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EDITORIAL

North Essex Tour, Sunday 25 April

Bookings for this tour have been particularly heavy with the result that some late applications could not be accommodated, our condolences to the members concerned. In future please book seats as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Basildon area meeting, Wednesday 19 May

At 17, Swan Lane, WICKFORD (Close to Broadway and Station), commencing at 1930. Please try to support this new venture. The Secretary will be present and a selection of Group publications and photographs will be available.

Eastern National Fleet List booklet

Copies of the 1976 edition of the booklet are now available.

The format of the booklet is very similar to the previous edition, with a printed cover (the same design as used last year) and 16 printed pages, size approx. 6" x 4". The fleet list is correct to 1 April 1976, details of all vehicles ordered under the 1975 programme are also included. Cost of the booklet is 19p (post free).

Photograph List

Prints C19, L2 - L9 are now available. (see General Circular E.C.7C and NS143)

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New Vehicles

1758	MAR780P	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	03324
1759	MAR781P	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	03325
1760	MAR782P	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	03326
1761	MAR783P	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	03327
1763	MAR785P	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	03329
1764	MAR786P	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	03330

Delivery dates:	1758 - 4.76	1760 - 4.76	1763 - 4.76
	1759 - 4.76	1761 - 4.76	1764 - 4.76

Withdrawn Vehicles

3.76	1237 (859 ETW)	2501 (1846 F)	2512 (1856 F)
	1301 (1863 F)	2502 (1847 F)	2513 (1857 F)
	1306 (201 MHK)	2503 (1848 F)	2521 (358 LPU)
	1309 (204 MHK)	2504 (1849 F)	2522 (359 LPU)
	1324 (1262 EV)	2505 (1850 F)	2524 (360 LPU)
	1407 (1255 EV)	2506 (1851 F)	2537 (60 PPU)
	1409 (1257 EV)	2511 (1855 F)	

The above date (31.3.76) is the actual date of sale of the above vehicles, not all may have yet been removed.

The 1200 class is now defunct. There are now none of the 1400 class on the disposal list.

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

Work has now started on the conversion of 1608 (GVW978H) to B49F, this is the last vehicle to be dealt with under this programme.

Certain of the 1600 class, including 1602 (BNO103B), after conversion to B49F, reverted to B45F once again. This was caused by a temporary problem over interpretation of regulations regarding emergency doors. After clarification, the vehicles were again re-seated to B49F.

Work has now started at Central Works on the front-end conversion of 1439 (00 9547). The conversions (see NS144) will involve modification of the doors and the destination equipment. The new domes to contain the destination screens are being supplied by Marshalls of Cambridge but will be fitted at Central Works, Chelmsford where all the conversion work will be undertaken.

Allocations & Transfers

4.76 1000-BS, 1001-BS, 1002-BS, 1003-BS, 1004-BS, 1310-BN, 1312-D/L, 1315-D/L(D), 1316-D/L(D), 1318-CR, 1328-D/L(D), 1329-D/L, 1331-D/L, 1335-HH, 1343-BD, 1358-CF, 1359-CW(-), 1438-CW(-), 1439-CW(-), 1549-D/L, 1608-D/L, 2507-D/L, 2509-D/L, 2514-D/L(D), 2515-D/L(D), 2518-D/L, 2534-D/L, 2536-D/L, 2700-SD, 2884-SD, 2914-WG, 2942-CN.

Certain of the vehicles shown as CW(-) remained at Bishops Stortford whilst the new Ford saloons were prepared for service, as far as is known this is the largest number of new vehicles ever to be allocated to BS in one block. The number of vehicles allocated to Halstead (HD) is now only 9.

There are now only 4 Bristol LD's licensed, 2516/32 (353 LPU, 55 PPU) at CR, and 2520/35 (357 LPU, 58 PPU) at MN. 2898 (WVX525F) is now allocated as a 2-man vehicle whilst 2942 (AVW401F) is now allocated as an O.M.O. vehicle.

Service Vehicles

Transfers (by 4.76) 0102 (7198 RO) - HH, 0976 (976 DHK) - BN.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 6C Service to be withdrawn.
- 9B Certain journeys to operate from Sutton Road via Purdeys Way to Sutton Industrial Estate.
- 27 Revised terminal at Canvey Island to be Eastern Esplanade, Seaview Road. Section of route between Eastern Esplanade and Leigh Beck to be withdrawn.
- 150 Service to be withdrawn.
- 151 Revised terminals to be Romford (St. Edwards Way) and Canvey (E.N. Depot).

Revised services came into operation on 21 March 1976 with the introduction of two new timetable booklets and a timetable supplement (q.v.) The revisions are shown in a special leaflet 'Revised bus services in North and West Essex' which includes a map of the revised services and a town plan of Bishops Stortford.

The booklets/leaflet incorporate revisions for the undermentioned services, the details of which will be found in the appropriate news sheets specified:

30 (NS141 - now operates on Tuesdays only with local schoolday journey in Dunmow); 43B (NS144); 46 (NS141 - operates Weekdays only); 46A (NS142); 47 (NS141); 54 (NS143); 58 (NS141 - also most through journeys now operate direct and not via Hatfield Broad Oak); 59 (NS141 - also additional service, numbered 59A, Harlow - Hatfield Heath - Chelmsford (via Edinburgh Way), weekdays only); 70 (NS142); 79 (NS142); 84 (NS142); 152 (NS143); 245 (NS143); 304 (NS142 - provides improved Weekday service to Birchanger); 307/47 (NS141); 310-3 (NS142); 314 (NS143); 315 (NS142); 317 (NS141); 324 (NS142); 326/7 (NS142).

In addition, the following services also appeared in the new timetables/leaflet in revised form, reference is given to the appropriate news sheet where applicable :

- 33 Sunday service now operates between Chelmsford and Howe Street Corner only.
- 49A Service withdrawn on Saturdays.
- 50 Saturday service now operates between Chelmsford and Terling only. Section of route to Fairstead withdrawn.
- 50A Service withdrawn.

- 50B Service to Russell Green and Flacks Green withdrawn. (Partially covered by diversion of service 314 via Russell Green)
- 53/A Certain journeys diverted on Mondays to Fridays to operate via Boreham Village.
- 87/A Section of route between Dedham and Stratford St. Mary withdrawn.
- 88 All Sunday operation is now by Eastern National, no journeys operated by Hedingham Omnibuses.
- 88B Service withdrawn. (Partially covered by new service 323)
- 301 Journeys to Ugley Green withdrawn. (Replaced by diversion of service 302)
- 302 Section of route between Henham and Thaxted now operates on Thursdays only. (see also NS141/2 - provides improved Weekday service to Ugley Green)
- 303 Operates additionally on Sundays. (see also NS141 - provides replacement local service between Bishops Stortford and Stansted to cover reduced service 301/2 journeys)
- 306 Diverted to operate via Stansted Road, Bishops Stortford.
- 309 Service withdrawn on Weekday evenings and Sundays. Operates one-way circular route in Parsonage Estate via Heath Row and Manston Drive.
- 322/3 Service 322 operates on Weekdays except Thursdays, service 323 operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. (see also NS142)
- 325 New service operates on Weekdays only, but through journeys operate on Wednesdays only. On Saturdays operates in two sections, Halstead to Greenstead Green and Stisted to Braintree. (see also NS142)
- 329 Service withdrawn, journeys transferred to service 315. (see NS142)
- 332 Withdrawn on Sundays.
- 333 Service withdrawn. (partially replaced by services 323 and 325, section to Pattiswick uncovered)(see also NS142)

General

New timetable booklets have recently been introduced. These are dated 21 March 1976 until further notice and are priced at 12p each. The new South West area booklet has a signal red coloured cover whilst the new Central area booklet has a mustard coloured cover. Included in the timetables are lists of services provided by other operators which have been included by arrangement with Essex County Council. These are summarised below :

Included in Central Area timetable

Biss, Bishops Stortford; Eastern Counties (a complete timetable of service 112 is shown); Halls, Hatfield Heath; Hedingham Omnibuses; Jennings, Ashen; Lodge, High Easter; London Country; Moore, Saffron Walden; Osborne, Tollesbury; Premier Travel; Theobald, Long Melford; Whybrow, Kelvedon; Wiffen, Finchingfield.

Included in South West Area timetable

London Country; London Transport; Davies, Epping; Ward, Epping; Thames Weald, West Kingsdown.

No new timetable has been produced for the North East area, instead a cumulative supplement to 21 March 1976 has been issued.

A new style fleetname has been applied to Bristol FLF 2718 (98 TVX). This consists of the standard N.B.C. style fleetname and a solid white square with curved corners containing a coloured double 'N' symbol, the upper 'N' in red and the lower 'N' in blue. This is to become the standard N.B.C. style fleetname in due course. 2718 only has been treated at present as a trial, but existing stocks of standard white double 'N' fleetnames are to be used up before the new style fleetnames become standard.

Reconstruction of the maintainance area at Maldon garage has been completed.

Two new washers have recently been installed in Chelmsford. A new Wilcomatic bus washing machine at Duke Street garage and a new automatic chassis washing machine at Central Works, the latter has replaced the manual steam hose previously employed.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Hire

Nine Leyland PD3's are now on hire to London Country and are working from Harlow (HA) garage. They are mainly used on route 339 (Harlow - Epping - Ongar - Brentwood - Warley), but are also employed on other double deck crew operated routes from Harlow, including routes 396, 397 etc. It is now possible to see 339 (CJN439C) operating on the 339 !

Some of the vehicles have had a green plate (with 'on hire to London Country' in white lettering) affixed to the lower part of the radiator. (additional notes to NS142)

It is reported that a number of Daimler Fleetlines are to be hired to the Tyne & Wear P.T.E., further details would be welcomed.

General

393 (JTD393P) has been fitted with an illuminated 'No change given' sign in place of its O.M.O. sign.

On the occasion of the F. A. Vase Final between Billericay Town and Stamford at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 10 April about forty vehicles, including many hired coaches and double deckers, were provided by National Travel (South East) Ltd. to convey the supporters to the Stadium. Amongst the double deckers were Leyland PD3's, Bristol LD's and Dennis Loline supplied by Lee-Roy of Brentwood, AVRO of Stanford-le-Hope and G. & G. Coaches of Wickford and other operators. Also used were six Southend Transport Daimler Fleetlines, including 366/78/80/93 (WJN366J, GHJ378/80L, JTD393P). On Sunday 11 April, open top Leyland PD3 314 (PHJ 953) was used for a tour by the victorious Billericay Town team.

As there is some spare space this month we present a comparison of garage allocation totals for April 1976, with those for April 1966 which we hope will be of interest.

<u>Garage</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1966</u>
Basildon	87	83 (4)
Bishops Stortford	13	17 (1)
Braintree	25	38 (2)
Brentwood	39	49 (2)
Canvey	13	9 (-)
Chelmsford	76	74 (3)
Clacton (& Walton)	39	40 (8)
Colchester	37	42 (3)
Dovercourt	—	11 (-)
Hadleigh	32	48 (-)
Halstead	9	19 (2)
Harwich	11	— (-)
Kelvedon	—	21 (1)
Maldon	24	27 (1)
Silver End	14	— (-)
Southend	74	112 (11)
Wood Green	12	11 (-)

1966 allocation totals include coaches, number of coaches shown in brackets.