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The Group Chairman, Alan Osborne has recently had a major operation and on behalf of the members I would like to take this opportunity to wish him a speedy recovery.

The non appearance of Geoff Toon's, North Essex Column in the July EBN was due to our great mail system looking after his notes from July 10th to July 25th, travelling from Colchester to Benfleet, you could have crawled there and back quicker.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Grey Green Fleet List 30p.
 Eastern National AEC Regents 1929-1923 illustrated 50p.
 Postage 25p each or both publications + postage £1-00.

ROCHFORD MEETINGS

Please refer to EBN for dates.

TOURS.

Bristol County Tour October 1st, booking form enclosed, book early limited seats for this tour of County Bus garages.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET RECORD 1964-1990

Lists all vehicles owned between 1964-1990 £4-50 (post free) from E B E G 10 Harvard Court, Boston Ave. Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9ST.

A new commuter service has commenced operation from Canvey Island to London operated by Basildon Coachlines.

Mystery solved, Group member Paul Harvey has told us that the bus stop flag (EBN 363) was in fact positioned on the section of road between Rochford Station and Dalys Rd, opposite the side entrance to the Hospital. Buses turning left from Hall Rd. would service the stop. Thanks Paul for the info. . The item is still for sale.

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VEHICLES

New

918-943 M918-943 TEV Dennis Dart 9.8SDL3035,Plaxton Pointer B39F

These vehicles are due for delivery at the end of August being allocated to Basildon and Brentwood depots.

Acquired

521 F613 XWY Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3ARZ,Plaxton Paramount 3200E C53F
522 F614 XWY " " " "

These were acquired from Yorkshire Rider in 7.04 and are working City Saver routes in Yorkshire Rider livery. They were originally numbered 1613/4 and were new in 1988.

2202 FDZ 984 Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3R,Duple Goldliner C51F new 1982

Acquired from Western National (2202) in 7.94 having been on loan(EBN362). This is regarded as a pool vehicle and spends most of its time on City Saver routes. It was new to Grey-Green as OHM 831Y and operated for Brewers before acquisition by Western National in 1990.

Withdrawn

508	MKH 89A	704	C482 BFB	711	B444 WTC
509	MKH 893A	707	C490 BFB	714	C507 BFB
701	C439 BHY	708	C495 BFB	718	C449 BHY
703	C446 BHY	709	C597 BFB	721	C440 BHY

Disposals

509 Badgerline, Weston-Super-Mare (For Spares?)
701/3/4/7/8/9/11/14/18/21 J M Morgan, Lampeter.

General

The livery applied to 375 (EBN363) is experimental and unlikely to be repeated.

206 C957 GAF chassis no 310327-20-702500, body no 15490
207 C699 ECV chassis no 310327-20-705017, body no 15374

SERVICES

Revisions and Alterations

- 40 Revised timetable incorporating adjustments to schoolday journeys from 1st August 1994.
- 41 Minor timetable revision from 1st August affecting schoolday journeys.
- 71/A/72 Revised route and timetable incorporating reduced frequency and diversion of route via Costead Manor and withdrawal of section of route between Brentwood Station and Woodman Road from 1 August.

- 73/A Revised timetable from 1st August.
 79/A Withdrawn after 30th July.
 80 Revised timetable including new Saturday service from 1st August.
 81/82 Revised timetable mainly affecting Saturday service from 1st August.
 83 Minor adjustment to timetable from 1st August.
 256 The ECC contract to operate this route is extended from 31st July until further notice.
 261 New ECC contract to operate between Blackmore and Brentwood Station weekday evenings from 1st August.
 501 New ECC contract to operate between Ongar and Brentwood Station weekday evenings from 1st August. (Previously operated by County who also run bulk of service commercially).
 549 Service withdrawn after 29th July.

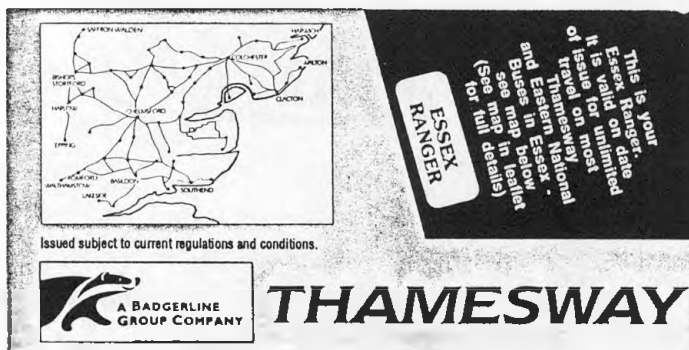
nb Schools are on holiday until early September.

Workings

16 June 903 on LRT W13
 811 on LRT 214
 23 June 4004 on 551
 25 June 910 on LRT 307
 30 June 246 on LRT 214



A Thamesway Ten ticket issued for ten journeys in the Basildon area.



An Essex Ranger ticket as issued by Thamesway for unlimited travel on Eastern National and Thamesway buses.

The rear of both tickets feature a Wayfarer ticket print out along with wording for the type of ticket.

**SUBSEQUENT
DISPOSALS**

408	(YHK725F)	Reported as scrapped on site of Thomas, Upper Llandwrog, by 12/93. However, this vehicle has been in a withdrawn state in a disused garage of this operator for many years. Hence this report may only be a revised description of an ongoing situation of continued decay !
701	(B463WTC)	Was acquired by Lancashire Bus & Coach in 4/94. (Correction to EBN363)
704	(B471WTC)	Altered to B4F + workshop, and re-numbered 9005, 12/93.
712	(C437BHY)	The owner of Bluebird Buses is Telling Golden Miller, Grangetown, Cardiff, date of acquisition now quoted as 4/94. (see also EBN363)
710	(C433BHY)	White Horse Ferries, Hythe, Hants, 002, 4/94. (previously given, EBN363, as acquired 3/94, and located in Swindon)
713	(C438BHY)	as 712.
714	(C443BHY)	as 712.
715	(C443BHY)	as 710, fleetnumber 003, reported as acquired 6/94.
716	(C444BHY)	as 712.
717	(C447BHY)	as 712.
719	(C457BHY)	as 701.
720	(B454WTC)	as 701.
721	(B464WTC)	as 701.
1402	(VHK175L)	Withdrawn by PHAB Club (N-PSV), Belfast, Northern Ireland, by 6/94.
1603	(B460WHJ)	Entered in ADT Manchester Auction, 11/93, laterly with Swallow, Rainham.
1774	(MAR796P)	Still at Rhondda depot, Porth, 6/94, in withdrawn condition.
2386	(WNO 484)	We are most pleased to report that this splendid vehicle was returned to service by South Wales, 5/94. Was entered in Barry Island rally, 5/94.
3034	(NPU981M)	Delicensed, 4/94, by Jones, Bontnewydd; to Price, Caernarvon, 6/94.
9005	(OWC295K)	Contrary to earlier report (EBN359), vehicle is still in store at Brentwood garage, and is <u>intact</u> .

Badgerline Group News

The Badgerline Group has placed an order for new vehicles to be delivered in 1995/6. The £60 million order represents a 25% fleet replacement. No less than 389 Dennis Darts have been ordered, 50 of which will be bodied by Alexander, the remaining 339 vehicles will have Plaxton bodies. Plaxton will also body all 317 Mercedes minibuses and also the 182 Dennis Lances. Just 33 double deckers have been ordered, all of which will be Volvo Olympians with Alexander Royale bodywork. No low floor buses have been ordered. (How many of these vehicles will come to Essex?).

VEHICLES ON LOAN

Leyland Nationals 3017 (JHW 105P) and 3019 (KHT 117P) were returned to Badgerline in early May, following the revision to town services in Colchester.

Bristol VR 5150 (AHW 201V) was returned to Bristol Cityline in June, following the delivery of new Dennis Darts and the transfer of Leyland Nationals.

ALLOCATION CHANGES

7/94 3064 CN-D/L(D)

Missing from the allocation list in EBN 363, was the allocation of one Colchester Dart to Walton outstation.

Recent allocation changes have removed the Leyland Tiger from Colchester, and the Leyland National from Clacton. Only one Ford Transit is now licensed (750) and that is a pool vehicle. The withdrawal of 3064, removes the oldest closed top VR from service.

PUBLICITY

Timetable leaflets for services 33 dated 1.5.94; 87/A/103/104 dated 22.5.94. and 88/A/C dated July 1994.

Timetable leaflet for Open Top services in Clacton dated 29.5.94. to 10.9.94.

Timetable leaflets for services 58/59; 133; 301 and Buses to Tollgate all dated 31.7.94.

Timetable leaflets for services 66/A/B; 67/A/C/D/X/68/76C; 308/309/333; 333 all dated 1.8.94.

Leaflets dated 31.7.94. detailing revisions to EN local timetables for Braintree, Witham and Halstead; Chelmsford district; Colchester district ; Bishops Stortford and Harlow district.

Leaflets for Bus Excursions from Chelmsford dated 26.7.94. to 8.9.94; Summertime Specials 1994 dated 31.7.94; Family CoastCard undated; Real Ale Runabout from Chelmsford dated 19.7.94. to 13.12.94.

Timetable booklet for EN services in Maldon & District dated June 1994 (price 10p).

SERVICES

- 3** The Malbus service became a commercial operation with a revised timetable from 6.8.94.
- 37** From 1.8.94. the 0639 ex Silver End became a commercial operation.
- 58/A** Minor change to Saturday service from 6.8.94.
- 66** From 1.8.94. the evening journeys are operated commercially
- 67** As service 66.
- 76** The Saturday service has been operated commercially from 6.8.94.
- 301** Revised timetable introduced from 1.8.94.
- 308** Slight timetable revisions from 1.8.94.
- 309** As service 308.

- 325 Passed to Heddingham under contract to ECC from 6.8.94.
- 333 Revised timetable introduced from 1.8.94.
- 344 Operation passed to EN from Freemans with effect from 6.8.94. Now operates on first Friday of each month only.
- 370 Revised timetable introduced from 1.8.94.

The following Summertime specials operate during August only:-

- X1 Seawick-Clacton-Holland-Gt Clacton-Weeley-Colchester-Lakeside & Southend.
Departs 0825 returns 1700 from Southend. Tuesdays only 2.8. to 30.8.
- X2 Same route to Colchester then Lowestoft-Pleasurewood Hills-Gt Yarmouth.
Departs 0825 returns from Gt Yarmouth 1635. Wednesdays only 3.8. to 31.8.
- X2A Harwich-Wix-Bradfield-Manningtree-Colchester-Norwich-Gt Yarmouth.
Departs 0810 returns from Gt Yarmouth 1635. Operates same days as X2.
- X3 Same route as X1 to Colchester then Ipswich & Felixstowe.
Departs 0925 returns from Felixstowe 1600.

GENERAL

A number of vehicles including Mercedes minibuses, Leyland Lynx and Dennis Darts have been fitted with driver protection alarms, a sad sign of the times.

A Family CoastCard is now available for services in the Clacton area. Aimed at holidaymakers it is available in an area bounded by Thorrington, Weeley and Thorpe - le -Soken. It is also available on service 74 to Colchester, 106 to Harwich and 119 to Colchester Zoo.

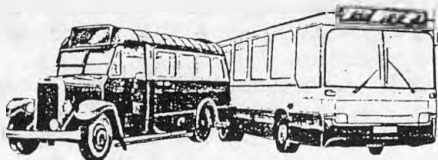
REPAINTS

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UNUSUAL WORKINGS

- 5.7.94. D/L(D) 1939 on Clacton local services.
- 16.7.94 CF808 & CF1119 both on service 45 (normally CF minibus).
- 26.7.94. CF1127 on service 53 (CR operated service)
- 30.7.94. CN1111 on service 53 (as above)

Dennis Darts from Colchester have appeared on such a variety of duties, it is not possible to list them here as unusual workings, in fact, they may not be unusual! A Mercedes minibus (from the 6XX batch) operating from Maldon is being used on service 698. This resulted in a Leyland Lynx from the Maldon outstation being replaced by the Mercedes on Saturday night.





HEDINGHAM OMNIBUSES

SERVICES

- 2** From 22.8.94. will operate on Monday, Friday and Saturdays only.
- 12** Commenced operation (ex EN) from 2.8.94. with a revised route and timetable
- 12A** New service Halstead to Greenstead Green, Tuesday and Friday only, under contract to ECC from 2.8.94.
- 84** From 6.8.94. one journey each way has been diverted via Little Horkesley.
- 88A** From 31.7.94. the Sunday 1132 ex Sible Hedingham and 2035 ex Colchester were withdrawn.
- 89/A** Revised timetable introduced from 22.8.94.
- 90** From 1.8.94. an additional 2000 Witham to Gt Totham was introduced on Monday to Friday.
- 324** The Thursday only journeys were withdrawn after 29.7.94.
- 325** Operation commenced under contract to ECC from 6.8.94. to a revised route and timetable.
- 329** Withdrawn on Tuesdays and Fridays after 31.7.94. and replaced by service 12 and 12A.

OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

APT RAYLEIGH Further to EBN 362, GIL 2632 is a Leyland Leopard. The previous A10 APT (new as E334 EVH) has been re-registered and sold. Bova Europa HSV 673 (new as SMY 623X) has been acquired from BJS Gt. Wakering.

BARKER ROYDON Bedford YRQ/Duple AJH 37A (new as DNU 15T) and Transit RJI 4078 (new as FKX 145T) have been sold.

BERNARDS HARLOW Sherpa minibus E934 RWR has been sold to Chesterfield Omnibus. Bedford YRT/Duple YWE 499M has been acquired.

BISS From 1.8.94. an additional journey at 1605 from Bishops Stortford to Elsenham was introduced, operating Monday to Saturday.

BLUE TRIANGLE Service 265 became a commercial operation on 1.8.94.

BJS GT WAKERING Acquired are NSU 182 a Volvo/Berkhof ex Taylor, Hadleigh and Toyota minibus E457 BOO. Ford/Plaxton LHK 644V has been sold to S&P Coaches, Southend.

BORDACOACH WEST HORNDON Thamesdown Fleetline OHR 190R left the fleet last year.

BRANDONS BLACKMORE END Bristol LHS6L/Plaxton 896 RHA (new as RGF 230P) has been acquired.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE Leyland Atlantean/E Lancs BFR 301R has been acquired from Liverline, being new to Blackpool. Volvo/Jonckhree H15 URE has been re-registered MXI 8204. Volvo/Jonckhree KIW 4392 (new as A127 XNH) and Volvo/Berkhof 514 FBP (new as CAR 154X) have been sold.

CI COACHLINES HIGHWOOD A further Volvo/Ikarus has been acquired F635 FDH. Bova UJY 85 has been sold.

CLINTONA BRENTWOOD Further to EBN 356, D827 LVS has been sold to Travelux, Stanford-le-Hope. Services 98/99 passed to Harris Bus with effect from 1.8.94. with revisions to route and timetable.

COACHSTOP SOUTHEND L100 SCS is a new Scania/Irizar that appeared on the cover of Junes Buses magazine, in what is best described as a different livery!

COLCHESTER COACHES Volvo/Berkhof FIL 7285 has been sold. Bedford/Plaxton JGV 321V has been acquired from APT, Rayleigh.

COLCHESTER HEADWAY Joins the ranks of the one minibus operators with K540 UGV a Mercedes 410D/Devon Conversions with tail lift.

COOKS COACHES WESTCLIFF A further Bova has been acquired C516 DWY, but re-registered NHJ 714 after acquisition.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD MPY 884W a Bedford YNT/Plaxton has been sold to Halstead Travel. Also sold is UJN 94V.

DISTRICT BUS Service 255 became a commercial operation from 2.8.94. and was re-numbered 108. The evening 352/3 passed to Thameside from 1.8.94.

FARGO RAYNE To correct EBN358 the first Dodge was Q394 MPU, as the cover picture shows clearly - sorry!

FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE New in early 1994 was Mazda minibus L520 CAY. Duple 425 C294 HRN has been re-registered JIL 3123. A step into stage operation has been made with the registration of a Braintree to Dunmow Helena Romanes School via Saling, Bardfield and Thaxted on schooldays only from 6.9.94.

FLORIDA COACHES HALSTEAD Ford/Duple JUN 199P has been observed in use as a driver trainer in the Shoeburyness area in early May.

FORDS ALTHORNE Malbus service 1 had a revised route and timetable introduced on 1.8.94.

FREEMANS Service 72 passed to Hedingham from 2.8.94. and was re-numbered 172. From 3.8.94. service 128 passes to Hedingham. Another loss is service 93 withdrawn after 30.7.94. and replaced by Malbus 4 between Little Baddow and Maldon - operated by Grahams of Kelvedon.

FUNSTON CHRISHALL The variety owned is increased still further by LAG Panoramic D732 BPF. In a fleet of ten vehicles, there are Leyland 550FG, Bedford YMT/YRT/YNV, Leyland Leopard, DAF, VW minibus, AEC Reliance, Duple 425 integral and a LAG.

GEMINI HARLOW Acquired from Associated Coachways, Harlow is FIL 4894 a DAF/Jonckhree. Also acquired is A850 VMR a MAN SR280.

GRAHAMS KELVEDON EYP 32V a Bedford/Plaxton has been sold.

HARRIS BUS Service 235 was renumbered 40 with effect from 31.7.94. In addition a Monday to Saturday evening service has been introduced. Operation on services 98/99 commenced on 1.8.94. using L475/6 GOV based at an outstation on the dengie peninsula.

HARRIS COACHES DAF/Van Hool F98 RAR has been re-registered 1245 FH. A Bova Futura L336 PWX was on loan from 18.7.94. to about 25.7.94. from Bova UK.

HIGHFIELD COACHES BULPHAN Mr Diss who trades as Highfield was made bankrupt on 18.5.94. but his vehicles still appear to be in use! LMS 223N a Bedford VAS has a Viking Bland (Watson), Tilbury disc. Leyland Tiger/Duple B136 ACK has also been seen in the area still in use.

KINGS STANWAY Setra VIA 137 has been sold.

LODGE HIGH EASTER Bedford YRQ/Duple TER 6S has been sold and is now a driver trainer in the Maldon area. The former Hedingham BovasBRY 701Y and HHJ 772Y have been re-registered JIL2202/3, but it is not known which is which.

MAB TRANSPORT FOBBING Have ceased operations and the two vehicles owned Bedford VAS VGV 450S and Ford Transit JMJ 144V are out of use at Cunninghams depot.

MILESTONE MINI. CANVEY Added to the fleet is J476 TSG a DAF 400 minibus.

NELSON WICKFORD Have two new Mercedes/Marshall minibuses for ECC tendered services, they are L890/1 UVE. These are thought to be the first new vehicles for this operator since CTM 404T (still owned as BIL 9406) was delivered in 1.79.

PRIORY STANFORD LE HOPE Have acquired BUR 400T a Duple bodied vehicle ex Basildon & Thurrock Health Authority.

RIDGEON ORSETT Leyland Leopard HBP 331X has been re-registered SJI 2238.

RUFFLE CASTLE HEDINGHAM Fleet additions are APH 520T a Bedford YMT/Plaxton, TBM 626W a Ford R1114/Duple and E222 YTU a Quest/Jonckhree.

S&M HADLEIGH Former Oxford Fleetlines UFC 423/7K have been sold, while UFC 420K is being used for spares. One time Southend Transport Leopard AYF 764T has also been sold. Leyland Tiger D273 FAS has been re-registered PSV 499.

SEYMOUR HARLOW Have sold Leopards LIB 5730 (new as VGY 270M) and EHJ 72P (ex 46 HLT and LCB 926P).

STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD Service 63B was withdrawn after 26.7.94, and service 402 was withdrawn after 17.8.94. Bristol VR CJH 141V was noted on service 222 on 31.7 and is assumed to have been acquired.

UNITED CARS BASILDON Are operating 8 seat Ford Transit E562 HEV on a taxi plate.

VANTAGE ROMFORD Service 364 passed to Thameside from 1.8.94.

VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN Leyland National ULO 379R has been acquired ex R&I Milton Keynes. It was new as RYG 767R.

WALKER STANFORD LE HOPE Acquired is Talbot Pullman F924 ABV.

WATSON ENTERPRISES TILBURY Setra coaches noted are JIL 4126 & JIL 4127 (one is thought to be F26 YBO re-registered). Setra FIL 6282 (new as A321 FPA) has been sold.

WAYS BOREHAM Former ST Routemaster WLT 378 has been re-painted into LT red.

WHM LITTLE WALTHAM Further to EBN 362, the third VR acquired is NJT 35P it is in fleet livery, the other two retain Wilts & Dorset livery. Volvo/Plaxton UJN 744Y (ex WXC 732 & RDW 25Y) has been sold.

NON PSVS IN ESSEX

Leyland PD2 FEK 3F new to Wigan and then to Greater Manchester PTE was noted at the Boreham interchange in early August.

We hope to expand coverage of this section in future, so if you are aware of any vehicles of interest please let Ian Ransom know. Details of vehicle, location and present owner if known would be welcome. However, it is intended to restrict coverage to former PSVs and not publish lists of every minibus owned by Essex County Council for instance.



HARRIS bus

COUNTY BUS & COACH

FLEET

New Vehicles

MB 719-21/5-7 M719-21/5-7 UTW Iveco 59.12 Marshall B25F new 8/94
 NB MB 722/3 received on 18/7, MB 724 on 20/7 and MBT 805 on 14/7

New Vehicles on Order

MB 728/9 M728/9 UTW Iveco 59.12 Marshall B25F due 10/94

Acquired Vehicles

MB 990 E290 OMG Mercedes Benz 709D Reeve Burgess DP25F new 1988

Vehicles on Hire

Citibus 29 returned to Citibus 6/8. West Midlands Travel 2698 was exchanged for 2781 during June and this hiring arrangement will continue to cover for the Leyland Olympian refurbishment programme - see below.

L416 PAR Dennis Dart/ Marshall demonstrator (in CB livery) arrived on hire at Ware on 21/7 and will remain until the return of MB 724 from Citibus which went on hire upon delivery - likely date to be 13/8.

Repaints

6/94 MB 154 from colorbus to old CB livery
 7/94 MB 701 from colorbus to new CB livery

Vehicle Withdrawn

LN 606 PNW 606W sold to Citibus, Chadderton, 7/94
 MB 57 E357 NEG sold to Biss Brothers, 8/94

Allocation Changes for August 1994

CTT 29	Harlow to Citibus	MB 726	New to Grays
LN 606	Harlow to Citibus	MB 727	New to Grays
LP 555	Delicensed to Grays	MB 919	Harlow to Edmonton
MB 47	Grays to Advert float	MB 990	Biss Brothers to Harlow
MB 57	Grays to Biss Brothers	SN 213	Grays to Harlow
MB 719	New to Harlow	SN 227	Grays to Harlow
MB 720	New to Harlow	WMT 2698	Ware to West Midlands Travel
MB 721	New to Harlow	WMT 2781	West Midlands Travel to Ware
MB 725	New to Grays		

General

Following completion of the refurbishment of the 12 'W' registered Atlanteans, work is due to commence shortly on refurbishment of the 12 Olympians at Ware, again mainly undertaken by Leaside Buses.

SERVICES

1 August	252	New ECC contract operation - 3 return trips NSSu peaks - Waltham Cross to Chingford (currently Thamesway)
	253	New ECC contract operation - 1 return trip schooldays - Chingford to Waltham Abbey (currently Thamesway)
	352/353	New ECC contract operation - Monday to Saturday evenings - Aveley to Basildon (currently District Bus)
	364	New ECC contract operation - Monday to Saturday 'irregular' - Grays Circular via Uplands Estate (currently Vantage)
21 August	370	Revised Sunday timetable/ route. From Romford to South Ockendon as now and then via Lakeside and London Road to Grays. Converted from Dart to double deck operation.
22 August	373	Additional journey NSSu 2002 Grays, Bus Station to Aveley, Usk Road.
3 September	510	Additional journey NSu 0747 Harold Park to Mawney Road.
5 September	501	1635 NSSu Stansted Airport to Ongar extended to Brook Street. NSSu 1810 Ongar to Harlow withdrawn.
	503	Non-College Days operation withdrawn. Additional journeys schooldays only - 0900/1630 Saffron Walden to Harlow, 1345 Harlow to Saffron Walden. (The timetable will include a calendar - college days and schooldays are different!)
6 September	657	New ECC school contract but available to carry fare-paying passengers. Purton End to Saffron Walden via Wimbish, Thaxted, Debden (Saffron Walden) and Newport.
8 September	656	New ECC school contract but available to carry fare-paying passengers. Ongar to Debden (Loughton) via North Weald, Thornwood, Coopersale and Epping.
10 September	310/311	Revised NSu evening service incorporating extension of Enfield Town to Cheshunt short journeys through to St. Margarets.
11 September	316	Revised timetable consequent upon LT changes between Waltham Cross and Enfield Town. Diversion via Broxbourne Station withdrawn and whole service renumbered 311.
12 September	352/353	Minor route and timetable adjustment on Sunday service.
	506	New commercial service Thaxted to Harlow via Broxted, Henham, Elsenham, Molehill Green, Takeley, Hatfield Broad Oak, Hatfield Heath and Sheering. One return trip on Harlow College days only.

LOOKING BACK

1	Brentwood	63 (55)	Clacton	71 (44)	Kelvedon	27 (37)
	Braintree	39 (37)	Colchester	50 (43)	Maldon	28 (30)
2	Basildon	88 (78)	Canvey	8 (8)	Southend	159 (127)
	B. Stortford	19 (17)	Halstead	23 (20)	Wood Green	14 (17)
3	Chelmsford	90 (92)	Hadleigh	43 (43)	Total	726 (719)

4 The above shows the number of vehicles allocated to each Eastern National depot as at 1st July, with 1st January figures in brackets. With the introduction of the summer timetable those Express Services which had used the Gravesend - Tilbury ferry were now using the new Dartford to Purfleet tunnel. A London Transport service through the tunnel using specially designed deckers on Thames Trader chassis was to be withdrawn through lack of support. New FLF double deckers 1678-83 (BVX675-80B) were delivered on 14th July but carried their fleet numbers for less than a month becoming 2799-2804 on 9th August when the Company introduced a new system. This divided vehicles into three sections; coaches (999 and below), single deck (1000 - 1999) and double deck (2000 and up). The sections were then sub-divided into class for each type of vehicle. The new fleet number plates were similar to those they replaced but had a maroon rather than black background. First new vehicle to receive a new style number was FLF 2807 (BVX683B) which was delivered on 14th August. Express Services extended over a wide area reaching Bournemouth, Derby and Skegness.

1 EN were converting the Bristol MW coaches to saloons with bus seats fitted from LS saloons and Bristol LD's. Bristol KSW open toppers 2379/82/84 (WNO475/83/0) were hired to Southend Transport for use on the sea front service 67. Sister vehicle 2386 (WNO484) which had been damaged while on hire the previous year was withdrawn. Both EN and ST applied for an increase in fares. A 0.7 mile journey would cost 3p, a 2.2 mile one 8p with the maximum of 75p for a 58 mile trip. In 2 Colchester the municipal undertaking also made an application for an increase, but just for the 5p fare for a journey of between 2 and 2.5 miles to be increased to 6p. The EN premises at Silver End, having 4 been used by National Travel (South East) were being modified for use as a bus garage. Kelvedon operations would be moved there to allow NT exclusive use who also rented two garage bays at Prittlewell. The former Coach Station on Pier Hill Southend was sold. Southend Transport 325/6 (7089/90 HJ) remained on hire to Alder Valley, 328 (7092 HJ) replaced 326 during July while 207 (2718 HJ) returned home.

- 1 Eastern National confirmed that 11 LN's were to be acquired from Alder Valley and numbered 1650-60 (LMO223L, KCG608-15/7/8L) with a further 3 from Southern Vectis. 1650 had been reported as being sold to Crossville and seen at their works in May. 1652/4/5/8 arrived during July. Between 24th and 28th July the American Evangelist Billy Graham held a rally at Ipswich Town FC. A shuttle service was operated from the Suffolk Showground which on the 28th required a large number of vehicles EN(20) CBT(4) IBT (14 of which 5 were hired in from SCC Education Dept.)

Colchester Borough Transport 101 was noted on hire to EN on 20/6 and 10/7 working National Express service 081 and 084 on 5/7. With Atlantean's 49/50 overdue for replacement and becoming costly to maintain the Transport Manager received approval to hire a number of demonstrators with a view to placing an order for replacements. Dennis Dominator/E Lancs demonstrator from Leicester City Transport arrived on July 1st. 77 (A77FRY) was numbered D15 during its stay but by July 10th had returned home with 51 (TBC51X) taking its place being numbered D16. 77 had Maxwell four speed transmission. A Leyland Olympian was then tried, D17 A33MRN numbered 3 in the Borough of Preston fleet arrived on 20th July, its first job, a private hire to the Ipswich rally. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of municipal transport in Colchester a special service was operated on Saturday 28th July between North Station and Lexden following the original tram route as far as modern road conditions would allow. The service was operated by Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) which had been repainted in a commemorative livery for the anniversary.



This page:

Leicester City Transport 77 (A77 FRY) is seen here on Sunday 1st July 1984 shortly after arriving in Colchester. It is parked outside No 1 Garage the former Tram Depot.

Next page:

Colchester Borough Transport 48 (YWC648F) at North Station on Saturday 28th July 1984 while operating the special service to mark the 80th anniversary of municipal transport in Colchester.

SATURDAY, 28 JULY, 1984

TIME-TABLE

	A.M.			P.M.			
NORTH STATION	-	10.59	11.59	12.59	1.59	2.59	3.59
HIGH STREET	10. 5	11. 5	12. 5	1. 5	2. 5	3. 5	4. 5
LEXDEN Old Tram Terminus	10.20	11.20	12.20	-	2.20	3.20	4.20

	A.M.		P.M.				
LEXDEN Old Tram Terminus	10.35	11.35	12.35	-	2.35	3.35	4.35
HEAD STREET	10.50	11.50	12.50	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50
NORTH STATION	10.57	11.57	12.57	1.57	2.57	3.57	-

ROUTE: North Station Road, Middleborough, North Hill, High Street, Bus Station, Queen Street, St. Botolph's Street, Osborne Street, St. John's Street, Crouch Street, Southway, Lexden Road, London Road

Return: London Road, Lexden Road, Southway, Headgate, Head Street, North Hill, Middleborough, North Station Road

FARES: Normal Single Fares

SPECIAL ROUND TRIP FARE Adults 50p
 Children 25p

Elderly Person's Travel Concession Permits valid at Children's Fares



DID YOU READ.....

Eastern National are continuing to advertise their services in the Evening Gazette (EG) every Wednesday. On June 22nd it advised customers that the 64/64A now had bigger buses with more seats. (Although the impression is given that all buses are bigger, as with the claim for the 66/66A this appears to mean that Darts will appear on some journeys. Those seen usually serve St Michaels.) A news item in the same issue stated that the news buses had been introduced the previous day and the entire days taking by one of them had been donated to the Mayors Fund for Sarajevo. Covering the rail dispute the paper reports that Cedrics of Wivenhoe had around 12 coaches booked for journeys into town and for boat passengers from Parkeston Quay. CBT Coachways it claimed had three coaches booked out, "That's all we could spare, the difficulty is getting vehicles" a spokesman said.

The Essex County Standard for June 24th also carried the story. The Neighbourhood News contribution for Aldham reported that the Parish Council were to seek clarification from EN regarding the 4.30pm journey from Colchester during school holidays. Various reasons had been given by the company for not having return fares on the route but would review the matter. (The 1630 service 88 from Colchester runs only as far as Earls Colne and appears to be a Haven Road working which has in the past been operated by an LN showing a blank blind. Despite being shown as a schooldays only operation it has been noted operating during the holidays. Recently minibuses, showing correct destination have been noted on the journey.)

The most interesting news was to be found in the Laver de la Haye contribution in the same issue. Osbornes has told the Parish Council that it was not able to provide extra buses to the village as they would not be viable. Eastern National were however prepared to trial a service from September until Christmas but would withdraw the service if there was insufficient usage. Buses would operate on Mondays to Fridays from Osborne Street at 1841 and 2239 and from Laver at 1910. (These timings indicate that minor timetable amendments to Service 64 will be required from September).

The June 28th issue of the EG carried the story that Eastern Counties had been acquired by GRT Bus Group while the EN advert the next evening advised that the Mad March Hare and Spring Fayre offers were to end. (Withdrawn from July 4th.)

A front page picture in the EG on June 29th illustrates a story on the return of a train to Walton Pier after an absence of 15 years. The presence of a steering wheel in the cab of the three carriage train and the absence of rails appears to indicate that Southend is not the only location in Essex to see a road train.

Both the ECS and EG on July 1st carried the news that the nine former CBT drivers claiming compensation for unfair dismissal may settle out of court. An Industrial Tribunal had been postponed by mutual agreement. Graham Turner of IRPC Consultancy in Leicester representing CBT said "The talks were just exploratory, looking for common ground and ways to cut the cost of the tribunal".

A quick thinking school bus driver evacuated 45 pupils when a double deckers engine caught fire the EG reported on July 6th. The bus was carrying pupils from S Woodham and Danbury to the Anglo European School in Ingatestone.

The coach link from Stansted to Liverpool Street operated on rail strike days had according to the EG on July 8th been used by 8000 passengers.

The ECS Neighbourhood News for Fingringhoe in the July 15th issue reported that the Parish Council had heard that thanks to the efforts of a local resident Eastern National would be running a late night bus to the village from August.

A school bus from Colchester to Clacton had to be given a police escort according to the EG on July 19th. The double deck bus carrying 70 pupils pulled off the road at Thorington after driver had been hit by a stone thrown by one of the passengers, the driver had also complained of a water fight.

The EN advert in the EG 20th July advised that from 1st August the evening services on the 66/A/B would be operated by the company with the last bus extended to Fingringhoe, if required. This is followed up on 27th July with news that they be operating the evening service on 67C "commercially" from the same date. A news item covers the problems experience by passengers in the New Town area where, at peak hours, are full on arrival, a problem mentioned earlier in this item. Colchester Council it was revealed is reporting buses to the Dept of Transport for polluting the air, one or two had been reported each week. Ray Giles for CBT said they had not been reported this year and two tests last year had been passed. Gordon Cheek, EN Fleet Engineer said that since the test had been introduced in 1992 they had only failed 6 tests. Both operators said they regularly tested their vehicles using the same equipment used by the DOT.

Taking part in the Colchester Carnival procession on July 30th were:

Colchester Borough Transport open-top Atlantean 55(JHK495N).

Colchester Borough Transport Atlantean 84 (MEV84V) in Colchester Corporation livery, placed 1st in Historic,Vintage of Vehicle of Interest class.

Easter Counties LN770 (XNG770S) all over advertising for Rollerworld

Ipswich Buses open top Atlantean 9 (MRT9P) in Ipswich Corporation Transport livery. Entered by SGR-FM Colchester and carrying specially made advertising "overall".

Come on EN and Hedingham lets see you there next year.

SPECIAL SERVICE - SUNDAY AUGUST 28 1994

Eastern National KSW 2383 (WNO479) will take a break from Service 99 and the delights of Jaywick and Holland On Sea on Bank Holiday Sunday. As part of their Historic and Interesting Vehicle Day Suffolk County Council will now be using this bus on Service 631. More than 60 miles in length it will only operate on this day between Colchester and Lowestoft, via Ipswich, Leiston (Long Shop Museum), and Carlton Colville Transport Museum.

COLCHESTER - IPSWICH - LEISTON - LOWESTOFT Special Vintage Open Top Bus Service [1953 Bristol KSW] LIMITED STOP SERVICE - BUSES STOP ONLY AT POINTS SHOWN IN TIMETABLE

631

Sunday 28 August 1994 only

Operator:	EN	EN	EN
Route:	631	631	631
Code:	Z		
COLCHESTER, Bus Station	1120	....	....
Stratford St Mary, Kings Arms	1137	....	....
Capel St Mary, White Horse	1148	....	....
IPSWICH, Old Cattle Mkt. Bus Stn.	1200	....	....
Woodbridge Road, Golden Key	1205	....	....
WOODBIDGE, Turban Centre, Stand A	1225	....	....
Melton, Coach & Horses	1230	....	....
Eyke, Post Office	1237	....	....
Bentwaters, Old Main Gates Lay-by	1240	....	....
Tunstall, Post Office	1244	....	....
Snape Maltings	1250	....	....
LEISTON, Main Street (Long Shop Museum)	1305	....	....
Leiston Abbey	1310	....	....
Westleton, Opposite Bus Shelter	1323	....	....
Blythburgh, Bus Shelter	1335	....	....
Wrentham, Opposite Boggis Electrical	1350	....	....
Kessingland, Wildlife Park (London Road)	1355	....	....
Pakelield, Holiday Centre entrance	1358	....	....
CARLTON COLVILLE, Transport Museum	1405	1455	1615
Oulton Broad, Everitts Park	1415	1505	1625
LOWESTOFT, Bus Station	1425	1515	1635

Operator:	EN	EN	EN
Route:	631	631	631
Code:			X
LOWESTOFT, Bus Station	1430	1550	1640
Oulton Broad, Everitts Park	1440	1600	1650
CARLTON COLVILLE, Transport Museum	1450	1610	1700
Pakelield, Holiday Centre entrance			1707
Kessingland, Wildlife Park (London Road)			1710
Wrentham, Opposite Boggis Electrical			1715
Blythburgh, Bus Shelter			1730
Westleton, Opposite Bus Shelter			1742
Leiston Abbey			1755
LEISTON, Main Street (Long Shop Museum)			1800
Snape Maltings			1815
Tunstall, Post Office			1821
Bentwaters, Old Main Gates Lay-by			1825
Eyke, Post Office			1828
Melton, Coach & Horses			1835
WOODBIDGE, Turban Centre, Stand A			1840
Woodbridge Road, Golden Key			1900
IPSWICH, Old Cattle Mkt. Bus Stn.			1905
Capel St Mary, White Horse			1917
Stratford St Mary, Kings Arms			1929
COLCHESTER, Bus Station			1946

CODES:

X - Passengers wishing to make a round trip starting on this journey could travel as far as Melton, Coach & Horses, and return by route 99B departing 1848.

Z - A shorter return journey using this departure from Ipswich can be made by traveling to Snape Maltings and returning by route 99A departing 1305.

Operators: EN- Eastern National Tel: (0206) 571451

THIS SERVICE IS OPERATED UNDER CONTRACT TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Fleetnumber Plates

A small supply of fleet Number Plates are now available:-

Bedford YMQ	Leyland National	Bristol VR	
1052 (2)	1650 (2)	1766 (2)	
1054 (2)	1658 (2)	1767	3090
1055 (2)	1703 (2)	1779	3124
1056 (2)	1708 (2)	1786	3215
1058 (2)	1720	1790 (2)	3033
	1724 (2)	1791	3041
Leyland Tiger	1733 (2)	1799	3050 (2)
1116	1737	1808	3075
1124	1744	1877	3082
1126	1749 (2)	2201	3087
	1753 (2)		3088

Plates are just 50p each + postage (1-4 50p, 5-10 £1, over 10 £1.50) From - The Cliff Agency, 10 Harvard Court, Boston Avenue, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9ST

NATIONAL EXPRESS >>

As mentioned in my last report, I intend to write to various companies which operate National Express in Essex and the bordering counties.

The following companies have supplied information on National Express.

1: Galloway European Coachlines (Suffolk).

They currently operate two services for National Express.

081 Felixstowe - London, operated with a Bova Futura FHD, 49 seats + wc.
Registered 1754 PP. Daily service.

011 Bury St Edmunds - London, operated with a non-livery facilitated vehicle.
Sunday only service.

Also with prior arrangements we would be most welcome to visit their depot in Suffolk. (An idea for our tour organiser).

2: Premier Travel Services (Cambridge).

The only route that Premier operate within or which passes through the county is the service 011, which is the direct Cambridge to London service using the motorway.

They have also said that they will send me their current fleet list shortly, and also that if we wish to visit their depot in Cambridge we have to contact their Director of Engineering Mr Roy Moore.
(Another idea for our tour organiser for next year).

3: Wessex of Bristol.

This company only operates one service and that is the 084 from Walton-On-The-Naze to London. The vehicles that they use are coaches worked through London from their operations out of Bristol and for servicing purposes are changed over at least once a week. The vehicles are garaged at their sister company Eastern National at their Clacton depot. (Any members in the Clacton area that can help with a fleet list or information would be gratefully appreciated by the sub-editor).

The following information has been supplied by Malcolm Torrance.

Firstly the service 082 is not listed in the current National Express timetable and is not running this summer. (sub-editor).

The following routes shown below may not stop in the county but may only pass through, with the exception of the service 098 ~~which~~ according to the timetable is not shown but is shown as either the 011 or the 308 according to the timetable book for National Express. They may have added this service after the book was printed. Kings Lynn - Cambridge - London.

495: Lowestoft - Mildenhall - London.

497: Lowestoft - Diss - Bury - St-Edmunds - London.

597: Lowestoft - Newmarket - London. (National Express Rapide Service).

599: Norwich - London. (National Express Rapide Service).

684: Great Yarmouth - London.

National Express have just brought out three new travel cards which are called.

- 1: The Family Coach Card.
- 2: Discount Coach Card.
- 3: Tourist Trail Pass.

The Family Coach Card allows the holder to do the following:

- A: Take up to two children who travel free.
- B: Adults pay the full fare.
- C: The card is valid for 12 months.
- D: The cost of the card is £14.00.
- E: The agents can sell and earn £02.00 commission per card.

There is also a change to the current Discount Coach Card. The current coach card is valid for 12 months with a 30% discount at a cost of £07.00 which can now earn the agent £01.50 per sale.

The new Discount Coach Card offers the following to the holder.

- A: 30% discount for 12 months.
- B: Valid for 03 years instead of 12 months.
- C: The cost for 3 years is £18.00.
- D: The agent can earn £02.00 per sale.

The final new card is called the Tourist Trail Pass which works the same way as the Essex Ranger.

- A: Unlimited travel pass for overseas and UK tourists.
- B: Flexible choice of four travel options.
- C: Extra savings for Discount Coach Card holders and children.
- D: The agent can earn £17.90 per sale.

I have sent a letter to National Express (Head Office) asking for information on the following.

- A: The travel passes as shown above.
- B: Current operators coming into Essex and on the border of the county.
- C: To also ask if I can be kept up to date with the operations of National Express L.T.D in Essex and on the borders of the county.
- D: To also try and arrange for someone to come down from National Express to give a talk at one of our meetings.

SUB-EDITORS INFORMATION REQUEST SECTION:

Any information on any of the above services would be appreciated and also confirmation that there is a service 098, but as mentioned it is not shown in the current timetable booklet.

Also I have fleet lists for WESSEX and hopefully very soon a fleet list for PREMIER TRAVEL SERVICES. Any member requiring a fleet list please let me know and I will make some copies charge at 10p per copy, and will be post free or if you wish send a S.A.E to the address shown on the magazine cover.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

A new, commercial service will start on 6.9.94. On schooldays only, services 31, 31A, 31B, 31C and 31D will be operated between various points in Wivenhoe and Colne High School in Brightlingsea. There will be one journey on each service to Brightlingsea in the mornings, and corresponding reverse journeys in the afternoon. Six double deckers are being transferred in from other British Bus companies. The first to arrive, on 4.8.94, was ex-CBT Atlantean no 69 (TPU 69 R) from C-Line.

On the debit side, the ECC contracts for evening journeys on services 19, 66, 66A, 67, 67A and 67C were terminated after 30.7.94, thus completing the withdrawal of CBT buses from Old Heath, Rowhedge, West Mersea and West Bergholt. A new timetable booklet, dated 1.8.94, has been published.

The first of the second batch of Nationals to be repainted at Magdalen Street were nos 25 and 9, but neither had entered service by 4.8.94.

Atlanteans 55 and 84 took part in the Colchester Carnival on 30.7.94, and no 84 won first prize in its class for its 90th Anniversary livery.

Following MacDonalds earlier in the year, BurgerKing now has a ticket roll offer.



revised 4.8.94

HARRIS BUS CO. LTD.

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PBD 40R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D	LCL	ex Northampton 40
PBD 41R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D	LCL	ex Northampton 41
PBD 43R	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D	LCL	ex Northampton 43
VRP 37S	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D		ex Northampton 37
VRP 39S	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D	LCL	ex Northampton 39
VVV 65S	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D	LBL	ex Northampton 65
OC0117S	Leyland AN68A/1R	Roe	H43/28F*		ex Plymouth 117, Southampton 117
WRJ447X	Volvo Ailsa B55-10	N.Counties	H43/35F	LBL	ex G.Man.P.T.E. 1447, Lancaster 447
WRJ448X	Volvo Ailsa B55-10	N.Counties	H43/35F	LBL	ex G.Man.P.T.E. 1448, Lancaster 448
D301PEV	Volvo B10M-46	Plaxton	B38F		
D302PEV	Volvo B10M-46	Plaxton	B38F		
D303PEV	Volvo B10M-46	Plaxton	B38F		
D304PEV	Volvo B10M-46	Plaxton	B38F		
E308HPU	Leyland Swift LBM6	Wadham St.	B37F		
E309HPU	Leyland Swift LBM6	Wadham St.	B37F		
E30SEVW	M.C.W. Metrorider	M.C.W.	B24F		
E306EVW	M.C.W. Metrorider	M.C.W.	B24F		
F310QVW	M.C.W. Metrorider	M.C.W.	B24F		
FB49LHS	Ford Transit	Dormobile/Steedrive	DP16F		
F312PEV	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F	SFBS	
F314RHK	Scania N113DRB	Alexander	H47/33F	LBL	
H477LHJ	Ley.DAF Sherpa 200	Ley.DAF	B12D		
J 518CX	DAF SB220LC550	Ikarus	B48F		ex Strathclyde C942
J 526CX	DAF SB220LC550	Ikarus	B48F		ex Strathclyde C943
J582WVX	Mercedes Benz 709D	Alexander	B25F		
J583WVX	Mercedes Benz 709D	Alexander	B25F		
K622W0V	Talbot/T.B.P.	T.B.P.	B18FL	EB	
K623W0V	Talbot/T.B.P.	T.B.P.	B18FL	EB	
L475G0V	Talbot/T.B.P.	T.B.P.	B18FL	EB	(due 7.94)
L476G0V	Talbot/T.B.P.	T.B.P.	B18FL	EB	(due 7.94)



HARRIS bus

Not in use:

VRP 36S	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	Alexander	H45/27D	tth	ex Northampton 36
OC0118S	Leyland AN68A/1R	Roe	H43/28F*	n/e	ex Plymouth 118, Southampton 118
STK122T	Leyland AN68A/1R	Roe	H43/28F*	tth	ex Plymouth 122, Southampton 122
STK123T	Leyland AN68A/1R	Roe	H43/28F*	n/e	ex Plymouth 123, Southampton 123

LBL = Lakeside Bus Link

LCL = Lakeside Coach Link

SFBS = Safeway Free Bus Service

EB = Easy Bus

tth = stored at Tunnel Truck Hire, 690 London Road, W.Thurrock

n/e = No engine

* The Leyland Atlanteans were originally H43/28D.

FRANK HARRIS COACHES LTD.

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9242FH	(C400J00)	Scania K112TRS	Plaxton	CH54/18Ct	[E]
2942FH	(C90LVX)	Bova Futura FHD12-280	Bova	C53F	
6306FH	(B89CND)	DAF SB2300DKS85	Van Hool	C48Ft	
7968FH	(E95EVW)	DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C49Ft	
5970FH	(E96EVW)	DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C49Ft	
8947FH	(F97MHJ)	DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C49Ft	[E]
1245FH	(F98RAR)	DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C49Ft	
FHV504	(F99RAR)	DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C49Ft	
K 958EV		DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C48Ft	[E]
K 968EV		DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C48Ft	[E]
K 978EV		DAF SB3000DKV601	Van Hool	C48Ft	
J 76VTG		Setra S215HD	Setra	C49Ft	[E] - on loan from Setra
J 91WVC		Setra S215HD	Setra	C49Ft	[E]
J 92YAR		Setra S215HD	Setra	C49Ft	[E]
K1220CT		Setra S215HD	Setra	C49Ft	[E]
K1230CT		Setra S215HD	Setra	C49Ft	white
L 930AR		Neoplan Skyliner N122	Neoplan	CH54/16Ct	
L 97PTW		Toyota HZB50R	Caetano	C21F	
L 98PTW		Toyota HZB50R	Caetano	C21F	
L559N00		Ley.DAF Sherpa 200	Ley.DAF	B12D	non-PSV

[E] = Eurolines livery

NEW

670 L670 SMC Dennis Dart 9SDL3034/1873 NCME (4860) B31F
this was delivered to DM on Thursday July 14th and entered service the following day on peak hour 246 journeys, followed by 348/9 on Saturday July 16 . It then ran on the D5 for comparison with the Volvo B6 681-683. Although still at DM at the time of writing it is the apparent intention to transfer it to NP so that it can run alongside B6s 671 - 680 on the 236. Livery is as this latter batch of B6 (see Buses, page 13 April 1994)

ACQUIRED

RLN 233W Leyland-DAB articulated -8002408- Roe AB45T (GO 9702)
This bus was new to British Airways in 2/81 as C306- the batch was C305-311 (RLN 232- 238W) and were used for airside transfers. It has 3 doors on the nearside, 2 in the front and one in the rear, and two doors in the offside, one in each half. The chassis were built in Denmark by Leyland's then subsidiary, DAB, and the body built by Roe using components from the Leyland National factory at Workington. The engine is underfloor in the front section, which means that the chassis is about 170mm higher than the National. The first public appearance was at the North Weald rally at which it appeared with Red Arrow fleetname and 507 blinds. This was because all the Red Arrow routes are to come up for tender next year. However the blind and RA fleetname have now been removed and the name replaced by an extension of the red roof band. After route testing in the Havering area, approval has been apparently obtained for use on schools routes 246 and 550. Other members of the batch are available for purchase if required, it seems. One hopes that a quick release lever will be fitted in the driving cab so that any unruly schoolchildren in the rear section can be dumped by the expedient of leaving the rear section behind... As an aside, your scribe only a few days ago found one of this batch, RLN 237W, in use with Lincolnshire Training and Enterprise Council as a mobile exhibition center.

750 (NLP 389V) is still at NP - it is a spare time conversion job and work is only done on it when other work allows. The last report was that it was still in as acquired condition apart from the removal of the off- and nearside center doors.

DISABLED NATIONALS - 794 (GUW 454W), the sole Ld National2, is to be kept by Citybus and converted into a normal bus for the bus fleet, the ex Southdown example 797 (WYJ 165S) is to be retained as a disabled private hire bus, with the other 798 (THX 256S) returned to LT.

ROUTES

D6 route diverted when leaving Blackwall DLR stand via Ditchburn St, & Cotton St, instead of via Robin Hood Lane- 09 June 94.

9xx - The disabled routes were in fact not handed over to County Bus until 18 June 94

DEMONSTRATOR

K930 EWG Neoplan N4014F - 240146PPN20468 - Neoplan B33D
This low floor bus was demonstrated at DM by dealers S J Carlton of Hellaby, South Yorkshire. It can take 30 standing plus 2 wheelchairs. It was in the Merseytravel Smart livery of yellow, grey, and white, see Buses page 17, July 1994 for a photo of a similar bus. It was taken out on a demonstration run but was not used in service.

I have thrown away the piece of paper upon which I made a note of the date of the visit..... but I think it was the pm of Friday July 8th ...

DISPOSALS

503 (URF 673S), 505 (BTU 375S) - Swallow Coaches, Rainham, noted in use on 06 July, still in Citybus livery, with Citybus fleetname and fleet-numbers, one bus even had a former Citybus driver at the wheel wearing a Citybus shirt !

571 (BLS 671V) - Strictly speaking only the body was broken up as the chassis, floor, and parts of the cab are still in situ at DM.

GENERAL

Quite a number of railway jobs have been run during June and July; one being Loughton to Epping to replace the Central Line which was all single deck because of a low bridge at Ivy Chimneys and low trees on the country section of route. The Leytonstone to Woodford job on Sat 30 July produced at least two Nationals on Romford area routes, 742 on the 165 and an unknown one on the 252. National 736 was DM102 on the 248 on 07 July.

MORE DISPOSALS

763 (D163 WTV), 764 (D164 UTO). Stevensons, Spath, 6/94.

HAVERING, LONDON BOROUGH OF.

This growing local authority fleet, which is now almost entirely made up of heavyweight chassis/body combinations, appears to record the purchase of Plaxton bodied Leyland Tiger J109 WVV which used to be Colchester Borough 109, first noted early June. It is Havering 177.