

EDITORIAL

Subscription Renewals - July 1983

Members whose subscription expires with this news sheet, and who have not yet renewed for 1983-84, are reminded that their subscriptions are now due. A green renewal advice was sent with last month's news sheet and this should be returned, with the appropriate remittance, to the Membership Secretary as soon as possible. Members who do not renew their subscriptions will not receive a copy of the July news sheet.

Weekend Coach Tour to South Wales - Friday, August 26th to Monday, August 29th.

A booking form for this tour is enclosed, and members will note the full programme of visits that is included in the itinerary. Please support this tour; the fare is very reasonable indeed and includes three nights in high class hotels and all coach travel. Please book early as numbers will be limited.

London Transport Golden Jubilee Rally, Chiswick Works - Saturday, July 2nd and Sunday, July 3rd.

The London Transport Golden Jubilee Rally is being held at Chiswick Works on July 2nd/3rd, and the railway works at Acton will also be open on these dates. The Group's Sales Stand will be at Chiswick on both days, and our complete range of sales items will be available. The admission charge to the rally will be £1.00.

London Transport North Street (Romford) Garage Open Day - Saturday, July 16th.

The Group will have a sales stand at this event, which is open from 1000 hrs. until 1600 hrs. Admission is free and added attractions include free bus rides around Romford, displays of vehicles, bus washing machine rides, so come along for an interesting and cheap day out.

Essex Explorer Coach Tour - Saturday, July 9th.

Members are invited to participate in this tour, organised by the M&D and East Kent Bus Club. Included in the itinerary are a number of independent operators, Avro, Orsett; Audawn, Corringham; S & M, South Benfleet; Dordabus, Abridge; Golden Boy, Roydon. A visit to Southend Transport will also be undertaken. The fare is £4.50 and the Essex picking up point is Grays Railway Station at 1020 hrs. Bookings should be sent to : 'Bus Club Trips', 38. Bishops Oak Ride, Tonbridge, Kent. TN10 3PB. Please note that due to holidays, bookings will not be acknowledged until after July 3rd.

New Publication

The Group has published a 1983 supplement to the 1982 edition of the Eastern National Fleet List Booklet (E.F.B.). The supplement lists details of recent changes in the Eastern National, Colchester and Southend fleets, and copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.) at £0.25 each inclusive of postage and packing.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Braintree/Dunmow/Witham/Halstead area (Area 3) dated May 1983 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at £0.56 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

Southdown Fleet List Booklet - 1983 Edition

Members are asked to note the publication of the 1983 edition of the Southdown Enthusiasts Club fleetbook. Priced at £0.80, it includes details of Southdown vehicles, with allocations, and the municipal fleets of Brighton, Eastbourne and Portsmouth. Copies may be obtained from The Southdown Enthusiasts Club at 27. Coleridge Crescent, Goring by Sea, Worthing, West Sussex. BN12 6LU. Please add an appropriate amount for postage and packing.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.83	1405 (VHK178L)	1516 (FWC439H)
	1504 (CVW858G)	1517 (FWC440H)
	1510 (FVX612H)	1520 (HTW178H)
	1511 (FVX613H)	1521 (HTW179H)
	1512 (FVX614H)	1522 (KHK414J)

Additional information regarding the new owners of these vehicles is included under Initial Disposals on page 3.

Allocations & Transfers

6.83 1054 LWA-DT, 1200 BE-D/L, 1201 MN-D/L, 1202 DT-D/L, 1203 BD-D/L, 1204 SD-D/L, 1205 BE-D/L, 1206 HD-D/L, 1207 CR-D/L, 1208 CF-D/L, 1209 CF-D/L, 1210 CR-D/L, 1211 SE-D/L, 1213 BD-BE, 1215 CR-DT, 1216 SD-BE, 1534 PL (P)-CN (P), 1547 PL (P)-CR (P), 1747 SD-D/L.

It should also be noted that 2303/4 are both currently licensed as Private vehicles, and 2384 was present at the Southend Historic Transport Rally (June 5th), and also at the Essex Show (on hire to Essex Radio) (June 18th). 3014/8/47 (all PL (P)) have been noted in service on several occasions during recent weeks, with 3014/8 being used at SD and 3047 at BE.

The first batch of Bedford YMT dual-purpose vehicles (1200-11) have now been delicensed, prior to their withdrawal from the fleet. These vehicles are currently passing through Central Works for mechanical and body attention, including a full repaint (but without fleetnames etc.), and they will then be stored at Prittlewell (P). 1203 was the first vehicle to enter Central Works, being followed by 1204, but certain other vehicles from this batch, including 1201/9/10, did remain in service at least until mid-June.

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 NS230 :-

May : w/e 21.5.83 - 1909 at CW.
w/e 28.5.83 - 3054 at CW (Air UK overall advertisement livery).
June : w/e 4.6.83 - 1915 at CW, 1927 at CW.
w/e 11.6.83 - No vehicles repainted.
w/e 18.6.83 - 1912 at CW.

Full details of the repaint programme for Bedford YMT's 1200-11 are not available, although 1203/4 were repainted at Central Works during June.

It should also be noted that the two Bristol VRT's that carry National Holidays overall advertising livery (3064, 3111), are painted in the latest style of National Holidays livery with a yellow roof, red skirt and white side panels and incorporating various coloured advertisements. Signwriting for the Air UK overall advertisement vehicle (3054) was completed during early June, and the vehicle returned to SD on June 15th. The livery is basically white at the front and blue towards the rear, in a similar style to the livery carried by that company's aircraft.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during May were 1793, 3030 and 3050. Additionally, 1550 CN operated on loan from May 17th to May 26th, whilst 2200 CF also operated two private hire journeys from DT on May 19th (Chessington Zoo) and May 25th (Woburn Abbey).

DT vehicles are also now operating British Rail contract services between Harwich and Parkeston Quay on a regular basis. The regular vehicle has been 3045 DT (P), but other vehicles used during May and early June included 1202, 1419, 1780 CN, 1901 and 1920.

Service Developments

The Company has applied for a number of revisions to stage and express services, and brief details of these proposed changes are listed below :-

31/D - Revised Sunday timetable.

34 - Revised route via Willingale, and operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (introduced from June 21st).

- 34A - Revised route via Willingale, and operates on Weekdays (introduced from June 20th).
- 43 - To place a special condition on this licence concerning operation of the Chelmsford 'Park and Ride' service to/from Rectory Lane Car Park, with two alternative routes in Chelmsford Town Centre, and service to operate approximately every 15 minutes between 0930 hrs. and 1800 hrs. according to traffic conditions on those days when the 'Park and Ride' scheme is in operation.
- 47 - The High House Estate-Ongar section now operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only (and introduced from June 21st).
- 47A - NEW SERVICE to operate on Mondays and Fridays on a circular route to/from Harlow (Bus Station) via Matching Green, Moreeton, Toot Hill, Epping and Epping Green. No passengers will be carried locally between Toot Hill and Epping, and this service was introduced from June 20th.
- 47B - NEW SERVICE to operate on Wednesdays only on a circular route to/from Harlow (Bus Station) via Matching Green, Moreeton, Fyfield, Willingale and Abbess Roding (and introduced from June 22nd).
- 96A - Revised Sunday timetable (to maintain connections with services 31/D).
- 102 - Revised timetable.
- 110 - Revised timetable, and revised route via Cloes Lane, St. John's Road, Cottage Grove, Constable Avenue and St. John's Road.
- 113 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change (and introduced from June 27th).
- 114 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes (and introduced from June 27th).
- 117/8 - Revised timetable.
- 153 - Weekdays : seven additional journeys to be introduced to replace seven withdrawn journeys; Mondays to Fridays : one additional journey and three minor timetable changes to be introduced; Saturdays : one additional journey to be introduced.
- 154 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 300 - Revised timetable (introduced from June 20th).
- 301 - Slightly revised timetable, with one journey operating via Birchanger on Weekdays, one journey operating via Stansted (Maitland Road) on Weekdays and two journeys operating via Widdington on Thursdays (introduced from June 20th).
- 303 - Revised timetable (introduced from June 20th).
- 304 - Weekdays : one journey withdrawn; Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change; Saturdays : one minor timetable change, and these revisions were introduced from June 20th.
- 308 - NEW SERVICE to operate on Weekdays between North Thorley (The Firs) and Bishop's Stortford (Heath Row, Manston Drive) (introduced from June 20th).
- 309 - Revised timetable (introduced from June 20th).
- 317 - Revised terminals to be Bishop's Stortford (Station Road) and Henham (Old School House) and service to operate on Weekdays via Takeley, Molehill Green and Elsenham (correction to NS230), and these revisions were introduced from June 20th.
- 318 - Revised terminals to be Bishop's Stortford (Station Road) and Thaxted (Bardfield End Green), with revised timetable including additional journeys (and introduced from June 23rd).
- 331/2 - Revised running times introduced on certain journeys (from June 27th).
- 512/3 - Services to be incorporated in the main licence for services 510.
- 804 - Revised timetable to incorporate Eastline journeys of Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. (see also below).

Service 302 (Bishop's Stortford-Carver Barracks) was withdrawn after operation on June 18th.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, notification has been made of the following express services which will be operated under Section 2 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act, 1981 :-

- 180 - Ipswich (Old Cattle Market) - Bournemouth (Holdenhurst Road Coach Stn.) via Romford, with feeder services from Becontree and Waltham Cross

to Bournemouth. This service operates on Saturdays and Sundays from May 28th to September 24th.

- 181 - Romford (St. Edwards Way) - Weymouth (Edward Street Bus Station) on Saturdays from May 28th to September 24th.
- 182 - Ipswich (Old Cattle Market) - Brixham (Bank Lane) and Becontree (Wood Lane, Heath Garage) - Paignton (Central Bus Station) on Saturdays from May 28th to September 17th.
- 183 - Romford (St. Edwards Way) - Exeter (Paris Street Coach Station) on Saturdays from May 28th to September 17th.
- 184 - Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Minehead (Butlin's Camp) on Saturdays from May 28th to September 24th.
- 185 - Romford (St. Edwards Way) - Barry (Butlin's Camp) on Saturdays from May 28th to September 17th.

These services are all jointly operated with T. Cowie PLC (t/a Grey-Green Coaches), and are marketed under the 'Western Holidaymaker' title.

Other proposed revisions to express services are as follows :-

- 109 - Revised timetable, including Daily operation of the 0600 hrs. journey from Southend and the 0900 hrs. journey from London. This licence is held by National Travel (West) Ltd. - South West Area, Cheltenham.
- 137 - Revised terminals to be Catford (Rushey Green Coach Station) and Great Yarmouth (Beach Coach Station), with minor route revisions, revised picking up points and revised timetable.
- 138 - Revised terminals to be East Croydon (Dingwall Road Coach Station) and Walton-on-Naze (Rail Station Coach Park) or Catford (Rushey Green Coach Station) and Dovercourt (Caravan Park). This service will operate on Saturdays only during the Summer period, with a revised timetable.

The Company has surrendered its licences for express services from Southend to Portsmouth (130), Maidstone/Gillingham to Walton-on-Naze (132) and Westwood to Walton-on-Naze (133).

The Company has also applied to introduce two additional excursions from Harwich (Bus Station) to Cavendish and Cavendish Manor Vineyards and to the Essex Show, together with a minor variation to the picking up point at Dovercourt (Memorial) and with the introduction of an additional picking up point at Little Oakley (Cherry Tree P.H.) on certain excursions.

The Company has introduced a number of service revisions during recent weeks and brief details are as follows :- 25 - 20.6.83 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays); 58B - 20.6.83 (NS230); 59A - 20.6.83 (NS230); 113 - 29.5.83 (NS229); 251 - 29.5.83 (increased Summer Sunday timetable); 339 - 16.6.83 (three journeys withdrawn on Thursdays only); 340 - 13.6.83 (one additional journey introduced on Weekdays).

Following the introduction last Summer of three new 'Seaside Special' services (11E, 53E and 70E), details are now available of this Summer's programme of special services. Service 53E will operate this year from Brentwood to Walton-on-Naze on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 26th to August 25th and from Chelmsford (Broomfield Road) to Walton-on-Naze on Sundays from June 26th to September 4th. Service 70E will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Great Dunmow (Church End) to Walton-on-Naze from July 26th to August 25th and on Sundays from Great Dunmow (Parsonage Down) to Walton-on-Naze from June 26th to September 4th. Service 11E will not be operated this Summer, but two additional 'Countryside Special' services are being introduced as follows :-

- 88E (Colchester-Sudbury) via Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Castle Hedingham, Long Melford and Lavenham - to operate on Sundays only (June 26th, July 3rd/17th/31st, August 7th/21st/28th).
- 89E (Galleywood-Sudbury) via Chelmsford, Witham, Kelvedon, Coggeshall, Halstead, Sible Hedingham, Castle Hedingham, Long Melford and Lavenham - to operate on Sundays only on the same dates as service 88E.

Highwayman services 804 (Southend-Norwich) and 814 (Harwich/Little Clacton-Sheringham) were revised from June 20th to incorporate various Eastline journeys (also numbered 804/14) being operated by Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. The Eastern Counties journeys are from Cromer to Southend and return on Wednesdays and Fridays (804) and from Cromer to Clacton and return on Tuesdays and Thursdays (814), and they will operate over the Summer period to September 24th.

Historical Note

With the above service revisions, new service 47A is introduced and Eastern National now serve Epping once again after a break just a few weeks short of half a century! It was on August 1st, 1933 that the shortlived Epping section of service 2 was withdrawn and the service reverted to work between Chelmsford and Ongar only. However, Eastern National's predecessor, "National" had served Epping since the early 1920's, initially on route 14 and then from August 12th, 1921 with route N9 (Bishop's Stortford-Epping-Ongar-Brentwood), which was later extended to Warley. This service passed to London General Country Services on March 1st, 1932 and then to the London Passenger Transport Board on July 1st, 1933. It was curtailed at Potter Street on September 5th, 1934 and then assumed the number by which the route has been known locally for many years, viz. 339.

Publicity News

New timetable leaflets and other publicity material published during recent weeks have been as follows :-

- Timetable leaflets** - a new timetable leaflet for service 251 dated May 29th.
- a summary timetable guide to services serving the University of Essex.
 - a leaflet containing details of Sunday timetables for services 31, 31D and 96A dated May 29th.
 - a leaflet containing details of the Summer Sunday timetable for services 87/A dated May 29th.
 - a leaflet with details of the services to/from Colchester Zoo dated June 1983.
 - new timetable leaflets for 'Seaside Special' services 53E and 70E, both dated June 26th.
 - a new timetable leaflet for 'Countryside Special' services 88E and 89E dated June 26th.
 - pocket timetable cards for services 300, 308/9 and services to Stansted Airport (three cards) all dated June 20th.
 - a summary leaflet outlining service revisions in the Bishop's Stortford and West Essex area dated June 20th.
- Highwayman services** - two new timetable leaflets for Highwayman/Eastline services 804 and 814 (jointly published with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd.) dated June 20th.
- Express services** - a new timetable leaflet with details of commuter journeys operated on service 084 between Walton-on-Naze and Chelmsford, dated May 23rd.
- new Summer timetable leaflets for the East Anglian Express services dated May 22nd (services 080-083, 095, 096) and May 28th (services 133, 136-138) (six leaflets).
 - new National Express timetable leaflets for services 109, 207 and 355/6 all dated May 22nd.
 - a timetable leaflet containing details of the 'Western Holidaymaker' express services (180-185) (jointly published with Grey-Green Coaches) dated May 28th.
- Explorer leaflets** - a further leaflet in the new Explorer series has been published for Harwich (see also NS229/30).
- Essex County Council leaflets** - a timetable revision leaflet (No. 1) for the Basildon and Thurrock area book, dated May 1983.
- a timetable revision leaflet for Hedingham & District Omnibuses services 85 and 86, dated February 2nd.
 - a timetable revision booklet for rail services in South East Essex, dated May 16th, and issued as a supplement to timetable books for Areas 4, 5 and 6.
 - a timetable leaflet containing details of all Summer bus and rail services in the Dengie area.
 - a timetable revision leaflet for the revised bus services introduced in the West Essex area, dated June 20th.
 - local transport guides for Broxted, Elsenham, Hall Caravan Park, Henham and Molehill Green (five guides), all dated June 20th, and each featuring a photograph of 1214 BS on the front cover.

General

From June 23rd to July 9th, a special travel offer is being promoted in the Southend, Colchester and Romford areas in conjunction with the Keddies department stores in those towns. The scheme is similar to that previously operated last year (October-November), and full details may be obtained from the Company's local offices or from Keddies' stores.

Maidstone & District's Leyland Leopard coach 4118 (PKM118M) was on loan to Eastern National during early April for a week. The vehicle was replacing 1301 CR, which was being used by East Kent on National Holidays work.

Further news is now available regarding the two former Eastern National Bristol FLF6G's that remain in service with W. Alexander & Sons (Northern) Ltd. These vehicles, NRD 2 (RVW393D) and NRD 5 (UEV221E), are both allocated to Elgin, and during early June they were being used on schools contract work, and also on a free bus service (Fridays only) between Elgin and Lossiemouth for a new supermarket.

Unusual Workings

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

- 14.5-3061 DT operated a rail replacement service between Colchester and Ipswich.
- 16.5-Southend Transport 229/33/8, 360/80/1/9/91 noted on rail replacement services from Wickford to Southend/Southminster.
- 17.5-1111 CR noted on service 75D; 3014 PL (P) noted on service 22, and subsequently on services 2 (24.5 and 1.6), 22A (19.5) and 25 (23.5).
- 18.5-1112 CR noted on service 73, and subsequently on service 91 (23.5 and 24.5); 3109 HH operated a private hire journey to St. Katherines Dock, London.
- 19.5-1547 PL (P) noted at Victoria Coach Station; 3079 MN noted on private hire work at Leigh.
- 20.5-Southend Transport 370 noted on service 1.
- 21.5-1212 MN noted on service 809 (and again on 28.5 and 11.6); 1304 SD noted on service 804; 1827 CF noted on service 2, and subsequently on services 6 (25.5) and 64 (29.5); 3085 HH operated a private hire journey to Westminster.
- 22.5-1055 BD noted at Hadleigh; 3064 SD (but on loan to HH), 3085/97/9 and 3103 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service between Rayleigh and Billericay; 3109 HH noted on a private hire journey to Crystal Palace.
- 23.5-1914 BS noted on service 119; 3018 PL (P) noted at SD depot, and subsequently on service 5 (1.6); 3055 SE noted on service 311.
- 24.5-3112 CF noted on a SD service 11 working.
- 25.5-1546 CF noted on service 11A; 3084 SD noted failed at Battlesbridge on service 11; 4001 SD noted on service 251; Southend Transport 216 noted on service 1.
- 26.5-9018 MN noted at Clacton.
- 27.5-1117 BD noted on service 451; 1796 BD noted on service 119 (and again on 7.6).
- 28.5-1937 SD noted on National Express service 109 (and again on 7.6, 20.6 and 21.6); 3033 CF noted on a SD service 11A working.
- 29.5-1209 CF noted at SD depot; 1409 SE noted on National Express service 928.
- 30.5-1115 SD noted on service 803; 1204 SD noted on service 804; 1419 DT noted on service 811.
- 1.6-1728 MN noted on a SE service 335 working, being later replaced at MN by 1545 SE; 1920 DT operated the 1704 hrs. rail journey from Harwich to Manningtree to replace a failed D.M.U.; 3085 HH noted at The Derby.
- 3.6-1201 MN noted at SD depot (and operated on loan to SD until 6.6); 1417 SD was towed from Dover to Hadleigh by 0102, and this vehicle remained at HH on 21.6 for a replacement engine; 1419 DT failed and was towed to CR for repairs, being replaced by 1215 CR; 3018 PL (P) noted at CF depot; 3047 PL (P) noted at BE depot; 3074 BN noted on service 232; Southend Transport 221/4/8/39/42, 360/84 noted on rail replacement services on the Wickford-Southminster branch.
- 4.6-1110 SE noted at HH depot; 1118 BD noted at SD depot; 1411 SD observed on service 804; 1770 SD noted on service 11A; Southern Vectis 300 noted on service 826; Green Line P5 noted on a National Holidays feeder service at Hadleigh; Southend Transport 200 noted on service 68.
- 5.6-The entry to Braintree Bus Park at Manor Street was closed for re-surfacing on this date and buses were entering the Bus Park via Victoria Street; 1810/23, 1933 (all DD) noted on service 251; 1845 DD and 1919 BN operated duplicate service

- 400 journeys; 3049 MN, 3051 MN, 3064 SD and 3069 BN noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster; 3058/9 (both HD) operated excursions from Halstead to Stansted Airport for the visit of the U.S. Space Shuttle.
- 6.6-1822 DN noted on a rail replacement service from Wickford to Southminster.
- 7.6-1870 CF, 3041 BS, 3047 PL (P) and 3112 CF operated additional service 303 journeys, and 3014 PL (P) operated additional service 318 journeys to Stansted Airport for the U.S. Space Shuttle visit, whilst 1110 SE, 1116 MN, 1200 DE and 1306 HD were noted in the Coach Park; Colchester Transport 80/4, 90 noted on a rail replacement service from Colchester to Clacton; 1550 CN noted on service 347.
- 8.6-1854 DN noted on service 402; 3018 PL (P) noted on service 5; 3031 CN noted on service 119; 3047 PL (P) noted in service at Southend (and also on 9.6).
- 10.6-1920 DT noted on service 91; 3099 HH observed on service 22A.
- 11.6-1117 BD and 1210 CR noted at SD depot, and 1210 together with 1303 SD later operated a private hire trip to Thorpe Park; 1413 CN (on loan to DT) operated service 312 being replaced at CN on the return journey by 1054 DT; 1845 BD noted on service 119 (and again on 14.6 and 18.6).
- 12.6-3117 DN noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster; Leyland Leopard coach RUF819H owned by Sherrin, Carhampton noted at SD depot - members will recall that this vehicle was on hire from Southdown to Eastern National during the Summer of 1981, and operated from SD for a period (see NS209); London Country TD 16 (HA) noted on Green Line service 745 at SD depot; Midland Red (East) 797 and 2613 noted at SD depot.
- 13.6-1511 D/L (D) noted passing through Chelmsford on route from Maldon.
- 14.6-3047 PL (P) noted at DE (and also on 15.6).
- 15.6-1057 BS replaced 1114 SD at BS on service 801, and these vehicles were again changed on the following day on service 802 also at BS; 1855 CF observed on service 82; 3085 HH noted at MN depot.
- 16.6-3110 CF noted on service 74.
- 17.6-1120 BS noted on National Express service 084; 1880 BN noted on service 27; 3085 HH and 3109 HH with Southend Transport 240 (on loan to Eastern National) operated private hire journeys to the Essex Show.
- 18.6-1202 DT noted on service 825; 1205 BE noted on service 820; 1817 HH noted on service 22; 3081 CF and 3109 HH noted on private hire duties at the Essex Show, with 3111 CF operating duplicate service 311 journeys to the showground; Southend Transport 209 and 1213 BE noted on private hire work at Maldon.
- 19.6-1200 BE noted in SD depot; 3100 BD observed on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 20.6-1209 CF noted at Clacton Bus Station; 1213 DE observed on driver training duties; 2384 noted at CF depot; Yorkshire Traction 51 and 52, and National Travel (London) SMY620X, at Central Works in connection with the Prudential World Cup match between Australia and India at Chelmsford.
- 23.6-3106 CF noted on service 451; 3127 CR noted on service 91.
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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

The town sightseeing tours are operating again this Summer from May 29th to September 4th. They operate from Sundays to Fridays, and there will be an additional tour on Mondays to Fridays from July 25th to August 26th at 1130 hrs.

A free bus service (sponsored by Broseley Homes) ran between the Town Centre and Roman Way Camp on June 19th in connection with the Colchester Fun Run. Four vehicles were being used at one stage (85/7/9, 90) to cope with the large number of passengers.

Recent press reports have indicated that the Council has now decided not to refurbish a delicensed vehicle (see NS229), and that three second-hand double deck vehicles will be purchased instead.

The Council has also rejected a plan for commuter services to London. It is reported that there would have been three departures a day, with a return fare of £4.00, serving the Greenstead, St. Johns, Magdalen Wood, High Woods, Shrub End, Lexden and Stanway districts.

As part of British Rail's Anglia Electrification Scheme, St. John's Road will be

closed from June 27th to November 14th to enable a bridge to be rebuilt. Services 9, 9A, 11 and 12 will be diverted during this period.

Service Revisions

The Council has applied to introduce the following service revisions :-

- 12B - Mondays to Fridays (when works are open) - one journey to be withdrawn; Mondays to Thursdays (when works are open) - one journey to be withdrawn.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

211	YHA406J	Leyland Leopard	PSU3A/2R	7003125	Willowbrook DP49F	CF2142	New 1971
212	CHA443K	Leyland Leopard	PSU3A/2R	7100000	Willowbrook DP49F	69358	New 1971

These two vehicles have been acquired on lease from Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), and they were originally owned by Midland Red Omnibus Co. Ltd. but were operated latterly by Midland Red (South). They were acquired during early June, and entered service on June 15th (211) and June 16th (212). They carry the latest yellow and blue express livery, but they entered service without fleetnames or signwriting. At present, they are being used on the new X21 service (see NS230) and on duplicate X1 journeys, both on Mondays to Fridays only.

Sold Vehicles

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, it is reported that Daimler Fleetline 354 (WJN354J) has been acquired by the Colchester Building Society for use as a playbus in the Colchester area.

Vehicle On Hire

Following the Southend Historic Transport Rally on June 5th, in which Colchester Transport 101 (DHK101T) was entered, 101 was substituted for 102 as the Colchester vehicle currently on hire to Southend Transport (see also NS230).

General

Van Hool Astromega 243 (JEV243Y) attended the Thurrock Carnival on June 4th, and on the following day this vehicle was also entered in the Southend Historic Transport Rally. On June 18th, 243 failed whilst operating service X1 and Eland Travel's Leyland Atlantean/Alexander ORU282G operated the 1220 hrs. journey from Heathrow Airport as a replacement vehicle.

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INDEPENDENTS NOTES

Some recent developments affecting local independent operators can be summarised as follows :-

Lee Roy Coaches, Epping - timetable changes from June 20th.

- Coopersale Common - Broadley Common section unchanged (although there are some timetable revisions).
- Toot Hill - Moreton section withdrawn (replaced by E.N. service 47A).
- New sections of route introduced between Broadley Common and Dobbs Weir via Lower Nazeing (Mondays only) and between Broadley Common and Roydon (Fridays only).

Fords Coaches, Althorne - new services introduced.

- 1 Tillingham - South Woodham (Tuesdays and alternate Thursdays).
- 2 Tillingham - Southend (alternate Thursdays).
- 3 Tillingham - Chelmsford (alternate Fridays).
- 4 Burnham - South Woodham (Tuesdays and alternate Thursdays).
- 5 Burnham - Southend (alternate Thursdays).

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Initial Disposals

1405 (VHK17GL) - Sold to Gwent Probation & After Care Service, Pontypool, 6/83.

- 1408 (X00877L) - Numbered 2091 by Bristol Omnibus Company Ltd., allocated to Swindon, and carries Swindon & District fleetnames (see NS230).
- 1504 (CVW058G) - Sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), 6/83.
- 1510 (FVX612H) - Sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), 6/83.
- 1511 (FVX613H) - Sold to Gwent Probation & After Care Service, Pontypool, 6/83.
- 1512 (FVX614H) - Sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), 6/83.
- 1516 (FWC439H) - Sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), 6/83.
- 1517 (FWC440H) - Sold to Gwent Probation & After Care Service, Pontypool, 6/83.
- 1520 (HTW170H) - Sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), 6/83.
- 1521 (HTW179H) - Sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer), 6/83.
- 1522 (KHK414J) - Sold to Heddingham & District Omnibuses Ltd., Sible Heddingham, 6/83.
- 1523 (KHK415J) - Numbered 1213 by Lincolnshire Road Car Company Ltd. (see NS230).
- 1527 (LPU452J) - Numbered 1214 by Lincolnshire Road Car Company Ltd. (see NS230).
- 1543 (RPU003K) - Numbered 1215 by Lincolnshire Road Car Company Ltd. (see NS230).

Subsequent Disposals

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- 132 (NVX 170) - The chassis of this vehicle was used by Barton Transport Ltd. in the construction of their 794 (794 ARR) with Northern Counties double deck bodywork. This vehicle subsequently passed to Lloyd, Nuneaton, and following its recent withdrawal has passed to a dealer, Barnsley, 3/83.
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- 420 (GVW902H) - Ellerby, Tow Law, 4/83, ex. Weaver & Best, Tredegar.
- 1308 (203 MHK) - Dealer, Purfleet, 1/83, ex. Modern Insulation (N-PSV), London, E.7.
- 1324 (1262 EV) - Reported as 'unknown N-PSV operator, Darlington, -/82, ex. Eastern National'. (Last reported as Cosgrove, Invergowrie, 8/76, and disused by Cementation Capac (N-PSV), 11/80, see also NS207/29).
- 1353 (MOO 174) - Scrapyard, Carlton, by 3/83, ex. Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV).
- 1354 (MOO 175) - Went to Tees-side Slag (N-PSV), 5/78, NOT acquired by Tarmac Roadstone (contractor). (correction to NS229).
- 1403 (1251 EV) - Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society (for preservation), by 4/83, ex. Taylor, Sunderland (for preservation); later to Newton, Spennymoor, by 4/83, (for conversion to car transporter).
- 1432 (JHK456C) - Still with Silcox, Pembroke Dock, 2/83.
- 1433 (JHK457C) - Breaker, Carlton, by 7/82, ex. Hurst Scouts, Ashton (N-PSV).
- 1435 (00 9543) - Breaker, Cundy Cross, by 9/82, ex. McAlpine - Brand - Zschokke, Llanberis (contractor), 8482.
- 1608 (GVW970H) - Now reported as Williams & Lewis, Blaina, by 6/82, ex. Voluntary Transport for the Disabled, (N-PSV), Griffithstown, then to Mount Pleasant Tornadoes Jazz Band, Cwmbran (N-PSV), by 12/82. (see also NS223).
- 1609 (GVW979H) - Dealer, Barnsley, 3/83 (and still present 6/83), and reported to be ex. Williams & Lewis, Blaina. (see also NS223).
- 1610 (GVW980H) - Dealer, Barnsley, 3/83 (and still present 6/83), ex. Williams & Lewis, Blaina.
- 2353 (UEV 841) - Withdrawn by Ashton, Epsom (N-PSV), ca. -/79. (see also NS182).
- 2700 (993 K00) - Still with Double Two Shirts, Wakefield (N-PSV), 6/83.
- 2798 (BVX674B) - Breaker, Carlton, by 11/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.

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