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EDITORIAL

Subscription Renewals For 1983

Members who have a subscription year running from January to December will find a green subscription renewal form enclosed with this news sheet. Please fill it in with your requirements, and send it together with a cheque or postal order, made payable to the "Eastern National Enthusiasts Group", to the Membership Secretary.

The Managing Committee is pleased to announce that subscription rates are unchanged for 1983, making the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group one of the cheapest societies to belong to and still receive a monthly news sheet. Profits from our other activities, the lack of an immediate price increase by the Post Office and good 'housekeeping' have all combined to bring about this happy state of affairs.

Membership Secretary Bob Palmer thanks all members in advance for their co-operation over renewals and reminds you that Associate Membership is available for close relatives, girlfriends etc. for only £0.30 per annum.

Southend Meeting - Wednesday, December 8th.

The Group's December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8th at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.). The evening will feature a slide show by Ray Palmer (Access Transport Society) illustrating buses from the local area, other parts of the U.K. and elsewhere around the world, taken during the 1970's and early 1980's. All members are invited to what should prove to be an extremely enjoyable evening.

1982 Photographic Competition

This competition was held at the November meeting at Southend, and the standard of entries was extremely high. The winners were :-

a) Slides - 1st : Paul Harvey (Leicester City Transport - Leyland PD3)
2nd : Graham Huggins (E.N.O.C. - Leyland National)
3rd : Graham Huggins (E.N.O.C. - Line up at BS depot)

b) Prints - 1st : Nigel Lennox (Southdown - Leyland Leopard)
2nd : Peter Carr (Eastern Counties - Bristol FS5G)
3rd : Les Thorington (Bournemouth Tpt. - Daimler Fleetline)

Additionally, there was a special award to a junior member which was presented to Jonathan Collen for a photograph of a preserved Southend Corporation Transport Daimler CWA6.

The 'Southend Busman'

Will members please note that it will not be possible to produce the 'Southend Busman' during the next few months. This is due to circumstances outside the control of the Group, and a further announcement will be made as soon as it proves possible to resume publication.

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New Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

1304	LLT345V	Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R	7902452	Duple C53F	033/5157	New 3.80
1305	LLT346V	Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R	7902687	Duple C53F	033/5160	New 3.80
1306	LLT347V	Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R	7902802	Duple C53F	033/5161	New 3.80
1307	LLT342V	Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R	7900990	Duple C53F	033/5153	New 3.80

Acquired 11.82

These four coaches have been acquired from Arlington Motors Ltd., Potters Bar, and they were previously owned by Fox, Hayes; they are similar to 1302/3 which were acquired from the same source in July. At the time of writing, 1304-6 had been

delivered to Central Works, whilst 1307 had been returned to Duple Coachbuilders Ltd. for repairs prior to being delivered to the Company.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Refurbished Vehicles

Three of the Plaxton-bodied Bristol RELH coaches (14XX series) are to be refurbished by the Company during late 1982 and early 1983, in a similar programme to that carried out on 1406/7/11/2 during early 1982. The vehicles concerned are 1417 (GJD196N), 1418 (GJD194N) and 1419 (GJD195N), and 1419 had entered the body shops at Central Works by mid-November. Details of the revised seating capacity of these vehicles following refurbishment will be published as soon as they become available.

Allocations & Transfers

11.82 : 1054 MN-LWA, 1059 D/L-MN, 1203 BD-D/L, 1213 CR-BD, 1216 CN-CR, 1300 CN-MN, 1401 SD-D/L (D), 1402 CN-D/L (D), 1521 CR-D/L (D), 1534 CR (P)-PL (P), 1554 DT-BN, 1759 BS-D/L.

Of the above allocations and transfers, 1054 is currently Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) and is being used as a spare vehicle while other vehicles from the same batch receive entrance step modifications. It will be noted that two Bristol RELH6G coaches (1401/2) are now D/L (D), and 1401 is currently at Central Works being prepared for a new owner, whilst 1402 is in store at Clacton (CN). Certain Licensed Pool Vehicles (PL (P)), including 1534, 3018 and 3045, were being used at SD during mid-November in connection with rail replacement services on the Fenchurch Street line. Additionally, 3014 and 3047 have been prepared for PSV examinations and, in this connection, 3014 was noted at MN on October 28th.

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 NS223 :-

October : w/e 9.10.82 - 1895 at CW.
w/e 16.10.82 - 1903 at CW.
w/e 23.10.82 - 1200 at CW, 1778 at CW.
w/e 30.10.82 - 1784 at CW.
November : w/e 6.11.82 - 1917 at CW.
w/e 13.11.82 - 1911 at CW, 3060 at CW.
w/e 20.11.82 - 3034 at CW.

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding the 'unibus' advertisements on 3062 and 3112, it can now be confirmed that the advertisement on 3062 is for G.S.W. Technical Training Ltd., Computer Training Centre, London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea. 3112 remained in service at CF during mid-November carrying its white advertisement base prior to signwriting, which will probably be applied during late-November. It can also be confirmed that the advertisement contracts in respect of Leyland National vehicles 1846 and 1860 have been renewed for a further year.

Service Vehicles

During November, an Atkinson 6X2 recovery vehicle was acquired from S. & M. Coaches of Benfleet. The vehicle does not carry a registration number, and is currently at Central Works awaiting a repaint before entering service. It will be numbered 0103, and is planned to replace the AEC Matador (0101) currently based at CF. (For members' information, 6X2 refers to the axle arrangement; in this case, the vehicle has a three axle (six wheel) arrangement, with twin steering axles and a single axle at the rear).

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during October were 1213, 1524/52 and 1710. Other vehicles which also operated on loan to DT during October were 1216 CN, 1402 CN, 1414 CN and 2200 CF. However, perhaps of most interest was the use of 2384 D/L (D) in the Harwich Carnival on November 5th/6th, when it advertised National Holidays. The vehicle arrived from PL on October 27th, and during the following week it was prepared to a high standard for its Carnival work.

Service Developments

The Company has applied for a large number of revisions to stage services, mainly in the South Essex area, and details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

2 - Weekdays : two journeys to be withdrawn, and one additional journey.

5A- Weekdays : two additional journeys to be introduced, and one minor timetable change.

11A- Weekdays : one journey to be re-numbered 11.

19 - Service to be withdrawn, and to be replaced between Rettendon and Maldon by new service 237 (see below).

19A- Service to be withdrawn, and to be replaced by new service 37 (see below).

36A- NEW SERVICE between Chelmsford (Bus Station) and South Woodham (Merchant Street), with route in South Woodham to be via Creek View Road, Broughton Road, Inchbonnie Road and Ferrers Road.

37 - NEW SERVICE between South Woodham (Town Centre) and Maldon (Bus Station) replacing service 19A.

45 - Service to be consolidated in the licences for services 152/3/4, providing for services 152/3/4 to operate short journeys between Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Galleywood (Skinners Lane).

48A- Sundays : to introduce one journey, and revised period of operation to be Daily.

56/A/B- Revised Sunday timetable.

70/A/B- Minor route revision.

88 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change.

150 - NEW SERVICE between Romford (St. Edwards Way) and Canvey via Brentwood, Herongate and Basildon. This service will replace part of service 151 between Canvey and Romford and part of service 226 between East Horndon and Brentwood.

151 - Minor route revisions with service re-routed via Miles Grey Road, Basildon to serve the Pipps Hill Industrial Area, and extended to Basildon Hospital on Sundays. Frequency between Basildon and Brentwood will be reduced to hourly, being replaced by new service 150 via Herongate.

152 - Minor route revision and revised timetable.

153 - Minor route revision, and one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays together with other timetable revisions.

154 - Minor route revision and revised timetable.

155 - Revised terminals to be Basildon (Bus Station) and Grays (Bus Station), with minor route revisions and revised timetable.

156 - Minor route revisions and revised timetable.

157 - Revised terminals to be Pitsea (Rail Station) and Bulphan (Church), and to operate on Wednesdays only with revised timetable.

158 - Route revisions and revised timetable (see NS221).

224 - NEW SERVICE between Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Wickford (Fanton Avenue) to operate on Fridays only via B1007 and Downham Road.

225 - NEW SERVICE between Wickford (Rail Station) and Ramsden Heath (White Horse P.H.) to operate on Mondays only via Downham.

226 - Revised timetable, with service partly replaced by new services 150 and 256 (see below).

229 - Revised terminals to be Basildon (Bus Station) and Ramsden Heath (White Horse P.H.), and revised timetable.

230 - Certain journeys to operate direct from Wickford (Rail Station) to Beauchamps School, and certain journeys to operate direct from Beauchamps School to Marconi's Factory, Eastmayne, and revised timetable.

231 - Revised terminals to be Pitsea (Rail Station) and Ramsden Heath (White Horse P.H.), and to operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only with revised timetable.

232 - Certain journeys to operate direct via Broadmayne, A132 and Eastmayne.

233 - Service to be re-numbered 237, and to be extended from South Woodham to Maldon (Bus Station) with route revisions and revised timetable, incorporating certain journeys operating to or via Runwell Hospital.

234/5 - Minor route revisions and revised timetable, with certain service 234 journeys operating to/from Wickford (Rail Station).

236 - Revised timetable, and extended to Billericay (Perry Street) at peak hours.

237/8 - Services to be re-numbered 227/8, with route revisions and revised timetable.

251 - Revised timetable, being reduced to hourly frequency on Sundays.

255 - Revised timetable, and to be withdrawn on Saturdays.

256 - NEW SERVICE between Basildon (Bus Station) and Romford (St. Edwards Way) via Laindon and West Horndon, partly replacing services 226 and 401.

257 - Service to operate on Tuesdays only, and revised timetable.

265 - Revised terminals to be Brentwood (Rail Station) and Bulphan (Church) with revised route and timetable.

266 - NEW SERVICE between Brentwood (Rail Station) and Bulphan (Church) via Three Arches Estate, with certain journeys operating to Herongate (Old Dog P.H.), or via West Horndon Station.

270/1 - Mondays to Fridays : minor route revision for journeys serving Warley (Eagle Way), and revised timetable.

304 - Minor route revision.

312 - Mondays to Fridays (not Schooldays) : one minor timetable change.

313 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.

347 - Revised timetable.

350/1 - Certain journeys to be extended to/from Romford (St. Edwards Way) and be numbered 451 (see below), with revised timetable.

400 - Revised terminal in London to be Euston (Bus Station), with slightly revised timetable and additional picking up points in the London area.

401 - Service to be withdrawn.

402 - Minor route revision to now serve West Thurrock, and increased frequency.

405 - To be re-routed via Upminster and Hornchurch, with revised timetable.

451/2 - Services to be withdrawn in their present form, with new service 451 to operate at an hourly frequency between Chelmsford and Romford.

503/4/5/6 - Revised terminals to be Pitsea (Rail Station) and Basildon Hospital (503) or Southfields (Hornsby Square) (504/5/6), with additional section of route between Victoria Road and Hornsby Square, and revised timetable. One service 504 journey per hour will be re-routed via Burnt Mills Road and be numbered 524 (see below).

507 - Revised terminals to be North Benfleet (Harrow Road) and Basildon (Bus Station), with certain journeys operating via Pitsea (Rail Station) and one journey operating from Laindon (High Road School), and revised timetable.

510 - Minor route revisions and revised timetable.

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521 - Schooldays : two minor timetable changes.

522 - Re-routed in Laindon via Hatterill to replace part of service 507, and revised timetable.

524 - NEW SERVICE between Pitsea (Rail Station) and Southfields (Hornsby Square), with certain journeys operating via Durham Road in Laindon, replacing service 504 journeys.

547 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.

548 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn, and one journey to now operate on Mondays to Thursdays only.

549 - Revised timetable.

It is anticipated that these revised services will be introduced during the week

commencing January 16th, 1983, and further details will be published as soon as they become available. The Company has also recently applied to continue the Braintree area 'Countrycar' services, with the period of operation to be Tuesdays to Saturdays.

The licence for excursions and tours starting from Billericay Town Football Club (Blunts Wall Road) has not been renewed.

The closure of a bridge at Bridge End, Great Bardfield for about six weeks from November 1st is necessitating some revisions to services 316, 331 and 332. Service 316 is currently being diverted from Finchingfield to Great Bardfield via Finchingfield Green, Little Sampford and Hawkspur Green, whilst services 331 and 332 are currently terminating at Bridge End Farm on the Finchingfield side of the bridge.

Two service revisions due to be introduced during the near future will involve a minor timetable change to service 51B (Mondays to Fridays) from November 29th, and a minor timetable change to service 99 (Schooldays only) from November 22nd.

In Chelmsford, the Christmas 'Park and Ride' circular service to and from the Rectory Lane Car Park is again operating this year on Saturdays only, and the first day of operation was November 13th. A similar service has also been introduced in Basildon, and this service operates on Saturdays only from November 13th to December 18th linking the STC car park with four points in the town centre.

Unusual Workings

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

8.10-1202 DT noted on a rail replacement service from Harwich to Parkeston Quay.
18.10-1204 SD noted on the 1809 hrs. service 251 journey from Walthamstow, and was believed to be replacing 3094 BD which operated the return working from Southend; 3071 SD noted on service 11.
20.10-1545 SE noted on service 345; 1812 SE noted on service 314; 1924 BE noted on service 311; 3019 BE failed whilst operating service 312, and was replaced at Braintree by 3056 BE; Southend Transport 204 and 231 noted at Gants Hill running empty towards London, with 231 displaying service X1 blinds; Southend Transport 354 noted on a rail replacement service from South Woodham to Wickford.
22.10-3056 BE noted on service 311.
24.10-1918 BN noted on a private hire working at Heybridge; 3098/9 and 3109 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Wickford to Shenfield.
25.10-3002 CF noted in Chelmsford on driver training work; 3031 CN noted on service 119, and again on 6.11.
28.10-3014 PL (P) noted at MN depot; 3049 MN noted on an ASDA working at Rayleigh; 3075 SD noted on service 11A; Southend Transport 387 noted on driver training work at Rayleigh.
29.10-1201 MN noted on service 38; 1211 SE noted on service 53; 1407 SD noted at Southend (Victoria Bus Station) on a Leisure Break holiday tour; 1529 CN noted on service 123; 1710 CR (DS) noted at Harwich on local services; 1800 CN noted on service 119 with minor accident damage to the front; 2384 D/L (D) noted at DT depot being prepared for the Harwich Carnival; 3026 BD noted on service 351; 3116 BN noted on service 400.
1.11-1050 CN noted on service 119; 1411 SD noted on National Express service 109.
2.11-3019 BE noted on service 311.
3.11-1212 MN noted on service 38; 1929 BE noted on service 311; Southend Transport 234 noted on a private schools working at Rayleigh.
4.11-3072 SD noted on service 11A.
5.11-1929 BE noted on service 311; Ribble 1032 (XTF806L) noted on National Express service 109; Southend Transport 382 noted failed at Rayleigh on service 8.
6.11-3070 SD noted on service 22.
7.11-3085/97 and 3107 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Wickford to Shenfield.
8.11-3031 CN noted on service 119.
9.11-3002 CF noted at MN depot, and on service 31 on 10.11-12.11; Hedingham & District L104 (LFS292F) noted on H&D stage service 4, making an unusual appearance on stage service work.
10.11-1937 SD noted on service 251.

11.11-1053 CR noted on Highwayman service 807; Southend Transport 386 noted on driver training work at Rayleigh.
13.11-Ribble 1142 (WCK142V) noted at MN depot, and also on 14.11-15.11; 1862 SE noted on service 314.
14.11-3099 and 3107/9 (all HH) noted on rail relacement services between Wickford and Shenfield, and 3099 also operated a similar service from Wickford to Pitsea; 1733/7 (both HH) noted on a rail replacement service from West Horndon to Upminster.
15.11-1303 SD noted on a rail replacement service from Benfleet to Rayleigh; 3045 PL (P) noted on service 17.
16.11-Southend Transport 236 noted parked at the Lucas premises at Southend Road, Woodford Green.
18.11-1405 SD (on loan to HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
19.11-1534 PL (P) (on loan to HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster; 3045 PL (P) noted on service 5; 3047 PL (P) noted at HH depot for a PSV examination.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

Colchester Transport introduced a free travel scheme for children on November 6th. The scheme allows one child (aged between 5-16 years) to travel free of charge at weekends provided that he/she is accompanied by an adult paying the full fare. The offer will also be extended to include weekdays from December 20th to January 5th, 1983 to cover the Christmas school holidays. This scheme is also being operated by the other bus companies operating within the Colchester Borough Council area, and, in the case of Eastern National, it applies to children aged between 3-14 years.

Colchester Transport has also recently announced that its fares will be increased by an average of 6% from January 2nd, 1983.

To mark the centenary of municipal passenger transport in Colchester next year, Colchester Transport has announced that it plans to repaint a vehicle in the former tram livery. Further details about this project will be published as soon as they become available.

Leyland Atlantean 59 (JHK499N) was repainted during October, and now carries matt black window surrounds similar in style to the livery of 71 (TPU 71R).

Delicensed Bristol RELL6L's 14, 15 and 17 (YWC 14L etc.) have recently been moved from the CBT depot to the Borough Council's depot at Jarmin Road.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding recently sold vehicles, it can also be reported that Daimler Fleetline 359 (WJN359J) was sold to Colman's, Norwich, for use as a publicity vehicle (see NS217). Similar vehicle 365 (WJN365J) was also sold during September (in addition to the vehicles listed in NS223), and its new owner is Ham, Hawkhurst.

General

A recent press report has suggested that Southend Transport is now intending to order three new double deck coaches for use on the limited-stop X1 service to Heathrow. The report, which was published in the Evening Echo on November 2nd, mentioned a specification for 80 seat vehicles, and that a German manufacturer had been considered. However, Southend Borough Council's Policy and Resources Committee was also advised that Leyland Vehicles could also offer a vehicle with almost 80 seats, and the Committee recommended further investigation of the possible options for meeting this new vehicle requirement.

In the same press report it was also mentioned that the Policy and Resources Committee has now recommended cancellation of part or all of an order for eight Leyland bus chassis (presumably Olympians) with Northern Counties bodywork, due for delivery in 1985, in order to provide financial resources for the acquisition of the double deck coaches.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Revisions to news sheet coverage and format

Information on withdrawn vehicle sales to dealers, which previously appeared in the 'Withdrawn Vehicles' section of the news sheet, and was then repeated in the 'Disposals' section later, will, with effect from this news sheet, appear once only in the news sheet in the 'Disposals' section under the heading 'INITIAL DISPOSALS'. Other disposals will continue to appear in the 'Disposals' scetion under the heading 'SUBSEQUENT DISPOSALS'.

Initial Disposals

None to report this month.

Subsequent Disposals

1432 (JHK456C) - Still with Silcox, Pembroke Dock, 27, 8/82.
2302 (MVX885C) - Exported to Germany, 8/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
2385 (WNO 481) - Owner's title is now Trinoco Coaches (re-named from Tricentrol), Dunstable, by 11/82. (see also NS187).
2802 (BVX678B) - East Herts Playbus Association (N-PSV), ca. 5/82, ex. Kensington & Chelsea City Bus Association, London, W.10, (N-PSV). (see also NS207).
2816 (HEV994B) - Noted at yard (in Richmond) of Brakell, Cheam (dealer), 10/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
2818 (HEV996B) - Exported to Belgium, 8/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
2842 (MVX879C) - Exported to Belgium, 8/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
2843 (MVX880C) - Withdrawn by Basildon District Council (N-PSV), 7/82, after accident. Noted still at B.D.C. Barleylands depot, 10/82.
2844 (MVX881C) - Exported to U.S.A., 8/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet. (see also NS221, was this just a promotional exercise for Harris ?).
2846 (MVX883C) - Omnibus Promotions, London, W.10 (dealer), by 8/82, ex. dealer, Bracebridge Heath. Subsequently exported to U.S.A., 8/82.
2860 (RHK345D) - Correct title of owner is Merton Community Bus Association, London, S.W.20. (additional information to NS210/22).
2866 (RVW392D) - Cumbernauld Development Corporation, Works Department, by 7/81, appears to be in use as a mobile office.
2877 (STW765D) - Acquired by Argas Persicus (N-PSV), London, S.W.5, 7/82. (additional information to NS222).
2882 (UEV220E) - Did not pass to Morris Dancer Troupe, Wrexham (N-PSV) - was only used for private hire. Withdrawn, 9/81, to dealer, Carlton, 10/81, and thence to dealer, Thurcroft, by 8/82. (clarification/correction to NS222).
2891 (WNO979F) - Noted at Hants & Dorset's Eastleigh (Barton Park) Central Works, 11/82, in red LT-style livery with white band, and displaying name 'Boston double deck 007'. (see also NS223).
2895 (WNO983F) - Noted with WNO979F at Barton Park, 11/82, in similar livery, and displaying name 'Boston double deck 009'.
2909 (WWC739F) - Breaker, Carlton, by 8/82, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
2916 (WWC746F) - Noted with WNO979/83F at Barton Park, 11/82, in similar livery, and displaying name 'Boston double deck' (number unknown). (see also NS223).
2917 (AEV811F) - Exported to U.S.A., 8/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
3042 (LFS287F) - Reseated to H45/32F by South Wales, 7/82, licensed 31/8/82, entered service 9/82. (additional information to NS223).

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Advertisement

FOR SALE - Group Member David Blumson has for sale various bus timetables (and other items). The timetables are of fairly recent vintage, and are available at a price of 3p each to members. There are no lists, and interested persons should contact Mr. Blumson at 6. Wolves Lane, Palmers Green, London, N13 6DR (Tel. 01-888 8104 after 2000 hrs.) for further details. Please arrange your transport to collect bulk orders.

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