

Reg Bryant recalls this memory of the Sunday and Bank Holiday 48 route from Norwich to Hemsby Beach...

I remember as a conductor in the '60s doing shifts of spare on a Sunday. If you were lucky when service 48 left the bus station to go to Hemsby you could be called to do a relief bus and I remember on a couple of occasions two relief buses would be needed, as in those days lots of people would go to Hemsby. When the service bus got there it would return to Norwich, but the two relief buses were left behind and the relief crews would return with the service bus. Later that day a bus would return to Hemsby along with two crews to bring all the passengers back.

Brian Moore adds...

There used to be several reliefs and no drivers, that was when the O/F (Operations Foreman) on duty would walk down the queue, find a driver or two and ask them if they wanted to take a bus there. If they did, they and their family went on that bus and the family went free. When the driver wanted to go home, he helped himself to his bus, loaded it up and off he went back to Norwich.