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RM 1571 is seen at Southend Central Bus Station on 7th February, 1987. Contrary to appearances the vehicle is neither based at West Ham nor operated by Forest District! (Richard Delahoy)

ROCHFORD MEETING

The next meeting at the Freight House, Rochford, will be held on Tuesday 12th May - my appologies for the mix up last month. This month's meeting will feature a slide show by Alan Osborne (correct spelling!) about buses in South Africa.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the last Eastern National Enthusiasts Group magazine, next month's being the first under our new title - Essex Bus Entusiasts Group - which will include all operators in the county. In connection with this we are looking for a Sub-editor to compile news about independents and anyone interested is asked to contact me. Members living in areas where independents operate are asked to send any details they have, such as which vehicles normally operate, unusual workings, new/sold vehicles etc, as it will be very difficult to compile a good magazine without your help. The annual fleetlist book will be extended also, and will be available later in the year.

And now....our regular monthly feature (but hopefully the last)...

CORRECTIONS to issue 276

Page 2 Re-correction to issue 275, the service 25 runs everyday, not during the day.
Page 3 General. The LRT route refered to is the 145A. 1792 not 1797 repainted.
Page 5 Publicity. The Southend leaflet covers X41 not X40.
Page 6 Modifications. 390 not 309 has been repainted.
Page 6 On Hire. The RM has operated on route 251 not 25. (251 is an ECC contract working).
Page 7 Carters operate JFM 238D on 5.3.87, they do not have DFG 246.

REPLACEMENT MAGAZINES

Bob Palmer asks that you return your faulty magazine at the time of requesting a replacement, i.e. before the replacement is sent.

EASTERN NATIONAL LIMITED

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

3/87 1114 MN-BE, 1122 BD-BE, 1303 BE-CN, 1307 BE-DT, 1308 DT-BE, 1600 CN-CF, 1602 CN-CF, 1770 SD-HH, 1866 BD-BN, 1874 BN-CF, 1876 CF-BD, 1895 SD-HH, 1902 BE-BD, 1926 BE-MN, 3113 PD-SD, 3204 PD(P)-SD.

A full fleet allocation appears in this month's issue.

VEHICLE REPAINTS

w/e 14.3.87 1124 dp livery at BN (?).
w/e 21.3.87 1308 at A1, Mundon, Highwayman livery.
w/e 28.3.87 1307 at CW, Highwayman livery.
w/e 3.4.87 1121 at CW, dp livery.

Late news is that 1600 was repainted in National Holidays livery (more white than old livery) w/e28.2.87 at A1, Mundon and 1300 was repainted into Highwayman livery w/e 31.1.87, again by A1.

GENERAL

Ex South Wales Transport Leyland Nationals 702, 706 and 716 remained at Maldon during late March.

1725 was collected from Gatwick Engineering on 24th March and is now back at Hadleigh depot.

A new operators licence has now been issued to Eastern National Limited and use of the "On Hire" lables has ceased.

BBC Essex have reported that Essex County Council are to employ their own inspectors to cover contract workings by all operators, as it suspects that there are irregularities over fare collection and some vehicles in use are causing concern. Local press reports suggest Webbs Coaches lost some of its contract wrk due to such irregularities.

New style Eastern National stickers are appearing on stops throughout Essex covering up the old style fleet name and NBC logo.

Most vehicles at Colchester depot have been fitted with full-depth destination blinds which include points served on Sunday town services; although only one West Mersea route (out of 3) is included and it is not yet known if Saffron Walden is on...obsevations please.

Walthamstow depot was closed on 24th March due to strike action over inadequate toilet and canteen facilities. Routes 20, 145A, 167, 206 & 275 did not operate.

Hadleigh vehicles are now eqipped with a yellow blind showing Canvey Circular and carry a board with intermediate points.

SERVICE VEHICLES

Two recent additions are Ford Transits D852 SAR and D853 SAR. Both are in green livery with 2 yellow stripes in the style of the new bus livery. 852 appears to be based at New Writtle Street and 853 at Southend.

LONDON REGIONAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Certain fares on routes 20 and 167 were increased from 12.4.87 due to Essex County Councils zonal fares system.

Thanks are due to member Andrew Mead of Barnet for an explanation of route 307 and its Barnet terminus arrangements:-

The bus stand at Arkley Hotel is only large enough to take one bus and at the present London Buses 84A terminates here on Mons - Fris (It runs to Barnet Church Sats and not at all on Sundays). Victoria Maternity Hospital is about half a mile before the Hotel and passengers alight there with the bus continuing dead to a temporary stand in Ravenscroft Park. Negotiations are going on between LRT, London Borough of Barnet and Barnet Health Authority to build a larger stand in Barnet General Hospital, currently served by London Buses 263. When built the 84A would terminate there as well as the 263, leaving Arkley Hotel clear for the 307 daily, rather than just weekends as at present.

The 307 is still being worked from Brentwood and the Grange Motors advert bus 3092 has been noted thereon together with BD 1719, seen on 14th and 19th Feb. None of the Milton Keynes VR's has yet been seen on the 307 by Andrew.

Brentwood allocated minibus 0602 has been noted on staff transfer work at PD. Also worth mentioning is that Cullinan Coaches Tues & Thurs off-peak workings on LRT 252 have been withdrawn due to lack of custom.

The 145A, 167 and 551 were diverted eastbound in Ilford from March 2nd to run via Chapel Road, Winston Way and Handforth Road instead of High Road and Clements Road due to a collision between twoLondon Buses vehicles at the junction of the latter 2 roads.

From 26.1.87 route 275 has had one journey in each direction extended on school days to Caterham School via Fullwell Ave, Caterham Ave and Clayhall Avenue.

The reference to route 193 in issue 275 has been enlarged apon by member Peter Prior...the terminus is County Park Estate not Upminster, with services running every 12 mins until 19:00, then half hourly.

CLACTON COASTLINE

The Mercedes minibuses are now receiving new vinyls with varios slogans including 'Best bus Coasline','Small buses - Big service','Customers come first in Clacton','More buses - better service','We're here to get you there','Running your routes - regularly'. In addition drivers are waring name badges and the slogan 'Caring Coastline' appears to the left of the entrance door.

Service 3 & 4 are scheduled to be operated by VR's, one on each service, with Coastal Red using EOF 275L & GOG 558N (former WMPTE Daimler Fleetlines) on their identical competing services 50A/50B. Costal Red's buses are signwritten for these services.

EASTERN NATIONAL LTD. - FLEET ALLOCATION : APRIL 1987

Basildon (BN)	: 1124, 1655, 1704/11-7/32/6/40-2/4 1746/8/63/7/72/6/86/95, 1808/18/20 1822/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/66/77-80/3/4 1886/7/9/91/6/8, 1904/6-9/18/9/22 1934, 2200, 3052/68, 3117/20, 4500/1/7-9
Bishop's Stortford (BS)	: 1111/3/9/20/6/7, 1500-3, 1739/49 1761/8/9/92, 1914/6, 4510
Braintree (BE)	: 0120, 1114/22/30, 1300/6/8, 1658, 1718/26/45/82, 1812/28/63/5, 1924 1929/30/2, 3048/63/7, 3128, 4016/7, 4511/2
Brentwood (BD)	: 0225-44, 0602-4, 1700/19/22/54/60 1785/96, 1839/40/5/6/59/76/81, 1902/3/12/3/33, 3092, 4012/8/9
Chelmsford (CF)	: 0750-4, 1112/21/9/31, 1309, 1600-3, 1651/4/6/7, 1701/7/30/4/52/62/71/4 1775/8, 1804/5/11/9/24/7/32/42/50/1 1855/6/60/7/73/4/85/99, 1905/17/39, 2201/3, 3033/5/54/7/69/77/82/3/91/3, 3106/11/2, 4005/6
Clacton (CN)	: 0200-19, 1110/7/32, 1303/10, 1751/6, 1834/72, 2202, 3022/5/30/1, 3201
Colchester (CR)	: 0121, 1115/23, 1302, 1650, 1705/90 1793, 1816/88/92, 1910/1/25/35/6, 3029/32/9/50/78/95, 3114/27, 3202/3, 4003/4
Enfield (ED)	: 0600, 1051-5/7
Great Dunmow (DW) *	: 1890
Hadleigh (HH)	: 1118, 1703/9/20/1/5/7/8/31/3/5/7/8/43 1753/7/8/65/70/7/81/4, 1817/21/35/57 1864/9/71/95/7, 1900/28, 3085/97/9, 3103
Harwich (DT)	: 0601, 1307, 1750, 1901/20, 3020/4 3061, 4007/8
Maldon (MN)	: 1708/55/64, 1806/29/31/3/41/70, 1921/3/6/7, 3038/40/9/51/79/94, 3200
Ponders End (PD)	: 3053/6/62/6/71/2/4-6/80/1, 3207-17
Silver End (SE)	: 1301, 1653/9, 1747, 1813/61/2/75, 3041/55/9, 4013-5
South Woodham Ferrers (SW)	: 0755/6, 1931, 3070
Southend (SD)	: 1116/25/8/33, 1304/5, 1702/23/4/9/66 1773/87/8/98/9, 1807/9/14/23/36-8/68 1893/4, 1937/8, 3023/8/34/6/7/58/60 3064/5/73/84/6-90/8, 3108/13/22/9, 3204/18, 4000-2/9-11/20/1, 4502-6
Walthamstow (WW)	: 1779/80/9/91/7, 1800-3/10/25/6/58/82, 1915, 3096, 3100-2/4/5/7/9/10/5/6/8 3119/21/3-6
Walton-on-Naze (WN)	: 0220-4
Pool Vehicles	: 1050/6/8, 3021, 3500/1 (all PL (P)) 3018 (MN (P)) 3205/6 (PD (P))
Licensed Open-Top Vehicles	: 2383/4 (both L)
Delicensed For Disposal	: 1548 (D/L (D))
Driver Training Vehicles	: 3000-4, 9021 (all CF)

* Although still officially allocated to DW, 1890 has had its DW plates removed and hasn't been used there since December 1986.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

Services 2,24/A,151 Minor timetable adjustments.
Service 3 Minor timetable adjustments, 2 trips operate as 3C via Link Road and Essex Way rather than Canvey Village and Tarpots.
Service 5 Renumbered 28. Peak hour Benfleet Station - Canvey Haystack service withdrawn, but extended all day to Leigh Beck via old 28 routing. Every 10 mins in the peaks from Benfleet station to Leigh Beck. Some run as 28A via Essex Way not Tarpots.
Service 5A Renumbered 27A. Minor timetable changes including two extra Sunday trips at similar times to ECC contract service 5A run by Castle-Point Bus Company.
Services 25 & 60 Withdrawn between Victoria and Central Bus Stations and linked to become a through Leigh - Temple Sutton service numbered 25. ½ hourly not eves or Sun mornings.
Service 26 ECC contract awarded to Clintona, Eastern National service withdrawn.
Service 26 NEW SERVICE Canvey (Eastern Esplanade) - Hadleigh Church.
Services 26A/26C NEW SERVICES Canvey Circular. Knightswick Centre - Haystacks - Knightswick Centre. Half hourly Mon-Sat (not peaks).
Service 27 Revised timetable.
Service 28 Revised timetable incorporatin service 5. (See above).
Service 152 Additional trips Mon-Fri from Billericay Station to Mayflower School at 17:40 & 18:35, and to Stock at 18:05. From 13.4.87.
Service 155 16:49 ex-Basildon on Mon-Fri runs via Billericay Station and 2 mins later from there. Commencing 13.4.87.
Service 192 Additional stop at Ongar, Four Wantz from 13.4.87.
Service 193 Additional stop at Brentwood, Brook Street roundabout lay-by.
Service 601 NEW SERVICE Colchester - Saffron Walden via Sudbury and Haverhill Sundays & Holiday Mondays 5.4.87 until 27.9.87. Two hourly.
Service 607 NEW SERVICE Bishops Stortford - Halstead, Butler Road. As 601.
Service 610 NEW SERVICE Bishops Stortford - Saffron Walden. As 601.
Service 631 NEW SERVICE Braintree - Saffron Walden. As 601.

The 6xx services are under contract to Essex County Council. Canvey area changes took place from 29.3.87.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

12/3 CN 0212 noted in Colchester.
16/3 SE 3041 rail replacement Braintree-Witham and again 17/3.
17/3 CF 3083 rail replacement Shenfield-Chelmsford.
18/3 SD 3086 on X51.
20/3 SD 3098 on 406.
21/3 BE 4512 Ipswich-Brighton football excursion.
22/3 CN 1132 replaced failed CF 1131 on service 834.
25/3 CF 0752 on private hire in Wickford, BN 1847 on a Tesco Contract in Pitsea.
27/3 SE 3041, CF 1701, 1856, 4006, BE 1306, 3063, 4016, 4017 rail replacement Wickford-Southminster due to overhead wires being blown down. The same happened between Pitsea and Benfleet resulting in bus service initially from Laindon, and later from Pitsea, to Shoeburyness. CF 1701, 1730, SD 3218 together with other unidentified EN vehicles including a Metro-liner, and various private coaches and London Buses Leyland Titans from Upton Park and West Ham Garages.
28/3 CF 0753 on route C in Brentwood. BS 1120 (on loan to SE) failed at Chelmsford on 353 and was replaced by CF 1734.
30/3 CN 0205 on 4. HH 1835 on 95.
31/3 Dix FRN 801W instead of a Grey-Green vehicle on 204 and again on 1/4.
2/4 CN 0210 noted in Driving School, New Writtle Street.
6/4 CF 1860 on 57. SE 4013 on 155.
7/4 CF 1707 & 2201 on 57.
8/4 CF 1657 on 57.

Temporary loans include 1658 BE-SE, 10/3-26/3; 1726 BE-SE, 23/3-31/3 and 4/4-7/4; 1120 BS-SE, 25/3-4/4; and 1747 SE-BE, 28/3-4/4.

DISPOSALS

Eastern National Limited - Initial disposals

1625 (BGX 649Y))
1626 (BGX 650Y)) All sold to Stuart Johnson (dealer), Harthill, 3/87.
1627 (A651 CMY))

Eastern National Omnibus Company - Subsequent disposals

330 (7016 HK) Costain Mining, Fife??, subseuently to A&C Lemon, Bonnybridge (N-PSV), by -/86, and then to Fyffe (dealer), Carnoustie by 6/86
429 (LWC 980J) Entered service with Wing, Sleaford after refurbishment. Noted re-registered Q659 OVL,2/87,(addl. to NS 272).
430 (LWC 981J) Carter, Colchester, 3/87, ex-Eastern Counties RE 846.
433 (PWC 340K) Received bus seats (except rear row) now DP49F with Cleverly, Cwmbran.
503 (BNO 112B) Sold by Vange Scaffolding & Engineering Co. Ltd., Belfast (N-PSV) by 11/86.
1400 (PWC 344K) Norfolk, Nayland 3/87, ex-Carter, Colchester.
1402 (VHK 175L) Sold by Shaftsbury Soc., Dovercourt (N-PSV) by 11/86.
1413 (XOO 822L) 1st Weston Scouts, Runcorn, (N-PSV), 7/86, ex-dealer, Middlewich.
2834 (LWC 660C) Magicbus, Glasgow, 1/87, ex-Stagecoach, Perth.
2885 (WNO 973F) Still with Stagecoach but withdrawn 2/87.
2901 (WVX 528F) Being broken up at Spittalfield bt Stagecoach, 1/87, ex-Magicbus, Glasgow.
2911 (WWC 741F) } Both Lister (dealer),Bolton,11/86, ex-Wilson, Carnwath, Then to
2912 (WWC 742F) } London Bus Export Co.(dealer), Chepstow, 12/86
9017 (LPS 289F) Downseated to CH42/14F by Top Deck Travel, London SW5, by 12/86.
9445 (XVW 633L) Aero, Lincoln ex-Wilby, Hibaldstow,c.3/86 (Reported in NS 266 as still with Wilby 4/86, these two operations share owners).
3016 (SMS 32H) Still with Ensign, Purfleet, 3/87.
3019 (SMS 45H) Allocated to Morecombe by Ribble, 2042, (addl. to Mag. 274)

PUBLICITY NEWS

Eastern National timetable leaflets for routes 25/62/64 dated 29.3.87; 53/353 dated 26.10.86; 53 dated 15.3.87; 70/70X/370 dated 15.3.87; 311 dated 15.3.87; 321/330 dated 15.3.87; 337 dated 15.3.87; 353 dated 15.3.87; Canvey Connections 2 dated 29.3.87 and London Road (Southend) Buses also dated 29.3.87.
East Midland - timetable for X90 Worksop - Ongar service.
Lee Roy - timetable for service 603.

Essex Sunday Saver

From April 5th to September 27th this ticket gives unlimited travel on all ECC contract services on Sundays and Holiday Mondays including commercial services 11A, 74A/74C and London Country N.E. 370, 504 (Bps Stortford-Epping) & 723 (Tilbury Ferry-Grays). A discount is also available on the Tilbury-Gravesend Ferry. Purchasable on buses for £1.99 Adult or OAP, £1.00 Child and £3.98 Family (2+2), although they cannot be bought on services operated commercially except 11A.

A leaflet giving details and a map of services that it applies to;and a free timetable with the map are available from Bus Stations, Libraries and Tourist Information Offices.

Five summer Sunday and Holiday Monday services have been contracted by ECC in North Essex and have been awarded to Eastern National and Bantam Coaches.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

VEHICLES

Lynx 32 was back in service by 21.3.87, Olympian 41 by 27.3.87 and Atlanteans 60 and 58 by 5.3.87 and 24.3.87 respectively. RE 25 and Atlanteans 52, 82 and 87 are still out of use and RE's 18 & 28 together with Atlantean 68 have not been used recently, the latter one being damaged in an accident on 23.3.87.

It is reported that a new FM radio system is to replace the 15 year old AM one.

SERVICES

The Saturday service between Colchester and Ipswich is to start on 18.4.87 and will be operated solely by CBT. Ipswich BT will not now participate. There will be five return journies.

From 23.3.87 the 07:17 journey from Head Street to Highwoods on service 9 on Mons-Fris was diverted via Wyncolls Road on Severalls Park Industrial Estate and the 17:35 from the Bus Station to Lexden was back projected to start from Severalls Park Industrial Estate at 17:13.

CBT is to operate a commercial saervice on Good Friday, starting at 08:00, with an hourly service on services 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A, 5A, 7C(jointly with Eastern National). The evening service is the same as a normal weekday.

UNUSUAL WORKINGS

Lynx 32 on 3/31, 21.3.87.
Lynx 31 on Tesco service T4, 25.3.87.
Olympian 42 on 75, 18.3.87.
Atlantean 53 on 2/2A/2B and 15, 25.3.87.
Atlantean 67 on 3/31, 4.3.87.
Atlantean 71 on 83, 25.3.87.
Leopard 102 on 83, 27.3.87.

About 8 buses were used on rail replacement work between Colchester and Harwich on 27.3.87 and 4 Olympians and 4 Atlanteans were used between Colchester and Manningtree on 29.3.87.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT LIMITED

VEHICLES

Aquired

311 MLH 476L Daimler CRL6 MCWH--/--D
312 MLK 620L Daimler CRL6 PRVH44/28D

Both are ex LT DMS's (1476 and 620 respectively) and have been acquired from Ensign Bus, where they were part of the Culture Bus fleet. 312 was acquired in 3/87 (having previously been on loan to STL); it has been upseated as shown (it was H44/24D with Ensign), fitted for OPO and is operating in Culture Bus yellow/silver livery. The full width intermediate blind box at the front has been modified to accept a centrally positioned one track number blind; a full width destination blind is fitted in the conventional location.

311 has not yet been delivered to Southend and its identity is subject to final confirmation; it was on loan to Southend during February, as reported in last month's news-sheet.

Both vehicles are for operation on local services and are NOT intended for operation on Culture Bus.

Withdrawn:

303, 3/87. Vehicle currently undergoing minor body repairs in anticipation of sale to Lynon Valley as their number 41.

Demonstrator

Optare City Pacer C525 EWR was received for a third period of demonstration duties from March 18 - 23. It carried temporary fleet number 305 again, and was used on routes 9B, 23, 23A, 63, X3 & X31.

On Hire

Routemaster RM 1571 was returned to its owners on April 15th, but will be on hire again from Sunday May 3rd, and will commence duties in Brighton by working the service 795 to Southend. Additional routes it has been used on are 4A, 7B and 9A.

Venturer ROK 453M also remains on hire, but was last used on February 19th; it is currently at Tickfield Road Works awaiting repairs. Whilst it has been off the road, Venturer have hired a Southend bus for their Sunday ECC contract on route 6 - vehicles used to date include 203, 234, 237, 254, 312 and 388.

Modified

Overall advert coach 251 was repainted into fleet livery 3/87; it had carried its black SMAC advert livery since new.

Astromegas and Olympians are receiving signwriting for operation on the Culture Bus service, and an outline of the London skyline is being applied between the decks.

Service Vehicles Aquired

594 PMR 985R Land-Rover breakdown truck.
595 SUJ 69R ERF 4x4 (Gardner 180) breakdown truck.

594 is to be used as a recovery vehicle for non-PSV's maintained by STL on behalf of other Council departments; it will be operated on trade plates. 595 was formerly a lorry owned by Durox Supablocks. It has been modified to a 4x2 configuration by STL by removing one of the rear axles, and is being fitted with the crane and other accessories salvaged from the former heavey wrecker 596 (JXW 122) which was burnt out in 1981. This vehicle will also run on trade plates and is expected to replace the Seddon breakdown truck 599.

GENERAL

Operation of Culture Bus commenced on 1st April using route 614. Buses work on hire to Ensign pending transfer of the route licence to Southend Transport.

From March 23rd Setright ticket machines were introduced on London X services; the machines have insert slots and 10 journey tickets are now issued on coaches. Expresscard season tickets continue to be available.

Southend Transport provided double deckers for a rail replacement service between Wickford and Southminster on 27.3.87, but these were withdrawn at lunch time after 231 was involved in an accident due to the high winds prevailing on the exposed roads in the area. 3 coaches were provided on the next day, 28.3.87.

The open top Fleet lines have appeared on a number of routes during March.

SOUTHEND SUPPLEMENT

Essex County Council tendered operations:-

STEPHENSONS COACHES. Additional journeys were added on the 26 between Highlands and Leigh Station from March 30th to replace the withdrawn Eastern National commercial operation.

CLINTONA of Brentwood have been awarded a new contract from April 28th upon expiry of existing contracts on route 21 (EN), 26 (STL) & 26/26A (Stephensons). This will be a single service combining the previous routes to run Leigh Church-Highlands - Southchurch - Highlands - Leigh Church using minibuses of 20 - 35 seat capacity. The Mon-Sat evening service on route 6 will also pass to Clintona (from EN) on 27th April. Sunday operation on the 6 will pass from Venturer to

JACKSONS of Blackmore from May 3rd who have also taken over Sunday routes 10/12 temporarily until Good Friday 17th April or until a new contract is awarded which may be from 26th April. The 10/12 was previously contracted to UMBH although this was revoked after operations on 29th March, despite an improvement in reliability in recent weeks. Their DAF/Plaxton, XPP 422S, has been re-registered VFJ 856.
The Sunday morning contract on service 25, currently awarded to Eastern National, will be withdrawn without replacement after April 26th.

Commercial Operations:-

ROCHFORD LEISURE BUS. As noted in issue 274, this free service was taken over by M & E COACHES of Southend in January, 1987. They have now aquired an as yet unidentified ex-Scottish Bus Group ECW bodied Fleetline, which is currently being prepared for service by dealer Wealden Omnibuses.

SIMIEN TRAVEL have introduced a morning sevice on their route 1, together with a revised afternoon timetable from 23.3.87.

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OPERATIONS

Members may be interested in some general aspects of Southend Transport operations since the Co-ordination Agreement was terminated:

Crew operation:
two person operation continues on service 1 on most journeys during the daytime M-S; early morning/late evening and Sunday journeys are OPO. Service 3A is also crew operated on most journeys. In addition there are isolated crew operated workings on 7 (schooldays duplicate, 1555 Cuckoo Corner to Shoebury), 23 (0648 M-F Belgrave Rd to Leigh Stn) and 23A (0710 M-F Leigh Elms to Leigh Stn via EastwooD), and X1 (0830 on Saturdays).

Highbridge buses:
DMS's 311-20 are full height buses and accordingly cannot operate part of routes 7, 8 and X41, or 24; Olympians 363-5/7-9 are slightly lower and can operate 24, but not part of 7, 8 and X41. Hired buses ROK453M and 571 CLT are also highbridge and are subject to the same restrictions as DMS's.

Single deck operation:
on local services the following routes are generally worked by single deckers: X3 (Saturdays - coaches only), 9A (Sundays only), 23, 23A, 24 plus ECC contract routes 7C, 10B, 10C and 26.
Generally speaking, bus 303 is confined to the 23/A and coaches are used on other S/D workings. Since the end of the no-change policy last December any coach fitted with destination gear has been available for use on local routes; previously only the few coaches fitted with fareboxes were so used. The full list of coaches available for local work is thus:
201-10/3-5/8/20/46-54, 321/2/4-6/8-32/4/8-42/6/8/51-4/7, although those not fitted with 3 track number blinds (321/2/5/6/32/48) and those with plug doors (246-51) are not normally used.
London services: single deck coaches work all routes; the Cardiff Olympians are generally used on X30/31 (plus X3); Astromegas work on all routes except X21.

OTHER OPERATORS

SERVICES

BANTAM COACHES, Ipswich. NEW SERVICE numbered 694 under contract to Essex County Council on Sundays and Holiday Mondays from 5.4.87 until 27.9.87. Colchester to Ipswich via Nayland, Dedham and East Bergholt. Two hourly.

COASTAL RED;
Service 10/10A. Additional journeys from 16.4.87.
Service 20. Withdrawn from 16.4.87.
Service 40. Revised routing in Dovercourt from 6.4.87.
Service 101/102. Revised routing in Ramsey from 6.4.87.
Service 126. Extended from Great Oakley to Harwich from 6.4.87.
Services 170/188. Revised timetables from 6.4.87.
Service 178. Withdrawn from 22.3.87.

GREY-GREEN have introduced additional stops and timetable changes from 13.4.87 to routes 191, 204 and 205.

HARRIS BUS CO. LTD;
Service 15A/15B. NEW SERVICES commencing 25.3.87 between Aveley and Basildon via Belhus and Nth. Stifford (15A Wed & Fri); via Grays and Chadwell St.Mary (15B Tues & Thurs). One return trip each.

C.J.PARTRIDGE & SON. NEW SERVICE numbered 15 between Dedham and Colchester, St. Benedicts School on schooldays only from 16.2.87. One return journey.

ADVERTISMENTS

FOR SALE: Bob Palmer has a limited quantity of back numbers of the old style news sheet for sale at bargin prices to clear - he needs the space in the shed for his push bike! They are priced at £2.20 incl. P&P for 6-monthly lots:-
Jan-June 1984, Jan-June 1985, Jan-June 1986, July-December 1984, July-December 1985, and July-December 1986.

WANTED: Photographs of former Eastern National vehicles with subsequent owners & dealers. BEST PRICES PAID by Derek Stebbing, 18 Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford, CM2 0TP to whom details should be sent.

LIVERY DETAILS of Eastern National Vehicles

NEW FLEET LIVERY: 1500-2; 1707/9/17/32/3/5-7/43/50/1/3/6/7/62/72/9/80/1/9/90/1/2 1793/5/7; 1800/1/2/3/10/1/2/3/6/7/25/6/34/5/47/8/51/5/7/8/9/71 1872/5/6/81/2/92; 1901/5/10/1/5/8/20/8/9/38; 3025/30/1/41/8/50 3052/3/4/6/9/62/3/5/6/7/8/70/1/2/3/4/5/6/80/1/5/7/91/5/6/7/8/9 3100/1/2/3/4/5/7/8/9/10/3/5/6/7/8/9/21/3/4/5/6/8; 3204-17.

NEW DUAL-PURPOSE: 1110/2/4/6/7/8/21/4; 4007-10/2-21.

HIGHWAYMAN COACH: 1128-33; 1300-2/7/8.

COASTLINE LIVERY: 0200-24; 3500/1 (open-top version).

LONDON W9 LIVERY: 1051-4/7.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY: 1600-4 (of which 1600 is in the latest all-white version).

COMMUTER LIVERY: 4500-12.

Other minibuses: 0225-44; 0600-4; 0750-6 are in NEW FLEET LIVERY but certain vehicles also carry marketing names such as 'Minilink', 'Ferrier', or 'Hornchurch Hoppa'.

ALL OVER ADVERTS: Full list on next page.

Remaining buses retain old NBC liveries.

OVERALL ADVERT BUSES

A = All over; U = Unibus advert

VEHICLE		REPAINTED	ADVERTISING
BS 1111	A	AUG 86	SERVICE 333
BS 1739	U	MAY 85	JOHN WHALLEY, BISHOPS STORTFORD
BN 1742	A	FEB 86	ALLEN OF ROMFORD
BN 1786	A	AUG 84	SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
CF 1827	A	AUG 84	IML GARAGES
BN 1830	A	DEC 84	SMAC CONTINENTAL
MN 1833	A	FEB 85	BATES OF MALDON
BD 1846	U	AUG 81	LAIDLAW, BRENTWOOD
CF 1860	A	MAR 86	TRIMOCO, CHELMSFORD
BE 1863	A	FEB 86	GLASSWELLS, BRAINTREE
HH 1864	A	APR 85	SMAC GROUP, WESTCLIFF
BN 1866	A	OCT 86	BBC ESSEX
CF 1867	A	FEB 87	RIVERSIDE LEISURE CENTRE
HH 1869	A	MAR 85	FAIRFIELD OF LEIGH
CF 1873	A	OCT 85	COUNTY MOTORS
BN 1877	A	JUL 85	RATES OF GRAYS
BD 1913	A	OCT 83	LANCASTER GARAGES
BS 1914	U	JAN 84	CHANTRY GARAGES, BISHOPS STORTFORD
BS 1916	A	DEC 83	BRITTAINS ESTATE AGENTS
SD 3064	A	JUN 85	NATIONAL TRAVELWORLD
CR 3078	A	MAY 84	FIELD AND TREK
CF 3082	A	JUN 85	EASTERN NATIONAL ENGINEERING
CF 3083	A	MAR 87	BOLINBROKE & WENLEY
BD 3092	A	AUG 85	GRANGE MOTORS, BRENTWOOD
CR 3095	A	DEC 84	NEEP OF COLCHESTER
CF 3106	A	APR 85	R.G.FRANCIS, GALLEYWOOD
CF 3111	A	MAY 85	ESSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB
CF 3112	A	DEC 84	JONES OF CHELMSFORD
CR 3114	U	JUN 85	N&P WINDOWS
SD 3129	U	NOV 84	LAIDLAWS
SD 4011	A	APR 87	INTERLINK

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

234 W.H.PERRY GARAGES (Maroon)
388 DANSK DESIGN FURNITURE (White/red)

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Full depth blind CHELMSFORD DEPOT	OAKLANDS PARK Woodhall Estate Town Centre	LITTLE BADDOW Gt. Baddow Sandon Danbury	CHELMSFORD
PRIVATE HIRE TO HIRE THIS BUS RING CHELMSFORD 353104	NORTH MELBOURNE Town Centre Woodhall Estate	CHELMSFORD Danbury Sandon Gt. Baddow	Springfield Park
SCHOOLS SERVICE	CHELMSFORD WORKS SERVICE	CHELMSFORD Danbury Gt. Baddow	GRAYS Billericay Basildon
EMERGENCY RAIL SERVICE on hire to British Rail	MELBOURNE FARM EST Town Centre Langton Avenue	SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS Gt. Baddow Danbury	CHELMSFORD Basildon Billericay
SORRY Not in Service	MOULSHAM LODGE EST Town Centre Baddow Road	ONGAR (Two Brewers) Writtle Blackmore	ROMFORD Shenfield Brentwood Harold Wood
GREAT BADDOW (Kings Head) Town Centre Meadgate Estate	NORTH MELBOURNE Town Centre North Avenue	CHELMSFORD Blackmore Writtle	CHELMSFORD Harold Hill Brentwood Shenfield
WESTLAND EST. Meadgate Estate Town Centre	NORTH MELBOURNE Town Centre Chignal Estate	This display not in use	ROMFORD Brentwood Harold Hill
GREAT BADDOW (Marconis) Town Centre Meadgate Estate	CHELMER VILLAGE (Asda) Chignal Estate Town Centre	CHELMSFORD Dunmow Gt. Waltham	CHELMSFORD Harold Hill Brentwood
GALLEYWOOD (Barnard Road) Great Baddow Galleywood Road	CHELMER VILLAGE (Asda) Brackenden Drive New Bowers Way	DUNMOW (Church End) Broomfield Gt. Waltham	ROMFORD Brentwood Harold Hill Collier Row
BUS STATION Duffield Road Beehive Lane	BUS STATION New Bowers Way Brackenden Drive	CHELMSFORD Gt. Waltham Broomfield	CHELMSFORD Collier Row Harold Hill Brentwood
GALLEYWOOD (Barnard Road) Beehive Lane Duffield Road	NORTH SPRINGFIELD (New Bowers Way) Bodmin Road	HOWE STREET Gt. Waltham Broomfield	COLCHESTER Springfield Witham Kelvedon
BUS STATION Galleywood Road Great Baddow	BUS STATION Bodmin Road Town Centre	CHELMSFORD Billericay	CHELMSFORD Kelvedon Witham Springfield
BROOMFIELD HOSP Writtle Town Centre	NORTH SPRINGFIELD (New Abbots Way) Waveney Drive	BASILDON Billericay	ROMFORD Chelmsford Writtle Brentwood
OKNEY GREEN (Chequers) Town Centre Writtle	BUS STATION Waveney Drive Town Centre	WEST HANNINGFIELD	BRAINTREE Brentwood Writtle Chelmsford
CHELMSFORD	CHELMSFORD	BILLERICAY GALLEYWOOD	ROMFORD

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