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EDITORIAL

Fleet List Booklets

The Maidstone & District/East Kent/Maidstone Transport booklet referred to last month is priced at 50p (post free). Copies of our fleetlist booklet are still available at 18p (post free).

Southend Bus Rally - Sunday 1 June

The Group will have a stand at this event, details next month.

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New Vehicles

3048 JN0189N Bristol VRTSL6G 2/1038 E.C.W. LD39/31FD 21187
Delivery date: 3048 - 4.75

3049-51 (JN0190-2N) are to follow shortly. Could the seating capacity be verified please.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

4.75 1606 (BN0107B) to B49F (O.M.O)
2613 (AVX974G) is at present undergoing conversion to a stage carriage vehicle at Central Works, Chelmsford.

Allocations & Transfers

4.75 1228-D/L, 1301-CF, 1318-BN, 1332-BS, 1359-BD, 1447-SD, 1701-D/L, 1719-CY, 1740-SD, 1741-SD, 1742-SD, 1743-SD, 2019-D/L(D), 2491-D/L, 2496-D/L, 2527-D/L, 2816-MN, 2818-SE, 2832-BS, 2946-SD.

1318 (213 MHK) which was at one time on the disposal list has been overhauled and returned to service. 1319 (214 MHK) will also be similarly treated.

Later allocation (by members observation) : 2791 - BD

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 32 Sunday service to be withdrawn.
- 37 Section of route between Chelmsford and Woodham Walter (Spring Elms) to be withdrawn.
- 100 To be re-instated for summer period.
- 101 To be extended to Point Clear Bay (Spine Road).
- 105 Section of route between Maldon and Stanway (Zoo) to be withdrawn.
- 107-9/21 Terminal at Jaywick Sands to be re-named Jaywick Sands (Bus Terminal).
- 110 Terminal at Bockings Elm to be Flatford Drive. Route to be as authorised to St. Osyth Road thence Coopers Lane, Rush Green Road, Cloes Lane, Hadleigh Road, Dedham Avenue, Kersey Drive and Flatford Drive. Return route via Flatford Drive, Cloes Lane and as outward route reversed.
- 121 Terminal at Little Clacton to be Meadowview Caravan Camp.
- 130 Revised route between Clacton and Chester Caravan Camp to be via Jackson Road, West Avenue, Pier Avenue, Marine Parade East, West Road and Jaywick Lane.
- 153 To be withdrawn, to be replaced by service 154.

154 To operate to Billericay via service 152 route, thence via Perry Street to Billericay (Rail Station).

316 Saturday service to be withdrawn.

General

1341 (2731 VX) has carried its modified destination screens since mid 1972 at least. (additional information to NS132)

2781 (994 K00) has had a selective registration number plate fitted at the front.

2934 (185 XN0) is at present operating with destination blinds formerly used in the Guy Arab double deckers, which incorporate both final and service number. Hence the service number is displayed twice.

Vehicles are now appearing with their unladen weights in metric units, examples noted to date include Bristol MW saloons 1339 (2729 VX) - 6706 Kg., 1417 (2742 VX) - 7176 Kg.

Grays Bus Station did not open on the scheduled date (see NS132). This was due to the necessary variations to running times not having been completed. It is now anticipated that the station will now open in May.

A new timetable has been introduced for the South West area, it has a yellow cover (darker than that for the North East area) and is dated 16 June 1974 (amended to include revisions to 2 March 1975).

Some Bristol LD's have recently been used for filming and private hire work at Wood Green. 2535 (58 PPU) was used in a recent programme in the 'Dave Allen at Large' series. The vehicles were operated to and from Wood Green on services 151/251, being exchanged at Brentwood for Bristol FLF's. 2515 (352 LPU) was similarly used during April.

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

1	HDX904N	Leyland AN68/1R	7405765	Roe	H43/29D
2	HDX905N	Leyland AN68/1R	7405764	Roe	H43/29D
3	HDX906N	Leyland AN68/1R	7405763	Roe	H43/29D
4	HDX907N	Leyland AN68/1R	7405661	Roe	H43/29D
5	HDX908N	Leyland AN68/1R	7405660	Roe	H43/29D

Delivery dates:	1 - 18.2.75	3 - 21.2.75	5 - 7.2.75
	2 - 17.2.75	4 - 10.2.75	

These vehicles are in a slightly different livery to the Leyland Atlantean/E.C.W. repaints. The cream on the lower panel is extended almost to the bottom of the skirt panels, and a between decks green band has been re-introduced, although not as wide as on the other Roe bodied examples. The vehicles carry the new style utility fleet numbers in black.

Withdrawn Vehicles

3.75 23 (EPV 23) This is the last A.E.C. Regent III in the fleet.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

All Daimler Fleetlines and saloons have now been equipped with fareboxes. "No change" plates are now carried by all Fleetlines and also by saloons 206/7/16-8 at least. Plates have not been fitted to 208/9 (GJN508/9D) due to the difficult design of the cab door which does not facilitate a simple conversion. Albion Lowlanders 325/8/31 (7089/92/5 HJ) have also been fitted with "No change" signs but not have fareboxes.

Open top Leyland PD3 311 (PHJ 950) has been repainted with a slightly revised livery, Details to follow. Daimler Fleetline 348 (WJN348J) has also been repainted, thus re-beginning the cycle, it has also been fitted with reflective registration plates.