



**LE 749** (MAH 749) is a Bristol LS4G with a 39 seat Eastern Coach Works dual purpose front entrance body. This was one of a batch of five such vehicles delivered new to the company in 1952 and 1953. They were the first of the LE class to be full cabbed. Originally delivered in all over cream livery with red relief on the waistband and above the windows, they were all repainted in the standard stage carriage scheme seen in the example pictured here upon downgrading to bus status. These vehicles were propelled by somewhat underpowered four cylinder Gardner oil engines which were very economical in operation, a point much favoured by the fuel conscious company management! The bus is captured here in later life as a stage carriage vehicle and is seen awaiting departure to Norwich from the far flung North Norfolk coastal village of Blakeney. Withdrawal for this example came in 1969, after 17 years of revenue earning service.