

EDITORIALCoventry Coach Tour - Sunday, October 5th

Members are reminded that the Group's autumn coach tour to the Cannock, Coventry and Nuneaton area has been arranged for Sunday, October 5th. A few seats are still available, and all bookings should be forwarded to the Tours Organiser (M.L. Weyell) at 29. Glebelands Avenue, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex. IG2 7DN, as soon as possible. Full details and a booking form were included with last month's news sheet.

Southend Meeting, Tuesday, October 14th

This meeting will feature the annual Photographic Competition and the rules for this competition are set out below. There will also be a slide show whilst the judging takes place. After the success of the last two years' competitions, we hope many members will enter the various classes. The meeting will be held in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend commencing at 1930 hrs.

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, ENEG membership number and name of the class entered in (see below).
- 3) Entries may be submitted in person or by post :
 - a) in person at the meeting to be held in the Civic Centre, Southend on Tuesday, October 14th, between 1930 and 2000 hrs. to the judges;
 - b) by post to P.J. Snell Esq., ENEG, 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex to arrive not later than first post on Monday, October 13th. Postal entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, and will only be returned if return postage is enclosed.
- 4) There will be an entry fee of 10p per photograph.
- 5) There will be two basic classes :
 - a) COLOUR - 35mm transparencies or prints (min. size 5" x 3", max. size 10" x 8");
 - b) BLACK AND WHITE - prints (min. size 5" x 3", max. size 10" x 8").
- 6) Each class will be sub-divided into two sub-classes :
 - a) PSVs AT WORK (i.e. excluding depot and 'posed' views);
 - b) SOUTHEND BUSES AND COACHES (Southend being defined as the Southend & District Co-ordination Area. Views eligible will be of vehicles owned or normally based within the Southend area).
- 7) No contestant may enter more than 3 photographs per sub-class (i.e. 12 in total).
- 8) Entries will be judged by Peter Snell - Committee Member, ENEG and F.J. Whitby - Chairman, Southend Photographic Society.
- 9) The results will be announced during the meeting to be held on October 14th. The judges will be available during the meeting to comment on entries. The judges' decision shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 10) Entries will be judged both on photographic merit and on subject matter (so that unusual vehicles/views will be more highly rated).
- 11) There will be an overall winner in each major class, for which a trophy will be presented. The runner-up in each major class will be the highest placed view in the alternate sub-class, with a prize of a £0-75p voucher to be used within the ENEG.
- 12) No entries will be accepted which have won awards in other photographic competitions.

Ipswich Borough Transport Centenary Celebrations, Sunday, October 19th

Ipswich Borough Transport are celebrating the centenary of municipal transport in the town with a weekend bus rally and cavalcade at Christchurch Park, near the town centre. Full details about this event were not available at the time of writing, but the Group intends having a sales stand at Christchurch Park on the Sunday (October 19th), with a full range of publications and photographs for sale.

L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular', Saturday, November 8th

Both the Group and the Southend Busman Photo Service will have stands at this event which is one of the major annual bus sales. As usual it is being held at Central Hall, Westminster (opposite Westminster Abbey), from 1100 hrs. to 1530 hrs.

Castle Point Transport Museum Open Day, Sunday, November 16th

The Group has received details of an open day at the Castle Point Transport Museum, which is, of course, located at the former Eastern National garage at Canvey Island. This is to be held on Sunday, November 16th, and it is planned to have a large number of sales stands in addition to preserved buses on display. The Group will have a stand at this event and full details will be published in next month's news sheet.

Essex County Council Timetables

A new Essex County Council timetable booklet for the Colchester/Clacton/Harwich area dated September 1980 has been published. This is the first timetable in the new series of E.C.C. timetables which are being produced in connection with the service revisions introduced on September 7th (see also page 4). It includes details of all bus and express coach services in the area together with local rail services, and also an improved map of the area. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37, Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ) at £0-20p each plus £0-20p postage and packing for each timetable.

Group Photographs

Following the release of a new batch of black and white photographs in March (see NS192), a further group of photographs are now available and these are listed below. Orders should be directed to the Administrative Officer (address above), and the photographs are price £0-12p each (£0-13p for non-members) plus £0-11p postage and carriage for the first 15 photographs and a further £0-11p for any additional prints.

Eastern National

R008	AVW402F	2611	Bristol	FLF6LX	F/NS	E916	434	FEV	2455	Bristol	LD5G	F/NS
E908	TM 9047	3146	Leyland	TD1	Front	E945	JTW	236	3881	Guy Arab I	F/OS	
E906	JWC 710	1624	Bristol	FLF6G	F/NS	E886	47	PPU	1555	Bristol	LD5G	F/NS
E907	E00 584	2742	Bristol	FLF6B	F/NS	E944	DR	9838	3886	Leyland	TD2	R/NS
E896	NVX 308	1128	Leyland	PD1A	F/OS	E935	CJN	322	1306	Bristol	K5G	F/NS
E885	LHK 414	126	Leyland	PS1/1	F/NS	GB878	MJ	449	3799	Dennis Lancet	F/NS	
E917	2725 VX	1335	Bristol	MW5G	F/NS	1311	FJN	209	138	Ld. PSU1/15	F/NS	
E915	204 YVX	1425	Bristol	MW5G	F/OS	1798	KTW	240	177	Bedford OB	F/OS	
E947	MPU 27	3966	Bristol	L5G	F/OS	52/21	WJN	566S	1846	Ld. National	F/OS	

(Unibus Advert - Hensmans, Brentwood).

Hicks Bros. Ltd.

E889	VX 8349	62	Leyland	TS1	Front	GB7002	TF2340	74	Leyland	TD1	F/OS
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City Coach Co.

C7	WJ 1916	T1	Leyland	TS4	F/OS
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Southend Transport

55/14	PHJ 950	311	Leyland	PD3	F/NS (Final journey of PD3 open-tops 14.7.80 at Southend - fitted with a special blind).
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Colchester Transport

32/01	OWC723M	23	Bristol	RELL6L	F/OS (On hire to Southend Transport on route 67 ENOC duty).
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Lewington

27/27	SGD 601	--	Leyland	PDR1	F/NS	27/28	289	AUF	--	Leyland	PSU3	F/NS
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New Delivery

Finally this month a new delivery of a different kind can be reported. Our congratulations go to the Group's Publications Officer, Andy Meadows and his wife Janice on the birth of their first baby, who, incidentally, has become the Group's youngest Associate Member !

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

9016	LFS282F	Bristol VRTLL6G	103	E.C.W.	LD43/31FD	17321	New 1968
9017	LFS289F	Bristol VRTLL6G	110	E.C.W.	LD43/31FD	17328	New 1968
9018	LFS297F	Bristol VRTLL6G	118	E.C.W.	LD43/31FD	17336	New 1968
9019	LFS298F	Bristol VRTLL6G	119	E.C.W.	LD43/31FD	17337	New 1968
9020	LFS299F	Bristol VRTLL6G	120	E.C.W.	LD43/31FD	17338	New 1968
9021	LFS300F	Bristol VRTLL6G	121	E.C.W.	LD43/31FD	17339	New 1968

These vehicles were acquired from Southdown Motor Services Ltd. (542/3/5-8) in 9.80. They are not for use on stage carriage work, and are at present being converted for use in the driver training fleet, where it is expected they will replace the remaining manual gearbox Bristol FLFs. 9016/8/20 are currently at Central Works, 9017/9 at Prittlewell Works and 9021 at Clacton for overhaul in connection with this conversion work. Prior to service with Southdown the vehicles were operated by Scottish Omnibuses Ltd. ('Eastern Scottish'), and three vehicles (3042-4) from the same batch are, of course, already owned by Eastern National.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.80	1340 (2730 VX)	2753 (JWC 713)	2791 (AVX959B)	2821 (JHK453C)
	1361 (OWC 610)	2771 (VWC 51)	2795 (BVX671D)	2824 (JHK459C)
	1434 (JHK458C)	2773 (VWC 53)	2796 (BVX672B)	2825 (JHK460C)
	1440 (1 BXB)	2774 (987 K00)	2797 (BVX673D)	2832 (KN0955C)
	1445 (BNO115B)	2775 (988 K00)	2798 (BVX674B)	2837 (LWC663C)
	1446 (BNO116B)	2776 (989 K00)	2799 (BVX675B)	2844 (MVX381C)
	1447 (BPU 22B)	2778 (991 K00)	2806 (BVX682B)	2852 (OVX296D)
	1448 (BNO117B)	2781 (994 K00)	2813 (GNO789B)	2936 (RWC 607)
	1451 (OWC183D)	2783 (934 LWC)	2815 (GNO791B)	2939 (BVX669B)
	2379 (WNO 475)	2784 (935 LWC)	2817 (HEV995B)	2940 (KN0949C)
	2752 (JWC 712)	2790 (AVX958B)	2818 (HEV996B)	9004 (85 TVX)

It is understood that of the above vehicles, 1340, 2379 and 2936 have been sold to the Eastern National Preservation Group, with the remainder having been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Grays. Most, if not all, of the vehicles still remain at Eastern National garages, and those sold to Ensign Bus Co. will be collected in the near future. Ensign Bus Co. has kindly supplied the Group with the information that 2752/74-6/83 2790/5/7-9 2815/7/8/21/4/5/37/44/52 2940 are for resale by export only, and that the remaining vehicles in their batch have been sold as non-runners and will probably be scrapped. The exact position regarding 2796 is, however, uncertain at the present time and will be confirmed.

Allocations & Transfers

The service revisions of September 7th resulted in the largest number of vehicle transfers for many months as follows :-

9.80 1505 CN-CR, 1513 BN-CF (CWDS), 1514 BN-SD (PLDS), 1532 CN-DT, 1533 SD-BS, 1538 BN-HH, 1608 CN-D/L (D), 1609 CR-D/L (D), 1610 CF-D/L (D), 1739 SE-HH, 1750 MN-CN, 1761 DT-CN, 1789 CR-CN, 2809 CF (CWDS)-D/L (D), 2812 CR-D/L (D), 2814 CF-D/L (D), 2816 CF-D/L (D), 2819 CN-D/L (D), 2822 CN-D/L (D), 2823 CF-D/L (D), 2826 CF-D/L (D), 2827 CR-D/L (D), 2828 CR-D/L (D), 2831 CF-D/L (D), 2833 CF-D/L (D), 2834 CF-D/L (D), 2835 CF-D/L (D), 2841 CN-D/L (D), 2842 CN-D/L (D), 2845 CF-D/L (D), 2849 LWA-D/L (D), 2851 CF-D/L (D), 2853 BE-D/L (D), 2854 CF-D/L (D), 2859 BE-D/L (D), 2860 CN-D/L (D), 2864 CN-D/L (D), 2874 CR-D/L (D), 2884 SD-CF, 2888 SD-CF, 2896 HH-CF, 2898 D/L-D/L (D), 2913 CR-CF, 2945 SD (PLDS)-CF, 3001 BE-CR, 3008 BN-SD, 3010 BN-SD, 3011 SD-CR, 3016 BN-SD, 3017 CF-CR, 3023 BS-CR, 3048 MN-HD, 3051 BE-MN, 3058 HD-BE.

These changes leave only four manual gearbox Bristol FLF6Gs licensed (2856/7/75/7) all at CF, of which 2856 is due for early delicensing for disposal. There are now no FLFs allocated to BE, CN and CR, and also to the Docking Spares allocations at CF (CWDS) and SD (PLDS). The last three vehicles in the 16XX series of Bristol REELH6Gs (1608-10) have also been delicensed for disposal. The double-deck allocation at BN, which is now an all OMO garage, has been reduced to five, following the transfer of three VRTs to SD, and CR has also received four VRTs as FLF replacements.

Vehicle Repaints

Vehicle repaints are held over until next month due to a shortage of space.

Service Revisions

The main event of the past few weeks, and indeed of 1980 so far, was the introduction of the Traffic Action Plan (TAP) service revisions on September 7th. Aimed at achieving operating economies the revisions are noteworthy in that few areas are now unserved by Eastern National whilst some areas now enjoy a greatly improved bus service. For example at Brentwood an hourly service to Romford via Upminster (226) has been introduced on Weekdays and at Shenfield approximately half of the service 351 journeys now serve the Rail Station (numbered 350). In the north east of the County, Elmstead Market and Wivenhoe are linked by a new shoppers' service (74B) on Tuesdays and Fridays, and some service 82 journeys have been extended from Great Tey via Aldham to Marks Tey Rail Station. In Witham a new route network for the town services (now numbered 337-41) has been established, and at the expanding town of South Woodham the developing Eastern Industrial Area is now served by an extension of service 36 and new service 19A from Maldon. In north west Essex, Carver Barracks at Debden has an improved service to Bishop's Stortford, and Stansted has additional evening journeys on service 303.

The Company has mounted an extensive publicity campaign to accompany the changes, and a series of twelve local timetable booklets has been published pending the production of the Essex County Council timetables, which will be available from the Group's Administrative Officer as soon as they become available. The Eastern National timetables are available free of charge from Company offices and are each in a distinctive colour with an illustration of a local landmark on the front cover. A shortage of space prevents full analysis of the service changes but the contents of each local timetable are summarised below, and may be used as a cross reference with the service revisions listed on pages 3-5 of NS196.

Basildon area - light blue cover - services 2/2B, 14/14A, 20, 146-9, 151-7, 230-8, 245, 251/5/7-9, 400-2/5, 500-7/10/1.

Bishop's Stortford, Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow area - medium blue cover - services 33, 47, 49/A, 58/B, 59/A/B, 300-7/9/15/7/8/26/7/33.

Braintree and Halstead area - light brown cover - services 53, 70, 88/9, 310-3/5/6/9, 320-7/30-2/4-6/44/5/53.

Brentwood area - medium green cover - services 151, 226, 239, 251, 260-3/5/70-3, 350/1, 405.

Chelmsford area - orange cover - services 11, 31/A/B/D/X, 32/A, 33-8, 40, 41/A/B, 42/3, 44/A/B, 45-8, 50/B, 51/B, 52, 53, 54/A, 55/A, 56/A/B, 57, 58/B, 59/A/B, 152-4, 310-4/6/50/1/3.

Clacton and Walton area - red cover - services 74/A, 78/A, 91/A, 100-2/5-16/9/23.

Colchester area - leaf green cover - services 53, 70, 73/A, 74/A/B, 75/A/B/C, 76, 78/A, 79, 80/A, 82/4, 87/A, 88, 91/A, 103-5/19, 353.

Harwich area - dark blue cover - 80/A, 103/4/6, 120-2.

Maldon area - dark red cover - 19/A, 31/A/B/D/X, 37/8, 90, 91/A, 93, 95/A, 96/A, 97/A, 98/A, 119, 334-6/53.

South Woodham and Burnham area - dark brown cover - 19/A, 36, 93, 95/A, 96/A, 97/A, 98/A, 230/3-5.

Thurrock area - purple cover - 152-7, 245, 402/5.

Witham, Silver End and Kelvedon area - mauve cover - services 53, 334-41/4/53.

A separate timetable leaflet for the Southend area has also been published containing timetables for services 2, 19/A and 400 (Winter timetable introduced from 7.9.80). Timetable leaflets for certain of the revised services have also been published, in addition to the timetables. These cover services 270-3 at Brentwood, 321 at Braintree which, in addition to a revised timetable, now has flat fare operation (£0-20p- adult, £0-10p- child) for an experimental period, new service 344 between Tiptree and Braintree on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and which encourages passengers to shop at Braintree, and also the revised Tendring area services which includes summaries of services from Clacton and Harwich.

There were also a number of service developments which occurred prior to the changes of September 7th. From July 27th to August 31st the Sunday service on 31 (Chelmsford - Maldon) was increased to an hourly frequency from 0910-2010 hrs. (see NS197) and this is now an annual feature of this service. On Saturday, July 5th the League of Friends of Basildon Hospital held their summer fete at the hospital and buses in

the Basildon area advertised this event and the connections available on services 2, 152/4-6, 233-5/54 and 503. On the Late Summer Bank Holiday (August 25th) a Sunday service was operated on all services with the exception of service 124 on which there was no service. On Saturday, September 6th the Orsett Show was held at the Orsett Showground and between 1000-1930 hrs. all buses on services 2, 152, 153 and 154 were diverted from Orsett, 'The Cock' via A128, Prince Charles Avenue, Rectory Road to the 'Whitmore Arms' and then back to the normal route in order to serve the Showground. From Sunday, June 29th to Sunday, September 7th the special extension of services 87/A on Sundays from Dedham to Manningtree was operated. A special leaflet describing the service, which is advertised as The Constable Country Service, was issued and this year a Rover Ticket (£0-80p-adult, £0-40p-child) has been available for unlimited travel on these services on Sundays.

A very attractive range of leaflets advertising the Company's summer excursions have also been available during recent months. These list the excursions from various towns during June to October and amongst the many excursions available during October are trips to the Blackpool Illuminations, Central Milton Keynes and the Newmarket Races.

Applications for service revisions during the last month have been as follows:-
Stage Services

- 6 - Route to be circular to and from Eastwood (Kent Elm, Broomfield Avenue) along existing route - revised timetable.
- 53 - To revise faretable.
- 74B - To revise route via Wivenhoe Cross and The Avenue.
- 151 and also 251 and 400 - To increase the maximum permitted vehicle length to 11.6 metres to allow Leyland National 2 operation.
- 152 - Revised route via Great Burstead, A129, Mill Road, Church Street, A176 and B1007 - this revision to serve Great Burstead was introduced from September 7th.
- 261 - Revised turning point to be Stondon Massey, Tipps Cross - Little Warley turning point to be withdrawn.
- 311 - To revise faretable for school journeys between Braintree and Halstead.
- 321 - To revise faretable to allow flat fare operation - see above for further details.
- 402 - Revised route in Dartford.
- 506 - Revised route and additional turning point at Lanhams.
- 511 - Revised route via Tycfields, Lanhams, Felmores and Whitmore Way. Additional turning points at Laindon, Victoria Road and Laindon, Holmores.

The Company's licences for services 30, 46/A, 54, 72, 94, 124-6 and 344 as operated prior to September 7th have been surrendered.

Express Services

- 132 Dover (Bus Station) - Walton-on-Naze (Rail Station) - revised route in Dartford.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS197 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :- September 7th (first day of the TAP service revisions) : 1509 at BE, 1516 at CR, 1701 at CN, 1702 at SD, 1730 at BD, 1801 at MN, 1802 at BE, 1850 at SD, 3002 at CN and 3019 at SD. 1829 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 1209 was on private hire work on this date.

September 14th : 1509 at BE, 1513 at SD, 1516 at CR, 1701 at CN, 1702 at SD, 1705 at BN, 1730 at BD, 1801 at MN, 1802 at BE, 1827 at CN, 1850 at SD and 3002 at CN. 1815 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan from Harwich (DT) during August were as follows :- 1.8-1532 replacing 1501, 1751 replacing 1783 and 1768 replacing 3000, which was at Central Works. Also on this date 1204 was still at CN for coach work - see NS197. 2.8-1519 replacing 1521; 5.8-1783 returned from CN and 1768 to CN, 3003 replaced 1522 on 1745 hrs. service 106 from Clacton due to high passenger loading; 6.8-1522 returned from CN; 9.8-1213 loaned to CR for express service work with 1203 loaned to DT from CR for private hire and excursion work - see August allocations and transfers; 11.8-3003 replacing 3027 and 1521

replacing 1532; 12.8-1792 replacing 1761, with these vehicles returning to their depots on 15.8; 16.8-1505 replacing 1521; 18.8-1768 replacing 1751; 21.8-3003 returned to CN and replaced by 1761; 26.8-3003 replacing 3027; 28.8-1780 replacing 1783.

Other Harwich area news is that 1532 has been re-allocated to DT from CN, with 1761 moving in the opposite direction, as part of the September 7th changes. 3000 has recently returned from Central Works repainted, and incorporating a new arrangement for the reversing sign and horn in the middle of the rear engine cover. Open-top Bristol KSW5G 2383 has also been placed in storage at DT following the end of the summer season open-top service at CN.

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

21.6-2383 noted at SD depot displaying service '67 Private', probably on test prior to operation at CN; 10.8-2382 CN (but carrying SD depot plates) noted at the County Cricket Ground, Chelmsford. This vehicle has not operated at CN this summer and instead, together with 2849, has appeared at most of the recent bus rallies, its latest appearance being at the 'Showbus Rally' at Thorpe Park, Chertsey on 7.9; 10.8-Southend Transport 229 noted on a service 251 short working; 13.8-1609 CR noted on service 105 at Walton (normally operated by a YMT or RELL); 15.8-1100 CR also on service 105 at Walton; 19.8-3048 MN on an ASDA shopping service at Rayleigh; Southend Trpt. 207 on the 2147 hrs. service 251 journey from Southend, and 208 on service 67; 20.8-1507 CR noted on service 19 at Southend, with 1539 MN parked at SD depot. On the same day 1812 SE was noted at PL works, and amongst other vehicles recently seen there have been 1811/3/31/7 3014 together with newly acquired VRTs 9017/9 which were noted in the yard adjoining the works at the start of September; 22.8-1553 CN noted on service 126 - this vehicle is fitted with a towing bar and acts as the CN towing vehicle when required; Southend Trpt. 378 on service 22C; 23.8-1215 CR noted at Museumstraat, Amsterdam, Netherlands working a 'Carefree Holidays' tour; 25.8-2907 HH on service 251; 28.8-1702 CF on service 22; 30.8-1211 SE and 1412 MN (but without depot allocation plates) noted passing Rayleigh Rail Stn.; 1850 CF on service 22; 31.8-1702 CF on service 22C; 1.9-1702 CF on service 3; 3075 WG (but without depot allocation plates) on service 251; 2.9-2849 LWA on duplicate service 5 from South Benfleet (Tarpots Corner) to Bournes Green (and also on 4.9); 3.9-1212 MN on service 94; 1702 CF on service 22C; 3067 BN on service 234; 4.9-Leyland National 2 demonstrator WRN413V on hire to Southend Transport on service 29A (also on 9.9-11.9); 5.9-1547 SD on service 402; 5.9-2845 CF on service 351 (last day in service for this vehicle); 6.9-3067 BN on service 2, followed by a standard VRT on service 400; 3075 WG on service 251; 11.9-3067 BN on service 401; 13.9-2900 HH on service 251; 15.9-1881 BD noted working from HH on service 5.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

The chassis and body numbers of Leyland Atlanteans 88-90 are still not available. All three vehicles were delivered during July, and entered service on August 1st.

Withdrawn Vehicles

No further news of withdrawn vehicles can be reported this month or regarding the possible conversion of 46 (WEV746F) to a driver training vehicle.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Hire

Leyland National 2 demonstrator WRN413V, fitted with a B49F body, and owned by Fishwick, Leyland, Lancashire was on hire to Southend Transport for two weeks from September 2nd. The vehicle is in white livery with the skirt in two shades of green and appropriate lettering. It is also fitted with an electronic destination and route number indicator, farebox and Almex machine holder and was used mainly on service 29A.

General

From October 6th a joint service with Reading Borough Transport between Southend and Reading via London (to be numbered X1) will commence operation. It will operate two hourly from Southend (0630-2030 hrs.), and Southend Transport will use coaches.

News Sheet Contributions

Contributions to this news sheet were received from A.G. Osborne (C&F), P.J. Snell (M32), R. Delahoy (M180), A.W. Meadows (M209), P.W. Harvey (M219), S.D. Barham (M313), J.M. Bath (M316), L. Thorington (M352), A.W. Colebourne (M377) and J.G. Collins (M405). Notes for the October news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor by Oct. 15th.