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EDITORIAL

424 FOCUS OF THE MONTH

9424 LWC975J was one of a batch of Bristol RELH6G Plaxton 42 seat coaches delivered to Eastern National/Tillings in 1971, the batch, 9423/4, 425, 9426/7, 428/9, 9430, LWC974J-981J, the 9 prefix denotes coach was operated by Tillings.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS FREIGHT HOUSE 8PM

Tuesday 14th September

Open slide evening, members are asked to bring any slides old or new.

PULLMAN ROOM

Tuesday 12th October

Programme to be announced.

Tuesday 9th November

Tuesday 14th December

Slide show by Richard Delahoye "20 years ago"

EVENTS

August 29/30th

Mangapps farm Railway and Transport Shoe

September 18th

Group Trip, The Heddingham Bash

October 10th

Castle point Transport Museum Open Day

MILLENIUM 2000 Group Trips.

24th June 2000 Southampton area

? July 2000 Sandtoft Museum

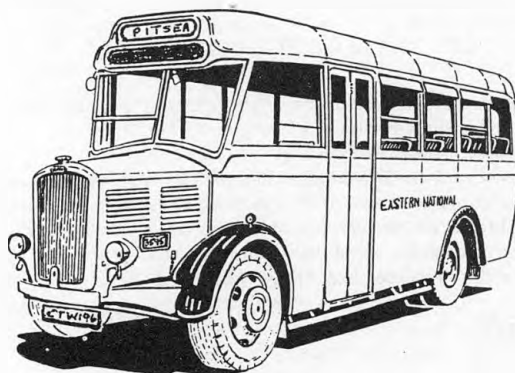
More details when available.

MEMBERS REQUEST

Any member who has details of of any Eastern National vehicles allocated to Colchester from 1940 until 1949 please send any information to Peter Snell.

Contributions received with thanks from Essex Buses, Southend Arriva, Essex C.C. P Ford R Delahoye, C Sigston, I Taylor, J Collins, C Stewart, E Thompson .Arriva East Herts and Essex.

Contributions for September EBN should be with Sub Editors by 4th September and Man, Editor by 8th September.



SUB EDITORS NOTE

My sincere apologies for the non-appearance of the Eastern National and Other Operators notes last month, and the different layout this month.

I have had to spend a lot of time working away from Essex, which has reduced the amount of time available to produce these columns. My sincere thanks to Colin Sigston, for producing the vast majority of the material this month.

I hope to resume a full service next month.

Ian Ransom

EASTERN NATIONAL

Acquired Vehicles

1770	XNG 770S	Leyland National		B52F
2683	P689 HND	Mercedes 709D	Plaxton	B29F
3235	ABD 74X	Bristol VR	East Lancs	H44/28D
3235	ABD 75X	Bristol VR	East Lancs	H44/28D

Of the above, only 2683 is for service, the other vehicles being used for spares at Clacton.

1770 came from First Eastern Counties (4/99), the VR's from First Northampton (5/99).

The date and source of the Mercedes were not available at press date.

Seating capacity of 4026-30 are:-

4026	CH41/30F	4028	CH42/30F	4030	CH42/30F
4027	CH42/30F	4029	CH42/30F		

Vehicle on loan

4750WY (ex C517DND) Vo/Pn Eastern Counties 035 was seen in the New Writtle Street yard with [L] plates during the period 18.4.99 - 16.5.99.

Allocations

Period End 27.6.99. 1899 Reserve-CN; 3227 CN-Reserve; 4028 Acqd-CN

Period End 25.7.99. 360 Reserve-Biss; 1924 CF-Biss;

Services

- 65/A Revised Saturday timetable introduced from 10.7.99.
- 66/A Revised timetable introduced from 5.7.99.
- 67/A Revised timetable introduced from 5.7.99.
- 74B Evening service extended to North Station from 2.8.99.
- 81 Withdrawn after operation on 27.7.99. (see service 83)
- 83 Revised on Tuesdays to provide part cover for service 81 from 3.8.99.
- 88C Revised evening timetable introduced from 2.8.99.
- 93 Revised timetable introduced from 5.7.99.

Unusual Workings

8.5.99	729 on service 132 (normally standard Dart)
	3079 on service 70A (normally Dart or minibus)
	1505 on service 65A (normally Scania)
13.5.99	2645 on V/L5 (normally 382-7)
7.6.99	2668 on V/L5
9.6.99	2646 on V/L5
10.6.99	2668 on V/L7
23.6.99	1503 on service 65
29.6.99.	2651 on service 75 (normally big bus)
30.6.99	2652 on service 75
5.7.99	2653 on service 75
22.7.99	732 on service 351 (Bps Stortford to Hertford - normally 729/30)

Bristol VR's are now common on daytime journeys on service 351 on Saturdays. Most Monday to Friday journeys are still Lynx/Dart however.

Repaints

All in yellow and green "half and half" livery

1401 2668 2683 2812 2820 2827 2828 2829 2830 4028

Vehicles currently with mega rear adverts are:-

2677 for Mercedes Benz
2805 2822 both for Dovercourt Ford Car dealers
4307 for H R Owen

There is currently only one overall advert 4007 for Chelmsford Council 800.

FIRST GROUP ACQUIRES LOCAL OPERATORS

In a suprise move First Group have acquired the operations of Biss Brothers and Airport Coaches, based at Stansted Airport.

Vehicles are kept at First Avenue, which is on the side of the Airport, adjacent to the old terminal building.

The opening fleet as at 2.7.99. was as follows:-

100	S935 RBE	Mercedes 410D	Autobus	M12
101	S936 RBE	Mercedes 410D	Autobus	M12
102	P437 OVW	Mercedes 412D	Crystals	M15
103	P438 OVW	Mercedes 412D	Crystals	M15
104	BAZ 7349	Mercedes 709D	Reeve Burgess	DP19F (new as E940 CJN)
105	E290 OMG	Mercedes 811	Reeve Burgess	C25F
106	S312 DLG	Mercedes 814D	Plaxton	B33F
107	P750 HTW	Fiat Ducato	Atlas	M14
108	P751 HTW	Fiat Ducato	Atlas	M14
109	N458 DBK	Fiat Ducato	Atlas	M14
110	PUU 970	Toyota Optima	Caetano	C18F (new as H370 GRY)
111	M121 SKY	Toyota Optima	Caetano	C18F
112	M131 SKY	Toyota Optima	Caetano	C21F

113	M61 WER	Iveco 59.12	Marshall	DP27F
114	DSU 733	Leyland Leopard	Duple	C57F
115	KBH 860V	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C57F
116	XEH 254M	Leyland National		B41F
117	125 LUP	Bova Futura	Bova	C51F
118	L343 RWF	Bova Futura	Bova	C49F
119	R252 KWY	Bova Futura	Bova	C49F
120	N210 FWA	Bova Futura	Bova	C49F
121	M384 WET	Bova Futura	Bova	C49F
122	R917 HTW	Dennis Javelin	Plaxton	C53F
123	R918 HTW	Volvo B10M	Plaxton	C53F
124	R919 HTW	Volvo B10M	Plaxton	C49FT

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

Abbey Cars, W.Horndon One disc is on a Nissan Serena M247KCU

Beestons Hadleigh Service 247 has been rerouted due to a weight restriction on a bridge at Stratford St Mary.

Brandon, Blackmore End LXR958 is now (by 6.99) on a BL/Pn ex Ryan's, Bath, Avon. (We assume this is ex LFG248W this being the only vehicle in Ryan's fleet list which fits the description.)

Cedric, Wivenhoe ACM708X is an overall advert. for Colchester Mortgage Centre by 6.99. 7463RU Vo/Je (ex XNV143W) is now fleet no. 6 (ex 19).

Coulson (J.W.S. Travel), Stanford-le-Hope N322HLA Fd Tt l.w.b./Fd is in by 6.99.

County Coaches, Brentwood LMS155W Dr/Ar is in (by 6.99) ex WHM. 1023RU is on a ?/Pn Pt 3200 (by 5.99) - we assume this is ex D71HRU. 2328RU is on a Vo/Co (by 6.99) - we assume this is ex N245NNR. WIW6673 is on a DAF/Co (by 6.99) - we assume this is ex E710JJN, 2851RU, E712GNH.

Ensign, Purfleet

Vehicles in the operational fleet in Ensignbus blue livery are:-

115 - UWW515X MCW Metrobus/Alexander ex W.Yorkshire (by 5.99).

144 - A144AMO MCW Metrobus ex London Pride 144 (by 6.99).

160 - C780OCN MCW Metrobus ex Go Northern 3780 (by 6.99).

C779OCN MCW Metrobus ex Go Northern 3779 (by 6.99) (no fleet no.).

A644BCN MCW Metrobus ex Go Gateshead 3644 (by 6.99) (no fleet no.).

ORJ78W MCW Metrobus ex Greater Manchester S. 5078 (by 6.99) (no fleet no.)

The following have been in use in the livery of previous operators:-

BYX254V MCW Metrobus during 6.99 in London General red livery.

ORJ76W MCW Metrobus was in use at Lakeside (assumed by Ensign) on 17.6.99 in 'buslink' livery.

C98CHM Ld ON/ECW (Selkent L98) was in use at Lakeside (assumed by Ensign) on 17.6.99 in red livery.

Group Taxibus, Chelmsford 29 S891CAV is powered by L.P. gas (this may be a loaned vehicle). Another Omni is K416SKO "Omni 18" (by 6.99) - this one was originally with Crystals (Springham), Dartford, Kent later passing to Kent County Council.

Harris Bus, Grays N222LFR MAN NL222/EL Spryte B43F demonstrator arrived here 29.6.99 (VIN WMA8980036C002440, body no. 23201). It had a fleet no. 519 from a previous operator.

Harris Coaches, Grays L93OAR has gone 5.99

Jackson, Bicknacre B782FOG (ex) is CH45/31F with Jackson (I counted the seats - I think it must have come to Jackson as such)

Meteor Parking (Pink Elephant), Stansted P136LNF Ds Dt/EL was seen in Stort Valley's yard lettered for 'Hilton National' R526YRP and S551BNV Ds Dt/EL were in use at Stansted 5.99

Muse 2000, Hockley LDA637W (ex LIW4781, AUY533W), Fd/Du was seen 24.6.99 with 'Kingsmaster Coach Services' signwriting and legal lettering but with an Orphan disc (previously with Amber).

NCS, Newport L819RHJ is yet another Rt Traffic in by 6.99. M130AVW is fleet no. 112. K736JVX is now a PSV (ex taxi plate)

Phillips, S.Woodham Ferrers E958KDP has chassis no. 014364 & body 8712VMH3C770 which means that it was WSV479 from Ralph, Langley.

Porter, Great Totham MSU923 was seen 6.99 with the name 'Angus Coaches' - is this a new trading name of BFN/Vision International, Ipswich?

Ruffle, Castle Hedingham F752EVG MB 609D/MB-? is in by 6.99 (rereg. ex ???) F62MTM MB 609D/MB-RB is in by 6.99 (once with Richmond, Barley, Herts.)

Silver Knight, Wickford G392NPW (ex A10BCT, G515LPW) has gone to WH Motors (Heron), Crawley, W.Sussex

Smith (Fargo), Rayne T719JHE Sca/VH Ae2 is in by 6.99 (we understand that there are 3 of these)

Staines (Clintona) Brentwood Service 1 revised from 2.8.99 to operate between Nazeing and Harlow, with one journey each way on Monday to Friday.

Staines Crusader, Clacton T112LTW (also what we think is T107LTW) new Ka 6.99 (We understand that there are to be 7 of these)

Stephensons Rochford Service 12 was withdrawn after 23.7.99. These journeys are now covered by Arriva Southend.

Stort Valley, Stansted T637JWB Ds/Pn Excalibur is in by 5.99. P77HMC Vo/Pn (ex Jones, Eccles, Gt.Man) is in by 5.99. The following are also here:- P33TCC, P66TCC, P444TCC, P777TCC (all ex Brelaton (Travellers))

Swaine, Blackmore J52 JOW Fd Tt l.w.b./Fd is in by 3.99, E653AFM FR Sa 300/FR (non PSV) is in by 3.99.

Waters, Corringham R310/1/2/3NGM Ds Dt/Pn are in 6.99 ex Q-Drive.

WHM, Little Waltham LMS155W has gone to County Coaches, Brentwood (by 6.99). G799GEY MB408D/MB-NWCS M16 is in by 6.99 ex Banks, Ainsdale, Merseyside. 823NMC (ex ????????) Vo/VH is in and rereg. by 6.99 - fleet no. 14 - it is in white livery with 'David Urquhart Travel' lettering.

ESSEX - Miscellaneous

Essex County Council

F768KVV Fd Tt/Do B8FL was at Chelmsford Auction 28.6.99.

Salvation Army, Grays

M492TWA is a Renault in by 6.99.

Winged Fellowship, Chigwell

D517WNV ?/Co is in by 6.99.

Nationwide Seat Belts, Maldon Essex.

Metroline AV37 S137RLE was here 11.6.99 and AV36, S136RLE was here 22.6.99.

L767TAV LDAF Sa 200 M12 (chass. 942402, reg. date 17.3.94) was at Chelmsford Auction 28.6.99. Previous owner unknown, but height markings gave the impression of an official body.

ALLOCATION CHANGES

June 1999

343 Reserve - Paint Spare, 917 Reserve - BN, 1886 Reserve - Paint Spare, 3222, 3226 BN - Reserve, 4028 Reserve - Eastern National CN, 4030, 4031 Reserve - BN

July 1999

343 Paint Spare - Reserve (Stansted), 351 RD - Disposal, 356 BN - RD, 1856 Paint Spare - Disposal, 9017 Driver Trainer - Disposal

REPAINTS July 1999

703, 805, 809, 854, 913, 945, 947, 948, 949, 1431, 4026, 4030.

ODD WORKINGS

6-7-99 380 on route 100 (usually a Dart)
16-7-99 381 on route 551 (usually a Dart)
16-7-99 936 on route 8A (usually a "Super 8" Dart)
17-7-99 701 on route 63 (usually a minibus)
17-7-99 952 on Canvey Clipper
20-7-99 711 & 940 on route 8A (usually a "Super 8" Dart)
20-7-99 943 on route 5 (usually a "Famous 5s" Dart)
20-7-99 920 on route 101 (usually a minibus)
20-7-99 374 on route 151 (usually a Dart)
26-7-99 711 on route 100

NEWS

As a result of the recent acquisition of Biss Brothers of Bishops Stortford by Essex Buses Ltd., a Thamesway minibus, 343, is on loan to Stansted along with two Eastern National vehicles.

At Basildon VRs 3222 and 3226 are still in Eastern National livery and 3226 still has EN fleetnames. Dart SLF 711 recently transferred from HH appears to be used on most services including route branded "Famous 5s" and "Premier 100".



ARRIVA EAST HERTS AND ESSEX

FLEET

Corrections

2278 (G78 SKR) is in service at Harlow (EBN 423)

5362/8 (BYX 232/08V) were not repainted into Arriva Outer London livery (EBN 420)

(See liveries section below)

5380 (TPD 110X) was not repainted into Arriva Outer London livery

Vehicles In / Transfers

BYX 240V MCW Metrobus H43/28F from Arriva London South (06/99)

KYO 612X MCW Metrobus H43/28F from Arriva London North (06/99)

(These vehicles were converted to H43/28F layout at Arriva London North's Enfield

Repair Centre and no fleet numbers have been allocated to these vehicles yet)

2349 M729 UTW Iveco 59.12 from Arriva Southend (06/99)

Liveries

by Jun 99: 2167 (D969 MDB) to Arriva corporate (allover turquoise)

Jun 99: 1108 (J976 AKY) is in allover white livery with dark blue "Arriva" fleetnames

2379 (R949 VPU), 3357/8 (K407/8 FHJ), 5372 (TPD 102X) to Arriva corporate livery

3356/8 (K406/8) FHJ route branding for service 510 (Stansted Apt-Harlow)

BYX 240V to Arriva Outer London livery

July 99: 2363 (N743 AVW), 3416 (P416 HVX) to Arriva corporate livery

3355 (K405 FHJ) carries a contravision super rear advertisement for Hertfordshire County Council 'Travelwise - waste of resources' though this vehicle is still in old livery.

Notes: 4335 (J56 GCX), 4336/7 (J926/7 CYL), 4339 (K124 TCP), 5351 (OPP 741V), 5354/5 (GBU 4/5V) are in red-cream "Lea Valley" livery. 5362 (BYX 232V) is in all red livery and 5368 (BYX 208V) is in South London livery, both as received from Arriva London South. This livery is different to the Arriva "Outer London" corporate livery.

Dennis Darts 3356-9 (K406-9 FHJ) all carry route brandings for route 510 and all except 3356 carry the blue slogan 'BAA London Stansted - investing in public transport' on their rears.

General

Many vehicles, no matter what livery, do not carry fleet numbers.

Allocation Changes to June 1999

2321-5 L801-4 FNO / L805 OVX to Withdrawn (stored at Arriva the Shires
Stevenage depot)
2349 M729 UTW Arriva Southend to Harlow
5377 TPD 107X to Arriva Colchester

Allocation Changes to July 1999

2309 G924 WGS Harlow to Arriva Southend

Nelson Coaches (NIBS) Fleet List 20/7/99

		Year	Seats	Reg No	
1	Leopard Plaxton Coach	1979	53	BIL 9406	
2	Leopard Plaxton Coach	1980	53	BIL 7894	
3	Leopard Plaxton Coach	1977	53	BIL 4539	
4	Mercedes 811Marshall Midibus	1994	33	L890 UVE	
5	Mercedes 811Marshall Midibus	1994	33	L891 UVE	
6	Mercedes 811 Alexander Midibus	1995	33	N811 CSC	
7	National MkII single deck bus	1983	52	ARN 893Y	
8	National MkII single deck bus	1983	52	ARN 894Y	written off 19/7/99
9	Neoplan SLII single deck bus	1988	50	F616 CWJ	
10	Neoplan SLII single deck bus	1987	50	E101 VWA	
11	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1981	70	STW 25W	
12	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1977	74	NDL 652R	
13	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1979	74	DNG 232T	
14	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1976	70	MAU 142P	- currently delicensed
15	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1980	74	LFJ 855W	
16	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1980	74	FDV 835V	
17	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1980	74	LBD 921V	
18	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1980	74	LBD 920V	
19	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1980	74	LBD 923V	
20	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1980	74	SNV 930W	- currently delicensed
21	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1981	74	VEX 295X	
22	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1981	74	VEX 303X	
23	Bristol VR ECW Double deck bus	1981	74	VEX 304X	
24	Volvo Wrecker	1979	2	FUT 100 V	

ARRIVA SOUTHEND

NEW VEHICLES

7/99

3218	T218NMJ	Dennis Dart	SLF	Plaxton	B33F
3220-23	T820-823NMJ	Dennis Dart	SLF	Plaxton	B33F
3224-26	T824-826NMJ	Dennis Dart	SLF	Plaxton	B39F plus Ramp

3218/20-23 are route branded for service 9 Rayleigh to Shoebury.

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

5286/7/8 K36/37 XNE/K38YVM Dennis Dominator DDA 2005 East Lancs H45/31F
Route branded for service 2 Southend - Basildon
Ex Arriva Guildford and West Surrey 7/8 99

WITHDRAWN VEHICLES

Ref EBN423 5329/32/36 are still in service correction.
5302 JTD392P 5322/23/25/26/30 XTE222/3/5/6/30V 5331/4 MRJ231/3W
Currently stored at London Road 8/99

Note the withdrawal of the last JTD/P which span some 23 years.

DISPOSALS

705 XEH254M	Essex Buses with the take over of Airport Coaches and Biss Bros
121 CUV256C	Exported to Spain

GENERAL

Three Darts are to be transferred to Arriva East Herts and Essex Grays
Dart 3385 T265FPK mega rear advert (red) SouthEast Essex College 8/99



ARRIVA SOUTHEND 3218 T218NMJ DENNIS DART SLF PLAXTON B33F
ROUTE BRANDED FOR SERVICE 9 AT CENTRAL BUS STATION 24/7/99
P FORD.

EASTERN NATIONAL 123 CLACTON - IPSWICH

Following on from Ted Miles's recollections of the 123, Eric Thompson from Ipswich has sent us his notes on this interesting route.

Eastern National has always been my favourite company and the 123 is the reason, I lived at Potash Farm, Holbrook from 1948 until 1984, This was on the main road near Latimer Cottages, just before the village, so I was able to see bus activities clearly.

My earliest memories are from the mid 50's when walking to Sunday School and seeing a convoy (probably three vehicles) on the 10-10 ex Ipswich to Clacton. These were Bristol ONOs but also TNO and VNOs, I also remember a year or so later the use of dual door LSs. By the winter of 1958, OMO LSs were in use on the 10-30 and 13-15 return ex Ipswich, also the evening 18-30 ex Clacton. Lodekka 214BPU was regularly allocated to Ipswich, with 882CEV appearing also.

Throughout this period the ONOs, TNO676, SHK525 and VNO868 were to be seen together with LS 856ETW and 437FEV. On the operations side the end of the 50's saw an additional peak summer journey at 8-00 ex Clacton to provide a relief for the 10-10 ex Ipswich. I believe it was also practice to leave another vehicle in Ipswich overnight with the crew travelling light. Therefore three vehicles would have been the normal for the 10-10, but on Bank Holidays my memory tells me seven vehicles were once seen - but no records available.

However I did keep records from 1961 onwards, In that year of course the 123 became joint with Eastern Counties, Lodekka LKD178 operated the first journey on the 29th January and together with LKD179 were regulars on this until Bristol FS's appeared later in the year, although Eastern Counties did the 10-10 ex Ipswich, Eastern National provided reliefs for this on Whit Monday these were Bristol Ks MPU8 and ONO59. The 18-30 ex Clacton saw MPU8, ONO72 and MW 210MHK.

In July a new Summer timetable started with departures from Ipswich at 09 00, 11 00, 14 00, 16 00, 18 30 and with similar timings from Clacton. This had the effect of spreading the load and reduced need for reliefs particularly on morning departures from Ipswich. I went on the 09 00 to Clacton in August and we were duplied by an Eastern National KSW from Thorpe le Soken. However on August Bank Holiday (Mon 7th) Eastern National provided 214BPU as a relief on the 09 00 from Ipswich and UEV833 on the 11 00, the same vehicle was also relief on the 18 30 ex Clacton.

For a period in late August LL/LWL types appeared on afternoon trips (14 00 ex Clacton and 16 00 ex Ipswich) noted were ONO997 and EJN635, also an evening journeys two LS were used. It is possible that there was problems with the bridge at Manningtree, the LSs used were 1859F, 1860F and 967DHK. The use of one man vehicles was curtailed in Summer time. this pattern existed well into the 60's.

In the winter of 1961 the timetable returned to that of of Spring 1961 but with the addition of the 16 00 ex Ipswich and 16 15 ex Clacton. For a period Eastern National did the 09 00 ex Clacton returning On the 16 00 ex Ipswich, Eastern Counties did the 14 30 ex Ipswich and 16 15 ex Clacton. This changed from October 1st when Eastern National returned on the 14 30 ex Ipswich, then also operating the 16 15 ex Clacton and 1830 ex Ipswich. whilst Eastern Counties did the 16 00 ex Ipswich returning at 18 30 ex Clacton (these journeys all subject to crew changes, although the 18 30 ex Ipswich and 20 30 ex was a through EC crew). During the format the 16 15 was normally a Ls or MWdp 215 MHK or occasionally a KSW. MW omo were in use on 10 30 ex Clacton. 13 15 ex Ipswich 18 30 ex Clacton and return whilst Lodekkas 241BPU and 882CEV or a K type on the 09 00 ex Clacton and 16 39 ex Ipswich

In January 1962 the strange operating practice detailed above was stopped and the the buses reverted to the pre October 1st schedule, with this change MWdp 215MHK was regularly on the 09 00 ex Clacton and 16 00 ex Ipswich during January, but by February LDs and KSWs took over, by this time KSW, WNO483 with staggered seating appeared.

On Whit Monday 1962 Eastern National once again provided relief on the 10 10 ex Ipswich LS 1861F. From Mid July enhanced Summer timetable as in 1961 was introduced, I never saw much of the daytime service weekdays but at weekends 883CEV was a regular on all three return journeys.

My first recordings of reliefs was in late July---L5Gs ONO 42/3 noted. On August Bank Holiday Monday 882CEV was on all three return working with Eastern National reliefs, on 16 15 ex Clacton (ECOC working) -CJN326 and on the 18 30 ex Clacton 214BPU and SHK525 (no recordings of reliefs on morning journeys ex Ipswich) Double deck reliefs noted during that week, but by Monday 13th 207MHK (MW) on this duty and an unspecified LWL next day. Another unusual relief was SC 604JPU on Wednesday 23rd.

With the coming of the winter timetable, 09 00 ex Clacton and 16 00 ex Ipswich was for a time the haunt of MW dps 215MHK, 807VWV, MOO179, MOO973, but on Saturdays a decker was always used ONO58 (Oct 6th), ONO67 (Oct13th,20th,27th) with ONO68 appearing every Saturday in November. However from late November deckers re appeared on weekday workings. At the same time 215MHK appeared on 18 30 ex Clacton as an OMO vehicle for the first time.

Mention of this OMO working reminds me that during this period this journey was in fact a two man bus on Sats and Suns. The highlight of this was the appearance of FLF JWC714 on Sunday November 35th. During January and February 1963 this vehicle was regular on Sunday nights,(I made my maiden FLF trip on one of these evenings) then it disappeared until the Summer timetable returned, it then became a regular vehicle on the 123.

The story of the 123 goes on for another nine years to 1972, but I must stop here. I hope some of the information above is of interest. I have many happy memories of the 123 and trips to Clacton

ERIC THOMPSON.

THE EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GUILD

THE ORIGINAL EASTERN NATIONAL

3615-3633

3615-3633 DEV451-469 BRISTOL JO5G E.C.O.C. DP31F new 1936.

These dual purpose saloons were primarily used on limited stop and express services and and were spread around both areas of Eastern National.

3617/22/30/31/32 DEV453/8/66/7/8 were rebuilt by Beadle in 1941-43, 3624 DEV460 war damage and in 1943 received a new Eastern Coachworks B32R body of non standard build except that the side frames were from stock built for another operator, incorporating advertisement panels over the windows (Westcliff style).

3615 DEV451, it has been reported that the body of this vehicle was perched on barrels in Duke Street Garage Chelmsford from September 1945 - July 1948 and reappeared in service at Grays in 1950 on a Bristol L chassis and running units.

In 1951 3628/31/2 were transferred to London Transport at Grays, being returned to Eastern National in 1952, and in the same year 3620/5/7/9/33 DEV 456/61/3/5/9 were transferred to the United Counties Omnibus Company with the Midland area.

Most were withdrawn and scrapped, however 3624/8/31/32 later became Contractors buses and 3622 was rebuilt as a pantechicon.

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SGR 550R	LEYLAND NATIONAL B. F (EX NORTHERN GENERAL (4550) IN 1998)	1978
E260 CPU	FORD TRANSIT 190/STEEDRIVE WELFARE BUS	1988
F751 KVV	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS	1988
F766 KVV	FORD TRANSIT 160/STEEDRIVE WELFARE BUS	1988
F768 KVV	FORD TRANSIT 160/STEEDRIVE WELFARE BUS	1988
F769 KVV	FORD TRANSIT 160/STEEDRIVE WELFARE BUS	1988
F774 KVV	FORD TRANSIT 160 WELFARE BUS	1988
F781 KVV	FORD TRANSIT 160/OATIA MINIBUS - M9	1988
G380 BEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 WELFARE BUS	1989
G478 UYP	FORD TRANSIT 160/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS	1989
G793 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G797 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G803 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G806 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G810 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G811 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G812 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
G815 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1989
H580 DDX	MERCEDES 507D WELFARE BUS	1991
H780 GAR	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1990
H786 GAR	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1990
H789 GAR	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1990
H397 HLU	TALBOT EXPRESS MINIBUS - M14	1991
H947 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190 WELFARE BUS	1991
H948 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190 WELFARE BUS	1991
H950 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190 WELFARE BUS	1991
H952 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190 WELFARE BUS	1991
H954 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190 WELFARE BUS	1991
H955 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190 WELFARE BUS	1991
H956 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS	1991
H972 K VX	FORD TRANSIT 160 MINIBUS	1991
J173 AAR	IVECO DAILY 45:10/LCB WELFARE BUS - M6L	7.92
J408 AOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	5.92
J409 AOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	4.92
J410 AOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	5.92
J411 AOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	4.92
J412 AOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	4.92
J 95 BNO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	6.92
J994 LDX	LEYLAND DAF 400 MINIBUS -M16	1991
J995 LDX	LEYLAND DAF 400 MINIBUS -M16	1991
J26 YHJ	FORD TRANSIT 190/CAR CHAIR WELFARE BUS - M10L	6.92
J34 YHJ	FORD TRANSIT 190/CAR CHAIR WELFARE BUS - M10L	6.92
J35 YHJ	FORD TRANSIT 190/CAR CHAIR WELFARE BUS - M10L	4.92
J36 YHJ	FORD TRANSIT 190/CAR CHAIR WELFARE BUS - M10L	4.92
J37 YHJ	FORD TRANSIT 190/CAR CHAIR WELFARE BUS - M10L	4.92
K394 DHK	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	8.92
K402 DHK	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	9.92
K405 DHK	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	9.92
K813 DVT	FORD TRANSIT 150/FORD MINIBUS - M14 (EX BUDGET RENTALS 7/93)	5.93
K767 EVW	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	9.92

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K779 EVW	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	10.92
K787 EVW	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	11.92
K467 FVW	FORD TRANSIT 120 WELFARE BUS M7L	2.93
K860 GOO	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	2.93
K864 GOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	2.93
K865 GOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	5.93
K866 GOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	5.93
K125 HPU	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	4.93
K126 HPU	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS	4.93
K625 HWC	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	5.93
K629 HWC	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	5.93
K994 PBJ	LEYLAND DAF 400 MINIBUS -M16	10.92
L825 ADX	LEYLAND DAF 400 MINIBUS -M16	3.94
L978 FDA	RENAULT TRAFIC WHEELCHAIR CARRIER (ACQUIRED BY 12/95)	3.94
L698 KNO	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	10.93
L866 MJN	FORD TRANSIT 190/R.K.C. WELFARE BUS - M15L	1993
L945 NWC	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.94
L947 NWC	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	6.94
L949 NWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1.94
L951 NWC	FORD TRANSIT 190/DORMOBILE WELFARE BUS M10L	1.94
L325 PTW	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M15L	6.94
L326 PTW	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	6.94
L327 PTW	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M11L	6.94
L353 PTW	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	1994
L354 PTW	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	1994
L751 RHK	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	6.94
L185 RVW	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	7.94
M683 CBJ	LDV 400 MINIBUS - M16	10.94
M686 CBJ	LDV 400 MINIBUS - M16	10.94
M941 DPV	LDV 400 MINIBUS - M16	10.94
M945 DPV	LDV 400 MINIBUS - M16	10.94
M439 EDX	LDV 100 MINIBUS - M16	6.95
M533 EDX	LDV 400 MINIBUS - M16	2.95
M885 FDX	LAND ROVER DEFENDER 110 Tdi - STATION WAGON	1995
M798 RBH	LAND ROVER DEFENDER 110 STATION WAGON - M12	1995
M477 UMH	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M16 (ACQUIRED BY 6/97)	1995
M97 UOO	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1994
M216 VEV	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	10.94
M217 VEV	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	10.94
M218 VEV	FORD TRANSIT 190/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	10.94
M816 VJN	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	11.94
M817 VJN	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	11.94
M206 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 150/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M207 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 150/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M208 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 150/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M212 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 150/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M344 WEV	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M8	1995
M832 WJN	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	2.95
M833 WJN	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M675 XNO	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	2.95

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M676 XNO	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	2.95
M677 XNO	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M678 XNO	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M807 XVW	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	3.95
M809 XVW	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	2.95
M811 XVW	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	3.95
M819 XVW	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	3.95
M823 XVW	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	3.95
M824 XVW	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	4.95
M853 YHK	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	4.95
M856 YHK	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	5.95
M857 YHK	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	5.95
N285 AVX	FORD TRANSIT 190/EUROMOTIVE MINIBUS - M14	10.95
N294 AVX	FORD TRANSIT 150/FORD MINIBUS - M14	9.95
N112 CJN	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	10.95
N779 CWC	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	9.95
N968 CWC	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	1995
N236 DPU	IVECO DAILY 49:10/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	12.95
N239 DPU	IVECO DAILY 49:10/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	11.95
N926 EWC	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	1996
N937 EWC	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	1996
N317 FOO	FORD TOURNEO MINIBUS - M9	1996
N339 FOO	FORD TRANSIT 130 MINIBUS - M12	1996
N344 FOO	FORD TRANSIT 230/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M10L	1996
N304 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1996
N306 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1996
N308 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	5.96
N310 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1996
N311 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1996
N312 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 130/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1996
N315 FWC	FORD TRANSIT 190/FORD MINIBUS - M14	1996
N516 JGS	IVECO DAILY 49:10/BEDWAS WELFARE BUS - M12L	1996
P963 HTW	FORD TRANSIT 230/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	8.96
P976 HTW	FORD TRANSIT 150/UVG WELFARE BUS M10L	1996
P977 HTW	FORD TRANSIT 150/UVG WELFARE BUS M10L	1996
P863 KEG	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	1997
P941 KNO	FORD TRANSIT 230/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	10.96
P325 MFL	FORD GALAXY ASPEN 1.9D STATION WAGON - M7	1997
P682 MOO	FORD TRANSIT 230/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1997
P708 MOO	FORD TRANSIT 230/UVG WELFARE BUS - M13L	4.97
P709 MOO	FORD TRANSIT 230/UVG WELFARE BUS - M9L	4.97
P146 NDX	LDV CONVOY MINIBUS - M16	9.96
P216 NDX	LDV CONVOY MINIBUS - M16	9.96
P217 NDX	LDV CONVOY MINIBUS - M16	9.96
P688 OAV	FORD TRANSIT 130 MINIBUS - M12	1997
P717 OAV	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS - M14	1997
P691 OPV	LDV CONVOY MINIBUS - M16	1996
P730 OPV	LDV CONVOY MINIBUS - M16	1996
P749 PEG	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	1997
P326 RGV	LDV CONVOY/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1997

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P327 RGV	LDV CONVOY/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1997
P358 RGV	LDV CONVOY/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1997
P359 RGV	LDV CONVOY/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	4.97
P367 RGV	LDV CONVOY MINIBUS - M16	1997
P655 RTM	IVECO DAILY 49:10/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1996
P656 RTM	IVECO DAILY 49:10/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1996
P657 RTM	IVECO DAILY 49:10/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1996
P658 RTM	IVECO DAILY 49:10/UVG WELFARE BUS - M10L	1996
P188 RVX	LAND ROVER DEFENDER 110 Tdi - STATION WAGON - M12	1997
R808 MCE	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS	1998
R781 NPR	FORD TRANSIT 190 MINIBUS	1998
R 89 VLN	IVECO DAILY 49:10 WELFARE BUS - M10L	1997
S863 BAV	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	1999
T153 JEG	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	3.99
T186 JEG	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	3.99
T187 JEG	FORD TRANSIT 150 MINIBUS - M14	3.99
T368 JPW	IVECO DAILY 40:10 WELFARE BUS	3.99



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OAP	£4.50

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Family	£11.00
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a 7 day period)

Adult	£13.50
Child	£9.00
OAP	£11.00

(Senior Citizens tickets are available for both men and women of age 60 and over. Proof of age may be requested.)

Family	£27.00
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Even if not used, the 3 in 7 ticket expires at the end of the sixth day after the first date circled.



A former Hillmans of Romford, Gilford acquired by Eastern National 3522 EV7579 is seen here somewhere en route for Chelmsford. A Ingram



Westcliff on Sea Daimler CWA6 FOP417, acquired with the Benfleet and District fleet, originally Birmingham Corporation 1417, it is seen at Canvey Leigh Beck. JFH Collection



Now just a memory is Maldon Depot, but to remind you of days gone by are two Ford Transit (Little Green Bus) and a Bristol VR awaiting their turn of duty. EBEG Collection



Former Arriva Colchester 5310 Leyland Atlantean ECW, now used by Arriva The Shires at Watford Junction as a staff meal bus with smokers and non smokers floors. Phil Ford



The lone National Express route out of Southend, the 305 to Liverpool with Volvo/Van Hool L710 PHE is about to depart from Southend Bus Station. P Snell



Town and Country Buses, Dennis Dart/ Plaxton R311NGM at Lakeside West Thurrock on service 20 which has replaced Harrisbus route 384. 311 was formerly operated by Limebourne. Phil Ford



Former Londonlinks Leyland Lynx D102NDW has now moved to Arriva East Herts and Essex as 3337, it is caught here on the 501 to Old Harlow still in two tone green livery. Chris Stewart



In the busy Southend Bus station is Stephenson of Rochford Bristol VR GGM 109W on their commercial service 3b to Benfleet, to take up the ASDA contract to Shoeburyness. P Snell