

EDITORIAL

West Country Weekend Coach Tour - Friday, August 22nd to Monday, August 25th.

Bookings for this tour are presently very low, and the tour is in danger of being CANCELLED, which will be a great pity bearing in mind the considerable effort required to organise it. A tour to the West Country has been requested for many years but the response so far is very disappointing. If you are intending to come on the tour please book as soon as possible, since a decision as to whether to operate the tour must be made before August 1st.

Rochford Meeting - Tuesday, September 9th.

There will not be a meeting at Rochford during August, and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9th. Please mark the date in your diary.

New Publications

The Group now has a stock of the following publications from the Bus Enthusiast Publishing Company, which are available at the prices stated :-

Bus Enthusiast Summer Special	- £1.25
Bus Enthusiast 1985 Review	- £2.95
Demonstration Buses	- £4.50
Daimler Rear-Engined Buses	- £4.95

These books are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 19, Watkins Way, Shoeburyness, Essex. SS3 9NX) post free. Alternatively, a small discount will be available to members purchasing the books at the next Rochford meeting (see above).

Members are reminded that the 1986 edition of the Eastern National Fleet List Booklet (E.F.B.) is still available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at a price of £0.90 (inclusive of postage and packing).

The Group also has in stock copies of the following books, brief details of which have been included in recent news sheets :-

Southend Corporation Transport - Trams, Trackless and Buses, by Richard Delahoy	- price <u>£5.95</u> (post free)
Eastern National In Focus : Vol. 1, by Derek Stebbing	- price <u>£4.50</u> (post free).

Orders for these books should also be directed to the Administrative Officer.

Advertisement

Mr. B.R. Smoothery of 78, Symons Avenue, Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex has available for sale a number of publications, fleet lists and photographs dating from the mid-1950's. The material all relates to the Eastern National fleet, and includes about 30 lists from the now defunct Essex Bus Spotters Club (1954-6), fleet list books including depot allocations and a small number of high quality black and white photographs. Members who may be interested in purchasing any of these items should contact Mr. Smoothery direct at the above address, or by telephone on Southend-on-Sea 526750 (Home) or Southend-on-Sea 68692 (Work).

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 Clacton/Walton/Harwich area (Area 4) (dated June 1986), and copies are available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at £0.57 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

The three new Leyland Olympian double-deck coaches (4510-2) were delivered to Central Works during early-July, with 4510 being delivered on July 3th and 4511 being delivered on July 4th. However, the vehicles are being returned to Eastern Coach Works, Lowestoft for rectification and modifications and, at the time of writing, 4511/2 had returned to Lowestoft. The vehicles were not licensed but carried their booked registration numbers

0510-2HJN. However, it now seems unlikely that the vehicles will enter service with the Company prior to August 1st, and they are likely to receive D-prefix registration numbers. Full details of these vehicles will be published in due course, but they are fitted with a modified front end incorporating a single line destination display together with slight modifications to the rear end. In other respects, including their livery, they are similar to older vehicles 4500-9.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

The five former East Midland Ford Transit mini-buses 0600-4 (C600NPU etc.) are all currently Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA), and are being used at various locations for driver training work and other duties. For example, certain vehicles have been in use at Walthamstow (WW) to ferry drivers to/from terminal points, whilst 0600 was noted on a schools journey at Clacton on July 3rd.

Vehicles On Hire

United Counties Leyland National 562 (KRP562V) was returned to its owners on June 20th having completed its period of hire. Similar vehicle 453 (NBD453M) was also returned to United Counties during early-June for a PSV test, but this vehicle returned to Eastern National on June 20th, and has now been re-allocated to Chelmsford (CF) depot. Additionally, a further Leyland National vehicle is also now on hire from the United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., and details are as follows :-

UCOC 483 RNV483M Leyland National 11351/1R 01463 B49F New 7/74

This vehicle was received on hire on June 6th, and is allocated to Harwich (DT) depot. The various other United Counties vehicles that were listed in NS266 and NS267 all remain on hire to the Company at the depots listed in those news sheets, with the exceptions that 453 has moved from Harwich (DT) to Chelmsford (CF) and 465 (ORP465M) has moved from Braintree (DE) to Bishop's Stortford (BS).

The two Alder Valley Ford Transit mini-buses 322/3 (0322/3RPE) remain on hire, and they continue to be used on driver training work in the Chelmsford area. It is not yet known where these vehicles are likely to operate in service.

The Iveco 79.14/Caetano Viana L B24F mini-bus C99 NNV remains on hire from Salvador Caetano (UK) Ltd, and continues in service on services 252/4 in the Waltham Abbey area. It is understood that this vehicle is on hire for a period of six months (from early-April), and prior to commencing its period of hire to Eastern National this vehicle had been on loan from Salvador Caetano (UK) Ltd. to Strathmartine, Dundee. The vehicle is currently allocated to Brentwood (BD) depot.

Four Mercedes-Benz L608D/Rootes B20F mini-buses are also now on hire from Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd. The vehicles were received on hire from June 18th, and preliminary details of these vehicles are as follows :-

Maidstone & District 1013	C213EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	_____	Rootes B20F	_____
Maidstone & District 1018	C218EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	_____	Rootes B20F	_____
Maidstone & District 1020	C220EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	_____	Rootes B20F	_____
Maidstone & District 1021	C221EKJ	Mercedes-Benz L608D	310327-20-721571	Rootes B20F	1797

These vehicles are being used to ferry drivers and other staff to/from Walthamstow (WW) depot, and are allocated as follows :- 1013-Basildon (BN), 1018-Southend (SD), 1020-Braintree (DE), 1021-Basildon (BN). The vehicles are all in a green and white livery.

Allocations & Transfers

7.06 1797 BD-WW, 1810 BD-WW, 3024 DE (P)-DE, 3070 CR-MN, 3095 MN-CF, 3108 CF-CR, 3500 D/L-CN, 3501 D/L-CN.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3003 (CPU982G) has now been allocated for permanent use on driver training work at Chelmsford (CF), and this vehicle is no longer licensed for PSV operation. Accordingly, it should now be regarded as part of the service vehicle fleet, having been withdrawn from the operational fleet during late-June. However, 3002 (CPU981G), which is currently allocated to Chelmsford (CF) for driver training work, is still licensed for PSV operation.

The two Alder Valley Ford Transit mini-buses (322/3) and the four Maidstone & District Mercedes-Benz L608D mini-buses (1013/8/20/1) are all officially allocated as licensed Pool vehicles (PL (P)).

Before the implementation of LRT tendered routes, a number of vehicles were to be found working in full 'CityBus' livery as shown by 3104 on the 20 in Southend Central Bus Station.

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Also on the 20, LRT route 20 that is, at Loughton Station is 3124. Loughton Station is now a most colourful place to visit with Wests, Sampsons and Eastern National providing vehicles in their respective liveries, none of which resembles the drab red London Buses that once haunted this area.

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No doubt pining for the sea air and serenity of its former depot at Clacton is 1779 seen between journeys on LRT 206 at Walthamstow Central. The destination blind shows that the 206 now terminates at Chigwell Station instead of Loughton Garage which is now closed.

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Eastern National have on loan from Caetano (UK) Ltd this Iveco 79.14 with a Caetano Viana 24 seat body. The vehicle is used on a number of LRT contracted journeys in the Waltham Cross area and is seen in Chingford working service 252 .

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Some twelve vehicles are at present on loan from United Counties to fill in for vehicles redeployed on the LRT tendered routes. Bristol VRT 856 (OVV 856R) is seen in Rayleigh High Street. The UCOC VRs are distinguished by the Orange advertisement surrounding the destination screen whilst the Leyland Nationals have a white waistband.

(AM)

venturer Travel of Southend have been providing cover for the Rochford Leisure Bus service (see N/S 267) or as in this case working a shuttle service between Rayleigh Station and Hawkwell Clements Hall on the occasion of the National Flower Arranging Festival on 27 June. Venturer Travel have been awarded the contract for Sunday operation of route 6 in Southend.

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Service Developments

The Company has applied for a number of service revisions during recent weeks, and brief details of these changes are as follows :-

- 74/74A - Daily : Revised timetable.
- 100 - Revised route via Frinton Road, Kings Avenue and Kings Parade, to replace section of route via Eastcliff Avenue and Third Avenue.
- 105 - Mondays to Fridays : 1700 hrs. journey from Walton (Bus Station) and 1735 hrs. journey from Weeley (Wayland Tea Rooms) to be both withdrawn.
- 106 - Weekdays : 1130 hrs. journey from Clacton (Bus Station) and 1235 hrs. journey from Harwich (Bus Station) to both operate 10 minutes later.
- 153 - Weekdays : 2004 hrs. journey from Basildon (Bus Station) to operate 10 minutes later.
- 330 - Mondays to Fridays : an application has been made to introduce two minor timetable revisions to the timetable submitted with the Local Service Registration for this service (to commence on October 27th).
- 503-6/24 - Revised route via Southernhay, Great Oaks, Linkway, Broadmayne, Ghyllgrove, Whitmore Way, Eastmayne, Ashlyns and Rectory Road (B1464). Return as outward route reversed to Ghyllgrove thence Southernhay. See also NS267 - revised timetable from March 16th.
- 751 - NEW SERVICE to operate between London (Wood Green, High Road) and Southend (Central Bus Station) on Thursdays (from July 24th to August 28th) and Sundays (from July 6th to August 2nd), and also on the Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday (August 25th). There are three return journeys on Sundays (0735/1735/1835 hrs. ex. Southend and 0840/0940/2040 hrs. ex. Wood Green) and one return journey on Thursdays (0940 hrs. ex. Wood Green and 1735 hrs. ex. Southend). Service operates via Turnpike Lane, Tottenham (Seven Sisters Station), Walthamstow (Bell P.H.), South Woodford, Gants Hill, Newbury Park, Romford and Gidea Park (Gallows Corner). The last picking up point on journeys to Southend is at Gallows Corner, and this is the first setting down point on journeys from Southend.
- 752 - NEW SERVICE to operate between Brentwood (Bishops Hall Estate, Clarence Road) and Ramsgate (Harbour) on Wednesdays only from July 30th to August 27th. There is one return journey departing from Bishops Hall Estate at 0830 hrs. and from Ramsgate at 1745 hrs. Service operates via Harold Hill, Gidea Park (Gallows Corner), Romford, Elm Park, Hornchurch and Upminster to Canterbury, Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate.
- 753 - NEW SERVICE to operate between Collier Row (Double Top P.H.) and Walton (The Naze) on Sundays (from July 6th to August 31st), Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday (August 25th) and Tuesdays and Fridays (between July 22nd and August 29th). There is one return journey departing from Collier Row at 0850 hrs. and from Walton (The Naze) at 1730 hrs. Service operates via Chase Cross, Romford, Gidea Park (Gallows Corner), Harold Hill, Brentwood, Shenfield, Ingatestone, Chelmsford and Springfield (Pump Lane) to Clacton, Frinton and Walton.
- 801 (Southend-Peterborough) - Service operates Daily between May 17th and September 27th. Service calls at Duxford (Imperial War Museum) on Sundays only, and additional picking up/setting down points introduced at Swavesey Turning and Norman's Cross.
- 802 (Chelmsford-Hunstanton) - Service operates on Mondays and Wednesdays (May 19th-September 24th) between Chelmsford and King's Lynn, and on Saturdays (May 17th-September 27th) between Chelmsford and Hunstanton.
- 803 (Braintree-Sheringham) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th via Halstead, Colchester, Ipswich, Scole, Norwich, Wroxham, North Walsham and Cromer.
- 804 (Southend-Norwich) - Service operates Daily between May 17th and September 27th. Additional timing point introduced at Stonham (Brewers Arms P.H.).
- 805 (Southend-Great Yarmouth) - Service has been re-numbered from National Express service 133. Operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Hadleigh, Basildon, Chelmsford and Witham to Kessingland, Lowestoft, Corton, Hopton and Great Yarmouth.

- 806 (South Ockendon-Hensby) - Service has been re-numbered from National Express service 135. Operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, with revised route between South Ockendon and Basildon via Belhus, Aveley, Grays, Chadwell St. Mary, Linford, Stanford-le-Hope, Corringham and Homesteads (Maokley Drive).
- 807 (Chelmsford-Hensby) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Braintree, Halstead, Sudbury, Dury St. Edmunds, Scole, Bungay, Beccles, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth and Caister.
- 808 (Clacton-Hensby) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Weeley, Elmstead Market, Colchester, Ipswich, Lowestoft, Corton, Hopton, Great Yarmouth and Caister.
- 809 (Southend-Dovercourt) - Service operates on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between May 17th and September 27th, with journeys between Southend and Clacton and between Southend and Dovercourt (Caravan Camp) (Saturdays only).
- 810 (Southend-Skegness) - Service operates on Saturdays only between May 17th and September 27th via Hadleigh, Basildon, Hutton, Shenfield, Brentwood, Harlow, Bishop's Stortford, Huntingdon, Stanford, Market Deeping, Spalding and Boston.
- 812 (Clacton-Luton) - Service operates on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between May 17th and September 27th, via Weeley, Elmstead Market, Colchester, Kelvedon, Witham, Braintree, Stansted Airport, Bishop's Stortford, Harlow, Hertford, Hatfield and St. Albans.
- 813 - Service to be suspended until further notice.
- 816 - Service to be suspended until further notice.
- 820 (Sudbury-Basildon) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Halstead, Braintree, Chelmsford, Stock and Billericay.
- 821 (Ipswich-Westwood) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Marks Tey, Kelvedon, Witham, Chelmsford, Basildon, Canterbury, Herne Bay, Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate.
- 822 (Bishop's Stortford-Dover) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Harlow, Ongar, Brentwood, Shenfield, Hutton, Basildon, Rochester, Chatham, Maidstone, Ashford and Folkestone.
- 823 - Service to be suspended until further notice.
- 824 (Southend-Hastings) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Hadleigh, Basildon, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Eastbourne, Bexhill-on-Sea and St. Leonards.
- 825 (Southend-Selsey) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Rayleigh, Basildon, Brighton, Worthing, Bognor Regis and Chichester.
- 826 (Southend-Newport (I.O.W.)) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th, via Hadleigh, Basildon, Guildford, Havant, Portsmouth, Ryde, Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor.
- 827 (Southend-Poole) - Service operates on Saturdays only from May 17th to September 27th via Hadleigh, Basildon, Southampton and Bournemouth.
- 828 (Southend-Newport (I.O.W.)) - Service operates on Sundays only from May 18th to September 28th, via Hadleigh, Basildon, Brighton, Worthing, Bognor Regis, Chichester, Portsmouth, Ryde, Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor.
- 834 - NEW SERVICE from Clacton (Bus Station) to Brent Cross (Shopping Centre) via Weeley, Colchester, Kelvedon, Witham and Chelmsford, to operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from Saturday 8th.

The Company has also applied for licences in respect of London Regional Transport services 20, 167, 206, 252, 253, 254 and 275. Services 206 and 275 are included in the same licence application, and full details of these services have been published in previous news sheets.

Open-top bus services have recently been re-introduced in the Clacton area. Open-top Bristol VRTSL6G's 3500 (WN0546L) and 3501 (NPU974M) are operating on two services numbered 100 and 200 between Great Clacton (Highfields Holiday Park) and St. Osyth Deach via Holland (Valley Farm Holiday Park), Clacton, Atlas Park, Jaywick (Three Jays P.H.),

Sacketts Grove and Chester Camp. Service 100 operates on Mondays to Fridays and Sundays until September 19th, whilst service 200 operates on Saturdays only until September 20th. Service 200 is a variation of service 100 and is routed via Clacton (Rail Station). Both services are being marketed as 'Coastliner' services, and the two vehicles (3500/1) are painted in a distinctive red and yellow Coastliner livery.

From Monday, July 14th, the Company has introduced a new service on Mondays to Fridays between Basildon (Bus Station) and Pitsea (Broadway) via Whitmore Way and Ashlyns. The service is numbered 502, and operates at an hourly frequency between 0932 and 1432 hrs. (ex. Basildon) and between 1002 and 1502 hrs. (ex. Pitsea). The route revisions listed above in respect of services 503-6/24 incorporate this new service.

From Sunday, June 29th, in response to the introduction of local fares between Basildon and Southend by Southend Transport on their X1 group of services, the Company has reduced its day return fare between Basildon and Southend on services 2, 400 and 402 to £1.90.

Essex County Council has recently published details of the first batch of successful tenders to operate services under Service Subsidy Agreements. The published information does not include route numbers, or details of timetables and frequency of operation. Accordingly, the information published below is restricted to the terminal points and the name of the successful operator. Further details will be published if they become available, although the best source of information is likely to be the new series of timetables now being published by Essex County Council. Brief details of the tender results are as follows :-

Eastern National O.C. Ltd.

Stebbing-Chelmsford (BE15)
 Braintree-Colchester (BE16)
 Boaking-Black Notley (2 tenders) (BE17/BE18)
 Basildon-Billerica (BN2)
 Basildon-Industrial Area (BN4)
 Chelmsford-Grays (2 tenders) (BN8/BN10)
 Colchester-Chelmsford (2 tenders) (CD6/CD7)
 Braintree-Romford (CD8)
 Chelmsford-Romford (CD9)
 Halstead-Ongar (CD10)
 Halstead-Chelmsford (CD11)
 Colchester-Braintree (CR4)
 Colchester-Halstead (CR7)
 Wakes Colne-Halstead (CR8)
 Clacton-Wivenhoe (2 tenders) (CR18/CR26)
 Colchester local services (CR20)
 Ambrose Avenue-Greenstead South (CR21)

West Bergholt-West Mersea/Severalls-Monkwick (CR22)

Great Tey-Colchester (CR28)
 Brightlingsea-Clacton (CR28)
 Braintree-Bishop's Stortford (DW4)
 Maldon-Burnham (MN1)
 Latchingdon-Burnham (MN2)
 Bradwell-Maldon (MN3)
 Althorne-Little Baddow (MN4)
 Chelmsford-Maldon/Heybridge Basin (MN5)
 Maldon-Colchester (2 tenders) (MN7/MN8)
 Maldon-Chelmsford (MN9)
 Maylandsea-Chelmsford (MN10)
 Maldon-Pitsea (MN11)
 Southend-Sutton Cemetery (SD1)
 Southend-Eastwood (SD3)

Colchester Borough Transport

West Bergholt-West Mersea (CR23)
 Monkwick Estate-Ipswich (CR24)
 Lexden-North Station (CR25)
 Old Heath-Monkwick (CR29)

Old Heath-St. Helena School (CR30)
 Colchester local services (CR31)
 St. Michaels-Colchester (CR32)
 Rowhedge-Colchester (CR33)

Southend Transport

Canvey-South Benfleet (CP5)
 Rochford-Paglesham (RD5)
 Ashington-Rochford (RD6)

Southend-Southchurch (2 tenders) (SD4/SD6)

Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd.

Braintree-Springwood (BE7)
 Fuller Street-Braintree (BE9)
 Great Bardfield-Braintree (BE10)
 Halstead/Coggeshall-Braintree (BE11)

Braintree-Broomfield Hospital (BE12)
 Watchhouse Green-Braintree (BE13)
 Halstead-Colne Engaine (BE14)
 Maldon-Witham (MN6)

East Midland Motor Services Ltd.

Brentwood-Romford (BD2)
 Wanley-Sawyers Hall Lane (BD4)

Blackmore-Warley (BD6)
 Ongar-Warley (BD7)

Frank Harris (Coaches) Ltd.

Drentwood-Dulpham (BD3)

Aveley-Orsett Hospital/Orsett Hospital-Grays/ Aveley-Grays/Grays-Tilbury (TK4)

Grays-Stifford Clays/Grays-Ockendon (TK3)

Clinton

Bishops Hall Estate-Hornbeam Close (BD5)

Southend-Foulness (RD4)

Fargo Coachlines

Stebbing-Draintree (BE3)

Nelson Coaches

Wickford-Chelmsford (DN1)

Laindon-Pitsea (DN9)

Basildon-Industrial Area (2 tenders) (DN3/DN5)

North Benfleet-Basildon (DN7)

Biss Brothers Coaches

Bishop's Stortford-Saffron Walden (BS3)

Henham-Bishop's Stortford (BS5)

Harlow-Chelmsford (CD3)

F.C. Moore Ltd.

Thaxted-Bishop's Stortford (BS6)

Saffron Walden-Great Dunmow (SW9)

Takeley-Saffron Walden (BS7)

Webbs Coaches

Ongar-Chelmsford (CD4)

Fyfield-Ongar (CD12)

Pleshey-Chelmsford (CD5)

Wicklow Avenue-Moulsham Lodge Estate/
Galleywood (CD14)London Country Bus Services Ltd.

Chelmsford-Harlow (CD2)

Harlow-Romford (2 tenders) (HW1/HW14)

Basildon-Orsett Hospital (TK1)

Harlow-Walthamstow (2 tenders) (HW2/HW6)

Basildon-Romford (TK2)

Harlow-Potter Street (HW11)

Belhus-Ockendon (TK6)

Uplands Estate-Fobbing (TK3)

Castle Point Bus Company

Canvey-Rochford (CP1)

Linford-Grays (TK7)

South Benfleet-Canvey (CP2)

CharterCoach

Colchester-Draintree (CR3)

Harwich-Colchester (CR14)

Colchester-Halstead (CR6)

Colchester-Clacton (3 tenders) (CR15/CR16/
CR17)

Colchester-Harwich (2 tenders) (CR9/CR10)

Harwich-Wecley/Walton-Colchester (CR11)

Wivenhoe-Brightlingsea (CR19)

Clacton-Great Oakley (CR12)

Colchester-Easthorpe/Fingringhoe (CR27)

Clacton-Manningtree (CR13)

Sampson Coaches & Travel Ltd.

Harlow town services (HW3)

Harlow-Katherines (HW12)

Harlow Circular (HW4)

Harlow-Potter Street (HW13)

Blue Diamond Coaches

Harlow schools services (HW5)

Potter Street-Templefields (HW9)

Latton Bush-Templefields (HW8)

Harlow-Pinnacles (HW10)

Daylan Coaches

Epping-Chigwell (HW7)

Southend Radio Cars

Rochford-South Fanbridge/Paglesham (RD7)

Stephensons Coaches

Leigh-Woodlands Park (SD2)

Venturer TravelSouthend-Eastwood (SD5)

The code numbers in brackets after each service refer to the Essex County Council tender number, and this may be useful for future reference to Service Subsidy Agreements. The information previously published in NS266 regarding routes to be operated under Service Subsidy Agreements can be used as a basis for cross-referencing the above details; for example, tender number DE15 refers to service 316 whilst tender number CD5 refers to services 52/A/D. However, the above information represents only the first batch of Service Subsidy Agreements, and further tenders are due to be considered by Essex County Council in due course.

Members may be interested to know that London Regional Transport has recently invited tenders to operate a further batch of routes in the Greater London area. The tender closing date is August 11th, and the routes involved are services 4 (Archway-Waterloo), 42 (Camberwell Green-Aldgate East), 62 (Hainault-Barking), 110 (Cranford-Twickenham), 153 (Archway-Islington 'Angel'), 173 (Becontree Heath-Stratford), 196 (Norwood Junction-Drixton), 209 (Purley-Elners End) and 297 (Willesden-Ealing Broadway).

With reference to the above information regarding Service Subsidy Agreements, and the successful tender by Eastern National to operate a service between Great Tey and Colchester (tender number CR28), the June edition of the Great Tey Parish News reports that the service will replace the present Countrycar service and will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. One return journey will be operated, departing from Great Tey (Church) at 0930 hrs. and from Colchester (Bus Station) at 1315 hrs.

Publicity News

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

- Timetable leaflets - an informative set of timetable leaflets has recently been published by the Company's Brentwood and Havering District. The leaflets were published during mid-July and are effective until October 25th; seven leaflets have been published for services 151, 226/265/266, 239/260/261, 251, 262, 347 and 350.
- other timetable leaflets have recently been published for services 100/200 (dated May 24th), 502 (dated July 14th) and 751/752/753 (dated July 6th, and being marketed as 'Buses to the beach').
- other leaflets published recently provide details of bus services to/from Harold Hill (undated) and to/from Silver End (dated June 1986).

Excursion leaflets - a leaflet (dated July 21st) with details of excursions from Chelmsford to Ipswich and Felixstowe (Mondays), Rochester/Greenwich (alternate Tuesdays), London (Wednesdays) and Burnham-on-Crouch/Canvey (Thursdays) operating until August 28th.

- a leaflet with details of excursions from Braintree, Silver End and Witham during July and August, including Seaside Special excursions on various dates to Clacton.

National Express services - a timetable leaflet for service 085 (North London-Walton-on-Naze) dated April 27th.

Temporary Loans

There are a small number of temporary loans to report this month. At Southend (SD), Bristol VRTSL6G 3018 (SMS 44H) is currently on loan from Maldon (MN), having recently moved from Clacton (CN); it was noted on service 24A on July 1st and also on service 25 on the same date. At Hadleigh (HH), 3093 DD was on temporary loan between June 20th and July 5th, and this vehicle was subsequently noted operating from Southend (SD) depot, being observed on service 20 on July 13th.

At Bishop's Stortford (BS), Bristol VRTSL6G 3004 (CPU983G) was an unusual vehicle loan during mid-July, whilst at Braintree (BS), 3055 SE was on loan on July 14th being noted on service 70 on that date.

Unusual Workings

Details of unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks are as follows :-

20.5-1123 CR observed on service 88.

28.5-3066 CF noted on service 82, but still carrying Colchester (CR) depot plates.

4.6-1600 CN was another vehicle at The Derby, Epsom racecourse (additional to NS267).

- 18.6-3084 SD, 3085 HH and Southend Transport 342 noted on a private hire working at Southchurch Park, Southend.
- 19.6-1125 SD noted at Thorpe Day on service 20.
- 20.6-3501 CN was first noted at Clacton (CN) depot on this date; it entered service on service 100 on 25.6, although subsequent press reports indicated that operation of open-top vehicles commenced on 26.6. 1110 CN was observed on service 100 on 20.6.
- 21.6-1114 MN noted on service 96; 2201 CF was observed on a private hire working at Hatfield Peverel.
- 22.6-4021 SD was observed on service 400.
- 23.6-1115 CR noted on service 83, and again on 30.6; 2203 CF was observed at Sevenoaks on a private hire working.
- 24.6-United Counties 465 (ORP465M) was noted at Hatfield Heath on service 49; 1848 DN was noted on LRT service 206, complete with correct destination blinds; 3112 CF noted on an ASDA service at Wickford.
- 25.6-United Counties 483 (RNV483M) noted on service 103; 1115 CR was observed on service 107, and again on 26.6 suggesting that this service is now being operated by Colchester (CR) depot; 3087 SD noted on service 400.
- 26.6-The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies (NAFAS) festival was held at Clements Hall, Hawkwell on 26.6 and 27.6. A free courtesy bus service was provided between Rayleigh Station and Clements Hall on both days using Rochford District Council Daimler Fleetline 555 (WJN348J) and Venturer Travel AEC Reliance WJG471J - see Photo-News. On 26.6, Southend Transport 231/7, 370/1 operated a shuttle service to the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea where a related function was held, whilst 253 operated an excursion from Clements Hall. On 27.6, Southend Transport 246/7/9, 250/1 operated excursions from Clements Hall to Elmstead Market.
- 28.6-1115 CR noted on Highwayman service 808 at Colchester; 1132 CN (in Highwayman livery) noted at Coventry (Pool Meadow Bus Station) on National Holidays tour no. 033 (York and the Lakes); 3120 DN noted at Hatfield Peverel on a private hire working; 4508 DN noted on a private hire journey at Barking.
- 30.6-1123 CR noted on service 88, and again on 4.7; 3094 BD noted at Romford on service 451.
- 2.7-Southend Transport 389 noted on service 20 at Thorpe Day.
- 3.7-Mercedes-Benz mini-bus 0205 noted on service 102, and it has been reported that these vehicles have a number of regular workings on other services extending beyond the Clacton area - further details would be welcomed; Ford Transit mini-bus 0600 noted on a schools journey at Clacton; 3024 DE observed on service 38.
- 5.7-United Counties 465 (ORP465M) noted at Saffron Walden on service 301; Southend Transport 213, 338/40 operated a private hire journey to Great Yarmouth (on hire to Thorn's Coaches, Rayleigh).
- 6.7-1785 BD was noted on service 400, probably operating a duplicate journey; 1913 BD noted on service 753; Southend Transport 254 operated a private hire journey for Laser Travel to Winchester.
- 7.7-1603 CF noted at Southend (SD) depot.
- 8.7-1796 DE noted on service 53; 3112 CF noted on an ASDA working at Wickford.
- 9.7-1651 CF observed on service 338 at Witham; United Counties 453 (NBD453M) was noted on service 351.
- 10.7-1116 SD noted in the new dual-purpose livery on service 795; 3035 CF noted at Burnham-on-Crouch; 9021 CF noted at Southend (SD) depot, and again on 11.7; Southend Transport 231 was observed on service 20; Southend Transport 386 noted on driver training work at Rawreth.
- 11.7-1802 WW noted at Barking-side on LRT service 275; 1837 BD noted at Walthamstow on service 251; Southend Transport 397 failed at Queensway whilst operating service 63.
- 12.7-3039 DS was noted at Chelmsford on a rail replacement service.
- 13.7-1838 BD noted on service 251; 1877 BN was noted at Basildon on service 402; 3068 DN, 3069 CF, 3077 CF, 3080/1 BD and 3106 CF operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster; 4018 BD noted on service 753; 4502 DS and 4508 DN were both noted on excursions at Walton-on-Naze; Southend Transport 233 and 307 were used as control vehicles at Southend seafront during the Southend Raft Race.
- 14.7-1115 CR noted on services 88 and 119.

Service Vehicles

As noted above, Bristol VRTSL6G 3003 (CPU982G) should now be regarded as part of the service vehicle fleet.

Bristol VRTLL6G 9021 (LFS300F) is currently in use as a training vehicle for the new Wayfarer ticket machines, and has been at Hadleigh (HH) and Southend (SD) depots during

recent weeks. It is not being used for driver training work at the present time.

The recently acquired Ford D0910 lorry CDV413T is currently being fitted with a HIAB crane by Collier & Sons (Truck Builders) Ltd., Great Totham. It had been stored at Chelmsford (CF) depot during late-June, and the vehicle remains in Herald Engineering Ltd. livery.

Vehicle Repaints

As a correction to the information published in last month's news sheet, it should be noted that Leyland National 1709 (WNO558L) has not been repainted, and the entry for that vehicle should be deleted.

Further to the information published in NS266, the open-top livery of Bristol KSW5G 2303 should more appropriately be described as traditional cream/green livery.

The Company has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks, and this continues from the information published in NS267 :-

June w/e 21.6.86 - 3500 at CW (Coastliner open-top red and yellow livery) (additional to NS267).

w/e 23.6.86 - 1797 at CW (New livery - London version), 1843 at CW (New livery), 3048 at CW (New livery).

July w/e 5.7.86 - 1116 at CW (New livery - dual purpose yellow/green version), 1756 at CN (New livery), 1010 at CW (New livery - London version).

w/e 12.7.86 - 3050 at CW (New livery).

19.7.86 - 3091 at CW (New livery).

Leyland National's 1855 (YEV313S) and 1071 (YEV329S), Leyland Tiger 1111 (HHLJ372Y) and Bristol VRTSL6G's 3071 (K00709V) and 3007 (STW 31W) are currently in the paintshops at Central Works. Leyland Tiger 1111 is receiving a special yellow and black livery, together with signwriting, for new service 333 (Bishop's Stortford-Stansted Airport).

Leyland Tiger 1114 (HHLJ375Y) is currently being repainted at Maldon (MN) depot in the new dual-purpose livery, first carried by similar vehicle 1116 SD.

An unconfirmed report indicates that Leyland National 1750 BT and Bristol VRTSL6G 3030 CN have also recently been repainted in the new livery. Further details will be published as soon as they become available.

General

Following the establishment of Eastern National Engineering Ltd. as a separate company from January 1st, various Trade Plates are now used solely by that company, including 404 VX and 560 VX. Among the Trade Plates now used solely by Eastern National O.C. Ltd. is 397 VW.

The following vehicles are currently fitted with a tachograph :- 0200-24, 1050-9, 1110-33, 1300-10, 1600-3, 1779/00/9/91/7, 1800-3/10/25/6/58/82/94/9, 1905/11/3/5/6/8, 1920/2-4/8/35/6, 2200-3, 2303, 3022/31/2/9/50/5/6/8/9/63/77-85/94/6, 3100-2/4-7/9, 3110/3/5/6/8-21/3-6, 3500/1, 4000-21, 4500-9.

Work is now complete on the conversion of Bristol VRTSL6G 3026 (WNO546L) to open-top configuration, and the vehicle has now been re-numbered 3500. The seating capacity of this vehicle is now 039/31F, and it has been painted in the red and yellow open-top livery with Coastliner signwriting. It should be noted that similar vehicle 3501 also carries Coastliner signwriting, and not vinyls as previously published. Both vehicles have now entered service at Clacton (CN) depot.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

It can now be confirmed that Leyland Atlantean's 49 (YWC649F) and 50 (AVX 50G) were both sold during early-May to Lister (dealer), Bolton.

General

Bristol RELL6L's currently out of service are 21 (OWC721M), 26 (SWC 26K) and 28 (SWC 28K). Similar vehicles 16 (YWC 16L), 19 (OWC719M) and 24 (SWC 24K) had returned to service by June 19th, June 24th and June 23rd respectively, whilst 23 (OWC723M) has not yet entered the paintshops to be repainted in the new livery.

Leyland Atlantean 55 (JHK495N) sustained accident damage at Maldon Road, Colchester on July 5th whilst operating service 1A.

Leyland Atlantean's 52 (MVK546N), 71 (TFU 71R) and 81 (YNO 81S) had returned to service by July 11th, June 23rd and June 26th respectively, whilst 63-5 (NNO 63P etc.) and 88 (KVV 88W) are currently out of service at the Magdalen Street depot. Both 55 (JHK495N) and 87 (MEV 87V) are also currently out of service, but were not present at Magdalen Street on July 12th.

Amongst various unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks, Bristol RELL6L 24 (SWC 24K) was noted on service 74A on July 5th, Leyland Olympian 41 (C41 HHJ) was noted on service 4 on June 26th with similar vehicle 42 (C42 HHJ) being noted on service 1 on June 12th/23th and on service 74A on July 8th. Leyland Atlantean 51 (MVK530R) was noted on service 5A on June 6th, whilst 55 (JHK495N) was noted on service 74A on June 26th, 58 (JHK493N) was noted on service 1 on July 5th and 60 (JHK500N) was noted on service 1 on June 28th.

Further to the information published on page 7 of this news sheet, Essex County Council tender number CR25 has been awarded to Colchester Borough Transport. This service will operate between Lexden (Straight Road, Dugard Avenue) and North Station and will be numbered 15. The timetable provides peak-hour journeys on Mondays to Fridays, and this service will replace the peak-hour journeys on services 9/9A and 19/19A.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

Two Daimler Fleetline's have recently been acquired from Derby City Transport for spares only, principally their Gardner engines. The body of one vehicle will pass to Darlington School as a static playbus to replace former Nottingham City Transport Leyland PD2 10 ATO, which will pass back to Southend Transport and then for scrap. The other Daimler Fleetline will be broken up by Southend Transport, and details of these vehicles are as follows :-

Derby 264	OCH264L	Daimler Fleetline	CRG6LX	-----	Roe H44/34F	-----	New -/73
Derby 269	OCH269L	Daimler Fleetline	CRG6LX	-----	Roe H44/34F	-----	New -/73

Both vehicles were delivered to Southend by July 1st.

Work is continuing on the overhaul of Van Hool Astronema 258 (NDS041Y), and this vehicle has not yet been returned to Van Hool's factory.

Re-built Vehicles

Leyland Leopard coach 205 (DTE205V) is currently being fitted with a DAF DKDL engine.

It is planned to use the two Gardner engines from the former Derby City Transport Daimler Fleetline's listed above to convert certain Southend Transport Daimler Fleetline's. It is understood that 394 (JTD394P) may be one of the vehicles involved.

Daimler Fleetline 309 (Q553MEV) has recently been fitted with a tachograph, and this is the first of this batch of vehicles (306-10) to be converted in this way.

Repaints of the Leyland Fleetline's 221-42 have recently been completed.

Vehicles On Hire

A Freight Rover Sherpa demonstrator was on loan to Southend Transport on July 7th, when it operated two journeys on service 23. The vehicle is registered C684WNX and is fitted with Carlyle Conversions B20F bodywork. No Southend Transport fleet number was allocated to the vehicle during its short period of loan.

Various coaches have been hired to other operators during recent weeks. On June 28th, Leyland Leopard's 212/3 (LAK304/3W), 335 (WRO435S), 340 (YHD 20T) and 347 (XWX184S) and Leyland Tiger 215 (A215PEV) were all hired to Eastern National, in the main for excursions to Wembley for the Wham! concert. Additionally, on the same date three coaches were hired to Stephenson's Coaches, Hullbridge, two coaches were hired A.P.T. Eurotravel, South Denfleet and one coach was hired to each of Channel Coachways, Southend, Frost's Coaches, Leigh-on-Sea and Thorn's Coaches, Rayleigh. On June 30th, Leyland Leopard 330 (BHO440V) was hired to Eastern National, although details of its use are not known.

Also on June 30th, Leyland Leopard 219 (SPN669X) was hired to Eastbourne Borough Transport

and this vehicle remained on hire to Eastbourne D.T. at July 12th. It is understood that this vehicle is being used as a standby vehicle for the new London Liner service (jointly operated with London Buses Ltd.), and may we appeal to any member who has photographed the vehicle on this service to contact the Group's Events Secretary, Richard Delahoy, at 120. Yarnacott, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS3 8AW. please.

General

It has not previously been reported that from June 1st, the X1 group of services now include the facility for passengers to be picked up at stops in the Basildon area for travel to any other stops. The only restrictions on these services are now that passengers cannot be both picked up and set down within the sections from Southend (Central Bus Station) to South Benfleet (Tarpots Corner), from Rainham (Dovers Corner to Upney (Thatched House), from Canning Town to Hammersmith and from Piccadilly Circus to Heathrow Airport.

An unusual private hire working to report is that on July 6th/7th, Van Hook Astronaga 257 (0257TILJ) was hired to Limebourne Ltd., London, S.W.8 (with a Southend Transport driver) for a trip from Marble Arch to Kenilworth. The vehicle stayed overnight at Kenilworth, before travelling to Manchester Ringway airport on July 7th and then returning dead to Southend later that day.

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OTHER OPERATORS

Although we do normally include details of vehicles owned by other operators in this news sheet, members may be interested to know that Essex Police have recently acquired an extremely modern vehicle. This is a Volvo B10M coach with Flaxton Paramount C55F coachwork, registered C580KN0, and is in a white livery.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Initial Disposals

3014 (SMS 40H) - Still being cannibalised and broken up for spares/scrap at Central Works, Chelmsford, 7/86. (see also NS259-65/7).

Subsequent Disposals

- 425 (LWC976J) - Reported as Breaker, Carlton, by 9/85, ex. Continental Pioneer, Richmond. (Previously reported in NS225 as passing to Breaker, Wombwell, by 11/82 - clarification awaited).
- 1408 (X00877L) - Withdrawn by Cheltenham & Gloucester Omnibus Co. Ltd., 2091, 5/86.
- 1411 (X00880L - now CSV 231) - Now allocated to Weston-Super-Mare depot by Badgerline Ltd., 2082.
- 1412 (X00881L - now CSV 303) - Now allocated to Weston-Super-Mare depot by Badgerline Ltd., 2083.
- 1419 (GJD195N - now CSV 618) - Now allocated to Bristol (Marlborough Street) depot by Badgerline Ltd., 2085.
- 1511 (FVX613H) - Green (dealer), Weymouth, by 6/86, ex. Nightingale, Dudleigh Salterton. Subsequently passed to Jones (dealer), High Wycombe, 7/86.
- 2874 (STW762D) - Withdrawn by Caterfoods, Torquay, 3/86, having been damaged in an accident. It was noted stored at Devon General's Torquay garage, 4/86. (further information to NS243).
- 2885 (WN0973F) - Withdrawn and used for spares by Stagecoach, Perth, 2/86. (additional information to NS267).
- 9017 (LFS289F) - Is CH44/18F with Top Deck Travel, and is named "Stretch". (additional information to NS249).

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