

EDITORIALMain Committee of the Group

At the seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group held in Southend on Saturday, January 30th, 1982, the existing Committee was re-elected to serve for the forthcoming year.

Group Photographs

Will members please note that the price of the Group's black and white photographs will be increased to £0-15p each from March 1st. The price of the Group's colour photographs will remain unchanged at £0-30p each.

The Group has produced a new range of black and white photographs for 1982, and a total of 286 new photographs are now available. These are listed in a new photograph list (Ref. E.C.7 (K)), and members who wish to obtain a copy of this list should send a large stamped addressed envelope direct to the Group's Photographs Officer (P.J. Snell Esq.) at 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4LH.

Revised Postage Rates

With immediate effect the following revisions to postage and packing charges for the supply of publications etc. will apply :-

orders up to £0-50p	- please add £0-15p
orders between £0-51p and £1-00p	- please add £0-20p
orders over £1-00p	- please add £0-25p

Revised postage and packing charges have also been introduced for photograph orders. The new rates are £0-15p on orders for up to and including 13 photographs, and a further £0-15p for every additional 13 photographs or part thereof.

As always any surplus money sent with orders will be refunded; if in doubt send a larger amount and a refund can be made for the surplus amount.

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :-

E.P.17 - List of Essex C.C./Chelmsford L.V.L.O. Registration
Numbers Used By Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd.

Price.....£0-15p plus £0-15p (postage)

This publication is available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ).

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Brentwood/Chelmsford/South Woodham Ferrers/Maldon area dated February 1982 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at £0-56p each (inclusive of postage and packing).

Southend Meeting - Illustrated Talk on Ensign Bus Company. Tuesday, March 9th.

The Group's March meeting will again feature a new event, an illustrated talk on the work of the Ensign Bus Company (EnsignBus) given by the Company's Managing Director, Peter Newman. The meeting is to be held on Tuesday, March 9th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.) in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, and it is hoped that a large number of members will attend to hear Peter Newman's talk. EnsignBus are now the country's leading bus dealers, and this talk will provide members with a rare opportunity to learn about the many varied aspects of the Company's work.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding recently withdrawn vehicles, the two Bristol RELH6G's (1608/10) have now been collected by the Gwent After Care Probationary Service. Bristol FLF6LX 2944, which has been sold to Essex County Council, remained at Hadleigh (HH) depot during late-January and early-February, and it has been reported that this vehicle has been acquired for conversion into a mobile youth centre.

Refurbished Vehicles

Work has now commenced on the refurbishment of two of the Plaxton-bodied Bristol RELH6G coaches. 1411 (X00880L) is currently at Central Works and work was well advanced by mid-February. This vehicle is expected to enter the paint shops towards the end of February, and work may be completed during March. 1406 (XVW631L) is now with Southdown Motor Services Ltd., and following the completion of that vehicle, 1407 and 1412 will be dispatched to Southdown (in that order).

Allocations & Transfers

The extensive service changes that were introduced during February resulted in a large number of vehicle allocations and transfers. These occurred in two stages on February 1st and February 14th and are listed below.

1.2.82 1514 MN-D/L (D), 1525 BS-D/L (D), 1531 ED-D/L (D), 1535 BD-D/L (D),
3006 LWA-BN, 3013 SD-D/L (D), 4002 LWA-SD.
14.2.82 1054 SE-DT, 1513 CF (DS)-D/L (D), 1516 CF-CF (DS), 1518 SD-PL (P),
1520 SD-PL (P), 1522 CF-PL (P), 1526 CR-D/L (D), 1527 DT-PL (P), 1541 CF-BS,
1543 BD-PL (P), 1545 DT-SE, 1547 SD-HH, 1718 CF-SD, 1724 CF-SD, 1727 SE-HH,
1731 SE-HH, 1777 BE-HH, 1781 DT-HH, 3006 BN-D/L (D), 3011 D/L (D)-SE,
3014 SD (DS)-BN, 3018 CF-PL (P), 3020 HH-CF, 3024 HH-SD (DS),
3025 SD-SD (DS), 3045 BE-BN, 3060 HH-SE, 3061 HH-DT.

It should be noted that the three Bristol VRTSL6G's (3006/45/7), which were re-licensed during January, were classified as Accident Pool Vehicles at their respective depots (3006 - BN from 1.2.82, 3045 - BE and 3047 - BN).

Of the vehicles listed above, 1518/20/2/7/43 and 3018 are in storage at Prittlewell, but they remain temporarily licensed as Pool vehicles to cover for any short-term requirement for additional vehicles. It is likely that these vehicles, together with a number of other older vehicles will be delicensed in the near future. Following the above vehicle transfers, Chelmsford (CF) now has only two Bristol RELH6G's (1516/49) in its vehicle allocation, whilst Hadleigh (HH) has had its double-deck vehicle allocation reduced in order to allow additional Leyland Nationals to be introduced on service 3. The transfer of 3014 and 3045 to BN was to allow duplicate service 400 journeys to be operated over the period of the recent rail strikes.

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 NS214 :-

January : w/e 9.1.82 - 1760 at CW.
w/e 16.1.82 - 1734 at CW, 1889 at CW.
w/e 23.1.82 - 1204 at CW, 1885 at CW.
w/e 30.1.82 - 1768 at CW, 3063 at CW.
February : w/e 6.2.82 - 1890 at CW, 1899 at CW.

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

The following allocations of delicensed vehicles were recorded as at late-January :-
Maldon (MN) - 1500/14/38, 2908, 3005/11/5.
Prittlewell (PL) - 1501/2/4/5/7/8/19/52, 2300/2/83/4, 2891/2/7, 2905/16/22/5,
3006-10/3/44/6, 9017/9.
Silver End (SE) - 1100/1/3, 1515/24.

General

Members may be interested to know of some recent workings by Heddingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. Bristol FLF6G's L101 and L102 (both ex-Eastern National) are regularly employed on schools services from Kelvedon to Coggeshall, whilst Bristol VRTLL6G L104 (also ex-Eastern National) was operated alongside Eastern National vehicles on service 88 (Halstead-Colchester) on six Saturdays prior to Christmas.

Service Developments

Extensive service revisions were introduced from Sunday, February 14th, and these affect services throughout the Company's area except in the Basildon and Southend areas. The Company has mounted an extensive publicity campaign to accompany the changes, and free timetable leaflets for individual services are available from local offices. A shortage of space prevents full analysis of the service changes in this news sheet; however, the principal changes in each area are listed below and may be used as a cross reference with the various applications previously listed in NS210-2/4. It should also be noted that the timetable leaflets published by the Company are dated for the week commencing Sunday, January 17th although the actual implementation date was not until the week commencing Sunday, February 14th.

Bishop's Stortford, Harlow and Saffron Walden area

- 58/B 59/A/B - Slightly revised timetables, with journeys via Hatfield Broad Oak numbered 58B and 59B.
- 70/A - Replaces existing services 326/7, with existing service 70 (Braintree - Colchester) slightly revised and linked to provide a through service to Colchester.
- 300 - Revised to operate as a circular route, outward via Hallingbury Road and return via Dunmow Road.
- 302 - Revised timetable.
- 307 - Withdrawn on Saturdays.
- 317/8 - Revised timetable.
- 333 - Withdrawn between Saffron Walden and Carver Barracks. Re-numbered 301 and re-timed between Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden.

There have also been minor timetable revisions to services 49/A, 301, 303, 304 and 309, and, in addition to the various timetable leaflets, the Company has also published a pocket timetable card for services to and from Stansted Airport.

Braintree, Halstead and Witham area

- 70/A - See above, and also Sunday journeys operating from Colchester to Notley Hospital via Braintree are numbered 70B.
- 88 - Slightly revised timetable, with some journeys re-numbered 88A to operate via Great Tey
- 315 - Slightly revised Saturday timetable. Lindsell-Braintree journeys are re-numbered 314.
- 320 - Service withdrawn, and replaced by services 335 and 353 operating via Stubbs Lane and Chelmer Road and Braintree District Council 'Countrycar' service to Vauxhall Drive on Wednesdays.
- 334 - Service withdrawn.
- 335 - Revised timetable and route change in Braintree (see above).
- 336 - Journeys all re-numbered 335.
- 337-340 - Witham town services : new pattern of services operating basically to an hourly frequency over a circular route (337) with additional schools services (338), Industrial Estate journeys (339) and one return journey to Ebenezer Close on Weekdays (340).

341 - Service withdrawn.

There have also been minor timetable revisions to services 53, 311, 316, 321, 325, 330, 331, 332, 344 and 345, together with a number of changes to 'Countrycar' services including a new Saturday service between Feering and Braintree via Kelvedon, Witham and Notley Hospital. Three new timetable leaflets are available for the revised 'Countrycar' services, whilst a separate Local Transport Guide for the Witham area has been published by Essex County Council and the Company, and this is being distributed to all houses in the Witham area.

Prentwood, Romford and Ongar area

- 32/A - Revised timetable.
- 34 - Now operates on Weekdays.
- 47 - Revised times for Moreton-Ongar journeys which will run additionally on Mondays and Thursdays.
- 226 - Minor timetable revisions with additional late Friday and Saturday evening journeys.
- 239/260 - Minor timetable revisions with service 260 operating to Warley (Eagle Way) instead of Woodman Road. Sunday journeys (260) now

operate from Warley to Ongar via Brentwood, Kelvedon Hatch and Blackmore.

- 261 - Minor timetable revisions, with Brentwood-Ongar shopping journeys now operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Sunday service withdrawn.
- 262 - Minor timetable revisions with additional evening journeys and an improved service from Bishops Hall Estate to Brentwood Station during peak periods.
- 270/1 - Revised timetable, with some journeys operating to and from Woodman Road replacing service 260 (see above).
- 272 - Service withdrawn.
- 273 - Service withdrawn.
- 460 - NEW SERVICE from Blackmore to Romford via Kelvedon Hatch and Pilgrims Hatch on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- 461 - Operates from Blackmore to Romford via Doddington on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Chelmsford area

- 35A - Revised timetable incorporating a new Tuesday and Friday afternoon journey from West Hanningfield to Chelmsford. A new afternoon journey to West Hanningfield is provided by extending a service 11A journey from Rettendon and this continues to Great Baddow (Marconi's Research Stn.).
- 40 - Now operates on Weekdays from Westlands Estate (Savernake Road) to Great Baddow (Kings Head or Marconi's Research Station).
- 41/A/B - Minor timetable revisions, with Sunday service withdrawn and replaced by new services 41C/44C (see below).
- 41C/44C - NEW SERVICES on Sundays only from Melbourne Farm Estate (Wicklow Avenue) to Galleywood (Keene Hall) via Duffield Road (41C) or Moulsham Lodge Estate and Galleywood Road (44C).
- 42 - Slightly revised timetable, with route extended to North Melbourne (Shopping Centre). A late evening service to North Melbourne is also now provided by extending service 44A/B journeys from Chignal Road.
- 44 - Now operates from North Melbourne (Shopping Centre) to Oaklands Park (Moulsham Drive) via Oliver Way and Woodhall Estate.
- 44A/B - Revised timetable, with Sunday service withdrawn and replaced by new services 41C/44C (see above).
- 44D - NEW SERVICE operating a circular route from High Street via St. Nazaire Road and North Avenue returning to High Street. This service operates on Mondays to Fridays and replaces part of service 44.
- 45 - Revised timetable, and now operates from Chelmsford (Bus Station) to Galleywood (Skinners Lane) only.
- 46 - Revised timetable.
- 48 - Revised timetable, with part of service re-routed and re-numbered 48A via Victoria Road and Springfield Road, and 48B via Springfield Road. Evening journeys have been withdrawn and replaced by the extension of service 56B journeys via Pump Lane, Cutch Mill Lane and Chelmer Village Way.
- 50/B - Existing services withdrawn, and replaced by new services 50 and 50A. Service 50 operates on Fridays only from Chelmsford (Bus Station) to Terling (Rayleigh Arms), and service 50A also operates on Fridays only between Chelmsford and Terling (via Great Leighs and Fuller Street). These services operate in a circular fashion, with one complete journey in each direction.
- 54/A - Revised timetable, with some journeys re-numbered 55 to operate via Bodmin Road.
- 55/A - Revised timetable, with an increased off-peak service.
- 56/A/B - Revised timetable, with some evening journeys re-numbered 56B and extended to Chelmer Village (see above).
- 57 - Service withdrawn.
- 58/A - Slightly revised timetable, with journeys via Roxwell Village now numbered 58A.
- 314 - Service withdrawn.

There have also been minor timetable revisions to services 11A, 33, 38, 43, 51B, 52, 350, 351, 353 and 452, and, in addition to the various timetable leaflets, the

Company has also published pocket timetable cards for services to and from Chelmer Village, North Springfield (Goldenacres) and North Springfield (New Bowers Way).

Colchester, Clacton and Harwich area

- 74/A - Revised timetable, with operation via Clacton Rail Station withdrawn and replaced by service 101. Some journeys now operate via Elmstead Heath and are numbered 74B.
- 78/A - Revised timetable.
- 79 - The majority of journeys have been withdrawn and replaced by service 80. Journeys re-routed via Crockleford.
- 80 - Some journeys have been re-routed via Crockleford and re-numbered 79 (see above), and Colchester-Harwich afternoon journeys have been revised in conjunction with service 103. Service 80A has been withdrawn.
- 82 - Now operates from Colchester to Fordham only.
- 83/A - NEW SERVICES operating a circular route from Colchester to Great Tey and return via Chappel Corner (83) outward or Marks Tey (83A) outward. These services replace service 82 journeys to Great Tey and provide a link from Great Tey and Marks Tey (Ashbury Drive) to and from Marks Tey Station.
- 88 - Slightly revised timetable, with some journeys re-numbered 88A to operate via Great Tey.
- 101 - Revised timetable and re-routed via Clacton Rail Station.
- 103/4 - Revised timetables.
- 106 - Revised timetable, with journeys via Tendring re-numbered 126.
- 120-122 - Harwich town services : revised timetables, with service 122 operating via Low Road Corner instead of service 121, and then via Abbott Road to Dovercourt (Tollgate) and Ramsey.
- 124 - NEW SERVICE (introduced on December 1st - see NS212/3) from Clacton (Bus Station) to Holland (Fleetwood Avenue) via Great Clacton on Tuesdays to Fridays.

There have also been minor timetable revisions to services 73/A, 87/A, 91/A, 102, 105, 103/9, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 119. The Company has also published a new timetable booklet for the Tendring Area bus services, and this contains details of the changes to services 79, 80, 104, 105, 106 and 126.

Basildon area

The only service revisions to have been introduced in the Basildon area have been as follows :-

- 229 - Additional journeys introduced on Weekdays from Monday, February 15th between Basildon (Bus Station) and Noak Bridge Estate.
- 259 - One journey on Schooldays re-routed from Nicholas' School via Laindon (Newlands End and Shopping Centre) to Basildon (Bus Station), and also introduced from Monday, February 15th.

Additionally, two minor timetable changes and route changes were introduced on service 232, also from Monday, February 15th.

Southend area

The only service revision introduced in the Southend area has been a minor timetable change to certain morning journeys on service 28 in order to provide improved train connections at South Benfleet Rail Station. This revision was also introduced from Monday, February 15th.

New editions of the timetable leaflets for services 400 and 402 have also been incorporating details of the revised fares introduced on January 3rd.

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

- 47 - Revised turning point at Marden Ash.
- 70/B - Revised Sunday timetable, with revised route for service 70B in Braintree.
- 103 - Sundays : three journeys to be withdrawn, and replaced by three new journeys.
- 106 - Weekdays : one journey from Great Oakley to Harwich to now commence at Wix, and operate as service 126 via Low Road Corner.
- 120 - Sundays : two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 123 - Revised timetable to co-ordinate with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd.

701 - Service to be extended in Saffron Walden to the Crocus P.H.

Other proposed revisions to stage services will involve minor timetable or route changes to services 20 (Mondays to Fridays), 126 (Weekdays), 229 (Weekdays - introduced from 15.2.82, see above), 232 (Mondays to Fridays - introduced from 15.2.82, see above), 259 (Schooldays - introduced from 15.2.82, see above) and 303 (Saturdays).

The Company has also applied for revised excursions and tours from Clacton-on-Sea (E.N. Coach Stand, Pier Avenue), Colchester (Bus Station), Great Dunmow (High Street), Halstead (E.N. Office, High Street), Harwich (Bus Station), Maldon (Bus Station), Southend (Victoria Bus Station) and Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station).

Details of some of this year's express service operations are also now available. Express services 119 (Bury St Edmunds-Basildon), 120 (Southend-Brighton) and 124 (Southend-Ramsgate) will all operate on Saturdays from May 22nd until October 2nd, with timetables unchanged from 1981. Express service 136 (Ipswich-Dymchurch) will operate from May 21st/22nd until October 1st/2nd, also with a timetable unchanged from 1981. The Company is proposing to suspend the operation of express service 123 (Colchester/Southend-Portsmouth) this year.

Leaflets outlining the range of Spring excursions are now available from Company offices. They have an attractive cover featuring Bristol RELH6G 1404 (VHK177L), and amongst the many excursions being offered are visits to Birmingham, Coventry, Milton Keynes and Oxford.

Temporary Loans

Routine loans of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles to other depots during February have included 1549 (BS) and 1917 (BN). 1860 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on February 14th. The reference to 1917 at CN in last month's news sheet should have read CR.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during January were 1050, 1520/3/9/37, 1780, 1826, 1911 and 3003/31. During January two temporary loans of vehicles from DT to CR also occurred; 1523 CN was loaned from January 19th and 1545 DT was loaned from January 26th-29th.

A member from the Clacton area has also supplied some details of recent workings in that area, and these are briefly summarised below :-

- 13.1-1527 DT on services 110/1, 1783 DT on service 102 and 3000 DT on service 115.
- 14.1-1527 DT on services 110 and 119, 1554 DT on service 106 and 3000 DT on service 74.
On this date 1527 failed while operating service 119, and was replaced by 1510 MN which worked on loan to CN.
- 15.1-1901/20 (both DT) noted on loan to CN.
- 16.1-1527 DT on service 113 and 1901 DT on service 119.
- 18.1-1554 DT on service 102 and 1901 DT on service 74.
- 19.1-1545 DT on services 111/2.
- 25.1-1417 SD noted on loan to CN.
- 27.1-1553 CN was at Central Works on this date, and 1781 DT was noted on service 119.
- 28.1-3000 DT noted on services 74 and 113.
- 29.1-1901 DT noted on services 108/9.

Unusual Workings

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

- 12.12-1521 CR replaced Eastern Counties RL667, which had a flat tyre, on the 1335 hrs. service 207 journey from Colchester to Ipswich and the 1635 hrs. service 208 journey from Ipswich to Colchester. 1527 DT operated the 1435 hrs. journey on service 123 from Ipswich to Clacton instead of the more usual Leyland National.
- 18.12-1210 CR operated service 472 from Kelvedon to Ipswich and return.
- 23.12-3027 DT noted on the 1003 hrs. service 119 journey from Maldon to Clacton.
- 24.12-1913 BD noted on service 251; Southend Transport 204 noted on services 4C and 4.
- 30.12-1054 SE noted on the 2135 hrs. service 53 journey from Colchester to Chelmsford; 1517 CR noted on service 81 (Mile End-Layer Road).
- 2.1-1542 BE noted on the 1405 hrs. service 70 journey from Colchester to Braintree
- 15.1-1783 DT and 1826 CN operated an emergency rail service from Harwich to Colchester.
- 16.1-1206 HD noted on services 88 and 329.

- 18.1-3074 BN noted on service 234.
 20.1-1917 CF noted on service 233, 3047 BN noted on service 234.
 22.1-Southend Transport 358/74/5/80 were noted on a rail replacement service between Wickford and Basildon.
 25.1-1400 SE noted on express service 109, Southend Transport 230/41 were noted on a rail replacement service between Wickford and Southminster.
 27.1-1937 SD noted on service 251, Southend Transport 223 also noted on the 0950 hrs. service 251 journey from Southend, and it worked as far as Rawreth.
 28.1-3125 MN noted on the ASDA Rochford-South Woodham Ferrers service.
 29.1-1723 BN noted on service 400, Southend Transport 222 and 382 noted on a rail replacement service between Wickford and Basildon, and 358 noted on a similar service between Benfleet and Rayleigh.
 30.1-1202 BS noted on services 47 and 49, and also noted laying over between journeys at London Country's Harlow (HA) garage.
 2.2-1770 SD noted on service 19, 3035 CF noted on the ASDA Wickford-South Woodham Ferrers service, Southend Transport 227/30/4 were noted on a rail replacement service between Wickford and Southminster.
 3.2-1810 BD noted on service 251.
 4.2-1788 SD noted on service 11A, 3014 SD noted at Hadleigh (HH) depot and also on a duplicate service 400 journey, 3106 CF noted on the ASDA Wickford-South Woodham Ferrers service, 9021 BN noted at Rayleigh.
 8.2-1737 HH noted on service 5B (special schools journey), 3099 noted on service 5A (special schools journey) and 3103 HH noted on service 5B (special schools journey).
 10.2-1404/9/17 (all SD), 3014 SD, 3024 HH, 3034 SD, 3045 BE and Southend Transport 226/31/2/7/40/1 388/91 all operated a rail replacement service from Southend to Shenfield, 3102 HH noted on service 5D and 3103 HH noted on service 5C (both special schools journeys).
 11.2-1734 HH noted on service 5B, 3045 EE noted on a duplicate service 400 journey, 3099 HH noted on service 5C and 3117 HH noted on service 5A.
 12.2-3045 BE noted on a rail replacement service from Southend to Shenfield, 3120 BN noted on a similar service from Wickford to Southend.
 14.2-1777 HH noted parked in Hadleigh (HH) depot without destination blinds.
 15.2-1400 SE noted on express service 109, 1522 CF noted parked in SD depot, 1781 HH noted on service 3A, 4000 SD noted on service 11A - the Leyland Olympians are now able to operate under Dattlesbridge and Chelmsford railway bridges following an earlier restriction on their operation under these bridges.
 16.2-3070 SD noted on service 25A, 4002 noted on a duplicate service 400 journey from Kings Cross at 1830 hrs.
 17.2-3029 BN noted on service 232. - - - - -

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

Colchester Transport continued to undertake a number of private hire workings during the recent series of rail strikes. On January 21st/27th/28th and February 3rd/4th Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) was noted at Chadwell Heath heading from Central London towards Colchester, whilst similar vehicle 101 was noted at Ilford on February 9th also heading towards Colchester. Perhaps more interesting was the use of Bristol RELL6L 23 (OWC723M) on February 11th, which was also noted at Ilford.

An extremely interesting working also occurred on February 14th, when Leyland Leopard coach 101 (DHK101T) was noted at Victoria Coach Station duplicating National Express service 084 journeys. - - - - -

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

9	DHK209X	Leyland TRCTL11/2R	8101420	Duple Dominant II C51F + 17	134/5231
10	DHK210X	Leyland TRCTL11/2R	8101434	Duple Dominant II C51F + 17	134/5232

These long awaited Leyland Tiger coaches were delivered during early-February, and they have already entered service. They are finished in coach livery (light and dark blue) and incorporate fully automatic transmission together with sliding windows. They are

also only the third and fourth 36 feet long Leyland Tigers to have been constructed, and they represent the first examples of this type of vehicle with a municipal operator. It will be noted that they carry Chelmsford L.V.L.O. registrations, and they are the first vehicles to carry a former Essex (i.e. not Southend C.D.C.) registration mark since Daimler CWA6 246 (JWV 561), which was acquired from Eastern National in 1955.

General

The main news this month concerns the X1 service, and a London Bus Agreement (which is the equivalent of a road service licence) has now been granted for this service. A revised list of picking up and setting down restrictions are now in force, and these are fully set out in a new timetable leaflet for the X1 service, which took effect from Saturday, January 16th.

The recent series of rail strikes resulted in the continued operation of many duplicate vehicles on the 0630 hrs. and 0830 hrs. departures from Southend on the X1 service, and on the 1440 hrs., 1640 hrs. and 1840 hrs. journeys from Aldgate. The general pattern of operation was for four or five duplicate vehicles to operate the 0630 hrs. departure from Southend leaving five minutes in advance of the normal service vehicle, including one vehicle which started from Basildon (Timberlog Lane) at 0657 hrs. A final duplicate vehicle then normally followed the normal service vehicle from Southend. The 0830 hrs. departure from Southend was normally duplicated by one or two vehicles, and all of these morning journeys operated to Hammersmith, unless they were empty before that point. During the day the duplicate vehicles parked at West Ham, and they then returned to Southend mainly on the 1640 hrs. departure from Aldgate with four or five duplicate vehicles, including one which started at Green Park station at 1620 hrs. and a further one or two vehicles which left Aldgate in advance of the normal service vehicle as soon as they were full. The 1840 hrs. departure from Aldgate was duplicated by one vehicle, and the 1440 hrs. departure was also duplicated by one vehicle on certain days. For the record, the following vehicles operated these duplicate journeys during this period :-
27.1-232/3/5/6/8/9; 28.1-232/3/5/8/9/42; 29.1-232/8/9/42; 3.2-231/2/4/5/6/7/9/41;
4.2-231/2/3/4/7/9/40/1; 9.2-231/2/3/5/6/7/8/40/1; 11.2-231/2/3/5/6/7/8/40/1/2, with 239 covering for a failed Reading Transport vehicle on this date.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS214).

- 403 (AVX964B) - Went to Green, Weymouth, -/77, before passing to Bailey, Biddisham, 5/77. (additional information to NS164).
- 1212 (WVX 445) - Withdrawn by Silcox, Pembroke Dock, 109, 1/77, to unknown scrapyard, -/77.
- 1360 (OWC 609) - Still with Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 11/81.
- 1410 (2735 VX) - Withdrawn by Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 6/81, and thence for scrap.
- 2872 (RWC944D) - Durber, Tunstall, 11/81, ex. Byley Garage, Byley.
- ?? (??) - Ribble Motor Services Ltd., Preston have obtained a Leyland Lion chassis, thought to have originated with Eastern National, to assist in the restoration of ex. Ribble Leyland Lion CK 3825.

A large number of former Eastern National vehicles were still present at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet during mid-February. The vehicles concerned were :-

- 2752 (JWC 712), 2775 (988 K00), 2776 (989 K00), 2783 (934 LWC), 2798 (EVX674B), 2799 (EVX675B), 2804 (LVX680B), 2809 (FWC427B), 2812 (GN0788B), 2815 (GN0791B), 2816 (HEV994D), 2818 (HEV996B), 2823 (JHK455C), 2825 (JHK460C), 2842 (MVX879C), 2844 (MVX881C), 2859 (RHK344D), 2885 (WNO973F), 2886 (WNO974F), 2926 (AEV820F) and 2940 (KN0949C).

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