

EDITORIAL

Weekend Coach Tour to the West Country

Arrangements for this tour, which will take place over the Late Summer Bank Holiday weekend from Friday, August 22nd to Monday, August 25th, are in progress. Further details and a booking form will be supplied in due course. In the meantime, mark the dates in your diary now.

Subscription Renewals - June 1986

Enclosed with this news sheet is a subscription renewal form for those members whose subscription year ends with the June news sheet. Please fill in the relevant details and send your completed form, together with the correct remittance, to the Membership Secretary at the address shown on the form. Members have the opportunity to renew their subscriptions for two years, with a small discount now and the possibility of further savings if subscriptions are increased during the interim period.

Rochford Meeting - Tuesday, June 3rd.

The next meeting at the Carriage Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.). This meeting will be a members' slide evening, and members and guests are invited to bring a selection of up to 30 slides on the theme 'Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue'. A small prize will be given for the most original interpretation of the theme!

Chelmsford Meeting - Tuesday, June 10th.

A meeting will be held at 18, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford on Tuesday, June 10th commencing at 1945 hrs. As usual, a range of Group photographs will be available for sale, and the meeting will also provide an opportunity for general discussion. Lynmouth Avenue is close to the Army & Navy roundabout and runs between Parkway and Lady Lane.

Southend Historic Transport Show - Sunday, June 1st.

The Southend Historic Transport Show is being held at Southchurch Park, Lifstan Way, Southend on Sunday, June 1st. As usual, the Group will have a stand at the rally and our complete range of sales items will be available, including new photograph stocks and our recent publications. Volunteers will be needed to help at the Group stand for all or part of the day. If you can help, please telephone the Publications Officer, Andy Meadows, Tel. Rayleigh 779796 for further details.

North Weald Bus and Vintage Vehicle Rally - Sunday, June 22nd.

The North Weald Bus and Vintage Vehicle Rally is being held at North Weald Aerodrome on Sunday, June 22nd. There will be a free vintage bus service from Epping Central Line Station and from Harlow. The Group's sales stand will be present at the rally, with our full range of sales items.

New Publications

The following new Group publication is now available :-

E.P. 4 - Illustrated Fleet List of Colchester Borough Transport and Southend Transport (correct to May 1986).

This new publication provides a comprehensive list of the vehicles owned by Colchester Borough Transport and Southend Transport, and is illustrated with a selection of photographs.

Price : £0.80 (including postage).

From June 1st, the Group will have in stock copies of a new book, titled 'Southend Corporation Transport - Trams, Trackless and Buses', which has been written by the Group's Events Secretary, Richard Delahoy. The book features full colour covers and contains over 210 black and white photographs and six maps. It contains a full

history of the development of the route network. Copies will be available to members at a price of £5.95 (post free).

Orders for these publications should be sent to the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 19, Watkins Way, Shoeburyness, Essex. SS3 9NX), and please remember to enclose the correct remittance.

Essex County Council Publications

The second booklet in Essex County Council's new series of 11 local timetable books has been published recently. This booklet covers the Draintree/Halstead/Witham area (Area 2) (dated April 1986), and copies are available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at £0.57 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

News Sheet Illustrations

The next News Sheet 'Photo-News' will be published with the July news sheet. Black and white photographs suitable for inclusion should be sent to the Publications Officer, A.W. Meadows Esq., 52, Ferndale Road, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 9NW. by Monday, June 30th. Please remember that photographs should be of good quality, and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your photographs.

News Sheet Envelopes

The News Sheet Editor is grateful to those members who take the trouble to return their news sheet envelopes. If you are about to renew your subscription or will be attending one of the forthcoming meetings and rallies, why not help us by returning your envelopes. The financial savings may seem small, but the time savings are considerable.

Report on North Essex Coach Tour - Sunday, April 27th.

The miserable weather during April was also a major feature of the Group's North Essex coach tour on Sunday, April 27th. The vehicle used was Hadleigh depot's Leyland Tiger 1118 (IHJ379Y). On the way to Althorne a short diversion was made via South Woodham to observe the site of the proposed outstation at the ASDA store. At Althorne, we were the guests of Fords Coaches and a selection of their Scottish double deckers was presented for the cameras, Alexander bodywork has now become standard here. Former Southend Transport Daimler Fleetline 356 (WJN356J) was also present still in the course of preparation for service. At Maldon the first example of an Eastern National vehicle in the new livery was seen in the shape of Bristol VRT 3070 (K00788V). By the time Colchester was reached the heavens had opened which rather dampened the proceedings; however, Countrycar B259CHK was presented for the most intrepid of the photographers. Progress to Nayland was hampered by the local St. George's Day parade, but our host at Norfolks, Geoff Mills, presented a selection of vehicles for photography including former Grampian Daimler Fleetline PRG137J sporting an overall advertisement livery for Kent Blaxill, a local D.I.Y. store. The next visit was to Cedric at Wivenhoe, where a selection of vehicles including former Reading Bristol VR NRD 57M and an ex-Southern Vectis coach YDL940L were presented in the drizzle. Then it was on to Clacton, where Leyland National 1803 (TJN502R) in the new London livery was observed at the Bus Station. At the garage, an opportunity was taken to inspect one of the new 'CoastLine' mini-buses which revealed some very interesting destinations on its multi-coloured blind. Then it was back home after an interesting, if somewhat damp day.

Venturer Travel - Coach Excursion to Swanage, Sunday, June 29th.

Members may be interested to know that Venturer Travel is planning an excursion to Swanage on Sunday, June 29th. The coach will depart from Southend at 0600 hrs., returning at 2300 hrs., to give between five and six hours at Swanage. The fares will be £7.50 for adults, £5.00 for children (5-15 years) or £22.50 for a family ticket (two adults and two children). Full details can be obtained from Venturer Travel at 184, Maplin Way, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS1 3ND. (Tel. Southend (0702) 585419 - between 1900 hrs. and 2100 hrs.).

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

5.86

9016 (LFS282F)
9018 (LFS297F)

Withdrawn Leyland National 1652 (KCG609L) has also been sold during May, and additional information regarding the disposal of these vehicles is included under Eastern National Disposals on page 13.

Acquired Vehicles

The five Leyland National vehicles recently acquired from The South Wales Transport Co. Ltd. (see NS264 for full details) are now listed in the Company's vehicle allocation list as delicensed for disposal (D/L (D)). It is understood that the vehicles will be cannibalised for spares by the Company.

Vehicles On Hire

The main news this month is that eight vehicles are now on hire from the United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. to cover a temporary shortage of vehicles resulting from the recent allocation of 32 vehicles to Walthamstow (WW) depot for LRT services. Details of the eight vehicles are as follows :-

UCOC 453	NED453M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00753	B49F	New	8/73
UCOC 517	OVV517R	Leyland National	113510A/1R	03613	B49F	New	9/76
UCOC 544	BVV544T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05419	B49F	New	8/78
UCOC 559	ERP559T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06074	B49F	New	4/79
UCOC 562	KRP562V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06459	B49F	New	10/79
UCOC 856	OVV856R	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL-3/421	E.C.W.	H43/31F	21777	New 8/76
UCOC 863	REP863R	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL-3/679	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22242	New 2/77
UCOC 878	XNV878S	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL-3/1207	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22701	New 2/78

Leyland National 517 was rebuilt in October 1982, receiving a front mounted radiator, a National 2 style front grille and additional air intake at the rear. The turbo-charger was also removed. Bristol VRTSL6G 856 was originally fitted with a Leyland 501 engine, and was fitted with a second-hand Gardner 6LXB engine, obtained from A.P.T. (dealer), Bracebridge Heath in December 1982.

The vehicles were received on hire on May 17th, and it is expected that three vehicles (two Leyland National's and one Bristol VRT) will be returned to United Counties during July, with the other five vehicles to be returned at a later date. They have not been allocated Eastern National fleet numbers, and their current allocation is as follows :-
UCOC 453 - Harwich (DT); UCOC 517/59/62, 878 - Chelmsford (CF); UCOC 544 - Hadleigh (HH); UCOC 856 - Southend (SD); UCOC 863 - Colchester (CR).

The Iveco 79.14/Gaetano Viana L B24F mini-bus C99 NNV remains on hire from Salvador Gaetano (UK) Ltd. This vehicle has not yet entered service, and has been used for driver training work during recent weeks. Subject to confirmation, it is understood that the vehicle will operate LRT service 242 (see also under Service Developments), which is to be divided into three sections with new route numbers 252/3/4 (see also NS265).

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, it can now be confirmed that 0217 (C217HJN) was the vehicle which sustained accident damage whilst on hire to Southdown Motor Services Ltd. The vehicle has been repaired by Reeve Burgess Ltd., Chesterfield, and this vehicle together with similar vehicles 0204/10/24 were returned to Eastern National during late-April. The four vehicles have now entered service on CoastLine mini-bus services in the Clacton area (see below).

Re-built Vehicles

Work is continuing on the conversion of Bristol VRTSL6G 3027 (NPU974M) to open-top configuration, and the vehicle remains at Eastern National Engineering Ltd.'s Central Works. It can now be confirmed that the second vehicle to be converted to open-top configuration will be 3026 (WN0546L) (and not 3025 as previously reported in NS264). 3026 has now entered Central Works for conversion work. These two vehicles will receive a new version of the fleet livery, being painted red and yellow in a similar style to recent green and yellow repaints. The vehicles will also carry Coastliner vinyls, and it is understood that they will be operated in the Clacton area.

Allocations & Transfers

Walthamstow (WW) depot became operational with effect from Saturday, May 24th. This

depot has an allocation of 32 vehicles, and is located at the London-Borough of Waltham Forest's Low Hall Depot at Markhouse Avenue, off Markhouse Road, Walthamstow. The vehicles now carry metal depot allocation plates, in place of the white transfers which had been placed on some vehicles after repaint. Routine maintenance will be undertaken at Walthamstow (WW) by London Borough of Waltham Forest fitters. The 32 vehicles allocated to Walthamstow (WW) are as follows :- 1779/30/9/91, 1800-3/25/6/58/82, 1915, 3096, 3100-2/4/5/7/9/10/3/5/6/8/9/21/3-6. Bristol VRTSL6G's 3107/10/6/8/21/4 are additional vehicles to those previously listed in the news sheet.

5.86 0200 LWA-CN, 0201 D/L-CN, 0202 D/L-CN, 0203 D/L-CN, 0204 LWA (on hire to Southdown)-CN, 0205 D/L-CN, 0206 D/L-CN, 0207 D/L-CN, 0208 D/L-CN, 0209 D/L-CN, 0210 LWA (on hire to Southdown)-CN, 0211 LWA-CN, 0212 LWA-CN, 0213 D/L-CN, 0214 D/L-CN, 0215 D/L-CN, 0216 D/L-CN, 0217 LWA (on hire to Southdown)-CN, 0218 D/L-CN, 0219 D/L-WN, 0220 D/L-WN, 0221 D/L-WN, 0222 LWA-WN, 0223 D/L-WN, 0224 LWA (on hire to Southdown)-WN, 1111 CN-DS, 1112 CN-CF, 1113 CN-BS, 1128 DD-SD, 1131 CF-SD, 1132 LWA-CN, 1300 CF-CN, 1301 CF-CN, 1308 BE-DT, 1600 SD-CN, 1601 SD-CF, 1603 CN-CF, 1651 CN-CF, 1655 CN-DN, 1658 BS-BE, 1728 BS-HH, 1779 CN-WW, 1780 CN-WW, 1789 WN-WW, 1791 CN-WW, 1800 WN-WW, 1801 CF-WW, 1802 CF-WW, 1803 CN-WW, 1825 CN-WW, 1826 CN-WW, 1834 WN-CN, 1841 CF-WN, 1858 CN-WW, 1882 BE-WW, 1911 CN-CR, 1915 CF-WW, 3000 D/L (P)-CF (P), 3025 CN-CN (P)-CN, 3061 CR-DT, 3064 DT-CR, 3066 CR-CF, 3070 MN-CR, 3095 DT-MN, 3096 SD (P)-WW, 3100 SD (P)-DD (P)-WW, 3101 SD (P)-WW, 3102 SD-SD (P)-WW, 3104 SD (P)-WW, 3107 HH-WW, 3109 HH-WW, 3110 CF-WW, 3113 CF-WW, 3115 BE (P)-WW, 3116 DN-WW, 3118 BE-WW, 3121 SD-WW, 3124 CR-WW, 3125 CF-WW, 3126 CF (P)-WW, 4016 D/L-BE.

Mercedes-Benz L603D mini-buses 0200-24 together with all 32 vehicles allocated to Walthamstow (WW) are fitted with tachographs.

Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles 1110-3 (HHJ371Y etc.) are no longer attached to the Coaching Department.

In addition to mini-buses 0200-18, the vehicle allocation at Clacton (CN) now comprises 1110/32, 1300/1/7, 1600/2, 1751/6/61/8/9/92, 1834/65, 2202 and 3001/25/30/1.

Bristol VRTSL6G's 3000/2-4/18/21 have all been in regular use on driver training work during May, probably in conjunction with the introduction of new LRT services from May 24th. 3018 remains allocated to Maldon (MN), whilst 3000/4 are both currently allocated as Pool vehicles at Chelmsford (CF).

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 NS265 :-

April w/e 12.4.86 - 3109 at HH (New livery - London version) (additional to NS265).

w/e 19.4.86 - 3102 at DN (New livery - London version), 3116 at DN (New livery - London version) (additional to NS265).

w/e 26.4.86 - 1803 at CN (New livery - London version), 3096 at CW (New livery - London version), 3110 at DN (New livery - London version), Ford Transit van YVX841X at CW (White livery), 3126 at CW (New livery - London version).

May w/e 3.5.86 - 1825 at CN (New livery - London version), 1858 at CN (New livery - London version), 3107 at HH (New livery - London version), 3121 at CW (New livery - London version), 3124 at CW (New livery - London version), 3125 at DN (New livery - London version) (subject to confirmation).

w/e 10.5.86 - 1791 at CW (New livery - London version), 3113 at CW (New livery - London version).

w/e 17.5.86 - 1780 at CW (New livery - London version), 1802 at CW (New livery - London version), 2383 at DN (Traditional green/cream livery).

w/e 24.5.86 - 1882 at DN (New livery - London version), 3118 at CW (New livery - London version).

Certain of the above repaint dates are still subject to final confirmation, and the repaint date for 1779 (New livery - London version) is unknown at the time of writing, although probably at Clacton (CN) during mid-May.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3027 (NPU974M) is currently in the paintshops at Central Works receiving the new red and yellow open-top livery.

Service Developments

The main news this month is that Eastern National commenced operation of London Regional Transport services 20, 167, 206, 242 (school journeys between Waltham Abbey and Yardley Lane) and 275 from Saturday, May 24th. Service 20 has been withdrawn from Rectory Lane, Loughton and all journeys operate via Debden Estate to terminate at Debden Station. Service 275 is extended on Sundays from Barkingside to Claybury Broadway. Prior to the introduction of these services, vehicles in the London version of the new standard fleet livery passed through Central Works for minor modifications before being re-allocated to Walthamstow (WW) depot. Most of these vehicles had been operating in the London livery from their previous depots for several weeks beforehand, and these should not be regarded as unusual workings.

Operation of London Regional Transport services 107 (Arkley-Brimsdown) and 259A (Manor House-Hammond Street) was originally expected to pass to Eastern National on Saturday, June 21st. However, it is now understood that this is expected to occur during August or September, with the precise date being unknown at the time of writing.

In a further development regarding LRT service 193, it is reported that operation of this service will be converted by Eastern National from Bristol VRT vehicles to mini-buses from Saturday, June 21st. A non-stop section will be introduced between Romford and Hornchurch, and the service will be re-routed in Hornchurch between the Madison Exchange P.H. (formerly the White Hart P.H.) and Hacton Lane via Station Lane, Suttons Lane, Vaughan Avenue, Ascot Gardens, Newmarket Way and Bevan Way. It is then to be extended via Hacton Lane, Wingletye Lane and County Park Estate to replace part of LRT service 256. Further details will be published as soon as they become available.

Operation of Clacton area mini-bus services 1/1A, 2, 8/9/10, 11/12, 13/14 and 15/16 commenced on Saturday, May 10th using the 25 Mercedes-Benz L608D/Reeve Burgess mini-bus vehicles (0200-24). On Friday, May 9th the new services were launched by a cavalcade of 24 vehicles (0200-16/8-24) around Clacton, departing from the Wash Lane Coach Park at 1030 hrs. and featuring a number of personalities from the 'Hi-De-Hi' television series. A timetable leaflet is available for the new CoastLine mini-bus services, and the services can be identified by coloured destination blinds, as follows :- 1/1A-yellow, 2-brown, 8/9/10-red, 11/12-blue, 13/14-orange, 15/16-green. 19 of the vehicles (0200-18) are allocated to Clacton (CN) depot, whilst the other six vehicles (0219-24) are allocated to Walton-on-Naze (WN) depot. Depot allocation plates are fitted at the front of the vehicles, although fleet number plates are not fitted. Fleet numbers are carried above the diesel filler flap on the nearside of the vehicles. Mini-bus services 2 (between Meadowview and Tower Camp in Jaywick Sands) and 10 (at Demerton Gardens and Laburnham Crescent in Kirby Cross) are being operated on a 'Hail and Ride' basis, and 'Hail and Ride' operation will also be introduced on services 11/12 (at Tudor Estate, Jaywick Sands), 13/14 (at Burrs Estate, along Gorse Lane, Lymington Avenue, Chilburn Road, Kiln Barn Avenue and Farmleigh Avenue), 15 (at Holland-on-Sea, between Frinton Road and The Chase) and 16 (at Holland-on-Sea, along Park Boulevard, Fleetwood Avenue and Grenfell Avenue) in the near future. The new mini-bus services have replaced services 101, 108/9, 110, 111, 112, 113/4 and 116, all of which were withdrawn after operation on May 9th.

Following the publication of Local Service Registrations in last month's news sheet, details have now become available regarding the various services which Essex County Council wishes to be operated under Service Subsidy Agreements. A full list of routes was considered by Essex County Council's Public Transport Sub-Committee on April 30th, and details have now been sent to interested operators. The closing date for tenders to operate the services is June 3rd, and it is expected that Essex County Council will consider the tenders on July 16th. A shortage of space in this news sheet only allows very brief details of the various services to be included, and although the information is included under the Eastern National and Colchester Transport headings, this does not necessarily mean that the services will be operated by those operators. The services are as follows :-

Basildon area

- 152 Evening and Sunday journeys, with routing via Orsett Hospital.
- 153 Sunday journeys.
- 154 Evening journeys.
- 155 Journeys over the Basildon-Stanford-le-Hope section of route.
- 156 One return journey.

- 158 (see also service 38 in NS265) Journeys over the Basildon-Orsett Hospital/Stanford-le-Hope section of route.
- 224 One return journey from Wickford to Chelmsford on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- 229 (see also service 39 in NS265) School journey to Ramsden Heath (if required).
- 234/5 (see also services 32, 33, 34, 550, 551 and W1 in NS265) Hourly service between Ramsden Heath and Wickford via either Downham or Ramsden Bellhouse.
- 255 Journeys between Basildon and Billericay (Station).
- 403 Four return journeys on Weekdays between Basildon and Romford via Horndon on the Hill, Dulphan and West Horndon.
- 494 As existing service (Maldon-Pitsea).
- 507 Journeys between North Benfleet and Pitsea, with some journeys extended to Basildon.
- 510/1 As existing services (Laindon-Pitsea).
- 549 (and also partly covering existing services 547 and 548) Works journeys between Basildon and Standards Factory via Pitsea, Tyefields, Carreras and Ford's factory.

Bishop's Stortford area

- 49 Various journeys to replace non-registered journeys.
- 57 Journeys between Harlow and Hatfield Broad Oak.
- 59 Various journeys to replace certain non-registered journeys.
- 301 Journeys between Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden, including routing via Widdington.
- 307 As existing service (Bishop's Stortford-Woodside Green).
- 317 As existing service (Bishop's Stortford-Henham), with various improvements.
- 318 As existing service (Bishop's Stortford-Thaxted), with service to Thaxted on Saturdays.

Braintree area

- 70 Evening and Sunday journeys, and two a.m. peak journeys between Coggeshall and Braintree.
- 88 Evening and Sunday journeys, with certain journeys operating via Straight Road and Dugard Avenue in Lexden (to be numbered 88D). One morning peak journey from Wakes Colne to Halstead.
- 88A Schools journeys.
- 311 group Evening and Sunday journeys, with improved Sunday service between Braintree and Chelmsford and certain journeys extended via Oxney Green to Ongar (311).
- 316 As existing service (Stebbing-Chelmsford), but with operation on Fridays only.
- 321 Evening and Sunday journeys.
- 324 As existing service (Coggeshall-Braintree).
- 325 As existing service (Halstead-Braintree).
- 329 As existing service (Halstead circular).
- 331/2 As existing services (Braintree-Great Bardfield).
- 335 Section of route between Witham and Maldon to be covered by new services 90/A/B operating at an hourly frequency, and to provide a direct link to St. Peter's Hospital.
- 340 As existing service (Witham town service).
- 370 (Braintree-Bishop's Stortford) Evening and Sunday journeys, with certain other journeys.
- 373 As existing service (Braintree-Colchester).
- Braintree area Countrycar services As existing services.

Brentwood area

- 226 (and also partly covering existing services 265 and 266) Hourly service from Brentwood to West Horndon/Dulphan, and two hourly service between West Horndon and Romford.
- 239 (and also partly covering existing service 260) Hourly service between Brentwood and Ongar.
- 261 Hourly service between Brentwood and Blackmore via Doddingtonhurst, and extended to Ongar on Sundays.
- 262 Evening and Sunday journeys between Bishops Hall Estate and Hornbeam Close via Brentwood (Rail Station).
- 347 As existing service (Brentwood-Romford).
- 350/1 Evening and Sunday journeys, with Sunday service re-routed via Oxney Green and extended from Chelmsford to Braintree via Droomfield Hospital (351).

Chelmsford area

- 31 Late evening journeys on Weekdays, and new service 31C to operate on Sundays between Chelmsford and Maylandsea via Maldon.
- 31A/B New service 93 to operate between Little Baddow and Maldon on Tuesdays, Thursdays,

Fridays and Saturdays.

- 32 Certain journeys via A414 route (see also NS265).
- 33 Evening journeys between Chelmsford and Great Dunmow, with new local service to be introduced between Great Dunmow and Saffron Walden providing connections with service 33.
- 38 Service to be replaced by new services 91 and 92 operating between Maldon and Chelmsford via Heybridge and Springfield Green, with an hourly frequency on Weekdays.
- 41A Sunday journeys.
- 43/A Sunday service replaced by extensions to services 311 and 351 (see above).
- 44B Sunday journeys.
- 46 As existing service (Chelmsford-Pyfield), with certain journeys extended to Ongar on Mondays to Fridays (46A) (and also partly replacing service 59 journeys).
- 48 group Sunday journeys.
- 51 As existing service (Chelmsford-Galleywood) (see also NS265).
- 52/A/B As existing services (Chelmsford-Pleshey), with additional off-peak journeys on Weekdays routed via Petersfield Link to provide a direct route between North Springfield and Broomfield Hospital (52B).
- 53 Evening and Sunday journeys, with Sunday service operating via North Springfield. Timetable adjustments to improve co-ordination of services 5A/53/70/88 between Lexden and Colchester
- 224 As existing service (Wickford-Chelmsford), but with revised route to replace service 35.
- 225 As existing service 35 (South Hanningfield-Chelmsford), to operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- 353 Evening journeys.
- 359 New service to operate on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between Hatfield Heath and Chelmsford via Hatfield Broad Oak.

Clacton area

- 102 Journeys on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between Clacton and Brightlingsea.
- 105 Revised service, and re-routed via Tendring Hospital, with increased frequency between Walton-on-Naze and Weeley.
- 107 Revised service.
- 119 Evening and Sunday journeys, to operate over two sections - Clacton-Colchester (119C) and Maldon-Colchester (99).
- 123 New service between Manningtree and Clacton via Horsley Cross, to operate on Fridays only.
- 126 Peak period journeys between Great Oakley and Clacton via Wix and Thorpe-le-Soken.

Colchester area

- 74 Evening and Sunday journeys. Sunday service to operate between Wivenhoe and Clacton, with connections at Wivenhoe for Colchester (see NS265).
- 75 Schools journeys (to be modified as required).
- 78/A Evening and Sunday journeys (with connecting facilities at Wivenhoe).
- 79 To be partly replaced by improved service 105 (see above) (see also NS265).
- 80/A/B To be partly replaced by improved service 105.
- 82 Schools journeys.
- 83 Schools journeys.
- 87C New service providing evening and Sunday journeys between Colchester and Harwich via Dedham (partly replacing service 103 journeys).

Colchester area Countrycar services Services between Colchester and Mount Dures/Pebmarsh/East Mersea/Tolleshunt Knights/Stones Green. Other existing Countrycar services between Colchester and Eastthorpe/Fingringhoe/Great Tey will be replaced by conventional bus services on certain days only.

Harwich area

- 120/1 Evening and Sunday journeys.
- 122 Schools journeys.
- 125 New service between Harwich and Weeley via Little Oakley and Great Oakley (partly replacing service 80).
- 127 New service to operate on Fridays only between Harwich and Colchester via Ramsey and Weeley.

Maldon area

- 90 Maldon town service, with improved service to the Dorset Road area.
- 93 As existing service (Althorne-Maldon), but with revised timetable.
- 95/A As existing services (Maldon-Burnham), and extended in Maldon to Cherry Gardens.
- 96/A As existing services (Maldon-Burnham), and extended in Maldon to Cherry Gardens.
- 98 (and also covering existing services 97/A) Journeys between Maldon and Bradwell.

Southend area

- 5A Three Sunday morning journeys.
- 6 Evening and Sunday journeys.
- 7C As existing service, with additional journeys.
- 10/B Weekdays-journeys between Rochford and Paglesham, with the last journey operating from Southend; Sundays-as existing service (10).
- 10A As existing service.
- 12 Weekdays-journeys between Rochford and Wallasea Island; Sundays-as existing service.
- 13 Weekdays-journeys between Rochford and Wallasea Island via Larks Hill.
- 18 As existing service.
- 24A/B Weekdays-journeys between Highlands (Woodlands Park) and Leigh (Rail Station) at a half-hourly frequency, with additional peak journeys; Evenings and Sundays-journeys between Southend and Thundersley (Woodmans Arms) via Daws Heath.
- 26 Weekdays-journeys between Highlands (Woodlands Park) and Leigh (Rail Station) at an hourly frequency.
- 61 As existing service.
- 64 Sunday journeys.
- 65 Journeys between Rochford and South Fambridge.
- 404 As existing service.

The above list of services only includes those services which are at present being operated, at least in a similar form, by Eastern National or Southend Transport. Essex County Council is also seeking tenders for a number of services at present being operated by London Country, Colchester Borough Transport (see below) and various independent operators. Members interested in obtaining further information should consult the agenda for the Public Transport Sub-Committee meeting on April 30th, available at local libraries. Service Subsidy Agreements will be for periods of varying length, ranging from six months to three years, and some services are suggested as suitable for mini-bus operation.

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

- 2 - Minor route revision in Basildon.
- 3 - Mondays to Fridays : 0531 hrs. journey from Hadleigh (Church) to Canvey (Leigh Beck) to be advanced to 0521 hrs. Revised timetable to include other minor alterations.
- 7C - Mondays to Fridays : 0719 hrs. journey from Ashington (Schools) to Rochford (Rail Station) to be advanced to 0712 hrs.
- 66 - From Tuesday, May 6th, this service has been reduced to operate on Tuesdays only. It is now operated over two sections, with Kirby's Coaches, Rayleigh operating the section between Lower Hockley (Dome Caravan Site and Rochford (East Street), and with Eastern National operating the section between Great Wakering (Church) and Rochford. Both sections of route have one return journey.
- 151 - Weekdays : 0530 hrs. journey and 0555 hrs. journey both from Canvey (Leigh Beck) to be advanced to 0520 hrs. and 0550 hrs. respectively. Minor route revision in Basildon, and this revision also affects services 152/3/4/5/6/8, 402, 503/4/5/6/7/10/1/2/3/24/5.
- 310-3 - Revised timetable, with all journeys operating via the service 311 route, except the 1540 hrs. (Schooldays only) journey from Halstead (Colne Road) to Chelmsford (Bus Station) which will operate via White Horse Avenue and Penny Pots. Certain journeys will operate via Braintree (Rail Station), to or via Braintree (Bus Park), from Chelmsford (Blessed John Payne School), from Braintree (Tabor High School) to/from Halstead (Blue Bridge Industrial Estate) or via Broomfield Hospital, with various other variations to evening and Sunday journeys and to journeys between Halstead and Braintree.
- 333 - NEW SERVICE from Stansted Airport (Terminal Buildings) to Bishop's Stortford (via part of existing service 318 route) (see also NS265).

- 401 - Weekdays : 1421 hrs. journey from Basildon (Bus Station) and 1500 hrs. journey from Romford (St. Edwards Way) both to be withdrawn.
- 403 - Mondays to Fridays : 0930 hrs. journey from Upminster (St. Lawrence Church) to be withdrawn.
- 524 - Mondays to Fridays : 1651 hrs. journey from Southfields (Fenton Way) to start from Basildon (Bus Station) at 1714 hrs.
- 547 - Schooldays : 1558 hrs. journey from Chalvedon School to be withdrawn. Mondays to Fridays (not Schooldays) : 1602 hrs. journey from Pitsea (Broadway) to be withdrawn.
- 795 - Summer timetable introduced from April 27th with Daily operation, and route revisions in the Orpington/Sevenoaks area. The Summer timetable operates to September 27th, and Eastern National operate the 0515 hrs. and 1715 hrs. journeys from Southend on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Southend Transport operating the 0815 hrs. journey from Southend on these days. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, operation is reversed, i.e. Eastern National operate the 0815 hrs. journey.

The Company has also applied for minor route revisions to Clacton area mini-bus services 1A and 2.

Minor timetable revisions are also proposed for Commuter services 190/4/5/7/8/9.

Operation of National Express services 081 (London-Great Yarmouth) and 084 (London-Walton-on-Naze) is now being undertaken by various independent operators, with vehicles in National Express livery. Accordingly, Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles 1110/2/3 (HHJ371Y) are now allocated for operation on normal stage services.

Publicity News

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

Timetable leaflets - a leaflet with details of the new Clacton area CoastLine mini-bus services (dated May 10th).

- a timetable leaflet for service 795 (Southend-Brighton) (dated April 27th).

Highwayman services - a 36 page timetable booklet with full details of the Summer Highwayman services (801-10/2/20-2/4-8) and Holiday Breaks (dated May 17th).

Excursion leaflets - a leaflet for 'Day Breaks' from the Clacton, Harwich and Colchester area during April and May.

Chelmsford ChelmerCard leaflet - a revised leaflet with full details of the ChelmerCard scheme, and prices effective from December 1985.

General leaflets - a coach hire leaflet for the Chelmsford area.

- a leaflet with details of the disabled persons' vehicle (2202) based at Clacton (CN) depot.

General

The rebuilt bays in part of Basildon Bus Station were first brought into use on March 27th.

The Company inspected a Volkswagen/Optare City Pacer mini-bus, with registration C525EWR, on May 15th. It was not used in service, and was later demonstrated to Southend Transport.

For members interested in observations and photography of Eastern National vehicles on LRT service 145A, journeys operate on Schooldays only with departures from Goodmayes (Lord Napier P.H.) at 0733 hrs., 0738 hrs. and 0744 hrs., and from Chingford (Station) at 1534 hrs. and 1556 hrs. A further journey operates from Woodford Wells (Horse and Well P.H.) at 1554 hrs., and there are short workings from Chingford (Station) at 0833 hrs. and from Woodford Green (Castle P.H.) at 1538 hrs.

As a further correction to the information published in NS261, the Company advises that the seating capacity of the three Leyland National disabled persons' vehicles (2200-2) is now officially DP20F + 6 wheelchairs or DP24F + 4 wheelchairs, depending upon circumstances.

At the time of writing, it is not yet possible to confirm the starting date for the three Manningtree area mini-bus services (30-2). (see also NS265).

Further Hedingham & District vehicle allocations to report are Kelvedon (KN)-L100 and L111, Little Tey (CR)-L125 and L127 and Sible Hedingham (HD)-L84, L89, L98, L105 and L117. Unusually, Hedingham & District have been using a double-deck vehicle on service 82 during recent weeks, including L117 (May 13th), L119 (April 25th) and L120 (April 28th).

Service Vehicles

The Company has recently acquired a Ford D0910 lorry from Herald Engineering Ltd., Plymouth, and details are as follows :-

Herald fleet no. 9413 CDV413T Ford D0910 236330 Stores lorry with tail-lift New -/79

This vehicle was originally numbered L5 in the Western National O.C. Ltd. fleet, being re-numbered 9413 ca. 6/81. It passed to Herald Engineering Ltd. on January 1st, 1983. The vehicle had arrived at Central Works by May 21st, and it is understood that it will be fitted with a HIAB crane.

Eastern National Engineering Ltd. has also recently acquired a vehicle from Herald Engineering Ltd., Plymouth, and details are as follows :-

Herald fleet no. 9419 NTK805S Ford A0509 ——— Van with part covered bodywork New -/78

This vehicle was delivered to Central Works during February, and it is now being converted into an open van by the removal of the covered bodywork. It is believed that this vehicle was acquired second-hand by Herald Engineering Ltd. during 1983 or 1984. Details of previous owners are unknown.

Unusual Workings

Once again, there have been a large number of unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks. A shortage of space does not allow full coverage of these reports, and selected workings are as follows :-

22.3-1885 CF observed on service 353, replacing 1862 SE which is believed to have failed at Chelmsford; 3064 DT noted on service 53; Southend Transport 213 was hired to Venturer Travel for a private hire working; Southend Transport 209 noted on service 795 (and other workings on this service involved ST357-23.3, ST203-29.3, ST204-30.3 and 12.4, ST214-5.4, ST209-6.4 and 13.4, ST247-19.4, ST248-20.4 and ST330-26.4).

24.3-3105 CF (P) noted on service 56.

25.3-1554 ON (P) noted on service 78, and possibly this vehicle's last journey into Colchester; 3127 CR was a very unusual vehicle on service 81.

27.3-1718 OR was noted on Countrycar services (and displaying service no. 72).

28.3-3071 SD noted on service 402; 3101 SD (P) observed on service 1; 4503 CF noted on a private hire working at Southend.

29.3-3115 DE noted on service 38 (and again on 1.4).

30.3-1712 DN noted at Southend (SD) depot displaying service no. 64, with 4502 BS also noted at Southend (SD) depot.

1.4-0211 LWA and 0222 LWA both noted on driver training work at Springfield, and these vehicles were noted on similar work at Colchester on 18.4; 1752 CF noted on service 38; 3079 MN noted on service 36B.

2.4-1122 BD noted on service 347 at Brentwood; 4021 SD noted on a private hire working at Chelmsford; Heddingham & District L104 (KN) noted at Aldham on service 88.

4.4-1115 CR (but without depot allocation plates) noted on service 406; 3075 SD noted on service 402.

5.4-1552 noted on Trade Plates on the A120 leaving Harwich, having been sold to Citybus Ltd., Belfast.

6.4-Colchester Borough Transport 41, 63/6, 73-5/9 and 80 all operated rail replacement journeys between Colchester and Shenfield. Similar services on 20.4 were operated by 73/4/9, 81/4 and 90. 3081, 4006/12/8 (all BD) and 4005 CF operated a rail replacement service between Wickford and Shenfield. 1794 DE noted parked at Chelmsford (CF) depot.

7.4-1701 CF noted on service 31 (and on service 38 on 12.4); 1794 DE noted on service 41B.

8.4-3064 DT noted on schools and works contracts in the Colchester area; 3107 HH noted on a service 5A schools journey in Rayleigh.

10.4-1892 CR noted on a rail replacement service between Manningtree and Harwich.

12.4-1131 CF and 4503 CF both noted at Southend (SD) depot; 4004 CR noted on service 474 at Romford.

13.4-1125 SD noted on service 402; 1303 DE noted parked at Southend (SD) depot; 1119 DE noted on service 311 (and again on 4.5).

14.4-0206 D/L noted at Southend (SD) depot.

15.4-Southend Transport 221/8/35, 309/92 operated a rail replacement service on the Wickford-Southminster branch, with 226/41, 392/5 operating a similar service on 16.4 and 223/9/41 and 397 again on 17.4.

- 17.4-Southend Transport 303 noted on services 4 and 18, and this vehicles was noted in all day service on service 63 on 18.4; 3000 D/L (P) noted at Hadleigh (HH) depot.
- 18.4-1708 MN noted on service 81; 9021 CF noted on driver training work at Hatfield Peverel - this vehicle is now being used much less frequently.
- 19.4-4017 DE noted on service 70.
- 21.4-Grey-Green FYX822W failed near Chelmsford whilst operating Commuter service 204, and Eastern National provided disabled persons' coach 2203 CF as a replacement - an extremely unusual working; 1121 CF noted on service 40; 4011 SD (but still without depot allocation plates noted on service 251.
- 22.4-3075 SD noted on service 406.
- 25.4-1126 SE noted on service 53; 1305 SD noted on National Express service 084; 4016 DE first noted on service 70; 3058 SD (but without depot allocation plates) was noted at Colchester (CR) depot, and this vehicle has since been working from Maldon (MN) depot, being noted on service 36 on 9.5.
- 27.4-3082 CF noted at Maldon (MN) depot, replacing 3018 MN which is currently on driver training work; 1896 DN observed on service 402.
- 2.5-1115 CR noted on service 83, and this vehicle together with 1123 CR are now being frequently used on services 83 and 88. HRH Princess Anne visited Southend to open the new Pier Railway, and Southend Transport 246 was used to transport some of the guests, with 250 standing by in case of need.
- 3.5-1132 ON, 1305 SD and 1310 SE were noted at the Spalding Flower Parade; 1842 CF noted on service 38.
- 9.5-3092 DD noted at Hadleigh (HH) depot, having failed whilst operating service 251, and it remained out of service at HH at least until 18.5.
- 11.5-2384 L noted at Chelmsford (CF) depot (and it remained there at least until 21.5).
- 12.5-3068 DN noted at Hadleigh (HH) depot.
- 13.5-Rail replacement services operated between Pitsea and Shoeburyness during most of the day, and some late evening journeys operated through to Tilbury and Barking. Vehicles used included Southend Transport 222/3/7, 308/91/5/7 and Ensign Bus Co. MLH424/69L and THM680M. 1112 CF noted on service 48, and this vehicle is now being used regularly in Chelmsford town services.
- 15.5-1110 ON noted on service 119 (and again on 19.5); 1875 CR noted on service 7A; 1876 DD noted on service 251.
- 19.5-3032 CR noted on service 107.
- 20.5-1842 CF noted on service 38.
- 21.5-1903 DD observed on service 58A.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Vehicles On Hire

The Leyland-DAB demonstrator A499MHG carried temporary fleet number D13 during its period of loan to Colchester Borough Transport. It was first used on March 22nd, and was last seen on April 5th. It was used on services 9/9A and 19/19A on Weekdays, but was noted on service 5A on March 31st. It was also noted on service 74A on March 26th/27th.

Great Yarmouth Borough Transport 90 (WEX690M), an AEC Swift 3MP2R with E.C.W. B43D + 25 bodywork, was noted on hire to Colchester Borough Transport on May 19th, when it was used on services 2A, 5, 5B and 19. It is understood that this vehicle is replacing Leyland Olympian 41 (C41 HHL) which is being used for demonstration purposes at Great Yarmouth Borough Transport.

Withdrawn Vehicle

3.86

49 (YWC649F)

It appears that both 49 (YWC649F) and previously withdrawn 50 (AVX 50G) (see NS258) have now been sold. Both vehicles were removed from the Magdalen Street depot during early-May.

It should also be noted that the Leyland Atlantean driver training vehicle 96 (WEV746F) is also currently out of use, and parked in the depot yard at Magdalen Street.

General

Further Leyland Atlantean's recently repainted in the new livery are 65 (NNO 65P) (by May 10th), 68 (TPU 68R) (by April 18th) and 83 (MEV 83V) (repainted by Eastern Coach Works, Lowestoft by March 26th).

Bristol REL6L's 19 (OWC719M), 23 (OWC723M) and 28 (SWC 28K) are now back in service. Similar vehicle 18 (YWC 18L) also briefly returned to service recently, but is now out of service together with 20 (OWC720M), 21 (OWC721M) and 26 (SWC 26K).

Leyland Atlantean 67 (TPU 67R) received mechanical attention at Eastern National Engineering Ltd.'s Central Works during April, and similar vehicles which have been out of service during recent weeks have been 55 (JHK495N) (March 5th-May 17th), 69 (TPU 69R) (during March), 71 (TPU 71R) (March 15th-May 15th), 76 (TPU 76R) (March 11th-April 5th) and 78 (YNO 78S) (April 5th-May 10th).

Leyland Atlantean 85 (MEV 85V) was used for a practice 'bus pull' recently by patrons of the Cambridge Arms P.H., Military Road. A further 'bus pull' will be held around the town centre on Monday, May 26th.

Amongst unusual workings reported by members during recent weeks, Leyland Atlantean 51 (MVK538R) was noted on service 5A on April 16th, and similar vehicle 53 (MVK548R) was noted on service 9 on April 21st. Leyland Atlantean 60 (JHK500N) has been noted on service 5A recently, and its normal duty on services 6/6A has been operated by similar vehicle 57 (JHK497N).

Service Developments

Essex County Council has published the following list of existing Colchester Borough Transport services which it wishes to be operated under Service Subsidy Agreements :- Tenders have now been invited, with the closing date being June 3rd, and the services are as follows :-

- 1/1A Sunday journeys, with all journeys operating via Greenstead South.
- 2/2A/2B group An hourly service on Sundays, with sections of route between the Town Centre and Highwoods (to be numbered 2) and between the Town Centre and Myland Hospital (to be numbered 2C) being worked separately.
- 4/4A Sunday journeys.
- 5/5A/5B group An hourly service on Sundays, with sections of route between the Town Centre and Fiveways (to be numbered 5A) and between the Town Centre and Myland Hospital (to be numbered 5C, and to be interworked with service 2C).
- 6/6A An hourly service on Sundays.
- 7/7A Evening and Sunday journeys.
- 8 Sunday journeys.
- 9/9A and 19/19A Mondays to Fridays-journeys at 0821 hrs. from Lexden and at 1737 hrs. from Osborne Street, with additional other journeys between Shrub End/Prettygate and North Station.
- 10 Existing CBT journeys.
- 11 As existing service, with additional journeys.
- 14 As existing service, and to also serve the Severalls Lane Industrial Area.
- 14A As existing service (if required).
- 16 (and including service 13) As existing services (if required).

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

Re-built and re-bodied Leyland Leopard/Berkhof coaches 254/5 have yet to enter service, and it is still uncertain what type of registration numbers will be carried (see also NS265).

Vehicles On Hire

The former Parks of Hamilton Leyland Leopard coach 359 (MDS242V) was last used in service on February 16th, and was officially withdrawn from the fleet on April 18th, being returned to Caledonia Coach Sales and Services Ltd. very shortly afterwards.

Van Hool Astromega 243 (JEV243Y) was hired to I. Stockdale of Selby from May 9th to May 11th, to operate a journey from Dover to Milan, Italy and returning empty. This was to replace a failed Astromega owned by Stockdale, with registration ONS355Y, and which has the next chassis number after Southend Transport's 243-5. ONS355Y was repaired by Southend Transport and returned to Milan on the night of May 11th.

Various coaches have been hired to River Valley Coaches, Sutton Valence during recent weeks, as follows :- 313 (April 4th-7th), 334 (April 24th-May 4th), 340 (May 2nd-4th)

and 345 (April 20th-23rd and May 9th-15th).

General

Leyland Tiger 215 (A215PEV) returned to service on April 28th, having been repainted and fitted with a SDG style front dome.

Leyland Leopard 331 (XWX166S) returned to service on May 14th fitted with a DAF DKL engine.

Leyland Leopard coach 335 (WRO435S) has now been repainted in fleet coach livery, returning to service on May 1st. Apart from vehicles in advertisement liveries, there are currently no vehicles not in fleet livery.

Daimler Fleetline 317 (SMU926N) returned to service on April 23rd fitted with a Gardner 6LXB engine.

Southend Transport inspected the Volkswagen/Optare City Pacer mini-bus 0525EWR on May 16th. It was briefly used in service, operating two morning journeys on service 23.

A new timetable leaflet for services X1/X10/X11 has been published, dated April 12th, and including details of the route extension to Heathrow Airport (Terminal 4).

It is understood that Mr. I.M. Trevette, at present Deputy General Manager of City of Cardiff Transport, has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Southend Transport Ltd.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Initial Disposals

- 1541 (PEV503K) - Numbered 710 by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, 2/86, and currently stored at Short Strand depot.
- 1547 (SVW275K) - Numbered 713 by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, 2/86, and currently stored at Short Strand depot.
- 1549 (WNO538L) - Numbered 714 by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, 4/86, and currently stored at Short Strand depot.
- 1552 (WNO541L) - Numbered 715 by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, 4/86, and currently stored at Short Strand depot.
- 1553 (WNO542L) - Numbered 717 by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, 2/86, and currently stored at Short Strand depot.
- 1554 (WNO543L) - Numbered 718 by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, 4/86, and currently stored at Short Strand depot.
- 1652 (KCG609L) - Sold to Martin (dealer), Middlewich, 5/86.
- 9016 (LFS282F) - Sold to Martin (dealer), Middlewich, 5/86.
- 9018 (LFS297F) - Sold to Martin (dealer), Middlewich, 5/86.

Subsequent Disposals

- 348 (YED 201) - Was acquired by Coleman, Leverington (for preservation), 9/84, ex. Lockwood Foods, Long Sutton. (additional information to NS250).
- 356 (10 DLY) - Not present at dealer, Middlewich, 3/86. (see also NS256).
- 416 (YTW540F) - Removed from yard of Cheek, Kenton, by 3/86. (see also NS265).
- 9445 (XVW633L) - Still with Wilby, Hibaldstow, 4/86. (additional information to NS260).
- (453) (RPU868M) - Reported as Shearing, Altrincham, by 2/86, ex. Gath, Dewsbury. (see also NS265).
- (454) (RPU869M) - Reported as Shearing, Altrincham, by 2/86, ex. Gath, Dewsbury. (see also NS265).
- 1202 (DNO688T) - Went to Flint, Nettleton, 8/83. (correction to NS252).
- 1333 (2723 VX - BFW314B) - Registration 2723 VX was noted on a Range Rover car at Harrogate, 4/86. (additional information to NS239).
- 1408 (1256 EV) - Passed to Robinson, Appleby, 9/77, ex. Hogg (farmer), Yanwath. (see also NS229/62).
- 1504 (GVW858G) - Still owned by Felixstowe Omnibuses Ltd., Ipswich, 5/86. (correction and clarification to NS261 and NS265 respectively).
- 1512 (FVX614H) - Withdrawn by Telling, Byfleet, by 3/86.
- 1546 (SVW274K) - Now carries signwriting for Colchester Institute of Higher Education, Colchester, by 4/86. Basic livery is yellow, and still owned by Essex County Council (Education Department). (see also NS260).

- 2700 (80 TVX - AHJ142A) - Gone from dealer, London, W.10, by 4/86. (see also NS265).
- 2710 (90 TVX) - Top Deck Travel Ltd., London, S.W.5, 2/86, ex. Ireland (dealer), Hull. It is reported that this vehicle will be fitted with a Gardner engine by Top Deck Travel Ltd. to become a FLF6G.
- 2730 (177 XNO) - Blackers Mill (N-PSV), Portadown, N. Ireland, -/78, ex. Marfleet, Binbrook, (additional information to NS202/8).
- 2786 (937 LWO) - Exported to R. Franco and P. Andrea, San Giovanni, Italy, 3/79, ex. dealer, Cheam. Used for about one year as a mobile shop, and then sold for private use as a children's garden house. Later sold to a garage in Rome for use as a mobile office. Last heard of, ca. -/84.
- 2817 (HEV995D) - Currently with SDG Engineering, Inverness, for conversion work, 4/86. Last reported as owned by Lager Kitchens (N-PSV) (see NS232/4), and latterly the vehicle has been stored by Lager Kitchens at Inverness.
- 2823 (JHK4550) - Now owned by a PSV driver training firm in the Bridgwater area, by 5/86. Last reported as still with dealer, Cheam, 8/84. (see NS249). A photograph of the vehicle appeared in the Bristol Evening Post on May 9th.
- 2849 (NTW9420) - Eastern National Preservation Group (for preservation), 5/86, ex. Hughes, Hartley (for preservation).
- 2882 (UEV220E) - Still owned by Skey, Mere (N-PSV), 3/86. (additional information to NS262).
- 2898 (WVX525F) - Still with Fowler, Holbeach Drove, 5/86.
- 2905 (WVX532F) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 3/86.
- 2928 (AVW397F) - Has been rebuilt as an open-top vehicle by Passenger Transportation Services (Asia) Ltd., Hong Kong. Carries fleet number B21. Previously carried Hong Kong registration number CR 2146, but as the vehicle has not been used in service for some months it is understood that it will be re-registered before re-entering service.
- 2932 (184 XNO) - Registration 184 XNO is now carried by a Volvo B10M/Duple coach owned by Walker, Anderton. 2932 (184 XNO) was still owned by Walker, Anderton, ca. -/84, and it is not known whether the vehicle remains in service, and details of its re-registration are also unknown. (see also NS183).
- 3019 (SMS 45H) - Allocated fleet number CON1 by South Midland Ltd., but this number is not carried on the vehicle.
- 3047 (OCS576H) - Allocated fleet number CON2 by South Midland Ltd., but this number is not carried on the vehicle. Instead, fleet number 576 is carried by this vehicle.

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