

EDITORIALSubscriptions - 1982

Members with subscriptions running from January to December each year will have received a membership renewal advice (the green form) with this news sheet. Unfortunately, subscription rates have had to be raised once again due mainly to two factors outside of our control, namely the now annual increase in postal charges and continuing rises in the cost of news sheet materials (stencils, ink etc.). Your Committee still feel that good value for money is being obtained by members despite these modest increases. Please forward your cheques/postal orders (crossed please) to the address shown on the form. Members should note that, to save costs no further reminders will be sent.

If for one reason or another you are not able to renew your subscription it would be appreciated if you could inform the Membership Secretary that you are not renewing and return your Group membership card.

Members are further reminded that wives and other close relatives, girlfriends etc., can be enrolled as Associate Members for only £0-30p for each person per year. Send full details of name and address together with remittance to the Membership Secretary with your renewal form.

The Membership Secretary, Bob Palmer, thanks everyone in advance for their co-operation.

East Ham Model Railway Exhibition - Saturday, November 28th.

Will members please note that the correct date of this event is Saturday, November 28th, and not as shown in last month's news sheet.

Southend Meeting - 1981 Christmas Film Show, Wednesday, December 16th.

Following the success of our previous Christmas film shows a similar event has been organised this year. The film show, which will feature four silent cine films, is to be held on Wednesday, December 16th commencing at 1930 hrs. in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend. The films to be shown are on the subjects of Essex area buses in the early 1960's, provincial operators in the 1960's, London Transport and London Country buses, and steam railways. All members and their guests are welcome to what should prove to be a very enjoyable evening.

1981 Photographic Competition

This competition was held at the November meeting at Southend, and the winners were :-

Colour - 1st : N. Lennox
2nd : J. Tebbutt

Black and White - 1st : P. Carr
2nd : D. Blumson

Group Photographs

Will members please note that the price of the Group's black and white photographs will be increased from January 1st, 1982, and that members wishing to order photographs at the current price (£2-13p each) should send their orders by the end of this year.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

At the time of writing, the three Leyland Olympians (4000-2) had not been delivered, and they are now expected to arrive during late November or early December. Following completion by Eastern Coach Works at Lowestoft it is understood that certain modifications will be carried out by Leyland Vehicles at Nottingham prior to delivery.

Withdrawn Vehicles

10.81	2303 (NTW943C)	2889 (WNO977F)	2919 (AEV813F)
	2382 (WNO 433)	2902 (WVX529F)	2946 (AVX975G)
11.81	1000 (MAR775P)	1002 (MAR777P)	1004 (MAR779P)
	1001 (MAR776P)	1003 (MAR778P)	

Of these vehicles, it is understood that 1000-4 and 2889 have been sold to W. Norths (P.V.) Ltd., Sherburn-in-Elmet (dealer), 2946 has been sold to a member of the Eastern National Preservation Group, and 2303, 2382 and 2902 have been sold to private buyers at Hadleigh, Leigh and Rochford respectively. The buyer of 2919 is unknown at the present time. Four of these vehicles (2303/82, 2902/19) were, of course, recently destroyed by fire at Prittlewell depot and only the remains of these vehicles have been sold. 2889 was also partially destroyed by the same fire at Prittlewell.

Allocations & Transfers

A number of additional allocations and transfers occurred during October as follows :-
10.81 3002 D/L-CF, 3007 CR-D/L (D), 3037 SE-DS, 3047 BS-D/L (D).

During November the Company has revised its allocation of Docking Spare vehicles. Previously these vehicles had been allocated to both Chelmsford (CF) and Southend (SD) depots to cover vehicles receiving attention at Central Works and Prittlewell Works. The codes CF (CWDS) and SD (PLDS) (and latterly SD (DS)) were used to denote these vehicles. Following the recent closure of Prittlewell Works, the Company has now revised this system and Docking Spare vehicles have now been dispersed to the larger depots to cover vehicles receiving attention at Central Works. In the following allocations and transfers the code (DS) denotes that the vehicle concerned is a Docking Spare at the depot listed.

11.81 1506 CF (CWDS)-CN, 1508 CF-D/L (D), 1513 CF (CWDS)-CF (DS), 1518 SD (DS)-SD, 1520 CN-D/L (P), 1530 SD (DS)-CN (DS), 1541 HH-CF, 1552 SD-D/L, 1700 CF (CWDS)-ED (DS), 1701 CF (CWDS)-CF (DS), 1702 CF (CWDS)-BN (DS), 1705 CF (CWDS)-CN (DS), 1707 CF (CWDS)-CF (Accident Pool Vehicle), 1708 CF (CWDS)-MN (DS), 1710 CF (CWDS)-CR (DS), 1720 SD (DS)-HH (DS), 1721 SD (DS)-LN (DS), 1824 CF (CWDS)-CF (DS), 1857 BE-HH, 1917 CF (CWDS)- (Accident Pool Vehicle), 3009 D/L (P)-D/L (D), 3010 SD (DS)-D/L (D), 3011 CR-D/L (D), 3014 D/L (P)-HH (DS)-SD (DS), 3015 MN-D/L (D), 3018 CF (CWDS)-CF, 3019 CF (CWDS)-BE (DS), 3029 CF-BN (DS), 3045 CF-D/L (D), 3125 D/L-MN, 3126 D/L-CF, 3127 D/L-CR, 3128 D/L-BE, 3129 D/L-LWA.

1729 and 3008 both remain allocated to SD as Docking Spare (DS) vehicles.

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 NS211 :-

October : w/e 10.10.81 - 3055 at CW.

w/e 17.10.81 - 1879 at CW.

w/e 24.10.81 - 1700 at CW, 1725 at CW, 1860 at CW.

w/e 31.10.81 - 1722 at CW.

November : w/e 7.11.81 - 1705 at CW, 1772 at CW, 1877 at CW.

w/e 14.11.81 - 1207 at CW.

Additionally, 3002 was repainted at Central Works during October (exact date unknown). Leyland National 1860 (YEV318S), allocated to Chelmsford (CF), has been repainted to incorporate a new 'unibus' advertisement for D.A. Cornell (Cars) Ltd., the Datsun dealers based at Bridge Street, Writtle. The advertisement is basically white in colour with blue and red lettering and it is anticipated that the vehicle will remain in service in this form for a period of 12 months.

Temporary Loans

Routine loans of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles to other depots during November have included 1724 (BN), 1851 (SD) and 3033 (BS). Of these vehicles, 1724 was noted on service 230 on November 13th and 1851 was noted on service 20 also on November 13th. 1824 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on November 8th, whilst on the same date 1209, 1866 and 1870 were at Central Works.

Only one report of a Southend (SD) vehicle on loan to another depot has been received during recent weeks. The vehicle concerned was 1721, which was on loan to LN on October 21st and noted on service 232. From the allocations and transfers listed above it will be noted that this vehicle has since been re-allocated to LN.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during October were 1050, 1208, 1402 (until 3.10 - see NS211), 1520/3/37, 1750/1/79, 1825, 3003 and 3031. Two Colchester (CR) vehicles were also on loan during the month, 1517 on 21.10-22.10 (replacing 1050) and 1521 on 3.10-5.10 (replacing 1545) and again on 7.10-8.10 (replacing 1532).

Service Developments

A new network of rural services was introduced in the Braintree, Halstead and Witham areas from Monday, November 2nd. Known as the 'Countrycar' service, these new services are being sponsored by Braintree District Council and Essex County Council, and are operated by Eastern National. A seven seat Peugeot estate car is being used on these services; however, the vehicle is owned by Braintree District Council and not by Eastern National, although it is driven by the Company's staff. A comprehensive set of timetable leaflets is available from the Company's local offices, or from Braintree District Council. At present, these services are being provided on an experimental basis, and for the initial period of operation a number of changes have been made to existing Eastern National services. A new circular service (329) is now provided on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Halstead (Old Station Yard) via Colne Engaine, Earls Colne and Greenstead Green, and this replaces certain journeys on services 323 and 325. Services 319 and 324 have been suspended, and there have been other timetable revisions affecting services 331 and 344. On a date to be announced service 320 will be withdrawn and a partial replacement service to Vauxhall Drive will be provided on Wednesdays only by the Countrycar.

Service 806 commenced operation from Colchester to Milton Keynes on October 6th, and a separate timetable leaflet is available for this service (see NS211).

A new 'Explorer' leaflet outlining possible Explorer routes from Braintree and Halstead has recently been published, and copies are available from the Company's local offices (see also NS205).

Other new timetable leaflets have recently been published for the following services :- 33 (and also showing E.C.O.C. service 112) - 2.11.81 (NS212), 75A - 7.9.81 (NS209), 87/A - 7.9.81 (NS209), 115/6 - 7.9.81 (NS209), 145-7 - 2.11.81 (NS211), 303/4 - 19.10.81 (NS212), 320 - 14.9.81 (NS208), 321 - 13.9.81, 431 - 19.8.81 (NS209), 435 - 21.8.81 (NS209), 451/2 - 18.8.81 (NS209), 461 - 27.7.81 (NS209), 470-3 - 6.11.81 (NS212), services to/from Stansted Airport (303/4/18) - 19.10.81, and Braintree town centre route alterations - commenced 13.9.81 (NS211).

Bus services in Saffron Walden town centre have recently been re-routed for a period of at least three months following the closure of Castle Street and High Street to allow new gas mains to be laid. From October 5th service 301 now terminates at Station Road, whilst from October 19th service 33 journeys into Saffron Walden have been re-routed.

Special excursions operated from a number of towns, including Basildon, Hadleigh, Shoeburyness and Southend to The Royal Wedding Presents Exhibition at St. James' Palace, London.

Brief details of service revisions which have been introduced over the past few months are as follows :- 2B - service withdrawn after 30.10.81 (and licence since surrendered) - see also NS211, 17 - from 27.7.81 service re-timed and extended to Belfairs (Woodcutters Arms) for a trial period of three months, 19A - 21.9.81 (NS211), 33 - 2.11.81 (NS212), 54 - 17.8.81 (NS208), 70 - 14.9.81 (NS211), 75/A/B/C/E - 7.9.81 (NS209 and 210), 87/A - 7.9.81 (NS209), 103 - 7.9.81 (NS209), 114 - 12.10.81 (NS212), 115/6 - 7.9.81 (NS209), 145-7 - 2.11.81 (NS211), 236 - 7.9.81 (NS209), 251 - one journey withdrawn from 2.11.81, 261 - 7.9.81 (NS210), 303/4 - 19.10.81 (NS212), 315 - 18.8.81 (NS208), 316 - 18.8.81 (NS208), 318 - 19.10.81 (NS211), 330 - 14.9.81 (NS211), 331/2 - 28.9.81 (NS211), 335 - 13.9.81 and 21.9.81 (NS211), 400 - 2.11.81 (NS212), 402 - from 16.8.81 additional picking-up and setting-down point introduced at Shooters Hill (The Bull), 501 - 21.9.81 (NS211), and 503 - 8.9.81 (NS209) and one other minor timetable change introduced from 2.11.81.

The Company has recently applied for a large number of service revisions, which will affect most services in North Essex, and brief details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

NEW SERVICES

- 34A - Ongar (Two Crews) - Abbess Mill (Telephone Box) via Moreton and Wyfield. To operate on Weekdays, and certain journeys to operate direct via 1104.
- 74B - Colchester (Bus Station) - Clacton (Bus Station) via Keelars Lane, Wivenhoe and St. Osyth.

- 79 - Colchester (Bus Station) - Harwich (Bus Station) via Parsons Heath, Burnt Heath and Great Bromley.
- 83 - Colchester (Bus Station) - Eight Ash Green - Wakes Colne - Great Tey - Colchester (Bus Station). Circular service to operate on Weekdays.
- 83A - The same route as service 83 in reverse. To operate on Weekdays.
- 124 - Clacton (Bus Station) - Holland (Fleetwood Avenue). To operate from Tuesdays to Fridays only.
- 460 - Blackmore (Bus Terminal) - Romford (St. Edward's Way) via Kelvedon Hatch and Coxtie Green. To operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- 470 - Braintree (Bus Park) - Ipswich (Bus Station). To operate on Tuesdays only on the following dates :- 10.11.81, 24.11.81 and 8.12.81.
- 471 - Colchester (Bus Station) - Romford (St. Edward's Way). To operate on Fridays only on the following dates :- 6.11.81 and 4.12.81.
- 472 - Kelvedon (White Hart) - Ipswich (Bus Station). To operate on Fridays only on the following dates :- 20.11.81 and 18.12.81.
- 473 - Colchester (Bus Station) - Romford (St. Edward's Way) via Tiptree. To operate on Fridays only on the following dates :- 13.11.81, 27.11.81 and 11.12.81.

Services 470-3 are to be operated on a trial basis, and if they are well patronised it is possible that they may continue during 1982.

SERVICES TO BE WITHDRAWN

The Company has applied to withdraw the following services :- 80A, 272, 273, 320, 333, 334 and 336.

RE-NUMBERED SERVICES

The Company has also applied to re-number, in part or in whole, the following services :-

- 88 - Certain journeys to operate via Great Tey and be re-numbered 88A, including one additional journey on Mondays to Fridays.
- 106 - Journeys operating via Tendring Heath Hospital and Wix to be re-numbered 126, and revised timetable.
- 315 - Braintree to Lindsell journeys are to be re-numbered 314. Two Lindsell journeys on Saturdays are to operate via Willows Green, with one other minor timetable change.
- 770 - Service to be re-numbered 726 (see NS211).

REVISED ROUTES

The Company is seeking to revise the routes of the following services :- 73/A (section of route via Maldon Road and Station Road in Tiptree to be withdrawn, and revised timetable), 74, 78A, 82 (revised terminals to be Colchester (Bus Station) and Fordham (Hounds Farm) with section of route to Marks Tey to be withdrawn, and revised timetable), 101 (and revised timetable), 103/4 (routes for certain short workings to be withdrawn, and revised timetable), 110 (revised terminals to be Clacton (Bus Station) and Clacton (Flatford Drive) and route via Clacton Rail Station to be withdrawn), 120 (for evening and Sunday journeys, and revised timetable), 121, 122, 260 (for Weekday journeys, and also for Sunday journeys from Blackmore to Ongar, with revised timetable), 262 (and revised timetable), 265 (revised terminals to be Brentwood (Rail Station) and Little Warley (Greyhound P.H.) with revised route via Childerditch Lane), 270/1 (revised terminals to be Warley (Woodman Road or Eagle Way) and Warley (Woodman Road or Eagle Way) (circular service) via Hutton Village, with revised timetable), 300 (to operate as a circular service to and from Bishop's Stortford (Station Road) with route via Linkside Road and Haymeads Lane), 303 (revised terminals to be Bishop's Stortford (Station Road) and Stansted Airport (Passenger Terminal), with revised timetable), 304 (and revised timetable), 309 (certain journeys to operate via Villior Sur-Marne Ave. and Thorley Lane, with revised timetable), 335 (revised route in Braintree to provide part replacement for service 320), and 344 (revised terminals to be Braintree (Bus Park) and Tolleshunt Knights (Village Hall), and revised timetable).

REVISED TIMETABLES

In addition to those services included above, the Company is also seeking to revise the timetables of the following services :- 33 (Mondays to Fridays), 47 (two journeys to be withdrawn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays), 49/A, 53 (one journey to be withdrawn on Mondays to Fridays, and one journey extended to Marks Tey, with a further journey withdrawn on Schooldays), 70/A (Braintree - Bishop's Stortford

section), 70A (Colchester - Notley Hospital section, and all journeys to Notley Hospital to be numbered 70B), 74A, 75A/B/C (Weekdays), 87/A, 91 (two journeys to be withdrawn on Mondays to Fridays, and revised Sunday timetable), 91A, 102 (two journeys to be withdrawn on Saturdays), 105 (Saturdays), 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 14 (and one journey to be extended to Kestral Way on Schooldays), 115, 116, 119 (one journey to be withdrawn on Saturdays, and revised Sunday timetable), 226, 239 (with minor route revisions), 251 (one early morning journey to now operate on Saturdays only), 261 (Sunday service to be withdrawn), 301 (two additional journeys on Weekdays), 302, 310-3, 316 (Tuesdays only), 321 (to incorporate part replacement for service 320), 325 (Mondays to Fridays), 330, 331/2 (and revised route for Coldnailhurst Ave. journey), 337 (two additional journeys on Saturdays), 338, 339 (one additional journey on Mondays to Fridays), 345, 400 (one additional journey on Mondays to Fridays), 452 (Tuesdays and Fridays), 461 (to operate on Wednesdays only), and 806 (to introduce an additional picking-up and setting-down point at Hitchin (t. Mary's Square) and revised route in Hitchin.

EXPRESS SERVICES

The Company has applied to revise the routes and timetables of express services 137 (Catford - Great Yarmouth) and 138 (East Croydon - Walton-on-the-Naze) (both joint with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd.).

Unusual Workings

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

- 10.9-2891 CF noted on 0805 hrs. service 57 journey from Woodham Mortimer (see also NS211).
- 18.10-3057 SD noted on a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Southend.
- 20.10-1931 MN noted on service 35.
- 22.10-3014 (without depot allocation plates) noted on service 9.
- 24.10-1506 CF noted on service 154, 1548 SD noted on service 11A.
- 25.10-3054 SD and 3107 HH noted on a rail replacement
- 26.10-1050 CN and 1750 CN both noted on loan to DT, with 1750 on service 103. 1056 DT and 3027 DT were both at CN, with 3027 noted on service 111. 1927 MN was noted on services 115 and 119, but this vehicle failed at Clacton and was replaced on service 119 by 1523 CN. 3003 CN was also noted on service 74A on this date.
- 27.10-1523 CN returned from MN on this date. 1734 CF noted on service 230, 1901 DT noted on services 74 and 101.
- 28.10-1522 CF noted on service 87, 1781 DT noted on services 74 and 110, 3027 DT noted on services 106 and 112.
- 29.10-1050, 1025 and 3031 (all CN) noted on loan to DT, whilst 1781 DT was noted on service 109. 3027 DT returned to DT on service 106 on this date. 3060 HH was noted on service 20 after the failure of a SD vehicle at Rayleigh Station.
- 30.10-1527 DT noted on services 74 and 119.
- 31.10-1056 DT noted on service 110, 1705 CF noted on service 119.
- 1.11-1545 DT noted on loan to CN.
- 2.11-1527 DT noted on service 111, 3125 MN noted on service 31 (first day in service), 3126 CF noted on service 55 (also first day in service).
- 3.11-1513 CF noted on service 350, 2888 (carrying Trade Plates) noted passing through Chelmsford on route from Prittlewell to Central Works - this vehicle was still at Central Works on 12.11, 3014 (without depot allocation plates) noted on service 20.

General

Some additional information is now available regarding vehicles fitted with tachographs, and this corrects the information previously published in NS202. The full list of vehicles which currently carry tachographs is as follows :- 1050-9, 1200-17, 1300/1, 1400-19, 1858/82/94/9, 1905/11/3/5/8/20/2-4/8/35/6, 3003/22/7/31/2/9/50/5/6/8/9/63 3077-85. The three Leyland Olympians (4000-2) will also be fitted with tachographs.

Service 402 from Southend (Central Bus Station) to London (Victoria) is again being operated by Leyland National vehicles following a period of 2-3 months when Bristol VRT's were the predominant vehicle in use on this service.

The Essex Chronicle newspaper, which serves the mid-Essex area, carried a two page feature about the Company's operations on Friday, November 13th, and included a number of interesting photographs.

Allocations of D/L (D) and D/L (P) Vehicles

Some additional information on the latest allocations of delicensed vehicles is available and this should be used to update the information published in recent news sheets.

Central Works (CW) : 1519, 1602.

Halstead (HD) : 1004, 1503/11, 2875.

Maldon (MN) : 1000-2, 1500/38, 2908, 3005/11/5.

Silver End (SE) : 1100/1/3 1515/24.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTVehicles Sold

The following vehicles have recently been sold and have now left Southend Transport premises :-

209 (GJN509D)	218 (MJN218F)	340 (CJN440C)	345 (MHJ345F)
215 (MJN215F)	334 (CJN434C)	342 (CJN442C)	347 (MHJ347F)

Of these vehicles, it is understood that 209 and 334 have been sold to members of the Castle Point Transport Museum Society, whilst the other vehicles have passed to a Yorkshire dealer.

General

Leyland Fleetline 222 (XTE222V) has been on loan to the Havering training school of the Road Transport Industry Training Board since November 13th, whilst similar vehicle 227 has returned to Northern Counties for attention to body corrosion problems.

A further three Leyland Fleetlines (237/9/41) now carry offside 'T'-style advertisements for Case Olden (Travel) Ltd. of Westcliff (see also NS211).

Two Daimler Fleetlines remained on loan to Lesney Products & Co. Ltd., Rochford during October and November. The vehicles concerned were : week commencing (w/c) 12.10-362/8; w/c 19.10-360/5; w/c 26.10-362/79; w/c 2.11-362/5; w/c 9.11-358/60; w/c 16.11-364/5.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS211).

2746 (EOO 588) and 2748 (EOO 590) - Both to Dealer, Ingham, 3/77. (correction to NS210).
2800 (DVX676D) - Fuel Electrics, Great Bromley (N-PSV), as staff canteen, 8/81,

ex. Osborne, Tollesbury.

2827 (JHK462C) - Irvine, Law, 6/81, ex. dealer, Grays, and subsequently withdrawn by Irvine, also 6/81.

2834 (LWC660C) - Irvine, Law, 6/81, ex. dealer, Grays.

2860 (RHK345D) - National Playbus Association, 1/81, on behalf of Merton Community Association Playbus. (see also NS210).

2864 (RVW390D) - Irvine, Law, by 8/81, ex. dealer, Grays.

2928 (AVW397F) - Entered service with Citybus, Hong Kong in 9/81. Numbered D21 and re-registered CR 2146. A COLOUR PRINT OF THIS VEHICLE WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GROUP.

362 (OO 9550) - Costain Mining, B2, 1/76. (N.D. Fleet number D2 has also been reported for 390 (11 DLY) with Costain Mining, Fife - clarification/confirmation requested).

9424 (LWC975J) - Withdrawn by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 55, by 5/81.

425 (LWC976J) - Withdrawn by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 56, by 5/81.

9426 (LWC977J) - Withdrawn by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 57, by 5/81.

1414 (2739 VX) - Hanson, Goole (N-PSV), 10/79, ex. Stanlake, Ipswich, 5. (additional information to NS211).

509 (EPU190G) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81.

REMAINDER HELD OVER TO NEXT MONTH (NS213)

News Sheet Contributions

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