

EDITORIALAnnual General Meeting

The Group's seventeenth Annual General Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea on Saturday, January 30th, 1982 commencing at 1400 hrs. A full range of Group publications, photographs and other items will be on sale at this meeting and the room will be open from 1300 hrs. to enable members to purchase items before the meeting. Will members please note that the Group's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1981 will be available at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will welcome members' questions and suggestions at this meeting, so please come along.

Subscription Renewal Reminder

Members who have subscriptions that end this month are reminded that they should renew their subscriptions (using the green form sent with last month's news sheet) as soon as possible please. Any delay in renewing may also delay the despatch of your January news sheet - you have been warned! Members should also note that there will be delays in cashing your cheques due to the fact that the banks now charge for bank giro facilities at other than your own bank. Therefore, until the Membership Secretary can visit the Southend area (about once a month) there will be small delays.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

4000	XHK235X	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ON104	E.C.W. H45/32F	25032	Delivered	2.12.81
4001	XHK236X	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ON105	E.C.W. H45/32F	25033	Delivered	25.11.81
4002	XHK237X	Leyland ONLXB/1R	ON106	E.C.W. H45/32F	25034	Delivered	25.11.81

The delivery of these three Leyland Olympians completes the 1981 orders for new vehicles. Of these vehicles, 4002 has been licensed for driver familiarisation, and it is understood that all three vehicles will be allocated to Southend (SD) probably in January.

Withdrawn Vehicles

11.81	1608 (GVW978H)	1610 (GVW980H)
12.81	2943 (AVW402F)	3042 (LFS287F)
	2944 (AVW403F)	9009 (OPU823D)

Of these vehicles, it is understood that 1608 and 1610 have been sold to the Gwent After Care Probationary Service, Gwent, possibly for use as playbuses, 2943 has passed to a private buyer at Maidstone (see also below), 2944 has been sold to Essex County Council (intended use unknown) and 3042 and 9009 have both passed to South Wales Transport Co. Ltd. The sale of 2943 is interesting as the vehicle is to become a mobile hospitality vehicle, and the conversion work on this vehicle is currently being undertaken by Eastern National at Central Works.

Some additional information regarding other vehicles which have been sold recently is also now available. The buyer of 2303 was S & M Coaches of Benfleet (see NS212), whilst 2382 and 2919 both passed to a Mr. Woodhouse of Southend and 2902 passed to a Mr. Oram of Rochford (see also NS212). During a visit to the Yorkshire area on December 7th a number of former Eastern National vehicles were noted at the premises of W. Norths (P.V.) Ltd., Sherburn-in-Elmet and M. Meynell (breaker), Carlton. 1000-4 and 2889 were present at W. Norths (P.V.) Ltd., whilst 1347, 1440, 2771/8/81/91 and 2806/13 were all noted at the premises of M. Meynell (breaker) (see also NS203). Various remnants of other vehicles sold to M. Meynell and Carlton Metals Ltd. could also be seen.

Allocations & Transfers

12.81 1506 CN-D/L (D), 1507 CR-D/L (D), 1512 D/L (D)-CR, 1520 D/L (P)-CN,
3008 SD (DS)-D/L (D), 3012 SD-SD (DS), 3129 LWA-SD, 4000 D/L, 4001 D/L,
4002 D/L-LWA.

Vehicles on Order

Subject to confirmation, it is understood that the Company has no new vehicles on order for 1982.

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 NS212 :-

November : w/e 7.11.81 - 1873 at CW (additional to NS212).
 w/e 14.11.81 - 1209 at CW (additional to NS212).
 w/e 21.11.81 - 1880 at CW, 1883 at CW.
 w/e 28.11.81 - 1852 at CW, 1866 at CW.

Further to the information regarding 3002 published in last month's news sheet, it can be confirmed that this vehicle was actually repainted during the week ending 19.9.81.

Unusual Workings

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

- 22.10-1851 CF noted on service 402.
- 28.10-1836 SD noted on service 5.
- 1.11-1539 MN noted on a private hire working at Southend Airport.
- 14.11-2301 D/L (D) still present at Walton depot.
- 21.11-1207 CR failed at Brent Cross shopping centre and was replaced by a Green Line coach from Hatfield depot. This vehicle returned to Hatfield on 22.11.
- 25.11-Southend Transport 202 noted on service 8.
- 26.11-Southend Transport 234/7/9 388/97 noted replacing a failed British Rail DMU on the Wickford to Southminster branch.
- 28.11-1506 CN failed at Black Horse Lane, Wivenhoe whilst on service 74 to Clacton; it is not known whether this vehicle ran in service after this event as it is now D/L (D).
 3031 CN (which was on temporary loan to CR) noted on service 119.
 3039 SE noted on service 91.
 3095 CR (which was on temporary loan to CN) noted on service 74.
 3128 BE noted on the special limited-stop service from Braintree to Chelmsford (Debenhams) (see below for further details of this service).
- 29.11-3095 CR noted on a private hire contract from Clacton.
- 30.11-1921 MN noted on service 110.
- 1.12-New service 124 (see NS212) commenced on December 1st, and the first vehicle to operate this service was 1529 CN.
 3038 MN noted on services 111 and 112. The use of a MN vehicle on these services was caused by an accident at East Hill, Colchester, which disrupted services between Clacton and Colchester/Maldon and vehicles ran very late.
- 2.12-3070 SD noted on service 11A.
- 5.12-During the pre-Christmas period a number of duplicate services are operating to and from Romford to cope with the large number of passengers. On this date 1203 BD was noted on duplicate service 151 journeys between Brentwood and Romford, 1732 BN was noted on duplicate service 151 and 400 journeys between Basildon and Romford, 1845 BD and 1859 BD were both operating duplicate short journeys on service 251 between Brentwood and Romford, whilst 1850 CF was operating the normal service 451 journey.
 3056 BE noted on the special limited-stop service from Braintree to Chelmsford (Debenhams).
- 6.12-1055 BD noted on service 351.

General

Members in the Brentwood area who have been following the saga of whether or not service 350 should operate via Oliver Road, Shenfield (see NS200 and NS204 for further details), will no doubt be interested to know that the Company's licence in respect of this particular section of route is due for renewal in February 1982. The local residents have already indicated their intention to object to this renewal, and further developments will be reported in the news sheet. However, rather ironically, service 350 is not operating via Oliver Road at present due to roadworks in nearby Alexander Lane, and which are expected to last for about eight weeks. Instead 350 is diverted via Crossways, and services 270-3 are also affected by these roadworks.

Heavy snow and ice severely disrupted the Company's services during December 8th-11th. The two breakdown tenders were kept busy, although, fortunately, no vehicles had been involved in any serious accidents.

Service Developments

Two new limited-stop shoppers' services were introduced from Saturday, November 28th in conjunction with Debenhams Ltd., High Street, Chelmsford. The services operate on Saturdays only from Braintree and Witham to the Debenhams department store entrance in Chelmsford, with fares of £1-00p return from Braintree and £0-75p return from Witham. The Braintree service also stops at Black Notley (White Courts) and Great Leighs, and passengers on these services are also entitled to a free drink in the store's restaurant. At present, it is planned that the services will operate until December 19th, and a timetable leaflet is available from the Company's local offices.

Also in Chelmsford the Christmas 'Park and Ride' circular service to and from Rectory Lane Car Park is again operating this year over a slightly revised route (see NS202 for details).

A new timetable leaflet for the Highwayman services, incorporating the revisions to service 806 (see NS211/2), was published during late November, and copies are available from the Company's local offices.

Two timetable amendment leaflets have recently been published by Essex County Council. They cover the recent revisions to Colchester Borough Transport services (dated October 1981) and the Basildon/Thurrock area (dated November 1981). Copies of these leaflets may be obtained free of charge from the Group's Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37, Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.) although a stamped addressed envelope must be included.

The Traffic Commissioners have granted short-term licences for new service 329 and for the 'Countrycar' services (see NS212) from November 3rd, 1981 to May 2nd, 1982. Similar licences have also been granted for services 470-3 until May 1982 (see also NS212).

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

19A - Saturdays : four minor timetable changes.

79 - Fridays only : one return journey to be extended from Great Bromley (Hare Green) to Little Bromley (Post Office).

123 - Revised timetable.

127 - Tuesdays only : two journeys to be withdrawn, and one minor timetable change. (It is understood that these revisions were introduced from Tuesday, December 1st.).

502 - Saturdays : one minor timetable change.

505 - Fridays : one additional journey.

One service change has also recently been introduced in the Southend area. From Monday, December 7th services 4B and 7 were diverted to serve the new ASDA store at North Shoebury. This revision is incorporated into current timetables but was not implemented until the new store opened.

A revised 'Explorer' leaflet covering the Winter period has recently been published by the Company. Possible Explorer routes from Basildon, Braintree and Halstead, Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester, Maldon and Southend are listed, and copies are available from the Company's local offices.

Temporary Loans

Following the recent re-allocation of Docking Spare vehicles the temporary loan of vehicles from Chelmsford (CF) and Southend (SD) to other depots is now far less common. Nevertheless some loans still occur and during early December the following CF vehicles were noted on loan at the depots listed :- 1513 (BS), 1516 (BS), 1762 (BN) (replacing 1849 which had failed) and 1917 (CR). 1805 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on December 6th, whilst on the same date 1414 and 1870 were at Central Works, and 3112 was on loan to the driver training unit. 1414 has suffered some accident damage and this vehicle has been replaced at CF by 1407 on loan from SD.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during November were 1050, 1520/3/9/37, 1750/6/68 and 1834. 1213 CR was also on loan to DT on November 23rd/24th replacing 1545. Amongst the Harwich (DT) vehicles that have been noted operating services in the Clacton area during November and December have been 1056 (services 74, 106 and 112), 1532 (101 and 115), 1545 (102, 108, 110, 111, 113, 114 and 123), 1901 (74, 102, 111 and 114), 1920 (74, 102, 109 and 110) and 3027 (74).

Eastern National Fleet Allocation - December 1981

Basildon (BN) : 1550/4 1702(DS)/4/9/11-7/21(DS)/3/32/6/8/40-2/6/55/63/7/72/6/85
 1794/5 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6-9/18/9/22/34
 3029(DS)/67-9/74/6 3120 (7)
 Bishops Stortford (BS) : 1057/8 1202 1525/33/4/51 1759 1914/6 3037/41 3114 (5)
 Braintree (BE) : 1051 1200/5 1542 1748/77 1813/63/82 1902/24/9/30/2 3004 (2)
 3019(DS)/56/63 3115/28 (23)
 Brentwood (BD) : 1055 1203/16/7 1531/5/40/3 1700(DS)/22/54/60/85/96/7 1809/10
 1823/37-40/5/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 3021/91-4 3100 (37)
 Chelmsford (CF) : 1209 1414 1513(DS)/6/22/41/9 1701(DS)/7*/18/24/30/4/52/62/71
 1774/5/8 1801/2/4/5/11/5/9/24(DS)/7/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/3/85/97/9
 1905/15/7*/39 3002/18/33/5/77-82 3106/8/10-3/26 (67)
 Clacton (CN) : 1050 1208 1402/13/5/8 1520/3/9/30(DS)/7/53 1705(DS)/50/1/6
 1761/8/9/79/80/9/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 3003/31 (33)
 Colchester (CR) : 1053 1207/10/3/5 1301 1512/7/21/6/8/36 1710(DS)/90/3 1816
 1828/65/72/88/92 1923/8/35/6 3001/22/3/32/50/95 3124/7 (33)
 Hadleigh (HH) : 1546 1719/20(DS)/5/6/33/5/7/9/43/53/7/65/84 1817/21/35/57/64
 1871/90 1900/25 3020/4/60/1/96-9 3102/3/7/9/16/7 (37)
 Halstead (HD) : 1206 1401 1544 1782 1926 3048/58/9/66 3118 (10)
 Harwich (HT) : 1056 1214 1527/32/45 1781/3 1901/20 3000/27 (11)
 Maldon (MN) : 1052/9 1201/12 1412 1539 1708(DS)/28/58/64 1806/31/3 1921
 1927/31 3030/8/40/9/51 3125 (22)
 Silver End (SE) : 1054 1211 1400 1727/31/45/9 1812/61/2 3039/55 3123 (13)
 Southend (SD) : 1204 1300 1403-11/6/7/9 1518/47/8 1729(DS)/44/7/66/70/3/87
 1788/98/9 1807/14/36/68/75/93-5 1910/37/8 3012(DS)/3/4(DS)/6/25/6/8/34/6/52-4
 3057/62/4/5/70-3/5/83-90 3101/4/5/19/21/2/9 (74)

Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) : 4C02 (1)

Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L) : 1552 4000/1 (2)

Delicensed Pool Vehicles (D/L (P)) : 1510/1/4/24/38 3005/6/46 (8)

Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D)) : 1100/1/3 1500-8/15/9 2300-2/83/4

2875/7/84-6/8/91/2/4/5/7-9 2900/1/4-6/8-14/6-8/20/2-5/7/9-31/45 3007-11/5/17
 3044/5/7 (67)

Driver Training Vehicle : 1102 (1)

Notes - Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Great Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 sd, and
 Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 4 sd. 1707 and 1917 are
 Accident Pool Vehicles.

The next full fleet allocation will be published in the April news sheet.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

At the time of writing the two Leyland Tiger coaches (209/10) had not been delivered, although it is still expected that they will arrive during December.

Vehicles Sold

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, Leyland PD3/6 340 (CJN440C) was noted being broken up at the premises of M. Meynell (dealer), Carlton on December 7th. It is not known whether this dealer acquired other vehicles from the batch which has been sold recently.

General

Southend Transport will again be operating special services over the forthcoming Christmas and New Year holiday period. On Christmas Day one journey will be operated on service 400, whilst on Boxing Day a special timetable will be operated on services 1, 3, 4A, 7, 20, 24, 29 and 400. On New Year's Day services 1, 3, 4A, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 20, 23A, 24, 25, 27, 29 and 251, together with the X1 limited-stop service, will be operated.

Leyland Fleetline 222 (XTE222V) returned from loan to the Havering training school of the Road Transport Industry Training Board on November 24th (see NS212). Similar vehicle 227, which had been sent to Northern Counties for attention to body corrosion problems, returned to Southend on December 7th. All vehicles from this particular batch are to be returned to Northern Counties, and 225/6 are two further vehicles

that are now receiving attention.

The wintry conditions that prevailed in the Essex area on December 8th/9th caused severe disruption to bus services in the Southend area. Whilst operating service (5) in the South Fambridge area, Leyland Fleetline 223 (XTE223V) ran into a ditch on the morning of December 8th. The recovery of this vehicle proved to be a difficult task and it had still not been recovered by late afternoon on December 9th.

The loan of vehicles to Lesney Products & Co. Ltd., Rochford continues and Leyland Fleetline 230 was loaned, as an additional vehicle to those listed in NS212, from November 18th-20th. During the week commencing November 23rd Daimler Fleetlines 362 and 369 were on loan, whilst during the weeks commencing November 30th and December 7th 362 and 365 were the vehicles concerned.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS212).

- 2407 (XVX 22) - Owner is Banbury Borough Council (additional information to NS210).
- 2435 (970 DHK) - Owner is Banbury Borough Council (additional information to NS210).
- 2751 (JWC 711) - Now reported as acquired by Rainworth Royals Jazz Band (N-PSV), 12/78. (see also NS191 and NS202).
- 2830 (KNO953C) - Withdrawn by Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF425, 9/81, and to dealer, Coltishall (for scrap), 10/81.
- 2839 (LWC665C) - Withdrawn by Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLF427, 9/81. By personal observation this vehicle was noted at the premises of W. Norths (F.V.) Ltd. (dealer), Sherburn-in-Elmet on 7.12.81.
- 2887 (WNO975F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81, although reported as currently being at premises of dealer, Grays.
- 2890 (WNO978F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81, and to breaker, Carlton, by 10/81.
- 2893 (WNO981F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81.
- 2896 (WNO984F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81.
- 2903 (WVX530F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81.
- 2907 (WWC737F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81.
- 2915 (WWC745F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81, although reported as currently being at premises of dealer, Grays.
- 2921 (AEV815F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81, although reported as currently being at premises of dealer, Grays.
- 2926 (AEV820F) - Dealer, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 9/81.
- 407 (YHK724F) - Cardinal Griffin School, Cannock, by 6/81, ex. Lincolnshire Road Car Co. Ltd., 1426.
- 421 (GVW983H) - Miller, Horsham, by 12/80, ex. Gilmour, Crosshouse.
- 1107 (ONO 49) - Eastern National Preservation Group, by 6/81, ex. Coughlin, Stanford-le-Hope.
- 1430 (MOO 975) - Noted at Heysham Nuclear Power Station, 8/81. Last report was with Ayton, Derby (N-PSV), 3/79.
- 2774 (987 KOO) - Caravan, Emsworth, by 9/81; also reported as Mobile Shop. Last reported with Emsworth Marine Exchange, Emsworth, 10/80, who is the present owner?
- 2819 (HEV997B) - Exported to U.S.A., 9/81, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 2822 (JHK454C) - Dealer, Barnsley, 9/81, ex. Southdown Motor Services Ltd.
- 2826 (JHK461C) - Dealer, Barnsley, 9/81, ex. Southdown Motor Services Ltd.
- 2827 (JHK462C) - Exported to U.S.A., 9/81, ex. dealer, Grays. (additional to NS212).
- 2835 (LWC661C) - Drusillas Zoo, Alfriston (N-PSV), 9/81, ex. Southdown Motor Services Ltd.
- 2845 (MVX882C) - Dealer, Barnsley, 9/81, ex. Southdown Motor Services Ltd.
- 2874 (STW762D) - Gwent After Care Probationary Service (N-PSV), 9/81. (For possible conversion to a playbus).
- 2882 (UEV220E) - Breaker, Carlton, by 10/81. _ _
- 362 (00 9550) - By personal observation the fleet number (as at 4/81) of this vehicle is B₅, whilst that of 390 (11 DLY) is B₂. (correction to NS212).

News Sheet Contributions

Contributions to this news sheet were received from A.G. Osborne (C&F), P.J. Shell (M32), R.H. Palmer (M105), R. Delahoy (M180), A.W. Meadows (M209), P.W. Harvey (M219), S.D. Barham (M313), J.G. Collins (M405), C. Seaman (M425), K. Russell (M454) and G. Huggins (AM1). Notes for the January 1982 news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor (address below) by Wednesday, January 20th.