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EDITORIAL

ROCHFORD MEETINGS - FREIGHT HOUSE 8pm

November 12th	Open Slide Show, bring your old 'un's
December 10th	Slide Show by R.Delahoy - 20 years ago

Advert FOR SALE

Complete set of ENEG/EBN newsletters from No. 1 to 389.
Offers for complete set only (not prepared to split).
Also, 500 ENOC/ST route revision posters of same era as displayed in bus interiors.
Offers to Ian Taylor, 39 Hollingdean Road, Brighton, BN2 4AA
(01273 670834). Regular visitor to Essex so delivery might be possible.

Remember members, you can make use of EBN to advertise your 'wants or sales',
and it is free!!!

Apologies for the standard of print in last months Southend Transport, all is well this month.

Contributions received with thanks from Essex Buses (Eastern National & Thamesway),
Southend Transport, C.Sigston, County Bus & Coach.

Contributions for the November EBN should be with sub-editors by 3rd November and
Man. Editor by 11th November.

PAUL SPARKS CLACTON COLUMN

The latest Leyland National to enter into the paint shop at Clacton Depot is JHJ 142V, Fleet No. 1916.

Also, currently at Clacton Depot, awaiting disposal is Thamesway Mercedes 608D, Fleet No. 204.

The four Eastern National Mercedes 608D's reported last month as being in the yard at Clacton depot have been disposed of as follows:-

Fleet No. 2203, Registration No. C203 HJN to Eastern Counties.

Fleet No. 2250, Registration No. C232 HCV to Eastern Counties.

Fleet No. 2251, Registration No. C990 GCV to Eastern Counties.

Fleet No. 2228, Registration No. C482 BHY to Hardwick, Carlton.

Bristol VR, Registration No. STW 22W, Fleet No. 3078 is currently at Clacton for an MOT test. Once this has been completed it will be sent to Marshalls of Cambridge to join the line of VR's on Eastern National's reburishing programme.

Some latest news on the 13 Dennis Lances for Eastern National is as follows. 5 are due on 1st December, 5 on the 1st January 1997 and 3 on 1st March 1997. All will arrive at Clacton initially for routine work such as the fitting of blinds, etc. The first 10 will be allocated to Colchester. The 3 arriving on 1st March 1997 will see 2 allocated to Clacton and the remaining one to Harwich.

The two open top Bristol VR's WNO 546L and NPU 974M, Fleet No's 3500 & 3501 respectively are currently in store at Walton. It is hoped that they will see summer service duties again in Clacton next year!

KSW NEWS

As quite a few members of the Essex Bus Enthusiasts Group have shown an interest in open top KSW Registration No. WNO 479, Fleet No.2383 it is my intention to give some news on the vehicle each month. As you will be aware the vehicle is owned by Eastern National but operated and looked after by the KSW Preservation Group based in Harwich where the vehicle is kept. The Secretary of the KSW Preservation Group is Charlie Powell and it is his hard work along with several other Eastern National employees that have kept this bus on the road for the pleasure of many enthusiasts. The KSW Group is currently trying to secure the future of sister, Fleet No. 2384, Registration No. WNO 480. This vehicle currently lies idle in the yard at Clacton Depot and needs a new engine; so if anybody out there is aware of the availability of a replacement Gardner engine suitable for this vehicle please let us know!

No. 2383 attended the Duxford, Showbus event on Sunday 29th September and quite justly won a prize for being the best public service vehicle prior to 1980 still to be in service. The prize was a model of the EFE Cambus Bristol VR mounted on a wooden plinth. WNO 479 will be attending the Canvey Bus Rally on Sunday 13th October 1996.

EASTERN NATIONAL

VEHICLES ON LOAN

Dennis Dart 2821 returned to Clacton during September, following it's long term loan to Thamesway, covering a repaint programme there. Thamesway Dennis Dart 940 has returned to that fleet and is now operating from Hadleigh depot.

ALLOCATIONS

9/96 940 CN-TWAY; 2215 CF-BE; 2246 BE-CF; 2821 TWAY-CN

REPAINTS

9/96 1916

INITIAL DISPOSALS

2203 (C203 HJN) Eastern Counties, Norwich, 9/96.
2228 (C482 BHY) Hardwick, Carlton, 9/96.
2250 (C232 HCV) Eastern Counties, Norwich, 9/96.
2251 (C990 GCV) Eastern Counties, Norwich, 9/96.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

AIRPORT COACHES STANSTED A recent addition is a further Iveco minibus P750 HTW. This company and Biss now appear to operate as one company, although still using both fleetnames. Leyland National MCA 676T is still with Biss, although M131 SKY is now being used here ex Biss. Iveco/Robin Hood minibus E450 TYG has been sold.

AIRPORT EXPRESS SOUTHEND An acquired Sherpa is F373 STR

A&M COACHES LAINDON A recent addition is JIL 2212 a Volvo/Plaxton.

ASSOCIATED COACHWAYS HARLOW Iveco/Caetano minicoach E705 GNH was sold some while ago.

BERNARDS HARLOW Volvo/Duple FAV 815V has been sold Leyland Tiger/Duple D121 HML and Bedfrd YNT/Plaxton UX1 8651 are recent additions.

BOON BOREHAM Setra coaches H435 GVL and J75 VTG remain here on long term dealer loan.

CARTERS EAST BERGHOLT The current fleet is Bristol RE SVW 274K, Bristol LHs OJD 84R and GTX 758W and Atlantean NNO 61P.

CATTON HARLOW Another minibus here is Fiat D821 BLT.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE The remains of Bristol VR LPF 596P have gone. Volvo/Van Hool LIW 9272 has also been sold.

CHARIOTS CORRINGHAM Ford/Duple BUR 400T has departed from this fleet

COUNTY BRENTWOOD It is thought that Bedford midi C293 NHJ has been sold.

CROWN BENFLEET Ford/Duple GHK 812Y has been sold.

DMA COACHES BRENTWOOD Are reported to have acquired former Cedrics Volvo/Ikarus KIW 7813 (D773 WHJ).

FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES FARNHAM Sherpa E965 VKY and Mercedes E316 OMG have been sold

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE Have added E35 OFL a Volvo/Van Hool to their fleet. Bedford/Duple WRR 370M and Bova Futura XSU 913 have been sold.

GLEW COLCHESTER A recent addition is DAF/Caetano A895 KGV.

GODWARD RAMSDEN HEATH MAN SR280 KBZ 2428 has been sold

GOLDEN BOY ROYDON Leyland Tiger/Plaxton YO1 7725 (NDW 138X) has been sold. To correct recent information YXI 9293 is registered YXI 9253.

HAILSTONE BASILDON Mercedes E430 DHJ has been sold

HALSTEAD TRAVEL Have sold Ford Transit B59 VMJ and Bedford/Plaxton YSV 617.

HARRIS BUS The last VR in the fleet VRP 39S has been sold. A further DAF DB250/N Counties has arrived M649 RCP, it also carries Lakeside Link livery. Harris have won the tender for service 108 Stratford to Lewisham and a large number of single deckers are on order to operate this service from mid 1997.

HARRIS COACHES Setra J91 WWC has been sold. Sherpa N25 COO in now being used by the bus division of the company.

KIRBY RAYLEIGH Not previously reported is that Bedford/Plaxton TVW 361R has been sold.

LEWIS MIDI HIRE CLACTON Bedford/Plaxton B674 EVW has been sold and replaced with G380 FSF a Mercedes/PMT minicoach.

M&E SHOE BURYNESS Bristol VR JHW 111P has been sold.

ROYLES ROCHFORD Bova/Duple A467 JRE has been sold.

RYDERS HARLOW Have acquired E194 JGM a Mercedes/Reeve Burgess from AJS Harlow.

S&M HADLEIGH AEC Reliance/Plaxton MRR 806K has been sold. Fleetline OJD 383R is now out of use.

S&P ROCHFORD Have sold AEC Reliance/Duple REK 927R.

SUPREME SOUTHEND Scania/Plaxton K3 SUP has been sold.

TIGERWAYS HARLOW Have sold former London Fleetline THX 534S.

UNITED TAXIS LAINDON Ford Transit E629 YRC has been sold

Thamesway

VEHICLES

New

706	P706 HPU	D212BRITGW10299	9610LFHWZ587	11.9
707	P707 HPU	D212BRITGW10300	9610LFHWZ588	11.9
708	P708 HPU	D212BRITGW10301	9610LFHWZ289	7.9
709	P709 HPU	D212BRITGW10344	9610LFHWZ290	4.10
710	P710 HPU	D212BRITGW10345	9610LFHWZ291	4.10
711	P711 HPU	D212BRITGW10346	9610LFHWZ292	4.10

711 is an additional vehicle.

A batch of Mercedes Minibuses is due for London service.

Allocations to 29.9.96

328 HH-BN, 331 HH-BN, 332 HH-BN, 333 HH-BNB, 334 HH-BN, 706 NEW-HH, 707 NEW-HH, 708 NEW-HH, 940 EN-HH, 1846 DTV-BN, 2821 PD-EN.

By Observation

709 NEW-HH, 710 NEW-HH, 711 NEW-HH.

940 and 2821 have returned to their owners. Driver Trainer 9018 (WJN 566S) has been returned to service.

Repaints

347, 348, 372, 375, 804.

There are no service alterations to report this month.

A new leaflet (dated 30.9) has been published for the revised 39/43 routes.

EASTERN NATIONAL

(Disposals, Initial)

<u>Fleet No.</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
0050	B37 AAF	Withdrawn, (ex Western National).	05/96
1844	WJN 564S	Withdrawn.	05/96
1935	MHJ 731V	To Eastern Counties.	01/96
2207	C207 HJN	Withdrawn.	05/96
2228	C482 BHY	Withdrawn.	04/96
2245	C700 ECV	To Hardwick, Carlton.	04/96
2249	C231 HCV	Withdrawn.	05/96
2251	C990 GCV	Withdrawn.	04/96
3223	MFA 721V	Withdrawn, (now replaced by NUM 339V, transferred from Yorkshire Rider).	04/96

(Subsequent Movements)

<u>Fleet No.</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
0436	606 JPU	To Thomas, Upper Llandwrog, (CNp), ex Thomas, Upper Llandwrog, (CNz).	12/95
0601	C601 NPU	To Oakley Home, Chelmsford.	05/96
0604	C604 NPU	To McKenzie, Workington ex Hoban, Workington.	03/96
0702	C541 BHY	To Eurotaxi, Harry Stoke from Southampton City Transport.	03/96
0709	C432 BHY	To Langly, St. Arvans from Southampton City Transport.	02/96
0718	C438 BHY	To ? Birkenhead, ex Jones Bontnewydd.	02/96
0719	C457 BHY	To Heaton, Leigh ex Lancashire Bus & Coach, Newton- le-Willows & subsequently burnt out.	03/96
0755	D755 RWC	To Russell, Sutton ex Frontline.	02/96
1500	PJT 255R	To Headlight, Carlton ex K-Line, Leeds.	02/96
1714	WNO 563L	Scrapped on site by Williams, Cross Keys.	03/96
1794	PEV 706R	Withdrawn by Quickstep Travel Ltd.	03/96
1927	MHJ 723V	To Yorkshire Rider from Quickstep Travel Ltd.	04/96
1930	MHJ 726V	To Quickstep Travel from Rider, (York), Ltd.	04/96
1932	MHJ 728V	To Yorkshire Rider from Quickstep Travel Ltd.	04/96
2385	WNO 481	To Museum, Tenerife ex ? , Bristol.	03/96
3101	UAR 591W	Transferred from Thamesway.	05/96

Southend
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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles:

Withdrawn...

VR 351 (YBF 686S)

Disposals:

Bristol VR,s 301(YNW 401S),302(YUM 515S),381(BUH 233V)
401 (LHG 440T),402(LHG 441T),403(LHG 447T),404(LHG 448T)
Have all been removed from London Road Depot.

Subsequent Disposals

RM 109(183 CLT) To Nostalgiabus,Mitcham.
(ex London & Country.)
LD 321/22 (CMJ 447/50T) To Lough Swilly,Ireland.
(ex Busways, 7/96.)

Repaints:

ON 906 (F576 SMG) into full fleet livery;

Services:

795 is now suspended for the winter period.
Last day for 1996 being 28/9/96.

Other News:

PD 334(CJN 434C) & RT 594(KTF 594)
Attended the Castle Point Transport Museum
open day on 13/10/96.

CITY COACH COMPANY

David Reynolds is interested in this company, which was based in Brentwood prior to 1953. He has details of the double-decker blind, but would like to hear from anyone who knows what the single-decker blind was. He can be contacted at 19 Beche Road, Colchester, or on 01206 794488.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

'The Tale of the Wandering JEV's'
The history of the Bristol K5G 3820-3844 JEV 411-435
ILLUSTRATED - Price £1.50 inc p&p
From; P Snell

'Multiways of Southend'
A brief history of this pre-war coach operator.
Price 30p
From; P Snell

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

The eight National Greenways from London & Country, Addlestone, arrived in September 1996. They are:

fleet no	registration	manufacturer's no	new	arrived
347	NIW 6507	1251	1974	18.9.96
348	NIW 6508	1556	1974	21.9.96
349	NIW 6509	4471	1977	18.9.96
350	NIW 6510	7618	1982	21.9.96
351	NIW 6511	2998	1976	11.9.96
352	NIW 6512	7616	1982	11.9.96
354	JIL 2194	4803	1977	18.9.96
355	JIL 2195	2772	1975	18.9.96

They are being painted in fleet livery before entering service. 351 went into the paint shop on 12.9.96 and came out on 23.9.96. After a smashed windscreen had been replaced, it entered service on 26.9.96. Next into the paint shop was 349 on 23.9.96, coming out on 4.10.96, when 354 went in. 349 joined 351 on service 5 on 7.10.96; it is intended to use three Greenways on service 5, to try to improve time-keeping.

The Greenways are replacing the ex-L & C Atlanteans; 62 (RCN 96N) and 185 (XPG 185T) were removed on 18.9.96, 63 (RFR 415P) on 21.9.96, and 72 (RFR 419P) went to Southend Transport on 23.9.96. The rest (64, 65, 66 and 70) are expected to be removed by the end of October 1996. The remains of 145 were towed away on 23.9.96.

Other vehicle news is that 46 is being brought up to DiPTAC standards, 463 was at Duxford on 29.9.96, and the Bright-Tech blinds are being up-dated. A fleet list, dated September 1996, is available from Raymond Giles, the General Manager (sae please) at 38 Magdalen Street, CO1 2LD.

On 22.9.96 Olympians 41, 45, 47, 48 and 49 and Atlantean 88 (Olympian 43 was indisposed) were used on a railway replacement service for Capital CityBus, running between Leytonstone and Bethnal Green. 45, 47, 48 and 49 were similarly used on 29.9.96, when a CBT driver drove CCB's 277. And 47, 48, and 49 were used in the same way on 6.10.96.

From 16.9.96 to 4.10.96 there was a regular private hire from Monkwick to Horkesley for fruit picking at Pattersons Farm. Tiger 103 was the usual vehicle.

COUNTY BUS & COACH

FLEET

Northern Counties DAF SB220 low-floor demonstrator N986 FWT was on loan in June and working on the 724 between Harlow and Heathrow Airport.

New Vehicles

Ware garage has received 3 new 10.6 metre Dennis Dart SLFs with 41 seat Wright Crusader bodies. They are registered P416-8 HVX and started operating on route 395, on Saturday 14 September.

Grays garage has received 11 new standard Dennis Darts which have started operating on LRT contract routes 256 and 346 on 28 September. The details of which will be given in next months EBN. The 13 super low floor Dennis Darts for routes 370/373 from Grays Garage had not been delivered as at the beginning of October.

By the end of the year will be two double-deckers for contract work (the rest of the Atlanteans will be sold), 1 Leyland Leopard, 26 Dennis Darts (including 13 SLFs) and 10 minibuses at Grays.

New Livery

Since the Cowie take-over, two green stripes at the back (similar to the yellow stripes carried by Cowie Leaside and Cowie South London) have started to be applied to some vehicles. The cream and green colours are remaining and the Cowie logo is unlikely to appear on the buses. In August, Ware Dennis Dart L415 NHJ was the first to be applied with the new livery along with a new Lea Valley logo. The rest of the fleet will be repainted eventually. All the new vehicles are painted in the new livery.

5 former Grays Dennis Darts (now at Harlow) and a number of Leyland Tigers were being re-liveried during September/October.

The details of the allocation changes will appear in next months EBN.

Publicity

Townlink Harlow Town Services timetable was produced, dated 1st July 1996 and a new Lea Valley timetable booklet was produced for August. A new service guide is in preparation as is a new Thameside booklet.

SERVICES

2 September	364	Grays-Purfleet. Revised timetable
	652	Ongar-Brentwood (Schooldays only). Journey projected back from Ongar to start from and finish at North Weald
3 September	18	New Monday-Friday HCC contract. Buntingford Greenways - Bishops Stortford, extended to Bishops Stortford High School, schooldays.

9 September	381	Harlow-Coopersale. ECC contract. Revised timings. 1630 Harlow - Coopersale re-routed via Roydon instead of via Staple Tye.
14 September	370/373	Grays-Romford. Conversion to Metrobus not to take place.
28 September	445	Bellus-Rainham. Revised timetable to improve train connections at Rainham.
29 September	312	Harlow-Elsenham (Sundays & Holiday Mondays only). ECC contract. Renumbered 512.
6 October	382	Tilbury Ferry-Lakeside (Sundays & Holiday Mondays only). ECC contract. Last day of operation due to withdrawal of Tilbury Ferry service.
2 November	395	Hertford & Ware local service. Revision to Chauncy School afternoon journey. Extended from Ware to Hertford Bus Station.



Former Thamesway Leyland Olympian 1001 (H401 XV) is now 109 in the Eastern Counties fleet, seen here working a Norwich City Service.

A. Osborne

TED MILES REFLECTS

PASSING POINTS

DESTINATION BLINDS, 1960'S AT BASILDON DEPOT

You may ask what are passing points?

In the good old days of full information for passengers we showed the ultimate destination plus important points on route together with the route number.

Let's start with route 53, Clacton to Tilbury Ferry. Our duty card instructions would be as follows;-

From Tilbury Ferry:- If only one bus operating would show ultimate destination, normally CLACTON, and passing points,

**LAINDON
GRAYS**

When handing over at Chelmsford the passing points would be changed to;

**WITHAM
HATFIELD PEVERAL**
or on some cars it would read
**WITHAM
KELVEDON**

On arrival at Colchester for the next stage to Clacton the passing points would be changed to;

**WIVENHOE
ST. OSYTH**

There was an interesting variation to this. If on leaving Tilbury Ferry there was a duplicate vehicle for Chelmsford the through car to Clacton's passing points would read;

**CHELMSFORD
COLCHESTER**

Being such a long route with many short workings there were many variations. For instance, if operating a short from Grays to Billericay the passing points would read;

**ORSETT
HORNDON ON THE HILL**

Passing point blinds were very, very long as there were short workings on most routes to include.

Now lets turn to route 244, Pitsea Station to Laindon Station:-

If you had a short from Pitsea to Basildon Town Centre the passing points would be;

**VANGE BARGE
WHITMORE WAY**

On through journeys from Pitsea to Laindon the passing points would be;

**WHITMORE WAY
BASILDON TOWN CENTRE**

There was a certain inspector at Basildon Depot who was very hot on seeing the correct ultimate destination displayed and would certainly book you if your passing points were set incorrectly, which is as it should be. For me it was never too much trouble to set the blinds correctly and indeed enjoyed the challenge!

With the many variation of routes it was possible to show something for a passing point and thank goodness very few blinds had **SERVICE** on them as was Eastern Counties policy, which was a 'lazy, easy' way out.

Destination blinds I feel are somthing that is not given a lot of space or coverage in the various publications for enthusiasts, and if a lot of interest is shown I can supply anyone with all passing points from Basildon Depot should they want them re:- my time at Basildon Depot in the 60's

