

EDITORIAL

Spring Coach Tour - Sunday, May 15th.

A booking form for this tour is enclosed with this news sheet. Please book your seats as early as possible to avoid disappointment - our tours are very popular !

Group Photographs

A new colour photograph list (E.C.7 (N)) has recently been published and a copy is enclosed with this news sheet. The photographs are available at £0.30 each, plus £0.15 postage on orders for up to and including 13 photographs, and a further £0.15 for every additional 13 photographs or part thereof. Please direct all orders to the Group's Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.).

Second Annual 'Bus Masterminds Quiz'

The second annual 'Bus Masterminds Quiz' was held at Southend on Wednesday, April 6th, and the team from Southend Transport (captained by Andy Meadows) won a closely fought contest and retained the title that they had won in 1982.

Chelmsford Meeting - Tuesday, May 17th.

A meeting will be held at 33. Goldlay Road, Chelmsford on Tuesday, May 17th commencing at 1945 hrs. A range of Group photographs will be available for sale, and the meeting will also provide an opportunity for general discussion. Goldlay Road is in two sections and No. 33 is in the cul-de-sac leading towards Parkway.

North Weald Rally, North Weald Aerodrome - Sunday, May 22nd.

The third North Weald rally is being held on Sunday, May 22nd at the North Weald Aerodrome. The Group's sales stand will be present with our full range of publications, photographs and other items. For members without their own transport, there will be a free bus service from Epping (L.T.) Station to and from the rally site, and London Transport service 201 also passes the site.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Southend/Castle Point/Rochford area (Area 6) dated April 1983 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (address above) at £0.62 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

Lancaster City Council (Transport Department) - Commemorative Events

The Group has received details from Lancaster City Council of a number of special events to commemorate 75 years of municipal bus operation in Morecambe, 80 years of municipal bus operation in Lancaster and 50 years of joint operation between Morecambe and Carnforth. The events will include a special bus service between Morecambe and Carnforth on May 27th using a new Leyland Atlantean double-deck coach, a preserved AEC Regent III and the Leyland Lion (CK 3825) owned by Ribble Motor Services Ltd. A special commemorative book, various photographs and a book-mark will also be available, and full details about the various events and souvenirs may be obtained from Lancaster City Council, Transport Department, Kingsway Bus Depot, Lancaster. LA1 1DJ.

New Eastern National Traffic Manager - Mr. Arthur Townsend

Mr. Arthur Townsend has recently been appointed as Traffic Manager of Eastern National to succeed Mr. Stephen Trennery. Our congratulations go to Mr. Townsend on his new appointment.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

The first batch of Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles has now been delivered, and full details are as follows :-

1110	HHJ371Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8201739	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F
1111	HHJ372Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8201745	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F
1112	HHJ373Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8201750	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F
1113	HHJ374Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8201751	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F
1114	HHJ375Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8201766	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F
1115	HHJ376Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8300013	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F
1117	HHJ378Y	Leyland Tiger	TRC/TL11/2R	8300110	Alexander TE special DP	DP53F

Body Numbers : 1110-2TE/2382/3 1114-2TE/2382/4
 1111-2TE/2382/6 1115-2TE/2382/5
 1112-2TE/2382/1 1117-2TE/2382/7
 1113-2TE/2382/2

Delivery dates : 1110/2/3 - March 22nd.

 1114 - March 23rd.

 1111/5 - March 25th.

 1117 - April 21st.

1110/2/3 are painted in the new standard National coach livery, 1111/4/5 are painted in the new Highwayman livery (incorporating the Highwayman logo) and 1117 is painted in a revised dual-purpose livery, which is similar to the Highwayman livery but does not incorporate the Highwayman logo.

The chassis and body numbers for the remaining vehicles of this batch are now available, and are as follows :- 1116 - 8300109 : 2TE/2382/11; 1118 - 8300143 : 2TE/2382/8; 1119 - 8300147 : 2TE/2382/12; 1120 - 8300180 : 2TE/2382/9; 1121 - 8300186 : 2TE/2382/10.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Refurbished Vehicles

Work has now been completed on the refurbishment of 1417 (GJD196N), and this vehicle has now re-entered service in the new standard National coach livery. This livery will also be applied to 1418 (GJD194N), which remains at Central Works, and work on this vehicle will be completed during late-April or early-May.

Allocations & Transfers

4.83 1110 D/L-SE, 1111 D/L-CR, 1112 D/L-CR, 1113 D/L-DT, 1114 D/L-SD, 1115 D/L-SD, 1117 D/L, 1215 D/L-CR, 1300 MN-CN, 1307 D/L-CN, 1523 PL (P)-D/L (D), 1534 PL (P)-D/L (P), 1540 BD-PL (P), 1543 BS (P)-D/L (D), 1547 HH-PL (P), 1719 HH-BD, 1744 SD-BN, 3002 CF-D/L, 3045 BN (P)-PL (P)-DT, 3098 HH-SD.

1114/5 are currently attached to the Coaching Department, and 1204/16 are no longer attached to the Coaching Department. 3002 has now entered Central Works for repairs following recent accident damage (see NS228), and the allocation of 3045 to DT is for contract work.

1054 (TJN977W) is still Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA), and during mid-April this vehicle was being used at CR. 1534 PL (P) has been delicensed during recent weeks, whilst 3014/8/47 and 3045 (until re-allocation to DT) have been in use at SD recently. Four Southend (SD) vehicles (3083, 4000-2) were used on April 22nd to carry dignitaries and guests attending the opening of the M25 motorway between Loughton and the A13, and the four PL (P) Bristol VRTSL6G's (3014/8/45/7) were used as replacements for these vehicles.

A full fleet allocation is published on page 8 of this news sheet.

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 NS228 :-

March : w/e 19.3.83 - 1821 at CW.

 w/e 26.3.83 - 1907 at CW.

April : w/e 2.4.83 - 1417 at CW.

 w/e 9.4.83 - No vehicles repainted.

 w/e 16.4.83 - 1908 at CW.

 w/e 23.4.83 - 1711 at CW, 1761 at CW, 1806 at CW, 4002 at CW.

Service Developments

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

- 2 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn; Weekdays : one additional journey to be introduced; Saturdays : one minor timetable change.
- 24/A - Revised terminals to be Southend (Central Bus Station) and Rawreth (Carpenters Arms) (additional information to NS220).
- 100 - Service to be operated in accordance with traffic requirements on all Good Fridays, Easter Saturdays and Easter Sundays.
- 106 - Revised Summer Sunday timetable (June 26th-September 4th, 1983).
- 110 - Revised timetable, and route revisions.
- 113 - Revised Summer timetable (May 29th-September 25th, 1983).
- 117 - Revised Summer timetable (June 26th-September 4th, 1983).
- 118 - Revised terminals to be Jaywick Sands (Meadow Way) and Holland (Valley Farm Holiday Park), with revised Summer timetable (June 26th-September 4th, 1983).
- 119 - Additional Summer Sunday journeys between Colchester and Colchester Zoo to be withdrawn.
- 260 - Schooldays : one journey to operate via Navestock, and one journey to operate via Navestockside; Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes.
- 265/6 - Revised timetable to provide for journeys to be re-timed, and certain journeys to be extended to/from Herongate (Old Dog P.H.).
- 403 - All journeys to observe stops between East Horndon (Halfway House, Flyover) and Romford (St. Edwards Way). Two minor timetable changes to be introduced on Weekdays. See also NS220.
- 503 - Schooldays : two journeys to be restricted to passengers travelling to/from St. Teresa's School.
- 546/7 - Revised service to be operated on Good Friday (April 1st, 1983), and in future years service to operate in accordance with traffic requirements on Good Fridays.

The Company has also applied for minor timetable changes to services 60 (Weekdays), 111 (Schooldays, with one additional journey to be introduced on Mondays to Fridays, and these revisions were introduced from April 18th), 116 (Mondays to Fridays, and introduced from April 18th), 226 (Mondays to Fridays - one change, and Weekdays - four changes) and 340 (Weekdays).

From April 8th, service 435 (Braintree-Romford) was re-routed via Jeffreys Road, Tye Green in order to provide Tye Green with an improved facility, and the section of this route via Cressing (Three Ashes) is no longer served.

From April 5th, two additional journeys were introduced on Mondays to Fridays on service 229 (Basildon-Ramsden Heath) between Basildon and Noak Bridge.

The Company has applied for a number of revisions to express services, and in certain cases these services are being replaced by new services incorporated into the Highwayman network (see also below). Brief details are listed below.

- 119 (Bury St. Edmunds-Basildon) - service to be re-numbered 820 (see below).
- 120 (Southend-Brighton) - service to be re-numbered 824 (see below).
- 123 (Clacton-Ramsgate) - service to be re-numbered 821 (see below).
- 124 (Southend-Ramsgate) - service to be suspended for 1983.
- 125 (Southend-Great Yarmouth) - service to be re-numbered 133, with route revisions and revised picking up points.
- 127 (South Ockendon-Harwich) - service to be re-numbered 136. Revised terminals to be South Ockendon (The Green, West Road) and Walton-on-Naze (Rail Station, Coach Park), with revised timetable, route revisions and revised picking up points.
- 128 (Southend-Yarmouth I.O.W.) - service to be re-numbered 826 (see below).
- 130 (Southend-Bognor Regis) - service to be re-numbered 825 (see below).

- 136 (Ipswich-Dymchurch) - service to be re-numbered 823, with revised terminals (see below).
- 138 (Catford/East Croydon-Walton-on-Naze/Clacton) - revised terminals to be East Croydon (Dingwall Road Coach Station)/Catford (Rushey Green Coach Station) and Walton-on-Naze (Rail Station, Coach Park)/Dovercourt (Caravan Park), with revised timetable, route revisions and revised picking up points.

Details are now also available regarding the extended network of Highwayman services that will be operated during the forthcoming Summer season, and certain services will replace express services, as listed above. The principal changes are listed below, and full details are contained in two new timetable booklets (see under Publicity News).

- 801 - To operate on Wednesdays and Saturdays from Southend to Peterborough, and extended on Saturdays from Peterborough to Skegness (Butlins, Gaiety Theatre) via Spalding, Boston and Skegness (Bus Station).
- 802 - To operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Southend to Northampton, but re-routed between Southend and Chelmsford via Westcliff, Leigh-on-Sea, Hadleigh, Thundersley, South Benfleet, Pitsea and Basildon.
- 803 - To operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays from Southend to Kings Lynn, and extended on Sundays to Hunstanton (Bus Station) via Sandringham Gardens and Heacham.
- 804 - To operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Southend to Norwich, and routed between Southend and Chelmsford as shown for service 802.
- 805 - To operate on Wednesdays from Southend to Norwich, and to be routed as for service 802 to Basildon and then via Wickford, South Woodham Ferrers, Bicknacre, Maldon, Heybridge, Great Totham and Tiptree to Colchester.
- 806 - To operate on Sundays from Southend to Great Yarmouth via Basildon, Chelmsford, Witham, Kelvedon, Colchester, Sudbury, Long Melford, Bury St. Edmunds, Thetford and Norwich.
- 807 - Service to be withdrawn for the Summer period.
- 809 - NEW SERVICE from Southend to Clacton (Wash Lane Coach Station) on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, and to operate via Basildon, Wickford, South Woodham Ferrers, Bicknacre, Maldon, Colchester, St. Osyth, Jaywick Sands and Clacton (Butlins).
- 811 - Service to operate on Mondays from Harwich to Peterborough, and to be routed between Harwich and Colchester via Dovercourt, Parkeston Quay, Thorpe-le-Soken, Kirby Cross, Great Holland, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton, Jaywick Sands, Little Clacton, Weeley, Frating and Elmstead Market.
- 812 - Service to operate on Saturdays from Harwich to Northampton, and routed between Harwich and Colchester as shown for service 811.
- 813 - Service to operate on Wednesdays from Harwich to Kings Lynn, and routed between Harwich and Colchester as shown for service 811.
- 814 - Service to operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays from Harwich (Tuesdays) or Little Clacton (Saturdays) to Sheringham via Colchester, Ipswich, Diss, Long Stratton, Norwich, Wroxham, North Walsham, Mundesley, Overstrand and Cromer. This service will be routed via Dovercourt, Parkeston Quay and Little Clacton between Harwich and Clacton.
- 815 - Service to operate on Fridays (Northbound) and Sundays (Southbound) from Harwich to Sheringham via Clacton, Colchester, Ipswich, Bungay, Beccles, Lowestoft, Great Yarmouth, Caister, Hemsby, Mundesley, Overstrand and Cromer, and to be routed between Harwich and Clacton as shown for service 814.
- 817 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 820 - NEW SERVICE (part replacing express service 119) from Halstead to Basildon, and to operate on Summer Saturdays from May 21st to September 24th.
- 821 - NEW SERVICE (replacing express service 123) from Clacton to Ramsgate via Colchester, Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers, Basildon,

- Herne Bay and Margate, and to operate on Summer Saturdays from May 7th to September 24th.
- 822 - NEW SERVICE from Bishop's Stortford to Dymchurch via Harlow, Ongar, Brentwood, Basildon, Rochester, Chatham, Canterbury, Dover and Folkestone, and to operate on Summer Saturdays from May 21st to September 24th.
- 823 - NEW SERVICE (replacing express service 136) from Ipswich to Camber (Silver Sands Caravan Park) via Colchester, Witham, Chelmsford, Basildon, Maidstone, Hastings and Rye, and to operate on Summer Saturdays from May 21st to September 24th.
- 824 - NEW SERVICE (replacing express service 120) from Southend to Eastbourne via Hadleigh, South Benfleet, Basildon, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. The Eastbourne terminal (Cavendish Place, Coach Station) replaces the previous terminal point of express service 120 at Brighton. This service will operate on Summer Saturdays from May 7th to September 24th.
- 825 - NEW SERVICE (part replacing express service 130) from Southend to Worthing (Tuesdays and Saturdays) and from Harwich to Brighton (Thursdays). The route from Southend to Worthing will be via Basildon, Sevenoaks, Gatwick Airport, Crawley and Brighton, and on Tuesdays this service will operate via Westcliff, Leigh-on-Sea and Hadleigh, whilst on Saturdays it will be routed via Rochford, Ashingdon, Hockley and Rayleigh. The route from Harwich to Brighton will be via Clacton, Colchester, Witham, Chelmsford, Brentwood, Sevenoaks, Gatwick Airport and Crawley. This service will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from May 3rd to September 24th.
- 826 - NEW SERVICE (replacing express service 128) from Southend to Yarmouth (I.O.W.) via Hadleigh, South Benfleet, Basildon, Crawley, Chichester, Havant, Southsea and Portsmouth. This service will operate on Summer Saturdays from May 21st to September 24th.
- 827 - NEW SERVICE from Shoeburyness to Bournemouth via Thorpe Bay, Southchurch, Southend, Hadleigh, South Benfleet, Basildon, Southampton, Lyndhurst and Christchurch. This service will operate from May 7th to September 24th.

On Highwayman services serving Hadleigh (801-6/9/24/6/7), the picking up/setting down points at Hadleigh (Kiln Road or E.N. Depot) have been replaced by a new stopping point at Thundersley (Kenneth Road). Service 827 (Shoeburyness-Bournemouth) will provide connections at Bournemouth with new Western Holidaymaker service 180 to points in Dorset and East Devon. It is also understood that express service 115 (Southend-Minehead) will be operated this Summer as part of the Western Holidaymaker network of services, and will be re-numbered 184.

The Company has applied for route revisions to two excursions (Long Melford and Kentwell Hall, and Stour Valley Circular) from Chelmsford, and to introduce an additional excursion to Flatford and East Bergholt also from Chelmsford.

A Sunday service will be operated on all routes, with the exception of service 100 (Clacton-St. Osyth Beach), on May Day Holiday (May 2nd) and Spring Bank Holiday (May 30th). A special timetable will be operated on service 100 from April 30th to May 2nd, and then Daily from May 28th to June 25th. Normal Monday services will be operated on Highwayman services on May Day Holiday and Spring Bank Holiday.

Publicity News

New timetable leaflets, excursion and holiday leaflets and Explorer leaflets introduced during recent weeks have been as follows :-

Timetable leaflets - a new timetable leaflet for service 435 (Braintree-Romford) dated April 8th.

Highwayman services - a timetable booklet for services 801-6/9/11-5/25 dated May 1st and covering the period to September 24th.

- a timetable booklet for the Summer Saturday services 820-7 dated May 7th and covering the period to September 24th.

Commuter services - five new timetable leaflets containing details of revised timetables introduced on the commuter services jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. (see also NS227). The leaflets

for the services from Great Cornard, High Garrett and Earls Colne (two leaflets) are dated March 14th, and the leaflets for the services (which are all numbered 194) from Heybridge, Tiptree and Woodham Mortimer (three leaflets) are dated April 5th.

Excursion leaflets - a series of very attractive booklets containing details of the Company's programme of excursions for the Summer period (May-October) is now becoming available. The excursions are being marketed under the title of 'Day Breaks', and booklets for Billericay and Brentwood, Chelmsford and District, Colchester/Claughton/Walton; Harwich and Maldon are available at present.

Leisure Break Holidays - an attractive folder containing details of nine Leisure Break Holidays (LB301-9) and a booking form is now available. Further leaflets with details of Continental Leisure Break Holidays will become available in the near future.

Explorer leaflets - a series of new Explorer leaflets is now becoming available, and leaflets for Brentwood, Clacton and Maldon are available at present.

General

From May 22nd, London Transport Bus Passes and Travelcards will be accepted by Eastern National for travel on services 151, 226, 251, 261, 347, 350/1, 403 and 451 wholly within the G.L.C. area. Eastern National fares will also be adjusted from this date to take account of reductions in London Transport fares. G.L.C. Pensioners' Passes are also now being accepted by Eastern National during the afternoon peak period in common with London Transport.

The National 'Wanderbus' ticket was withdrawn from Sunday, April 10th. Explorer tickets continue to be available, but must be purchased in advance at the Company's local offices or at tourist information centres. Full details are contained in the new Explorer leaflets (see under Publicity News).

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding the joint operation of service 123 (Clacton-Ipswich) by Eastern National and Eastern Counties, it can now be confirmed that the through working of vehicles between Clacton and Ipswich has now ceased, and that vehicles only travel as far as Mistley (Rigby Avenue) where through passengers now change vehicles. Accordingly, Eastern National will not be involved in the operation of Eastern Counties service 251.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during March were 1053, 1301, 1710, 1872 and 3032. 1051 BE suffered electrical problems at Harwich on March 23rd, and 1054 LWA, which had been operating on loan to DT since March 17th, was sent to BE as a temporary replacement. Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding 3061, it should also be noted that this vehicle has also been fitted with a Mark 3 VRT front panel of the latest type.

Several Clacton (CN) coaches operated on loan to DT for short periods during March, including 1406 (March 14th-15th), 1413 (March 19th-22nd) and 1415 (March 7th, 14th-15th and 28th-29th).

Allocations of D/L (D) Vehicles

The following allocations of delicensed vehicles were recorded during April :-

Central Works (CW) - 1520.

Hadleigh (HH) - 1504.

Maldon (MN) - 1512/6/7/21/43 and 1534 D/L (P).

1504 D/L (D) was previously in store at MN, but has now been moved to HH for temporary use as a mobile rest room during the reconstruction of the canteen and rest room facilities at Hadleigh depot. A Bristol FLF6G (SHN254F), which has been converted into a mobile kitchen and canteen, is on loan from the Castle Point Transport Museum Society, and is also being used at Hadleigh depot in connection with the rebuilding work.

Unusual Workings

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

13.3-3085, 3103/9 (all HH) and ST 231 noted on a rail replacement service from

Rayleigh to Southend.

- 15.3-1750 DT operated a replacement rail journey from Harwich to Parkeston Quay and return following the failure of a D.M.U.
- 16.3-1200 BE noted on a HD service 325 working; 1902 BE noted on service 311.
- 17.3-1208 BS noted on National Express service 084; 1745 SE observed on service 330; 1800 CN (on loan to CF) noted on service 40; 3047 PL (P) noted at CF depot displaying service 55.
- 18.3-1861 SE observed on service 325.
- 19.3-1212 MN operated an excursion to the Ideal Home Exhibition; 1774 CF noted on service 119; 3075 SD operated the 2308 hrs. rail journey from Wickford to Southminster in place of a failed D.M.U.; 3081 CF noted on service 11A.
- 20.3-3053 SD, 3085, 3103/7 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Billericay; 3127 CR operated a rail replacement service from Colchester (St. Botolphs) to Marks Tey.
- 22.3-3085 HH operated a private hire journey to the Kensington Museums.
- 23.3-1745 SE noted on service 311; 1897 CF noted on service 87.
- 24.3-3109 HH operated a private hire working to Grays.
- 25.3-1208 BS and 1306 HD noted on National Express service 195; 1939 CF noted on service 119 (and also on 26.3, 29.3 and 30.3); 3072 SD noted on service 22.
- 26.3-1937 SD observed on National Express service 109; Midland Red (Express) 517 (PHA317M) noted at MN depot, together with 1807 SD.
- 27.3-1406 CN noted at Lee Park, Liverpool on a private hire working with a party of Dutch architects visiting a school in that area; 3097 HH noted at Chelmsford on a private hire journey; 3105 SD operated a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Billericay.
- 28.3-Crosville ELL 27 (DDM 27X) noted returning to Warrington after loan to Eastern National, having replaced a Southend (SD) 13XX vehicle which had failed in that area earlier.
- 29.3-1306 HD noted on the commuter service from London to Great Cornard; 1307 CN noted on National Express service 084; 1744 SD observed on service 38; ST 239 observed running empty towards London for operation on service X1.
- 30.3-1053 CR noted on service 91; 1201 MN noted on National Express service 109, and this vehicle stayed on loan to SD over the Easter period; 1549 CF noted on service 31A; 1739 HH noted on service 1; 1828 CR noted at MN depot.
- 31.3-1839 BD noted at Gants Hill on service 251.
- 1.4-1112 CR noted on National Express service 003; 1115 SD operated its first journey on Highwayman service 803, having arrived at SD on 30.3, and this vehicle operated service 804 on 2.4 and 3.4, and service 806 on 4.4.
- 2.4-1205 BE noted on National Express service 095; 1937 SD observed on service 20; 3056 BE (on loan to BD) noted on service 251 (and also on 11.4-13.4); 3073 SD noted at HH depot having failed whilst operating service 400.
- 3.4-1815 CF noted on a private journey to the Barking RT rally.
- 4.4-1863 BE noted on service 88.
- 5.4-1111 CR noted at CF depot; 1210 CR noted on National Express service 084; 1800 CN (on loan to CF) noted on service 43 (and on service 40 on 8.4); 1845 BD (on loan to BE, and replacing 3056) noted on service 70 (and on service 321 on 6.4 and service 311 on 13.4-15.4); 1882 BE noted on service 311.
- 6.4-3021 CF noted on service 311; Colchester Transport 102 noted on National Express service 083.
- 7.4-1860 CF noted on service 311.
- 9.4-1216 SD noted on Highwayman service 804 (and also on 16.4); 3019 BE observed on service 88.
- 10.4-3099, 3103/9 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Billericay.
- 12.4-3029 BE (on loan to HD) noted on service 311 (and also on 13.4).
- 13.4-1818 BN noted on service 401; 1933 BD noted on service 251.
- 14.4-1937 SD observed on service 20; 3014 PL (P) noted on service 20 (and also on 15.4, 16.4 and 19.4); 3047 PL (P) observed on service 5 (and also on 16.4).
- 15.4-National Travel (East) OHE279X seen at SD depot.
- 16.4-1547 HH noted on services 24/A, on this vehicle's final day of operation at HH.
- 17.4-1301 CR noted at Liverpool with a party of students from Chelmsford, having been in the area for the previous week; 2383 D/L (D) noted at SD depot being prepared for the Southend Historic Transport Rally.
- 18.4-Former London Transport DMS MLK582L, now owned by the Hadleigh Military Marching Band, noted at HH depot for signwriting work; 3072 SD noted on service 25.

Eastern National Fleet Allocation - April 1983

Basildon (DN) : 1704(DS)/11-7/21(DS)/3/32/6/8/40-2/4/6/8/63/7/72/6/86/94/5
 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6-9/18/9/22/34
 3067(DS)/8/9/74/6 3116/7/20 (6)
 Bishop's Stortford (BS) : 1057/8 1208/14 1533/41/51 1749/59 1914/6 3041
 3114 (13)
 Braintree (BE) : 1051 1200/5 1542 1863/82 1902/24/9/30/2 3004/19(DS)/29/56
 3063 3115/28 (18)
 Brentwood (BD) : 1055 1203/13/7 1700(DS)/19/22/54/60/85/96/7 1809/10/23/37-40
 1845/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 3026/91-4 3100 (34)
 Chelmsford (CF) : 1209 1302 1546(DS)/9 1701(DS)/7*/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2
 1804/5/11/5/9/24(DS)/7/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/3/85/97/9 1905/15/7*/39
 2200 3021/33/5/77/8/80-2 3106/8/10-3/25/6 (61)
 Clacton (CN) : 1050 1300/5/7 1406/12/3/5/9 1530(DS)/48/50/3/4 1705(DS)/51/6
 1761/8/9/79/80/9/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 3003/31 (34)
 Colchester (CR) : 1053 1111/2 1207/10/5 1301 1524/8/36/52 1710(DS)/90/3
 1816/28/65/72/88/92 1923/5/35/6 3001/22/3/30/2/50/95 3124/7 (33)
 Hadleigh (HH) : 1703/9/18/20(DS)/5-7/31/3/5/7/9/43/53/7/8/65/77/81/4 1817/21
 1835/57/64/71/90 1900/28 3085/97/9 3103/7/9 (35)
 Halstead (HD) : 1206 1306 1544 1782 1926 3048/58/9/66 3118 (10)
 Harwich (DT) : 1056 1113 1202 1532 1750 1901/20 3000/27/45/61 (11)
 Maldon (MN) : 1052/9 1201/12 1539 1708(DS)/28/55/64 1806/31/3 1921/7/31
 3038/40/9/51/79 (20)
 Silver End (SE) : 1110 1211 1409 1545 1745/83 1812/3/61/2 3020/39/55/60
 3123 (15)
 Southend (SD) : 1114/5 1204/16 1303/4 1404/5/7/8/10/1/4/6/7 1702/24/9(DS)
 1747/66/70/3/87/8/98/9 1807/14/36/68/75/93-5 1910/37/8 3024(DS)/5/8/34/6/7
 3052-4/7/62/4/5/70-3/5/83/4/6-90/6/8 3101/2/4/5/19/21/2/9 4000-2 (75)
 Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L) : 1117 1418 3002 (3)
 Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) : 1054 (1)
 Licensed Pool Vehicles (PL (P)) : 1540/7 3014/8/47 (5)
 Delicensed Pool Vehicles (D/L (P)) : 1534 (1)
 Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D)) : 1504/10-2/6/7/20-3/7/43 2383/4 (14)

Notes - (DS) denotes Docking Spare vehicle.

(P) denotes Pool vehicle.

Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Great Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 sd, and

Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 4 sd.

1707 and 1917 are Accident Pool vehicles.

1114/5 are at present attached to the Coaching Department.

The next full fleet allocation will be published in the August news sheet.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORTGeneral

A recent newspaper report has indicated that Colchester Transport is to spend £17,000 on the refurbishment of a single deck vehicle that has been delicensed for some months. This clearly refers to one of the delicensed Bristol RELL6L's (14, 15 and 17), all of which have now been removed from the Borough Council's depot at Jarmin Road (see NS224), and 14/5 have since been noted at the Magdalen Street depot.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The first of the Van Hool Astromega integral double-deck coaches has now been delivered, and preliminary details are as follows :-

244 JEV244Y Van Hool Astromega integral double-deck coach CH57/27F

The vehicle was delivered on April 16th, and it is painted in the new X1 livery style, which on this vehicle is predominantly yellow with two blue stripes and X1 service details between the lower and upper decks.

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.83

217 (MJN217F)

General

The new X1 livery as carried on Leyland Leopard coach 208 (BTE208V) was slightly revised during April, and the blue stripes have now been repainted to form a single blue band.

Former vehicle 348 (WJN348J), which is now owned by Rochford District Council and numbered 555, entered service on the free bus service in the Rochford area on April 1st (additional information to NS228).

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALSInitial Disposals

None to report this month.

Subsequent Disposals1954 - 1964 numbering scheme

396 (725 APU) and 424 (601 JPU) - Unknown contractor, Nigg; subsequently to dealer, Barnsley, -/74; thence to dealer, Worsborough Dale, 4/74; Newton, Dingwall, -/74. (additional information to NS160 Supplement).

309 (FJN 164) - Withdrawn by Hartley, Manchester, 10/72, thence to dealer, Barnsley, by 4/73, and to dealer, Blackerhill, 4/73.

329 (7015 HK) - Withdrawn by Baker & Dyer, Ilford, 8/73, subsequently to dealer, Barnsley, by 4/74; thence Rennie, Dunfermline, 4/74; dealer, Barnsley, by 7/74; Grampian Coachways, Bathgate, 7/74.

350 (573 UVX) - Cott, Keelby (for preservation), 2/83, ex. Bates, Altrincham (for preservation).

392 (OWC182D) - Still with National Travel (London), 4/83, ex. National Travel (South East). Last used as a driver training vehicle, but currently delicensed.

432 (PWC339K)

9435 (PWC342K)

433 (PWC340K)

9436 (PWC343K)

9434 (PWC341K)

Withdrawn by National Travel (South East), 12/78 (not acquired by National Travel (London)); thence to dealer, Barnsley, by 2/79, subsequently to Morris, Swansea, 2/79. (additional information to NS183).

1309 (204 MHK) - Dealer, Barnsley, 4/76.

1324 (1262 EV) - Dealer, Blackerhill, 4/76; thence to Cosgrove, Invergowrie, 8/76.

1329 (1267 EV) - Now reported as 1st Mile Scout Group, Stockport, (N-PSV), 8/77, ex. dealer, Barnsley. Previously (NS191) given as Davenport Scouts, Stockport, (N-PSV), 7/76, converted to B37F. Since the vehicle was not withdrawn until 9/76, the earlier date must be in error. Are the two Scout groups the same? Subsequently to Salford Gingerbread (N-PSV), 1/83.

1346 (206 YVX) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 8/77.

1354 (MOO 175) - Dealer, Barnsley, 7/81, ex. Tarmac Roadstone (contractor), Stockton. Subsequently to Brown, Smallfield, 7/81, for spares.

1355 (MOO 176) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 7/77; to Stella Maris Coaches, Horden, 11/77.

1401 (PWC345K) - Went to St. Johns School, Epping, (N-PSV), 11/82.

1407 (1255 EV) - Dealer, Barnsley, 4/76.

1408 (1256 EV) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley; thence to Hogg (farmer), Yarnworth, Penrith, 2/77. Subsequently to Robinson, Appleby, by 10/77, for spares. (additional information to NS170).

1413 (2738 VX) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 8/77.

2343 (FJN 156) - Was initially exported to Texas, U.S.A., 11/69. (additional information to NS227/8).

2738 (EOO 580) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 9/77.

- 2742 (EOO 584) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 9/77.
 2757 (JWC 717) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 9/77.
 2764 (RWC 606) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 9/77.
 2767 (VWC 47) - Initial disposal was to dealer, Barnsley, 9/77.
 2804 (BVX680B) - Noted at yard of Brakell, Cheam (dealer), 3/83, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
 2823 (JHK455C) - Noted at yard of Brakell, Cheam (dealer), 3/83, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
 2839 (LWC665C) - Argas Persicus, London, S.W.5, (N-PSV), 7/82, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
 2840 (LWC666C) - Noted at premises of dealer, Coltishall, 7/81, and subsequently also 2/83, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF 420.
 2853 (OVX297D) - Argas Persicus, London, S.W.5, (N-PSV), 7/82, ex. Viking Safaris, London, W.C.2, (N-PSV).
 2854 (OVX298D) - Still at premises of dealer, Salsburgh, 2/82, but had been removed by 3/83. (additional information to NS214).
 2867 (RVW393D) - Still with Alexander (Northern), NRD 2, 4/83.
 2868 (RVW394D) - Sithdrawn by Alexander (Northern), NRD 3, 12/82.
 2871 (RWC943D) - Still with Alexander (Northern), N235DT, and in use as a driver training vehicle, 4/83.
 2879 (SVX278D) - Noted at premises of Stagecoach, Perth, 4/83, in a red livery and last reported with Aberdeen Scouts. (see also NS210).
 2883 (UEV221E) - Still with Alexander (Northern), NRD 5, 4/83.
 2891 (WNO979F) - Exported to U.S.A., 11/82, ex. Omnibus Promotions, London, W.10.
 2895 (WNO983F) - Exported to U.S.A., 11/82, ex. Omnibus Promotions, London, W.10.
 2896 (WNO984F) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 4/83.
 2911 (WWC741F) - Still with Wilson, Carnwath, 3/83.
 2912 (WWC742F) - Still with Wilson, Carnwath, 3/83.
 2916 (WWC746F) - Exported to U.S.A., 11/82, ex. Omnibus Promotions, London, W.10.
 2926 (AEV320F) - Still with Stagecoach, Perth, 4/83.
 2940 (KNO949C) - Noted at premises of Argas Persicus, London, S.W.5, 4/83, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
 9017 (LFS289F) - Argas Persicus, London, S.W.5, (N-PSV), by 4/83, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
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- 357 (12 DLY) - Still with Nationwide, Lanark, 3/83, but delicensed and out of use.
 415 (YTW539F) - Dealer, Bolton, by 4/83, ex. Gorman, Dunoon.
 9426 (LWC977J) - Still with Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 4/83, but derelict and out of use.
 9446 (XVW634L) - Nicholls, Garway, 1/83, ex. P.G. Travel, Middlewich.
 1208 (WVX 443) - Noted at premises of dealer, Coltishall, 2/83, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., LM 923. (see also NS218).
 1210 (WVX 447) - Noted at premises of dealer, Coltishall, 2/83, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., LM 925. (see also NS218).
 1611 (AVX961B) - Noted at premises of dealer, Coltishall, 2/83, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. (for spares). (see also NS197).
 2301 (RHK348D) - Kinch, Mountsorrel, 12/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
 2834 (LWC660C) - Still with Wilson, Carnwath, 4/83. (see also NS223).
- Note - Other reports indicate that 2891/5, 2916 were exported to Canada, 11/82, and these should be viewed with caution.
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