

# ESSEX BUS NEWS

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399



NEW TO THE THAMESWAY FLEET IS FORMER LONDON BUSLINES LEYLAND LYNX D755DLO, NOW NUMBERED 1430, IT IS SEEN HERE AT THE RECENT NORTH WEALD RALLY DRIVEN BY GROUP MEMBER STEVE THOMPSON.

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## **No 399**

### **EDITORIAL**

Rochford Meetings

Dates for next meetings will be announced next month.

Thamesway

Route number 251 returns to Southend with the latest time-table alterations. Hadleigh receives a Mercedes 608 and once again it is 235.

Nelson of Wickford adds three Leyland National.2's to his fleet.

Details required of the vehicle used on Saffron Walden Post Bus services, photographs if possible. Details to Peter Snell please.

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### **ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

A fleetlist for all minibuses owned by Essex County Council is available from Ian Ransom (address on cover) on receipt of a SAE (A4 size).

### **ALAN DIXON**

Alan Dixon retires from Essex Buses Ltd., during mid August and on behalf of the Group we wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement together.

Alan has been providing help to the group in various positions at EN and Thamesway, since the days that Derek Stebbing was editor, which was when FLFs were still in use and Leyland Nationals were new.

He now plans, amongst other things, to learn Welsh (his wife being Welsh) and to carry out all those jobs around the house that he's not had chance to do until now.

### 399 - THIS MONTHS THEME

This month we focus on London Transport bus route 399.

This number appeared in Essex in 1936 when long route 390 (Stevenage - Hertford - Epping - Coopersale Common) was split at Hertford with the southern section becoming 399, operated from Epping (EP) garage with C class Leyland Cubs. The service continued between the same points for many years, operated in later days by RF saloons. On 23 July 1958 it was replaced by the 372 and later on by the 381.

The number 399 then moved across Essex to a new home when it re-appeared on 13 May 1959 as a new single deck route running between Rainham and Bulphan via Aveley and Grays. However, this was a rather shortlived operation. From 14 October it was curtailed to operate Aveley - Bulphan only, and was completely withdrawn on 12 October 1960.

The Dartford Tunnel opened on 18 November 1963 when new double deck bus route 300 and Green Line route 722 were instituted to link Essex with Dartford in Kent. However, passenger loadings were so poor that the Green Line extension was withdrawn soon afterwards, and the 300 extensively revised, later a new route 300A was introduced. Loadings continued to decline so on 2 June 1965 the 300 was re-cast to become a Grays Town Service whilst the 300A was renumbered 399 to provide a daily hourly service between Grays and Dartford using a 26-seater GS. Rover ticket holders were subject to a 6d (2½p) toll charge for the tunnel section. Even this scaled down operation did not prove successful and it was finally withdrawn on 13 May 1967.

In contrast the 399 proved to be a survivor and was to maintain its links with south west Essex. On 3 April 1976 an experimental Grays Town Minibus Service was introduced, operated by a BN type Bristol LHS of London Country, which was allocated the number 399. A flat fare of 11p was charged on the northern loop, and of 7p on the southern loop, which ran along Argent Street past the site of the former Eastern National garage. The southern loop was not well patronised and was withdrawn after only a few months, at the same time the northern loop was revised, later (1 July 1978) part of the loop was transferred to new route 396. Finally in order to cope with increased loadings the service was later converted to SNB type Leyland Nationals. The 399 was withdrawn by London Country North East on deregulation day, 26 October 1986.

The Chairman well recalls boarding an RF at Epping Church at 1024 on a Sunday morning for the first journey to Hertford and buying a 5/- (25p) Green Rover ticket, this after having observed the collection of F5 2-4-2T locomotives at Epping (30A) sub-shed. How times have changed !

Alan Osborne

# Eastern National

## NEW VEHICLE

1513 P513 MNO Dennis Lance N. Counties B49F

Chassis number is D211BR3TGL10582 and body number is 5660.

## ALLOCATIONS

**Period End 29.6.97.** 1513 NEW-DT; 2202/4/5/46 CF-D/L(D); 2212 BE-D/L(D); 2229/35 CN-D/L(D); 2243/52 CF-CN; 2247 CF-BE; 2669 CR-DT; 2681 DT-CR; 2701-08 NEW-CF; 3072 DT-CN

## REPAINTS

**5/97** 2631 2632 4021

**6/97** 2633 2634 2635 2639 2640 2643 2801 3230

3230 is the latest VR to be refurbished by Marshalls.

2801 is the ex Rollerworld overall advert and is now in fleet livery.

## SERVICES

**319** Service withdrawn after 22.7.97.

## UNUSUAL WORKINGS

**24.6.97.** CF1130 on service 31 (normally Lynx/Dart)

## PUBLICITY

Timetable book for services in Mid Essex & Herts District, priced 25p.

## INITIAL DISPOSALS

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1862 (YEV 320S) | Eastern Counties, Norwich, 6/97.      |
| 1865 (YEV 323S) | South Wales Transport, Swansea, 5/97. |
| 1872 (ANO 271S) | As 1865.                              |
| 1885 (BNO 675T) | As 1865.                              |
| 1890 (BNO 680T) | As 1862                               |
| 3223 (MFA 721V) | Hardwick, Carlton, (for scrap), 5/97. |

In addition 2202 (C202 HJN), 2205 (C205 HJN) and 2246 (C964 GCV) were noted on the premises of Stephenson's, Rochford, in early July and are assumed to have been sold.

## EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION JUNE 1997

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BISHOPS STORTFORD | 5 MB709, 6 Short Dart from CF, 1 MB709 from BE.                                                                                                                |
| BRAINTREE         | 2242/44/47 2601/21/25-30/57-66                                                                                                                                 |
| CHELMSFORD        | 1001-06 1128-31 1401-03/07/08/13-16/25/29 2602-20/22-24<br>2631-46/77 2701-08 2802/07/08/12-16/23-30 3069/71/77/79<br>3083/84/92 3103/06/10/12 4013/14 4510/11 |
| CLACTON           | 1833/51 2217/30-33/36/37/40/43/52 2647-55 2810/17/19/21/22<br>3072 3219-22 4009                                                                                |
| COLCHESTER        | 1501-11 1850/99 1916/21/24 2668/70-76/78-81 2801/03-06/09/11<br>2818/20 3094 3101/27 3225-30/32-34 4010/12/15-18/21<br>4501/03/12                              |
| DUNMOW            | 1 single deck from CF. (normally Long Dart)                                                                                                                    |
| HARWICH           | 1512/13 2656/67/69/82 3076/78 3109 4007/08/19                                                                                                                  |
| MALDON            | 6 Long Dart, 2 Lynx, 1 MB709 plus 1 VR from CF.                                                                                                                |
| POOL VEHICLES     | 2248 2383/84 3093                                                                                                                                              |
| D/L DISPOSAL      | 1007 1863/67/74 2204/12/29/35 3224/31                                                                                                                          |
| TRAINING          | 9014/18                                                                                                                                                        |

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

## THAMESWAY FLEET ALLOCATION JUNE 1997

|               |                                                                                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BASILDON      | 254/58 327-29/31-46/48/60-88 401-10 601-19 851-54 918-37/40<br>959-72 1112/14/15 1601 1845/70 3113 4003-05 |
| BRENTWOOD     | 347/49-59                                                                                                  |
| HADLEIGH      | 235 307-26/30 701-11 938/39/41-58 1400/04-06/09-12/17-24/30<br>1803/30/68/71/82/86/89/96 1907              |
| PONDERS END   | 230/31/33/34/45-48/50-53/55-57/59-61 301-06/89-98 800-11<br>901-17/73-87                                   |
| POOL VEHICLES | 206/25                                                                                                     |
| D/L DISPOSAL  | 201/03/05/26/49                                                                                            |
| TRAINING      | 9016/17 9717/19                                                                                            |

## **Southend Transport**

### Vehicles;

#### Disposals..

LN 711(JBO 349N) 714(NPK 241R) 718(GGE 161T)  
LN 719(GGE 162T) 723(GGE 172T)

All have been removed from London Road Depot.

#### Repaints..

ON 282(MUH 285X) has had its new livery amended,  
to have two vertical stripes on the rear sides  
Cowie group style.

#### Other News..

Southend Transport is now operated as a subsidiary  
of Leaside Buses.

# Thamesway

## Allocation Changes to 29th June

201 BD-D/L(D), 226 BN-D/L(D), 235 BD-HH, 254 PD-BN, 258 PD-BN, 347 BN-BD, 938 BN-HH, 940 HH-BN.

The allocation of 235 marks a return to Hadleigh of the return of a 'bull-nose' Mercedes L608D.

## Repaints May and June

302, 303, 305, 364, 374, 384, 388, 390, 393, 398, 938, 1420.  
938 is in advertising livery for Tesco, Pitsea (expires 8.6.98). Tesco at Pitsea opened in 1978 and Eastern National Bristol FLF2927 (AVW 396F) carried an advertising livery for this. The same store has recently been refurbished and expanded and is now known as Tesco Extra which is the livery applied to 938.

## Initial Disposals

|      |          |                                       |
|------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 205  | C684 ECV | 6.97 Hardwick(dlr), Carlton           |
| 1918 | JHJ 144V | 6.97 Stephenson, Rochford (for scrap) |

## Operations

Up dated information on weekday service revisions on 28th June.

- 2 Revised time table
- 3/A/B/C Certain 3 journeys renumbered 3A and to terminate at Canvey Newlands. Most 3C journeys diverted to serve Southend Central Bus Station.
- 15/A/16 New service 16A Hadleigh to Canvey Eastern Esplanade replacing 26A.
- 20/A/C Service 20A withdrawn with school journeys to/from Bournes Green numbered 20B.
- 21 group All journeys now terminate at Canvey Leigh Beck.
- 22 New service between Canvey and Basildon Hospital via old 151 route.
- 24/A/B/c More buses to operate on Saturdays and past 24B journeys now start and finish in Rayleigh.
- 25 New service between Southend and Basildon Bus Station via 250 route and will operate from Priory Park, Prittlewell Chase, Southend Hospital, and Bridgewater Drive/Southbourne Grove to Eastwood Kent Elm Corner School Journeys renumbered 25B and 25C.
- 29B More buses to operate on Saturdays.
- 75 New service between Bishop Hall Estate and Brentwood, Warley, Herongate, Dunton Road Pipp's Hill to Basildon Bus Station.
- 91/92 New Saturday services between Hutton Circular(81/82), Brentwood and Lakeaide.
- 251 Will now serve Goodmayes King Georges Hospital and will replace service 2 between Basildon and Romford. Peak hour journeys extended from Basildon to South Benfleet Tarpots Corner. One to operate to/from Walthamstow and Southend during the summer period until 28th September offering day trip facilities to and from Southend. (That is a good idea!).

Sunday evening service on 3/3A and 20 are financially supported by Essex County Council. Services 21/A/B and 22 are operated by the Low Floor Dennis Darts (701-11) and the new 25 is operated by Leyland Nationals and Lynxes.

New timetable leaflets dated 28th June have been issued for the following area.

Southend and District  
Brentwood Area  
Walthamstow Area

Thameswa and Freat Eastern Railway have agreed an add-on facility to present rail season tickets to allow dual usage of buses and trains in two zone areas around Rayleigh Station,

Residents living in Benfleet and Canvey Island who continue to use LTS Rail and Thamesway can now purchase combined season tickets.

Brentwood area notes held over until next month.

## COLCHESTER BOROUGH TRANSPORT

It's nearly all coach news this month. Firstly, Tiger 104 was repainted in fleet livery, ex the former blue and white coach livery, between 28.5.97 and 3.6.97.

On the latter date Tiger 100 went to Cardiff and 103 went to Cromer, both on week-long private hires. While they were away, Southend Transport's coach 549 was borrowed from 4 to 5.6.97, Greenway 351 making the reverse trip. From 14 to 20.6.97, ST borrowed Tiger 100 (because it has seat belts) in return for their 546.

On 21.6.97 103 did a National Express working to Victoria and back.

From 26 to 27.6.97, and again from 4 to 5.7.97, 100 went to Devon via Lea Valley's Ware Garage, and their Volvo B10M, H103 AHS, was used by CBT.

Moving on to buses, Olympian 45 was returned from Cummings, West Thurrock, on 6.6.97, and Greenway 349 went to Ipswich Buses for a new engine on 4.7.97.

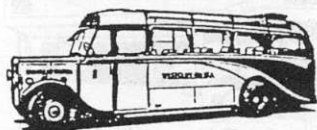
Lastly, on 8.6.97 Greenways 347, 350, 354 and 355, and National 463 were used on a District Line replacement between Embankment and South Kensington for London General.

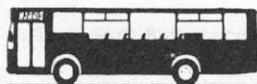


## THAMESWAY SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENTS

| <u>Fleet No.</u> | <u>Registration No.</u> | <u>Details</u>                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Date</u>                      |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0022             | E509 TOV                | To Hawksworth & Squire,<br>Upton ex Ramm, Sudden.                                                                                                                                             | 05/96                            |
| 0029             | G245 GOL                | To Lutonian, Luton ex Ramm, Sudden.                                                                                                                                                           | 05/96                            |
| 0032             | E905 EPD                | To Hawksworth & Squire,<br>Upton ex Ramm, Sudden.                                                                                                                                             | 03/96                            |
| 0505             | D595 MVR                | To Eagle, Morton &<br>re-registered A10 RHE.                                                                                                                                                  | 06/96                            |
| 0709             | C497 BFB                | To Legg, Crudwell ex Morgan, Nantyglo.                                                                                                                                                        | 05/95                            |
| 0716             | C510 BFB                | To Bruton, Tredgar from Badgerline,<br>their Fleet No.4510 exMorgan, Nantyglo<br>& sold.....                                                                                                  | 07/95<br>11/96                   |
| 0720             | C451 BHY                | To Fox, Blackwood ex Morgan, Nantyglo.                                                                                                                                                        | 02/96                            |
| 1721             | NEV 678M                | To Kettlewell, Bedford ex Beeston, Hadleigh                                                                                                                                                   | 09/95                            |
| 1725             | NEV 682M                | To Silver Coach Lines, Edinburgh ex<br>Patteson, Bannockburn,<br>& to Edinburgh Transit, Edinburgh,<br>& to Cooper, Dukinfield,<br>& re-registered SJI 5410 by Pride of the<br>Road, Royston. | 01/92<br>10/93<br>07/94<br>05/95 |
| 1817             | VNO 740S                | To Birmingham Omnibus, Tivdale ex<br>Yeates, Loughborough.                                                                                                                                    | 11/96                            |
| 1849             | YEV 307S                | To Birmingham Omnibus, Tivdale ex<br>Yeates, Loughborough.                                                                                                                                    | 12/96                            |
| 1900             | DAR 122T                | To Stephenson, Rochford ex South<br>Manchester, Hyde.                                                                                                                                         | 02/97                            |
| 3212             | YVV 896S                | To PVS, Carlton ex Cambus Fleet No. 763                                                                                                                                                       | 02/97                            |
| 3214             | FRP 905T                | To Hyde, Tilsforth ex Cambus<br>Fleet No. 724                                                                                                                                                 | 01/97                            |
| 3216             | FRP 907T                | To Mulley, Ixworth ex Hand, Horsley                                                                                                                                                           | 08/94                            |
| 4504             | B692 BPU<br>(A13 ALS)   | To Cullinan, Birkenhead and withdrawn<br>due to fire damage.                                                                                                                                  | 03/96                            |

**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA**  
MOTOR SERVICES LIMITED





# **HARRIS bus**

## VEHICLES

Further vehicles for tendered work in London are P338/9/41/42 ROO all are Volvo Olympians/East Lances seating H51/28D.

Vehicles sold recently are Talbot E859 AKN and MCW Metroriders E305/6 EVW.

Optare Excel demonstrator P447 SWX was on loan between 19.6. and 27.6.97.

Further to EBN 397, the Optare Ecels for service 108 are B35F.

## HARRIS COACHES

### VEHICLES

Vehicles sold recently are F574 UVW (F99 RAR), 5970 FH (E96 EVW) and 7968 FH (E95 EVW) all are DAF/Van Hool. Also sold are Setras K122/3 OCT.

# Hedingham Omnibuses

## SERVICES

**90** Minor timetable revisions from 28.7.97.

## OTHER OPERATORS - REST OF ESSEX

**ASSOCIATED COACHWAY HARLOW** This operator and Tigerways, Harlow are now based at River Way, Harlow.

**BLUE DIAMOND HARLOW** A further Sherpa/Dormobile acquired from Ruffle, Castle Hedingham is D531 NDA.

**BLUTE BRAINTREE** Sherpa minibus AFX 228A has been re-registered B1UTE.

**BRANDONS BLACKMORE END** Bova HIL 2923 (A398 VML) has been sold to SM, Harlow.

**BRENTWOOD COACHES** A recent addition is Volvo/Plaxton Excalibur HIL 2392 (former history unknown). The former HIL 2392 is thought to have passed to County Coaches.

**CAPITAL CITYBUS** Services 323/4/48/49,510 and 648 had revised timetables introduced from 26.7.97.

**CATTONS HARLOW** Two further Ford Transits are F639 DKR and G916 SKO, both are operated on taxi plates.

**CEDRICS WIVENHOE** Recent additions are P20 CED a Dennis Javelin/Berkhof and Ford R1114/Duple BVJ 772V and FAX 151V. Volvo/Jonckhree KIW 4391 (B491 GBD) has been sold.

**CHARIOTS CORRINGHAM** Former Fargo Mercedes 303's sold are 248 CNP and RIB 8030.

**CI COACHLINES HIGHWOOD** RGV 684W a Bedford/Duple has been acquired.

**CLINTONA BRENTWOOD** Have sold Leyland Swift/Elme G932 HRN.

**COUNTY COACHES BRENTWOOD** Vehicles acquired are Bedford/Plaxton D71 HRU and 2851 RU a Volvo/Plaxton (thought to be HIL 2392 of Brentwood Coaches). The former 2851 RU (E712 GNH) a DAF/Caetano is now E710 JJN.

**CRUSADER CLACTON** EOS 180 coaches on loan for the summer season are M638 RCP, N83 FWU and P217 RWR, all are in fleet livery.

**DCH COLCHESTER** Former Golden Boy, EGS 173T a Bedford/Plaxton is in use as a store shed, it no longer carries its registration.

**DMA BRENTWOOD** Ford transit G947 PFD with Adams conversion is a recent addition.

**DONS DUNMOW** H633 GUD an Iveco/Caetano is a recent addition.

**DRIVERS HOME & ABROAD CORRINGHAM** This operator has ceased operations after a few months. Ford/Duple VBC 985X was the only vehicle owned.

**FARGO RAYNE** A further Scania/Plaxton acquired is K555 GSM. A new Scania/Van Hool is P145 GHE. Scania/Van Hools sold are M308/9 VET.

**FARNHAM HIRE SERVICES** Ford Transit C176 EMJ is no longer here. Toyota/Caetano E240 FJU has been sold to Adtax, Saffron Walden.

**FERRERS COACHES** Dennis Javelin/Plaxton M606 WTW has been sold.

**FLAGFINDERS BRAINTREE** Ford/Plaxton RAW 888R has been sold. Volvo/Van Hool E35 OFL is now registered MAZ 6740.

**FOURWAYS HIGHWOOD** Leyland Royal Tiger Doyen E317 OMG has joined this fleet.

**GLEW COLCHESTER** Is now based at Warrens Farm, Brook Road, Great Tey.

**HAILSTONE BASILDON** Mercedes minicoach M183 VAR is a recent arrival. It replaces similar E245 RBE now with Crusader, Clacton. Ford Transit F358 SMU has been repainted all-over white without names.

**HAYDEN SHOEBURYNESS** Have now ceased operating, the last vehicle here being FSU 492 (CJN 327X) a Volvo/Plaxton.

**JACKSON BICKNACRE** Bedford/Duple CDT 322T (new as APH 513T) is a recent acquisition.

**NELSONS WICKFORD** Leyland National 2's acquired are ARN 891/3/4Y ex MTL (Heysham).

**PINK ELEPHANT STANSTED** Have recently taken over the Long Term Car park Shuttle from Ralphs. In use are P989-94 AFV Dennis Dart SLF/East Lancs.

**P&M WOODHAM FERRERS** Have moved to Shot farm, Shotgate. Bedford/Plaxton TKW 347S has been withdrawn.

**PREMIER BUSES** This is the trading name of M.K Metro, which is the company that has taken over the Stagecoach operations in Milton Keynes and Huntingdon following a MMC ruling. What has this do to with our area, you may ask. Well, an outstation exists at Birchanger Services for one Olympian from Huntingdon depot (H651 VVV being here on 29.6.97) for a contract service from Bishops stortford to Cambridge Regional College.

**RELIANCE BOWERS GIFFORD** Dennis Javelin/Plaxton K261 FUV is a recent addition.

**RYDERS HARLOW** E472 EUF a Fiat Ducato (on a taxi plate) is a recent addition.

**S&M HADLEIGH** Have sold Tiger/Duple PSV 499 (new as D273 FAS). Another former London Fleetline is OJD 198R ex Metrobus, Orpington.

**SM TRAVEL HARLOW** Iveco/Marshall N622 HBY carried the wrong registration and has now been corrected to N662 HBY.

**STEPHENSONS ROCHFORD** Many thanks to Richard Delahoy, for a bumper supply of news from this operator. Stephenson's have indeed acquired the operations of J K O'Brien t/a Simien Coaches with effect from 1st May. Simien had one registered bus service between Benfleet Station and Canvey Leigh Beck during Monday to Friday peaks. This is now operated with existing Simien vehicles and Stephenson's VR's. The Simien name will continue to be used by Stephenson's.

The Simien fleet at takeover was:-

|          |                 |                                    |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| JHW 111P | VR/ECW          | now scrapped                       |
| E700 EHJ | Iveco mini      | awaiting disposal                  |
| SJI 2238 | Leopard/Plaxton | refurbished and repainted          |
| 223 ASV  | Bova            | )                                  |
| XCP 144X | Bova            | ) Expected to be withdrawn shortly |
| OJI 2830 | Bova            | )                                  |

News from the main Stephenson fleet is that VR's TPE 155S and YBF 682S have been sold to Fargo, Rayne. They are replaced by similar MFA 719V and GGM 109W. Also acquired are Tiger/Plaxton TJI 4821/4 ex Bee Line.

Leyland National DAR 122T is for dealer stock and was in short term use here.

JTD 393P has lost its overall advert and is now in fleet livery. MBZ 7140 carried advertising for Geest bananas and Ambrosia custard in connection with Wimbledon '97. Most buses carry advertising for Waitrose, Southend, to which a number of free services are operated.

The operational fleet here is therefore:-

VR/ECW AAP 648T NEH 724W GGM 109W MFA 719V

VR/ECW (o/t) MBZ 7140

Fleetline JTD 393P

Atlantean HIL 4346/9 - both rebodied with East Lancs single deck bodywork.

ON/ECW GKE 441Y

Royal Tiger OIB 5401/2

Tiger/Plaxton TJI 4821/4

In addition vehicles from dealer stock are sometimes used for short term cover of defective vehicles etc.

Service 11A was re-tendered by ECC to Thamesway from 28.3.97. However, it was sub-contracted to Stephenson's until 18.5.97. and is now numbered 33A.

**THAMES WEALD** The somewhat strange, though long lived services from Sevenoaks to Romford and Southend were withdrawn after 10.7.97. **NOT CORRECT**

**TRAVELRICH COPFORD** A third Neoplan is XIB 1420 (new as G338 KWE). Operations have moved from Copford to Tendring Council Yard, Weeley.

**TURNERS WICKHAM ST PAUL** A further addition is DAF 400 minibus, L515 BBJ.

**VICEROY SAFFRON WALDEN** Service 313 jointly operated by County Bus, will have a revised timetable from 23.7.97. A recent fleet addition is Tiger/Plaxton G329 SVV, it is in fleet livery but carries on hire stickers.

## Wests Coaches Ltd. - Woodford Green Bus Fleet

|          |               |                 |       |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| E667 YDT | MCW MF150/65  | MCW             | B23F  |
| F711 CWJ | MCW MF150/74  | MCW             | B23F  |
| F712 CWJ | MCW MF150/74  | MCW             | B23F  |
| F713 CWJ | MCW MF150/110 | MCW             | B23F  |
| F367 CHE | MCW MF150/110 | MCW             | B23F  |
| F714 CWJ | MCW MF150/110 | MCW             | B23F  |
| F715 CWJ | MCW MF150/110 | MCW             | B23F  |
| F718 CWJ | MCW MF150/110 | MCW             | B23F  |
| F719 CWJ | MCW MF150/110 | MCW             | B23F  |
| G621 YMG | DAF SB220     | Optare          | B47F  |
| H20 BUS  | Leyland LBM6T | Wadham Stringer | B39F  |
| J6 BUS   | Dennis Dart   | Wright          | B35F  |
| J9 BUS   | Dennis Dart   | Wright          | DP40F |
| J12 BUS  | Dennis Dart   | Wright          | B40F  |
| K2 BUS   | Dennis Dart   | Wright          | B40F  |
| K5 BUS   | DAF SB220     | Optare          | B47F  |

## ***EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GUILD***

***THE ORIGINAL EASTERN NATIONAL***

The recent publication 'Chelmsford Allocation 1945-1948' the contents of which have been sent to us by former Essex resident Frank Cunningham now living in Durban, South Africa. Taken from his diaries it shows the allocation with some interesting remarks.

The most interesting relate to Bristol JO5G 3615 DEV451 of which Frank says, "the body was perched on barrels in Duke Street Garage from September 1944 to July 1948, then later (1950) appeared at Grays depot having received an L5G chassis and running units, and fitted with blue seating, presumably obtained from a scrapped vehicle"-----!!-----

All in all a very good addition to our archives - copies still available. So, send for yours now.

2 X 1st class & 1 X 2nd class stamps from Peter Snell.

# **EASTERN NATIONAL**





Norman Ecclestone writes;

The photo of 3087 EV1753 is interesting as it shows clearly that the early Regents rebodied by East Lancs., although having the original 15' 6" 'short' chassis, were given new bodies of the by then standard length of 26' 0"; the extra rear overhang shows clearly.

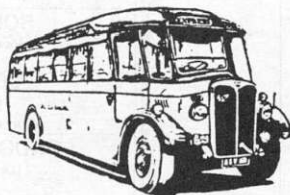
The photo also shows 3087 with an extended bonnet, which usually indicates the fitting of either a Gardiner 6LW or AEC 8.8 litre unit. I believe EN only ever had one of each type.

The 6LW was in 3874 HHT459, the Bristol L6GG gas producer bus, exchanged for the usual 5LW when the gas bit was removed later.

EN also purchased an AEC 8.8 litre in the early experimental period for this unit. By 1939 it was, I believe, in Regent 3063 EV1942. Certainly this bus, both before and after rebodding, belched out a vast amount of thick black smoke and could be recognised a mile off!

It also had the smooth melodious exhaust note more familiar on London Transports' LT's of the time and in marked contrast to the staccato bark of a 5LW, as fitted to 3063 in it's last years.

Is it possible that the AEC unit was transferred at that time to 3087?



# SOUTHEND TRANSPORT BLINDS

Dayglo yellow on black; introduced May 1997. Used initially on SLF Darts and minibuses; to be used later on Lance SLF's and 7xx & 9xx batches of Olympians.

Used for:

|                                                       |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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| PRIVATE                                               |                                    |
| SHOEBURYNESS Asda<br>Southend Thorpe Bay              | 2A, 29                             |
| RAYLEIGH STATION<br>Westcliff<br>Hadleigh Thundersley | 1 grp                              |
| BASILDON<br>Southend<br>Hadleigh Pitsea               | 2 grp                              |
| SHOEBURYNESS Renown<br>Leigh<br>Southend Thorpe Bay   | 5 grp                              |
| EASTWOOD RISE<br>Southend Leigh                       | 5,5B                               |
| THAMES DRIVE<br>Southend Leigh                        | 5A                                 |
| HADLEIGH<br>Victoria House Corner                     | 5A                                 |
| LANDWICK<br>Southend<br>Southchurch Wakering          | 1C,2C,6,6A                         |
| EASTWOOD Kent Elms<br>Southend Hospital               | 6                                  |
| SHOEBURYNESS<br>East Beach Southend                   | 1,1B,2,2B,<br>5 grp, 7/8<br>grp, 9 |
| HOCKLEY Spa<br>Southend Hospital Rochford             | 7/8 grp                            |
| RAYLEIGH STATION<br>Southend Hospital Rochford        | 7/8 grp                            |
| CANEWDON<br>Southend Hospital Rochford                | 7C                                 |
| ASHINGDON SCHOOLS                                     | 7,7B,10,66                         |
| SOUTHEND TRANSPORT<br>GARAGE                          |                                    |
| SOUTHEND<br>Central Bus Station                       |                                    |
| RAYLEIGH                                              | 10, 14                             |
| SORRY NOT<br>IN SERVICE                               |                                    |

Used for:

|                                                    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| RAYLEIGH STATION<br>Esplanade<br>Southend Eastwood | 9               |
| SHOEBURYNESS<br>Renown                             | 5 grp, 7 grp, 9 |
| SUTTON CEMETERY<br>Southend                        | 17A,61,69       |
| BELGRAVE ROAD<br>Southchurch Southend              | 17, 28,29,29A   |
| FOULNESS<br>Southchurch Wakering                   | 18              |
| CUCKOO CORNER                                      | 18              |
| LAKESIDE<br>Westcliff<br>Hadleigh Basildon         | 2,22            |
| LEIGH STATION &<br>EASTWOOD RISE                   | 23A             |
| PROGRESS ROAD                                      | 5,5B,14,29      |
| LEIGH CHURCH                                       | 5A              |
| LEIGH STATION &<br>BELGRAVE ROAD                   | 17C,23          |
| NORTH SHOEBURY<br>Southend Southchurch             | 2,28,29         |
| SOUTHEND &<br>GARON PARK                           | 64,65           |
| BELFAIRS<br>Sutton Road<br>Southend Hospital       | 62,62A          |
| RAIL REPLACEMENT<br>SERVICE                        |                 |
| LOWER HOCKLEY                                      | 66              |
| PAGLESHAM                                          | 10              |
| SOUTHEND<br>Victoria Circus                        |                 |
| LONDON<br>Basildon<br>Grays Lakeside               | X1/2/3          |
| LONDON EXPRESS<br>(Limited Stop)                   | X10/11          |

# COUNTY BUS & COACH

## FLEET

### Allocation Changes to June 1997

|                                               |          |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| DI 929                                        | J929 CYL | Ware to Cowie South London     |
| LR 5                                          | TPD 105X | Ware to Sold                   |
| LR 11                                         | TPD 111X | Ware to Sold                   |
| M 367                                         | DTG 367V | Grey Green to Grays            |
| TL 15                                         | UJN 634Y | Harlow to Sold                 |
| TL 20                                         | UJN 429Y | Harlow to Sold                 |
| TL 30                                         | WPH 130Y | Harlow to Trainer at Harlow    |
| TL 31                                         | WPH 131Y | Harlow to Sold                 |
| TDL 55                                        | C255 SPC | Sampsons to 724 Livery at Ware |
| VEL 858-61                                    |          | New to Harlow                  |
| M 367 is correct, rather than M 467 (EBN 398) |          |                                |

### General

The only Leyland Tigers remaining are TL 30 as a Trainer at Harlow and TL 13 which is Delicensed at Harlow.

### SERVICES

|              |         |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 June       | 446     | School service back extended from Brent Pelham via Pelham and Berden to/from Manuden. ECC contract.                                                                                |
| 16 June      | 381     | Additional journey Mon/Wed/Fri. 1100 Harlow to Epping Station. 1135 Epping Station to Harlow. ECC contract.                                                                        |
| 19 July      | 724     | Additional early and late journeys on Mondays to Saturdays to and from Heathrow. Other journeys retimed for shift pattern at Heathrow. (Provisional date was 21 June, see EBN 397) |
| 1 August     | 860     | LDO of Monday to Friday lunchtime journeys between Harlow Bus Station and Pinnacles. ECC contract.                                                                                 |
| 2 August     | 66      | Transferred from County Bus Debden to Grey Green Barking                                                                                                                           |
| 4 August     |         | Existing services transferred from Wests Coaches to County Bus                                                                                                                     |
|              | 201     | Ongar-Loughton. Allocation - Harlow                                                                                                                                                |
|              | 214/215 | Debden circulars. Allocation - Debden                                                                                                                                              |
|              | 219/220 |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|              | 249     | Loughton-South Woodford. Allocation - Debden                                                                                                                                       |
|              | 255     | Epping-Waltham Cross. Allocation - Debden                                                                                                                                          |
|              | 531/532 | Debden - Chingford. Allocation - Debden                                                                                                                                            |
|              | 533     | Debden - Highams Park. Allocation Debden                                                                                                                                           |
| 28 September | 346     | LDO of Sunday service LT contract                                                                                                                                                  |

**BUTTS GREEN - LANGLEY UPPER GREEN -  
LANGLEY LOWER GREEN - CLAVERING -  
NEWPORT - SAFFRON WALDEN**

**Royal Mail  
Postbus  
PB1**

**Mondays to Fridays**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| BUTTS GREEN .....              | 1056 |
| Langley Upper Green ▲ .....    | 1100 |
| Langley Lower Green ▲ .....    | 1105 |
| Roast Green .....              | 1110 |
| Mill End .....                 | 1114 |
| Stickling Green .....          | 1118 |
| Clavering .....                | 1125 |
| Wicken Bonhunt .....           | 1132 |
| Newport .....                  | 1136 |
| Rowntree Way .....             | ■    |
| SAFFRON WALDEN, Tesco Store..  | 1154 |
| SAFFRON WALDEN, Post Office... | 1200 |

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| SAFFRON WALDEN, Post Office ♦ | 1420 |
| SAFFRON WALDEN, Tesco Store.. | 1430 |
| Rowntree Way .....            | ■    |
| Newport .....                 | 1442 |
| Wicken Bonhunt .....          | 1446 |
| Clavering .....               | 1454 |
| Stickling Green .....         | 1500 |
| Mill End .....                | 1504 |
| Roast Green .....             | 1508 |
| Langley Lower Green ▲ .....   | 1513 |
| Langley Upper Green ▲ .....   | 1518 |
| BUTTS GREEN .....             | 1522 |

**Saturdays**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| BUTTS GREEN .....              | 1056 |
| Langley Upper Green ▲ .....    | 1100 |
| Langley Lower Green ▲ .....    | 1105 |
| Roast Green .....              | 1110 |
| Mill End .....                 | 1114 |
| Stickling Green .....          | 1118 |
| Clavering .....                | 1125 |
| Wicken Bonhunt .....           | 1132 |
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| Rowntree Way .....             | ■    |
| SAFFRON WALDEN, Tesco Store..  | 1154 |
| SAFFRON WALDEN, Post Office... | 1200 |

**NO RETURN JOURNEY ON SATURDAYS -**

**PASSENGERS HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY HOME**

CODE: ▲ - Also serves Langley Churchend ♦ - Service starts from behind Post Office, in the yard  
■ - Operates 'Hail and Ride' in Rowntree Way and also where safe to stop over whole route

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**0345 000333**  
 For local bus times  
 (from 07:00 to 20:00 Hrs daily)