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A Very Merry Christmas to all our readers !



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On behalf of the Committee, I would take this opportunity to wish all members a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS Freight House 8.00pm.

January 96 No meeting.

February 14th Programme to be announced.

March 12th Group AGM.

April 9th Programme to be announced.

The following Borough Motor Services photographs are now available 38p each plus S A E

HJ 9578 Gilford double decker at Victoria Stn. Southend.

HJ 7334 Gilford single decker F/OS.

HJ 7334 Front view with driver in uniform.

HJ 7334 or 7333 Full side view N/S.

JN 256 Gilford coach at Clacton after accident with a steam roller EN livery.

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Material for the January 1996 E B N should be with the sub editors by Jan 9th and to Editor by 12th. A new newsheet production schedule will be distributed to all main contributors shortly.

On 30th June 1930, the Eastern National name was first used when the Eastern Area of the National Omnibus and Transport Company became a separate Company.

On 1st December 1995, Eastern National (covering north Essex) was renamed ESSEX BUSES Ltd.

Full details of this major development are not known as there are at present some organisational changes taking place at Chelmsford and Basildon. Further information will be published when available.

THAMESWAY

Allocations at 13th November

21,22,23,24,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35 DB-D/L(D), 36 DB-BN, 37 DB-BN.
261 DB-PD, 353 HH-BN, 851 new-BN, 852 new-BN, 853 new-BN, 854 new-BN,
944 new-PD, 945 new-BN, 948 new-HH, 949 new-HH, 950 new-HH, 951 new-HH,
952 new-HH, 953 new-HH, 954 new-HH, 955 new-HH, 956 new-HH, 957 New-HH,
958 new-HH,, 1412 BN-HH,, 1869 HH=D/L(D), 1891 HH-D/L(D), 1920 pool-BD.

944 and 945 are now at HH

Leyland Olympians 1001/2/3/4, 4000/1/2/3/4/5/9 are now in store at Brimsdown following the loss of route 307.

1869 and 1891 remain in stock and are being stripped for spares.

717 (used for District Bus crew transfer) is now in store at HH.

Repaints

The following are now in the new livery:-

36, 37, 320, 321, 355, 360.

Following the Eastern National name change, from 1st December 1112, 1114, 1115, 810 and 817 are on loan from Essex Buses whilst 946 and 947 are on loan to Essex Buses.

Operations

Updated information on Basildon area changes and also changes following the closure of BD.

31 Operates via Sparrows Hearne between Basildon Hospital and Bus Station and via Southcote Crescent and Burnt Mills to Felmores.

33/A Service 33 operates from from Langdon Hills via Great Barry to Wickford and Shotgate, whilst the 33A operates from Laindon Victoria Avenue via Kathleen Ferrier Crescent to Shotgate.

34/A Service 34 operates from Langdon Hills via Great Berry to Wickford and Shotgate whilst the 34A operates from Laindon Victoria Avenue via Kathleen Ferrier Crescent to Runwell.

33C/34C New service 33C operates from Langdon Hills via Great Berry, Wick Meadows and Friern Gardens to Wickford whilst the 34C operates from Laindon Victoria Avenue via Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Wick Meadows and Friern Garsens to Wickford..

Services 33/A/C and 34/A/C are known as the District Connection.

35/A Service withdrawn.

36 This service operates via Sparrows Hearn between Basildon Hospital and Bus Station and Lincoln Road to Felmores.

37A Service revised to operate from Laindon The Knares to Pitsea Broadway instead of Basildon Hospital section of route serving Sparrows Hearn withdrawn.

39~ New service Laindon Rail Station via Hornbeam Way, Noak Bridge Long Riding, Ashlyns and Halstow Way to Pitsea Broadway.

40 Revised to operate from Pitsea Broadway via Haslow Way, Ashlyns, Long Riding and Noak Bridge to Billericay Queens Park. Minor timetable alterations from 11th December.

- 80 Monday to friday peak hour timetable revised from 11th December.
- 81-3 Monday to friday peak hour timetable revised from 11th December.
- 111 Revised timetable from 13th December on this ECC contract.
- 151 Revised to operate via Laindon Link, Hatterill and Laindon Station with timetable revisions from 11th December.
- 152 Service renumbered 100.
- 251/551 Commencing 11th December peak hour journeys between Billericay and Wickford withdrawn. Certain journeys to operate via Great Burstead and Noak Bridge between Billericay and Basildon.
- 256 Commencing 13th November the timetable was revised to operate Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with the route extended from Billericay to Basildon via Great Burstead.

London Transport Buses Contracts.

- 214 Two extra vehicles now required to maintain this service due to space allocation at Liverpool Street Bus Station because of construction work and repainting programme. Vehicles on layover now use Aldgate Bus Station.
- 462 From 23rd October, operations transferred from BD to PD.

Publicity

Basildon area map dated 13th November.
 Leaflets for services 31/36, 32/A/B, 33/A/C, 34/A/C, 37A, 39, 40, 151 dated 13th November.
 100 dated 13th November.
 S12 dated 23rd October.

Thamesway Helps Police

Thamesway has teamed up with Essex Police to promote a new anti drugs initiative.

Posters displayed on Thamesway buses will publicise drug abuse warnings as well as the confidential Crimestoppers telephone number (0800 555111) alongside the National Drugs Advice Line (0800 776600).

Bill Hiron, Thamesways Managing Director said "We are pleased to work in partnership with Essex Police to help people realise the harm that drugs can do. By helping to provide advice and information, we hope that there is a greater awareness of the potential dangers".

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Late Thamesway News.

Seen in Basildon Depot on Saturday 9th December was new Dennis Darts up to 970. Some of these are route designated PREMIER 100 Lakeside-Chelmsford.
 More details next month.

Footnote.

Despite the new influx of Darts at Hadleigh, Thamesway/Eastern National oldest Leyland National 1803 TJN502R is still in service.

EASTERN NATIONAL

GENERAL

As these notes were written in late November, there is not a lot to report since last month.

However rumours suggest that EN and Thamesway are to be combined into one company based at New Writtle Street. They will however continue to operate with existing fleetnames.

A couple of items of trivia - well it is Christmas after all. Leyland National KRP 562V operated by Budget Busways was paying a second visit to Chelmsford. It was there on loan in 5/86, when EN required extra vehicles after commencing operations at Walthamstow.

822 is the first vehicle to duplicate (well almost) a previous registration. It is L822 OPU, Bristol FLF 2857 was OPU 822D.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

7.11.95. CF1408 and Pool 1933 on services 33/X (normally Tiger/Duple)

16.11.95. CF4510 on service 351 (normally used on commuter services)

22.11.95. CF 828 operating from BS (normally only short Darts at BS)

25.11.95. CF1426 on service 33 (as above)

Service 72B appears to be operated by almost anything with Lynx/National/Mercedes and VR all being noted in November.

PUBLICITY

Leaflets for Chelmsford ChelmerCard dated 5.11.95. Colchester services 64/A with the title 'Avoid Parking Problems', and Buses to Tollgate Centre dated 29.10.95. The last of these is novel in that it includes CBT services 5/A.

Open toppers WNO 564L, (Fleet No.3500), and NPU 974M, (Fleet No.3501), have now been despatched to Eastern Counties at Felixstowe. It has been reliably observed that these vehicles have been operating on service into Colchester with the top decks covered and obviously closed off.

Leyland National 2 KEP 829X, (Sir Harry Secombe), is still with Eastern Counties currently working out of Norwich. In fact it has been given a fleet number of LN 629.

KSW WNO 480, (Fleet No.2384), still lies idle at Clacton depot but a new engine has been found. It is hoped that the KSW Preservation Society based at Harwich will take over the vehicle so that it can join sister WNO 479, (Fleet No.2383).

A late news item received is that Bishpos Stortford Depot has closed, and a new outstation has opened at THE CAUSEWAY.

EASTERN NATIONAL,
(SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENTS)

<u>Fleet No.</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
0249	C231 HCV	Withdrawn by Western National, (Fleet No. 249).	08/95
0276/7	C200/4 PCD	From Brighton & Hove Bus & Coach Co. Ltd., ex Brewer.	05/95
0602	C602 NPU	To Shuttle Buses, Kilwinning, (ex Hughes, Greenock).	05/95
0677	L21 AHA	To EN from Frontline Enterprises	07/95
1111	HHJ 372Y	Withdrawn by Badgerline, (Fleet No. 2211).	09/95
1117	HHJ 378Y	Withdrawn & sold by Badgerline, (Fleet No.2214)	07/95
1127	A696 OHJ	To Badgerline, (Fleet No.2217), and subsequently sold	05/95 07/95
1212	BNO 698T	Bedford YMT to Primrose Leominster from Yeomans, Hereford.	08/95
1754	LJN 662P	From Bowen, Bridgnorth to Danks & Gayner	08/95
1755	LJN 663P	To Ripley, Carlton, (ex City Buslines, Birmingham).	08/95
1782	JTH 782P	LN 11351A/1R 00375, (Registered as shown to Liyell, Willenhall as Fleet No.22.)	10/94
1783	JTH 783P	LN 11351A/1R 00376, (Registered as shown to Liyell, Willenhall as Fleet No.23).	10/94
1855	YEV 313S	To Volvo, Warwick, (fitted with a Volvo engine), ex Bristol Coach & Bus, Bristol.	08/95
1892	BNO 682T	To Yeates, Loughborough, (ex Bristol Coach & Bus, Bristol).	09/95
1910	DAR 132T	To Ripley, Carlton, (ex City Buslines, Birmingham).	07/95

EASTERN NATIONAL,
(DISPOSALS, INITIAL)

<u>Fleet No.</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Date</u>
0208/20	C208/20 HJN	To Western National	09/95
0700	B461 WTC	To Stringer, Pontefract, (via Ramm, Sudden).	06/95
0706	B473 WTC	To Lambkin, Queenborough, (via Ramm, Sudden).	06/95
1841	WJN 561S	To Hardwick, Carlton	08/95
1843	WJN 563S	Broken up for spares at Chelmsford and remains to ?	08/95
2774	987 KOO	?, ?, (OFR), ex Ensign	11/82
3070	KOO 788V	To Hardwick, Carlton.	08/95

Suffolk County Council

Due to a reduction in the financial resources available, subsidy is being withdrawn from some bus services. Revised Sunday services are introduced from December 10th. Those affecting Eastern National are:

Service 71: Withdrawn, certain 167/8 journeys now run via Tuddenham/Grundisburgh.

Service 82A: EN now operate 1905 Ipswich - Framlingham and return. An hourly service is maintained Ipswich to Woodbridge/Melton joint with Services 166/7/8/9.

Services 97/A/98: Minor timing changes.

Service 118: Minor time and route changes.

Services 166/7/8/9: The two hourly Colchester - Lowestoft service is reduced and many journeys now terminate or require a change of bus in the Woodbridge area. Only three journey each way, all operated by EN, cover the full route without passengers having to change buses. Apart from the Ipswich - Woodbridge section intervals between buses is irregular eg: Colchester to Ipswich 0806, 0906, 1106, 1236, 1506, 1906. Ipswich to Colchester 1005, 1505, 1805, 2005, 2305. The 0915 Lowestoft to Clacton and 1638 return now starts at Ipswich and the return terminates Wickham Market, operated by Eastern National as Service 166.

Service 757: 0819 ex Long Melford and 2105 ex Colchester withdrawn.

A supplement to the Sunday Bus Book has been published. Intending travellers should note that SCC have confirmed that two footnotes have been omitted. Table 82A should state "Shows complete service Ipswich - Woodbridge - Melton" and Table 166-9 should state "For full service Ipswich - Woodbridge - Melton see Table 82A". Travellers should also be advised that footnote a on table 757 no longer applies



Former London Country Leyland National SNB217 LPB217P now operated by Associated Coachways of Harlow,

D ARNOLD.

HEDINGHAM

VEHICLES

Leyland Fleetline L219 (THX 324S) was withdrawn in October and sold to Blue Triangle, Rainham. It was followed there in November by AEC Reliance L181 (GPV 211T).

Neoplan L227 (JSK 951) has passed to Clareaux, Hadleigh (dealer), while sister L228 (PIJ 601) is now with Rennies, Dunfermline.

A Dennis Dart/Plaxton is due in January.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ADTAX SAFFRON WALDEN A DAF 400 L155 OEG has been acquired.

AMBER BUS RAYLEIGH Introduced service 28 between Canvey and Benfleet via Somnes Avenue from 6.12.95. VR KOU 796P is assumed to have been here on loan, as it is now back with Stephenson's. This operator has moved to a new unknown operating centre.

APT RAYLEIGH Have sold Bova Europe HSV 673. Further to EBN 378/379, it is confirmed that D215 YHK is now with BJS, Gt Wakering. KBC 6V is a Bedford YMT. Further recent changes have seen E75 DMA become APT 42S, Volvo/Jonckhree A10 APT (G654 ONH) is now HIL 8221 with Brentwood Coaches, while DAF/Plaxton E558 CGJ is now A10 APT. The former APT 42S a Van Hool T815 has been re-registered and sold. Volvo/Plaxton H622 UWR has left after a short stay.

AVRO STANFORD LE HOPE Have sold ex Cleveland Fleetline LDC 69P.

BISS Are moving from their long time base in Spellbrook to the Airport Coaches base at Stansted Airport.

CAMBUS Service 31 was revised to operate via Addenbrookes Hospital from 18.12.95.

CARTER COLCHESTER Arrivals with ex London connections are Routemaster LFF 881 (ex VLT 113) and Bristol LH/ECW OJD 84R.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Have acquired a further VR CJH 116V ex Reading Transport.

CHELMSFORD CAB Have sold Ford transit D943 MBM.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Have acquired a further Ford Transit, H120 KWC.

CRUSADER CLACTON Van Hool E107 GOO has been re-registered DSU 107.

EAGLE LINE BULPHAN A further Ford transit to report is L171 NWC.

FARGO RAYNE Service 324 will no longer be commercially operated after 21.12.95.

FORD ALTHORNE Fleetline PRG 134J has been converted to single door.

GENIAL TRAVEL LITTLE TEY Have acquired 978 VYD (new with this reg) a Volvo/Plaxton and have sold older Volvo/Plaxton PJI 2417 in exchange.

GOLDEN BOY Bedford/Plaxton YOI 8271 (BBB 546V) has been sold.

GRAHAMS KELVEDON Have acquired Toyota Caetano H392 CFT. Mercedes B423 CMC appears to have been sold to Fargo, Rayne.

HARRIS COACHES DAF/Van Hool FHV 504 (F99 RAR) and Setra J91 WWC have been sold. DAF/Van Hool 1245 FH (F98 RAR) is now F591 UVW. Bova 2942 FH (C90 LVX) is due to become C700 NHJ.

JONES SHOEBURYNESS Have acquired D208 NON a Sherpa minibus from Amber Bus and Coach.

KENTISH BUS Service 732 from Sevenoaks to Lakeside via Swanley, commenced on 1.11.95. operating Wednesday and Friday only, with one journey each way.

KEMP SHOEBURYNESS Have sold Tiger/Duple JXI 9141

LODGE HIGH EASTER Have acquired a one time London Buses Fiat/ Robin Hood minibus D... FYL.

NELSON WICKFORD New is Mercedes/Alexander N811 CSC. TGX 892M has been converted to single door.

ROADRUNNER CANVEY Have sold Transit D586 PRO.

SIMIEN RAYLEIGH Introduced a service 1 between Canvey and Benfleet Station on Monday to Friday from 4.12.95.

S&M HADLEIGH Fleetlines KUC 154P and OJD 167R have been converted to single door.

SUPREME SOUTHEND A further double decker CWU 139T, a Fleetline/Roe ex Yorkshire Rider has been acquired. Scania/Plaxton NSU 990 (B492 CBD) has been sold.

YELLOWLINE BRAINTREE A further PSV Ford Transit is H546 KHK.

WALDEN TRAVEL SAFFRON WALDEN Appear to have taken over the operations of Town Travel, as Bedford/Plaxton TPJ 298S, DAF/Duple E660 KCX and Toyota/Caetano J480 NJU all ex Town Travel have been acquired.

WARD ARLESFORD A DAF/Jonckhree has been acquired and registered 866 VNU, which means that the former vehicle with this plate a Volvo/LAG has been re-registered and sold.

WATSON TILBURY Volvo HIL 2833 (C346 GSD) has been sold.

WAY BOREHAM Mercedes minicoach E833 YHL has been re-registered EMR 302.

WEBB HIGHWOOD Mercedes minibus RUR 604W and Bedford/Duple C580 LUS have been sold.

WESTS WOODFORD GREEN Have acquired a Volvo/Plaxton A10 BUS (new as D267 HFX).

WINDMILL COPFORD Operations have passed to Staines Crusader, Clacton. Although bthe Windmill name is still carried.

I have received a copy of a letter from a Mr F Porter who now lives in Westbury-on-Trym Bristol. It appears he was a fitter with the Horn Coach Company - Braintree, taken over by Eastern National in August 1935. He is now 87 years old, but still remembers the Horn, the fleet was always fully occupied and being the mechanic had to work very hard and quickly to keep the fleet on the road. He said he remembers a breakdown at Stratford (remember Horn ran a Braintree - London service), when they arrived they found there was clutch trouble, he said I drove it home to Braintree without a clutch - I did not stop once.

For those reasons who have read the book "Just the Ticket", there is a photo of Mr Porter standing by a Horn Gilford with his mate.

LOOKING BACK

1935 The Primrose Bus Service of West Mersea, which was owned by the Mersea, Colchester & District Transport & Bus Company Ltd., was taken over by Eastern National from 30th December together with the garage which they continued to use for many years. The MICA Centre, adjacent to the present terminus, now stands on the site. The bus services were integrated with the existing EN Service 75, ex Primrose journeys being numbered 75A. Taken into stock were saloons which had originated from LGOC; MY8142 MP5344 both Guy FBB and MK6400 a Guy BB, being allocated fleet numbers 3588/7/b

1965 The ENEG yearly subscription was to rise to 7/6d. (37½p). Seven Bristol LS5G single deckers, 1208-14 were on loan to the Post Office for conveyance of the Christmas mails. The writer has recollections of buses being used for parcel deliveries. A new entrance to the Kelvedon depot was brought into use and a bus washer installed. Duties undertaken by outstationed EN vehicles were Dunmow (DW) one decker for Service 33; West Mersea (WM) three deckers and a saloon for Services 75 and 87; Brightlingsea (BA) two deckers for Services 74/A, 76 and 78; Harlow (HW) a saloon on contract work. Only DW was an official code, the others being unofficial Group codes. In Southend the road under the High Street bridge was lowered allowing high-bridge PD3's to pass.

1975 An increase in ENEG subscriptions to £1.25 (second class) £1.50 (first class) was announced. Eastern National took delivery of LN 1755 (LJN663P) and VR's 3053-56 59-63 (LJN648-51 55-58P) during the month. Southend Transport withdrew 317/8/9 (KCK879 LCK739 KCK920) after service on 22nd November. They were exported to Hong Kong the following week. Services extended beyond their normal operating area on Boxing Day with Service 2 Southend - Basildon operating hourly; Service 11 Southend - Chelmsford 3 journeys; Service 251 Southend - Wickford operating hourly; Service 400 Southend - London (King's Cross) approx. every two hours.

1985 Twenty three Mercedes-Benz L608D/Reeve Burges B20F mini buses were delivered to the Central Works of Eastern National between 18th November and 12th December. After inspection they were removed to Prittlewell although 0212 visited Clacton from 26th - 28th November. They were numbered 0200-0224 (C200-24 HJN), delivery of 0201/17 was awaited. Indications in the local press were that the vehicles would operate in Clacton and a marketing name was being sought. Suggestions included Embus, Whippet, Road Runner, Coastline, Villagers and Shopper Hopper. Fares increased from 1st December and day returns were introduced on most services. Explorer tickets rose from £2.75 to £3.00. Southend Transport RE 303 (JEH179X) was hired to Ipswich Buses on 9th December, their Atlantean 40 (RGV40W) came in exchange. The purpose of the loan is not recorded but *Terminus* reported that Ipswich had also borrowed saloons from Gt. Yarmouth and Northampton. ST also increased fares from the start of the month

MEDIA MONITOR

November 17th: Vandals have changed the name on the front of an Eastern National bus in Colchester and made it Faster National. The press have to date however failed to notice that Mercedes 709D 666 has acquired a small black devil adjacent to the front fleet number.

November 22nd: The new park and ride scheme in Colchester is to be launched on December 1st. Running every 15 minutes buses will link the site in Butt Road with the Town Centre. The bus will then serve the Sheepen Road and Middleborough car parks before returning to the Town Centre. Buses will run from 7am to 6pm.

November 29th: Bus passengers in Colchester can now watch videos while they travel as Colchester Borough Transport have fitted video players and screens to 90% of the fleet. Ray Giles, Manager, said the tapes, financed by advertising are changed monthly. There had been some teething problems with sound with complaints that it was sometimes too loud. Cartoons and a monthly serial were proving popular with children and he felt a regular competition would also be a favourite.

November 30th: Eastern National is to increase all single bus fares by 5p following the rise in fuel costs announced in the Budget. They said they could not absorb the 3½p per litre increase.

December 1st: The Evening Gazette carries a photograph of the Mayor of Colchester launching the new park and ride. Hedingham L208 (L208RNO) is shown on Service C2 - Inner Park & Ride, L207 (L207RNO) is also present. The Yellow Advertiser features the scheme on the front page and claims that the council will soon take delivery of the first of a fleet of gas powered low floor vehicles to operate the services.

December 4th: BBC Essex covers the on bus video and reports that Southend Transport may be the next to fit the system.

Unless otherwise stated the above items have appeared in the Evening Gazette or Essex County Standard

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

As forecast last month, all the buses have been fitted with screens above the luggage pens and sound equipment to play videos to passengers. Last to receive the equipment, on 2.12.95, was Atlantean 63.

The remains of burnt-out Atlantean 79 (YNO79S) were removed from Magdalen Street on 30.11.95 for scrap.

Southend Transport's VR 305 and coach 557 were repaired at Magdalen Street in the last week of November 1995.

Open topper JHK 495V, (Fleet No.55), was seen last Wednesday 29th November 1995 working on ordinary service duties with the upper deck closed off.

Southend Transport

Repaints.

TR 548 (A248 SVW) into Green Line livery.

Services.

Route 6 is extended from Southend Central to Sutton Cemetery via route 61 (Southchurch Rd, Temple Sutton & Royston Ave.)

Route 61 is withdrawn. (Commences 11/12/95.)

Route 61A & 69 unchanged.

Christmas & New Year services 1995/1996. (Proposed.)

24/12 (SUN) Normal sunday services but revised to finish by 20:00.

25/12 (MON) Only X2 08:30 Southend-London Victoria.
10:50 London Victoria-Southend.

26/12 (TUE) Special services on 1,3A,4A,7,29,63,X2/X3. From approx
09:00 to 17:00.

27,28,29/12 (WED,THURS,FRI) Normal Monday to Friday timetable, with some
changes to X10/X11.

30/12 (SAT) Normal Saturday timetable.

31/12 (SUN) Normal Sunday timetable.

1/1/96 (MON) Special Services as on Boxing Day (26/12/95)

2/1/96 (TUE) Normal Monday to Friday timetables resume.

Other News.

Buses are receiving blue wheels

Coaches in GreenLine livery are finally receiving Southend Transport fleet names on the front.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. With special thanks to Mr R Delahoy and Mr M Evans for there regular supply of News during 1995.

STEVE HOPKINS

MEMORIES

ENOC 2954

Sid Goodwin Reminiscences of Borough Motor Services.

I was the conductor on the first Borough bus along Fairfax Drive - HJ7333, and also on the first through bus to Grays HJ8199, this was in 1927 and 1928 respectively. Gilford CN3304 was always known as CN, Gilford HJ8610 was known as caravan because it had curtains.

Mr Goodwin said someone from Romford in a publication he had seen, stated that the Somerset Avenue route from Leigh Station ran via Woodcutters !! I wonder why I drove so many miles along Manchester Drive and past Westcliff High School. I must have been well of route !!