

The Southend Busman

No.13 January '76

Local coach operators are busy changing vehicles at present, a very surprising purchase by S.&M. Coaches is a Bedford OB Duple C29F which I understand is to be operated as a PSV for about two years and then will be retired for preservation.

Jenton Coaches, Westcliff (new operator)

CTJ.706B Bedford VAL14 Harrington C49F ex. Woolfe S.E.17. 9/75

(This is only the second Harrington VAL in the area)

Cheldon Co.'s Gt. Wakering.

416.CDU Bedford SB5 Duple C41F ex. Drewery, Woodford. 8/75

Upson (UMBH) Southend.

MVW.780P Ford 'A' C25F

M.&E. Co.'s Southend.

BNW.636C Bedford VAL14 Plaxton C52F ex. Channel Coachways.
sold X0080 Bedford SB3 Duple C41F

Channel Coachways, Southend.

KJN.823E Ford R226 Duple C52F ex. Claireaux, Hadleigh, Suffolk 12/75

This is the second ex. Channel Airways vehicle in service.

Sold BNW,636.C. see above.

Goodbourne, Westcliff.

BBC.888K Ford Transit Moseley B12 ex. Lloyd, Shouldham 12/75

Kirbys, Rayleigh.

Atkinson JHL.670 is at present out of use.

Castlepoint District Operators.

S.&M. Coaches, Hadleigh.

Castlepoint Bus Co. Hadleigh.

Supreme, Hadleigh.

* Stubbington (DoRaymetours), Thundersley.

* Watts, Benfleet.

* Reliance, Benfleet.

* Poulson, Benfleet.

Tarpots Co.'s Benfleet.

* APT Travel, Thundersley.

* Debnam, Canvey.

* Blue Bird, Hadleigh.

* Sandgrove, Thundersley.

Island Co.'s. Canvey.

* Button, Hadleigh.

Marine Co.'s. Canvey.

NPSV - *Redland Purle, Rayleigh Weir.

Wiggins (Builder), Thundersley.

*Denotes only one vehicle in each fleet.

National Travel (SE)

MW OWC.182D is being on driver training in Southend area.

Relicensed GVW.982H.

Southend Transport

Vehicles on lease from Ensign:-

204 432.FXX Leyland LZ Harrington C41F originally Grey Green.

205 VDB.915 Leyland PSU3/1R Alexander DP49F, originally Greater Manchester.

These are to be used on school contracts and are not expected to see normal passenger service.

Leyland PD3's 333/5/46/7 have had fleet numbers added in the same positions as LT.RT & RM's.

345-347 have been repainted recently.
373 has a white fleetname.

My thanks to Paul Harvey for the following observations regarding the PD3's at Southend ex. LT

w/c 17.11.75. 334/9/43/5
24.11.75. 334/43/416
1.12.75. 335/40/3/6
8.12.75. 333/4/5/47
15.12.75. 334/5/8/41
22.12.75. 334/5/8/41
29.12.75. 335/6/8/41
5.1.75. 333/5/6/8
12.1.76. 335/8/40/2

The reason for 343 being at Southend for a lengthy period was to cover Driver Training as 316 was out of action.

Unusual route working:-

15/12 371 Route 26
15/12 315/6 Routes 5/27
16/12 316 Route 22
24/12 315 Routes 5/27

Breakdown Crane JXW.122 now carries fleet number 596 in place of 010

Lowloader 327 has been stripped and is being used as a store in London Road.

Daimler CWA6 270 is still in London Road and used for conductor training.

Eastern National

Unusual Route Workings:-

9/11	SD3042	R5A
18/11	SD2538	R5
18/11	CF1406	R26
23/11	CY2863	R251
26/11	CF1428	R1
1/12	CF1428	R4B
1/12	CF1428	R25/25A (Crewed)
4/12	SD1444	R25/25A (Crewed)
6/12	CF3019	R400
6/12	CY2896	R400 (Crewed)
8/12	CF2740	R11
11/12	CF1406	R3A
16/12	BN2705	R26
16/12	CF1406	R25/25A (Crewed)
21/12	WG2917	R61
23/12	CF1406	R1
30/12	CF2716	R22A (Blinds showing Hockley)
4/1	BD2887	R61
4/1	SD1529	R400
6/1	SD3023	R61 (Crewed)
6/1	SD1444/7	R25/25A (Crewed)
10/1	SD3012	R61 (Crewed)

On Sunday afternoons the 3.20 departure from Central Bus Station on route 61 is now usually operated by an FLF laying over on Route 251.

On 29.12.75. the 18.32 ex. Wood Green on Route 251 apparently ran into trouble at Brentwood. MW 1331 was substituted for the remainder of the journey to Southend.

Readers are reminded that the Southend Busman is published by the Southend Branch of the E.N. Enthusiasts Group, comments and observations are always welcome by the Editor:-

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The S.&M. Coaches OB is HWW.642 Bedford OB Duple C29F ex. Reed Maidenhead.

The Southend Busman
No.14 March, 1976.

I must apologise that this newsheet is late but due to business commitments I was unable to complete the draft in time.

With the approach of another season the local coach fleets are acquiring 'new' vehicles.

Frost Coaches, Leigh, have exchanged JNK.244C. AEC Reliance Duple for S.&M. Co.'s MEB.149G. Bedford VAL/Plaxton.

Channel Coachways have acquired their third Ford R226/Duple C52F - KJN.821E.

Highway Coaches acquired 3/76 LVE.671G. Bedford VAL70 Plaxton C52F.
SKR.685H. Austin BMC C52F.

M.&E. Jones, Southend acquired 4/76 OHH.977G. Bedford J2 Plaxton C19F.

S.&M. Coaches, Benfleet have added PJH.453H. Leyland PSU3 Plaxton C49F.
ULK.205F. Leyland PSU3 Plaxton C49F.
UTU.105/6 Leyland PD2/37 Northern Counties H64F.
Sold - MEB.149G. 8BWN. JOW.889E.

VDB909/12 now carry S.&M. fleet names in place of Castlepoint Bus Co.

R. Hallams, Westcliff, sold APT.416B. Bedford J2
acquired from S.&M. JOW.889E Ford Transit.

Four Seasons Coaches acquired FTM.723E. Ford R226 Duple C52F. ex. Channel Coachways.

On a recent check through the coach fleets a rather surprising fact comes to light regarding registrations, namely, the old Southend HJ and JN with only eight vehicles recorded:-

Debnam, Canvey.	AHJ.831B.
UMBH, Southend.	DHJ.104K.
	PHJ.272M.
Cook, Westcliff.	YHJ.104J.
Channel Coachways.	KJN.821-3E.
Southend Hosp.	UWJ.842.

Current Fleetlist.

Cooks Co's, Westcliff. FMG.985B. NRO.149D. EMK.389B. YHJ.104J. QJT.407J. YKO.948J.

Stock, Hockley. VBU.50. JUV.522D.

Hayden, Gt. Wakering. NPU.842M.

No.3. Rochford District Operators.

Kirbys, Rayleigh.

Stock, Hockley.

*Stephenson, Hullbridge.

Hullbridge Co's, Hullbridge.

*Hayden, Gt. Wakering.

Cheldon Co's, Gt. Wakering.

Thorns Co. Rayleigh.

*Grosvenor, Hullbridge.

* Denotes one vehicle fleet.

National Travel (S.E.)

Coaches are appearing with SOUTH EAST fleetnames:-

PWC.341/2K. now in Global Tours livery for London tours whilst OLL.479/80L. are to go to Kelvedon.

VYH.492M. has been withdrawn.

YVM.504M. is to be rebodied by Plaxton.

Vehicles sold:-	4/5.BXB.	8736/40/2CD	NMX.577-86E.
	OO.9550	JYT.606-11K.	KLR.456-9D.
	9/11.DLY	XVB.466-8G.	RYR.460-2E.
	NWC.14	DYM.452-5C.	750-3DCD.
	OWC.181D.	JJJ.567-76D.	

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Vehicle acquired:- PFN.879. AEC Regent V POT40/32F to be used for excursions from Butlins, Clacton.

Allocations: GJN.195N/RPU.868/9M. PL
PWC.343-5K. VT
LWC.977/8J. NOR

Eastern National - Unusual route workings (C.O. - crew-operated)

8/1	BN3032	R3A	19/2	CF2706	R25/25A
22/1	BN2920	R5	20/2	BD2916	R3
	BN3032	R25/25A	21/2	CF2706	R22
27/1	SD1601	R25/25A C.O.	23/2	SD3043	R25/25A C.O.
	SD1444	R25/25A C.O.	26/2	CF1334	R2
28/1	BN1709	R400	5/3	CF1718	R26
29/1	BN3051	R3	8/3	SD1447	R25/25A C.O.
7/2	CF2706	R3	9/3	SD1447	R25/25A C.O.
9/2	SD1444	R25/25A C.O.	21/3	CF1730	R27
16/2	SD1601	R3 C.O.	1/4	CF1335	R1
			3/4	WG2908	R400
			4/4	WG2914	R61
			6/4	SD	R21

Allocations: 2700 SD

Southend Transport

The Leyland PD3's having returned from London Transport, have now gone to London Country at Harlow. It is now possible to see 339 on the 339.

When 340 returned from Croydon it was towed back by the S.T. breakdown.

The 1976 order for Fleetlines will be numbered 221 upwards and some will be convertible open toppers.

393 has an illuminated 'No Change Given' sign in place of OMO sign.

Six Fleetlines were hired to National Travel (S.E.) on 10/4 for private hire work taking Billericay supporters to Wembley and open top PD3. 314 resplendent in new livery was used by the victorious team on the Sunday.

218 hired to Nelson Coaches, Wickford for one week from 28/3.

332 on hire to Godward, Wickford 24/3.

204/5 besides being primarily school buses have also been used as stage vehicles.

Unusual vehicle seen in London Rd. 4/4 was Hants & Dorset Leyland Coach 3053.

Six Fleetlines are reported to be on loan to Tyne & Wear PTE and are used on their route. I included in the six are 368/385.

Unusual route workings:-

10/1	316	R1	9/2	314	R25/25A
16/1	315	R3		218	R5/27 crew
	316	R25/25A	13/2	315	R5/27
17/1	316	R25/25A		316	R5/27
19/1	O/T on peak hour R3 & 7		14/2	315	R25/25A
21/1	342	R7	16/2	209	R25/25A omo
	396	R24		316	R1
23/1	390	R25 (omo)		359	R27 crew
31/1	316	R5/27		205	R25/25A crew
	340	R22		390	R25/25A crew
	347	R25/25A		315	R5/27
2/2	205	R29A & 24 (E.N. journeys)		316	R5/27
			25/3	208 or 209	R3

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THE SOUTHEND BUSMAN

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For the benefit of new readers to our bi-monthly newsheet, we are dealing with PSV operators wholly within the Southend Co-ordination Area and National Travel (South East). The information being collected by Southend Area Members.

Coach Operators

Stephenson, Hullbridge - acquired YNK.631F. Bedford VAL70 Plaxton C52F
ex. Conroy (Tarpots Coaches) Benfleet.

Thorns, Rayleigh. - new NPU.922P sold DGT.995H.

S.&M. Coaches, Benfleet - acquired 415.FXW Karrier - Reading C14F
ex. Manning, London, N.W.10 5/76
DWT.637H. Bristol LHL6L Plaxton C44F
ex. Poulson (Readliner) Benfleet 4/76
Poulson has now ceased operating.

Supreme Co.'s Hadleigh - JJJ.575D AEC Reliance Plaxton C49F
ex. N.T. (S.E.)

Current Fleetlists

Berry & Read (Marine Co's) Canvey.	JAX.634D.	JDX.547D.	RTU.614H.
Stubbington (Dorayne) Benfleet.	EUG.916D.		
Reliance, Benfleet.	SEL.667H.	ONK.260H.	
Frost & Heath, Leigh.	NFA.163G.	MEB.149G.	
Outten (Jenton Co's) Westcliff.	CTJ.706B.		
Stephenson, Hullbridge.	COM.777C.	YNK.631F.	
Grosvenor, Hullbridge.	UNK.606E.		
Whitwell, Southend.	CNY.620J.		
M.&E. Jones, Southend.	DEF.217D.	8966.VW.	VWN.16. CUW.562C.
	BNW.636C.	OHH.977G.	
Channel Coachways.	8627.DT	275.KTA.	KJN.821/2/3/E.

Southend Transport

First appearance of a Plaxton coach on stage service was on 7/5 when 201 was seen crew operated on Route 62.

PD3 347 has recently been used on driver training. PD3 exchange with LCBS at Harlow.

PD3's at Southend.

W/E	29/3	335/45-7
	5/4	338/40/1/4
	12/4	333/6/44/7
	19/4	339/42/7/?
	26/4	335/8/47/?
	3/5	338/43/5/7

On 12/5 342 was seen at Shobury on Route 22 still carrying the O/H London Country plate on its radiator.

New Fleetlines 391/2/4/5 JTD-P are now in service.

Unusual route working:- C.O. - Crew Operated.

26/3	315/6	R27		24/4	216	R25/25A	c.o.
10/4	205	R25/25A	c.o.	26/4	205	R5/27	c.o.
10/4	204	R29	c.o.	7/5	201	R62	co.
12/4	205	R5/27	c.o.	7/5	204	R4B-18	c.o.
22/4	205	R5/27	c.o.	18/5	215	R3	c.o.
22/4	208	R3	c.o.				

Osbornes, Tollesbury. Atalatean LLH5/8K were on hire about 12/4 but it is not known if they were used in service.

Eastern National

Leyland Nationals are now having the white band extended under the windscreens in a similar fashion to the new Fords.

Unusual route workings:-

			c.o.	crew operated	
13/3	CF2760	R27	4/4	HH3020	R400
	CF1335	R11	5/4	CF2819	R27
18/3	SD1720	R19 (usually Rell)	6/4	SD1444	R400
			13/4	CF3027	R400
22/3	CF1335	R3A	13/4	CF1335	R3A
24/3	CN1401	R19	13/4	CF1730	R3A
	CF1730	R3A	8/5	CF1335	R21
28/3	CF1730	R27	8/5	CF1335	R24
29/3	CF1335	R3A	8/5	CF1406	R4B
29/3	CF1610	R400	12/5	SD1444	R25/25A c.o.
30/3	SD1444	R29A c.o.	12/5	CF1406	R15A
30/3	CF1610	R400	13/5	CR1335	R15A
30/3	SD1444	R25/25A c.o.			
2/4	HH3020	R400			
3/4	WG2908	R400 c.o.			

1537/1600 were hired to National Travel (S.E.) on 12/5.

Bristol KSW open-toppers.

Anybody who has photos or slides of the following for sale:-

- WNO.485 as a treelopper (photo or slide)
- WNO.474 as a treelopper in yellow livery (slide)
- WNO.481 any photo or slide after sale by Eastern Counties especially required with Silverline - on tour with Wings Pop Group or with Tricentrol, Dunstable
- WNO.482 with Culling Claxton (photo or slides)

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The Southend Busman - No.16 July 1976.

Southend operators are acquiring some interesting vehicles.

S.&M. Coaches, Benfleet.

The Beulas bodied Leyland Coach seen at Brighton Coach Rally has not after all been purchased by S.&M. This was due to Ministry of Transport objections to certain body designs and has consequently been returned to Ireland.

Acquired vehicles:	BRR.241C	AEC Renown	East Lancs	H74F
	BRR.243C	AEC Renown	East Lancs	H74F
	37ATO	Leyland PD2/40	Metro Cammell	H65R
	6972.ND	AEC Regent V	Metro Cammell	
	VDB.953	Leyland PSV 3/3RT	Alexander	C49F
Sold:	JNK.244C	AEC Reliance	Duple	C51F
	CKV.890D	Bedford VAL14	Duple	C49F

Thubbington, Thundersley.

Acquired:	JNK.244C	AEC Reliance	Duple	C51F
	ex. S.&M. Coaches, Benfleet.			
Sold:	EUG.906D	Bedford VAL14 Pn		C52F

Button, Hadleigh.

Acquired:	4/76	TRO.711E	Bedford VAL14	Duple	C52F
		ex. Brightways, Southend.			
Sold:		EJU.133C	Bedford VAL14	Pn	C52F

Kirbys, Rayleigh.

Acquired:	6/76	LVS.229P	Ford R1114	Plaxton	C53F
		ex. Crump, Iver Heath.			

Channel Coachways, Leigh.

Acquired:	6/76	325.EDV	Bristol SUL4A	ECW	B36F
Sold:		8627.DT			

Southend Transport.

The JTD series Fleetlines now carry 'No Change Given' as fitted on the earlier vehicles.

The Plaxton coaches have on their indicator blinds - on hire to Avro Coaches.

The remaining Lowlanders and PD3/Massey 315/316 are still giving yeoman service.

Unusual route workings:-

20/6	312	R27	Open topper worked right through to Canvey.
26/6	201		On hire to Avro Coaches.
27/6	372	R12	
7/7	312	R62	
	314	R27	Again open topper working to Canvey.
13/7	215		On hire to Godward, Wickford.

Noteable of these is 372/390 on routes 10, 12 on Sundays.

With the new summer timetables some noteable changes have been seen. Southend now works 23/23A on Sundays instead of E.N. vehicles from H.H. Route 66 previously a Southend Transport only duty is now shared with E.N. who use any type of vehicle from FLF to VRT to various single deckers.

Eastern National.

The first Bristol FLF's are now withdrawn. Indeed 2707 is in London Road and appears to be being used as a source of spares.

Now Leyland National in the area are 1766/7 at Hadleigh and 1770 at Southend.

Unusual route workings:-

26/6	CF1734	R25	12/6	MN2535	R25A
	MN2801	R22		SD2707	R24
4/7	BD2897	R3			
	CF1405	R67 omo			
	MN2801	R22			
10/7	CF1422	R4B			
	SD2946	R400			

National Travel SE. (compiled by Andy Meadows)

New Vehicles:	KUW.519/528P	AEC Reliance	6U32R	Plaxton Supreme	C53F
	KUW.529/532P	AEC Reliance	"	Willowbrook LHD (not yet delivered)	
	KUW.533P	Bedford YMT		Willowbrook	C49F
	KUW.534/8P	" YRT		Willowbrook	C49F
	KUW.539/40P	" YMT		"	C49F
	LYU.541/552P	" YMT		"	C49F
	LYU.553/560P	" YMT		Duple Dominant	C53F
	LYU.561/8P	AEC Reliance	6U32R	Willowbrook	C49F

Acquired vehicles:

EUF.217/8D	Leyland PSU3/3RT	Plaxton	C49F
ex. Southdown Motor Services Ltd.	4/76		

Withdrawn vehicles:

BLA.591/2/5H	AEC Reliance	Plaxton	C41F
ELU.599/601J	AEC Reliance	Plaxton	C41F
PPW.846/9M	Bedford YRT	Duple	C53F
VYM.507/8/14/15M	" YRT	Duple	C51F
(VYM.509-12M are temporarily replacing PPW.846-9M at Kelvedon)			

Disposals:

ELU.599/601J	to National Travel (South West) Greenslades.
PPW.846/9M-VYM.507/14/15M	to Moseleys (DLR)
BLA.591/2/5H	East Midland.

Livery Changes:

AYU.469/471H	London Transport Livery.
GYK.472J	Seaspeed Livery.
JYT.612K	Frames Livery.
PWC.341/4K	Global Livery.

Seating Changes:

JYT.612K	C44F	ex. C49F
GJD.195N	C38F	ex. C28F (all tables have been removed but bar and 'fridge are still in position)

Miscellaneous: VYM.504M has been rebodied with a 49seat Plaxton Supreme Body.

The Bus service between Kelvedon and Coggeshall primarily Eastern National Service 71 later operated by G.N.H. Whybrow (Kelvedon Coaches) was operated by NJSE for three weeks at the beginning of June, but due to poor loadings the service was curtailed and there is now no service between these two villages.

National Travel (North West) 1200 RTF.561L Leyland PSU5 Alexander M type had its 46 rigid seats replaced by 46 reclining seats (removed from ex. Tilbury Bristol Mws) at Kelvedon in June.

Open topper PFM.879 is now working from Clacton Depot on excursions. Up to now this vehicle has been employed on several duties including London Transport sightseeing tours, publicity work at the Southend and Hillingdon Bus Rallies and has also been on a joint publicity venture with the East Anglia Tourist Board, The East Suffolk Morris Men and National Travel to Bruges and the Belgian Coast. For this purpose coach seats (removed from Eastern National FLFs) were fitted in the lower saloon.

Due to the cut down on the size of the operational fleet, many express services have had to be sub-hired to independent operators and as a result some interesting workings have materialised such as Bickers, Coddensham using 750 DCD on East Angham Express and Supreme or Hadleigh JJJ.575D on service 120 Southend to

Other regular journeys operated by independents are as follows:-

113	Basildon	-	Brixham/Newquay
115	Southend	-	Ilfracombe
115	Ilfracombe	-	Southend
116	Southend	-	Ilfracombe
116	Ilfracombe	-	Southend
125	Southend	-	Gt. Yarmouth
131	Sth.Ockendon	-	Gt. Yarmouth
133	Sth.Ockendon	-	Walton/Dovercourt
122	Ipswich	-	Folkestone
130	Southend	-	Bognor
499	Southend	-	Birmingham

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Grey-Green
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S.&M.

Southend Busman Photo Service.

Southend Branch of ENEG are pleased to announce that B/W photos are now available, the first of which include City & Westcliff.

C15	City (New Empress)	L5	UU1065	Leyland PLSC
C25	"	"		Rear View of 2 Leyland PLSC
C35	Carswool SE15	XR2120		Leyland LB4
C45	City view in garage showing			Leyland D/D A23
5	City L18 L15			Leyland PLSC
C65	City Coach Co.			View of 4 vehicles G1 - LT20.T8.B9
C75	City Coach T1			Leyland TS WJ1916
C85	City Coach LT1			with Company Directors
C95	City Coach LT29			at Brentwood
C105	City Coach LT21			side view before delivery
C115	City Coach LT20			
C125	City Coach T8			nearside view
C135	City Coach T9			off side view
C145	City Coach G1			nearside view Leyland GNU
C155	City Coach G2			front view on trade plates
C165	City Coach G2			side view
C175	City Coach B9	GVX.921		Bedford WTB
W15	Westcliff HJ2313			Dennis D/D on Route 1
W25	Westcliff HJ4920			Daimler D/D on Route 1

These are available from R. Delahoy, 58 Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff on Sea or or P.J. Snell, 6, Mandeville Way, Benfleet, price 9p each + postage.

Also R. Delahoy has colour slides of the 2 Colchester vehicles hired to Southend Transport on Derby Day. Also 3 views of Colchester 60

1.on Route 29
2.on Route 23
3.on Route 29 standing with Southend Fleetline

1 view of Colchester 16 on seafront service 68.

Colour slides are 25p including postage.

Anyone who has photos or slides of VDB953 now with S.&M. when in North Western colours for sale please let us know, addresses above.

E15	Eastern National	268	GPU415
M15	City Coach Co.		Route Map 1950
M25	Westcliff		Timetable Cover 1950
M35	Campbells		Route Map 1953
M4	Moore's,		Kelvedon Map 1953
M5	Southend Corporation		Map 1953

Photos as above

SOUTHEAST COACH OPERATORS:-Stubbington Thundersley.

EUG 916D has not after all been sold.

Jenton - Westcliff.

EJU 133C Bedford VAL14 Plaxton C52F
ex Button, Hadleigh.

Cox - Benfleet.

ONK 260H Bedford VAM70 Duple C45F
ex Reliance - Benfleet.

APT Travel - Thundersley.

KUK 235K Ford R226 Plaxton C53F
ex ? ?

Sold BAR 824F.

Cook - Southview Drive, Westcliff.

TKL 459/60N Bedford YRT Duple C53F
ex Allen - Chatham.

S & M COACHESCASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

Latest acquisitions for the Castlepoint Bus fleet are:-

61/63 NAU	Daimler	GRG6LX	Park Royal	H77F
		ex Nottingham 61.63.		
104 MRA	Leyland	PDR1/1	Weymann	L73F
		ex Chesterfield 104		
DAU 444C	Leyland	PDR1/2	Met Cammell	H77F
		ex Nottingham 444		
Sold 37 ATO		415 FXW		RAL333

All double deckers with the exception of 104 MRA and 9272ND are in a standard Red/Cream livery.

Fleet as at 1st August was:-

Castlepoint - VTX 443 - OHY 935 - HHF9 - UTU 105/6
BRR241/2C - 9272ND - 61/63NAU - 104MRA - DAU 444C.

S & M COACHES

EMB 560F - MED 270F - MPR 533H - HWR 292J
HWW 642 - ULK 205F - PJH 453H - DWT 637F
VDB 909 - VDB 912 - VDB 953.

9272 ND is used by S & M for driver - training.

ULK 205F and VDB 953 have been seen regularly on National Travel service 499 to Birmingham in recent weeks.

SOUTHEAST TRANSPORT

Leyland - Plaxtons 201/2 are regularly on hire to Grey Green for the Walton-on-Naze/London service.

S.T. have been covering duties of EN Hadleigh garage on Saturdays during August.

Unusual Route Workings:-

10/7	313	R5	27/7	201	R62	OMO
19/7	217	R27 crew	28/7	215 on Lesney Contract		
20/7	215/6	R27 crew	14/8	202 O/H Grey Green		
21/7	217	R27 crew	21/8	205	R27	Crew
23/7	205	R27	22/8	380	R10/12	Sunday Working
24/7	205	R27	12/9	353	"	"
	204	R25/25A	18/9	205	R27	Crew

MJN/F series S-D are currently working school contracts in the Benfleet area.

6 Fleetlines are reported to be due Oct/Nov '76.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Following the publication of the current allocation list in the recent Group Newsheets, we intend to keep it up to date regarding the local depots SD. HH. CY.

2 "new" vehicles in the area are 2937/40 at HH & SD respectively, these are the last of the FLF coaches, apart from "0668 I'm Blue" training bus, to be converted to service buses.

Service vehicles based in the area are 0102 AEC Matador at HH.

OVW 338M	Ford Transit	SD
0324	Bristol LD L Bus	HH
0538	" " "	SD

In the latter part of July RELH SD1601 was exchanged for CF1610, thus enabling 1610 to be hired to National Travel. On 24/7 SD1601 was seen working CF routes 32A & 46.

Unusual route workings.

24/5	CF1335	R3A	11/8	SD1510	R400
	CF1406	R4B	19/8	SD1735	R400
11/6	CF1718	R3A	21/8	BN3031	R25/A
14/6	MN2535	R25/A	21/8	BN3031	R69
15/6	CF2722	R3A	25/8	SD1735	R400
	MN2535	R25/A	27/8	CF2860	R5
21/6	ED1606	R400	28/8	CF2730	R3
24/6	MN2881	R29A	31/8	BN1514	R400
6/7	CF1734	R25	1/9	WG2913	R3
13/7	CF1422	R4B	6/9	CF1406	R4B
21/7	CF1610	R402	8/9	CF2804	R5
23/7	CF1610	R21	11/9	SD1613	R5
27/7	CF1610	R402			
28/7	WG3044	R251			
6/8	CF2730	R5			
7/8	CF2730	R5			

National Travel
THX614/5M Sold to East Kent.

Allocations	(East Anglian Section)
KELVEDON	LYU 561/2P
	VYM 509-12M
	LWC 978J
	JMY 121/3N
SOUTHEND	LWC 974/7J
	NYE 948J
NORWICH	PWC 339/40K
CLACTON	IFN 879
DOVERCOURT	KUW 538P
HALSTEAD	LWC 982J
MALDON	LWC 980J

The Open Topper

GENERAL ODDS AND ENDS

The following vehicles have been seen at the Ensign Yard at Benfleet:-

Ex Whippet Hiltch	LBC 436/7	TUH 366	KCH 106
Ex Highland	EGA 830C	HGA 980D	
Ex Babuette Llanelli	XTY 110J		
Ex WSMT	OCS 719	Painted in yellow/Blue	
		lettered CYCLO-MANIACS.	

Wimpey the National Contractor have a large fleet of Luxury coaches for use of their workmen, several of these are currently to be seen in the Southend Area, notable amongst these are:-

RJB 428F	Bristol LH	Duple	ex	Oxford
2712 CD	Leyland/Harrington		ex	Southdown
LUK 588E	Bedford VAN	Duple	ex	National Travel (Mid)
RFS 695	Leyland PSUC	Alexander	ex	Alexander Kid

THE SOUTHEND BUSMAN NO 18 NOV '76

New operator in Benfleet is W & PS Whalley, 6 Waverley Rd., Benfleet with Ford Transit 12 seater PVX 678R.

BRIGHTWAYS - WESTCLIFF.

Acquired YKC 948J Ford R226 - Duple C53F
ex Cocks Co's Westcliff.

UMBH - SOUTHEND

Ford A0609 OWC 169P carries all over advertising for local Pop Group "The Kursaal Flyers" promoting their latest 'L.P.'

M & E COACHES - SOUTHEND.

This fleet is now parked at Southend Airport.
AEC Reliance VWN 16 is withdrawn from service.

NON PSV.

British Judo Society - Rayleigh.
399 YG Bedford SBG - Plaxton C41F.

S & M COACHES

CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

The ex Nottingham Leyland PDRL/2 mentioned in the last edition should be DAU 442C ex Nottingham 442 not DAV 444C as stated.

Acquired FVA 626K AEC Reliance Duple C53F.
Originally new with Park - Hamilton.
Vehicles sold recently include:-

Bedford VAL'S BMB 560F & MPR 533H.
Bristol LML6L DMT 637H.

Also parked in S & M's yard is VDB 960 Leyland.
PSU3/Alexander ex Greater Manchester and Ford Transit Minibus JCR 132E
ex Tiger Coaches.
Leyland PSU3/Plaxton ULK carries Fleetnumber 5.

NATIONAL TRAVEL (S.E.).

East Anglia Division Allocation - October.

KELVEDON	KUW 533P	PFN 879	LYU 557 - 62P	
	HVW 241/2H	LWC 974/5/7/8J	VHK 175/6L	XVW 631/2L
	LWC 979-82J	PWC 339/40K	GJD 198N	
	JHY 121/3N	KUW 534-40P		
CLACTON	GJD 194/7N			
SOUTHEND	GJD 195N	LWC 976J	XOO 877-882L	
	RFU 868/9M	HYE 948L	KGJ 475-7K	OLL 478/81L

VEHICLES WITHDRAWN

VYH 509-13M/ULW 487M Sold to Dealer.
AVE 964-7B/SGF 482-5L / EUF 217/8D SOLD.
XVW 633/4L Sold to National Travel (S.W.) Shamrock & Rambler.

OYT 531/2R. LHD AEC Reliance/Willowbrook will be allocated to East Anglia Div for 1977 and will be working out of a new outstation at Zeebrugge (Belgium).

KUW 533P. Bed/YMT Willowbrook now C36F with 4 Tables and Bar.

1977 VEHICLE ORDER.

2	Bedford YMT	Willowbrook	C49F
4	" "	Duple	C53F
1	" VAS	"	C29F
5	AEC Reliance	"	C55F

VEHICLES IN CONTRACT LIVERY

Frames Tours	Dark Blue/Turquoise.
ELU 604J	JYT 612K/613K CJH 620K
Global	Light Blue/White.
PWC 341/2/4K	
London Transport	Red

LT Red

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AYU 469/70H
Seaspeed Hovercraft
CYK 472J
Hoverlloyd
PFN 791/4M
Turquoise"White
Red/White lettering

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

The Solitary lowlander 328 is still to be seen working all day on Route 27 to Canvey.

The two Plaxton coaches are now to be seen on stage services at odd times, favourite of which appears to be Sundays on routes 7 or 8.

Fleetline 359 has red upholstery on the Upper Deck.

Unusual Route Workings (acknowledgements to M.Beattie.)

11/9	368	R3	28/9	204	R25/25A(Crew)
13/9	348	R251	29/9	311	R27
25/9	205	R3	30/9	313	R29
10/10	201	R7	14/11	201	R1
17/10	202	R7	6/11	201	R8
24/10	201	R8			

The 4 Opentoppers are still licensed, in fact route 62 was operated during the morning peak by 311 & 312 on 17/11.

ODDS AND ENDS

In the Southend Busman No 6 we published the story of 901 LRR a Leyland/Barton double decker, after leaving Ensign it journeyed to Wales to Vale of Llangollen Coaches, but has now retraced its steps and has now appeared back in Essex with Ford Coaches Althorne.

Seen at Southend Airport on 10th October was - City of Lincoln Transport Bedford Cactano a rare visitor.

During October former Highland Omnibus originally Edinburgh Corporation Leyland Double Deckers were parked in Southend Transport's Garage in London Road since then one PLS 998 was seen working for Avro Coaches, Corringham.

MISCELLANEOUS

MW 1405 although officially allocated to S.D. still carries CF plates. In the last edition we have a 'Clang r' to correct, we stated EN 2881 working on the 29A, this is of course one of the FLF in Scotland. This should have read MN 2801 - SORRY.

LOCAL DILOT CHANGES

1766	SD ex HH	3028	SD ex LMG
2729	SD ex CR	1748	SD ex P/L
3062	SD ex BE	1447	D/L
1420	SD ex CN		

of the FLF's sold to United Auto one 2710 90 TVX was originally at HH. The four Bristol BSW Open Toppers are all in store at London Road.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKINGS.

7/9	CF 2809	R5	21/9	SD 2923	R400(Crew)
19/9	BL 1506	R400	22/9	BD 2906	R400(Crew WG duty)
20/9	SD 2946	R400	14/9	HH 3045	R1
		(Crew)			
21/9	BD 1606	R400			
3/10	CF 2739	R25A			
4/10	CF 2739	R27	4/10	BD 1349	R4B
6/10	CF 1336	R25A	19/10	WG 3028	R251 (Crew)
19/10	SD 2933	R4A	20/10	SD 1447	R25/25A(Crew)
20/10	CF 1406	R25/25A	29/10	HH 1501	R400
		(Crew)			
29/10	WG 3021	R25	5/11	BN 3033	R4B

Railway Emergency Services recently operated by EN 17/10 - Southend - Shoebury FLF.

24/10 31/10 Pitsea - Upminster FLF
23/10-1/11 inc, Wickford - Southminster FLF also NT(S.E.)

Coaches.

26-29/10 inc. 0100-0500 hrs. Rochford - Southend VR - 3052.