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Photo: Thamesway 701 is the prototype 9.8m Dennis Dart SKF low floor bus with Plaxton Pointer bodywork. photo - Plaxton

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## Editorial

### ROCHFORD MEETING FREIGHT HOUSE 8pm

December 12th Talk and slide show on Countdown the London Route indicator system and Smart cards by Barry Lynton of London Transport. All members are invited to this meeting, which should be a very interesting evening.

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### IN THIS ISSUE

Memories by a Borough Motor Services employee. The Group has the loan of his interesting photographs and negatives.

New Darts and mobility buses for Thamesway.

Service revisions in Basildon will see the end of District Bus.

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### Christmas Cards

Spicer Halfeld Christmas Cards hold a 6 x 4 photo in the cover. The cards are white with gold lettering and decoration and make a unique and personal Christmas greeting. Cards are 40p each (when ordering 5 or more cards please add 60p for postage). Order from Andy Meadows making cheques etc to 'Queensway Portrait Studio'.

# ***EASTERN NATIONAL***

## **ACQUIRED VEHICLE**

Mercedes minibus B37 AAF in Somerfield advert livery has arrived from Western National, but is not expected to enter service. This is no doubt in exchange for a similar ex EN machine.

## **VEHICLES ON LOAN**

Dennis Darts 810 and 817 are currently on loan to Thamesway. In exchange Thamesway Darts 947 (N947 CPU) and 948 (N948 CPU) numbered 810/7 respectively by EN, are in use from Clacton. This is thought to allow the two EN vehicles to operate from Ponders End on the 214 to cover the repaint programme. Route 214 is only suitable for short Darts.

## **ALLOCATIONS**

**10/95** 210 CR-POOL; 245 POOL-D/L(D)

## **GENERAL**

Dennis Dart 830 and Bristol KSW 2383 both attended Showbus at Duxford on 24.9.95. The KSW was also in attendance at the Canvey Bus Rally on 8.10.95.

A report from Clacton suggests that a source has been found for a replacement engine for sister 2384.

It is also reported that Trevor Smallwood, senior chairman of First Bus has requested that 2383 attends next years Bristol and Plymouth events. Not bad for a machine 43 years young!

Despite reports elsewhere, Bristol VR open toppers 3500 and 3501 remain with EN and are currently in store at Walton.

## **REPAINTS**

**10/95** 3127

## **SERVICES**

- 21/A** Revised timetable introduced from 30.10.95.
- 23** NEW SERVICE. Braintree Town Centre to Goldingham Drive circular. Replaces service 35 over this section. Introduced from 30.10.95.
- 33** 0751 ex Rettendon, revised to start from South Woodham at 0740.
- 35** Revised route and timetable introduced from 30.10.95.
- 64/A** Some early morning journeys withdrawn from 30.10.95.
- 67** On schooldays 1600 ex Colchester re-timed to 1610.
- 69** Additional journey at 1710 from Colchester Institute introduced 30.10.95.

- 70** Revised timetable introduced from 30.10.95.
- 71** Slight timetable revision from 30.10.95.
- 72/A** Revised timetable introduced from 30.10.95. New service 72B introduced from Chelmsford to Boreham via North Springfield. 72A most journeys withdrawn.
- 75/A** As service 71.
- 79/A** Revised timetable introduced from 30.10.95.
- 93** Revised route and timetable introduced from 1.10.95.
- 104** 0725 ex Harwich revised from 30.10.95.
- 351** From 30.10.95 services that operate via Robjohns Rd, renumbered 352. 350 unchanged.

Not previously reported is that London Commuter services 192-194 are extended from Victoria to Camberwell LT Garage via Pimlico, Vauxhall Bridge and Kennington. The vehicles layover at Camberwell.

## **PUBLICITY**

Timetable leaflets for services 108/127/137 dated 30.7.95; 93 dated 25.9.95; 21/21A/23; 35; 64/A; 67/A/C/D/E; 68/69/555; 70; 70/71; 70/133; 71; 72/A/B; 73; 73/75; 75/75A/119/129; 79/79A/81; 102/103; 103/104; 133; 350/351/352/451/452 all dated 30.10.95.

Summary timetable of all services Dovercourt - Harwich dated 30.10.95.

The timetable leaflet for services 67/A/C/D/E is of note as it includes a tide timetable for the Stood!

Leaflets for Braintree services 21/A; 23; 30

Leaflet for revised service 70 dated 30.10.95.

Leaflet for Service 73 revised route in Heybridge dated 30.10.95.

Leaflet for service 72B Improved shopping service for North Springfield and Boreham.

Leaflet for changes to Eastern National services, giving outline details of amendments to EN timetable books.

Leaflet for Eastern National buses serving Stansted Airport dated 29.10.95.

Leaflet for services 192/193/194 undated.

Leyland Tiger B696 WAR , (Fleet No. 1128), has had a brand new engine installed, and the engine removed from this vehicle has been installed in Alexander Tiger registration No. HHJ 382Y, (Fleet No. 1121). The programme of engine swaps on the Tigers obtained from Yorkshire Rider has now been completed.

Notes on repairs to other vehicles are as follows:-

- 1). YEV 319S, (Fleet No. 1861), has had a new engine fitted.
- 2). SWW 302R, (Fleet No. 3231), is having a new head gasket fitted.
- 3). LWU 469R, (Fleet No. 3228), is in dock with serious electrical problems.
- 4). VTH 941T, (Fleet No. 3219), is having re-flooring done on the lower deck.

XHK 217X, (Fleet No. 3112), which was taken for a joy ride by a drunk in Chelmsford a few weeks ago and suffered major damage when it finally ran into a tree is at Clacton undergoing repairs. Ironically it was a vehicle which had just undergone a repaint! Unfortunately the damage involved the removal of the whole of the front part of the roof and the removal of the near side front pillar. Tree bark is still imbedded along the whole side of the vehicle.

Still resident in the yard at Clacton are Brewers Mercedes 608's C200 PCD/C204 PCD, (Fleet No's 276/7 respectively). Western National Mercedes registration No. B37 AAF, (Fleet No. 245), is also still resident and awaiting sale.

Being despatched to dealers for scrap are Mercedes 608's registration numbers C200 HJN & C211 HJN, (Fleet No's 200 & 211 respectively).

Maldon outstation requirement as from 08/09 is 8 Dennis Darts and 1 Bristol VRT.

Classic, Anfield Plain Vehicles used on service work, (buses and coaches), have had fleet numbers introduced as follows:-

|     |          |           |
|-----|----------|-----------|
| 723 | DAR 132T | (ex 1901) |
| 733 | VNO 733S | (ex 1831) |
| 790 | VAR 901S | (ex 1824) |
| 794 | VAR 894S | (ex 1834) |

Yorkshire Rider 1368, (MHJ 726V, ex Fleet No. 1930), was loaned to Quickstep, (WY), for most of 03/95 prior to transfer to that fleet.

William, Crosskeys Fleet No. 20 is MHJ 732V, (ex Fleet No. 1936).

Kelvin Central Buses Ltd. 2830, (B697 XPU, ex Fleet No. 4509), to Kelvin Central Charter livery).

#### Changes of Ownership

RHK 346D, (FLF ex Fleet No. 2861), ?? Plymouth to ?? Northern Ireland. ?? Northern Ireland to McGurk, London NW 10 12/90.

987 KOO, (FLF ex Fleet No. 2774), ?? Emsworth to presumed gone by 01/94.

#### Vehicles Re-registered

| <u>Fleet No</u> | <u>Vehicle &amp; Registration No.</u> | <u>To</u>       | <u>By</u>                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1302            | Leyland Leopard, LLT 343V             | JIL 7713--01/95 | Hicks & Shaw, Heathfield. |
| 1305            | Leyland Leopard, LLt 346V             | JIL 7714--01/95 | Hicks & Shaw, Heathfield. |

#### (Disposals Initial)

| <u>Fleet No.</u> | <u>Registration No.</u> | <u>Details.</u>                                                                     | <u>Date</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 700              | B461 WTC                | To Stringer, Pontefract.                                                            | 06/95       |
| 702              | B468 WTC                | To Searle, Thornhaugh                                                               | 06/95       |
| 751              | D751 RWC                | To Evans, Beddau from Sevenways, Talbot Green.                                      | 08/95       |
| 754              | D754 RWC                | To Cleverly, New Inn from Anslow, Pontypool.                                        | 08/95       |
| 1117             | HHY 378Y                | Withdrawn by Eastern National, passed to Badgerline & then to De Courcey, Coventry. | 07/95       |
| 1120             | HHY 381Y                | Withdrawn by Eastern National                                                       | 08/95       |
| 1123             | A692 OHJ                | To De Courcey, Coventry via Badgerline.                                             | 07/95       |
| 1125             | A694 OHJ                | Withdrawn by Eastern National                                                       | 08/95       |
| 1202             | BNO 688T                | To Coachstyle, Nettleton from Flint, Nettleton.                                     | 07/95       |
| 1549             | WNO 538L*               | To Northern Ireland Citybus Ltd.                                                    | 04/86       |
| 1550             | WNO 539L**              | To Northern Ireland Citybus Ltd.                                                    | 02/85       |
| 1551             | WNO 540L***             | To Northern Ireland Citybus Ltd.                                                    | 02/85       |
| 1925             | MHJ 721V                | To Williams, Cross Keys.                                                            | 08/95       |

Note:-Re:- The Above Bristol RELL's Registration No.'s WNO 538L/39L/40L.

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 05/87*   | Maliciously destroyed |
| 03/88**  | Maliciously destroyed |
| 08/86*** | Maliciously destroyed |

(Sadly these vehicles all suffered bomb damage due to the troubles in Northern Ireland).

#### Subsequent Movements

| <u>Fleet No.</u> | <u>Registration No.</u> | <u>Details</u>                                  | <u>Date</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 701              | B463 WTC                | To Keeley, Stalybridge ex Lawrenson, Earlstown. | 05/95       |
| 1927/30/2        | MHJ 723/6/8V            | To Quickstep, 1367-9 ex Yorkshire Rider 1367-9. | 04/95       |

Frontline vehicles, Leyland Nationals MHJ 722/5/7V, STW 18/20W, (Fleet No.'s 1926/29/31/37/39 respectively), have now appeared on Stevensons fleetlist with Frontline fleet numbers).

**Allocation Changes to 23 October 1995**

|        |                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| AN 190 | Delicensed at Grays                       |
| DW 316 | Delicensed at Grays due to fire damage    |
| MB 43  | Remained at Harlow                        |
| MB 739 | New to Harlow, loaned to Ware             |
| MB 740 | New to Harlow, loaned to Ware             |
| MB 745 | Remained at Harlow                        |
| MB 748 | Remained at Harlow                        |
| MB 749 | Remained at Harlow                        |
| MD 609 | Delicensed at Edmonton due to fire damage |
| SN 227 | Delicensed at Harlow                      |

**SERVICES**

|             |     |                                                                      |
|-------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29 October  | 254 | Revised routing in Debden                                            |
| 30 October  | M4  | Minor timetable revision                                             |
| 30 October  | 331 | Additional pm schooldays only journey Puckeridge to Thundridge       |
| 13 November | 341 | Monday to Friday journeys extended from Hertford to Ware, Marsh Lane |

**Marketing and Advertising Liveries**

|                |                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Green Line     | TDL 53, TDL 54, TDL 65                                                                                                                                |
| Green Line 724 | TDL 55, TDL 60, TDL 63, TP 61, TP 70, TP 71, TP 72, TP 75                                                                                             |
| LT Mobility    | MBT 713, MBT 714, MBT 715, MBT 716                                                                                                                    |
| Sampson        | AC 570, AN 110, BOV 594, BOV 595, BOV 596, BP 504, BP 507, BTL 6, BTL 10, LD 554, LDL 533, MC 540, STL 10, TDL 37, TPL 518, VDL 537, VPL 501, VPL 503 |
| Townlink 502   | ELW 266, ELW 267, ELW 268, ELW 269                                                                                                                    |
| Lea Valley 363 | MB 919                                                                                                                                                |
| Thameside 510  | LP 555                                                                                                                                                |

NOTE: Green Line 724 runs between Heathrow Airport & Stansted Airport  
Townlink 502 runs between Harlow & Romford  
Lea Valley 363 runs between Hammond Street & Tottenham Hale Station  
Thameside 510 runs between Marks Gate & Lakeside



## Colorbuses

|        |                     |        |                              |
|--------|---------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| DW 316 | Gasoline Alley      | TDB 62 | Abridge Garages              |
| LR 2   | Barclays            | TL 10  | Harlow College               |
| LR 4   | Bryant Homes        | TL 13  | Harlow Market                |
| LR 5   | Ashbourne Insurance | TL 17  | Canonbury Builders Merchants |
| LR 15  | Fishpools           | TL 20  | Darlington's Garages         |
| MB 54  | HCC Travelwise      | TL 27  | Ray Powell Garages           |
| MB 795 | F.C. Green          | TL 33  | Laser Motor Company          |
| MB 918 | Jessups             | VPB 64 | Franklins Motors             |
| MB 932 | Valley Golf Club    | VPB 65 | Abridge Garages              |

## FLEET ALLOCATION AS AT 23 OCTOBER 1995

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Edmonton | DP 301-13, DW 314/5, MD 601-12, MB 918/9/27-31, MBT 713-6, BTL 6/10, TDL 37, BP 504/7, SN 312                                                                                                                     |
| Grays    | AN 190/4/9/238/44-52/4/6, LP 555, DP 318-23, DW 316/7, MB 45/6/8/115/54/700/1/25-27/924/926                                                                                                                       |
| Harlow   | LX 251-8, TDB 61-3, VPB 64/5, ELW 266-9, DPL 406-14, TL 10/3/5/7/20/7/30/1/3, SN 277, MB 43/706-12/17-21/30-38/45/8/9/51/2/5/932-8/90, MBT 801-5, TDL 53-5/60/3/5, BD 357(NPSV)                                   |
| Ware     | LR 1-5/7/9-11/5/7/23, M 75/80/2781, DPL 405, DWL 401/4/15, MB 613/4, MB 49/52/3/4/722-4/8/9/39/40/95/6, Bov. 594-6, LD 552/4, LDL 533, STL 10, TP 61/70-2/5, TPL 518, VDL 537, VPL 501/3, ML 959, AC 570, MC 540. |

Debden is an outstation of Harlow and is allocated 7 LSD, 3 SD and 11 MB.  
Hoddesdon is an outstation of Ware and is allocated 10 C and 2 MC.

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## HEDINGHAM

### VEHICLE NEWS

Bristol VR L161 (SNJ 591R) has been repainted in Hedingham livery. It had remained in Brighton & Hove livery, from whom it was acquired.

### SERVICES

- 7** As a result of mis-information please ignore the note in EBN 377. This service continues to operate. Apologies to Hedingham.
- 22** Additional journey each way introduced from 2.11.95.
- 84** Sunday service introduced from 1.10.95. 1000 ex Gt Horkesley, 1210 ex Colchester.
- 90/A** Slight timetable revisions from 6.11.95.
- 175** NEW SERVICE. Introduced on Fridays only from 10.11.95. Maldon to Colchester General Hospital via Tiptree and Marks Tey.
- 176** NEW SERVICE. Mondays only from 6.11.95. East Mersea to Colchester.

# THAMESWAY

## VEHICLES

### New

851-854 N851-854 CPU Dennis Dart 9SDL, Marshall B17F  
944-958 N944-958 CPU Dennis Dart 9.8SDL, Plaxton Pointer B39F  
851-4 are in a red and yellow livery and entered service on East London 'Mobility' bus services on 28th October. 944-958 entered service on 1st November.

At Coach and Bus 95 held at the NEC Birmingham on 12-14 October was a Dennis Dart 9.8m SLF (Low Floor) with Plaxton Pointer B37F bodywork in Thamesway livery. The vehicle has not been taken in to stock yet as the seating has to be altered. The bus will be numbered 701 and the remaining nine vehicles in the batch will be delivered in June 1996.

### On Loan

Dennis Darts 947/8 (N947/8 CPU) are at Eastern National Clacton where they have been numbered 810 and 817. Eastern National 810 and 817 (L810/7 OPU) are at Ponders End where they have been numbered 810 and 817. This exchange will end when 901-917 have been repainted (9m vehicles are required on route 214).

Leyland Tiger/Alexander 1113 (HHJ 374Y) has been returned to Eastern National whilst 1112 (HHJ 373Y) is with Thamesway.

### Repaints

319 and 322 are in the new livery, 901 is being repainted at Hadleigh..

### Disposals

|      |          |                             |
|------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1823 | VAR 900S | South Wales Transport 11.95 |
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| 1853 | YEV 311S | " |
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| 1857 | YEV 315S | " |
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| 1864 | YEV 322S | " |
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| 1881 | BNO 671T | " |
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| 1884 | BNO 674T | " |
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| 1887 | BNO 677T | " |
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| 1893 | BNO 683T | " |
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| 1897 | DAR 119T | " |
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| 1909 | DAR 131T | " |
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| 1869 | YEV 327S | S & M, Hadleigh for scrap 11.95 |
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| 1891 | BNO 681T | " |
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| 706 | C484 BFB | Morgan, Nantyglo 7.95 |
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| 712 | C481 BFB | " |
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| 722 | C470 BHV | " |
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| 1849 | YEV 307S | Volvo engine fitted and now hired out by Yeates(dlr), Loughboro |
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| 1893 | BNO 683T | numbered 783 by Classic |
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| 1922 | JHJ 148V | numbered 748 by Classic |
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|      |          |                                              |
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| 1806 | TJN 505R | (EBN378) this is an Eastern National vehicle |
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## General

District Bus will cease operations on 12th November (see service revisions).  
Brentwood garage will close on 9th December.

1601 L601 MWC has chassis no 05116 and body no 4542.

## **OPERATIONS**

### Service Revisions

- 15 From 13 November to operate via Church Road and Clay Hill Road in Basildon.
- 30 Revised timetable from 13 November with peak hour journeys extended to and from Pitsea Station.
- 31/A Service withdrawn. New service 31 from 13 November to operate from Basildon Hospital to Felmores via Southcote Crescent.
- 32/A/B New services commencing 13 November between Wickford and Billericay to partially replace District Bus 102/6/8 with some sections operating under contract to Essex County Council.
- 34 Withdrawn and replaced on 13 November by new services 33/A operating between Laindon and Shotgate.
- 34 Withdrawn and replaced on 13 November by new services 34/A operating between Laindon and Runwell.
- 35/A Withdrawn and replaced on 13 November by new service 35 operating between Laindon and Wickford.
- From 13 November revised to operate between Basildon Hospital and Felmores via Lincoln Road.
- 39 New Basildon Town Service from 13 November - details not yet available.
- 40 Revised route and timetable from 13 November to operate between Pitsea and Queens Park, Billericay.
- 41 Withdrawn from 13 November.
- 151 Revised route and timetable from 13 November operating via Laindon Link and not The Knares.
- Revised timetable from 13 November incorporating the withdrawal of services 153/4/5.
- S12 New City Saver service introduced on 23 October. A shoppers service from Woodford Green to Basildon via Chingford, Walthamstow, Ilford and Thurrock Lakeside. Operates Monday to Friday.

### London Transport Bus Contracts

- 191 New contract to commence April 1996 operating between Brimsdown Station and Edmonton Green Station using new 'midi'buses.
  - 193 Route offered for re tender.
  - 203 Afternoon journey now operates ten minutes later and revised to operate from West Hatch School and Loughton.
  - 307 Thamesway operation withdrawn from 1 December.
  - 362 Withdrawn between Grange Hill Station and Barkingside Station weekdays (proposed).
  - 362A New service from Ilford Station to Goodmayes King Georges Hospital (proposed).
  - 379 Contract retained.
  - 399 Barnet General Hospital circular contract awarded to Thamesway with a similar route 389 introduced operating via Western Way (399 serving Hadley Wood from Barkingside via 362 to the Lowe, Hainault (proposed))
  - 462 ~~Extended~~ ~~from~~ ~~Hadley Wood~~ ~~from~~ Barkingside via 362 to the Lowe, Hainault (proposed))
  - 391 Lakeside Shuttle. From 12 November to operate a revised timetable with Sunday journeys introduced
- District Bus routes 190-109 withdrawn on 11 November.

## COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

As mentioned last month, the Olympians are being modified to DPTAC standard. 49 was taken off the road for two weeks on 26.10.95, followed by 43 and 48 on 2.11.95, and 41 on 6.11.95. 43 has had Bright-Tech equipment fitted, and this includes Southend Transport destinations. 41, 43, 48 and 49 are also having Bright-Tech side number boxes fitted; 45 will have a manual one.

Railway replacement services were operated for LUL (Northern Line) on 8.10.95 (5 ONs) and 15.10.95 (3 ONs).

62 (RCN96N) is H43/34F, and not as previously reported. It is used on service 16 because the extra three seats (compared with the other Atlanteans) are needed there.

Burnt-out Atlantean 79 (YNO79S) remains at Magdalen Street.

Southend Transport's 447 and CBT's 25 were both returned home on 4.11.95. ST's 250 (Q475MEV) was repainted from overall advertisement to fleet livery at Magdalen Street between 22.10.95 and 1.11.95.

CBT's former coach 107 was borrowed from elsewhere in the group from 12.10.95 to 15.10.95 for a private hire from Ipswich to Blackpool.

CBT is to acquire a Greenway National from another British Buses company.

The evening output, two buses on service 1/1A, is now Olympians rather than Nationals.

Lastly, all buses are to be fitted with equipment that will play advertising videos to passengers!

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## LOOKING BACK

**1955** George Juler of Canvey Island applied for licences to operate four stage services all commencing from Central Avenue, Canvey to Benfleet, Canvey Haystack and Canvey Eastern Esplanade all on weekdays and a service to Labworth Recreation Ground daily from Easter to 31st August. Both Eastern National and Southend Corporation lodged objections and at a hearing on 12th January 1956 the application was rejected. Southend Corporation received consent to discontinue services from Kursall or Pier Trolley Vehicle Terminals to Hamstel Road, Nelson Road and Eastern Boulevard Trolley Vehicle Terminals

**1965** Eastern National took delivery of Bristol FLF6G's 2846/9/50/1 (MVX883C, NTW942/3/4C), the latter being the companies 300th Bristol Lodekka. KSW5G 2382/4/6 (WNO 483/0/4) were converted to open toppers. Hedingham & District introduced a new coach livery of red and cream, buses remained blue and cream. They took over Earls Colne operator, Blackwells after having managed the company.

**1975** Eastern National took delivery of Leyland Nationals 1752-7 (LJN660-5P) and VRs 3052/7/8 (LJN647/2/3P). Southend Transport received Daimler Fleetlines 386-90/3 (JTD386-0/3P). These had been registered by the body builders Northern Counties with Bolton LO numbers as apparently Chelmsford LVLO could not guarantee matching numbers. A directive was subsequently issued that matching registrations must be provided if requested. JTD386 was the registration of Lytham St Annes Leyland PD2/1 No. 15.

**1985** In common with other NBC subsidiaries Eastern National was hit by a strike on 29th October. Grey-Green covered commuter services. Colchester operated some services with the 119 running between Great Totham and Weeley. Heddingham applied for planning permission to keep 20-30 vehicles at the former EN Kelvedon Depot. Colchester Borough Transport re-registered their two new Olympians from C41/2 HPU to C41/2 HHJ prior to their entering service at the end of October. After two weeks in service 41 was off the road after being involved in a head on collision. Atlantean 64 (NNO64P) received a new engine at EN Engineering. Southend Transport took delivery on 1st November of their first new Van Hool Astromega double decker 256 (C256FHJ). It entered service on the 9th.



Geoff Toon would like to hear from any members who have access to the Internet. If you fall into this category could you please send him a blank e-mail with "EBEG Member" as the subject. Address is - [bus@geetee.dungeon.com](mailto:bus@geetee.dungeon.com) You will then be e-mailed with details of news that you should find interesting.

# MEDIA MONITOR

October 3rd: A man was arrested after the theft of a double-decker bus from Duke Street Chelmsford. The Eastern National bus stopped in Chignall Road after colliding with a tree. A man was arrested.

October 6th: Essex County Council has bid for Government funding of £15 million to ease traffic problems in Colchester. Included in the scheme is an information system for the bus station and bus lanes on routes into and around the town centre. Colchester Borough Council has approved the introduction of a 169 space park and ride scheme on MOD land in Butt Road.

October 21st: Coach & Bus Week has photographs of Boons new Setra 250 on display at Coach & Bus '95. The livery depicts what can best be described a view from a window on the Starship Enterprise! Hector Boon the paper reports has a penchant for anything different and an affection for top quality coaches so the manufacturers knew just who to offer it to. The livery caught the eye of the Head of Travel Trade Sales from EuroDisney who said it would be just the thing to promote their Jule's Verne Space Mountain and he would be contacting Mr. Boon.

November 1st: The University of Essex is to close Boundary Road to through traffic from December 1st. Public Transport will be excluded from the ban.

November 3rd: Parkfields Tenants & Residents Association in Halstead requested in June that EN extended Service 88 beyond the present terminus at Conies Road to Ronald Road. They have been disappointed that despite the company saying they would look into it nothing had been heard. The Company has said the matter was to be discussed this month.

November 7th: Bus services are being disrupted because road works on the A12 are resulting in traffic diverting through Colchester to avoid them. Ray Giles of CBT said "We are having to amend things as the day goes on. At peak time things can be quite bad. We are running ten to twelve minutes late at times and are having to turn vehicles round and put on duplicates".

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

In a letter to the Essex County Standard a West Mersea resident relates how in response to appeals to travel by bus he and his wife had done so. The return fare of £3.35 each was he claimed higher than the cost of travelling by car and parking. The bus they intended to catch home and the following one both failed to appear and he was informed that buses were stranded by a high tide but he could not understand why the situation should arise since he understood buses were fitted with radios. He then goes on to say that as senior citizens the cost of their fare were reduced but fails to explain why he appears to have paid full fare. The question as to why it is possible to buy a return ticket from Colchester to London for £7 is raised.

It is difficult to understand why instead of writing to the press people do not contact the company concerned but more disappointing is the fact that the operator concerned yet again failed to respond. The writer was of course wrong in his assumption that the buses concerned had radios, and had he travelled a couple of years ago his problem may not have arisen since CBT who have radios were well aware of when tide tides were due and few journeys were lost with duplicates operating to/from Abberton or Weir Lane as was frequently reported in this journal.

## LIVERY

The end of an era : the last bus in Ensignbus light blue/silver , Dominator 255, was taken out of service after use on Thursday 21st September and was then repainted yellow. Recent repaints have had the logo left off of the front of the bus and/or the 'moving comfortably ahead' slogan left off of the side. It is not known whether this is a new policy or if the Company has simply run out of transfers.

## ACQUIRED

833 C903 LEW Ford Transit BDVYFB91793 Dormobile(4388) B16F New 9/85 to Cambus Ltd ,2003, to National Welsh Omnibus, Chepstow, 236 in 12.88 & to Red & White Services, Cwmbran ,236, in 2/91, to Houston Ramm (dealer) Rochdale, 7/95.

## ON HIRE

M918 MRW (Volvo B6LE-005804-Wright B36F-T44) departed after am service on the 650 on Monday September 11th. It arrived for use by Brighton Buses at the Lewes Road depot on September 18th. M262 KWK (Volvo B6-Alexander) continued in use on commercial routes at DM until sometime in the last third of October . By November 1st it was being used by Eastern Counties in Ipswich . Ipswich Borough Transport 19 (RDX 19R) arrived on hire for two weeks from September 17th. It is a Roe H43/29D bodied Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R new in 9/76 and was used mainly on schools services.

## ROUTES

Coastliner was extended until October 1st ,when the last run of the year went to Great Yarmouth. The leaflet advertising the extension said that an Autumn programme of pre-bookable excursions would run to various places of interest but this idea was in the event still born due to two big railway bus contracts being aquired.

67 LRT contract awarded to Citybus, to start in May 96 -Aldgate-Shoreditch-Dalston-Stamford Hill-Wood Green, using 11 new double decks. Currently run by Leaside.

307 LRT contract for the double deck school day only gained, to start on Mon Dec 4th 1995, one bus running Oakwood to Arkley. Main service to be run by Leaside- currently run by Thamesway.

678 LRT school route gained from March 96 -Stratford-Forest gate-Plaistow- East Beckton.

EC 6132 new Essex CC contract: Belhus-South Ockendon-Thurrock Technical College.

EC6135 new Essex CC contract: Purfleet-Aveley-Thurrock Technical College.

ELX contract extended firstly to March 96 and then to May 96. Do railway routes like this Never finish on time ?

SB 1,7,8,9 (Stevenage town services) -lost on retender to Luton & District -last day October 22nd.

LRT have issued a notice offering Citybus Romford area routes 165,246, 248,252,365,446,650,652 for re-tender. Also in the same batch are Citybus schools route 645 (Goodmayes-Chingford) and the following routes run by others-193 Romford-County Park Estate, Thamesway:



256 Hornchurch to Harold Hill & 346 Upminster to Cranham, County Bus:  
and 649 Romford to Campion School & 656 Romford to Emerson Park,  
Stagecoach East London.

### GENERAL

A big railway job most weekends has seen many unusual workings on LRT routes with, for example, no less than 8 Leyland Nationals in use on Romford routes on Sat October 7th- 165 DM 41-748, DM46-750, DM47-736 : 365 DM 53 -739, DM56- 741 plus 737,744 r/nos unknown, with 742 on the 248. On Sat Oct 21st 742 was DM57 on 365, 741 did the 511 jnys, 750 was on the 296 and another on the D6. At other times 739 did the pm 652 then 365 on Friday Sept 22nd and 748 was Dm 103 on the 248 all day on MON 2nd OCT.

### DISPOSALS

432 UPK132S Wealden(dealer) Five Oaks Green ex Hydes, Thurcroft  
603/4/6-9/14/9 (J-HMF) Greater Manchester Buses North ,5/95, ex Citibus,  
Middleton.  
902 BHN 761N Smith, Carlton, Lincs, ex Abbey Howe Coaches, Waddington,  
Lincs, 4/95

### AND FINALLY

A combination of long hours at work (which are getting longer and not shorter as they should be), The general pressure of having too many things on my plate in all their various forms, and the distinct feeling that almost nobody bothers to read this column means that this is the last time that this part of the mag will appear for the foreseeable future. It may reappear if circumstances change, but until then

GOODBYE *M Weyell*

### MEMORIES

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At the recent Southend "Open Top" Bus Rally, an elderly gentleman came up to the group stand and started talking about Borough Motor Services, Mr Sid Goodwin had been both Conductor and Driver with the Company.

Mr Goodwin started work as an apprentice coach trimmer, graduating to 'charas' and car hoods etc, when the firm went into liquidation he took a temporary job with Borough as a conductor, as there were no trimmers jobs in the area, this job stretched 46 years. Sometimes he thought, "was it worth it".

A story he told us was, he remembers in June 1935 he was detailed to transfer Gilford Coach JN256 - still in Borough colours to Clacton. He left Southend and on reaching Jones Corner Eastwood 256 broke down, the fitters came out, but could not start the vehicle at first, they filled the autovac and limped back to Southend. Back at the garage the tank was dipped, he remembers it was full when he checked it the night before. The fuel tank was found to have a lot of water in it. It was thought, but nothing proved that a cleaner who lived near the Barge at Vange had been "milking" the tank for his motor bike and on hearing the coach was to be transferred to Clacton had "tapped up" to show a full tank.

Next month, we will hear some reminiscences of Borough's Gilfords.



## OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

**AMBER BUS RAYLEIGH** Have acquired Bristol VR KOU 796P from Stephenson's and sister NEL 119P from Europa via Stephenson's. Also here is SVM 182W a Volvo/Plaxton.

**APT RAYLEIGH** Recent additions are Neoplan Skyliner E75 DMA and ?/Duple KBC 6V.

**ASSOCIATED COACHWAYS** Are now operating service 871 commercially.

**BARKER ROYDON** Ford/Duple SIB 3276 (FCW 75W) has been re-registered WAR 775W. An acquired Neoplan is due soon.

**BOON BOREHAM** G708 LKW a ?/Plaxton is here, thought to be a dealer loan. Still on loan are J75/76 VTG.

**BORDABUS WICKFORD** Service 8 reduced to one journey each way. Service 11 has been withdrawn.

**BRANDONS BLACKMORE END** Have acquired C638 KDS a Fiat Caetano from Ways, Boreham.

**CHELMSFORD CAB** Ford Transit G815 OVU has been sold. The majority of vehicles including cars now operate as PSV's.

**COACHSTOP SOUTHEAD** Another new Bova Futura is N581 BDT.

**COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD** Bristol VR BHJ 370S (ex HIL 8221, VPF 281S) has been acquired from Brentwood Coaches. The two VRs are kept at Hi-Ho Wyatts Green.

**EAST LONDON** Have re-introduced service 723X for the pre Christmas period, operating from Stratford to Lakeside

**HARRIS BUS** Further Atlanteans have arrived on loan from Nottingham. They are ARC 637T, BTV 652/7T. All have East Lancs bodies and are expected to stay until January. They are mainly used on the Lakeside coach park shuttle. From 23.10.95. service L2 was extended to Swanley and L4 to Welling. The section of routes 372 and 383 in Cedar Road, becomes Hail & Ride from 20.11.95.

**HARRIS COACHES** Scania/Plaxton 9242 FH departed in September.

**LONDON CENTRAL** Service 701X re-introduced for the pre-Christmas period between Thamesmead and Lakeside. Two journeys each way, Monday to Saturday.

**MYALL BASSINGBOURN** The 1330 ex Chrishall operates 5 minutes later from 30.10.95. The 1550 service 26 has been withdrawn and service 43 operates to a revised timetable from 30.10.95. Service 41 revised route and timetable introduced from 3.11.95.

**NATIONAL EXPRESS** Winter schedules introduced from 30.10.95.

**NELSONS** Service 21 is now operated commercially on Saturdays.

**PANDORA COACHES LAINDON** Have acquired Bedford VAS/Plaxton BXD 111M.

**SM TRAVEL HARLOW** New Service SM18, introduced on schooldays between Harlow and Bishops Stortford.

**TOMS MINIS SOUTHEAD** A recent addition is Freight Rover C658 DNE.

**WEST WOODFORD GREEN** Registration A10 BUS is now on a Plaxton Paramount bodied coach.

**WHM CHELMSFORD** Former EN Olympian B688 BPU has been re-registered LIL 7320. Also here is Swift/Elme HIB 6984 (ex F214 GEC). The remains of VR JWW 225N have been removed from the yard.

# Southend Transport

## Repaints.

LF 250 (Q475 MEV) into Bus livery, ex (H.W.S advert.)  
TR 551 (B100 XTW) into Green Line livery.

## Subsequent Disposals.

VW 403/4 (E403/4 BHK) to Executive Minis, Greasby. (ex Derby.)  
LN 782/3/4/5/6/7 (GPD 295N/HPF 309/27/16N/LPB 185/201P)  
All to G.M Buses North, ex Citibus, Chadderton (5/95)

## Unusual Workings.

ON 262 (H262 GEV) 7/11/95 09:30 X1 (Southend - Victoria.)  
12:35 X1 (Victoria - Southend.)

## Hire's.

ON 447 (H47 MJN) back to S.T and Colchester LN 25 (EON 825V) back to  
C.B.T Mon 6/11/95.

## Previous Registrations.

Volvo B10M,s 566 (NXI 9002/H843 AHS) 567 (NXI 9001/H842 AHS)  
568 (NXI 9003/H844 AHS) 569 (NXI 9004/F449 PSL) 570 (NXI 9005/F450 PSL)  
571 (NXI 9006/F451 PSL) 572 (NXI 9007/F452 PSL).



COLCHESTER B.T. LEYLAND NATIONAL 2 25 EON 825V ON HIRE TO SOUTHEND TRANSPORT  
AT CENTRAL BUS STATION SOUTHEND. A MEADOWS.