



## January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 – 5<sup>th</sup> Southend “Heritage Bus Running Day”

The following are the vehicles expected to be in use on our special services.

| <i>Run. No.</i> | <i>Registration/ fleet number</i> | <i>Operator</i>        | <i>Type</i>                    | <i>Notes</i>   |
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| 1               | SVW274K                           | Carters Coach Services | Bristol RELL6G<br>ECW B53F     | The former Eastern National 1546, Bristol RE buses were a regular sight in Southend until the mid 1980s.   |
| 2               | NXP775<br>RT4421                  | Ensign Bus Company     | AEC Regent III<br>H30/26R      | <b>The oldest bus in use today</b> , RT4421 is a former London Transport RT bus of 1954. The type was never very common in south Essex but a number ran for Southend Corporation in the 1967 strike, and later a number were used for staff transport by Lesney Toys at Rochford                                       |
| 3               | VDV749                            | Ensign Bus Company     | Bristol LS6G<br>ECW C39F       | This is a 1957 Royal Blue example from the south west, but Bristol LS coaches like this were commonplace in the Westcliff and Eastern National fleets of the 1950s and 1960s. Its use today on the 12 to Canewdon recalls the days when afternoon excursions ran from Pier Hill to Canewdon & Paglesham!               |
| 4               | BYW365V<br>101                    | Regal Busways          | Leyland National<br>B--F       | New to London Transport in 1979, the Leyland National was widely derided by enthusiasts when new but now has a cult following. Eastern National ran 140 mark one models, but only 4 were short ones like this. Southend Transport also became a heavy user of short models in the early deregulation era.              |
| 5               | RVW90W                            | Talisman               | Leyland Atlantean<br>ECW H--F  | The former Colchester Borough Transport 90. Colchester loaned buses to Southend from time to time (and vice versa) to cover for shortages, and 90's appearance in Southend recalls those days.   |
| 6               | 820 KPO<br>Orig<br>JEV245Y        | Fords of<br>Althorne   | Van Hool Astromega<br>CH57/27F | These two magnificent tri-axle double deck coaches were both new to Southend Transport in the 1980s for use on the incredibly busy X1 group of services from Southend to London. Today there will be a special photographic opportunity when both run together on the 1520 service 7 from Southend to Shoebury & back! |
| 7               | CCG 376<br>Orig<br>C256FHJ        | Aspen Bussing          | Van Hool Astromega<br>CH57/27F |  |

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| 8                           | H158BKH<br>858  | Stephensons                      | Leyland Olympian<br>Northern Counties<br>H76F  | One of two Stephensons Olympians running today, both are ex East Yorkshire Motor Services. Both First and Southend Transport/Arriva still have not dis-similar Northern Counties Olympians in their fleets today.                              |
| 9                           | YN54AFJ<br>508  | Stephensons                      | Scania N94<br>East Lancs H90F                  | One of a pair of ex Reading long wheelbase Scania deckers recently acquired.   |
| 10                          | MRJ233W<br>1233 | Stephensons                      | Leyland Fleetline<br>Northern Counties<br>H82F | One of the last remaining former Southend Transport Fleetlines that were the mainstay of the fleet through the 1970s and 1980s, now in Stephensons' heritage fleet.  |
| 11                          | 424DCD<br>424   | Stephensons                      | Leyland PD3<br>Northern Counties<br>FH69F      | Also in Stephensons' heritage fleet, this is one of the famous "Queen Mary" type deckers run by Southdown. Similar but half cabbed Leyland Titans dominated the Southend Transport fleet from the mid 1950s until the end of the half-cab era. |
| 12                          | J563HAT<br>863  | Stephensons                      | Leyland Olympian<br>Northern Counties<br>H76F  | Olympians still form the backbone of the Stephensons double deck fleet but are mainly used only on schools services these days. This is another ex East Yorkshire example.   |
| 13                          | J724KBC<br>103  | Regal Busways                    | Leyland Lynx Mk II<br>B51F                     | The Lynx never sold in the same numbers as its predecessor, the Leyland National, but Eastern National ran a decent number. This example was new to Westbus but spent some time with Hedingham Omnibuses before moving to Regal in 2011.       |
| 14                          | N611APU         | Panther Travel                   | Volvo B10M<br>Plaxton C--F                     | Newly acquired by Panther, this was one of 20 coaches bought new for Thamesway's Southend to London CitySaver service that competed with ST's X1.  |
| Control<br>&<br>info<br>bus | YEV307S         | Colne Estuary<br>Preserved Buses | Leyland National<br>B49F                       | The former Eastern National 1849, this bus has recently been turned out in the traditional livery of Westcliff Motor Services, the dominant local operator in south Essex until absorbed into EN in 1955.                                      |

Please note that the appearance of these buses is subject to availability on the day and it may be necessary to substitute other vehicles. Stephensons accepts no liability for any changes to the plan or the non-appearance of any specific vehicle.