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EDITORIAL

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :

E.F.B. Eastern National Fleet List Booklet - 1978 edition

Price ..... 23p (post free)

The booklet contains 16 printed pages, and the cover illustration is of Ford saloon 1001 (MAR776P). The fleet list is correct to 1 April 1978.

Eastbourne Commemorative Poster

The above poster illustrating the development of Eastbourne's buses over the past 75 years is available at 50p (post free) from Eastbourne Borough Council Transport Department, Churchdale Road, EASTBOURNE, East Sussex BN22 8PY.

Southend Bus Rally, Sunday June 4

The Group will have a stand at this event. In the meantime make a note of the date.

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New Vehicles

Correction to NS166 : 1832/3 are registered VAR898/9S and not VNO898/9S.

1847	YEV305S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05163	Leyland National	B49F
1848	YEV306S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05164	Leyland National	B49F
1849	YEV307S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05165	Leyland National	B49F
1850	YEV308S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05177	Leyland National	B49F
1851	YEV309S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05178	Leyland National	B49F
1853	YEV311S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05215	Leyland National	B49F
1854	YEV312S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05216	Leyland National	B49F
1855	YEV313S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05217	Leyland National	B49F
1857	YEV315S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05221	Leyland National	B49F
1858	YEV316S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05222	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates : 1847 - 4.78, 1848 - 4.78, 1849 - 4.78, 1850 - 4.78, 1851 - 4.78, 1853 - 4.78, 1854 - 4.78, 1855 - 4.78, 1857 - 4.78, 1858 - 4.78

A further 5 Leyland Nationals are expected during April with 10 more to follow in May.

Withdrawn Vehicles

3.78 2755 (JWC 715)
To Eastern National Engineering School (see NS168)

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

Conversion of Bristol FLF 2937 (RWC 608) to open top is in progress at Prittlewell Works, Southend, by mid April the conversion was well advanced. Conversion of Bristol FLF's to open top is being carried out utilising spare works capacity only, hence the programme is not expected to be completed quickly. Accordingly, the present fleet of Bristol KSW5G open toppers have all been prepared for the 1978 summer season.

Allocations & Transfers

4.78 1511-CF, 2753-CN, 2817-HH, 2903-SD, 2914-WG, 2932-HH, 2937-D/L, 3026-D/L. correct?

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

40 Service to be re-numbered 269.

40 New Service : CHELMSFORD (High Street, Debenhams) - OXNEY GREEN (Rollestons) via Moulsham Street, Parkway, Market Road, Victoria Road South, Duke Street, Rainsford Lane, Waterhouse Lane, Beeches Road, Forest Drive, Savernake Road,

Writtle Road, Lodge Road and Long Brandocks. Return as outward route reversed to Rainsford Road thence Cedar Avenue, Broomfield Road and Duke Street. (Weekdays only)

42 Service revised to operate as CHELMSFORD (North Melbourne, Nickelby Road) - OXNEY GREEN (Chequers) via Copperfield Road, Chignal Road, Avon Road, Trent Road, Thames Avenue, Avon Road, Chignal Road, Roxwell Road, Rainsford Road, Cedar Avenue, Broomfield Road, Duke Street, High Street, Moulsham Street, Parkway, London Road and Writtle Road. Return as outward route reversed to Parkway thence Market Road, Victoria Road South, Duke Street, Rainsford Road, Roxwell Road and as outward route reversed. (Weekdays only) Section of route to Great Baddow covered by new service 57.

43 Terminal at BROOMFIELD to be Broomfield Hospital, Approach.

43A/B Services to be withdrawn. (Replaced by new services 40 and 42)

44 Revised terminal to be CHELMSFORD (Patching Hall Lane) in place of (North Avenue). Revised route to be as existing to Broomfield Road thence Skerry Rise, Berwick Avenue, Woodhall Road and Hollow Lane.

45 Revised terminal to be CHELMSFORD (Patching Hall Lane) in place of (Woodhall Estate, Rutland Road). Revised route to be as existing to Woodhall Road thence Hollow Lane.

46A New Service : ONGAR (Two Brewers) - ABBESS RODING (School) via A113, B184, Fyfield, Birds Green Road, Birds Green, Beauchamp Roding, B184 and Berwick Lane.

48A Service to be withdrawn.

52 Sunday service to be withdrawn.

55 Revised terminals to be CHELMSFORD (Bus Station) and SPRINGFIELD (Havengore). Existing route to be extended from Boswell Schools via Dartmouth Road, Sidmouth Road, Pump Lane and Rushleydale. Section of route between Westlands Estate and Chelmsford to be covered by new service 40.

57 New Service : CHELMSFORD (Bus Station) - GREAT BADDOW (Marconi Research Station / Maltings Estate) via Duke Street, High Street, Moulsham Street, Parkway, Baddow Road, High Street, Church Street, West Hanningfield Road. (also via Maltings Road for journeys to Maltings Estate). Return as outward route reversed to Parkway, thence Market Road, Victoria Road South, Duke Street. (Certain journeys also operate to North Melbourne, Danbury, North Avenue and Widford Industrial Estate, and also via New Street Works) (Weekdays only)

124 To be withdrawn between Clacton and Colchester, and also to be withdrawn on Saturdays. (Section between Colchester and Clacton to be covered by additional connectional facilities on service 115)

260 To be extended from STONDON MASSEY (Tips Cross) to ONGAR (L.T. Station) via Ongar Road, Stondon Road, Brentwood Road, Coopers Hill and High Street. Journeys to Coxtie Green to operate via Coxtie Green, route via Coxtie Green Road and Mores Lane.
Journeys via Navestock Side to operate via Coxtie Green Road, Mores Lane, Snakes Hill, Navestock Side and thence as authorised.

269 New Service : service 40 re-numbered. (q.v.)

402 Application has been made for a 10p surcharge on all fares through the Dartford Tunnel.

Application has also been made for separate shorter length licences for certain services for their "out of scope" nature relative to E.E.C. Drivers Hours Rugulations (see also NS168).

19	Divided at Maldon	400/402	Divided at Basildon

Application has also been made for a permanent licence for the Park and Ride service operated for the benefit of Christmas shoppers :

Park and Ride	CHELMSFORD (Rectory Lane Car Park) - CHELMSFORD (Rectory Lane Car Park) (Circular)

Route via New Street, Tindal Square, Market Road, (pick-up and set-down at Chancellor Hall), Victoria Road South, Victoria Road and New Street. (Flat fare of 15p to be charged)

The following revisions have been recently introduced on the dates shown below, details will be found in the appropriate news sheets indicated :

56/A/B - 29.1.78, NS168 40/269 - 27.3.78, NS168/9

95/6/8 Inward route in Burnham-on-Crouch restored to two way operation via Station Road and High Street to terminate at Clock Tower. (12.2.78)

The proposed revisions in the Basildon and Chelmsford areas are now expected to be introduced on 21 May.

General

The fare card scheme in the Basildon area commenced on 9 April under the name "FairCard". The FairCard zone is bounded by Tarpots Corner; North Benfleet, Annwood Lodge; Laindon, Prince of Wales; Dunton Flyover; Lower Dunton Road, Doesgate Lane; and Pitsea. The FairTicket costs £2.50 weekly or £9.50 4-weekly. A.E.C. Regent V MFN946F was used from 4 - 15 April as a mobile camera unit. Vehicles in the Basildon area all display small posters advertising the FairCard.
Also introduced in the Basildon area are a series of Basildon Bus Cards. These are easy-to-read pocket timetables for particular Basildon districts (8 cards in all) and each includes timetables, district diagrammatic map with bus stop numbers (see below), details of routes and details of travel arrangements to destinations within and beyond Basildon.
A Basildon area Public Transport Route Map is also being produced, this will be distributed by hand to all Basildon households and will also be available at enquiry offices after the revised services commence on 21 May. The map which has been produced by the Basildon Development Corporation in association with Basildon District Council, Eastern National and Essex County Council includes town and regional maps. Both maps are in diagrammatic form with each service shown in a different colour rather like a London Transport style underground map. A special feature of the town map is that all bus stops are located and each is identified by a special code which will be shown on the individual bus stops. The code involves a two letter designation indicating the road or district followed by a number. Bus stops in a particular road/district are numbered consecutively along the route, e.g. WW - Whitmore Way, Honeypot Lane - WW1, Methersgate - WW2 etc. until Grimston Road - WW11.

The overall advertising livery applied to Bristol VRT 3053 (LJN648P) has now been completed by the addition of Philips slogans and products in the beige band. This is believed to have been performed locally at Southend during mid April.

Canvey (CY) garage closed after operation on Saturday 29 April, vehicles and duties have been transferred to Hadleigh. The premises at Leigh Beck were originally owned by the Canvey & District Motor Transport Company and were inherited when Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. were absorbed. The premises are to be leased to the Eastern National Preservation Group and, accordingly to local reports, is to be converted into the "Castle Point Bus Museum".

Discussions are still taking place between Eastern National and London Transport concerning participation in the Havering scheme. (see NS166/7)

Some further notes are available concerning the modifications to the rear end of Leyland National 1846 (WJN566S). The registration plate is on the right hand side and the reversing sign is on the left hand side. The garage code is located above the fleet-number and both are in the white band with the ONE MAN OPERATED BUS sign immediately beneath under the band. The moulded panel which previously housed the fleetnumber, garage plates and registration plate has been replaced with a plain green panel capable of carrying an advertisement.

It would appear that the vehicle allocated to Dunmow outstation (DW) from Chelmsford is now a Bristol VRT. Confirmation please !

Unusual workings noted recently on service 151 include several O.M.O. workings by Leyland Nationals and Bristol VRT's from Basildon and Canvey.

Alder Valley Bristol RELL / Marshall 443 (YH0627J) and another similar vehicle were noted undergoing maintainance at Central Works, Chelmsford during March.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

New Vehicles (for forthcoming delivery)

77	YNO 77S	Leyland AN68/1R	7800101	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22837
78	YNO 78S	Leyland AN68/1R	7800104	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22839
79	YNO 79S	Leyland AN68/1R	7800235	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22838
80	YNO 80S	Leyland AN68/1R	7800254	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22842
81	YNO 81S	Leyland AN68/1R	7800404	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22841
82	YNO 82S	Leyland AN68/1R	7800464	E.C.W.	H43/31F	22840

Could chassis designation, dates of delivery, and details of subsequent vehicle withdrawals be reported please.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

12 Service to Stanway Zoo on Sundays and Mondays at Easter, Spring and Late Summer Bank Holidays to be withdrawn.

12A New Service : IPSWICH ROAD (Severalls Lane) - STANWAY ZOO. Route to be as service 12 to Hythe Quay thence Hythe Hill, Barrack Street, Wimpole Road, Old Heath Road, Barnhall Avenue thence as service 12. (Wednesdays only, during school summer holidays)

General

An application has been made for revised fares.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

Leyland PD3 316 (PHJ 955) was still in stock in mid April.
Leyland Leopards 206/7 (2717/8 HJ) have been acquired by S. & M. Coaches, Benfleet. (Castle Point Bus Co.) (see also NS168)

General

Additional bumpers have been fitted just below the windscreens to several Daimler Fleetlines of the 386-97 (JTD386-97P) batch. This is a preventative measure designed to reduce the number of windscreen casualties suffered whilst parking vehicles close together in the garage.

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Epping Forest District Council have commenced operations for a 6 month trial period from 6 March. The services are provided for the Council by Crusader Coaches of Bishops Stortford using a 16 seat Ford minibus. Services operated are :

HASTINGWOOD (Bull & Horseshoes) - EPPING (High Street) via Magdalen Laver, Tilegate Green, Threshers Bush, Foster Street, Hastingwood and Thornwood Common. (Mondays only, 1 journey in each direction)

HASTINGWOOD (Bull & Horseshoes) - HARLOW (Bus Station) via route of above service to Hastingwood thence via A11 and Second Avenue. (Fridays only, 1 journey in each direction)

HASTINGWOOD (Bull & Horseshoes) - OLD HARLOW (Post Affice) via route of above service to Foster Street thence via Hobbs Cross and Churchgate Street. (Fridays only, 1 journey in each direction)

Note Hastingwood is situated about one mile east of the main A11 road approximately mid-way between Epping and Harlow.

Tilegate Green, Threshers Bush and Hobbs Cross were served by Eastern National service 47 until March 1976.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

This section has had to be held over due to lack of space. We hope to catch up next month.

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