

EDITORIALPublication of news sheet

We regret the late publication of this news sheet, which was due to a recent vacation by the Sectreary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1967

For many members who joined the Group during the later part of the year this will be the last news sheet that you will receive under your present subscription. Members wishing to renew their subscription (7/6d. per annum) should do so as soon as possible, please. Postal Orders should be 'crossed' and made payable to the Group.

Depot Directory

This publication is now almost completed, but before it can be published one item of information is still required. As members may be aware the Kelvedon by-pass is now open and the old A12 through the town has been renumbered B----, as soon as a number is allocated to this road could it be reported please.

Southport Corporation Commemorative Brochure

This brochure published by the undertaking on the occasion of the Southport County Borough Centenary, with many photographs of vehicles past and present, a fleet list, and a list of routes is priced at 3/-d. (post free). Copies may be obtained from the Transport Department at 1, Eastbank Street, Southport, Lancs.

STERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.67	2237(1309,CJN 324)	2246(1318,ONO 51)	2253(1325,DHJ 610)
	2238(1310,CJN 325)	2247(1319,ONO 52)	2265(1337,ONO 69)
	2245(1317,NNO 105)		

Allocations & Transfers

6.67 318-CP, 320-BD, 325-CN, 327-BE, 348-BD, 354-CP, 355-CP, 357-Norwich, 359-BD, 363-CP, 402-SD, 1227-BM, 1228-BD, 1231-BD, 1245-CN, 1246-CN, 1247-CF, 1300-CF, 1307-CN, 1354-BD, 1404-CF, 1414-CN, 1428-CF, 1431-SD, 1600-CN, 2262-CN, 2264-CN, 2266-CN, 2302-BD, 2357-CN, 2359-CN, 2364-CN, 2365-CN, 2379-CN, 2382-SD, 2384-SD, 2440-CN, 2479-CF.

1307 has now returned to service after being extensively damaged several months ago. It has been completely repaired and equipped with a new T-type destination indicator.

2 is at present on loan to Southend Corporation Transport.

Additional vehicles for use on extended tours are as follows:

318/20/1/8/48/54/5/7/9/63, 1600

Making a grand total of 28.

These are allocated as follows:

CP(Central Pool) - 9, CN - 6, HD - 5, BD - 4, SD - 3, Norwich - 1.
(E.C.O.C.)

Service Revisions

A new express service applied for recently is:

LONDON(Victoria Coach Station) - WALTON(E.N. Bus Station).

Via Kings Cross, Ilford, Newbury Park, Romford(Gallows Corner), Harold Hill, Chelmsford, Colchester and Clacton. There are also certain direct routes for relief vehicles.

For economy of operation interchange of passengers may take place at Kings Cross (E.N. Coach Station) with Eastern National (Southend - London), and Bury St. Edmunds - London) services.

The service will be jointly operated with Suttons of Clacton and Grey Green and has been introduced to avoid present unnecessary duplication of certain journeys.

Other revisions applied for are as below:

X10 An additional picking-up point is to be at Lea Bridge Road, junction with Upper Clapton Road.

- 27 Revised route to be as authorised to Pound Lane, thence Burntmills Road, Eastmayne, Nevendon Road, High Street and Station Approach. (This is necessary due to the closure of the gap in the Southend Arterial Road at North Benfleet 'Harrows'.

General

A new timetable was introduced on 28th, May 1967. Several modifications have been made to the timetable including a clearer style of route map. The 'Index to Places Served' is again included (it was deleted in the last issue), and reference to Southend & District services have been deleted from the main body of the timetable and now only appear in the 'Index to Services'. Service revisions introduced with the new timetable are:

- 2C Saturday service introduced between Hadleigh and Vange.
- 11E Renumbered 311/411/419 and generally revised. (q.v.)
- 39 Withdrawn. (Partially covered by new service 31C).
- 53E Renumbered 411/419/453 and generally revised, (q.v.)
- 232 Revised to operate: Pitsea(station) - North Benfleet.
- 233 New Service: North Benfleet(Harrows) - Brock Hill.

The revisions to service 232 was caused by the closure of the gap in the Southend Arterial Road at North Benfleet 'Harrows'.

- 235 Withdrawn.

- 351/2 Renumbered 331/2.

In addition all services previously serving Basildon(Town Centre) now start from Basildon (Bus Station).

New limited stop services introduced are as below:

- 311 Southend - Chelmsford - Braintree. (previously journeys on services 11E/311).
- 411/9 Southend - Chelmsford - Colchester - Clacton - Walton.
 411 via A'resford (previously 11E/53E)
 419 via Frating (" ")
- 453 Tilbury Ferry - Chelmsford - Colchester - Clacton - Walton.
 (previously 53E).

All these services operate on Monday to Friday and Sunday, 411 also operates on Saturday-between Chelmsford and Southend only.

These express services are operated by MW duap purpose vehicles fitted with special blue destination blinds and reversible clip-on blue boards, bearing 'Limited Stop' in white letters carried in the cream band in the position normally occupied by the Company fleetname.

The application for increased fares detailed in our April news sheet has been granted and will commence on July 2nd. The half fare for children condition will only apply for journeys in excess of 2.9 miles.

Vehicles are still retaining their top cream bands, with black lining out, after repaints.

On Derby day open-top services 67/68 at Southend were maintained by Eastern National saloons and Southend Corporation Leyland PD2's.

The prototype new Bristol single decker (type HL) was noted in the Eastern National Coach Station at Kings Cross recently.

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Fleet Changes

- 6.67 Licensed : T307, 440, 543.

The complete fleet is now licensed.