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HEDINGHAM L185 LMA 413 T Leyland National, originally Crosville and Norfolks of Nayland is seen here freshly outshopped in the cream and red livery of Hedinghams leaving Colchester Bus Stn. on service 84 to Sudbury.

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LATEST NEWS

Heddingham empire expands with the take over of Partridge of Hadleigh and the Lynton Group is taken over by West Midlands Travel, which of course includes County Bus, Sampson, Biss Bros., and Airport Coaches.

I am sure Thamesway were impressed with the comment in the Evening Echo of the 12th October, writing about the Canvey Open Day, it stated. "Buses ranged from the 1939 vintage Dennis Dart owned by Thamesway to the latest hi-tech Scania model owned by East London Buses-----I will not make any further comment, but I am sure the Thamesway management could make a few,*****.

Former Southend Transport Daimler Fleetline 348 WJN 348 J is still in service, in New Zealand, I hope to get further details of this.

The comment in EBN 365 regarding a 1949 AEC Regent for sale, brought a flood of replies thanks to all concerned. It of course should have referred to Moores of Saffron Walden, and is either HER27 or HER28.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS.

Freight House 8pm

November 8th Slide show by Richard Delahoye --- SOME GOLDEN OLDIES.

December 13th Guest Speaker Mr W Hiran M D Thamesway Ltd.

PUBLICATIONS

Eastern National Fleet Record 1964-1990.

Lists all vehicles owned between 1964-1990 £4-50 post free from Andy Meadows.

Ian Ransom gives his apologies to EBN for the brief E N notes this month, but owing to pressure of work he has not been able to pay his monthly visit to E N Ltd..

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EASTERN NATIONAL

SERVICES

- 17A** Introduced on schooldays from Gt Bardfield to Newport, from 8.9.94. to 22.12.94.
18A Introduced on schooldays from Ridgewell to Newport from 8.9.94. to 22.12.94.
31 The Sunday service passes to Heddingham from 30.10.94. with a revised timetable.
33 From 17.10.94. the 1756 ex Dunmow will be withdrawn.
34 From 17.10.94. one journey an hour is extended to Great Notley as a 34A.
45 Introduced on schooldays from Gt Chishill to Saffron Walden.
46 Slight timetable revisions from 31.10.94.
83 Becomes a commercail operation from 31.10.94. and now operates daily Monday to Friday.
88C Slight revisions to evening ECC journeys from 31.10.94
91 Will become a commercial operation from 31.10.94.
92 As service 91.
102 Revised to terminate at Harwich Bus Station from 2.10.94.
127 Revised timetable from 31.10.94.
319 Introduced on schooldays from Shalford to Gt Dunmow from 8.9.94. to 22.12.94.

HEDINGHAM

VEHICLES

Major news this month is that on 1.9.94. the operations and a large number of vehicles of Partridge, Hadleigh were bought. In addition further new and acquired vehicles have entered service they are as follows:-

L106	LGV 34	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C57F	New as MJH 275L
L107	DSU 105	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C57F	New as KJH 276L
L209	H645 UWR	Volvo B10M	Plaxton	C??F	
L210	M210 VEV	Dennis Dart	Plaxton	B??F	
L213	THM 630M	Daimler Fleetline	MCW	H44/33F	
L214	MDW 584P	Bedford YRQ	Duple	C45F	
L215	MKK 458P	Bedford YRT	Plaxton	C53F	
L216	759 KFC	Bedford YRT	Plaxton	C53F	New as MNW 731P
L217	OJD 126R	Leyland Fleetline	P. Royal	H45/32F	
L218	UAT 274R	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C53F	(See below)
L219	THX 324S	Leyland Fleetline	MCW	H44/32F	
L220	DNK 431T	Ford R1114	Duple	C53F	
L221	229 LRB	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C57F	(See below)
L222	HAX 94W	Bedford YMT	Duple	C53F	
L223	RDX 539	MAN SR 280	MAN	C49FT	New as STT 620X
L224	A486 FPV	Bedford YNT	Duple	C53F	
L225	A487 FPV	Bedford YNT	Duple	C53F	
L226	129 SDV	Leyland Tiger	Duple	C57F	New as B288 OGV

L227	JSK 951	Au	Plaxton	CH53/18CT
L228	PIJ 601	Au	Plaxton	CH53/18CT
L229	F464 NRT	Leyland Tiger	Duple	C61F
L230	F145 SPV	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C57F
L231	F146 SPV	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C57F
L232	F147 SPV	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C57F
L233	F148 SPV	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C57F
L234	J245 MFP	Dennis Javelin	Plaxton	C51FT

L209 is ex Wallace Arnold, while L210 is new to Hedingham, the remainder were all acquired from Partridge.

L218 is a re-bodied vehicle, the chassis was new as TRN 754.

The previous registrations of L221 are VAS 589T, 162 EKH and VWS 976T.

One of the Neoplans was LST 873, C366 KEP and 300 CUH, while the other was C357 KEP and WCY 701, although there is a query as to which is which.

L106 & L107 were previously with Hedingham and have regained their former numbers.

L211 and L212 will be the low floor Dennis Lance/Wright on order.

These acquisitions bring a number of first to the fleet :-

The first full sized Ford, the first Dennis Javelin, the first MAN, the first double deck coaches (unless you include the VR TBW 451P).

The registrations 229 LRB and 759 KFC which were on Norfolks vehicles, when Hedingham acquired their operations re-appear.

In response to a members query, could someone please let Ian Ransom know, the colour of the Clacton depot code, thank you.

The majority of vehicles are now based at Sudbury depot, although some of the coaches are at Clacton and Little Tey. The Partridge parking area in Ingestre Street, Harwich is also used for Partridge and Hedingham vehicles.

L154 (F154 RHK) a Mercedes/Reeve Burgess has been sold to Jacksons, Bicknacre.

SERVICES

The following services were operated by Partridge (as at March 94) and is still thought to be current:-

105 Boxford-Hadleigh-Ipswich-Woolverstone (High School)
 107 Lavenham-Kersey-Elmsett-Ipswich
 108 Hadleigh-Shelley-Chatlisham-Ipswich
 115 Weeley-Little Clacton-Tendring High School
 247 Langham-Colchester
 326 Hadleigh-Bildeston-Bury St Edmunds
 454 Hadleigh-Stowmarket
 730 Brantham-Harwich
 731 Brantham-Ipswich
 732 Hadleigh-Clacton
 754 East Bergholt-Stratford St Mary-Colchester
 760 Harwich-Brantham
 776 Lower Langham-Hadleigh

In addition a large number of schools and other contract services are operated.

Other service revisions are:-

- 14 Revised timetable introduced from 31.10.94.
- 17 Revised to serve Maple End from 1.11.94.
- 18 ECC journeys pass to Townlink, with effect from 31.10.94.
- 80 Revised route and timetable from 17.10.94.
- 84 As service 80.
- 313 As service 18.
- 331 Together with service 332, will be operated commercially from 31.10.94.

Many thanks to member Nigel Turner for most of the above information.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ACE OF CLUBS BENFLEET Two Sherpas have been acquired, they are D856 REV and D263 PPU, thought to be ex Essex Police.

APT RAYLEIGH Acquired are Bova Europas BGS 71A (ex JHR672W) and PMS 1M (ex PMS 371, LIB 4333 and OOU 854Y) ex Stoddard, Cheadle.

BEESTON LONG MELFORD A further Leyland National is WGY 594S ex British Airways, rebuilt to single door. Also in the fleet is Scania/Jonckhree C354 SVV.

BERNARDS HARLOW Have acquired a Volvo/Plaxton D748 VSA.

BONNER ONGAR Ford Transit/Dormobile A596 HNF has been acquired. It is thought to be the only vehicle operated.

BRANDON BLACKMORE END OEG 289P a Bristol LH/Plaxton has been acquired, it is thought to be 896 RHA which was with Goodwin, Rayne at one time.

CARTERS COLCHESTER Former RMC 1500 (ALC 368A) was in use on 21.9.94. It was lettered Hatfield General, but was thought to be on loan from someone in the Clacton area.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Bristol VR WTU 484W has been acquired from APT, Rayleigh and is in use in Midland Red North/C-Line livery. Bristol VRs sold are NCD 563M to APT, Rayleigh and PKE 809M to Ford, Althorne. It is now thought that Atlantean BFR 301R was not owned. It passed to Partridge, Hadleigh, Suffolk, but was soon on the move again to Bordabus, West Horndon. Timetable revisions to services 74X and 78X will be made from 31.10.94.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD New is M738 OKK an Iveco/?.

CRUSADER CLACTON Acquired are three Setras from Kings Ferry, Gillingham they are NSU 136 (ex D158 BPH), 4011 LJ (ex PKW 323X) and D348 CBC.

CUNNINGHAM STANFORD LE HOPE Additions are M251 TAK a Scania/Irizar, in a white livery with fish on it! Rather less exotic is HKG 65N a Bristol LHS/Plaxton.

DISTRICT BUS A revised timetable on service 106 will be introduced from 22.10.94.

EUROPA RAMSDEN HEATH Acquired are Bristol VRs MAU 142P and NEL 119P and REK 927R an AEC Reliance/Duple.

FARGO RAYNE M374 HOX is a Renault Master/Jubilee C9F for Country Car services. A new service numbered 133A was introduced between Gt Leighs and Gt Dunmow via Felsted and Barnston on schooldays only from 6.9.94. Service 320 will have slight timetable revisions from 31.10.94.

FORD ALTHORNE M486 HBC a Dennis Javelin/Caetano has entered service.

FOURWAYS HIGHWOOD A second double decker is former Nottingham OTO 547M.

FREEMANS Service 51 will be withdrawn after 28.10.94.

HARRIS BUS Service L1 to Harlow will be withdrawn from 23.10.94. Services L2, L3 and L4 will operate to revised timetables, with a Sunday service introduced from 23.10.94. Service 269 passes to Thamesway from 31.10.94, with a revised route and

timetable. Schooldays only journeys between Grays and Basildon, numbered 500 will be introduced from 31.10.94.

INGATESTONE COACHES To correct EBN 365, NIW 1639 is still owned.

JACKSON BICKNACRE Bristol VR/Alexander OSR 192R and OSR 194R have been acquired ex Nottingham Omnibus, they were new to Tayside. Also acquired is F154 RHK from Heddingham, this is normally to be found on service 237. The vehicle is replaced Sherpa D202 NON has been sold to Snow, Gt Wakering. Also sold is Leopard UTR 705 to Webb, Highwood. Service 237 had slight timetable revisions introduced on 19.9.94.

LODGE HIGH EASTER Service 33 was withdrawn with effect from 5.9.94.

NELSONS WICKFORD Leyland National GCL 341N and two un-identified REs are being used for spares. A further new schools service is number 49 and operates on Monday to Saturday, schooldays only, from Wickford to Brentwood, Middleton Hall Lane. Sunday services 232,241 and 244 pass to Southend Transport from 30.10.94.

RAYLEIGH ROADWAYS Bristol VR SAO 411R has been acquired.

ROYLES HAWKWELL Have sold TRE 929X a Fiat minibus to Eds minibus, East Tilbury.

S&M HADLEIGH A further Leyland Tiger/Duple has been acquired. It is NAT 746A ex Wessex C137 CFB.

STANS GT TOTHAM VNM 900S a Bedford YLQ/Plaxton has been acquired from Belle Coaches, Lowestoft.

STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD The VRs acquired for dealer activity have seen use in service from time to time.

SUPREME SOUTHEND Further double deckers are ex Capital Citybus Bristol VRs URF 673S and BTU 375S. Three deckers plus coaches are based at the former Chartercoach depot in Refinery Road, Harwich.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN Service 29 will be extended to Saffron Walden High Street from 1.11.94. From 3.11.94. the Thursday journey on service 318 will be operated commercially by Heddingham. The Saturday journey will be operated by Townlink for ECC.



COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Open top Atlantean 55 operated on Service 9 all day on 16th September, the upper deck was taped off.

ST447 ex CBT47 was noted on Service 5 23rd September.

ST550 parked in No2 garage 2nd October, 28/9 minus blinds, in yard between No1 and No2 garage.

ST284 was noted on Service 8/8A 4th October.

7th October ST decker noted in Osborne St on garage duties, have 285 written down, but did I get the fleet number wrong or take the reg plate assuming they were the same ie ST282!



602	(C602NPU)	Hughes (Road Runner), Greenock, by 9/94. (Last reported as with Barr, Cambuslang, 10/91) Operating service to Leven Road in Greenock bus war with Clydeside 2000 <u>et al.</u>
708	(C429AHT)	Is numbered 004 with white Horse Ferries, Hythe, Hants. Operating on service between Southampton Red Funnel dock and railway Station.
1301	(XHK214X)	Hobson, Sheffield, 6/94, ex Cleverly, Cwmbran. (via Ripley (dealer) - see EBN360)
1408	(X00877L)	Reported as <u>withdrawn</u> by West Sussex County Council (N-PSV), 11/89. (However, vehicle was <u>acquired</u> also in 11/89 - is this report correct ?)
1413	(X00882L)	Now quoted as passing to Jones & Lawson, Bruche (in unlicensed condition), by 5/93 (see also EBN357) Had "gone" by 1/94.
1527	(LPU452J)	Numbered 1803 by Busways Travel Services Ltd., 3/94.
1657	(KCG614L)	Still with Ieuan Williams Coaches, Deiniolen, 8/94.
1705	(WNO554L)	Was withdrawn by Lawrenson, Earlestown, by 10/92, thence to Ripley (dealer), Carlton and to MBC1, Rowley Regis, 1/93. (correction to EBN348) <u>N.B.</u> Lawrenson also acts as a dealer under the title "Lancashire Bus & Coach Sales".
1712	(WNO561L)	Withdrawn by Walsall Travel, Walsall, 4/94, following cessation of operations.
1724	(NEV681M)	Liverline Travel Services Ltd., Liverpool, 292, 4/94, ex Loughborough Coach & Bus, Loughborough, 3381. Re-painted into fleet livery, 4/94. Withdrawn, 5/94, to North Western Road Car Co. Ltd., 292, 5/94; re-painted into fleet livery. 5/94, allocated to Skelmersdale.
1725	(NEV682M)	Cooper, Ashton-under-Lyne, 7/94, ex Edinburgh Transport, ET104. Re-registered SJI 5410, 8/94. (Was noted on the premises of Stevenson, Spath recently, purpose of visit unknown)
1732	(PJI4084) (HWC 83N)	Liyell, Willenhall, 11/93, ex Constable, Long Melford.
1774	(MAR796P)	Sold, 7/94, by Rhondda Buses Ltd., 660.
1783	(PEV695R)	Withdrawn, 6/94, by Quickstep Travel, Hunslet, 69.
1806	(TJN505R)	Hardwick (breaker), Carlton, for scrap, 6/94.
1827	(VNO729S)	South Wales Transport Ltd., Swansea, 8717, as immobile office, by 6/94, ex Brewer, Port Talbot (as immobile office), 717.
1848	(YEV306S)	Repainted into overall advertising livery for McGill Executive (silver grey/red/black) by Sovereign Bus & Coach, LN606, 4/94.
1926	(MHJ722V)	Frontline Enterprises, Tamworth, 1926, 6/94. (also quoted (EBN365) as acquired in 8/94)
1936	(MHJ732V)	Stripped for spares at Clacton garage, 6/94.
1939	(STW 20W)	Frontline Enterprises, Tamworth, as yet un-numbered, 8/94. (Frontline Buses moved to a new depot in Lichfield, 7/94, hence legal base may change soon)
2385	(WNO481)	Advertised for sale in "Autosport", 6/94. Last reported as withdrawn by White, Bickett Wood, by 9/90.
3035	(NPU982M)	Still with Jones, Bontnewydd, 8/94.
3070	(KOO788V)	as 1936.
9006	(LJN650P)	Stripped for spares at Clacton depot, 6/94. Remains to Hardwick (breaker), Carlton, for scrap, 6/94.

FLEET

New Vehicles On Order

The 4 Dennis Lance SLF/ Wright B40FL due for November delivery will be ELW 266-9 (M266-9 VPU)

Vehicles on Hire

The registration number of WMT 2781 is B781 AOC. It is still on loan to County Bus. Dennis Dart/ Marshall demonstrator L416 PAR was returned on 1/8. It was expected to be with Harris Bus for a short period in September.

Repaints

9/94 MB 755 from MacDonalds, Harrogate colorbus to new CB livery
MB 702 to new CB livery

Allocation Changes for 1 October 1994

Corrections EBN 364 MB 931 was transferred from Harlow to Edmonton not MB 919
EBN 365 MBT 801 remains delicensed

Unusual Working

TDL 55 C255 SPC in Green Line 724 coach livery noted operating on route 392 between Hertford and Harlow on Saturday 17th September 1994.

SERVICES

6 September	331	Minor NSSu pm peak timetable adjustments.
	351	Minor NSSu pm peak timetable adjustments.
	395	Minor schooldays only pm timetable adjustments.
1 October	510	Route/timetable adjusted to incorporate Havering Park and Marks Gate. Certain journeys continue to be operated by Capital Citibus 'on hire' to CB.
2 October	312	New ECC contract operation - winter Sundays 1994/95. Saffron Walden to Harlow via Thaxted, Henham, Elsenham, Stansted Mountfitchet, Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. 1 return trip plus 2 return trips between Harlow and Elsenham only.
	601	New ECC contract operation - winter Sundays 1994/95. Saffron Walden to Colchester via Haverhill, Long Melford and Sudbury. 2 return trips.
	622	New ECC contract operation - winter Sundays 1994/95. Harlow to Braintree via Great Dunmow. 1 return trip.
	631	New ECC contract operation - winter Sundays 1994/95. Braintree to Saffron Walden via Finchingfield and Thaxted. 1 return trip.
30 October	W16	Minor adjustments to Sunday timetable.

31 October	18	New ECC contract operation - NSu. Saffron Walden to Haverhill via Steeple Bumpstead. 2 return trips NSu plus 1 off-peak return trip on F only and 1 round trip on schooldays only on Saffron Walden town routing (currently Hedingham Omnibuses).
	313	New ECC contract operation - NSu. Saffron Walden to Great Dunmow via Thaxted. 3 round trips NT1hSu and 4 on TTh (currently Hedingham Omnibuses).
	503	Revised timetable with 0900 Saffron Walden to Harlow and 1345 Harlow to Saffron Walden becoming NSu throughout the year.
3 November	318	New ECC contract operation - S. Thaxted to Bishops Stortford via Broxton, Takeley and Great Hallingbury. 1 round trip (currently Viceroy Coaches).

OTHER GROUP COMPANIES

Biss Brothers Coaches Limited

Service 317 which was to be operated by Intercontinental Tours from 31/10/94 (see EBN 362) was retendered and as a result has been retained by Biss Brothers. A new minibus is due to be ordered shortly.

REPORT ON COUNTY BUS TOUR - Saturday 1st October

Waiting at Newbury Park a Leyland Titan passed by, complete with Stagecoach East London fleetnames, a sign of the times indeed. The Bristol LS performed well (45 M.P.H) along the M11 and M25 to arrive early at Hoddesden where the party was met by Peter Blanchard, our host for the day. The former Sampsons depot is now used by County Bus for maintenance only. We then moved on to the Lea Valley base at Ware where a good selection of vehicles was available. Unfortunately the weather then closed in. Likewise our halt at Hertford Bus Station was also rather damp, however, we were still able to photograph the wet vehicles from under the dry canopy !

But as soon as we crossed the Essex border the rain ceased and the weather improved. The stop at Biss Bros. (part of Lynton Travel Group) brought back fond memories of the first Group visit to this operator when a St. Helens RT, Ribble White Lady PD1's and half cab Foden coaches were in the fleet.

Then it was into Townlink territory at Harlow for a stop at the County Bus garage where many vehicles were on show, including some Talbot Triaxles. At the Bus Station local operations were viewed, with new Eastern National Darts on service 333 passing through. The final stop was at Debden where a withdrawn Leyland National had been converted into a gymnasium. Obviously part of the County Bus plan to keep the staff fighting fit !

Our thanks to Peter Blanchard and his colleagues for their most valued help, and to Barry Povey for his excellent Bristol LS.

Alan Osborne



VEHICLES

New

Dennis Darts 924/929-937 (M924 TEV etc) are now in service. 938 (M938 TEV) is (at the time of writing) being used by Dennis and 941 (M941 TEV) has recently been delivered. 934 (M934 TEV) is the 2000th Dennis Dart chassis and 1000th Plaxton Pointer body to be built.

Allocations

924/9-37 New - BN, 941 New - LWA, 1404 BN - HH, 1405 BN - HH, 1854 BD - D/L(D) 1879 BN - D/L(D), 1881 HH - D/L(D), 1888 BN - Pool(BN), 1889 BN - Pool(BN), 1891 BN - BD, 1893 BN - D/L(D), 1904 BN - HH, 1920 BN - BD, 1922 BN - D/L(D).

Initial Disposals

508 (MKH 89A) 10.94 Brewer, Maesteg (for spares)
3102 (UAR 592W) Sold for scrap (Hardwick?)(Date?)
9005 (OWC 295K) Engine removed by a Bristol area operator, remains to Hardwic (dlr), (date?).

Vehicles sold to Bristol Bus and Coach (EBN365) will be refurbished and sold to operators outside the Badgerline Group.

Repaints

228 9.94 is now white with a Thamesway front.
No plans exist to repaint vehicles in the new livery carried by the new Dennis Darts.

Workings

5.10.94 BD234 noted on Rte 251
Various BD4010 now makes regular appearances on the 151 on Saturdays.

General

601 (L601 MWC) Visited the Bristol Rally on 21.8.94.
933/4/5 (M933 TEV) Appeared at a press launch at Ingatstone Hall on 19th September.
902/934 (M902 TEV) Appeared at Showbus on 25th September
934 (M934 TEV) Appeared at the Canvey Bus Rally on 9th October

Model manufacturer EFE have produced a Leyland National in Thamesway livery. The Leyland National model is generally accurate as is the livery application. The fleetname on the roof cant panels is however, positioned slightly too far back then on the prototype. The model also has a maroon band below the windscreen and the fleetnumber plates are white. These are only minor criticism's of what is basically a good model and a worthy addition to any collection.

Corrections

509 (EBN364) Was sold to Frontline, Tamworth (for spares).
Ford Transits sold (EBN364) went to Morgan (John Nanty), Gwent.
207 (C699 ECV) is DP19F

OPERATIONS

LRT W9 Traffic calming measures in the grounds of Highgate Hospital, Southgate mean that buses no longer serve the loop working via the second gate off of Worlds End Road, now running direct via main gate.

261/501 ECC journeys now worked by BD356.

Campion School, Hornchurch contract recommenced in 9.94 using 3 full size buses.

FLEET ALLOCATION 1st OCTOBER

BRENTWOOD BD 202/8/9, 225/6/7/8/9/30/1/2/3/4, 302/3/4/5/6, 355, 388
389/90/1/2/3/4/5/6, 1839/45/6/76/86/91/94/98, 1903/8/11/12/13/19/20,
3110/3, 4004/9/10.

BASILDON BN 201/3/4, 235/6/7/8/9/40/1/2/3/4, 357/8/9/60/1/2/3/4/5/6
367/8/9/70/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/80/1/2/3/4/5/6/7, 501/2/3/4/5/6/7
510/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/20/1/2, 719, 918/9/20/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9
930/1/2/3/4/5/6/7, 1896.

HADLEIGH HH 205/6/7, 307/8/9/10/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/20/1/2/3/4/5/6/7
328/9/30/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/40/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/50/1/2/3/4/6,
601, 1400/4/5/6/9/10/1/2/7/8/9/20/1/2/3/4, 1803/21/2/3/39/5/7
1840/7/53/7/64/8/9/71/8/81/2/4/9/95/7, 1904/6/7/18.

PONDERS END PD 245/6/7/8/9/50/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/60/1, 301, 397/8,
800/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/1, 901/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/1/2/3/4/5/6/7,
1001/2/3/4, 4000/1/2/3/5/6.

POOL VEHICLES HH705, PD706, BN720, PD722, BN1887, BN1886 BN 2202

DRIVER TRAINERS 2200, 3101, 9013, 9014, 9015.

DE-LICENSED 712/3/5/6/7, 1854/66/75/9/81/93, 1922

ENOC 2954

Seen at the Canvey Open Day was Eastern National Bristol K JWV 430 carrying the original fleetnumber 3885-----it looks far better than 1274--- well done C.P.M.S: how about 4028 on ONO 49.

A recent photograph purchased shows former Eastern National 3900 KNO 603 Bristol L5G E C W B35R, preserved by the Midland Counties Bus Preservation Club, can any member tell us if this vehicle exists.

DID YOU READ.....

September 12th: The EG (Evening Gazette) reports that earlier that day a starting pistol and balaclava had been found at the end of a journey from Hatfield Peverel to Colchester. A subsequent issue revealed that it was a schoolchild's prank.

September 15th: Bus strikes make up a story for the EG. CBT drivers had requested a postal ballot on industrial action as the working week had been increased to up to 43 hours per week. TGWU spokesman Bill Lumb said drivers were still demoralised from the takeover, spent all day on one bus and came off it like a zombie. For CBT Ray Giles said he was confused by the situation as they had been talking about reducing the working week for a long time and he was not aware negotiations had broken down. EN engineers were due to strike between 1300 and 1900 on the 19th as part of a long running dispute over shift premiums.

The same issue of the EG reports that parents are furious as EN left their offspring stranded in the rain. Pupils travelling to school in Colchester from West Mersea and West Bergholt had been left behind a number of times in recent days. Mike Holden for EN said an additional bus had been put on from West Bergholt and the West Bergholt situation was being monitored. He said more people were using buses because of the rail strike.

September 17th: Coach & Bus Week report that Hedingham Omnibus will double its fleet size in six years if planned acquisitions go ahead. Currently they have 7 depots, 112 vehicles with a peak requirement of around 100. Following five years of discussions the business of CJ Partridge & Son of Hadleigh had been purchased. 24 vehicles and the Harwich outstation had passed to HO but three vehicles worth of contracts and commercial services had passed to Ipswich Buses. Harry Claireux was retaining two O licences and the Hadleigh premises from where he would continue to deal in used vehicles. Robert MacGregor said three more potential acquisitions had been identified and a maximum fleet of 200 was envisaged, "we've got to get bigger to survive".

September 20th: Complaints of full buses from Clacton to Colchester make news in the EG. A Vith form student is arriving late for college as the bus is full when arriving at his stop. He states that since a smaller bus had been introduced on some days 20 people are being left behind. Michael Holden for EN said surveys had shown a smaller bus would be sufficient but numbers were being investigated. The rail strike and other excuses were offered.

September 21st: Not a good time for EN as again the EG carries a complaint about their services and gets it wrong with a caption "Crowdpuller - a bus for fans" and a photo of CBT 87 on a 6A Rowhedge journey heading the item. Football fans complain that buses do not wait a Layer Road at the end of a game. Michael Holden gives information on timings. It is not clear if he or a journalist is responsible for the closing line in the item - With the paltry crowds Colchester get that should be enough for everyone.

September 24: The front page of Coach & Bus Week carries a colour photo of three Thamesway Darts, 933-5 (M933/5 TEV). Bill Hiron, Thamesway MD said "The introduction of the new vehicle further enhances our commitment to our customers. Today's bus passengers expect the best and we aim to provide them with the best". 934 is the 2000th Dart and has the 1000th Pointer body.

LOOKING BACK

1964

Eastern National took delivery of 2808-11 (FWC426-9B), Bristol FLF6B/LD38/32FD, during early October. The former City Coach Co garage at Tylers Avenue Southend closed at the end of July. It had been classified TA under the new garage code system but few vehicles carried the code before they were allocated to Southend, SD. A winter timetable effective from 27th September was produced with the price rising from 1/- (5p) to 1/6d (7½p). Coach services used the 24 hour clock for the first time and it was stated that bus services would appear in this format in the summer timetable.

1974

Following the closure of the EN depot at Kelvedon and the opening of premises at Silver End revisions, mainly garage positioning journeys, were introduced from 14th October on Services 53, 337, 338, 339 while the 70A was withdrawn. Southend Transport again hired 320 (VV0737) and 321 (OHY935) from S&M. 320 from 17th September, but only used on service 62 on the 20th and 321 from 16th September and used on schools journeys, peak hours service 5/7 on Mondays - Fridays and service 29 on Saturdays. All Albion Lowlanders were at one time on hire to Alder Valley, the remainder being loaned from 14/15 September. Following the repainting of 373 (WJN373J) there are now no vehicles in the fleet with a blue roof.

1984

EN acquired three Leyland Leopard coaches from Ribble Motor Services 1308-10 (ANA92-4Y). The final two Leyland National from Alder Valley were delivered. 1651 (KCG608L) arrived on 21st September and 1660 (KCG618L) on 12th October having being seen in service at Aldershot the previous day. A mobile publicity vehicle, TDV217J a Leyland Panther PSUR1B/1R, was on hire from Western National, Plymouth for use in Colchester while the travel office was rebuilt. It was delivered to Central Works on 5th October. Plans were announced for redevelopment of the depot premises at Southend, it was understood that a supermarket would be built on the site, the adjacent Victoria Bus Station would remain. During the summer the coach operation Highwayman 804 had been used on a Norwich City Tour with an Eastern Counties driver and courier.

Colchester Borough Transport 53 (MVK548R) an ex Tyne & Wear Atlantean finally entered service in mid-September. It carried advertising for the Evening Gazette and an article in that publication stated it would enter service on 15th October. 102 remained on hire to Southend while their 234 remained in Colchester. 241 returned home on 18th September. It was confirmed that D17 Preston 3 (A33 MRN) had left on 6th August while the Leicester vehicles hire periods had been D15 (A77FRY) 1st to 8th July and D16 (TBC51X) 8th to 15th July.

Southend Transport acquired 313 (GHV 106N), Daimler Fleetline from Ensign, 343-346 (XWX193/161S, CWX191T, XWX186S) Leyland Leopards from Wallace Arnold, 353 (CPT 822S) a Leyland Leopard from Trimdon Motor Services. 364/8 (WJN364/8J) were withdrawn on 19th September and 17th October. 349/58/60/4/9 were in store at Tickfield Road where 351 was cut up during October. The first two rebodied Daimler Fleetlines, formerly 374/7 (GHJ374/7L) were returned by Northern Counties on 13th October. Leyland Leopard coach 326 (XHU326) was cleared to enter service on 10th October, nine months after acquisition; was damaged in a depot accident the same day and removed to works for repairs.

September 30th: Gordon Cheek, EN fleet engineers is urging people to tell them if they see any of their vehicles belching smoke according to the EG. They should note both the registration number and the four digit fleet number.

October 5th: A discount food store could be located on the former bus station site in Maldon reports the EG. Earmarked for residential development an application had been refused in April as councillors wanted to see retail units on the frontage before any housing was agreed. The latest proposal, an outline application, was by Gurna Ltd and Letley Group.

October 7th: "How the bus war has left passengers paying the price" headlines a long letter from a reader unhappy at the standard of service provided by EN on the 67. With the Journey at 0800 no longer running he has to walk over the fields to the Cherry Tree as this is the last stop you are likely to get a seat on the 0811 bus. He complains of late running, overcrowding - 27 standing on a single decker, of many people left behind and estimates that most seated passengers are students with free passes which he as tax payer, and standing, had paid for. (The readers address indicates that a walk in the other direction would take him to Gosfield Road and the terminus for CBT 8/8A for a bus at 0801 or 0817)

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Subsequent Disposals.

FL 213 (JTD 393P) has entered service with Stephenson,s in an all over red/orange livery. It is due to have an advert added shortly. It has been rebuilt to H49/35F..

LD 502 (YHB 20T) is now reregistered to JIL 5285.

Hire,s.

VR 351 (YBF 686S) remains on loan from London & Country.

Repaints.

TR 561 (A103 EPA) has recived a near side & rear advert for Southend Sea life center.

TR 562 (A106 EPA) has recived a rear end advert for Southend Sea life center.

Routemaster,s.

Location of former S.T Routemaster,s . (10/10/94)

101 OYM 413A	(VLT 12)	now with B.T.S	Used for parts/Scrap.
102 WYJ 857	(VLT 172)	now with Reading Mainline.	(10) In service.
103 WLT 577	" "	" "	(6) " "
104 VYJ 542	(WLT 797)	now with Beach bus Inc.	Kittyhawk, U.S.A
105 WLT 937		now with Reading Mainline.	(5) In service.
106 XVS 319	(WLT 949)	" "	(3) " "
107 WLT 993	" "	" "	(2) " "

108	61	CLT	now with Beach bus Inc. Kittyhawk, U.S.A (OPEN TOP)
109	183	CLT	now with London & Country. (4193).
110	ALM	34B	now with Reading Mainline. (1) In service.
111	ALM	101B	now with Brakell Bus Sales (London).
112	CUV	124C	" " " " " "
113	ALD	871B	" " " " " "
114	ALM	5B	now with Mc Conns, Rathcoole, Dublin.
115	WLT	378	now with Ways Coaches, Chelmsford.
116	543	CLT	now in Preservation in S.T livery. (116)
117	682	DYE	now with Brakell Bus Sales (London).
118	ALM	11B	now with Reading Mainline. (4) In service.
119	LDS	280A (VLT 104)	now with B.T.S (Refurbished) In service. (RM 104)
120	LDS	284A (WLT 546)	now with Brakell Bus Sales (London).
121	CUV	256C	" " " " " "
122	VLT	44	now with Reading Mainline. (7) In service.
123	CUV	162C	now with Beach bus Inc. Kittyhawk, U.S.A

Notes...

104	now	registered	ZD 4982
108	"	" "	ZD 3990
114	"	" "	64 D 805
123	"	" "	ZD 3995

Heddingham Omnibuses Fleet List September 1994

Fleet No.	Registration Number	Body	Chassis and Type	Seating	Date New	Previous Owner
L81	YNO 481L	Bedford YRT	Marshall Carnair	B53F	1973	
L84	RGV 284N	Leyland Leopard	Willowbrook	B55F	1974	
L85	GPV 685N	Bedford YRQ	Willowbrook 001	B47F	1975	
L86	KHJ 786P	Bedford YRQ	Willowbrook 001	B47F	1975	
L87	PHK 387R	Bedford YRQ	Duple Dominant	B47F	1976	
L88	REV 188R	Bedford YLQ	Duple Dominant	B47F	1976	
L89	CEV 89T	Bedford YLQ	Duple Dominant	B47F	1978	
L94	GVW 894T	Bedford YMT	Plaxton Supreme IV Exp	C53F	1979	
L95	JAR 495V	Bedford YLQ	Duple Dominant	B47F	1979	
L96	NFX 446P	Bedford YMT	Plaxton Supreme III	C53F	1976	National Travel SW, 1979
L98	SPU 898W	Bedford YMQ	Duple Dominant	B47F	1980	
L100	UNO 100W	Bedford YMT	Plaxton Supreme IV Exp	C53F	1981	
L103	BAR 103X	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton Bustler	B47F	1982	
L105	BEV 105X	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton Supreme IV Exp	C53F	1982	
L111	UVX 4S	Bristol LH6L	Eastern Coach Works	B43F	1977	Eastern National, 1982
L112	UVX 5S	Bristol LH6L	Eastern Coach Works	B43F	1977	Eastern National, 1982
L113	UVX 6S	Bristol LH6L	Eastern Coach Works	B43F	1977	Eastern National, 1982
L114	UVX 7S	Bristol LH6L	Eastern Coach Works	B43F	1977	Eastern National, 1982
L115	FEV 115Y	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton Supreme IV	C53F	1982	
L116	HAR 116Y	Bedford YNT	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C53F	1983	
L121	DBH 452X	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton Supreme IV	C57F	1981	Flight's, Birmingham, 1983
L122	A122 PAR	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C53F	1983	
L124	B124 BOO	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C53F	1985	
L125	BNO 700T	Bedford YMT	Duple Dominant II Exp	C53F	1979	Eastern National, 1984
L126	BNO 703T	Bedford YMT	Duple Dominant II Exp	C53F	1979	Eastern National, 1984
L133	BHK 710X	Bedford YNT	Plaxton Supreme IV Exp	C53F	1982	Jennings, Ashen, 1984
L135	KGS 489Y	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Paramount 3500	C53F	1983	Travellers, Hounslow, 1985
L136	D136 XVW	Bedford YMP	Plaxton Derwent II	B47F	1986	
L137	D137 XVW	Bedford YMP	Plaxton Derwent II	B47F	1986	

L138	B273 AMG	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C57F	1984	Goldenport, London, 1987
L139	FCY 287W	Bedford YMQ	Duple Dominant	B43F	1981	South Wales, 1987
L140	FCY 288W	Bedford YMQ	Duple Dominant	B43F	1981	South Wales, 1987
L141	FCY 289W	Bedford YMQ	Duple Dominant	B43F	1981	South Wales, 1987
L146	FCY 285W	Bedford YMQ	Duple Dominant	B43F	1981	South Wales, 1987
L147	NCD 553M	Bristol VRT/SL2/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1973	Southdown, 1988
L148	WPH 135Y	Leyland Tiger	East Lincs EL2000 (1993)	B53F	1982	Kentish Bus, 1988
L149	E79 HVX	Iveco 49.10	Carlyle Dailybus	B25F	1988	
L150	F150 LTW	Leyland Lynx	Leyland Lynx	B51F	1989	
L151	F151 NPU	Leyland Swift	Wadhams Stringer Vanguard II	B39F	1989	
L152	D576 VBV	Freight Rover Sherpa	Dormobile	B16F	1986	Ribble, 1988
L153	D345 WPE	Ford Transit 190	Carlyle	B16F	1986	Alder Valley, 1988
L154	F154 RHK	Mercedes Benz 811D	Reeve Burgees Beaver	B33F	1988	
L155	D232 HMT	Leyland Tiger	Van Hool Alizee H	C53F	1986	Travellers, Hounslow, 1988
L156	NPU 979M	Bristol VRT/SL2/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H39/31F	1974	Eastern National, 1989
L158	VOD 590S	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1978	South Midland, 1989
L159	TBW 451P	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1978	South Midland, 1989
L160	H160 HJN	Leyland Olympian	Alexander RL	H43/32F	1990	
L161	SNJ 591R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1977	Brighton and Hove, 1990
L162	MOD 569P	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/32F	1975	United, 1990
L163	MGR 672P	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1975	United, 1990
L164	SUP 685R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1976	United, 1990
L165	LRA 801P	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/34F	1975	Trent, 1990
L166	MRB 802P	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/34F	1976	Trent, 1990
L167	JWT 757V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1979	Keighley and District, 1990
L168	PWY 43W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1981	Keighley and District, 1990
L169	JKV 414V	Bedford YMT	Plaxton Supreme IV	C53T	1979	Kemp, Clacton, 1991
L170	WOO 903W	Bedford YMT	Plaxton Supreme IV	C53T	1981	Kemp, Clacton, 1991
L175	A331 VHB	Leyland Tiger	Jonckheere Jubilee P50	C49FT	1983	Kemp, Clacton, 1991
L178	DWU 294T	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1979	Keighley and District, 1991
L180	UBJ 847R	AEC Reliance 6U3ZR	Plaxton Supreme III	C55F	1977	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L181	GPV 212T	AEC Reliance 6U3ZR	Plaxton Supreme III Exp	C53F	1978	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L182	BBJ 568S	Seddon Pennine VII	Plaxton Supreme III Exp	DP57F	1978	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L183	CFM 345S	Leyland National (Gardner)	B49F	1978	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991	
L184	CFM 347S	Leyland National (Gardner)	B49F	1978	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991	
L185	LMA 413T	Leyland National (Gardner)	B49F	1979	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991	
L186	CBV 305S	Leyland Atlantean	East Lincs	H50/36F	1977	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L187	CBV 306S	Leyland Atlantean	East Lincs	H50/36F	1977	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L188	CBV 307S	Leyland Atlantean	East Lincs	H50/36F	1977	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L189	CBV 308S	Leyland Atlantean	East Lincs	H50/36F	1977	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L190	CBV 309S	Leyland Atlantean	East Lincs	H50/36F	1977	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L192	A709 KRT	Van Hool	Van Hool Alicron	C49FT	1984	Norfolk, Nayland, 1991
L193	D600 MVR	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Supreme 3200	C53F	1986	Shearings, 1991
L194	JWV 271W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1981	Brighton and Hove, 1991
L195	D584 MVR	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C53F	1986	Shearings, 1992
L196	H48 NDU	Leyland Lynx	Leyland Lynx II	B51F	1990	Volvo Demonstrator, 1992
L197	GGM 108W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1980	City of Oxford, 1992
L198	K198 EVW	Dennis Dart	Alexander Dash	B43F	1992	
L199	HJB 464W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LX	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1980	City of Oxford, 1992
L200	J295 TWK	Leyland Lynx	Leyland Lynx II	B51F	1991	Volvo Demonstrator, 1992
L201	F781 GNA	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton Paramount 3200	C53F	1988	Shearings, 1993
L202	BRC 836T	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1979	Trent, 1993
L203	BRC 839T	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Eastern Coach Works	H43/31F	1979	Trent, 1993
L204	AUD 461R	Bristol VR	ECW	H43/31F	1976	
L205	E668 UNE	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C53F	1987	Shearings, 1994
L206	J724 KBC	Leyland Lynx II	Leyland	B51F	1991	
L207	L207 RNO	Volvo B6	Alexander Dash	B40F	1993	
L208	L208 RNO	Volvo B6	Alexander Dash	B40F	1993	
L209	H645 UW?	Volvo B10M	Plaxton	C53F	1990	
L210	M210 VFV	Dennis Dart	Plaxton	B34F	1994	

Previous Registrations

A709 KRT	A104 TWV, 90 NOR	GPV 212T	BPV 300T, 229 LRB
BBJ 568S	DFS 805S, 759 KFC	UBJ 847R	OKY 65R, 301 XRA