

EDITORIAL

Subscription Renewals for 1985 - A Reminder

If you have not yet renewed your subscription for 1985, then please do so as soon as possible using the renewal form enclosed with last month's news sheet. Although subscriptions can be renewed at the Annual General Meeting in January, it would be appreciated if subscriptions could in fact be renewed in advance to enable the Membership Secretary to join in the social celebrations before 1630 hrs! Thanks to all who have renewed so far, and Season's Greetings from the Membership Secretary, Bob Palmer.

Annual General Meeting/Southend Co-ordination Agreement Anniversary Tour/Group Social Evening - Saturday, January 12th, 1985.

Members are reminded that a special programme of events has been arranged to coincide with the Group's Annual General Meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 12th, 1985. Full details were contained on the booking form enclosed with last month's news sheet, and all bookings for the Anniversary Tour and Social Evening should be sent as soon as possible to Richard Delahoy, Events Secretary, 120. Yarnacott, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 8AW.

Group Photographs - Rockhampton City Council Leyland National

The Group's Photographs Officer, Peter Snell, has recently obtained a photograph of a former Grampian Regional Transport Leyland National in service with Rockhampton City Council, Australia. Members can purchase a copy of this photograph, together with a fleet list of Rockhampton City Council, at a price of £0.50 (inclusive of postage and packing) by writing direct to Peter Snell at 6. Mandeville Way, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4LH.

Reproduction of Elderly 'National' Timetables

Photo-copies (A3 size, double-sided) are now available of two elderly 'National' timetables from the Chairman & Founder's timetable collection. These are both for the CHELMSFORD & DISTRICT area, and are dated as follows :-

National Steam Car Company - 8th December, 1919.

National Omnibus & Transport Co. Ltd. - 19th July, 1923.

The photo-copies cost £0.25 each, or £0.45 for the pair, and please add £0.15 postage to each order. All orders should be directed to the Group's Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq.,) at 563. London Road, Hadleigh, Essex. SS7 3EA.

If you are interested in obtaining photo-copies of other items from the Chairman & Founder's timetable collection, then please contact him directly for the introductory circular. His address is 7. Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex. IG3 8LT.

Eastern National O.C. Ltd. - Retirement of Chief Engineer

Mr. J.L. Jepson, Chief Engineer of Eastern National O.C. Ltd., will retire at the end of December. Mr. Jepson began his bus career as an apprentice with Eastern National in 1936, but after war service in the Royal Navy he then worked outside the bus industry for a number of years. He rejoined the industry as Area Engineer with Lincolnshire Road Car Co. Ltd., subsequently becoming Chief Engineer with Eastern National and then Group Chief Engineer with National Travel (South East). He returned to Eastern National in 1978 following the restructuring of National Travel (South East). The Committee would like to thank Mr. Jepson for his considerable assistance to the Group over many years, and also take this opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement.

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This news sheet being the last before the festive season, the Committee would like to convey to all members the Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 1985. The Committee would also like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group, and we look forward to having another successful year in 1985.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

At the time of writing, MCW Metroliner coach 1602 (B459WHJ) remained at Kent Engineering (NDC) Ltd., Canterbury for accident repairs, although it is expected that the vehicle will be returned to Eastern National during mid-December.

Withdrawn Vehicles

11.84	1410 (X00879L)	1415 (GJD198N)
	1413 (X00882L)	1416 (GJD199N)
	1414 (GJD197N)	

Additional information regarding the new owners of these vehicles is included under Eastern National Disposals on page 8.

Acquired Vehicles

Leyland Leopard coach 1310 (ANA 94Y) was delivered to the Company from Eastern Coach Works Ltd., Lowestoft on December 5th (see also NS247/8). The vehicle has now entered the paintshops at Central Works and will be repainted prior to entering service. It is understood that 1308-10 are leased vehicles, and that the lease has been taken over from Ribble Motor Services Ltd. Further to the information in NS247, 1308/9 were fitted with semi-automatic transmission during late-November, with this work being undertaken at Central Works, and 1310 will be similarly converted prior to entering service.

Former Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) Leyland National 1660 (KCG618L) will now be converted into a disabled persons' bus, and it will enter service with fleet number 2201. It will be converted in a similar fashion to 2200 (UCO 46L), incorporating a centre exit and ramp, and conversion work has started at Central Works. The revised seating capacity of this vehicle will be published as soon as details become available, and it is expected that the vehicle will enter service at Basildon (BN) or Clacton (CN).

Re-built Vehicle

Bristol REML6G 1548 (WN0537L) has been converted into a mobile office in connection with a major survey of passengers that will be undertaken during early-1985 (see under General news below). The vehicle has been fitted with a flat floor, tables and cupboards, and the interior luggage racks have been removed. The vehicle retains fleet number 1548, and it is currently at Central Works awaiting the commencement of the passenger survey.

Vehicle On Hire

The mobile publicity vehicle (TDV217J) currently on hire from Western National Ltd., Plymouth was also still at Central Works during mid-December, prior to being used at Colchester Bus Station during the forthcoming redevelopment of the Company's travel office.

Allocations & Transfers

12.84 1117 BD-DT, 1409 D/L (D)-D/L, 1530 CN (DS)-CN, 1546 CF (DS)-CF,
 1700 BD (DS)-BD, 1701 CF (DS)-CF, 1704 BN (DS)-BN, 1705 CN (DS)-CN,
 1708 MN (DS)-MN, 1710 CR (DS)-CR, 1720 HH (DS)-HH, 1721 BN (DS)-BN,
 1729 SD (DS)-SD, 1824 CF (DS)-CF, 3019 BE (DS)-BE, 3024 SD (DS)-SD,
 3066 CR-CF, 3067 BN (DS)-BN, 3078 SD-CR, 3083 CF-SD.

The Company has removed the classification of certain vehicles (1530/46, 1700/1/4/5, 1708/10/20/1/9, 1824, 3019/24/67) as Docking Spare vehicles, and there is no longer an official allocation of these vehicles. Additionally 1707 CF and 1917 CF are no longer classified as Accident Pool vehicles. 1546 CF is now classified as a Private Hire vehicle (in addition to 1542 BE, 3000 BN and 3047 DT, as listed in NS248).

Bristol VRTSL6G 3078 (STW 22W), which carries an overall advertisement livery for Field & Trek (Equipment) Ltd., Brentwood, has now been re-allocated to Colchester (CR). 3066 (UVX 3S) has moved to Chelmsford (CF) as the replacement vehicle, although 3058 (LJN653P) has also been noted on Chelmsford area services during recent weeks.

Service Developments

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

- 1 - Revised timetable.
- 3 - Revised timetable.
- 4/4A - Revised timetable.
- 5/5A - Revised timetable.
- 6 - Minor route revision, and revised timetable.
- 6A - NEW SERVICE from Southend (Central Bus Station) to Eastwood (Kent Elm, Broomfield Avenue) via Westcliff (Rail Station), First Avenue, Chalkwell Avenue, London Road, Hainault Avenue, Prittlewell Chase, Kenilworth Gardens, Mountdale Gardens and Eastwood Road North. Service to operate on Schooldays.
- 6B - NEW SERVICE from Westcliff (High Schools) to Southend (Central Bus Station) via Kenilworth Gardens, Southbourne Grove, Chalkwell Avenue, First Avenue, Westcliff (Rail Station), Cambridge Road, Scrutton Road, Alexandra Street and Heygate Avenue. Service to operate on Schooldays.
- 7 - Revised timetable.
- 16 - Revised timetable.
- 17 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 18 - Revised timetable.
- 23 - Revised timetable.
- 23A - Revised timetable.
- 24 - Minor route revision, and revised timetable.
- 24A - Revised route via Highlands (Woodlands Park), and revised timetable.
- 24B - NEW SERVICE from Southend (Central Bus Station) to Rayleigh (Rail Station) via Westcliff (Rail Station), Chalkwell (Rail Station), Leigh Church, Leigh (Rail Station), Thames Drive, Highlands (Woodlands Park), London Road, High Street (Hadleigh), Rayleigh Road, High Street (Rayleigh) and Crown Hill. To operate on Weekdays.
- 25/25A - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Leigh (Church), with section of route between Leigh (Church) and Highlands (Woodlands Park) to be withdrawn, and revised timetable. Service 25A to be withdrawn.
- 28 - Revised timetable.
- 29 - Revised timetable.
- 29A - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Belfairs (Woodcutters) with revised route via Southbourne Grove, Kenilworth Gardens, Blenheim Chase, Eastwood Road and Eastwood Road North, and revised timetable.
- 29B - Revised timetable.
- 60 - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Temple Sutton (Rusty Bucket P.H.), and revised timetable.
- 61 - Revised route via Bournemouth Park Road and Eastern Avenue, and revised timetable.
- 61A - Revised timetable.
- 62 - Revised timetable.
- 63 - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Temple Sutton (Rusty Bucket P.H.), and revised timetable.
- 64 - Minor route revision, and revised timetable.
- 70 - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys to be introduced.
- 96 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be re-numbered 95, and one journey to operate via Maylandsea with a minor timetable change.
- 102 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change.
- 105 - Mondays to Fridays : two journeys to be withdrawn and to be replaced by two additional journeys.
Saturdays : two minor timetable changes.
- 106 - Weekdays : four journeys to be withdrawn.
- 107 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
- 108 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change and route revision, with one journey operating via Holland (Canterbury Road).
Weekdays : one minor timetable change.

- 109 - Weekdays : three minor timetable changes, and certain journeys to operate direct via B1032, Great Holland and Main Road.
- 110 - Revised timetable, and route revisions.
- 111 - Revised timetable, and route revisions.
- 112 - Revised timetable, and route revisions.
- 113 - Revised timetable.
- 114 - Revised timetable.
- 115 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 116 - Revised timetable, and route revisions.
- 119 - Weekdays : revised timetable, including revised running time between Frating and Little Clacton.
- 123 - Schooldays : one journey to operate via Thorpe School.
Saturdays : two additional journeys to be introduced.
- 229 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn, and two minor timetable changes.
Mondays to Fridays (not Schooldays) : one minor timetable change.
Schooldays : one journey to be withdrawn, two additional journeys to be introduced and one minor timetable change.
- 255 - Revised terminals to be Basildon (Bus Station) and Billericay (Queen's Park, Arlington Way), with additional section of route from Billericay (Rail Station) via Radford Way, Perry Street, Rosebay Avenue and Arlington Way, and revised timetable.
- 270 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes.
- 271 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes.
- 300 - Timetable to include provision for special late buses to operate in connection with dances, theatres or any other special attractions (see also NS246).
- 306 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change and route revision.
- 312 - Schooldays : one journey to be re-numbered 311, with route and timetable revisions.
- 347 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change (see also NS248).
- 437 - Wednesdays only : one minor timetable change (see also NS246/8).
- 461 - Wednesdays and Saturdays : one minor timetable change (see also NS248).
- 503/4/6/24 - Revised evening timetable (see also NS248).
- 507 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 520/1 - Revised evening and Saturday timetable (see also NS248).
- 547 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change (see also NS248).
- 712 - The licence application for this service (Bishop's Stortford-London) states that the service may be operated in conjunction with London Country Bus Services Ltd. and Cambus Ltd. as and when necessary.
- 722 - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys to be introduced (see also NS246).

Green Line services 711 (Old Harlow-London (Victoria, Eccleston Bridge)) and 799 (Cambridge (Drummer Street)-London (Victoria Coach Station)) are now jointly licensed to Cambus Ltd., Eastern National O.C. Ltd. and London Country Bus Services Ltd. (although there are no Eastern National workings on these services).

The Company has applied for a full licence for commuter service 199 (South Woodham Ferrers-London (Victoria Street)). A similar application has been made in respect of commuter service 190 (West Mersea-London (Victoria Street)), and a short-term licence has been granted for this service from November 5th to May 4th, 1985 (Mondays to Fridays).

The Company has also applied for a number of revisions to National Express service 109 (Southend-London). There are proposed minor route revisions in Southend, Basildon and London (between Aldgate and Victoria Coach Station), including an alternative route via Lower Thames Street, Upper Thames Street and Blackfriars, and timetable revisions including provision for a late-evening journey from London to Southend via Trafalgar Square.

The proposed service revisions in the Southend area, as listed above, are scheduled for introduction from Sunday, January 27th, 1985. In addition to these proposed

revisions, service 69 (Prittlewell-Chalkwell Park) (which has one journey on Mondays to Fridays) will also be withdrawn after operation on January 25th, 1985.

Revised fares will be introduced on stage services from Sunday, January 6th, and full details of the revised rates for the travel cards at Basildon, Chelmsford, Colchester and Southend will be published as soon as they become available.

The Company has published details of its services over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. The basic pattern of operation will be as follows :-

December 24th (Christmas Eve) - Saturday service, with certain exceptions.

December 25th (Christmas Day) - No service.

December 26th (Boxing Day) - No service, except in the Basildon area where services 153, 237, 512 and 513 will operate to special timetables.

December 27th - Saturday service, with certain exceptions.

December 28th - Saturday service, with certain exceptions.

December 29th - Saturday service.

December 30th - Sunday service.

December 31st - Saturday service, with certain exceptions.

January 1st (New Year's Day) - No service, except in the Basildon area where services 153, 237, 512 and 513 will operate to special timetables.

January 2nd - Wednesday service.

Special services will also be operated by Southend Transport on December 26th (Boxing Day) and January 1st (New Year's Day). There are local variations to the above pattern of operation, and full details are contained in timetable leaflets available from the Company's offices.

Additional journeys are being operated on service 423 (Harwich-Ipswich) on Saturdays, December 8th, 15th and 22nd for Christmas shopping in Ipswich. These journeys depart from Harwich (Bus Station) at 0945 hrs. and return from Ipswich at 1600 hrs.

The proposed service revisions in the Clacton area, as listed in this news sheet, will be introduced from Sunday, January 6th, 1985. Following the completion of new roads, services 110, 111 and 112 will be re-routed to provide improved facilities in the Blue House Farm and Cann Hall areas. Services 115 and 116 will be combined to run as service 116 from Flectwood Avenue to Clacton via Canterbury Road, and there will also be minor timetable changes to services 102, 106, 108, 109, 113, 114, 119 and 123.

One service revision introduced during recent weeks has been as follows :- 306 - 3.12.84 (NS249).

Publicity News

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

General leaflets - a leaflet outlining details of the Company's services in the Great Cornard area (dated December 1984).

Timetable leaflets - leaflets with details of the Company's services over the Christmas and New Year holiday period have been published for the Basildon and Brentwood, Bishop's Stortford, Braintree, Halstead and Witham, Chelmsford and Maldon and Colchester/Clacton/Harwich/Walton areas (five leaflets).

- a leaflet with details of the additional service 423 journeys (see above) (dated December 8th).

- a leaflet listing service revisions in the Clacton area (102, 106/8/9/10-3/6/9/23) (dated January 6th, 1985).

Commuter services - a revised timetable leaflet for service 191 (Colchester-London) (dated November 20th).

National Express leaflets - a Coach Guide with details of coach services and connections from Colchester (dated October 28th).

Unusual Workings

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

- 1.10-3032 CR noted on Eastern Counties service 216 (Stowmarket-Ipswich).
- 21.10-3057 SD and 3087 SD noted on a rail replacement service at Rayleigh, and 3026 BD and 3100 BD operated a similar service between Pitsea and Laindon (see also NS248).
- 24.10-3047 DF noted at Rayleigh heading towards Southend.
- 25.10-1740 LN noted at Southend (SD) depot; 3057 SD observed on service 2.
- 27.10-1418 SD noted on National Express service 081; Southend Transport 327 noted on service 23.
- 28.10-1770/3/88, 1893/4 (all SD) noted operating on service 29; 4001 SD noted on service 64; Southend Transport 201 observed on service 12, with 327 being noted on service 10.
- 13.11-1938 SD observed on service 3; 9016 BD noted on driver training duties at Rayleigh; London Country RB 123 (EPM123V) noted on service 795.
- 15.11-1544 D/L (P) noted passing through Colchester; Southend Transport 218 noted at Rochford on service 9D.
- 16.11-1747 SD noted on service 251; 1882 BE observed on service 82; Southend Transport 372 noted at Rochford on service 10, and similarly at Rochford on service 9D on 3.12.
- 17.11-Southend Transport 208 noted on service 25.
- 18.11-3097, 3103/7 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Tilbury.
- 20.11-Southend Transport 326 noted at Rochford on service 7A.
- 24.11-1863 DE observed on service 353 (and also on 1.12 and 8.12); Southend Transport 216 noted on service 23A, and on service 10 on 25.11 and on a private hire working at Eastwood on 26.11.
- 25.11-1785 BD and 1846 BD both noted at Southend (SD) depot; 3026 BD, 3100 BD and 3077/80/2, 3110/1/3 (all CF) operated a rail replacement service between Chelmsford and Shenfield, whilst 3099, 3107/9 (all HH) operated a similar service between Pitsea and Tilbury.
- 29.11-Colchester Borough Transport 49 noted on service 74A.
- 1.12-3021 CF observed on services 38 and 90.
- 2.12-3099, 3103/7/9 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Tilbury.
- 3.12-A variety of rail replacement services were operated following industrial action by British Rail staff, and the following workings were noted - 1307 CF (Wickford-Shenfield); 3000 DN, 3014 PL (P) (Wickford-Pitsea); 3109 HH (Benfleet-Rayleigh); Southend Transport 242 and 378 (Benfleet-Rayleigh). 1600 SD noted at Chelmsford on National Express service 084.
- 4.12-Further rail replacement services were operated as follows - 1407 MN, 1774 CF, 2200 CF and Ensign Bus Co. OJD240R (Laindon-Billericay); 3085 HH and 3109 HH (Rayleigh-Benfleet and Rayleigh-Pitsea); 3014 PL (P) (Wickford-Pitsea); 1122 DD, 1411 SD (Wickford-Shenfield); 3034 SD and Southend Transport 230 (Rayleigh-Benfleet); Southend Transport 222 (Cuckoo Corner-Rochford). 1865 DE was noted at Colchester on service 7E; 1923 MN noted at Rayleigh on an ASDA service (with 3051 MN and 3038 MN being noted on similar services on 6.12 and 7.12 respectively); 1701 CF noted on commuter service 193.
- 7.12-1830 LN noted at Stock newly repainted in SMAC overall advertising livery; 1865 DE noted at Colchester on service 7.
- 8.12-1716 LN and 1741 BN noted on the Basildon 'Park and Ride' service; 1865 DE noted on service 81; 3001 CR noted on a relief service 119 journey from Tiptree to Colchester.
- 9.12-1059 MN noted on service 119; 1865 DE observed on service 53; 1925 CR noted on service 311; 3091/2 BD and 3066, 3106/8/10/3/25 (all CF) noted on a rail replacement service from Chelmsford to Shenfield, whilst 3099, 3103/7/9 (all HH) operated a similar service between Leigh and Pitsea; Southern National 3514 (VOI614S) noted at Southend (SD) depot.
- 12.12-3105 SD noted on service 400.

Service Vehicles

It can now be confirmed that the Bristol FLF6G engineering training chassis 2755 (JWC 715) was sold during November to Mr. P. Hughes, Dartford, presumably for

spares. Mr. Hughes is a member of the Eastern National Preservation Group, and, at the time of writing, the chassis was still at Central Works awaiting collection.

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 NS248 :-

November : w/e 3.11.84 - 1657 at CW (additional to NS248).

w/e 24.11.84 - No vehicles repainted.

December : w/e 1.12.84 - 1787 at CW, 1850 at CW.

w/e 8.12.84 - 1728 at CW, 1830 at CW (overall advertisement livery for SMAC Continental Ltd., Southend-on-Sea), 3095 at CW/PL (overall advertisement livery for Neeps of Colchester and Anglian Autos.) - base livery and signwriting painted at Prittlewell (PL), with final details completed at Central Works (CW).

w/e 15.12.84 - 1790 at CW, 1809 at CW.

1830 (VNO732S) and 3095 (UAR585W) have now entered service in their advertising liveries, and 3095 was noted at Colchester on services 78/78A on December 8th. Work is now almost complete on the repainting of Bristol VMTSL6G 3112 (XHK217X) in an overall advertisement livery for D.W. Jones (t/a Jones of Chelmsford), Chelmsford, and this vehicle remained at Central Works at the time of writing.

To correct recently published information, 1660 (to be now numbered 2201) has not yet been repainted (see NS248), and the registration of 3129 should read XHK234X (see NS247/8).

General

There is no further news to report at the present time regarding the proposed conversion of Bristol RELH6G coach 1409 (X00878L) to carry disabled passengers. This coach remained at Maldon (MN) depot during early-December.

The Company has recently announced details of a major survey of bus passengers. The survey commenced in the Harwich area during the last week of November, and it includes details of destination, ticket price and purpose of journey. It is hoped to canvas between 20-25% of passengers. Bristol RELH6G 1548 (WNO537L) has been converted into a mobile office for use in connection with this survey, and this vehicle will be used during the next stages of the survey work, which will be in the Clacton and Wivenhoe areas during February, and the Braintree, Colchester, Great Dunmow and Witham areas after that.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Vehicles On Order

Colchester Borough Council has recently invited tenders for the supply of two 9.6 metre single door double-deck vehicles, for delivery as early as possible after April 1985. It is understood that semi-integral vehicles will be favoured, and local reports have indicated that Leyland Olympian vehicles with E.C.W. bodywork may be the preferred option if they are available. These two new vehicles will replace Leyland Atlantean's 49 (YWC649F) and 50 (AVX 50G).

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, former Tyne & Wear P.T.E Leyland Atlantean 52 (MVK546R) remained out of service during early-December, and it is now parked in the Magdalen Street depot yard.

Vehicles On Hire

Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T), which had been on hire to Southend Transport for many months, was returned to Colchester on December 1st. Southend Transport's Leyland Fleetline 241 (MRJ241W) was returned to Southend on the same date.

General

Leyland Atlantean's 49 and 50 have continued to be noted in regular service during recent weeks, and they have been noted on services 2/2A, 4/4A, 5/5A, 6/6A, 9/9A and

19/19A. These vehicles carry route number cards in the front windscreen when operating services 19A and 74A, as the normal route number blind does not go beyond 19.

Details have been published of the Christmas and New Year holiday period services. Preliminary details were published in NS247, and those details are correct. The augmented Sunday service to be operated on Thursday, December 27th will require 12 Colchester Transport vehicles (compared with the normal Sunday allocation of 7 vehicles), and one unusual feature of the operations on that date will be a through journey by an Eastern National vehicle from West Bergholt to Fingringhoe.

Leyland Atlantean 86 (MEV 86V) has recently been repainted in an overall advertisement livery for Autocare Central Garages Ltd. of Maldon Road, Colchester and Kingsway, Dovercourt. The livery is basically white and dark blue, and this vehicle had previously carried a special livery (sponsored by Broseley Homes) to celebrate the centenary of municipal transport in Great Britain (see NS233). The vehicle was first noted in its new livery on December 8th; it is not yet known where the vehicle was repainted, although this work may have been undertaken by Ipswich Borough Transport (see NS248). It had returned to service by December 11th.

It has been reported that Leyland Leopard coach 101 (DHK101T) will be fitted with a new style rear panel in the near future, and this coach was noted in the Magdalen Street depot workshops during early-December.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, Bristol RELL6L's 18 (YWC 18L) and 28 (SWC 28K) remained out of service at the time of writing. Of the vehicles (83-88) which are believed to have passed to Ipswich Borough Transport for M.O.T. preparation during recent weeks (see NS248), only 85 (MEV 85V) has yet to return to Colchester. Another report has also suggested that 83 (MEV 83V) may have not passed to Ipswich Borough Transport, but that it failed in Norwich whilst operating a rail replacement service. Other vehicles which have been out of service during November and early-December have been 52/3/5/6, 61/2, 73 and 90.

Members may be interested in the following allocation of vehicles to services. It should be stressed that this is currently the usual allocation, and that a considerable number of substitutions and unusual workings do occur. Details are as follows :-

Bristol RELL6L (16/8/9, 20-6/8) - services 2/2A, 5/5A, 9/9A and 19/19A, and other peak-hour duties. They are not used during evenings or on Sundays.

Leyland Atlantean (49, 50) - normally on services 2/2A, 4/4A, 5/5A, 9/9A and 19/19A.

Leyland Atlantean (55-60) - normally on services 2/2A, 5/5A and 6/6A, with occasional use on services 4/4A, together with other peak-hour duties. They are not used on Sundays.

Leyland Atlantean (61-90) - services 1/1A, 2/2A, 3/3A, 4/4A, 5/5A, 6/6A, 7/7A/7C, 8 and 74A, and other peak-hour duties.

Leyland Leopard coach (101/2) - occasional peak-hour duties.

Leyland Atlantean (ex. Tyne & Wear P.T.E.) (51-3) - service 8 (52 has been out of service since mid-June).

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles On Order

Southend Transport has recently invited tenders for the supply of the following vehicles during 1985 :-

Two 57 seat single-deck coaches (for delivery in April/May 1985).

Two 82+ seat double-deck coaches (for delivery in April/May 1985).

Two 53 seat single-deck express coach bodies, to be bodied on the chassis of Leyland Leopard PSU3A/2R vehicles 211 (YHA406J) and

212 (CHA443K) (for delivery within three months after receipt of chassis). It is expected that the chassis of these vehicles will be upgraded, and fitted with new engines and gearboxes.

Acquired Vehicles

Leyland Leopard coach 339 (EBM439T) has now been delivered to Southend Transport, having remained in service with Limebourne Ltd., London, S.W.8 during recent months (see also NS242-4).

One vehicle has been acquired recently, and details are as follows :-

303 JEH179K Bristol RELL6L RELL3/1649 E.C.W. D52F 19168 New 1/72

This vehicle was new to Potteries Motor Traction Co. Ltd., fleet number 179, and was originally fitted with 48 seat dual-door bodywork. It was re-seated to D52F configuration in 12/78. It passed to City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd., fleet number 679, in 7/81, and the vehicle has been acquired from City of Oxford in exchange for Daimler Fleetline 368 (WJN368J) (see NS248).

Vehicles On Hire

The only vehicle now remaining on hire to Southend Transport is Burnley & Pendle Transport 13 (MRN 13R), although this vehicle is still out of service with accident damage. Colchester Borough Transport 102 (DHK102T) was returned to Colchester on December 1st, with Leyland Fleetline 241 (MRJ241W) being returned to Southend on the same date.

Re-built Vehicles

It is now possible to confirm that the fleet numbers of the five re-bodied Daimler Fleetlines (374-7/9) will be 306-10. The new registration numbers are now known for the first two vehicles (306/7), and these will carry registrations Q475/6MEV respectively. However, it is not yet possible to confirm the precise order of vehicles 374-7/9 within the new batch of numbers (306-10). Subject to confirmation, it has also been reported that the third of these vehicles (formerly numbered 376 - registration GHJ376L) has been delivered to Southend during recent weeks.

General

Daimler Fleetline 317 (SMU926N) has recently had its engine shrouds removed, whilst similar vehicle 318 (TGX822M) is now in blue and cream livery. The former London Transport Daimler Fleetline's which have been repainted into Southend Transport blue and cream livery by Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet have a thin dark blue band between the blue and cream areas.

Open-top Daimler Fleetlines have been hired on occasions, including various Saturdays, during recent weeks to Emmaheath Ltd. (t/a London Pride Sightseeing) for a London Lights tour.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALSInitial Disposals

1410 (X00879L)	1414 (GJD197N)	1416 (GJD199N)	All to Martin's Bus & Coach Sales (dealer), Middlewich, 11/84.
1413 (X00882L)	1415 (GJD198N)		

Subsequent Disposals

1416 (GJD199N) - Hulme Hall Educational Trust, Cheadle Hulme, by 12/84, ex. dealer, Middlewich.

2804 (BVX680B) - Still with Brakell, Cheam (dealer), 8/84. (additional information to NS229).

2823 (JHK455C) - Still with Brakell, Cheam (dealer), 8/84. (additional information to NS229).

2853 (OVX297D) - Now H28F with Top Deck Travel. (additional information to NS240).

2875 (STW763D) - Now H28F with Top Deck Travel. (additional information to NS240).

2877 (STW765D) - Numbered 11 by Top Deck Travel. (additional information to NS240).

2906 (WVX533F) - Dealer, Carlton, by 12/83, ex. dealer, Thurstcroft.

2913 (WVC743F) - Went to Top Deck Travel in 10/83. (correction to NS242).

2931 (AVX973G) - Omnibus Promotions (dealer), London, W.10, 7/84, ex. Coleman, Leverington.

9017 (LFS289F) - Numbered 12 by Top Deck Travel. (additional information to NS243).

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Eastern National Fleet Allocation - December 1984

Basildon (BN)	: 1118/24 1704/11-7/21/3/32/6/8/40-2/4/6/8/63/7/72/6/86/95 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6-9 1918/9/22/34 3000/67-9/74/6 3116/7/20 (71)
Bishop's Stortford (BS)	: 1054/7/8 1125/7 1533/51 1749/59 1914/6 3041 3114 (13)
Braintree (BE)	: 1051 1119/23/6 1308/9 1417 1542 1652 1794 1863/5/82 1902/24/6/9/30/2 3004/19/29/48/56/9/63 3115/8/28 (29)
Brentwood (BD)	: 1055 1122 1302 1700/19/22/54/60/85/96/7 1809/10/23/37-40 1845/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 3026/91-4 3100 (33)
Chelmsford (CF)	: 1121 1301/7 1546 1601/2 1654/6/7 1701/7/30/4/52/62/71/4 1775/8 1801/2/4/5/11/5/9/24/7/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70 1873/85/97/9 1905/15/7/39 2200 3002/21/33/5/66/77/80/2 3106/8/10-3/25/6 (66)
Clacton (CN)	: 1050 1404/6/12 1530/50 1603 1651/5 1705/51/6/61/8/9/79/80 1789/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 3003/31 (29)
Colchester (CR)	: 1053 1111 1305 1524(P)/8/36 1650/8 1710/82/90/3 1816/28 1872/88/92 1910/25/35/6 3001/22/3/30/2/50/8/78/95 3124/7 (32)
Hadleigh (HH)	: 1703/9/18/20/5-7/31/3/5/7/9/43/53/7/8/65/77/81/4 1817/21/35 1857/64/71/90 1900/28 3085/97/9 3103/7/9 (35)
Harwich (DT)	: 1056 1117 1532 1653 1750 1901/20 3027/47/61 (10)
Maldon (MN)	: 1052/9 1407 1540 1708/28/55/64 1806/31/3 1921/3/7/31 3018(P)/38/40/9/51/79 (21)
Silver End (SE)	: 1120 1306 1545 1659 1745/83 1812/3/61/2 3020/39/55/60 3123 (15)
Southend (SD)	: 1110/2-6 1300/3/4 1411/8/9 1600 1702/24/9/47/66/70/3/87/8 1798/9 1807/14/36/68/75/93-5 1937/8 3024/5/8/31/6/7/52-4/7 3062/4/5/70-3/5/81/3/4/6-90/6/8 3101/2/4/5/19/21/2/9 4000-2 (73)

Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L)	: 1409 1660 (to be numbered 2201) (2)
Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D))	: 3045 (1)
Delicensed Pool Vehicles (D/L (P))	: 1534/9/41/4/7-9/52-4 (10)
Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA)	: 1310 (1)
Licensed Pool Vehicle (PL (P))	: 3014 (1)
Licensed Open-Top Vehicle (L)	: 2383 (1)
Licensed As Private Vehicle (LP)	: 2384 (1)
Driver Training Vehicles	: 9016/8/21 (allocated to BD) (3)

Notes - (P) denotes Pool vehicle.

Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Great Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 sd,
and Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 3 sd.
1110/2-5/20/1/3/6, 1308/9 are at present attached to the Coaching Department.
1542/6, 3000/47 are at present classified as Private Hire vehicles.
1110/2/3, 1406/12/7/8 carry National Express livery.
1300/1/7, 1603 carry National Holidays livery.
1111/4/5 and 1419 carry Highwayman livery.
3067-76 carry City 400 livery.

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

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