

EDITORIAL

West Country Weekend Coach Tour

It is with much regret that we have to announce that this tour has had to be CANCELLED. We thank those members who supported the tour.

Summer Excursion -- Saturday, September 20th.

Our Summer excursion this year is rather different, as it gives members the opportunity to ride on a traditional Daimler half cab single decker for an afternoon. The tour starts and finishes in Hastings with members arranging their own transport to and from the Sussex town. A booking form is enclosed with this news sheet, and please book your seats as early as possible as accommodation is limited.

Rochford Meeting -- Tuesday, September 9th.

The next meeting at the Carriage Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford will be held on Tuesday, September 9th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.). This meeting will feature a slide show presentation by Richard Delahoy entitled 'Old & New'. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

Chelmsford Meeting -- Tuesday, September 16th.

A meeting will be held at 18, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford on Tuesday, September 16th commencing at 1945 hrs. As usual, a range of Group photographs will be available for sale, and the meeting will also provide an opportunity for general discussion. Lynmouth Avenue is close to the Army & Navy roundabout and runs between Parkway and Lady Lane.

Brighton Buses 85th Anniversary Rally -- Sunday, September 21st.

The Group's sales stand will be present at the Brighton Buses 85th Anniversary Rally, which is being held at Madeira Drive, Brighton on Sunday, September 21st from 1130 hrs. to 1700 hrs. Our full range of sales items will be available, including new photograph stocks and recent publications. The rally is preceded by a road run around Brighton leaving Madeira Drive at 1000 hrs.

Annual Photographic Competition -- Tuesday, October 7th.

The Group's October meeting at Rochford will feature the annual Photographic Competition, and we hope that many members will submit their photographs or slides for the competition. For members' information, the competition rules are set out below. The meeting will be held at the Carriage Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford on Tuesday, October 7th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.).

Competition Rules

- 1) Entry is open to all paid up members of the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group, with the exception of the judges.
- 2) All entries must bear the entrant's name and membership number. No other data, except the date and location of the photograph, may be submitted.
- 3) Entries may be submitted before 2000 hrs. at the meeting to be held on October 7th, or by post to P.W. Harvey Esq., ENEG, 19, Watkins Way, Shoeburyness, Essex, SS3 9NX. to arrive by October 6th. Postal entries will only be returned if accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- 4) There will be 3 classes :-
 - a) COLOUR - 35 mm slides.
 - b) COLOUR or BLACK AND WHITE - prints.
 - c) THE MOST ORIGINAL/UNUSUAL COMPOSITION - slides or prints.
- 5) A maximum of 6 photographs in total may be entered. The entry fee is £0.20 per photograph.
- 6) The judges will be Les Thorington and Richard Delahoy. The judges will be available to comment on entries at the meeting. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 7) The prizes will be a trophy for the best photograph in each class and vouchers to the value of £3.00 for runners-up.
- 8) No entries may be submitted which have won awards in other competitions.

Essex County Council Publications

The latest booklet in Essex County Council's new series of 11 local timetable books has been published recently. This booklet covers the Colchester area (Area 3) (dated July 1986), and copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 19. Watkins Way, Shoeburyness, Essex. SS3 9NX) at £0.63 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

Eastern Transport Collection Society Weekend Tour to Isle of Man

The Eastern Transport Collection Society has advised the Group that its proposed weekend tour to the Isle of Man in September has now been cancelled due to a lack of bookings.

Advertisement

Mr J.G. Collins of 12. Parklands Avenue, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 8JR has available for sale a number of magazines and books. The material includes the following items :- The London Bus (from Dec. 1980); London Bus Magazine (nos. 30/35-52); Steam World/Steam Railway; Rail Enthusiast magazines; Railway Modeller (1970-84-bound); Model Railway Constructor (1971-84 bound); ENEC news sheets (from Jan. 1979). Members are invited to write to Mr. Collins for further information, or they may call at the above address to view the material.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

The three new Leyland Olympian double-deck coaches (4510-2) have now been delivered, after rectification work at Eastern Coach Works, Lowestoft, and they have entered service with new registration numbers D510PPU etc. Full details of these vehicles are as follows :-

4510	D510PPU	Leyland Olympian ONTL11/2R	ON 10069	E.C.W.	CH45/28F	26417
4511	D511PPU	Leyland Olympian ONTL11/2R	ON 10077	E.C.W.	CH45/28F	26418
4512	D512PPU	Leyland Olympian ONTL11/2R	ON 10089	E.C.W.	CH45/28F	26419

Delivery dates : 4510 - July 25th; 4511 - July 18th; 4512 - July 19th.

These vehicles are painted in the same livery as older vehicles 4500-9, with 'City Commuter' lettering. They are fitted with a modified front end, incorporating a single line destination display, which gives an improved appearance to the vehicles in comparison with older vehicles 4500-9.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

Further news of the five Leyland National vehicles acquired from The South Wales Transport Co. Ltd. during late-February is that they are all still currently in store at Maldon (MN). The engine unit has been removed from 701 (LWN701L) during recent weeks, whilst on August 9th 716 (NWN716M) was noted receiving some mechanical attention inside Maldon (MN) depot.

As additional information to that published in NS267 regarding the five Ford Transit mini-buses recently acquired from East Midland Motor Services Ltd., it should be noted that the chassis number prefix letters 'SFAYXX' are part of an international Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) common to all Ford Transit's built in this country, rather than part of the actual chassis number which commences with the prefix 'BDVYET'.

Vehicles On Order

The Company has indicated that an additional twenty Mercedes-Benz L608D mini-buses are currently on order for delivery during September and October. Ten of the vehicles will carry Reeve Burgess bodywork, similar to that carried by 0200-24 (0200HJN etc.), whilst the other ten vehicles are expected to be fitted with Dornobile bodywork. Fleet numbers 0225-44 and registration numbers D225PPU etc. have been booked for these vehicles, and further details will be published as soon as they become available. It is expected that the vehicles will be used to introduce various mini-bus services in Brentwood, Chelmsford, South Woodham Ferrers and Witham.

Vehicles On Hire

The various United Counties vehicles listed in previous news sheets as being on hire to the Company all still remain on hire, with the exception that Bristol VRTSL6G 768 (WRP768J) no longer appears to be on hire for driver training work on Mondays to Fridays. Leyland National 544 (BVV544T) was returned to United Counties for a short period during early-August for a PSV test, but this vehicle has since returned to Hadloigh (HH) depot. Additionally, Leyland National's 453 and 483 are now allocated as Pool vehicles at Chelmsford (CF) and Harwich (DT) respectively. The full allocation of United Counties vehicles on hire is as follows :- 453-CF (P), 464-BD, 465-BS, 476-BD, 483-DT (P), 517-CF, 544-HH, 559-CF, 856-SD, 863-CR, 878-CF.

Alder Valley North Ford Transit mini-bus 322 (0322RPE) was returned to its owners during late-July. Similar vehicle 323 (0323RPE) remains on hire at the time of writing however, and is currently stored at Brentwood (BD) depot.

The Iveco 79.14/Caetano Viana L B24F mini-bus C99 NIV remains on hire from Salvador Caetano (UK) Ltd. and continues in service on services 252/4 in the Waltham Abbey area. However, this vehicle was re-allocated from Brentwood (BD) to Enfield (ED) depot during early-August for operation on these services.

The four Mercedes-Benz L608D/Rootes B20F mini-buses (1013/8/20/1) remain on hire from Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd. Full details are now available regarding these vehicles, as follows :-

1013	C213EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	310327-20-712253	Rootes B20F	17964	New 6/86
1018	C218EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	310327-20-719016	Rootes B20F	17969	New 6/86
1020	C220EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	310327-20-719826	Rootes B20F	17968	New 6/86
1021	C221EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	310327-20-721571	Rootes B20F	17971	New 6/86

1018 and 1021 are still being used to ferry drivers and other staff to/from Walthamstow (WW) depot, and are allocated as follows :- 1018-Southend (SD), 1021-Basildon (BN). 1013 and 1020 have now been fitted with Wayfarer ticket equipment, and were re-allocated to Brentwood (BD) depot during early-August for operation on LRT Service 193 (Hornchurch Hoppa, where they are being used alongside Ford Transit mini-buses 0600-4. These vehicles all remain in Maidstone & District green and white livery.

Allocations & Transfers

3.86 0600 LWA-BD, 0601 LWA-BD, 0602 LWA-BD, 0603 LWA-BD, 0604 LWA-BD, 1055 BD-BD, 1309 BE-CF, 3052 SD-DT, 3054 SD-CF, 3070 MN-WF, 3076 BN-HH, 3093 BD-CF, 4500 SE-BN, 4502 BS-SD, 4503 CF-SD, 4510 D/L-BS, 4511 D/L-BE, 4512 D/L-BE.

The main news this month is that the outstation at South Woodham Ferrers became operational from Monday, August 11th. At present, Bristol VRTSL6G 3070 is the only vehicle allocated to the outstation which has the depot code letters WF. The vehicle is parked overnight in the car park of the ASDA store at South Woodham Ferrers, and it is cleaned and re-fuelled at Chelmsford (CF) depot. However, South Woodham Ferrers (WF) is officially an outstation of Maldon (MN) depot.

Although new Leyland Olympian double-deck coaches 4511/2 are officially allocated to Braintree (BE) depot, they are in fact being parked at Silver End (SE) depot due to height restrictions within the depot building at Braintree.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3002 (CPU981G) remains allocated to Chelmsford (CF) for driver training work, but is still licensed for PSV operation.

A full fleet allocation is published on page 6 of this news sheet, and the next full fleet allocation will be published in the December news sheet.

General

Leyland National's 1754/85, 1840 and 1903 (which are all allocated to Brentwood (BD)) have been noted during recent weeks modified to carry the larger destination displays, as also carried by vehicles operating LRT services.

The Iveco/Caetano mini-bus C99 NIV is often noted during its layover periods parked in a car park opposite the Woodbine P.H. on the A121 between Loughton and Waltham Abbey. On one occasion during mid-June, Ford Transit 0600 (C600NPU) was noted at this location, whilst a few days later a Bedford YMQS (from the 1050-9 batch) was present. On June 25th, Ford Transit 0602 (C602NPU) was noted operating the 0910 hrs. service 254 journey from Honey Lane, as a replacement for the Iveco mini-bus.

Service Developments

The main news this month is that the extended London Regional Transport service 193 between Romford (Market) and Hornchurch (County Park Estate, Essex Gardens) commenced operation on Saturday, August 2nd. The service is being marketed as the 'Hornchurch Hop', and Ford Transit mini-buses 0600-4 (0600NPU etc.) and Maidstone & District Mercedes-Benz L608D mini-buses 1013/20 (0213/20EKLJ) are currently operating on this service. The vehicles are all allocated to Brentwood (BD) depot and have been fitted with Wayfarer ticket equipment. The service now includes a non-stop section between Romford Station and Hornchurch (High Street) and a 'Hail and Ride' section in Hornchurch between Suttons Lane and Central Drive through Vaughan Avenue, Ascot Gardens, Newmarket Way and Devan Way. The service operates on Weekdays, and the basic timetable frequencies are every 12 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes during the evening. Some residents in Ascot Gardens and Newmarket Way are strongly opposed to the service. Many houses have posters displayed, and it is reported that the Police have been involved. Notwithstanding these difficulties, it is reported that the service is operating successfully.

The Company has surrendered its licences for National Express services 004 and 005.

From Monday, August 4th, former Eastern National service 306 (which is now operated by Biss Brothers) was revised. The previous 0800 hrs. journey from Wicken Bonhunt (M-F) has been revised to operate at 0740 hrs. and has been re-routed via Arkesden Bridge, Langley Upper Green, Langley Lower Green, Roast Green and Berden to arrive at Bishop's Stortford (Station) at 0842 hrs. A return journey operates from Bishop's Stortford at 1740 hrs. (M-F), and from Tuesday, September 2nd an additional journey will operate on Schooldays from Bishop's Stortford (Bridge Street) to Wicken Bonhunt at 1548 hrs. Two village timetable leaflets (for Arkesden and Berden) have been published by Essex County Council containing details of these revisions.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. has published preliminary details of its proposed timetable for services 90/A/B (Maldon-Witham) to be operated from October 27th. The basic frequency between Maldon and Witham will be hourly, and the terminal at Maldon will be at Midguard Way. Short workings will operate between Maldon (Midguard Way) and Heybridge (Brewster House) to provide a Maldon town service over part of the existing Eastern National service 90 route.

It has been reported that Eastern National has been successful in gaining Service Subsidy Agreements to operate all Colchester town services on Sundays.

Further information is now available regarding the forthcoming operation by Eastern National of London Regional Transport services 107 and 259A. From Saturday, September 27th, the Company will commence operation on service 107 (Arkley-Brinsdown) to a reduced timetable. A full timetable will be introduced on this service from Saturday, October 25th. Operation of service 259A (Manor House-Hammond Street) will commence later in the Autumn.

For those members who may be interested in obtaining photographs of Eastern National vehicles on LRT service 275 at Claybury Broadway on Sundays, the vehicles arrive at 1158 hrs. and then hourly until 1758 hrs., departing at 1200 hrs. until 1800 hrs.

A special day return fare of £1.50 has recently been introduced between Witham and Braintree. This fare is available throughout the day during the Summer months.

An additional 'Seaside Special' service has recently been introduced on Sundays only between Thorley (Sainsbury's) and Walton (E.N. Depot). The outward journey departs from Thorley at 0900 hrs. with the return journey departing from Walton at 1730 hrs., and this service is routed via Bishop's Stortford, Heath Row, Takeley, Great Dunmow, Little Dunmow, Felsted, Watchouse Green and Clacton. The Company's publicity does not indicate a route number, but a vehicle (4502 DS) noted on this service on July 27th was displaying route number 555.

Publicity News

New publicity material published during recent weeks has been as follows :-

- Timetable leaflets - a new timetable leaflet for service 402 (undated, but effective between July 21st and October 25th).
- a leaflet for the 'Seaside Special' service between Thorley and Walton (service 555?) (undated).

-- a leaflet for LRT service 193 (Hornchurch Hoppa) (dated August 2nd).

Highwayman services -- two timetable leaflets (for Central Essex and North Essex) for the Winter 1986/87 period, containing details of the Winter Highwayman services, 'Day Breaks' between November and January and 'Leisure Break' holidays (LD651-3, LD701). Four Highwayman services will operate during the Winter period, as follows :-

- 801 -- Chelmsford-Cambridge (Sundays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays).
- Chelmsford-Kings Lynn (Mondays/Fridays/Saturdays).
- 804 -- Southend-Norwich (Daily).
- 812 -- Clacton-Luton (Mondays/Fridays/Saturdays).
- 834 -- Clacton-Brent Cross (Mondays/Wednesdays/Saturdays)
- Colchester-Turnpike Lane (Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays)

Service 834 commences operation on Monday, September 1st (correction to NS268), whilst services 801/4/12 commence operation to the Winter timetable from Sunday, September 28th.

General leaflets -- a leaflet with details of the 'Summer Special' day return fare (£1.50) between Witham and Braintree.

-- a revised leaflet for the Basildon 'FairCard' scheme (undated).

London Buses timetable leaflet -- a timetable leaflet for service X99 (marketed as 'The Forester') between Basildon and Harlow, which commenced operation on Weekdays from August 2nd.

Temporary Loans

There is only a small number of temporary loans to report this month. At Bishop's Stortford (BS), Leyland National 1658 BE was on loan from July 10th to July 16th, whilst Bristol VRTSL6L had earlier been on loan from Silver End (SE) between June 19th and June 23rd. Of considerable interest was the observation of an unidentified Bristol VIRT in green (NBC) livery on Walthamstow (WW) area LRT services on June 20th, and this was probably a Brentwood (BD) vehicle.

Unusual Workings

There have been a very large number of unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks. It is not possible to include details of all these reports, but details of the more interesting workings are as follows :-

30.4-Ex. London Country Leyland Leopard coach DL13 (MPL133W) noted on Trade Plates at Colchester Borough Transport's depot.

1.7-1820 LN was observed on service 44.

13.7-2201 CF was noted on a private hire journey on the M25 near Potters Bar.

14.7-UCOG 464 (ED) was noted on service 251.

15.7-From 0800 hrs. on this date, a crane obstructed Chelmsford High Street, and services operated via Market Road and Parkway or via New Street and Victoria Road.

16.7-Hitchin Bus 548 (BVV548T) was noted at Southend (SD) depot on a private hire journey.

17.7-3079 MN noted on an ASDA working at South Woodham Ferrers; 3093 ED noted at Southend on service 11 (and again on 18.7, and then on service 11A on 19.7).

18.7-0104 HH noted towing 1128 SD at Prince Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

19.7-1133 SD noted on Highwayman service 827; 1932 BE noted at Victoria Coach Station on National Express service 098 to Cambridge; 2201 CF and 2202 CN both noted on a private hire journey on the Colchester by-pass; 3000 CF noted at Southend sea front on driver training work (and again on 2.8); 3033 CF noted on service 30; 3085 HH noted on a private hire journey at Shoeburyness; Southend Transport 342 (YWW359S) noted at Victoria Coach Station on a private hire journey, whilst 343 (XWX193S) was noted outside the Shamrock & Rambler coach station at Bournemouth.

20.7-1816 CR noted on a rail replacement service at Marks Tey; 3120 LN noted on service 400; 4005 CF and 4006 CF both noted on a rail replacement service on the A127; 4502 DS noted on service 555 (Bishop's Stortford-Walton) at Marks Tey; Colchester Borough Transport 41 noted on a private hire journey at Hatfield Peverel.

21.7-1122 ED noted on service 270; 1651 CF observed on service 353; Southend Transport 310 noted on service 22 (and again on 22.7).

22.7-1301 CN (but still carrying CF depot plates) noted at Ripon Bus Station whilst operating National Holidays tour no. 032 (Lake District and Yorkshire Dales); 3033 CF noted on service 22; 3018 MN noted at Witham on service 339; 3111 HH noted at Southend on service 251; 3112 CF noted on a private hire journey at Hatfield Peverel; 4002 SD noted at Gants Hill on service 251.

(Unusual Workings are continued on page 7)

EASTERN NATIONAL FLEET ALLOCATION - AUGUST 1986Basildon & Thymrook District

Basildon (BN) : 1124 1655 1704/11-7/21/3/32/6/8/40-2/4/6/8/63/7/72/6
 1786/95 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7
 1809/91/6/8 1904/6-9/18/9/22/34 2200 3068/74
 3117/20 4500/1/7-9 M&D 1021 (73)

Braintree & Uttlesford District

Braintree (BE) : 1119/20/30 1303/6 1658 1745/94 1812/63 1902/24/6
 1929/30/2 3024/9/48/56/63/7 3128 4016/7 4511/2 (27)
 Bishop's Stortford (BS) : 1050/6/8 1111/3/27 1739/49/59 1914/6 3039 3114
 4510 UCOG 465 (15)
 Silver End (SE) : 1126 1310 1659 1747/03 1813/61/2 3041/55/9
 4013-5 (14)

Brentwood & Havering District

Brentwood (BD) : 0600-4 1122 1700/19/22/54/60/85/96 1809/23/37-40
 1845/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 3080/1/92/4 4012/8/9
 M&D 1013/20 UCOG 464/76 (39)
 Enfield (ED) : 1051-5/7/9 IVECO C99 NNV (8)
 Walthamstow (WW) : 1779/80/9/91/7 1800-3/10/25/6/58/82 1915
 3096 3100-2/4/5/7/9/10/3/5/6/8/9/21/3-6 (34)

Chelmsford & Maldon District

Chelmsford (CF) : 1112/21/9 1309 1601/3 1651/4/6/7 1701/7/30/4/52/62
 1771/4/5/8 1804/5/11/5/9/24/7/32/42/50/1/5/6/60/6/7
 1870/3/85/97/9 1905/17/39 2201/3 3021/33/5/54/66/9
 3077/82/3/91/3/5 3106/12 4005/6 UCOG 453(P)
 UCOG 517/59 878 (66)
 Great Dunmow (DW) : 1890 (1)
 Maldon (MN) : 1114 1708/55/64 1806/29/31/3/41 1921/3/7/31
 3018/38/40/9/51/79 (19)
 South Woodham Ferrers (WF) : 3070 (1)

Colchester & Tendring District

Colchester (CR) : 0120/1 1115/23 1302 1650 1705/18/26/82/90/3
 1816/28/72/5/88/92 1910/1/25/35/6 3020/2/3/32/50/64
 3108/27 4003/4 UCOG 863 (34)
 Clacton (CN) : 0200-18 1110/32 1300/1/7 1600/2 1751/6/61/8/9/92
 1834/65 2202 3001/25/30/1 3500/1 (41)
 Harwich (DT) : 1117 1308 1653 1750 1901/20 3052/61 4007/8
 UCOG 483(P) (11)
 Walton-on-Naze (WN) : 0219-24 (6)

Southend & District

Southend (SD) : 1116/25/28/31/3 1304/5 1702/24/9/66/70/3/87/8/90/9
 1807/14/36/68/93-5 1937/8 3028/34/6/7/53/7/8/60/2
 3065/71-3/5/8/84/6-90/8/9 3122/9 4000-2/9-11/20/1
 4502-6 M&D 1018 UCOG 856 (66)
 Hadleigh (HH) : 1118 1703/9/20/5/7/8/31/3/5/7/43/53/7/8/65/77/81/4
 1817/21/35/57/64/9/71 1900/28 3076/85/97 3103/11
 UCOG 544 (34)

Licensed Open-Top Vehicle (L) : 2383 (1)

Licensed As Private Vehicle (LP) : 2384 (1)

Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D)) : 1548 South Wales 701/2/6/16/27 (6)

Licensed Pool Vehicles (PL (P)) : Alder Valley 323 (1)
 (CF (P)) : 3004 (1)

Driver Training Vehicles : 3000/3 9021 (all allocated to Chelmsford (CF)) (3)
 3002 CF (also being used for driver training work) (1)

Notes - 2200-3 are Disabled Persons' vehicles.
 2383/4 and 3500/1 are open-top vehicles.

Unusual Workings continued

- 23.7-3071 SD and 3076 BN noted on services 406 and 400 respectively; Southend Transport 240 noted on service 22.
- 24.7-1112 CF noted on service 406.
- 25.7-A major rail replacement service was operated on this date between Colchester and Shenfield, following a derailment at Witham. Vehicles noted on this service included 1120 DE, 1303 DT, 1653 DT, 1736 IN, 1813 SE, 1902 DE, 3001 CN, 3020 CR, 3022 CR, 3061 DT, 3092 DD, 4003 CR, 4014 SE and UDCO 403 DT, Colchester Borough Transport 41/2, 64/8, 76-8, 82/6, Southend Transport 223/8/31/2/9, 394, Osborne's OSJ191R, Nelson GEM797N and Ensign Bus Co. THM680/2/8M, GHV 43N, KUC941P and OJD407R (ex. LITE DMS vehicles). KUC941P suffered an engine fire near Easthorpe whilst operating this service. 1913 DD was observed at Chelmsford on service 753; 3018 MN noted on an ASDA working at Rayleigh; Southend Transport 371 noted at Southend on a service 10B journey to Paglesham.
- 26.7-2200 IN noted at Clacton on a private hire journey, whilst 2203 CF was noted on a similar working at Southend; 4003 CR noted at Kelvedon (A12) on a private hire journey; Southend Transport 254 operated a private hire journey to Bath for Laser Travel.
- 27.7-1309 DE noted at the 'Sandtoft Gathering' at Sandtoft; 1936 CR noted at Walton (WN) depot, together with 4502 BS (on service 555) and 4509 IN; 3117 IN noted on service 400; Southend Transport 214 operated a private hire journey (for Venturer Travel) from Great Wakering to Leeds Castle.
- 29.7-1756 CN was noted on Coastline service 10, which returns as a service 8 journey through Frinton-on-Sea; 1768 CN noted on Coastline service 12; 3025 CN noted on Coastline service 11; 3094 DD noted on service 753 (and again on 5.8); Southend Transport 226/8/33/5/6/41, 308/86/96 operated a rail replacement service between Wickford and Southminster, and a shuttle service between Basildon and Wickford, following a fire at Forest Gate.
- 30.7-1112 CF noted on service 43 at Chelmsford (and again on 31.7); Ipswich Borough Transport 36 noted at Clacton on a private hire journey.
- 31.7-2202 CN noted on a private hire working at Dovercourt; 4510 noted parked at Chelmsford (Bus Station) prior to be allocated to Bishop's Stortford.
- 1.8-1759 BS noted on a private hire working at Marks Tey; Hedingham & District L104 (LFS292F) failed at Lexden whilst operating the 1246 hrs. service 82 journey from Fordham, and passengers were transferred to a following service 53 journey.
- 2.8-1116 SD noted on service 406; 1306 DE operated a relief journey on National Express service 090 from Basildon to London, duplicating Crosville ELL 20 (DBM 20X); 1120 DE and 1121 CF operated private hire journeys to the Colchester Tattoo.
- 3.8-1127 BS operated an excursion to Clacton and Walton; 1913 DD noted on service 753; 3066 CF and 3082 CF were noted on a rail replacement service on the A127 at Dunton; 4003 CR noted on service 119; 4016 DE noted parked at Walton (WN) depot; 4503 CF was noted at Silver End (SE) depot with 4511 DE, whilst 4512 DE was noted at Harold Wood; 4509 IN was noted at Clacton (Bus Station).
- 5.8-1114 MN observed on service 38 at Chelmsford; 2304 LP noted at Southend (SD) depot, where it had been present since at least 22.7, being prepared as a float for the Southend Carnival on August 9th; Colchester Borough Transport 76, 80/2/7 and Southend Transport 391 were noted on a rail replacement service at Hatfield Peverel and Shenfield. A Southend Transport open-top Daimler Fleetline was noted on service 4.
- 6.8-3111 HH noted at Victoria on service 402; Southend Transport 233 operated the 0859 hrs. rail service from Southminster to Wickford in place of a failed E.M.U.; Southend Transport 326 was hired to Channel Coachways to operate the market day service from Canewdon to Romford.
- 7.8-1937 SD noted on service 22.
- 8.8-1650 CR observed on service 74.
- 9.8-0212 CN was noted at Clacton (Bus Station) replacing 3501 CN on service 200; 1750 DT observed on service 74 (and again on 10.8); Southend Transport 231/3/5/42 (on hire to Venturer Travel) operated private hire journeys from Reading and Wokingham to Knebworth; Southend Transport 340 was noted on National Express service 090.
- 10.8-4019 DD observed at Hatfield Peverel on service 753.
- 11.8-3033 CF noted on service 53; Southend Transport 234 noted on service 20 at Thorpe Bay.
- 13.8-3095 CF noted on service 46A; 4503 SD noted on service 795.

Service Vehicles

The recently acquired Ford D0910 lorry CDV413T has now been fitted with a HIAB crane by Collier & Sons (Truck Builders) Ltd., Great Totham, and during early-August the vehicle was noted being repainted at Maldon (MN) depot.

Vehicle Repaints

The Company has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks, and this continues from the information published in NS260 :-

July w/e 19.7.86 - 1114 at MN (New livery - dual/purpose yellow/green version),
 1847 at IN (New livery), 3030 at CN (New livery).
 w/e 26.7.86 - 1813 at SE (New livery), 1855 at CW (New livery),
 1871 at CW (New livery), 3087 at CW (New livery).
 August w/e 2.8.86 - 1111 at CW (Yellow and black 'Stansted Airport rail-air link' livery), 1892 at CN (New livery), 3071 at CW (New livery),
 3076 at IN (New livery).
 w/e 9.8.86 - 1110 at CN (New livery - dual purpose yellow/green version),
 1757 at HH (New livery), 1795 at IN (New livery), 1811 at CW (New livery), 1812 at SE (New livery), 3099 at CW (New livery).
 w/e 16.8.86 - 3053 at CW (New livery), 3128 at CW (New livery).

Additionally, Leyland National 1918 has recently been repainted in the new fleet livery, and this is believed to have been at Basildon (IN) during w/e 26.7.86. It is not yet possible to confirm the repaint date for Leyland National 1750, which has been reported as being repainted in the new fleet livery, probably at Clacton (CN) during late-June or early-July.

Members' reports on vehicles repainted in the new livery are particularly welcome in order to maintain accurate information.

Leyland National 1781 is currently being repainted in the new livery at Hadleigh (HH), whilst Bristol VRTSL6L 3056 is expected to pass through the paintshops at Central Works in the near future. As noted above, Ford D0910 lorry CDV413T is currently being repainted at Maldon (MN), whilst Bristol VRTSL6L 3052 is being repainted at Central Works.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTVehicles On Order

Further details are now available regarding the two Leyland Olympian double-deck vehicles that are currently on order. The chassis designation of these vehicles will be Leyland ONLXC/1RH, and their chassis numbers are ON 10232/3. They will carry E.C.W. H47/31F bodywork, and their body numbers are 26457/8. It is expected that their fleet numbers will be 43/4.

General

Open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) took part in the Colchester Carnival procession on July 26th, displaying 'School Service 7' and featuring employees dressed as St. Trinian's girls.

A burst water main at the Maldon Road roundabout on the morning of August 7th resulted in various service diversions. Inward services along Lexden Road were only diverted for a short time, whilst services using Maldon Road were diverted along Salisbury Avenue and Butt Road until around 0930 hrs. Outward services had Osborne Street as the last town centre pick up point, before running via Stanwell Street, Southway, Mersea Road and thence via M.O.D. roads (Napier Road, Circular Road North and Circular Road West) to Butt Road, Hamilton Road and Maldon Road, with Lexden Road services taking up their normal route via Cambridge Road. Services reverted to their normal routes at around 0930 hrs.

Amongst various unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks, Leyland Atlantean 53 (MYK548R) was noted on service 5A on July 4th, Leyland Olympian 41 (O41 HHJ) was noted on service 2A on July 22nd and Leyland Leopard 101 (DHK101T) was observed on service 5B on July 25th, when various other vehicles were operating rail replacement services.

Leyland Atlantean's 71 (TPU 71R) and 87 (MEV 87V) were both noted repainted in the new fleet livery by July 25th. Similar vehicle 65 (MNO 65P) was repainted during May at Eastern Coach Works, Lowestoft (repaint no. R.1546), whilst other recent repaint dates are 60 (TPU 60R)-5/86 and 83 (MEV 83V)-3/86.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTAcquired Vehicles

Further information is now available regarding the two Daimler Fleetline's recently acquired from Derby City Transport. 264 (OCH264L) has now been cannibalised at the Tickfield Avenue works, and the Gardner 6LX engine has been fitted to Daimler Fleetline 394 (JTD394P). The body from 264 will pass to Darlington School as a static playbus. The engine from 269 (OCH269L) will be fitted to Daimler Fleetline 393 (JTD393P) in the near future.

It should be noted that these engines are the Gardner 6LX unit, whilst that previously fitted to Daimler Fleetline 317 (SMU926N) is a Gardner 6LXB unit (as already reported in NS266).

Work is continuing on the overhaul of Van Hool Astronega 258 (NDS841Y), and this vehicle has not yet been returned to Van Hool's factory. It is expected that it will receive a cherished registration number in due course.

Re-built Vehicles

Work is also continuing on the preparation for service of re-built and re-bodied Leyland Leopard/Barkhof coach 255. The new registration number for this vehicle is not yet available.

Leyland Tiger coach 210 (BHK210X) has recently been converted from fully automatic to semi-automatic gear control.

Leyland Leopard coaches 334 (WRO433S) and 346 (KWX186S) are now being fitted with SDG style destination screens, as fitted to Duple Dominant IV bodywork, in a similar fashion to Leyland Tiger's 215 (A215PEV) and 218 (XGS769X).

The Group has always recorded the seating capacity of the two Daimler Fleetline's that are used for driver training work, 306/7 (JTD306/7P), as being H49/30D, since their conversion for training work and PSV use. It now transpires that the lower deck seating capacity is legally 29, and therefore their correct seating capacity is H49/29D.

General

Southend Transport is currently examining a second-hand Leyland Tiger/Duple Dominant coach, registered TDC853X, and formerly owned by Trindon Motor Services. No decision has yet been taken as to whether the vehicle will be purchased.

Service Developments

Southend Transport has recently applied for the following service revisions, which consolidate various revisions that have already been implemented :-

- X1 - Revised timetable.
- X10 - Revised timetable.
- X11 - Revised timetable.
- X31 - Revised route via A13, Pitsea Broadway (double run), A13, Lampits Hill, Southend Road, Manor Way, A1013, A1306 and A13.

Service Vehicles

Full details are now available regarding the Transport Dept.'s service vehicles, certain of which have not previously been recorded by the Group in the news sheet or our Fleet List Booklets. Vehicles currently in use are as follows :-

- 581 D727XDC Managing Director's car.
- 582 ——— To be the Company Secretary's car.
- 589 ——— Anti-freeze trailer.
- 590 B630WVX Bedford CF2 crew bus (and note that the fleet number of this vehicle is 590 and not 690 as previously recorded).
- 596 ——— Fork lift truck.
- 597 KHL525P Bedford G4 van (transferred from the Southend Borough Council haulage fleet during 1984).
- 598 RVW790W Bedford CF breakdown truck.
- 599 —TR— Seddon 13/4 breakdown truck.

HEDINGHAM OMNIBUSES LTD.

Although the Group's news sheet does not normally cover independent operators, we do include Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd. more regularly, in view of their various stage services throughout North Essex including certain joint services with Eastern National.

Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd. has kindly provided the Group with a full fleet allocation, and this information is published below :-

Sible Hedingham - code HD - colour red	: 176/7, 81-6/8/9, 95/7/8, 103/5, 116/8, 1124/7/8, 133/5	(22)
Kelvedon - code KN - colour green	: 178/9, 100-2/4, 111-4/7/9, 120	(13)
Little Tey - code CR - colour blue	: 174, 87, 94/6, 115, 121-3/5/6, 131/4	(12)

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALSInitial Disposals

3014 (SMS 40H) - Cannibalisation for spares/scrap at Central Works, Chelmsford has been almost completed, 8/86. (see also NS259-65/7/8).

Subsequent Disposals

- 9435 (PWC342K) - Still with Cleverly, Cwmbran, 7/86. (additional information to NS240).
 9446 (XVW634L) - Still with Appleton, Bridgend, 7/86, but vehicle remains in white, red and blue livery of Nicholls, Garway. (see also NS263).
 (453)(RPU060M) - Now reported as acquired by Shearing, Altrincham, 10/85. (additional information to NS266). Was transferred to Shearing's Whitchurch base, -/86 (to operate ex-Salopia services).
 (454)(RPU069M) - Now reported as acquired by Shearing, Altrincham, 10/85. (additional information to NS266). Was transferred to Shearing's Whitchurch base, -/86 (to operate ex-Salopia services).
 1201 (INO687T) - Still with Copley, Fosdyke, 6/86. (see also NS250).
 1212 (INO690T) - Still with Buchanan, Stretton Sugwas, 7/86. (see also NS246).
 2201 (JYW 430) - Brown (dealer), Chepstow, 7/86, ex. Langley and Mead, Withan (for preservation).
 2700 (80 TVX - now AHJ142A) - Exported to U.S.A., ca. 5/86, ex. dealer, London, W.10. (see also NS266).
 2717 (97 TVX) - Still with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd., X67, 7/86, and noted at Norwich (Cromorne Lane) works.
 2017 (HEV995B) - Acquired by unknown theatre company, Dingwall, by 4/86, ex. Lager Kitchens (N-PSV). Vehicle received a mechanical overhaul at SDG Engineering, Inverness, and is currently based at Drumnadrochit for body restoration.
 2024 (JHK459C) - Boston Doubledeckers Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., 010, by -/85, ex. Shoup Buses Inc., Middlebury, Indiana, U.S.A. (Now carries front radiator grille and registration number (1LJ440F) of former Hants and Dorset Bristol FL6L 1271).
 2037 (LWC663C) - Brown (dealer), Chepstow, ca. 5/86, ex. Tiverton Adventure Playbus Association (N-PSV).
 2920 (AEV014F) - Still with John Waddington Ltd., (N-PSV), Leeds, 8/86. (see also NS255/63).
 2931 (AVX973G) - Reported as being exported to Alaska, by -/86, via British Promotions, Norfolk, Virginia, U.S. (additional information to NS261).
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