

EDITORIALSubscriptions 1981-82

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Associate Membership

Members are reminded that close relatives can be enrolled as Associate Members of the E.N.E.G. upon payment of the £0-30p annual fee. Please send the name(s) and address of proposed Associate Members (plus the appropriate fee) stating relationship to the ordinary member to the Membership Secretary.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Chelmsford/Maldon area dated April 1981 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 £0-30p each plus £0-30p postage and packing for each timetable.

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :-

E.F.B. Eastern National Fleet List Booklet - 1981 edition

Price.....£0-30p plus £0-12p (postage)

This fleet list is correct to April 1981 and all orders should be directed to the Administrative Officer (address above). The Group's next publication will be an analysis of the services of the Eastern Counties Road Car Company (which later became part of the present day Eastern Counties Omnibus Company), and this publication is expected to be available at the Southend Historical Transport Rally.

Southend Historic Transport Rally - Sunday, June 7th.

At Southchurch Park, Lifstan Way, Southend from 1000 hrs. This event is organised by the Castle Point Transport Museum Society who have kindly granted E.N.E.G. members a concessionary admission rate of £0-40p (adults) or £0-20p (children and OAPs) upon production of a Group membership card. As usual our own Group will have a stand at the rally, and, in addition to our full range of sales items, we shall be having a clearance sale of many other items at greatly reduced prices. Members are reminded that the rally organisers are seeking volunteers to help run the event on the day, and any help that can be offered will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr. L.F. Watson, 15. Rubens Close, Shoeburyness, Essex for full details.

Southend Meeting - Tuesday, June 9th.

An evening meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend commencing at 1930 hrs. The meeting will be a slide show featuring 'A Welsh Journey' which will be presented by Richard Delahoy. All members are invited to what should prove to be a very enjoyable evening.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

3095	UAR585W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2921	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24834	Delivered 6.5.81
3096	UAR586W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2922	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24835	Delivered 1.5.81
3097	UAR587W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2923	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24836	Delivered 7.5.81
3098	UAR588W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2926	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24837	Delivered 7.5.81
3099	UAR589W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2927	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24838	Delivered 7.5.81
3100	UAR590W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2928	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24839	Delivered 8.5.81
3101	UAR591W	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2934	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24840	Delivered 12.5.81

These are the first vehicles from the 1981 order for Bristol VRT's and it will be noted that they differ from previous batches in having 74 seats. The remaining eight vehicles from this order (3102-9) will have registrations UAR592W etc., chassis numbers 3/3000-7 and body numbers 24841-8. Delivery of these vehicles is expected to commence during July, and the chassis of 3102 arrived at Eastern Coach Works for bodying on April 23rd.

Delivery of the first Bedford YMQ/Wadham Stringer 'midi-bus' is expected very shortly, with the other vehicles from this order due at a later date. Some additional information is also now available regarding the two Leyland Leopard coaches on order (1300/1). They will have chassis numbers 8130401/12 and body numbers 133/5189/8 respectively and will carry C53F bodywork. The chassis of these vehicles are now at Duple Coachbuilders Ltd. and delivery is expected in July.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built Vehicle

Bristol RBLH6G coach 1404 (VHK177L) is due to return to Eastern National from Eastern Coach Works during late May. The vehicle has been extensively re-built refurbished with a new style of E.C.W. coach bodywork.

Vehicle on Loan

To cover a temporary shortage of coaches the Company has hired a vehicle from Southdown Motor Services Ltd. The loan period commenced in late April and is expected to end when 1404 is returned to service (see above). Full details are as follows :-

Southdown Fleet No. 1819 RUF819H Leyland PSU3A/4RT 7000873 Duple C48 221/20.

The vehicle has been allocated to PL during its period of loan.

Allocations & Transfers

5.81 1217 BD-CN, 1403 MN-CN, 1414 CN-CR, 1419 CR-PL, 1545 LN-DT,
2892 D/L (P)-SD-WG, 2896 D/L (P)-D/L (D), 2903 D/L (P)-D/L (D),
2908 WG-D/L (D), 2915 WG-D/L (D), 2921 D/L (P)-D/L (D), 2927 D/L (P)-SD,
2929 D/L (P)-SD-D/L (D), 2945 SD-D/L (D), 3020 HD-HH, 3037 SE-HD,
3048 HH-SE.

Additionally 1102 has been re-licensed as a driver training vehicle at CR (see below), and 1204/10/4/7 are now attached to the Company's coaching department.

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 NS205 :-

April : w/e 24.4.81 - 1701 at CW.

May : w/e 1.5.81 - 1709 at PL, 1756 at CW.

8.5.81 - 1749 at CW, 1790 at PL, 1846 at PL.

15.5.81 - 1857 at CW, 1872 at CW.

22.5.81 - 3011 at PL.

Leyland National 1846 has been repainted in normal livery, having previously carried a 'unibus' advertisement for Hensmans of Brentwood.

Service Vehicles

As noted above Bristol LH6L 1102 (UVX 6S) has been re-licensed as a driver training vehicle at CR during May. Also this month the last Bristol FLF6G in the driver training fleet, 9009 (OPU823D), has been delicensed for disposal (D/L (D)), and this vehicle is now stored at MN.

Allocations of D/L (D) and D/L (P) Vehicles - by personal observation

CN (Wash Lane) - 1503, 2875; HD - 1511, 9010; MN - 1509, 2887, 2908/15/26/45, 9009;

PL (Yard) - 2077, 2903/21; PL (Depot) - 1502, 2300/2/3/82, 2874/93/8, 2904/9/10;

SD - 2301; SE - 1101, 1505/15, 1610.

General

Members are reminded that Wood Green (WG) depot will close after operations on Saturday, June 13th. The last departure for Southend on service 251 is scheduled to leave at 2132 hrs. and the last arrival from Southend on this service is due at Wood Green at 2343 hrs.

Service Revisions

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

Stage Services

- NEW SERVICES** - 41C - Chelmsford (Wicklow Ave.)-Chelmsford (Wicklow Ave.) - Circular via Pennine Road, Melbourne Ave., North Ave., Kings Road, Corporation Road, Broomfield Road, Town Centre, Baddow Road, Beehive Lane, Duffield Road, Dorset Ave., Watchouse Road, Stock Road, Galleywood Road, Longstomps Ave., Gloucester Ave., Loftin Way and return to Wicklow Ave. via Beehive Lane etc.
- to operate Sundays only.
- 44C - Chelmsford (Wicklow Ave.)-Chelmsford (Wicklow Ave.) - Circular via service 41C route reversed - to operate Sundays only.
- 77 - Colchester (Bus Station) - Little Bromley (Post Office) via A133, A604 and Little Bentley - to operate Fridays only. This service, together with service 127 (see below), has been introduced to replace the Stour Valley Post Bus which ceased on April 18th. It has been reported that both services are being operated by Colchester (CR) depot, (see also NS205).
- 123 - Ipswich (Old Cattle Market Bus Station)-Clacton (Bus Station) via Holbrook, Brantham, Cattawade, Manningtree, Mistley, Mistley Heath, B1035, B1033, B1414 and A133 - to operate Weekdays, and be jointly operated with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. The Traffic Commissioners have granted licences for this service, which, it is understood, will be introduced from June 15th.
- 127 - Clacton (Bus Station) - Little Bromley (Post Office) via St. Osyth, Weeley Heath and Weeley - to operate Tuesdays only, (see also NS205).

REVISED SERVICES - The Company has applied to introduce revised timetables on services 6 (Sundays only), 27 and 43 (Sundays only). Minor timetable changes are being applied for in respect of services 3, 9, 10A, 20, 25, 75C, 75D, 261, 331 and 332. With the planned introduction of services 41C/44C on Sundays only, the revised terminals of services 41/A/B will be Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Galleywood (Barnard Road, West Lawn) and the existing Sunday service will be withdrawn, together with that on service 44A. The Company has also applied to withdraw the Sunday service on service 56B, which will be replaced by services 56/A. An additional journey from Bishop's Stortford to Henham is proposed on service 302 on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays (when schools are closed) and from Ugley to Henham (when schools are open).

Express Services

The Company has applied to introduce revised timetables on express services 080, 081, 082, 083, 089, 099, 132, 181, 185, 189 and 191. It is also proposed to introduce additional or revised picking up points on express services 132, 136 and 185. For services in Ipswich the new terminal will be the Old Cattle Market Bus Station with consequent route and timetable revisions. The Company has also applied to revise the terminals of express services 084 and 184 to Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station) or Point Clear Bay or Jaywick Sands (Bus Terminal). A short term licence has been granted for new service 194 from Clacton (Wash Lane Coach Station) to London (Victoria Coach Station) from 17.5.81 to 16.11.81.

In addition to the special Easter bus services listed in last month's news sheet a special service also operated on service 106 on Easter Monday with two return journeys between Clacton and Harwich.

Following the withdrawal of the Stour Valley Post Bus and the introduction of new Eastern National services 77 and 127, two new services have also been introduced by Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. in the Tendring area. Service 85 operates on Wednesdays only from Mistley to Brightlingsea (one return journey), and service 86 also operates on Wednesdays only from Brightlingsea to Weeley (one return journey). Full details of these new services are contained in a timetable leaflet available from the Company's local offices.

Some additional information is now available regarding the service revisions in the Clacton area listed in last month's news sheet. Service 117 is to terminate at Highfields Holiday Park following the closure of Meadowview Caravan Park, and with

the withdrawal of service 107 a replacement service along Clacton Sea Front to Holland (The Chase) will be provided by new service 118. At present it is not possible to confirm whether the open-top Bristol KSW5G's will be operating at Clacton this summer.

The majority of the Southend area timetable and service revisions, which were listed in last month's news sheet, are scheduled to be introduced from Sunday, June 14th. However, it is understood that the new timetables for services 67 and 68 will commence on Sunday, May 24th. The new terminals for service 67 are to be Temple Sutton (Cluny Square) and Southend, Pier Hill (Marine Parade) and it is understood that this service will be operated by both Eastern National and Southend Transport using normal service buses and not open-top vehicles.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS205 observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots on Sunday, May 17th were as follows :- 1500 at BE, 1506 at BN, 1702 at CR, 1705/7 at CN, 1774 at BN, 1829 at BD, 1832 at HH, 1851 at SE and 3019 at CR. 1209, 3078 and 3079 were on private hire work, 1905 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 1867 was at Prittlewell Works on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during April were as follows :- 1.4-1510 allocated to DT from BN (L), and 1800 replacing 1783; 2.4-3003 replacing 3000; 3.4-1783 returned from CN; 6.4-1523 replacing 1510; 8.4-1526 replacing 1522, which returned to DT on 9.4; 10.4-3000 returned from CN; 13.4-1520 replaced 1521; 14.4-1510 returned from CN, and 1519 and 1768 replaced 1204 and 1781 respectively; 15.4-1521 and 1781 returned from CN, with 1522 and 1920 moving to CN; 16.4-1522 returned from CN; 18.4-1204 returned from CN, with 1214 moving to CN and returning to DT on 20.4; 21.4-1920 returned from CN; 22.4-1523 and 1792 replaced 1532 and 1901 respectively, with 1532 returning to DT on 24.4 and 1901 returning on 25.4; 25.4-1529 replacing 1510; 29.4-1751 and 3031 replacing 1792 CN and 3000 respectively.

Other details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members are as follows :-

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| 11.4-1545 BN on service 251. | 8.5-1787 SD on service 239. |
| 17.4-2908 WG noted parked in Leigh. | 2927 SD on service 27. |
| 21.4-1829 CF on service 25. | 2929 SD on service 61. |
| 22.4-1202 BS replaced a Jennings of Ashen coach on their Ashen-Kings Cross service and operated from Bishop's Stortford to Kings Cross returning dead to BS. | 3027 DT on service 114. |
| 27.4-1514 SD on service 59. | 9.5-1707 CF on service 101. |
| 1729 SD on service 353. | 1829 CF on service 25A. |
| 29.4-1510 DT on service 111. | 2892 SD on service 61. |
| 1539 MN on service 114. | 2895 SD on service 29A. |
| 1701 CF on service 74. | 2945 SD on service 29A. |
| 1920 DT on service 108. | 3014 HH on service 251. |
| 30.4-1510 DT on service 74. | 3069 WG at HH depot for repairs. |
| 1707 CF on service 123. | 12.5-2884 CF on service 56. |
| 1920 DT on service 108. | Southend Transport 370 on service 1. |
| Early May-1211 SE at HH depot for repairs. | Southend Transport 372 on service 29A. |
| 1.5-2914 WG on service 5A. | Southend Transport 373 on service 62. |
| 3000 DT on service 74. | 14.5-1920 DT on service 111. |
| 4.5-1737 HH on service 402. | 15.5-3087 SD on service 400. |
| 5.5-1718 CF on service 78. | 16.5-1521 DT on service 113. |
| 1832 CF on service 404. | 17.5-3086 SD on service 23A. |
| Green Line RB48 (HA) noted at Southend Central | 18.5-Southend Transport 370 on service 62. |
| 7.5-1517 BD on service 251 (crew). | 19.5-1411 PL noted on National Express service 609. It is understood that from May 17th, when the National Express summer timetable commenced, Eastern National now operate this service jointly with South Wales, and that Eastern National are also jointly operating service 660 (London-Swansea). Amongst other vehicles which have been reported on service 609 has been Southdown 1819 (on hire to EN). |
| 3027 DT on service 110. | |
| 8.5-1500 CF noted on National Express service 095. | |
| 1550 LN on service 251. | |
| 1707 CF on service 108. | |

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTGeneral

The only news to report this month is that the new driver training vehicle (WEV746F) had been re-numbered 96 by April.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

Delivery of the 12 Leyland Fleetlines currently on order is expected to commence shortly. The chassis designation of these vehicles will be FE33ALR, and they will carry Northern Counties H49/31D bodywork. Fleet numbers will be 231-42, and it is understood that their registrations will be MRJ231W etc. The chassis numbers of these vehicles are now available and these are 8001732/3/89/837/48/937/2195/205 8002232/41/50/82 respectively. It is also understood that this batch will have three track number blinds and two line intermediate destination blinds, and will be painted in a slightly revised livery incorporating a wider cream belt around the middle of the vehicle to enable larger advertisements to be carried. The vehicles will also feature a different type of transmission system to that previously fitted to Leyland Fleetlines. Eight of the vehicles will carry Videmat machines.

Further to the information published in NS204 it is now reported that the above new Fleetlines will displace the last remaining PD3 (347) together with the remaining closed-top Fleetlines from the 1971 batch (348-52/4-69).

Withdrawn Vehicle

4.81

346 (MHJ346F)

This vehicle has been sold to the Havering training school of the Road Transport Industry Training Board, and was repainted into a blue and white livery by Southend Transport prior to sale.

It is now expected that the last remaining PD3 (347) will remain in service until the end of June.

General

Whilst operating on service X1 in Reading on May 16th Leyland Leopard 205 was damaged in an accident and replaced by Reading Transport Metrobus 154 (WED154T), which returned dead to Reading on the following day. 205 is now under repair at Southend, and it is reported that the vehicle will be returned to Duple Coachbuilders Ltd. for further repairs.

On April 27th recovery vehicle 010 (JXW122), which was being rebuilt by Southend Transport, and ex-LTE DMS1559 were destroyed in a fire at the Tickfield Road works.

The summer timetable for the X1 service was introduced from May 23rd, incorporating a number of timetable changes, and the resumption of the two evening journeys which were withdrawn in February (see NS204).

Daimler Fleetlines 386/7 (JTD386/7P) are currently being converted to driver training vehicles involving the removal of one seat on the lower deck, and conversion to semi-automatic transmission. They will continued to be licensed as PSV vehicles.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS205)

- 356 (10 DLY) - Still with Cheshire Cheese Angling Club, noted at Wembley, 5/81.
 - 1337 (2727 VX) - Withdrawn by Industrial Personnel Services, London, S.W.5, 4/79.
 - 1346 (206 YVX) - Went to Long Ing Metals in -/77. (Additional information to NS205).
 - 2201 (JVW 430) - Langley, Wethersfield (for preservation), by -/77, ex. ENPG, Braintree.
 - 2359 (VNO 857) - Letall, Ingham (for preservation). In use as storage bus at the L.V.V.S. museum near Lincoln, still in 'On the Buses' livery complete with fleet number 7143 and fleetname "Town & District Bus Co.".
- REMAINDER HELD OVER TO NEXT MONTH (NS207)

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