

EDITORIAL

Subscription Renewal Reminder

Members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions, for a one or two year period commencing on July 1st, are asked to do so as soon as possible. Please use the subscription renewal form sent with last month's news sheet, and completed forms should be sent to the Membership Secretary (R.H. Palmer Esq.,) with the appropriate remittance. No further reminders will be issued, and subscriptions should be received no later than July 15th in order to prevent any delay in the despatch of the July news sheet. Bob Palmer thanks members for their co-operation.

North Midlands Weekend Coach Tour - Friday, August 23rd to Monday, August 26th.

A booking form for this coach tour is enclosed with this news sheet. Our weekend tours have proved very popular of late and there is a limit to the number of persons who can be carried, so please book early. As you will see, the early member not only catches the seat but he also saves money.

Autumn Excursion - Saturday, October 5th.

It is proposed to operate an Autumn excursion visiting a number of independents and using a preserved vehicle. Details are not yet finalised but please mark the date in your diary.

Rochford Meeting - Tuesday, July 9th.

The next meeting at the Carriage Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford will held on Tuesday, July 9th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.). The meeting will feature a slide show, with a selection of slides from the 1960's covering all parts of the U.K., together with cine film of trams in Blackpool. The slides and films will be presented by Richard Delahoy.

New Publications

The following new Group publications are now available :-

1) E.P. 1 - Eastern National O.C. Ltd. - 1985 Fleet List

This publication contains full details of the Company's fleet, including chassis and body numbers, service vehicles, livery details and a directory of depots.

Price : £0.75 (including postage).

2) E.P. 34 - Southend & District Joint Services : Route Working Index

This publication details Southend Transport and Eastern National route workings in the Southend Co-ordination Area, including services which operate beyond the Co-ordination Area.

Price : £0.53 (including postage).

As a special offer, you may order both publications at an inclusive price of £1.15, saving on postage costs.

Members are reminded that the 1985 edition of the Eastern National Fleet List Booklet (E.F.B.) is now available. The booklet is in a new improved style with 16 A5 size pages and includes three photographs. Full details of the Eastern National, Colchester Borough Transport, Rochford District Council and Southend Transport fleets are included, and the price of this publication is £0.85 (including postage).

Orders for all Group publications should be sent to the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 19. Watkins Way, Shoeburyness, Essex. SS3 9NX).

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Colchester/Clacton/Harwich area (Area 2) dated June 1985 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., - address above) at £0.68 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

The Eastern National Enthusiasts Group Trophy

The E.N.E.G. Trophy was presented for the fifth time at the Southend Historic Transport Show on June 2nd. The trophy, which is in the form of a shield, is presented for "The Best Vehicle from an Essex Independent Operator". It was won this year by Boon's Coaches, Boreham with SHD330X, a Leyland Leopard PSU5C/4R with Duple Dominant C50F coachwork, and our congratulations go to Boon's Coaches on winning the trophy for the first time.

South Essex Olympian Tour Report

For our first tour this year, one of the new double-deck Leyland Olympian coaches was hired and what a splendid vehicle it proved to be. The first stop was at Avro Coaches of Orsett, where their commuter coaches and double-deck vehicles were on view. After a brief halt at the Springfield Cafe to see some of the S & M fleet, Basildon was reached where an overall advertising Leyland National was photographed in the Bus Station and one of the City 400 Bristol VRT's posed at the garage. Our arrival at Wickford saw all five of the NIBS (Nelson Independent Bus Services) double-deckers already positioned for photography, they were then replaced by representatives of the single-deck fleet. The next stop was Supreme Travel, where again we were made most welcome with double-deck vehicles and coaches posed for us. After lunch the weather took a turn for the worse, but that did not deter movement of vehicles at Southend (SD) as well as almost all of the coach fleet at Southend Transport, indeed so phrenetic was the activity that some members missed a photograph whilst they changed a film! We then made a short unscheduled stop to see the Hadleigh Marching Militaire DMS, and finally two more overall advertising Leyland National's for SMAC and Fairfield were on view at Hadleigh (HH). Then it was back to Newbury Park after another successful tour. Our grateful thanks to all of the operators for their generous hospitality.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

Full details are now available regarding the two Peugeot 505 Family Diesel estate cars (see also NS254), and details are as follows :-

0120 B258CHK Peugeot 505 VF3551F58F1807923 7 seat Estate Car Delivered 5.85
 0121 B259CHK Peugeot 505 VF3551F58F1811499 7 seat Estate Car Delivered 5.85

These vehicles are licensed as PSV vehicles, and their fleet numbers are carried above the fuel filler cap. They are painted in red livery, and they carry roof racks with sign boards for 'Countrycar' services. Both vehicles have now entered service at Colchester (CR) on a new network of 'Countrycar' services, which are sponsored by Essex County Council (see also under Service Developments).

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles On Order

There is no further information to report regarding the recent unconfirmed reports that the Company is expecting delivery of a number of Ford Transit 160D vehicles. A further report has also suggested that Mercedes-Benz vehicles may be acquired rather than Ford Transit vehicles, and further details will be published as soon as they become available.

Vehicles On Hire

Southend Transport coach 250 (A250SVW), a Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3RP with Duple C57F coachwork, was hired to Eastern National on May 26th (for that day only), when it operated an excursion to the Mildenhall Air Show.

Re-built Vehicles

Work is continuing on the conversion of Leyland National 1710 (WN0559L) into a disabled persons' vehicle, and this vehicle remains delicensed (D/L) at Central Works, together with 1409 (X00878L) which is awaiting conversion work.

Allocations & Transfers

6.85 0120 LWA-CR, 0121 LWA-CR, 1050 CN-BS, 1051 BE-BD, 1052 MN-BD, 1053 CR-BD,
 1054 BS-BD, 1056 DT-BS, 1057 BS-BD, 1536 D/L (P)-CR, 1541 D/L (D)-DT,

1542 D/L (P)-BE, 1546 CF-D/L (D), 1547 D/L (P)-CN, 1552 D/L (P)-DT, 1829 CF-MN, 1833 ML-CF, 1841 CF-MN, 3003 D/L (D)-CN, 3018 D/L (P)-MN, 3064 SD-CF, 3078 CF-SD, 3080 CF-BD, 3083 SD-CF, 3091 BD-CF, 3111 CF-SD.

Bedford YMQS vehicles 1051-4/7 have been selected to operate service W9 (Enfield (Cecil Road)-Muswell Hill Broadway. Five vehicles will be required for this service, including one engineering spare (correction to NS254), and it has been reported by the London Omnibus Traction Society that Eastern National will commence operation of this service on July 13th. Further details regarding the outstation premises at Enfield will be published as soon as they become available. Driver training work has commenced during recent weeks, and 1051 (TJN974W) has been noted on several occasions in the Brentwood area. Similar vehicle 1055 (TJN978W) was successfully tilt-tested at London Regional Transport's Aldenham Works on June 13th.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3116 (XHK221X) returned to Basildon (BN) from Braintree (BE) during early-June, with similar vehicle 3115 (XHK220X) moving from BN to BE at the same time (see also NS254). 3116 now carries external signwriting for the Billericay International supermarket.

Service Vehicles

The Guy Big J4T recovery vehicle 0104 was repainted at Hadleigh (HH) during the week ending June 1st, and this vehicle was entered in the Southend Historic Transport Show on June 2nd when it comprised part of the Company's display of vehicles.

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 NS254 :-

May w/e 11.5.85 - 1768 at CN (and not w/e 27.4.85 as shown in NS254).
w/e 25.5.85 - 3069 at MN (additional to NS254).
June w/e 1.6.85 - 0104 at HH (yellow recovery vehicle livery), 2200 at BN.
w/e 8.6.85 - 1814 at CW, 3064 at CW (overall advertisement livery for National Travelworld), 3089 at SD (partial repaint only - lower deck).
w/e 15.6.85 - 1051 at CW, 1054 at CW.
w/e 22.6.85 - 1052 at MN, 1715 at CW, 1868 at SD, 3082 at CW (overall advertisement livery for Eastern National Engineering).

Bedford YMQS vehicles 1051-4/7 are being repainted in a special green and cream livery for operation on service W9. Initially, 1051/2/4 have been outshopped without any external signwriting or vinyls, and these will be applied during late-June and early-July. The livery is green below the windows and cream above, with a black skirt. Light green stripes, London Regional Transport roundels and external signwriting will also be carried, and it is expected that the vehicles will display the marketing name 'W-Niner'. 1053 and 1057 are currently in the paintshops at Central Works, and they will be outshopped during the week ending June 29th.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3064 (UVX 1S) has now entered service in its overall advertisement livery for National Travelworld, which is basically light blue with external vinyls for various National Travelworld holidays and travel offices; this vehicle has entered service initially at Chelmsford (CF).

Bristol VRTSL6G 3082 (STW 26W) has also now entered service in its overall advertisement livery for Eastern National Engineering, and this livery is basically white with red, black and blue stripes.

Leyland National 1877 (BNO667T) is now in the paintshops at Central Works, and this vehicle will carry an overall advertisement livery for Rates of Grays (Ford car dealers).

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, Bristol VRTSL6G 3071 (K00789V) remained in City 400 livery when noted on May 30th; the situation in respect of 3068/74 remained unknown at the time of writing. Similar vehicles 3072/3/5/6, which are still classified as City 400 vehicles, also all continue to remain in City 400 livery.

Leyland Olympian double-deck coach 4503 (B691BPU) received external signwriting during mid-June advertising the Company's private hire services. This work was undertaken at Central Works, and the signwriting is located on the rear panels beneath the upper deck rear window.

In addition to Bedford YMQS vehicles 1053 and 1057, Leyland National 1752 (LJN660P) is also currently in the paintshops at Central Works, and due to be outshopped during the week ending June 29th. The next vehicle to be repainted at Central Works will then be Leyland National 1721 (NEV678M).

Temporary Loans

There has been a reduced number of vehicles noted operating on temporary loan to other depots during recent weeks. At Harwich (DT), 1650, 1726, 1892 and 3020/22/3/50 (all CR) were all on temporary loan for various periods during May and early-June. Leyland Tiger 1117 DT was on loan to Clacton (CN) from May 23rd to May 25th, being replaced at Harwich (DT) by similar vehicle 1112 CN. On May 31st, Leyland Tiger 1126 DT operated a private hire working to Clacton, then being operated on the following day on Highwayman service 813 from Clacton to Hunstanton and return to Harwich. Leyland Leopard coach 1307 CN operated the section of Highwayman service 813 from Harwich to Clacton, and this vehicle was on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) for this particular journey. Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles 1117 DT and 1126 DT are being regularly used on a variety of private hire work, excursions and National Express services this Summer, and following the re-allocation of Bedford YMQS 1056 to Bishop's Stortford, Bristol RELL6G 1552 has been re-licensed at Harwich (DT) following storage at Walton (WN).

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, Bristol VRTSL6L 3061 (LJN656P) returned to Harwich (DT) on May 9th after completion of accident damage repairs at Colchester (CR). Bristol VRTSL6G 3024 (WNO544L) then passed on loan to Clacton (CN) from May 10th.

Leyland Olympian double-deck coach 4503 (B691BPU) was noted on loan from Silver End (SE) to Chelmsford (CF) on June 8th for a private hire journey.

Finally, Bristol RELL6G 1542 (RPU882K) has also been re-licensed at Braintree (BE) during June, although it was quickly noted on loan to Silver End (SE), being noted on services 53 and 73 on June 12th.

General

Following the establishment of Eastern National Engineering as a separately accountable unit from January 1st, the Company has recently announced further steps to transfer a substantial part of management responsibility to local level. Six operational districts, each with a District Manager, are to be created within the Company. The six districts will be separately accountable, and their managers will report directly to the Company's General Manager, Mr. G. Clarkson. Further details regarding these proposed changes will be published as soon as they become available, although it should be noted that this does not represent a sub-division of the Company's operations, as has occurred with various other National Bus Company subsidiaries.

The Chairman of the National Bus Company, Mr. Robert Brook, visited the Company's Head Office and Central Works at Chelmsford on June 13th to present the Chairman's 1984 Award for Innovation (see NS254).

Four vehicles have received accident damage during recent weeks. The vehicles concerned were Leyland National 1817 (VNO740S), Bristol VRTSL6G 3095 (UAR585W) and Leyland Olympian's 4002 (XHK237X) and 4505 (B693BPU), with 4505 being the most seriously damaged. Repairs to all these vehicles have been undertaken at Central Works, although 4505 is still under repair and it is expected to be out of service until early-July.

Leyland Olympian 4003 (B698BPU) had its Transign electronic destination display equipment replaced by conventional number and destination blinds during early-June, being first noted in service in this form on June 1st. By June 10th, the electronic number equipment had been reinstated, and the destination equipment was reinstated later that day.

The Company has recently acquired travel offices in Manningtree and Hadleigh (Suffolk) from Travel Plus. These offices will now become part of the National Travelworld network. Other travel offices in the Travel Plus chain have been acquired by A.T. May, a national firm of travel agents.

Open-top Bristol KSW5G 2383 (WNO 479) will be used by the South Yorkshire Transport Society for an extensive four day tour of Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire from June 26th to June 29th.

The London Omnibus Traction Society has reported that Eastern National will commence operation of London Regional Transport services 193 and W9 on Saturday, July 13th. Service 193 (Romford (St. Edwards Way)-Hornchurch (Hacton Lane Estate)) will be operated by Bristol VRT vehicles from Brentwood (BD) depot. These vehicles will be fitted with Wayfarer ticket equipment, which will be inter-changeable with normal Setright equipment, together with clip-on panels for London Regional Transport roundels and small destination blind boxes in the lower-deck nearside window.

Service Developments

The main news this month concerns the introduction from Monday, June 17th of a new network of Countrycar services in the Colchester area. The villages principally affected are Fingringhoe, Great Tey, Easthorpe, Copford, Tolleshunt Knights, Little Bromley, Little Bentley, Tendring and Beaumont. New facilities have been provided from East Mersea, Layer Marney, Wakes Colne, Mount Bures, Colne Engaine and Pebmarsh. These services replace former bus services 73 and 73A (both withdrawn on June 15th), 75 (which now operates between Colchester and Rowhedge on School and College Days only), 79 (which now operates between Colchester and Great Bromley only), 80/A/B (which operate to a reduced timetable, and the section of route via Stones Green (80) has been withdrawn), 83 (which now operates between Wakes Colne and Colchester on School and College Days only) and 83A (withdrawn on June 15th). In some cases, this information corrects that published in last month's news sheet.

The Colchester area Countrycar services are being sponsored by Essex County Council. Both Peugeot 505 estate cars (0120/1) arrived at Colchester (CR) on June 15th, and the first Countrycar journey from Colchester to Fingringhoe, at 0900 hrs. on June 17th, was operated by 0120.

Members may be interested in details of various final workings on services 73, 73A, 79 and 83. The last service 73 working from Copford to Colchester on June 14th was operated by 1813 SE, whilst the last service 73 journey from Colchester to Tolleshunt Knights on June 15th was operated by 1658 CR. The final service 73A journeys on June 15th were operated by 1718 CR (from Tolleshunt Knights) and 1892 CR (from Colchester), and 1892 was the last bus to pass through Easthorpe. The final service 79 journey to Stones Green on June 15th was operated by 1816 CR, whilst the last circular service 83 on June 15th was also operated by 1718 CR.

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

- 7 - Mondays to Fridays : additional journey to be introduced from Colchester (High Street) to Blackheath (Cherry Tree P.H.) at 1718 hrs. (and introduced from June 17th).
- 23A - Mondays to Fridays : 2105 hrs. journey from Leigh (Rail Station) to operate 10 minutes later.
- 31A - Weekdays : 0803 hrs. journey from Little Baddow to operate 5 minutes earlier (and introduced from June 24th).
- 31B - Weekdays : 0725 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to operate 5 minutes earlier (and introduced from June 24th).
- 33 - Mondays to Fridays : additional journey to be introduced from Chelmsford to Howe Street at 0700 hrs., and to operate via Broomfield Hospital (and introduced from June 24th).
Weekdays : 2010 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to operate 20 minutes later, 2135 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to operate 15 minutes later, 2045 hrs. journey from Great Dunmow to operate 25 minutes later and 2155 hrs. journey from Howe Street to operate 18 minutes later, and these four journeys to all operate via Broomfield Hospital. These revisions were introduced on June 24th.
- 36 - Weekdays : major revisions to timetable (and introduced from June 24th).
- 36A - Revised timetable (and introduced from June 24th).
- 36B - Revised timetable (and introduced from June 24th).
- 37 - Service to be withdrawn from June 24th (correction to NS253).
- 37A - Service to be withdrawn from June 24th (correction to NS253).
- 42 - Weekdays : 2135 hrs. and 2235 hrs. journeys from Chelmsford (Bus Station) and 2153 hrs. and 2253 hrs. journeys from Oxney Green to all operate 10 minutes later (and introduced from June 24th).

- 43 - Weekdays : revised timetable, with improved facilities for Broomfield Hospital (and introduced from June 24th).
- 43A - NEW SERVICE to operate on Weekdays from Chelmsford (High Street, Debenhams) to Broomfield Hospital (and introduced from June 24th).
- 44A - Mondays to Fridays : 0620 hrs. journey from Heath Drive to operate 15 minutes earlier, and revised evening timetable after 1925 hrs. (and introduced from June 24th).
- 44B - Mondays to Fridays : revised evening timetable after 2015 hrs. (and introduced from June 24th).
- 46 - Mondays to Fridays : revised timetable (additional to NS253/4).
- 48A - Weekdays : 2300 hrs. journey from Chelmer Village to operate 6 minutes later (and introduced from June 24th).
- 48C - Mondays to Fridays : additional journey to be introduced from Chelmer Village at 0626 hrs. (and introduced from June 24th).
- 52 - Mondays to Fridays : 0730 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to operate 10 minutes earlier, and to operate via Broomfield Hospital (and introduced from June 24th). 1740 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to be withdrawn (with effect from June 24th).
Saturdays : 0740 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to operate 20 minutes earlier, and to operate via Broomfield Hospital (and to be introduced from June 29th). 0810 hrs. journey from Pleshey to operate 10 minutes earlier (and to be introduced from June 29th).
- 53 - Weekdays : 2015 hrs. journey from Chelmsford to operate 10 minutes later (and introduced from June 17th).
- 53E - 'Seaside Special' service re-introduced for the Summer season. Operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from June 23rd to September 1st (Sundays) or from July 23rd to August 29th (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and on Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday (August 26th). Operates from Romford to Walton (The Naze) via Harold Hill, Brentwood, Ingatestone, Chelmsford, Witham, Kelvedon and Clacton on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from Chelmsford (Broomfield Road, The Drive) to Walton (The Naze) via North Melbourne, North Avenue, Chelmsford (Bus Station), Witham, Kelvedon and Clacton on Sundays only. Journeys will operate from both Chelmsford and Romford on the Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday.
- 54A - Mondays to Fridays : 0633 hrs. journey from North Springfield to be withdrawn (with effect from June 24th).
- 56 - Mondays to Fridays : 1935 hrs. journey from Chelmsford and 1955 hrs. journey from North Springfield to both operate 10 minutes later (and introduced from June 24th).
- 56A - Mondays to Fridays : 0632 hrs. journey from North Springfield to commence from New Bowers Way (Petunia Crescent) at 0626 hrs. and to operate 3 minutes earlier throughout (and introduced from June 24th).
- 56B - Revised route in North Springfield via Brackenden Drive, Pump Lane, New Nabbotts Way, White Hart Lane, New Bowers Way and Pump Lane. Revised timetables, principally affecting Weekday evening and Sunday journeys (and introduced from June 23rd).
- 70E - 'Seaside Special' service re-introduced for the Summer season. Operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from June 23rd to September 1st (Sundays), from July 23rd to August 29th (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and on the Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday (August 26th). Service will operate this year from Bishop's Stortford (Ward Crescent) to Walton (The Naze) via Great Dunmow, Little Dunmow, Felsted, Braintree, Coggeshall and Clacton.
- 71E - NEW SERVICE ('Seaside Special') from Stanway (Villa Road) to Walton (The Naze). Service will operate on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on the Late Summer Bank Holiday Monday (August 26th), from June 23rd to September 1st (Sundays) and from July 23rd to August 29th (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Service will operate via Lexden, Shrub End, St. Michaels Estate, Mersea Road, Colchester (Bus Station) and Clacton. Return journey on Sundays will operate from Clacton (Bus Station), with connections from Walton (The Naze) via services 53E and 70E.
- 72E - NEW SERVICE ('Seaside Special') from Silver End (B.N. Depot) to

- Felixstowe (Bus Station) via Witham, Kelvedon, Feering, Inworth, Tiptree, Smyths Green and Beacon End. Service will operate on Wednesdays only from July 24th to August 28th.
- 73 - Service withdrawn (after operation on June 15th - see above).
 - 73A - Service withdrawn (after operation on June 15th - see above).
 - 83 - Service now operates on School and College Days only (correction to NS254).
 - 83A - Service withdrawn (after operation on June 15th - see above) (correction to NS254).
 - 87 - Wednesdays only : 1605 hrs. journey from Mistley (Schooldays only) and 1621 hrs. journey from Dedham Heath (when Schools are closed) to operate on Wednesdays (as additional journeys) (and introduced from June 19th).
 - 88 - Schooldays : 1545 hrs. journey from Lexden (Norman Way Schools) to operate 10 minutes earlier (and introduced from June 17th).
 - 94 - Service to be introduced from June 25th (correction to NS253).
 - 94A - Service to be introduced from June 26th (correction to NS253).
 - 103 - Sundays : revised timetable, to provide improved connections at Colchester with National Express services and with continental ferries at Parkeston Quay (and introduced from June 16th).
 - 113 - Summer Sundays : revised timetable (additional to NS254), to incorporate Jaywick Sands Circular journeys.
 - 118 - Service introduced from June 16th (see also NS254).
 - 119 - Service revisions listed in NS254 were introduced from June 17th. 2315 hrs. journey from Clacton on Mondays to Fridays will operate until September 21st.
 - 120 - Sundays : revised timetable (and introduced from June 16th).
 - 126 - Weekdays : 1745 hrs. journey from Clacton to operate via normal route, and not via Dovercourt (Low Road Corner) during the Summer period (May 25th-September 21st).
 - 151 - Weekdays : additional journey to be introduced from South Benfleet (Rail Station) to Canvey (Leigh Deck) at 2336 hrs.
 - 234 - Mondays only : 0915 hrs. journey from Ramsden Heath to be extended to Basildon (Bus Station), and will not operate via Wickford (Rail Station) (and introduced from June 24th).
Tuesdays only : additional journey to be introduced from Ramsden Heath to Basildon at 0915 hrs. (and introduced from June 25th).
Weekdays : revised timetable (and introduced from June 24th).
 - 235 - Weekdays : revised timetable (and introduced from June 24th).
 - 237 - Revised service introduced from June 24th (correction to NS253), and period of operation is Daily. Revised route for special Christmas period journeys.
 - 300 - Service withdrawn (after operation on June 8th).
 - 307 - Thursdays only : additional journey to be introduced from Bishop's Stortford to Woodside Green (Forest Hall Farm) at 0940 hrs. (and introduced from June 13th).
 - 308 - Schooldays : additional journeys to be introduced from Havers Lane Estate to Heath Row at 0815 hrs., and from Parsonage Lane (Margaret Dane School) to Havers Lane Estate at 1538 hrs. (and introduced from June 10th).
 - 321 - Sundays - revised timetable.
 - 335 - Sunday service to be withdrawn.
 - 712 - Revised route in Bishop's Stortford via South Road, London Road, A1184, Whittington Way, Villiers-Sur-Marne Avenue, Friedburg Avenue and Whittington Way.

The Company has surrendered its licences for services 323 (Halstead-Sudbury) and 437 (Burnham-Romford) (being the previous licence for this particular service).

Other service revisions introduced during recent weeks have concerned services 88 and 88A (as detailed in NS254).

The pattern of operation of commuter services 190 and 191 was revised on Mondays and Fridays only from May 31st. An Eastern National vehicle from Colchester (CR) depot now operates the morning service 191 journey to London and the evening service 190 journey from London, and this pattern will continue until September 23rd when the

service will then be operated by Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. on Mondays and Fridays.

A special concessionary fares scheme was introduced within the Chelmsford Borough Council area for elderly persons on selected dates from June 10th. Free travel is available at off-peak periods on all scheduled stage services commencing or terminating within the Council area, and this concession is applicable on June 10th, August 12th, September 9th and November 25th. It has been reported that service 11 required seven duplicate vehicles (Bristol VRT's) from Chelmsford (CF) depot on June 10th to cope with the demand for that particular service.

A Night Rover ticket has recently been introduced in the Clacton area. It provides unlimited travel after 1830 hrs. on services within the area bounded by Clacton, Walton, Kirby Cross, Little Clacton, St. Osyth and Point Clear., and costs £1.50 (adult), £0.75 (child) or £2.95 (family - up to 2 adults and 2 children).

The Company has been granted short-term licences for services 94, 94A and 494 (see NS253) from May 19th to November 18th (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays).

The contract to operate London Regional Transport services 193 and W9 (see also NS253/4) has been made as an agreement under Section 3(2) of the London Regional Transport Act, 1984.

The Company has applied for a number of revisions to National Express services, and details are as follows :-

080 - Revised period of operation to be Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and revised timetable.

081-5/7-9 - Revised timetables

123 (Clacton-Ramsgate) - Revised terminal in Clacton to be Bus Station, revised route via South Woodham Ferrers, B1012, B1418, A414, B1018, B1022, Lexden, Colchester, University of Essex, Alresford and St. Osyth, and revised timetable. Service to operate on Saturdays only from May 18th to September 14th.

133 (Southend-Great Yarmouth) - Service will continue to be numbered 133, and will not become part of the Highwayman network (correction to NS253). Service to operate on Saturdays only from June 29th to September 21st, and operation will be by Hadleigh (HH) depot. The application for a revised timetable has been withdrawn, and operation will be to the 1984 timetable.

135 (South Ockendon-Hemsby) - Service will continue to operate as National Express service 135, and will operate on Saturdays only from June 29th to September 21st to the 1984 timetable.

Highwayman service 826 (Southend-Newport (I.O.W.)) will be operated solely by Eastern National this Summer, and not jointly with Southern Vectis O.C. Ltd., as in previous years.

Further information regarding recent route working changes will be published in a forthcoming amendment leaflet (No. 2) to Group publication E.P. 33 (see also under Editorial for details of new publication E.P. 34).

Following recent service revisions in the Springfield area of Chelmsford (see above), the fares structure has been rationalised. These changes were introduced from June 23rd, and generally fares to Chelmsford from the estates have been reduced, except in a few areas where fares have been increased.

Finally, members may be interested in the Company's operations on National Holidays tours this Summer. Five holiday tours are being operated, as follows :- 004 (Callander - 9 days), 032 (Lake District & Yorkshire Dales - 7 days), 033 (York & The Lake District - 7 days), 083 (Patterdale & Lovely Lakeland - 5 days) and 085 (Windermere & The Lakes - 5 days). Operation of tour 004 alternates between Brentwood (BD) and Chelmsford (CF) with Leyland Tiger's 1128/9; operation of tour 032 alternates between Chelmsford (CF) (1300 CF) and Clacton (CN) (1603 CN); operation of tour 033 is by Chelmsford (CF) alternating with Leyland Leopard's 1300 and 1301; operation of tour 083 is by Chelmsford (CF) with 1301 CF; and operation of tour 085 is by Clacton (CN) with 1603 CN. Leyland Leopard 1307 CN is a spare vehicle.

Publicity News

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

Timetable leaflets - leaflets for services 36/A/B (dated June 24th), 42/43/A (dated June 24th), 44A/B (dated June 24th), 48/A/B/C (dated June 24th), 56/A/B (dated June 23rd), 118/9 (dated June 17th) and 234/5/7 (dated June 24th).

- a leaflet with details of 1985 'Seaside Special' services (53E, 70E, 71E and 72E) (dated June 23rd), and including a later amendment slip for service 53E (also dated June 23rd).
- a leaflet with summary details of timetable changes in the Tendring area, including certain Countrycar services (dated June 17th).

Colchester area Countrycar leaflets - Essex County Council timetable leaflets for services to Copford Green, Easthorpe, Fingringhoe, Great Tey, Hardys Green, Little Bromley, Mount Bures, Stones Green and Tolleshunt Knights (dated June 17th, or June 18th (Mount Bures)).

Excursion leaflets - two further booklets containing details of the Company's programme of Summer excursions ('Day Breaks') have been published for the Brentwood and Billericay, and Clacton, Walton and Colchester areas.

Express services - National Express timetable leaflets for service 081 (London-Great Yarmouth) and for services to/from Colchester (both dated April 28th).

- a leaflet with details of Summer express services (180/2), jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. (see also NS254, which listed a similar leaflet) (dated May 25th).

Essex County Council leaflets - a timetable leaflet with details of changes to bus services in Messing (dated June 17th).

- a timetable revision leaflet (No. 1) for the Southend/Castle Point/Rochford area (Area 6), dated May 13th, and including a rail services supplement.

Basildon Bus Map - a new edition of the Basildon Bus Map (dated 1984/5), published by Basildon Development Corporation, has recently become available.

Chelmsford Borough Council leaflets - a leaflet with details of the Chelmsford Borough Council Concessionary Fares Scheme (dated June 10th).

General leaflets - a leaflet with general timetable information and a map of Summer bus services at Clacton (dated May 1985).

- a promotional leaflet with details of the Company's two buses (2200/1) which are specially converted for disabled persons.

Chelmsford Area Service Revisions - a general leaflet with summary information of the revisions to Chelmsford area services (dated June 23rd).

- a leaflet with brief details of the revised fares structure in the Springfield area (dated June 19th).

Unusual Workings

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

28.3-1818 BN noted at Southend on service 400.

28.4-1118 was re-allocated from CR to HH during late-April, although officially listed as being in May, and was noted on service 24 on this date; Southend Transport 307 noted at Southend (Victoria) on rail replacement work - similar vehicle 310 was also noted on this work on 5.5.

7.5-3027 DT (on loan to CR) noted on service 82 (and on a service 88 schools journey on 8.5). This vehicle has now been fitted with Autosteer power steering by Alder Valley during recent weeks, as have 3025/8 (both SD). 3069 CF (in City 400 livery) noted on service 42.

9.5-1056 DT operated a private hire journey from Harwich to Great Oakley, and this vehicle also operated an excursion from Harwich to the Mildenhall Air Show on 25.5.

11.5-1117/26 (both DT) operated private hire journeys from Harwich to Basildon.

12.5-Survey vehicle 1548 was noted at Hadleigh (HH) depot, and again on 2.6 and 4.6,

- although this vehicle had returned to Chelmsford (CF) by 9.6, and was still there on 22.6.
- 17.5-Regular operation of Colchester area services 6/6A with double-deck vehicles commenced on this date, and Bristol VRT's 3066/95 and Leyland Olympian's 4003/4 are frequently in use.
 - 22.5-1126 DT operated a private hire journey from Harwich to Felixstowe, whilst 3058 DT operated a private hire working from Ramsey to Weeley; 4503 SE noted on service 53 (and again on 29.5 and 31.5).
 - 23.5-Ipswich Borough Transport 94 (IRT 94M) noted outside the Colchester Borough Transport offices in Osborne Street; 3091 BD observed on service 262.
 - 26.5-3104 SD duplicated 3072 SD on service 400 at Romford; 3121 SD noted on rail replacement work at Stanford-le-Hope; 4004 CR observed on service 119.
 - 27.5-3027/58/61 (all DT) operated local area tours from Dovercourt (Warners Holiday Camp).
 - 28.5-1546 CF noted on a service 152 short working to Billericay; 3075 SD observed on service 11A (and on service 20 on 14.6); 3078 CF noted on an ASDA working at Wickford; London Country TD 44 (YPD144Y) noted on service 402.
 - 29.5-3072 SD observed on service 2.
 - 31.5-1600 SD noted on National Express service 109.
 - 1.6-1653 DT operated a feeder service between Harwich Town station and Dovercourt (Warners Holiday Camp) during the day; 1857 HH noted on service 22A; 3075 SD noted on service 402; 3094 BD observed on service 9.
 - 2.6-Southend Transport 253, 300 and 310 were all entered in the Southend Historic Transport Show; 3102 SD noted on service 3; 3121 SD observed on service 1.
 - 3.6-3020 CR and 3058 DT operated private hire tours of the Harwich area; 3073 SD noted on service 20 (and on service 22 on 4.6, and on a service 11 short working on 10.6); Southend Transport 391 operated a rail replacement service between Wickford and South Woodham Ferrers.
 - 4.6-3053 SD failed at Eastwood on service 22, being replaced by 3034 SD after passengers had transferred to 3104 SD (service 251) and 4000 SD (service 9); 3113 CF noted on service 11.
 - 5.6-Southend Transport 213/4, 237-40 and 370-3 all attended The Derby at Epsom; London Transport T 86 (AP) noted at Southend (SD) depot; Southend Transport 234 noted on service 27, covering an Eastern National working, and other Southend Transport vehicles have been noted on this service during recent weeks, including 222 (7.6) and 229 (10.6); 1536 CR observed on services 7C, 83 and 87A (and on service 83 on 11.6, 12.6 and 14.6 - the last week of normal service 83 operation - and on a service 88A schools working on 13.6); 3020 CR observed on service 73.
 - 6.6-1542 BE noted on service 53 (and again on 7.6); 1912 BD observed on service 251.
 - 7.6-3027 DT failed at Eight Ash Green on service 82 - it was replaced by 3022 CR which then also experienced mechanical difficulties at Eight Ash Green.
 - 8.6-1602 CN noted on National Express service 084; 3073 SD observed on service 11; 3111 SD (but still carrying CF depot allocation plates) operated on service 251 during this week to coincide with the Essex County Cricket matches at Ilford.
 - 9.6-1118 HH and 1124 BN both operated a private hire working from Southend to Chessington Zoo.
 - 11.6-Southend Transport 309 operated on services X1 and X41 on this date.
 - 12.6-1897 CF noted on service 53; Southend Transport 235 and 239 operated a rail replacement service between Wickford and South Woodham Ferrers.
 - 14.6-Southend Transport 328 failed whilst operating service X1, being replaced by Ensign Bus Co. DF 1620 (THM620M).
 - 15.6-3078 SD (but still carrying CF depot allocation plates) operated an excursion from Southend to the Essex Show.
 - 16.6-1127 BS and 1306 BE both noted at Southend Airport.
 - 17.6-1888 CR operated the first journey on the revised service 83; the regular operation by Southend Transport of the 2147 hrs. rail service from Farnbridge to Southminster and the 2222 hrs. service from Southminster to Wickford on Mondays to Fridays (see NS254) ended on May 31st, but was due to commence again on 17.6 - 213 was noted on this service on 22.5 and 24.5; Southend Transport covered various Eastern National workings on this date - vehicles noted were 228 on service 64, 229 on service 27, 235 on services 29A/B and 392 on service 25.
 - 21.6-3000/4 (both D/L (D)) and 3001 D/L (P) all noted in store at Maldon (MN), and 3002 D/L (P) noted in store at Chelmsford (CF).

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTGeneral

Leyland Atlantean 90 (RVW 90W) has been repainted in a revised livery. It is mainly cream with a crimson skirt. There is a crimson stripe below the lower deck windows, and three crimson stripes slanting back from the lower deck to beneath the upper deck windows. This vehicle was entered in the Southend Historic Transport Show on June 2nd, although it is not known whether this an experimental livery style or a new standard CDT livery.

The only other news to report this month is that Bristol REL6L 24 (SWC 24K) had received a partial repaint by May 22nd, when noted in service (see also NS254).

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The two DAF MB200/Duple Laser 2 C57F coaches (252/3) have now been delivered. Full chassis and body numbers were unavailable at the time of writing. However, they carry registration numbers B252/3CVX, and were delivered on June 11th (252) and May 25th (253) entering service on June 17th (252) and June 7th (253). The full chassis designation is DAF MB200DKFL, and the vehicles are fitted with Webasto heaters and curtains. They carry external signwriting at the rear for services X1 and X31, and 253 was entered in the Southend Historic Transport Show on June 2nd.

Withdrawn Vehicles

Leyland Leopard 212 (CHA443K) has been cannibalised at the Tickfield Avenue works during recent weeks, and the chassis of this vehicle will be rebuilt and bodied with a new Berkhof Esprite B340 C53F coach body (to become fleet number 255), instead of older vehicle RDV731H which has been found to be unsuitable (see also NS252).

Daimler Fleetline 382 (GHJ382L) was sold to the Waveney Playbus Association, Lowestoft on June 19th.

Vehicles On Order

As noted above, the chassis of RDV731H has been found to be unsuitable for rebuilding and fitting with new Berkhof coachwork. Instead, the chassis of 212 (CHA443K), a Leyland Leopard PSU3A/2R (chassis number 7100000) will be rebuilt, although work has not yet started on this vehicle. Work on 254 (CHA425K) is now well advanced and the chassis has been rebuilt and fitted with a new DAF engine. It is expected to pass to Berkhof within the next few weeks.

General

Leyland Leopard 358 (LAK304W) is currently being repainted in standard coach livery, and this vehicle will then be re-numbered 212; similar vehicle 213 is LAK303W.

Other vehicles repainted during recent weeks have been 328 (OKY 83R) - completed on May 24th, 353 (CPT822S) - which returned to service on June 4th, and open-top Daimler Fleetline's 370-2 (WJN370J etc.), which were all repainted during May.

From June 17th, an additional X1 relief journey has been introduced. It operates from Stanford-le-Hope to Green Park at 0706 hrs., and the return working is an X11 journey from Aldgate to Southend at 1735 hrs. These journeys operate on Mondays to Fridays and are scheduled for operation by Leyland/Daimler Fleetline's. During alternate weeks these workings will be crewed by staff from Beacon Motor Services, Chatham.

Also from June 17th, Southend Transport drivers are operating sightseeing tours for Culture Bus Ltd. in London, and using Culture Bus vehicles. These duties occur between Southend Transport workings on services X1/X11/X21/X31/X41.

Southend Transport has recently published new timetable leaflets for services X1/X11 (dated March 31st), X21 (dated April 1st), X31 (dated April 1st), X41 (dated April 1st) and for service X1 excursions to Thorpe Park and Windsor (dated May 5th).

Commencing on June 6th, Southend Transport coaches have been operating various contract services and private hire journeys in South West London on behalf of London

Pride Sightseeing Ltd. (formerly Emmaheath Ltd.), and following the recent cessation of business by Continental Pioneer Ltd., Richmond.

The regular operation of the contract service between London (Aldgate) and Southend Airport on behalf of Miracle Bus has continued during recent weeks. The normal vehicle used is a Van Hool Astronega, but Leyland Tiger coach 247 was used on May 26th, and similar vehicle 246 was used on June 8th. A Leyland Fleetline was used on June 9th and June 16th.

From May 31st, on Fridays only, a further contract service (on behalf of Viscount Holidays) has commenced between the Tower Hotel, London and Southend Airport and return. The service commences in London at approximately 0700 hrs., and requires one or two 57 seat vehicles, which travel dead to London before taking up service.

Further to the information published in NS246, there are some various detail differences to report in respect of the eight former London Transport Daimler Fleetline's (313-20). Of this batch, 316 (GHV 8N) is the only vehicle with cream doors, 313-5/7-20 all having blue doors. 314 (GHV 29N) has now had its engine shrouds removed, whilst 313 (GHV106N), 319 (KUC949P) and 320 (TGX820M) are fitted with rear number blinds.

Finally, two interesting private hire workings to report were the use of Leyland Tiger coach 250 (A250SVW) on a trip to Bournemouth from June 8th to June 16th, whilst similar vehicle 251 (B100XTW) went to the Oaks race meeting at Epsom also on June 8th.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

- 1400 (PWC344K) - Still with Carter, Colchester, 6/85, and entered in the Southend Historic Transport Show.
- 1411 (X00880L) - Registration is now confirmed as CSV 231 with Bristol Omnibus Co. Ltd., 2082, 4/85. (correction to NS254, by personal observation).
- 1412 (X00881L) - Registration is now confirmed as CSV 303 with Bristol Omnibus Co. Ltd., 2083, 4/85. (correction to NS254, by personal observation).
- 2386 (WNO 484) - Repainted into revised livery by South Wales, 5/84. Now all over white with poppy red band between decks, red bonnet and wheel arches, no fleetnames carried.
- 2700 (AHJ142A) - Still with dealer, London, W.10, 5/85. (see also NS251/2).
- 2834 (LWC660C) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 6/85. (see also NS252).
- 2867 (RVW393D) - Still with Alexander (Northern), 5/85, and in use as a driver training vehicle at Aberdeen. Vehicle carries fleet number N5, and remains in yellow and cream bus livery.
- 2871 (RWC943D) - Still with Alexander (Northern), N235DT, 5/85, and in use as a driver training vehicle at Aberdeen. (see also NS252).
- 2885 (WNO973F) - Has not been withdrawn by Stagecoach, Perth. Still owned, and in use, 6/85. (correction to NS252).
- 2901 (WVX52CF) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 6/85. (see also NS252).
- 2905 (WVX532F) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 6/85, and in service. (additional information to NS252).
- 2920 (AEV814F) - John Waddington Ltd. (N-PSV), Leeds, by 5/85, ex. Hancock, Greetland (N-PSV).
- 2926 (AEV820F) - Last noted with Stagecoach, Perth, 2/85, with accident damage. Not present 5/85 or 6/85, and believed withdrawn.
- 2931 (AVX973G) - Still with dealer, London, W.10, 5/85. (see also NS249/52).

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