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Former Thamesway Bristol VR 3067 (KOO 785V) is now with Western National. It is seen heading for Newquay on a very wet day last year.
(Badgerline Enthusiasts)

MARCH MEETING AND 1992 AGM

The March meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March at The Freight House, Rochforc commencing at 8pm. There will be a slide show by Alan Osborneon 'The Wide World Of Buses' at 830pm preceded by the 1992 AGM. The Freight House is adjacent to Rochford Station.

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1992 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will take place on March 10th as a preliminary to the Rochford meeting. If you have any questions that you would like to ask the committee this is your chance to raise them.

EAST ANGLIA TRANSPORT MUSEUM

This years London Event is to be held on the weekend of July 11/12th. Plans are well advanced for the appearance of guest vehicles and for limited local rides. The museum are keen for a range of vehicles to attend which have a London related interest. Therefore owners of preserved vehicles or even current vehicles that serve London are asked to contact The London Event Organiser, 42 Hunter Road, Norwich, NR3 3PY who can give further details, if you are prepared to attend.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Allocation Changes

1/92 0120 BE-MN; 0200 CN-MN; 0220-4 WN-CN; 621/23-30 BE-MN; 0707-9/11/12/15/19 BS-CF; 0710/13/14/16-18 BE-MN; 0750-54 DT-CR; 1120 BE-MN; 1123 DT-CR; 1125 BE-CF; 1127 BS-CF; 1308 CF- D/L(D); 1309/10 BE- D/L(D); 1407 DW-CF; 1792 CF-D/L(D); 1804 POOL-D/L(D); 1813 MN-CF; 1824 CF-POOL; 1828 BS-D/L(D); 1829 MN-D/L(D); 1831 CN-CF; 1843/44/61/1909 BS-CF; 1850/65 CN-CF; 1872/85/1914 BE-CF; 1916/24 BE-CF; 1923 BE-MN; 1925 CR-CN; 1930/31/32 BS-CN; 1940 BS-CR; 2201 CF-POOL; 2202 CN-POOL; 3053 CN-D/L(D); 3054 MN-CN; 3072/6/3109 DT-CR; 3084 BE-CF; 3128 BE-MN; 4007/8/19 DT-CR; 4016 BE-CF; 4017/20/21 BE-CR; 4509 CR-D/L(D); 4510 BS-CF; 4512 CF-CR.

The above changes reflect the change in status of Braintree, Bishops Stortford and Harwich to outstations of Maldon, Chelmsford and Colchester respectively from 19.1.92. Each of these retains an allocation on paper and this is shown in the fleet allocation in this months magazine. However, the company regards its allocation as split between Chelmsford, Maldon, Colchester and Clacton. This means that day to day changes will be made to outstationed vehicles and we do not intend to publish these in the magazine.
Further to EBN 332 the Dunmow outstation has not expanded and the Olympian that was to have gone there is now based at BS.
The above changes have resulted in Bishops Stortford losing its Leyland National 2 allocation whilst Clactons Leyland National are now all of the mark2 variety. The oldest National left in regular service is now S registered with 1805 (TJN 504R) still in the pool. The only Leyland engined VRs in service are at Clacton. Tiger/Plaxton 1130 is now regarded as a dp vehicle as is Olympian 4512.

Publicity

Timetable leaflets for services 31/31X; 31A; 32; 33; 36; 40/40A; 41A/41B; 43/43A; 44/47; 53/53B; 350/351 all dated 19.1.92.
Commuter Coach leaflets for services 192/3; 194 both dated 19.1.92.
Booklets for Your Buses in Witham and Your Buses in Braintree both dated 19.1.92. and Your Buses in Harlow dated 28.10.91.
Leaflet giving details of Revised Buses in Chelmsford dated 19.1.92.

Services

106/26 Revised timetable introduced from 16.2.92.
118/19 Revised timetable introduced from 16.2.92.

Services 91.92 and 119 were rerouted to serve the new Tesco store in Maldon from 10.2.92.

Initial Disposals

1778	(PEV 690R)	Brewer, Maesteg, 12/91. Retains EN livery.
1827	(VNO 729S)	As per 1778 but repainted allover white.

Further to EBN 333 these vehicles were not used by SWT in Swansea.

Subsequent Disposals

1053	(TJN 976W)	Burnt out on premises of Allen, Sittingbourne, 1/92, presumed written off.
1054	(TJN 977W)	As per 1053.
1056	(TJN 979W)	As per 1053.
1774	(MAR 796P)	National Welsh (N660) ex, Brewer, Maesteg, 11/91.
1775	(MAR 797P)	As per 1774 but numbered N661.
3080	(STW 24W)	Cambus, Cambridge ex, Green, Kirkintilloch, 11/91. (T)
3097	(UAR 587W)	United Welsh Coaches, Gorseinon, 1/92. Repainted into UWC livery and used for schools contracts. (T)
3098	(UAR 588W)	As per 3097 but retains yellow/green livery.
3129	(XHK 234X)	As per 3097.
3212	(YVV 896S)	As per 3080.
3214	(FRP 905T)	As per 3080.

THAMESWAY

Vehicles

2200 has been converted into a hospitality vehicle and repainted in fleet livery with the addition of a white diagonal line from the roof to the bottom of the vehicle over the front wheel arches.
Lynx 1411 is at Bristol City Engineering for accident repairs.

Olympians 4009/10 still retain coach seats, although conversion to bus seats is expected soon.
Driver trainer MHS 32P is out of use at Brentwood with windscreen damage. Also present here are D/L(D) vehicles 1763, 1767 and 1780 with 1748 at Basildon.

Repaints

Noted repainted in fleet livery are 249, 713/16 and 1878.
249 now carries Woodford Hoppa vinyls for service W11.

General

The Southend and District Travelcard was withdrawn by all operators and Network South East from 5.1.92. (Further to EBN 333).
Basildon services suffered when drivers walked out on the afternoon of 28.1.92. due to staff reaction to the revised service revisions due on 17.2.92.

Services

350/1 Slight timetable revision from 20.1.92.
359 Service withdrawn after 31.1.92.
W9 Withdrawn weekdays between Southgate and Muswell Hill Broadway. Extended daily from Enfield Town via Silver St., Parsonage Lane, Holywhites Hill and Lavender Hill to Chase Farm Hospital. LT contract retained from 1.2.92.

With effect from 7.3.92. the LT contracts for services 20,167,235 and 275 pass to Grey Green, resulting in the closure of WW depot. Service revisions were to be made in Southend and Basildon from 17.2.92. but details were not available as we weent to press.

Spotlight on Brentwood

To correct EBN 333 the evening peak National workings are at 1655 ex Warley and 1820 ex Brook Street. The St Martins School journey is now at 1535 not 1545.
Brentwood now operate ECC service 203 between Debden and West Hatch school using Leyland Nationals.

Initial Disposals

The following passed to Wigley during late 1991:- 1753/71-73/77/81/84/91/97 1808/14/25 and 3211.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles

Two Bristol VRs have been acquired from West Riding, these are YNW 401S and YUM 515S arriving during late January. Both retain West Riding livery and YNW entered service in this condition with ST fleetnames.

Routemaster 122 continues in service in LT red livery and now carries a canopy sign "This is a blue bus"!- first used on preserved RM 1571 when this vehicle was on loan to ST. Both 109/12 are now in the new livery.
A new service vehicle is 014 (on trade plates 075 HJ) which appears to have been converted from a Dennis dustcart.
It is reported that minibuses 411 and 412 have both been sold.
News of a former ST vehicle is that DAF 582 (B253 CVX) has been reregistered TIJ 3053 by Keenan, Coalhall.

Unusual Workings

On Sat. 25/1 Tiger 558 was on service 4 (normally LN) whilst the 4A was being operated by a National (normally Fleetline, but often an RM on Saturdays).

Services

Operation of new ECC service 23C Leigh Station to Eastwood Rise via Elms, West Leigh Schools, Blenhiem Chase, Elmsleigh drive and existing 23A route commenced on 12.1.92. An hourly service Mon to Sat evening plus all day Sunday is operated. ST had won the contract and were due to commence fron 29.3.92. but ECC terminated the existing contract with Essex Thameside early due to unreliable operation.
From 27.11.91. journeys on X1 serving Victoria have been using the new coach stops in Bulleid Way. One coach lays over here between peaks Monday to Friday.
Further to EBN 333 on Boxing Day the 3,3B did not operate.

General

Fares were increased from 12.1.92. the first general rise since March 1990; Thamesway had increased their fares the previous weekend. A new farebook is available from the garage enquiry office priced at one pound. It includes references to some services that are not yet operated such as 6,9 and 20 although it is not known if these represent serious intentions.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

Vehicles

Lynx 32 has been repainted into an overall advert for Keith Cresswell Windows (orange on white). Olympian 41 has been out of service following a collision involving a tree, it was back in service by early February. Tiger 103 and 104 remain in service and are likely to stay for some while, there being little demand for secondhand coaches at present.

Services

From 3.2.92. the 1824 ex Old Heath on service 6 (M-F) was retarded by 5 minutes. The return 1845 service 6A is also retarded by 5 minutes but with reduced running time arrives at

Rowhedge at 1900. This is to provide a connection with a train arrival at Colchester Town.
A lot of Sunday rail replacement work has been operating in recent weeks with the Colchester to Clacton and Walton service being operated.
The timetable changes from 25.1.92. saw the Saturday allocation on 6/6A changed from 3LX to 2LX 1AN; 5A from 1ON 1AN to 2LX 1AN; 2/2A from 3LX 2ON to 2LX 2ON and 4/4A from 6AN to 5AN 1LX.

HEDINGHAM

Vehicles

Former Kemps Bedford YMP L176 (C 586 HJN) has passed to Stuart Johnson in exchange for a further Tiger/Plaxton to be numbered L195. Former EN Brisrtol RE L118 (KHK 414J) has passed to a preservation group. L76 (SVW 771K) has passed to a band for non PSV use.
L192 (A709 KRT) has been repainted into fleet livery and is now allocated to Tendring. L177 (F258 NUT) is the only vehicle remaining in Kemp livery.

Fleet Allocation 1/92

Hedingham (HD)	81/84-89/95/98/103/105/111-4/116/126/133/135/136 137/150/156/159/160/167
Kelvedon (KN)	139-46/54/57/58
Little Tey(CR)	96/100/121/122/124/138/149/155/166/193/195
Tendring (TG)	94/152/153/163/169-175/177/192
Nayland (ND)	115/180-91
Walton (WN)	125/147/148/151/161/164/165/168
Burnham (BM)	74
Unallocated	162 178 194

L152/3 are used on school contracts, while L154 is the normal vehilce on South Woodham town services.

OTHER OPERATORS

CAMBUS A revised timetable was introduced on services 112/X12 from 1.2.92.
CARTERS Service 247 was revised from 10.2.92.
DISTRICT BUS Revised timetables were introduced on services 100/101/103/104/105/111 from 3.2.92.
FREEMANS Service 720 was revised from 27.12.91.

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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MARCH MAGAZINE IS 6.3.92.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION JAN 1992

Chelmsford (CF)	601-20/22 0700-2/4 1119/21/28-30 1401 1402/08/13/15/26-29 1811/13/19/31/32/34 1841-43/50/55/56/60/62/67/70/72/73/90 1899/1901/10/16/17/24 3070/77/83/84 3106 4011/13 4510/11
Clacton (CN)	0202-19 1925/27/30-32/37-39 3054/60/64 3219-22
Colchester (CR)	1110-2/17 1926/29/33/35/36/40 3068/71 3078/91/93/95 3103/11/14/27 3204/18 4004/14/15/17/18/20/21 4501/03/12
Maldon (MN)	1114/15/20 1403/14/16/25 1833/51/63 1874/92/1921/23 3069/79/92/94/3112/28
Bishops Stortford (BS)	0707-09/11/12/15/19 1125/27 1844/61/65 1872/85/1909/14 4016
Braintree (BE)	0120 621/23-30 0710/13/14/16-18
Dunmow (DW)	1407
Harwich (DT)	0750-54 1123 3072/6/3109 4007/8/19
Walton (WN)	0220-24
Driver Training	9006 9012
Pool Vehicles	0703/5/6 1805/24 2201/2 2383/84 3500/1
Delicensed Disposal	1308-10 1500-2 1741/50/54/64/66/68/82 1790/92/93/1804/066/12/28/29 2203 3038/53/58/66

Bishops Stortford and Dunmow are outstations of Chelmsford, Braintree is an outstation of Maldon, Harwich is an outstation of Colchester and Walton is an outstation of Clacton.

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET SUMMARY JAN 1992

	BE	BS	CF	CN	CR	DT	DW	MN	WN	POOL	DIS	TOT
PEUGOT	1											1
MERCEDES	9		21	18				1	5			54
TRANSIT	6	7	4			5				3		25
RE											1	1
TIGER (CO)			2									2
LEOPARD											3	3
TIGER (DP)		2	3		4	1		3				13
LYNX			9				1	4				14
NATIONAL		7	24	8	6			7		4	18	74
VRT			5	7	12	3		6		2	4	39
ON (CO)			2		3							5
ON (DP)		1	2		6	3						12
ON (BUS)					1							1
KSW										2		2
TOTALS	16	17	72	33	32	12	1	21	5	11	26	246

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THIS MONTHS MAGAZINE

Owing to other commitments it has not been possible to publish all the material submitted this month. This will be included in next months magazine, I hope!

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT SUB EDITOR

I would like to thank the membership for making life easier for the postman, as not one application has been received for this position. I am not prepared to fill this role on even a short term basis and would welcome any application. Do not leave it to someone else. Thank You.