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EDITORIAL

Annual Photographic Competition - Tuesday, October 7th.

Members are reminded that the Group's October meeting at Rochford will feature the annual Photographic Competition. The meeting will be held at the Carriage Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford on Tuesday, October 7th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.), and the competition rules were published in last month's news sheet. Members should note that postal entries should not be sent to Paul Harvey (as published in NS269). Instead, they should be sent to Richard Delahoy at 120. Yarnacott, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 8AW. to arrive by October 6th.

Castle Point Transport Museum Society Open Day - Sunday, October 12th.

The Group's sales stand will be present at the Castle Point Transport Museum Society's 1986 Open Day, which will be held at the Museum on Canvey Island on Sunday, October 12th. Our full range of sales items will be available, including new photograph stocks.

Colchester Meeting - Thursday, November 13th.

The next Colchester meeting will be held at 40. Marlowe Way, Lexden, Colchester on Thursday, November 13th commencing at 1945 hrs. by kind invitation of Mike Allen. Colchester area members are encouraged to support this meeting. For members travelling by public transport, bus services depart from Colchester (Bus Station) at 1935 hrs. (service 53) and Colchester (North Station) at 1918 hrs. (service 5) and 1948 hrs. (service 5A). Bus passengers should alight at Lexden Church, walk to the west for about 30-40 yards up a short hill, and then along an alleyway on the left which leads to Marlowe Way. If you need any further directions, please telephone Mike Allen on Colchester (0206) 562781

Bus Times - Advertisement

Some members may have already seen the advance publicity for Bus Times magazine. For those who have not, Bus Times is an exciting new magazine for the bus enthusiasts which will include full colour photographs in every issue, company and preservation news, rally reports, de-regulation news, competitions and much more. The first edition of Bus Times will be available at the end of September, and is priced at £1.25 for a single copy or £6.00 for a six issue subscription. Members wishing to enquire about Bus Times should write directly to Andy Meadows at 52. Ferndale Road, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 9NW. Please make any cheques/Postal Orders payable to 'Autofocus'.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

Further news of the five Leyland National vehicles acquired from The South Wales Transport Co. Ltd. during late-February is that they all remain at Maldon (MN) depot. They are being cannibalised for spares, including the engine units, and they will not enter service with the Company.

Vehicles On Order

Delivery of the twenty Mercedes-Benz L608D mini-buses that are currently on order (0225-44) (see NS269) is now expected to commence in late-September. Further details will be published as soon as they become available.

Vehicles On Hire

Leyland Olympian 4018 (C418HJN) has been loaned to Southdown Motor Services Ltd. for evaluation purposes during late-August and September. As a replacement vehicle, Southdown's Bristol VRTSL6L 266 (JWV266W) has been on loan to the Company at Brentwood

(BD) depot, and has been used mainly on service 251 but also on service 451 (September 19th). Full details of this vehicle are as follows :-

Southdown 266 JWV266W Bristol VRTSL6L 3/2779 E.C.W. H43/31F 24668 New 3/81

This vehicle carries the latest Southdown green and cream livery, and is allocated to Southdown's Hampshire Division.

The various United Counties vehicles listed in previous news sheets as being on hire to the Company all still remain on hire. Recent allocation changes affecting these vehicles are that Leyland National 453 was re-allocated from CF (P) to Southend (SD) from September 21st, whilst similar vehicle 483 is still allocated to Harwich (DT) but no longer as a Pool vehicle. Leyland National 544 was briefly allocated as a Pool vehicle (HH (P)) at Hadleigh during early-September, but is again now part of the normal allocation at that depot.

Additionally, three further vehicles are also now on hire from the United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., and details are as follows :-

UCOC 475	ORP475M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	01148	B49F New 1/74
UCOC 482	RNV482M	Leyland National	11351/1R	01462	B49F New 6/74
UCOC 507	KNV507P	Leyland National	11351/1R	02493	B49F New 8/75

These three vehicles were received on hire on September 18th, and their current allocation is as follows :- UCOC 475 - Basildon (BN); UCOC 482 - Braintree (BE); UCOC 507 - Southend (SD). At the time of writing, these vehicles were at Central Works being equipped with Wayfarer ticket machines.

Alder Valley North Ford Transit mini-bus 323 (C323RPE) remains on hire to the Company, and was noted in use at Walthamstow (WW) depot for ferrying drivers and other staff during early-September.

The Iveco 79.14/Caetano Viana L B24F mini-bus C99 NNV remains on hire from Salvador Caetano (UK) Ltd. and continues to operate services 252/3/4 from Enfield (ED) depot.

Three of the Maidstone & District Mercedes-Benz L608D/Rootes B20F mini-buses (1013/20/1) remain on hire, and these vehicles are all currently allocated to Brentwood (BD) depot for operation on LRT service 193 ('Hornchurch Hoppa'). Similar vehicle 1018 (C218EKJ) was returned to Maidstone & District by August 6th, and 1021 (C221EKJ) was also returned to Maidstone & District during August although it has since returned to Brentwood (BD) for service 193.

Allocations & Transfers

9.86 3052 DT-DT (P), 3053 SD-PD, 3056 BE-PD, 3064 CR-SD, 3066 CF-PD, 3071 SD-PD, 3074 BN-PD, 3076 HH-PD, 3078 SD-CR, 3080 BD-PD, 3095 CF-CR, 3099 SD-HH, 3108 CR-SD, 3111 HH-CF.

The next stage in the operation of London Regional Transport services will commence on Saturday, September 27th, when Eastern National will commence operation of service 107 (Arkley-Brimsdown) to a reduced timetable. This service will be re-numbered 307, and seven of the vehicles listed above (3053/6/66/71/4/6/80) are scheduled for operation on service 307. It is the Company's intention to open a new depot at Ponders End (Wharf Road) for operation of various LRT services, and this depot will have the depot allocation code PD, as listed in this month's allocations and transfers. A planning application has been made for the use of these premises. The seven vehicles listed above will receive 'CityBus' vinyls at Central Works from September 22nd.

The depot allocation code for the outstation at South Woodham Ferrers was changed from WF to SW during late-August, and the new code letters are carried by the vehicle concerned (3070).

Bristol VRTSL6G 3021 (OWC294K) is currently on temporary loan to Maldon (MN) depot, and in fact carries Maldon (MN) depot allocation plates. However, it should be noted that this is not an official re-allocation, and the vehicle remains on the allocation of Chelmsford (CF) depot.

Service Vehicles

The Ford D0910 lorry CDV413T has now been repainted in the new style green and yellow livery, and is normally based at Chelmsford (CF) depot. It has been allocated Company fleet number 0105.

Service Developments

The main news this month concerns the introduction by Charterooach (Harwich) Ltd. of competing services between Harwich and Colchester (services 10/10A) and between Harwich and Parkeston Quay (service 30) from September 1st. The services were launched with considerable press publicity, and a timetable leaflet was published. It was announced that fares would be at 1979 levels, and the vehicles being operated are former Ambassador Travel Leyland Leopard coaches with Willowbrook 003 bodywork. Eastern National responded immediately to this competition by reducing fare levels and by the introduction of duplicate vehicles on many journeys between Harwich and Colchester. Certain vehicles including 1751 CN and 4007/8 (both DT) have been noted displaying 'Low Prices On This Bus' slogans. The latest situation is that Charterooach introduced revised timetables on its services with effect from Friday, September 12th.

Following the recent information regarding the first batch of tenders awarded by Essex County Council to operate services under Service Subsidy Agreements (see NS268), Charterooach (Harwich) Ltd. has now registered the new services. Brief details are as follows :-

73 Colchester (circular) via Maypole Green, Shrub End, Hardys Green, Easthorpe, Copford and Lexden : Tuesdays and Thursdays.
76 Colchester (circular) via Rowhedge, Fingringhoe and Abberton : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
— Harwich-Colchester via Ramsey, Little Oakley, Great Oakley, Tendring and Weeley : Fridays only.
101/2 Harwich-Colchester via Little Oakley, Bradfield, Manningtree, Lawford and Ardleigh (Sundays) or via Dovercourt, Parkeston, Great Oakley, Wix, Manningtree, Lawford, Dedham and Ardleigh (Weekday evenings).
105/7 Walton-on-Naze (Kino Road)-Colchester via Kirby Cross, Weeley, Tendring and Wivenhoe : Weekdays.
123 Clacton-Manningtree via Weeley, Tendring, Horsley Cross and Mistley : Fridays only.
125 Harwich-Weeley via Great Oakley, Beaumont and Weeley : Weekdays.
126 Clacton-on-Sea-Great Oakley via Little Clacton, Thorpe-le-Soken, Tendring and Wix Cross : Weekdays
129 Colchester-Clacton (Station Road) via Greenstead, Elmstead Market, Frating, Weeley and Little Clacton (Weekday evenings) or via Wivenhoe, Elmstead Market, Frating, Weeley and Little Clacton (Sundays).
170 Colchester-Braintree via Lexden, Beacon End, Marks Tey, Coggeshall and Bradwell (Sundays).
174 Colchester-Clacton via Greenstead, Wivenhoe, Thorrington and St. Osyth (Weekday evenings).
178 Wivenhoe-Brightlingsea via Alresford and Thorrington : Weekdays.
188 Colchester-Halstead (Conies Road) via Lexden, Eight Ash Green, Aldham and Earls Colne : Sundays.

Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. has also now registered service 328 to operate between Great Cornard (Shopping Centre) and Sudbury (Bus Station) on Weekdays.

London Country Bus Services Ltd. has registered the following services :-

57/57A Harlow (Bus Station)-Hatfield Broad Oak (Dukes Head P.H.) via High Wych, Sawbridgeworth and Lower Sheering : Weekdays.
58/58A Harlow (Bus Station)-Chelmsford (Rail Station) via Sheering, Hatfield Heath and Leaden Roding (with part of the route being operated on a 'Hail and Ride' basis) : Weekdays.

E. Kirby (t/a Kirbys Coaches), Rayleigh has registered service 69 to operate between Lower Hockley (Dome Caravan Site) and Rochford (East Street) via Apex Corner, Hockley Spa and Stroud Green on Tuesdays only (one return journey).

L.J. Smith (t/a Fargo Coachlines) has registered service 314 to operate between Stebbing (Bran End) and Braintree (Bus Park) via Crows Green, Great Saling and Rayne on Mondays to Fridays (one return journey).

Other recent news concerning Essex County Council tenders is that Venturer Travel have been awarded the tender to operate off-peak journeys on Mondays to Fridays on service 21 (Leigh-Southchurch). That operator has also been granted licences to operate services between Southend (Chichester Road)/Rochford (North Street) and South Woodham Ferrers (ASDA) (to be numbered 19) on Tuesdays only and between Rochford (North Street)

and Canvey Island (Leigh Beck) on Wednesdays only (service 403).

Eastern National has also registered certain new services, and made a number of revisions to services previously registered (see NS265). Details of these registrations and other changes are as follows :-

2 - Alternative route in Basildon.
7/7A/7C/7D/7E - Withdrawal of the Mersea Avenue and Firs Road loop section.
32 (Basildon area) - Revised timetable and revised route, and service will not operate via Wickford (Rail Station).
33 (Basildon area) - Revised timetable and revised route, and service will not operate via Wickford (Rail Station)
33 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change, and running times between Ford End and Great Waltham to be revised.
34 (Basildon area) - Revised timetable, and service will not operate via Wickford (Rail Station).
35 (Basildon area) - Revised timetable.
37 - Route between Inchbonnie Road and Bancrofts Road to be operated on a 'Hail and Ride' basis, except for a fixed stop at Hullbridge Road.
38 - Service to operate on a 'Hail and Ride' basis, except for fixed stops at Inchbonnie Road and Hullbridge Road.
38 (Basildon area) - Alternative route in Basildon.
39 (Basildon area) - Revised timetable, and alternative route in Basildon town centre.
40 - Mondays to Fridays : 0805 hrs. journey from Westlands Estate to be withdrawn.
41A - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
42 - Section of route via Tile Kiln Estate to be operated on a 'Hail and Ride' basis, and service to be operated by mini-buses.
48 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
51 (Basildon area) - Introduction of Weekday evening service (to replace evening service on service 52, and alternative route in Basildon town centre.
52 (Basildon area) - Weekday evening service to be withdrawn, and revised route in Basildon.
53 (Basildon area) - Weekday evening service to be introduced between Basildon Hospital and Pitsea (Rail Station), and alternative route in Basildon.
53 - Mondays to Fridays : 1910 hrs. and 2010 hrs. journeys from Witham to Silver End to be withdrawn. Minor revisions to arrival/departure times at Witham (High Street).
54 (Basildon area) - Alternative route in Basildon.
55 (Basildon area) - Revised Saturday timetable to make provision for service between Southfields (Fenton Way) and Felmores East (Tyefields).
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57 - Revised route and terminal arrangements at Springfield Park Estate.
74 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
74A - Sundays : revised terminal point in Wivenhoe.
98X - Revised running times to be introduced.
122 - Revised timetable, including changes to avoid unnecessary duplication.
151 - Revised timetable to accommodate British Rail revisions at South Benfleet (Rail Station), and alternative route for short journeys to/from Basildon Hospital.
152 - Alternative route in Basildon town centre.
Mondays to Fridays : revised timetable during morning peak period.
153 - Alternative route in Basildon.
154 - Mondays to Fridays : revised timetable during morning peak period.
Sundays : service to be withdrawn.
Alternative route in Basildon.
311 - Mondays to Fridays : 0750 hrs. journey from Braintree to operate on Schooldays only.
Saturdays : 0825 hrs. journey from Halstead to depart from Braintree (Bus Park) at 0905 hrs.

353 - Journeys to operate in Witham via Crossing Road, Conrad Road and Rickstones Road.
370 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
402 - Alternative route in Basildon.
407 - Revised timetable to reduce the running time of journeys by five minutes.
834 NEW SERVICE - Clacton (Bus Station)-Brent Cross Shopping Centre via Colchester, Witham, Chelmsford, Brentwood, Romford and Walthamstow - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - two return journeys(see also NS268).
X51 - Weekdays : revised evening timetable.
Sundays : two additional journeys to be introduced.
Revised stopping points in Hutton.
X70 - Weekdays : 1620 hrs. journey from Stansted Airport to operate to Braintree on Mondays to Fridays (when schools are closed) and to Colchester on Saturdays.
8/9/10 (Clacton area) - Timetable revisions with minor route alterations.
11/12 (Clacton area) - To retard the timetable by five minutes and to allow four minutes additional running time during the day.

The Company has cancelled the registrations for the following services which will now not operate from October 26th (see also NS265) :- 15/16 (Clacton area), 1/2/3/4/5/6 (Witham area), W1 (Basildon area), 262, 270 and 271.

The Company has surrendered its licences for a number of National Express services, including service 090 and other services to Dovercourt, Great Yarmouth and Hemsby.

Commuter services 204 and 205 will be re-routed via the new Chelmsford Southern By-Pass between Galleywood (Stock Road) and Margaretting, when the new road opens probably during late-November.

The Company has applied for a number of service revisions during recent weeks, and brief details of these changes are as follows :-
153 - Weekdays : 2004 hrs. journey from Basildon to Stanford-le-Hope to operate 10 minutes later throughout.
407 - NEW SERVICE to operate between London (Victoria, Buckingham Palace Road) and Basildon (Bus Station) via Millbank, Embankment, Cannon Street, Aldgate, Mile End, Stratford, Ilford, Goodmayes, Becontree Heath, Hornchurch, Upminster, Dunton and Laindon on Mondays to Fridays. The Company has also applied for an alternative route in Basildon for this service, and also to operate special late buses in connection with dances, theatres or any attractions (see above, and also NS265).

From Sunday, September 7th, various revisions were introduced to the Clacton area (CoastLine) mini-bus services. Services 15 and 16 were withdrawn from this date, and a revised timetable was introduced for services 8, 9, 10 and new services 10A and 10B. Services 8, 10, 10A and 10B operate between Clacton (Bus Station) and Walton (Bus Station) whilst service 9 operates between Clacton (Bus Station) and Walton (The Naze). Services 10, 10A and 10B provide a replacement for services 15 and 16 in Holland-on-Sea, and the basic service frequency is now six buses per hour on Weekdays and three buses per hour (services 8, 9 and 10B) on Sundays. All journeys on services 11/12 (West Clacton Circular) now operate five minutes later.

As reported in NS268, East Midland Motor Services Ltd. has been awarded tenders to operate certain services in the Brentwood/Ongar area under Service Subsidy Agreements from Essex County Council. Members may be interested to know that East Midland has now applied to introduce a service between Worksop and Ongar (to be numbered X90) and to operate on Fridays and Sundays. Local picking up points will be at Ongar (Two Brewers P.H.), Ongar (Four Wantz), Tylers Green (The Talbot), Harlow (Harlow Mill Station), Sawbridgeworth (Shops) and Bishop's Stortford (Bus Station).

London Country Bus Services Ltd. has also registered the following services, in addition to services 57/57A and 58/58A (as listed above) :-
156 - Basildon (Bus Station)-Stanford-le-Hope (Victoria Road) via Langdon Hills and Horndon-on-the-Hill - Weekdays - one return journey.

159 - Orsett Hospital-Basildon (Bus Station) via Stanford-le-Hope and Corringham - Weekdays - various frequencies.
403 - Basildon (Bus Station)-Romford (St. Edwards Way) via Horndon-on-the-Hill and Bulphan - Weekdays - four return journeys.

The Company has recently introduced revised Day Return fares on service 402 between Southend and London (Victoria).

Revised prices were introduced for the Colchester Travelcard scheme from September 7th. The Inner Borough ticket now costs £3.50 (7 days), £14.00 (monthly) and £38.00 (quarterly) and the Whole Borough ticket now costs £7.00 (7 days), £28.00 (monthly) and £76.00 (quarterly).

Additional agencies for the sale of Explorer tickets are at Benfleet (Tarpots Corner) (Don Sandgrove Travel), Hullbridge (Ash Assurance Consultants) and Rayleigh (Cherry Travel).

As noted above, it is understood that LRT services 107 and 259A will be re-numbered 307 and 359 when Eastern National commence operation of these services (see also NS269).

Publicity News

New publicity material published during recent weeks has been as follows :-
Timetable leaflets - a new timetable leaflet for Highwayman service 834 (dated September 1st).
Excursion leaflets - a leaflet with details of football excursions from Chelmsford and Clacton to Ipswich Town F.C. matches.
Clacton area 'CoastLine' mini-bus services - two leaflets with details of the service revisions introduced on 'CoastLine' services (dated September 7th).
General leaflets - two undated leaflets with details of Eastern National's fare reductions on services 103/4, and for local services in the Harwich, Dovercourt, Parkeston, Mistley and Manningtree areas.
- a promotional leaflet for the two disabled persons' buses based at Chelmsford (CF) depot (2201/3).
British Airports Authority leaflet - a leaflet with details of bus, coach and train services to/from Stansted Airport, including Eastern National services 333, 801 and 812.

General

Partial demolition of Prittlewell (PL) depot commenced recently. At present, the frontage to Fairfax Drive is being demolished, and this work is in connection with the Company's intended relocation of Southend (SD) depot operations to Prittlewell (PL).

Bristol VRTSL6G 3075 (K00793V) and Leyland Olympian coach 4506 (B694BPU) have both sustained accident damage during recent weeks. Both vehicles are currently at Central Works.

Leyland National 1933 (MHJ729V) (allocated to Brentwood (BD) depot) is a further vehicle modified to carry the larger destination displays, as also carried by vehicles operating LRT services (see also NS269).

The Company has now almost completed its programme of equipping all vehicles with Wayfarer ticket equipment. The most recent conversion occurred at Chelmsford (CF) depot on September 15th, and for the record the last Setright machine used on Sunday, September 14th was machine number E1469 on the 2230 hrs. service 152 journey from Grays.

Temporary Loans

Vehicles recently reported to have been on temporary loan to other depots have included :- 1745 BE to SE (and noted on service 353 on September 4th), 1750 DT to CR (from September 8th), 1751 CN to DT (from September 10th), 3021 CF to MN (from early-September), 3064 CR to SD (prior to re-allocation in September) and 3111 HH to CR (for the Colchester cricket week from August 16th to August 22nd) and also from CF to CR (on September 4th/6th).

Unusual Workings

Once again there have been a very large number of unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks. It is not possible to include details of all these reports, but details of the more interesting workings are as follows :-

13.7-1877 BN noted on service 402; 3068 BN, 3069 CF, 3077 CF, 3080 BD, 3081 BD and 3106 CF all noted on a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster.
21.7-1653 DT observed on service 53.
23.7-1307 CN (on loan to CF) noted on commuter service 192 (and again on 24.7).
25.7-Southend Transport 221/33/41 and 308 were additional vehicles on the extensive rail replacement services between Colchester and Shenfield (see also NS269).
27.7-3111 HH noted at Brentwood (BD) depot displaying service number 262; Southend Transport 214 was hired to Venturer Travel for a private hire working to Leeds Castle.
31.7-1814 SD noted at Great Baddow on service 11A.
12.8-1121 CF noted on an evening service 44B duty.
15.8-1115 CR noted on service 88 (and again on 5.9 and 11.9), and this vehicle has also recently been noted on services 82 (6.9), 83 (2.9 and 16.9), 87 (4.9) and 474 (23.8); 1120 BE noted on service 70; 3091 CF observed on service 753; 4020 SD noted on service 6; 4503 SD noted on service 795 at Sidcup; Southend Transport 228 noted on service 20.
16.8-1125 SD noted on service 406; Southend Transport 342 was hired to Venturer Travel for a private hire working from Shoeburyness to Porthcawl, and then a working on National Express service 660 from Cardiff to London.
17.8-1121 CF observed on service 753; 1847 BN noted on service 400; Southend Transport 224/42 operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster.
18.8-3117 BN noted on service 400.
20.8-2203 CF noted on a private hire working at Maldon (Promenade).
21.8-Southend Transport 223/31 operated rail replacement journeys between Wickford and Southminster.
22.8-Southend Transport 254 noted on Highwayman service806.
23.8-Southend Transport 335 was hired to Venturer Travel for a private hire working from Shoebury to Bexhill and return.
24.8-1933 BD noted on service 251; 4019 BD noted on service 753 (and again on 31.8); 4509 BN operated a private hire journey to Portsmouth; 4510 BS noted on Seaside Special service 555 (and again on 31.8).
25.8-1132 CN noted on service 812.
27.8-3082 CF noted on service 38A (and on service 38 on 29.8).
29.8-3112 CF noted on an ASDA working at Wickford; Southend Transport 230 noted on service 3.
30.8-1114 MN noted on service 119; 4004 CR noted on service 474.
1.9-1719 BD noted on service 251; 3059 SE noted at Stanway on service 70; 3077 CF operated a rail replacement service between Shenfield and Wickford.
2.9-1122 BD observed on service 360; 1700 BD noted on service 251.
3.9-1783 SE failed at Chelmsford whilst operating service 353, and 3055 SE failed at Maldon whilst operating service 335.
4.9-3035 CF noted on an ASDA working at Wickford.
5.9-1650 CR, 3020 CR and 3033 CF were all noted at Harwich (DT) depot; 3075 SD was observed on service 251.
6.9-The following vehicles were noted on Highwayman services at Basildon - 1121 CF (service 806), 1307 CN (service 809), 1306 BE (service 820), 1123 CR (service 821), 1127 BS (service 822), 1131 SD (service 824), Southend Transport 337 (service 825), 1305 SD (service 826) and 1133 SD (service 827). Feeder services to/from Basildon were operated by 1830 BN (a.m.) and 1906 BN (p.m.), and the return working on service 826 was operated by Southern Vectis 433 (EDL268V). 1310 SE was noted on highwayman service 803; 4003 CR noted on service 474; Southend Transport 387 was hired to Rochford District Council for its 'Leisure Bus' services.
7.9-1111 BS, 2383 L, 3077 CF and 4511 BE were all noted at the Showbus Rally at Woburn Abbey; 3075 SD noted on service 400; 4021 SD was observed on service 20A; 4507 BN was noted on a private hire working at Hatfield Peverel.
9.9-0204 CN was noted at Silver End (SE) depot; 1747 SE failed at Maldon whilst operating service 335, being replaced by 1755 MN; 3084 SD replaced 1900 HH at Southend (Victoria Bus Station) on a service 3A journey to Canvey; 3111 CF was noted on service 53 (on a Colchester (CR) working).
10.9-The following vehicles were noted on Commuter services at Aldgate - 1119 BE (service 196), 1124 BN (service 722), 1130 BE (service 194), 1309 CF (service 192), 4508 BN (service 722), 4511 BE (service 195) and 4512 BE (service 194). 1130 BE was later noted on new Highwayman service 834. 1713 BN was noted on a TESCO working at Wickford.
11.9-1121 CF was noted on morning peak journeys on services 33, 41 and 56; 1793 CR was noted on service 119 and appeared to in preparation for a repaint; 4502 SD

was noted on service 2.

12.9-The following vehicles were noted on Highwayman services - 1304 SD (service 801), 1303 DE (service 802), 1310 SE (service 803), 1125 SD (service 804), 1118 HH (service 805), 1124 DN (service 806), 1309 CF (service 807), 1300 CN (service 808), 1307 CN (service 809), 1122 ED (service 810), 1602 CN (service 812), 1120 DE (service 820), 1123 CR (service 821), 1127 BS (service 822), 1131 SD (service 824), 1128 SD (service 825), 1130 DE (service 826), 1133 SD (service 827) and 1132 CN (service 834). 1129 CF and 1600 CN were noted on National Holidays work on this date, whilst 1306 DE and 1308 DT operated football excursions from Ipswich to West Bromwich.

13.9-1930 SD noted on service 406; 4011 SD noted on service 20; Southend Transport 250 was hired to Venturer Travel for a private hire working from Ingatestone to Alton Towers.

15.9-1117 DT noted on service 119; 1123 CR observed on service 88; 4001 SD noted on service 5.

18.9-1112 CF noted on service 44B.

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 NS269 :-

August w/e 16.8.86 - 0105 (CDV413T) at MN (green/yellow livery), 1732 at DN (New livery), 3099 at CW (New livery) (correction to NS269).
w/e 23.8.86 - 1929 at DE (New livery), 3052 at CW (New livery), 3081 at DN (New livery).
w/e 30.8.86 - 1781 at HH (New livery), 1834 at CN (New livery), 1910 at CN (New livery), 1911 at CN (New livery), 3070 at MN (New livery - London version) (modification of earlier non-standard repaint).

September w/e 6.9.86 - 1750 at CN (New livery), 1753 at CW (New livery), 1772 at DN (New livery), 3056 at CW (New livery).
w/e 13.9.86 - 1790 at CN (New livery), 1816 at CN (New livery), 1835 at HH (New livery), 3063 at CW (New livery), 3066 at CW (New livery), 3072 at CW (New livery), 3073 at SD (New livery).

Vehicles currently in the paintshops at Central Works are 3054/62/7, whilst 3080 was noted at Maldon (MN) for a repaint on September 10th.

The repaint date for 3072 (as listed above) is subject to confirmation. It is still not possible to confirm the repaint date for Leyland National 1918, although this was probably at Basildon during w/e 26.7.86 (see also NS269).

Leyland National 1750 was <u>not</u> repainted during June or July (see also NS268/9), but has since been repainted at Clacton (CN) (see above).

Leyland National 1859 was noted on September 11th with all of its overall advertisement signwriting (for Lancaster Garages Ltd.) removed. It remains in a black and white livery.

Explorer Tickets

Group member John Rugg of Laindon has supplied details of another itinerary that he followed on Saturday, August 30th with an Explorer ticket. The fares for these journeys would normally cost £22.95, representing a saving of £19.95 with an Explorer ticket costing £3.00. Details of the route and vehicles are as follows :-

0636 Laindon-Chelmsford (154) (1852 DN)
0745 Chelmsford-Braintree (311) (3067 DE)
0905 Braintree-Colchester (70) (4016 DE)
1025 Colchester-Clacton (74) (1751 CN)
1125 Clacton-St. Osyth Beach (200) (3501 CN)
1200 St. Osyth Beach-Great Clacton (200) (3501 CN)
1302 Great Clacton-Clacton (200) (3501 CN)
1345 Clacton-Jaywick Sands (2) and 1400 return journey (2) (0218 CN)
1430 Clacton-Walton (Bus Station) (8) (0201 CN)
1511 Walton (Bus Station)-Walton (The Naze) (9) and 1520 return journey to Clacton (0223 WN)
1600 Clacton-Holland-on-Sea (15) and 1616 return journey (15) (0224 WN)
1630 West Clacton Circular (11) (0206 CN)
1700 Clacton-Durrsville Park (13) and 1715 return journey (13) (0210 CN)
1805 Clacton-Maldon (119) (1936 CR)
1950 Maldon-Chelmsford (31) (1927 MN)

2030 Chelmsford-Romford (351) (1838 ED)
2127 Romford-Basildon (400) (3073 SD)
2210 Basildon-Laindon (154) (1851 CF)

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

43 D43 RWC Leyland Olympian ONLXC/1RH ON10232 E.C.W. H47/31F 26457 New 9/86
44 D44 RWC Leyland Olympian ONLXC/1RH ON10233 E.C.W. H47/31F 26458 New 9/86

44 was delivered to Colchester on September 12th, whilst 43 was due to be collected on the same date but suffered a mechanical failure and had not been delivered at the time of writing. On September 16th, 44 was noted in the paintshop at the Magdalen Street depot being prepared for service, and it is reported that this vehicle has replaced open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) which is now in the depot, having last being noted in service on August 29th.

Vehicles On Hire

Two Southend Transport Leyland Fleetline's (233/6 MRJ233/6W) were hired on September 4th/5th. They were used in service, and were required to cover for Colchester Borough Transport vehicles operating the new Tesco contract services (see below). Both vehicles returned to Southend on September 6th.

General

The opening of the extended Tesco superstore at Highwoods, Colchester has seen the introduction of four new free bus services to/from the store, and these services were introduced from September 4th. All services are operated by Colchester Borough Transport, and Leyland Leopard coaches 101/2 (DHK101/2T) have been used frequently. Details of the four services are as follows :-

T1 St. John's Street-Highwoods : Mondays to Fridays - 0900-1730 hrs. - every 30 minutes.
T2 Clacton (Station Road)-Highwoods : Mondays and Tuesdays - 0900 hrs. and 1300 hrs. from Clacton.
T3 Dovercourt (Station Road)-Highwoods : Wednesdays and Thursdays - 0900 hrs. and 1300 hrs. from Dovercourt.
T4 Sudbury (Bus Station)-Highwoods : Tuesdays and Wednesdays - 0900 hrs. and 1300 hrs. from Sudbury.

Departures on return journeys from Highwoods are at 0915-1745 hrs. (every 30 minutes) (T1) and at 1200 hrs./1600 hrs. (T2/T3/T4).

Colchester Borough Transport is currently operating duplicate journeys on service 1 on Weekdays between Greenstead (Centurion) and Osborne Street. These vehicles are normally in front of duplicate Eastern National vehicles on service 103, which are in front of Coastal Red (Chartercoach) vehicles on services 10/10A and which are front of the service bus (E.N.) on service 103.

As at September 13th, the following vehicles were out of service :- Bristol RELL6L's 18 (YWC 18L) and 26 (SWG 26K) and Leyland Atlantean's 51 (MVK530R), 52 (MVK546R) and 89 (RVW 89W). Vehicles noted back in service during recent weeks have been Bristol RELL6L's 21 (OWC721M) (by August 29th) and 28 (SWC 28K) (by July 17th) and Leyland Atlantean's 55 (JHK495N) (by July 30th), 63 (NNO 63P) (by July 25th), 64 (NNO 64P) (by July 26th), 65 (NNO 65P) (by July 18th), 71 (TPU 71R) (by July 12th following a repaint - see also NS269), 87 (MEV 87V) (by July 25th following a repaint - see also NS269) and 88 (RVW 88W) (by July 16th).

Leyland Atlantean 79 (YNO 79S) was repainted in the new fleet livery between August 2nd and August 29th.

Amongst various unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks, Bristol RELL6L 23 was noted on service 5B on September 8th, whilst similar vehicle 24 was on service 5A on August 29th. Leyland Atlantean 55 has joined similar vehicles 57 and 60 as one of the vehicles used as Bus 1 on services 6/6A, although 60 was Bus 6 on services 1/1A/3 on August 30th. Leyland Olympian 41 was noted on service 5A on September 10th and on services 2/2A on September 13th, and this vehicle was also used to take the Mayor of Colchester and other guests to Brightlingsea on August 29th for the ceremony to mark the start of the oyster season. Similar vehicle 42 was noted on services 2/2A on September 12th.

Service Developments

Colchester Borough Transport has applied for a number of revisions to schools journeys. Full details of the revised services are contained in the new Essex County Council timetable booklet for the Colchester area (Area 3) as mentioned in NS269 (Editorial).

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ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Withdrawn Vehicle

Daimler Fleetline 556 (BXG525K) was sold to Southend Transport during early-September for further cannibalisation and spares.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

As noted above, Rochford District Council's Daimler Fleetline 556 (BXG525K) has been acquired during September for spares.

The Gardner 6LX engines from former Derby City Transport Daimler Fleetline's 264 (OCH264L) and 269 (OCH269L) have now been fitted to Daimler Fleetline's 394 (JTD394P) (see also NS269) and 393 (JTD393P) respectively, and both 393/4 have now returned to service. Both Daimler Fleetline OCH264L and Leyland PD2 10 ATO are currently at Darlinghurst School, Leigh-on-Sea (see also NS268).

General

The Leyland Tiger/Duple Dominant coach TDC853X, formerly owned by Trimdon Motor Services, and recently inspected by Southend Transport will not be acquired (see NS269).

Service Developments

Southend Transport has recently applied for the following service revisions :-

3A - Sundays : to introduce two additional morning journeys.
29 - Mondays to Fridays : to introduce an additional morning peak journey.

Service Vehicles

As a correction to the information published in last month's news sheet, 597 (KHJ525P) is a Bedford CF van (which was transferred from the Council's haulage fleet in 1984).

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

9430 (LWC901J) - Noted at Norwich (Cremorne Lane) works, 7/86, now delicensed by Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. Was delicensed in 2/86, having been re-allocated from Ipswich depot to Kings Lynn depot in 1/86. (see also NS265).
(453) (RPU868M) - Now reported as acquired by Shearing, Whitchurch, 10/85. (see NS266/9).
(454) (RPU869M) - Now reported as acquired by Shearing, Whitchurch, 10/85. (see NS266/9).
2066 (RVW392D) - Passed to Bus & Coach Developments (dealer), Whitburn, ca. 5/84, before passing to Tiger, Salsburgh (dealer). (additional information to NS246).
3016 (SMS 42H) - Noted in a yard at Chambers Wharf, off Loftie Street, London, S.E.16, -/86. (see also NS253).

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