

EDITORIALSouthend Meeting - Tuesday, November 2nd.

This meeting will feature the Group's annual Photographic Competition and will be held in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend commencing at 1930 hrs. The competition rules were published in last month's news sheet, and members are reminded that their entries should be either sent by post to P.J. Snell Esq., ENEG, 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex to arrive by November 1st, or handed in at the meeting by 2000 hrs. Do not forget to include the appropriate entry fee with your photographs. The Committee look forward to seeing a large number of members at the meeting, which should prove to be a very enjoyable evening.

L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular' - Saturday, November 6th.

The Group's sales stand will be present at this year's L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular', which is being held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1 on Saturday, November 6th commencing at 1100 hrs. The admission charge will be £0.50, and a free bus service will operate to and from Victoria Station (Wilton Road).

Chelmsford Meeting - Tuesday, November 16th.

A meeting will be held at 33. Goldlay Road, Chelmsford on Tuesday, November 16th commencing at 1945 hrs. A range of Group photographs will be available for sale, and the meeting will also provide an opportunity for general discussion. Goldlay Road is in two sections and No. 33 is in the cul-de-sac leading towards Parkway.

Visit to Obsolete Fleet - Sunday, November 21st.

A visit to the premises of Obsolete Fleet in Nunhead, South London has been arranged by kind courtesy of Obsolete Fleet Ltd. and Simon Kaye Esq. The visit will take place on Sunday, November 21st, and a booking form is included with this news sheet.

Group Photographs

A new colour photograph list has recently been published and a copy is enclosed with this news sheet. The photographs are available at £0.30 each, plus £0.15 postage on orders for up to and including 13 photographs, and a further £0.15 for every additional 13 photographs or part thereof. Please direct all orders to the Group's Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.).

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles on Order

The Company has confirmed that 12 Leyland Tiger vehicles are currently on order for delivery during early 1983. These vehicles will carry Alexander TE-type dual-purpose bodywork, and they will replace a number of the Bedford YMT (12XX series) dual-purpose vehicles. Livery and seating capacity details are not available at present, but further information will be published as soon as it becomes available.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Bristol VRTSL6G 3016 (SMS 42H) has been removed from the current vehicle allocation list, and is being held pending early sale.

Allocations & Transfers

10.82 1054 BE-MN, 1208 CN-BS, 1213 DT-CR, 1504 CN (P)-PL (P), 1511 CN (P)-D/L (D),
1524 CN (P)-CR (P), 1534 BS-PL (P)-CR (P), 2383 PL (P)-D/L (D),
3014 D/L (P)-PL (P), 3018 D/L (P)-CR (P)-PL (P), 3045 D/L (P)-PL (P),
3047 D/L (P)-PL (P).

Of the above allocations and transfers, 3018 only operated at CR for a short period during early October, whilst 1534 is currently operating at CR as a temporary replacement for 1521. 1504 is at present being used as a temporary crew room at Basildon Bus Station during rebuilding works and, additionally, a publicity caravan owned by Midland Red O.C. Ltd. has been hired for use as a temporary travel office also at Basildon Bus Station. 1520 D/L (D) is currently at Central Works, and is being used as a source for certain mechanical parts required for the engine conversion of 1419 (see below). Also amongst the vehicles currently at Central Works is 1203 BD, which sustained accident damage at Shenfield Road, Brentwood on October 13th.

Re-engined Vehicle

Bristol RELH6L coach 1419 (GJD195N) was re-engined with a Gardner unit during October and the vehicle is now classified as a RELH6G.

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 NS222 :-

September : w/e 18.9.82 - 1898 at CW.
 w/e 25.9.82 - 1713 at CW.
October : w/e 2.10.82 - 1212 at CW, 1769 at CW.
 w/e 9.10.82 - 1923 at CW.

Additionally, two vehicles were being painted to incorporate 'unibus' advertisements during October. The vehicles concerned are 3062 and 3112, and both were scheduled for completion by late October. 3062 was painted with a purple and orange base during w/e 9.10.82, and it is understood that the vehicle returned to service at SD before advertisement signwriting was applied during w/e 23.10.82. The vehicle subsequently returned to service on October 20th featuring an advertisement for a computer studies centre at Westcliff-on-Sea. 3112 was painted with a white base during w/e 16.10.82 and also returned to service at CF before signwriting was applied. Full details regarding these advertisements will be published next month.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during September were 1053, 1301, 1552, 1790, 1872, 3023 and 3095. 1511 CN (P) was loaned to DT from September 24th to September 28th, but was not used in service due to mechanical problems. Various Clacton (CN) coaches also worked on loan to DT during September; the vehicles concerned were 1402, 1406, 1415 and 1418. On September 19th, 1214 DT failed in London and was replaced by Southdown M.S. 1315 (ANJ315T), a Plaxton C49F bodied Leyland Leopard, and this vehicle was used by DT on school contract work on September 20th before returning to London.

General

On Monday, September 20th, a new contract service commenced between Colchester (Bus Station) and the Mecca Cinema and Social Club at Clacton. The service is believed to operate Daily, and two return journeys are operated leaving Colchester at 1315 hrs. and 1820 hrs. with the return workings leaving Clacton at 1600 hrs. and 2200 hrs. The service operates via Hythe, Wivenhoe, Alresford, Thorrington, Great Bentley and St. Osyth, and the return fare is £0.50. The first journey on September 20th was operated by 1936 CR.

From October 22nd to November 27th, a special travel offer is being promoted in the Southend area in conjunction with the Keddies department store. During this period shoppers spending £5.00 or over at Keddies will receive a Southend Bus Shopper Bonus, and this entitles a second person to travel free of charge to Southend town centre when the ticket holder makes a subsequent bus journey to Southend, and provided that the single fare costs £0.75 or over. The scheme is operating after 0900 hrs. on Mondays to Fridays and all day on Saturdays, but it does not operate on Sundays.

On Wednesday, September 22nd, between 0700-2200 hrs., Colchester Borough Transport services were suspended in support of the T.U.C.'s 'Day of Action' over the health workers' dispute. Eastern National vehicles continued to operate on joint services 6/76 as normal.

Service Developments

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

- 31A - Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays : one journey to be extended to/from Little Baddow (Spring Close), and a similar extension for another journey operating on Saturdays only. These revisions were introduced from October 5th.
- 102 - Revised route, with certain journeys operating direct via B1027 and not via Great Bentley (Rail Station), and other journeys operating to Clacton (County High School).
- 108 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to operate via Rochford Way and be re-numbered 109.
- 109 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to operate via Ashes Corner and be re-numbered 108.

Other proposed revisions to stage services will involve minor timetable changes to services 32/A (Mondays to Fridays), 36 (Mondays to Fridays), 260 (Schooldays : one journey to be withdrawn), 337 (Mondays to Fridays) and 350 (Mondays to Fridays). Minor route revisions in the Southend area will affect services 3/A, 3X (Southend Stadium service), 4, 4B, 6, 7, 8, 14, 18, 25, 29B, 400 and 402. Route revisions in other areas will affect services 33, 35, 70/A/B, 81 and 89. The revised period of operation for services 87/A, 95-99 and 95A-98A will be Weekdays during the Winter period and Daily during the Summer period.

The Company has introduced a number of service revisions during recent weeks and brief details are as follows :- 88 - 11.10.82 (one minor timetable change on Schooldays); 153 - 11.10.82 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays); 312 - 11.10.82 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays when Schools are closed); 313 - 11.10.82 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays); 521 - 11.10.82 (one minor route revision and one minor timetable change on Schooldays); 547 - 11.10.82 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays).

Services 470 (Braintree-Ipswich), 471 (Colchester-Romford) and 473 (Colchester-Romford) are to be re-introduced this Autumn, and will provide shopping services from the Braintree, Halstead and Colchester areas to Ipswich and Romford. Details of last year's services on these particular routes were published in NS212, and they were subsequently extended to Easter (see NS214). A timetable leaflet detailing this year's services is now available from the Company's local offices and, in brief, service 470 will operate on certain Tuesdays from October to March, service 471 will operate on certain Fridays in November and December, and service 473 will also operate on certain Fridays from October to March.

Also now available from the Company's offices are details of the Winter programme of excursions. The leaflets have an attractive cover design, and amongst the many excursions being offered are visits to hypermarkets at Boulogne and Calais, the Veteran Car Rally at Brighton and the Royal Porcelain Works at Worcester.

A new 'JobSeeker' half-fare bus pass has recently been introduced in the Basildon District Council area, and enables unemployed persons to travel on all Eastern National services within the Basildon area during off-peak periods. The pass costs £1.50 and is valid for four weeks, and further details are now available from the Company's office at Basildon.

A new pocket timetable card detailing services to/from Stansted Airport is also now available from the Company's local offices, together with the Winter timetable leaflet for National Express service 109 (see NS222).

Preliminary details were published in last month's news sheet regarding the Winter 'Highwayman' services, and these services were introduced as expected from October 3rd. A timetable booklet is now available from the Company's offices, and the changes as listed in NS222 can now be confirmed together with the following additional changes :-

- 801 - Additional picking up point introduced at Stock (War Memorial).
- 802 - Now operates between Southend and Northampton.
- 803 - Additional picking up point introduced at Stock (War Memorial).

- 805 - Now operates on Wednesdays only, with additional picking up points introduced at Colchester (Zoo) and Shrub End (Leather Bottle).
- 806 - Additional picking up point introduced at Stock (War Memorial).
- 809 - This service has been suspended from October 3rd, but the special clause relating to additional journeys required for emergency purposes only (see NS220) remains operative on this licence. The revised terminal in London for such journeys will be Buckingham Palace Road.
- 817 - Operates from Colchester to Cambridge via Marks Tey, Coggeshall, Braintree, Great Dunmow and Stansted Airport.

The Company has also made applications to introduce the Winter timetables on the various express services operated jointly with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd., Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. and Norfolk Motor Services Ltd., and these timetables were introduced with effect from September 19th.

Unusual Workings

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

- 23.8-2200 CF noted at DT depot.
- 7.9-1054 BE noted at MN depot; 1762 CF noted on service 70; 3055 SE noted on service 332.
- 8.9-1054 BE, 1406 CN and 1418 CN all noted at MN depot; 1539 MN noted on service 119; 3055 SE noted on service 70.
- 9.9-1780 CN noted on ECOC service 228 at Ipswich before returning to Clacton on the 0845 hrs. service 123 journey.
- 11.9-1901 DT and 3000 DT operated a rail replacement service from Colchester to Ipswich.
- 12.9-1055 BD (on loan to HH) worked a private hire journey to Norwich, and 1546 HH was loaned to BD as a replacement; 1727, 3085/97-9, 3103/7 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service from Laindon to Leigh.
- 13.9-1055 BD (on loan to HH) noted on services 23A, 24 and 24A; 1404 SD noted at Dovercourt; 3019 BE noted on service 311 (and also on 15.9); 3064 SD, 3082 CF, 3113 CF, 3115 BE, 3128 BE and ST 223/8/9/39/42, 391 noted on rail replacement services between Chelmsford and Shenfield/Witham.
- 14.9-1417 SD noted on an excursion to Thaxted and Finchingfield; 3128 BE and ST 224/30, 234/9/41 operated a rail replacement service between Chelmsford and Witham.
- 15.9-1552 CR noted on services 120 and 121, and contract journeys; 1707 CF observed at Gants Hill on a private hire working; 1861 SE noted on service 321; 1901 DT noted on service 79; 1928 HH noted on service 27; 3055 SE noted on service 311; 3058 HD noted on service 332.
- 16.9-1204 SD noted on Highwayman service 805; 1402 CN observed on the 1600 hrs. service 88A journey from Colchester to Earls Colne.
- 17.9-1539 MN noted on service 119; 3116 BN noted on service 235; ECOC VR396 noted on service 74 - see notes in NS222.
- 18.9-1402 CN observed on stage service work at Colchester; 1920 DT, 3001 CR and 3061 DT operated a rail replacement service from Colchester to Ipswich.
- 19.9-3085/97-9, 3103/7 (all HH) worked a rail replacement service from Laindon to Leigh; 3109 HH noted on a private hire working to Chelmsford.
- 20.9-1050 CN noted on Highwayman service 809.
- 21.9-1539 MN observed on a SE service 335 working; 1762 CF noted on service 311; 3029 DE also noted on service 311; 3109 HH worked a private hire journey to Waltham Abbey.
- 22.9-1930 BE noted on service 88.
- 23.9-1504 CN (P) seen at SD depot; 3033 CF observed on driver training duties in Southend; 3040 MN noted on an ASDA service at Rayleigh.
- 24.9-1413 SE noted on National Express services 112 and 114; 1930 BE noted on service 311.
- 25.9-1404 SD seen at Plymouth Bus Station on a Leisure Break holiday tour; 1510/2/22, 2383/4, 3014/6/8/45/7 noted at PL depot; 1937/8 (both SD) noted on service 400; 3103/7 (both HH) observed on Ministry of Defence (MoD) contracts at Heathrow Airport, and 3120 BN and 3126 CF were also noted on the M4 motorway near Heathrow.
- 26.9-1928 HH worked a private hire journey to Little Baddow; 3103/9 (both HH) operated a rail replacement service from Leigh to Southend (Central).
- 27.9-1050 CN noted on Highwayman service 809; 1406 CN, 1410 SD and 1415 CN noted at Wickford.
- 28.9-1402 CN operated a service 79 journey; ST 222 sustained accident damage at the Hadleigh, Victoria House roundabout whilst operating service 3.

- 29.9-Breakdown vehicle 0102 HH towed 1300 CN from Preston to Clacton in a two day journey; 1762 CF noted on service 345; 3109 HH worked a private hire journey to South Woodham Ferrers.
- 30.9-1211 SE observed on service 335; 1402 CN noted on school contract services at Harwich; 1937 SD noted on service 27; 3085 HH operated a private hire journey to Prittlewell (Priory Park), and again on 7.10.
- 1.10-1862 SE noted on services 31 and 31A; 1863 BE noted on service 311; 3039 SE noted on service 311; 3117 BN observed on service 232.
- 2.10-1792 CN operated the 1030 hrs. ECOC service 253 from Ipswich to Felixstowe, and the 1130 hrs. return working, before operating the 1235 hrs. service 123 journey to Clacton. This situation occurred again on 16.10 when 1761 CN operated these journeys, and was probably due to the normal pattern of ECOC/ENOC workings on service 123 being disrupted by a vehicle breakdown. There were several instances during early October of ENOC vehicles operating Eastern Counties workings on this service, and also one instance of a CN vehicle returning light to Clacton having worked an Eastern Counties duty; 1543 BD (P) noted at SD depot; 1938 SD observed on service 5.
- 4.10-1302 CF noted at MN depot; 1710 CR received slight accident damage at Colchester.
- 5.10-1924 BE noted on service 311; 3085 HH worked a private hire journey to Southend Police Station; ST 231 and 392 replaced a failed DMU on a rail journey between South Woodham Ferrers and Wickford.
- 6.10-9016 MN noted at Rayleigh Station on driver training duties.
- 7.10-3072 SD noted on service 9.
- 8.10-1758 HH was involved in MoD contract work and operated from Heathrow Airport to Scunthorpe and Grimsby; 1762 CF noted on service 353; 3070 SD noted on service 27; 3071 SD noted on service 20.
- 9.10-1511 CN (P) noted at CF depot; 1833 MN operated a MoD contract from Heathrow Airport to Leigh; 1936 CR noted on Highwayman service 812 to Northampton; 3103/7/9 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service from Shenfield to Billericay.
- 10.10-3085/97, 3107 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service from Shenfield to Billericay; 3109 HH worked a private hire journey to Colchester; 3120 BN noted on service 400.
- 11.10-1418 CN noted at Rayleigh; 3075 SD observed on service 21.
- 12.10-1504 PL (P) first noted in use as a temporary crew room at Basildon Bus Station.
- 13.10-1511 CN (P) seen at HH depot on route to PL depot for storage; 1934 BN and 3014 PL (P) seen at PL depot; ST 372 noted on service 62.
- 15.10-3085, 3109 (both HH) worked a private hire journey to Canvey Island; 3123 SE noted on service 70; Hedingham & District L111 (ex. ENOC 1100) noted on contract work and service 89A at Halstead.
- 16.10-1301 CR and 1302 CF noted on Ipswich Town F.C. excursions from Portman Road to Luton Town F.C.; 1544 HD noted on services 325 and 344, but this vehicle had returned to HD later that day; 1863 BE noted on service 322.
- 17.10-3098/9, 3107 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Wickford to Shenfield.
- 18.10-1303 SD (on loan to HH) and 3085 HH worked a private hire journey to St. Albans.
- 21.10-London Country SNB224 noted at Chelmsford Bus Station.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

Leyland Atlantean 87 (MEV 87V), which carries Broseley Homes overall advertising livery, has received some minor livery changes although it still carries the Broseley Homes livery.

Work is currently being undertaken to level the bus parking area adjacent to the Magdalen Street depot. During this period a number of vehicles are being parked on the staff car park, and also at a public car park adjoining the CBT offices at Osborne Street.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

Further to the notes published in NS 221 regarding the withdrawn Daimler Fleetlines, a number of vehicles have now been sold, whilst certain other vehicles have again been reinstated. The reinstated vehicles have been 348/9/54/61/6, of which 348/9/54

remain in service, whilst 361/6 were again withdrawn on September 30th. 354 was in fact also withdrawn on September 30th but was quickly reinstated on October 13th. Additionally, 358 and 369 were delicensed on September 30th, whilst 362 and 367 were also withdrawn and sold during September.

The sold vehicles are as follows :-

- 350 (WJN350J) - sold to Aspden, Blackburn, 9/82.
- 352 (WJN352J) - sold to South Notts, Gotham, 9/82.
- 353 (WJN353J) - sold to South Notts, Gotham, 9/82.
- 357 (WJN357J) - sold to Aspden, Blackburn, 9/82.
- 362 (WJN362J) - sold to Eagre Coaches, Gainsborough, 9/82.
- 367 (WJN367J) - sold to Eagre Coaches, Gainsborough, 9/82.

Of these vehicles, 352 and 353 were repainted and modified to H49/31F, and also fitted with luggage racks and new windscreens, by Southend Transport before sale. Similarly, 362/7 were also repainted and modified to H49/34F before sale, and 363 has been cannibalised to provide spares for these conversions.

Withdrawn vehicles 358/61/6/8 are currently stored at the London Road depot, and 351 is now at the Tickfield Road works. This vehicle has been used by Southend Borough Council's Highways Department on a number of occasions recently.

General

Leyland Fleetline 231 (MRJ231W) has been fitted with a modified gearbox in order that it may be used on the X1 service. After hire, E15 (FHE291V) left Southend on September 10th.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS222).

- 405 (AVX966B) - Still with North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross, 9/82.
- 503 (DNO112B) - Vange Scaffolding & Engineering Co. Ltd. (N-PSV), 2/79, ex. Hardy, Southend (N-PSV).
- 1100 (UVX 4S) - Numbered L111 by Hedingham & District. (additional information to NS222).
- 1101 (UVX 5S) - Numbered L112 by Hedingham & District. (additional information to NS222).
- 1102 (UVX 6S) - Numbered L113 by Hedingham & District. (additional information to NS222).
- 1103 (UVX 7S) - Numbered L114 by Hedingham & District. (additional information to NS222).
- 1403 (1251 EV) - Taylor, Sunderland (for preservation), by 8/82, ex. Evans, (contractor), Sunderland (N-PSV).
- 1433 (JHK457C) - Hurst Scouts, Ashton (N-PSV), 4/82, later sold, 7/82; formerly St. Hughes Guides, Oldham (N-PSV).
- 1500 (CVW854G)
- 1501 (CVW855G)
- 1502 (CVW856G)
- 1503 (CVW857G)
- 1505 (EPU186G)
- 1506 (EPU187G)
- 1507 (EPU188G)
- 1508 (EPU189G)
- 1513 (FVX615H)
- 1514 (FVX616H)
- 1515 (FWC438H)
- 1516 (FWC441H)
- 1519 (FWC442H)
- 1525 (KVX571J)
- 1526 (LPU451J)
- 1531 (MHK931J)
- 1535 (MHK917J)
- 1537 (OHK227K)
- 1538 (OHK228K)

All the above vehicles to dealer, Middlewich, 6/82. Note that this disposal is correct, and has been confirmed by Eastern National (10/82).

- 1608 (GVW978H) - Gwent Probation and After Care Service, Pontypool (N-PSV), 12/81, (correction of title, see also NS214/21). See also notes below.
- 1609 (GVW979H) - Gwent Probation and After Care Service, Pontypool (N-PSV), 7/81. (Disposal previously inadvertently omitted, and report of observation in Tredegar (NS210) refers to this owner). See also notes below.
- 1610 (GVW980H) - Gwent Probation and After Care Service, Pontypool (N-PSV), 12/81, (correction of title, see also NS214/21). The vehicle then passed via the Jazz Band to Williams & Lewis (see NS222). See also notes below.
- 2300 (RWC 608) - Eastern National Preservation Group (for preservation), 6/82.
- 2301 (RHK348D) - Dealer, Purfleet, 6/82.
- 2302 (MVX885C) - Dealer, Purfleet, 6/82.
- 2815 (GNO791B) - Exported to France, 6/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
- 2834 (LWC660C) - Wilson, Carnwath, by 8/82, ex. Irvine, Law.
- 2861 (RHK346D) - Gwent Probation and After Care Service, Pontypool, (N-PSV), 7/81. The subsequent reports of sightings in Tredegar (NS210) and Monmouth (NS221) refer to the vehicle in this ownership. See also notes below.
- 2864 (RVW390D) - Wilson, Carnwath, by 8/82, ex. Irvine, Law.
- 2874 (STW762D) - Gwent Probation and After Care Service, Pontypool, (N-PSV), 9/81, (correction of title, see also NS213). See also notes below.

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2892 (WNO980F)	2904 (WVX531F)	2913 (WWC743F)	2924 (AEV818F)
2894 (WNO982F)	2905 (WVX532F)	2914 (WWC744F)	2925 (AEV819F)
2895 (WNO983F)	2906 (WVX533F)	2916 (WWC746F)	2927 (AVW396F)
2897 (WVX524F)	2908 (WWC738F)	2917 (AEV811F)	2929 (AVW398F)
2898 (WVX525F)	2909 (WWC739F)	2918 (AEV812F)	2930 (AVW399F)
2899 (WVX526F)	2910 (WWC740F)	2920 (AEV814F)	2931 (AVX973G)
2900 (WVX527F)	2911 (WWC741F)	2922 (AEV816F)	2945 (AVX974G)
2901 (WVX528F)	2912 (WWC742F)	2923 (AEV817F)	

All the above vehicles to dealer, Sherburn, 6/82.

2911 (WWC741F) - Wilson, Carnwath, by 8/82, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
 2912 (WWC742F) - Wilson, Carnwath, by 8/82, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
 3042 (LFS287F) - Now in service with South Wales Transport Co. Ltd., Swansea, numbered 899 and allocated to Pontardawe depct. (see also NS214).
 9017 (LFS289F) - Dealer, Sherburn, 6/82.
 9019 (LFS298F) - Dealer, Sherburn, 6/82.

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

416 (YTW540F) - Still with Check, Wealdstone, 10/82. (see also NS208).
 1340 (2730 VX) - Still parked at rear of Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. premises at Sible Hedingham, 10/82 with preservation work in progress. (see also NS217).
 2091 (WNO979F) and 2916 (WWC746F) - Both vehicles noted at Hants & Dorset's Eastleigh (Barton Park) Central Works, 9/82, and now owned by Omnibus Promotions Ltd. The vehicles were being fitted with offside doors by Hants & Dorset for export.

The latest news regarding the Bristol VRT's sold to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. earlier this year is that 3015 (SMS 41H), scheduled to become Crosville's DVG561, may now not enter service. It was noted in 8/82 at Chester, Sealand Road Works in a cannibalised condition, and it was moved subsequently to the withdrawn vehicles area. Additionally, 3044 (LFS295F) has now left the Sealand Road Works and may have been sold. Some recent personal observations of these vehicles indicate that DVG552 (SMS 31H) was re-allocated from Pwllheli to Bangor at the end of the Summer season, and that DVG556 (SMS 35H) has now entered service also at Bangor.

Amongst recent new members to the Group, the Committee is pleased to welcome Mr. Clive Morgan (M506) who is Chairman of the North Gwent Voluntary Transport for the Disabled, and who is employed by the Gwent After Care and Probation Service. In this capacity he is responsible for the Gwent After Care and Probation Service bus fleet, which includes a number of former Eastern National vehicles, and he has kindly provided the Group with full details of the various ex-Eastern National vehicles, as follows :-
 2805 (BVX581B) - Owned by the National Playbus Association, but converted to a playbus by the Gwent After Care and Probation Service. In 5/82 the vehicle was transferred to the Worle Playbus Association, near Weston-super-Mare, by the National Playbus Association.
 1608 (GVW978H) - Sold 9/82 to Mount Pleasant Tornadoes Jazz Band, Cwmbran.
 1609 (GVW979H) - Used by Rassau Tartanaires Jazz Band, Rassau until they disbanded in 5/82, after earlier use by Gwent After Care and Probation Service. Was scheduled for sale to Williams and Lewis (J & J Coaches), Blaina, and is in their blue and white livery, but is still owned by Gwent After Care and Probation Service.
 1610 (GVW980H) - Disposals as reported in NS222 are correct.
 2861 (RHK346D) - Converted to a mobile restroom and toilet for the disabled, and still owned by the Gwent After Care and Probation Service.
 2874 (STW762D) - Sold 9/82 to Rev. D. Green, Weymouth for use with disabled children.

News Sheet Contributions

Contributions to this news sheet were received from A.G. Osborne (C&F), E. Thompson (M58), W.J. Morrison (M131), R. Delahoy (M180), A.W. Meadows (M209), P.W. Harvey (M219), I.G. Young (M239), S.D. Barham (M313), L. Thorington (M352), D. Arnold (M379), J.G. Collins (M405), J. Harvie (M409), M.C. Stokes (M450), G.G. Tcon (M452), K.M. Russell (M454), H.R. Lennox (M456), C. Morgan (M506), G. Huggins (AM1) and I. Ransom (AM2). Notes for the November news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor (address below) by Wednesday, November 17th.