

JAN 1974

When looking at the current fleets of Southend Area Coach Operators, it will be seen that Fords and Bedfords are the dominate chassis, but let us now look at the other manufacturers represented. Mention has been previously made of the Setra and Atkinson of Kirby's Rayleigh, we find we have 2 Seddons, 4 Bristols, 7 Leylands and 13 AEC'S. This of course excludes Eastern National, Southend Transport, National Travel and Lesney/Ensign.

The 2 Seddons are CHY 620J of Southend Co's and NMF 887L the ex Midland Red 2156 now with Brightways.

The 4 Bristols - 275 KTA - SUL4A of Channel Coachways, DWT 637H - LHL 6A with Poulson of Benfleet, MAX 107 an ex Midland Red (Green Bus) LS6G with S & P Gt. Wakering and lastly the new near Veteran KSW 6B OHY with Castlepoint.

The 7 Leylands - include 3 Double-deckers, 308TR with Hullbridge, HMF9 & RAL 333 with Castlepoint, and the Single-deck Chassis include MED 270F a PSU3A of S & M Coaches, 434 FXX, L2 of Conroy Benfleet and ESN 316L a 19 seater Terrier with UMBH.

The 13 AEC'S - include 2 Double-deckers - VTX 443 & 8BWN of Castlepoint, the remaining 11 are all on Reliance Chassis.

Channel Coachways 8627DT, WVN 189, CUW 561/2C.

Grosvenor	VNK 606E
Kirby	444 EBE, CFW 100C
M & E	VWN16, 8766VW
Frost	JNK 244C
Wiggins (Builder)	3000 100

LATEST FLEET CHANGES:

Castlepoint - S & M - Mendabus acquired 1/75.

8BWN AEC Regent V - Willowbrook H71F ex Parsons London N22 Via Ensign originally South Wales Transport 768.

Sold VVO 737 - Ensign Bus Sales 1/75.

Bristol KSW - OHY 935 has been on hire to Lesney.

ENSIGN -

The ex Western SMT Leyland PD'S are now being exported to America, Also 2 vehicles previously used on Lesney contracts have been exported to Hong Kong.

COOK (HIGHWAYS) LEIGH:

Current Fleet 1/75.

471 JHO	Bedford SB5	Plaxton	C41F
VKR 538J	Bedford VAL70	Duple	C53F
OJU 366F	Bedford VAL70	Plaxton	C52F

The last two have recently been repainted in a common livery as 471 JHO of Fawn/Blue.

M & E Coaches have sold X0080 Bedford SB3 Duple C41F to a new operator R. Bull - Southend.

Channel Coachways have not purchased SJJ 587-9F Bedford VAL'S they are still owned by National Travel (SE) Ltd.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Leyland - National 1721 has no white band on rear panels above engine cowling after accident repairs.

UNUSAL ROUTE WORKINGS:

18/12	SD1729	R400
5/1	CF1334	R4A
9/1	WC2911	R400
11/1	CY2848	R2
12/1	SD1721	R4A

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

8/1 Eastern National crew were on strike, Diamler Fleetlines appeared on heavy trafficed routes in place of PD3'S.

A PD3 was used on route 10B.

On 11/1 - Fleetlines were appearing on some E.N. Workings apparently due to E.N. crews overtime ban.

Workings seen	366	R6	OMO
	372	R61	OMO
	381	R6A	Crew

NATIONAL TRAVEL (SE) EAST ANGLIA DIV.

Six Bristol RE Chassis were at Plaxtons in December for bodying.

The Anglia Division has the following Vehicles Allocated:-

874 OCD	-	750/1/3DCD
AVX 963	-	967B
JJJ 567	-	571D
YTW 537	-	540F
YHK 726	-	727F
GVW 981	-	3H
HVW 241	-	242H
LWC 974	-	982J
PGW 339	-	345K
KGJ 475/7K		
VHK 175	-	178L
XVW 631	-	634L
XOO 877	-	882L
RPU 868	-	869M
ULW 488	-	489M
VYH 493/4/6/8		501/4M

REBUILT/RESEATED VEHICLES FOR 1975 SEASON

YTW 537 - 40F	From C36F	to C41F
LWC 977J	C32F	C44F
XVW 632L	C30F	C44F
HVW 241/2H	C42F	C44F
XOO 880-2L	C47F	C44F
AVX 963-7B	C42F	C47F
GVW 981-3H	C42F	C47F
751 DCD	C36F	C41F

8740 CD is currently used as Staff Canteen and rest-room at Mascot National - Norwich.

ON HIRE TO ECOC AT NORWICH

AVX 967B	From 1-12-74	Till 11-12-74
YHK 724F	15-12-74	9-11-75
YHK 725F	15-12-74	9-1-75
YHK 728F	11-12-74	28-12-74
YHK 728F	6-1-75	Current
YHK 729F	1-12-74	"
LWC 980J	9-1-75	"
LWC 981J	9-1-75	"
LWC 982J	12-1-75	"

Unusual route working 7-1-75 - HHN 726D on Ser 184 Walton - London. This United Auto RELH6G arrived at Kelvedon on 6/1 as a result of VYM 504M breaking down on service 352 Clacton - Newcastle.

2 National Travel (Midland) Fords arrived at Kelvedon on 7-1-75 in Don Everall colours from repainting into National/Livery.

AUK 604H	Ford R226	Duple	CP53
NJW 101K	Ford R192	Duple	C45F

National Travel (SE) covered several E.N. Contracts on 8-1-75 when E.N. crews on strike in the Southend, Chelmsford and Colchester areas. The vehicles carried 'on hire to E.N.' stickers.

SOUTHEND COACH OPERATORS

NEW OPERATOR:

Four Seasons Coaches - address not known.

FVA 463D Ford R192 Duple C45F
ex Godward Wickford originally Hutchison Overtown.

ACQUIRED VEHICLES:

UMBH Ltd, Southend 2/75
HNM 929N Ford A606 Tricentrol C25F
Bull; Southend 2/75
FGL 381F Morris 250JU Morris 12.
ex M & E Coaches, Southend.
Marine, Canvey 1/75
RTU 614H Ford Transit.
ex ?
Hallums, Prittlewell 2/75
APT 416B Bedford J2 Plaxton C--F
ex ?
Button, Hadleigh.
Ford 570E WCJ 210 is out of use in UMBH yard in Southchurch Avenue.

S & M COACHES CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

Vehicles are now carrying fleetnumbers as follows:-

1 MED 270F	4 HTU 765G	7 CKV 890D
2 NJN 68F	5 JOW 889E	8 EUG 916D
3 BMB 560F	6 MED 149G	9 SWP 734F
30 VTX 443	32 RAL 333	34 8 BWN
31 QHY 935	33 HHF9	

On 21/1/75 VTX 443 was on loan to Broadway Coaches, Wickford for their School Contracts, while their own AEC Regent CHD 606 was at Hadleigh for attention.

Former Western SMT Vehicles seen at Hadleigh on behalf of Ensign:-

Leyland PD 2/3	KAG 824/5/844
Leyland PD3	LSD 383
Bristol LD	JSD 928/49/50/4
Bristol MW	LCS 204/9/11

Other Vehicles seen at Hadleigh have been:-

8820 NG Bedford SBI Plaxton C41F
ex ?

EMH 821B Bedford VAL14 Duple C52F
Brightways Coaches, Southend.

6368 HA BMMO D9 for spares.

LESNEY/ENSIGN

Leyland PSI VVO 737 is working on Lesney contract still in Castlepoint Livery of Red/cream.

ACQUIRED VEHICLES

32 1880 WA Leyland L2 ECW DP 41F
orig Sheffield Transport

72 VHE 197 & 75 LCK 745 are out of use.

Castlepoint 34 8BWN is on loan to Ensign, together with various Southend Transport Lowlanders.

A.E.R.E. FOULNESS.

Noted at Shoebury 16/3/75:-

XTX 241H	Bedford	Willowbrook	B41F
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XTG 203H
SRX 925

Bedford VAM
Bedford SB/

Duple C45F
Duple B41F

EASTERN NATIONAL

On 29th January Canvey Depot crews were on strike, this resulted in services 3.3A 5.27.151.404 terminating at Benfleet Station. On the same day London Transport were also on strike of the Services entering LT area, 151 terminated at Romford, 26 at Upminster, and route 400 was rather interesting - normal service was maintained, the Vehicle blinds were normal from Southend to Laindon, then changed to Private to Kings Cross. On the return journey showed service to Romford and then reverted to normal to Southend.

UNUSUAL VEHICLE WORKINGS:-

23/1	CN 1505	Route 5	6/2	CF 1405 - 4B	1/3	CY 2924	-	2
25/1	CF 2854	3	7/2	CN 1515 - 15A	1/3	CF 2706	-	5
26/1	WG 2911	2	8/2	SD 2775 - 36	7/3	Crewed MW		
						on 25.25A.		
3/2	SD 2740	55	8/2	SD 2740 - 43				
3/2	CF 2854	22B	16/2	WG 2908 - 3	9/3	BD 2891		27
4/2	CF 2854	27	16/2	CF 3019 - 24	17/3	SD 1340		233

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT.

Recently up to 4 Lowlanders have been on hire to Lesney and 2 to Alder Valley which has resulted in a vehicle shortage, PD3. 315 and 316 are being seen more regularly on services, together with open-toppers. On 20/2 one OT was seen on route 2 duplicate Tarpots - Southend, they have also been seen on 4A & 61A.

On Sat 1st March Southend Transport Vehicles operated duplicate services on 251 from Rayleigh to Southend.

UNUSUAL VEHICLE WORKINGS:-

30/1	383	R2
6/2	315	R27
23/2	218	R17 (reare Sunday working)

National Travel (Anglia Div) South East.

The 3 Bedford VAL are still at Prittlewell. ^{En} Eastern Scottish Bristol REMH XA 274 LFS 295F was at Prittlewell for engine repairs during late February. Also Ribblesdale ACB 195B was towed in on 8/3/75 by EN Breakdown 7198 RO. Ex Everall Ford Plaxton RDA 806F was at Prittlewell for repainting into National livery.

OLL 479/80L Leyland PSU5 are to work the London Athens service for 1975.

National Transport vehicles loaned to Alder Valley have been LWC 980-2J/PWC339K at Bracknell.

VHK 178L/X00877-9L/RPU 868/9M Reading.

Transfers 3/75

Codes used (not official)

KN	Kelvedon	VT	Victoria	NH	Norwich
PL	Prittlewell	CD	Catford	OL	On Loan

JJJ 568/70/ID	NH ex CDOL	VYH 499/500M	KN ex NH
JJJ 569D	Kn ex CDOL	VYH 501M	KN ex VTOL
JJJ 567D	D/L	GVW 981-3H	KN ex D/L
751 DCD	KN ex D/L	PPW 846-9M	KN ex D/L
750/3 DCD	D/L ex PL	LWC 980J	Alder Valley
PWC 342K	PL ex KN	RLU 868/9M	" "
VHK 175L	VTOL ex KN	PWC 339K	" "
X00 880/IL	KN ex PL		
XVW 631L	KN ex D/L		
LWC 978J	PL ex D/L		

NEW VEHICLES:

2/75	GJD194N	Bristol	RELH6L	Plaxton	C47F
3/75	GJD 197N	"	"	"	"
	GJD 198N	"	" 4/760	"	"

GJD 194N (KN)

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EASTERN NATIONAL

It will be seen in the unusual Vehicle working section that on several occasions O.M.O. vehicles operated by 2 man crews.

Southend garage are to operate the sea-front service this year with their own crews instead of loaning the vehicles to Southend Transport.

The new VRT'S apparently are going to Basildon and not Southend, one was seen 21/5 on route 241.

UNUSUAL VEHICLE WORKING.

11/3	CF2737	R14	21/4	SD2508	R2
19/3	CF2536	R25/25A	23/4	SD2503	R2
30/3	SD2528	R61	24/4	SD1447	R25/25A
1/4	CF2717	R5		Crew operated	
5/4	SD1444	R3	25/4	SD3026	R5/27
	Crew operated			Crew operated	
6/4	WG 2913	R3			
12/4	CF2717	R3	28/4	SD1341	R25/25A
				Crew operated	
13/4	CF2717	R61	1/5	CF1335	R21
			4/5	BD2895	R404
16/4	WG2912	R25	5/5	SD2503	R27

The working of SD'S LD outside Southend is very noticeable and especially on the long route to Grays.

S & M COACHES BENFLEET acquired Vehicle 5/75.

MPR533H	Bedford	VAL70	Plaxton	C52F
	ex ?			
RWR292J	Bedford	VAS5	Duple	C29F
	ex?			

S & M have acquired HLJ44 a Bristol K ex Lesney (Ensign) originally Hants & Dorset, it is understood this is to be preserved.

Correction to Newsheet 8, the BMMO D9 at Hadleigh is 6366HA.

VEHICLES AT ENSIGN YARD THUNDERSTLEY

GJF 196B	Reliance		ex Colchester
EMH811B	Bed VAL	Duple	ex Brightways
WAL 783	Leyland	PS1/1	ex Barton
949 HTT	AEC Regent V		ex Devon General
JSD 950	Bristol LD6G		ex W.S.M.T.
KAG 825/46	Leyland	PD2/20	ex W.S.M.T.
LSD 383	Leyland	PD3	ex W.S.M.T.

ENSIGN (LESNEY CONTRACT)

35 KAG 816 broken up by S & M Coaches 4/75 and ex Western SMT Leyland PD2 KAG 863 is now in Lesney Livery with Fleet Number 1.

The Tom Caston bus LCK 746 ex Ribble has now been repainted in a white livery with a large Union Jack on each side, advertising Robinson Barley Water.

M & E COACHES SOUTHEND acquired 5/75

CUW 562C	AEC Reliance	Harrington	C41F
	ex Channel Coachways	Southend.	
XOO 80	Bedford SB	Duple	C41F
	ex Bull, Southend.		
Sold 119 GNM	Bedford VAS	Duple	C29F
	A.F. Jones, Ruskin Ave., Southend.		
BDH 404C	Ford 570E	Plaxton	C41F ex Browne Liverpool

CHANNEL COACHWAYS

Sold CUV 562C to M & E Co's Southend.
 Acquired 119 GNM Bedford VASI Duplo C29F
 8627 DT AEC Reliance Roc B45F has now been repainted in a livery of white and blue and advertising British Air Ferries Rail-Air Services.
 CUV 561C also now carries a white and blue livery.

WATTS, London Rd., Benfleet.

SOLD HMT 183D Ford R192 Duplo C52F
 Current Fleet.
 LNM 598G Ford R226 Plaxton C53F
 FPT 661G Ford R192 Plaxton B45F

S & P COACHES, GREAT WAKERING.

Sold MAX 107 Bristol LS6G ECW B45F.

CURRENT FLEET LIST 5/75 BELFAIRS CO'S (TRIMBLETT) LEIGH.

URU 29J Ford R226 BCO459758 Plaxton C53F
 ex A.C. Co's Bournemouth
 Southend Co's Southend.
 CNY 620J Seddon LV 48351 Plaxton C51F
 ex Edwards Boddau.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

The three ex Ribble PD3 are still regular all-day runners including the Shoebury - Canvey routes 3/5/27.
 PD3 - 347 has been observed recently as learner bus.

Recent repaints include 333 348 349.

On 299 30th April due to a burst water main in Kents Hill Rd South Benfleet, buses on route 27 were diverted onto route 3 via Tarpots Corner. The following day trouble in Kents Hill Road South resulted in route 5 being diverted via Haslemere Rd and Chesterfield Ave.

NON PSV VEHICLES IN SOUTHEND AREA.

SOUTHEND STADIUM

MUL 610 Dennis Triton - Dennis FB-----F
 ex LCC.
 FYS 686 Leyland Worldmaster MCW B-----F
 ex Southend Transport

These are Greyhound Transporters.

SOUTHEND AIRPORT

88 TFF 439 Bedford SFG Duplo C41F
 ex Greenslades Exeter
 680 OJN 670M Ford Transit B12

FORD TRANSIT MINI-BUSES IN BENFLEET AREA.

Benfleet Physically Handicapped OEV 544K
 Face Up To Life Canvey WWC 777L
 Perry (Car Dealer) Hadleigh BJN 878K
 Essex C.C. Education School Bus RTW 830M

NATIONAL TRAVEL (SE) ANGLIAN DIV.

The new Bristol Coaches have all now been delivered. The details are as follows:-

GJD 194 N	REL6L	4/764	Plaxton	7411	BCR 501	C47F
GJD 195N	"	765	"	7511	" 004	C44F
GJD 196N	"	763	"	7411	" 005	C44F
GJD 197N	"	761	"	7511	" 001	C47F
GJD 198N	"	762	"	7511	" 002	C47F
GJD 199N	"	760	"	7511	" 006	C47F

GJD 199N was a leading contender in the recent Brighton Coach Rally and carried off 6 prizes. This vehicle is an executive coach with reclining seats, tables, lamps, a bed, cooker, a bar and a fridge.

4 Bedford YRT's with Willowbrook Spacecar bodywork are to be hired from the end of May - 2 53 seater and 2 49 seaters.

ALLOCATIONS

N.T. (SE) coaches are now out stationed at various EN Depots.

BN.	YHK 727F	VYN 504M	
BE.	YHK 726F		
BD.	Yhk 724/5F		
CF.	YHK 728F.	LWC 980/1J	
CN.	YTW 539/40F	VYH 493/4/6M	KCK 475/7K
CR.	PWC 339/40K		
DT.	VYH 498M		
HD.	LWC 982J		
MN.	YHK 729J		

Mascot National Norwich JJJ567-71D.VYH 499-501M.PPW 847/8M
ECOE Ipswich YTW 538F. LWC 979J.

Balance of Vehicles are allocated as follows:-

Kelvedon	750/3DCD	AVX 966/7B	
	751 DCD	GVW 981-3H	
	YTW 537F	GJD 194/7/8N	
	HVW 241/2H	PPW 846/8M	
	LWC 974-7J		
	PWC 343-5L		
	VHK 175-8L		
	XVW 631-4L		
	GJD 195N		
Southend	LWC 978J	AVX 963 -5B	ULW 488/9M
	PWC 341/2K	XOO 877-9L	
	XOO 880-2L	RPU 868/9M	

XOO 877/9L & RPU 868/9M are currently on loan to Alder Valley working the Hoathrow - Reading Service.

LWC 977J & XVW 632L now C44F
LWC 976J is now being converted to C44F
YTW 537-40F to C41F.

Southend's Coach Operators have been purchasing more secondhand vehicles:-

Parsons (Blue-Bird Co.) Hadleigh.

acquired ANM.93L. Ford R192 Duple C45F ex. Tate Markyate 5/75
sold OEL.890G.

Mann (Island Co's.) Canvey.

acquired WVB.265G. Bristol LHL6L Plaxton C53F ex. Farmer Dartford. 5/75

Kirbys Coaches, Rayleigh.

acquired DLC.692J. AEC Reliance Plaxton C53F ex. Rowson Bros. Hayes.

Watts, London Road, Benfleet.

sold LNM.598G Ford R226 Plaxton C53F
HNJ.183D Ford £192 Duple C52F

S.&.P. Coaches, Gt. Woking.

sold AHJ.831B. Bedford SB5 Plaxton C41F
MAX.107 Bristol L56G ECW B45F

This operator has now ceased operations.

Lay (Hullbridge Hire Service) Hullbridge.

acquired MWP.19D Bedford VAM70 Plaxton C45F
sold 4010.AW Bedford SB5 Duple C41F

Stubbington, Benfleet.

acquired EUG.916D. Bedford VAL14 Plaxton C52F ex. S.&.M. Coaches, Benfleet 6/75

Channel Coachways.

acquired AHJ.831B. Bedford SB5 Plaxton C41F ex. S.&.P. Coaches, Gt. Woking 5/75
JRH.280E. Bedford VAM5 Duple C45F ex. 7/75

S.&.M. Co's. Castlepoint Bus Co. Benfleet.

sold SWP.734F. Bedford VAL70 Plaxton C53F
NJN.68F. Bedford VAL70 Duple C52F
EUG.916D. Bedford VAL14 Plaxton C52F
HTU.765G. Bedford VAL70 Plaxton C52F

On 16.7.75. NTG4L Seddon Duple C57F of Bebb Llantwit Fardre was parked in S.&.M.'s yard.
The ex.Midland Red D9 6366HA has now gone.

Wiggins (Builder), Thundersley.

acquired 3652/4NE Leyland PSUC1/12 Park Royal B40F ex. Osbornes, Tollesbury.

Eastern National - Unusual vehicle workings:-

25/5 & 26/5	CF1335	R5a
30/5	CF2941	R61a
30/5	CF2515	R6
3/6	CF133F	R402
4/6	BN1328	R402
4/6	CF2941	R6a
12/6	BD2916	R3
13/6	CF2941	R5
14/6	SD2379	R25/25A
16/6	SD2382	R61
17/6	BN2845	R26
17/6	CF2700	R61
18/6	SD1447	R7 crew operated
18/6	SD1347	R29A crew operated
18/6	CF1334	R3A
18/6	CF2941	R27
19/6	SD1447	R25/25A crew operated
19/6	SD2382	R3 (sch journey)
4/7	CF2700	R25/25A
14/7	SD1444	R25/25A crew operated
16/7	SD1444	R25/25A crew operated

4 of the new Leyland National are
allocated to Southend for use on
22, 22A, 22B. 1744/48-50

you will see the open toppers have been on town routes.

Southend Transport

Latest repaints of Fleetlines have the coat of arms on the front panel below windscreen.

206/207 were used on route 68 while the open toppers were at the Derby 4/6.

On 21/6 and 28/6 209 was hired to Grey Green and used on National Route 186 (East Anglian Express)

Lowlander 331 has been withdrawn and is being used as a store in London Road.

On 8.7.75. Fleetline 381 crashed with E.N.2769 in Leigh Road.

Various PD3's and Lowlanders have been on hire to Osbornes, Tollesbury for school contracts because most of Osborne's double decker fleet were off the road for maintenance.

Vehicles observed at Ensign Bus Co. yard at Thundersley.

19 PVX	Guy Arab	Massey	L67R	)	
20 PVX	Guy Arab	Massey	L67R	)	ex. Eastern National 2014-16
372WPU	Guy Arab	Massey	L67R	)	

WAL783 Leyland PS1/1 Northern Counties L61R. ex. Barton 783

9650WL AEC Regent V Weymann H65R. ex. City of Oxford via Pratt, Brentwood.

M5D357 Bristol MW6G Alexander C41F)

LCS210 Bristol MW6G Alexander C41F) ex. Weston S.M.T. 1493/1400

Ensign have also acquired 2 ex. Greater Manchester Leyland PSU3 Alexander DP49F

VDB909/12 originally North Western R.C.C. and NDB355 Leyland PSUC1/1 Crossley B44F ex. Gt. Manchester 5082

19PVX is now painted in Lesney livery.

National Travel

New vehicle (on hire)

JMY.121N. Bedford YRT Willowbrook C49F

JMY.122N. Bedford " "

JMY.123N. Bedford " "

These vehicles are of the "008 Spacecar Design".

Leyland PSU3B/4R VYM.504M. was involved in a serious accident recently on a German autobahn.

Leyland PSU5/4RT OLL.479L is also on the Continent with the engine 'blown-up'.

Allocations

JMY.121-3N.	VT	YTW.539F.	KN	NYE.948L.	KN
YTW.538F.	KN	VYM.504M.	VT	LWC.980J.	IPS
GJD.197N.	BN	AVX.966B.	SD	GVW.981H.	CF
LWC.976J.	NOR(ECOC)	GVW.982H.	CF	YHK.729F.	SD
LWC.981J.	MN				

Vehicles in the Southend Area from across the borders.

When looking at vehicles in and around Southend that originated from Scotland and Wales we have a rather interesting collection. From Scotland we have, of course, the Bristol VR's that Eastern National exchanged for FLF's, but leaving these aside let us look at the smaller operators - Upson (UMBH) has a Leyland Terrier that originated with McMillan, Cumbernauld ESN316J with 19 seat McClay body. Four Seasons Coaches has a Duple body Ford R192 - FVA.436D that originated with Hutchison, Overtown and that leaves us with the Greyhound transporter at the stadium, namely FYS686 the former Glasgow Worldmaster that they purchased from Southend Transport.

From Wales we have a greater number. Castlepoint Bus Co, have AEC Regent V VTX.443 from Western Welsh and 8BWN from South Wales Transport. Burry & Read - Marine Coaches Canvey have a Bedford VAL14 Plaxton C52F JAX.634D. that started with Edwards, Beddau.

Whitwell (Southend Coaches) have a Seddon 4 CNY.620J. This also originated with Edwards Beddau. M.&.E. Coaches operate VWN16 an AEC Reliance from South Wales Transport and on Foulness Island the Atomic Energy Authority operate XTW.241H. a Bedford Vam with Willowbrook from Cream Line Tonmauer and XTG.203H. also a VAM but with Duple coachwork from Grove, Barry. This leaves one other Welsh vehicle an ex. Western Welsh AEC Regent V LKG.669 now a store shed and office with Upson in Southchurch Avenue.

"THE SOUTHEND BUSMAN"

No 11 Sept '75.

SOUTHEND COACH OPERATORS: CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

Acquired:-

35/36 VDB 912/909 Leyland PSU3/1R
Alexander DP49F
ex Greater Manchester 912.909

35 has been regularly working for Grey Green on their East London - Southsea service - X29.

STUBBINGTON BENFLEET.

EUG 916D carries Fleet number 16 and Fleet name DORAYME TOURS.

UPSON (UMBH) SOUTHEND

GNL 709D	Bedford V4S?	Plaxton	C29F
OMJ 792M	Ford R1114	Duple	C53F

CHANNEL COACHWAYS SOUTHEND.

JRH 280E	Bedford Vans	Duple	C45F
KJN 822E	Ford R226	Duple	C52F

KJN 822E was originally owned by Channel Airways.
Sold CUW 561C AEC Reliance.
119 GNM Bedford V4SL.

A.F. JONES (SAPPHIRE CO'S) is the owner of:-

BDH 404C	Ford 570E	Plaxton	C41F, and has sold
Ford 570E 200 BJJ.			

SOUTHEND STADIUM.

BWC 319B Austin FFK Marshall B---F ex London Borough of Barking 3929. This vehicle is being used on The Free Bus Service every Wednesday & Saturday.

The Southend Joint Transport area can be split into three areas when we are relating to PSV operators, namely:-

1. Borough of Southend.
2. Castlepoint District.
3. Rochford District.

In future issues I propose to list operators in each respective areas, starting in Newsheet 12 with area 1.

This month I am looking at our six logged friends in the area - yes - the Bedford VAL, and at present we have a total of 20 with bodywork by Duple Plaxton and 1 Harrington.

S & M Coaches	BMB 560F	MEB 149G	CKV890D	MPR 533H
Marine Co's	JAX 634D	JXD 547D		
Butler	EJU 133C			
Tarpots Coaches	YNK 631F	HTU 881C	770 JUA	
Supreme Co's	PAR 821H	KPR 352G		
Highway Co's	VKR 538J	OJU 366F		
Kirby's Co's	PVX 171D			
Channel Co's	BNW 636C			
Brightways	TRO 711E			
Milbourn	GND 113E			
Stubbington	EUG 916D			
Wiggins	CVW 928B			

(Builder)

- This is a rare Harrington bodied version.
Eastern National

17/8/75 Noted in London Road was Bristol Omnibus Co Service Vehicle WB6 NAE54 a Mobile Engineering Unit housed in a highbridge Bristol KSW.
AEC Matador Breakdown 7198 RO is now based at Hadleigh.

UNUSUAL ROUTE WORKERS

18/7	SD 1447	25/25A (Crew)	31/7	SD2888	400 (Crew)
18/7	SD 1601	25/25A (Crew)	18/8	HH2712	3A
24/7	CF 1418	25A	21/8	BN2919	26
26/7	SD 1749	400	27/8	CY2924	400 (Crew)

SD 1444 has been working from BN
CF 3027 at SD for over a month
BE 1336 at BE

MW 1331 is working from SD carrying CW allocation.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

10 Leyland PD3's in the CJN series are being loaned to London Transport at Croydon for route 190. Four of these have already left and are being used for driver training those include 333/336, the remainder are due to go at the end of September. At present they are running in Southend with TC Garage Plates.

Southend are of course expecting delivery of more Fleetlines, but with 4 vehicles already gone, it has caused a vehicle shortage, resulting in 315/316, the Ribble PD3 and Lowlander being used on ex CJN duties ie 1.5.29, and it is expected that these will remain in service after delivery of the forthcoming Daimlers.

NATIONAL TRAVEL (SE).

XOO 881L, XVW 632L these two vehicles have joined GJD 195N as executive coaches ie C28F reclining seats, tables, fridge & bar.

751 DCD, AVX 964-7B, YHK 726F are on hire to Eastern Counties at Norwich on bus work.

AVX 963B has been cannibalised for spares and is at present being converted to a rest room at Prittlewell.

Allocation Changes	YTW 540F	KN ex CN
GJD 197N KN ex BN	PWC 340	ECN ex CR
YHK 727F PL ex BN	AVX 967B	ECOC ex KN
YHK 726F ECOC ex BE	AVX 966B	- " -
YHK 724/5F PL ex BD	AVX 965B	- " -
	AVX 964B	- " -
	751 DCD	- " -

With the vehicles on hire to ECOC, a vehicle shortage occurred at PL, resulting in EN 1608/10 working for NT.

1608 on 6/9/75 to Bournemouth.
1608 on 7/9/75 to Eastbourne
1608 on 15/9/75 to Clacton
1610 on 6/9/75 Cambridge - Victoria
1610 on 7/9/75 Victoria - Walton.

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Southend Coach Operators

Supreme Travel, Hadleigh.

G8J853N Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F ex. Shennan Drongan, Scotland 10/75

Island Travel, Canvey.

NXD.257E Bedford VA55 Duple C29F

APT Travel, Thundersley.

Recently hired Southend Transport single deckers to cover his school contract work.

A.S. Goodbourne, 73, Somerset Ave. Westcliff. (new operator)

119.GNM Bedford VAS1 Duple C29F ex. Channel Coachways.

Debnam, Canvey.

AHJ.831B Bedford SB5 Plaxton C41F ex. Channel Coachways 8/75

When looking through local fleet lists, we have so far looked for Scottish & Welsh vehicles and VAL's. This time we look at vehicles that have come from one operator.

Manchester Corp. Selnec - Gt. Manchester Transport.

Castle Point have Leyland PSU3/1R VDB909/912 with Alexander DP49F bodies.

Wiggins the Builder have 3652-4 NE Leyland PSUC1/12 Park Royal B40F.

Milbourne has GND.113E a Bedford VAL Plaxton C52F.

Avro Luxury Co's although based at Corringham have a registered address at Westcliff operate SBN752/9 Leyland PD3/4 with East Lancs H73F bodies.

Also seen with Ensign have been NDB355 Leyland PSUC1/1 Crossley B44F and VDB915 another Leyland/Alexander.

The following vehicles park their vehicles at S.&M. Coaches:-

Stubbington, Thundersley.

APT Travel, Thundersley.

Watts, Benfleet.

and, of course, many vehicles of Ensign and Lesney are serviced here.

Current Fleetlists.

Cook (Highways) Leigh.

471.JHO Bedford SB5 Plaxton C41F

VKR.538J Bedford VAL70 Duple C53F

OJU.366F Bedford VAL70 Plaxton C52F

As I mentioned in the last newsheet I would list the PSV operators in the area.

No.1. Borough of Southend.

Frost & Heath, Leigh.

Cook, Westcliff.

Highways, Leigh.

Belfairs, Leigh.

Goodbourne, Westcliff.

Jay Bee, Westcliff.

Milbourne, Westcliff.

Whitwell, Westcliff.

Hallins, Prittlewell.

UMBH, Southend.

M.&E. Co. Southend.

Channel Coachways, Leigh.

Sapphire, Southend.

Croxford, Shoebury.

Four Seasons, Southend.

Harris, Southend.

The registered address of Avro Luxury Coaches based at Corringham is now - Martock Ave.
Westcliff.

Eastern National.

Unusual workings:-

3/10 SD2539 Route 5
5/10 CF1515 Route 400
8/10 CF1515 Route 400
20/0 BD2892 Route 3
21/10 CW(SD)1331 Route 26
17/11 SD2708 Route 11

The Bristol Omnibus Co. service vehicle W136 NAE54 is still currently based at London Road.

Southend Transport.

New vehicles 11/75:-

JTD.386-90P Daimler CRL6-33 NCME H80D. These are being delivered without fare boxes, Videmat and No Change signs missing.

The two Leopards on order will be numbered 250/1.

On 1/12 Route 1 is to be converted to all-day OMO operation.

The PD3/4s with London Transport change over regularly, all the CJN's and MHJ's have been to Croydon.

PD/3 to Southend: W/C 20.10.75. 333/4/43/6
W/C 27.10.75. 335/8/43/6
W/C 3.11.75. 335/41-3
W/C 10.11.75. 334/41-3

PD. Ribble PD3 317-9 are to go to Hong Kong at the end of November.

Open Toppers are still licensed and have appeared as peak-hour reliefs on Routes 1.3.12. 2. & 62.

Route 62 is now operated by saloons in place of PD3.

Unusual workings:-

9/10 314 Route 7
9/9 209 On hire to APT Travel
10/9 316 Route 5
17/10 Open Topper on Route 12

Seen at London Road on 2.11.75. and subsequently in Tickfield Road was:-

MFR.393L Seddon V1 Willowbank C47F owned by Tri-Afon Motors, Ammanford.

National Travel.

New vehicle:- JMY.120N Leyland National 11351/1R/EXC 001487 C26F.

Leyland National Executive Commuter Coach incorporates toilet, T.V. radio, stereo, 'fridge tables, coffee bar. It has a small petrol engine at the rear to act as a generator for the electrical equipment.

It has bus shell body painted white with a red and blue fleetname SUPERNATIONAL and red/blue waistband.

Plaxton body numbers 7612LC003-7 are allocated to the forthcoming Leyland PSU5 due next Spring.

East Anglian Division fleet allocation 11/75:-

Clacton	GJD.197N.	KGJ.475K.	KGK.477K.
Norwich	VYH.499-401M.	JJJ.569D.	PPW.848M.
Southend	XOO.878/9/80/2L.	ULW.489M.	GJD.194N. PPW.846M.
Kelvedon	XOO.877/81L.	RPU.868/9M.	GJD.198N. XWV.631/2/3/4L.
	GJD.195N.	PPW.847/9M.	NYE.948L. ULW.488M.

All other East Anglian vehicles are delicensed at Clacton, Kelvedon, Southend & Victoria.

Two Don Everall vehicles were at Kelvedon in October to change seats viz. BDA.29N. Ford/Dominant from C53F to C32FT. for Wolves football team and PJW.789L. Ford/Plaxton from C32FT to C53F which was in Orange/Black livery but is now in National white.