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EDITORIAL

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This news sheet being the last before the festive season, the Committee would like to convey to all members the Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 1981. The Committee would also like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group, and in particular the News Sheet Editor would like to thank the management of the Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd. for their assistance in the preparation of news sheets, and also all members who have contributed information for the news sheets during 1980.

Annual General Meeting

The Group's sixteenth Annual General Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea on Saturday, January 17th, 1981 commencing at 1400 hrs. A full range of Group publications, photographs and other items will be on sale at this meeting and the room will be open from 1300 hrs. to enable members to purchase items before the meeting. Will members please note that the Group's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1980 will be available at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will welcome members' questions and suggestions at this meeting, so please come along.

New Colour Photographs

A new range of Group colour photographs will be available during January, and will be on sale firstly at the Annual General Meeting (see above).

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Epping/Brentwood/Basildon/Thurrock area dated December 1980 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 £0-25p each plus £0-30p postage and packing for each timetable. The additional postage cost is due to the larger size of this timetable; all other Essex County Council timetables are currently available at £0-25p each plus £0-20p postage (see General Circular E.C.5).

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New Vehicles

NIL

3084/5, which were listed in last month's news sheet, were delivered to Central Works on November 24th. Delivery dates for 3086-94 are not available at present. Of these vehicles, 3086 will be fitted with a Gardner 6LXC engine and not the 6LXB unit.

Withdrawn Vehicles

12.80	2804 (BVX680B)	2827 (JHK462C)	2928 (AVW397F)
	2809 (FWC427B)	2828 (KNO951C)	9002 (81 TVX)
	2812 (GNO788B)	2831 (KNO954C)	9003 (84 TVX)
	2814 (GNO790B)	2834 (LWC660C)	9006 (AVW401F)
	2816 (HEV994B)	2842 (MVX879C)	9007 (95 TVX)
	2819 (HEV997B)	2843 (MVX880C)	9008 (RHK347D)

Of the above vehicles it is understood that 2804/9/12/4/6/9/27/8/31/4/42 2928 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Grays, 2843 has been sold to Essex County Council and 9002/3/6-8 have been sold to G. Jones (t/a Carlton Metals Ltd.), Royston, Barnsley.

Vehicles on Order

Details of the 1981 vehicle programme are now available :

10 Bedford YMQ/Wadham Stringer 'midi-buses' (1050-9) - the registrations

for these vehicles have been reserved and will be TJN973-82W.

2 Leyland Leopard 11 metre coaches (bodywork not known at present) - (1300/1).

15 Bristol series 3 VRTSL6G double deckers with E.C.W. bodywork - (3095-3109).

3 Leyland B45 (Olympian) double deckers with E.C.W. bodywork - (4000-2).

1981 promises to be an extremely interesting year for new vehicles. The Bedford YMQ 'midi-buses' will create a great deal of interest and the Leyland B45's will represent the start of a new generation of double deckers. 1300/1 will be the first coaches delivered new to Eastern National since 1973. No Leyland Nationals are on order for 1981 marking a break in the delivery of this type which has entered the fleet on a regular basis since January 1973, and which now totals 230 vehicles (excluding 1703/6 which are no longer in the passenger fleet).

Allocations & Transfers

12.80 1203 DT-BD, 1503 CR-D/L (P), 1506 CN-D/L (P), 1508 CN-D/L (P), 1536 BE-CR, 1759 HD-BE, 2823 BN-D/L (P), 2833 BN-D/L (P), 2851 BN-D/L (P), 2854 BN-D/L (P), 2856 CF-D/L (P), 2857 CF-D/L (P), 2875 CF-D/L (P), 2901 SD-D/L (P), 2902 SD-D/L (P), 2945 SD (PLDS)-SD, 3012 SD-D/L, 3031 BE-CN, 3048 CN-SD, 3052 SD-HD, 3053 D/L-SD, 3077 D/L-CF, 3078 D/L-CF, 3079 D/L-CF, 3084 D/L, 3085 D/L.

In addition to the above transfers all of 2804/9/12/4/6/9/27/8/31/4/42/3 2928 were transferred from the D/L (P) allocation to the D/L (D) allocation prior to withdrawal.

December has seen the final demise of the manual gearbox Bristol FLF from the licensed fleet, together with a further two semi-automatic gearbox FLF's delicensed (2901/2). Three of the new VRT's have entered service, all at CF, replacing 2856/7/75. Following repairs to accident damage 1203 has been transferred from DT to BD, whilst the Golden Jubilee VRT has now moved to SD.

Vehicle Repaints

The Comapny has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks and this continues from the information published in NS200 :-

November : w/e 29.11.80-1401 at CW, 1550 at CW.

December : w/e 6.12.80-1733 at PL, 1739 at PL, 1748 at CW, 2927 at CW (ex. Tesco livery).
w/e 13.12.80-1707 at CW, 1740 at PL, 3021 at CW.

1401 PL has been repainted incorporating the new 'National Express' title in full on the front and sides of the vehicle. The word National is in red and blue and Express is white on a blue background. This new livery is to strengthen the National Express image in view of increased competition from other operators. 1400 PL is currently being repainted at Central Works in this new livery.

General

A new timetable leaflet has recently been published by the Company to advertise service 402. Entitled 'Take a trip on Service 402', the leaflet describes the route, timetable and fares for this limited-stop service.

The Company has also published details of its services for the Christmas and New Year (1980/1) holiday period, in a range of seven attractively designed leaflets covering Southend/Hadleigh, Basildon/Billericay, Chelmsford, Colchester/Clacton/Walton/Harwich/Braintree/Halstead/Silver End, Maldon, Bishops Stortford and Brentwood/Wood Green. On Christmas Eve a normal Wednesday service will be operated with certain evening service reductions with the addition of a Thursday or Friday service on routes which operate on those days only. There will be no service on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, whilst on December 27th a normal Saturday service will operate, except for certain of the long distance services, such as 11, 151, 251 and 400, where a Sunday service will be operated together with routes in the Southend/Hadleigh area which will also have a Sunday service. Certain other routes such as 2 and 19 will not be operated. Generally normal services will operate from December 28th-31st, except for a Saturday service on certain routes, chiefly in the Southend/Hadleigh area, on December 29th-31st. There will be no service on New Year's Day, whilst on January 2nd a normal service will be operated except in the Southend/Hadleigh area where a Saturday service will again be operated. Southend Transport will again be operating special services on Christmas Day (service 400 only), Boxing Day (services 1, 3, 4A, 7, 17, 22, 29 and 400) and New Year's Day (services 1, 3, 4A, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 17, 22, 23A, 24, 25A, 27, 29 and 251).

Service Revisions

Revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

Stage Services

12 - Mondays to Fridays -.1435 hrs. journey from Southend to Warners Bridge and return journey to be extended to and from Sutton Schools.
25B- This proposed new service (see NS192) will not now be introduced.
76 - An application has been made to operate a service from Colchester (Head Street) to Old Heath or Rowhedge (Heath Road) jointly with Colchester Borough Transport, and incorporating service 76. The joint service to Old Heath will be numbered 6, and the joint service to Rowhedge will be numbered 76. (If this application is granted Eastern National will be operating two services numbered 6, the other being from Southchurch to Eastwood in Southend).
82 - Saturdays - to withdraw four return journeys.
305 - To revise timetable.
306 - Journeys to operate via Berden and Little London.
309 - To revise timetable.
402 - Revised terminal to be London, Victoria (Eccleston Bridge) and revised route from Dartford to be via Crayford, Bexleyheath, Blackheath, Greenwich, Deptford, New Cross, Peckham and Kennington. Revised timetable and faretable. (This extended service was introduced from November 23rd, as scheduled, and is currently being operated by 1937-9 from Southend (SD) depot).
503-6 - To revise timetable.
507 - To revise timetable.

Express Services

125 (Southend - Great Yarmouth) - revised route in Great Yarmouth.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS200 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-
November 30th : 1513 at CR, 1516 at DT, 1700 at BS, 1718 at BN, 1730 at SD, 1771 at SE, 1804 at BD, 1827 at CN, 1850 at SD, 3018 at WG and 3033 at SD. 1775 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 1707 and 1829 were at Central Works on this date.
December 7th : 1516 at CN, 1708 at SD, 1718 at BN, 1827 at CN, 1860 at BD, 3019 at SD, 3029 at BS and 3033 at SD. 1819 was at Great Dunmow (oustation), 1209 was on private hire work and 1707 1815/29 were at Central Works on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan from Harwich (DT) during November were as follows :- 1.11-1519 replacing 3000, 1520 replacing 1521 and 1529 replacing 1532; 3.11-3000 returned from CN together with 1521, with 1203 going to CN for accident damage repairs (see NS200). 1203 was replaced at DT by 1402 from PL on 6.11, and this vehicle was still at DT during early December; 4.11-3003 replacing 3027, with 3027 returning on 5.11; 10.11-1526 replacing 1529 at DT and 1834 replacing 1901, with 1901 returning to DT on 11.11; 14.11-1769 replacing 1783, with 1783 returning to DT on 15.11; 17.11-1532 returned to DT from CN and replaced 1526; 18.11-Golden Jubilee VRT 3048 replaced 3027, with 3048 returning to CN on 19.11; 22.11-1203 returned to DT after repairs and replaced 1402 which moved to CN; 24.11-3003 replacing 3027 and 1519 replacing 1522; 25.11-1780 replacing 1781; 26.11-1208 failed at CR and was replaced by 1213 CR, 1522 returned to DT and replaced 1532 and 1781 also returned from CN. 1208 was at CR until early December and was hired to Grey-Green on 1.12; 27.11-1516 CF replacing 1522; 28.11-1826 replacing 1901; 29.11-3027 returned to DT and replaced 3003.

Other news from the Clacton and Harwich area is that 1501 has now returned to storage at CN following a repaint, and that 2383 D/L (P) received a mechanical inspection at CN during early December. 1522 DT was hired to British Rail on November 12th to replace a defective diesel-multiple unit on three early morning journeys from Harwich to Parkeston Quay, and return, and from Harwich to Manningtree.

Other details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :-
13.10-3022 CR noted at Hadleigh on the 0820 hrs. service 2 from Southend to Basildon - the operation of a CR vehicle by SD is an extremely rare occurence.
15.10-1404 SE noted operating for PL on a day excursion from Southend.
17.10-3018 CF noted on the 1805 hrs. service 400 from Southend to Kings Cross - this

journey ran non-stop from Southend to Hadleigh, with London bound passengers from intermediate stops being picked up a service 3 journey, worked by 2907 HH, and transferred at Hadleigh.
19.10-1209 CF noted on a day excursion from Southend - this vehicle was also seen on a number of other occasions in the Southend area and may have been on temporary loan to PL.
21.10-1530 BD noted with crew operation on service 251.
3069 WG noted on an evening service 25 journey.
30.10-1714 BN noted on service 21.
1821 HH noted on service 6.
1.11-1412 MN noted in Prittlewell (PL) depot.
4.11-1518 SD (PLDS) noted on the early evening service 402 journey to Dartford.
7.11-1804 CF noted on service 6 following a body dock and repaint at Prittlewell Works.
13.11-2900 HH noted on service 251.
21.11-1513 CF noted on service 11.
3018 CF noted on service 251.
24.11-2833 and 2851 BN noted on temporary loan to CF, with 3078 at CF depot being prepared for service.
25.11-3073 SD noted on service 11.
30.11-3048 newly allocated to SD from CN noted on service 11. Whilst at SD 3048 has carried the usual red depot allocation plates which have contrasted with the green fleet number plate.
1.12-3077-9 all noted in service from CF.
9.12-1514 SD noted on service 36.
10.12-3055 SE noted on service 11.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

Colchester Transport have applied to the Traffic Commissioners for a number of major service revisions. The services affected are as follows :-

1/1A - certain journeys to operate via Harwich Road, Goring Road and Ipswich Road and be numbered 13.
2/A/B - revised timetables.
3/A - revised terminals to be Barnhall Estate and Greenstead Estate; service 3A to be withdrawn.
4/A - revised timetables.
5/A - revised timetables.
6/A - revised terminals to be Rowhedge/Old Heath and Colchester (Head Street) and service to be jointly operated with Eastern National service 76 (see above).
7/A and 8 - revised routes in Monkwick Estate and revised timetables.
9 - revised terminals to be Ipswich Road and Shrub End Estate/Lexden (Halstead Road Corner).
9A - existing service to be withdrawn, and replaced by new service 9A (Weekdays) from Ipswich Road to Home Farm.
10 - revised timetable.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicle

11.80 215 (MJN215F)

The remaining three 1965 Leyland PD3's (334/40/2) have also recently been delicensed and are now at the Tickfield Road works; they may be withdrawn in the near future. A similar vehicle from this batch, 341 (CJN441C), has recently been purchased by two Group members (S.D. Hagarty and R.W. Beesley) for preservation. Another recently withdrawn Southend vehicle, 314 (PHJ 953), has also been sold for preservation to the Eastern National Preservation Group.

General

Certain vehicles, including one saloon and one dual-purpose Leyland Leopard, are now carrying an orange broadside advertisement for the X1 limited-stop service.
Daimler Fleetline 393 has been painted as an overall advertisement for Beeves Jeans of Southend. It is mainly a red, white and blue advertisement and features a zip running all round the bus.
Three recent unusual workings have been Leyland Leopard 204 on service 21 on November 11th, and on service X1 on December 9th, and Leyland PD3 346 on service 16 also on December 9th. Two Daimler Fleetlines were also recently hired to Crown Coaches of Benfleet, 395 on November 1st and 377 on November 8th, for private hire work.

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EASTERN NATIONAL fleet allocation - December 1980, including transfers listed in this news sheet

Basildon (BN) : 1510/45/50/1/4 1704/9/11-7/23/32/6/8/40-2/6/55/63/7/72/6/86/9 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6-9/18/9/22/34 3065/7 3074/6 (70)

Bishops Stortford (BS) : 1000-4 1202 1533 1914/6 3005/36/41/7 (13)

Braintree (BE) : 1200/5 1542 1748/59/77 1813/57/63/82 1902/29/30/2 3004/43/6 3056/63 (19)

Brentwood (BD) : 1203/16/7 1517/24/30/1/5/40/3 1722/54/60/85/96/7 1809/10/23/37 1838-40/5/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 2906/16 3021 (35)

Chelmsford (CF) : 1209 1509/16/49 1718/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2/4/5/11/5/9/27 1829/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/85/97/9 1905/15 2884-91/6 2905/13/9/26 3019/29 3033/5/77-9 (59)

Clacton (CN) : 1210/4 1415/8/9 1519/20/3/6/7/9/53 1750/1/6/61/8/9/79/80/9/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 3003/31 (32)

Colchester (CR) : 1100-3 1207/13/5 1414 1505/7/12/28/36 1724/90/3 1816/28/65 1872/88/92 1923/8/35/6 3001/11/7/22/3/32/50 (33)

Hadleigh (HH) : 1537/8/41/6 1719/25/6/33/7/9/43/53/7/65/84 1817/21/35/64/71/90 1900/25 2897/9 2900/7/9/10/22/4/5/43/4 3014/20/45/60/1 (39)

Halstead (HD) : 1206 1405 1544 1702 1924/6 3052/8/9/66 (10)

Harwich (DT) : 1204/8 1521/2/32 1781/3 1901/20 3000/27 (11)

Maldon (MN) : 1201/12 1403/12/3 1525/39 1728/58/64 1806/31/3 1921/7/31 3015/30/8/40/9/51 (22)

Prittlewell (PL) : 1400-2/6-11/6/7 (11)

Silver End (SE) : 1211 1404 1534 1727/31/45/9 1812/61/2 3037/9/55 (13)

Southend (SD) : 1547/8/52 1735/44/7/66/70/3/87/8/98/9 1807/14/36/68/73/5/93-5 1910/37-9 2892/3-5 2903/4/10/20/1/3/7/9-31/45/6 3007/8/10/3/6/24-6/8/34/42/8/53/4 3062/4/70-3 (62)

Wood Green (WG) : 2908/11/2/4/5/7 3057/69/75 (9)

Central Works Docking Spares (CF-CWDS) : 1513/5 1700-2/5/7/8/10 1824 1917 3002/18 (13)

Prittlewell Works Docking Spares (SD-PLDS) : 1514/8 1720/1/9 3006/9 (7)

Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L) : 3012/44/80-5 (8)

Delicensed Pool Vehicles (D/L (P)) : 1500-4/6/8/11 1608-10 2300-3/82-4 2823/33/41 2849/51/3/4/6/7/9/60/4/74/5/7/98 2901/2 (36)

Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D)) : 2804/9/12/4/6/9/27/8/31/4/42/3 2928 (13)

Notes - Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Great Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 dd omo, and Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 5 sd. 1707 and 1917 are accident pool vehicles.
The next full fleet allocation will be published in the April news sheet.

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

A shortage of space in recent news sheets has prevented the inclusion of a full allocation of those D/L (D) vehicles sold during September. This information is now published below and is correct to mid-September. Certain of the vehicles, such as 2771, were still at the Company's premises in early December.
PL-2752/3/74-6/95/7/8 2818/21/44 2940 9004 (Ensign) and 2379 (Eastern National Preservation Group); HD-2783/99 2825/37/52 (Ensign); SE-1451 2778/99/8 2824 (Ensign) and 1340 2936 (Eastern National Preservation Group); CR-2815 (Ensign); CW-2771 (Ensign); CN-1440/8 2784 2806 (Ensign); CF-2832 2939 (Ensign); BE-2781 2817 (Ensign); MN-1361 1434/5-7 2773/91 2813 (Ensign).

Recent observations of D/L (P) vehicles have been as follows :-
BN-2809; MN-1361 1434/45-7 2773/91 2813/4/56; CN (Wash Lane)-1503 2804/57/75 9002/3/6-8; CN-1506 2806; SE-1347 1610 2778 2834/43/59; CW-1608/9 2771; PL (Yard)-1423 2816/77.

Of the vehicles sold to Ensign Bus Co., Grays during November 2807 (BVX683B) has been moved to Ensign's Grays premises and was noted there in early December being cannibalised.

News Sheet Contributions

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