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JACKSONS OF BICKNACRE MERCEDES F 154 RHK, NEW TO HEDINGHAM AS L154
SEEN LEAVING SOUTH WOODHAM ON SERVICE 237 TO BASILDON. THIS VEHICLE
IS NOW WITH SOUTHERN NATIONAL qv. D ARNOLD.

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STOP PRESS.

ESSEX TOUR 20th May will now include visit to Osbornes Tollesbury.

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Thamesway has started a training scheme for teachers and parents who drive school vehicles.

Rochford Meetings

The next meeting at the Freight House Rochford will be Tuesday 12th September the programme will be announced later.

Essex Tour - 20th May 1995

Seats are still available on this tour if you wish to book. It is with regret that we have to inform you that Supreme have not been able to give permission for a visit. This is due to a large number of vehicles and drivers being required for work on that day. Plans are being made to visit another operator, details of which should soon be available. Please ring Ian Ransom 01245 266713 for further information. Bookings should still be sent to Andy Meadows.

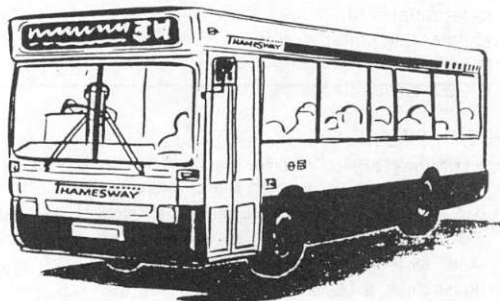
Tour to Oxford and Reading - 8th July 1995

A booking form is enclosed with this months magazine, giving full details of this tour. Permission has been granted by Reading Buses, City of Oxford, Yellow Bus and Heyfordian for depot visits. The vehicle for this tour will be a high quality coach from a North Essex Operator. Pick ups have been arranged from Colchester, Witham and Chelmsford, following a large number of requests, as well as our more traditional points. Please support this tour if you are able.

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All reports for the May EBN should be with the Sub Editors by 5th May to Managing Editor by 13th May.



EASTERN NATIONAL

Acquired Vehicles

Seven ex Yorkshire Rider Leyland Tigers with Duple Dominant bus bodies and dual purpose seats are to be acquired as 1001-07. Two of them A665/68 KUM were noted in Chelmsford in early April.

To correct EBN 370, 1131, has chassis type TRCTL11/3R.

Vehicles on Loan

South Wales Bristol VR 984 (BEP 984V) remains in use at Colchester, and is expected to remain on loan into May.

Allocations

3/95 1833 Pool-CF; 1843 CF-D/L(D)

228 D/L(D) is in short term use from Chelmsford covering the repaint programme.

Repaints

3/95 604 606 607 608 611 612 614 615 622 624 1131 3233

1933 appears to have been repainted in the old livery.

Services

- 3/4** Revised to operate via Holland Road from 10.4.95.
- 31/X** Slight timetable revision from 10.4.95.
- 53** Renumbered 71 and revised route and timetable introduced from 10.4.95.
- 53B** Renumbered 72 and revised route and timetable introduced from 10.4.95.
- 64** The 2225 ex Greenstead will only operate beyond Shrub End if required from 10.4.95.
- 67** Revised morning schools journeys introduced from 10.4.95.
- 73** Introduced from 10.4.95. and replaces services 91 & 92.
- 74** Revised to operate via Elmstead Heath on Mon. to Sat. from 10.4.95.
- 75** Revised route and terminal in Maldon from 10.4.95.
- 78/A** Revised route and timetable introduced from 10.4.95.
- 97** Withdrawn after 8.4.95. and part replaced by services 73 and 75.
- 178** Withdrawn after 8.4.95. and replaced by services 78/A.

Our apologies that much of the above has already happened, however, it must be remembered that service changes are of a commercial nature and that we are not able to publish such information until it becomes public knowledge.

The following changes are expected to take place on 9.5.95. they are subject to confirmation:-

- 40 Revised to operate Readers Corner to North Melbourne via Chignal Estate.
- 40A Revised as service 40.
- 41A Renumbered 51 and increased to every 15 minutes.
- 41B Renumbered 41 and increased to every 15 minutes.
- 42 No longer services Anglia University. Extended to Broomfield Hospital via 43
- 43/A Withdrawn.
- 44 NEW SERVICE. North Melbourne to Oaklands Park via 47 and 35 routes.
- 45 Extended from Bus Station to Writtle via Westlands Estate.
- 45A As service 45 but anti-clockwise round Writtle Village.
- 45C As service 45 but clockwise round Writtle Village.
- 47 Withdrawn between Bus Station and North Melbourne.
- 48 Revised to operate Chelmer Village to Anglia University.
- 49 Withdrawn.
- 54-57 Various route revisions, further details not yet known.
- 350/1 Alternate journeys re-routed via Writtle Road and Widford Ind. Estate.

Other changes are expected to 11,33,35,36,152,153,154,155 from the same date, further details will be given next month.

HEDINGHAM

Vehicles

To update recent issues of EBN, the official version of vehicles acquired in recent months is now available:-

L235	WJM 831T	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
L236	CJH 143V	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
L237	GGM 84W	Bristol VRT/SL3/6LXB	ECW	H43/31F
L238	TPJ 305S	Ford R1114	Duple	C53F
L239	BCJ 733V	Ford R1114	Duple	C53F
L240	XPW 877X	Leyland PSU3E/4R	ECW	C47F

General

Further recent repaints are L226 and L234 from Partridge to Hedingham colours. L227 has not been used for some time and is now at Hedingham for attention, while L106 is parked out of use at Hedingham. Service 89 is being diverted via Gosfield due to roadworks between Hedingham and Halstead.



EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION APRIL 1995

BISHOPS STORTFORD	5 MB608 5Dennis Dart & 2 Tiger/Alexander from CF.
BRAINTREE	242/44 621/25-30/57-64
CHELMSFORD	202-05/15/43/45/47/51 601-20/22-24/31-46 807/08/12-16 1111/14/15/17/19-21/25/27-30 1401-03/07/08/13-16/25-29 1833/60/61/62/65/85 1909/14/24/40 3069/71/77/79/83/84/92/94 3106/12 4013 4510/11
CLACTON	217/29-40/48 647-55 810/17/21/22 1112 1863 3219-22
COLCHESTER	665-76 801-06/09/11/18-20 1131 1844/50/51/67/72/74/90/99 1916/21/25/33 3078/93 3103/27 3223-33 4012/14-18/21 4501/03/12
DUNMOW	1 Leyland Lynx from CF.
HARWICH	241/50/52 656 1123 1832 3072/76 3109 4007/08/19
MALDON	7 single deck (normally Tiger & Lynx) plus 1 VR from CF.
WALTON	3 Mercedes from CN plus 1 Dart from CR.
POOL VEHICLES	246/49 1870 1935 2383/84 3500/01
D/L DISPOSAL	200/06-14/16/18-21/23-28 700/02/03/06/07 1841/43 1923 3070
TRAINING	9012-14

The outstation allocations are the normal vehicle type, but can vary from time to time.

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BUZZ OF HARLOW F678 ANW MERCEDES OPTARE SEEN AT HARLOW BUS STATION.

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SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS

- 222 (C222HJN) - Entered service with Yorkshire Rider Ltd., 2012 in 11/94.
- 0603 (C603NPU) - Sold by Midland Fox Ltd., M183, 11/94.
- 720 (B454WTC) - Valley, Combe Down, by 1/95, ex. Lancashire Bus & Coach (dealer), Newton-le-Willows. (Lancashire Bus & Coach is the dealer arm of Lawrenson, Earlestown).
- 721 (B464WTC) - Valley, Combe Down, 7/94, ex. Lancashire Bus & Coach (dealer), Newton-le-Willows.
- 1058 (TJN981W) - Sold by Ellis, Kelvedon, by 11/94.
- 1202 (BNO688T) - Still with Flint, Nettleton, 1/95.
- 1208 (BNO694T) - Withdrawn by Coombs, Weston-Super-Mare, by 1/95.
- 1215 (BNO701T) - Metrobus, Orpington, 3/85, ex. Goldenport Ltd., London, SW16. Entered service in 4/85.
- 1216 (BNO702T) - Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd., P6 (driver training vehicle), 11/94, ex. New Enterprise Coaches (Tonbridge) Ltd., Tonbridge, 15.
- 1657 (KCG613L) - Scrapped by Fuggles, Benenden, by 10/94. Latterly used for spares.
- 1714 (WNO563L) - Withdrawn by Williams, Crosskeys, 2, by 1/95.
- 1749 (JNO198N) - (now re-registered ACH 32A) - Still with Alexcars, Cirencester, 1/95.
- 1783 (PEV695R) - Numbered 1098 with C & M, Aintree (additional information to EBN368).
- 1815 (VNO738S) - On loan to Hants & Dorset Motor Services Ltd., from 11/94, from Wilts & Dorset Bus Company Ltd., 3763.
- 1927 (MHJ723V) - Yorkshire Rider Ltd., Leeds, 1367, 10/94.
- 1930 (MHJ726V) - Yorkshire Rider Ltd., Leeds, 1368, 10/94. Entered service in 11/94.
- 1932 (MHJ728V) - Yorkshire Rider Ltd., Leeds, 1369, 10/94.
- 1938 (STW 19W) - Rider (York) Ltd. York, 1370, 10/94 (correction to EBN369).
- 1939 (STW 20W) - Frontline Enterprises Ltd., Lichfield, 1939, 8/94.
- 3036 (NPU983M) - Still with Jones, Llanidloes (t/a Celtic Travel), 1/95.
- 3203 (HRP671N) - Sold by Barfoot, West End, 10/94.
- 4509 (B697BPU) - Strathclyde Buses Ltd., 10/94, ex. Northumbria M.S., 368.
- (JOV700P) - South Pembrokeshire Playbus, 11/93, ex. Silcox, Pembroke Dock.

THAMESWAY DISPOSALS

- 701 (C439BHY) - Morgan, Nantyglo (t/a John's Travel), 9/94.
- 703 (C446BHY) - as 701.
- 704 (C482BFB) - as 701.
- 707 (C490BFB) - as 701.
- 708 (C495BFB) - as 701.
- 711 (B444WTC) - as 701.
- 714 (C507BFB) - as 701.
- 715 (C508BFB) - Transferred to service stock as a crew bus by Thamesway Ltd., 11/94.
- 718 (C449BHY) - as 701.
- 721 (C440BHY) - Morgan, Nantyglo, 9/94, then to Perry, Bromyard, 9/94.

Note - 701/3/4/7/8/14/8 are owned by Morgan, Nantyglo, but are not being operated, and may have been purchased in a dealer capacity.

THAMESWAY

VEHICLES

Vehicles are now being repainted in the yellow and purple scheme introduced on last year's Dennis Darts. I will now refer to this as the new livery. Repaints started in mid-March at Lancasters at Thurrock. Those treated to date are Mercedes 307/8/9/10/1/2/3 and driver trainers 9016/7.

Former Yorkshire Rider coach 522 has had City Saver livery applied to its front and rear ends.

For administrative purposes, all non PCVs are to be renumbered with 9 prefixes. The driver training fleet is complete (see last month) and Ford Transits 712/7/9/20 are now 9712, 9717, 9719 and 9720 (these are to be used on another driver training project) and AJN 825 is now 9001. Crew transfer and service vehicles will also be included.

WAVEDRIVER

The Badgeeline Group are already experimenting buses powered by LPG, Hybrid and CNG. The experiment is to continue with a battery electric powered Dennis Dart - one of those due to be delivered to Hadleigh later this year. The vehicle will feature Wavedriver technology and will be used on London Road routes in a controlled experiment alongside conventionally powered vehicles. The engine, gearbox and fuel tank will be removed and replaced with two electric motors (one over each rear wheel arch), a Wavedriver control box and batteries adding 300kg to the GVW but this will create an environmentally friendly and financially viable bus.

OPERATIONS

Changes effective 8th May 1995

- 11 Withdrawn
replaced by new Eastern National route 33 Southend-Rayleigh-
Chelmsford-Dunmow-Bishops' Stortford. Routed via A130 Rettondon
Main Road with some limited stop journeys numbered 33X

During March, the railway bridge at Battles bridge was closed for repair. Buses operated via the 'new' bypass with a taxi operating a shuttle between Bedloes Corner and Battlesbridge.

- 15/16 To serve new Tesco supermarket (this new store is in fact on the
250 line of route)

- 17 New route Southend to Eastwood Kent Elms via Southend Hospital
monday to saturday half hourly (may not start on 8.5)

152 group All Eastern National journeys to be transferred to Thamesway

350/1 All Thamesway journeys to Eastern National

London Transport

Thamesway have been awarded the contract to operate the Baring
Mobility Bus services for five years from October 1995
using 4 Plaxton bodied Dennis Darts with wheelchair
accommodation (new Low Floor Darts?)



OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

ADAMS BRENTWOOD A recent addition is Ford/Plaxton ABV 881V.

APT RAYLEIGH Another vehicle acquired is E558 CGJ a DAF/Plaxton 4000. Also here is H622 UWR a Volvo/Plaxton, new to Wallace Arnold but with legal lettering for a Scottish Hotel.

AJS MINIBUS HARLOW Acquired is Mazda G596 RNC.

AMBER BUS & COACH Acquired for use on Canvey services is D138 WCC a Freight Rover/Carlyle and similar E94 OUH. Bova 223 ASV (SMY 622X) has been acquired from Jacksons.

BARKERBUS ROYDON Recent additions are Metroliner SJI 9333, thought to be ex EN 1602, SJI 9334 (ex FVX 825Y) a Bedford YNT/Plaxton ex Southern Star, Roydon and SJI 9335 a Fiat/Caetano of which no details are yet available. VW/Optare E998 UYG has been sold.

BERNARDS HARLOW Leyland Leopard/Plaxton DWK 411T has been sold, as has Berford YRT/Duple YWE 499M. Service 381 had a revised route and timetable introduced from 4.4.95.

BOON BOREHAM A new Scania/Berkhof is M313 VET.

BRENTWOOD COACHES (WHM) Further to EBN 371, B872 UST is a Leyland Tiger/Duple, which had been re-registered LIL 2354 during April. It is understood to be for re-sale as is Bristol VR/ECW NFN 44R, which does not appear to have been used here. The Lee-Roy depot at Kelvedon Hatch is no longer used by WHM.

CEDRIC WIVENHOE The remains of VR GNJ 572N had gone by March. A new coach is M15 CED a Volvo/Van Hool.

C&I COACHLINES HIGHWOOD A further Volvo/Ikarus is F881 VSJ.

CLINTONA A Sunday service was introduced on Harlow Town Service 856 from 9.4.95. Revised timetables were introduced on Easybus services E40-42 from 10.4.95.

COLCHESTER COACHES THORRINGTON Bedford YMT/Plaxton TYU 497S have been stripped to a shell.

COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD DAF/Plaxton 2786 RU has been re-registered UJN 159V. Bristol VR/ECW MEL 561P has been acquired from Brentwood Coaches and is now registered 2786 RU.

DISTRICT BUS Not previously recorded here, is that the company passed to British Bus ownership on 1.1.95. David Tomlin the owner of the company has become Traffic Manager with Southend Transport. Vehicles have been on loan from London & Country to allow a repaint programme to be undertaken.

FARGO RAYNE New is Scania/Van Hool M310 VET. It is understood that others are expected. Service 31 between Gt Notley and Braintree was withdrawn with effect from 14.4.95.

FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES Are reported to have acquired E316 OMG a Mercedes/Reeve Burgess in August 1994. It is thought to have now been sold.

FORD ALTHORNE The Leyland Royal Tiger 238 JUO has been sold to Cook, Biggleswade.

FUNSTON CHRISHALL Sold after a short stay is Duple 425 integral E209 EPB. Also sold is VW/Optare D988 JYG.

GRAHAMS KELVEDON Acquired from Neal, Isleham is E283 OMG a MB609D/Reeve Burgess.

HANN HARLOW A fleet addition is Renault Master minibus A11 HAN.

HARRIS Bristol VR PBD 40R has been sold, following mechanical failure. A further ex Brighton Atlantean has arrived on loan from Nottingham City Transport it is OYJ

68R. A further trusted source is also providing vehicles on loan - Eastbourne Buses. Olympian E853 DPN arrived in late March and was replaced on 7.4.95. by similar E852 DPN. A further DAF SB3000/Van Hool has arrived M502 XWC, in Harris livery, it like the other two seats C49FT. 503 is now in a revised Eurolines livery.

JACKSON BICKNACRE Bova 223 ASV (ex SMY 622X) has been sold. Acquired a little while ago but not yet reported is PRA 12R a Leopard/Alexander new to Trent. Former Heddingham Mercedes F154 RHK has been sold to Southern National and was noted in Weymouth depot in early April.

LAPAGE ROCHFORD Leyland Tiger/Plaxton USV 807(CDG 210Y) has been acquired.

LODGE HIGH EASTER Have acquired D764 TDV a short Bedford/Plaxton. Tiger/Van Hool B551 VWT has been re-registered 436 VVT, while Scania/Van Hool E665 YDT is now 46 AEW.

OCTOPUS TRAVEL CHELMSFORD MAN minibus SHL 885Y has been acquired. Yet another VW/Optare to be sold is D369 JUM.

OSBORNE TOLLESBURY Recent re-registrations are JWV 160Y to SJI 4635, B444 BAR to SJI 2954, G70/85/88 RGG to TJI 1670/85/88 and G430/1 VML to TJI 3130/1. Further to EBN 370, C101 AFX was re-registered JIL 5628, prior to being sold.

PRIORY STANFORD LE HOPE Have sold YWT 522S a Ford R1114/Plaxton.

RELIANCE BENFLEET Dennis Javelin/Duple E751 HJF has been sold.

SM TRAVEL HARLOW Have acquired G743 DSG a Fiat/Carlyle minibus. Acquired some while ago but not reported is D39 KAX an Iveco/Robin Hood.

SJH TRAVEL WOODHAM FERRERS Further to EBN 369, LFX 654 is with this operator not P&M.

SOUTHERN STAR ROYDON Have acquired JIL 2202 a Bova ex Stans, Gt Totham
SOUTH WOODHAM CARS LATCHINGDON Operate two DAF 400 minibuses, they are L352 VHY and L404 FTF.

STANS GT TOTHAM GSX 121N a Bedford/Alexander was sold less than a month after joining the fleet. Bedford YNV/Plaxton E245 FLD has been acquired.

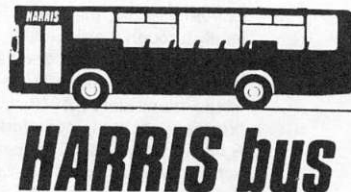
STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD Bristol VRs TBW 452P, TNJ 995/98S have been sold. Replacement VRs are PHH 407/8R (new to London Country at Grays) and KOU 796P.

SUPREME SOUTHEND Have acquired K991 HVO a Scania/Plaxton.

TRAVELRICH COPFORD Have acquired Neoplan single deck coach USV 330 (F622 CWJ).

WARDS ARLESFORD Acquired is Bristol VR/ECW DWU 297T, still in Sovereign livery.

WILKINSON Further to EBN 360, VJA 661S is with this operator not Godwards. Also here is KBD 58N a Bedford/Plaxton. Both Wilkinson and Godward have moved to the former Woods depot in Ramsden Heath. Europa have in turn moved to Robert Way, Wickford, previously occupied by Wilkinson.



Southend Transport

Vehicles.

567 (NXI 9003) Volvo B10M/Plaxton C53F.(ex Express Travel,Perth)
Is the 1st of 8,for 'X'services.All will be delivered in Green line livery.
The rest of the batch is 565/6 & 568 to 571 (NXI 9001/2/4 to 9007). & one
other to be 572. (Built 1989).

Services.

Route 12 has been diverted via the new Tesco Superstore. Same line of route
from Southend to the Hospital,then Prittlewell Chase,Southbourne Grove,
Bridgewater Drive to Kent Elms, then A127 to Tesco,via Tesco Link Road to
Eastwoodbury Lane to rejoin old route at Warners Bridge.

Route 12A remains unchanged.

Route 12B will be old 12 route via (Hobblythick Lane & Prittlewell Bell.)
(Starts 18/4/95)

Basildon contract routes 232,241 & 244 have been lost to Thamesway.
S.T,s last operation is 23/4/95.

Unusual Workings.

ON 257 (B185 BLG) 12.12 X1 Basildon to Victoria, (28/3/95)
14.35 X1 Victoria to Southend. ON 256(A110 FDL) failed at BN.
VR 305 (DGR 477S) on Service 7 (6/4/95)

General.

A complete smoking ban has been introduced on all Buses & Coaches from 1/4/95.

Publicity.

New style timetable leaflets for services....
2 & 21 dated 26/2/95
12 dated 18/4/95

Other News.

The coaches used on the Rail Replacment work on 12/3/95 were,
555,547-550 (A144 EPA,A247 - A250 SVW).
Previously unrecorded Service vehicle,
012 (A980 MPU) Vauxhall Astra van.

BOOK REVIEW OSBORNE'S BUSES FROM TOLLESBURY

This book has been published to celebrate 75 years of public service transport from
the well known and liked Essex independent, by that other well known and liked
Geoff Mills!

It gives a brief history of how the company was formed and developed by the
Osborne family, as well as giving an insight into the other folk that came into the
family through marriage etc.

No less than 48 photographs (all Black & White) trace the history of vehicles from a
horse drawn carrier cart to the L registration DAF/Caetanos.

Route maps dated 1970 and 1995 show little change in the network of services
provided, not many operators can boast that these days.

A brief history of service developments is also provided, as well as a fleet list of every
vehicle owned since 1945, with acquisition and disposal information.

A welcome addition to the bookshelf of any Essex enthusiast, copies are available
from Andy Meadows priced at £3.45 including post and packing from the address on
the cover.

County Bus

FLEET

Repaints

2/95	LR 3 from colorbus to new CB livery.
3/95	BOV 594/6 to Sampson livery.

SERVICES

15 April	650	Revision of North Weald Market free network which operates on Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays as follows :- 1. From Hoddesdon via Broxbourne, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross and Waltham Abbey. Hourly operated by Harlow (HA). 2. From Loughton via Debden, Upshire and Epping. Hourly operated by Debden (DD). 3. From Brentwood via Kelvedon Hatch and Ongar. Hourly operated by Grays (GY). 4. From Thorley via Bishops Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Old Harlow, Harlow, Southern Way and Potter Street. Hourly operated by Harlow (HA). 5. From Harlow via Potter Street. Hourly operated by Grays (GY). 6. From Sele Farm via Hertford, Ware Stanstead Abbots, Roydon, Summers and Katherines (Harlow). Hourly operated by Ware (WE).
21 May	133	New ECC contract operation - Sundays and Holidays Mondays throughout the year. Braintree to Bishops Stortford via Felsted, Great Dunmow, Takeley and Stansted Airport. 2-hourly.
	312	Existing ECC winter Sunday service converts to throughout the year on Sundays and Holiday Mondays. Harlow to Elsenham. 2-hourly.
	600	New ECC contract operation - Sundays and Holiday Mondays until 24 September 1995. Romford to Ongar via Havering-atte-Bower, Abridge, Epping and North Weald. 2-hourly.
	622	Existing ECC winter Sunday service converts to throughout the year on Sundays and Holiday Mondays. Harlow to Braintree. One round trip.

DID YOU READ.....

March 16th: Eastern National's plans to axe a Heybridge bus route serving school children and the elderly has provoked condemnation from residents and councillors. The unprofitable 97 will cease on April 10th. Geoff Dodson of EN said negotiations were taking place to re-route the existing 91 and 75 services and fears of limited services were premature. Evening Gazette

March 17th: Minibus and coach operators will have 12 months to comply once any law requiring fitting of seatbelts to school transport has been passed. Hedingham said they ran mainly double deckers and would wait and see. Knights of Great Braxted said they were going to have to fit seat belts but asked who was going to pay. Cedrics have already fitted belts to some vehicles and these were available at an extra charge. Essex County Standard

March 24th: An elderly couple are grateful to a newly recruited EN driver for finding their life savings. A handbag containing £600 cash, a building society book with more than £27,00 and a signed blank cheque had been left on a bus. All vehicles were checked and the lost property located by the driver on his usual trip on service 55. EG

March 27th: A van driver was taken to hospital with suspected broken legs after a collision in Station Rd Chapel with a Hedingham bus carrying three school children on their way to Stanway School. A photograph of L113 appears. EG

March 28th: The head teacher of Stanway School calls for compulsory seat belts to be fitted to school buses following the previous days accident. Six children are now reported as being carried one of whom received a cut lip while the others and the bus driver were shaken. EG

April 5th: Robert MacGregor of HO is not against compulsory seatbelts but the construction of seats will make buses difficult to equip. Contract school buses were getting a rough ride in face of their true safety record. HO had been providing buses for Stanway School since 1982 and in 34,580 journeys the accident had been the first and had the children been in a parent's car they would have received more serious injury. "A bus without seatbelts is a lot safer than any car". EG

April 7th: The car park above Colchester Bus Station is to be demolished at a cost of £337,597 with work expected to start in May. ECS

Castle Point Transport Museum

POINT ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND, ESSEX.

LOOKING BACK

1965 Due to falling traffic Eastern National introduced extensive service alterations on April 11th. A number of services were withdrawn while others lost their Sunday service. New services included the 70 which linked the 310, 70 and 51 to provide a Bishops Stortford to Harwich service. Following these changes out stations at Dunmow and Stoke by Nayland closed. Bristol FLF6B deliveries received in mid March were 2608/9 (KNO949/50C) coach seated and 2828/9 (KNO951/2C). Bristol MW5Gs 1435-8 (JHK459-62C) never reached the company being diverted to Bristol Omnibus to become their 2025-8 (BHW93-6C). Leyland PD3s 336/41/3/4 (CJN436/41/3/4C) were delivered to Southend Corporation.

1975 Bristol VR 3048 (JNO189N) was delivered to EN during April. Vehicles are appearing with their unladen weights in metric units. Bristol LD's worked to/from Wood Green on services 151/251 to take part in filming of 'Dave Allen At Large'. Southend Transport have fitted all Daimler Fleetlines and saloons with fare boxes.

1985 Leyland Olympian 4509 (B697BPU) was delivered on March 31st - by tow truck 0103 - after failing at Capel St. Mary. 4003/4 (B698/9 BPU) were delivered to CR on April 3rd. Lincolnshire Road Car Leopard 1455 (AVL744X) was on loan at CF from mid March. LRT contracts for 193 Romford - Hornchurch and W9 Enfield - Muswell Hill are awarded to EN for operation from July. A flat fare of 30p adult, 15p child was introduced in Harwich/Dovercourt.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Atlantean 63 (RFR415P) has been repainted in CBT livery, but as of 8.4.95 had not entered service.

Atlantean 70 was returned from repair by Ipswich Buses on 10.3.95. Olympian 43 was at Ipswich from 10 to 13.3.95, as was National 9 from 13 to 23.3.95. Lynx 25 was loaned to Southend Transport for a private hire on 19.3.95. ST 548 was on loan to CBT in late March. The remains of Tiger 104 are still at the Magdalen Street depot.

CBT did railway replacement work on 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 March. On 12.3.95 Southend Transport also took part, using their 547, 548, 549, 550 and 554.

Badgerline + GRT = FirstBus



The boards of Badgerline Group plc and GRT Bus Group plc have agreed the terms of a merger of the two groups. The merger will result in FirstBus plc which will be the second largest UK bus company with a fleet of 5600. The geographic fit is excellent and the complementary management styles of the two existing groups provides scope for enhanced efficiency and a more effective market presence. Badgerline Chairman Trevor Smallwood will become Executive Chairman of the merged group with GRT Chairman Muir Lockhead becoming Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive.

FirstBus is a Scottish registered company and will have its headquarters and head office at Badger Manor where the financial and admin. functions will be based together with the Chairman and Finance Director. The Deputy Chairman and Commercial Director will be based in Aberdeen and will have day to day responsibility for operations.

Following the merger there will be three operating divisions:

Scotland - Grampian Transport, Lowland, Kirkpatrick, Mairs, Midland Bluebird and SMT.

North of England - PMT Group and Rider Group.

South of England and Wales: Brewers, Badgerline, City Line, Eastern Counties, Eastern National, Leicester CityBus, Midland Red West, Northampton Transport, South Wales Transport, Thamesway, and Wessex .

The above is based on the press release issued at 0745 on 4th April 1995

The merger will have to be agreed by shareholders of both groups. It is thought likely that the Mergers and Monopolies Commission will take an interest as with Eastern Counties and Eastern National coming under the same ownership they have a virtual monopoly in Central/North Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk with only isolated pockets of serious competition. The big question for bus enthusiasts is what will be the livery policy. Apart from the addition of the Badger logo Badgerline has not implemented a corporate image unlike GRT with Eastern Counties vehicles currently being repainted in a Grampian Cream colour scheme. The merger comes just a week after British Bus had claimed the second spot with their takeover of Caldaire Holdings taking the fleet to over 5000 and could go down a further place if National Express and WMT merge. No doubt the big four groups will now mop up the remaining middle sized operators in double quick time.

		15	NORTH MELBOURNE	31	SPRINGFIELD, Sainsbury's
		16	via Town Centre, Woodhall	32	via Lowney Dr, New Woodlands Way
40/A	1	17	MOLLSHAM LODGE B&W		
40	2	18	via Gloucester Avenue		
40A	3	19	WOOD STREET, Tesco		
40A	4	20	via Moulton Lodge, Linnet Drive		
41A	5	21	BUS STATION		
41B	6	22	via Gloucester Avenue		
41A	7	23	CHELMER VILLAGE		
41B	8	24	via Springfield Park		
42	9	25	SPRINGFIELD PARK		
	10	26	BUS STATION		
43A	11	27	CHIGNAL ESTATE		
43B	12	28	via Town Centre, Chignal		
44	13	29	NORTH MELBOURNE		
44	14	30	via Town Centre, Chignal		
		31	CHELMER VILLAGE, Dukes Park		
		32	via Town Centre		
		33	SPRINGFIELD, Sainsbury's		
		34	via Town Centre, Chignal		
		35	CHELMER VILLAGE, Dukes Park		
		36	via Town Centre		
		37	SPRINGFIELD, Sainsbury's		
		38	via Town Centre, Chignal		
		39	CHELMER VILLAGE, Dukes Park		
		40	via Town Centre		
		41	SPRINGFIELD, Sainsbury's		
		42	via Town Centre, Chignal		
		43	CHELMER VILLAGE, Dukes Park		
		44	via Town Centre		
		45	SPRINGFIELD, Sainsbury's		
		46	via Town Centre, Chignal		

CHELMSFORD, MALDON
BISHOPS STORTFORD
Leyland Tiger A.P. Blind, June '93

EXCURSION
PRIVATE PARTY
SCHOOLS SERVICE
RAIL REPLACEMENT SERVICE
SORRY - NOT IN SERVICE
ASDA CUSTOMER SERVICE
CHELMSFORD
HALSTEAD
LONDON
BRAINTREE
CHELMSFORD Wood Street
ONGAR
FYFIELD
MALDON, Milton Road
MALDON, Tesco
MALDON
HEYBRIDGE

CHELMSFORD
DANBURY, Eves Corner
LITTLE BADDOW
WOODHAM WALTER
SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
GRAYS
CHELMSFORD
WEST THURROCK (Lakeside)
BILLERICAY
BASILDON
ROMFORD
BRENTWOOD
BISHOPS STORTFORD
STANSTED AIRPORT
DUNMOW
BRAINTREE
STEBBING
COLCHESTER
BISHOPS STORTFORD
CHELMSFORD

HARLOW
HATFIELD BROAD OAK
LEADEN RADING
SAWBRIDGEWORTH
POTTER STREET
EPPING STATION
STANSTED AIRPORT
THORLEY PARK
HEATH ROW
BISHOPS PARK Tesco
BISHOPS STORTFORD
SAFFRON WALDEN
STANSTED School
WICKEN BONHUNT
CLAVERING
TOWN SERVICE
BRADWELL
MALDON
BURNHAM
BRAINTREE

CHELMSFORD
BISHOPS STORTFORD
MALDON
Conventional Blind - June '93

EXCURSION
PRIVATE PARTY
To hire this bus (0245) 353104

SCHOOLS SERVICE

RAIL REPLACEMENT SERVICE

SORRY
NOT IN SERVICE

ASDA
Customer Service

GALLEYWOOD

HALSTEAD
via Gt. Leighs, Braintree
CHELMSFORD Wood St
via Braintree, Gt. Leighs

BRAINTREE
via Gt. Leighs

CHELMSFORD

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
via Danbury

CHELMSFORD
via Danbury

LITTLE BADDOW
via Sander, Danbury

WOODHAM WALTER
via Danbury

BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL

PLESHEY

ONGAR

FYFIELD

CHELMSFORD

GRAYS
via Billericay, Basildon

CHELMSFORD
via Basildon, Billericay

WEST THURROCK (Lakeside)
via Billericay, Basildon, Grays

BILLERICAY

BASILDON
via Billericay

ROMFORD Station
via Ingatstone, Brentwood

ROMFORD Road Corner
via Ingatstone, Brentwood

CHELMSFORD
via Bagnall, Ingatstone

BRENTWOOD

CHELMSFORD
Bus Station

BISHOPS STORTFORD
via Dinamow

DUNMOW

BRAINTREE

STEBBING

LEADEN RADING

RUNSELL GREEN

MAYLANDSEA
via Danbury, Maldon

CHELMSFORD
via Maldon, Danbury

BURNHAM
via Maldon

MALDON Tesco
via Danbury

MALDON (Milton Rd.)
Hatfield Pereral, Heybridge

CHELMSFORD
Heybridge, Hatfield Pereral

HEYBRIDGE CHURCH

MALDON

HEYBRIDGE BASIN
Hatfield Pereral

SAFFRON WALDEN

BRADWELL-ON-SEA

COLCHESTER
Stansted Airport, Dunmow, Braintree

BISHOPS STORTFORD
Braintree, Dunmow, Stansted Airport

CHELMSFORD
Bus Station

HARLOW
Bus Station

BISHOPS STORTFORD

HATFIELD BROAD OAK

STANSTED AIRPORT

POTTER STREET

EPPING STATION
via Bps. Stansted, Harlow

STANSTED AIRPORT
via Harlow, Bps. Stansted

THORLEY PARK

HEATH ROW
via Town Centre

BISHOPS PARK
via Town Centre

SAFFRON WALDEN
via Stansted, Newport

STANSTED SCHOOL
via Bishops Stortford

WICKEN BONHUNT

CLAVERING

15/6/93

W. NORFOLK & SONS, Nayland.

Telephone: NAYLAND 206

OMNIBUS TIME TABLE

NAYLAND & COLCHESTER via Boxted Hall, Church Street, The Cross, Straight Road, Mile End WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS ONLY

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Nayland depart	9 20			*
Boxted (Church Street) ..	9 30	10 45	2 45	7 45
" (Cross) ..	9 35	10 50	2 50	7 50
" (Cromer's Cr.) ..	9 40	10 55	2 55	7 55
Mile End (Severalls) ..	9 45	11 00	3 00	8 00
North Station	9 50	11 05	3 05	8 05
Colchester Bus Park arrive	9 57	11 12	3 12	8 12

	a.m.	noon	p.m.	p.m.
Colchester Bus Park depart	10 15	12 00	2 15	7 15
North Station	10 22	12 07	2 22	7 22
Mile End (Severalls) ..	10 27	12 12	2 27	7 27
Boxted (Cromer's Cr.) ..	10 32	12 17	2 32	7 32
" (Cross) ..	10 37	12 22	2 37	7 37
" (Church Street) ..	10 42	12 27	2 42	7 42
Nayland arrive		12 37		7 52

* Sats only 7 52 Weds. only.

FARES

Colchester Omnibus Station	
2 High Street	
2 Middleboro	
3 2 Colne Bank Ave	
3 2 2 North Station	
4 4 3 2 Mile End Road	
5 4 4 3 2 Dog and Pheasant	
6 5 5 4 4 3 2 Severalls Cr., Severalls Hospital	
6 6 6 6 5 4 3 2 The Dip, Accommodation Rd.	
7 7 7 7 6 5 4 3 3 Boxted Cromer's Cr.	
8 8 8 8 7 6 5 5 3 Boxted Cross	
9 9 9 9 8 7 6 6 5 3 Boxted Church St.	
11 11 11 11 10 9 8 8 7 5 5 Nayland	

HIGHAM & COLCHESTER via Thorington Street, Boxted Mill, Langham Water Works and Highfields WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS ONLY

	p.m.
Higham depart	2 00
Thorington Street	2 05
Boxted Mill	2 10
Langham (Waterworks)	2 13
" (Highfields)	2 18
Colchester (Bus Park) arrive	2 37

	p.m.
Colchester (Bus Park) depart	5 00
Langham (Highfields)	5 19
" (Water Works)	5 24
Boxted Mill	5 27
Thorington Street	5 32
Higham arrive	5 37

FARES

Higham	
4 Thorington Street	
5 4 Boxted Mill	
6 5 3 Water Works	
7 6 5 3 Highfield	
1/1 1/- 1/- 10 9 Colchester	

RETURN FARES

Higham	—	Colchester	1/11
Thorington Street	—	"	1/9
Water Works	—	"	1/6
Highfields	—	"	1/4

NAYLAND & COLCHESTER via Little Horkesley (Bee Hive), Mount Hall, Westwood Corner, Woodhouse Corner, Coach Road, Great Horkesley, Mile End TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ONLY

	a.m.	p.m.
Nayland depart	10 10	2 30
Lt. Horkesley (Bee Hive) ..	10 15	2 35
" (Mount Hall) ..	10 17	2 37
" (School Lane Cr.) ..	10 20	2 40
" (Westwood Cr.) ..	10 22	2 42
" (Woodhouse Cr.) ..	10 25	2 45
" (Coach Road) ..	10 27	2 47
Mile End, Severalls Cr. ..	10 30	2 50
North Station	10 35	2 55
Colchester Bus Park arrive	10 42	3 02

	p.m.	p.m.
Colchester Bus Park depart	12 20	6 15
North Station	12 27	6 22
Mile End, Severalls Cr. ..	12 32	6 27
Gt. Horkesley (Coach Rd.) ..	12 35	6 30
" (Woodhouse Cr.) ..	12 37	6 32
" (Westwood Cr.) ..	12 40	6 35
" (School Lane Cr.) ..	12 42	6 37
" (Mount Hall) ..	12 45	6 40
Lt. Horkesley (Bee Hive) ..	12 47	6 42
Nayland arrive	12 52	6 47

FARES

Nayland	
4 Lt. Horkesley Bee Hive	
5 2 Mount Hall Cr.	
7 5 4 School Lane Cr.	
8 6 4 2 Westwood Cr.	
9 8 7 5 4 Woodhouse Cr.	
10 9 8 6 5 3 Coach Road Cr.	
10 10 9 7 6 5 3 Mile End, Severalls Cr.	
11 10 9 8 7 6 5 — North Station	
1/- 11 10 9 8 7 6 — Colchester Bus Park	

RETURN FARES

Lt. Horkesley (Lower Dairy and Bee Hive) and	
Colchester Bus Park 1/8	
" North Station 1/6	