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M374HOX is a Renault Jubilee C9FL with Fargo (Smith) of Rayne for Country Car services, seen here at BraintreeBus Station on 21 9 94.

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ROCHFORD MEETINGS. Freight House 8pm.

December 13th

Guest Speaker Mr W Hiran M.D. Thamesway, all members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

Future Dates.

February 14th 1995. March 14th 1995. April 11th 1995.

Group Funds.

Would you like to help Group Funds?. To all you photographers, especially those who take colour prints, why not have an set printed and send them to the Group Sales Stand, for instance, TRUPRINT print an extra set (36 prints) for £1-79. The Group would reimburse this, and postage costs.

Come on, give it some thought and anybody willing to donate some prints, please let me know.

Make use of your EBN. If any member has anything for sale or swap or even a special enquiry, then use EBN, entries are free" just send your details to the Man/ed.

Published in the Evening Echo dated 17 October in the memories column was a photo of a charabanc, named The Starling, dated 1925, it depicted an outing to Woking Rose Gardens, Barling and Stambridge Mills from Southend Sea Front. Can any member give any details of the vehicle and owner.

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Will all subscribers note that the closing date for the December EBN is December 12th.

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STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD Bristol VR MAU 141P has passed to Wealden, Kent. Former Southend JTD 393P is in red and is to receive an allover advert for the Circus Amusement Arcade in Southend.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN Leyland Tiger/Plaxton E693 UEX has been sold to Town Travel, Saffron Walden.

WHITE HORSE TRAVEL STANSTED A recent addition is FIL 7617 (new as B506 GBD) a Scania/Jonckhree.

WILKINS WHITE RODING Leyland Royal Tiger 2028 RU (new as A504 MHG) has been sold.

WINDMILL COPFORD Have sold Bova Futura F263 RHJ.

Southend Transport

Hires.

LN 709 (JBO 345N) has been on loan to Colchester.

Repaints

TR 563 (A124 EPA) has received a nearside & rear advert for Southend Sea Life centre

Services.

A major service revision took place on 23/10/94 & 30/10/94.

The following services were revised or had minor adjustments.

Route 1 Minor timetable adjustments.

2 Revised timetable and Sunday service introduced.

3A Minor timetable adjustments and revised Sunday service.

4,4B Minor timetable adjustments.

7,7A Minor timetable adjustments & additional evening 7A journey.

9 One Saturday morning journey withdrawn.

14 The 0703 journey runs 5 mins earlier.

21 Revised Timetable. Diverted in Temple Sutton to serve new Waitrose Superstore and extended from Southchurch(White horse) via Southchurch Road to Southend(Central Bus Stn). All journeys also now run to Leigh Station.

23 Revised Timetable.

29 Revised Timetable. Increased to run every 12 mins in peak hours. Extra late evening journey introduced on Fridays only

61 Revised Timetable.

62A Extra Sunday journeys introduced.

63 Revised Timetable. Extended to serve Waitrose Superstore.

69 Revised early evening timetable.

X1,X2,X3,X10,X11

Revised timetable. X11 now serves Homesteads and runs non stop between Dagenham and Aldgate. New stop at Aldgate(Mansell St) for evening peak X10,X11 journeys.

Now serves Lakeside on Sundays (X3)

232,241 & 244 Essex C.C contracts commenced on 30/10/94

Main allocation being Leyland Nationals.

Publicity.

New timetable leaflets for ...1,2,3A,4,4B,5,7,7A,9,12,21,23,29, 61,62A,63,69 & X1,X10 group.

E.C.C timetable leaflets for 232,241 & 244.

HAVERING , LONDON BOROUGH OF

The popular Xmas park & ride service started again on NOV 19 for six Saturdays from six sites into Romford. In addition a six days Mon-Sat service will run from the Ice Rink car Park. This will be a good chance to photo some of this borough's coaches, most of which are heavyweight vehicles. Latest purchase is 179 (H 811 RWJ) a Duple bodied Scania K93.

THAMESWAY

VEHICLES

NEW

Delivery of the new Dennis Darts is now complete with 938-943 M938-943 TEV arriving in mid October.

ALLOCATIONS

510 BN-D/L(D);705 POIL-D/L(D);706 POOL-D/L(D);719 BN-POOL;720 POOL-D/L(D);
938 NEW-BN;939 NEW-BD;940 NEW-BD;941 NEW-BD;942 NEW-BD;943 NEW-BD;
1891 BD-POOL;1896 BN-POOL;1911 BD-POOL;1920 BD-POOL;2202 POOL-BN

715 (C508 BFB) is now privately licensed for use as a crew transfer vehicle.

REPAINTS

228 during October this vehicle received advertising livery for Magnus of Brentwood (retaining Thamesway front).

WORKINGS

9 Aug PD803 on LRT193
16 Aug PD807 on LRT214
10 Sep PD910 on LRT307
26 Sep Western National 2257 (L257 VCV) on S2
27 Sep 522 on 203
31 Oct BD941 on 73/80/1/2

GENERAL

While Hadleigh garage was being resurfaced, approx 20 minibuses have been parked overnight in Castle Lane car park with 715 being used for driver transfer.
HH1857 has been seen in service with no destination blinds.
HH1895 destination blinds show 'SERVICE' at all times, the wording 'Sorry Not In' being painted out!

CORRECTION

The Ford Transits have been sold to Morgan, NANTYCLO (I hope that this is right, I can only relay information given to me!).

OPERATIONS

S1-4 Revised timetable from 23rd September.
LRTD8 Service re-routed from Canary Wharf to Trafalgar Way to All Saints from 29th October
269 Blackmore-Grays Bus Station ECC contract operated by Harris transferred to Thamay as a registered operation from 31st October. Operated by Dennis Darts ex BD.



EASTERN NATIONAL

ALLOCATIONS

9/94 213/216 CN - POOL; 215 DT - BE; 222 BE - D/L(D); 250 D/L(D) - DT; 1832 CF - CR
10/94 206 CF - D/L(D); 216 POOL - CF; 1111 DT - CR, 1832 CR - DT

1832 is thought to be the first National allocated to Harwich since December 1991.

Following the recent move of Bishops Stortford outstation, vehicles allocated now appear to change on a more frequent basis. Therefore it will now be regarded by us (as it has been by the company for some time) as an outstation of Chelmsford. The normal allocation is 4 Mercedes 608's, 4 Darts and 2 Tiger/Alexander. On Saturdays two vehicles are swapped for Mercedes 709's for use on ECC tendered services at Harlow on the Sunday.

REPAINTS

9/94 1427 4007

10/94 1416 4018

In addition 4007 was fitted with manual blinds. This completes the programme to fit Olympians with manual blinds.

In addition, 4007 was the last Olympian in the later (more yellow) version of the dp livery.

Leyland National 1872 has received blue doors, but retains old livery.

According to our records the following are in new livery:-

200/02-12/23-33/35-52 631-54/56 1117/23/25/28-30 1401/08/14/16/25/27-29 4007/08/11/12
4015/16/18-21 4501/03/10-12

GENERAL

In response to a members letter, Maldon outstation remains located at the former garage at present, with vehicles parked on the forecourt. A move to a new location is expected to be made in 1995, but a site is yet to be found.

According to press reports a Dennis Dart was stolen from the new depot in Anchor Street, Bishops Stortford on Friday 7th October. It crashed into a lamppost while heading for London Road a short time later causing £1,000 of damage to the bus. A youth arrested a short time later at the Railway Station has been bailed while police investigations continue.

Mercedes 632, has been experimentally fitted with Brightec electronic side and rear route numbers.

Bristol VR 3064 has been refurbished, with new lower body panels, new moquette and Diptac features fitted. It is normally to be found on the Mersea route.

Group member Paul Sparks, writes from Clacton with details of visits to Summer Rallies with Eastern National. He travelled on Dennis Dart 822 to both North Weald and Duxford rallies on this vehicle, while a photo of it at the Bristol Festival of Transport appeared in the EN in house magazine. Indeed, 822 is regarded as a showbus by staff at Clacton depot. Paul also travelled on KSW 2383 to the Canvey rally on 9th October.

SERVICES

52B Additional journey at 0854 from Chelmsford to Pleshey on Saturdays from 5.11.94.

67 Slight timetable change to one morning school journey from 24.10.94

79 Some evening peak journeys revised to operate as 79A from 14.11.94.

PUBLICITY

Timetable leaflets for services 53/B dated July 94; 31/X dated 31.10.94; 53/B dated 24.10.94; 70/133 dated 4.9.94; 78/A/B/178 dated 4.9.94; 79/A dated 4.9.94 and revised again on 14.11.94; 82/A,83 dated 31.10.94; 87/A dated 4.9.94. 91/92 dated 31.10.94 ;127 dated 31.10.94.

Leaflet for buses between Colchester & Wivenhoe dated 4.9.94.

Leaflet for EN buses Braintree College - White Court/Gt Notley dated 16.10.94.

Great News for Bus Passengers in Great Tey dated 31.10.94. shows 81 (HO) 82 (Carters) and 82A/83 (EN).

Leaflet for Drive a bus! Who,me? (but one assumes not aimed at teenagers in Bishops Stortford) giving details of driving jobs with EN.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

4.8.94. CR 1916 on service 64/A (normally Dart/Mercedes)

31.8.94 CN 821 on service 64/A (CR operated service)

30.9.94 **CN 1112 on service 70 (CR operated service)**

1.11.94 CN 819 on service 64/A (CR operated service)

In addition to the above, Geoff Toon provides the following information. For Colchester allocated vehicles it can be assumed that if a blank blind is shown, the vehicle is a "town" bus on a country service or vice versa. A check on the former Haven Road allocation confirms this to be a reasonable assumption, although country buses do carry some town destinations for use on Sunday contracts. The above assumption applies to the following:-

1.8.94. CR 1867 on service 65/A (country bus on town)

12.8.94. CR 1933 on service 53 (town on country)

17.8.94. CR 3095 on service 65/A (as 1867)

11.10.94. CR 801 on service 66 (as 1867)

INITIAL DISPOSALS

120 (B258 CHK) Private buyer in the Clacton area, 9/94.
222 (C222 HJN) Yorkshire Rider, Leeds, 10/94
711 (C436 BHY) Coopers Coaches, Southampton, 10/94.
750 (D750 RWC) Johns Travel, Brynmawr, 9/94.
752 (D752 RWC) Capital Hire, Pontypool, 9/94
753 (D753 RWC) Anslow Travel, Pontypool, 9/94.
754 (D754 RWC) As for 753.
1824 (VAR 901S) Lister (dealer), Bolton, 10/94.
1831 (VNO 733S) As for 1824.
1834 (VAR 894S) As for 1824.
1855 (YEV 312S) Bristol Bus & Coach, 9/94.
1892 (BNO 682T) As for 1855.
1901 (DAR 123T) As for 1824.
1910 (DAR 132T) As for 1824.
1927 (MHJ 723V) As for 222.
1930 (MHJ 726V) As for 222.
1932 (MHJ 728V) As for 222.
1938 (STW 19W) As for 222.
3111 (XHK 216X) Hardwick (AJS) (breaker), Carlton, 10/94. (For scrap).

1855 and 1892 are to be refurbished, but they are not coming back to Eastern National.

HEDINGHAM

VEHICLES

L211 & L212 the low floor Dennis Lance/Wright are due to be delivered on 15.11.94. and will be used from Kelvedon on service 90.

The entire stock acquired from Partridge will be kept, although the two Neoplan/Plaxton coaches have been put up for sale.

Following recent repaints only L180 and L182 retain Norfolks livery, while L217 and L221 now carry Hedingham livery ex Partridge.

SERVICES

96 From 28.11.94. the 0705 ex Maldon, will start from Maylandsea PO at 0724.

GENERAL

According to Suffolk County Council "Passenger Transport Users News", former Partridge routes are being operated by Ipswich Buses in the short term. In the longer term Hedingham are to revise routes and timetables to fit in with their operations.

Twenty year old L84 attended the Canvey open day in October. It attended many rallies in its early days and still carries an attendance plaque from the 1975 Southend Rally. Its original engine was replaced only 18 months ago.

FLEET ALLOCATION NOVEMBER 1994

BURNHAM(3) L139 L140 L161

CLACTON(18) L94 L105 L116 L149 L153 L155 L158 L165 L169 L170 L175 L192 L201
L223 L230 L231 L233 L234

HARWICH(4) L86 L121 L218 L221

HEDINGHAM(21) L84 L87 L88 L89 L95 L98 L103 L133 L135 L136 L137 L150 L151 L160
L167 L194 L196 L197 L200 L202 L206

KELVEDON(16) L111 L112 L126 L141 L146 L152 L162 L168 L198 L199 L203 L204 L207
L208 L209 L210

LITTLE TEY(11) L96 L100 L113 L122 L124 L138 L166 L193 L195 L205 L232

SUDBURY(23) L115 L148 L180 L181 L182 L183 L184 L185 L186 L187 L188 L189 L190
L213 L214 L217 L219 L222 L224 L225 L227 L228 L229

WALTON(16) L81 L85 L106 L107 L114 L125 L147 L156 L159 L163 L164 L178 L215
L216 L220 L226

Total Fleet Strength 112

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ADAMS BRENTWOOD Have added LUY 520T and PJT 518W, both Ford/Plaxton ex Sanders, Holt to their fleet.

ADVANCE MINIBUSES HOCKLEY This months new Southend area operator with one Ford Transit, in this case all Ford D435 VHJ.

AIRPORT EXPRESS A second Ford Transit is H3 KMK. A third vehicle Freight Rover 300 series C158 HVP is the spare vehicle.

AMOS BELCHAMP ST PAUL Fleet additions are Bedford YLQ/Duple VFT 935T and Ford Transit C764 NRC

APT RAYLEIGH Have sold APT 416B (re-registered A790 VVX prior to sale) a Volvo/Berkhof.

BARKER ROYDON Fleet additions of all shapes and sizes are Optare Citypacer E998 UYG, Bedford/Plaxton JDW 556N and MCW Metroliner double decker D683 YTN.

BERNARDS COACHES HARLOW Have acquired Volvo/Van Hool WSV 498.

BLUE DIAMOND HARLOW Leyland Leopard/Plaxton BAJ 998T has joined the fleet

BUSBY COACHES FOSTER STREET Acquired from Blackwell, Abbess Roding is MVY 54T a Bedford YLQ/Plaxton.

CAMBUS Services 22 and 112 will operate to revised timetables from 28.11.94

CARTER COLCHESTER RMC 1500 reported in EBN 366, was on loan from its owner, Malcolm Alder of Clacton. He also organises the enthusiast trips from Hedinghams depot in Clacton. Essex County Council have agreed to its use on schools contracts as the doors can be adjusted to operate from the cab only.

COACHSTOP SOUTHEND LAG Panoramic F21 WNH has been sold.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD New is Toyota/Caetano 9803 RU, the registration having previously been carried by an older Toyota/Caetano.

CUNNINGHAM CORRINGHAM Bedford VAS/Plaxton JHS 719N has been acquired. Former MAB Transport Ford Transit MJM 144V has now entered service here.

DEBDEN CAR HIRE DEBDEN Operate all Ford Transit WDB 582X.

DON DUNMOW Leyland Leopard/Plaxton DRB 61T left the fleet in late 1992.

EDS MINIBUS TILBURY Have acquired TRE 929X a Fiat minibus from Royles, Hawkwell.

EUROPA RAMSDEN HEATH A further acquired vehicle is PKU 622R a Bedford VAS/Plaxton.

FARGO RAYNE Revised timetables were introduced on the Braintree area Countrycar routes from 8.11.94. The school service numbered 133A (see EBN 366) was withdrawn after 22.10.94.

FORD ALTHORNE Have acquired VNM 900S a Bedford YLQ/Plaxton ex Stans Great Totham.

FOURWAYS HIGHWOOD Dodge/Reeve Burgess A732 TGS has been sold to Knights, Gt Braxted.

HAILSTONE BASILDON Ford Transit B158 APP has been sold to Mika Coach Hire, Harold Hill. The fleet now consists of F358 SMU a Ford Transit and Mercedes minis E430 DHJ and NMJ 982H (a cherished plate).

HALLS COACHES HENHAM Acquired is WRK 20X a DAF/Jonckhree and B920 CSU a ?/Jonckhree.

HARRIS BUS Revised timetables were introduced on schools services 390S and 391 from 31.10.94. Dennis Dart/Marshall demonstrator L416 PAR was on loan during early October. Eastbourne Leyland Olympian/Northern Counties have been on loan during October and November. 51 and 53 (E851/3 DPN) arrived in mid-October, while 54 and 57 had replaced them in early November. 54 is an overall advert for Enterprise Shopping Centre Eastbourne and 57 is an overall advert for MGM Cinemas. It is understood that these vehicles are swapped every two weeks. Ailsas WRJ 447/448X and Scania F314 RHK now carry Lakeside Linx lettering for use on services L2/3/4.

HARRIS COACH Setra J76 VTG which had been on loan, was returned to the dealer on 17.10.94

LEE ROY HARLOW Have acquired B530 BJO (ex 3600 CD, 1991 CD, B878 AJX) a DAF/Plaxton.

LINKFAST HADLEIGH Have sold LVS 433V a Bedford YMT/Plaxton.

LODGE HIGH EASTER Not previously reported is that the Bovas have been re-registered. BRY 701Y is now JIL 2202 and HHJ 772Y is now JIL 2203. Ford A series XNC 580X and JRP 874Y have been sold.

ONGAR COACHES HIGH LAVER Have sold former Eastbourne Leopard EJK 887F.

PRESIDENTIAL SHOEBOURNESS Have sold KPP 653Y a Ford A series.

RONDA COACHES ROCHFORD Ford Transit A211 PBM has joined the fleet.

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Toyota/Caetano F421 RRY has been acquired from Silver Knight, Wickford. Sold is E987 NMK a Mercedes/Reeve Burgess.

S&P ROCHFORD Recent additions are UAR 930M a Bedford/Plaxton and BDL 598L a Bedford/Duple.

SEYMOUR HARLOW Acquired is Volvo/Plaxton Viewmaster FIL 8540.

STALLION COACHES CHELMSFORD Have acquired Bova Europa GGD 847X.

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DID YOU READ.....

October 14th: Frinton residents claim that their town is being spoilt by coaches. The Evening Gazette reports during the summer they had parked on the seafront and side roads which obliterated the view for residents and increased the accident risk to children and the elderly. Their call for help was thrown out by Frinton and Walton Town Council but led to a division between councillors representing the two towns. The council chairman said coaches should be directed to designated coach parks - the nearest being in Walton.

October 17th: A CBT driver with 17 years service has been sacked, according to the EG, for not wearing a tie. After receiving both verbal and written warnings the driver who suffers for arthritis in his neck has been given his cards. A spokesman said "As far as uniform is concerned the policy is that all drivers who are issued with uniform are expected to conform with it". It had always been policy that ties were worn but had only been enforced since the takeover.

October 18th: The E.G. carries a front page picture of a French coach that was forced off the road at the Albert roundabout, Colchester when a turntable ladder from the nearby fire station overturned. The platform at the top of the ladder tore four offside (in England!) windows out. Only minor injuries were suffered by the passengers of the Voyages Michalit coach.

October 19th: An editorial in the EG deals with the question of uniform, and correctly states that rules are there to be obeyed but a tie pulled down from around the neck looks worse than no tie at all.

October 21st. The Essex County Standard lead is an account of an attack earlier in the week on a female bus driver at West Mersea. The incident occurred at 10.30pm at the terminal when a gang of 15 teenagers surrounded the EN bus and started to rock it causing the driver who was getting out of her seat to lose balance and fall, hurting her back. Michael Holden, NE Essex Manager said "because of the sheer weight of the bus the yobs only unbalanced it slightly". This incident follows one a few weeks earlier when a driver was punched in the face in Lexden Road. The EG follows up on this story with news that talks were to be held with the TGWU over the incident although with only 6 incidents so far this year it was not seen as a problem. A letter appears in support of the "tieless driver" stating the man was always polite, preferable to someone obnoxious but wearing a tie.

October 25th: Tram-style buses could be introduced in Essex according to the EG as the County Council's Public Transport Committee investigates guided buses. Members will visit Leeds to see the (guided bus) scheme there.

October 26th: The EG reports that Plymouth Citybus is to cut its yearly £14000 water bill by up to £9000 by converting the 11 acre roof area of the depot into a catchment pool.

October 28th: The ECS relates the unfortunate story of a model railway club that hired a CBT bus to go to an exhibition in Birmingham. It developed a fault outside Chelmsford so the driver phoned for a replacement. One was not available in Colchester, there was one in Southend, but they had no driver. A CBT driver had to go to Southend to pick the vehicle up and it was agreed they would meet up at South Mimms, but the replacement was involved in an accident. The travellers gave up and returned to Colchester in the original bus which according to CBT Manager Ray Giles had a problem which although not dangerous affected the speed. He said it was the first time they had not completed a trip. Copford Parish Council were to write to EN about the 8.10am number 53 bus which often did not stop at School Road as it was full. According to a report in the EG David Bigg of the Witham/Braintree Rail Users Association considered Colchester and Halstead ideal spots to try trams.

November 3rd: 'Bus Drivers In Strike Threat' is the EG front page headline as it reports that CBT drivers are to hold two hour strikes later in the month. Their action had been caused by a shortage of drivers, 67 against 96 a year ago; a shortage of engineers; too tight timetables; longer hours - a minimum of 42 hour week with drivers on the road for 4 1/2 hours non stop; buses that are dilapidated, continually breaking down and lacking heating with the situation so bad that at 5.30am an open-top bus was being used on the Greenstead route.

November 4th: A letter to the ECS complains about an afternoon peak service to Brightlingsea which the writer claims is full with Wivenhoe passengers while the following 77 is nearly empty. Complaints of smaller buses, poor and expensive evening services are also aired. Another correspondent takes EN to task for charging for their timetable when the CBT one was free. While they were attacking CBT they were given away free in their thousands yet now they were charging 25p for a 44 page book against the 50p for a 544 page County Council book. Is the charge to pay for new buses or to make up the loss of the very cheap fares which have now gone up several times? The writer also asks if drivers are lazy as many buses show blank blinds. A meeting was due to take place between CBT managers and the TGWU that evening in an attempt to avert the strikes according to the EG.

November 8th: The sound of buses revving up at 6am will cause a nuisance according to Heybridge Parish Council. The EG reports that a planning application by EN to park 9 buses overnight and 3 during the day on waste land and part of the car park at the Benbridge Industrial Estate in the village had been made to Maldon District Council. Recent pleas for motorists to leave their car and take the bus are scorned in a letter from a 76 year old Little Clacton resident. Last Christmas he and his wife had caught the bus to Colchester, two returns cost him £7.80 and he got a black look for tendering a £20 note. It would be a long time before he used the bus again.

November 9th: A last ditch attempt to prevent strike action by CBT drivers is to be made tonight. The EG reports that a new offer is expected to be put on the table by management. Buses will be off the road between 0730 and 0930 and there will be a ban on overtime and rest day working on Friday. On Monday a deal including 15p an hour pay increase and scheduling changes had been rejected. Geoff Dodson of EN said they "would be watching the effect on their routes but did not have spare capacity to introduce additional buses all over the place".

November 10th: The strike by CBT drivers scheduled for this morning was cancelled following talks with management. Drivers were to meet in the evening to discuss the offer. A strike by EN drivers in Chelmsford went ahead with buses off the road for around an hour while they held a meeting. A few buses stayed on the road driven by supervisors and strike-breakers. Speaking on BBC Essex in the morning Bill Lumb of the TGWU said that both disputes were over a similar problem, scheduling. In Chelmsford drivers would do 7 rounds on a minibus then another 7 in their second half on the same route. This was boring and was it any wonder a driver who was happy in the morning was not so at the end of shift. Eric Dixon, the presenter, observed that they choose the job, they could leave if they did not like it. He was told that the situation had only changed in the last five years with the working week being extended from 39 hours to 42 or even 45 and shift patterns being changed. Speaking in the evening Steve Argent of the TGWU said drivers tired after a 7hour 48 minute shift were being forced to work overtime. Robin Orbell said it was normal industry practice as it was impossible to make all shifts exactly this length. Other depots worked to this pattern.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION 1.11.94.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (BS)	4 Mercedes 4 Dennis Dart & 2 Tiger from CF
BRAINTREE (BE)	200/02/09/10/12/15/42/44/49 621/23-30
CHELMSFORD (CF)	203-05/07/08/15/43/45/51 601-20/22/31-46
	808/12-16 1110/14/15/17/19/20/21/25/27-30
	1401/03/07/08/13-16/25-29 1843/50-62/65/85
	1909/14/24/40 3069/71/7779/83/84/92/94
	3106/12 4011/13 4510/11
CLACTON (CN)	217/25-36/48 647-55 810/17/19/21/22 1112
	3219-22
COLCHESTER (CR)	218-21/23/24/37-41/47 801-07/09/11/18/20 1111
	1844/50/51/63/67/72/74/90/99 1916/21/23/25/33
	3064/68/78/91/93/95 3103/14/27/28 3218
	4012/14-18/20/21 4501/03/12
DUNMOW (DW)	1 Tiger/Alexander from CF depot
HARWICH (DT)	214/50/52 656 1123 1832 3072/76 3109
	4007/8/19
MALDON (MN)	2 Tiger/Alexander, 4 Lynx, 2 VR from CF
WALTON (WN)	3 Mercedes from CN depot & 1 Dart from CR
DRIVER TRAINING	9012/13
POOL VEHICLES	213/16/46 1833/70 1935 2383/84 3500/01
DISPOSAL VEHICLES	211/22 700/02/03/06/07/11 1824
	1831/34/41/1873 1901/10/27/30/32/36/38
	3070/111

The minibus required for the Maldon town service, runs in service from and to Chelmsford (service 31) and is therefore not shown as part of the Maldon allocation, although it is driven by MN based drivers. The outstation allocations are the normal vehicle types, but can vary from time to time.

LOOKING BACK

1964: Bristol FLF6G 2812-5 (GNO788-91B) were delivered to Eastern National during November . 2810 was allocated to Bishops Stortford, the first new double decker there for eight years. Dovercourt was now the only depot without a FLF. Part of a country bus route was taken over from the LTB (London Transport Board) when from November 4th EN Service 309 was extended to include the Havers Lane Estate to Bishops Stortford part of LT Services 350/A and 386. The FLF was for use on this service.

1974: EN sold withdrawn vehicle 2386(WNO484) to South Wales Transport in August. Conversion of Bristol MW6G vehicles for bus use continued. It involved fitting power operated doors, repositioning destination equipment from waist to upper dome together with rerouting of electrics. Roof quarter lights were paneled in and modifications made to the bulkhead screen behind the driver. Bus seats, new blinds and OMO equipment were installed.

1984: VR 3045 (NAG583G) was delicensed for disposal following an electrical fire on October 18th. Rail replacements on both LTS and GE lines occurred on numerous occasions but the highlight was when CBT Atlanteans 81 and 83 replaced the 2030 ex Liverpool St between Colchester and Norwich. ST acquired Leyland Leopards 347 (XWX184S) from Wallace Arnold and 354 (UDW140S) from Hills (Tredegar).



As a result of the RE being off the road with accident damage Carters Coach Services needed a replacement for use on their Suffolk County Council contract on August 28th. Former London Transport, AEC Routemaster RMC1500 (ALC368A), now carrying a Hatfield General fleet name is seen here in the OCM Bus Station Ipswich

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As a double deck vehicle could not operate over the 636 route via Grundisburgh, the EN operated 651 ran as a 652 while the double decker ran via the main road to Woodbridge then as normal.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

The last Lynxes, 28 and 29, followed the rest to Crosville Wales on 2.10.94. (28's all over advertisement was for Colchester Mortgage Centre and not as given last month; sorry.)

65 has been painted in CBT livery (ex-L&C) and entered service on 26.9.94.

43 was loaned to Southend Transport from 15.9.94 to 29.9.94. The following Southend Transport vehicles were used by CBT:

447, from 15.9.94 to 26.9.94;
550, from 15.9.94 to 19.9.94, 21.9.94 to 29.9.94 and 30.9.94 to 3.10.94;
551, from 17.9.94 to 18.9.94;
264, from 26.9.94 to 5.10.94;
265, from 5.10.94.

(The dates shown are those the vehicles were transferred.)

Southend Transport 284 was sent to Colchester for accident repair on 5.10.94.

Western National's Mark Howarth has supplied some information on former Thamesway Bristol VRs now in service with Western National:-

1238	KOO 785V	Camborne	old livery
1239	UAR 595W	St Austell	new livery
1240	XHK 225X	Camborne	old livery
1241	XHK 231X	Totnas	old livery
1242	XHK 228X	Camborne	old livery
1243	UAR 586W	Camborne	old livery
1244	UAR 589W	Camborne	old livery
1245	UAR 594W	Totnes	old livery
1246	UAR 597W	St Astell	new livery
1248	UAR 590W	Totnes	Marks & Spencer advert livery
1249	XHK 223X	Camborne	old livery
1250	XHK 220X	Camborne	old livery
1251	XHK 230X	Camborne	old livery

St Austellbuses also work out of Newquay and Camborne buses also work out of Penzance, Helston, Truro and Falmouth.

Western National City Saver workings are 0708 Vange Five Bells to Trafalgar Square (Mon-Sat) and 1810 Embankment to Hadleigh (Mon-Fri). Regular vehicles are 1400/1 (E213/4 BOD), Neoplan Skyliners having worked up from Penzance.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT LTD.
FLEET LIST, OCTOBER 1994

FLEET NO.	REG. NO.	CHASSIS		ENGINE MAKE AND CAPACITY	BODY		YEAR NEW	DATE IN SER WITH CBT	NOTES
		MAKE AND TYPE	NUMBER		MAKE NO.	TYPE/SEATS			
9	BVP 809V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06676	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	9/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
10	BVP 810V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06709	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	5/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
12	BVP 812V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06716	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	9/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
19	EON 829V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06951	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	4/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
21	BVP 821V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06762	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	2/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
25	EON 825V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06932	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	8/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
26	EON 826V	LEYLAND NAT'L NL 116L11/1R	06933	LEYLAND 10.0	LEYLAND INTEGRAL	B49 + 24F	1980	4/94	ex MIDLAND FOX
41	C 41 HHJ	LEYLAND OLYMPIAN ONLXCT/1RH	2002	GARDNER 10.45	E.C.W. 26243	H47/31+10F	1985	10/85	
43	D 43 RMC	LEYLAND OLYMPIAN ONLXCT/1RH	ON10232	GARDNER 10.45	E.C.W. 26457	H47/31+10F	1986	9/86	
45	F245 MTW	LEYLAND OLYMPIAN ONCL10/1RZ	ON10778	CUMMINS 10.0	LEYLAND 1003	H43/29+17F	1988	8/88	
48	H 4E MJN	LEYLAND OLYMPIAN ON2R50C13Z4	ON11705	CUMMINS 10.0	LEYLAND 1132	H47/31+17F	1991	4/91	
49	H 4S MJN	LEYLAND OLYMPIAN ON2R50C13Z4	ON11703	CUMMINS 10.0	LEYLAND 1133	H47/31+17F	1991	4/91	
55	JHK 495N	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68/1R	7404696	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 21472	O43/31F	1975	4/75	OPEN TOP 1989
64	PUF 131M	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7401796	LEYLAND 11.1	PARK ROYAL 60658	H43/30F	1974	9/94	ex LONDON & C'NTRY
65	MUA 865P	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68/1R	7503334	LEYLAND 11.1	ROE G08485	H43/30F	1976	9/94	ex LONDON & C'NTRY
66	RFR 416P	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68/1R	7504888	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22011	H43/31F	1976	9/94	ex LONDON & C'NTRY
67	TPU 67R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700165	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22320	H43/31F	1977	5/77	
68	TPU 68R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700293	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22322	H43/31F	1977	5/77	
69	TPU 69R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700323	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22323	H43/31F	1977	5/77	ex C LINE ex CBT
70	RFR 421P	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68/1R	7505047	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22015	H43/31F	1976	9/94	ex LONDON & C'NTRY
71	TPU 71R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700441	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22321	H43/31F	1977	5/77	
72	RFR 419P	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68/1R	7505045	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22019	H43/31F	1976	9/94	ex LONDON & C'NTRY
73	TPU 73R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700554	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22326	H43/31F	1977	5/77	
74	TPU 74R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700578	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22327	H43/31F	1977	5/77	
75	TPU 75R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700903	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22328	H43/31F	1977	6/77	
76	TPU 76R	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7700916	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22329	H43/31F	1977	6/77	
77	YNO 77S	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7800101	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22837	H43/31F	1978	6/78	
78	YNO 78S	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7800104	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22839	H43/31F	1978	6/78	
79	YNO 79S	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7800235	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22838	H43/31F	1978	6/78	
80	YNO 80S	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7800254	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22842	H43/31F	1978	6/78	
81	YNO 81S	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7800404	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22841	H43/31F	1978	7/78	
82	YNO 82S	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7800464	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 22840	H43/31F	1978	6/78	
83	MEV 83V	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7901363	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23649	H43/31F	1979	12/79	
84	MEV 84V	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7901386	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23650	H43/31F	1979	12/79	
85	MEV 85V	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7902296	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23653	H43/31F	1979	1/80	
86	MEV 86V	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7902299	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23652	H43/31F	1979	1/80	
87	MEV 87V	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7902301	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23651	H43/31F	1979	1/80	
88	RVW 88W	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7905766	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23654	H43/31F	1980	8/80	
89	RVW 89W	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7905771	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23655	H43/31F	1980	8/80	
90	RVW 90W	LEYLAND ATLANTIAN AN68A/1R	7905774	LEYLAND 11.1	E.C.W. 23656	H43/31F	1980	8/80	
103	OHE 274X	LEYLAND TIGER TRCTL11/3R	8200012	LEYLAND 11.1	DUPLE 235/5483	C53F	1982	5/87	EX. WEST RIDING
104	OHE 280X	LEYLAND TIGER TRCTL11/3R	8200261	LEYLAND 11.1	DUPLE 235/5489	C53F	1982	5/87	EX. WEST RIDING
SERVICE AND ANCILLARY VEHICLES (NOT INCLUDED ON BUS FLEET INSURANCE POLICY)									
96	PPU 329R	SCANIA 381333	SCANIA 8.0	RECOVERY	VEHICLE PICK-UP TRUCK		1976	11/89	
98	PMR 985M	LAND ROVER SERIES 3		FORK			1973	3/73	
99	YVW 979L	MATTHEO C40/12FL/D	5411						

Acquired

183	B443	CKW	Dennis Dominator	DDA901/764	Alexander	H46/32F	9/84
184	B444	CKW	"	"	"	"	"
190	B440	CKW	"	"	"	"	8/84

Body nos are RH20/383/43 ,44 ,40. Ex Mainline Group Ltd 2443/44/40 in 10/94. New to South Yorkshire PTE ,to South Yorkshire Transport Ltd 10/86. They were originally allotted regos A 443/44/40 YAK . 184 noted in service OCT 10, 190 ditto by OCT 26. 183 had not entered service by NOV 05.

(104) JHE 194W MCW Metrobus DR104/6 MB6157 MCW H46/31F 3/81 ex Mainline Group Ltd 10/94, 1894. Not in service or repainted as at Nov 05. New to South Yorkshire PTE, to South Yorkshire Transport Ltd 10/86.

Artic 793 was observed at NP bodyshop on Nov 05 being fitted with various features such as green handrails, ect. Progress could be best described as gradual.

ON ORDER

It is reported that ten new double deck buses are on order for delivery at the end of the year- further details when available.

REPAINTS - 797 (WYJ 165S) -yellow. 183, 184 , 190 ,744.

Rebuilt

794 (GUW 454W) to B41F (ex B21DL + wheelchairs)- first noted in service Thurs Oct 20. It has day-glo number blinds both front & rear.

The last two dual door/blue & silver Metrobus mk2, 292/4 has both left DM to have their center doors removed. 292 was reported to have had this done by OCT 26, but had not yet been repainted. Progress on 294 is unknown. Neither had returned to DM by NOV 11.

RENUMBERED - 794 (GUW 454W) to **744**

DRIVER TRAINERS

No sooner were my words typed last month than the situation changed, as 570 returned to DM to give the commercial routes a much needed lowbridge double decker again, to be replaced as DT by 100, the sole Titan. Atlantean 909 is still mobile (see last month).

TRANSFERS

100 DM to NPt 174,203 NP to DM 570 NPt to DM

GENERAL

Sunday October 9th was a busy day in South West Essex for railway jobs. DM depot were replacing the Great Eastern between Ilford and Stratford, (the railway timetable claims that this will go on until December 11th), NP were replacing the Central Line between Leytonstone, Newbury Park and Hainault, while Harris Of Thurrock were replacing the LTS between Upminster and Pitsea.

Unusual workings include - 570-DM104-248-Thurs SPT 22

284-DM27-296-Sat SPT 24

737-DM8x-252-Mon Oct 03

ROUTES

- 296 The 'Ilford Leader' dated Nov 10 claimed that LT are considering diverting this route on a double run from Little Heath via Barley Lane to serve the new King George V district Hospital.
- 347 Times are : ex Cranham MF 08.44 SAT 09.44, 11.44, 13.44, 15.44
ex Lakeside MF 14.15 SAT 10.15, 12.15, 14.15, 16.15
- 349 Times are : ex Romford Station - MF 09.25 & hourly 13.25, 14.25, 16.25
SAT 10.34, 12.25, 14.25, 16.25
ex Lakeside - MF 10.15 & hourly 13.15,
SAT 11.15, 13.15, 15.15, 17.15,
plus 08.54 MF and 09.54 Upminster Station to Romford.
- 347/8/9 These changes together with the 348 service gives a combined 30 min service between Upminster Station and Lakeside from approx 09.30 and 15.00 MF and 09.30 and 17.30 SAT.
- 511 LT tender gained from Jan 95, for 5 years- to be double deck-existing is County Bus Townlink with a Leyland Lynx. ROMFORD-Mawney Rd- Hogg Hill Rd - Romford Rd A1112 to the junction with New North Rd, then in a one way anti-clockwise loop via Romford Rd, B 173 Lambourne Rd, Manford Way, The Lowe, New North Rd. One return jny WED, FRI, SAT.
- 648 The am connecting jny runs via Elm Park, not via the direct Airfield Way 652 route.
- Boxing Day- No 86b this year, but it seems as tho the following will run -
- 22b Homerton Hospital to Tottenham Court Rd
 - 97a Chingford to Whipps Cross
 - 174 Noak Hill to Dagenham
 - 257 Stratford - Walthamstow - Chingford
 - 277 Highbury & Islington - Poplar.

Disposals

- 500 (SWW 300R) 502 (VOD 592S) - Murphy (dealer), Denver, Colorado, USA
ex Claireaux (dealer) Hadleigh - thought to have gone direct from the UK to New York City for use by Gray Line Tours.
- 503 (URF 673S) 505 (BTU 375S) Supreme, Hadleigh, ex Swallow, Hornchurch.
- 763 (D163 WTV) North Western Road Car, 395, ex Stevensons, in service at Runcorn, and repainted by SEPT 24
- 764 (D164 UTO) as above but not repainted or in service, still in Citybus livery.

Allocations - 104, 183 - NPu 184, 190 -NP 744 - DM
Transfers - 111 DM to NPt 295 DM to NP

GENERAL

112 (GRA 102V) has been on loan to County Bus Thameside during late Sept/early Oct for use on the 510. Leyland Nationals at DM are having two plastic pockets approx 9 x 6 inches fitted to the front nearside window. Cards are fitted in to them, one displaying a route number, the second various via points. Unusual workings - 570/296/DM2x/OCT 17
670/252/DM88/pm spreadover OCT 31
742/252/DM88/pm " NOV 02

Due to work on subways under the A13 the Eastbound (essex) carriageway was closed from 21.00 on SAT OCT 29 & NOV 05 and all day SUN OCT 30 and NOV 06. As a result, the 165 was diverted Northbound between Dovers Corner and Cherry Tree via Rainham Rd (the 103 route). 365 buses reversed at the Mardyke Estate terminus and left the estate via the inbound route - thus the A13 new road was not served.