

SOUTHEND BUSMAN

NO. 48

JAN - FEB 1982.

The Eastern National Preservation Group have purchased and returned to safe keeping an old local vehicle. This is former Southend 244 FOP429 Daimler CWA6 Duple POT59R. The FOPS as they were affectionately known, were originally purchased by the erstwhile Benfleet - Canvey and District from Birmingham Corporation in 1951. FOP429 a Canvey vehicle, passed to Westcliff Motor Services and to Eastern National where it was given fleet number 1199. In 1955, 1199 together with six other Daimlers FOP340/JVW461/ FOP416/ 7/52/62 (EN1195/8/1202-4/7) became. Southend Corporation 247/6/4/unnumbered/243/5/2, FOP416 was used for spares. For a few months these operated in as acquired condition, apart from being painted in ST livery, then 244+7 were taken into the works and converted to open-top for the 1956 season, 242 appeared as open top in 1956, this left 243 FOP417 which was withdrawn and disposed together with FOP416 in 1957.

The FOPs & JVW operated along Southend sea front for many years, indeed they were rebuilt again in 1963, until they were withdrawn in October 1970 244 FOP429 was sold for preservation to a museum in North East England, and has now returned to Canvey where it is a welcome addition to their collection.

Local Coach Operators.

Roy Hayden Great Wakering acquired
FUT 518L Bedford VAS5 Caetano C29F ex UMBH Southend 1/82.

Snow Great Wakering
LEV102P carries fleetname BJS Travel

Mann (Island Coaches) Canvey Island
WVB265G Bristol LHL6L Plaxton C53F has been exported to Jamaica.

S & M Coaches Benfleet
MAH990L Bedford SB5 Duple C41F - fire damaged remains broken up by S & M 12/80
HEV606V Leyland PSU5C/4R Plaxton C53F is currently at Plaxtons being fitted with toilet compartment for Continental work.
JNK547N Leyland PSU5A/4R Duple C53F burnt out remains of chassis parked at Hadleigh
PRO363H Bedford VAS/JUV542D Bedford VAM14 currently delicensed at Springfield Cafe.
S & M had on loan 16-19th February CNS550X Volvo B10M Plaxton Viewmaster bodywork.

Feliance Coaches Benfleet acquired
ANM93L Ford R192 Duple C45F ex Parsons (Blue Bird) Hadleigh 12/80

Supreme Coaches Leigh
ISD727/36J Leyland PSU3/3R Alexander C49F ex WSMT 2328/15 on loan 2/81 to cover school work, whilst other vehicles are used on private hire during rail disputes.

National Express

Bristol RELH SE1400 operated service 928 to Holyhead on 26.1.82 replacing a defective Midland Red vehicle, 1400 being on loan to SD has also been seen on London Service 109. Another stranger seen on Service 109 on 16.2.82 was MN1212 Bedford YMT Duple.

Eastern National

Area Transfers (2.82)

1777	BE	to	HH	3020	HH	to	CF
1718	CF	to	SD	3061	HH	to	DT
1724	CF	to	SD	3024	HH	to	SD (DS)
1781	DT	to	HH	3060	HH	to	SE
1727	SE	to	HH	3014	SD	to	BN (loan)
1731	SE	to	HH	3025	SD	to	SD (DS)
				3012/6	SD	to	PL (Spare)
1547	SD	to	HH				
1518	SD	to	PL (Spare)				

The Southend Busman

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March - April 1982

Southend Coach Operators

Local operators are once again busy acquiring vehicles for the coming season, notable of which are two "heavies" from National Travel (East) OKY83/8R.

A wide variety of advertisements now appear in the local press, giving excursions and tours throughout the U K & Continent. Companies concerned are Highways, Supreme, S & M U M B H, and Roy Heyden.

Fleet Changes

U M B H Southend

O K Y 88R A E C Reliance 6 U3ZR Plaxton C55F
K V D 453P Bedford VAS Plaxton C29F

Channel Coachways Southend Airport

O K Y 83R Leyland PSU 5E/4R Plaxton C55F

Frosts of Leigh

An Ex Ebdon of Sidcup coach has been acquired

M & E Jones Rochford.

Ref News Sheet 47 HNK164G should read 146G

Hallum (Ronda Co's) Prittlewell

H R O 654C Bedford SB13 Duple C41F ex Frosts Leigh

Cooks Coaches Westcliff

G R T 505V Bedford YMT Duple C53F ex Florida Coaches, Halstead

Supreme Coaches Hadleigh

A new Plaxton Viewmaster coach has been delivered.

Castle Point Bus Co.

M D W 388/92G Leyland PDR1A/1 Alexander H74F ex Newport C.T. 88. 92

Over the years local operators have tended to buy secondhand vehicles as opposed to brand new ones, a small percentage of these originated from the National Bus Company, including double deckers we have seen :-

APT Travel	VYL495M	ex National Travel (S.E.)	
Supreme	JJJ575D	ex National Travel (S.E.)	
Supreme	ELU604J	ex National Travel (S.E.)	
Kemp	TFM427	ex East Kent	
Kemp	CJG630C	ex East Kent	
Kemp	WHA234H	ex Midland Red	
S & P Coaches	MAX107	ex Midland Red orig. Red & White	
Channel	275KTA	ex Western National	
"	VWN16	ex South Wales	
"	CUW561C	ex National Travel (S.E.)	
"	CUW562C	ex National Travel (S.E.)	
"	WVN189	ex South Wales	
"	323EDV	ex Western National	
"	VYO767	ex Eastern National	S & M Co's ARN786C ex Ribble
Jay Bee Co's	NR287L	ex Midland Red	ARN787C ex Ribble
M & E Jones	SN4244J	ex Maidstone & District	

National Express

Service 109 has an increased timetable from 4th April with six journeys each way and additional stopp at Aldgate & Tower Hill. Usual vehicles seen recently include 1202/4/16 and 1405 Leopard 1300 now carries National Holiday fleetname and based at Clacton.

Most summer services are due to commence on 29th May until late September, early October, we hope to give full local details in the next "Busman".

Southend Transport.

Disposals

355 Hams Travel Hawkhurst via Ensign

356 Ensign (Dealer)

215/8/340/2/5 Meynell (dealer) Carlton 10/81

347 Brodie & Lavers Sevenoaks

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MAY & JUNE 1982

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Latest deliveries have certainly changed the image of various operators such as Supreme and UMBH.

Supreme Co's, Hadleigh.

Acquired 4/82 - CJN327X Volvo B10M Plaxton Viewmaster C53F
CJN328X Ford R1014 Plaxton C35F

Readers will, of course recognise these two registrations, CJN327/8 were Bristol K type originally Westcliff vehicles later to become Eastern National 1312/3 later 2240/1.

UMBH, Southend

Acquired - NMJ391P Bedford YMT Willowbrook C49F
This vehicle has a prototype 003 body
D.K.456X Bova EL26/581 Bova C53F
Fitted with television, this is the first Bova in the Southend area.

Sold GNL709D Bedford VAS1 Plaxton C29F

Frost, Leigh

Acquired - EBM43TT Leyland PSU5C/4R Duple C57F
ex. Ebdon, Sidcup.

Whitwell, Southend

Acquired 4/82 - MBT674T Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F

Highways Co's, Leigh

EDD43TT Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F
carrying black livery of previous owner Castleways
Winchcombe.

Crown Co's, Benfleet

TRE929X Fiat C20F
Sold - UUH45S

Ronda Co's, Prittlewell

OEF136K Ford R226 Plaxton C49F
ex. Front, Leigh

Smith & May, Benfleet

Sold - RAR680J Leyland PSU4/4R Plaxton C53F

Thorn, Rayleigh

Re-acquired - AHK110L Ford R226 Duple C53F

Stevens (Four Seasons) Southend

Stevens have started a new service from Canewdon to Romford via Hockley.
Full details as yet are not available.

Victoria Coaches, Rochford.

Acquired - SDD140R Leyland PSU3E/4R Plaxton C53F
ex. National Travel (SW) 140
This vehicle carries TW Leisure Tours fleetname.

National Express

A Southdown car appears on a Friday journey on service 109 from London (9V) this then works service 130 on Saturday to Portsmouth. A rare visitor to Southend on service 130 on 5th June was London Country RB133 covering for a failed EN.RE.

With Southend depot short of coaches Leyland Nationals 1894/5 were on the 109 on 12th and 13th June.

National vehicles seen on a National Tour feeders have been National Travel London WGW.580S. Alder Valley 90 and Southern Vectis 309. Also parked in London Road garage on 15th May was Western National 3508. Service 928 is generally worked by Midland Red 44X vehicles. Service 207 by United Auto 650E vehicles.

National Express from Southend 1982

109	Southend - London Victoria	Daily	EN (SD)
113	Southend - Brixham	Fri.night -Sat	EN (SD)
115	Southend - Minehead	Sat	EN (SD)
120	Southend - Brighton	Sat	EN (BD) & ECOC
124	Southend - Margate Ramsgate	Sat	EN (SD)
126	Southend - Bournemouth	Sat	EN (SD)
128	Southend - Isle of Wight	Sat	EN (SD) & SVOC
130	Southend - Bognor - Portsmouth	Sat	EN (SD) & Southdown
133	Southend - Gt. Yarmouth	Sat	EN (SE)
207	Southend - Jarrow	Daily	United Auto
928	Southend - Holyhead	Daily	Mid Red

Special workings Friday from London Victoria

1800 hrs 109 to Southend operated by Southdown.
1800 hrs 075 to Portsmouth operated by E.N.O.C.

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July-Sept 1982

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Correction to Newsheet 50:- UMBH Southend. The Bova registration is DHK.456X.

Stevens (Four Seasons) Southend

The new service from Canewdon to Romford operates on Wednesdays only. Leaving Canewdon at 09.00 hrs the route is via Ballards Gore, Stambridge, Rochford, Ashington and Hockley arriving Romford at 10.20, returning at 13.40 hrs. This service commenced on July 21st.

UMBH, Southend

Acquired: UNK.612E AEC Reliance Plaxton ex. S.&M. Coaches, Benfleet

Supreme Coaches, Hadleigh

The former Nicholls/Harris coach garage in Guildford Road, Southend is now being used as the maintenance base for the Supreme fleet. Livery changes are taking place at present, newer coaches are having a red line added to their paintwork, while older vehicles reserved for school contracts are being repainted with a large proportion of dark blue panels. Vehicles in this livery observed so far are Ford FNM.532E and ex. Western SMT Leopard DSD.727J.

During the recent rail dispute two ex. Midland Red Ford/Plaxton Saloons PHA383/4M were hired for school contract work.

Stephenson, Hullbridge

FEV.449Y Bedford YNT Duple C53F

Simien, Canvey

TWJ.4L Plaxton C45F

Sandgrove, Thundersley

YKO.948J Ford R226 Duple C53F ex. Brightways, Southend

The service advertised in the local press connecting Southend/Basildon and district with Gatwick Airport, operated by Jacol Tours, Basildon. Fleet observed so far for this new operator are:-

SUR.293R Bedford/Van Hool
WUL.263N Leyland Leopard/Plaxton

WUL ex British Airways

Currently operating out of the Supreme premises in Southend are ex. Graham Paisley L16.L17 Leyland AN68.

National Express

On the 4th September the Southern Vectis coach from the Isle of Wight had failed en route being replaced by a Green LineRB class vehicles, resulting in a late arrival at Basildon, two hours in fact. This in turn meant that the connection to Bury St. Edmunds and Maldon etc had departed, so subsequently Basildon Depot provided Leyland National 1808 to get the stranded passengers home.

The 928 service (Southend-Holyhead) at present warrants two vehicles, usually X reg. Leyland Leopard Willowbrook, while a duplicate also operates on the 207 (Southend-Jarrow) this commencing at Chelmsford.

SD 1411 is normally the regular car on service 128 and Southern Vectis XDL.432T for their part of the service.

XDL.432T blew its engine on 31st July and was towed to Hadleigh for repairs, subsequently returning to the Island on 30th August.

SD 1303 has been on loan to CR while 1301 was being used by SD for a private hire trip to Switzerland.

Advert:

Large selection of NBC/PTE timetables and leaflets for sale. Also LT bus stop posters, panel timetables etc.

S.A.E. to: I.K. Taylor,
1 Oakdene,
Cheshunt, Herts.
EN8 9JA

for lists.

Also:

Slide Projector (for 2" x 2") and 2-8mm Cine Projectors (1 sound EUMIG and 1 silent) Offers to the above address.