

EDITORIALSeptember Coach Tour - Saturday, September 24th.

Members are reminded that the Group has arranged a coach tour to the Kings Lynn area on Saturday, September 24th. Late bookings can still be accepted for this tour, and a booking form was enclosed with last month's news sheet.

Chelmsford Meeting - Tuesday, October 11th.

A meeting will be held at 33. Goldlay Road, Chelmsford on Tuesday, October 11th 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. Goldlay Road is in two sections and No. 33 is in the cul-de-sac leading towards Parkway.

Annual Photographic Competition - Wednesday, November 9th.

The Group's November meeting at Southend will feature the annual Photographic Competition, and we hope that many members will submit their photographs or slides for this year's competition. The competition rules and further details will be published next month. In the meantime, please note that the meeting will be held at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday, November 9th commencing at 1930 hrs.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles on Order

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding the six Leyland Tiger vehicles that are currently on order, it can now be reported that the chassis number for 1127 will be 8300946.

Allocations & Transfers

9.83 1120 BS-BE, 1216 BE-BN, 1534 CN (P)-PL (P), 1794 BN-BE, 3000 DT-BN,
3047 CN (P)-PL (P), 3054 SD-CF, 3106 CF-SD, 3111 CF-CR, 3124 CR-CF.

The re-allocation of 3054 (Air UK overall advertisement) and 3111 (National Holidays overall advertisement) to CF and CR respectively is for a period of two months. 2383/4 continue to remain licensed as Private vehicles, and 2383 was noted decorated as a space rocket in the Southend Pier Festival on September 3rd/4th, whilst 2384 (which has been garaged at CF during recent weeks) was noted at the Showbus and British Dus Weekend rallies. 1404 returned from Eastern Coach Works (see NS233) during late-August, and was first noted back in service on National Express service 109 on August 27th. Bristol RELH6G coach 1411 was damaged by fire at Taunton on September 8th, and this vehicle is now at Central Works awaiting repairs.

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 NS233 :-

August : w/e 27.8.83 - 1835 at CW.
September : w/e 3.9.83 - 3067 at CW.
w/e 10.9.83 - 1825 at CW.

3067 has now re-entered service in the new City 400 livery, and three other vehicles (3071/2/6) are currently at Central Works for repainting in this livery. 1792 and 3034 have now re-entered service with their new 'UniBus' advertisements (see NS233), whilst the advertisement for Lancaster Garages (see also NS233) will be an overall yellow, white and red advertisement carried by 1913, and this vehicle is also at Central Works. Additionally, 3129 will also be painted shortly with a further 'UniBus' advertisement for Home Insulation Advisory Service (as carried by 3034).

Service Developments

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

- 70B - Revised timetable, incorporating revised running time between Colchester and Coggeshall.
- 76 - Revised timetable, to include short journeys in Colchester on Sundays and Weekday evenings, and revised timings for last journeys and Schooldays.
- 236 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes.
- 239 - Minor route revision for journeys operating to/from Ongar (Comprehensive School), and revised timetable (see also NS233).
- 261 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes (see also NS233).
- 311 - Mondays to Fridays : two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 312 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change.
- 321 - Revised terminals to be Black Notley (Hospital) and Bocking (Deanery Gardens) and section of route between Deanery Gardens and Courtaulds Factory to be withdrawn, and revised timetable.
- 331/2 - Revised timetable.
- 351 - Sundays : one minor timetable change.
- 410 - Schooldays : one journey to be withdrawn. (This service operates from Chelmsford (Patching Hall Lane School) and Braintree (Bus Park) and is included in the published timetables for services 310-3).
- 505 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be extended to Basildon (York Factory).
- 722 - NEW SERVICE (to be jointly operated with London Country Bus Services Ltd.) to operate on Mondays to Fridays between Corringham (Social Club) and London (Marble Arch), via Stifford, Aveley, A13, Aldgate, Tower Hill and Victoria Embankment. This service commenced on September 12th with two return journeys, departing from Corringham at 0650 (LCBS) and 0915 (ENOC) and from Marble Arch at 1630 (ENOC) and 1730 (LCBS). Season tickets are available, and may also be used between common points also served by services 402 and 723 (Green Line).
- 802 - Revised timetable to be introduced for the 1983/84 Winter period, and revised route between Bedford and Northampton via Milton Keynes.
- 806 - Revised Winter timetable, and to operate between Southend and Norwich.
- 809 - Service to operate on certain days at the Christmas, Easter and May Day holidays during the 1983/84 Winter period.
- 811 - Revised terminals to be Clacton (Bus Station) and Peterborough (Queensgate Bus Concourse), and revised timetable for the 1983/84 Winter period.
- 812 - Revised terminals to be Clacton (Bus Station) and Northampton (Greyfriars Bus Station), with revised route between Bedford and Northampton via Milton Keynes, and revised timetable for the 1983/84 Winter period.
- 813 - Revised terminals to be Clacton (Bus Station) and Kings Lynn (Vancouver Centre Bus Station), and revised timetable for the 1983/84 Winter period.
- 814 - Revised terminals to be Clacton (Bus Station) and Cromer (E.C.O.C. Bus Station), and revised timetable for the 1983/84 Winter period, with revised route via Weeley between Clacton and Colchester.
- 815 - Service to be withdrawn for the Winter period.
- 816 - NEW SERVICE to operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the 1983/84 Winter period between Clacton (Bus Station) and Cambridge (Drummer Street Bus Station) via Weeley, Colchester, Halstead, Sudbury, Bury St. Edmunds and Newmarket.

An application has also been made for the licence for National Express service 109 (Southend-London) to be transferred from National Travel (West) Ltd. to Eastern National. The Winter timetable for this service will commence on September 18th, with various timetable adjustments, the deletion of the stopping point at Aldgate and additional stopping points at Chalkwell Park, Thundersley, Pitsea and

Blackfriars Station. The Company has also recently applied to introduce revised Winter timetables for East Anglian Express services 080, 081, 083-087 and 095. Other changes to the National Express network to be introduced with the Winter timetable on September 19th will include the withdrawal of service 207 (Southend-Jarrow) for the Winter period, and the revision of service 928 to operate between Southend and Shrewsbury only.

The Company has also recently applied for a number of revisions to its programme of excursions. Additional excursions are proposed from Basildon (Bus Station) - 9 excursions, Brentwood (High Street) - 1 excursion, Grays (Bus Station) - 3 excursions, and Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - 1 excursion. It is also proposed to revise the titles of two existing excursions from Basildon (Bus Station), and to introduce a feeder service between Shoeburyness and Southend for excursions commencing at Southend (Victoria Bus Station).

It should also be noted that Eastern Counties operation of Highwayman/Eastline services 804/14 was withdrawn on July 6th (804) and July 7th (814) (see NS231).

Further development of the commuter services jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. has taken place, and two new services were introduced from September 19th. Brief details are as follows :-

- 191 - NEW SERVICE from Colchester (Highwoods) to London (Victoria Street) via Magdalen Wood, Tyehurst, St. John's, Greenstead, Colchester Bus Station, Lexden, Stanway and Marks Tey; and from Colchester (Bus Station) to London (Victoria Street) via Shrub End, Prettygate, Home Farm, Stanway and Marks Tey. Journeys depart from Colchester (Highwoods) at 0602 hrs. and from Colchester (Bus Station) at 0614 hrs., with return journeys from London (Victoria Street) at 1635 hrs. (to Colchester (Bus Station)) and at 1705 hrs. (to Colchester (Highwoods)).
- 193 - NEW SERVICE from Silver End (E.N. Garage) to London (Victoria Street) via Rivenhall, Witham, Hatfield Peverel, Boreham, Springfield and Chelmsford, with one return journey departing from Silver End at 0605 hrs. and London (Victoria Street) at 1710 hrs.

Publicity News

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

- Timetable leaflet - a new timetable leaflet (produced by London Country Bus Services Ltd.) for service 722, dated September 12th.
- Highwayman services - a timetable booklet for services 801-6/9/11-4/6 dated September 25th and covering the 1983/84 Winter period.
- Commuter services - new pocket timetable cards for commuter service 191 between Colchester and London (dated September 19th), and for service 193 between Silver End and London (dated September 19th); revised pocket timetable cards for commuter service 195, for the services between Braintree and London (dated August 22nd), and between Great Cornard and London (dated September 19th).
- Leisure Break Holidays - two leaflets are now available with details of Leisure Break Holidays at Christmas (LB316/7).

Unusual Workings

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

- 18.7-1112 CR noted on private hire work at Walton.
- 23.7-1110 SE noted at Colchester on National Express service 133.
- 24.7-1768 CN noted on service 70E and 1917 CF noted on service 53E, both at Walton.
- 30.7-1700 DD observed on service 109 at Walton.
- 31.7-3079 MN noted at Walton depot.
- 14.8-1894 SD, 1928 HH and 3083/4 (both SD) noted on private hire work at Walton; 1803 CN replaced 3106 CF on service 70E at Clacton, for the section to Walton, and 1939 CF was noted on service 53E; 3099, 3103/7 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 16.8-1217 DD noted on service 53E; 2200 CF noted at Butlins Camp, Clacton; 3030 CR observed on service 70E at Walton.

- 18.8-3082 CF noted on service 402.
 19.8-1121 CF observed on service 809; 3014 PL (P) noted at SD depot; 3127 CR noted on services 91 and 119.
 20.8-1212 MN and 1418 SD noted on National Express service 109; 1902 BE noted on service 38.
 21.8-1116 MN noted on service 335; 1852 BN observed on service 404.
 23.8-1850 CF observed on service 53 (and also on 24-26.8).
 24.8-3014 PL (P) noted on service 22A; 3018 PL (P) noted on service 17.
 25.8-Southend Transport 372 observed on service 1.
 26.8-1763 BN observed on a relief National Express service 109 working to London.
 27.8-1055 BD noted on private hire work at Leigh; 3121 SD noted on service 400.
 28.8-1788 SD noted on service 11A.
 30.8-3080 CF noted on private hire work at Brentwood; 3122 SD observed on service 400.
 31.8-1524 HD and 3019 BE both noted on service 311; 1547 CR (P) noted on service 53.
 1.9-1547 CR (P) and 1771 CF both noted on service 353.
 2.9-1540 CN (P) (and carrying no fleet number or depot plates) noted on service 74B; Southend Transport 204 operated National Express service 204 to Newcastle, returning to London on the following day.
 3.9-1056 DT noted outside St. Nicholas Church, Harwich decorated as a 'Wedding Special' to convey wedding guests to the reception; 3080 CF noted on service 251.
 4.9-1051 BE noted on service 321; 1918 BN, 2200 CF and 2384 L noted at the Showbus Rally; 3097 and 3107 (both HH) operated a rail replacement service from Laindon to Upminster.
 7.9-1850 CF noted on services 24/A; 1856 CF observed at Rayleigh Station.
 8.9-Southend Transport 370 noted on service 9B; 3074 BN observed on service 232; an United A.S. Dennis Falcon 'Rapide' coach observed on National Express 207.
 9.9-1212 MN noted on National Express service 109; 3070 SD observed on service 6.
 10.9-1116 MN noted on service 809; 1894 SD observed on service 95.
 12.9-3027 DT noted on service 53.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

Leyland Leopard coach 102 was hired to Southend Transport from August 24th, and as a replacement Southend Transport's Daimler Fleetline 385 (GHJ385L) has been on loan to Colchester Transport. On September 10th, Tyne & Wear PTE's Leyland Atlantean 538 (MVK538R) was noted at the Colchester Transport depot, and it is not known at present whether this vehicle is also on hire.

The Borough Council's Transport Committee has now given financial approval to the purchase of three second-hand vehicles (see also NS231).

A new timetable leaflet listing various revisions to services 2/A/D, 3, 6, 9 and 10 was published on August 30th, and from this date three additional journeys were introduced on Mondays to Fridays on service 3.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

Leyland Leopard coach 214 entered service on September 7th for contract work, but is now currently being fitted with OMO equipment and destination blinds. The vehicle was finished in Golden Boy's livery on acquisition (correction to NS233), but has now been repainted in a variation of the new yellow and blue X1 livery, but without the X1 signwriting.

Vehicles On Hire

As noted above, Colchester Transport's Leyland Leopard coach 102 has been on hire since August 24th, with Daimler Fleetline 385 being loaned to Colchester from that date. The Leicester City Transport vehicles (12-15) remain on hire, but 14 was returned to Leicester from August 23rd to September 3rd for bodywork repairs.

General

From September 12th, a new stop on service X1 was introduced at Rainham (Lambs Lane), whilst several additional duplicate journeys are now being operated on this service, especially during the evening peak period (Mondays to Fridays) from London.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALSSubsequent Disposals

Reference to the disposal of 1354 (MOO 175) as published in last month's news sheet (NS233) should be deleted; the correct vehicle is 1353 (MOO 174), and full details are published below.

- 357 (12 DLY) - The registration number of this vehicle has been transferred by Nationwide, Lanark to a Volvo B58/Plaxton C50F (formerly registered AUS652S) (additional information to NS229).
- 1308 (203 MHK) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/83, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
- 1329 (1267 EV) - New owner is Gingerbread Trust, Salford (N-PSV) (additional information to NS229).
- 1353 (MOO 174) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/83, ex. Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV) (additional information to NS231).
- 2724 (172 XNO) - Dealer, Bracebridge Heath, by 5/83, ex. Herring (N-PSV), Highfield Farm, Winterton.
- 2802 (BVX678B) - East Herts Playbus Association (N-PSV), Hertford, ca. 5/82 (additional information to NS224).
- 2817 (HEV995B) - Reported as with Lager Kitchens (N-PSV), by 3/83 (additional information to NS232).
- 2834 (LWC660C) - Irvine, Law, 7/83, ex. Wilson, Carnwath. (acquired by Irvine for the second time).
- 2836 (LWC662C) - Breaker, Carlton, by 2/83, ex. dealer, Bracebridge Heath.
- 2843 (MVX880C) - Noted at Chelmsford Auctions Ltd., 5/83, awaiting sale, ex. Basildon District Council (N-PSV).
- 2861 (RHK346D) - London Borough of Camden, by 7/83, ex. Gwent Probation & After Care Service. Vehicle is now a mobile information centre for women's groups, and is in a purple and pink livery.
- 2864 (RVW390D) - Irvine, Law, 7/83, ex. Wilson, Carnwath. (acquired by Irvine for the second time).
- 2868 (RVW394D) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/83, ex. Alexander (Northern), Aberdeen, NRD 3.
- 2869 (RWC941D) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/83, ex. Highland Omnibuses, Inverness.
- 2875 (STW763D) - Went to Argas Persicus (N-PSV), London, S.W.5, from dealer, Sherburn, 7/82 (additional information to NS228).
- 2876 (STW764D) - Withdrawn by Osborne, Tollesbury, 3, 2/83, and to dealer, Pontefract, by 6/83.
- 2880 (SVX279D) - Engine was fitted to 147 YFM, owned by Wood, Craven Arms, 10/80, prior to sale to breaker, Carlton, in 11/80 (additional information to NS208).
- 2901 (WVX528F) - Noted at premises of Stagecoach, Perth, 6/83, ex. dealer, Sherburn. Also reported with Rapson, Brora, prior to being noted at Stagecoach, Perth.
- 2918 (AEV812F) - Noted at premises of Stagecoach, Perth, 6/83, ex. dealer, Sherburn. Also reported with Rapson, Brora, prior to being noted at Stagecoach, Perth.
- 2944 (AVW403F) - Dengie Hundred Jubilee Bus Association, Southminster, by 4/83, (additional information to NS214/26). Vehicle is now a mobile youth club, and is in a predominantly light blue, green and yellow livery.

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Notes and information for the October news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor (address below) to arrive by Wednesday, October 19th.