

EDITORIAL

Ilford Meeting, Tuesday, November 11th

A meeting will be held at 7, Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford on Tuesday, November 11th commencing at 1930 hrs. when the Chairman & Founder will present a slide show featuring subjects of general interest. Farley Drive is close to Seven Kings Rail Station where there are regular services to Liverpool Street, Romford and Brentwood with connections to Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester and Southend.

Chelmsford Meeting, Tuesday, December 2nd

Following the success of the Photograph Sale held earlier this year a similar meeting will be held at 33, Goldlay Road, Chelmsford on Tuesday, December 2nd commencing at 1945 hrs. The Group's Photographs Officer, Peter Snell, will be present with the full range of Group photographs available for sale. Members purchasing photographs during the evening will be able to take advantage of a special price of £0-11p for black and white photographs and £0-23p for colour photographs. Refreshments will also be available at the meeting. Goldlay Road is in two sections and No. 33 is in the cul-de-sac leading towards Parkway.

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

Members are reminded that both the Group and the Southend Busman Photo Service will have stands at this event, which 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

Full details regarding this event are now available, and both the Group and the Southend Busman Photo Service will have stands. The museum, which is located at the former ENOC Canvey (CY) depot, will be open from 1030 hrs. to dusk, and many vehicles in the process of restoration will be on display. There is no car parking at the museum, but visitors can use the public car park at the junction of Furtherwick Road and Eastern Esplanade, where a free bus service will convey visitors to the museum. ENEG members will pay a reduced entrance price of £0-30p if membership cards are shown.

Group Publications

Enclosed with this news sheet is a new edition of General Circular E.C.5 which lists the current range of Group publications. The prices of all publications listed exclude postage, and the current postage rates to be inserted on page 2 are £0-11p (orders up to £0-50p), £0-14p (for orders between £0-51p and £1-00p) and £0-17p (for orders over £1-00p). Any further increases in these postage rates will be published in the news sheet.

Group Photographs

From November 1st the prices of Group photographs will be revised. The price of black and white photographs will be £0-13p each and colour photographs will be £0-25p each, with these prices applying to both Group members and non-members. The current postage rates on photograph orders are £0-11p for the first 15 photographs and £0-22p for more than 15 photographs. Members will note the reduced prices for photographs purchased at the forthcoming Chelmsford meeting (see above), and any photograph orders received by November 7th will be allowed at the old prices (£0-12p - black and white, £0-23p - colour).

1980 Photographic Competition

This competition was held at the October meeting at Southend and attracted a good selection of entries to a high standard. The winners were :

	Colour - 1st	Peter Carr
	2nd	Alan Osborne
	3rd	Andy Meadows
Black and White -	1st	Frank Brerton
	2nd	Peter Carr
	3rd	Lyn Watson

New Eastern National Traffic Manager - Stephen Trennery

Mr. Stephen Trennery has recently been appointed as Traffic Manager of Eastern Manager to replace Mr. Robert Hanley, who has retired after 45 years in the bus industry. Our congratulations go to Mr. Trennery on his new appointment, and we would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hanley for his assistance to the Group over recent years.

Unwanted Items Of Transport Interest

If any Group member has any items of transport interest for disposal the Group may be interested in acquiring them. Initial enquiries should be directed to Peter Snell at 6, Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4LH (Tel. South Benfleet 53491), who will be able to arrange collection.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1937	STW 18W	Leyland National 2 NL116L11/1R	07210	Leyland National B49F
1938	STW 19W	Leyland National 2 NL116L11/1R	07211	Leyland National B49F
1939	STW 20W	Leyland National 2 NL116L11/1R	07212	Leyland National B49F

Delivery dates : 1937 - 24.9.80, 1938 - 30.9.80, 1939 - 1.10.80.

These three vehicles complete the delivery of the 1980 order for Leyland National 2's.

Acquired Vehicles

The recently acquired Bristol VRTLL6G's, 9016-21, have now all been converted for driver training work and are painted in the dark blue driver training livery. They were passed to the driver training school in mid-October and will shortly enter driver training service. It is understood that they will replace 9002/3/6 9009/10 being retained.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.80	2802 (BVX678B)	2805 (BVX681B)	2808 (FWC426B)
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The above three vehicles have been sold to the National Playbus Group, probably for conversion into playbuses. 2805 was noted passing through Leytonstone on September 25th carrying Trade Plate 378 AX, which is used by Gwent County Council Central Repair Depot, Pontypool.

Some further information on the vehicles sold to Ensign Bus Co. last month is now available. 2796 (BVX672B) is believed to be an additional vehicle for resale by export only, although this cannot be confirmed. This particular bus was noted heading towards London Docks on October 11th. Also on October 11th, 2774 (987 K00) was noted at the Ensign Bus Co. premises at Grays, and on October 14th 2821 (JHK453C) and 2837 (LWC663C) were noted at the premises of Avro Coaches in Stanford-le-Hope probably receiving mechanical attention for Ensign Bus Co. Of the vehicles acquired by Ensign Bus Co., 2832 and 2939 were still at CF during mid-October, 1451, 2778/90/6 and 2824 were still at SE on September 28th with 2753 being at PL (Yard) and 2797 being at PL (Depot) also on this date, and 2781 was still at BE on October 11th. Further details on these withdrawn vehicles will be published as they become available.

Allocations & Transfers

10.80	1610 D/L (D)-BE,	1910 D/L-SD,	1937 D/L,	1938 D/L,	1939 D/L,	2300 SD-D/L,
	2301 SD-D/L,	2302 SD-D/L,	2303 SD-D/L,	2302 CN-D/L,	2383 CN-D/L,	
	2384 CN-D/L,	2823 D/L (D)-BN,	2833 D/L (D)-BN,	2849 D/L (D)-LWA,		
	2851 D/L (D)-BN,	2854 D/L (D)-BN,	2945 CF-SD (PLDS),	3034 BN-SD,		
	3048 HD-CR,	3050 CR-BE,	3058 BE-HD,	3065 SD-BN.		

October has seen a number of the vehicles which were delicensed for disposal during September re-licensed and reinstated for further service, although probably only for one month. Five of the Bristol FLF6Gs (2823/33/49/51/4) have been licensed, with the four at BN being used on rail replacement services at various locations. At least 2809 and 2845 were also used briefly on this work during late September, both vehicles being noted at Chelmsford Rail Station on September 24th. 2849 has been operating from IHH and some of its recent journeys will be found under Unusual Workings. 1610 has been re-licensed at BE to act as a replacement vehicle during a temporary shortage of single-deck vehicles.

Service Revisions

Revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

Stage Services

- 88 - Weekdays - one evening journey from Colchester to Halstead to operate via Fordham (War Memorial).
- 302 - Revised route in Bishop's Stortford.
- 331/2 - Revised timetable.
- 400 - Revised timetable.
- 402 - Revised timetable and faretable. From November 2nd this service is to be extended from Dartford to London (Victoria Green Line Coach Station) with four return journeys daily. It is understood that the three recently delivered Leyland National 2's are for operation on this extended service, pending the arrival of further Bristol VRTSL6G's.

The Company has also applied to continue without modification two of the contract services which do not appear in public timetables. These are as follows :-

- X164 - Rayleigh (Weir Hotel) - Basildon (Standard Telephone and Cables Ltd. Works).
- X169 - Coggeshall (Market Hill) - Earls Colne (Hunts Factory).

Express Services

Application has been made to introduce revised timetables on express services operating during the winter period, and also to suspend operation of express service 088 over this period.

Application has also been made to extend the period of availability of Economy Return Fares to include Mondays, except Bank or Public Holiday Mondays, in respect of express services 114/5/6/9/20/2-34/6/82/3/9/91.

An application has been made to introduce the following new express service :-

- 129 - South Ockendon (The Green) - Great Yarmouth (Beach Coach Station) via Stock, Galleywood, Ipswich, Kessingland, New Pakefield, Lowestoft, Corton, Hopton and Gorleston, with three alternative routes for vehicles not required to pick up or set down at intermediate points. To operate on Saturdays from 23.5.81 to 19.9.81.

Other revisions to express services are as follows :-

- 130 - Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Portsmouth (Broad Street Car Ferry/Winston Churchill Ave.) - addition of alternative route.

Excursions and Tours

Leaflets outlining the range of excursions over the winter period are now available from Company offices. Amongst the many excursions being offered are trips to the London Transport Museum, the York Railway Museum and the Calais Hypermarket.

The Company has also introduced a series of short duration 'Leisure-Break Holidays' for the Autumn 1980 and Spring 1981 period, and a leaflet describing these holidays is also available from Company offices.

A regular excursion has been introduced on Fridays only from Southend to Cambridge and Ely via Westcliff, Leigh, Hadleigh, Rayleigh, Wickford, Basildon, Billericay and Chelmsford, and this allows five hours in Cambridge and four hours in Ely.

General

Some additional information regarding the ex-Eastern National Bristol FLF6Gs with Alexander (Northern) is now available (see also NS197). NRD 3 (RVW394D) has been re-allocated from Aberdeen (A) to Elgin (E), whilst NRD 5 (UEV221E) has been re-allocated from Dundee (D) to Elgin (E).

Further details regarding the acquisition of the ex-Southdown Bristol VRTLL6G's for driver training work are also available. 9016 (LFS282F) came from Brighton, Edward Street depot and was the last of these vehicles to see service with Southdown, up to one week before being sold, when it operated service 25 from Sussex University to Mile Oak. 9017 (LFS289F) and 9019 (LFS298F) came from storage at Whitehawk depot, whilst 9018 (LFS297F) had been stored at Haywards Heath depot. 9020 (LFS299F) and 9021 (LFS300F) both came from Hove, Conway Street depot, and all of the vehicles were in working order, except for 9021 which was towed to Essex.

A number of Eastern National vehicles were recently hired by the Army in connection with the 'Crusader '80' exercises. For example, two Harwich vehicles, 1203 and 1204, travelled from Harwich to Brecon in Wales and back in a single day with troops.

As noted above under Allocations & Transfers Eastern National has been involved in a number of rail replacement services during the past few weeks. On September 11th/12th/16th Harwich (DT) depot provided 1501/20/1 for rail replacement work between Harwich and Manningtree. On September 24th a rail replacement service between Chelmsford and Shenfield was provided with 1208 DT, 2920 SD, 3027 DT, four of the recently delicensed FLF6G's (2809/23/45/54) and at least three Southend Transport Daimler Fleetlines (355/63/88). On Monday, October 6th 1978/2823/33 were used on a rail replacement service between Shenfield and Southend, again alongside Southend Transport vehicles, of which 221/9 361 were noted.

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 NS197 :-

August : w/e 22.8.80-1523 at CW, 1524 at PL.

w/e 29.8.80-1103 at CW, 1830 at PL.

September: w/e 6.9.80-1539 at PL, 1812 at PL, 1816 at CW, 3000 at CW.

w/e 13.9.80-1837 at PL, 3010 at CW.

w/e 20.9.80-1810 at PL.

w/e 27.9.80-3062 at CW - this vehicle now carries a blue and white Philips broadside advertisement (3053 will shortly be repainted into normal livery, and is at present D/L at Prittlewell Works).

October : w/e 4.10.80-1735 at CW, 1831 at PL, 3014 at PL.

w/e 11.10.80-1800 at CW, 1807 at PL.

w/e 18.10.80-1507 at PL, 1822 at CW.

Additionally, 3012 was repainted at Central Works during early October.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS198 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-

October 5th : 1509 at BE, 1515/6 at CR, 1701 at HH, 1705 at BN, 1730 at BN, 1827 at CN, 1850 at SD, 3002 at BN and 3018 at BN. 1860 was at Great Dunmow (outstation), 1801/4 and 2884 were at Prittlewell Works and 3019 was at Central Works on this date.

October 12th: 1515 at CR, 1701 at HH, 1705 at BN, 1827 at CN, 1850 at SD, 1915 at MN, 3002 at CN and 3018 at BN. 1899 was at Great Dunmow (outstation), 1801/4 were at Prittlewell Works and 1730 and 3019 were at Central Works on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan from Harwich (DT) during September were as follows :- 1.9-1505, 1768, 1780 and 3003 replacing 1521, 3000, 1783 and 3027 respectively; 1204 was on loan to the coach unit at CN; 2.9-3031 replacing 3003; 8.9-2383 to DT for winter storage from CN, 1508 replacing 1501; 9.9-1214 replacing 1208, 1520 replacing 1522; 10.9-3000 returned from Central Works and replaced 3031; 15.9-1204 returned to DT from coach unit at CN and 1532 transferred to DT from CN on this date; 16.9-1501 on loan to CN to replace 1750 which was involved in an accident; 22.9-29.9-with the exception of 1501 all DT vehicles were at Harwich during this period; 30.9-1911 replacing 1781.

Details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :- 13.9-1724 CR worked National Travel service 355 from Colchester to Sheffield (returning on 14.9 to replace a failed NT (E) coach; 15.9-3069 WG on service 251 (and also on 17.9); 18.9-Driver Trainer 9015 noted at Wickford; 24.9-1857 BE on service 53 on loan to SE, 3073 SD on service 22 at Prittlewell; 25.9-1819 CF on service 311 on loan to HD, 3019 CF on service 11 on loan to SD; 26.9-2849 (LWA) on service 27; 28.9-At Bressingham Gardens, Norfolk on private hire work were 1403 MN, 2849 (LWA) with a party from HH depot, and Southend Transport 204. 2849 was later noted at Rayleigh High St. at 2020 hrs.; 29.9-1539 MN on service 40, 3062 SD on service 25A; 30.9-1701 CF on service 24; 2.10-1850 CF on service 25; 5.10-1850 CF on service 29 (Sunday service on this route is worked by EN), 2823/33/54 and 3067 on a rail replacement service between Billericay and Shenfield; 6.10-1504 SD on service 21, 2845 (temporarily licensed) on service 44A; 8.10-1778 CF on service 11, 3067 BN on service 232, 3070 SD on service 11; 11.10-1207 CR and 1215 CR noted parked at Crosville's Liverpool Pier Head terminus, having probably taken Ipswich Town F.C. supporters to Liverpool F.C.; 1701 CF on service 24, 1811 CF on service 11; 14.10-Southend Transport 313 noted at Ensign Bus Co. premises, Grays, 3022 CR on service 11, 3069 WG on service 251.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

Full details of the recently delivered Leyland Atlanteans are now available and these are as follows.

88	RVW 88W	Leyland AN68B/1R	7905766	E.C.W.	H43/31F	23654	Delivered 7.80
89	RVW 89W	Leyland AN68B/1R	7905771	E.C.W.	H43/31F	23655	Delivered 7.80
90	RVW 90W	Leyland AN68B/1R	7905774	E.C.W.	H43/31F	23656	Delivered 7.80

Withdrawn Vehicles

Contrary to the report in NS197 Leyland Atlantean 50 has not been withdrawn, in fact this vehicle has been repainted and has re-entered service, together with 51 which is licensed again. The only Atlantean which appears to have been withdrawn as a result of the arrival of the above new vehicles is 52, which is currently stored at the garage.

General

Leyland Atlantean 46 (WEV746F) was noted back at Colchester in late September (see also NS197) and is in a blue and yellow livery. It has previously been unofficially reported that this vehicle will now become a driver training vehicle, although Leyland PD2A/30 96 (CWC 36B) was still performing driver training duties in late September.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The final 12 Leyland Fleetline chassis have now been built, and they include the final Fleetline chassis of all (although it does not carry the highest chassis number, that distinction goes to a South Notts vehicle). When bodied, these vehicles will replace the remaining Leyland PD3's and the driver training Leyland Leopard, 209 (GJN509D), which is shortly to be re-numbered 219. The two Leyland B43 coaches on order will be numbered 209/10.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.80 218 (MJN218F) on expiry of C.O.F.

General

The Southend to Reading express service started on October 6th (numbered X1). Reading Borough Transport are using Metrobuses and Metropolitans, and the standard vehicles will be 132/3 (dual-purpose), plus two others, whilst Southend use 205-8 as standard.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS197)

- 421 (GVW903H) - Withdrawn by Gilmour, Crosshouse, by 3/80.
- 1317 (212 MHK) - Breaker, Carlton, 1/80, ex. North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross, 2.
- 1606 (BN0107E) - Dealer, Coltishall, 2/78, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. (for spares). Later Breaker, Carlton, 1/80.
- 1435 (00 9543) - Also reported as carrying fleet no. 9 by 4/80 by M.B.Z., Llanberis, (see also NS183 and NS191).
- 1414 (2739 VX) - Hanson, Goole (N-PSV), by 6/80, ex. dealer, Ingham.
- 1436 (00 9544) - Dealer, Middlewich, 8/78 (still there 5/80) (additional information to NS182).
- 1441 (NWC 15) - TOC H, Leigh (as ambulance), by 9/80 (see also NS177 and NS186).
- 2381 (WNO 482) - Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., 8/80, ex. Culling, Norwich.
- 2870 (RWC942D) - Withdrawn by Alexander (Midland) MRD 200, by 7/80, (subsequently to Dealer, Middlewich and then to Silcox, Pembroke Dock).
- 2871 (RWC943D) - Withdrawn by Alexander (Northern) NRD 4, 6/80, and converted to driver training vehicle, 6/80.

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