

EDITORIAL

Hampshire Coach Tour, Sunday September 24

Arrangements for this tour, which will include a visit to Southampton, are now in hand. A booking form will be sent with the August news sheet, in the meantime keep the date free.

New Publications

The following new publications are now available :

E.P.32 Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. bus services operated
in July 1934 Price . . . 14p

E.P.35 Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. bus services operated
in July 1946 and until 1955 Price ... 22p

Both prices are postage exclusive, please add 8p to all orders, orders may also be dispatched with the August news sheet at no extra postal cost.

A new edition of General Circular E.C.5 (List of Publications) is included with this news sheet. This list cancels previous editions, please note revised prices, some altered for the first time since 1972 !

Lancaster City Transport - Jubilee Brochure

This brochure commemorates 75 years of municipal transport in Lancaster. It contains 64 pages and over 100 photographs and is of high standard. Copies are available from Lancaster City Council Transport Department, Kingsway Bus Depot, Lancaster LA1 1DJ, price 65p (including postage).

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1200	BNO686T	Bedford YMT		HW454145	Duple	818/2768	C53F
1201	BNO687T	Bedford YMT		HW454148	Duple	818/2770	C53F
1203	BNO689T	Bedford YMT		HW454175	Duple	818/2767	C53F
1204	BNO690T	Bedford YMT		HW454178	Duple	818/2766	C53F
1205	BNO691T	Bedford YMT		HW454185	Duple	818/2765	C53F
1206	BNO692T	Bedford YMT		HW454192	Duple	818/2771	C53F
1207	BNO693T	Bedford YMT		HW454197	Duple	818/2772	C53F
1208	BNO694T	Bedford YMT		HW454210	Duple	818/2775	C53F
1209	BNO695T	Bedford YMT		HW454213	Duple	818/2769	C53F
1210	BNO696T	Bedford YMT		HW454409	Duple	818/2774	C53F
1211	BNO697T	Bedford YMT		HW454414	Duple	818/2773	C53F
1868	YEV326S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05262	Leyland National		B49F
1874	BNO664T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05426	Leyland National		B49F
1875	BNO665T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05427	Leyland National		B49F
1876	BNO666T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05428	Leyland National		B49F
1877	BNO667T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05430	Leyland National		B49F
1878	BNO668T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05431	Leyland National		B49F
1879	BNO669T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05432	Leyland National		B49F
1880	BNO670T	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05435	Leyland National		B49F

Delivery dates :	1200 - 7.78	1208 - 7.78	1875 - 7.78
	1201 - 7.78	1209 - 7.78	1876 - 7.78
	1203 - 7.78	1210 - 7.78	1877 - 7.78
	1204 - 7.78	1211 - 7.78	1878 - 7.78
	1205 - 7.78	1868 - 7.78	1879 - 7.78
	1206 - 7.78	1874 - 7.78	1880 - 7.78
	1207 - 7.78		

The first Bedfords were delivered on 18 July.

1881-95 are to be registered BNO671-85T, 1874-80 (BNO664-70T) were expected in August, but were delivered ahead of schedule.

Bedford YMT's 1212-7 (BNO698-703T) are expected in October.

The Bedford YMT's are in dual purpose livery, green below the windows and white above. The deep windscreen Duple Dominant 2 bodywork has wide (bus grant) style doors. The Eastern National fleetname is positioned over the front wheels, as a two line display, there is also an illuminated Eastern National name above the rear boot door. The destination display consists of a narrow destination blind with three track number blind above the windscreen. Standard O.M.O. equipment is to be fitted by Eastern National. No decision has yet been reached concerning the eventual seating capacity of these vehicles.

Vehicles on Order

Details of the 1979 vehicle programme are now available :

29	Leyland National, series A, 11.3 metre saloons	(1896 - 1924)
10	Bristol VRT double deckers	(3067 - 3076)
(Fleetnumbers to be confirmed)		

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

Conversion of a final Bristol FLF6B to FLF6G is now in progress, this is 2843 (MVX880C).

Service Vehicles

Conversion of Bristol FLF ²⁸⁶²2982 (RHK347D) to an additional driver training vehicle is in progress at Prittlewell.

Allocations & Transfers

7.78 1360-D/L(D), 1417-D/L(D), 1430-CN, 1444-D/L(D), 1852-D/L, 1859-BD, 1861-SE, 1862-SE, 1863-BE, 1864-MN, 1865-CR, 1869-CF, 1870-CF, 1872-CR, 1873-D/L, 2300-SD, 2379-D/L(D), 2752-SD, 2772-D/L(D), 2777-D/L(D), 2788-D/L(D), 2789-D/L(D), 2794-D/L(D), 2823-SD, 2832-CF, 2838-HD, 2852-HD, 2862-D/L(D), 2863-CF(D.T.), 2876-BE, 2933-D/L(D), 3022-CR, 3027-DT,

The allocation of a Bristol VRT to Harwich should especially be noted.

2863 (RHK348D) is temporarily allocated to driver training duties to cover a particularly heavy demand.

Silver End (SE) now has no crew operated vehicles allocated.

A notable event occurred last month when the number of Leyland Nationals allocated for service exceeded the number of Bristol FLF's (160 vs. 150) for the first time.

Additional later allocations of new vehicles : 1852-HH, 1866-CF, 1868-SD, 1873-SD.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 31C NEW SERVICE : MALDON (Bus Station) - Woodham Mortimer - Hazeleigh - COCK CLARKS (Fox & Hounds) (Thursdays only) (see also NS171)
- 93 To be withdrawn between Althorne (Fords Corner) and St. Lawrence Bay. (covered by revised service 97)
- 97 Certain journeys to operate to St. Lawrence Bay on Fridays in place of service 93.
- 330 NEW SERVICE : BRAINTREE (Bus Park) - BRAINTREE (Marlborough Road, Swiss Bell) via Victoria Street, Fairfield Road, Manor Street, Albert Road, Coggeshall Road, Marlborough Road and Mountbatten Road. Return via Mountbatten Road, Coggeshall Road, Railway Street, Victoria Street, Fairfield Road and Manor Street. (Weekdays only)

The following revisions were recently introduced on 9 July (these have been started early in response to public demand), details have been given in NS170 :

21A, 22C, 15 (introduced as service number 65, this service will be re-numbered 15 when further revisions in the Southend area are introduced at a later date).

General

Bristol FLF 2927 (AVW396F) has been re-painted into overall advertising livery featuring "Checkout at Tesco, Pitsea". The vehicle is in a red livery (similar to poppy red) and features various slogans. The launch of the vehicle took place on 11 July and the vehicle entered service the following day. It will operate on services 2 and 151 (on alternate days) for a period of 12 months.

Bristol MW 1425 (204 YVX) is being used as a temporary canteen at Braintree garage whilst building alterations are in hand. (Correction/additional notes to NS166)

Leyland National 1871 (YEV329S) has an overhead luggage rack fitted on the offside, on the lower floor section only. Is this the only such example or are there others?

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

6.78 80 (YNO 80S) 81 (YNO 81S) 82 (YNO 82S)

80 (YNO 80S) was entered in the National Showbus Rally at Hillingdon on June 25.
81 (YNO 81S) had still not entered service by mid July.

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.78 41 (OVX141D) 43 (OVX143D)

Thus odd numbered Leyland PD2's have been withdrawn whilst even numbered examples have been retained.

Service Revisions

Application has been made for two Circular Tours of Colchester starting from COLCHESTER (Cowdray Crescent, Castle Park). These would operate from May until September and the fare would be 50p. (Full details of the route are available from the Secretary if required - please enclose 5p for xerox copy)

General

It has been reported that consideration is being given to the conversion of one of the remaining Leyland PD2's to an open-topper. In this respect the application for a 'Tour of Colchester' is of particular interest.

A new service vehicle is 98 (APU598S), a Land Rover. Could details of other service vehicles and their fleet numbers be reported please.

See also Southend Transport General notes.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicle on Loan

FBV525S Leyland National 11351A/1R. 04924 Leyland National B49F

On demonstration from 8 - 13 July and allocated temporary fleet number E12.
Owned by Fishwick, Leyland (no. 31) in white livery with 'Leyland National City Bus' legend.

The vehicle was fitted with an Eastern National destination blind and operated on services 7B, 9, 10, 12, 29, and 62 at least. It is thought that the interest in the vehicle was due to the short delivery dates being quoted by Leyland for these vehicles.

General

Colchester Transport 56 (JHK496N) was recently noted at Tickfield Road works for repainting. It is thought that the Silver Jubilee vehicle 55 (JHK495N) will also be dealt with at Southend.

Southend Transport has been providing Daimler Fleetlines for British Rail to operate between Chingford and Walthamstow Central on a railway emergency replacement service. Following a landslip which partially blocked the line, single line working has been introduced. The buses operate at Monday to Friday peak hours only, and it is thought

that this arrangement will last for a period of about six months, from early May. (this information was available for last months news sheet, but was inadvertently omitted - ed.)

The following London Transport A.E.C. Swifts are/have passed through Tickfield Road works during recent months :

SMS/SMD 70/80/3/4, 209, 360/74/86/8/93/6, 409/27, 539/40/52/8-63/8/77/8/89/98, 610/6/69/77/88/92. (also 565 omitted above)

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of The P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS170).

- 2402 (XVX 27) - Breaker, Rotherham, 8/77, ex. Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), 8/77.
- 2416 (208 BPU) - Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), 10/72, still owned.
- 2467 (883 GVX) - Withdrawn by Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), 3/76.
- 2472 (819 HNO) - Breaker, Carlton, by 11/77, ex. Ford, Althorne.
- 2476 (508 HTW) - Dealer, Cheam, by 12/77, ex. Denyer, Stondon.
- 4035 (ONO 56) - Withdrawn by Anderson, Iver, date unknown, to dealer, by 5/73.
- 335 (282 NHK) - Withdrawn by Smith, Ingham, by 1/78.
- 380 (VYO 767) - Car Transporter, by 1/78, ex. Jennings & Caten, Leigh. Later noted parked in lorry park at South Woodford, still complete, 5/78.
- 382 (VYO 769) - Withdrawn by Smith, Ingham, by 1/78.
- 504 (BNO113B) - Withdrawn by Cropley, Fosdyke, by 1/78.
- 506 (6 BXB) - Crescent A.S., Seven Kings, 9/76, ex. Goldsmith, Sicklesmere.
- 1134 (EJN 635) - Costain (Contractor), after 2/65.
- 1223 (569 CTW) - Friends Garage, Orford, date unknown, ex. Cedric, Wivenhoe, and dealer, 12/77.
- 1334 (2724 VX) - Dealer, Ingham, by 7/77, ex. Robinson, Appleby. (Also reported as still with Robinson, 10/77.)
- 1400 (215 MHK) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/78.
- 1407 (1255 EV) - Withdrawn by Bleanch, Hetton-le-Hole, 2/78.
- 1422 (201 YVX) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 1437 (00 9545) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 1612 (AVX962B) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2411 (XVX 30) - Broken up by dealer, Rotherham, 8/77.
- 2433 (968 DHK) - Maw, West Butterwick (N-PSV), by 7/77. (Report in NS165 should read dealer, Barnsley)
- 2464 (882 GVX) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2710 (90 TVX) - Withdrawn by United Automobile Services Ltd., 3/78, Johnson, Sherburn, Durham City (for preservation), 4/78.
- 2716 (96 TVX) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2728 (175 XNO) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2741 (EOO 583) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/78.
- 2756 (JWC 716) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2758 (JWC 718) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2760 (RWC 601) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2766 (VWC 46) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/78.
- 2767 (VWC 47) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/78.
- 285 (KNO 614) - Seddon, (Contractor), 11/65, later scrapped, date unknown.
- 3903 (KNO 606) - Sir Lindsay Parkinson (Contractor), ex. United Counties, 307, 5/62, later dealer, Dunchurch, date unknown.
- 3909 (KNO 612) - Sir Lindsay Parkinson (Contractor) SLP 3719, date unknown, withdrawn by 4/66.