

EDITORIAL

Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that the Group's seventeenth Annual General Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea on Saturday, January 30th, 1982 commencing at 1400 hrs. The room will be open from 1300 hrs. for the sale of publications, photographs and other items and the Committee look forward to seeing a large number of members at the meeting. A copy of the Group's Annual Report for 1981 is enclosed with this news sheet.

Main Committee of the Group

Since the Annual General Meeting of the Group is to be held after the date of publication of the January news sheet, the election of the committee will be reported in the February news sheet.

Southend Meeting - 'Bus Masterminds Quiz', Tuesday, February 16th.

The Group's February meeting will feature a new event, a 'Bus Masterminds Quiz' between a team from Eastern National and a team from Southend Transport. The teams will be captained by Paul Harvey and Andy Meadows respectively, and the questions will be linked to slides. The quiz is to be held on Tuesday, February 16th commencing at 1930 hrs. in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, so come along and support your favourite team, and find out how much you know about Bristol FLF's and Leyland PD3's.

If the weather is particularly bad on the evening of February 16th, the Group will endeavour to broadcast an announcement on Essex Radio (210 and 220 metres) if it proves necessary to cancel the above meeting.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Bishops Stortford/Saffron Walden/Haverhill/Harlow/Epping area dated December 1981 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.) at £0-30p each plus £0-25p postage and packing for each timetable.

Transport Holidays

Group members are invited to participate in a transport oriented holiday in Switzerland run by Mid-Warwickshire Motors Ltd. There are six departures during February and March and interested members can obtain full details from the Company at Station Garage, Marsh Lane, Water Orton, Birmingham, B46 1NW. Please mention this Group when booking.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.82

2885 (WN0973F)

2886 (WN0974F)

These two vehicles were sold to Amalgamated Passenger Transport (APT) Ltd., Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln. However, 2886 was noted at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet during mid-January and it would appear from this observation that this vehicle (and possibly 2885) have been re-sold by APT Ltd. to Ensign Bus Co.

Other news of recently withdrawn vehicles is that 2303 has now passed from S & M Coaches of Benfleet to G & G Coaches of South Woodham Ferrers for further cannibalisation, whilst 2944, which has been sold to Essex County Council, was noted at Hadleigh (HH) depot on January 20th-22nd receiving mechanical attention. The two Bristol RELH6G's (1608/10), which were sold recently to the Gwent After Care Probationary Service (see NS213), were still at Central Works during mid-January awaiting collection. Similarly, 2943 remained at Central Works awaiting final

conversion work for its new owner (see also NS213).

Refurbished Vehicles

Four of the Plaxton-bodied Bristol RELH6G coaches (14XX series) are to be refurbished during early 1982. The vehicles concerned are 1406 (XVW631L), 1407 (XVW632L), 1411 (X00880L) and 1412 (X00881L), and the refurbishment work will involve structural alterations to the front of the vehicles and the modernisation of the interiors, which will include re-trimmed seats. After refurbishment, two of the coaches will continue to have 44 seats, while the other two vehicles will have 51 seats. The Company are carrying out the work on 1411 at Central Works; the work on the other three vehicles (1406/7/12) will be undertaken by Southdown Motor Services Ltd., and these vehicles will be dispatched to Southdown during late-January.

Allocations & Transfers

1.82 1510 D/L (P)-MN (P), 1514 D/L (P)-MN (P)-D/L (D), 1538 D/L (P)-D/L (D),
1554 BN-DT, 1925 HH-CR, 1928 CR-HH, 3006 D/L (P)-LWA, 3045 D/L (D)-BE,
3047 D/L (D)-BN, 3071 SD-D/L-SD, 3085 SD-HH, 3096 HH-SD, 4000 D/L-SD,
4001 D/L-SD.

The main item of news this month is the entry into service of the first Leyland Olympians (4000/1) at Southend (SD). The first vehicle to enter service was 4001, and it was first noted on service 22A on January 18th. 4002 remains Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) and is now at Central Works receiving final modifications prior to entering service at Southend probably during early-February. Two Bristol RELH6G's (1510/4) were re-licensed as Pool vehicles at Maldon (MN) during January to cover a temporary shortage of vehicles; however, 1514 has since been delicensed again, and is now D/L (D). Similarly, three Bristol VRTSL6G's (3006/45/7) have been re-licensed to cover for those vehicles that have received accident damage during the recent bad weather. 3006 is temporarily Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) pending allocation during late-January. Bristol RELH6G 1552, which has been delicensed since November, has an engine defect and the Company anticipate that this vehicle will be re-engined in the near future.

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 NS213 :-

December : w/e 5.12.81 - 1208 at CW, 1751 at CW.
w/e 12.12.81 - 1210 at CW, 1870 at CW.
w/e 19.12.81 - 1878 at CW, 1902 at CW.
w/e 26.12.81 - 1719 at CW.
January : w/c 2.1.82 - 1868 at CW.

Service Vehicles

Two of the Company's driver training vehicles have been delicensed for disposal (D/L (D)) during January. The vehicles concerned are 9017 (LFS289F) and 9019 (LFS298F), and 9017 was noted at Prittlewell depot (PL) during mid-January.

1.82 9017 CF-D/L (D), 9019 MN-D/L (D).

Allocations of D/L (D) and D/L (P) Vehicles

Some additional information is available on the vehicles that are currently delicensed at Prittlewell depot (PL), although the following list should not be regarded as complete as other vehicles are also stored at this location.

Prittlewell (PL) - 1504/5/7/8, 2302/84, 2891, 2905/16, 3007-10/7/44/6.
Central Works (CW) - 2888.
Clacton (CN) - 1506.
Walton (WN) - 2301.

General

Heavy snow and ice continued to disrupt the Company's services during late-December and January, and resulted in a large number of unusual workings (see below). Perhaps the most interesting of these were the use of 1055 (BD) for two return trips on service 251 on December 11th, and the use of Southend Transport's open-top Daimler Fleetline 371 (WJN371J) on service 62 on the same date. The following vehicles have received accident damage during this period of bad weather : 1525 (BS), 1721 (BN), 1812 (BE), 1843 (BN), 1930 (WE) and 3098 (HH).

Service Developments

Revised fares were introduced on stage services from Sunday, January 3rd, and a number of changes were also made to the various travel cards at Basildon, Chelmsford and Southend on the same date. At Basildon the 'FairCard' scheme, which operates throughout the Basildon District Council area, now costs £4-50p for seven days and £18-00p for a calendar month. At Chelmsford the 'ChelmerCard' scheme has been revised and a new 'Inner Zone Chelmer Ticket' has been introduced in addition to the ordinary 'Chelmer Ticket'. The new ticket allows unlimited travel within Chelmsford and its surrounding estates and costs £4-40p for seven days and £17-60p for a calendar month. The ordinary 'Chelmer Ticket', which is available for travel throughout the Chelmsford Borough Council area now costs £5-25p for seven days and £21-00p for a calendar month. Revised charges have also been introduced for the Southend & District 'TravelCard' and this now costs £5-85p for seven days and £23-40p for a calendar month, but does also include travel by British Rail services within the Co-ordination area. Within the Southend area a new 'Family Ticket' was also introduced on January 3rd. This ticket costs £2-15p for one adult and up to two children, or £2-65p for up to two adults and two children, and enables the holders to travel on all bus services within the Southend & District area after 1800 hrs. on Mondays to Fridays, or all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, or at any time on all days during the month of August.

The Company operated revised services during the Christmas and New Year holiday period. There were local variations to many services, including the Countrycar services in the Braintree area, although no services were operated on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. A series of local timetable leaflets was produced covering the Basildon/Billericay, Bishops Stortford, Braintree/Halstead/Silver End/Witham, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Clacton/Walton/Harwich, Colchester, Maldon and Southend/Hadleigh areas.

A new timetable leaflet has been published by Essex County Council detailing changes to local services in the Tendring area (services 79 and 127 and Hedingham Omnibuses services 85 and 86), which took effect from November 30th, 1981. The revisions to service 127 were introduced on December 1st (see NS213), whilst service 77 has now been withdrawn and replaced by the extension on Fridays only of service 79 to Little Bromley.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the recent closure of Alexander Lane, Shenfield, local services 270-3 are being diverted via Rayleigh Road, Fielding Way, Whittington Road, Woodland Avenue and Wash Road. Certain school and peak hour journeys are also being extended to the junction of Woodland Avenue and Long Ridings Avenue.

From Sunday, November 29th, 1981, a new day return fare of £1-30p was introduced between Shotgate/Wickford and Romford, and this new facility is available at all times.

The Company has applied for a number of revisions to services, and brief details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

- 7 - Revised route from Eagle Way (ASDA Store) via North Shoebury Road, Ness Road, Caulfield Road and then as normal route.
- 40 - Revised terminals to be Westlands Estate (Savernake Road) and Great Baddow (Kings Head) or (Marconi Research Station), and to operate via Meadgate Estate. Revised timetable, with certain journeys operating to or from Oxney Green, R.H.P. Works, Widford Industrial Estate and Woodham Mortimer (Oak Corner).
- 41/A/B - Revised timetable, and revised route for service 41B via Baddow Road, Church Street, Galleywood Road and Watchouse Road, with route for Widford Industrial Estate journey to be withdrawn (see also NS211).
- 44 - Revised terminals to be North Melbourne (Copperfield Road) and Oaklands Park (Moulsham Drive) and revised timetable, with revised route via Oliver Way, Patching Hall Lane and Woodhall Road.
- 44D - NEW SERVICE - Chelmsford (High Street, Debenhams) (Circular service) - to operate Mondays to Fridays via Parkway, Bus Station, Broomfield Road, Patching Hall Lane, Oliver Way, St. Nazaire Road, Melbourne Avenue, North Road, Corporation Road, Broomfield Road and Duke Street.

- 46 - Revised timetable, and sections of route between Ongar and Fyfield and between Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Chelmsford (Multi-Storey Car Park) (see NS211) to be withdrawn.
- 58A - Weekdays : one journey to operate via Hatfield Broad Oak.
- 70/A/B (Colchester-Braintree section) - Revised evening and Sunday timetables.
- 82 - Revised route via A1124, King Coel Road and A604.
- 98X - One journey to be withdrawn on Fridays only, with a minor timetable change on Mondays to Thursdays.
- 123 - Schooldays : one journey to operate via normal route and not via Tendring School.
- 126 - Weekdays : one journey to operate via Park Gate Corner.
- 147 - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys, and one minor timetable change on Fridays only.
- 148 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn on Schooldays, and two minor timetable changes.
- 251 - Mondays to Fridays : one additional journey, and one journey from Gallows Corner to Walthamstow to commence at Brentwood (High St.), and to continue to commence at Gallows Corner on Saturdays only.
- 270-3 - Revised timetable.
- 338 - Revised timetable.
- 347 - Eastern National operation on Saturdays to be withdrawn. This revision was introduced from January 23rd, and revised timetable leaflets are available from the Company's Brentwood office.
- 460 - To operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- 461 - To operate on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- 501 - Schooldays : one journey to be withdrawn. This revision was introduced from December 7th, 1981.
- 504 - Schooldays : two journeys to be re-numbered 503 and to operate over revised routes with revised timetables. Mondays to Fridays : one journey to start from Basildon (Carreras) and be re-numbered 505. These revisions were also introduced from December 7th, 1981.
- 801 - Revised terminal at Peterborough to be Queensgate (Bus Concourse).

Other proposed revisions to stage services will involve minor timetable changes on services 31 (Schooldays - one journey withdrawn), 33 (Weekdays), 36 (Schooldays - one additional journey), 44A/B (Saturdays), 48 (Mondays to Fridays), 48A (Mondays to Fridays - one journey to be re-numbered 48B), 51 (Schooldays), 54A (Mondays to Fridays - two journeys to be re-numbered 54), 56A (Mondays to Fridays - four journeys to be re-numbered 56), 70 (Braintree-Bishops Stortford section : Schooldays), 73A (Mondays to Fridays), 87 (Wednesdays - one additional journey), 87A (Wednesdays - one additional journey), 104 (Weekdays - one journey to be re-numbered 103), 106 (Schooldays - one journey withdrawn), 108 (Sundays), 113 (Weekdays), 114 (Schooldays), 122 (Schooldays), 257 (Minor route revision), 261 (Mondays to Fridays), 301 (Weekdays), 303 (Mondays to Fridays, and one journey withdrawn on Saturdays), 304 (Mondays to Fridays, and one additional journey on Saturdays), 311 (Schooldays), 331 (Mondays to Fridays, and Saturdays), 335 (Mondays to Fridays, and Schooldays - one journey to be re-numbered 338), 337 (Mondays to Fridays when schools are closed) and 345 (Wednesdays).

The Company has withdrawn applications for revisions to services 35 (NS211), 57 (NS211), 251 (NS212), 400 (NS212) and 503 (NS210). The licence for service 77 has also been surrendered. Additionally, the Company has not taken up licences for express services from Southend to Folkestone (service 122), Eastbourne (service 123) and Portsmouth (service 123), and from Ipswich to Folkestone (service 123).

The Company has also applied for revised excursions and tours from Braintree (Bus Park) and Chelmsford (Bus Station).

Brief details of service revisions that have been introduced over the past two months are as follows :- 19A - 28.11.81 (NS213), 38 - 23.11.81 (two journeys re-numbered 38A, one journey withdrawn on Saturdays, and also one minor route revision on Saturdays), 77 - 4.12.81 (see above), 79 - 4.12.81 (NS213), 90 - 28.11.81 (two journeys withdrawn on Saturdays only - see NS211), 97A - 28.11.81 (NS211), 119 - 23.11.81 (minor timetable change), 127 - 1.12.81 (NS213), 147 - 7.12.81 (NS214), 148 - 7.12.81 (NS214).

270/1 - 4.1.82 (four additional journeys provided between Walton Gardens and Brentwood, White Horse during the period that Alexander Lane, Shenfield is closed), 335 - 23.11.81 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays), 502 - 21.11.81 (NS213) and 505 - 6.11.81 (NS213).

In addition to the above revisions, services 470, 471 and 473, which were provided on a trial basis before Christmas, will now continue to run on certain dates until Easter this year. Service 470 (Braintree-Ipswich) will operate January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd and April 6th; service 471 (Colchester-Romford) will operate on January 6th, February 19th, March 19th and April 16th; and service 473 (Colchester-Romford via Tiptree) will operate on January 8th, February 5th, March 5th and April 2nd. A timetable leaflet outlining these services is available from the Company's offices, and a day return fare of £1-50p from any point to Romford or Ipswich is available.

Temporary Loans

Routine loans of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles to other depots during January have included 1549 (BS), 1718 (BS), 1917 (CN) and 3113 (SD). Great Dunmow (outstation) used 3126 on January 9th and 11th, and this was the first recorded use of a double-deck vehicle at Great Dunmow for many months. Also on January 9th, 1414, 1734 and 1885 were at Central Works.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during December were 1520/3/30/7, 1756/61/8, 1826 and 3003/31. Bristol VRTSL6G 3000 (CPU979G) suffered some accident damage during December and moved to Clacton (CN) for repairs on December 29th. It returned to service on Clacton town services on January 4th, and subsequently returned to DT on January 9th. Harwich (DT) has regained the local Camrose Preparatory School contract from Harwich & Dovercourt Coaches and 1056 DT is now a familiar vehicle on this particular contract. The DT allocation has been increased by one vehicle (1554) to take account of this additional work. During the recent bad weather DT managed to operate most scheduled journeys, with the exception of some early morning journeys outside the Harwich area and evening journeys after 2030 hrs. on December 13th (when the weather was extremely bad).

Two members from the Clacton area have kindly supplied some comprehensive details of recent workings in that area, and these are briefly summarised below :-

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| 7.12-1901 DT on services 102 and 113, | 4.1-1781 DT on services 74 and 103, |
| 3000 DT on services 110 and 113. | 3000 DT on services 110 and 113. |
| 8.12-1920 DT on service 113. | 5.1-3000 DT on services 78A, 113 and 115, |
| 9.12-1527 DT on service 111, | 3001 CR replaced 3003 CN (broken |
| 1920 DT on service 106. | window) at CR on service 74. |
| 10.12-1520 CN failed at CR and was replaced | Breakdown vehicle 0101 noted at CN. |
| by 1521 CR, which worked back to CR | 6.1-1920 DT on services 74, 108 and 110, |
| on service 74, | 3000 DT on services 74, 78A and 110-4, |
| 1920 DT on service 113, | 3001 CR on services 74 and 119, |
| 3027 DT on service 102. | 1512 CR replaced 1705 CN (which still |
| 11.12-1527 DT on services 110, 112 and 114. | carries CF allocation plates) on |
| 12.12-1931 MN on services 111-114. | service 105 at CR. |
| 3003 CN on service 119 (replacing | 7.1-3001 CR on services 78A, 113 and 116. |
| 1931 MN which had failed at CN). | 8.1-1888 CR replaced 1825 CN on service |
| 14.12-1527 DT on services 110/1. | 119, and operated two CN workings. |
| 16.12-1527 DT on service 111. | 11.1-1056 DT on services 110/2. |
| 18.12-1780 CN failed at Greenstead on | 12.1-1532 DT on service 110. |
| service 74. | 13.1-1783 DT on services 102 and 113. |
| 28.12-1300 SD, 1301 CR, 1400 SE and | 14.1-1527 DT on service 119 (and failed at |
| 1415 CN all operated express or | MN, being replaced by 1510 MN (P)). |
| private hire workings to CN. | 18.1-1554 DT on service 102. |
| 30.12-1781 DT on service 74 | 19.1-1545 DT on services 101 and 111. |

Unusual Workings

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

- 13.12-3111 CF noted on service 44A - this was the first occasion that a double deck vehicle had been used on this service on a Sunday for many months.
- 14.12-1837 BD noted on service 251.
- 17.12-3071 SD noted on service 11A, 3097 HH noted on service 5B (which is a special schools journey).

- 18.12-1102 (allocated for driver training duties) noted at Thorpe Bay;
 1549 CF and 1700 BD both noted on service 251.
 3014 SD (but without depot allocation plates) noted on service 3;
 9017 CF noted at SD depot and 9018 MN noted on driver training work at Thorpe Bay.
- 20.12-1541 CF noted on service 11A.
- 22.12-a CF 15XX class vehicle noted displaying service 51X and operating via Heath Drive. Adverse weather conditions may have meant that this working was covering for the late running of services 44A/B, hence the diversion via Heath Drive.
- 23.12-1547 SD noted on a late-evening service 251 journey; 4002 LWA noted on test at Thorpe Bay.
- 31.12-9015 CF and 9019 MN both noted at SD; 3125 MN noted on a private working at Southend.
- 1.1-Southend Transport 239 noted on service 20.
 2.1-1903 BD noted on service 251 at Gants Hill.
 6.1-1754 BD noted on service 251; Southend Transport 237 (and three other Fleetlines) noted on a rail replacement service from Wickford to Southminster.
 7.1-1917 CF noted on service 21; Southend Transport 232, 381 and 388 noted on the Wickford-Southminster rail replacement service, which continued on 8.1 with 231 (and three other Fleetlines), 12.1 with 241, 15.1 with ex-LTE DMS's 1245 and 1646 (hired by Southend Transport) and 16.1 with 222 and 223. On this latter date 223 failed at Farnbridge with a damaged fuel tank, and passengers transferred to 222.
 11.1-1840 BD noted on service 251; 2885 noted parked at SD depot (presumably awaiting collection by APT Ltd./Ensign Bus Co.).
 13.1-1785 BD noted on service 251; 1934 BN noted on service 400.
 14.1-3109 HH and 3117 HH noted on services 5B and 5A (special schools journeys) respectively; 3049 noted on the ASDA Rochford-South Woodham Ferrers service.
 19.1-1052 MN noted at HH depot for maintenance work.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Service Revisions

Extensive service revisions were introduced last October, and a summary of the main changes is as follows :-

- 1, 1A - Weekday early evening timetable alterations. Sunday morning service now runs hourly.
- 2, 2A, 2B - Weekday early evening timetable alterations. Service to be extended to High Woods (Shopping Centre) when open (Weekdays - evenings excepted). Minor timetable alterations on Sundays.
- 3 - Certain peak journeys on Mondays to Fridays withdrawn.
- 4, 4A - Revised timetable. Service 4 runs clockwise and service 4A anti-clockwise around Greenstead Estate.
- 5, 5A - Revised Weekday timetable.
- 6, 76 - No change.
- 7, 7A - Weekday evening timetable alterations. Sunday service withdrawn during morning and mid-evening periods.
- 8 - Weekday evening and Sunday timetable alterations.
- 9 - Minor timetable alterations.
- 9A - Terminates at Home Farm (Heath Road) and runs clockwise around loop of Heath Road, Straight Road, Chaucer Way, Shakespeare Road and Scott Drive.
- 10 - Certain Saturday journeys withdrawn.
- 11 - Minor timetable alterations.
- 12, 12A - No change.
- 13 - Withdrawn.
- 15 - No change.

General

During the recent rail strikes Colchester Transport has undertaken a number of private hire workings to and from London. Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) was noted on both January 13th and 14th at Ilford heading from Central London towards Colchester.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

At the time of writing the two Leyland Tiger coaches (209/10) had still not been delivered, and it is now anticipated that they will arrive during late-January or early-February.

Vehicles Sold

12.81

355 (WJN355J)

356 (WJN356J)

These two vehicles have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet, and they are the first Daimler Fleetlines to be sold by Southend Transport.

Vehicles Reinstated

A number of Daimler Fleetlines have been reinstated during January to enable newer vehicles to operate limited-stop service X1, and meet the passenger demand for this service resulting from the recent series of rail strikes. The Daimler Fleetlines that have been reinstated, and which are expected to remain in service only as long as the current rail dispute lasts, are as follows :-

1.82

348 (WJN348J)

354 (WJN354J)

350 (WJN350J)

357 (WJN357J)

351 (WJN351J)

359 (WJN359J)

352 (WJN352J)

361 (WJN361J)

353 (WJN353J)

366 (WJN366J)

General

As noted above the recent rail strikes have resulted in a large increase in the number of passengers using the limited-stop service X1, particularly over the section of route between Southend and London. On January 13th five Leyland Fleetlines (223/31/3/5/42) operated duplicate journeys on this service, and on January 14th four vehicles of this type (234/5/7/42) were used for duplicate journeys. Also on this date, similar vehicle 221 operated the 1230 hrs. departure from Southend on this service to cover for a failed Reading Transport vehicle. The Southend vehicle operated as far as Heathrow Airport where a Reading vehicle took over for the rest of that journey. On January 20th another one-day rail strike resulted in four Leyland Fleetlines (231/4/9/42) being operated on duplicate journeys on the X1 service.

Southend Transport themselves experienced a one-day strike on Friday, January 15th; however, a total of 28 vehicles did in fact operate in service on that date, driven by those staff who were not involved in the dispute.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS213).

- 350 (573 UVX) - Owning member is Bate, Altrincham. Vehicle offered for sale, 1/82. (additional information to NS183).
- 363 (NWC 14) - Reported as Costain Mining, Fife, -/76, ex. National Travel (South East). (see also NS210).
- 1000 (MAR775P) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81.
- 1001 (MAR776P) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81.
- 1002 (MAR777P) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81.
- 1003 (MAR778P) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81.
- 1004 (MAR779P) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81.
- 1341 (2731 VX) - Still in use, 4/79. Previous reports as dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet should be deleted; it appears the vehicle was only on a temporary visit. (see also NS183 and NS202).
- 1417 (2742 VX) - Morpeth Ranters Jazz Band, 5/79. (additional information to NS210).
- 1509 (EPU190G) - Dealer, Purfleet, 11/81, ex. dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, being dismantled for body spares.

- 1608 (GVW978H) - Gwent After Care Probationary Service, Gwent, 11/81.
 1610 (GVW980H) - Gwent After Care Probationary Service, Gwent, 11/81.
 2303 (NTW943C) - Smith & May, Benfleet, 11/81. (fire victim).
 2359 (VNO 857) - Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Society, 4/81, ex. Le Tall, Ingham. (additional information to NS206).
 2382 (WNO 483) - Private buyer, Southend, 11/81. (fire victim).
 2718 (98 TVX) - Breaker, Carlton, by 2/81.
 2790 (AVX958B) - Exported to Zambia, 9/81, ex. dealer, Grays.
 2801 (BVX677B) - Exported to Lusaka, Zambia, 7/81, ex. dealer, Grays.
 2819 (HEV997D) - A & M School Bus Service, Miami, Florida, U.S.A. (additional information to NS213).
 2827 (JHK462C) - Exported to Minz, U.S.A., 7/81; subsequently reported as A & M School Bus Service, Miami, Florida, U.S.A. (additional information to NS213).
 2836 (LWC662C) - Withdrawn by Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF426, 11/81.
 2839 (LWC665C) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF427.
 2841 (MVX878C) - Numbered L101 by Hedingham & District. (see also NS204).
 2846 (MVX883C) - Withdrawn by Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF423, 11/81.
 2847 (MVX884C) - Still at premises of dealer, Coltishall, 9/80. (should report have stated 9/81?).
 2854 (OVX298D) - Dealer, Salsburgh, by 10/81, ex. Irvine, Law.
 2857 (OPU822D) - Numbered L102 by Hedingham & District. (see also NS204).
 2858 (OPU823D) - South Wales Transport Co. Ltd., Swansea, 12/81.
 2889 (WNO977F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/81.
 2896 (WNO984F) - Dealer, Purfleet, 11/81, ex. dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet.
 2902 (WVX529F) - Private buyer, Rochford, 11/81. (fire victim).
 2903 (WVX530F) - Dealer, Purfleet, 11/81, ex. dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet.
 2919 (AEV613F) - Private buyer, Southend, 11/81. (fire victim).
 2926 (AEV620F) - Dealer, Purfleet, 11/81, ex. dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet.
 2943 (AVW402F) - Private buyer, Maidstone, 12/81. (being converted to mobile hospitality vehicle at Central Werks, Chelmsford).
 2944 (AVW403F) - Essex County Council, 12/81. (intended use unknown).
 2946 (AVX975G) - Eastern National Preservation Group, (for preservation), 11/81.
 3042 (LFS287F) - South Wales Transport Co. Ltd., Swansea, 12/81.
 3043 (LFS292F) - Hedingham & District, L104, 11/81.

Among the former Eastern National vehicles that were noted at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet during mid-January were 2772 (VWC 52), 2797 (BVX673B), 2799 (BVX675B), 2886 (WNO974F) and 2896 (WNO984F).

News Sheet Contributions

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