

Delivery of the first batch of Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles is currently expected during late-March, and full details will be published in next month's news sheet.

Refurbished Vehicles

1419 (GJD195N) has now re-entered service and was noted, for example, on National Express service 084 on February 26th. The fleet number and depot allocation plates on this vehicle are painted light green to match the new livery style. Work is now almost complete on the refurbishment of 1417 (GJD196N), and work is also now well advanced on 1418 (GJD194N), which had received its new Plaxton Supreme front by mid-March.

Allocations & Transfers

3.83 1215 CR-D/L, 1216 CR-SD, 1304 D/L-SD, 1413 HD-CN, 1414 CN-SD,
1416 SE-SD, 1418 CN-D/L, 1419 SD-CN, 1543 PL (P)-BS (P).

1054 (TJN977W) is still Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA), and during mid-March this vehicle was being used at Harwich (DT). The use of 1543 by Bishop's Stortford (BS) as a Pool vehicle has only been a temporary measure, whilst 1534 PL (P) has been in use at Maldon (MN) recently.

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 NS227 :-

February : w/e 26.2.83 - 1419 at CW, 3054 at CW.

March : w/e 5.3.83 - 1924 at CW.

w/e 12.3.83 - 1913 at CW, 3111 at CW (National Holidays overall advertisement livery).

As noted above, 3111 now carries National Holidays livery and was first noted in service on March 12th on services 44A/B. Additionally, the 'unibus' advertisement on 3112 has now been completed (see also NS224/5), and this vehicle now advertises Wallspan Bedrooms. This advertisement was completed during the week ending 19.2.83.

General

Bristol VRTSL6G 3002 (CPU981G) received accident damage at Margaretting on March 4th, and the vehicle is now at Central Works. Members will recall that this vehicle was delicensed for six months during 1981 also following accident damage.

Following two separate incidents on February 25th involving damage to the walls, the Victoria Bus Station at Southend-on-Sea has been closed for structural repairs. The work was almost complete by mid-March and the bus station will re-open in the near future.

The latest Eastern Counties timetable for service 251 (Felixstowe-Ipswich) (dated February 20th, 1983) shows the 0735 hrs. journey from Felixstowe to Ipswich on Mondays to Fridays as continuing to Chantry High School on Schooldays as service 123. Members will note the details of the proposed service revision affecting service 123 (see page 4), and it is possible that on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, when an Eastern National vehicle operates the first service 123 journey from Ipswich, this vehicle may also be used on the service 251 journey from Felixstowe. Confirmation is requested regarding these workings.

The Bus & Coach Council has recently published a promotional leaflet entitled 'We'd All Miss The Bus', and copies may be obtained from the Company's local offices. The leaflet outlines the importance of bus services to both rural and urban communities, the fuel efficiency of buses and the need for further support to prevent the decline of bus and coach services.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during February were 1524/52, 1710, 1865, 3023 and 3030. Additionally, 1415 CN operated at DT during early February, whilst two other vehicles on loan during the period were 1054 LWA and 3035 CF. Bristol VRTSL6G 3061 was fitted with power steering at Central Works during mid-February, and 3035 was the replacement vehicle.

Perhaps the most interesting event at Harwich during February was the use of United Automobile Services Ltd. Leyland Leopard coach 1017 (NGR117T) on an Eastern National contract working from Harwich to Colchester on February 7th.

Service Developments

The Company has applied for a large number of revisions to stage services, mainly in the Southend Co-ordination Area, and details of these proposed changes are listed below. It is understood that the revised services will be introduced from Sunday, April 10th.

- 1 - Revised timetable.
- 3/3A - Revised timetables.
- 3B - NEW SERVICE to operate Daily from Shoeburyness (Sportsman) to Southend (Victoria Bus Station) via Central Bus Station.
- 4/4A - Revised timetables.
- 4B - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Little Wakering (Coronation Close), with revised timetable.
- 4C - Service to be withdrawn.
- 5 - Revised timetable.
- 5A - Revised terminals to be Hadleigh (Church) and Canvey (Eastern Esplanade), with revised timetable.
- 6 - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Eastwood (Kent Elm, Broomfield Avenue), with route revisions and revised timetable.
- 7 - Route revisions and revised timetable.
- 7A/7B/7C - Revised timetables.
- 8 - Revised timetable.
- 8A - Service to be withdrawn.
- 9 - Revised timetable.
- 9A - Route revisions and revised timetable.
- 9B - Revised timetable.
- 10/10B - Revised timetables.
- 11/11A - Revised timetables.
- 12 - Revised timetable.
- 16 - Revised timetable.
- 17 - Revised timetable, and service to operate on Mondays to Fridays only.
- 18 - Revised timetable.
- 20 - Revised timetable, with Sunday operation to be from Shoeburyness (Sportsman) to Southend (Victoria Bus Station).
- 20A - NEW SERVICE to operate on Sundays only from Southend (Central Bus Station) to Hullbridge (Anchor) via Prittlewell, Eastwood and Rayleigh.
- 21 - Route revisions and revised timetable.
- 22/22A - Revised timetables.
- 23/23A - Revised timetables.
- 24/24A - Route revisions and revised timetables, with services withdrawn between Southend (Central Bus Station) and Temple Sutton (Golden Goblet).
- 25/25A - Revised timetables.
- 27 - Revised timetable.
- 28 - Revised timetable.
- 29/29B - Revised timetables.
- 60 - Revised period of operation to be Weekdays, and minor route revisions.
- 61/61A - Revised timetable and minor route revisions.
- 62 - Revised period of operation to be Weekdays, and minor route revisions.
- 63 - Existing service to be withdrawn.
- 63 - NEW SERVICE to operate Daily from Southend (Central Bus Station) to Temple Sutton (Golden Goblet) via Bournemouth Park Road and Sutton Road.
- 64 - NEW SERVICE to operate Daily on a circular route to/from Southend (Central Bus Station) via Heygate Avenue,

Chichester Road, Southchurch Road, Hamstel Road, Newington Avenue, Poynings Avenue, Whittingham Avenue, Newington Avenue, Hamstel Road, Southchurch Road and Chichester Road.

- 65 - Revised period of operation to be Mondays to Fridays, with South Fambridge to be served on Tuesdays and Fridays only, and revised timetable.
- 66 - NEW SERVICE to operate on Mondays to Fridays from Great Wakering (Church) to Hullbridge (Anchor) via Little Wakering, Sutton, Rochford and Hockley.
- 67 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 68 - Revised timetable and minor route revisions, with revised period of operation to be Daily from the Spring Bank Holiday to the third Sunday in September.
- 69 - Football journeys to be withdrawn, and service to operate on Mondays to Fridays from Prittlewell to Chalkwell Park.
- 123 - Schooldays : one journey from Ipswich to Clacton to operate via Chantry High School, Ipswich on Schooldays.
- 151 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn. Saturdays : two minor timetable changes.
- 230 - Minor route revision.
- 251 - Sundays : revised timetable.
- 266 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be extended from Herongate (Church) to West Horndon (Rail Station) (see NS227).
- 351 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey at present commencing at Brentwood (Rail Station) to start from Romford (St. Edwards Way). (see also NS227).
- 402 - New stop to be introduced at Charlton (Marlborough Lane), revised stop at New Cross to be New Cross Gate (opposite L.T. garage) and minor route revision in New Cross (see NS227).
- 521 - Minor route revision.

Other proposed revisions affecting certain services in the Southend Co-ordination Area, and which are not listed above, are as follows :- 2 (one additional journey on Weekdays, one journey to be withdrawn on Mondays to Fridays and one minor timetable change on Saturdays); 9 (minor route revision); 10A (minor route revision and timetable change); 13 (minor timetable changes); 22A (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays); 23 (Two minor timetable changes on Mondays to Fridays, and one minor timetable change on Saturdays); 27 (one minor timetable change on Saturdays); 29A (minor timetable changes). It should also be noted that the licence for services 3/A also includes provision for service 3X journeys to Southend Stadium.

Short term licences have been granted for the six new commuter services, which were introduced last month jointly with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd., and which were listed in last month's news sheet.

Service revisions introduced during recent weeks are as follows :- 226 - 14.3.83 (NS226/7); 260 - 14.3.83 (two minor timetable changes on Mondays to Fridays, and two journeys on Schooldays now operate via Navestockside); 265 - 14.3.83 (NS226); 266 - 14.3.83 (certain journeys extended to/from Herongate (Old Dog P.H.) on Weekdays); 403 - 14.3.83 (service 403 journeys now observe all stops between East Horndon (Halfway House Flyover) and Romford).

Publicity News

New timetable leaflets introduced during recent weeks have been as follows :-

Eastern National services - a revised timetable leaflet for service 402, with details of the new stopping point at New Cross. This revision took effect from 28.2.83 (see NS227), but the leaflet is dated 16.1.83.

- a leaflet summarising the Easter Bus Services for the period 31.3.83-4.4.83.

National Express services - a revised leaflet for service 207 (Jarrow-Southend) dated January 23rd.

Unusual Workings

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

- 28.1-1787 SD noted at Gants Hill on service 251.
- 1.2-9016 MN noted at Redbridge on driver training duties.
- 4.2-1548 CN noted at CF depot; 1826 CN noted on service 56.
- 7.2-1534 PL (P) noted on service 95.
- 8.2-1207 CR (on loan to SE) observed on service 338.
- 14.2-1416 SE crew operated on services 53 (school journey) and 335 (and also on 15.2 and 18.2); 1724 SD noted on services 31 and 36; 3059 HD noted on service 36; ST 221 noted on the 0855 hrs. service X1 journey from Green Park.
- 15.2-3115 BE (on loan to HD) noted on service 311.
- 16.2-1724 SD noted on services 31 and 31A; 1826 CN noted at CF depot; 1863 BE noted on service 311; 3019 BE operated a Silver End (SE) contract to Ingatestone School, a duty normally worked by 3020 SE, which was observed on service 331; 3060 SE noted on Braintree (BE) duties on services 43 and 311.
- 17.2-1528 CR noted on service 113; 1534 PL (P) observed on services 31 and 36; 1799 SD noted on service 11A; 1855 CF noted at Clacton on service 114, and on the following day this vehicle, which was at CN for heater modification work, was also noted on services 106 and 126.
- 19.2-1779 CN noted on loan to CF, replacing 1707 CF which was observed on services 101, 110 and 112; 1213 BD noted on Highwayman service 804; 1928 HH worked a private hire journey to Wapping, whilst 3109 HH worked a similar journey to Purfleet.
- 20.2-3071 SD noted on service 402; 3085 HH and 3109 HH operated a rail replacement service from Shenfield to Wickford.
- 21.2-1054 LWA noted at Colchester on service 83; 1419 CN observed at HH depot for a PSV test; 1510 D/L (D) noted in use at BN depot as a staff rest room; 1779 CN (on loan to CF) noted on service 40; 1783 SE observed at CN for heater modifications; 3020 SE noted on a service 353 contract working.
- 22.2-1841 CF (which has been on loan to CR as a replacement for 1215) noted on service 75B; 1865 CR noted on service 120; 3029 BE (on loan to HD throughout late-February and early March) noted on service 311.
- 23.2-1779 CN noted on services 32A, 44A and 152; 3030 SE observed on a service 337 contract working; 3128 BE noted on service 53.
- 24.2-1204 SD noted on National Express service 109; 1779 CN noted on services 55 and 451; 1873 CF observed on service 31; 3098 HH (replacing 3070 SD) noted on service 402; 3128 BE (replacing 3123 SE) noted on service 53; ST 238 observed on service X1.
- 25.2-1306 HD noted on National Express service 084; 1534 PL (P) observed on services 31 and 36; 1745 SE noted on service 70; 1779 CN noted on services 42, 43 and 44.
- 26.2-1059 MN (on loan to HH) operated a private hire journey to London, with 1718 HH at MN as a replacement and noted on service 31 with 1766 SD and 1873 CF; 1413 HD noted on National Express service 109; 1529 CN noted in storage at Prittlewell; 1804 CF (at CN for heater modifications) noted on services 113 and 119; 1928 HH worked a private hire journey to London; 3075 SD noted on service 402.
- 27.2-1718 HH noted on a Sunday school contract at Maldon; 1206 HD noted on service 311, which is unusual for a Sunday working; 1873 CF observed on service 31; 3097 HH, 3103 HH and 3109 HH operated a rail replacement service from Southend to Rayleigh.
- 28.2-1307 D/L observed at HH for a PSV test (in plain white livery, but since painted in National Holidays livery).
- 1.3-1054 LWA noted on service 73; 3019 BE noted on service 88; 3058 HD (on loan to BE) noted on service 335; 3128 BE noted on service 53.
- 2.3-3000 DT noted on service 78; 3033 CF noted on service 31; 3035 CF noted on services 331 and 335; 3055 SE noted on service 330; 3076 LN noted on service 402; 3128 BE observed on service 338.
- 3.3-1825 CN noted on service 32; 1841 CF noted on service 78; 3039 SE noted on service 73A, and it is particularly unusual for a double deck vehicle to be used on this service; 3128 BE noted on service 337; an unidentified Black & White Leyland Leopard coach noted on National Express service 109.
- 4.3-1204 SD noted on National Express service 109; 1546 CF noted at MN depot; 1701 CF observed on service 75D; 1825 CN observed on service 154, replacing

1801 CF which was at CN for heater modifications; 1873 CF noted on service 31; 1929 DE observed on service 40; 3035 CF seen at BE depot; 3128 DE again noted on service 53; Green Line RB78 (HA) noted at Southend on service 745 (Harlow-Southend).

- 5.3-1534 PL (P) noted on service 98X; 1800 CN seen at CF depot.
- 6.3-3057 SD, 3097 HH, 3099 HH, 3103 HH, 3109 HH and ST 230/8 operated a rail replacement service between Southend and Rayleigh.
- 7.3-1304 SD observed at HH depot for a PSV test; 1800 CN noted on service 40A; 1801 CF noted on service 119.
- 8.3-3019 DE noted on service 311; 3074 BN noted on service 402; 3103 HH and 3109 HH operated an emergency rail replacement service between Leigh-on-Sea and Southend.
- 9.3-1800 CN observed on service 42; 1862 SE noted on service 321.
- 10.3-1745 SE noted on service 310; 1810 BD noted on service 251; 1862 SE noted on service 70A.
- 11.3-1543 PL (P) (but subsequently BS (P)) noted on services 2, 29A and 29B.
- 12.3-1200 DE observed on service 88; 3111 CF (in National Holidays livery) noted on a rail replacement service from Chelmsford to Shenfield.
- 13.3-3109 HH and ST 231 noted at Hockley on a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Southend.
- 14.3-1216 CR noted at Clacton on private hire work; 1302 CF operated on loan to SE, whilst 1409 SE was on loan to MN; 1549 CF noted on service 31; 1930 BE (on loan to SE) noted on service 335; 3095 CR observed on service 91.
- 15.3-1534 PL (P) noted on services 31 and 31A; 1546 CF noted on service 31.
- 16.3-1548 CN, Colchester Transport 102 and Heddingham & District L100 all noted on private hire work at Clacton Swimming Pool; 4001 SD noted at the Marconi Social Club, Chelmsford on private hire work.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

A revised timetable was introduced on service 3 (Barnhall Estate-Greenstead Estate) from March 15th. The new timetable includes three additional return journeys between Osborne Street and Greenstead East (Hamlet Drive), and these journeys now provide an improved facility for a new industrial estate at Cowdray Avenue.

All double deck vehicles now carry a commemorative sign celebrating 100 years of municipal public transport (see also NS225). This is placed to the rear side of the destination blinds, although 75 (TPU 75R) carries the sign on both sides of the destination blinds. No further details are available regarding Colchester Transport's plans to repaint a vehicle in the former tram livery, as previously reported in NS225.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

Further to the information published in NS226, former vehicle 348 (WJN348J), which was sold to Rochford District Council, has been numbered 555 in the Rochford D.C. fleet. The vehicle has been repainted in a dark blue livery by Southend Transport and now carries gold lettering. It is understood that the vehicle will be used on a free bus service linking various parts of the Rochford District Council area with the Rochford leisure centre, but it was still at Southend Transport's London Road garage during mid-March.

General

As a correction to the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the various X1 service timetable changes it should be noted that the stop at Grays (Windsor Avenue) is now the first setting down point on journeys to London, and not the last picking up point. With effect from Monday, March 14th two additional X1 journeys have been introduced between Southend and Green Park; they are an 0600 hrs. journey from Southend to Green Park, with a return journey from

Green Park at 1725 hrs., and both journeys are at present scheduled for operation by Leyland Fleetline vehicles. These additional journeys operate on Mondays to Fridays only.

Leyland Leopard coach 208 (DTE208V) has now been repainted in the new X1 livery style and re-entered service on February 23rd. It is understood that no further repaints into this livery are planned at the present time, and at least until the three Van Hool Astromega double-deck coaches are delivered.

It should be noted that Daimler Fleetline 395 (JTD395P) does not at present carry an overall advertisement for ASDA (see NS227), although it is proposed that this vehicle will carry such an advertisement.

Similar vehicle 386 (JTD386P), which is used for driver training work, is at present being used by Southend Transport for tuition work at the Training Developments (Transport) Ltd. centre at Kelvedon.

It has recently been announced that Southend Transport's Deputy General Manager, Mr. Malcolm Howitt, has been appointed General Manager of the Cleveland Transit undertaking.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Initial Disposals

- 1403 (VHK176L) - Sold to Clacton Swimming Club, Clacton, 2/83.
1529 (LVX117J) - Sold to Gwent Probation & After Care Service, Pontypool, 2/83.

Subsequent Disposals

- 403 (AVX964B) - Still with Dotesio International, Winsley, 3/83, but out of use. (additional information to NS177).
9417 (HVV241H) - Still on premises of Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 3/83. (see also NS228).
420 (GVW982H) - Sold by Weaver and Best, Tredegar, 5/82.
9427 (LWC978J) - Still with Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 3/83. (see also NS225).
2343 (FJN 156) - Bellm's Cars of Yesterday Museum is at Sarasota, Florida, U.S.A. (correction to NS227).
2746 (E00 588) - Dealer, Hadleigh, 12/82; formerly Ford, Althorne, last reported as dealer, Ingham.
2796 (BVX672D) - Ridge Roadways, Lusaka, Zambia, date unknown, re-registered AAD 9325. (additional information to NS204).
2797 (BVX673B) - Crane Bus Service, Lusaka, Zambia, 2/82, re-registered AAE 8860. (additional information to NS218).
2801 (BVX677B) - Ridge Roadways, Lusaka, Zambia, 9/81, re-registered AAE 6544. (additional information to NS214).
2853 (OVX297D) - Withdrawn by Viking Safaris, London, W.C.2, by 5/82.
2874 (STW762D) - Delete disposal to Rev. D. Green. (see NS223).
2875 (STW763D) - Acquired by Argas Persicus (N-PSV), London, S.W.5, by 2/83.
2898 (WVX525F) - Fowler, Holbeach Drove, 12/82, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
2929 (AVW398F) - Fowler, Holbeach Drove, 12/82, ex. dealer, Sherburn.

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