

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Change of Group Mailing Address

Would members please note that the address of the Group's Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq.) has been changed with IMMEDIATE EFFECT to that shown below. All orders for publications, photographs and E.C.C. timetables should be sent to this new address :-

Eastern National Enthusiasts Group,
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563. London Road,
HADLEIGH,
Essex.
SS7 3EA.

Subscription Renewals - June 1984

Enclosed with this news sheet is a subscription renewal form for those members whose subscription ends with this news sheet. Please fill in the relevant details and send your completed renewal form, with the appropriate remittance, to the Membership Secretary (R.H. Palmer Esq.) at the address given on the form. Subscriptions should be received no later than July 16th in order to prevent any delay in the despatch of the July news sheet. Bob Palmer thanks members in advance for their co-operation.

Weekend Coach Tour to Humberside - Friday, August 24th to Monday, August 27th.

A booking form for our late Summer Bank Holiday Weekend Coach Tour is enclosed with this news sheet. Would intending participants please note that accommodation is strictly limited and also that a reduction in the fare of £5 is offered for early bookings. A very interesting and varied itinerary has been arranged so why not secure your seat now !

Southend Meeting - Wednesday, July 11th.

This meeting will feature a slide show on the theme of "57 Varieties", a look at the N.B.C.'s corporate identity liveries. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.) in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Members are invited to bring along a selection of their own slides depicting the more unusual aspects of the 'standard' N.B.C. livery. Particularly welcome will be slides of early versions when the standardised scheme was first introduced, and current coach liveries.

New Publications

The following new Group publications are now available :-

- 1) E.P. 41 - Eastern National Destination Blinds : May 1984

This publication lists the destination blinds used by Eastern National, and is arranged in alphabetical order of garages.

Price : £0.53 (including postage).

- 2) Eastern National O.C. Ltd. - Vehicles Acquired 1930-1984

This publication lists the secondhand vehicles acquired by Eastern National during 1930-1984, and includes all vehicles transferred to/from Tillings Travel.

Price : £1.00 (including postage).

The following illustrated book, published by the Omnibus Society, is also now available from the Group :-

'The Bridge Family and its Buses' - by F.D. Simpson and P.F. Clark

This excellent book traces the history of the Bridge family and its association with passenger transport in South-East Essex since 1923.

Price : £3.30 (including postage).

Orders for these publications should be sent to the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 563. London Road, Hadleigh, Essex. SS7 3EA.). As a special offer, you may order all three of these new publications at an inclusive price of £4.45, saving on postage costs.

Advance Tours Information - Southend Transport Anniversaries

Two tours are being planned to celebrate forthcoming anniversaries in Southend, and preliminary details are as follows :-

- 1) Sunday, October 28th - An all day study tour of Southend trolleybus routes on the 30th anniversary of their withdrawal. A number of former Southend buses are expected to be present. The Group would also like to arrange for a preserved trolleybus to be in Southend on that day (either on display or as part of the tour). If any member knows of a trolleybus owner who would be prepared to bring their vehicle to Southend (with the Group meeting their expenses), would they please contact the Events Secretary (R. Delahoy Esq., 120. Yarnacott, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 8AW. Tel. Southend-on-Sea 588590) as soon as possible.
- 2) 30th Anniversary of the Southend Co-ordination Agreement - The Southend Co-ordination Agreement came into effect on January 2nd, 1955, and a study tour, possibly in conjunction with the Group's Annual General Meeting (to be held on Saturday, January 12th, 1985), will be organised to commemorate the occasion.

Further details regarding both these tours will be published in due course.

Southend Corporation - 70th Anniversary of Bus Operations

June 25th, 1984 is the 70th anniversary of the introduction of Southend Corporation Transport's first motor buses. A commemorative booklet has been published to celebrate this event; it is of A4 size, with 11 pages including 6 photographs reproduced by photocopying and a map, and is priced at £1.00 (inclusive of postage and packing). Copies may be ordered direct from the Events Secretary (address above).

LCBS Crawley Garage Open Day and Rally - Sunday, July 1st.

Southend Transport is operating an excursion to this rally, including the road run from Golders Green, with a new Leyland Tiger/Duple Caribbean coach. The fare is £4.50, and further details may be obtained from Southend Transport (Tel. Southend-on-Sea 355711). The Group's sales stand will not be present at this rally.

Rochford Fair - Sunday, July 22nd.

In conjunction with the Rochford Fair to be held at the Clements Hall Sports Complex, Hawkwell on Sunday, July 22nd, there will be a small display of buses from Eastern National, Southend Transport, Kirby's Coaches, Ensign Bus Co. and the Castle Point Transport Museum. The Group's sales stand will be present at the fair.

1984 Chiswick Bus Festival (Incorporating the London Bus Rally) - Sunday, August 5th.

This rally is being held at London Transport's Chiswick Works on Sunday, August 5th, and the Group's sales stand will be present. Further details regarding this event will be published in next month's news sheet.

Assistance at Rallies and Sales Events

Members are reminded that the Group will welcome assistance in manning our sales stand at a number of forthcoming rallies and sales events. If you are interested in assisting with this particular aspect of the Group's activities, please contact the Events Secretary (Richard Delahoy - address above). As an incentive, helpers normally obtain free admission to the events, and usually have the opportunity to visit other sales stands etc. prior to the admission of the general public.

Eastern National O.C. Ltd. - New Traffic Manager

Mr. A. Townsend, Traffic Manager of Eastern National O.C. Ltd., has recently been appointed as General Manager of City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd. and will be taking up his new appointment in the near future. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Townsend on his promotion, and to thank him

for his assistance to the Group.

Mr. R.W.J. Orbell, formerly Traffic Manager of West Riding Automobile Co. Ltd., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Townsend as the Company's Traffic Manager, and our congratulations go to Mr. Orbell on his appointment.

The Eastern National Enthusiasts Group Trophy

The E.N.E.G. Trophy was presented for the fourth time at the Southend Historic Transport Show on June 3rd. The trophy, which is in the form of a shield, is presented for "The Best Vehicle from an Essex Independent Operator". The trophy was again won by Heddingham & District Omnibuses, this time with L103 (BAR103X) a Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R with Plaxton Bustler B55F bodywork. Our congratulations go to Heddingham & District Omnibuses for successfully retaining the trophy.

Missing Ex-Southend Transport Leyland PD3/4

In NS239 we published a request for information in connection with the theft of a former Southend Transport Leyland PD3 from the Havering and District Group Training Association at North Weald aerodrome. Unfortunately the incorrect vehicle was quoted; the correct vehicle is MHJ346F, a Leyland PD3/4 (chassis no. 702664) with East Lancs H41/32R bodywork (body no. 6609). The bus was painted white, with 'L' learner signs etc., and if any member has seen this bus recently, or knows of its whereabouts, would they please contact the Event's Secretary (address and telephone number above).

Coach Tour Report - May coach tour

For our first tour this year Eastern National Leyland Leopard 1303 (LIT344V) was used. The initial stop was at Brentwood where Alexander bodied Tiger's and their two advertising vehicles were posed for the cameras. More advertising vehicles followed at Chelmsford, including Bristol VRTSL6G 3078 (STW 22W) in its striking yellow and black livery for Field & Trek (Equipment) Ltd. Braintree then offered the Peugeot 504 Countrycar (RLX16CW), whilst at Colchester the superbly lined out Bristol VRTSL6G (3050) for Lancaster Garages was photographed. Municipal interest then followed at Colchester Borough Transport with their open-top Leyland Atlantean, Centenary bus and a former Tyne & Wear P.T.E. Leyland Atlantean. Finally to Ipswich, where after a comprehensive selection of vehicles had been posed at the garage, the finale was a tour in AEC Regent V 65 (DPV 65D) which included a passage over the new Orwell Bridge. The fine weather and the array of advertising vehicles all made for a most successful and colourful day.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles On Order

Delivery of the four MCW Metroliner coaches currently on order (1600-3) has been further delayed, and the booked registrations (A52-4/6 SEV) have now been surrendered. The vehicles will now carry B-prefix registration numbers, and details of the new registrations will be published as soon as they become available.

The Company has confirmed that a number of other vehicles are currently on order, and preliminary details are as follows :-

2 Leyland Tiger/Plaxton Paramount 3200 coaches.

4 Leyland Olympian/E.C.W. H77F double-deck vehicles, for stage services.

10 Leyland Olympian/E.C.W. double-deck vehicles, with dual-purpose seating for operation on the City 400 service.

Fleet numbers, registration numbers and delivery dates for these vehicles are unknown at the present time, but will be published as soon as they become available.

Allocations & Transfers

6.84 1111 CN-CR, 1127 CR-CN, 1418 CN-SD, 1524 CR-CR (P), 1534 DT-DT (P),
 1541 BS-BS (P), 1867 D/L-CF, 3014 PL (P)-CN, 3018 PL (P)-CN,
 3047 PL (P)-CN.

3014/8/47 have been allocated to Clacton (CN) for summer season requirements, and this gives Clacton (CN) its largest allocation of closed-top double-deck vehicles (5) since September 1980. During July-September 1981, there were five double-deck vehicles operating at Clacton (CN), but this total included three open-top Bristol FLF6G's.

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 NS242 :-

May : w/e 19.5.84 - 1782 at CW.
 w/e 26.5.84 - 1052 at CN, 1921 at CW, 3030 at CW.
 June : w/e 2.6.84 - 1867 at CW, 1939 at CW.
 w/e 9.6.84 - 1410 at CW (National coach livery, with National Express transfers), 1929 at CW.
 w/e 16.6.84 - 1785 at CW.
 w/e 23.6.84 - 1805 at CW.

At the time of writing, 1932 BE was being repainted at Clacton (CN) depot, and it is expected that this will be followed by 1059 MN. 3052 SD and 3119 SD are currently in the paintshops at Central Works, and it is expected that these will be followed by 1831 MN.

A further overall advertisement contract, for Essex County Council, has been agreed, and the vehicle concerned will be a Basildon (BN) Leyland National which is expected to be painted in the near future.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the application of National Express transfers to certain coaches, these have recently been applied to 1410 (June 8th - see above), 1413 (June 21st), 1416 (June 1st) and 1417 (June 4th), leaving only 1406 SE to be recalled to Central Works.

Service Vehicles

Two new Ford Transit 160 vans were delivered during early June, and details are as follows :-

A295UYT Ford Transit 160 Chassis number BDVVEG47550 - Stores Van (Engineering) (CW)
 A300UYT Ford Transit 160 Chassis number BDVVEG47549 - Stores Van (Publicity) (BE)

Both vehicles are finished in white livery, and they will replace older vehicles BAR317T and CPU254T.

A new Ford Cargo lorry, to be used as a Stores Lorry, is also expected in the near future.

General

Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles 1110-26 have all been fitted with Econocruise control units during recent weeks. Similar vehicle 1127 has been fitted with such a unit since being delivered (see NS236).

Bristol VRTSL6G 3037 (PWC512M), allocated to Southend (SD) depot, was fitted with Autosteer power steering by Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) during mid-May. The vehicle has now returned to service, and during recent weeks has been noted at Braintree (BE), Colchester (CR) and Clacton (CN) depots for evaluation purposes.

Leyland Tiger 1127 (A6960HJ) is now listed in the Company's official allocation list as being attached to the Coaching Department.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during May were 1053, 1111/27, 1536, 1828, 3001/22 and 3023, together with 1050 CN which was on loan to replace 1534 from May 26th.

Other news from Harwich (DT) is that 1113 DT failed in London on May 4th, whilst operating National Express service 084. It was replaced by West Yorkshire Road Car Co. Ltd. 2606 (UWY 84X), a Leyland Leopard PSU3F/4R/Duple C49F, which operated the return service 080 working; this vehicle returned to London on the following day. On May 17th, 1113 DT was loaned to Western National Ltd. for a journey from Chelmsford to Southampton, and this vehicle returned from Bournemouth to London and then to Chelmsford on the following day. On May 24th, South Wales Transport Co. Ltd. 182 (UCY182N) was used by Harwich (DT) depot to operate an excursion from Harwich to the Chelsea Flower Show. A day later, on May 25th, 1113 DT replaced National Welsh O.S. Ltd. UC1156 (PKG727R), which failed at Ramsey on the final leg of a journey to Parkeston Quay; the National Welsh vehicle then remained at Harwich to May 27th.

Service Developments

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

- 67 - NEW SERVICE from Shoeburyness (East Beach) to Highlands (Thames Drive) to operate Daily between May 27th and September 15th. This service operates via Old Leigh (Ship P.H.), and is an open-top sea front service being operated by Southend Transport.
- 88 - Summer Sundays (July 22nd-September 2nd) : one additional journey to be introduced from Wakes Colne (Chappel Corner) to Colchester (Bus Station).
- 89E - Service will operate this year between Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Sudbury (Bus Station) on Summer Sundays from July 22nd to September 2nd. Rover tickets are available on this service, which is marketed as the 'Countryside Special', and also on service 88 connecting journeys.
- 105 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change (and introduced from June 25th).
- 107 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change (and introduced from June 25th).
- 251 - Summer Sundays (May 27th-July 15th) and Spring Bank Holiday (May 28th) : five additional return journeys to be introduced between Southend (Central Bus Station) and Walthamstow (Central Bus Station).
- 260 - Sundays : one minor timetable change.
- 337 - Saturdays : revised timetable, with an increased frequency during the morning and early afternoon periods (and introduced from May 26th).
- 470 - Tuesdays only (not on first and third Tuesdays of each month) : service withdrawn after operation on May 29th. (Services 471 and 472 continue to operate).
- 473 - Fridays only : service withdrawn after operation on June 1st (but will be re-introduced on October 26th).
- 795 - Minor route revision in Basildon.

Summer timetables for services in the Clacton area were introduced from Sunday, June 24th. Full details are contained in the new Essex County Council timetable booklet for the Colchester/Clacton/Harwich area (Area 2) dated May 1984.

'Seaside Special' services 53E and 70E have been re-introduced for the Summer season. Service 53E operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Romford (St. Edwards Way) to Walton (The Naze) via Brentwood, Chelmsford, Witham and Kelvedon between July 24th and August 30th, and on Sundays (June 10th-September 2nd) and Late Summer Bank Holiday (August 27th) from Chelmsford (Broomfield Road, The Drive) to Walton (The Naze) via North Melbourne, Chelmsford, Witham and Kelvedon. Service 70E operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays (July 24th-August 30th) from Dunmow (Church End) to Walton (The Naze) and on Sundays (June 10th-September 2nd) and Late Summer Bank Holiday (August 27th) from Dunmow (Parsinage Down) to Walton (The Naze) via Felsted, Braintree, Coggeshall, Colchester and Clacton.

The Company has applied for a number of revisions to express services, and brief

details of these changes are as follows :-

- 135 (South Ockendon-Hemsby) - Revised route between South Ockendon (The Green, West Road) and Basildon (Bus Station) via Grays (Bus Station), London Road, Southend Road, Chadwell By-Pass, Linford Road, East Tilbury Road, A13, Stanford-le-Hope, A1014 (The Manorway), A13 and A176 (Roundacre).
- 138 (East Croydon-Dovercourt) - Picking up and setting down points in the London area are at Addiscombe, South Norwood, Penge, Catford, Blackheath, Charlton, Woolwich, Plumstead, Bostall Heath, Upper Belvedere, Erith, Slade Green and Dartford, with stops between Blackheath and Slade Green (with the exception of Erith) being served on outward journeys by service 138, and on return journeys by service 137.

Summer timetables on the East Anglian Express services, jointly operated with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd., Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. and Norfolk Motor Services Ltd., were introduced from May 20th and will remain in operation until September 22nd. Certain services have been re-numbered, and the network of services is now numbered 080-089, as listed in NS241.

The Company has also applied for various revisions to certain commuter services jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd., and details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

- 193 (Chelmer Village-London) - Revised timetable, and revised picking up and setting down points in the London area.
- 194 (Tiptree-London) - Revised timetable, revised picking up and setting down points in the London area with a minor route revision for this service between Millbank and Victoria Street in London.

The Company has surrendered its licence for service 435 (Braintree-Romford) (see also NS240). Short term licences have been granted for services 57/57A (Weekdays - May 14th-November 13th), 70E (Sundays - June 10th-September 2nd, Late Summer Bank Holiday - August 27th, Tuesdays and Thursdays - July 24th-August 30th), 89E (Sundays - July 22nd-September 2nd) and 423 (Tuesdays - May 15th-November 14th).

From Monday, June 4th, day return fares between Witham and Chelmsford (£1.45) and Hatfield Peverel and Chelmsford (£1.20) are now available Daily at any time.

Publicity News

New publicity material published during recent weeks has been as follows :-

- Timetable leaflets - new timetable leaflets for services 53E (dated June 10th), 67/68 (dated May 27th), 70E (dated June 10th), 89E (dated July 22nd) and 337 (dated May 26th).
- Essex County Council leaflets - a timetable revision leaflet (No. 1) for the Brentwood/Chelmsford/South Woodham Ferrers/Maldon area book, dated May 1984.
- General leaflets - a promotional leaflet with details of day return fares between Hatfield Peverel/Witham and Chelmsford (dated June 4th).
- Highwayman services - a leaflet containing details of Highwayman service 826, with timetable and fares information (dated May 12th).
- two leaflets with details of 'Highwayman Days Out' from North Essex and South/Central Essex (dated May 1984).
- Express services - new Summer timetable leaflets for the East Anglian Express services - four leaflets, all dated May 20th, for services 080/1/4/6/7, 082/9, 083 and 085.

Unusual Workings

Details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent

weeks are as follows :-

- 5.5-1111 CR operated an excursion from Harwich to Spalding, and this vehicle also operated excursions from Harwich to Kew Gardens on 6.5 and Whippsnade Zoo on 7.5. on 8.5, 1111 CR operated a private hire journey from Harwich, and on 9.5 this vehicle was noted on Highwayman service 813.
- 12.5-1110 BE (but still carrying SE depot plates) noted on a private hire working in Ipswich.
- 18.5-1123 BE noted on service 353 (and again on 22.5, 13.6 and 19.6).
- 19.5-1113 DT (on loan to CN) noted on National Express service 084; 3117 BN operated the 2108 hrs. rail journey from Wickford to Southminster.
- 20.5-3014/8 (both PL (P)) noted at Southend (SD) depot, and 3014 was seen subsequently operating a number of local services; 3085 HH, 3091 BD, 3103 HH and 3117 BN operated a rail replacement service from Grays to Tilbury Riverside via Tilbury Town.
- 22.5-1304 SD, 1838 BD and Southend Transport 234/9/40 368/86 operated a rail replacement service between Southend and Shenfield, following overhead line problems.
- 23.5-1113 DT noted on Highwayman service 813, and this vehicle was noted on National Express services 080/1 on 25.5, and on service 080 on 26.5.
- 24.5-3108 CF observed on service 251 (and again on 9.6 and 13.6).
- 25.5-3004 BE noted on service 353.
- 26.5-1882 BE noted on service 353 (and again on 16.6); 1915 CF was noted at Bristol (Marlborough St. Bus Station) operating a duplicate National Express service 600 journey from London to Bristol - the vehicle returned empty to London.
- 27.5-1118 BD noted on service 795 to Brighton.
- 29.5-Southend Transport 201 noted on service 23, and similar vehicle 202 was observed on service 23A.
- 30.5-1051 BE noted at Hadleigh operating Highwayman service 808 to Felixstowe; 1127 CR operated a private hire journey from Harwich (and again on 31.5); 1928 HH observed on service 24A.
- 2.6-1894 SD observed on service 11A; 1898 BN noted on service 402.
- 3.6-3077 CF, 3112 CF and 3127 CR operated a rail replacement service between Witham and Shenfield.
- 4.6-1848 BN observed on service 41.
- 5.6-Southend Transport 233/7 together with a third vehicle operated the 1844 hrs. rail journey from Wickford to Southminster, following a D.M.U. failure.
- 6.6-Southend Transport vehicles operated the 1630 hrs., 1800 hrs., 1930 hrs. and 2128 hrs. rail journeys from Wickford to Southminster, and the 1708 hrs., 1841 hrs., 2008 hrs. and 2206 hrs. return journeys from Southminster, due to British Rail staffing problems.
- 8.6-3108 CF observed on service 11A; 4002 SD noted on service 60; East Yorkshire 184 (BRH184T) noted at Chelmsford (Bus Station).
- 9.6-1117 BD noted on Highwayman service 810 to Skegness; 1902 BE observed on service 353; 3037 SD noted on service 78.
- 10.6-1111 CR noted at Chelmsford (Bus Station); 3110 CF observed on service 11A; Southend Transport 332 noted on service 795 to Brighton.
- 11.6-3113 CF noted at Southend (SD) depot.
- 12.6-3089 SD noted on a CF service 152 working; 4001 SD observed at Chelmsford (CF) depot.
- 13.6-Southend Transport 211 observed on service 10A.
- 14.6-Southend Transport 214 noted on service 795 to Brighton; Southend Transport open-top Daimler Fleetline 370 observed on service 22.
- 15.6-1705 CN observed on service 353, and this vehicle was also noted on a SE service 335 working on 19.6; Southend Transport 237 noted on a private hire journey at Rettendon.
- 16.6-1120 BE operated a private hire journey from South Woodham to Thorpe Park, whilst 1417 BE and Southend Transport 219 also operated private hire journeys to Thorpe Park from Southend; 1300 CN observed arriving at Southend (SD) depot from a National Holidays tour; new London Country B.S. Ltd. Leyland Olympian LR 57 (A157FPG) noted at Southend (SD) depot.
- 17.6-1302 BD operated a bowls club excursion from Chelmsford and Ingatestone to Bexhill-on-Sea; 1414 MN (but still carrying BD depot plates) noted at Chelmsford (CF) depot.
- 18.6-1902 BE observed on a CR service 119 working.
- 20.6-3118 BE noted on service 353.

Members may be interested in the following observations of Highwayman and express service operations at Basildon (Bus Station) during the mornings of May 12th and May 26th :-

Express services : 12.5 - 109-1411 SD; 795-1116 SD; 928-Midland Red (Express) 540.
 26.5 - 109-1051 BE (relief journey), 1407 SD, 1416 SD;
 133-1110 BE; 135-1124 BN; 138-London Country RB 66 (DG);
 795-1116 SD; 928-Midland Red (Express) 540; 1414 MN.

National Holidays feeder service : 12.5 - 1300 CN.

Highwayman services : 12.5 - 801-1115 SD; 804-1114 SD; 809-1126 MN; 810-1302 BD;
 821-1415 CN; 822-1125 BS; 823-1127 CR; 824-1122 BD;
 825-1117 BD; 826-1417 BE; 827-1304 SD.
 26.5 - 801-1114 SD; 804-1115 SD; 809-1126 MN; 810-1302 BD;
 820-1051 BE (arrival only); 821-1127 CR; 822-1404 BE;
 823-1111 CR; 824-1124 BN; 825-1118 BD; 826-Southern
 Vectis 300; 827-1303 SD.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

At the time of writing, former Tyne & Wear P.T.E. Leyland Atlantean 53 (MVK548R) was being repainted into Colchester Borough Transport livery at the Magdalen Street depot, and this vehicle is expected to enter service in the near future.

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.84

27 (SWC 27K)

This vehicle, together with previously withdrawn Bristol REL6L's 15 (YWC 15L) and 17 (YWC 17L) (see NS239), has been sold during June; 27 was noted being removed from the Magdalen Street depot on June 15th, with 15 being collected by June 21st, and 17 being due for collection on June 25th. Firm details regarding the new owners of these vehicles are still awaited, although unofficial reports have indicated that at least one of these vehicles has passed to W. Norfolk & Sons Ltd., Nayland. It has also been reported that similar vehicle 28 (SWC 28K) will be withdrawn from service in the near future.

Vehicles On Hire

From June 4th to June 18th, an Ailsa Citybus demonstration vehicle was on hire to Colchester Borough Transport from Volvo Bus (GB) Ltd. The vehicle, with registration number A308RSU, carried East Lancs H47/36F bodywork, and was finished in a white and black livery with lettering for the Bus & Coach Council. The vehicle was equipped with an electronic destination display, which was not used; a route number board was displayed in the front nearside window. The vehicle was used primarily on services 4 and 4A, although it was also noted on service 5A on June 16th.

A Scania double-deck demonstration vehicle is also expected on hire in the near future.

Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) remains on hire to Southend Transport, and Southend Transport's Leyland Fleetline 232 (MRJ232W) is continuing to operate in Colchester as the replacement vehicle.

General

In connection with the service revisions introduced in the Colchester area from May 6th (see NS240-2), Leyland Atlantean's 61-90 were fitted with new via point destination blinds, with lower case lettering instead of capitals.

It has been reported that Leyland Atlantean 82 (YNO 82S), which carries an overall advertisement livery for Essex County Newspapers, will be repainted shortly in an overall advertisement livery for British Telecom. Open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) is expected to be repainted in the former tram livery, as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 80th anniversary of municipal transport in Colchester (see also NS239).

At the time of writing, Leyland Atlantean's 50 (AVX 50G), 52 (MVK546R) and 55 (JHK495N) were out of service at the Magdalen Street depot receiving mechanical

repairs.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

246	A246SVW	Leyland Tiger	TRCTL11/3RP	8400012	Duple C57F	8370/0295	New 5/84
247	A247SVW	Leyland Tiger	TRCTL11/3RP	8400013	Duple C57F	8370/0296	New 6/84
248	A248SVW	Leyland Tiger	TRCTL11/3RP	8400014	Duple C57F	8370/0297	New 6/84
249	A249SVW	Leyland Tiger	TRCTL11/3RP	8400015	Duple C57F	8370/0298	New 6/84

246 was delivered to Southend on May 23rd, and entered service on May 25th; 247 was delivered on June 12th, and entered service on June 15th; 248/9 were both delivered on June 17th, and both entered service on June 20th. These vehicles carry Duple Caribbean bodywork, and they are all finished in the latest blue and yellow coach livery.

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet, 334 (WRO433S) was delivered to Southend on May 22nd, and entered service on May 24th in white livery. 337 (CTM407T) was delivered to Southend on May 22nd, and was repainted in the blue and yellow coach livery before entering service on June 9th. 338 (EBM438T) entered service on May 24th, also in the blue and yellow coach livery. At the time of writing, 339 (EBM439T) was still in service with Limebourne Ltd., London, S.W.8, and this updates the information published in last month's news sheet regarding this vehicle.

As a correction to the information published in NS240, 219 (SPN669X) was acquired by Kirkham and McNichol, Oswaldtwistle in 3/83. In addition to the operators listed in last month's news sheet, 338 (EBM438T) was also loaned by a dealer to Hunter, Liverpool prior to acquisition by Southend Transport.

Bristol RELL6G 301 (NLJ828G) was repainted in Southend Transport bus livery by June 15th, whilst Daimler Fleetline 319 (KUC949P) has had a partial repaint, with the lower panels being repainted blue, the lower deck window surrounds being repainted cream and the remainder of the vehicle is still in London Transport red livery.

Vehicles On Hire

Leyland Fleetline 232 (MRJ232W) remains on hire to Colchester Borough Transport as a replacement for 102 (DHK102T) which is still on hire to Southend Transport.

Burnley & Pendle Transport 4 (YHG 4N) was returned to Burnley on June 16th. Fylde Borough Transport 36 (XRN 36R) has been repaired following accident damage, and remains on hire to Southend Transport, having re-entered service on June 14th. This information corrects that published in last month's news sheet regarding this vehicle.

The current situation is that Burnley & Pendle Transport 13 (WRN 13R), Colchester Borough Transport 102 (DHK102T) and Fylde Borough Transport 36 (XRN 36R) remain on hire to Southend Transport.

On June 6th, open-top Daimler Fleetlines 370-3 (WJN370J etc.) and Leyland Fleetlines 234/5/8/9/41/2 (MRJ234W etc.) all attended The Derby at Epsom racecourse. As a replacement, the following vehicle was hired from Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet for that day only :-

HUP131N Leyland Leopard PSU3B/2R ----- Willowbrook B--F ----- New --/74

This vehicle was formerly owned by Graham's Bus Service Ltd., Paisley, fleet number S25, and it remains in Graham's livery.

The open-top Daimler Fleetlines have continued to be hired to Emmaheath Ltd. (t/a London Pride Sightseeing) over various periods during late-May and June. 372 (WJN372J) was returned from Emmaheath Ltd. on May 22nd (see NS242), whilst similar vehicle 373 (WJN373J) was loaned on May 25th, together with 371 (WJN371J) which was loaned on June 16th.

General

Leyland Leopard coaches 204 (UTD204T) and 207 (BTE207V) have been fitted with

fareboxes, and are now regularly being used on stage services.

Leyland Leopard coach 205 (BTE205V) was repainted in the blue and yellow coach livery during mid-June.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, the introduction of new service X31 (Canvey (Leigh Beck)-Green Park) was delayed until June 18th, and the service is now in operation. A timetable leaflet has been published for this service, and there are four return journeys on Mondays to Fridays with departures from Canvey (Leigh Beck) at 0540 hrs., 0610 hrs., 0640 hrs. and 0710 hrs., and from Green Park at 1550 hrs., 1620 hrs., 1650 hrs. and 1720 hrs. Passengers may not be both picked up and set down between Vange (Five Bells P.H.) and Orsett Heath (Baker Street) on this service.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

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- 436 (606 JPU) - Withdrawn from service by 2/82 by Thomas, Upper Llandwrog. (the report in NS233 should read 436 and not 429).
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- 404 (AVX965B) - Withdrawn by Wright, Deeside, by 3/82.
 406 (AVX967B) - Withdrawn by Wright, Deeside, by 3/82.
 412 (YHK729F) - Has not been painted into fleet livery by West Wales, Tycroes. Was loaned to Eynon, Trimsaran in 3/84, and may be acquired by them. (additional information to NS242).
- 9445 (XVW633L) - Withdrawn by P.G. Travel, Middlewich, 1/83.
 1200 (BNO686T) - Rogers, Southampton, by 9/83, ex. dealer, Thurcroft.
 1210 (BNO696T) - Brice, Four Marks, by 11/83, ex. dealer, Thurcroft. Subsequently to Hayward, Caversham, by 3/84.
 1214 (BNO700T) - Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd., Sible Hedingham, L125, 5/84, ex. dealer, Potters Bar.
 1215 (BNO701T) - Goldenport Ltd., London, S.W.16, by 6/84, ex. dealer, Potters Bar.
 1216 (BNO702T) - Linebourne Ltd., London, S.W.8, by 6/84, ex. dealer, Potters Bar.
 1217 (BNO703T) - Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd., Sible Hedingham, L126, 5/84, ex. dealer, Potters Bar.
 1408 (X00877L) - Repainted in Cotswold (white/green/red) local coach livery in 3/84. (additional information to NS242).
 1432 (JHK456C) - Reported as DP45F (formerly DP43F) with Silcox, Pembroke Dock, by 12/83.
 1510 (TVX612H) - Still with dealer, Purfleet, 5/84. (additional information to NS239).
 2861 (RHK346D) - Vehicle is a mobile information centre with the London Borough of Camden, and is labelled 'Mobile Women's Centre'. (additional information to NS234/40).
 2367 (RVW393D) - Being converted by Alexander (Northern) into a driver training vehicle, 5/84, and noted at Aberdeen depot with conversion work in progress.
 2874 (STW762D) - Caterfood (South West) Ltd., Torquay (N-PSV), by 9/83, ex. Sherrin, Carhampton.
 2879 (SVX278D) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 5/84, not in service and being used for spares.
 2885 (WN0973F) - Re-seated to H40/34F (by removal of luggage pen) by 1/83, by Irvine, Law. Acquired by Stagecoach, Perth, 1/84. (additional information to NS240).
 9017 (LFS289F) - Is N-PSV with Top Deck Travel Ltd., London, S.W.5. (see also NS236).

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