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Membership Renewals - June 1995

Members whose subscription expires in June will find a yellow membership renewal form enclosed with this month's magazine.

The membership secretary hopes that all members concerned will renew their subscriptions and requests that the renewal forms be returned to him as soon as possible, with the appropriate remittance.

Frank Allen

It is with great regret that we report the recent death of group member Frank Allen from Hadleigh. Our sympathies are extended to his family on their bereavement.

Dates For Your Dairy

June 4th	Southend Rally Southchurch Park
June 25th	North Weald

The group stand will be at each of these events, so come along and introduce yourself.

Eastern National enter Southend again !!, with new EN Venturer services 33 and 33X linking Southend - Chelmsford - Bishops Stortford. The only other EN vehicle to enter the Southend area since the EN/Thamesway split has been at Rochford on an Asda contract. Eastern National also no longer visit Basildon with the transfer of EN duties of 152 - 153 to Thamesway.

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Contributions for June EBN should be with sub-editors should arrive by June 6th and managing editor by June 12th.

EASTERN NATIONAL

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

1001	EWR 651Y	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
1002	EWR 652Y	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
1003	EWR 653Y	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
1004	A660 KUM	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
1005	A663 KUM	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
1006	A665 KUM	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
1007	A668 KUM	Leyland Tiger	Duple Dominant	DP47F
4010	C410 HJN	Leyland Olympian	ECW	DPH42/30F

1001-7 were ex Yorkshire Rider in 4/95. Chassis numbers in order are 8201731/2/3, 8300929/964/982/985. Body numbers for 1003 (3395630) and 1005 (4395806), others are awaited.

4010 was ex Thamesway in 5/95, has chassis 10005 and body 26279, it was new to Eastern National in 1/86 and passed to Thamesway in 7/90.

ALLOCATIONS

5/95 228 D/L(D)-CF; 246 POOL-BE; 601 CF-BE; 1001-7 ACQD-CF; 1111/14/15/17/19/27 CF-D/L(D); 1123 DT-D/L(D); 1125 CF-DT; 1844 CR-D/L(D); 1860 CF-D/L(D); 1909/14 CF-D/L(D); 4010 ACQD-CR; 4014 CR-CF.

SERVICES

The following service revisions came into effect on 7.5.95.

- 21/A** Revised timetable. Most journeys operate as 21. Interworks with revised 35.
- 30** Slight timetable alteration.
- 31A** Slight timetable alteration.
- 33** Revised to operate between Southend Central Bus Station and Bishops Stortford (via current 11 and 33 routes). Most alternate services operate as X33 via Arterial Road, Rayleigh, A130, Chelmsford, A138, A130, Gt Dunmow and Stansted. 33 two hourly, X33 two hourly. Commercial service introduced on Sundays.
- 34** Revised to operate Beckers Green to Gt Notley via Fairfield Road and White Courts. Hourly.
- 34A** Withdrawn.
- 35** Chelmsford to Braintree section withdrawn and extended to Kipling Way in Braintree. Converted to minibus from BE and increased to half hourly.
- 36** Slight timetable alteration.
- 37** Slight timetable alteration, no longer serves Beckers Green School.
- 39** Slight timetable alteration.
- 40/A** 40 revised to operate from Dorset Avenue to Welland Avenue. Via current 41B to Gt Baddow, then via 40 to Bus Station, 48 to Trent Road, then Chignall Road. Returns via current 48 and 40 to Gowers Ave, then Noakes Ave and Dorset Ave. 40A renumbered 50 operates from Maltings Est to North Melbourne via current 40A and 49. Both run half hourly to give a 15 minute frequency for most of the route.

- 41** Current evening service withdrawn. 41 now operates North Melbourne to Galleywood via current 41B to Gt Baddow, then 40 to Dorset Ave then 41B to Galleywood. Every 15 minutes (M-F) 20 minutes (Sat).
- 41A** Re-numbered 51, revised timetable. Frequency as service 41.
- 41B** Withdrawn and replaced by revised 41(qv)
- 42** Revised to operate Galleywood to Broomfield Hospital via existing 42 & 43. No longer serves Tesco Car Park. Revised timetable.
- 43/A** Withdrawn and replaced by various services. New service 43 operates from Oaklands Park to North Melbourne via existing 35 and 47. Hourly.
- 44** Oaklands Park to North Melbourne via 35 to Broomfield Road, then Kings Road, Sunrise Ave, Rutland Road then 47 to North Melbourne. Hourly.
- 45** Moulsham Lodge to Writtle. Via current 45 to Bus Station then 40 to Westlands and 43 to Writtle. 45A then operates anti Clockwise round Writtle and 45C operates Clockwise. Evening service 45 operates from Moulsham Lodge to Broomfield Hospital via current 45 and 43.
- 47** Withdrawn between Bus Station and North Melbourne. Increased frequency.
- 48** Revised to operate Chelmer Village to Anglia University via current 48 and 42. Increased frequency. Sunday service re-numbered 50.
- 48A** Evening service withdrawn and replaced by 48.
- 49** Withdrawn and replaced by services 48 and 50 (qv). Section to Sainsburys now covered by 71,72 and 73.
- 49/A** Bishops Stortford - Harlow renumbered 58/A. Slight timetable alteration. It also no longer serves Sainsburys in Harlow.
- 56B** Evening service withdrawn and replaced by service 56.
- 58** Re-numbered 58A. Service 49 now operates as service 58.
- 58A** Re-numbered 58.
- 59** Slight timetable alterations. No longer serves Sainsburys, Harlow.
- 133** Revised timetable.
- 152** Operation of the entire group of services 1252-155 passes to Thamesway.
- 308/9** Revised timetable.
- 330** Revised timetable.
- 333** Revised timetable. ne journey extended to Mountfitchett School as 339. No longer serves Sainsburys, Harlow.
- 350/1** Extended from Chelmsford to Braintree via existing 35. Alternate journeys operate via Westway and Writtle Road in Chelmsford. Thamesway operation withdrawn. One journey each way (M-F) extends to Halstead.
- 354** Revised timetable.
- 451** Monday to Saturday services re-numbered 351 and no longer serve Writtle, as the village is served by new service 45A/C.

Services 54,55,56, and 57 are broadly unchanged. However, they no longer serve Sainsburys and are revised to terminate at Golden Acres.

Other service revisions are as follows:-

- 83** With effect from 30.5.95, extended to Colne Engaine on Mondays only. Friday extention to Crepping Hall Green withdrawn.
- 100** Re-introduced for Summer from 28.5.95. Operates Clacton to St Osyth, daily.
- 101** As for service 100, but operates Jaywick to Highfields Holiday Park.
- 102** Extended to North Station on Sundays with effect from 21.5.95.
- 119** All journeys revised to opertae 5 minutes later from 21.5.95.

In Clacton Summer schedules will be introduced on services 1/A/B,2, 13 & 14 from 28.5.95. and on services 5/A, 12 on 30.5.95.

PUBLICITY

Timetable book for Mid Essex and Herts dated 7.5.95. price 25p.

Leaflet for EN Bus Services serving Stansted Airport dated 12.2.95.

Timetable leaflet for services 71; 72; 73; 75,75A,119 & 129 all dated 10.4.95.

Chelmsford to Witham summary timetable dated 10.4.95.

Map of Chelmsford Town Services dated 7.5.95. Free. This is in the popular style of different coloured lines for each route, with a town centre map with stops shown. Details of the recent revisions are also given. This item was delivered in every home in the Chelmsford area.

Leaflet for Days Out April to December 1995.

Eastern National Buses at Easter 1995.

Changes to Bus Routes 53,53B,91,92 from 10.4.95.

GENERAL

Outstation requirements have changed once again. Maldon now has 9 vehicles (8 single deck and one VR), while Bishops Cleeve have 13 vehicles (3 single deck, 5 Dart and 5 minibus).

New style bus stops have appeared in Chelmsford, they give the name of the stop (a la Basildon) and route numbers served by the stop.

Your sub editor is most impressed with the recent steps forward in terms of publicity.

The new map is very clear and easy to use, while the idea of names on stops is not new, but is of great benefit to passengers (or customers!). A new day rover priced at £2 is also available for use on all town services (after 0900 M-F).

REPAIRS

4/95 609 613 618 801 3230 3232 3233

801 is an overall advert for Rollerworld.

The ex Yorkshire Rider Tigers are being painted in a revised dp livery prior to entering service and carry the marketing name Venturer.

616 is now the only Mercedes 709 in old livery at Chelmsford. This is assumed to be because it carries a painted advert for Essex Cricket Club.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

18.3.95 CN 653 on service 64/A (CR operated service)

1.5.95 CF 638 on service 72 (normally MN outstation big bus).

Pool vehicles 246 and 249 have been in use at Colchester.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

225 (C478 BHY)	Brewer, Port Talbot, 4/95.
227 (C481 BHY)	Brewer, Port Talbot, 4/95.
700 (B461 WTC)	Hoston Ramm (dealer), Manchester, 4/95.
702 (B468 WTC)	As 700.
703 (B469 WTC)	As 700.
706 (B473 WTC)	As 700.
707 (C427 AHT)	As 700.

HEDINGHAM

VEHICLES

Further vehicles recorded in fleet livery are L182 (ex Norfolks) and L233 (ex Partridge).

SERVICES

- X15** Introduced on Fridays only from Chappel to Cambridge from 26.5 to 8.9.95.
601 Saffron Walden to Colchester. Introduced from 21.5.95. Sunday and Bank Holiday only.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ABLEACE HARLOW Have surrendered their operators license and ceased operating.

ADAMS BRENTWOOD To correct EBN 372, ABV 881V is Ford/Duple.

ADVANCE MINIBUS HOCKLEY Have acquired B906 RDX a Mercedes minibus from Roadrunner Canvey.

AMBER BUS & COACH A further Bova acquired is XCP 144X. This operators version of service 3 from Benfleet to Canvey was withdrawn from 3.5.95.

APT RAYLEIGH Bovas re-registered are BGS 71A to BAZ 6877 and PMS 1M to APT 416B. Vehicles sold in recent months/years are NCD 563M (VR/ECW), ADX 49S (Bedford/Willowbrook), GIL 2632 (Leopard/Plaxton), GIL 7549 (Setra S228DT), JIW 6873 (Ford/Plaxton), NJI 8869 (Bedford/Plaxton). BAZ 6877 was soon sold to M&E Shoeburyness.

AVRO STANFORD LE HOPE Have added RSU 883 (PNT 832X) a Bedford YNT/Duple to their fleet.

BERNARDS COACHES HARLOW Revised timetable and some journeys diverted via Roydon on service 381, with effect from 22.5.95.

BLUE TRIANGLE Service 204 had a revised timetable, which includes a Saturday service introduced from 9.5.95.

BJS GT WAKERING Have acquired Volvo/Plaxton Supreme 71 FXO.

BUZZ HARLOW Revised timetables were introduced on services B1/11/31 from 15.5.95. In addition B6 has a revised timetable and route and service B16 is withdrawn.

BOON BOREHAM One of the first Setra S250s in the country is M858 YVW.

CHAMBERS BURES A revised timetable was introduced on the Colchester service from 24.4.95.

CHELMSFORD CAB Vehicles sold are DAF mini F996 KNO and Fiat HIL 6589.

CROWN BENFLEET Have acquired F677 BBD a LAG ex Coachstop, Southend.

DISTRICT BUS Noted in April was Mercedes/Alexander minibus D220 SKD, assumed to be on loan from London & Country.

DON DUNMOW Leyland Tiger/Duple TXI 8755 has been sold.

EASTERN COUNTIES Have registered a Sunday and Bank Holiday service from East Bergholt to Clacton. Numbered 169 it runs 28.5.95. to 24.9.95. at 1232 ex East Bergholt and 1638 ex Clacton.

FARGO RAYNE Further Scania/Van Hool are M308/9 VET. It is also reported that two Scania/Irizar have been purchased - further details awaited. Thought to be a dealer loan is J235 XKY a Scania K93/Van Hool.

GRAHAMS KELVEDON Ford Transit E786 MEU reported as sold in EBN 371 is still present.

HARRIS THURROCK Olympian E852 DPN returned to Eastbourne and Atlanteans OYJ 68/71R returned in Nottingham in April. No vehicles (as at 9.5.95.) were on hire. Talbot E859 AKN has been altered to B18FL, by the addition of rear bench seats. 8947 FH (ex F97 MHJ) has been sold. Summer Sunday service 661 from Southend to Wallasea Island, commences on 21.5.95. A minor route revision was made to service 372 in Chadwell St Mary on 3.5.95. While a slight route and timetable revision was introduced on service 375 from the same date.

JACKSON BICKNACE Have acquired NSU 182 (KNO 222Y) from BJS Gt Woking.

LEE ROY HARLOW Ford/Duple BBY 429Y has been sold.

STALLION COACHES BOREHAM Have sold PEW 623X a Ford/Plaxton. The Bova owned is once again parked at Damases Lane.

STEPHENSON ROCHFORD Last months April Fool (was the sub ed) PHH 407/8R were new to Cumberland, PPH 461-75R were with London Country.

SUPREME SOUTHEND A first here is Leyland National PTD 671S.

THAMES WEALD A revised timetable was introduced on all services from an unknown date.

TILBURY TAXIS Have sold Transit D498 AEW.

WIFFEN FINCHINGFIELD Have acquired GSX 121N after a short stay with Stans, Gt Totham.

STEPHENSONS FLEETLIST APRIL 1995

JTD 393P	Daimler CRL6-33	N Counties	H49/35F
KOU 796P	Bristol VRT/SL3/501	ECW	H39/31F
PHH 407R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
PHH 408R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
TPE 155S	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
YBF 682S	Bristol VRT/SL3/501	ECW	H43/31F
CJH 115V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
CJH 141V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
FAD 272Y	Leyland Royal Tiger	Roe	C50F
OIB 5401	Leyland Royal Tiger	Roe	C??F
OIB 5402	Leyland Royal Tiger	Roe	C??F

A number of vehicles in dealer stock are also held at any one time.

ESSEX SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES

The following services will be introduced on Sunday 21st May and will operate on Sundays and Bank Holidays until Sunday 24th September. Services 133, 601 and 622 will however continue to run all year round.

- 133 Braintree - Felstead - Gt Dunmow - Takeley - Bishops Stortford. Operated by Townlink, every two hours.
- 312 Revised to operate every two hours Elsenham - Harlow, still operated by Townlink.
- 504 Re-routed to serve Bishops Stortford Interchange.
- 600 Ongar - North Weald - Epping - Theydon Bois - Abridge - Romford. Operated by Townlink, every two hours. Together with service 200 and 500 provides an hourly service, over common sections of route.
- 601 Increased to three journeys each way and operation transferred to Heddingham.
- 605 Colchester - Tendring - Thorpe Le Soken - Kirby - Frinton -Walton. Operated by Eastern National, two journeys each way.
- 606 Walton - Frinton - Thorpe Le Soken - Oakleys - Dovercourt - Harwich. Operated by Eastern National, one journey each way.
- 622 Continues unchanged, except departure from Braintree is now at 2010.
- 631 Saffron Walden - Thaxted - Finchingfield - Braintree - Witham - Maldon - Burnham. Operated by Eastern National, every two hours.
- 661 Southend - Sutton Cemetery - Rochford - Gt Stambridge - Canewdon - Wallasea. Operated by Harris, Every two hours.
- 663 Maldon - Purleigh - South Woodham - Wickford - Crays Hill - Barleylands - Basildon. Operated by Brentwood Coaches with vintage vehicles. Note operates 18.6. 25.6. 23.7 30.7 20.8 27.8 and 28.8 only, with three journeys each way. Full details of vehicles to be used are in the new Sunday Saver timetable.
- 698 Bradwell - Tillingham - Southminster - Burnham. One journey each way is extended to Maylandsea and Steeple. Operated by Eastern National at basically two hourly intervals.

Additional services will operate on service 631 between Witham and Braintree on 11th June, in connection with the Essex History Fair at Cressing Temple. Every two hours at 0915 ex Braintree and 1020 ex Witham. Operation will be by Brentwood Coaches using a vintage vehicle(s).

The Essex Sunday Saver is valid on all these services, but if you wish to travel further afield The Anglia Sunday Saver covers most services in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Suffolk.

Prices are:	Essex	Anglia
Family (up to 4 people, max. 2 adults)	£6.30	£8.00
Adult	£3.00	£4.00
Senior Citizen	£3.00	£3.30
Child (under 16)	£1.60	£2.50

Details of all services serving Essex are available in the free Essex Sunday Saver timetable book.



THAMESWAY
Your Local Bus Way

THAMESWAY

VEHICLES

A Western National Dennis Dart has been on loan to Thamesway at Basildon. The two week hire commenced on 21st April and 926 was loaned to Western National.

426 M426 GCV Dennis Dart 9.8SDL, Plaxton Pointer B37F

Leyland Olympian 4010 (C410 HJN) has been transferred to Eastern National. Eastern National Leyland National 1844 (WJN 564S) has been transferred to Thamesway.

Mercedes 315/6 are now in the new livery (314 carries advertising livery).

BD 354 fitted with reversible London Transport Service signs and Radio.
BD 355 fitted with reversible London Transport service signs but no radio.
Both 354/5 are spare vehicles for LT work.
BD 261 is used on crew transfer work.

Allocations 8.5.95

202 Pool-D/L; 207 Pool-D/L; 241 BN-Pool; 225 BD-BN; 257 BN-BD; 939 BD-BN;
940 BD-BN; 1821 Pool-D/L; 1835 Pool-D/L; 1837 Pool-D/L; 1844 EN-BN;
1886 BD-BN; 1888 Pool-D/L; 1904 Pool-D/L; 4004 BD-PD; 4010 BD-EN;
9705 Pool-D/L; 9712 Pool-D/L; 9717 Pool-D/L; 9720 Pool-D/L.

Subsequent Disposals

1712 XEU 860T Merseybus 8183
1852 YEV 310S Merseybus 8184
1898 DAR 122T Merseybus 8182
1915 JHJ 141V Merseybus 8181

OPERATIONS

15/16 Buses serve the stop inside Tesco's car park and notification
250 was required.

232 ECC contracts for these Basildon area Sunday service are
241/4 now worked by Thameswat using BN Mercedes (until now BN
was closed on Sunday).

The last journey on route 11 on Saturday 6th May was Leyland National 1881.
Brentwoods Dennis Darts have been seen working the 251/551

London Transport (Correction)

379 This route is at present worked by Grey-Green.

To answer a members query-

1822 1.92 Ripley (dlr), Carlton
1854 9.94 Lister (dlr), Bolton
1859, 1979, 1880 are delicensed (add to n/s 371 allocn)



FLEET**New Vehicles On Order**

MB 730-44 Iveco 59.12/Marshall B25F
delivery anticipated during the next 6 months.

(NB: The existing MB 743 will be renumbered MB 43)

Vehicle On Hire

6639 SDA 639S Leyland Fleetline FE30AGR Park Royal H76F 1978

Repaints

4/95 BOV 595 to Sampson livery

Allocation Changes

3/95 6639 WMT to Grays
5/95 MBT 801 Delicensed to Harlow

SERVICES

- 21 May 370 On Sundays only extended from Romford, Mercury Gardens to St Edwards Way and minor timetable adjustments to improve connections in Romford with ECC Sunday network.
- 504 Re-routed northbound in Bishops Stortford to serve Station Interchange.
- 22 May 18 Operation via Helions Bumpstead on 1045F Saffron Walden to Haverhill and 1200F Haverhill to Saffron Walden journeys withdrawn.
- 3 June 240/250 Revised NSu timetable with all journeys extended beyond Loughton Station to Debden Broadway via Borders Lane. Su Debden terminus changed from Langston Road to Broadway.
- 251 Service withdrawn.
- 517 251 journeys between Upshire and Waltham Cross renumbered 517. Enfield terminating journeys extended to Oakwood Station via Windmill Hill, Slades Hill, Bincote Road, Lonsdale Drive, Kenwood Avenue and Prince George Avenue.
- 5 June 711 0720 NSSu Harlow to Redbridge and 0753 NSSu Redbridge to Harlow journeys withdrawn.
- 4 August 37 Last day of operation.

Southend Transport

I have now received updated news regarding the 8 Volvo B10Ms.

Only the NXI registration numbers and 1 coach (AHS) have come from Express Travel. The coaches previous owners ,are not known at present.

Vehicles.

Volvo B10M/Plaxton Paramount 3200 mk3 C53F.

565 (H845 AHS) 566-571 (NXI 9001- NXI 9006)

572 (F572 UPB) (re -registered from NXI 9007)

568 (NXI 9003) is a Paramount 3500.

Coaches to be withdrawn when all the Volvo,s have entered service and the remaining Tigers have been re -painted are

554/5/6 (A154/44/56 EPA) and 561/2/4 (A103/6/26 EPA) and one Caribbean possibly 550 (A250 SVW) to go to Colchester.

The First Volvo,s entered service on the afternoon of 12/5/95.

572 (F572 UPB) on 15:10 X11 (ex Southend) 17:40 X10 (ex Embankment)

571 (NXI 9006) on 16:30 X1 (ex Southend) 19:35 X2 (ex Victoria.)

VR (LPF 597P) has been purchased for spares only.

Repaints.

ON 256 (A110 FDL) is to be repainted into bus livery.(Blue/White.)

ON 265 (H265 GEV) into all over advert for Choice Discount Stores.

ON 446/47 (F246 MTW /H47 MJN) have finally received fleet names, and London Coachlink lettering.

Subsequent Disposals.

ON 398/9 (A698/9 EAU) have passed to Sister Company Luton & District.

(ex Buffalo, Flitwick).

Services.

2 Revised Sunday service.

795 The 1995 Service commenced on 15/4/95 until 30/9/95.

Revisions commencing 15/5/95

* NEW SERVICE:*

17 Southend & Eastwood Rise.

via London Road to the Cricketers,Milton Road,Cliffs Pavilion,Hamlet Ct Road, Canewdon Road,Valkyrie Road,Kings Road,Leigh Road,Leigh Broadway,Leigh Church, to Rectory Grove.Then as service 23A to Eastwood.

Monday to Saturday daytime. (mainly LN operated.)

23 Additional early evening journeys, Monday to Friday.

(Supported by Southend Council)

23A Off peak Morning/Afternoon journeys withdrawn. Replaced by 17.

62/62A Additional hourly evening service Mon-Sat. (out as 62A back 62).

(Supported by Southend Council.)

X1 group. Revised Timetable from end of May.

718 Green Line service; Operated by S.T coach on layover in London.

London Victoria -Windsor 09:25

Windsor -London Victoria 12:10 (Mon to Fri).

Unusual Workings.

TR 549 (A249 SVW) on 15:30 5A (ex Bournes Green) 24/4/95.
VR 382 (GTX 751W) on 17:30 X1 19/4/95
" " " " On 18:30 X2 2/5/95

Publicity.

The New style Timetables are 2 tone blue, with a picture of Southend High St. on the front, with an artist drawing of a Volvo /Northern Counties on top.
New Timetable Leaflets for;

795 dated 15/4/95 (Green Line style)

17 Dated 15/5/95

23 " " "

23A " " "

62/62A " " " X1 group (Green Line style)

General.

New Wayfarer III ticket machines are to be introduced by the end of May. They are to be used in connection with the Essex County Council sponsored Transcard scheme. The cards will be in use sometime in July.
(Wayfarer III is also being used by Stephensons & Thamesway.)

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Atlantean 63 (RFR415P) entered service on 13.4.95. Tiger 104 has been repaired and was in the paint shop at the beginning of May 1995.

Southend Transport's 550 was borrowed for private hire work from 7 to 9.4.95 and from 27 to 28.4.95. Open-top Atlantean 55 was loaned to ST from 27 to 28.4.95.

ST's Olympian 265 was repainted at Magdalen Street between 29.4.95 and 2.5.95.

CBT did railway replacement work as a sub-contractor to Capital Citybus on 14, 15, 16 and 17.4.95. On the first two days two ONs were on standby at Ilford. On 16th three ONs were at Ilford and one ran between Plaistow and Bromley by Bow. On 17th four ONs (41, 45, 48 and 49) and Atlantean 88 were used: four at Ilford and one between Plaistow and Bromley by Bow.

Services were diverted around Colchester Bus Station from 9.5.95.

CBT has lost the ECC contract to operate evening journeys on services 2 and 8 from September 1995 to Eastern National. This will leave the evening output as just the two buses on service 1/1A.

A ticket promotion for Kentucky Fried Chicken started on 1.5.95.

The reference last month to 'Lynx 25' should have been to 'National 25'.

DID YOU READ.....

April 14th: Kelevdon Parish Council heard that bus service 53 would change to service 71 but the retention of the number 53 on Sundays would they felt cause confusion. The loss of one bus during the morning and evening rush hour was noted and comment was to be made to the appropriate authority. (ECS)

May 1st: A display of transport through the ages featuring around 70 photographs will be on permanent display at the Bus Stop Shop, a new travel agent in High Street Kelvedon run by Grahams Coaches. (EG)

May 3rd: Residents of Colchester's Greenstead Estate are to meet an Eastern National representative over alleged problems with bus services in the area. In response to complaints over lack of a bus service to the General Hospital "Eastern National may introduce a special hopper bus route and is investigating restoring a service along St Andrews Avenue which was cut when the new Tesco opened". Complaints of high fares from Brightlingsea residents may result in a Master Saver ticket being introduced for a trial period (EG)

May 4th: Parents are up in arms as Eastern National is to reduce by half the frequency of the Bocking to Notley service which will casue their offspring problems in reaching Notley High School. Again users appeared to have had warning of the impending cuts only days before their implementation. The company said they would investigate the possibility of providing additional buses. (EG)

May 5th: A readers letter tells how he was refused travel on the Colchester park and ride service as he was unable to provide the driver with evidence that he had alighted from a form of polluting transport. As a non car owner he failed to see why as he subsidised the service he could not travel. A council spokesman said people using the scheme paid partly to park and partly to use the bus. (ECS)

COLCHESTER BUS STATION

From Monday April 24th the independents layover area at Colchester Bus Station was closed as work commenced on the demolition of the multi storey car park. The initial stages of the work involved demolition of various structures around the car park entrance and installation of temporary toilets. On Sunday 30th April the walkway between the car park and the rear of St James House was demolished to allow works to be carried out to widen access to the area behind the café. Details of alterations to services appeared in the Evening Gazette on 4th May and the following days Essex County Standard. Colchester Council claimed to have produced 20,000 leaflets but these are few and far between and no notices have been displayed in buses.

From May 9th no CBT services nor Eastern National 64/A, 65/A, 66/A/B, 67/A, 69 and 78/A (towards General Hospital) serve the Bus Station. The current arrangements in the temporary bus station are that all EN buses are running into the independents layover bays to load, then reverse out. Stands do not appear to be allocated. Other operators use the short stay parking/taxi area. The EN layover area is being used for car parking and taxis while the buses now layover in the EN yard. Independent operators have been allocated the Sheepen Road Car Park to lay over, which given the distance is hardly practical and some have been noted using the Stanwell Street bays.

Work in the first week of closure appears to have been confined to the erection of scaffolding. The demolition of the car park has been a controversial issue, with demands for it to be replaced having been turned down by the Council who prefer a modernised bus station with some commercial development. Work is expected to be complete by July 21st, when at least one section of the community will be happy - the bus photographer.

LOOKING BACK

1955 Eastern Traffic Area Notice and Proceedings for 2nd May carries an application from Southend Corporation for introduction of a Leigh on Sea circular running from the Railway Station. The service would be operated by 28 seater salon vehicles; the driver also acting as conductor. A hearing was held at the Southend County Court on 5th July and the application was later withdrawn.

1965 Bristol FL6Gs 2830-2 (KNO953-5C) were delivered to Eastern National during early May. 2826 which had been delivered in March was reported to have a fibre glass panelled body which reduced the weight to 8 tons 4 hundredweights 3 pounds from 8.5.1. A large number of transfers took place with Canvey receiving its first single decker and Hadleigh its first FLF coach.

1975 Bristol VRs 3049-51 (JNO190-2N) were delivered to Eastern National during April while 40 vehicles were withdrawn. Colchester Borough Transport received 55-60 (JHK495-500N) during February and March. These Leyland Atlanteans had the latest style ECW bodywork and were converted to fully automatic transmission at Self Changing Gears, Coventry, before delivery.

1985 Eastern National took delivery of two Peugeot 505 Family Diesel estate cars B258/9CHK from Currie Motors (Southend) Ltd for use on a new network of "Countrycar" services. Southend Transport open-top Fleetline 373 (WJN373J) was on hire to London Pride Sightseeing since at least May 4th. Videmat ticket and fare equipment ceased to be used after April 23rd. The X1 service extended from May to Thorpe Park first Sunday of each month or Windsor on the third Sunday.

SERVICE 33 BRAINTREE — STISTED — GREENSTEAD GREEN — COLNE ENGINE — GREAT MAPLESTEAD

LIGHT FIGURES DENOTE A.M. TIMES

DARK FIGURES DENOTE P.M. TIMES

Wednesdays	Saturdays	READ DOWN	READ UP	Wednesdays	Saturdays
12 15 3 35	1 22 4 52 7 7	dep. Braintree, Bus Park	arr. 11 10 1 10	10 55 2 12 5 42 7 57	
12 30 3 50	1 37 5 7 32	Stisted, Only Arms	dep. 10 55 12 55	10 40 1 57 5 27 7 42	
12 40 4 10	1 47 5 17 32	Greenstead Green, E. Colne, Sign Post	10 45 12 45	10 30 1 47 5 17 7 32	
4 11		Exr's Colne, Station Road	10 34		
4 16		Colne Engine	10 29		
4 29		Febmarsh	10 16		
4 45		arr. Gt. Maplestead, White Horse	10 0		

FOR OTHER SERVICES between Braintree and Febmarsh see Services 24 and 30; and between Colne Engine and Febmarsh see Service 30.

FARES PLEASE!

The old familiar request, but with a difference now. Many of the Conductors are serving with the Forces, and their places taken by women, ready and willing to play their part in the National Effort. It's not an easy job, so please help them by—

- ★ TENDERING EXACT FARE, WHERE POSSIBLE.
- ★ NOT OVERCROWDING THE LOWER DECKS.
- ★ GETTING ON AND OFF AT FIXED STOPPING PLACES.
- ★ NOT TRAVELLING UNNECESSARILY DURING BUSINESS RUSH HOURS and in many other ways.

HELP US TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE.

LIGHT FIGURES DENOTE A.M. TIMES

DARK FIGURES DENOTE P.M. TIMES

		Weekdays															
		F0	F50	F50	F50	F50	SX	S0	F0	F0	FSX	W50					
Chelmsford, Omnibus Station.....dep.	5 45	7 25	9 25	11 10	.....	1 50	3 0	4 0	4 25	HH	6 0	HH	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gt. Baddow, Blue Lion	5 57	7 37	9 37	11 22	.....	2 2	2 13	4 12	4 37	5 17	6 12	6 47	8 52	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danbury, Eve's Corner	6 10	7 50	9 50	11 35	.....	2 15	3 25	4 25	4 50	5 30	6 25	7 0	9 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodham Ferrers, The Bell	6 24	8 4	10 4	11 49	.....	2 29	3 39	4 39	5 4	5 44	6 39	7 14	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Woodham, Railway Hotel arr.	6 28	8 8	10 8	11 53	.....	2 33	3 43	4 43	5 8	5 43	6 43	7 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		F0	F50	F50	F50	F50	SX	S0	F0	F0	FSX	W50					
South Woodham, Railway Hotel dep.	6 30	8 10	10 15	12 0	.....	2 40	3 45	4 45	5 10	6 0	6 45	7 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodham Ferrers, The Bell	6 34	8 14	10 19	12 4	.....	2 44	3 49	4 49	5 14	6 4	6 49	7 34	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danbury, Eve's Corner	6 48	8 28	10 33	12 18	.....	2 58	4 3	5 3	5 28	6 18	7 3	7 48	9 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gt. Baddow, Blue Lion	7 1	8 41	10 46	12 31	.....	3 11	4 16	5 16	5 41	6 31	7 16	8 1	9 33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chelmsford, Omnibus Station.....arr.	7 18	8 53	10 58	12 43	.....	3 23	4 28	5 28	5 53	6 43	7 28	8 13	9 45	.....	.....	.....	.....

Sundays

Chelmsford, Omnibus Station.....dep.	2 45	6 25	8 40	.....	South Woodham, Railway Hotel dep.	3 30	7 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gt. Baddow, Blue Lion	2 57	6 37	8 52	.....	Woodham Ferrers, The Bell	3 34	7 14	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danbury, Eve's Corner	3 10	6 50	9 3	.....	Danbury, Eve's Corner	3 48	7 28	9 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodham Ferrers, The Bell	3 24	7 4	8	.....	Gt. Baddow, Blue Lion	4 17	4 19	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Woodham, Railway Hotel arr.	3 28	7 8	.....	.....	Chelmsford, Omnibus Station	4 13	7 58	9 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

B-To or from Bicknacre, arrives 6 minutes later, departs 6 minutes earlier. F0-Fridays only. F50-Fridays and Saturdays only. FSX-Fridays and Saturdays excepted. H-Via Messrs. Hoffmann's Works, Chelmsford. HH-From Messrs. Hoffmann's Works, Chelmsford (not via Omnibus Stn.) SO-Saturdays only. SX-Saturdays excepted. W50-Wednesdays and Saturdays only. X-Operates into Chelmsford via Baddow Road, Princes Road, London Road, High Street, and New Street when Works open.

FOR OTHER SERVICES between Chelmsford, Gt. Baddow and Danbury, see summary following Service : between Danbury and Sth. Woodham, see Service 19.

USEFUL HINTS IN THE BLACKOUT—

- ★ To hail Omnibus signal clearly, and do NOT flash torch in Driver's face
- ★ Board and leave the Vehicle smartly, thereby minimising delays on the Road, that can become extensive in total.
- ★ If possible always supply exact fare—if change is required, name coin offered.

ALWAYS ASSIST CONDUCTRESS & FELLOW PASSENGERS WHEREVER YOU CAN



Western National Dennis Dart 426 on loan to Thamesway is seen on layover at Chelmsford Bus Station rte 152 on 25th April (David Moth)



Suffolk SUNDAY BUS '95 NETWORK

Only two Suffolk operators, Eastern Counties and Ipswich Buses have secured/retained Sunday contracts let by Suffolk County Council to commence from 28th May. Buses from three Essex based operators will be seen far from their usual surrounding as they sample the delights of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Services of particular interest to readers are listed below.

71 Ipswich - Grundisburgh (EN) 3 journeys each way.

97/A/98 Ipswich - Holbrook - Chelmondiston - Shotley (EN) 8 journeys each way.

118 Ipswich - Winesham (EN) 4 journeys each way.

166 Colchester - Ipswich - Wickham Market - Westleton - Lowestoft. (EN/EC) EN operates 3 journeys, Ipswich - Lowestoft, East Bergholt - Melton, Lowestoft - East Bergholt.

167 Colchester - Ipswich - Bentwaters - Dunwich - Lowestoft. (EN/EC) EN operates 2 journeys each way Ipswich to Colchester, 1 journey Lowestoft to Ipswich, 1 journey Colchester to Lowestoft extended to Somerleyton Hall when open, 1 journey Lowestoft to Colchester.

168 Colchester - Ipswich - Bentwaters - Saxmundham - Lowestoft. (EN/EC) EN operates 1 journey each way Colchester to Lowestoft the return trip starting from Somerleyton Hall when open.

169 Lowestoft - Saxmundham - Bentwaters - Ipswich - East Bergholt - Clacton (EC) 1 journey each way.

640 Clacton - Manningtree - Holbrook - Ipswich - Bury St Edmunds - Newmarket - Cambridge (EN/Whippet Coaches) EN operates 1 journey each way Ipswich to Cambridge, Whippet 1 journey each way Cambridge to Clacton, both until 24th September.

641 Ipswich - Debenham - Diss (EN) 1 journey each way until 24th September.

642 Ipswich - Mendlesham - Diss (EN) 1 journey each way until 24th September.

643 Ipswich - Mid Suffolk Light Railway - Diss/Bressingham (Carter) 1 journey each way, outward to Bressingham, return from Diss, until 24th September using an ex LT Routemaster

644 Bressingham - Diss - MSLR - Cotton - Diss/Bressingham (Carter) 2 circular journeys, one terminates at Diss, until 24th September using an ex LT Routemaster.

649 Haverhill - Bury St Edmunds - Diss - Southwold (Hedingham) 1 journey each way, Haverhill to Southwold, Southwold to Diss, Diss to Wingfield, all until 24th September.

651 Clacton - Manningtree - Holbrook - Ipswich - Orford - Snape - Saxmundham - Walberswick (EN) 1 journey each way until 24th September using an open top KSW.

757 Lavenham - Sudbury - Colchester (EN) 4 journeys each way, some run to/from Ipswich/Grundisburgh. Additional morning journey Long Melford to Colchester and evening return Colchester to Sudbury which from the casting of timetable would appear to run to/from Lowestoft.

Casting of the timetables would indicate that Eastern National will require six vehicles with an additional two in summer.

Copies of the Sunday Bus Book containing full details of the Suffolk Sunday Bus Network '95 can be obtained from:

County Connections, Public Transport Group, Highways Department, Suffolk County Council. St Edmund House. County Hall. Ipswich. IP4 1LZ. Tel: 01473 265676

Capital Citybus

ACQUIRED

189 CHF 349X Dennis Dominator DDA157/496 Alexander H46/33F
204 DEM 84X " " DDA145/360 " "

Body nos are AR11/1781/4 and RH2/4980/2 resp. They were new in 7/83 and 2/82 to Merseyside PTE as 0049,0036 this latter being registered ACM 769X when new. They passed to Kelvin Central, Motherwell in 3.93. They are allocated to NP for the ELX rail contract.

As a matter of interest, CHF 352X was not purchased, it had passed to Dunsmore, a local Scots scrap dealer, before Citybus came on the scene.

---- EGB 77T Dennis Dominator DD110/121 - Alexander H43/31F
This has been acquired for spares, mainly the engine, which has been placed in one of the other ex-Kelvin buses after it blew up on the way South. It was new to Central SMT as D 1, passing to Kelvin in 1989.

The fleet numbers of the buses reported in March are ;

CHF 346/7/8X = 186/7/8	-	CHF 350/1x = 200/1
CHF 353X = 199	-	DEM 83X = 185

Following the recent change of M.D. it has been decided to scrap the plan to run artic buses on the 246 and 650 routes and the two such buses in stock will be sold.

WITHDRAWN/SOLD - 111 (ULS 621X) - Cardiff Bluebird, no72, 2/95

REPAINTS - The Kelvin buses purchased for the ELX are in the East London line colour of Orange with a deep white band between the decks. On this white area is an Underground style line diagram of the main points served with Aldgate at the rear of the bus and New Cross/New Cross Gate by the staircase. The legend East London Line Replacement Bus Service are above the staircase panel with the Underground bullseye above the drivers cab window. The layout is similar on the nearside with the bullseye above the entrance doors.

172(C372 CAS), 180(A980 OST) - ELX Orange

259 -yellow . Left in blue/silver are 251/2/5/7/62.

All buses at both depots have had their wheel hubs painted silver.

TRANSFERS - RLN 233W NPU to DMu . 172,180 DM to NP
797(WYJ 165S) NPs to DMt to DM to DMu

ROUTES

ELX - runs until October 28th. The day before the work was due to start the Heritage Secretary made the East London Line tunnel under the Thames a listed building ! This was because it was the first tunnel to be built under the Thames, work being started in February 1825 and opened in March 1843 after a seven year stop work period and numerous floods. Initially a pedestrian subway, it opened as a railway in December 1869. Aldgate Bus Station-Tower Hill-Rotherhithe-Surrey Quays Daily x7/8mins(after 2200 x10mins)-New Cross -New Cross Gate x12/15mins (after 2200 x20mins).

GENERAL

A vast number of railway jobs are being run on most weekends, for example over Easter no less than three were on at the same time-Plaistow to Bromley By Bow (District Line), Ilford to Redbridge or Liverpool Street (Great Eastern) and Woodford to Loughton(Central)

This led to some of the work being sub-contracted to Southend/Colchester Boroughs and Metroline Travel. It has also led to numerous unusual workings on bus routes such as double deckers of NP on HertsCC 321 and on Sunday Feb 19th 5 out of the 7 buses on the 296 were 25x/26x class Dominators . On Sat Feb 18th Nationals 738/40 and low Metro 570 were on the 252 and National 751 and Dominator 253 were on the 296.

Initially used as a trainer/crew ferry ex NP 797 was pressed into passenger service in late March on commercial routes still as B25DL, with card route number and destination displays. This career was cut short shortly before Easter when a shunter backed another bus into 797s front, causing extensive damage- future unknown.

It now seems to be the policy to use any JHE-W Metro from NP as driver trainers as buses are available rather than have dedicated trainers.

112 was once again on hire to County Bus Thameside for the 510 on Thursday March 9th.

749 has been fitted with yellow day-glo destination blinds, thought to be the first such use with Citybus.

The ex-Kelvin Dominators arrived in three versions of the latter's red/cream livery, featuring :1- the deep cream band version 2- the narrow cream band version and 3- the very strange broad alternate diagonal stripe version. Indicator box size and layout was nearly as varied, with at least four sizes/layouts noted .These have largely been kept for use on the ELX apart from one or two that had electronic blinds which have been converted to cloth without altering the box size. all blinds seem to be yellow day-glo : the running nos are NP 1 up.

Thamesdown (Swindon in plain English) 54 (MHR 54X) , a 1982 NCME bodied Dominator was inspected at DM on Thurs April 13th - it moved to NP over Easter - further moves after that are unknown.

Disposals

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|--------------|---|
| 110 GDR 210N | PVS (dealer) Carlton ex Viking Tours(Stadie & Turner), Acaster Malbis, 12/94 |
| 476 VET 606S | Kelvin Central Buses, no1924 , ex Reid(Cedar Coaches), Bedford 2/95 |
| 763 D163 WTV | Liverline, Liverpool, no395, ex North Western Road Car,1/95 still in NWRCC livery 4/95 |
| 764 D164 UTO | Noted derelict in North Westerns Runcorn yard 4/95, still carries Citybus livery/fleet nos, NWRCC no not carried so probably never used by NWRCC. |

LAST WORD is that there is no sign or word of the Coastliner trips being started this summer .These have started in mid-May as a rule but perhaps this year the Company has too much railway work on its hands to handle seaside runs as well.



Service No. 35. GRAYS, STANFORD-LE-HOPE and SHELL HAVEN.

Mondays to Fridays.

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Saturday

[illegible]

NW—Not Wednesdays. WO—Wednesdays only.

T—Awaits conclusion of performance at Regent Cinema, Stanford-la-Hopa.

TT—Timing contingent upon running of Theatre Service ex. Stanford-le-Hope.

FO—Fridays only.

NOTE.—The 7.10 a.m. departure from Stanford-le-Hope operates via Digby Road.

The 12.5 p.m. and 5.5 p.m. departures from Shell Haven operate via Digby Road.

Saturday—continued.

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NOTE.—The 12.6 p.m. journey from Shell Haven to Stanford-le-Hope, operates via Disby Road.

T—Awaits conclusion of performance at Regent Cinema, Stanford-le-Hope.

TT—Timing contingent upon running of Theatre Service ex. Stanford-la-Hope.

Service No. 35—continued. GRAYS, STANFORD-LE-HOPE and SHELL HAVEN.

Sunday.

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Return Fare.

Workmen's Special Fares.

Corningham and Stanford-I-Hope ...	5d	Grays and Shell Haven or Coryton...	11d	Return	8d	Single
Corningham and Shell Haven or Coryton...	5d	Stanford-I-Hope and Shell Haven				
Stanford-I-Hope and Shell Haven or Coryton...	5d	or Coryton		6d		4d
Grays and Stanford-I-Hope ...	8d	Corningham and Shell Haven				
Grays and Corningham ...	10d	Coryton ...		8d		2½d
Grays and Shell Haven or Coryton ...	1/3					