

EDITORIALMid-Essex Coach Tour, Sunday, April 20

A booking form for this tour is enclosed with this news sheet. Please book seats with the Tours Organiser as soon as possible to avoid disappointment - our tours are very popular !

Chelmsford Meeting, Tuesday, April 15

At 33, Goldlay Road, Chelmsford on Tuesday, April 15th commencing at 1945 hrs. The meeting will be a Photograph Sale and the Group's Photographs Officer, Peter Snell, will be present with the full range of Group photographs available for sale. These will include the new black and white photographs listed below. Members purchasing photographs during the evening will be able to take advantage of a special offer of one free photograph for every six black and white photographs purchased, and one free colour photograph for every twelve colour photographs purchased. It is also anticipated that a range of Group publications, together with other bus, tram and railway books/magazines will be available for sale at the meeting. Refreshments will also be available at the meeting. Goldlay Road is in two sections and No. 33 is in the cul-de-sac leading towards Parkway. This is the first sales evening organised by the Group and its success will depend upon your support.

Postal Charges on Publication and Photograph Orders

Following the recent increase in postal charges, members should take note that the sum of £0-11p (£0-10p postage and £0-01p carriage) must be added to all orders for publications and photographs. Larger orders should be accompanied by proportionately higher remittances for carriage. Members should also note that orders can no longer be sent with the news sheet, and that return postage should always be enclosed with any enquiry addressed to any Group officer which requires a reply.

Group Photographs

A new venture for the Group's Photograph Service is that periodically a list of new prints available will be published in the news sheet, and at the end of the year a consolidated list will be published. The following new black and white photographs are available from the Photographs Officer, P.J. Snell, 6, Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex at £0-12p each (£0-13p for non-members) plus £0-11p postage and carriage for the first 15 photographs and a further £0-11p for any additional prints.

Eastern National

E721	YHK728F Bristol RMLH6G	F/OS	Prittlewell.
E835	565 CTW Bristol LD6B	R/OS	On route 251 showing full rear display.
E839	ONO 43 Bristol L5G	F	Maldon on route 60C.
E851	NVX 303 Leyland PD1	F/NS	South Benfleet.
E853	ONO 88 Bedford OB	F/NS	Clacton.
E859	XVX 25 Bristol LD6B	F/NS	Hadleigh.
GBE858	JN 2310 AEC Regent	F/OS	'Borough' fleetname.
E869	1266/9 EV Bristol MW5G	F	Kings Cross on route 322.
E870	TM6312 Leyland LT2	F/OS	
E871	SHK 523 Bristol KSW5G	F/OS	On route 338.
E877	SHK 512 Bristol KSW5G	F/OS	BS depot on route 301.
575	724 APU Bristol SC4LK	F/NS	Tilbury Ferry
996	GPU 429 Bristol L5G	F/OS	Colchester
4361	UEV 829 Bristol LS5G	F/NS	Coach/Air livery.

Westcliff-on-Sea

6911	JN 6888 Bristol J05G	F/NS	Southend.
GB6924	JN 2796 AEC Regent	F/NS	On route A at Leigh Station.

Hicks Bros.

7000	NEV 609 Guy Arab	F/NS	Kings Cross.
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Heddingham & District

51 CCK 657 Leyland PD2 F/NS On hire to Eastern National at Chelmsford.

Southend Corporation

GDE562 Trans 51 at Leigh Church Terminus.

Queens Park Coaches

E863 CPP 497 Bedford OWB F/OS Became Eastern National L127 in 1951.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Braintree/Dunmow/Witham/Halstead area dated February 1980 has recently been published. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ) at £0-20p each plus £0-20p postage and packing for each timetable.

Castle Point Transport Museum Society

Members should note that all applications for membership of the Castle Point Transport Museum Society should be directed to L.F. Watson Esq., 15. Rubens Close, Shoeburyness, Southend-on-Sea, (see also NS191).

Excursion to Cobham Bus Museum, Sunday, April 13

Members are invited to participate in this event, organised by the Eastern National Preservation Group (Braintree Branch). The Group's preserved Bedford OB coach will depart from Braintree (Bus Park) at 0800 hrs. and will travel by way of Chelmsford (0830 hrs.), Brentwood (0855 hrs.), Romford (0910 hrs.), Ilford (0925 hrs.) and London. Members wishing to travel on this excursion should contact R. McClellan, Secretary, E.N.P.G. at 8. Hardy Close, Braintree, Essex. CM7 7BU (Telephone : Braintree 21165 after 1800 hrs.) to confirm reservation and details of picking up point.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

The latest batch of Bristol VRTSL6Gs (3067-71) are officially classified as dual-purpose vehicles, although they have bus seating.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Allocations & Transfers

2.80 An additional reallocation during February was 2774 SD-D/L (D).

3.80 1200 MN-BE, 1202 CN-BD, 1203 D/L-PL, 1205 CR-BE, 1206 CR-HD,
1207 BE-CR, 1210 BD-CN, 1211 BD-SE, 1212 BE-MN, 1213 BS-DT,
1215 HD-CR, 1216 SE-BD, 1217 DT-BS, 1417 D/L-CR, 1728 CF-MN,
1746 D/L-BN, 1778 D/L-CF.

The majority of reallocations this month have involved dual-purpose Bedford YMTs. Amongst the most interesting of these, 1202 and 1216 have replaced 1210/1 at BD, and 1213 has been replaced at BS by 1217 from DT. 1203 which was recently delicensed for body repairs at Duple Coachbuilders Ltd. has now returned to service at PL. Of the Bedford YMTs at least 1212 MN does not carry OMO equipment at present. Leyland National 1728 has been transferred from CF to MN, although the vehicle still carried CF depot plates during early March. A further two Leyland Nationals, 1746 (BN) and 1778 (CF), have returned to service having been delicensed during February for mechanical repairs.

Bristol RELL6G 1501, which recently returned to service at HH, is currently operating without HH depot plates.

General

Following the transfer of 2849 from Hadleigh to Southend in January, Hadleigh (HH) depot's allocation now consists entirely of vehicles with semi-automatic gearboxes. Other depots with such allocations are Basildon (BN) and Wood Green (WG), and it has been reported that Southend (SD) depot will be the next to receive such an allocation. At present there are six manual gearbox Bristol FLF6Gs at Southend

(2825/33/41/4/9 2940) with a further two Bristol FLF6Gs (2818/23) allocated to the SD-PLDS pool of vehicles.

The two oldest Bristol FLF6Gs still in service are 2784 and 2796 both allocated to Clacton (CN). Open-top FLF6G, 2300 (RWC608), is an older vehicle however, although it is currently delicensed. The largest allocation of manual gearbox FLF6Gs is at Chelmsford (CF) which has fifteen of these vehicles, with a further two allocated to the CF-CWDS pool. Clacton has the second largest allocation with ten vehicles.

Two Bedford YMTs, 1205 CR and 1208 DT, carried Ipswich Town F.C. supporters to Liverpool F.C. on Saturday February 23rd. On Saturday March 8th eighteen Eastern National coaches were hired to carry Ipswich supporters to Everton F.C. for an F.A. Cup 6th round tie. Amongst these vehicles were at least two of the Harwich (DT) Bedford YMTs.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS191 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-

March 9th : 1509 at SE, 1701 at DN, 1708 at BD, 1728 at MN, 1730 at CR, 1734 at SD, 1762 at CR, 1805 at HH, 1832 at CN, 1869 at CR, 2816 at CR, 2832 at BN, 2926 at HH, 3017 at SD and 3019 at BS. 1866 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on this date.

March 20th : 1509 at SE, 1515 at HH, 1707 at CR, 1730 at CR, 1734 at SD, 1762 at CR, 1771 at BD, 1805 at HH, 1869 at CR, 2816 at CR, 2926 at HH and 3019 at BS. 1702 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 1802 was at Central Works on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during February were as follows :- 1.2-1520, 1825 and 1911; 1755 was transferred to DN on this date with 1920 being transferred to DT from CF; 2.2-1523 with 2384 returning from CN for storage at DT (D/L) (see NS191); 4.2-1506; 6.2-3003; 9.2-1532; 11.2-1520, 2822; 18.2-1768; 22.2-1512 CR with 1208 DT required at CR for an excursion to Liverpool with Ipswich Town F.C. supporters; 25.2-1519; 26.2-1791; 27.2-1756; 29.2-1768.

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

6.2 - see also NS191 - the 0825 hrs. (Mondays to Fridays only) journey from Thundersley (Woodman Arms) to Leigh Station (not Highlands) on service 24 is a regular Southend Transport working being operated either by a single deck bus or coach.

19.2 - 1752 CF noted on service 3A, whilst on temporary loan to HH (see NS191), and 3048 WG noted on an evening journey on service 25.

25.2 - 3019 CF noted on service 59, whilst on temporary loan to BS.

26.2 - 2926 CF noted on service 3, whilst on temporary loan to HH; 3018 CF noted on service 353.

27.2 - 1001 BS noted on service 59 (normally a VRT working).

28.2 - 1914 BS noted on service 59 (normally a VRT working). Due to a major fire in Springfield Road, Chelmsford during the early hours of the 28th all services using Springfield Road (38, 40, 50, 50B, 53, 55, 56 and 353) were diverted via Victoria Road.

29.2 - 1805 CF noted on service 24.

1.3 - 3064 SD noted on service 6.

3.3 - 1734 CF noted on service 3, whilst on temporary loan to SD.

4.3 - 3019 CF noted on service 59.

5.3 - 3056 DN noted heading south on A12 from Witham to Chelmsford.

6.3 - 1517 ED crew-operated on 251; 1805 CF on service 3.

10.3 - 2849 SD on service 313.

14.3 - 1205 BE on service 316.

16.3 - Southend Transport Leyland Fleetline 228 noted on service 21.

21.3 - 1739 SE on service 316; 3019 CF on service 58; 3047 BS noted repainted at CF.

Service Revisions

There has been a considerable number of applications for service revisions during recent weeks, mainly affecting stage services in the Southend area and express services. A shortage of space does not allow full details of each application to be published here, and accordingly only the major features of each proposed service revision are noted.

Stage Services

An application has been made to co-ordinate fares with those charged by the London Transport Executive over common sections of route on services 46, 46A and 47. A similar application has been made to co-ordinate fares with those charged by London Country Bus Services Ltd. over common sections of route on services 2, 47, 49, 49A, 59, 59A, 152, 153, 154, 400 and 402.

Other revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

- 1 - Mondays to Fridays - one minor timetable change.
- 2/2B - To revise timetable amending certain morning and evening journeys.
- 5 - To revise timetable, with one journey withdrawn on weekdays.
- 5A - To revise timetable with new terminals to be Shoeburyness (Blackgate Road) and Canvey Island (Eastern Esplanade, Seaview Road).
On Mondays to Fridays two minor timetable changes are proposed; on Saturdays two minor timetable changes are also proposed; and on Sundays minor timetable changes to three journeys are proposed.
- 6 - To revise timetable and fare tables; revised terminals to be Southchurch (Rodean Gardens) and Eastwood (Kent Elm, Droomfield Ave).
- 6A - Service to be withdrawn.
- 7 - Mondays to Fridays - five journeys to be withdrawn; timetable and faretable to be revised.
- 7A - Saturday services to be withdrawn; timetable and faretable to be revised.
- 7B - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 8 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 8A - Saturday services to be withdrawn; timetable and faretable to be revised.
- 9 - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Eastwood (Eastwood Rise, Gravel Road) or Eastwoodbury (Western Approaches).
- 9A - New Service to be introduced from Southend (Central Bus Station) to Eastwoodbury (Western Approaches) with the route as service 9 to Eastwoodbury Lane, and then Western Approaches.
- 9B - Mondays to Fridays - one minor timetable change.
- 10 - To revise timetable.
- 10B - To revise timetable.
- 11 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 12 - To revise timetable with two additional journeys on weekdays.
- 14A - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 16 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 17 - Revised terminals to be Temple Sutton (Golden Goblet) and Eastwood (Woodcutters); timetable and faretable to be revised.
- 19 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 20 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 21 - To revise timetable and faretable with four journeys to be withdrawn and one other minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays.
- 21A - Service to be withdrawn and all journeys to be numbered 21.
- 22 - To revise timetable.
- 22A - To revise timetable with two journeys to be withdrawn and two other minor timetable changes on Mondays to Fridays.
- 22B - To revise timetable.
- 22C - To revise timetable.
- 24 - To revise timetable with two journeys withdrawn on Mondays to Fridays.
- 25 - Weekdays - to revise timetable.
- 25A - Weekdays - to revise timetable.
- 25B - New Service to be introduced from Southchurch (White Horse) to Highlands (Woodlands Park) with the route as services 25/25A to Rectory Grove, thence Hadleigh Road, Western Road, Thames Drive and then as services 25/25A.

- 26 (Basildon - Romford) - This service was renumbered 226 from 24.2.80.
- 26 New Rayleigh town service (see NS191) to be introduced shortly; revisions are proposed to the timetable for this service. It was originally intended to number this service 64.
- 27 - To revise timetable with one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays.
- 28 - To revise timetable.
- 63 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 65 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 67 - To revise timetable.
- 68 - To revise timetable.
- 151 - To revise timetable.
- 251 - To revise timetable and faretable.
- 310-3 - To revise route in Little Waltham on journeys from Chelmsford to Halstead; Mondays to Fridays - one journey to be withdrawn and one minor timetable change to service 311.
- 321 - Mondays to Fridays - one journey to have reduced running time.

Following the withdrawal of the Havering area 'Multi-Ride' tickets, Eastern National are now charging normal London Transport fares for services within the Havering area (see NS191).

The licence for the service between Great Baddow (Blue Lion) and Maldon (Embassy Bingo Club) (X173) has not been taken up (see NS185).

Express Services

Revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

- 113 (Southend-Brixham) - to revise timetable over the section between Southend and Basildon; the timing point at Chadwell St. Mary on the outward route to be Chadwell St. Mary (Working Mens' Club).
- 114 (Sudbury-Brixham joint with Biss Bros.) - revised period of operation to be Fridays and Saturdays from 23.5.80-27.9.80 and to revise timetable.
- 115 (Southend-Ilfracombe) - revised terminal to be Minehead (Bus Station, The Avenue) and route between Minehead and Ilfracombe to be withdrawn; to revise timetable between Southend and Basildon.
- 119 (Bury St. Edmunds-Basildon) - revised period of operation to be Saturdays only from 24.5.80-20.9.80.
- 120 (Southend-Worthing) - revised terminal to be Brighton (Pool Valley, Bus Station) with revised timing points at Eastbourne and Newhaven; to revise timetable between Southend and Basildon and to operate Saturdays only from 24.5.80-20.9.80.
- 122 (Ipswich-Folkestone) - to suspend operation of the service for Summer 1980.
- 123 (Colchester-Portsmouth) - revised period of operation to be Fridays and Sundays from 23.5.80-21.9.80, and to revise timetable.
- 124 (Southend-Ramsgate/Westwood) - revised period of operation to be Saturdays only from 24.5.80-20.9.80, and to revise timetable between Southend and Basildon.
- 126 (Southend-Bournemouth) - to revise timetable and add additional timing point at Southampton (Royal Pier).
- 127 (South Ockendon-Harwich) - to revise timetable.
- 133 (Maidstone-Walton-on-Naze) - to suspend operation of the service for Summer 1980.

Application has also been made to revise the route of service 125 (Southend-Great Yarmouth) in the South Woodham area with the deletion of the timing points at Danbury (Eves Corner) and South Woodham (Whalebone) and the addition of a timing point at South Woodham (Rail Station).

Excursions and Tours

The application to increase fares on excursions and tours to achieve an overall increase in revenue of 20% affects all excursions and tours starting from Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station), Colchester (Bus Station), Chelmsford (Bus Station), Harwich (Bus Station), Halstead (E.N. Office), Witham (High Street), Southend (Victoria Bus Station), Braintree (Bus Park), Great Dunmow (High Street), Maldon (Bus Station), Clacton-on-Sea (E.N. Coach Stand), Bishops Stortford (E.N. Garage) and Brentwood (High Street) (see also NS191).

Vehicle Repaints.

Personal observations of vehicles repainted during recent weeks have been as follows. Full details of recent repaints will be published when available.

February

w/e 22.2.80-1787 at PL, 1821 at PL.

March

w/e 7.3.80-1409 at PL. w/e 21.3.80-3039 at PL, 3047 at CW.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTWithdrawn Vehicles

12.79	-	40 (OVX140D)	42 (OVX142D)
1.80	-	44 (OVX144D)	

General

An application has been made to increase fares on all services, except on those co-ordinated with H.C. Chambers & Son.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTRebuilt Vehicles

The conversion of Daimler Fleetline 370 to open-top has now been completed and the vehicle has been recertified.

Leyland Leopard 246 (MJN216F) has also been rebuilt and entered service during early March. This vehicle now has windscreens of the style originally fitted to the 1975/6 Daimler Fleetlines (386-97), power steering, a semi-automatic gearbox and a redesigned cab layout. The rear number plate has also been repositioned.

General

Daimler Fleetline 386 (JTD386P) was hired to Ensign Bus Co., Grays on February 22nd to operate the 0005 hrs. Darking-Tilbury rail replacement service.

Bus stop signs within the Southend & District Co-ordination area are now being replaced by the standard Department of Transport plastic signs.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the E.N.V. Circle, continued from NS191).

- 345 (570 UVX) - Still with Dowsett (contractor), noted Ashford, Kent, 10/79.
- 357 (12 DLY) - Whiteford, Lanark, by 12/79, ex. Hollis, Queensferry.
- 1334 (2724 VX) - Now reported as definitely withdrawn by Robinson, Appleby, 7/79 (see also NS183/4/8/9).
- 1342 (2732 VX) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 8/78, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
- 1357 (OWC 606) - Dealer, Sherburn, 6/79, ex. Thompson, Garforth (farmer, N-PSV).
- 1360 (OWC 609) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 3/79, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
- 1444 (LWC 869) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 3/79, ex. dealer, Sherburn.

The fleet of Kinross Plant Hire now contains fourteen ex-Eastern National vehicles. These are as follows: 1336 (2726 VX) (see NS175), 1339 (2729 VX) (see NS177), 1342 (2732 VX) (see above), 1343 (2733 VX) (see NS175), 1350 (210 YVX) (see NS177), 1352 (212 YVX) (see NS176), 1353 (MOO 174) (see NS177), 1359 (OWC 608) (see NS176), 1360 (OWC 609) (see above), 1410 (2735 VX) (see NS176), 1412 (2737 VX) (see NS176), 1415 (2740 VX) (see NS176), 1416 (2741 VX) (see NS176), and 1444 (LWC 869) (see above). With the exception of OWC 609 all these vehicles are operating at the Sullom Voe oil terminal in the Shetland Isles.

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