



Thamesway are now operating Dennis Darts with Plaxton Pointer bodies on LT service 214. 913 (K913 CVW) is seen at Basildon depot prior to entering service in London

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Following the resignation of Mark Lloyd, a vacancy exists for the above position. Mark feels that a local correspondent would be more appropriate, a view with which the editor would not disagree. In addition, Mark supplied information on other operators, including Heddingham each month. However, additional information supplied to the editor and published in the magazine has now been found to be incorrect. This is a further reason for Mark resigning and leaves your editor in a position of some embarrassment. Please ensure that any items submitted are correct and if they are rumour, please say so! Many thanks to Mark for all his help and the supply of correct information, over the last 18 months.

If anyone is willing to take on this post please write to the editor. In the meantime please send any reports direct to the editor.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

The October meeting will be held on October 20th (note the 3rd Tuesday) and will be a members slide evening. You are invited to bring your own slides of interest. Doors open at 1945 for a 2000 start. Rochford meetings are held at The Freight House, which is adjacent to Rochford station.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Allocations

9/92 200/2 CN-BE; 706/10 BE-POOL

Repaints

August 1930 Overall advert for Clacton Pier. Front retains fleet livery.
 3128, 4007, 4012 in fleet livery.

Vehicles

Further to EBN 338, 4512 received only minor accident damage and was only out of use for a few days.

Publicity

Timetable leaflets for services 31/X; 36; 43/A; 53/B; 133; 333 and 433 all dated 9.8.92; 118/119 dated 5.7.92.

Timetable booklets for Your Eastern National Buses in Harwich dated 21.6.92; in Maldon dated 9.8.92; in Colchester dated 9.8.92.

Leaflets for Bus Excursions 1992, Where to catch your bus in Braintree and Code of Practice for customers suggestions and complaints.

Unusual Workings

6.7.92. CF 1855 on service 53 and again on 7.7 (CR operated)
15.7.92. CF 1841 on service 87A (CR operated service)
28.7.92. MN 1892 on services 53/B and again on 8.8 (as above)
4.8.92. DT 3109 on service 38 (BE minibus operated)
13.8.92. CF 1924 on service 53 (as above)
24.8.92. CF 1850 on service 53 (as above)

Bristol VRs are becoming a common sight on service 53, with those from DT also being noted following maintenance at Colchester. Pool 1824 was noted in use from Colchester during July and August.

Recent changes to the 53/B mean that the majority of vehicles interwork, although one journey in each direction has to be worked by a single deck vehicle, due to a low bridge at Rivenhall.

Services

- 1/A/B Winter timetable introduced from 13.9.92. Additional changes to the Sunday service will be made from 27.9.92.
- 2 As for service 1 etc.
- 3/4 As for service 1 etc.
- 8/A As for service 1 etc.
- 9/10 As for service 1 etc.
- 12 As for service 1 etc.
- 13/14 As for service 1 etc.
- 21 From 7.9.92. some journeys were re-routed to serve the new Leisure Centre and are numbered 21A.
- 22A/B Revised route and timetable introduced from 27.9.92.
- 34 Revised timetable introduced from 7.9.92.
- 43/A Slight timetable revisions, with certain journeys extended to Braintree College from 7.9.92.
- 53/B Revised timetable introduced from 6.9.92.
- 56C Revised to serve Sainsburys on Sundays from 6.9.92.
- 62 De-registered from 1.11.92. New operator ?
- 74 Revised timetable introduced from 27.9.92. with new variations 74A/B/C.
- 78/A Revised timetable, with a X78 service introduced from 27.9.92.
- 82 Revised timetable introduced from 7.9.92. with some journeys re-routed via Great Tey.
- 87/A Slight timetable revisions introduced from 14.9.92.
- 93 De-registered from 25.10.92. New operator ?
- 95A Operation passed to Heddinghams from 8.9.92.
- 97A/B Extended to the Colne Estate from 28.9.92. with slight timetable revisions.
- 118/9 Revised timetable introduced from 27.9.92.
- 127 From 15.9.92. the 0930 ex Brightlingsea was re-routed via Holland-on-Sea. The 1400 ex Clacton operates 5 minutes earlier.
- 133 As for service 43/A.
- 154 The 0740 from Basildon was extended to Chelmsford King Edward VI School from 8.9.92.

- 300 As for service 62.
 314/6 Both services extended to Williams Farm, Stebbing from 7.9.92.
 347-9 Pass to County Bus from 2.11.92. under tender to ECC.
 651 The Suffolk CC Sunday service between Potton-Ipswich-Framlingham-Laxfield, was taken over from Forget-Me-Not Travel, on 26.7.92. until 20.9.92. The service is operated by 210, the only vehicle fitted with a correct blind!

To correct EBN 338, The Clacton Heritage Tour ran between 5.8.92. and 2.9.92. on Wednesdays only. The dates given in EBN 338 were as a result of an advert in the interior of CF 1831, which had not been removed since last year when the vehicle was based at Clacton.

Subsequent Disposals

- 179 (KTW 242) Lefkaritis, Lanarca, Cyprus, 6/56, re-registered TY 238.
 380 (VYO 767) Marshall, Leicester, by 11/89 (as caravan) (additional notes to EBN 339).
 1001 (MAR 776P) Now reported as going to B. Kavanagh (dealer), (402 UHI) Urlingford, 1/82; thence to M. Kavanagh (dealer), Tipperary, 1/82, re-registered as shown. (HI is a Tipperary South Riding mark; Urlingford being in Kilkenny which has mark IP). (See also EBN 335).
 1003 (MAR 778P) Now reported as passing to Abbey, Graigenamagh, by 9/88; previously quoted (EBN 297) as passing to Abbey, Graiguenamanagh, by 4/87. The latter is the spelling given on the County Kilkenny Road Atlas!).
 1203 (BNO 689T) Brice, Four Marks, 4/92, ex, Hayward, Caversham.
 1215 (BNO 701T) Following cessation of Maidstone Borough Transport (Holdings) Ltd. (t/a Boro'line Maidstone), 5/92, passed to Maidstone & District Motor Services (with accident damage) 6/92, thence to Wealden P.S.V., Five Oak Green & 9/92. (additional to EBN 339).
 1308 (ANA 92Y) Re-painted in new Brewer livery of white with a red roof and numbered B161, 7/92. Corrects EBN 339).
 1309 (ANA 93Y) As 1308, but numbered B162.
 1310 (ANA 94Y) As 1308, but numbered B163.
 1402 (VHK 175L) Went to PHAB Club in 11/91. To correct EBN 339 1403 should have read 1402.
 1403 (1251 EV) Burns, Haltwhistle, by 6/89, as flatbed transporter, ex. J. Newton, Spennymoor (transporter).
 1404 (VHK 177L) Northern Bus Co., Anston, by 5/92, ex. Sykes (dealer), Barnsley.
 1516 (FWC 439H) Taylor, Walton, Peterborough, by 3/92, as caravan, ex. Motor Coach Holiday Homes Project Margate (N-PSV).

1522	(KHK 414J)	Eastern Transport Collection (N-PSV, for spares), 12/91, ex. Heddingham & District, Sible Heddingham.
1651	(KCG 608L)	Went to Sykes in 7/89. (correction to EBN 339)
1736	(HWC 87N)	Loughborough Coach & Bus Co., Loughborough, 3387, 5/92; ex. Midland Fox 3387 (previously operated by Wreake Valley Travel in Astill & Jordan livery).
1759	(MAR 781P)	Withdrawn by Wilts & Dorset Motor Services, Poole, 3760, 6/92, thence to Maidstone & District Motor Services, Maidstone, 3506, 7/92. Noted in Gillingham depot, 8/92, being prepared for service.
1760	(MAR 782P)	Thomas, Barry, 8/91, ex. Brewer, Maesteg.
1775	(MAR 797P)	P.V.S. (dealer), Barnsley, 5/92, ex. Rhondda Bus Ltd., N661.
1778	(PEV 690R)	Re-painted in new livery by Brewer, Maesteg, 8/92.
2386	(WNO 484)	Entries for 2388 in EBN 339 should read 2386.
2710	(90 TVX)	Registration offered for sale by Top Deck Travel, 2/91.
2860	(RHK 345D)	Exported to Belgium, 9/91, ex. London Bus Export Co. (dealer), Chepstow.
2877	(STW 765D)	Still with Top Deck Travel, Horsell Common, Woking, 39, noted in Interlaken, Switzerland in 7/92, named "Stew".
3053	(LJN 648P)	United Welsh Coaches, were absorbed by Brewer, Maesteg, 8/92. Now numbered 648. Retains EN livery.
3085	(STW 29W)	Badgerline, Weston-Super-Mare, 5557, 4/92 (T). Thamesway vinyls removed, entered service in Eastern National livery, 6/92. Allocated to Marlborough Street, Bristol.
3087	(STW 31W)	As 3085, fleetnumber 5558, but re-painted in Badgerline livery, 5/92.
3088	(STW 32W)	Acquired by Badgerline, 4/92, (corrects EBN 339). Entered service 4/92 with Badgerline fleetnames on EN livery. Allocated to MH.
3089	(STW 33W)	All details as 3085, but numbered 5560.
3090	(STW 34W)	As 3085, but numbered 5561, livery and allocation to follow.
3096	(UAR 586W)	Western National Ltd., Truro, 1244, 5/92, but re-numbered 1243, also 5/92. (T).
3097	(UAR 587W)	As 3053, but is in United Welsh livery and now numbered 587. (T).
3098	(UAR 588W)	As 3097, but now numbered 588.
3099	(UAR 589W)	As 3096, but was 1242 becoming 1244.
3104	(UAR 594W)	Western National Ltd., Truro, 1245, 5/92. (T).
3107	(UAR 597W)	As 3104, but numbered 1246.
3108	(UAR 598W)	As 3053, but numbered 598. (T).
3116	(XHK 221X)	As 3090, but numbered 5562.
3117	(XHK 222X)	As 3090, but numbered 5563.
3119	(XHK 224X)	As 3087, but numbered 5564.
3121	(XHK 226X)	Wigley (dealer), Carlton, by 6/92. (Delete all reference to Western National). EBN 338 refers

3122 (XHK 227X) As 3085, but numbered 5565 and entered service in 7/92 allocated to MH.
 3123 (XHK 228X) As 3096. but was 1243 becoming 1242.
 3129 (XHK 234X) As 3097, but numbered 534. (Note fleetnumber).
 4012 (C412 HJN) Eastern National, Chelmsford, ex. Thamesway, Basildon, 5/92.
 4502 (B690 BPU) Re-registered IIL 1828 by South Wales, 908, 6/92. (T).

(T) denotes via Thamesway.

THAMESWAY

Acquired Vehicles

To update previous information Citysaver Coaches 508/9/11 are on loan from United Welsh, while 510 is on loan from Brewers. In 8/92 the fleets of United Welsh and Brewed were combined and hence 508/9/11 passed to Brewer. The seating capacity of 508/9 in C46FT, 510 is C48FT and 511 is C53F with a Duple 320 body.

Vehicle On Loan

An Iveco Turbo minibus with Marshall bodywork J228 OKX in dealer white has been on loan at Hadleigh depot between 31st August and 5th September. Seating capacity is B29F and the vehicle was noted on services 6 and 25.

Allocations

8/92 901-17 New-PD

Repaints

Noted repainted in fleet livery is 4004 ex Autotrader advert. This vehicle has also been fitted with manual destination blinds.

General

Dart 911 has suffered accident damage and is out of use at present. Leyland Lynxes have been appearing on the Citysaver service to London operating as relief vehicles due to the popular demand of this service during the peak periods. Demand for off peak travel is very low with some coaches noted with nobody on.

Service Revisions

D8 This LT contract will now commence on Monday 4th October.
 36 Minor timetable revisions from 7.9.92.
 S1-3 Certain journeys extended to Victoria Coach Station and a Saturday service introduced from 14.9.92.

Further to last months notes about LT362 the section between Little Heath and Hainault would be withdrawn. The service would start from Hainault (The Lowe) and operate to Ilford via

Barkingside and Gants Hill. Frequency would remain the same. The Summer Fares Bonanza introduced on 7th of June has been extended because of popular demand. ST introduced an Autume Fares Fair from 7th September offering similar fare values.

Publicity

Timetable for LT service 214 dated 15.8.92. and S1-3 dated 14.9.92. Leaflets for Fares Bonanza for Southend & District extended (undated) and Family day out on Citysaver.

Unusual Workings

10.8.92. PD 1003 noted on service 551 (BD duty)

Unpainted Vehicles

According to Paul Harveys records the following are still in EN livery:-

Minibuses 246-8/51-54/56/57/59/60 802

Nationals 1820/22/36/47/53/83/89

Lynx 1404-6/9-12/17-20/22-24

Trainers 9005/13-15

If anybody knows different please let him know!

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

The draft for this months magazine had not been received, before the editor went on holiday. My apologies to Edward, ST and members for the non-appearance this month.

Routemaster 107 was noted on LRT service 111 on 12.9.92. as part of the open day at London Buses Hounslow Garage.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Vehicles

Leyland Lynx 2 K27 EWC, was delivered on 3.9.92, it is to be fitted with Brightech destination equipment. It is understood that it is likely to replace Atlantean 65.

New blinds were being fitted to vehicles in early September.

Services

All service revisions were introduced on 7.9.92.

- 1 Revised timetable. Departs from Greenstead via Hamlet Drive and not Magnolia Drive. Interworks with service 1C.
- 1A Revised timetable.
- 1B Minor revisions.
- 1C New Service. Greenstead East to Westlands every 30 minutes.
- 2/A/B Reduced running times. Minor revisions.
- 3/A One morning and two afternoon 3A journeys to run as service 3. Last two Saturday journeys withdrawn.
- 4/A Revised Monday to Friday peak hours. Early Saturday

- services revised. All journeys from St Michaels/Shrub End on Saturdays now run at Monday to Friday times.
- 5/A Service 5 via Dugard Avenue withdrawn. Journeys between 1000 and 1500 no longer operate via Severalls Park, but operate as service 5 via Brinkley Grove and Derwent Road, to serve a new area of Highwoods, before terminating at Tescos. Journeys via Severalls Park are numbered 5A.
- 6/A/B Additional service 6A at 1600 on Monday to Friday, revised timings to subsequent journeys.
- 7/A 0803 ex Blackheath extended to High Street. 1635 ex Tufnell Way(FO) withdrawn.
- 8/A/B Additional Monday to Friday at 0800 ex Blackheath via Berechurch Road.
- 9/A Most Monday to Fridays journeys revised to serve Severalls Park. Revised to operate every 30 mins. Monday to Friday between Tollgate and Town Centre.
- 10 ECC contract passes to Freemans.
- 11 Now operated commercially.
- 12 Revised to serve University. Wednesday service withdrawn, but will operate when the following Friday is a holiday.
- 13 ECC service withdrawn.
- 14 ECC contract passes to Freemans.
- 15 Now operated commercially.
- 16 ECC contract passes to Hedinghams.
- 75 ECC contract passes to Carters. Revised route incorporating service 13.
- 82A Now operated by Carters between Colchester and Little Tey.
- 83 Now operated commercially by EN as part of service 82A.

Publicity

Timetable leaflets for services 1/A/B/C/9/A; 2/A/B; 1B/3/A/11/15; 4/A; 5/A; 6/A/B; 7/A/C/D; 8/A/B; 12 all dated 7.9.92.
 Revised fares leaflet dated 1.9.92.
 Leaflets for changes to bus services dated 7.9.92; Colchester Travelcard dated 1.9.92 and Day Rover leaflet dated 2.9.91.

General

Fares, including travelcards were revised from 1.9.92. Fares up to 90p rise by 5p, some 100p fares are unchanged while some are reduced to 95p. Higher fares are unchanged or increased by 5p or 10p. Day Rovers are unchanged at 2 adults, 1 child/oaps.
 Open topper 55 appeared in the Colchester carnival, sponsored by the Bus Stop Players. Having appeared in fancy dress in previous years to raise money for charity, the drivers are to tread the boards this year.

HEDINGHAMS

Vehicles

As a result of incorrect information being supplied last month, please ignore the references to the Lynx operating in white, and the Atlanteans operating from Hedingham, although some do carry

Heddingham allocation codes. The Lynx J295 TWK was repainted in fleet livery (but without names) w/e 15.8.92. and has been numbered L200.

The Dennis Dart/Alexander was delivered on 18.8.92. and is L198 (K198 EVW). Two further Bristol VRs have been acquired. They are ex City of Oxford, but new too Alder Valley HJB 464W and GGM 108W. The ex Eastern National Bedford/W Stringer L157 (TJN 981W) has been sold, together with several of the ex SWT Bedfords, although details of these are not yet available.

Services

- 14 Revised timetable introduced from 24.10.92.
- 34 Operation of the Saffron Walden town service passes to Viceroy from 26.10.92.
- 80 Revised timetable introduced from 28.9.92.
- 84/A As for service 80.
- 90 Revised timetable introduced from 14.9.92.
- 93B Operation commenced on 27.7.92. corrects EBN 339.
- 327 De-registered from 24.10.92. New operator?
- 759 Service withdrawn.

COUNTY BUS

Vehicles

Minibus F154 DKU is now an allover advert for Gold Shield Conservatories, Brentwood. AN245 and mini E701 EHJ are now allover white, no doubt in preparation for adverts.

Services

- 250 From 7.9.92. some journeys were extended in service to the Debden outstation. From 16.9.92. an additional journey from Waltham Abbey (0814) to Debden was introduced.
- 369 Further to the Cunningham notes in EBN 339 the morning service was provided by County, under contract to ECC from 27.7.92. until 4.9.92.
- 377 From 5.9.92. was revised to serve Lakeside Shopping Centre and no longer serves London Road, The Rabbits.
- 378 Revised route and timetable introduced from 5.9.92.
- 383 Revised route and timetable introduced from 5.9.92.
- 400 Withdrawn after operation on 4.9.92.

Publicity

Timetable booklet covering all services operated by Thameside including LRT routes dated 5.9.92.

General

Thurrock Council planners have turned down an application to convert the Magnet Works in Grays into a bus depot, as replacement of the existing depot.

Capital Citybus

Acquired

170,171 E470,461 SON MCW Metrobus MkIIDR102 -H45/30F
 178,179 E478,472 SON " " " "
 new 1987 - ex London Buses/Harrow Buses, M1470/61/78/72, 4/92
 763 D163 WTV Scania K92 East Lancs B51F new1987
 764 D164 WTO " " " " new1986
 770 F170 DET " K93CRB Plaxton B57F new1989
 ex Kettlewell, Retford, 39, 35, --, 5/92.

On Hire/Loan

331 J248 WWK Leyland Olympian - Alexander CH96F new 1992
 This air conditioned, 3-axle, 12 meter long bus is on loan prior to export to Hong Kong Citybus. It briefly ran on the 248 before going on loan to London Buses/Selkent, after which it will come back to the company for use on the 123 and 248.
 795,796 BYW 356,396V Leyland National 103510A/2R -B21DL
 797 WYJ 165S " " 11351A/2R -B25DL
 -?- GUW 454W " " 2 NL106A11/2R - B21DL
 new 1979,1980,1978,1981. ex London Buses LS356,396,LSL 1,LS454.
 These are in LT red, with a light grey skirt, and two yellow bands. They are based at NP and run a network of mobility bus services in the Haringey, Walthamstow, Newham areas, which started 20 June 92. Three routes, 920 (Walthamstow to Romford via Islington & Bromley-by-Bow) -924 (Tottenham Ferry Lane to Brent Park via Leyton, Aldgate & Wood Green) -and the 925 (Tottenham Ferry Lane to Victoria via Chingford, Woodford & Stratford) offer through passengers the mind numbing prospect of no less than THREE HOURS on a Leyland National.

REBUILDS -All dual door Metrobuses, both MkI versions (275-8,295-99) and MKII versions (279-94) are to be converted to single door and upseated. 297(JWF 497W) is being done as a prototype now and will be back in service by the time that this is read.

REPAINTS -123(G123 YEY) & 293 (F293 MHJ) -to yellow
 593/4 (JTD 593/4P) to overall add for Clarke's Ice Cream (black)

ON ORDER - 7 Leyland Olympian /Northern Counties H74F, to be used on LRT 296 and numbered 159 to 165.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS - On May 5th Olympian 154 was NP201 on minibus route 153, which also saw Metrobuses 119/120 on Thursday July 30th and Friday July 31st resp.

SERVICES

246 starting 27 July, one jiny. in the am & pm peak extended from Noak Hill via Lower Bedfords Road, Chase Cross, Collier Row, White Hart Lane, Mawney Rd to the Mawney Rd/Eastern Avenue jctn.

321 starting 5th July, withdrawn between Rickmansworth and Watford town center.

LRT 257 and 296 will be taken over on October 10th, at which date the 97a will be extended to Whipps Cross.

OPEN TOP - 466 (GDR 406N), an ex-Ribble new to Plymouth Atlantean has been converted to OT5/27D, renumbered 906, and it made its debut at the Derby. It is now Class V only (non-psv) and also sees use as a staff bus.

OTHER OPERATORS

APT The vehicle used to collect refugees from Yugoslavia was 827 APT a Scania/Berkhof. Further to EBN 336 the Neoplan was acquired from Mulleys as JXI 9143, being re-registered APT 42S on arrival with APT. Bedford YNT/Duple A54 NPP is now in the Falkland Islands as F701B.

BONNERS Service 381 became a commercial operation, with a revised timetable from 1.9.92.

BOON A new DAF/Van Hool is K550 RJX.

BORDABUS Not previously mentioned is that well known Leyland Titan GNF 15V has been sold to Blue Triangle, its place being taken by OJD 448R a Fleetline/Park Royal ex London Buses.

BRENTWOOD COACHES Have acquired a Neoplan double deck coach registered UX1 1443 (fleet no. 11). Two further Volvo B10M/Paramounts are HIL 2391/2. VRs GGM 104/6W are in a brown and cream livery and are numbered 25/20 respectively. Bedford YMT with Willowbrook B55F ADX 49S has passed to APT Rayleigh. It is reported that Volvo B58/Plaxton WJS 200X, LAT 255 a Van Hool integral and Leopard/Plaxton LUA 280V may have been sold. Volvo/Plaxton 999BWC has been re-registered HIL 8334.

CAMBUS Slight timetable revisions to service 22 from 7.9.92.

CARTERS Service 247 was revised from 8.9.92. and re-numbered 750. A revised timetable was introduced on service 755 from 23.9.92. Service 124 was revised to operate schooldays only from 29.9.92. to a revised route and timetable, the journey to Clacton is re-numbered 123.

CEDRICS Two further Bristol VRs have been acquired. They are NTC 571R and TWS 905T. Both are ex Badgerline and retain Badgerline livery at present. It is assumed they came via a dealer. Also acquired a few months ago was a further VR PKE 809M.

Additional services were introduced on services 74X/78X from 1.9.92. The Volvo/Plaxton mentioned in EBN 338 has also been reported as HIL 6245, could a local member confirm details?

CLINTONA A new Mercedes 814D/Autobus Classique is K317 EJ.V. Former Transit/Dormobile B158 APP is now with Hailstone Travel, Basildon. As a late correction to EBN 326 GTV 166X should read GTU 611X and B633 OVV should read B633 OVU. Both are fitted with tail lifts although GTU is delicensed and OVU is licensed but not as a PSV.

COOKS A new arrival is Bova K651 EEV.

COUNTY COACHES A re-registered vehicle is BHJ 259S thought to be the former 2851 RU. This registration is now carried on a Caetano bodied vehicle, in plain white but County Coaches on windscreen. Noted in the yard in late August was D322 VVV a Quest/Jonckhree ex Grahams Kelvedon.

CUNNINGHAM Have acquired 671 BOF a Setra from Watson Coaches Tilbury.

DISTRICT BUS Services 100,102,104,105,106,223 were revised from 1.9.92.

EASTERN COUNTIES From 27.9.92. the winter Sunday service from Colchester to Ipswich is extended to Stowmarket, with four journeys in each direction under contract to Suffolk CC. Timetable revisions were made to services 92/93/96 from 1.9.92.

FARGO The 0830 service 356 ex Tye Green now starts from Cressing

Three Ashes at 0827.

FREEMANS A new service numbered 344 was introduced on 11.9.92. operating from Fuller Street (0915) via Fairstead and Terling to Chelmsford (returns 1310) on Fridays only, under tender to ECC.

FUNSTON Bedford/Duple SPT 458M had been sold to Ace LGV & PCV training, by 7/91.

PETER GODWARD The 1300 and 1615 journeys on service 44 were withdrawn on Wednesdays from 24.7.02.

GOLDEN BOY Operation of services 857/8 passes to County from 31.10.92.

HARRIS Two new vehicles to report are Talbot Pullmans K622/3 WOV which seat B18+ 4FL for new Essex CC Easybus contracts. These vehicles were used on a rail replacement service over the Bank Holiday weekend between Wickford and Southend Victoria, together with VRs, Scania and Volvos. A number of vehicles were hired from Metrobus, over the weekend including former EN/Thamesway B688 BPU.

Leyland Titan BUF 425C has been returned from Applebys, where it was on long term loan.

Bedford VAS/Plaxton B95 PLU has been re-registered FHV 504 and C400 JOO now carries 9242 FH.

The Easybus services introduced from 14.9.92. are as follows:-

E20 Orsett Hospital- Lakeside; Mondays and Thursdays

E21 South Ockendon- Tilbury; Wednesdays and Saturdays

E22 Corringham- Lakeside; Tuesdays and Fridays

E30 Hutton- Romford; Mondays and Thursdays

E31 Pilgrims Hatch- Romford; Tuesdays and Fridays

E32 Hutton- Romford; Wednesdays and Saturdays

A revised route on the Brentwood Road Estate section of service 383 was introduced from 1.9.92. Service 385 was withdrawn after 20.9.92.

Publicity includes a timetable leaflet detailing services to Lakeside dated April 1992.

IPSWICH BUSES A new service numbered 757 operating Sundays only between Lavenham and Colchester will be introduced from 27.9.92. operating under tender to Suffolk CC. Certain journeys will be extended from/to Ipswich from Colchester as service 635.

JACKSON Have acquired Bova 223 ASV which carries fleetnumber 6. It is assumed to have replaced the former 6 MJI 2376 a Bedford YMT with Plaxton bodywork.

KINGS Setra VWX 359X has been re-registered VIA 137.

LINKFAST Former Ensign/Capital Citybus vehicles in Castle Point livery are XWG 647T an ex South Yorkshire Atlantean and former London DMSs KUC 154/941P.

LONDON NORTHERN A revised timetable was introduced on service 310B from 5.9.92. The Waltham Cross to Waltham Abbey section of service 242 was withdrawn from 5.5.92.

M&E COACHES Leopard TUB 1M has been sold to Venturer, Rochford. Bristol VR JHW 111P has passed to The Maldon Majorettes.

E563 MAC reported as passing to M&E by 8/91, by The PSV Circle (EBN 338 refers) was still operating with Walkers Corringham in 6/92.

NELSONS Further to EBN 340 BIL 4710 was re-registered VHJ 264L and sold to AMRAF for driver training. The remains of ETO 182L and Leopard RTH 550K have been sold to Wigley for scrap.

Leopard/Plaxton BIL 4539 has been de-licensed for some time and is for sale. There are only two coaches left in service, both Leopard/Plaxton BIL 7894 with G&G fleetname and BIL 9406 with Nelson fleetname. The serviceable fleet is :-

Dodge/E Lances	BIL4419/6538 (new as D201/2 YDX)
Dodge/N Counties	BIL 4710 (new as C808 CBU)
Bristol RELL/ECW	TU0255/9/60/1J ATA 767L
Leyland National	GCL 341N (on loan from Wests)
Fleetline/Park Royal	TGX 892M
Fleetline/MCW	THM 705M GHM 797/803N SMU 721N
Bristol VR/ECW	NDL 652R STW 25W
Leopard/Plaxton	BIL 7894/9406 (new as LVS 431V/ CTM 404T)

From 8.9.92. a new service 47 was introduced between Wickford and Chelmsford operating on schooldays, with one journey in each direction. From 16.9.92. a new schools service 8 was introduced between Hutton and Billericay, with one journey in each direction. Service 225 passed to Stephensons from 7.9.92.

PARTRIDGE Operation of service 16A passed to Freemans, with a revised timetable from 7.9.92. The 1645 service 247 was advanced by 30 minutes from 8.9.92.

PRIORY The following carry AA Executive International fleetnames which appears to be the up-market part of Priory. B680 BTW a DAF/Berkhof and BJI 1671,6853 TU both ?/Van Hool.

RAYLEIGH ROADWAYS Ford/Duple TBM 626W has been sold and is now a driver training vehicle with an unknown owner.

RUFFLES Fiat/Caetano D842 CNV has been sold. The sale of Leyland Cub/LEX HTI C924 DKR appears to have fallen through and this rare machine remains in service. VMJ 973S was the vehicle sold to Morley (EBN 338) refers.

SM TRAVEL A revised route and timetable, together with a Saturday service was introduced from 7.9.92.

STEPHENSONS With effect from 8.9.92. service 31C was withdrawn.

SUPREME The batch of Volvo/Jonckhree E895-7 NNH have been re-registered HSK 833/5/4.

TV TAXIS Make a welcome (?) return to these pages. The two Mercedes F34/35 TJN have joined the exodus of vehicles from Essex to Bristol and were noted at Bristol Parkway station on 29.8.92. now owned by a Bristol based operator.

VANTAGE From 26.9.92. service 364 will operate to a revised timetable, while service 366 will be withdrawn.

WESTS Some Monday to Friday evening journeys on service 249 were extended to Epping Forest College from 14.9.92. From the same date a revised timetable was introduced on services 531/32.

NON PSVS IN ESSEX

Chelmsford Crystals have DLC 692J an AEC Reliance/Plaxton Panorama, once with Kirby Rayleigh and more recently with Rochford & District Swimming Club.

Chelmsford Twirlettes have SFF 160M a Bedford/Duple Dominant which was with Chelmsford Challengers and before that with Essex Police. It is kept on the British Gas premises in Wharf Road. It is assumed that this has replaced VUF 326K a Fleetline/N

Counties.

St. Peters Church Thundersley are using former Ensigns Atlantean GDR 207N as part of a BOR-N BUS PROJECT.

Essex Dog Display Team have YFJ 49X (new as FHS 731X then YXL 947) a Volvo/Duple Goldliner ex Lee-Roy Brentwood.

McKellar Motors are a dealer trading from the former Ensign premises in Purfleet. A small Bedford/Plaxton is for sale APT 416B (perhaps APT will have the registration).

Former Boons Ford/Plaxton PPPl43R has returned to Boreham. It is now used as a driver trainer (owner unknown) and is normally parked in The Red Lion Car Park.

ENOC 2954

EN 'Old-Uns carry on'

Eastern National vehicles of the pre 1954 era, are still active, mainly in the form of Bristol KSWs.

4206 (WNO 484) a Bristol KSW5G which is South Wales 500 operated service 71 in Swansea between 19th July and 31st August.

4215 (WNO 480) is still active with EN as a driver trainer, promotions vehicle and may have appeared on the Wednesdays Tending Tour together with ex Westcliff WNO 479.

Leyland TD5 3709 (FEV 178) made a number of rally appearances during the summer and is to be found at Luton and Districts Luton depot, albeit in the old Luton Corporation livery, what a pity this was not painted in the original EN livery.

Bristol KSW5G 4189 (VNO 859) is now preserved and appeared at Southend and North Weald.

Bristol L Coach 4107 (PTW 110) is currently being rebuilt at Canvey museum which is also the home of Bristol K 3885 (JWV 430), Bristol L 4028 (ONO 49), Bristol LL 4081 (ONO 995) and veteran Dennis Ace 3614 (CTW 210). Also expected to return soon after a period of storage are Bristol K 3960 (MPU 21) and Leyland PD1 3991 (MPU 52).

If anyone has recent information on Bristol KSW 4216 (WNO 481), 4204 (WNO 482) or Bedford OB 4064 (ONO 85), could they please contact Peter Snell.

Readers of The Vintage Commercial Vehicle Magazine (August Issue) will have read a very interesting article by Frank Simpson, an old friend of the group entitled Independent Services around Ipswich. The photographs although not credited were supplied by the group from The Frank Church collection and can be supplied by Peter Snell, whom you should contact for further details.

THE FLF STORY

PART 8 ON TELEVISION

In 1968, London Weekend Television made a new situation comedy series 'On The Buses'. The show featured actors Reg Varvey as 'Stan' the driver, Bob Grant as 'Jack' the conductor and Stephen Lewis as 'Blakey' Inspector Blake. The real stars of the show however, were the Eastern National FLFs used from Wood Green depot. Four vehicles were used in making the series (which lasted

several years), they were 2885 (WNO 973F), 2911 (WWC 741F), 2917 (AEV 811F) and 2930 (AVW 399F) although several other vehicles appeared in background shots on location at Wood Green. A 'Luxton & District') fllelname sticker covered the Eastern National name and 'Bus Depot' and 'Cemetery Gates' were added to the destination blinds. A mock-up FLF front end was built using Eastern National and ECW body parts to form '2552- YDU 265D' which was used in the studio. Three feature films were also made, however, these featured withdrawn Eastern National KSWs and the London Country depot at Grays, or in the case of 'Holiday On The Buses', an open top Crosville Bristol LD was used. Eastern National FLFs have made several other TV appearances as adverts (see part 3), The Open University(!) and The Dave Allen Show.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

As space permits in the magazine, lists of new colour prints available will be published. Prints are priced at 30p each plus postage, further details and prints area available from Peter Snell.

Operator	Vehicle Type	Vehicles	Location/Notes
TW	Bristol VRs	XHK 230X/UAR 598W	Walthamstow
TW	Bristol VR	XHK 220X	Barkingside
TW	Bristol VR	UAR 598W	Walthamstow
TW	Bristol VR	UAR 591W	"
TW	Bristol VRs	UAR 594W/598W	"
TW	Bristol VR	XHK 218X	"
TW	Leyland Nat.	VAR 900S	"
TW	Mercedes	F246 MVW	"
ST	Leyland Nat.	JBO 349N	Southend CBS
ST	Leyland Nat.	LPB 206P	"
ST	Routemaster	VLT 44	"
ST	Bristol VR	DWY 146T	"
Harris	Bristol VR	VRP 37S	Pitsea Stn (a)
ST	Fleetline	JTD 395P	Open Top (b)
ST	Bristol VR	LHG 441T	Southend (c)
TW	Leyland ON	C406 HJN	Pitsea Stn (a)
TW	Leyland Lynx	E400 HWC	TW livery (d)
TW	Leyland Lynx	F421 MJN	Advert (e)
ST	Bristol VR	YBF 686S	Southend CBS
ST	Bristol VR	DGR 477S	"
ST	AEC Regent	KTF 594	Southend Rally
Harris	Bristol VR	VVV 65S	"
Nelsons	Bristol VR	STW 25W	Southend (f)
Hedingham	Leyland Nat.	CFM 345S	Norfolks livery

- (a) Rail Replacement Service
- (b) Advertising Essex Sunday Saver
- (c) Part ST/part Ribble livery
- (d) Only Lynx in full Thamesway livery
- (e) Summer Fares Bonanza
- (f) Ex Thamesway vehicle

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Former Eastern National Bristol RE 1527 (LPU 452J)
is now operated by Johnsons of Hanslope. It is seen
here in Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes in May.

(D Harman)

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