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EDITORIAL

Autumn Coach Tour, Sunday September 25

Arrangements for this tour are now well advanced. Since permission to visit Northampton Transport was not forthcoming, the second choice itinerary (as decided by ballot on the last coach tour) has been organised, this will feature Maidstone & District and East Kent. Full details and a booking form will be circulated with the August news sheet, in the meantime take note of the date.

Essex County Council Publications

Included with this news sheet is a copy of the second edition of the Essex Bus Route Map published by the Essex County Council and dated June 1977. The map is to the same general style as the previous edition (January 1977, a few copies of this map are still available from the Secretary) and includes all subsequent revisions to services including those planned to be introduced during July. A drawing of a Ford saloon is shown on the cover.

Also produced by Essex County Council (jointly with Hertfordshire County Council and Suffolk County Council) is a timetable booklet covering all bus services operated in the Bishops Cleeve, Saffron Walden, Royston and Haverhill area. (75 pages) Copies of this excellent timetable are available from any of the operators in the area or direct from Essex County Council, Planning Department, County Hall, CHELMSFORD, Essex. CM1 1LF (Price 20p, post free). It is planned to produce at least two other area booklets during the year, one at the end of August covering the Colchester, Clacton and Harwich area and one in October for the Braintree, Halstead, Dunmow and Witham area.

Silver Jubilee Buses

Owing to processing delays the prints of 3053 (see NS158/9) will now be circulated with the August news sheet.

Other views of the Silver Jubilee vehicle are also available from Richard Delahoy, 58, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. SSO 0QF. These include views on the unveiling day (NF, OF, the unveiling ceremony, and a view of Miss Sally Thomsett 'cleaning' the side of the vehicle - similar to the picture shown in the Evening Echo; views are also available of the vehicle taken in service a few days later.

A small booklet on London Transport Silver Jubilee Buses has also been produced by Richard Delahoy giving descriptive and factual information (including details of other N.B.C. Silver Jubilee vehicles). The booklet may be ordered direct from Richard Delahoy (with photograph orders only) or otherwise from the Secretary, the cost is 6p.

Supplement to July News Sheet

This supplement, dealing with Eastern National disposals (see Disposals Section) is available, free of charge, from the Secretary. Copies may be dispatched with the August news sheet or with any publication or photograph order.

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New Vehicles

1100	UVX	4S	Bristol LH6L	LH-1406	E.C.W.	B43F	22359
3064	UVX	1S	Bristol VRTSL6L	3/889	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	22549
3065	UVX	2S	Bristol VRTSL6L	3/890	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	22550
3066	UVX	3S	Bristol VRTSL6L	3/891	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	22551
Delivery dates:				1100 - 18.7.77	3065 - 7.77		
				3064 - 7.77	3066 - 7.77		

1100 (UVX 4S) has the London Transport style entrance (a new N.B.C. standard feature). The remainder of the LH's are expected shortly, these will be 1101 - 1103 (UVX 5 - 7S).

Delivery of the next batches of Leyland Nationals is expected in August, the vehicles will be registered as follows :

1811 - 1822 (VN0734-745S)

1826 - 1831 (VN0728-33S)

The chassis numbers of 1823 - 1825 will be 04783-5.

Details of the 1978 vehicle programme have recently been announced. The order calls for a total of 43 vehicles as under :

17 Bristol LH6L (semi-automatic) with E.C.W. saloon bodywork (1104-20)

26 Leyland National, 11.3 metre (1838-63)

Fleetnumbers are subject to confirmation.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles on Loan

Correction to NS159 : Bristol VRT, VR144 (GNG710N) was not on loan from Eastern Counties. Eastern National merely provided parking and other back up facilities whilst the vehicle was in the Eastern National operating area.

(We are indebted to R. J. Hawkins Esq., Chief Engineer for these notes)

Bristol FLF's, 2825/37 (JHK460C, LWC663C) were on loan to Southdown in connection with the Spithead Naval Review in June.

Re-Built/Re-Engined Vehicles

6.77 2801 (BVX677B) to FLF6G

7.77 2823 (JHK455C) 2877 (STW765D) to FLF6G

The above conversions complete the re-engining programme. (see NS153)
However, further conversions may be undertaken if suitable Gardner units become available.

Service Vehicles

9003 (84 TVX) entered service in July. Conversions of 9002/4 (81/5 TVX) are now well advanced and these vehicles are expected to enter service in September and August respectively.

Allocations & Transfers

7.77 1332-D/L(D), 1339-LWA, 1346-D/L(D), 1350-MN, 1352-CN, 1355-D/L(D), 1406-D/L(D), 1418-D/L(D), 1424-D/L(D), 1427-D/L(D), 1436-BD, 1450-MN, 1740-D/L, 1796-BD, 1797-BD, 1798-SD, 1799-SD, 1800-CF, 1801-CF, 1802-LWA, 1803-CR, 1804-LWA, 1805-LWA, 1806-MN, 1807-LWA, 1808-BN, 1809-LWA, 1810-LWA, 2742-D/L(D), 2757-D/L(D), 2772-CN, 3055-SE.

LWA - Licensed awaiting allocation during July.

Later allocations: 1802-CF, 1804-CF, 1805-CF, 1807-SD, 1809-BD, 1810-BD.

The following allocations of D/L(D) vehicles have been noted by personal observation :

CF : 2706/67. HH : 2729/42. MN : 1323, 2708/34/8/9/64.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

233 Certain journeys to operate to or via Runwell Hospital.

Revised services have been introduced in several areas recently. These incorporate the revisions to the following services, details of which may be found in the appropriate news sheets specified :

Clacton area - 26 June

74 Revised route at Great Clacton, now operates via The Street and Old Road in place of via London Road.

129 Service withdrawn.

Also, 107-9 (NS159), 111 (NS159), 115 (NS159), 121 (NS159), 125 (NS159), 125 (NS159), 126 (NS159).

Chelmsford area - 17 July

Revised pattern of Town Services introduced, the special explanatory leaflet issued includes the map of Chelmsford produced by Essex County Council.

- 43 Extended to Broomfield on Sundays.
- 44 (NS159) - Service operates to North Avenue at peak hours only.
- 45 Delete notes shown in NS159, timetable merely combined with service 44.
- 48/A (NS159) - Timetable separated from service 42. The extension to Chelmer Village will commence when this new housing scheme is opened, expected to be early August. Buses will terminate at St. Margarets Road until start of the extension.
- 55 (NS159) - Timetable separated from service 56.
- 56/A/B (NS159) - Services 56/A operate Weekdays, service 56B operates Sundays only. Service 56A operates in the Springfield - Chelmsford direction only (early a.m. journeys and late night journey only).

Also, 42 (NS159), 44B (NS159).

Maldon area - 10 July

Services have generally been re-scheduled, they are now no longer dependent upon working arrangements at Bradwell Power Station and have been re-timed to afford better rail connections at Southminster and Burnham.

- 90 Slightly revised route.

Also, 93 (NS158), 95/7 (NS158), 99 (NS158).

Other service revisions introduced recently are as follows :

- 151 (4.7.77., NS159) - Terminates at St. Edwards Comprehensive School at school times only and at Southern Way at other times. Special late evening service introduced on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to cater for patrons at Romford Greyhound Stadium.
- 247 (22.5.77) - Service withdrawn, replaced by revised service 233.

Also, 33A (20.4.77., NS157), 124 (20.4.77., NS157), 233 (22.5.77., NS160), 316 (20.4.77., NS157), 337 (30.6.77., NS159).

General

A new timetable booklet for the North East area has recently been introduced, dated 26 June 1977 until further notice. It is priced at 12p and has a silver cover featuring the Silver Jubilee scroll. The timetables incorporate revisions to certain services, details may be found in the Service Revisions section.

Experimental new Cheap Day Return Tickets have been introduced from 17 July. The tickets are available after 0900 on Mondays to Fridays and at all times on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Examples are as follows :

Chelmsford to Witham	60p	(saving 40p)
Chelmsford to Braintree	90p	(saving 20p)
Bishops Stortford to Stansted	30p	(saving 18p)

Bristol FLF, 2708 (88 TVX) previously in use as an Inspectors Office at Basildon during re-building work, has now been removed to Maldon disposal yard. (q.v.)

Bristol REIL, 1528 (LVX116J), the victim of an accident (see NS159) is now under repair at Central Works.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

Leyland Atlantean 55 (JHK295N) has been re-painted into a Silver Jubilee livery. The

cream portion of the livery has been repainted silver and the words Silver Jubilee in light blue script appears on the side panels below the lower deck windows. At the front the words SILVER JUBILEE appear above the destination screens with 1952 and 1977 lower down on the offside and nearside of the screens respectively. The vehicle was observed in service by a member from Hainault in mid June but as yet has not been seen by any Colchester members, since none of them have reported it !

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

On the Trades Union Council 'Day of Action' on 11 July, 15 vehicles including 10 double deckers and Leyland Leopard saloon 208 (GJN508D) were hired to Grey Green for use as police transportation in connection with the Grunwick dispute. The rear of 208 was featured in a T.V. news feature. To cover duties at Southend, an unidentified Alexander bodied Leyland Atlantean was hired from Lewington, Cranham which was operated on service 62. Vehicles have also been hired to Grey Green on a number of other occasions during June and July again in connection with the Grunwick dispute.

A new Austin taxi, PVW588R, has been acquired for staff transport.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

This is a new section of the news sheet which will appear when space permits. The following information, the greater proportion of which has been supplied by the P.S.V. Circle, lists information on Eastern National disposals. Details of all disposals which have been published in P.S.V. Circle news sheets and publications issued since January 1976 are available as a free supplement to the news sheet, 120 vehicles listed. (see also Editorial) Events which have occurred in 1977 are shown below. It should be noted that disposals to dealers, either for breaking or for re-sale, are generally not listed.

- 302 (EJN 638) - Sparkes, Warmley, 10/76, ex. Evans, Bristol. Later to Hughes, Peterchurch (for preservation), 1/77.
- 338 (285 NHK) - Paragon Anglers, Tottenham, by 4/76. Still owned, 5/77.
- 340 (3385 VW) - Withdrawn by Searson, Costhorpe, by 1/77.
- 341 (3386 VW) - Withdrawn by Searson, Costhorpe, by 1/77.
- 380 (VYO 767) - Channel Airways, Southend, by 5/77, ex. Norfolk, Nayland.
- 387 (4 BXB) - Hamlett, Middlewich, 1/76, ex. National Travel (South East) Ltd., Withdrawn, 1/77, later to Newcastle-under-Lyme High School (N-PSV), by 4/77.
- 405 (AVX966B) - Black Prince, Leeds, 1/77, ex. National Travel (South East) Ltd.
- 505 (BN0114B) - Withdrawn by Copley, Fosdike, 11/76. Later caravan, noted Wyberton Fen, 3/77.
- 1001 (YAL 369) - Stokes, Carstairs, by 2/73, still in use 4/77, seats removed, used for towing. Still carries 1001 plate on rear.
- 1310 (205 MHK) - North Cornwall, Langdon Cross, 3/77.
- 1311 (206 MHK) - Peake, Pontypool, by 1/77.
- 1317 (212 MHK) - North Cornwall, Langdon Cross, 3/77.
- 1325 (1263 EV) - North Cornwall, Langdon Cross, 3/77.
- 1327 (1265 EV) - Barraclough, Carlton (N-PSV), 1/77.
- 1337 (2727 VX) - Contractor, seen near Earls Court, 5/77, ex. Jarvis, Maltby.
- 1341 (2731 VX) - Whittall, Birtley (N-PSV), by 3/77.
- 1345 (205 YVX) - Barraclough, Carlton (N-PSV), by 3/77.
- 1402 (217 MHK) - Eastern National Preservation Group, by 6/77.
- 1602 (BN0103B) - N.B.C. (Eastern Region) Cannibalisation Centre, Lincoln, 1/77, later Eastern Counties for spares, 2/77, later to dealer.
- 1604 (BN0105B) - Eastern Counties, for spares, 1/77.

(N-PSV) - not licensed as a P.S.V.

DOUBLE DECKER DISPOSALS TO FOLLOW WHEN SPACE PERMITS