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Jackson of Bicknacre recently acquired this Neoplan from A P T of Rayleigh. Now registered MJ1 2374 it was A16 APT and 2803PK previously,

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EDITORIAL

A bumper 16 page magazine this month, thanks to all contributors for their efforts, keep them rolling in.

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MEETINGS SOUTHEND AREA.

Please note that our October meeting will now be held on Tuesday 12th October in Meeting Room No2, Basildon Centre, Basildon Council, Pagel Mead, Basildon commencing at 8pm. Our guest speaker being Trevor Smallwood from Badgerline Holdings Ltd.. Car parking is available opposite the Basildon Centre in Southern Haye car park. There will be no meeting on Tuesday 19th October at Rochford.

The Essex Group of the Omnibus Society have notified us of an additional evening visit at Grey Green Coaches, Barking on Tuesday 17th August. Meet at 19-00 hrs at Ripple Rd, Barking, with a short tour in an interesting vehicle leaving about 19-30 hrs.

Any members interested in attending the Omnibus Society evening meetings for June 15th, July 20th, or August 17th should ring John Rugg on Basildon 0268 544348 nearer the dates.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday 6th June Southend Rally Southchurch Park.

Sunday 27th June North Weald.

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PUBLICATIONS.

Copies of the Moores Tour brochure are available === £1-00 each inc P & P.

County Bus Fleetlist April 93 £1-00 each P & P. Both from Peter Snell.

1) Subscription Renewals - June 1993

For members whose current subscription expires with the June magazine there is a green Membership Renewal Form enclosed with this magazine.

Subscription rates for 1993/4 are £9.00 (1st Class Post) and £8.30 (2nd Class Post). Please renew your subscription by 3rd July to ensure that there is no delay in the despatch of your July magazine.

The Committee hopes that all members will renew their subscriptions and help support our efforts to maintain a successful Group.

THAMESWAY

Repaints

Noted repainted in fleet livery are 1822 and 1889.

General

Leyland Nationals 1883 and 1905 are still on the Companys premises late April. Leyland Lynx 1421 Summer Fares advert has now had its rear painted in fleet livery to match the front. Only the sides remain in advert livery with stickers to amend the fare sale. Trainer WSU 452S has aquired HH2058 on the front of vehicle in thick black felt tip pen. The Transits at HH have also aquired their fleetnumbers in black felt tip pen on the rear. New Mercedes 396 & 397 have LT Service logos and not Hoppa logos. BD 707 is mainly used for crew shuttles on 193 & 362. Expo bus 2200 is in use as a driver trainer at BD.

Service Revisions

239 This service was to have been replaced entirely by service 501 (County Bus) from 3rd April, however Thamesway have decided to continue to operate journeys at 06-52 from Ongar to Brentwood and 17-45 Brentwood to Ongar. From 26th April the evening journey will depart from Brentwood at 17-30.

S2 Slight changes to S2 timetable from 26th April

LT 362 planned changes as recorded last month did not occur and have been apparently abandoned, therefore operating Barkingside to Little Heath. Sunday services were operated on Good Friday and Easter Monday, with big buses noted on some journeys on Easter Monday on services 2,3 and 20 from HH. Sunday service will be operated on May Day Holiday.

Publicity

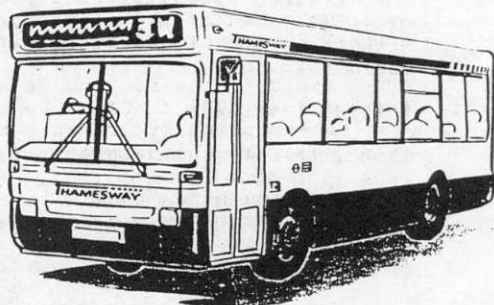
Citysaver changes dated 26-4-93

Spotlight on Brentwood

To correct previous information only 9 minibuses are required for Monday to Friday peak hour services. Also certain Mon-Fri peak journeys on services 80-83 are operated by Leyland Nationals.

Unusual Workings

8-4-93 BN 1411 noted on Citysaver S1
22-4-93 BD 4009 noted on service 251
29-4-93 HH 1803 noted on service 298



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Repaints

4/93 1940, 3114

5/93 3078

Services

- 15 The 1603 ex Canterbury Road is withdrawn from 30.5.93.
- 88C The 0911 (Sundays) ex Earls Colne, revised to start from Colchester at 0835 from 23.5.93.
- 93 The Sunday service between Colchester and Ipswich will be operated by EN, Carters and Ipswich Buses from 30.5.93.
- 100 Re-introduced on an hourly basis between Clacton and St Osyth from 30.5.93. operating daily.
- 101 NEW SERVICE. Martello Coach Park and Highfield Holiday Park on a daily basis, from 30.5.93.
- 127 Will no longer serve Holland from 1.6.93.
- 325 From 23.5.93. the 1200 ex Braintree, will only operate beyond Stisted on request.

From 30.5.93. summer services will be re-introduced on Clacton services 1/A/B, 2, 12, 13, 14.

The following Summer Services will operate under contract to ECC on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 23.5.93. to 26.9.93.

- 601 Colchester to Saffron Walden, three journeys each way.
- 605 Colchester to Walton, one journey each way.
- 606 Walton to Harwich, one journey each way.
- 622 Braintree to Harlow, three journeys each way and one journey each way extended to Ongar.
- 631 Saffron Walden to Burnham, six journeys each way.

General

Services 41A/B, 43/A and 44A/B are to be converted to minibus operation from 21.6.93. Services 43/A will operate between Broomfield Hospital and Writtle, with the 36 being revised to operate between South Woodham and Braintree. This will coincide with the closure of Maldon depot and a large number of further service revisions are expected- full details next month.

The revised services will be operated by the new batch of minibuses, with all Leyland National 2s except 1940 being withdrawn and replaced by series one Nationals made spare from Chelmsford.

Initial Disposals

- 1768 (MAR 790P) Hardwick for scrap, 5/93
- 1804 (TJN 503R) Hardwick for scrap, 4/93
- 1813 (VNO 736S) As 1804.
- 3054 (LJN 649P) Used for spares and remains sold for scrap, 5/93

Southend Transport



Vehicles;

LN 719 (GGE 162T) is withdrawn.

HM 106 (WLT 949) has been re-registered XVS 319.

014 (PHJ 49E) is a Ford D2918 breakdown tender, acquired from S&M Benfleet.

Subsequent Disposals;

FL 352 (WJN 352J) Withdrawn by Nottingham City Transport.

FL 353 (WJN 353J) Remains passing to Ripley (dealer) Carlton, ex N.C.T.

FL 206 (JTD 386P) withdrawn by Capital Citybus, Dagenham. (10.92)

FL 209 (JTD 389P) Loaned to Smith, Sittingbourne, from Wealden(dealer) Five Oak Green,
Via Wigley (breakers), Carlton ?.

LD 338 (EBM 438T) To Plato, Gravesend(6.92) ex Deke, NW3.

LD 353 (CPT 822S) Still with Connor & Graham, Easington. (2.93).

— 603 (JEV 244Y) To K.Line, E10 (2.92) ex Cooper, Gilesgate Moor.

HM (BMJ 919A)(WLT 908) ex United Counties, stripped for spares, remains to
IVS (breaker) Barnsley, (3.93).

HM (CUV 133C) ex Burnley (not used) To Time Travel, Thornton Heath (2.93).
Still at Tickfield Ave. works (4.93).

HM (CUV 160C) ex Burnley (not used) passed to Timebus Travel, St Albans. (1.93).

Repaints;

FL 236 into latest livery.

VR 381 (BUH 233V) full rear end advert for Stag Furniture, Rayleigh.

Services;

7 & 8 journeys via Hockley Day Centre, are withdrawn.

7C Slight timetable adjustments.

23C Sunday service withdrawn from 28.3.93.

Publicity;

7, 7A, 8, 8A timetable dated 4.4.93.

X1, X2 timetable dated 4.4.93.

795 timetable, summer 93, commencing 10.4.93.

Southend Transport bus ticket raffle.

Each month between April & September, a raffle is made, with 8 prizes of £25
Kiddies Gift Vouchers being awarded to four season ticket holders and four regular
bus tickets, drawn from boxes at Central Bus STM & London Road Travel shops in Southend....

..and in the Wimpey Restaurant in Basildon Bus Station.

Special Workings:

On Friday, 2.4.93 & 16.4.93, British Rail staged 24 hour rail strikes. Due to the extra passenger loadings the following vehicles were used on 'X' services.....

2.4.93. From Southend.

05.34 X2 ON 256
06.00 X11 ON 264
06.04 X2 ON 263
06.17 X2 ON 257
06.35 X10 VR 382
06.45 X10 ON 265
07.00 X11 ON 262
12.30 X1 ON 256

From London.

09.45 X1 ON 256 (HPK)
10.45 X1 ON 262 (HPK)
11.45 X1 ON 264 (HPK)
15.15 X1 (dup) VR 382 (from Aldgate).
16.45 X2 ON 257 (HPK)
16.55 X10 ON 263 (FMB)
17.40 X2 ON 265 (EMB)
17.45 X1 ON 256 (HPK)

16.4.93. From Southend.

05.15 X11 ON 265
05.34 X2 ON 258
06.00 X11 ON 264
06.04 X2 ON 257
06.18 X2 ON 262
06.25 X10 ON 256
06.45 X10 ON 263
07.00 X11 VR 382
10.30 X1 ON 265

From London.

07.45 X1 ON 265 (HPK)
09.35 X1 ON 258 (VIC)
14.55 X2 (dup) ON 257 (EMB)
16.08 X1 (dup) VR 382 (from Tower Hill)
16.40 X10 ON 264 (EMB)
16.45 X2 ON 262 (HPK)
16.45 X2 (dup) TR 553 (from Aldgate).
17.25 X10 ON 256 (FMB)
17.40 X2 ON 263 (EMB)

Unusual Workings:

13.3.93 TR 561 on service 4.
TR 563 on service 23.
2.4.93 TR 553 on service 4A.

General:

Since the announcement that Southend Transport would be sold, there has been much speculation as to who may buy the company. In March, the council held two meetings to discuss the matter. The first meeting drew up a short-list of five possible buyers, (Southern Vectis, British Bus, Grampian Regional Transport, Luton & District and County Bus), at the same time, the council publically stated that Badgerline (owners of Thamesway) would not be considered as a potential buyer. The second meeting nominated British Bus as the preferred bidder. British Bus (formerly known as the Drawlane Group), already own Bee Line Buzz, C-Line Bus, Midland Fox, London & Country, Midland Red North, North Western and East Lancashire Coachbuilders. A meeting to make a final decision was scheduled for 16.4.93, but was postponed so that a further bid by the management could be looked at. The lateness of the management bid resulted from the withdrawal of Southern Vectis, which had some management involvement. British Bus have also made a public statement saying that if their bid was accepted, there would be at least 70 redundancies and a cut back in vehicles and operations.

Although the Badgerline bid was not considered , Badgerline feel that they should.

Consequently, a large advertisement appeared in the Southend Evening Echo, and other local papers detailing ten reasons why they should be allowed to make a bid for Southend Transport. A detailed and informed response from a local resident appeared in the readers letters page of the same newspaper. As both of these items are too long to reproduce in this magazine, copies can be obtained from Andy Meadows.(SAE please).

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SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS

301	(UZJ 70) (EJN 637)	"Gone", by 9/78, from Fitzsimons, Athy, Eire. (t/a Dublin Hire Coaches)
1411	(XOO880L) (CSV 231) (WEU 73L)	Dealer, Bishops Waltham, 10/91, ex. Harty, Cosham.
1546	(SVW274K)	Withdrawn by Essex County Council, 6/92, still owned 12/92. (Used by Colchester Institute of Higher Education)
1754	(LJN662P)	Is not numbered 731 by Danks & Gaymer, Coseley. (correction to EBN347)
1812	(VNO735S)	Sheffield United Tours, 59, 11/92, ex AJS (dealer). Carlton.
1829	(VNO731S)	Is numbered 731 by Danks & Gaymer, Coseley, (additional information to EBN347)
3709	(FEV 178)	Is referred to as P178 (also quoted as 178P) by Luton & District Transport. (Date of reference and exact designation would be appreciated).

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

The following services will serve Essex on Sundays only between 30.5.93. and the last Sunday in September:-

- 639 Bury St Edmunds and Clacton, operated by Ipswich Buses.
- 649 Audley End House and Diss. operated by Whippet.
- 757 Colchester and Lavenham, operated by Ipswich Buses.

HEDINGHAM

Services

- 90/A Slight timetable revisions on Monday to Friday from 10.5.93.

COUNTY BUS

Harlow town services 802,803 and 856 were revised from 4.5.93.

ESSEX OPERATORS CURRENT FLEET LISTS

The information published below is based on observations by your EN sub-editor and is correct to March 1993.

ASSOCIATED COACHWAYS (o/c Horseshoe Farm, Latton)

LPB 217P	Leyland National		B41F
DCA 31S	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C53F
BYW 391V	Leyland National		B36D
DNK 577Y	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C53F
E705 GNH	Fiat 79-14	Caetano	C24F
F213 NST	Freight Rover	?	B20F
IIL 1640	Leyland Tiger	Plaxton	C53F (new as D585 MVR)

LAMBERT t/a TIGERWAYS (o/c Horseshoe Farm, Latton)

SFV 205P	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C51F
THX 534S	Leyland Fleetline	Park Royal	H44/27D
THX 576S	Leyland Fleetline	Park Royal	H44/27D
DWK 411T	Leyland Leopard	Plaxton	C57F
DRT 681T	Bedford YMT	Plaxton	C53F
E167 GFA	Mercedes 609D	PMT	C19F

GUNTON t/a BERNARDS (o/c Horseshoe Farm, Latton)

EAV 815V	Volvo B58-56	Duple	C57F
E934 RWR	Freight Rover	Carlyle	B20F
TSV 804	Volvo B10M-61	Jonckhree	C49FT (new as C28 GNK)

Also operating from Horseshoe Farm in December, but no trace of them in February were:-

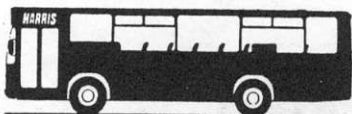
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AGA 520S	Ford R1114	Plaxton	C53F
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WILSON&SEABURN t/a Lee Roy (not connected to the Brentwood firm)

EWE 672V	Ford R1114	Duple	C53F
BBY 429Y	Ford R1115	Duple	C53F

Horseshoe Farm is located on the Epping Road about half a mile from the M11 Harlow Junction.



HARRIS bus

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NEW

166 is registered K888 TKS (typing error)- it entered service circa April 14th/15th and is usually to be found on the 296 (Ilford-Romford-Harold Wood). The large 'C' either side of the front destination blind box is illuminated after dark.

ACQUIRED

KRS 541V Leyland National 2 NL106L11/1R- 06783 - B44F new 1980 This bus arrived in the last few days of April and was not yet in service at the time of writing. It is ex Inverness Traction, 585, and was new as NPN 7 (GSO 7V) and is in Stagecoach corporate livery.

KRS 538V is numbered 738 and entered service during the week following Easter still in Stagecoach livery. The chassis number is 06776 .

ON HIRE

Three Ipswich Transport Dennis Falcons are still on hire, two of which are 107 and 109. The Bristol VRT TPE 155S is also still on hire. In the other direction, Citybus RM 429 (XMD 41A) was hired to Kentish bus from Friday April 16th- it is thought to have returned on Friday April 30th. This was to enable Kentish Bus drivers to route learn LRT 19 (Finsbury Park to Battersea Bridge) as LRT would not let KB use their RML's before the start date of April 24th.

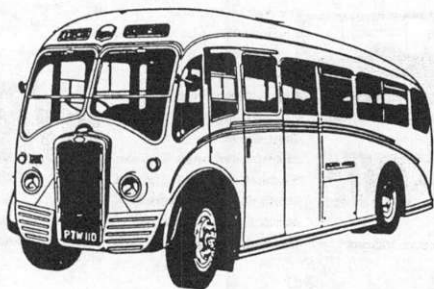
GENERAL

The Company will again be running their popular Coastliner excursions this summer , starting on Sunday May 16th. Destinations will range from Southsea to Walton On The Naze. Recent rail jobs have included Grays-Ockenden-Upminster between the peaks to allow re-signaling work to take place : Barking to Plaistow to replace the District line on Sundays April 25th and May 2nd (the former date was intended to be East Ham - Plaistow but had to be extended to Barking only two hours before it was due to start)- 14 J-YRM Olympians were needed to work this one. ON Tuesday/ Wednesday April 13/14th all three Docklands Light Railway services were replaced by Capital Citybus buses due to over-running Easter weekend engineering work. As this needed 22 buses on a normal working day Colchester Transport and London Buses-London Northern were brought in to help.

DISPOSAL

586 (JTD 386P) - Gifford Tachograph Services, Chequers Lane, Dagenham, circa 10/92 , as a nightwatchmans hut.

570 (UMS 751T) remains dumped in the corner of the yard, however 593/4 (JTD 393/4P) have been moved out of the withdrawn corner and placed in the 'waiting to be worked on 'area - the reason for this is not clear.





ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRACTED BUS SERVICES

Continuing our special feature on Essex County Council's contracted bus services we include this month the second part of the full list of E.C.C. services, covering route numbers 78 to 871.

The information in this list is correct to December 1992, and the source is Essex County Council's Public Transport Plan, published in January 1993. We hope members find the information useful.

SERVICE NUMBER	STARTING FROM	FINISHING AT	OPERATOR	DAYS OF OPERATION	SIZE OF VEHICLE	START DATE	FINISH DATE
078	Wivenhoe	Brightlingsea	Carters Coaches	Su	30	01.11.92	26.03.94
078	Colchester	Wivenhoe	Carters Coaches	Su	30	01.11.92	26.03.94
081	Mount Bures	Colchester	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	Tu	16	29.04.91	31.07.93
082A	Colchester	Little Tey	Carters Coaches	M-F	40	07.09.92	31.07.93
082A	Colchester	Little Tey	Carters Coaches	M-F	40	07.09.92	31.07.93
082A	Fordham	Great Tey	Eastern National Ltd	M-F		07.09.92	02.08.96
083	Wakes Colne	Colchester	Eastern National Limited	M,W,F	30	30.10.89	28.10.94
085	Mistley	Brightlingsea	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	W	20	05.04.89	31.07.93
086	Aingers Green	Colchester	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	W	40	05.04.89	31.07.93
088C	Colchester	Halstead	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	30.10.89	29.10.94
090	Witham Rail Station	Witham Ebenezer Close	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	M-Sa	30	18.05.92	21.11.92
090	Witham	Great Totham	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	M-Sa	45	29.10.91	30.07.94
091	Chelmsford	Heybridge Basin	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	30.10.89	29.10.94
092	Chelmsford	Maldon	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	30.10.89	29.10.94
093	Althorne	Little Baddow	Freemans Travel	Tu,Th,Sa	43	03.11.92	31.07.93
093B	Bradwell	Maldon	Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd	M-F	50	27.07.92	06.08.95
094	South Woodham	Maldon	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	Tu	20	03.11.92	27.07.93
095A	Althorne	Burnham	Hedingham Omnibuses Limited	Sch	70	08.09.92	31.07.93
096	Burnham	Maldon	Eastern National Limited	Sa	30	22.02.91	31.07.93
099	Bradwell	Broomfield Hospital	Clintona Minicoaches	M-F	20	30.10.89	31.03.93
099	Bradwell	Burnham	Clintona Minicoaches	M-F	20	30.10.89	31.03.93
101	Colchester	Harwich	Eastern National Limited	Su	40	30.10.88	21.03.93
103	Harwich	Ramsay	Eastern National Limited	Sch	40	30.10.89	31.07.93
104	Colchester	Harwich	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	30	31.10.88	30.10.93
104	Colchester	Harwich	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	30	31.10.88	30.10.93
105	Walton	Colchester	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
107	Walton	Colchester	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
111	The Bryn	Basildon	District Bus Company	M-Sa	20	29.10.90	31.07.93
115	Weeley	Thorpe-le-Soken	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	Sch	70	30.10.89	30.07.94
119	Maldon	Colchester	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
119	Maldon	Colchester	Eastern National Limited	Su	40	29.10.89	23.10.94
127	Brightlingsea	Clacton	Eastern National Limited	Tu,Th,Sa	40	31.10.89	29.10.94
128	Stones Green	Colchester	Freeman's Travel	W	16	04.04.90	28.03.93
129	Colchester	Clacton	Eastern National Limited	Su	50	31.10.88	24.10.93
133	Braintree	Colchester	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	M-Sa	25	20.01.92	31.07.93
133	Braintree	Bishop Stortford	Fargo Coachlines	M-Sa	25	20.01.92	31.07.93
133	Colchester	Braintree	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
167	Ilford	Debden	Grey Green	Daily			
177	East Mersea	Colchester	Eastern National Limited	Th	16	05.04.90	29.07.93
188	Colchester	Halstead	Eastern National Limited	Su	40	31.10.88	24.10.93
201	Loughton	Ongar	Wests Coaches Limited	M-Sa	30	01.06.89	31.07.93
201	Buckhurst Hill	Ongar	Wests Coaches Limited	Su	30	01.06.89	31.07.93
203	Debden	West Hatch School	Thamesway Limited	Sch	60	01.06.89	31.07.93

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204	Buckhurst Hill	Debden	Wests Coaches Limited	Sch	60	04.09.90	31.07.93
208	Buckhurst Hill	West Hatch School	Wests Coaches Ltd	Sch	30 60	04.09.90	23.07.93
209	Lambourne End	Loughton	Vantage Travel	W,F	20	04.04.90	30.07.93
211	Waltham Cross	Breach Barns	Thamesway Limited	M-Sa	25	30.03.92	26.03.94
213	Waltham Cross	Upshire	Thamesway Limited	M-Sa	25	30.03.92	26.03.94
214	Debden	Loughton	Wests Coaches Limited	M-Sa	25	14.08.88	30.10.93
215	Debden	Loughton	Wests Coaches Limited	M-Sa	25	14.08.88	30.10.93
217	Blake Hall	Ongar	Ongar Coaches	Th	20	01.04.89	25.03.93
222	Wickford	Brentwood	Nelson Coaches		25	09.09.91	03.08.96
222	Brentwood	Southend	Stephensons Coaches	Su	30	01.04.91	03.08.96
223	Wickford	Ramsden Heath	District Bus Co	M-F	20	02.11.92	03.08.96
223	Wickford	Billericay	District Bus Company	Sa	30	07.12.92	03.08.96
223	Billericay	Wickford	District Bus Company	M-F	30	07.12.92	03.08.96
224	Wickford	Chelmsford	Stephensons Coaches Ltd	Tu,F,Sa	30	31.10.89	31.07.93
225	Runwell	Beauchamps School	Stephensons Coaches Ltd	Sch	80	08.09.92	31.07.93
230	Noak Bridge	Basildon	Avro & Elm Park Coaches	Sch	60	08.09.92	31.07.93
232	Basildon	Shotgate	Nelson Coaches		30	30.10.91	24.10.94
235	Basildon	Billericay	District Bus Company	Su	30	29.10.90	31.03.93
239	Ongar	Brentwood	County Bus & Coach Co.Ltd	M-Sa	30	30.10.89	30.07.94
239	Ongar	Brentwood	Thamesway Limited	M-F	30	30.03.92	26.03.93
239	Coxtie Green		County Bus & Coach Co.Ltd	M-Sa			31.07.93
241	Langdon Hills	Watt Tyler Park	Nelson Coaches	Su	40	29.10.89	23.10.94
241	Langdon Hills	Pitsea	Harris Bus Co Ltd	M-Sa	25	17.02.92	31.07.93
244	Langdon Hills	Watt Tyler Park	Nelson Coaches	Su	40	29.10.89	23.10.94
244	Langdon Hills	Pitsea	Harris Bus Co Ltd	M-Sa	25	17.02.92	11.07.93
247	Langham	Colchester	Partridge & Son	Sch	20	03.06.91	30.07.93
247	Colchester	East Bergholt	Partridge & Son	Sch	20	10.02.92	30.07.93
249	Loughton	South Woodford	Wests Coaches Limited	M-Sa	30	01.06.89	30.04.94
250	Shotgate	Basildon	Harris Bus Co Ltd	M-Sa	25	17.02.92	31.07.93
250	Waltham Cross	Loughton	County Bus & Coach Co.Ltd	Daily	50	01.07.89	30.04.94
251	Waltham Cross	Upshire	County Bus & Coach Co.Ltd	Daily	50	01.07.89	30.04.94
252	Waltham Cross	Chingford	West Coaches Limited	M-F	20	31.10.88	19.10.93
253	Chingford	Waltham Abbey	West Coaches Limited	Sch	20	31.10.88	29.10.93
254	Waltham Abbey	Epping	Wests Coaches	M-F	20	31.10.88	29.10.93
255	Basildon	Billericay	District Bus Co	Tu,F,Sa	40	28.07.92	30.07.94
261	Blackmore	Brentwood	County Bus & Coach Co.Ltd	M-Sa	30	30.10.89	30.07.94
261	Blackmore	Brentwood	County Bus & Coach Co.Ltd	M-F		28.10.90	29.07.94
265	Romford	Bulphan	Blue Triangle	M-Sa	30	29.10.90	30.10.93
269	Grays	Brentwood	Harris Bus Co Ltd	M-F	30	03.10.89	29.10.94
271	Basildon	Romford	District Bus Co	M-Sa	30	02.11.92	30.07.94
306	Wicken Bonhunt	Bishop Stortford	Eastern National Limited	M-F	60	30.03.92	25.03.94
313	Saffron Walden	Great Dunmow	Millers Coaches Limited	M-Sa	20	24.06.91	31.07.93
314	Stebbing	Braintree	Eastern National Limited	U,Sa	35	04.04.90	28.03.93
315	Stebbing	Great Dunmow	Eastern National Limited	Th	30	04.05.89	31.03.93
316	Stebbing	Chelmsford	Eastern National Limited	F	30	04.11.88	30.10.93
317	Elsenham	Bishop Stortford	Biss Bros Coaches	M-Sa	30	30.10.89	29.10.94
317	Enfield	Upshire	Leaside Buses	Daily			
318	Thaxted	Bishop Stortford	Viceroy Coaches	Th,Sa	40	02.11.89	29.10.94
320	Braintree	Springwood	Eastern National Limited	M-F	20	29.10.90	30.10.93
324	Coggeshall	Braintree	Heddingham & District	Sch	50	31.10.88	26.07.93
			Omnibuses				
325	Halstead	Braintree	Eastern National Limited	U,Sa	30	02.11.88	30.10.93
327	Watchouse Green	Braintree	Freemans Travel	U	20	28.10.92	06.08.95
329	Colne Engaine	Halstead	Heddingham & District	Tu,F,Sa	30	01.11.88	30.10.93
			Omnibuses				

SERVICE NUMBER	STARTING FROM	FINISHING AT	OPERATOR	DAYS OF OPERATION	SIZE OF VEHICLE	START DATE	FINISH DATE
331	Great Bardfield	Braintree	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	M-Sa	50	30.10.89	29.10.94
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344	Fuller Street	Chelmsford	Freemans Travel	F	30	11.09.92	30.07.93
345	Fuller Street	Braintree	Hedingham & District Omnibuses	W	40	02.11.88	27.10.93
346	Leaden Roding	Great Dunmow	Eastern National Limited	Th	30	04.05.89	26.03.93
349	Harlow	Chelmsford	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	40 16	02.11.92	03.08.96
356	Cressing	Braintree	Fargo Coachlines	M-Sa	25	27.07.92	31.07.93
364	Uplands Estate	Grays	Vantage Travel	M-Sa	20	28.10.90	30.07.94
370	Bishop Stortford	Braintree	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	70	28.10.90	30.10.93
372	Aveley	Orsett	Harris Bus	M-Sa	50	31.10.88	30.10.93
374	Linford	West Thurrock	Thamesway Limited	M-Sa	20	28.10.90	30.07.94
375	Aveley	Orsett	Harris Bus	M-Sa	50	31.10.88	30.10.93
379	Tilbury	Rainham	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	Su	30	07.01.90	25.10.93
380	Stanford-le-Hope	Tilbury Ferry	Priory Minicoaches	M-Sa	25	30.03.92	26.03.94
381	Aveley	Orsett	Harris Bus	M-Sa	50	31.10.88	30.10.93
381	Aveley	Orsett	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	Su	30	29.10.90	25.10.93
382	Aveley	Orsett	Harris Bus	M-Sa	50	31.10.88	30.10.93
382	Aveley	Orsett	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	Su	30	29.10.90	25.10.93
388	Aveley	Basildon	Harris Bus	M-F	30	09.05.88	30.04.93
389	Aveley	Basildon	Harris Bus	M-F	30	09.05.88	30.04.93
392	Harlow	Ongar	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	30	03.10.92	28.03.93
393	Harlow	Hoddesdon	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	30	03.10.92	03.08.96
393	Harlow	Hoddesdon	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	30	03.10.92	03.08.96
394	Moreton	Epping	Ongar Coaches	M	20	03.04.89	31.07.93
395	Hastingwood	Old Harlow	Ongar Coaches	F	20	03.04.89	31.07.93
396	Hastingwood	Harlow	Ongar Coaches	F	20	03.04.89	31.07.93
451	Braintree	Romford	Eastern National Limited	Su	40	30.10.88	21.03.93
451	Chelmsford	Romford	Thamesway Limited	M-Sa	30	30.10.89	31.07.93
452	Halstead	Ongar	Eastern National Limited	Su	40	30.10.88	21.03.93
500	Epping	Romford	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	30	30.10.89	31.07.93
500	Harlow	Romford	Blue Triangle	Su	40	30.10.88	21.03.93
500	Epping	Bishop Stortford	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	20	29.10.90	31.07.93
504	Epping	Bishop Stortford	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	Su	30	28.10.90	31.07.93
505	Harlow	Walthamstow	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	30	30.10.89	29.10.94
549	Laindon	Pipps Hill Ind Site	Thamesway Limited	M-F	20	30.10.89	30.07.94
552	Grays	Chelmsford	Harris Bus Co Ltd	Su	40	30.10.88	24.10.93
552	Grays	Chelmsford	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
553	Grays	Basildon	Harris Bus Co Ltd	Su	40	07.04.91	24.10.93
553	Grays	Basildon	Eastern National Limited	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
851	Harlow Town		Biss Bros Coaches	Su	30	30.10.88	25.03.93
851	Harlow	Katherines	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	20	29.10.90	30.10.93
852	Harlow Town		County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	Su	30	03.10.92	21.03.93
853	Town Station	Staple Tye	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	20	29.10.90	30.10.93
854	Town Station	Latton Bush	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	20	29.10.90	30.10.93
855	Little Parndon	Potter Street	Associated Coachways	M-Sa	40	31.10.88	30.10.93
859	Town Station	Old Harlow	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-Sa	20	29.10.90	30.10.93
860	Harlow	Pinnacles	County Bus & Coach Co Ltd	M-F	25	03.10.92	03.08.96
864	Templefields	Latton Bush	Associated Coachways	M-F	40	24.04.89	28.03.93
871	Harlow Schools		Associated Coachways	Sch	60	01.05.89	30.07.93

ENDC FLEET ALLOCATION - MAY 1952

: Depot	Double Deckers			Single Deckers					
	: Bristol	: Leyland	: AEC/GUY:	: Bristol	: Leyland,	: Guy, Maudsley, Dennis, Beadle:			
: Chelmsford	: 3747 3961 4006	: 3983 3991 2902	: 3615 3687 3767	: 3686		3924			
:	: 4139 4154 4164	: 3026 3076 3081	: 3898 4008 4082	: 3687		4011			
:	: 3812 3963 4037	: 3987 3023 3027	: 4094 4102 3668	:		4012			
:	: 4144 4155 3959	: 3077 3082 3988	: 3715 3775 3913	:		4016			
:	: 4004 4113 4146	: 3024 3028 3078	: 4020 4083 4096	:		4017			
:	: 4160 3960 4007	: 3085 3990 3025	: 4133 3676 3760	:					
:	: 4119 4147 4163	: 3030 3080 3087	: 3779 3914 4021	:					
:	:	: 3437	: 4086 4099 4173	:					
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: Bishops	: 3885 4030 4141	:	: 3874 3911 4077	: 3925		3520			
: Stortford	:	:	: 4172	: 3926		3562			
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: Maldon	: 3946 4044 3994	: 3658 3659	: 3624 4022 4122	:					
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: Basildon	: 3751 4120 4136	:	: 3721 3912 3782	:					
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: Southend	: 3640 3893 3964	:	: 3917 4027 4079	:					
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:	: 3643 3655 3993	:	: 4028 4126 3716	:					
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:	: 3891 4031 3641	:	: 3717 3915 4075	:					
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: Halstead	: 3740 3995 4156	:	: 3616 3621 3965	:		4018			
:	: 3741 4042 3743	:	: 3978 3617 3685	:					
:	: 4043	:	: 3969 4134 3619	:					
:	:	:	: 3908 3971	:					

:Clacton	:3739 3953 4047	:3428 3887 101	:3623 3777 3973	:	4014	:
:Walton	:4143 3742 4038	:102 103 104	:4092 4123 4171	:	4019	:
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The large number of vehicles delicensed was due to vehicles being returned from Grays area use by London Transport and coaches still laid up from the winter.

OTHER OPERATORS

APT RAYLEIGH Yet another acquired vehicle is A800 SKK (ex MIB 935 and A585 RVW) a Volvo/Berkhof ex Kings Ferry.

BJS GT WAKERING A2 GUK a Volvo/Plaxton 3500 with low driving position has been acquired.

BOONS BOREHAM Took a number of awards at the Brighton rally, with new Scania/Van Hool triaxle K11 BOO.

BULVAN COACHES GRAYS This new operator commenced with SFH 427R a Leopard/Plaxton, but this has been replaced by MNM 40V a DAF with Plaxton bodywork. Operating centre is Acorn Pub, Stifford Clays.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Commenced a London Commuter service from 26.4.93. with one journey each way.

CHARTERCOACH HARWICH The other Volvo/Caetano is K707 RNR.

COACHSTOP SOUTHEND New is K55 TOP a Dennis Javelin/Plaxton, which is named Madame Butterfly. The O/C is now Grainger Road Southend.

CUNNINGHAM STANFORD LE HOPE To correct EBN 348, K200 CCC is a Scania/Van Hool and K300 CCC has a MAN chassis.

HARRIS WEST THURROCK New is K97 GEV a DAF/Van Hool in Harris livery. B674 EVW has passed to Lewis, Clacton.

KEMP SOUTHEND DAF/Plaxton LAT 256 has been re-registered POI 4905, the O/C is at Woodgate Filters, Vanguard Way, Shoeburyness.

LODGE HIGH EASTER Have acquired E663/5 YDT both are Scania/Van Hools. Volvo A568 GBA has been sold as has D448 PGH a Bedford YNV with Duple bodywork now with Ruffle.

OSBORNE TOLLESBURY G85 RGG carries Grand UK Holiday names.

P&M COACHES The O/C is now at Birkett Hall Stables, Woodham Ferrers.

PRIORY LAINDON Acquired B49 ONR a MAN/GC Smith minicoach. Further to EBN 348 E417 MOU has an Iveco chassis.

STEPHENSON ROCHFORD Have acquired SND 290X a Leopard/Duple, the ex Crossville Leopards have all been sold.

SUPREME SOUTHEND New are K4/5 SUP Man/Jonckhree. HSK 836 is in Trafalgar Tours livery.

Some 30-odd members and friends, including the Chairman and Founder, now taking a well-earned rest from tour organisation, boarded a DAF/Van Hool of Harris of Grays for the first tour of the 1993 season.

The weather, which initially looked rather ominous had brightened somewhat by the time we reached our first stop - Metrobus's spacious modern depot at Orpington. Here, the Company had kindly arranged for examples of each of the main types to be present including the former ENOC Olympian coach, now disguised with a standard ECW-type bus-type front, to match the rest of the fleet. Others positioned for the waiting battery of cameras included an ex-Millers Lynx, the first Olympian and a K-reg Dart and Olympian. With LRT and commercial routes and a growing coaching business, Metrobus look set for continued expansion.

The first of many sets of roadworks delayed arrival at our next port of call - Eastbourne. Here at Birch Road depot, Eastbourne MD, David Howard was there to welcome us in this, Eastbourne's 90th year of operating municipal buses. To celebrate the centenary, several buses have been repainted in differing schemes, including former Colchester 62 in "Tilling"-style and the oldest surviving Atlantean in a 50's version, both presented for our cameras. Other present included the last ex-Tayside Dominator, (it seems that turning circles are apparently provided for all Dundee routes, so as to avoid the expense of fitting reverse to the gearbox!), the ex-Essex Police Volvo coach and PD2A No.82. Pride of place was taken by no. 11 - no not the Dennis Javelin, (which has been unceremoniously renumbered 12), but an earlier holder of this number - the 1950 AEC Regal III with East Lancs dual-purpose body, immaculately restored by the Birch Road staff and in very fine fettle mechanically. The highlight of the trip for many was the ride in no.11 to the town centre, with David Howard ably demonstrating the art of coaxing a "domino load" through Saturday traffic, without the benefit of modern fripperies like power steering or an automatic, (or synchromesh for that matter) gearbox. Lest any irate Eastbourne chargepayers be reading this, we were assured that 11 does earn its keep and was due out for service that afternoon.

Our second Sussex coastal visit was to the former Hastings Tramways, 1905-vintage Silverhill depot, where South Coast Buses GM, Adam Yates and his Chief Engineer were there to greet us and provide a short tour of the workshops. Whilst some twenty Darts, former Southdown VRs and the former Portsmouth National 2's, bear the brunt of day-to-day work, some veterans linger on, including 727, the last ex-Eastbourne Atlantean, 407, the last RE, 771, the former Sheffield VR, 0946 the ex-East Kent Regent and 0770 the open-top VR, freshly touched-up in Hastings blue and yellow, (hope no one reads this in Perth!), and these were duly paraded. To facilitate inter-fleet transfers within the group, most buses were fleetnameless, prior to receiving Stagecoach vinyls - a measure unlikely to appeal to the enthusiast, but, no doubt, applauded by those of us who had become shareholders in the successful Stagecoach stockmarket flotation on the previous day! A bonus materialised in the form of Leyland-Nationals nos 101 and 102 in the two-bus Coastal Coaches fleet which are garaged at Silverhill and the former was positioned to the accompaniment of a spectacular, even by National standards, plume of exhaust smoke.

Once again, we took to the country lanes that pass for A-roads in this part of the country, to reach our final stop, a last-minute addition - Hams of Flimwell, where two veteran Southend Fleetlines, (one with a rather domestic downstairs floor), are still going strong, aided by a brace of ex-NBC VRs. Then a sprint for home, hampered only by one last set of roadworks!

Our thanks go to the senior managements of each operator for giving up part of their Saturdays, Derek, Ian and Andy, our organisers, and our drivers who piloted the DAF effortlessly up hill and down dale.

D Harman.

TOUR NEWS.

ROUTEMASTER TOUR

Arrangements are being made for a Routemaster Tour visiting various L T contract operators for Sunday 3rd October, Further details when available.

2) Group Coach Tour to Northampton and Leicester - Saturday, 26th June, 1993

Enclosed with this magazine is a booking form for a Group coach tour to Northampton and Leicester on Saturday, 26th June, 1993. This promises to be an extremely interesting day, with visits to Northampton Transport (including a trip on the preserved Daimler CVG6 267 JVV267G), Midland Fox at Wigston (where a large number of former LT Fleetline's are allocated) and to Milton Keynes City Bus. The tour will also include an extended stop in Leicester city centre, with ample opportunities for photography.

The closing date for bookings is Saturday, 19th June so please book early. The tour fare is £13 which represents excellent value for money. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible on 26th June.



Soon to be withdrawn by Eastern National are the LN2 fleet, seen here is CN 1925 MHJ721V entering Colchester Bus Station. PJS collection.

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