

EDITORIAL

Change of Group Mailing Address

Members are reminded that the address of the Group's Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq.) has now changed to that shown below. All orders for publications, photographs and E.C.C. timetables should be sent to this new address :-

Eastern National Enthusiasts Group,
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563. London Road,
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Weekend Coach Tour to Humberside - Friday, August 24th to Monday, August 27th.

A booking form for this tour was circulated last month. At present bookings are rather poor, and we need a few more participants to make the tour viable. If you wish to come will you please book soon. As an incentive the £5 fare reduction has been extended to the end of July, so please book NOW !

Colchester Borough Transport - 80th Anniversary - Saturday, July 28th.

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of municipal transport in Colchester, Colchester Borough Transport will be operating a special open-top bus service on Saturday, July 28th. The service will be operated by Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) between North Station and Lexden (Old Tram Terminus) via North Hill, High Street, Bus Station, Queen Street, St. Botolph's Street, Osborne Street, St. John's Street, Crouch Street, Southway, Lexden Road and London Road. There will be seven journeys in each direction with journeys to Lexden departing from High Street at 1005 hrs. and North Station at 1059 hrs., 1159 hrs., 1259 hrs. (to High Street only), 1359 hrs., 1459 hrs. and 1559 hrs. Journeys to North Station will depart from Lexden (Old Tram Terminus) at 1035 hrs., 1135 hrs., 1235 hrs., 1435 hrs., 1535 hrs. and 1635 hrs. (to Head Street only). An additional journey to North Station departs from Head Street at 1350 hrs. A special round trip fare of £0.50 for adults and £0.25 for children will be available on this service, and a timetable leaflet has been published by Colchester Borough Transport.

1984 Chiswick Bus Festival (Incorporating the London Bus Rally) - Sunday, August 5th.

This rally is being held at London Transport's Chiswick Works on Sunday, August 5th from 1100 hrs. to 1700 hrs. Admission to the rally will be £1.00, and the Group's sales stand will be present with our full range of publications and photographs.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles On Order

Delivery of the four MCW Metroliner coaches currently on order (1600-3) is now expected during August. The vehicles will carry B-prefix registration numbers, but details of the booked registrations were not available at the time of writing.

No further information is available regarding the two Leyland Tiger coaches and fourteen Leyland Olympian double-deck vehicles also currently on order (see NS243).

Acquired Vehicles

The Company has confirmed that a total of fourteen Leyland National single-deck vehicles are being acquired during the near future. Eleven vehicles are being acquired from the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley), and

three vehicles are being acquired from Southern Vectis Omnibus Co. Ltd. Details of the Southern Vectis vehicles are not yet available, but the Alder Valley vehicles will be 101 (LMO223L) and 108-115/7/8 (KCG608L etc.). The Alder Valley vehicles will be numbered 1650-60 in the Eastern National fleet and, at the time of writing, 1652 (KCG609L) had been delivered. Full details of the eleven Alder Valley vehicles are as follows :-

1650	LMO223L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00677	Leyland National	B49F	New	6/73
1651	KCG608L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00400	Leyland National	B49F	New	3/73
1652	KCG609L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00401	Leyland National	B49F	New	3/73
1653	KCG610L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00402	Leyland National	B49F	New	3/73
1654	KCG611L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00499	Leyland National	B49F	New	3/73
1655	KCG612L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00500	Leyland National	B49F	New	4/73
1656	KCG613L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00566	Leyland National	B49F	New	5/73
1657	KCG614L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00567	Leyland National	B49F	New	5/73
1658	KCG615L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00568	Leyland National	B49F	New	5/73
1659	KCG617L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00584	Leyland National	B49F	New	5/73
1660	KCG618L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00585	Leyland National	B49F	New	5/73

A mystery surrounds the precise identity of 1650. The Crosville Enthusiasts Club has recorded Alder Valley 101 (LMO223L) as being sold to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. on May 11th, becoming SNL 993 in the Crosville fleet. It has also been recorded by the P.S.V. Circle as being noted at Crosville's Sealand Road Works on May 23rd. However, an official Alder Valley disposal list dated June 11th includes 101 (LMO223L) as one of the vehicles being acquired by Eastern National. The only other vehicles in this batch that have yet to be accounted for are 102/3 (LMO224/5L), although an earlier P.S.V. Circle report has also indicated that these two vehicles have been acquired by Crosville Motor Services Ltd. They have not yet been recorded by the Crosville Enthusiasts Club.

1652 (KCG609L) was delivered on July 9th, and has since been repainted in standard green livery. It was due to enter service at Southend (SD) towards the end of July.

The previous allocations of the eleven Alder Valley vehicles listed above were as follows :-

Bracknell - 118; Guildford - 117; Hindhead - 109/11-4; High Wycombe - 101/3/10.
Maidenhead - 115.

Allocations & Transfers

7.84 1652 D/L-SD, 3014 CN-PL (P), 3018 CN-CN (P), 3047 CN-CN (P).

3014 (SMS 40H) has recently been noted in service at Southend (SD) depot. It was noted at Southend on July 11th, and on service 2 on July 16th/17th.

Vehicle Repaints

The Company has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks, and this continues from the information published in NS243 :-

June : w/e 23.6.84 - 1932 at CN.
w/e 30.6.84 - 1820 at CW, 3052 at CW, 3119 at CW.
July : w/e 7.7.84 - 1831 at CW.
w/e 14.7.84 - 1059 at CN, 3054 at CW.
w/e 21.7.84 - 1652 at CW, 1726 at CW, 3066 at CW.

3054 has been repainted in green bus livery following the expiry of its overall advertising livery contract for Air UK.

At the time of writing, 1800 CN was being repainted at Clacton (CN) depot. 1786 BN is currently in the paintshops at Central Works, and this is the vehicle to be painted in a yellow and black overall advertisement livery for Essex County Council. It will be advertising Essex County Council's promotion of South Woodham Ferrers.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the application of National Express transfers to certain coaches, these were applied to 1406 on June 27th, completing the programme for this work.

General

Two vehicles which have received accident damage during recent weeks are 1125 (A6940HJ) and 1553 (WN0542L). At the time of writing, 1125 was stored at Chelmsford (CF) depot, whilst 1553 was at Central Works. Both vehicles will be repaired during the next few weeks.

Following the successful conversion of Bristol VRTSL6G 3037 (PWC512M) to receive Autosteer power steering, a number of similar vehicles will also be converted by Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) at Aldershot during the next few months. The vehicles involved in this conversion programme will be 3033-6/8-41/8-51.

In reply to a member's query, the coach that operates on service 795 (Southend-Brighton) is not scheduled for any duties at Brighton between 1230 hrs. and 1710 hrs. Another member has pointed out that 1418 was shown as re-allocated from CN to SD in last month's news sheet. This vehicle has in fact been at Southend (SD) since May 1983; it was due to be re-allocated to Clacton (CN) in May 1984, but this transfer was cancelled at the last moment. It was listed in the Company's official allocation list as a Clacton (CN) vehicle in May, but, as this did not take place, its inclusion in last month's news sheet was an error.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during June were 1112, 1536/47, 1816, 1936, 3001 and 3023. Additionally, 1050 CN and 1127 CN were also on loan during June, together with 1303 SD (June 12th-14th), 1404 BE (June 20th/21st), 1416 SD (June 20th-22nd) and 3037 SD (June 12th/13th).

There were many unusual workings on excursions, private hire work and rail replacement services in the Harwich area during June. 1050 CN operated excursions on June 5th/6th and 1056 DT operated Highwayman service 814 on June 9th and service 815 on June 22nd. 1112 CR also operated excursions from Harwich on June 11th/12th and June 17th whilst 1127 CN operated National Express services 080/1 on June 1st/2nd and excursions and private hire duties on various other dates. Leyland National vehicles were also in use on excursions (1901-June 7th; 1920-June 12th/19th/26th), private hire work and Highwayman services (1920-June 14th on service 816). 1534 and 3061 operated three rail replacement journeys between Harwich and Wrabness on June 12th. Two very unusual workings occurred on June 8th and July 11th; on June 8th, South Wales Transport 184 (JOX442P), a Leyland Leopard PSU3C/4R with Plaxton C47F bodywork, was operated on National Express services 080/1 between Harwich and London, and on July 11th, a brand new Alexander (Midland) coach with registration A129ESG (other details unknown) was used on an excursion from Harwich to Great Yarmouth.

Service Developments

The Company has applied for a number of service revisions, and brief details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

- 31 - Sundays : revised timetable, with all journeys (except the last journeys) from Chelmsford and Maldon operating ten minutes earlier.
- 57/A - Short-term licences have been granted for these services from May 12th to November 11th, and the Company has now applied for full licences.
- 67 - A short-term licence has been granted for this new service from June 5th to December 4th (Daily) (see NS243).
- 70/A - Revised terminal in Bishop's Stortford to be Station Road.
- 107 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
- 153 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes, with minor route revisions for these two journeys via Miles Gray Road, Burches, Uppermayne and St. Nicholas Lane in Basildon.
- 251 - Sundays : revised timetable introduced from July 22nd. These timetable revisions include faster journey times and additional journeys on Summer Sundays between July 22nd and September 2nd. Special cheap day return and family tickets are also now available on this service on Summer Sundays.

808 - Service withdrawn after operation on May 31st.

From July 2nd for a trial period until the end of this year, service 73A (Colchester -- Tolleshunt Knights via Easthorpe and Messing) has been re-introduced on Weekdays. This service had previously been withdrawn on March 5th, and has been restored following representations made by Copford with Easthorpe Parish Council. During this period, service 373 (Braintree-Colchester) will operate via Marks Tey and not via Easthorpe.

The Company has surrendered its licence for service 435 (Braintree-Romford).

Publicity News

New publicity material published during recent weeks has been as follows :-

Timetable leaflets - new timetable leaflets for services 73/A (dated July 2nd), 251 (dated July 22nd) and 373 (dated July 6th).

General leaflets - a leaflet, jointly published with Hedingham Omnibuses Ltd., with details of express coach services from the Colchester area to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft between July 22nd and August 29th.

Highwayman services - a leaflet with details of services 810 and 825 to the Butlin's Holiday Centres at Skegness and Bognor Regis respectively, with details of connecting services from throughout Essex.

Express services - new Summer timetable leaflets for East Anglian Express services 088/9, and express services 133, 135, 137 and 138 - three leaflets, all dated May 26th.

Unusual Workings

Details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :-

19.5-1753 HH operated a rail replacement service between Wickford and Southminster.

20.5-3099 HH and 3107 HH also operated a rail replacement service from Grays to Tilbury Riverside (see also NS243).

22.5-1303 SD noted on service 795; 1928 HH operated a shuttle rail replacement service between Rayleigh and Benfleet.

2.6-3107 HH operated a rail replacement service between Southend Victoria and Rochford.

9.6-1419 DT observed on National Express service 080; 1753 HH operated on hire to the Metropolitan Police in London.

10.6-1767 IN noted on service 400; 3099 HH, 3103 HH and 3107 HH operated a rail replacement service between Laindon and Upminster.

15.6-1419 DT operated a combined service 084/815 journey to Colchester, where 1936 CR took over service 815 to Great Yarmouth; 3085 HH and 3109 HH operated private hire journeys to the Essex Show at Great Leighs.

16.6-3120 IN noted on service 237.

17.6-1124 BN noted on Highwayman service 806; 3075 SD observed on service 402; Southend Transport 204 noted on service 23A (and also on 30.6).

18.6-Southend Transport 211 noted on service 10A.

19.6-1112 CR noted at Colchester Bus Station on service 104 to Wix; 1737 HH, 3088 SD and Southend Transport 241 operated a shuttle rail replacement service between Rayleigh and Benfleet.

20.6-1127 CN, 1404 BE, 1416 SD and 1419 DT all noted on private hire journeys from Harwich; 3033 CF noted on service 11A, and this vehicle later failed at Eastwood, Kent Elm; Colchester Borough Transport 101 (on hire to Eastern National) noted on National Express service 081 (and also on 5.7 - service 084, and on 10.7 - service 081).

21.6-1932 BE noted on service 353 (and also on 22.6 and 23.6).

22.6-1419 DT noted on National Express services 080 and 084.

23.6-1882 BE noted on service 353; 3031 CN observed on service 53; 3072 SD noted on service 9; 3117 BN noted on service 234.

24.6-1868 SD observed on service 29.

25.6-1700 BD noted on service 31 (and on service 38 on 30.6).

26.6-1123 BE observed on service 353 (and also on 28.6, 2.7, 4.7 and 9.7); 1746 BN noted on service 271; 1915 CF observed on National Express service 083; Southend Transport 392 noted on service 22.

- 27.6-1932 BE noted on service 53; 1934 BN noted on service 232; London Country AN 4 (driver training vehicle) and 1915 CF both noted at Southend (SD) depot.
- 28.6-1876 BD observed on service 251; 3074 BN noted on service 232; Southend Transport 230 and 233 operated rail replacement journeys between Wickford and Southminster, and between South Woodham Ferrers and Wickford; Southend Transport 239 noted on services 9 and 20; Southend Transport 371 noted on service 60; Southend Transport 372 noted on service 22.
- 29.6-1123 BE and 1125 BS noted at Victoria Coach Station on National Express services 722 (Isle of Wight) and 720 (Bournemouth) respectively; Southend Transport 231 observed on service 9.
- 30.6-1051 BE operated Highwayman service 820 to Basildon, and then a duplicate service 824 journey to Eastbourne; 1704 BN noted on service 27; 1863 BE noted on service 353; 1932 BE also noted on service 353; 1937 SD observed on service 9; 3120 BN noted on service 151; Southend Transport 201 noted on service 23A.
- 1.7-1121 CF noted at Victoria Coach Station on National Express service 859 (Shrewsbury); 1911 CN observed at Bressingham Gardens on a private hire journey; 3097 HH and 3103 HH operated a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 2.7-Southend Transport 228 observed on service 22A.
- 3.7-1902 BE noted on service 353; 3040 MN noted on service 70.
- 4.7-1121 CF observed on service 44A; Southend Transport 212 noted on service 10A.
- 5.7-1300 CN operated commuter service 191 from Colchester; Southend Transport 216 returned to service during June and was noted on service 10A on this date.
- 7.7-1114 SD (service 801), 1418 SD (service 804), 1117 BD (service 824), 1122 BD (service 825), Southern Vectis 300 (service 826) and 1115 SD (service 827) all noted at Basildon Bus Station; 1120 BE noted at Canterbury on National Express service 001; 1932 BE observed on service 353; Southend Transport 381 operated the 1708 hrs. rail service from Wickford to Southminster in place of a failed D.H.U..
- 8.7-3117 BN, 3121 SD and Ensign Bus Co. THM720N (ex. London Transport DM 1720) operated a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 10.7-1842 CF noted on service 31.
- 11.7-1839 BD observed on service 251; 2383 L noted at Basildon (BN) depot.
- 13.7-1937 SD noted on service 251; 4001 SD noted on service 6; Southend Transport 246 operated a duplicate National Express service 928 from Basildon to Birmingham and return.
- 14.7-1794 BE noted on service 353; 3029 BE also noted on service 353; Southend Transport 207 observed on services 23 and 23A.
- 15.7-3062 SD operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster.
- 18.7-3029 BE noted on service 53; Southend Transport 370 noted on service 9.

On July 28th, seventeen Eastern National vehicles will operate a shuttle service between the Suffolk County Showground and the Ipswich Town F.C. football ground at Portman Road, Ipswich in connection with the Billy Graham rally being held there. The vehicles will be drawn from the following depots - CF-4, CN-2, CR-5, HH-2 and SD-4, and will be double-deck vehicles.

Service Vehicles

A new Ford Cargo lorry was delivered during early July, and details are as follows :-

A890TTY Ford Cargo 0811 Drop-side Lorry with bodywork by Freight Engineering Ltd., Sidcup. Fitted with an unloading crane, and painted in white livery - Stores Lorry (CW)

This vehicle will replace the existing Stores Lorry BAR316T, and is at present receiving final modifications at Central Works before entering service. The chassis number will be published as soon as it becomes available.

The AEC Matador recovery vehicle (0101) which was sold to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. in February (see NS240) has been numbered 60a in the Crosville service vehicle fleet and it operates on Trade Plate 260 FM.

The two new Ford Transit 160 vans (A295UYT and A300UYT) have now entered service, replacing older vehicles BAR317T and CPU254T.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTAcquired Vehicles

Former Tyne & Wear P.T.E. Leyland Atlantean 53 (MVK548R) has now been repainted into Colchester Borough Transport livery, but had not entered service at the time of writing.

Withdrawn Vehicles

Bristol REEL6L 28 (SWC 28K) still remained in service during mid-July, and may not be withdrawn from service in the near future as previously reported.

Similar vehicle 17 (YWC 17L) had been removed from the Magdalen Street depot by June 26th, and it can now be confirmed that none of the three Bristol REEL6L's (15, 17 and 27) that were sold during June passed to W. Norfolk & Sons Ltd., Nayland. However, firm details regarding the new owners of these vehicles are still awaited, and this information will be published as soon as it becomes available.

Vehicles On Hire

The Ailsa Citybus demonstration vehicle A308RSU, with East Lancs H47/36F bodywork, carried temporary fleet number D14 during its period of hire in June.

Two other demonstration vehicles have also been on hire during recent weeks, and details are as follows :-

D15	A77	FRY	Dennis Dominator	DDA168/681	East Lancs	H44/33F	A4408	New	12/83
D16	TBC	51X	Dennis Dominator	DDA141/351	East Lancs	H44/33F	420	New	10/81

Both vehicles have been on hire from Leicester City Transport and are numbered 77 and 51 in that fleet respectively. 77 arrived on July 1st, and was noted at Southway on Trade Plates and later at the Magdalen Street depot. On July 4th/5th, it was noted in operation on services 4/4A. By July 10th, this vehicle had been replaced by 51, which was noted in service on that date on service 8, and on services 2B and 7 on the following day. On July 14th, it was noted on services 2/2A, and it remains on hire at the time of writing.

77 is fitted with Maxwell four speed transmission, whilst 51 has Voith D854 four speed transmission.

Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) remains on hire to Southend Transport. As the replacement vehicle, Southend Transport's Leyland Fleetline 242 (MRJ242W) is currently operating at Colchester. Similar vehicle 232 (MRJ232W) returned to Southend during late-June, being replaced initially by 234 (MRJ234W), and which was replaced by 242 on July 10th. The Southend vehicle usually operates on service 8, and it is believed that temporary fleet number 05 is given to the vehicle, irrespective of Southend fleet number.

General

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, it can now be reported that all Colchester Borough Transport vehicles were fitted with new final destination blinds in connection with the service revisions introduced on May 6th. Similarly, Eastern National vehicles at Colchester (CR) depot also received the new blinds, which include certain destinations previously served by Halstead (HD) depot.

As noted under this month's Editorial news, Colchester Borough Transport is operating a special open-top bus service on July 28th between North Station and Lexden (Old Tram Terminus). Timetable leaflets may be obtained from Colchester Borough Transport, and a special round trip fare of £0.50 for adults and £0.25 for children will be available on the service. Open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) will be operating this service. As a correction to the information in last month's news sheet, this vehicle will not be repainted in the former tram livery. Instead, it has received 'Colchester Corporation Tramways' fleetnames on the lower deck panels, advertisements for a Colchester Borough Council sponsored trade exhibition on the upper deck panels and small period advertisements on the corner panels of the upper deck.

The open-top Leyland Atlantean will again be operating sightseeing tours of

Colchester during the Summer months. The tours will be operated on Mondays to Fridays and Sundays between May 27th and September 2nd. They depart from Castle Park (Main Gateway) at 1400 hrs. on each day, and also at 1130 hrs. on Mondays to Fridays between July 23rd and August 31st. The tour lasts for approximately 75 minutes, and the fare is £1.00 for adults and £0.50 for children.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, Leyland Atlantean 50 (AVX 50G) returned to service during early-July.

A local newspaper has recently reported that a former Colchester Corporation Transport bus has returned to Colchester for preservation and inclusion in a proposed Colchester Omnibus Museum. The vehicle is believed to be one of the 1960 Leyland Titan PD2/31's with Massey H33/20R bodywork, which were formerly owned by Lonsdale Coaches of Heysham.

Finally it can now be confirmed that Leyland Atlantean 82 (YNO 82S) will be repainted shortly in an overall advertisement livery for British Telecom.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

250 A250SVW Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3RP 8400016 Duple C57F 8370/0299 New 7/84
251 A251SVW Leyland Tiger TRCTL11/3RP 8400017 Duple C57F 8370/0300 New 7/84

These two vehicles complete the delivery of the six Leyland Tiger coaches with Duple Caribbean bodywork. They are classified as coach hire vehicles by Southend Transport and differ from 246-9 by being fitted with public address equipment and a radio. Both vehicles were delivered unpainted, and 250 was painted in the yellow and blue coach livery by Southend Transport before entering service on July 11th. 251 will be painted in a black and silver overall advertising livery for Southend Motor and Aero Company Ltd. (SMAC Group), and is expected to be used by that company for private hire and promotional work. It is unlikely to enter service before August 1st, and will probably be re-registered with a B-prefix registration number.

Members will note that the chassis numbers of 247-51 differ from those previously published in NS240, and this information is still subject to final confirmation.

Acquired Vehicles

Another Leyland Leopard coach has been acquired recently, and details are as follows :-

341 YHB 21T Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R 7804198 Duple C53F 933/5163 New 2/79

This vehicle was new to Morris Travel Ltd., Pencoed, and was delivered to Southend on July 18th. At the time of writing, it had not yet entered service.

As a correction to NS242, it should be noted that 218 (XGS769X) is a Leyland Tiger and not a Leyland Leopard.

Leyland Leopard coach 339 (EBM439T) had still not been delivered to Southend by mid-July, and it has been reported that this vehicle will remain with Limebourne Ltd., London, S.W.8 until the end of the Summer season.

326 (XHU 326), a 1975 Leyland Leopard PSU3C/4R coach with Plaxton C53F bodywork, has still not entered service with Southend Transport. It was acquired on January 4th on lease from Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet (dealer). The seating has been re-trimmed, and it was hired for a short period in early-July to the Leanland Travel Group, Hassocks, but has since returned to Southend.

Vehicles On Hire

Leyland Fleetline 242 (MRJ242W) is currently on hire to Colchester Borough Transport, as reported above. It is a replacement for Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) which is still on hire to Southend Transport.

Fylde Borough Transport 36 (XRN 36R) was returned to Lytham St. Annes on July 14th, and was replaced by a similar vehicle (35) on the following day. Full details of

this vehicle are as follows :-

Fylde Borough Transport

35 GCK 35S Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R 7704314 Duple C53F 834/5207 New -/78

The current situation is that Burnley & Pendle Transport 13 (WRN 13R), Colchester Borough Transport 102 (DHK102T) and Fylde Borough Transport 35 (GCK 35S) remain on hire to Southend Transport.

Two vehicles have been hired to Emmaheath Ltd. (t/a London Pride Sightseeing) during early-July. On July 7th, Leyland Fleetline 231 (MRJ231W) and open-top Daimler Fleetline 370 (WJN370J) were on hire, whilst on July 8th 231 was again on hire.

General

Leyland Leopard 216 (MJN216F) returned to service during June after several months out of service for repairs.

Van Hool Astromega 243 (JEV243Y) was returned to Van Hool in early-July for some bodywork repairs. It has since returned to Southend, and re-entered service on July 18th.

Daimler Fleetlines 386-95 (JTD386P etc.) and Leyland Fleetlines 221-42 (XTE221-30V, MRJ231-42W) are being slightly modified by the relocation of the 'No Change Given' sign to the bottom of the front panel. Advertisements are now being carried beneath the windscreen, initially for W. Harold Perry Ltd.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

1954 - 1964 numbering scheme

1026 (JVX 555) - Eastern National Preservation Group, 7/74, ex. Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd., uniform store, no. 0555.

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- 392 (OWC182D) - Chilton, Sidcup (for preservation), by 6/84, ex. National Travel (London).
- 405 (AVX966B) - Breaker, Carlton, by 4/84, ex. North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross.
- 412 (YHK729F) - Eynon, Trimsaran, 3/84, ex. West Wales, Tycroes.
- 9417 (HVW241H) - Remains removed from premises of Continental Pioneer, Richmond, by 4/84.
- 1215 (BN0701T) - Limebourne Ltd., London S.W.8, 6/84, ex. Goldenport Ltd., London, S.W.16.
- 1324 (1262 EV) - Still with Cementation Construction Ltd., Darlington (N-PSV), 2/84. (additional information to NS236).
- 2812 (GN0788B) - Michelmersh Brick Company Ltd., Romsey (N-PSV), by 7/83, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
- 2834 (LWC660C) - Has not entered service with Stagecoach, Perth; may only be used for spares. (additional information to NS241).
- 2883 (UEV221E) - Withdrawn by Alexander (Northern), NRD 5, 11/83, and noted in store at Elgin depot, 5/84. (additional information to NS240).
- 2886 (WN0974F) - Still with London Torah, London, N.15 (N-PSV), in red livery and used on schools service, 7/84.
- 2926 (AEV820F) - Now reported to be H40/34F seating (by removal of luggage pen) with Stagecoach, Perth.

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