

A BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALLSOUTHEND COACH OPERATORS.

A rather quiet time at present with only one "New Vehicle" appearing in the area.

COOKS COACHES - WESTCLIFF.

SNM 73R	Bedford YMT	Plaxton	C53F.
	ex Comex London 9/77	via dealer.	

STEVENS (FOUR SEASONS) SOUTHEND.

SOLD 323 EDV	Bristol SUL4A	ECW	B36F.
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CHANNEL COACHWAYS - SOUTHEND.

SOLD VYO 767	Bristol MW6G	ECW	C39F.
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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT.

The vehicle used on the 400 service for Christmas Day was 394. The JTD series worked in the main on the 400 on the next two days as well. The journeys operated by Ensign Bus Co. were worked by ST Vehicles on hire.

Southend Transport are generally covering EN - CY duties on service 3 in the afternoon and evenings.

Unusual Route Working

31/12	R24	365.
8/1	R1	208.
16/1	R5	335. Bournes Green only.

PD3's have been on hire to Lesney - Rochford for Staff Transport.

EASTERN NATIONAL

My thanks to Paul Harvey for some interesting notes regarding Hadleigh and Canvey depots.

HH Depot.

LNS 1784 - 1817/21/35 allocated for 3A and 3.5A.24.25A evenings.

VR's allocated 2B.21.23A and 29 (Sunday)

RE's allocated 1.14.24.24A.27.28.

LN 1726.1743. general spares.

FLF's 2801/5/49 generally used on School Contracts from Rayleigh & Hockley. All semi FLF are allocated for services 2.3.5. plus 2937 on the 5.

CF 1509 and CF 1800 on loan to replace 3061 and 1546 which are at Central Works.

CF1800 is generally working CY duties.

CY Depot.

1737 accident damage being repaired at Hadleigh. - (latest - now back in service).

Hadleigh Depot are also helping to cover CY duties when possible on services 27.28 and the Greyhound service 3X and on some occasions between Canvey and Basildon on 151 during the evenings and Sunday, in fact HH have also covered BN duties on the 151.

The closure of CY depot seems likely to take place in April.

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Docking spare FLF 2741 is a regular performer on the 251.

Interested in:-

Southend Trams	-	Borough Motor Services
Early Westcliff		and other old Southend Views

then send S.A.E. for latest list of photoes to:-

SOUTHEND BUSMAN PHOTO SERVICE, 6 MANDEVILLE WAY, BENFLEET, ESSEX SS7 4LH.

* TRANSFERS IN:-

NIL

TRANSFERS OUT:-

1600	D/L	ex	SD
2741	CF	ex	HH now on loan to SD.
2752	BN	ex	HH

SOUTHEND COACH OPERATORS.

MARCH 1978.

The first 'S' reg'd PSV with a local operator is with UMBH Ltd. Southend.

VHJ 111S Ford Transit Dormobile 12.

FROST'S Co's - LEIGH acquired 2/78.

OEF 145K Ford R226 Plaxton C49F.
ex Beeline - Middlesborough.

SOLD: MEB 149G Bedford VAL.

APT TRAVEL - THUNDERSLEY acquired 1/78.

VYH 495M Bedford YRT Plaxton C49F.
Original National Travel (S.E.)

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CURRENT FLEET LISTS. 3/78.

Conroy (Tarpots Co's) Benfleet.

GJU 774D Bedford VASI Duple C29F.
KNK 364G Bedford VAS5 Duple C29F.
HTU 881C Bedford VA44 Duple C52F (not in use)

PARSONS (BLUE BIRD) - HADLEIGH.

ANM 93L Ford R192 Duple C45F

RELIANCE - BENFLEET.

SEL 677H Ford R192 Plaxton C41F.

COX (CROWN Co's) - BENFLEET.

GME 981J Bristol LHL6L Plaxton C53F.

EASTERN NATIONAL

New LN 1841 WJN 5615 saw service from CY for a short while, before being transferred to BD, it appeared with fleetnumber painted on and no garage plates.

The reason for 2741 at SD in January was because WG 2914 was involved in an accident and was replaced at WG by SD 2903.

HH 2899 caught fire 2/3 operating on route 3 and was badly damaged.

On 13 and 14/2/78 all Southend Transport Vehicles were washed at EN premises, London Rd. due to their washer breaking down.

TRANSFERS IN:-

1765 HH ex BE
2833 SD ex BD
2850 SD ex CF

TRANSFERS OUT:-

2741 D/L ex SD.
2753 D/L ex SD.

Unusual Route Workings.

5/2	CF	1702	R3	2 man.	11/2	CF	3019	R21 & R25.
7/2	CF	2804	R5					
25/2	SD	3053	R400	2 man.				
8/3	HH	3045	R2	2 man.				

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT.

206/7 have been withdrawn and together with 316 when withdrawn are reported to have been purchased by Lewington Upminster.

PD3 344 D/L.

" 336 is to be converted into a playbus.

" 339 to be a training vehicle with RTTB.

P.T.O

PD3 315 to EN Preservation Group.

315 last saw service on 1/3.

On 1/3/78 with the threatened Rail Strike ST supplied Saloons and Double Deckers to Lloyds Bank to transport their staff to London.

25/2 315 was working HH EN duties and was garaged at HH and was washed down there.

Unusual Route Workings.

27/1 Fleetline on hire to Godward, Wickford for school contracts.

14/2 374 R5A HH duty.

25/2 340 R251 Southend - Rayleigh Carpenters Arms.

0803. 09.47. 17.03 10.17 ex Central Bus Station.

2/3 394 R5A HH duty.

5/3 362 R23A Sunday working usually saloon operated.

On 12/3/77 the following L.T. SM Class Vehicles were in Tickfield Road.

209. 374. 539/552/8 - 62.

May 1978

With the start of another summer coaching season, operators are acquiring various vehicles for their fleets.

Frosts Co's, Leigh.

Acquired 3/78 AMC.731A Bedford SB5 Plaxton C41F

Channell Coachways, Southend Airport.

Acquired EMK.389B Bedford SB5 Duple C41F ex. APT Thundersley.

Cook (Highways) Leigh.

Acquired 3/78 MWC.77J Ford R226 Plaxton C53F ex. Wiffen, Finchingfield.

Cheldon Co's, Gt. Wakering.

Acquired 3/78 NPU.842M Ford Transit 12 ex. Hayden, Gt.Wakering.

Whitwell Co's, Southend.

Acquired HRO.654C Bedford SB13 Duple C41F ex. Lodge, High Easter.

Supreme Co's, Hadleigh.

Acquired 4/78 ELU.604J AEC Reliance Plaxton C49F ex. N.T. (E)

S.&M. Coaches, Benfleet.

Acquired 4/78 2727/8HJ Leyland LI Weymann B41D ex. Southend Transport
3/78 EKM.878K Bedford VAS5 Duple C29F ex. Wombwell Coaches,
Barnsley.

Sold AAR.346F Bedford VAS5

Leyland PSU3A/4RT is at present at Plaxtons being fitted with a Supreme body. Its former Duple body is laying in the garage yard.

APT Travel, Thundersley.

OEL.886G Ford R192 Plaxton C45F ex. ?

Sold EMK.389B to Channel Coachways.

Dorayne (Stubbington) Thundersley.

Acquired YRT.897J AEC Swift ECW B49D ex. Waverley D.C.
for use on stage routes in Hornchurch area.

Cook, Westcliff.

Acquired 4/78 NSP.350H AEC Reliance Plaxton C49F ex. ?

Southend Transport

With the closing E.National Canvey garage S.T. stepped in and covered many CY and HH duties, on Friday, 28th April PD3 were seen on route 28 and CRL's were operating short duties (Leigh Beck - Tarpots) on route 151 and 3A.

S.T. vehicles used on Friday were:-
334 342 347 349
383 355 348 383

S.T. vehicles used on Saturday were:- 341 377 375 397

Plaxton coaches 201/2 have been repainted with light blue window frames, in place of the previous dark blue.

Unusual route workings:-
15/4 383 R3 22/2 396 R24A
367 R25 23/2 359 R3
388 R24
14/5 350 R3

PD3 345 & 347 are now generally used for Driver Training. Saloon 209 is now a D.T. mobile classroom. 209 is now licensed as a private vehicle. 316 was used on its final day in service on route 7. Rayleigh - Shoebury.

Eastern National

CY Depot closed finally on 29.4.78. the last service to enter the garage was the 3X Southend Greyhound bus. LN 1725 was the vehicle. CY allocation of 1719/25/37/53/65/2890/6/2900/24/5/44 were all allocated to HH.

Transfers in the area:-
2899 HH ex. PL works.
2849 HH to D/L being prepared for Southend Bus Rally.
2817/9 CF to HH
2932 D/L(d) to HH to D/L(d)
2937 HH to PL works.
1726 CWU
1511 MN to HH to cover for 1726.

HH Depot have an acute shortage of crew drivers, whereby S.T. have been covering on routes 3. 5. 5A. BN & BD are helping out on the 151.

Hadleigh vehicle allocation 30/4/78 (thanks to Paul Harvey for info.)

Mon-Fri. RE'S. 2B. 3. 21. 23A. 24A. 25A./27. 28.
VRT 1. 3. 21. 23A. 24A. 27A. 151. 251.
LN 1. 3. 5A. 14. 21. 22. 23A. 24. 25. 26A. 27. 28. 404
FLF 2801/5/17/9/25/49 - School Contracts & Dups 1.3. 22. 24.
Rush Hour 3A. 27. 28.
Semi FLF. 2. 3. 3X. 5. 5A. 151. 251.

Sat. RE. 24A. 25A.
VRT 3. 23A. 24A.
LN 3. 23A. 3X. 5A. (1784/1817/21/35 3A. 24. 25A)
FLF(Semi) 2. 3. 5. 5A. 151. 251.

Sun. LN 3. 5A. 24. 29. 404 (151/251 evenings)
VRT 3047. 5A. 3060/1 3.
FLF(Semi) 2 all day 3. - 1 for morning 3. late 251. 1 all day 151.

Unusual route working: 29/4 SD 3013 R3 2 man

S O U T H E N D B U S M A N

SOUTHEND COACH OPERATORS.

NO 28

JULY 1978.

Channel: Coachways - Southend Airport.

Acquired:- END 415D Bedford VAM5 Duple C45F

Supreme Coaches - Hadleigh.

NEW: YJWN 135S Ford R1114 Plaxton C53F

UMBH - Southend.

Acquired:- TKG 8N Ford R1114 Duple C53F
 HEK 911N Seddon 1V Plaxton C57F

Kemp - Rochford.

Acquired:- DJG 630C AEC Reliance Park Royal C49F

S & M Coaches - Benfleet.

Acquired:- REW 987K Leyland PSU5/4R Plaxton C57F
 ex Whippet Hilton.
 JRK 623K Leyland PSU3B/4R Plaxton C53F
 MUL 632L Bedford VAS5 Duple C29F
 ex Grey Green.
 MUL 632L carries Fleetnumber 6.

Vehicles Renumbered:

JNK 561N now No. 1
PJH 453H now No. 4

Ex GM P.T.E. Leyland PDR1/1 ABN 207B has still not entered service and is now partly cannabilised.

Bedford VAS HWW 243J is now owned by Shell (U.K.) Ltd.

Currently parked at S & M'S out station, the Springfield Cafe near Corringham are LCO 845/50 Leyland PD Metro Cammell H59R ex Plymouth 45/50 via Powell Wickersley.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT.

New Fleet Chassis are being stored in London Rd.

S.T. are still covering EN schedules from Hadleigh Garage and some duties of Southend Garage. These working are too numerous to record, but some notable workings have been:-

9/7 311 R67
28/6 356 R2 to Tarpots only.

Leyland National demonstrator FBV 525S was on hire 8/7 - 13/7 and was used on various routes, will we see Blue/Cream Nationals? It was involved in an accident with a car transporter at the 62 terminus at West Road.

MJN series saloons have been on hire to Frosts Coaches, Leigh for school contracts.

EASTERN NATIONAL

Transfers In:-

1871 HH New Vehicle.

Transfers out:-

2819 HH to CN
3046 HH to BE

FLF HH2849 has appeared at various rallies so far Southend, Hillingdon N. Chelmsford and plans are to go to London, Bristol and Eastbourne. All Credit must be given to the engineering staff at Hadleigh for the excellent condition of this vehicle.

P.T.O.

Unusual Route Workings.

21/5	BD 2906	R3
28/5	SD 1504	R67
5/6	CF 2851	R5
18/6	SD 1529	R67

The 'new' opentop FLF 2300 has now received its new Fleetnumber plate, in place of the previous transfers.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Noteable strangers in Southend on 9/7/78 were City of Nottingham Transport 762. 797. Seen in National Travel - Prittlewell on 21/5 was United Counties RE 218 undergoing attention.

National Welsh Bristol RE/ECW RC 2574 OWO 308M was noted in Southend on 15/7 on N.T. service to London.

Various N.T. (E) have worked out of Prittlewell on extended tours.

Consequent upon the closing of Canvey Depot on 29/4/78 all journies operated by CY were transferred to HH.

Only 2 HH journies were displaced by the event.

Ser 25. 0754 Highlands - Leigh Station M - F.

Ser 29. 2322 Belgrave Rd. - Central B Stn Suns., these are now operated by SD.

Other changes were:-

Ser 151 2336 Basildon, Canvey withdrawn, replaced by Ser 2 Basildon - Hadleigh Depot and 2330 Leigh Beck - Benfleet Ser 151 and 0011 Benfleet - Leigh Beck withdrawn.

NO. 29

SEPT 1978.

Acquired: ATV 50B Bedford VAL14 Plaxton C52F
 ex Brown, London N.8.

Correction to: No 28 JYN should read YJN 134S.

New: YAR 709S Bedford YMT Plaxton C53F.

Acquired:	JKO 676E	AEC Reliance	Plaxton C53F.
	79 RTO	Daimler CRG 6LX	Nth Counties H77F.
	90 RTO	" " "	" " "

Sold:	FVA 626K	PJH 453H
	ULK 205F	EKM 878K

Newly acquired vehicles carry the following Fleetnumbers:-

JKO 676E	4	MUV 623L	6.
JRK 623K	5	REW 987K	2.

Acquired: PRO 289R Ford R1114 Caetano C53F.
also a Van Hood bodied Coach, details as yet unknown.

Transfers In:-

3000 SD ex MN. 1875 on loan to SD.
1869 HH ex CF.

1871 CF ex HH.
3013 NN ex SD.
SD 2895 on loan to HH.
1784 has been to Central Works for attention, CF 1710 was used
as a replacement at HH.

Open Toppers 2300. 2383/4 are on hire to Southend Transport for use on sea front services (Q.V).

10/9	SD 2893	R6
2/9	CF 1710	R23A
14/9	SD 1814	R400
27/9	SD 3000	R19

Vehicles On Hire:

Colchester 23 OWC 23M Bristol REL6L ECW B53F.

This has been used on practically all ST duties and ENOC SD & MH duties ENOC 2300/83/84 on hire to ST to cover sea front duties due to EN shortage of crews, these were generally used on route 67, but have made infrequent appearances on route 68. With the shortage of staff at EN'S Southend Depot, ST Vehicles have covered duties on 6.17.22.22C.29.62.25A.

ST Saloons have been regularly seen on sea front routes covering defective PD35.

22/8	334	R21				13/7	216/7	R67
31/8	382	R2.						
1/9	335	R6A	347	R22C	366	R6		

P.T.O.

9/9	333	R2 & 251 (short workings)
	393	R251 348 R2
10/9	2300	R68 312. 314. R67.
24/8	2300	R68
19/8	2300	R68
3/9	2383	R67 2384 R68.
2/9	2384	68.
18/8	PD3	O/T on R22.
3/9	201	R3.

On 17/9 ST Saloon 216 was on hire to Channel Coachways operating the Rochford Stn - Southend Airport service, in place of Channel Bristol SUL 275 KTA.

It should be noted that when ST Vehicles appear on routes 151. 251. 2. they do proceed outside the SJT area i.e. Rayleigh (Carpenters Arms) and Tarpots Corner.

The 2 new Leopard/Duple coaches are reported to be delivered in October.

Odds & Ends

Stranger noted on National Travel route 609 on 31/7 was Bristol/Omnibus RE 2043 from Swindon, evidently covering a defective NT (S.W.) Vehicle.

PJS 9-78.

SOUTHEND BUSMANNO. 30SOUTHEND COACH OPERATORS.

NOV 1978

The first 'T' reg'd vehicle with a local operator is CEV 950T Ford R1114 with a Van Hood body, this is also the first with this make of bodywork, and the proud owner is Thorn's of Rayleigh. Other changes in this fleet are:-

Acquired:-	PRO 289R	Ford R1114	Caetano	C53F
Sold	RVW 88M	Ford R1114	"	C53F
out of service and used as store is:-				
	262 FTM	Ford 570E	Duple	C41F

CHELDON (SNOW) GT. WAKERING.

Acquired:-	UNK 606E	AEC Reliance	Plaxton	C40F
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NEALE GT. WAKERING.

Acquired:-	LRP 329E	Bedford VAM 14.	Plaxton	C41F.
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FOUR SEASONS (STEVENS) SOUTHEND.

Acquired:-	HNK 146G	Leyland PSU3	Plaxton	C49F.
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S&M COACHES - CASTLEPOINT BUS CO.

Acquired -	49 NAJ	Daimler CRG6LX	N.CM.E	H77F
	76 RTO	"	"	"
	77 RTO	"	"	"
	79 RTO	"	"	"
	90 RTO	"	"	"

ex Nottingham 49/76/7/2/90

JEL 463N	Ford Transit	12.
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Ref N/S 29 PJH 453H has not been sold.

Ex G.M. PTE ABN 2073 has at last been put into service, also Alexander bodied Leopard WDB 960 appears to be ready to be sent away for scrap.

Vehicles Sold:-

JKO 675E	AEC Reliance	Plaxton	C45F.
146 ENN	Leyland PDRI	Weymann	L73F.

and regrettably the Veteran Bristol KSW OHY 935, which was S&M's first double decker.

SUPREME 'N's - HADLEY.

UPU 304R has been fitted with tables for use by the Southend Football Team.

EASTERN NATIONAL.

Transfer out:- 2825 HH to o/L

Transfer in:- 2891 HH ex BD.

On loan HH 2749/2825/3002/1773.

Replacing 2909/2817/1719/3014/ all in works.

Emergency Rail Services on the Liverpool St. Line on recent Sundays have produced vehicles from SE OF BD. MN as well as SD & SOUTHEND TRANSPORT FLEETLINES.

The coaches at PL are operating without fleetnames, although 1410 has just EASTERN.

Unusual Route Working:-

26/10	CF3033	R251.
30/9	SD 1552	R5

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

The two new Leopard/Le coaches are UTD 203/4T and are due to enter service on 1st December.

Overall advert 356 has been repainted in standard livery 11/78.

361/88 was used for Park & Ride at Southend Airport for the recent Motor Show.
P.T.O.

Colchester Bristol RE 23 has now returned to its home town.

There are now 5 new Fleetline Chassis in London Rd. awaiting bodies. The Fleetlines on order are to be of highbridge type and not fitted for OMO. Certain OMO duties at peak times will be converted to crew operation, when the next service revisions take place.

Kemp's AEC Reliance DJG 630C has seen service recently.

Noted in London Rd. on 8/11 was ex Plymouth Leyland National 18 fitted with Videomat machine. Will we see it in service?

ST are still covering various ENOC duties mainly those of SD.

Unusual Route Workings:-

14/11	217	R27	crew operated
18/10	311	R5.	

Southend must be the only place in the British Isles where Open-Toppers can still be operating in October. If anybody has noted other operators using their vehicles (without tops) on I would be glad to know.