

EDITORIAL

Shoeburyness Model Railway Club Exhibition - Friday, October 1st to Sunday, October 3rd.

The Group's sales stand will be present at the Shoeburyness Model Railway Club exhibition which will be held at the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea from Friday, October 1st to Sunday, October 3rd. The opening hours will be from 1800 hrs. to 2200 hrs. on Friday, from 1000 hrs. to 2000 hrs. on Saturday, and from 1000 hrs. to 1900 hrs. on Sunday. There will be a small admission charge to the exhibition.

Castle Point Transport Museum Society Open Day - Sunday, October 10th.

Following the success of previous Open Days, the Castle Point Transport Museum Society are holding a similar event this year on Sunday, October 10th from 1000 hrs. to 1700 hrs. The museum is located at the former ENOC Canvey (CY) depot, and the Group's sales stand will be present with our full range of sales items. A free courtesy bus service will be operating between the museum and the public car park at the junction of Furtherwick Road and Eastern Esplanade.

Southend Meeting - Tuesday, November 2nd.

This meeting will feature the Group's annual Photographic Competition, and we hope that many members will submit their photographs or slides for this year's competition. The meeting will be held in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea commencing at 1930 hrs. and further details will be published next month. For members' information, the competition rules are set out below.

Competition Rules

- 1) Entry is open to all paid up members of the Eastern National Enthusists Group, with the exception of the judges.
- 2) All entries must bear the entrant's name and membership number. No other data, except the date and location of the photograph, may be submitted.
- 3) Entries may be submitted at the meeting to be held on November 2nd, or by post to P.J. Snell Esq., ENEG, 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4LH. to arrive by November 1st. Postal entries will only be returned if accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- 4) There will be two classes :-
 - a) COLOUR - 35 mm slides.
 - b) COLOUR or BLACK AND WHITE - prints.
- 5) A maximum of 6 photographs in total may be entered. The entry fee is £0.10 per photograph.
- 6) The judges will be Peter Snell and Richard Delahoy. The judges will be available to comment on the entries at the meeting. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 7) The prizes will be a trophy for the best photograph in each class and a voucher to the value of £1.00 for the runner-up in each class.
- 8) No entries will be accepted which have won awards in other competitions.

Showbus 82 Rally - Sunday, September 5th.

The Events Secretary regrets that it was not possible for the Group's sales stand to be present at the Showbus 82 rally as planned, and as advertised in last month's news sheet. This was due to last minute transport difficulties, and alternative arrangements could not be made at short notice.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Bishop's Stortford/Saffron Walden/Haverhill/Harlow/Epping and Loughton area has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ) at £0.56 each (inclusive of postage and packing).

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

The latest news regarding the Bristol VRT's sold to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. earlier this year is that nine of the vehicles had entered service by late-August. The following allocations can now be reported, although it is possible that certain vehicles may only be operating at their depot for the duration of the peak Summer period :- DVG552 (SMS 31H) - Pwllheli, DVG553 (SMS 32H) - Holyhead, DVG554 (SMS 33H) - Bangor, DVG555 (SMS 34H) - Caernarfon, DVG557 (SMS 36H) - Amlwch, DVG558 (SMS 37H) - Holyhead, DVG559 (SMS 38H) - Bangor, DVG562 (SMS 43H) - Caernarfon and DVG563 (NAG586G) - Holyhead. DVG556/60/1 had not entered service by late-August.

Of the vehicles listed as being present at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet during early August (see NS221), 2775 (988 K00) should have read 2776 (989 K00).

Allocations & Transfers

9.82 1059 MN-D/L, 1409 SD-SE, 1510 HD (P)-D/L (P), 1524 PL (P)-CN (P), 1750 CN-DT, 1919 BN-D/L, 1926 D/L-HD, 2383 D/L (D)-PL (P), 3018 SD (P)-D/L (P), 3020 CT-SE, 3047 SD (P)-D/L (P).

Eight vehicles (1510/2/22, 3014/6/8/45/7) are now Delicensed Pool vehicles, and there are now only five Licensed Pool vehicles at BD (1543), CN (1504/11/24) and PL (2383). The use of the two remaining Bristol KSW5G's in Summer carnivals has been particularly interesting; 2383 took part in the two Southend Carnival processions on August 14th/21st, and advertised the Explorer tickets, whilst 2384 appeared in the Walton Carnival on August 14th running on Trade Plates 399 VW, and advertised the locally based Amiga Travel.

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 NS221 :-

August : w/e 21.8.82 - 1767 at CW, 1724 at CW.

September : w/e 4.9.82 - 1815 at CW, 1897 at CW.
w/e 11.9.82 - 1549 at CW.

Additionally, the four Bristol LH6L's (1100-3) recently sold to Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. were repainted into Hedingham & District livery at Central Works during August and early September.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during August were 1210, 1517/28/52, 1790 and 3001/22. 1511 CN (P) also operated on loan to DT on August 6th to cover a temporary vehicle shortage. Various Clacton (CN) coaches worked on loan to DT during August to cover an increased requirement for coaches. The vehicles concerned were 1208 (August 6th-16th), 1415 (August 16th-30th) and 1418 (from August 30th).

The disabled persons' bus, 2200 (UCO 46L), has seen considerable use in the Harwich area during recent weeks, and was on loan from CF to DT from August 11th to August 27th. During this period the vehicle operated contracts for the Ramsey Lodge Holiday Centre at Ramsey and the Shaftesbury Society Holiday Centre at Dovercourt.

General

Further to the notes published in NS219 regarding the use of the Eastern Counties vehicle which spends Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at Clacton between service 123 duties, a recent observation suggests that the vehicle is not always used on the 0642 hrs. service 74 journey from Clacton to Colchester, and 0740 hrs. return working. On August 28th, an Eastern National vehicle was noted on this duty, and further information on the present use of the Eastern Counties vehicle will be published as soon as it becomes available.

The Company has recently published a special leaflet advertising the facilities that are now offered by the disabled persons' bus, 2200 (UCO 46L). The leaflet features interior and exterior views of the vehicle, and notes that the conversion work was undertaken by Eastern National using funds raised by Maldon Golf Club. The vehicle may be hired by contacting either the Company or the Womens Royal Voluntary Service at Maldon and, as noted above, the vehicle is already being widely used throughout Essex.

Service Developments

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

- 36 - Tuesdays only : two journeys to be extended to/from Chelmsford (St. John's Hospital) via Duke Street, A414, A1016, A12 and Wood Street.
- 70 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change.
- 88 - Weekdays : to introduce revised running times on evening journeys.
- 93 - Thursdays only : to introduce revised running times.
- 102 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes.
- 105 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 108 - Mondays to Fridays : one additional journey to be introduced, and one journey to be withdrawn. One journey to commence at Walton (Bus Station) instead of Walton (The Naze).
- 109 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to commence at Walton (The Naze) instead of Walton (Bus Station).
- 115 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to commence at Holland (The Chase) and not at Clacton (Bus Station).
- 119 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 431 - Wednesdays only : one minor timetable change.
- 549 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be extended to commence at Gardiners Lane (York Factory) and not to operate via Pitsea (Rail Station).

The Winter timetable on National Express service 109 (London - Southend) will commence on September 19th. The 1300 hrs. and 1800 hrs. journeys from Southend and the 1400 hrs. and 2100 hrs. journeys from London (Victoria Coach Station) will be withdrawn for the duration of the Winter season. The 0600 hrs. journey from Southend and the 0900 hrs. journey from London (Victoria Coach Station) (which will be advanced from 1000 hrs.) will operate on Mondays to Fridays only, and the 1100 hrs. journey from Southend will be retarded to 1200 hrs. The licence for this service continues to be held by National Travel (South West) Ltd.

Preliminary details (subject to confirmation) are also now available regarding the Winter 'Highwayman' services, and which are expected to commence on October 3rd. Two new services will be operated and advance information is as follows :-

- 801 - No change.
- 802 - Will operate between Southend and Chelmsford via Southend Airport, Rochford, Hockley and Rayleigh, and then via existing route to Northampton.
- 803 - No change.
- 804 - Will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and via Southend Airport, Rochford, Hockley and Rayleigh on Mondays and Fridays.
- 805 - Will operate on Wednesdays only, and will operate via Southend Airport, Rochford, Hockley and Rayleigh between Southend and Basildon.
- 806 - No change.
- 807 - NEW SERVICE from Cambridge to Basildon via Stansted Airport, Great Dunmow and Chelmsford, and to operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- 809 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 811 - Section of route between Harwich and Colchester to be withdrawn for the Winter period.
- 812 - To operate on Saturdays only; and section of route between Harwich and Colchester to be withdrawn for the Winter period.
- 813 - Section of route between Harwich and Colchester to be withdrawn for the Winter period.
- 814 - Service to be withdrawn for the Winter period.
- 815 - Service to be withdrawn for the Winter period.
- 817 - NEW SERVICE from Colchester to Cambridge, and to operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The Company has published details of a 'Leisure-Break' holiday (Tour No. LB26) to Torquay at Christmas, and full details are contained in a leaflet now available from the Company's offices. Also now available are details of this season's excursions to Ipswich Town F.C. matches, and a leaflet may be obtained from the Company's offices.

A Summer Sunday service was operated on all routes on the Late Summer Bank Holiday (August 30th). The Orsett Show was held on Saturday, September 4th, and between 1000 hrs. and 1930 hrs. all buses on services 152, 153 and 154 were diverted from

Orsett (The Cock) via the A128 to the showground entrance at Prince Charles Avenue, and then via Rectory Road and the Whitmore Arms P.H. to the normal route.

The Company has introduced a number of other service revisions during recent weeks and brief details are as follows :- 32/A - 31.8.82 (three minor timetable changes); 36 - 31.8.82 (NS221/2); 44A/B - 6.9.82 (NS221); 49 - 4.9.82 (NS220); 53 - 31.8.82 (NS221); 58B - 4.9.82 (NS219); 59B - 4.9.82 (NS219); 70 - 1.9.82 (NS222); 74 - 6.9.82 (NS221); 74B - 6.9.82 (NS221); 88 - 31.8.82 (NS222); 93 - 2.9.82 (NS222); 102 - 6.9.82 (NS222); 105 - 6.9.82 (NS222); 106 - 1.9.82 (NS221); 108 - 6.9.82 (NS222); 109 - 6.9.82 (NS222); 111 - 6.9.82 (NS221); 112 - 6.9.82 (NS221); 115 - 6.9.82 (NS222); 119 - 6.9.82 (NS222); 123 - 1.9.82 (NS221); 158 - 31.8.82 (NS221); 229 - 31.8.82 (NS221); 303 - 31.8.82 (NS221); 304 - 31.8.82 (NS221); 347 - 4.9.82 (NS221), and all journeys operated by London Transport were withdrawn from this date; 353 - 31.8.82 (NS221); 431 - 1.9.82 (NS222); 520 - 1.9.82 (NS221); 547 - 31.8.82 (NS221).

A new Colchester Season Ticket was introduced from September 5th, and a leaflet outlining the travel facilities now offered by this ticket is available from the Company's office at Colchester, and also the offices of Colchester Borough Transport. Tickets are available for one month or three months, and may be used on all services operated by Colchester Borough Transport, Eastern National, Eastern Counties and Hedingham Omnibuses within the Borough of Colchester. They are not available for journeys starting or finishing outside the Colchester Borough boundary.

Unusual Workings

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

- 19.7-1301 CR noted at Flint on National Express service 854 (and not on 12.7 as reported in NS221).
- 26.7-1902 BE noted on services 335 and 337.
- 16.8-1211 SE noted on service 11E; 1747 SD noted on service 19; 1762 CF noted on service 319 (during loan to BE); 1801 CF noted at Braintree on National Express service 095, together with Eastern Counties RE855.
- 17.8-3074 BN noted on service 232.
- 13.8-1204 SD noted on service 340 (replacing 1211 SE which was on loan to SD for Highwayman services); 1302 CF noted at Walton Railway Station; 1893 SD and 1894 SD both noted on service 19; 4000 SD noted on service 400.
- 19.8-1893 SD noted on service 19.
- 20.8-1910 SD noted on service 19; 3003 CN noted at Maldon on service 119; 3021 CF noted at Maldon on service 31.
- 21.8-1415 CN noted at the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea on a private hire working; 1937 SD noted at Victoria Coach Station on National Express service 109; 3000 DT and 3061 DT both noted on rail replacement work between Ipswich and Colchester; 3047 SD (P) noted on a duplicate service 400 journey.
- 22.8-3115 BE noted at Maldon on service 335.
- 23.8-1211 SE noted on service 11E; 1510 HD (P) noted on services 310/1; 1747 SD noted on service 19; 3018 SD (P) noted on a crew operated service 400 journey; 3070 SD noted on service 11A; 3089 SD noted on service 402; 9021 BN seen at SD depot.
- 24.8-1204 SD noted on Highwayman service 802; 1207 CR noted on National Express service 084; 1210 CR noted on service 70E; 1302 CF noted at CF depot with window damage, which had been repaired later that day when the vehicle was noted at MN; 1524 PL (P) noted on service 105; 1803 CN failed at Colchester whilst operating service 119, and was replaced by 1816 CR, which later operated services 74B, 117 and 118; 3063 BE noted on service 53.
- 25.8-1050 CN seen on service 118; 1303 SD noted at Walton (WN) depot; 1409 SD (but on loan to SE) was crew operated on a service 337 journey; 1504 CN (P) seen on services 102 and 111; 1724 SD noted newly repainted and operating service 5; 1761 CN seen on service 78; 1816 CR (on loan to CN) operated services 74B and 113; 1860 CF noted at Walton on service 53E; 3063 BE noted on an ASDA working; 3085 HH noted on a private hire working to Colchester Zoo.
- 26.8-Southern Vectis 432 noted at Central Works (see also NS221 for reports of this vehicle, which was fitted with a new engine by Eastern National); 1504 CN (P) noted on service 117; 1511 CN (P) noted on service 113; 3047 SD (P) noted on service 6.
- 27.8-2200 CF noted at Stanway heading towards Marks Tey.

- 28.8-3031 CN noted on a special service between Clacton (Railway Station) and Butlins Holiday Camp; 3069 BN noted on National Express service 109.
- 29.8-1301 CR operated a private hire tour to Switzerland, and 1303 SD was loaned to CR as a replacement; 1735/58, 1835/57/90 (all HH) noted on Metropolitan Police work in London; 3085 HH noted on a private hire working to Newbury Park.
- 30.8-Southern Vectis 432 returned to the Isle of Wight (see above).
- 1.9-1206 HD noted on a service 311 schools journey at Gosfield; 1419 SD (but on loan to IHH) noted on a private hire working to the London Weekend Television centre; 1762 CF noted at Braintree on service 70.
- 2.9-1410 SD and 1411 SD both noted at Rayleigh on day excursions; an extremely unusual working occurred at Colchester when 2200 CF operated the 1745 hrs. service 79 journey to Tendring - the vehicle is not fitted with destination blinds or ticket machine equipment, and it is the first recorded working of this vehicle on normal stage services.
- 3.9-1707 CF noted on service 31.
- 4.9-1211 SE noted at Colchester on National Express service 133 to Great Yarmouth; 1302 CF and 1707 CF both noted at MN depot, and 2200 CF also noted in Maldon, with 1302 CF being later noted at Colchester on a National Express service to London; 3004 BE noted on service 311.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

On August 21st, additional journeys were operated on service 8 between the Town Centre and Mill Road for passengers travelling to the Turner Village fete. The journeys were operated by open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F), and this was the first occasion that this vehicle had been noted on a normal stage service. However, on July 14th this vehicle had also been noted showing a service 9A destination blind, and it may have operated on that particular service on that date.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles On Hire

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet, the Leyland-DAB articulated bus, FHE291V (fleet no. E15), remained on hire to Southend Transport during early September. On August 23rd, this vehicle was noted in service on routes 1, 4 and 7.

It can now be confirmed that the Bova integral coach, WUT449X (fleet no. E17), with C53F bodywork was on hire only on August 18th. This coach was hired from Moseley (dealer), Loughborough and it operated the 0625 hrs. service X1 journey from Southend to Green Park and return, and the 1230 hrs. X1 journey from Southend to Heathrow and return.

General

The refurbishment of Daimler Fleetline 388 (JTD388P) had almost been completed by early September, and the vehicle will re-enter service in the very near future. It will carry an overall advertisement for Dansk Design Furniture stores, which will be basically red and white in colour.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS221).

- 415 (YTW539F) - Gorman, Dunoon (for spares), by 6/82, ex. McLeish, Epworth.
- 9427 (LWC978J) - Re-instated by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 58, by 3/82.
- 1100 (UVX 4S) - Hedingham & District, 7/82.
- 1101 (UVX 5S) - Hedingham & District, 7/82.
- 1102 (UVX 6S) - Hedingham & District, 7/82.
- 1103 (UVX 7S) - Hedingham & District, 7/82.
- 1608 (GVW978H) - Williams and Lewis, Blaina, by 6/82, ex. Gwent After Care Probationary Service, Gwent.
- 1609 (GVW979H) - Williams and Lewis, Blaina, by 6/82, ex. Gwent After Care Probationary Service, Gwent. (see also NS210, this report could refer to 1610 (GVW980H) since there is no confirmation of 1609

ever being with Gwent After Care Probationary Service, and clarification is awaited).

- 1610 (GVW980H) - Tredegar Minstrels Jazz Band (N-PSV), by 3/82; thence to Williams and Lewis, Blaina, by 4/82. (additional information to NS221).
- 2736 (183 XNO) - Mobile Caravan, location/owner unknown, by 10/81, ex. Smith and May, Benfleet. By personal observation, this vehicle was noted in 7/82 parked near Wethersfield, and its new owner is believed to reside in that immediate locality.
- 2775 (988 K00) - Exported to U.S.A., 6/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
- 2872 (RWC944D) - Withdrawn by Durber, Tunstall (N-PSV), 7/82. (see also note below).
- 2882 (UEV220E) - Morris Dancer Troup, Wrexham (N-PSV), 8/81, ex. Williams and Davies; Wrexham. (additional information to NS208/13, and see also note below).
- 2886 (WNO974F) - London Torah, London, N.15 (N-PSV), 5/82. (additional information to NS219).
- 2926 (AEV820F) - Stagecoach, Perth, 4/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.

Details of some recent personal observations of former Eastern National vehicles are also now available, and these are summarised as follows :-

1954-1964 numbering scheme

- 193 (ONO 09) - Still at scrapyard, Cammeringham, Lincs., 8/82. (see also NS219).
- 412 (YHK729F) - Still with Compass, Wakefield, 8/82. (additional information to NS208).
- 413 (YTW537F) - Derelict at yard of Twell, Ingham, 8/82.
- 502 (BNO111B) - Noted in use at Hall Farm, Glentworth, Lincs., 8/82.
- 508 (BPU 21B) - Noted at premises of Twell, Ingham, 8/82. Legal lettering showed that last owner was G.W. Padley Ltd., Anwick Village, near Sleaford, Lincs. and fleet name was 'Foremost Farm'.
- 2720 (801 WVW) - Noted at Curlews Farm, near Crowle, 8/82, and is still in use with Maw, West Butterwick. (see also NS219).
- 2724 (172 XNO) - Noted at Highfield Farm, near Winterton, 8/82, and owner's name is Herring. (see also NS219).
- 2774 (987 K00) - Noted in use as a canoe transporter at Crowhurst, near Battle, 6/82, owners name unknown. (additional information to NS210/3).
- 2780 (993 K00) - Noted still with Wakefield Shirt Co. Ltd. (N-PSV), 8/82. This provides clarification to the report in NS221.
- 2781 (994 K00) - Noted at premises of Meynell (breaker), Carlton, 8/82. (see also NS213).
- 2860 (RHK345D) - Noted in Chelmsford, 9/82, and is still owned by Merton Community Association. (see also NS210). The vehicle is in a multi-coloured livery and carries the name 'Merton Community Bus'.
- 2872 (RWC944D) - Noted at New Brighton, 8/82, in use with the Brindleyford Senior Dance Troupe, Talke, Stoke-on-Trent. (see also note above).
- 2877 (STW765D) - Noted parked at Aldwych, London, 9/82, and has been acquired by Argus Persicus (Top Deck Travel), London from W. Norths (P.V.) Ltd. (see also NS220).
- 2882 (UEV220E) - Noted at premises of Kirkby Kingsforth (dealer), Thurgroft, 8/82.
- 2895 (WNO983F) - Noted at A.P.T., Bracebridge Heath, 8/82, together with two other ex-Eastern National Bristol FLF6LX's (identity unknown).
- 2884 (WNO972F), 2892 (WNO980F), 2898 (WVX525F), 2899 (WVX526F), 2900 (WVX527F), 2901 (WVX528F), 2904 (WVX531F), 2905 (WVX532F), 2906 (WVX533F), 2913 (WVC743F), 2920 (AEV814F), 2922 (AEV816F), 2923 (AEV817F), 2927 (AVW396F), 2929 (AVW398F), 2930 (AVW399F), 9017 (LFS289F) and 9019 (LFS298F) were all noted at the premises of W. Norths (P.V.) Ltd., (dealer), Sherburn-in-Elmet, 8/82. (see also NS220).

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