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The monthly magazine of the ESSEX BUS ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

(Formerly the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group)

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Essex County Council are the first shire county to fund the purchase of Low Floor buses and the route operated by Hedingham Omnibuses is very much a cross country route (L211 M211 WHJ).

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Editorial

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Freight House 8pm.

March 14th Group A G M . followed by slide show by Alan Osborne

April 11th Guest Speaker Mr David Tomlin Traffic Manager Southend Transport

An apparent unreported item is that County Bus vehicles at Grays are changing their fleetnames on repaints and new additions to their fleet. Formerly reading Thameside they now read Thameside, had you noticed the change?.

EFE model Leyland PD1 City Coach Co.-

Further to Peter Oughton Review of the model, I would like to add that the Group were involved in the production of this model. We supplied photographs of the prototype including a close up of the City fleetname.

For those members who remember the original, "oops that gives our age away" will I think EFE have got it about right, there are one or two points I found, the fleetnumbers should have been white, the nearside one should have been on the bonnet and if my memory serves me right the advert was blue originally. But overall a good job.

We have also supplied details of Hicks Bros. of Braintree MNO193/4 for a low bridge model, so keep your eyes open.

If you have any comments to make I would like to hear of them.

Group member Peter Oughton has sent me a photograph of a model he has constructed of a Leyland Gnu ex City in Westcliff on Sea green livery, very nice it looks too, well done Peter. I understand plans for this model originated with Model Bus Federation. I have invited Peter to bring his model to a meeting at Rochford.

Group Member Martin Weyell. 29 Glebelands Ave. Newbury Park Ilford Essex IG2 7DN has for sale PSV Circle Fleet History PF4 PF5 Eastern National Pt 1 & 2 price £7-50 these are quite rare now, so first come first served.

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All reports for the March issue should be with Sub-Editors by 4th March and to Man. Editor by 13th.

ESSEX TOUR SATURDAY 20th MAY 1995

Plans are now at an advanced stage for this tour, which it is hoped will provide something of interest for everyone.

The vehicle for this tour will be a DAF/Ikarus bus of Harris and we plan to visit, Nelsons of Wickford, Supreme at Southend, Fords of Althorne, Colchester Bus Station (lunch stop), Hedingham at Sudbury and Dons of Dunmow.

At the time of going to press confirmation was still awaited from Nelsons and Supreme. If we cannot visit their premises, plans are in hand to visit alternative premises.

A booking form is enclosed with this months magazine should you wish to book now, confirmation of the final tour plan will be given next month.

The fare for this full day out is a reasonable £7, so why not come along for the day and support the group at the same time?

Late News Nelsons have confirmed we can visit.

COUNTY BUS & COACH . COUNTY BUS & COACH

FLEET

Vehicles on Hire

8354	HDZ 8354	Bova Futura FHD 12-280 Bova C49FT 1986
8545	G545 JOG	Bova Futura FHD 12-290 Bova C46FT 1990

from Central Coachways 1/95 for use by Sampson.

Repaints

12/94	LR 11 to new CB livery
1/95	MB 706 from colorbus to new CB livery

Allocation Changes

MB 50	Grays to Harlow
MB 919	Harlow to Edmonton
SN 216/227	Reserve to Delicensed
8354/8545	Central Coachways to Ware

SERVICES

13 February	313	Revised route and terminal. Operation via Saffron Walden Tesco withdrawn and rerouted in Great Dunmow via Church End and Dunmow town centre to terminate at new Tesco Store in Stortford Road.
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EASTERN NATIONAL

NEW VEHICLES

657	M657 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026011	Plaxton	94.7MHV3164	B23F
658	M658 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026003	Plaxton	94.7MHV3165	B23F
659	M659 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026029	Plaxton	94.7MHV3166	B23F
660	M660 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026036	Plaxton	94.7MHV3167	B23F
661	M661 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026092	Plaxton	94.7MHV3168	B23F
662	M662 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026089	Plaxton	94.7MHV3169	B23F
663	M663 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026122	Plaxton	94.7MHV3170	B23F
664	M664 VJN	Mercedes 709D	026079	Plaxton	94.7MHV3171	B23F

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

1131	EWV 946Y	Leyland Tiger	8201697	Plaxton	8312LTPIX539	C53F
3224	AYG 848S	Bristol VRT/SL3/1435		ECW	23372	H43/31F
3225	AYG 850S	Bristol VRT/SL3/1437		ECW	23374	H43/31F
3226	DWU 298T	Bristol VRT/SL3/1626		ECW	23663	H43/31F
3227	LUA 716V	Bristol VRT/SL3/2382		ECW	23907	H43/31F
3228	LWU 469V	Bristol VRT/SL3/2335		ECW	23893	H43/31F
3229	PWY 44W	Bristol VRT/SL3/2740		ECW	24354	H43/31F
3230	SUB 789W	Bristol VRT/SL3/2821		ECW	24361	H43/31F
3231	SWW 302R	Bristol VRT/SL3/566		ECW	22263	H43/31F

1131 has chassis type TRCTL11/2R

3224-31 have chassis type VRT/SL3/6LXB

ALLOCATIONS

1/95 202/15 BE-CF; 207/08 CF-D/L(D); 209/10/12 BE-D/L(D); 213 POOL- D/L(D);
249 BE-POOL; 623/24 BE-CF; 657-64 NEW-BE; 819 CN-CR; 1111 CR-CF;
1131 ACQD-CR; 1863 CR-CN; 3224-31 ACQD-CR;

The above re-introduces an official allocation of a Leyland National to Clacton.

The additional Mercedes at Chelmsford have allowed off peak journeys on service 31A (Chelmsford-Little Baddow) to be converted to minibus.

The outstation requirement at Bishops Stortford has been increased by 2 minisand is now 4 Dart, 3 Tiger and 6 MB 608.

REPAINTS

1/95 1403 1407 4014

2/95 1426

PUBLICITY

Timetable leaflet for buses to the new Tesco Superstore, Dunmow dated 12.2.95.

SERVICES

- 33 Diverted to serve Tesco's, Dunmow from 13.2.95.
- 76 Renumbered 66C and Saturday am journey retimed to 0930.
- 93 From 16.1.95. retimed to 2045 ex Colchester and 1942 and 2320 ex Ipswich.
- 133 As service 33.
- 315 Revised route in Gt Dunmow and extended to Tesco from 13.2.95.
- 346 Revised timetable and extended to Tesco, Gt Dunmow from 13.2.95.

GENERAL

Further to EBN 369, vehicles damaged but repaired as a result of the Colchester fire were 1890, 3078, 3093, 3127 and 4018.

Of the vehicles listed as being on loan in EBN 369, only South Wales 984 remains in early February. The other vehicles have been returned to their original operators.

INITIAL DISPOSALS

The vehicles destroyed in the Colchester fire passed to Whiting Bros., Pontefract for scrap by February 1995. They passed via Royal Insurance.

The vehicles were 1110 (HHJ 371Y), 3064 (UVX 1S), 3068 (KOO 786V), 3091 (STW 35W), 3095 (UAR 585W), 3114 (XHK 219X), 3128 (XHK 233X), 3218 (ONH924V), 4011 (C411 HJN), 4020 (C420 HJN).

HEDINGHAM

VEHICLES

The following vehicles have been acquired:-

L235 GGM 84W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
L236 XPW 877X	Leyland PSU3G/4R	ECW	C49F

These are the reported fleet numbers, although your sub ed saw former Freemans vehicles LDH 940P, TPJ 305S and BCJ 733V numbered L235-237 at Sudbury depot on 14.12.94, although they did not appear to be in use.

SERVICES

18A New ECC schooldays only service. Ridgewell to Newport Grammar School, with one journey each way.

131A Revised timetable introduced from 28.2.95.

600 Saturday service introduced from 25.2.95. to a slightly revised route and numbered 600A.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

APT RAYLEIGH Have acquired the former Harris Coaches D401 SHJ a DAF/Berkhof now registered A20 APT. Halls of Elsenham WAM 974K a Bedford/Plaxton has also been noted in the yard and may be acquired.

BEESTONS Are now operating the Halstead to Sudbury service formerly operated by Chambers.

BLUE TRIANGLE Revised timetable introduced on service 265 from 19.2.95.

FARGO RAYNE Revised timetable introduced on service 32 from 16.1.95.

GODWARD WICKFORD Have acquired former Avro, Stanford-le-hope Bedford/Plaxton VJA 661S.

HARRIS BUS From 20.2.95. service 399 has been re-routed in Chadwell St Mary. After 26.2.95. services L2/L3 and L4 will be withdrawn on Sundays.

HARRIS COACHES Sherpa 200 L558 NOO was re-registered H17 RRS (the 17 looks like an A, due to the fixing bolt) on 21.12.94. However, it was stolen from the depot on 1.2.95. If anyone sees it please contact Harris Coaches. A replacement vehicle entered service on 2.2.95. in the shape of LDV 400 M52WEV. Its just as well Harris Commercials had one in stock!

OSBORNE TOLLESBURY Volvo/Plaxton C101 AFX has been sold.

PANDORA COACHES LAINDON Acquired is Bedford/Duple SFL 401R.

S&P ROCHFORD Have acquired Bristol VR HTC 729N from Jones, Shoeburyness.

SIMIEN RAYLEIGH Have changed their fleetname to Amber Bus & Coach.

STANS GT TOTHAM A recent fleet addition is GSX 121N a Bedford/Alexander B53F, ex Kenzie, Shepreth.

T&GWU CHELMSFORD As at early February the following were in use on "Free Bus" services in Chelmsford 7- M419 BCD 8- M165 UMK 9- L431 VWV 10- L429 VWV 11- M705 BEU 12- M772 XEW 14- M702 BEU 15- M671 AFL. All are LDV 400 minibuses owned by various self drive hire companies.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN With effect from 14.2.95. the 1510 ex Saffron Walden on service 34 was re-routed and no longer serves Goddard Way.

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COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Atlantean 72 entered service in CBT livery on 18.1.95. All the fleet is now in standard livery, except 12 (overall advertisement for Foulkes), 48 (blue and white), 84 (90th anniversary) and 103 and 104 (ex-CBT Coachways). 71 received mechanical attention at Ipswich Buses from 30.1.95 to 1.2.95. Nationals 9, 12 and 25 retain white-on-black destination blinds.

Fares were increased on 30.1.95. Most went up by 5p, but the 35p remained unchanged. A ticket promotion for Kentucky Fried Chicken started on 9.1.95, and was replaced by one for McDonalds on 6.2.95.

On 5.2.95 about 20 buses were used from start-up till 1600 on a railway replacement service in the Ingatestone area.

John Spilsbury, the former MD of CBT, is running a travel firm from Cambridgeshire under the name "CBT Coachways".

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DID YOU READ.....

January 13th: A passenger was cut, bruised and left with glass in her eye after a front top deck window broke. She was full of praise for passengers who treated her after it was found there was no first aid box on board. Mike Holden of EN said "...it was a mysterious accident but could have been caused by something flying up from a passing lorry. We will be contacting the lady in a couple of days after she has recovered. (Evening Gazette)

January 17th: A government inspector has given the go-ahead for ten houses and six flats to be built on the site of Maldon Bus Station. This did not mean however the proposal for a supermarket had been ruled out. (EG)

January 18th: Eastern National fare rises were defended by Robin Orbell, he said "I wish we didn't have to increase fares but the Chancellor's budget and mini-budget increased the cost of fuel and we have absorbed these and other operating costs for as long as we could". (EG)

January 19th: Chambers Service 151 between Sudbury and Halstead has been saved from the chop. Essex and Suffolk County Councils have stepped in with a plan to enable a minibus to run the route. A short term contract has been agreed with Chambers while tenders were sought to provide the service until July 1996. Landlord of the Saling Oak at Great Saling is to provide a bus service to his establishment in connection with a 12 week karaoke and talent competition he is holding. The bus would run from different housing estate in Braintree each week. (EG)

January 20th: Eastern National denied they promised prices in Colchester would not go up following the arson attack. Geoff Dodson said "Mr. Orbell said at the time that fares would not go up as a result of the fire..... He was asked a direct question on whether the fire would mean price increases and he said no". Layer Parish Council reminded villagers that the evening bus service provided by EN was still running, but only just. Tiptree Council was to contact all parish councils in the Thurstable School catchment area to ask if they would subsidise a bus to the youth club on a Friday. Osbornes would be prepared to provide a service if they could be assured of good use and financial viability. (Essex County Standard)

January 24th: A passenger wielding a screwdriver hijacked a Sovereign Coaches service to Stansted Airport as it turned off the M11. He forced the driver and the only other passenger off the vehicle and headed along the A120 towards Braintree. He then hit a wall in the forecourt of a garage at Start Hill before heading back towards Bishops Stortford. A man was later arrested. (EG)

January 27th: At an open session of Coggeshall Parish Council members of the public complained about the withdrawal of the early Saturday morning service by EN, no bus was available before 8am The council was to make representations. (ECS)

February 1st: Colchester may get a weekday Park & Ride scheme if the Council can purchase MOD land off Butt Road. (Evening Gazette)

The industrial tribunal hearing the claim by nine former CBT drivers dismissed following the British Bus takeover took place in Bury St. Edmunds week commencing January 30th. David Martin operations and acquisitions director of British Bus told the hearing that years of bad management were the reason for CBT nearly going into receivership. When he came to view the firm he found "considerable investments in strange ventures which had little to do with running buses and irregularities in certain things that were going on". He said the vast majority of staff had accepted the new terms offered and it had been hoped that the nine would turn up for work and continue with the firm.

A driver told the tribunal that at first the majority of drivers rejected the new terms of employment offered by British Bus. He claimed an arrangement was then made that if 50 drivers accepted the deal would go ahead, there was then "a campaign of harassment, bullying and lying" to get enough signatures. Another driver said one person at a time was taken into the office and it was explained to them and he believed it was put across in such a way most signed. He wanted to take the document offering new terms of employment away so he could consider them but was told it could not leave the office.

The tribunal decided that the drivers should have been given notice so had been unfairly dismissed. A claim under the Wages Act failed as no wages were due. The Chairman said the action of Graham Turner brought in by British Bus to run the company had been "unnecessarily brutal". The amounts of compensation to be paid will be decided on March 1st. Six of the drivers have found work but three are still unemployed., (EG / ECS / East Anglian)

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"Green Bus is on the way" - Pioneering Electric Bus -

Thamesway and Badgerline Transit Developments are pioneering a new era in passenger transport in conjunction with Wavedriver Ltd of Royston. The highly sophisticated system is the first in the world, looking like any other bus and would do the same speeds.

Badgerline Transit Developments Managing Director James Freeman said "The benefits are tremendous, a vehicle that does not make any smoke or noise is a good thing to have around.

Subject to local councils backing the pilot scheme, the vehicle should be operating from Hadleigh depot later this year.

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Coloured Photos 38p each plus postage.

Colchester Leyland Lynx 27 with Crosville Wales.

"	"	"	33	"	"	"
"	"	"	34	"	"	"
"	"	"	36	"	"	"
"	"	"	37	"	"	"
"	"	"	39	"	"	"

Available from Photograph Officer address on front cover.

LOOKING BACK

1965

2821/4/5 (JHK453/9/60C), Bristol FLF6G were delivered to Eastern National on 29th January. The company acquired 13 Bristol LS6B from Tillings Transport during February. These had been built between 1954 and 1957 and seating capacity ranged from C34F to C41F. They were numbered 368-380. The first minibus service commenced operation when a 12 seat vehicle on hire from Hearl of Stanford-le-Hope was used on a licensed works service between Dunton and the STC factory in Basildon. Southend Corporation received three highbridge vehicles, 334/9/40 (CJN434/9/40C) were Leyland PD3 with Massey H38/32R bodies.

1975

A one way traffic system introduced in Billericay on 26th January necessitated changes to some bus services.

1985

New Leyland Tiger coaches 1128/9 (B696/7 WAR) were placed in store and were not expected to enter service until April. A one way traffic system was introduced in Clacton on 10th February and routes were revised. Services 108/9 no longer served the Bus Station when operating towards Jaywick. Colchester Borough Transport confirmed that two Leyland Olympians had been order at a cost of £66,850 each. Southend Transport acquired 351 (KAD351V) 357 (YDW317T) and 358 (LAK304W) Leyland Leopard coaches. They had previously been with South Wales Transport, Hills (Tredegar) and Globe, Barnsley. Two demonstrators had been examined. A543WOB a MCW Metroliner Hiliner and RSL85 a Scania/Jonckheere three axle. Neither were used in service. Burnley & Pendle 13 returned home during January, it had not been used in service since August. Contamination by water of a diesel tank at the London Road depot in January caused a series of breakdowns. Vehicles were hired from Ensign and Nelsons between 23rd and 25th January to provide cover.

Essex Low Floor Bus Project

The Essex Low Floor Bus Project is now under way.

The three areas of operation are:-

WM County Bus (Townlink) route 502 Harlow-Epping -Passingford Bridge-Romford commenced 26.11.94 using ELW266-9 M266-9 VPU Dennis SLF, Wright Pathfinder 320 B40F Vehicles carry a revised livery of cream with light and dark green bands and have route details on the roof cant panels

Southend Transport route 5 (Southend-Leigh) and 6/6B (Southend - Eastwood) commenced 3.1.95 using 761-4 M761-4 JPA Dennis SLF, Wright Patfinder 320 B39F The buses are in standard Southend livery with a deeper white band. All four were delivered to Reigate, 764 being delayed owing to accident damage sustained on delivery.

Hedingham Omnibuses routes 90/B (Witham-Heybridge-Maldon) commenced 9.1.95 using L211/2 M211/2 WHJ Dennis Lance SLF, Wright Pathfinder 320 B40F. The buses are in standard Hedingham livery and are allocated to Kelvedon.

The ten vehicles are owned by each operator although a grant towards purchase price was made by Essex County Council. They will operate these routes for an initial period of two years

THAMESWAY

BRENTWOOD TO CLOSE

£300,000 is to be spent on a major refurbishment of Basildon garage. The refurbishment will improve staff and maintenance facilities and also create more space. When the work is completed (Autumn 1995), the long established garage in North Road Brentwood will close with the transfer of operations to Basildon. It is anticipated that an outstation will be established in Brentwood.

VEHICLES

Allocations 1st February 1995

302 BD-PD, 354 Pool-BD, 705 D/L(D)-Pool, 707 D/L(D)-Pool, 712 D/L(D)-Pool, 720 D/L(D)-Pool, 1821 HH-Pool, 1835 HH-Pool, 1837 HH-Pool, 1887 Pool-HH, 1888 HH-Pool, 1891 Pool-D/L(D), 1904 HH-Pool, 1911 Pool-HH.

note the re-instatement of four Ford Transits.

1887/1891/1911 were stored at Clacton for just over a month.

202/7, 706/20, 1854, 1908 were noted in store at Brentwood on 21.1.95.

713/5/6/22, 1835/79/80/93, 1904/22 noted in store at Basildon on 21.1.95.

3110 XHK 215X Returned from Eastern National in mid January.

Workings

9.1. 601 on r11

11.1 380 on r152 daytime

11.1 919 on S1 (1030 ex VCS ~ did it work to London?).

24.1 939 on r251

Disposals

510 MKH 68A Contrary to earlier reports, this vehicle is being stripped for spares at Basildon.

1817/36/49 noted on the premises of Yeates, Nottingham (1.95)

London Transport Contracts

Countdown - London Transports real time passenger information system - is to be introduced on 24 day and 10 night routes in the Angel, Kings Cross, Muswell Hill, Wood Green areas. Thamesway's 214 will be covered by the project so vehicles on this route will have the necessary adaptations.

W11 Timetable changes from 28th January.

W12 Proposed route alterations took place on 28th January. Details are:- Selbourne Road/Willow Walk to South Grove withdrawn (M-S).

Rerouted at Selbourne Road via W11 to Millfield Avenue/Billet Road then to operate an anti-clockwise loop via Folly Lane, Banbury Road, Simot Road and Billet Road back to Millfield Avenue returning to Walthamstow via outward route. The change will allow buses to serve the new Cogan Avenue Estate situated south of the Banbury Reservoir.

In addition, buses in both directions will serve the grounds of Whips Cross Hospital via James Lane and Whips Cross Road.



ACQUIRED

104 (JHE 194W) had entered service by January 6th but by early February had been put to use as a trainer.

169 (E964 OME) has been fitted with the roof from London Buses Titan T 131 (CUL 131V)

REBUILT & REPAINTED

294 (F294 NHJ) to H46/31F

DEMO

Enroute to Hong Kong Citybus, a 3-axle Dennis Dragon visited DM in late January, arriving on Tuesday 22nd and leaving on Thursday 24th. It was yellow with a white roof, a thin white stripe in the yellow, a black skirt and a red band approx 3 feet deep above the skirt. Fleet number 811, it was unregistered and has a Duple MetSec body assembled by Caetano.

ROUTES

345 two pm jnys now run by buses ex the 123.

511 The Wed and Fri jnys are run by a bus off the 252.

GENERAL

A large number of unusual workings,

257/348/Fri Jan 13/15.05 ex Romford	
749/296/DM 25/Sat Jan 21	202/348/Fri Jan 20/11.05 ex Rom.
744/296/DM 27/ " " "	570/248/DM 112/pm, eve, Mon 30 Jan
748/252/DM 84/ " " "	262blue/DM 29 am/296/Fri 27 Jan
749/248/am Tues Jan 31	749/252/all day/Wed Jan 1st
741/DM 58/652, 365/Tues Feb 7th, pm	
	202/348/12.29 & 15.10 ex Romford
	Wed Jan 1st.

Diversions : buses running Northbound along South Street between Roneo Corner and Romford Station are diverted at Oldchurch Road via the ring road (Thurloe Gdns) and Victoria Rd- Tuesday Jan 9th for 10 weeks. This is due to sewer rebuilding work- Southbound unaffected.

On Sat Jan 28 (evening) the D6 was diverted on the Isle of Dogs via East Ferry Road and Manchester rd instead of via Limeharbour and Marsh Wall due to re-surfacing work in the latter.

The 296 is to be diverted between Gidea Park Station and Heath Park Rd via Fairholme Avenue from Tuesday 14 February for 'one to four' weeks.

Railways: another spate of railway jobs to report- On Sat/Sun 21/22 Jan the Northern Line was replaced between Kennington-Bank-Euston, on the Sunday it ran via Liverpool Street due to a crane at work near the Bank. Sun Jan 29 saw the Central Line replaced between Liverpool Street and Leytonstone - two routes were run, all stations and calling at Mile End only. Sunday Feb 5th saw the turn of Leytonstone to Newbury Park with big buses and Newbury Park to Hainault with midis.

It is reported that Citybus have won the big bus contract to run the service that replaces the East London Line between New Cross/New Cross Gate to Central London (possibly Tower Hill) for seven months daily from March/April .

TRAINERS- 104 and 117(JHE 147W) were being used as trainers in mid-February, with 111 (ULS 621X) reported as being back in passenger service at NP - is this correct ?

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

VEHICLES

761 - 764 (M761 - 764 JPA) Dennis Lance SLF/Wright Pathfinder B40FL all entered service at the beginning of January.

They feature dayglo front/side/rear route number blinds but standard front destination blind.

LN 722 (GGE 166T)

726 (GGE 174T) are withdrawn.

715 (HMA 560T)

LN 745 (PJI 3745) is on loan to District Bus.

8 Volvo B10m /Plaxton Paramount coaches are being prepared for Southend "X" routes. They are 4-6 years old and have 53 reclining seats, further details when available.

SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS

FL 352 (WJN 352J) has passed to J SYKES, Carlton (Dealer),
ex Pennine Blue (12/94) (resale)

FL 366 (WJN 366J) has passed to RIPLEY, Carlton (Dealer),
ex Aspden, Blackburn (12/94) (scrap).

REPAINTS

overall - HWS Fiat

VR 351 (YBF 686S) into fleet livery (ex L+C green).

TR 555 (A144 EPA) has received a rear end, advert for Southend sea life centre.

OTHER NEWS

The Southend Transport 'X' services are to be rebranded as Green Line routes and will have a new livery when the new coaches arrive and the other coaches will be repainted during 1995. The Southend Transport name will be carried on the front of the coaches, to perpetuate the local identity.

This step should allow the build up of the "Out of London" business, whilst retaining the level of service for South Essex.

FARES

Fares were increased as of 1st JAN 1995, fares upto £1.15 up by 5p, £1.20 up by 10p, rover tickets and travel cards were also increased slightly.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

DL763 (M 763 JPA) on service 13 08/01/95.