

JAN 1977

'A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL'

All reports however small will always be welcome EN. ST NT (S3) and coach operators.

S & M COACHES = CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

Numbering of the coach fleet has taken place recently and listed below is the complete active fleet:-

1.	PJH 453H	Leyland PSU 3/4R	Plaxton	C51F
2.	FVA 626K	AEC Reliance	Duple	C53F
3.	MED 270F	Leyland PSU 3A/4RT	Duple	C51F - Formerly No 1.
4.	HWR 292J	Bedford VA55	Duple	C29F
5.	ULK 205F	Leyland PSU 3A/4R	Plaxton	C51F
6.	AAR 346F	Bedford VA55	Plaxton	C29F
-	VDB 953	Leyland PSU 3/3RT	Alexander	DP49F
36.	VDB 909	Leyland PSU 3/1R	Alexander	DP49F
35.	VDE 913	Leyland PSU 3/1R	Alexander	DP49F
-	HW 642	Bedford OB	Duple	C29F - Not in use.

JCR 132F was acquired from Tiger Coaches - Chatteris and used mainly as service vehicle.

AAR 346F was acquired in December from Tarpots Coaches (Conroy) Benfleet.

104 MRA Leyland PD1/1 Weymann L71F ex Chesterfield 104 which was acquired 9/76 has been sold without being operated in service.

An 8 wheel AEC Breakdown Lorry has been acquired GBW 830.

Latest acquisition by S & M is:-

221 DRY AEC Bridgemaster Park Royal L67R
originally Leicester Corp 221.

SOUTHEAST TRANSPORT.

Fleetline 384 had the honours of working the Christmas Day Working on the 400.

On Christmas Sunday & Boxing Day services were worked in the main by 'J' & 'L' registered CML'S, although JTD'S worked to Chelmsford on route 11.

Alterations in London Road Depot will allow more routine maintenance to be carried out instead of ferrying vehicles to Tickfield Rd.

It has been reported that subject of Council approval 208/9 are to be converted to DP layout for coachwork, the coach seats having been purchased from EN at 1600 class.

On 30th Nov, open topper 312 was seen on route in a thunderstorm, incidentally its upper deck was empty.

Fleetline 392 has been fitted with a curved windscreen to eliminate dazzle, also extra ventilators fitted either side of the front indicator.

The last Lowlander has been withdrawn - 328.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKING

352	R12	28/11
358	R12	5/12
362	R10/12	12/12
201	R1	12/12
377	R10/12	19/12
205	R7 Acrow	13/1

The use of Fleetlines on routes 10 & 12 on Sundays is caused by Shortage of saloons.

EASTERN NATIONAL

New Leyland Nat 1784 PEV 696R is at Hadleigh.

A general shortage of vehicles has resulted in inter depot hirings.

Vehicles transferred into the area are:-

1410	SD ex CN	1352	SD ex BN.
1424	SD ex BN		
1607	SD ex DT to replace 1613.		
2729	SD		
2859	SD ex SDU		

Local vehicles transferred away are 1447 to BD.

1539 to MN.

1613 withdrawn from service.

2744 withdrawn 2832 to SE.

MW's at SD are to cover defective LN's.

With the demise of the MW buses notable exceptions seen recently have been MN 1361 on R19 & CF 1406 on R11.

A variety of CF Vehicles have been on loan to SD during December, including LN'1701/5 & FLF 2751 - 2774/2798/2804/11/35.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKING

12/11	CF 2811	R25A	
17/11	CF 2804	R25A	
27/11	CF 2751	R3	
3/12	CF 1728	R3A	
1/1	BN 3007	R251	2 man
15/1	CR 1528	R63	

1510 on loan to HH in December

1601 on loan to BN covering defective LN 1716.

1720 on loan to MN in December.

3009 & 1766 D/L at SD due to accident damage.

Also D/L at SD on 15/1 were 1747 - 2904 - 3042/62.

D/L at FL works 1552, 1735, 2778.

D/L at CW. 1533, 3013.

3006/1502 on loan to CR 15/1.

1547 on loan to HH 15/1.

Also on loan to SD on 15/1 1701, 2510, 2706/5/6/8/47/98.

Due to a landslide on the railway line between Hockley & Reyleigh during the Christmas period a special service was operated, but on 4/1 a special bus service was instituted between Rayleigh & Benfleet Stns, and a total of 36 vehicles required drawn from ENOC TS Vehicles, Southend Transport & N.T.(SE), after all plans were finalised the idea was dropped.

SOUTHEND BUSMAN PHOTO SERVICE.

For Southend Corporation enthusiasts photoes - past & present - send Stamped addressed envelope for list to:-

6 Mandeville Way,
Benfleet,
Essex SS7 4LH.

others to follow - Hicks - Campbells - City - Westcliff.

MARCH 1977

Coach operators in the area are very quiet at present, however, one new vehicle has appeared, albeit with the Hospital Board.

PJN 471R Bedford PJK Duple B20F

S & M - CASTLEPOINT BUS

Still providing news for us.

Sold Vehicles include:-

221 DRY AEC Bridgemaster (not operated)
9272 ND AEC Regent V

These two have been sold to Guards of London and are currently being rebuilt to Vintage open-stair tourist buses.

Acquired. FCU 829 Daimler CSG6 Roe H35/28R
Originally South Shields 129 via Tyne & Wear PTE.
RCM 809 Daimler Fleetline Weymann H77F.
ex Merseyside PTE 109.

Correction to last issue:-

35 should read VDB 912 not 913 this vehicle has since been sold.

Also in S & M's Yard are:-

9274 ND AEC Regent V ex Mayne Manchester.
146 NN Leyland PDRI ex Originally East Midland.

Neither have been used on contracts.

NATIONAL TRAVEL (TE)

NEW VEHICLES:

OYU 569/70R Leyland PSU 3C/4R Plaxton C53F.

On 14/2 Royal Blue SFJ 145R (Leyland/Plaxton) called at Kelvedon for a new windscreen.

On 24/2 Southdown HCD 392E (Leyland/Duple) operated the 14.05 service 084 from Walton to London on hire to Grey Green with a GG Driver.

Vehicles licensed in East Anglian Division March 1977 as follows:-

GJD 194/5/7/8N	NYE 948L
KUW 533-40P	KGJ 475-7K
RPU 868/9M	OLL 478/81L
LYU 557-60P	FFN 879

OWC 182D has been on driving training in Southend Area during March.

LESNEY PRODUCTS & CO.LTD., ROCHFORD.

Vehicles are now appearing in a new livery, consisting basically white with orange and yellow lining in a contemporary design.

JXN 253 AEC Regent RT Park Royal H56R was the first seen.

EASTERN NATIONAL SD - HH - CY

New Leyland National at SD are:-

1787/8 PEV 699/700R.

Transfers in:-

2715 HH ex CW
2841 SD ex SDU
3009 SD ex SDU

Transfers out:-

1750 D/L ex SD	2735 D/L ex SD
1352 SE ex SD	
1420 SE ex SD	
1607 BN ex SD	

Unusual Route Workings.

30/1 CY 1753	R29	
29/1 SD 1504	R400	
23/2 CY 1753	R3 (2 man)	
27/2 SD 1741	3251	

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

204 - 432 FXX - 205VDB 915 have been returned to Ensign.

Only 208 is to be converted to a coach and is currently in Tickfield Rd.

PD3 335 recently appeared again after overhaul.

Fleetlines 386/9 now have curved windscreens similar to 392.

SOUTHEND BUSMAN PHOTO SERVICE

Interested in photoes of Campbells over 30 views all different and Hicks,
Braintree additions to Southend Corp.

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THE SOUTHEND BUSMAN No.21

MAY 1977

Channel Coachways have caused a stir by acquiring VYO 767 Bristol MW6GECW C39F originally ENOC and Norfolks Wayland also acquired:-

NEK14/20K Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F

and have sold

323 EDV Bristol SUL4A ECW B36F

P.C. Cox, 9 Virginia Close, Benfleet.

ONK 260H Bedford VAM70 Duple C45F ex Reliance
now carries Fleetname Crown Coaches.

S & M CO'S CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

HHF9. S & M'S first Leyland PDR has been dismantled for spares, certain parts transferred to 146 ENN which has now appeared on School Services complete with Beefeater adverts.

Various ex GC PTE Leyland Atlanteans have been seen in S & M'S Yard but it is not known whether they have been purchased.

RCM 809 is still operating in Merseyside livery, complete with Fleet number, blinds and adverts.

Acquired but not operated HWW 242J Bed. VAS5 Caetano C29F now sold.

A recap on types might be appropriate at the beginning of the season.

<u>AEC</u>	3000 NO	VWN16	UNK 606E	444 EBE
<u>RELIANCE</u>	JNK 244C	8766 VW	CFW 100C	CUW 562C
	DLC 692J	JJJ 575D	FVA 626K	TFN 427
<u>LEYLAND PSU'S</u>	MED 270F	ULK 205F	PJH 453H	VDB 953
				VDB 909
<u>BRISTOL</u>	275 KTA	OHY 935		
	(SUL)	(KSW)		
	WVB 265G	VYO 767		
	(LHL6L)	(MW)		
<u>SEDDON</u>	CNY 620J	NRF 887L		

The remainder of the fleets consists of Bedford and Fords of various types.

Rochford Boys Boxing Club have acquired TFN 427 AEC Reliance Park Royal DP41F ex East Kent.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Vehicles D/L at SD 3062, 2790, 1747, 2903, 2727.

Vehicles D/L at PL 2883, 3022/4/38, 1732.

Allocations:

2742 to HH ex D/L (D)

2849 to D/L ex HH, it is understood this vehicle is to be painted in all-over advert.

2716 to SD ex D/L (D)

1450 to HH ex MN for special contract for Eastern Electricity Board at Rayleigh.

2727 to SD ex CR 2755 to HH

2764 to D/L

2 of the KSW opentoppers are already licensed 2379 at CF - was used on the HCVC rally to Brighton on May 1st, and 2382 at SD for May Day Parade in London.

P.T.O.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKINGS.

17/2	CY 2914	R3A	10/4	WG 2910	R400
24/2	HH 2712	R3A	14/4	CR 1503	R24
14/3	HH 2752	R3A	15/4	BD 2892	R3
			16/4	SD 2888	R3A
			29/4	CF 2892	R2

LOANS

2848 to HH to cover 2943
1533 to BN to cover 1732
3011 to BN to cover 3022 which was involved in an accident with a Milk Float.
CF 2717 & 1710 to SD.

NATIONAL TRAVEL (S.E.)

April 30th was another busy day for NTSE, providing transport to Wembley for Billericay town FC supporters. 28 vehicles converged on Radford Way to start their journey, they were numbered 1/2/4 - 29 inc. as follows:-

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|-------|------------------|----------------|-----|----------------------|---------|
| 1. | LYU 557P | | | | |
| 2. | LYU 558P | | | | |
| 4. | ENCF 1418 | | | | |
| 5. | KUW 538P | | | | |
| 6. | OYU 570R | | | | |
| 7. | RPU 868M | | | | |
| 8. | EN CF 1610 | | | | |
| 9-12 | Eastern Counties | RE881/0/91/85 | | | |
| 13-15 | Maidstone & Dis. | 4601/4158/4171 | | | |
| 16. | EN | BD 3040 | | | |
| 17. | EN | BD 2893 | | | |
| 18. | EN | BN 2829 | 25. | EN | SD 2844 |
| 19. | EN | BN 2855 | 26. | EN | SD 2818 |
| 20. | EN | BN 2858 | 27. | EN | CF 2783 |
| 21. | EN | CF 3035 | 28. | EN | CF 2771 |
| 22. | EN | SD 2848 | 29. | London Country Coach | 3. |
| 23. | EN | SD 2841 | | | |
| 24. | EN | SD 2859 | | | |

Surprise vehicle was MW 1418 which was deputising for a N.T. coach that has been involved in an accident the previous day.

Other vehicles used were from Southend:-

KGJ 477K, XOO 879L and OLL 481L this carried No 3.

from Basildon XCO 877L XOO 878L
from Runwell KGJ 470K
from Baddow KUW 533P
and a private hire from Billericay Area.

PWC 339K, GJD 194N, LWC 975/80/2J, KUW 534/40P, OLL 480L.
The team coach was GJD 195N.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

PD3'S are regular on service 27 throughout the day and are to be seen on services 1, 14, 22A, 23, 23A & 29A on peak hours. One of the open toppers was used by Billericay Footballers for a Victory Parade on the 8th May following their win of the F.A. Vase.

Massey - bodied lowbridge PD3 315/6 are still in use as training vehicles and occasionally seen in passenger service. The Lowlanders used as stores in London Road have now been moved to Tickfield Road. Parts from CWA6 270 have been moved to help pressure 263 now with the E.N. Preservation Group.

S.T. have now excursion licences to Hackney & Crayford Speedway Tracks for the forthcoming season.

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Campbells - Hicks
Moore - Osbornes

Send S.A.E. to:- 6 Mandeville Way, Benfleet, Essex SS7 4LH.

STOP PRESS - Castlepoint Bus acquired - 183 XNO Bristol FLF6B ECW LD70F

ex ENOC 2736.

THE SOUTHEND BUSMAN

JULY 1977 No 22.

SOUTHEND AREA COACH OPERATORS.

SUPREME CO'S, HADLEIGH.

New: UPU 304R Ford R1114 Plaxton C51F

CROWN CO'S, BENFLEET - COX

Acquired 7/77

GME 981J Bristol LHL6L Plaxton C53F
ex Eyres - Slough.
Sold 7/77 ONK 260H Bedford VAM70 Duple C45F

S & M CO'S - CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

Acquired 6/77

JNK 561N Bristol RELH6G Plaxton C53F
ex Salmon, Corringham.
Sold HWR 292J Bedford VAS5 Duple C29F to
Salmon, Corringham.

Ford Transit JCR 132E is now in red & cream livery and Castlepoint Bus Co. Fleetname.

KEMP - ROCHFORD

The AEC Reliance owned by Rochford Boxing Club - TFN 427 has now been licensed as a PSV (9.V).

THORNS, RAYLEIGH.

New: UEV 741R Ford R1114 Duple C53F

KIRBYS, RAYLEIGH.

New: TVW 361R ? ? Plaxton C

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

On 11/7/77 ST hired 15 vehicles to Grey Green to take police to the Grunwick Factory in North London - 208 was on Television. To cover duties on this day ST hired an Alexander bodied Atlantean from Lewington, Cranham, which was used on Route 62.

14/7/77 again saw a hiring, that of TFN 427 AEC Reliance - Park Royal DP41F of Kemp, Rochford used on Route 4 and 15/7/77 was seen on 8A.

Open-Toppers have been used on peak-hour journeys on Routes 1 and 29A.

Unusual Route Workings.

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday extra vehicles were put on sea-front Route 68, Vehicles were 208-209-315-316 and PD3's were put on route 1 extras.

11/7/77 316 R8A
14/7/77 315 R62

Seen on route to Margate on 13/7 was 218 on hire to Grey Green.

ST new Austin Taxi for Staff Transport FVW 588R.

Various Hadleigh EN duties are being covered by ST on route 3.

P.T.O

EASTERN NATIONAL

2 New LN at SD are 1798/9 REV.

Vehicles	D/L	at	SD	3009	2716	2923	
	D/L	at	PL	2930	3049	3051	3052
	D/L	at	CW	1504	2807	2888	3062

Southend Vehicles on loan to BN.

1720 2727 3011

On loan to SD MN 2820 CF2760 CF 1700

Vehicle movements.

HH 1450 to MN

2849 to HH

HH 2742 to CW

Unusual Route Workings

10/7 BD 3041 R251 2 man.

17/7 HH 1541 R5A 2 man.

28/6 CF 1610 R19

28/6 CF 2717 R5

S O U T H E N D B U S M A N

NO 23. September 1977.

SOUTHEND AREA COACH OPERATORS.

S & M Coaches have purchased more interesting Vehicles, noteable is LRW 52J Bristol VRL/ECW orig. National Travel NW.

Also acquired:- ARN 786/7C Leyland PSU3/3RT Plaxton C49F
ex Ribble 786/7

JNK 561N carries Fleetnumber 4.

2 FVA 626K also carries Name "Roadrunner"

Parked recently at S & M "outstation" - the Springfield Cafe on the A13 was 961 GBF Ley PD3/4 - Massey H72FD
ex Stonier Goldenhill No 5.

BRIGHTWAYS COACHES - WESTCLIFF

Acquired:- VNK 918J Ford R226 Duple C53F
ex Read, South Woodham.

B.C. STEVENS (FOUR SEASONS CO'S) SOUTHEND

Acquired:- 3/77 323 EDV Bristol SUL4A ECW B36F
ex Channel Coachways.

KIRBYS - RAYLEIGH

TVW 361R Bedford YMT Plaxton C53F 5/77

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

PD3 342 is now back in service, 346 now appears to be only one delicensed.

With the 8 PD3's & 2 Fleetliners at Cardiff, AEC Reliance TFN 427 of Kemp, Rochford is on hire, but to date has not been seen in service.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKINGS

13/7 380 R67 Chalkwell Shelter to Kent Elms.

15/7 312 R3

25/8 376 R5 2 man.

On 24/9/77 ST Crews were on strike, Traffic Staff and Inspectors maintained a skelton service on routes 1, 4A, 4B, 7, 7A, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 29, in the main these were operated hourly.

EASTERN NATIONAL

New Vehicles in the area are:- VRT 3064/3065 UVX1/25
Leyland National 1807 TJN 506R

Transfers in:-

2801 HH ex MN
2893 SD ex BD
2895 SD ex BD

On loan to HH & CY

3013, 1721 ex SD
3019, 1700, 2750 ex CF

Transfers Out:-

1748 BE ex SD
1749 SE ex SD
2712 D/L ex HH
2715 D/L ex HH
2733 D/L ex SD
1743 D/L ex HH

On loan to SD
1704 ex CF.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKINGS

12/7 1418 R251

13/7 CF 1719 R69

Two S reg'd L.N. are due at HH for the complete OMO of route 23A.

P.T.O.

Silver Jubilee VRT 3053 worked the 15,35 service 11 to Chelmsford and return working on 6/9/77.

Additional FLF loaned to Southdown for Jubilee Fleet Review was CF 2774.

ODDS AND ENDS

Imported bodywork in the area amounts to only three vehicles.

T. Thorp - Rayleigh RVW 88M Ford/Caetano

S & M - Benfleet HWV 242J Bed VASS/ Caetano

Kirbys - Rayleigh OTW 116K Setra/Kassbohrer

The sole Atkinson, that of Kirbys has been withdrawn and is at present on a farm between Rayleigh and Hockley.

SOUTHEND BUSMAN PHOTO SERVICE

Two Southend members recently made a "flying" visit to Cardiff to photograph the Southend Vehicles currently on hire there. The following prints are available:-

No.	333	F or OF	F	Front View
	334	NF or OF	OF	Offside Front
	335	OF or NF	NF	Nearside Front
	338	OF		
	339	OF		
	340	OF		
	341	NF or OF		
	344	OF		
	362	OF		

POSTCARDS - 10p. each + 10p. P & P per order.

To - Richard Delahye
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S O U T H E N D B U S M A N

NO 24

NOVEMBER 1977.

SOUTHEND AREA COACH OPERATORS.

S & M Coaches - Castlepoint Bus Co.

My thanks to Chris Waugh for pointing out the error regarding the ex Merseyside Daimler, it is RCM 809.

VEHICLES SOLD:-

AEC Regent V VTX 443, this was S & M's first double decker.

Leyland PSU3 VDB 909/953.

ACQUIRED

ABN 207/8B Leyland PDRL/1 East Lancs H78F.
Ex Greater Manchester 6707/8.

HAYDEN GREAT WAKERING.

ACQUIRED.

UOO 322R Bedford J2 Plaxton DP19F.
Thought to be an ex Govt Vehicle.

CHANNEL COACHWAYS - SOUTHEND AIRPORT.

ACQUIRED.

LXD 425K Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F
NEK 14/20K Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F
SOLD KJN 821/2/3E Ford R226 Duple C53F

SANDGROVE - THUNDERSLEY

ACQUIRED.

KPO 543C Bedford VAS1 Plaxton C22F

APT TRAVEL (THORN) - THUNDERSLEY.

ACQUIRED.

EMK 389B Bedford 5B5 Duple C41F
ex Cook, Westcliff.

ISLAND COACHES - CANVEY ISLAND.

ACQUIRED.

KJN 822E Ford R226 Duple C53F
ex Channel Coachways, Southend.

STEVENS (FOUR SEASONS) - SOUTHEND.

ACQUIRED.

KJN 821E Ford R226 Duple C53F
ex Channel Coachways, Southend.

EASTERN NATIONAL.

New Vehicles in the area are Layland Nationals.

at SD 1814/1836
at HH 1817/1821/1835

Unusual Route working.

13/12 BD 2906 R27
4/12 CF 1800 R404 - this vehicle has been on loan
to CY.

The four KSW Opentoppers are in store at Prittlewell, and it would seem that they will appear again next year.

Transfers out - 1601 D/L ex SD
 2755 D/L ex HH
 2712 D/L ex HH
 2797 CF ex SD

None PSV Operators.

A.W. Hardy (Cont) Southend.

BNO 112B Bedford SB13 Duple C41F
 original EN.

Wiggins (Builder) Thundersley.

More vehicles acquired from the familiar Wiggins source of Vehicles namely Osborne, Tollesbury.

HCU 957 AEC Reliance Duple C43F

GVX 658B AEC Reliance Duple C42F

these have replaced:-

BHL 522/4C Bedford SB5 Duple C41F sold for scrap.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

PD3 341 is delicensed in London Road.

Unusual Route Workings.

29/10 333 R5
 338 R5
 30/10 208 R3 2 man.
 31/10 368 R5

With the acute staff shortage at EN's Hadleigh Garage ST Vehicles are regular performers on HH duties on routes 3, 3A, 5, 5A.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Seen in Hadleigh, Bristol FLF, 245 MNN and Leyland Leopard
 UCK 516 - owners ?

On 7/12 Western Welsh UC 6571 worked into Southend from Cheltenham.

UNDER 23's.

NO - not the next World Cup Teams, but all PSV's in the area with seating capacity of 23 and under, an interesting selection to say the least.

Castlepoint	JCR 132E	Ford Transit	South Hants	12
Sandgrove	NBM 404H	" "	LCM	12
"	KFO 543C	Bedford VAS1	Plaxton	C22F
Island Co's	DYA 927J	Bedford CFL	Dormobile	12
Whalley	PVX 678R	Ford Transit	Ford	12
Highways	SKR 685H	Austin	BMC	11
Hayden	NPU 842M	Ford Transit	Ford	12
"	UOO 322R	Bedford J2	Plaxton	DP19F
JC Minibus	BBC 888K	Ford Transit	Moseley	12
Hallums	JCW 889E	" "	Sth Hants	12

Hallums	JMR 778F	Ford Transit	Deansgate	12
UMBH	DHJ 104K	" "	Moseley	12
"	GHJ 468L	" "	"	12
"	VNA 928L	" "	Deansgate	12
"	XUM 123J	Bedford J2	Plaxton	C20F
"	AOO 216L	Ford Transit	Ford	12
"	KBH 600N	" "	Tricentrol	12
"	VHJ 111S	" "	?	12
M & E Co's	OHH 977G	Bedford J2	Plaxton	C20F