

EDITORIALIlford Meeting, Tuesday, November 13

A meeting will be held at 7. Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford on Tuesday, November 13th commencing at 1930 when the Chairman & Founder will give a slide show featuring his recent holiday in the Western U.S.A. Farley Drive is close to Seven Kings Rail Station where there are regular services to Liverpool Street, Romford and Brentwood with connections to Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester and Southend.

Photographic Competition 1979

Members are reminded that the Southend Meeting on Wednesday, October 24th will feature the annual Photographic Competition. The competition rules were published in last month's news sheet and all entries for the competition should be submitted in person at the meeting, or by post to P.J. Snell, 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex to arrive not later than first post on Tuesday, October 23rd. All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular', Saturday, October 27

Members are also reminded that both the Group and the Southend Busman Photo Service will have stands at this event, which is being held at Central Hall, Westminster (opposite Westminster Abbey), from 1100 hrs. to 1530 hrs.

The 'Southend Busman'

The 'Southend Busman' is an additional news sheet publication produced by the Group's Photographs Officer. It gives details of the activities of local independent operators in the Southend area and also additional local notes about Eastern National and Southend Transport. Those members who wish to be included in the circulation of this publication should contact the Membership Secretary (R.H. Palmer Esq., 67. Perkins Road, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex. IG2 7NQ). The 'Southend Busman' may be sent to any member (whether living in the Southend area or not). It is published bi-monthly and is circulated gratis with the main Group news sheet.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

1913 (JHJ139V) was the first vehicle in the fleet to bear the HJ registration mark now allocated to Chelmsford L.V.L.O.. It is probably the first new HJ-registered vehicle ever to be operated by Eastern National. The last vehicles in the fleet with HJ-registrations were 2251/2 (DHJ 607/8) which were withdrawn in October 1967. These vehicles were Bristol K5Gs acquired from Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles on Loan

Further to the information in NS186 only Bristol FLF6LX 2928 (AVW397F) remains on loan to the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. Bristol FLF6G 2771 (VWC 51) was returned during late September and is now delicensed for disposal at Central Works, Chelmsford together with 2753 (JWC 713).

Allocations & Transfers

10.79 1202 PL-CN, 1402 PL-D/L, 1403 PL-D/L, 1451 CN-D/L (D), 1506 BS-MN,
1515 BS-HH, 1916 D/L-BS, 1917 D/L-CF (CWDS), 2300 SD-D/L, 2301 SD-D/L,
2302 SD-D/L, 2303 SD-D/L, 2382 CN-D/L, 2383 CN-D/L, 2384 CN-D/L,
2771 Loan to Alder Valley-D/L (D), 2773 SD (Driver Training)-D/L (D),
3035 CF-D/L.

The most significant allocation this month has been that of 1916 to Bishops Stortford, where it has replaced 1515. Members will be aware that 1515 was regarded as a temporary transfer to Bishops Stortford from Chelmsford for several months to replace the

accident damaged 1553. In fact 1515 carried BS depot allocation plates during its stay at Bishops Stortford and may be regarded as having been reallocated from CF. Bristol MW6G 1451 (OWC183D) has been delicensed for disposal and this now leaves 1440 as the last Bristol MW6G in the operational fleet. However 1451 was reported at DT during early October for schools contract work and any further reports about this vehicle would be welcomed. 1440 (1 BXB), which is allocated to Clacton, has seen little service during recent weeks and has been reported on towing duties (utilising its rear towing bar). All reports concerning the movements of this vehicle would be similarly welcomed. The entire open-top fleet was delicensed this month following the end of summer services at Clacton and Southend. Finally 2773 has been delicensed for disposal having spent two months on driver training duties from SD depot.

Vehicle Repaints

The Company has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks and these are listed below :-

September

w/e 21.9.79- No vehicles repainted.
w/e 28.9.79- 3026 at PL.

October

w/e 5.10.79- 2913 at PL, 2914 at CW.
w/e 12.10.79- 1783 at CW, 2854 at PL.

General

Following from the information published in NS184 regarding the transfer of five ex-Eastern National Bristol FLF6Gs from W. Alexander & Sons (Midland) Ltd. to W. Alexander & Sons (Northern) Ltd. in May, full details of the new allocations of these vehicles are now available. NRD 1 (RVW391D) is at Aberdeen (A), NRD 2 (RVW393D) is at Elgin (E), NRD 3 (RVW394D) is at Dundee (D), NRD 4 (RWC943D) is at Montrose (M) and NRD 5 (UEV221E) is also at Dundee. Further details of the transfer of NRD 4/5 are also published this month under Eastern National Disposals.

Unfortunately details of the Bristol RELL6G involved in an accident at Southend on September 11th and published in last month's news sheet were inaccurate. The vehicle involved was 1546 (SVW274K) allocated to Hadleigh depot and was operating on service 21.

The reallocation of a number of the dual-purpose Bedford YMTs during September was to enable some of the batch to operate on stage services in order to meet the bus grant requirements. Of these, 1217 (BN0703T) was still at Clacton during September although officially allocated to Harwich. At Harwich (DT) 1204 (BN0690T), which was reallocated from Silver End (SE), is now working mainly on excursions, tours and schools contract work, whilst 1208 (BN0694T) is working mainly on stage services.

The programme of modifying the rear panel of Leyland Nationals, and first introduced on 1846, is continuing generally whilst the vehicles are being repainted at Central Works or Prittlewell Works. Vehicles so far treated have been in the range 1700-1799 together with 1814/46.

Two unusual visitors to Southend depot during recent weeks have been Eastern Counties open top Bristol LDL6G OT 1 (VDV 752) which worked a private hire journey on September 23rd, and London Country Leyland National SNB 223 from Grays (GY) depot which was noted there on October 14th.

Bristol FLF6G 2774 (987 K00) is another FLF at Southend depot which has recently received a partial lower deck repaint (see NS186).

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS186 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-
October 7th : 1700 at BD, 1707 at CN, 1708 at SE, 1710 at HH, 1718 at BE, 1728 at HH, 1805 at CN, 1827 at MN, 1866 at BD, 2832 at WG and 3018 at WG. 3029 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 2854 was at Prittlewell Works on this date.

October 14th : 1708 at SE, 1710 at HH, 1728 at HH, 1730 at BD, 1805 at CN, 1829 at SD, 1866 at BD, 2854 at HD, 3002 at MN and 3018 at WG. 3033 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during September were as follows :- 1.9-1527, 1532, 1768, 1780; 3.9-1519, 1204 was transferred to DT from SE on this date with 1216 moving to SE; 4.9-1526, 1756; 7.9-1523; 8.9-1505; 12.9-1791; 13.9-1792; 21.9-1825, 3003; 22.9-1858; 26.9-1532; 28.9-2796.

Other details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :- 20.9.79-1728 CF on service 3A (whilst on loan to HH); 21.9.79-3064 SD on service 27; 24.9.79-2895 SD on 1130 hrs. service 400 (Kings Cross to Southend); 25.9.79-1517 BD on service 251, 1728 CF on service 24 (whilst on loan to HH); 26.9.79-2832 CF on service 61 (whilst on loan to WG, but probably working temporarily for SD); 27.9.79-1728 CF on service 3 (whilst on loan to HH); 28.9.79-1728 CF on service 5 (whilst on loan to HH), 3018 CF on service 251 (whilst on loan to WG); 30.9.79-1728 CF on service 24 (whilst on loan to HH), 1913 BD on service 251; 1.10.79-2913 CR noted at Southend (not on service); 2.10.79-1506 (ex BS) noted running towards Prittlewell Works on Trade Plates; 3.10.79-1710 CF on service 3A (whilst on loan to HH), 1728 CF on service 21 (whilst on loan to HH), 3007 BN on driver training duties, 1781 DT and 3015 MN noted at Prittlewell Works, the latter possibly awaiting repaint; 4.10.79-1710 CF on service 24 (whilst on loan to HH); 6.10.79-2854 CF noted at Prittlewell Works following repaint; 7.10.79-2801 WG noted on A127 heading towards Southend; 9.10.79-3044 BN on driver training duties, 9002 BE noted at Leigh-on-Sea on driver training duties; 10.10.79-2776 SD working an OMO duty on service 19, 2914 WG on service 44B (following repaint at Central Works); 11.10.79-2797 noted at Southend depot, and probably relicensed to cover a temporary shortage of vehicles, 1900 HH on service 22, 2841 SD working an OMO duty on service 11; 12.10.79-1215 HD on service 312 (not normally worked by a YMT); 14.10.79-1205 CR on service 53 (normally a Leyland National working), 9002 BE noted at BN depot; 17.10.79-1200 MN on service 38 (not normally worked by a YMT).

Regular unusual workings recently reported included the operation of a Southend Transport coach on evening service 1 journeys, and operation of Southend Transport Fleetlines (usually in the batch 221-230) on evening service 6 journeys.

Service Revisions

Revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

Stage Services

- 40A - To revise timetable.
- 54 - One journey to start from Danbury Common on Weekdays.
- 55 - Mondays to Fridays - two minor timetable changes.
- 70 - To revise route in Marks Tey, from A120 via Ashbury Drive, Godmans Lane to rejoin A120.
- 90 - Additional journey on Schooldays.
- 95-98 - Mondays to Fridays - some service 95 and 98 journeys withdrawn and replaced by alternative journeys on services 96-98; two journeys (services 95/96) to operate via St. Peter's School, Burnham; one service 97 journey on Fridays only to be withdrawn over the St. Lawrence Bay section and operate via normal route.
- 152 - One minor timetable change on Schooldays.
- 233 - Weekdays - two journeys to be withdrawn and replaced by two new journeys.
- 237 - Mondays - one journey to be withdrawn and replaced by one new journey.
- 260 - Mondays to Fridays - minor timetable changes.
- 261 - Mondays to Fridays - two minor timetable changes.
- 301 - Mondays to Fridays - one journey to be withdrawn.
- 302 - Two journeys to be withdrawn on Weekdays, one journey to be withdrawn on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays, one journey to be withdrawn on Thursdays only and other timetable changes on Weekdays.
- 303 - Mondays to Fridays - two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 321 - Revised timetable on Saturdays.

Express Services

New Service 123 - Colchester (Bus Station) - Portsmouth (Winston Churchill Ave. Coach Station) - to operate Fridays and Sundays throughout the year, and replace existing express service 123 from Chelmsford to Brighton.

The application to vary express services between Eastbourne (Cavendish Place Coach Station) and Harwich (Bus Station) (see NS186) has been withdrawn.

Application has also been made to introduce surcharges on express service fares of five pence per pound on fares above £0-50p. The surcharge on express services 182/3 ('Eastlander' services) will be ten pence on fares between £0-75p - £1-20p and ten pence per pound on fares above £1-20p.

Application has been made to vary the timetables of express services over the following sections of route :-

Scole - Ipswich (Grey Green Coach Station) - to suspend operation 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Norwich (Surrey Street Bus Station) - Scole (Baptist Church) - to suspend operation 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Bury St. Edmunds (Bus Station) - Diss (Park Road Bus Station) - to suspend operation 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Clacton (Butlins Car Park) - Dovercourt (Holiday Camps) - to suspend operation 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Chelmsford (Bus Station) - Basildon (Bus Station) - to suspend operation 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Dovercourt (Holiday Camps) - Ipswich (Grey Green Coach Station) - to suspend operation 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Wrentham (Post Office/Spread Eagle) - Hemsby (Pontins Holiday Camp) - to suspend operation of the section of route between Great Yarmouth and Hemsby for the duration of the Winter timetable, and to revise the timetable.

Braintree (Bus Park) - Harlow (Bus Station) - period of operation to be Fridays to Sundays (January - December), and to revise timetable.

Stowmarket (Market Place) - Sudbury (Bus Station) - period of operation to be Fridays to Sundays (January - December), and to revise timetable.

Clacton (Butlins Holiday Camp/Wash Lane Coach Station) - Hemsby (Pontins Holiday Camp) - Christmas and Easter services 1979/80 to be operated between Clacton and Great Yarmouth 23/28.12.79 and 4/7.4.80, and to revise timetable.

Great Yarmouth (Wellington Bus Station) - Bungay (Earsham Street) - to revise timetable.

Garboldisham (Fox) - Bungay (Earsham Street) - to revise timetable.

Bury St. Edmunds (Bus Station) - Garboldisham (Fox) - to revise timetable.

Felixstowe (Townsend Ferry Terminal) - Colchester (Bus Station) - to revise timetable.

Walton (Bus Station) - Colchester (Bus Station) - to revise timetable.

Colchester (Bus Station) - Chelmsford (Bus Station) - to revise timetable.

Chelmsford (Bus Station) - Brentwood (High Street) - to revise timetable.

Saxmundham (E.C.O.C. Bus Office) - Wrentham (Post Office/Spread Eagle) - to revise timetable.

Chelmsford (Bus Station) - Ongar (Two Brewers) - to revise timetable.

Ipswich (Grey Green Coach Station) - Saxmundham (E.C.O.C. Bus Office) - to revise timetable.

Dovercourt (Holiday Camps)/Harwich (Bus Station) - Colchester (Bus Station) - to operate at Easter 1980 and during May 1980.

Shenfield (Eagle & Child P.H.) - London (Victoria Coach Station) - revised timetable to operate 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Harlow (Bus Station) - London (Victoria Coach Station) - revised timetable to operate 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

London (Victoria Coach Station) - Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station) - revised timetable to operate 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

London (Victoria Coach Station) - Dovercourt (Caravan Camp, Low Road)/Harwich (Parkeston Quay) - revised timetable to operate 24.9.79 - 19.5.80.

Excursions and Tours

Application has been made to introduce additional excursions from Billericay Town Football Club, Blunts Wall Road, Billericay to 20 various destinations. Vehicles will be hired as a whole by Billericay Town Football Club and up to six vehicles will be operated on any one excursion.

Application has also been made to introduce six additional excursions and tours from BD, DN and Billericay and to revise nine excursions from BN.

General

Revised service 309 (see NS186) was introduced on September 3rd and personal timetables were distributed to households in the areas served.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTVehicles Reinstated

During early October the following Leyland PD3/6s were reinstated to cover the loan of five Daimler Fleetlines to Darlington Transport (see below) :

333 (CJN433C)	338 (CJN438C)	343 (CJN443C)
335 (CJN435C)	341 (CJN441C)	

Vehicles on Loan

The following Daimler Fleetlines have been loaned to Darlington Transport from early October whilst various Darlington vehicles receive attention at Southend Transport's Tickfield Road works :

348 (WJN348J)	350 (WJN350J)	353 (WJN353J)
349 (WJN349J)	351 (WJN351J)	

Further details regarding these loans will be published in next month's news sheet.

General

Further to the information published in NS185 Leyland Leopards 215-8 (MJN215-8F) will all be refurbished and fitted with semi-automatic gearboxes and also possibly power steering. The first vehicle to be dealt with is 216 which is currently at Tickfield Road works.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS185).

- 2871 (RWC943D) - Alexander (Northern), Aberdeen, NRD 4, ca. 5/79, ex. Alexander (Midland), Falkirk, MRD 201.
- 2876 (STW764D) - Dealer, Grays, 6/79; Osbornes, Tollesbury, 3, by 9/79.
- 2883 (UEV221E) - Alexander (Northern), Aberdeen, NRD 5, ca. 5/79, ex. Alexander (Midland), Falkirk, MRD 209.
- 2935 (RWC 604) - Dealer, Grays, 6/79. - - - - -
- 421 (GVW981H) - Named "Clarinda" by Gilmour, Crosshouse.
- 505 (BNO114D) - Stock Car Transporter, for Tulpin, Nettleham, -/77, ex. mobile caravan, Wyberton Fen. Converted after sustaining rear end damage and carries legend "Lincoln Imp Racing Team". (Additional and corrected information to NS184.
- 1310 (205 MHK) - Numbered 1 by North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross.
- 1317 (212 MHK) - Numbered 2 by North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross.
- 1329 (1267 EV) - Contractor, Northern Traffic Area, by 2/79, ex. Scout Group, Stockport (N-PSV).
- 1332 (1270 EV) - Numbered 5 by North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross.
- 1413 (2738 VX) - Numbered 7 by North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross.
- 1439 (00 9547) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. Dealer, Middlewich.
- 2385 (WNO 481) - Reinstated by Tricentrol, Dunstable, 5/79. (See also NS184).
- 2847 (MVX884C) - Dealer, Coltishall, 4/79, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF424 (accident victim). (Further information to NS184).
- 9005 (BVX668B) - Noted at yard of Ensign Bus Company, Grays, 9/79 (by personal observation).
- (RHK 843) - This Bedford OB appeared at the Hillingdon bus rally splendidly restored in Eastern National coach livery bearing the fleet number 4065. However, the vehicle has never operated for Eastern National having spent all its life with Went, later Bennett of Boxted, to whom it was new in 1951. Eastern National 4065 was a Bedford OB, registered ONO 86.
- REMAINDER HELD OVER DUE TO LACK OF SPACE

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