

EDITORIAL

L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular' - Saturday, November 5th.

The Group's sales stand will be present at this year's L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular', which is being held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1 on Saturday, November 5th from 1100 hrs. to 1600 hrs. The admission charges will be £0.50 for adults and £0.25 for children, and the full range of Group photographs and publications will be available for sale.

Annual Photographic Competition - Wednesday, November 9th.

The Group's November meeting at Southend will feature the annual Photographic Competition, and we hope that many members will submit their photographs or slides for the competition. For members' information, the competition rules are set out below. The meeting will be held at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday, November 9th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.), and the evening will also include a slide show presented by Andy Meadows.

Competition Rules

- 1) Entry is open to all paid up members of the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group, with the exception of the judges.
- 2) All entries must bear the entrant's name and membership number. No other data, except the date and location of the photograph, may be submitted.
- 3) Entries may be submitted before 2000 hrs. at the meeting to be held on November 9th, or by post to P.W. Harvey Esq., ENEG, 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ. to arrive by November 7th. Postal entries will only be returned if accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- 4) There will be two classes :-
 - a) COLOUR - 35 mm slides.
 - b) COLOUR or BLACK AND WHITE - prints.
- 5) A maximum of 6 photographs in total may be entered. The entry fee is £0.15 per photograph.
- 6) The judges will be Paul Harvey and Richard Delahoy. The judges will be available to comment on the entries at the meeting. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 7) The prizes will be a trophy for the best photograph in each class and a voucher to the value of £2.00 for the runner-up in each class.
- 8) No entries will be accepted which have won awards in other competitions.

Sale of Members' Collections

Members are reminded that the Group is now prepared to assist with the sale of any unwanted books, magazines and photographs etc. If you are interested in selling part or all of your collection please write in the first instance to the Events Secretary (R. Delahoy Esq., 120 Yarnacott, Thorpe Day, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 8AW. Tel. Southend-on-Sea 588590) with details of the items available.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Bishop's Stortford/Saffron Walden/Haverhill/Harlow/Epping/Loughton area (Area 1) dated October 1983 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.) at £0.73 each, inclusive of postage and packing

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles on Order

Further details regarding the six Leyland Tiger vehicles which are currently on order are now available. The chassis designation (TRC/TL11/2R) will be the same as the first batch of these vehicles (1110-21), and their registration numbers will be A6910HJ-A6960HJ. Delivery may commence during November, and they will replace the remaining six Bedford YMT dual-purpose vehicles (1212-7) which are on lease to April 1984.

Allocations & Transfers

10.83 1054 CR-BS, 1215 DT-CR, 1306 HD-SE, 1409 SE-HD, 1413 CN-BE, 1419 DT-CN, 1534 PL (P)-BD (P), 1540 CN (P)-MN (P), 1541 BS-PL (P), 1747 D/L-SD, 1796 BD-D/L, 3002 D/L-CF, 3045 DT (P)-PL (P), 3062 SD-CF, 3108 CF-SD.

2383/4 are currently at Central Works, and these vehicles are to be refurbished for further use next year; one vehicle, probably 2384, will be prepared to a condition suitable for rallies, and the other vehicle will be available for carnivals and other special events.

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 NS234 :-

August : w/e 27.8.83 - 3034 at CW (Home Insulation Advisory Service 'UniBus' advertisement).
 September : w/e 3.9.83 - 1792 at CW (Howard 'UniBus' advertisement).
 w/e 24.9.83 - 1935 at CW.
 October : w/e 1.10.83 - 1913 at CW (Lancaster Garages overall advertisement),
 3071 at CW (City 400 livery), 3129 at CW (Home Insulation
 Advisory Service 'UniBus' advertisement).
 w/e 15.10.83 - 1747 at CW, 1807 at CW, 1922 at CW, 1931 at CW.
 w/e 22.10.83 - 3076 at CW (City 400 livery).

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during August and September were 3001/22/32 (August) and 1111, 1547, 1925, 3022/3/30/2 (September). Additionally, 1534 PL (P) operated from DT on September 20th-21st before moving to BE (loan). Amongst a number of interesting workings from DT during recent weeks, 1056 DT operated an excursion to Great Yarmouth on August 17th, 1419 DT failed at Cromer (service 814) on September 11th being replaced by Eastern Counties RE851, 3022 CR operated a private hire journey to London on August 16th and very unusually the BX Plastics contract service three days later, and 3027 DT operated a rail contract from Colchester to Ipswich on September 17th. Rail replacement services between Harwich and Parkeston Quay were operated by 1901 DT on September 28th and 1215 DT on September 29th/30th.

General

Plans for two major developments in Halstead were announced recently in the Halstead Gazette (October 14th). Firstly, it has been announced that negotiations are taking place for the sale of Halstead (HD) depot, which occupies a prime site in the High Street. It is believed that the site will be developed for a supermarket, but the Company has stressed that the depot sale will not result in a cut in local bus services. Secondly, plans have been announced for a new residential development at the Old Station Yard, which is currently used by Eastern National and other operators as a bus station. Further details regarding these developments will be published as soon as they become available.

On October 5th, the Colchester Evening Gazette reported that the Company has submitted plans for a new travel office at Queen Street, Colchester, and also that Tendring District Council has approved plans for a face lift scheme at Clacton Bus Station mainly involving internal work and the reorganisation of facilities.

Other recent press reports in Colchester have focused on the new commuter services (191), jointly operated by Eastern National and Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. from Colchester to London. It is reported that passenger loadings are lower than

anticipated, and that this situation contrasts with the increasing popularity of services from Braintree (195) and Southend (Southend Transport X1 and Eastern National 109). Service 191 was revised from October 10th, and both journeys now operate to/from Colchester (Highwoods), and the latest reports indicate that loadings have increased.

Service Developments

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

- 70 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change (and introduced from October 2nd).
Daily : service to be re-routed in Coggeshall via Colne Road, Church Green, Church Street, Market Hill, Market End and West Street, following the opening of the Coggeshall By-Pass (and this revision was also introduced from October 2nd).
Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change (to be introduced from October 31st).
- 97X - Route revisions, and revised timetable.
- 98X - Revised timetable.
- 270/1 - Turning point to be introduced at Shenfield (Rail Station).
- 305 - NEW SERVICE from Manuden (Yew Tree) to Saffron Walden (Castle Street) via Berden, Rickling and Audley End, to operate on Tuesdays only with one return journey (and introduced from July 19th) (omitted from NS232).
- 308 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
- 309 - Schooldays : two minor timetable changes.
- 400 - Revised timetable incorporating re-allocation of running time between Southend and South Benfleet (Tarpots Corner), and revised route to serve Laindon Centre and Laindon West via Roundacre, A176, St. Nicholas Lane, West Mayne and A127 (and introduced from October 16th).
- 401 - Service to be re-routed in Laindon to serve the Southfields development (and introduced from October 17th).
- 402 - Revised timetable incorporating re-allocation of running time between Southend and South Benfleet (Tarpots Corner) (and introduced from October 16th).
- 403 - Service to be re-routed in Laindon to serve the Southfields development (and introduced from October 17th).
- 423 - NEW SERVICE from Harwich (Bus Station) to Ipswich (Old Cattle Market Bus Station) via Dovercourt, Great Oakley, Wix and Manningtree, to operate on Tuesdays only from November 1st to December 20th, for Christmas shopping in Ipswich.
- 470 - Service to be re-introduced from Braintree (Bus Park) to Ipswich (Old Cattle Market Bus Station) via Halstead, Earls Colne, Wakes Colne, Aldham and Eight Ash Green, to operate on Tuesdays only (November 8th/22nd, December 13th), for Christmas shopping in Ipswich.
- 471 - Service to be re-introduced from Colchester (Bus Station) to Romford (St. Edwards Way) via Eight Ash Green, Fordham, Wakes Colne, Earls Colne, Coggeshall and Kelvedon, to operate on Fridays only (November 18th, December 2nd/16th), for Christmas shopping in Romford.
- 473 - Service to be re-introduced from Colchester (Bus Station) to Romford (St. Edwards Way) via Tiptree, Great Totham, Wickham Bishops and Witham, to operate on Fridays only (October 28th, November 11th/25th, December 9th) and also on Tuesday, December 20th, for Christmas shopping in Romford.
- 809 - Period of operation to be during the Christmas, Easter, May and Spring Bank Holiday periods, and in accordance with traffic requirements (correction to NS254).
- 817 - NEW SERVICE from Halstead (E.N. Office) to Knightsbridge (Sloane Street) via Braintree, Chelmsford, Brentwood, Tower Hill, Charing Cross, Victoria, Hyde Park Corner, Marble Arch and Kensington, to operate on Saturdays only from October 1st to

January 21st, 1984. This service is part of the Highwayman network of services, and is being marketed as 'The Highwayman London Shopper'.

Service revisions introduced during recent weeks have been as follows : 236 (Mondays to Fridays - two minor timetable changes) (NS234); 311 (Mondays to Fridays - one journey withdrawn) (NS234); 321 (Mondays to Fridays - revised terminal in Bocking at Deanery Gardens, for journeys previously serving Courtaulds Factory) (NS234).

Further development of the commuter services jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. has taken place, and timetable revisions and adjustments were introduced on all services (191/3/4/5) from October 10th. From September 19th, a new service 193 journey was introduced from Braintree (White Courts Estate) to London (Buckingham Palace Road) via Little Waltham, North Melbourne, Writtle and Oxney Green, in addition to the other new services listed in last month's news sheet. The current pattern of services is as follows :-

- 191 - Departures from Colchester (Highwoods) at 0602 hrs. and 0632 hrs., returning from London (Victoria Street) at 1635 hrs. and 1705 hrs.
- 193 - Departures from Silver End (E.N. Garage) at 0605 hrs. and from Braintree (White Courts Estate) at 0650 hrs., returning from London (Victoria Street) at 1650 hrs. (Braintree) and 1710 hrs. (Silver End).
- 194 - Departures from Heybridge (Oak Road) at 0620 hrs. and 0650 hrs., returning from London (Victoria Street) at 1630 hrs. and 1715 hrs.
- 195 - Departures from Fordham Heath (The Star) at 0600 hrs., from Great Cornard (Kings Hill, Cats Lane) at 0547 hrs. and 0630 hrs. and from Braintree (White Courts Estate) at 0650 hrs., returning from London (Victoria Street) at 1620 hrs. (Fordham Heath), 1640 hrs. (Great Cornard), 1700 hrs. (Braintree) and 1730 hrs. (Great Cornard).

Certain journeys are extended beyond Victoria Street to operate to Buckingham Palace Road or to/from Victoria Coach Station.

The Company has also applied for various timetable and route revisions to the East Anglian Express services (081-4/6/95). These changes took effect from September 18th with the introduction of the Winter timetables on these services, and also include revised picking up and setting down points in London, Waltham Cross (086), Brentwood, Chelmsford and Colchester.

A short term licence has been granted to the Company for National Express service 109 (Southend-London) from September 18th to March 17th, and for service 722 (Corringham-London) from September 12th to March 11th.

The Company has also applied to operate an additional excursion from Southend (Victoria Bus Station) to Leeds Castle.

Publicity News

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

Timetable leaflets - a summary timetable guide to services serving the University of Essex, dated October 1983.

- a leaflet, dated October 2nd, with details of buses serving Coggeshall, including the revisions to service 70.
- a new timetable leaflet for the City 400 service, dated October 16th.
- a new timetable leaflet for service 402, dated October 16th.
- a timetable leaflet for new service 423 (Harwich-Ipswich), dated November 1st.
- a timetable leaflet for Christmas shopping services 435/70/1/3 to Ipswich and Romford, dated October 28th.

Highwayman services - a new timetable leaflet for service 817 (Halstead-Knightsbridge), dated October 1st.

Commuter services - new pocket timetable cards for commuter services 191 (Colchester-London), 193 (Silver End-London), 193/4 (Chelmsford-London), 195 (Fordham Heath-London), 195 (Great Cornard-London) and 195 (Braintree-London), all dated October 10th. In addition to

the new pocket timetable cards listed in last month's news sheet, a further card, also dated September 19th, was published for services 193/4 (Chelmsford-London).

Express services - new Winter timetable leaflets for the East Anglian Express services - four leaflets, all dated September 18th, for services 081/3, 082/95, 084 and 086.
- a new leaflet, dated September 18th, for National Express service 109 (Southend-London).

Excursion leaflets - a new series of booklets containing details of the Company's programme of excursions for the Winter period (November-April) is now becoming available. The excursions are again being marketed under the title of 'Day Breaks', and booklets for Basildon and District, Chelmsford and District, Clacton and Walton, Colchester and Brightlingsea, and Harwich are available at present.

Unusual Workings

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

- 21.8-3081 CF, 3103 HH and Southend Transport 239 noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 30.8-1936 CR noted on National Express (EAX) service 084.
- 4.9-3000 BN, 3096 SD, 3101 SD and Southend Transport 223/35 noted on a rail replacement service from Laindon to Upminster.
- 8.9-1875 SD noted on service 31.
- 9.9-Breakdown vehicle 0101 noted towing a Bristol RE coach (14XX) along to A127 towards Southend.
- 10.9-1110 SE observed on National Express service 133; 1894 SD noted on service 31 (and again on 13.9).
- 11.9-1905 CF observed at Victoria Coach Station on National Express (EAX) service 084; 3000 EN and 3103 HH noted on a rail replacement service from Laindon to Upminster.
- 12.9-1937 SD noted on service 20; 3075 SD noted on service 6.
- 15.9-1052 MN noted on service 37; 3049 MN observed on an ASDA working at Rayleigh.
- 16.9-3080 CF observed on service 251.
- 18.9-3085 HH, 3087 SD, 3097 HH and 3116 BN operated a rail replacement service from Laindon to Upminster.
- 19.9-Southend Transport 370 observed on service 25.
- 21.9-1212 MN noted on service 722 (and again on 22.9), and the vehicle operating this service parks at Battersea Coach Park during the day; Southend Transport 386 noted on driver training duties at Rettendon.
- 22.9-3014 PL (P) noted on services 20/22A (and again on service 22A on 8.10); 3035 CF observed on service 11A; 3078 CF noted on an ASDA working at Wickford; Southend Transport 373 noted on service 9B (and again on 26.9, followed by observations on service 25 on 27.9 and 29.9).
- 23.9-1534 PL (P) observed on service 226.
- 24.9-4002 SD noted on service 400.
- 25.9-1114 SD seen at the British Leyland service centre at Aldenham; 1840 BD noted on service 251; 3000 BN, 3107 HH, 3109 HH and Southend Transport 233 operated a rail replacement service from Laindon to Upminster, and 3097 HH operated a similar service from Wickford to Shenfield.
- 26.9-Vehicles noted on the London commuter services included 1301 CR (191), 1110 SE and 1413 BE (193), 1119 HD and 1120 BE (195), and 1711 BN (722).
- 28.9-3108 CF observed on service 33.
- 29.9-3018 PL (P) noted on service 103 (and subsequently on service 53 on 4.10).
- 30.9-1214 DS noted on National Express service 109.
- 1.10-1902 DE observed on service 353; 3074 BN noted on service 402.
- 2.10-1418 SD operated Highwayman service 806; 3085 HH, 3097 HH and 3103 HH operated a rail replacement service from Wickford to Shenfield, whilst Southend Transport 226/30/8 operated a similar service from Laindon to Upminster.
- 3.10-1121 CF noted on service 41B.
- 4.10-1546 CF observed on service 58B; 3014 PL (P) noted on service 6 (and subsequently on service 20 on 5.10, on service 22 on 7.10 and on service 22A on 12.10).

- 5.10-Southend Transport 372 noted on service 25.
- 7.10-1547 CR (P) noted on service 70; 1772 BN observed on service 401; 3028 SD noted on service 402; 3090 SD noted on service 400.
- 8.10-1722 BD noted on services 41/41A (and also at CF depot on 9.10).
- 9.10-3097 HH, 3103 HH and 3107 HH operated a rail replacement service from Leigh to Shoburyness.
- 10.10-1545 SE and Southend Transport 392 operated a railway diversion service between Laindon and Billericay; 1754 BD noted on a CF service 360 working.
- 14.10-1732 BN observed on service 58B; 1785 BD noted at Gants Hill on service 251.
- 15.10-1771 CF observed on service 353.
- 16.10-3073 SD was the first vehicle on service 400 to operate the revised route via Laindon; 3099 HH, 3007 HH and 3109 HH operated a rail replacement service from Southend (Victoria) to Wickford.
- 17.10-1114 SD noted on a National Holidays continental feeder service from Southend to Dover.
- 19.10-1863 BE observed on service 53.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the note published in last month's news sheet regarding Tyne & Wear PTE's Leyland Atlantean 538 (MVK538R), it can now be confirmed that Colchester Transport has acquired this particular vehicle and two similar vehicles (546/8 MKV546/8R). They are Leyland Atlanteans of the AN68A/2R type with Alexander bodywork, and were previously equipped with dual doors (H48/31D) whilst in service with Tyne & Wear PTE. However, they have been converted to single door configuration by Tyne & Wear PTE prior to delivery to Colchester Transport, with 538 being delivered in September and 546/8 being delivered in October.

During mid-October, the vehicles were all noted at Colchester Transport's Magdalen Street depot still in Tyne & Wear PTE yellow/white livery. Full details regarding these vehicles will be published next month, including details of their revised seating capacity and Colchester fleet numbers (if available).

Vehicle On Hire

Southend Transport's Daimler Fleetline 385 (GHJ385L) remained on hire to Colchester Transport to October 4th, when it was replaced by Leyland Fleetline 224 (XTE224V). Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) remains on hire to Southend Transport.

Daimler Fleetline 385 was commonly used on services 6/76, and with three vehicles normally being used on these services (one-Eastern National, two-Colchester Transport), it was unusual to see the three major Essex operators all represented on one service. Leyland Fleetline 224 has been noted in use on services 5/5A.

General

The closure of St. John's Road (which affects services 9/9A, 11 and 12) has been extended to December 26th (see also NS233).

On October 7th, the Essex County Standard reported that the loss of passengers on Colchester Transport services during recent months had been the lowest (at 1.1%) for a considerable period. It was further reported that the greatest loss is being experienced on evening and Sunday services.

Open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) was noted on two occasions during late-September operating duplicate service 2D journeys.

The diversion of services 4/4A via Wellington Street and Chapel Street South ended on September 20th, and these services are now operating to their normal route (see NS233).

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ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Acquired Vehicle

In the January and March editions of the news sheet (NS226/8) it was reported that Rochford District Council had acquired former Southend Transport Daimler Fleetline

348 (WJN348J), and were using the vehicle on a free service in the District Council area linking the various sports centres. During October, the Council acquired a second vehicle and details are as follows :-

DXG525K Daimler Fleetline CRL6 Northern Counties H43/27D New 1972
Ex. Cleveland Transit L525. Acquired 10/83.

It is expected that the vehicle will be stored initially, and it is not expected to enter service before April 1984.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicle

215 ----- Leyland Tiger TRC/TL11/2R ----- Duple C53F ----- New -/82

This vehicle was purchased in October from Yeates (dealer), Loughborough, and although at present it does not carry a registration number, it was new in 1982 and had been in the dealer's stock since that time. Upon acquisition the vehicle was finished in a cream livery. Full details regarding this new vehicle will be published as soon as they become available.

Acquired Vehicles

The body number of Leyland Leopard coach 214 (XGS770X) was still not available at the time of writing (see NS233).

Withdrawn Vehicles

Two vehicles, which had previously been withdrawn from service, were sold to a local scrap dealer during October, viz : 217 (MJN217F) and 363 (WJN363J).

Vehicles On Hire

As noted above, Colchester Transport's Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DNK102T) remains on hire to Southend Transport, with Leyland Fleetline 224 (XTE224V) currently being the replacement vehicle at Colchester.

The four Leicester City Transport-Leyland Leopard coaches (12-15) also remain on hire, but are currently in the process of being overhauled at Leicester. As a short-term replacement, a further Leicester City Transport vehicle is on hire and details are as follows :-

11. OUT 11W Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R ----- Plaxton C53F ----- New -/81

Two Leyland Leopard coaches are also now on hire from Bournemouth Transport. From October 2nd, Bournemouth Transport 104 (FEL104L) and 106 (UTM 4K) were on hire; on October 11th, 104 was replaced by 105 (FEL105L), and on October 14th, 106 was replaced by 107 (UTM 5K). The current position is that 105 and 107 remain on hire, and these vehicles are being used on the X1 service. Bournemouth Transport 104-7 are all Leyland Leopard PSU3D/4R vehicles with Plaxton C51F (107 is C47F) bodywork.

General

Leyland Leopards 211 and 212 are now fitted with fareboxes, and they are now used on local stage services, when not required for the X1/X21 services. For example, 212 was noted on services 23/A on October 8th/9th.

Leyland Leopard coach 201 (LBN201P) has recently been repainted in the new coach livery, and this was the first repaint for this vehicle since it was delivered to Southend Transport in 1976.

Leyland Fleetline 241 (MRJ241W) has now been fitted with a steel front bumper.

As noted above under Unusual Workings, the open-top Daimler Fleetlines 370-3 (WJN370-35) continue to be used on a variety of services. On August 14th, one of these vehicles operated a duplicate X1 journey from Southend to London, although more recently they have been noted on services 9B and 25.

Recent local press reports in Colchester, commenting on the appearance of a Southend Transport double-deck vehicle on hire to Colchester Transport, mention the popularity of the X1/X21 services to London and the consequent requirement for additional coaches, including that hired from Colchester Transport.

The third Group coach tour of the season was to Kings Lynn. After the last picking up point at Newbury Park Station the coach, an ex. Midland Red Leyland Leopard of Kemps Coaches of Southend, made its way up the M11 and along to the first stop at Whippet of Fenstanton. Although the Group had visited this operator last year the double deck fleet had changed almost completely, now being comprised of several ex. London Transport MD class vehicles, both single and dual door versions from the 'P' and 'R' batches. After several vehicles were manoeuvred for photographs, the party was treated to a short trip in one of the vehicles, into St. Ives over the old bridge and past the new Bus Station. Then it was on to Peterborough where the Eastern Counties parcel bus was soon found, this being the longest surviving special liveried vehicle in the country.

During the lunch break an opportunity was taken to observe the local Eastern Counties operations at the new Bus Station. The next call was at Whittlesey where the first former Eastern National Bristol FLF, 2747, was tracked down. This vehicle used to be in Canhams blue livery but is now resplendent in orange and cream, the new colour scheme apparently being inspired by a visit to Manchester! During a brief deluge the party retreated into the garage where a preserved Leyland Lion was carefully inspected. The weather then brightened and the coach made its way to Leverington to the premises of Colemans Coaches and another FLF, this time 2931 which is used on schools services and it looked very smart in its new colours of pale blue, yellow and white. The final destination, Kings Lynn, was reached in late afternoon. The first visit was to Dacks Coaches yard where a mixed selection of vehicles was present, including a rare Leyland Panther coach from Greater Glasgow P.T.E. Then it was on to the Vancouver Centre Bus Station to observe the local Eastern Counties operations. A former London Country RP class A.E.C. Reliance of Dacks also made a brief visit much to the delight of the photographers. After refreshments it was homeward bound at the end of another successful tour.

This report of the Group's 59th coach tour is included here for the benefit of the large proportion of the membership who were not on board. We hope that you will now appreciate what you are missing, and that we may have the pleasure of your company in the future.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

'National' numbering scheme

- 4081 (ONO 995) - Marsden, Willerby (N-PSV), by 11/72, ex. Bell, Leeds (N-PSV) (staff bus). Used as a store shed by Jaram and Marsden (successor to Marsden), and reported as current 4/83. (Previously given as dealer, Shorburn-in-Elmet, 1/68, for scrap).
- 420 (GVW982H) - It has been suggested that this vehicle was acquired by Ellerby, Tow Law for spares only.
- 1207 (LNO693T) - Heyfordian, Upper Heyford, 8/83.
- 1208 (LNO694T) - Heyfordian, Upper Heyford, 8/83.
- 1209 (LNO695T) - Heyfordian, Upper Heyford, 8/83.
- 1517 (FWC440H) - Edmunds, Rassau, 7/83 (for spares only), ex. Gwent Probation & After Care Service, Pontypool.
- 2712 (92 TVX) - Remains noted in yard at rear of Rainbow Garage, Gwernmynydd, near Mold, 9/83. Last reported as with Parish, Hawarden, 1/79, (see NS135), but has been owned by Eagles, Crawford and Hughes, Mold, since c1980.

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