwood garage on 20 June noted the following:-

504 (!) and 4009 undergoing repair

Trainers 9013/4/5 were in store (withdrawn?)

Minibuses 202 C696 ECV, 207 — C699 ECV and 720 C451 BHY were all being stripped for spares

Ford Transit Van YVX 833X

Preserved AJN 825 and RWC 607

OPERATIONS

The London bound carriageway of the A127 is being resurfaced between Basildon and The Halfway House. Consequently routes 2 and 151 are unable to join the A127 at Dunton. Route 2 operates via Lower Dunton Road to join the A127 at the Halfway House whilst the 151 crosses the A127 to operate via Herongate.

London Transport Contracts

D8 Saturday service introduced from 1st July following withdrawal of Kentish Bus DLR contract.

307 The main contract for this route has been awarded to Leaside using single deckers on a higher frequency. A number of double deck shoals journeys will be operated by Capital Citybus.

362 From 7th May, operations transferred from BD to PD although the vehicles work from an outstation at Duck Lees Lane, Brimsdown.

Publicity

152-5 dated 7.5.95

251/551 dated 7.5.95

ECC revised 6

ECC have also published a leaflet for the Lakeside rail/bus link 30.5.95

Workings

601 has been seen working the Lakeside Rail Bus link

17 May 4009 on 551, 26 May 3110 on 251, 30 May 806 on W11



Budget Busway

This operator has a varied selection of Leyland Nationals on the road operating in a variety of colours.

MBZ7140/1/2/5/6, off white with red windows and blue skirt.

TOF717S, NOE599R operating in Midland Red North colours (not E Counties as suggested last month).

KRP562V white with blue skirt. Formerly with United Counties

ULO385R, green/white with "Countryside Services" on the front panel.

BCD814L, blue carrying a fleet number 33 and advertisements for businesses in Eastbourne.

More details of the origins of these vehicles will appear when available. All are fitted with yellow/black destination blinds but as some vehicles do not have working equipment boards are displayed in the front window.

The Evening Gazette carried half page advertisements on June 13th and 20th giving full timetable details. A further advert appeared on June 27th to advise passengers that as from that day the 120, Colchester - Braintree service, had been temporarily suspended. The service was noted back on the road on July 4th.

The Essex County Standard on June 16th quoted the Thorntons "We had a few teething troubles but that is to be expected with any new business. The public response has been very bad, but it always takes people a while to get used to the fact we are around". Passenger levels on journeys observed have been very low but appeared to be gradually increasing.

The additional two buses per hour between Colchester and Marks Tey introduced by Eastern National are operated by Mercedes 608D's. Passengers from any stop in Witham not directly served by a Colchester or Chelmsford service can purchase a Witham Rider Ticket for an extra 50p return. Writing in Grapevine Robin Orbell said "....any competition reduces the profitability of a service even though the competitor may be losing money while they compete. We must ensure.....we continue to be profitable and passengers stay with us...."

Budget Busway became the first bus operator to make use of the Essex County Newspapers Info-Connect system. In the June 30th issue the Evening Gazette reported that 352 calls had been received, 112 of these in the previous 72 hours. Two other transport firms are to take up the system. To find out more dial 01206 845484 and when requested enter 7040. Calls are charged at normal rates

Western National

Western National now operate the 0612 S4 from Southend to London normally using an Expressliner (There is no evening journey from London).

Whilst on loan, Dart 926 worked from Cambourne (Any photos of this to the sub-editor).

1251 XHK 230X is being refurbished and will feature the new Western National seating moquette.

FLEET**New Vehicles**

MB 730-8 M730-8 AOO Iveco 59.12 Marshall B25F
 due to be delivered between 26 June and 14 July.

New Vehicles On Order

MB 739-44 N739-44 AVW Iveco 59.12 Marshall B25F
 due to be delivered between 21 August and 1 September.

Vehicles On Hire

1830 OOX 830R Leyland National 11351A/1R DP45F 1977

Allocation Changes

AN 110	Ware to Delicensed	MB 732	New to Harlow
DPL 406	Ware to Harlow (ex-loan)	MB 733	New to Harlow
DPL 407	Ware to Harlow (ex-loan)	MB 734	New to Harlow
MB 47	Harlow to Delicensed	MB 735	New to Harlow
MB 49	Harlow to Delicensed	MB 736	New to Harlow
MB 50	Harlow to Delicensed	MB 737	New to Harlow
MB 56	Harlow to Delicensed	MB 738	New to Harlow
MB 702	Harlow to Delicensed	MB 754	Harlow to Delicensed
MB 722	Harlow to Ware (ex-loan)	SN 306	Harlow to Delicensed
MB 723	Harlow to Ware (ex-loan)	SN 308	Harlow to Delicensed
MB 730	New to Harlow	1830	WMT to Ware (6/95)
MB 731	New to Harlow	6639	Grays to Withdrawn (6/95)*

(* retained by County Bus as a non-mobile store at Grays).

SERVICES

12 June	E4	HCC School Contract. Green Tye to Bishops Stortford schools via Perry Green, Much Hadham and Little Hadham. Transferred from Stort Valley Coaches in exchange for an F C Moore Ltd (Viceroy) HCC School Contract which had been transferred to County Bus from 12 June.
5 August	261	Operation transferred from Wyatts Green to Harlow with minor timetable adjustments.
	392	Re-routed in Harlow via Helions Road replacing service 815.
	501	Minor timetable adjustment on all southbound journeys with additional running time provided between Epping and Ongar.
	807	Extended from Harlow Town Station to Little Parndon replacing service 808.

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| | 808 | Service withdrawn - last day of operation 4 August. |
| | 810 | Section between Harlow Bus Station and Harlow Town Station withdrawn. Alternate journeys re-routed in Old Harlow as Service 809. |
| | 815 | Revised route and timetable. |
| 7 August | 507 | NEW SERVICE - Debden to Lakeside Regional Shopping Centre via Loughton, Chigwell and Grange Hill. One return trip NSSu. |
| | 711 | Revised timetable. |
| 4 September | 445 | New ECC service - Barley to Saffron Walden via Great Chishill, Heydon, Chrishill, Elmdon, Littlebury and Newport. One return trip schooldays (this is the former service 45). |
| | 446 | New ECC service - Langley to Saffron Walden via Clavering, Arkesden, Wicken Bonhunt and Newport. One return trip schooldays (currently operated by Eastern National as service 45A). |

PUBLICITY

A new edition of the 'Gazetteer and Travellers Guide' was issued in May.

GENERAL

Mr Peter Blanchard, Traffic Manager at WM County Bus and the supplier of the notes for the group since August 1994 left County Bus at the end of June to take over a small coach business in Saffron Walden, but will still continue to work with WM County Bus on a consultancy basis. Peter Carr, Operations Assistant, will now supply us with the notes.

On behalf of the group I would like to thank Mr Blanchard for his help in the past year.

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First Bus

Friday 16th June was the first day for trading in First Bus shares thus completing the arrangements to merge Badgerline and GRT.. The deal, which creates the second largest bus group in Britain with over 20 subsidiaries, 5,600 vehicles and 14,500 staff, had to be approved by the president of the Board of Trade and the High Court. All Thamesway and Eastern National buses now have the First Bus name and logo in the first near-side window and in time, the Badger logos will be removed



LOOKING BACK

1935 Eastern National purchased two businesses operating in the Wickford area. ASS Motors of Ramsden Heath who ran a daily service from Ramsden Heath to Billericay which was incorporated into service 4 Chelmsford - Pitsea. E Davis of Ramsden Heath which included the operations of a Mr. Kershaw who had fallen foul of the licensing authority. Following revocation of the licence EN were already operating service 11A Chelmsford - West Hanningfield. The remaining services were either abandoned or incorporated with the remaining ASS services into 12A Chelmsford - Runwell Hospital or Rettendon or 12B Billericay - Ramsden Heath

1955 Eastern National received the Traffic Commissioners consent to operate on Fridays and Sundays, 1st July to 26th August special services for army personnel proceeding on or returning from leave. Colchester (Meeanee Barracks) - Grimsby (Brighowgate Bus Station) and Colchester (Meeanee Barracks) - Lincoln (Omnibus Station)

1964 Eastern National took delivery of Bristol FLF6B 2833-5(LWC659 C-661C). 2833/4 went to Clacton and 2835 to Basildon. Fords of Althorne acquired a Bristol K6B, MPU22, formerly EN 2225. It was used on schools work previously covered by EN of service 91/2 duplicates.

1975 Eastern National withdrew Service 71 from 21st July with journeys between Kelvedon and Coggeshall being taken over by Kelvedon Coaches. Southend Transport PD3's and Albion Lowlanders were on hire Osborne, Tollesbury to cover a vehicle shortage. They operated on school contracts.

1985 For the first time photographs appeared in the ENEG newsletter. Bristol RE 1546 (SVW274K) was withdrawn by EN during the month and sold to Essex County Council. This vehicle is now with Carters Coach Services. A new depot at Enfield (ED) opened on 13th July. Details of the reorganisation of EN into six districts were revealed. Based on local authority areas each had its own District Manager and become effective from 1st August. Under the scheme outstations at Great Dunmow (DW) and Walton-on-Naze (WN) would be classified as operational depots. A number of vehicles were due to be allocated to South Woodham Ferrers (WF). In the 1984/5 financial year Colchester Borough Transport income was £67,000 higher than expected despite the number of passenger journeys reducing by over 4%. The Borough Council provided a subsidy in excess of 10%. Both Colchester Borough Transport and Southend Transport were being registered as limited companies in order to comply with new legislation. ST Leyland Tiger coach 215 (A215PEV) was on loan to Beacon Motor Services of Chatham for a commuter service from the Isle of Grain to London.

SORRY NOT IN SERVICE	MONKWICK Gosfield Road	BRIGHTLINGSEA
PRIVATE HIRE	via Mersea Road	via University
PARK & RIDE	GENERAL HOSPITAL	GENERAL HOSPITAL
COLCHESTER Bus Station	via North Station	WIVENHOE
AMBROSE AVENUE	HIGHWOODS Tesco	via University
via Layer Road Shrub End	via Ipswich Road St John's	COLCHESTER Town Centre
GREENSTEAD Centurion	TOLLESHUNT KNIGHTS	NORTH STATION
via Harwich Road	via Zoo Tiptree	via University Town Centre
SHRUB END Hazell Avenue	TIPTREE	ESSEX UNIVERSITY
via Butt Road Layer Road	via Maldon Road Zoo	COLCHESTER Bus Station
GREENSTEAD Centurion	MALDON	DEDHAM
via Hythe Hill Tesco	via Colchester Zoo Tiptree	MISTLEY
ST MICHAEL'S Peerswood Road	CLACTON	HORSLEY CROSS
via Butt Road Layer Road	via Colchester Weeley	MANNINGTREE
LAYER DE LA HAYE	CLACTON	HARWICH
via Shrub End	via Wivenhoe St Osyth	PARKESTON QUAY
WEST MERSEA	CHELMSFORD	LONG MEADOW
via Rowhedge Fingringhoe	via Kelvedon Witham	RAMSEY
WEST BERGHOLT	COLCHESTER Bus Station	IPSWICH
via North Station Braiswick	HATFIELD PEVEREL	FRAMLINGHAM
OLD HEATH	WITHAM	WALBERSWICK
via Military Road Old Heath Road	KELVEDON	SHOTLEY
NORTH STATION	MARKS TEY	HAUGHLEY
via Town Centre	COGGESHALL	SUDBURY
WEST MERSEA	BRAINTREE	MARTLESHAM
via Blackheath Abberton	via Marks Tey Coggeshall	WOODBIDGE
BLACKHEATH Cherry Tree	COLCHESTER Bus Station	STOWMARKET
via Town Centre	HALSTEAD	WALTON
FINGRINGHOE	GREAT YELDHAM	COLCHESTER Bus Station
via Old Heath Rowhedge	EARLS COLNE	SCHOOLS SERVICE
FINGRINGHOE	WAKES COLNE	
via Abberton	FORDHAM	
COLCHESTER Bus Station	GREAT TEY	
ROWHEDGE	COLCHESTER Bus Station	
via Middlewick Old Heath	COLCHESTER INSTITUTE	
TOWN CENTRE	NORMAN WAY SCHOOLS	
via Military Road	THOMAS LORD AUDLEY	
HIGHWOODS Tesco	SORRY NOT IN SERVICE	
via North Station General Hospital	EAST MERSEA	
TOLLGATE Sainsbury	TUFNELL WAY	
via Lexden Beacon End	TOLLESBURY	
FIVEWAYS Winstree Court		
via Lexden Beacon End		

Added to blind end May 1995

MOUNT BURES
via Great Tey
HIGHWOODS
via Mile End
HORKSLEY HEATH
via Town Centre North Station

Subsidiary information
to main destination is H a z e l l
shown on two lines e.g.: Avenue

'via' is shown on all cab listings but does not appear on all blind displays

Eastern National Fleet Focus No 1

Leyland National NL116L11/1R B49F (1940NL116AL11/1R)
1925 - 1940 MHJ 721V - 732V . STW18W - 20W - KEP829X

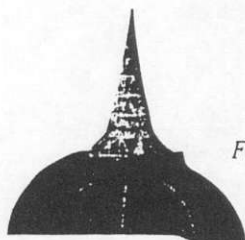
1940 ex South Wales Transport via Brewers 10.90

1925 EN Colchester
1926 Frontline 1926
1927 Yorkshire Rider 1367
1928 Scrapped by EN
1929 Frontline 1929
1930 Yorkshire Rider 1368
1931 Frontline 1931
1932 Yorkshire Rider 1369
1933 EN Colchester
1934 Scrapped by EN
1935 EN Pool
1936 Williams Crosskeys
1937 Frontline 1937
1938 Yorkshire Rider 1370
1939 Frontline 1939
1940 EN Chelmsford Named "Sir Harry Secombe"



Eastern National 1007 A668KUM Leyland Tiger Duple Dominant, formerly Yorkshire Rider 1658 used mainly on new services 33. 33X linking Southend - Stanstead Airport - Bishops Stortford.

The LAKEside Shopping Centre



*RAIL / BUS
LINK
From 30th May 1995*

Buses run approx $\frac{1}{2}$ hourly to meet
trains at Chafford Hundred Station.
Mondays to Saturdays 10am till 6pm.

GOING TO LAKEside?
There is another way.



TIMETABLE Journey Time Chafford Hundred - Lakeside: 7 minutes

To Lakeside - Buses meet trains approx $\frac{1}{2}$ hourly frequency

Mondays to Fridays:

Trains from Grays:	First bus at 10.13	Last bus at 17.47
Trains from Upminster:	First bus at 10.23	Last bus at 17.57

Saturdays:

Trains to Grays:	First bus at 10.13	Last bus at 17.13
Trains from Upminster:	First bus at 10.23	Last bus at 17.23

From Lakeside - Buses meet trains approx $\frac{1}{2}$ hourly frequency

Mondays to Fridays:

Trains to Grays:	First bus at 10.35	Last bus at 17.37
Trains to Upminster:	First bus at 10.25	Last bus at 17.47

Saturdays:

Trains to Grays:	First bus at 10.35	Last bus at 17.35
Trains to Upminster:	First bus at 10.25	Last bus at 17.25

NO SUNDAY BUS SERVICE

Ticket Validity and Fares

The Lakeside Rail/Bus link is free to the holder of any valid Single or Return rail ticket to/from Chafford Hundred Station. Chafford Hundred season ticket holders can also travel without charge. Travelcards and other season tickets are not valid. Without a valid season ticket, single or return rail ticket, there is a single flat fare of 30p Adult (15p Child) each way.

Bus Stops

Immediately outside Chafford Hundred Station. The return bus stop at Lakeside is on the road opposite McDonalds on level 2.

The Lakeside Rail/Bus Link is operated by Thamesway under Contract to Essex County Council.