

EDITORIALNew Publications

The following new publications are now available :

E.F.B. Eastern National Fleet List Booklet - 1980 edition

Price.....£0-25p plus £0-11p (postage).

E.P.2 Fleet List of Southend Transport

Price.....£0-10p (£0-12p non-members)
plus £0-11p (postage).

Both fleet lists are correct to March 31st, 1980 and orders should be directed to the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.).

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Southend/Castle Point/Rochford area dated March 1980 has recently been published. This includes full details of the recent Southend area timetable revisions and copies are available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at £0-20p each plus £0-20p postage and packing for each timetable.

Group Photographs

Will members please note that orders for the recently announced series of new black and white photographs (see NS192) should be directed to the Administrative Officer (address above) and not to the Photographs Officer. All photograph orders are at present being delayed for a short period and the Group apologises to those members who may be expecting photographs. This situation is due to illness to the Group's photograph printer and should be resolved within about two weeks.

Southend Meeting - Tuesday, May 20th.

An evening meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend commencing at 1930 hrs. for 2000 hrs. The meeting will be a film show featuring films on Buses in Bishops Stortford 1973-74 and the Crish Tramway Museum together with two other tramway films. Slides of the recent Grey-Green Tulip Rally in the Netherlands will also be shown. All members are invited to attend what should prove an extremely interesting evening.

Stour Valley Railway Preservation Group Exhibition, Saturday May 3rd.

The Group and the Southend Lusman Photo Service will each have a stand at this exhibition organised by the Stour Valley Railway Preservation Group, Southend Branch. The exhibition will feature a number of working model railway layouts and the venue is Trinity Methodist Church, London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea (between the Plough P.H. and Hamlet Court Road), from 1000 hrs. to 1900 hrs.

Historic Commercial Vehicle Club 'Wheels of Yesterday' Rally, Monday May 5th.

The Group and the Southend Lusman Photo Service will also have stands at this event which is being held over three days (May 3rd-5th) at Battersea Park, London. Will members please note that the Group and the SBPS will only be attending on the Monday (3rd day) of this rally.

Southend Historic Transport Rally, Sunday June 1st.

As usual the Group will have a stand at this rally, which was formerly known as the Southend Dus Rally. Full details will be published in next month's news sheet. In the meantime please make a note of the date.

The 'Southend Dusman'.

Will members please note that there is not an April edition of the 'Southend Dusman'. The next edition (No. 38) will be published in May and will be distributed with next month's news sheet.

New Vehicles

1925	MHJ721V	Leyland National	2	NL116L11/1R	06871	Leyland National	B49F
1926	MHJ722V	Leyland National	2	NL116L11/1R	06872	Leyland National	B49F
1927	MHJ723V	Leyland National	2	NL116L11/1R	06873	Leyland National	B49F
1928	MHJ724V	Leyland National	2	NL116L11/1R	06874	Leyland National	B49F
3072	K00790V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2270	E.C.W. DPLD39/31FD	23793		
3073	K00791V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2271	E.C.W. DPLD39/31FD	23794		
3074	K00792V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2272	E.C.W. DPLD39/31FD	23795		
3075	K00793V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2273	E.C.W. DPLD39/31FD	23796		
3076	K00794V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2274	E.C.W. DPLD39/31FD	23797		

1925-8 are the first vehicles of the 1980 order for Leyland Nationals. They are of the Leyland National 2 type incorporating the familiar roof pod and were delivered in all green livery. 3072-6 complete the 1979 order for Bristol VRTSL6Gs and, as with the previous batch (3067-71), have been delivered in dual-purpose livery for operation on service 400. External signwriting will also be carried on these vehicles to advertise this service and this will be applied at Central Works.

Delivery dates : 1925-8 - 3.80 3072/3 - 3.80 3074-6 - 4.80

A further eight Leyland Nationals (1929-36 MHJ725V etc.) are scheduled for delivery during May and will have chassis numbers 06943-50 inclusive.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Allocations & Transfers

1.4.80 1500 D/L-BE, 1785 D/L-BD, 1788 SD-D/L, 1925 D/L, 1926 D/L, 1927 D/L, 1928 D/L, 2784 CN-D/L (D), 2790 D/L (D)-CN, 2799 BE-D/L (D), 2806 CN-D/L (D), 2818 SD (PLDS)-D/L (D), 2823 SD (PLDS)-CF, 2825 SD-BE, 2832 CF-D/L (D), 2833 SD-CF, 2841 SD-CN, 2844 SD-D/L (D), 2849 SD-MN, 2890 HH-SD (PLDS), 2891 HH-SD, 2902 HH-SD, 2927 HH-SD, 2940 SD-D/L (D), 2945 CF-SD (PLDS), 3072 D/L, 3073 D/L.

14.4.80 1500 BE-DN, 2796 CN-D/L (D), 2842 DT-CN, 3000 DN-DT.

A complete fleet allocation incorporating the changes up to 1.4.80 appears on page 6.

Amongst many interesting re-allocations during April it will be noted that Southend (SD) no longer has an allocation of manual gearbox Bristol FLF6Gs. These have been transferred to a number of depots and have been replaced by five semi-automatic FLFs. Eight FLFs including three from SD were delicensed for disposal during April, whilst 2790 was reinstated for further service at CN. Harwich (DT) also lost its last manual gearbox vehicle and last FLF6G in the mid-April changes with the transfer of 2842 to CN. Bristol BELL6G 1500 was licensed for further service during April and will not be converted into a mobile Market Analysis Project (MAP) office (see NS190). After two weeks at BE this vehicle has now been transferred to DN for driver training work to replace VRT 3000 which is now at DT. As a correction to NS192 it should be noted that the two oldest Bristol FLF6Gs still in service are 2936 (BE) and 2790 (CN).

Re-built Vehicle

Bristol FLF6G 2819 (HEV997B) was fitted with the Gardner engine from 2784 (935 LWC) at Clacton depot during early April.

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 NS191 :-
February : w/e 22.2.80-1787 at PL, 1821 at CW, 3051 at PL; w/e 29.2.80-1413 at PL with the body dock undertaken by Hedingham & District, 1723 at PL, 2920 at CW, 3037 at CW; March : w/e 7.3.80-1409 at PL, 1545 at CW; w/e 14.3.80-1716 at CW, 1721 at PL; w/e 21.3.80-3039 at PL, 3047 at CW; w/e 28.3.80-2853 at PL, 2943 at CW; April : w/e 4.4.80-1785 at CW, 1789 at CW, 2922 at PL; w/e 11.4.80-1531 at CW, 2874 at CW; w/e 18.4.80-1537 at PL.

General

Leyland National 1920 from Harwich depot (DT) was used on two rail replacement services on March 5th from Harwich to Parkeston and from Harwich to Manningtree and return to cover a shortage of British Rail Diesel Multiple Units.

Service Revisions

An application has been made to increase fares on all stage services including those within the Southend Co-ordination Area, but excluding those operated jointly with other companies. An application has also been made to increase the price of Wanderbus tickets to £2-97p (adult) and £1-80p (child).

Increased fares on services over sections of route common with Colchester Borough Transport services were introduced on April 6th.

Stage Services

Revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

- 70 - Mondays to Fridays - to withdraw six journeys.
- 11 - Mondays to Fridays - to withdraw one journey, and one Chelmsford to Southend journey to terminate at Rettendon Common, Bell; Weekdays - to withdraw two journeys.
- 25 - To revise timetable (see also NS192).
- 31 - Mondays to Thursdays - to withdraw one journey.
- 105 - To introduce minor route revision.
- 149 - Service to be diverted to serve Burnt Mills Industrial Area.
- 233/4/5 - Running time to be increased due to realignment of Southernhay, Basildon.
- 330 - Mondays to Fridays - two additional journeys to be introduced and two minor timetable changes.
- 501 - Running time to be increased due to realignment of Southernhay, Basildon. New terminal to be Pitsea, Rail Station and service withdrawn between Pitsea and Felmore East.
- 502 - Running time to be increased due to realignment of Southernhay, Basildon. One return journey to be introduced on Mondays to Fridays from Felmore East, Tyefields to Burnt Mills Industrial Area.
- 503 - Running time to be increased due to realignment of Southernhay, Basildon. Service to be extended from Felmore East via Felmores End busway, Lanhams, Tyefields and Rectory Road to Pitsea on Weekdays. Service to continue to terminate at Felmore East on Sundays.
- 504/5 - Running time to be increased due to realignment of Southernhay, Basildon.

Application has also been made to revise the route of services in the Ongar area (32, 32A, 46, 46A, 47, 239, 260, 261) via the A128 following a recent renumbering of the A113.

Service revisions introduced recently have been as follows :-

- 2 - 23.3.80 (NS191); 11 - 24.3.80 (NS193), with leaflets describing the new timetable available from Company offices; 19 - From 23.3.80 service 19 was renumbered 91 between Maldon and Colchester, and now operates as two separate services, although through fares continue to be available with connections at Maldon. Timetable leaflets describing services 19/91 are available at Company offices; 26 - 25.2.80 (NS192), service renumbered 226 and two journeys withdrawn on Mondays to Fridays;
- 31 - 24.3.80 (NS193); 149 - 24.3.80 (NS193) with new timetable leaflet available at Basildon Bus Station; 151 - 23.3.80 (NS192); 153 - 24.3.80, one journey withdrawn on Mondays to Fridays; 233/4/5 - 23.3.80 (24.3.80 : 235) (NS193); 500 - Running time increased due to realignment of Southernhay, Basildon - 23.3.80; 501 - 24.3.80 (NS193); 502 - 23.3.80 (NS193); 503 - 23.3.80 (NS193); 504 - 23.3.80 (NS193); 505 - 24.3.80 (NS193).

A leaflet describing the recent service changes in the Basildon area is available at the Company's Travel Centre at Basildon Bus Station and also from the Basildon District Council offices at Fodderwick, Basildon.

The new Southend and District Joint Services timetable (see Editorial) was introduced from March 23rd and incorporated all the Southend area service revisions listed in NS190, NS192 and NS193, with the exception that proposed new services 9A (NS192) and 25B (NS192) were not introduced. It is hoped to introduce service 9A at a later date, whilst service 25B journeys will operate as service 25 via

Revised bus services were operated over the Easter holiday period. On Maundy Thursday (April 3rd) a normal Thursday service was operated with a Friday service on services 35, 37, 50/50B, 51/51B, 263, 305, 306, 314 and 316. On Good Friday (April 4th) a Sunday service was operated with the following exceptions :- 31 (additional journeys), 124 (no service), 147 (special service). On Easter Saturday (April 5th) a normal Saturday service was operated with the exception of service 100 where a special service was operated. On Easter Sunday (April 6th) a normal Sunday service was operated with the following exceptions :- 31 (additional journeys), 100 (Special service); whilst on Easter Monday (April 7th) a Sunday service was also operated with the following exceptions :- 31 (additional journeys), 100 (special service) and 124 (no service).

Express Services

Applications have been made to increase the fares on certain express services operated jointly with other operators. On joint services operated with Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Grey-Green Coaches Ltd., and Norfolk Services Ltd., an application has been made to increase fares by an average of 16% with Summer Saturday period return and single fares rising by no more than 22½% and day return and other period return fares rising by between 10-15%. On joint services operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd., Premier Travel Services Ltd. and Travel House (Luton) Ltd. an application has been made to revise fares to achieve an overall increase in revenue of 20%.

Revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

- 123 NEW SERVICE (Southend-on-Sea, Victoria Bus Station - Portsmouth, Winston Churchill Avenue). This service will operate jointly with the express service from Colchester to Portsmouth (also numbered 123) on Fridays, Sundays and Mondays from 23.5.80-21.9.80. If this application is granted by the Traffic Commissioners express services 120 and 128 will be modified.
- 127 (South Ockendon-Harwich) - to delete stop at Colchester (Bus Station).
- 136 NEW SERVICE (Ipswich, Grey-Green Coach Station, St. Margaret's Street - Dymchurch, High Street). This service will operate on Saturdays only from 24.5.80-20.9.80, and if this application is granted by the Traffic Commissioners the service will replace the previous express service 136 from Brentwood to Dymchurch and express service 122 will also be modified.

The licence held for the express service between Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Brighton (Pool Valley) (former express service 123) has recently been surrendered.

Excursions and Tours

Applications have been made to introduce feeder services for excursions and tours starting at Maldon (Bus Station) from South Woodham (Ferrers Arms), Stow Maries (The Bullocks) and Cold Norton (Three Ashes Corner) and for excursions and tours starting at Brentwood (High Street) from Aveley (The Ship) via Belhus, South Ockendon, Upminster, Hornchurch, Romford, Gidea Park and Harold Hill.

Applications have also been made to introduce the following additional excursions :-

- From Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station), Clacton-on-Sea (E.N. Coach Station) and Colchester (Bus Station) to Felixstowe and Anglia Vineyard.
- From Clacton-on-Sea (E.N. Coach Station), Colchester (Bus Station) and Harwich (Bus Station) to Basildon.

Leaflets outlining the range of Spring excursions are now available from Company offices. Amongst the wide variety of excursions are trips to the Ghent Floralis in Belgium during April and to the Spalding Carnival of Flowers on May 10th.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS192 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-

- April 6th : 1509 at SE, 1515 at HH, 1701 at BN, 1702 at BN, 1705 at SD, 1707 at CR, 1718 at SD, 1805 at HH, 1860 at BN and 2816 at CR. 1850 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) whilst 1802 and 2887 were at Central Works on this date.
- April 13th : 1509 at SE, 1515 at HH, 1701 at BN, 1702 at BN, 1705 at SD, 1707 at CR, 1730 at SD, 1734 at CN, 1805 at HH and 3018 at MN. 1917 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) whilst 1802 and 2887 were at Central Works on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during March were as follows :- 1.3-1519, 1768, 1783 with 1217 DT replacing 1204 which was at CN; 4.3-1532; 5.3-1527; 7.3-1217 DT was loaned to CN for private hire work; 9.3-1217 returned from CN; 10.3-1520, 1780; 11.3-1202 (for transfer to BD), 1526; 12.3-1202 to BD with 1210 returning from BD (for transfer to CN), 1404 replacing 1208 at CN, 1519, 1756; 14.3-1213 DT transferred on this date to DT from BS via CN with 1217 travelling from CN to BS; 15.3-1526; 17.3-1506, 3003; 18.3-1911; 19.3-1210 to CN (see above) with 1214 CF (CWDS) being loaned to DT; 21.3-1768; 22.3-1213 to Central Works for attention; 25.3-1911; 26.3-1780; 28.3-2802; 29.3-1520; 31.3-1210.

Other details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :-

- 8.3 - 1208 DT, 1217 DT and 1402 PL with Ipswich supporters to Everton F.C. - see also NS192.
- 24.3 - Southend Transport 215 on service 21.
- 26.3 - 3065 SD on service 23A.
- 28.3 - 1805 CF on service 2, whilst on loan to HH.
- 30.3 - 1610 CF on loan to Eastern Counties replacing LL836 which had failed at Chelmsford; 1805 CF noted on service 404.
- 1.4 - 1538 DN noted on service 154 at Chelmsford - normally a Leyland National working.
- 2.4 - 1798 SD noted on service 36; 3000 DN, but carrying MN depot plates, noted on driver training work in Chelmsford with appropriate boards on the front grille.
- 3.4 - 13XX Bristol MW5G saloon noted parked at Chelmsford Bus Station on Trade Plates.
- 7.4 - 1208 DT noted on express service 084.
- 9.4 - 1502 SD on service 253.
- 10.4 - Southend Transport 202 on service 21.
- 11.4 - 3028 SD noted on driver training work at Southchurch; 3063 DE noted on service 353; 3065 SD noted on service 25A.
- 13.4 - 1705 CF noted on service 22C; 1805 CF noted on service 5A; 3019 CF noted on a rail replacement service at Rochford.

Allocations of D/L (D) Vehicles - by personal observation.

CF - 2832,
 CW - 2753/71/99 2928,
 CN - 1440/8 2784 2806,
 PL (Yard) - 1423,
 SE - 1340/7 1451 2778,
 HD - 2783.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

Leyland PD2A/30 44 (OVX144D), which was withdrawn in January, was still at the depot during March and was receiving some mechanical attention when noted.

No further withdrawals have been reported to date although Leyland Atlanteans 46 (WEV746F), 50 (AVX 50G), and 52 (AVX 52G) all appear to be delicensed, whilst 49 (YWC649F) is also delicensed with accident damage (see NS191) and may be withdrawn.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

The standard Department of Transport bus stop signs which are now replacing the black and cream signs in the Southend Co-ordination Area (see NS192) differ from similar signs in that no operators' names are evident. At present they are also confined to bus stops on roads which are designated as clearways and other isolated cases.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS192)

9417 (HVW241H) - Did not enter service with Continental Pioneer, Richmond. In use as a seat store, by 2/80, still in full National white livery. (Additional information to NS182).

1213 (YFU 138) - Dealer, 6/78, ex. Manchester Airport Authority (N-PSV).

REMAINDER HELD OVER DUE TO LACK OF SPACE

EASTERN NATIONAL fleet allocation

This allocation is correct as at 1st April 1980 and includes the transfers listed in this news-sheet.

<u>DASILDON</u> (DN)	: 1513/4/38/45/8/50/1/4 1704/9/11-7/23/32/6/8/40-2/6/55/63/7 1772/6/86/94/5 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6 1887/9/91/6/8 1904/6-10/8/9/22 3000/7/8/10/6/34/56/66-8 (78)
<u>BISHOPS</u>	
<u>STORTFORD</u> (BS)	: 1000-4 1217 1914/6 2834 3005/36/41/7 (13)
<u>BRAINTREE</u> (BE)	: 1200/5 1500/42 1731/48/77/9 1813/57/63/82 2824/5/37/53/9 2936 3001/4/43/6/63 (23)
<u>BRENTWOOD</u> (BD)	: 1202/9/16 1510/1/7/24/30/1/5/40/3 1751/4/60/85/96/7 1800/9 1810/23/37-40/5/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3 2906/16 (36)
<u>CHELMSFORD</u> (CF)	: 1509/16/53 1610 1710/8/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2/4/5/11/5 1819/27/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/85/97/9 1905/15 2812/4/6/23/6/31/3/5/45/51/4/6/7/75/7/85-7/9 2905/19/26/39 3017/9/29/33/5 (68)
<u>CLACTON</u> (CN)	: 1210 1404/15/6/9 1505/6/8/19/20/3/6/7/9/32 1608 1756/68 1780/91/2 1825/6/34/58 1911 2790/6 2802/5/8/19/22/41/60/4/98 3003/31 (39)
<u>COLCHESTER</u> (CR)	: 1100-3 1207/15 1414/7 1503/7/12/28 1609 1724/69/89/90/3 1803/16/28/65/72/88/92 1923 2815/27/8/43/74 2913 3022/32/50 (35)
<u>HADLEIGH</u> (HH)	: 1501/18/37/41/6/9 1719/25/6/33/7/43/53/7/65/84 1817/21/35/64 1871/90 1900 2896/7/9 2900/7/9/10/22/4/5/43/4 3014/20/45 3060/1 (40)
<u>HALSTEAD</u> (HD)	: 1206 1544 1759/82 1924 2817/52 3058/9 (9)
<u>HARWICH</u> (HT)	: 1204/8/13 1521/2 1761/81/3 1901/20 2842 3027 (12)
<u>MALDON</u> (MN)	: 1201/12 1405/12 1525/39 1722/8/50/8/64 1806/31/3 1902/21 2801/21/49 3015/30/40/9/51 (24)
<u>PRITTLEWELL</u> (PL)	: 1203 1400-3/6-11/8 (12)
<u>SILVER END</u> (SE)	: 1211 1534/6 1739/45/9 1812/61/2 3037/9/55 (12)
<u>SOUTHEND</u> (SD)	: 1504/33/47/52 1729/35/44/7/66/70/3/87/98/9 1807/14/36/68/73 1875/93-5 2884/8/91-5 2901/2-4/8/18/20/1/3/7/9-31/46 3011-3/23-6/8/38/42/4/52-4/62/4/5/70/1 (63)
<u>WOOD GREEN</u> (WG)	: 2911/2/4/5/7 3021/48/57/69 (9)
<u>CENTRAL WORKS DOCKING SPARES</u> (CF-CWDS)	: 1214 1515 1700-2/5/7/8 1824 1917 - 2804/9 3002/18
<u>PRITTLEWELL WORKS DOCKING SPARES</u> (SD-PLDS)	: 1502 1720/1 2890 2945 3006/9 (7)
<u>DELICENSED FOR MAINTENANCE</u> (D/L)	: 1413 1727/88 1925-8 2300-3/83/4 3072/3 (15)
<u>DELICENSED FOR DISPOSAL</u> (D/L (D))	: 1340/7/61 1423/34/40/3/5-8/51 2379/82 2752/3/71-6/8/81/3/4/91/5/7-9 2806/7/13/8/32 2844 2928/40 (39)

NOTES

Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 dd omo.

Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 3 sd and 2 dd.

VEHICLE NOTES

1707 and 1917 are accident pool vehicles.

3074-6 have been delivered but were not allocated as delicensed (D/L) at April 1st.

The next full fleet allocation will be published in the August news sheet.

News Sheet Contributions

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