

EDITORIAL

Ilford meeting, Tuesday August 10

At 7 Farley Drive, Seven Kings commencing at 1930. Xerox copies of the proposed new photographs (see below) will be on view at this meeting.

Autumn Coach Tour, Sunday September 26

Arrangements for this coach tour are now well advanced. Visits will be made to Basingstoke, Andover, Swindon (Thamesdown) and Reading. The tour will commence from Brentwood (affording rail connections from Chelmsford and Southend) with intermediate picking up points to London, the vehicle will return to both London and Brentwood in the evening. Full details and a booking form will be circulated with the August news sheet, in the mean time keep the date free.

Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd. photographs

Arrangements have been made to copy a collection of Westcliff-on-Sea/Benfleet & District/Canvey & District photographs. There are about 70 views in the collection which was photographed by an enthusiast now resident in Western Australia. It is hoped to have these views available at the A.G.M. in January 1977.

Fleet List Booklet

The following corrections should be noted, both on page 16 :

Insert symbol (+) 3052-63 are Bristol VRTSL6L

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New Vehicles

Registration numbers have been reserved for the 1976 order of Leyland Nationals, these will be 1776-95 (PEV688-707R). An initial intake of 7 vehicles is expected soon.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-numbered Vehicles

7.76 2605 (RWC 608) to 2937 2608 (KN0949C) to 2940

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

7.76 1608 (GVW978H) to B49F (O.M.O.)

1603 (BN0104B) has now entered service as B49F (O.M.O.) (see also NS144)

Conversions of 2937/40 (RWC 608, KN0949C) to stage carriage vehicles is nearing completion and the vehicles are expected to enter service during August. The proposed conversion of 0668 (BVX668B), the Staff Recruitment Vehicle, to stage carriage has been postponed indefinitely.

Allocations & Transfers

7.76 1308-D/L(D), 1310-D/L(D), 1311-D/L(D), 1312-D/L, 1317-D/L, 1326-D/L, 1327-D/L(D), 1329-D/L(D), 1331-D/L(D), 1334-D/L(D), 1335-D/L, 1341-D/L(D), 1343-BE, 1344-D/L, 1358-DT, 1400-D/L(D), 1435-D/L, 1444-BD, 1603-BN, 1608-BD, 1765-BE, 1766-HH, 1767-HH, 1768-CN, 1769-D/L, 1770-SD, 1771-D/L, 1772-D/L, 1773-D/L, 1774-D/L, 1775-D/L, 2507-D/L(D), 2509-D/L(D), 2516-D/L(D), 2518-D/L(D), 2520-D/L(D), 2534-D/L(D), 2535-D/L(D), 2536-D/L(D), 2538-D/L(D), 2701-CN, 2703-D/L(D), 2707-D/L(D), 2709-D/L(D), 2710-D/L, 2711-D/L, 2713-D/L, 2723-SD, 2743-CR, 2780-MN, 2792-SD, 2809-CF, 2822-MN, 2848-SD, 2863-CR, 2908-BN, 2909-HH, 2937-D/L, 2940-D/L, 3047-HH, 3061-D/L.

Following the recent service revisions the allocation total of Wood Green (WG) has been reduced to 10 vehicles, whilst Canvey (CY) now has no manually operated Bristol FLF's allocated.

The inclusion of Bristol FLF's on the disposal list should be noted, there are now no Bristol LD's or FS's licensed.

The total number of vehicles licensed has now dropped below 500, in fact one bus (499) for every run scored by Essex C.C.C. at Westcliff on July 10 !

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 316 Additional journeys to be introduced between Felsted and Chelmsford on Monday to Friday peak hours.
- 400 Revised route to LONDON (Aldgate, Minories Coach Station) to be as authorised to Dalston Junction thence via Kingsland Road, Shoreditch one-way system, Bishopsgate, Houndsditch, St. Botolphs Street, Middlesex Street, Aldgate High Street and Minories. Outward route to be via Aldgate High Street, Aldgate, Dukes Place, Bevis Marks, Camomile Street, Bishopsgate and as outward route reversed.
- (This service will now pass Liverpool Street Rail Station) (additional notes to NS146)

General

A start has now been made on the withdrawal of Bristol FLF's. The policy to be followed will be to dispose of all Bristol engined vehicles (FLF6B) first; when early Gardner engined examples (FLF6G) are taken out of service their engines will be exchanged with those in later Bristol engined models. The manually operated Bristol FLF class (2700 - 2877) at present consists of 163 vehicles of which 93 are Gardner engined and 70 powered by Bristol units.

Since there are now no Bristol LD's or FS's licensed the 2500 class is now reduced to a single vehicle in service, viz 2510 (236 LNO), the Bristol LDLX6G. This vehicle has recently been re-certified and will remain in service for some time to come.

The column previously used on the allocation card for Bristol LD's, FS's and KSW's labelled 'LD 60 seat' has now been re-designated 'KSW 61 seat', the Bristol KSW's having outlived the Lodekkas ! Incidentally, 2510 (236 LNO) has always been included in the column labelled 'FLF 70 seat' - with an appropriate footnote.

That well known rally entrant, Bristol FLF 2849 (NTW942C), appeared at Showbus 76 at Hillingdon on June 27. This time it carried off two awards, one for 'The best post 1950 double decker' and the other for 'The best vehicle over three years old still with a current C.o.F'.

EASTERN NATIONAL PAINT DATES

We publish below a further continuation of the information published in NS138/41.

E.C.W. Paint Dates carried (as at 9.75)

1507	P7.69	1536/8/9	P8.71	2767	H3.63	
1510	P10.69	1540	W9.71	2774	P8.63	
1512	W9.69	1542/3	P12.71	2777	Du9.63	
1513*	W12.74	1544	P1.72	2780	K10.63	Note
1515	P11.69	1545/7	P4.72	2783/5	H11.63	
1516/8	W11.69	1548-50	P10.72	2787	P12.63	* - as
1520/1	W4.70	1551	K10.72	2790	Du12.63	rebodied
1523	P7.70	1552-4	K11.72	2796	H5.64	
1524/5	P10.70	1608	H2.70	2811	G10.64	
1526/7	H11.70	2750	P10.62	2812	W11.64	
1528/9	H12.70	2752	H10.62	2817	K11.64	
1530/1	P2.71	2760	Du11.62	2822	P1.65	
1532	2.71W	2763	PSP1-63	2824	Du1.65	
1533-5	P4.71	2765	K3.63	2828	K3.65	

(To be continued)