

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Weekend Coach Tour to Humberside - Friday, August 24th to Monday, August 27th.

Bookings for this tour have now closed, thank you for your support.

Southend Meeting - Third Annual 'Bus Masterminds Quiz', Tuesday, September 11th.

The third annual 'Bus Masterminds Quiz' will be held on Tuesday, September 11th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.) in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. This year the quiz will be between teams from the Group's Committee (captained by Richard Delahoy) and the Group Members (captained by Graham Huggins). The questions are being set by John Cooper, and all members are urged to come to what should prove to be a highly entertaining and informative evening.

Revised Postage Rates

With effect from Monday, September 3rd the following revisions to postage and packing charges for the supply of publications etc. will apply :-

orders up to £0.50	- please add £0.16
orders between £0.50 and £1.00	- please add £0.21
orders over £1.00	- please add £0.26

Revised postage and packing charges will also be introduced for photograph orders from September 3rd. The new rates are £0.16 on orders for up to and including 13 photographs, and a further £0.16 for every additional 13 photographs or part thereof.

As always any surplus money sent with orders will be refunded; if you are in doubt about the postage and packing charge send a larger amount and a refund can be made for the surplus amount.

Coach Trip to the Motor Show, National Exhibition Centre - Saturday, October 27th.

Frank Spence, a Group member, is organising a coach trip to the Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham on Saturday, October 27th. The trip will start from Southend, and it will be possible to arrange suitable picking up points in the Southend area. The coach fare will be £5.00, and there will be an additional admission charge for the Motor Show. A Setra coach from Kirby's Coaches, Rayleigh will be used for this excursion, and any members who are interested in joining the trip should contact Frank Spence at 184, Maplin Way, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS1 3ND. (Tel. Southend-on-Sea 585419 - evenings only).

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles On Order

Delivery of the four MCW Metroliner coaches currently on order (1600-3) is expected during late-August. New registration numbers have now been allocated to these vehicles and they will be B457WILJ-B460WHJ respectively. The chassis designation of the vehicles will be CR126/9 and they will have chassis numbers MB7751-4 respectively. The seating capacity of these coaches will be C51F, and they will be fitted with reclining seats.

Some further information is also now available regarding the two Leyland Tiger coaches that are currently on order. These vehicles will carry fleet numbers 1128/9 and will be registered B696/7WAR. They will be 12 metre vehicles fitted with Plaxton Paramount 3200 coachwork; chassis numbers will be 8400396/410 and body numbers will be 8512LTH2C767/8 respectively. Delivery of these vehicles is currently expected during November.

No further information is available regarding the fourteen Leyland Olympian double-deck vehicles also currently on order (see NS243).

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, four of the Leyland National single-deck vehicles being acquired from the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) have now been delivered. The vehicles concerned are 1652 (KCG609L) - delivered July 9th (see NS244), 1654 (KCG611L) - delivered July 27th, 1655 (KCG612L) - delivered July 27th, and 1658 (KCG615L) - delivered July 20th. The Company has advised that the eleven vehicles (1650-60) listed in last month's news sheet do comprise the batch that is being acquired from Alder Valley. It should be noted that the batch does include Alder Valley 101 (LM0223L) (to be Eastern National 1650), which passed to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. (SNL 993) in May. As at July 31st, Crosville had acquired Alder Valley 101/2/4-7, and the only other vehicle in this batch that has yet to be accounted for is 103 (LM0225L) which was reinstated by Alder Valley at High Wycombe during May.

At the time of writing, 1652 and 1658 had entered service; 1652 remains allocated to Southend (SD) but is currently on temporary loan to various other depots as a replacement for Bristol VRTSL6G's now being fitted with power steering, and 1658 is allocated temporarily to Brentwood (BD). There are certain detail differences between these two vehicles. 1652 received certain bodywork modifications and has been fitted with a rear panel similar to standard Eastern National Leyland National vehicles, whilst 1658 only received a repaint and retains its Alder Valley rear panel and square registration number plate. In contrast to standard Eastern National vehicles, the former Alder Valley vehicles are fitted with red seats.

Prior to acquisition by Eastern National, 1658 (KCG615L) had been on hire to Maidstone & District Motor Services Ltd. (fleet number 3115) at Tunbridge Wells depot from July 1st.

Three Leyland National vehicles will also be acquired from Southern Vectis Omnibus Co. Ltd. during the near future but precise details about the vehicles concerned were not available at the time of writing.

Allocations & Transfers

8.84 1654 D/L, 1655 D/L, 1658 D/L-BD.

As noted above, 1652 SD has been on temporary loan to other depots during recent weeks including Chelmsford (CF), Colchester (CR) and Maldon (MN).

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 NS244 :-

July : w/e 28.7.84 - 1799 at CW, 1800 at CN.

August : w/e 4.8.84 - 3079 at CW.

w/e 11.8.84 - 1658 at CW, 1786 at CW/PL (Essex County Council overall advertisement) - yellow base painted at CW, signwriting painted at PL.

Two vehicles are currently being painted in overall advertising liveries for IML Garages Ltd. The vehicles concerned are 1827 (VNO729S) and 1881 (BNO671T); 1827 is being painted in a red, white and blue livery to advertise the company's garages at Brentwood, Chelmsford and Grays, and 1881 is being painted in a yellow, green and white livery.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3116 (XHK221X) is currently being painted in an overall advertising livery for International Stores Ltd. The livery of this vehicle will be red and cream to advertise the company's supermarkets in Essex.

Similar vehicle 3119 (XHK224X), which was repainted during June, has had its rear number blind aperture removed during body overhaul and repaint, although it retains its registration number in the same position.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during July were 1053, 1552 and 3001.

There continued to be many unusual workings on excursions, private hire work and rail replacement services in the Harwich area during July. 1053 CR operated excursions on July 17th/19th, and 1920 operated an excursion to Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth on July 26th. Private hire journeys were operated by 1534 (July 4th/9th/14th), 1920 (July 17th/31st), 3027 (July 11th/21st/25th), 3045 (July 3rd) and 3061 (July 24th-27th). Rail replacement services were operated on July 8th (Harwich-Ipswich with 3027/61), July 15th (Ipswich-Colchester with 3061), July 25th (Harwich-Manningtree with 1901) and July 29th (Harwich-Parkeston Quay with 1750).

General

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the two vehicles (1125 and 1553) which received accident damage during July, 1125 (A6940HJ) has been returned to Walter Alexander & Co. (Coachbuilders) Ltd., Falkirk for bodywork repairs, whilst 1553 (WNO542L) was repaired at Central Works during early-August and has since returned to service at Clacton (CN). Bristol RELH6L coach 1414 (GJD197N) received accident damage in Liverpool on August 7th. The coach was subsequently towed to Plaxtons' depot at Ware, where the vehicle is currently being repaired.

The programme of converting certain Bristol VRTSL6G vehicles to receive Autosteer power steering has now commenced (see also NS244), and all vehicles are being converted by Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) at Aldershot. The vehicles converted during July and early-August were as follows :- 3033 (completed August 9th), 3034 (completed July 30th), 3036 (completed July 30th) and 3051 (completed August 9th). At the time of writing, 3049 and 3050 were both at Aldershot being due for completion on August 16th, and 3040/8 were due to be sent to Aldershot on August 17th.

The Billy Graham rallies held at the Ipswich Town F.C. football ground from July 24th to July 28th attracted a large number of private hire workings from throughout East Anglia. For example, on July 26th 1118 BD, 1121 CF, 1123 BE, 1305 CN, 1935 CR, 1936 CR, 3061 DT and 3078 CF were all noted at Ipswich together with former Eastern National vehicles AHJ142A (ex. 80 TVX) (Cedric, Wivenhoe) and BNO700T (Heddingham & District). On July 28th a shuttle service was operated between the Suffolk County Showground and Portman Road. Vehicles available for use on this service were 1882 BE, 1918 BN, 1935 CR, 3018 CN (P), 3027 DT, 3032 CR, 3050 CR, 3055 SE, 3058 CR, 3077/8/80/2 CF, 3081/3/4 SD, 3085 HH, 3109 HH, 3120 BN and 4000 SD. Other vehicles were also supplied by Colchester Borough Transport (Leyland Atlantean's 86-90), Suffolk County Council (Education Department) (five coaches on hire to Ipswich Borough Transport) and Ipswich Borough Transport (nine Leyland Atlantean's). Among the vehicles noted on private hire journeys to Ipswich on July 28th were 3031 CN and BNO700T (Heddingham & District).

Members may be interested in the current allocations of some former Eastern National vehicles now owned by Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. and Lincolnshire Road Car Co. Ltd. Details are as follows :-

Eastern Counties

RE 844 (LWC979J) - Peterborough; RE 845 (LWC980J) - Newmarket; RE 846 (LWC981J) - Norwich (Vulcan Road); RE 847 (LWC982J) - Peterborough; RE 848 (RPU868M) - Ipswich; RE 849 (RPU869M) - Ipswich.

RE 844-7 were new to Eastern National (428-31), whilst RE848/9 were ordered by Eastern National (453/4) but delivered direct to National Travel (South East). These vehicles are all being repainted in the local coach livery of white with red corporate stripes, a red waist band and white 'Eastline' fleetname.

Lincolnshire

1213 (KHK415J) - Newark; 1214 (LPU452J) - Grimsby.

1214 was involved in an accident at Grimsby during mid-July when a lorry hit the vehicle on the level crossing near Grimsby Station. It was noted stored in Grimsby depot on July 20th.

Service Developments

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

- 7C - Sundays : one journey to be extended from Colchester (Head Street) to West Bergholt, and one additional journey to be introduced from West Bergholt to Colchester (Bus Station).
- 43 - Revised terminals to be Broomfield (Hospital) and Oxney Green (The Chequers P.H.), with journeys being extended to the new terminal point at Broomfield Hospital.
- 88 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
- 93 - Thursdays only : two minor timetable changes.
- 106 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
- 126 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
- 152 - Schooldays : one journey to operate on Weekdays, with a minor timetable change.
- 155 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change, and one journey to operate on reduced running time between Basildon (Bus Station) and Burnt Mills (Woolaston Way), with revised route via Miles Gray Road, Burches, Uppermayne and St. Nicholas Lane.
- 158 - Revised route between Grays and Stanford-le-Hope, and revised timetable.
- 232 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes, and revised route via Crompton Close, Luckyn Lane, Miles Gray Road and Burches.
- 236 - Schooldays : three minor timetable changes.
- 251 - Sundays : revised timetable, incorporating reduced running time (see also NS245).
- 260 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 402 - Revised timetable incorporating additional journeys between Basildon and Dartford and revised route via A126, Motherwell Way and A282. One journey to operate on Saturdays and Sundays and also on Mondays to Fridays (during School holidays).
- 471 - An application has been made for a full licence for this service.
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- 504-6/24 - Revised turning point at Southfields to be Fenton Way, and revised timetable.
- 510-3 - Revised timetables, to provide for all journeys operating in the Pitsea to Langdon Hills direction to operate one minute earlier between Pitsea and The Knares.
- 520/1 - Revised timetable for evening and Saturday journeys (520/1), and additional turning points to be introduced at Ashlyns (Eastbrooks) and Southfields (Fenton Way) (521).
- 545/7 - Revised route via B148, Uppermayne, Burches, Miles Gray Road, Luckyn Lane, Bentalls, Miles Gray Road and Chester Hall Lane, and revised timetables.
- 546 - Revised route via B148, Uppermayne, Burches, Miles Gray Road, Luckyn Lane and Chester Hall Lane, and revised timetable.
- 548 - Mondays to Fridays : two journeys to be withdrawn.
Fridays only : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 549 - Revised route via Howard Chase, Crompton Close, Luckyn Lane, Bentalls, Miles Gray Road, Chester Hall Lane, Howard Chase, Crompton Close, Luckyn Lane, Miles Gray Road, Burches, Uppermayne and B148, and revised timetable.
- 722 - Minor route revisions at West Thurrock and North Stifford.
- 801 - Revised terminals for the Winter period to be Southend (Victoria Bus Station) and Kings Lynn (Vancouver Centre, Bus Station) (Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays) or Peterborough (Queensgate Bus Station) (Tuesdays to Thursdays) or Cambridge (Drummer Street Bus Station) (Sundays). Revised timetable for the Winter period (commencing September 30th), and revised period of operation to be Daily.

- 802 - Service to be suspended for the Winter period.
- 803 - Service to be suspended for the Winter period, and to be replaced by service 801 operating on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays to Kings Lynn.
- 804 - Revised terminals for the Winter period to be Southend (Victoria Bus Station) and Norwich (Surrey Street Bus Station), with revised timetable and period of operation to be Daily. Timing point at Diss to be deleted, and timing point at Scole to be Scole (School).
- 806 - Service to be suspended for the Winter period, and to be replaced over certain sections by service 804.
- 809-11/3-6/20-7 - Services to be suspended for the Winter period.

From Thursday, August 2nd, Eastern National has taken over operation of Maldon District Council's 'Malbus' services 2/2A between Maldon (Market) and Great Braxted (Du Cane Arms P.H.) on Thursdays and Saturdays. The services are operated under contract to Maldon District Council, and were previously operated by Graham's Coaches, Kelvedon. Timetable information for these services is contained in Essex County Council's timetable book for the Brentwood/Chelmsford/South Woodham Ferrers/Maldon area (Area 4) and revision leaflets.

Engineering works being carried out by British Rail are affecting certain services. On July 14th/15th and August 12th the railway bridge at Mistley Railway Station was closed, and service 103 was diverted via Bradfield Wireless Station, B1035, Mistley Hall, New Road and Mistley Towers. From September 8th, the railway bridge at Stansted is being closed on Saturday nights until January 1985. The 2247 hrs. service 303 journey from Stansted Airport will be diverted via Forest Hall Road during this period.

From August 6th for a period of approximately three weeks, the river bridge at St. Mary's Lane, West Horndon will be closed for re-building work. Services 226 and 403 to Romford will be diverted via Childerditch Lane, A127 and Warley Street, and service 405 will be diverted from Harrow Inn via Fen Lane and Clay Tye Road to St. Mary's Lane during this period.

Amongst the forthcoming events within the Company's area, bus travel facilities (services 1, 3, 5A, 24, 400 and 402) to the Hadleigh Castle Fayre (August 27th) are currently being advertised.

Publicity News

New publicity material published during recent weeks has been as follows :-

Timetable leaflets - a new timetable leaflet for services 471/2 (dated June 5th).

General leaflets - a leaflet summarising the services (53E, 151, 251, 261, 350, 351, 400 and 451) serving the Harold Hill area.

Highwayman services - two leaflets with details of Highwayman Holiday Breaks in Essex and other areas.

- a leaflet with details of the Winter 1984/85 Highwayman services (801/4) (dated September 30th).

Express services - a new Summer timetable leaflet for National Express service 109 (Southend-London) (dated May 20th).

Excursion leaflets - two leaflets for excursions to Ipswich Town F.C. home and away matches for the 1984/85 season.

Unusual Workings

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

26.6-Southend Transport 364 noted on service 5.

1.7-3097 HH and 3103 HH operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster.

8.7-3097 HH and 3099 HH noted on rail replacement services between Pitsea and Upminster.

15.7-Southern National 2393 (UTT562J) observed at Southend (SD) depot with Eastern Counties RE 847 (LWC982J); 3097 HH and 3099 HH operated a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster.

17.7-3014 PL (P) noted on service 6; Southend Transport 337 noted on private hire work at Eastwood.

- 19.7-3033 CF observed on service 11.
- 20.7-3040 MN noted on an ASDA service at Rayleigh; 9018 BD noted on driver training duties at Southend; Southend Transport 223 observed on service 23A; London Country TD 40 noted at Southend (SD) depot.
- 21.7-1939 CF operated an excursion from Ingatestone to Wethersfield (U.S.A.F. Air Base), with the section between Braintree and Wethersfield being operated as a stage service (331); London Country RS 143 (GY) operated a duplicate service 795 journey from Grays to Gatwick in advance of the normal service vehicle (1116 SD) - a London Country vehicle is now kept as a standby vehicle at Grays for this service on Saturdays, but has not been used since 21.7.
- 22.7-3099 HH, 3103 HH and 3107 HH operated a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 23.7-1935 CR noted at Victoria on National Express service 081; 3023 CR observed on service 117.
- 24.7-3078 CF noted on a private hire journey to the Billy Graham rally at Ipswich.
- 25.7-1539 MN observed on service 25.
- 27.7-1652 SD (but without depot allocation plates) noted on service 25A; 3047 CN (P) noted on service 74A; 3048 BE noted on service 353; Maidstone & District 5886 (HKM886V) noted at Southend (SD) depot showing service 735.
- 28.7-1524 CR (P) noted on temporary loan to Clacton (CN) depot; 1539 MN (on temporary loan to Southend (SD) depot) noted on services 5 and 6; 1799 SD noted on service 400; 1879 BN observed on service 62; 3033 CF (on loan to Silver End (SE) depot) noted on an ASDA service to Chelmer Village.
- 29.7-1768 CN noted on National Express service 084; 3085 HH, 3097 HH and 3107 HH noted on a rail replacement service between Pitsea and Upminster.
- 30.7-1882 DE and 3033 CF noted on service 353; 3031 CN observed on service 311; Southend Transport 215 (on hire to Eastern National) noted at Maldon on Highwayman service 809.
- 31.7-1652 SD (on temporary loan to Chelmsford (CF) depot) noted on service 55; 1804 CF noted on service 262; 1910 CR observed on service 330; 3002 CF noted at Chelmsford on National Express service 084; 3082 CF observed on service 44; Colchester Borough Transport 87 noted on a private hire journey at Chelmsford.
- 1.8-1652 SD noted on services 44 and 152; 1863 BE, 1924 DE and 3048 BE all noted on service 53; 3074 BN observed on service 151.
- 2.8-1863 BE noted on service 353 (and also on 3.8); 3019 BE observed on service 53; 3071 SD failed at Romford whilst operating service 400, and was replaced by 1760 BD; 3122 SD noted on service 400.
- 3.8-1797 ED observed on service 251.
- 4.8-1051 BE operated Highwayman service 820 to Basildon, and then operated a duplicate Highwayman service 809 journey to Clacton; 1306 SE noted on a private hire working to the Colchester Tattoo; 1652 SD (on temporary loan to Maldon (MN) depot) noted on service 38; 3099 HH observed on service 11A; UMBH International NMJ391P operated a duplicate service 928 journey from Southend to Birmingham.
- 6.8-during the week commencing 6.8, the normal service 722 vehicle (1124 BN) was not used on this service, being replaced by 1122 BD (6.8), 1126 MN (7.8), 1922 BN (8.8), 3076 BN (9.8) and 3069 BN (10.8) - 1124 BN returned to service 722 on 13.8; 1882 BE noted on service 353 (and also on 8.8).
- 7.8-1652 SD observed on service 351.
- 9.8-9016 BD noted on driver training duties at Rayleigh.
- 10.8-1413 SD operated the 1445 hrs. National Express service 109 journey from Southend and failed at Rainham - it was replaced by Southend Transport 202, which was travelling empty to London behind 1413; 1658 BD noted on service 261; London Country TD 9 (HA) noted at Southend on service 745.
- 11.8-1404 BE operated Highwayman service 820 to Basildon, and then operated a duplicate National Express service 109 journey to London; Southend Transport 341 (on hire to Eastern National) operated a duplicate National Express service 135 journey from Basildon to Hemsby, with 1934 BN duplicating this service between Basildon and Maldon; Southend Transport 384 operated a rail replacement service between Wickford and Basildon; UMBH International OKY 88R operated a duplicate National Express service 928 journey from Basildon to Birmingham.
- 12.8-2383 L noted on promotional work at the Essex vs. Somerset John Player

Special League cricket match at Chelmsford.

14.8-1924 BE noted on service 53.

15.8-1882 BE observed on service 53.

On each Friday and Saturday during the school Summer holidays, a special free service is being operated on behalf of Tesco Stores Ltd. between Canvey (Newlands) and Pitsea (Tesco's Supermarket). The service operates via Canvey (Lakeside Corner) and Canvey (Thorney Bay Holiday Camp), and is generally operated by Bristol VRTSL6G 3000 (CPU979G) allocated to Basildon (DN) depot.

Service Vehicles

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, the chassis number of the new Ford Cargo 0811 Stores Lorry (A890TYY) is BCDCEC45232. This vehicle has now entered service, replacing the previous Stores Lorry BAR316T which is now out of service at Central Works awaiting sale.

Ford Transit 160 van BAR317T and Ford Transit 100 van CPU254T were sold during July to private buyers. BAR317T passed to Mr. Nicolic of Chelmsford and CPU254T passed to Mr. Winning of Clacton-on-Sea.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

Former Tyne & Wear P.T.E. Leyland Atlantean 53 (MVK548R) had not yet entered service at the time of writing. Similar vehicle 52 (MVK546R) has also been out of service at the Magdalen Street depot since mid-June.

Withdrawn Vehicles

Bristol REL6L 28 (SWC 28K) was relicensed for further service on June 8th having been delicensed for a short period (see also NS243/4). During early-August, the remaining Bristol REL6L's (16, 18-26 and 28) were all noted in service.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, the three Bristol REL6L's (15, 17 and 27) that were recently sold passed initially to Green, Weymouth (dealer). 15 (YWC 15L) then passed to Ripley, Monk Bretton (dealer) in 6/84, and 17 (YWC 17L) and 27 (SWC 27K) then both passed to Peakes Coaches, Pontypool for further service, also in 6/84.

Vehicles On Hire

The Ailsa Citybus demonstration vehicle A308RSU commenced its period of hire on June 2nd (correction to NS243).

Leicester City Transport's Dennis Dominator 51 (TDC 51X), which carried temporary fleet number D16, was returned to Leicester during late-July.

A further demonstration vehicle has also been on hire during recent weeks, and details are as follows :-

D17 A33 MRN Leyland Olympian ONTL11/2R 1067 E.C.W. CH47/27F 25762 New 2/84

This vehicle is numbered 3 in the Borough of Preston fleet, and has been on hire from Leyland Bus Ltd. It is in Preston's cream and blue coach livery, and carries lettering indicating that it is a Leyland Olympian demonstration vehicle. Its period of hire commenced on July 20th, and its first journey was a private hire working to the Billy Graham rally at Ipswich on July 26th. It has since been observed on a number of services, including services 1/1A, 3 and 5A. On July 28th, it was operated on service 5A in order to pass open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) on the special 80th anniversary service.

Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) remains on hire to Southend Transport. As the replacement vehicle, Southend Transport's Leyland Fleetline 234 (MRJ234W) is currently operating at Colchester. Similar vehicle 242 (MRJ242W) returned to Southend at the end of July; both 234 and 242 were noted at the Magdalen Street depot on July 28th. The Southend vehicle is used on service 8 on most days, usually taking up the 0633 hrs. journey from Magdalen Street and finishing at Osborne Street at 2302 hrs.

General

In addition to operating the special 80th anniversary service on July 28th, open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) was entered in the Colchester Carnival procession on the same date. This year's procession contained six buses including Eastern National Bristol KSW5G 2384 (WNO 480).

At a recent meeting of Colchester Borough Council's Highways and Transport Committee, the Transport Manager reported that Leyland Atlantean's 49 (YWC649F) and 50 (AVX 50G) were now overdue for replacement and proving costly to maintain. Approval was given to hire various demonstration vehicles, including the four vehicles that have recently been on hire for demonstration purposes. It is expected that an order will be placed shortly for the delivery of two new double-deck vehicles to replace 49 and 50.

Leyland Atlantean 82 (YNO 82S) has now been repainted in an overall advertisement livery for British Telecom. The livery is basically blue, but, at the time of writing, the vehicle had not entered service.

Leyland Atlantean 63 (NNO 63P) is currently being repainted in the standard livery, whilst similar vehicles 55 (JHK495N), 65 (NNO 65P) and 66 (NNO 66P) are also out of service at the present time and are receiving mechanical attention at the Magdalen Street depot.

The special 80th anniversary service operated on July 28th used Halstead Road, King Coel Road and London Road as the turning point at Lexden; this was the old terminal point for service 5A, being known as the 'Borough Boundary', and the anniversary service operated to the tram service timings.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

It can now be confirmed that Leyland Tiger coach 251 will carry registration number B100XTW when it enters service (see also NS244).

Acquired Vehicles

Two Leyland Leopard coaches have been acquired recently, and details are as follows :-

324	WRO434S	Leyland Leopard	PSU3E/4R	7704468	Duple C53F	833/5171	New -/78
342	YWW359S	Leyland Leopard	PSU3E/4R	7704681	Duple C53F	833/5199	New -/78

324 was new to Guards of London, London, S.W.10, whilst 342 was new to Heaps Tours Ltd., Leeds. Both vehicles are currently being fitted with Bristol front domes before being delivered to Southend,

Leyland Leopard coach 341 (YHB 21T) entered service on August 10th, with its first working being on National Express service 135 (on hire to Eastern National). It has been repainted blue and yellow up to the waist rail, but remains white above.

Leyland Tiger coach 218 (XGS769X) has been repainted in the standard blue and yellow coach livery, and re-entered service on July 24th.

As a correction to NS238, it should be noted that the body number of 326 (XHU 326) is 7511LC023.

Leyland Leopard coaches 331/2 (XWX166/89S) were also fitted with Bristol front domes before entry into service (additional information to NS242).

Vehicles On Hire

The current situation is that Burnley & Pendle Transport 13 (WRN 13R), Colchester Borough Transport 102 (DHK102T) and Fylde Borough Transport 35 (GCK 35S) are still on hire to Southend Transport. As reported above Leyland Fleetline 234 (MRJ234W) is the vehicle currently on hire to Colchester Borough Transport.

Various other vehicles have been on hire to other operators during recent weeks. On July 21st, Leyland Leopard coach 338 (EBM438T) was on hire to Eastern National at Southend (SD) depot, and similar vehicle 341 (YHB 21T) was on hire at Basildon (BN) depot from August 10th to August 12th (see above). Channel Coachways, Southend

has also hired Leyland Leopard coaches on July 21st (331), July 22nd (331), July 23rd (331/2/4/6), July 29th (331/4) and August 11th/12th (331/2/5).

On Saturdays and Sundays from May 19th to September 30th, and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from May 22nd to September 6th, Southend Transport Leyland Fleetlines are being hired to Emmaheath Ltd. (t/a London Pride Sightseeing) for that operator's coastal express service 600 from Elephant & Castle to various destinations. In this connection, 238 (MRJ238W) and 231 (MRJ231W) were on hire to Emmaheath Ltd. on July 21st and July 22nd respectively.

Van Hool Astromega 243 (JEV243Y) failed whilst operating service X1 on August 2nd, and was replaced by Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R/Plaxton C53F coach SNM 80R from Continental Pioneer Ltd., Richmond. This vehicle operated the 0640 hrs. service X31 journey from Canvey to London on August 3rd, before returning to Richmond.

General

Leyland Fleetline 241 (MRJ241W) and Leyland Tiger coach 249 (A249SVW) were exhibited at Rochford District Council's 'Rochford Fair' at the Clements Hall Sports Complex, Hawkwell on Sunday, July 22nd, together with Eastern National 2200 (UCO 46L) and 2383 (WNO 479) and preserved vehicles AJN 825, FOP 429 and KYY 961 (RT 3232).

Southend Transport coaches have also operated various National Express services during recent weeks. On July 21st, Leyland Leopard 213 (LAK303W) operated service 720 from London to Bournemouth and return, whilst Leyland Tiger 249 (A249SVW) operated service 721 from London to Bournemouth and service 720 from Southampton to London on the same date. Also on July 21st, Leyland Tiger coaches 248/50 (A248/50SVW) operated services 799 and 700 respectively from Exeter to London, having operated private hire journeys from Heathrow to Totnes on the previous day. On July 20th, Leyland Tiger coaches 247-9 (A247-9SVW) operated National Express services from London to Bristol and return.

Van Hool Astromega 244 (JEV244Y) has had its nearside X1 signwriting removed, in order that it can be used on sightseeing tours for Emmaheath Ltd. without confusing passengers.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

1954 - 1964 numbering scheme

1026 (JVB 555) - Broken up by Eastern National Preservation Group at Castle Point Transport Museum, Canvey, 7/84.

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357 (12 DLY) - Whiteford, Lanark, 11/79, ex. Hollis, Queensferry. (additional information to NS192).

1210 (BNO696T) - This vehicle did not pass to Hayward, Caversham. (correction to NS243). (Hayward does operate former 1203 (BNO689T) - see NS239).

1215 (BNO701T) - Went to Goldenport, London S.W.16 in 5/84. (additional information to NS243).

1216 (BNO702T) - Went to Limebourne, London S.W.1 in 5/84. (additional information to NS243).

1433 (JHK457C) - Dealer, Monk Bretton, 7/82, via dealer, Weymouth, ex. Hurst Scouts, Ashton (N-PSV). (additional information/correction to NS231). Presumably thence to breaker, Carlton at a later date (see NS236). (NOTE Monk Bretton and Carlton are in the immediate vicinity of Barnsley).

2255 (ONO 59) - This vehicle is used as a tender/mobile caravan rather than actually being preserved by the Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Society.

2808 (FWC426B) - Voluntary Services Bureau, Belfast, Northern Ireland (as playbus), 4/81. (see also NS202/7).

2867 (RVW393D) - Driver Training Vehicle with Alexander (Northern), noted in use at Dundee, 8/84. Still in Northern livery, numbered NRD 2 and still carries Elgin (E) garage codes.

2879 (SVX278D) - Being used for spares by Stagecoach, Perth. (additional information to NS233).

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Eastern National Fleet Allocation - August 1984

Basildon (BN)	: 1124 1704(DS)/11-7/21(DS)/3/32/6/8/40-2/4/6/8/63/7/72/6/86/95 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6-9 1918/9/22/34 3000/67(DS)/8/9/74/6 3116/7/20 (70)
Bishop's Stortford (BS)	: 1054/7/8 1125 1533/41(P)/51 1749/59 1914/6 3041 3114 (13)
Braintree (BE)	: 1051 1110/9/23 1404/17 152/4 1794 1863/5/82 1902/24/6/9 1930/2 3004/19(DS)/29/48/56/9/63 3115/8/28 (28)
Brentwood (BD)	: 1055 1117/8/22 1302 1658 1700(DS)/19/22/54/60/85/96/7 1809/10/23/37-40/5/6/59/76/81 1912/3/33 3026/91-4 3100 (34)
Chelmsford (CF)	: 1121 1301 1546(DS)/9 1701(DS)/7*/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2 1804/5/11/5/9/24(DS)/7/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/3/85/97/9 1903/5/15/7*/39 2200 3002/21/33/5/77/8/80/2 3106/8/10-3 3125/6 (62)
Clacton (CN)	: 1050 1127 1300/7 1412/5 1530(DS)/50/3/4 1705(DS)/51/6/61 1768/9/79/80/9/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 3003/18(P)/31 3047(P) (32)
Colchester (CR)	: 1053 1111/2 1305 1524(P)/8/36/47/8/52 1710(DS)/82/90/3 1816/28/72/88/92 1910/25/35/6 3001/22/3/30/2/50/8/66/95 3124/7 (34)
Hadleigh (HH)	: 1703/9/18/20(DS)/5-7/31/3/5/7/9/43/53/7/8/65/77/81/4 1817/21 1835/57/64/71/90 1900/28 3085/97/9 3103/7/9 (35)
Harwich (DT)	: 1056 1113 1419 1532/4(P) 1750 1901/20 3027/45/61 (11)
Maldon (MN)	: 1052/9 1126 1414 1539/40 1708(DS)/28/55/64 1806/31/3 1921/3/7/31 3038/40/9/51/79 (22)
Silver End (SE)	: 1120 1306 1406/9 1545 1745/83 1812/3/61/2 3020/39/55/60 3123 (16)
Southend (SD)	: 1114-6 1303/4 1407/10/1/3/6/8 1652 1702/24/9(DS)/47/66/76/3 1787/8/98/9 1807/14/36/68/75/93-5 1937/8 3024(DS)/5/8/34/6/7 3052-5/7/62/4/5/70-3/5/81/3/4/6-90/6/8 3101/2/4/5/19/21/2/9 4000-2 (72)
Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L)	: 1654/5 (2)
Licensed Pool Vehicle (PL (P))	: 3014 (1)
Licensed Open-Top Vehicle (L)	: 2383 (1)
Licensed As Private Vehicle (LP)	: 2384 (1)
Driver Training Vehicles	: 9016/8/21 (allocated to BD) (3)

Notes - (DS) denotes Docking Spare vehicle.

(P) denotes Pool vehicle.

Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Great Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 sd,
and Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 4 sd.

1707 and 1917 are Accident Pool vehicles.

1112/4/5/27 are at present attached to the Coaching Department.

1539/44/9 and 3045 are at present classified as Private Hire vehicles.

1406/10/3/5-8 carry National Express livery.

1300/1/7 carry National Holidays livery.

1111/4/5 and 1419 carry Highwayman livery.

3067-76 carry City 400 livery.

The next full fleet allocation will be published in the December news sheet.

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