

EDITORIALTHE FUTURE OF THE GROUP

We have already received a number of applications from members interested in sharing in the Group work-load. In order to allow sufficient time for discussion before the new administration is finally organised will any member still interested in participating in Group activities please inform the Secretary, in writing, before 31 October. Applications must cease after this date.

Photographic Competition Results

The results of the Photographic Competition, organised by the Southend Group, and decided at the meeting on Wednesday October 18, are shown below :

Black & White

- 1st Prize (Trophy) : Richard Delahoy, 'The last bus into Canvey garage'.
 2nd Prize (£1 Voucher) : A. Meadows, Bristol RELH/E.C.W. coach.
 3rd Prize (50p Voucher) : R. Delahoy, Leyland National at Basildon.

Colour

- 1st Prize (Trophy) : Paul Harvey, Western National 943 (Bristol VRT/E.C.W. open top) at Pendennis Point, Falmouth.

Buses at Work class

- 2nd Prize (£1 Voucher) : D. Rees, United Automobile 2724 (Bristol MW) at Morpeth.
 3rd Prize (50p Voucher) : A. Randall, Crosville SLL634 (Bristol LH) at Penygrwyl Hotel, Snowdon.

Buses in Southend class

- 2nd Prize (£1 Voucher) : D. Rees, Southend Transport 345 (Leyland PD3) at Southend.
 3rd Prize (50p Voucher) : J. Bath, Eastern National 2383 (Bristol KSW) on Southend Sea Front.

The trophies, which will be especially engraved with the winning members name, are for retention. The vouchers may be used for any Group purchases. Our Congratulations to the winners and our Commiserations to those who were unlucky, better luck next year.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1890 BN0680T Leyland National 11351A/1R 05652 Leyland National B49F
 Delivery date: 1890 - 10.78

Vehicles on Order

Further to the notes previously given in NS172/3, the ten Bristol VRT double deckers on order will now be fitted with Gardner engines, their E.C.W. bodies will seat 70.

Acquired Vehicles

1400	PWC344K	Bristol RELH6G	4/409	Plaxton	C44F	723391	new 1972
1401	PWC345K	Bristol RELH6G	4/410	Plaxton	C44F	723392	1972
1402	VHK175L	Bristol RELH6G	4/491	E.C.W.	C44F	19855	1972
1403	VHK176L	Bristol RELH6G	4/492	E.C.W.	C44F	19856	1972
1404	VHK177L	Bristol RELH6G	4/493	E.C.W.	C44F	19857	1972
1405	VHK178L	Bristol RELH6G	4/494	E.C.W.	C44F	19858	1972
1406	XVW631L	Bristol RELH6G	4/528	Plaxton	C44F	733188	1973
1407	XVW632L	Bristol RELH6G	4/529	Plaxton	C44F	733186	1973
1408	XO0877L	Bristol RELH6G	4/540	Plaxton	C47F	733190	1973
1409	XO0878L	Bristol RELH6G	4/541	Plaxton	C47F	733192	1973
1410	XO0879L	Bristol RELH6G	4/542	Plaxton	C47F	733195	1972

1411	X00880L	Bristol RELH6G	4/543	Plaxton	C44F	733194	new 1973
1412	X00881L	Bristol RELH6G	4/544	Plaxton	C44F	733193	1973
1413	X00882L	Bristol RELH6G	4/545	Plaxton	C44F	733191	1973
1414	GJD197N	Bristol RELH6L	4/760	Plaxton	C47F	7411BCR001	1974
1415	GJD198N	Bristol RELH6L	4/761	Plaxton	C47F	7411BCR002	1974
1417	GJD196N	Bristol RELH6L	4/763	Plaxton	C44F	7411BCR005	1974
1418	GJD194N	Bristol RELH6L	4/764	Plaxton	C47F	7411BCR003	1974

The above vehicles were acquired from National Travel (South East) Ltd., on 8.10.78.

The following two vehicles were also acquired on the above date but will be obtained at a later date :

1416	GJD199N	Bristol RELH6L	4/762	Plaxton	C26F	7411BCR006	1974
1419	GJD195N	Bristol RELH6L	4/765	Plaxton	C26F	7411BCR004	1974

The above two executive style coaches are still in use with National Travel. It is anticipated that their present seating will be removed before actual acquisition and that they will be re-seated to C44F or C47F before entering service.

1414-9 (GJD 197-9/6/4/5N) have been numbered in chassis number order, which is the usual Eastern National policy.

PWC344/5K, VHK175-8L and XVW631/2L were originally Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd., nos. 9437-44. They passed to National Travel (South East) Ltd. on 1.1.74.

X00877-82L were originally Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd., nos. 447-52. They passed to National Travel (South East) Ltd. on 19.5.74.

GJD194-9L were ordered by Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd., and were delivered directly to National Travel (South East) Ltd.

The coaches are to be in white livery with red Eastern National fleetnames as well as the usual alternate red and blue lettered NATIONAL fleetname. Certain vehicles already carry the new Eastern National fleetnames, the remainder will be dealt with as soon as sufficient transfers become available. New fleetnumber plates are carried.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.78 2858 (OPU823D) 2862 (RHK347D)

These vehicles have been transferred to the Driver Training Fleet. (q.v.)

10.78 1417 (2742 VX) 1703 (WNO552L)

1417 (2742 VX) was withdrawn on 7.10.78 in order to avoid a duplication of fleetnumber with 1417 (GJD196N).

1703 (WNO552L) has been transferred to the Driver Training Fleet. (q.v.)

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

It has now been decided that Bristol FLF6B 2863 (RHK348D) will join the Driver Training Fleet after all. (additional notes to NS173/4) However, the vehicle will first be re-engined to FLF6G, after conversion the vehicle will probably be re-numbered 9010.

Allocations & Transfers

10.78 1201-SE, 1202-MN, 1204-CN, 1208-BE, 1209-BD, 1210-BD, 1430-CR, 1431-D/L(D), 1445-D/L(D), 1446-D/L(D), 1451-D/L(D), 1723-BN, 1760-BD, 1859-CF, 1869-BD, 1871-HH, 1874-BN, 1878-BN, 1879-BN, 1880-BN, 1881-BD, 1883-BN, 1884-BN, 1885-D/L, 1887-BN, 1888-D/L, 2300-D/L, 2383-D/L, 2384-D/L, 2753-DT, 2754-D/L(D), 2770-D/L(D), 2778-BE, 2785-D/L(D), 2796-CN, 2798-BE, 2810-D/L(D), 2829-D/L(D), 2855-D/L(D), 2858-D/L, 2889-CF, 2919-CF, 2920-SD, 2928-D/L(D), 2941-D/L(D), 3000-CN, 3003-MN, 3011-SD, 3012-SD, 3015-MN, 3040-MN, 3049-MN, 3050-CR, 3056-BN, 3059-BE, 3063-HD.

Additional later allocations of acquired coaches :

1400-PL, 1401-PL, 1402-BD, 1403-MN, 1404-CN, 1405-CN, 1406-PL, 1407-PL, 1408-PL, 1409-PL, 1410-PL, 1411-PL, 1412-PL, 1413-PL, 1414-CN, 1415-CN, 1417-CR, 1418-PL.

Certain coaches are temporarily operating elsewhere, pending the delayed arrival of 1416/9 (GJD199/5N); these vehicles are to be allocated as follows : 1416 - HD,
1419 - CR.

Vehicles allocated to the coach garage adjacent to the Eastern National Works in Fairfax Drive, Pritttlewell carry PL plates.

Service Vehicles

New Vehicles

BAR316T Ford Lorry D 0710 (7½ tons gross vehicle weight) - fitted with unloading crane - white livery.
BAR317T Ford Transit 160 Van - white livery, to be allocated to CW.
CPU254T Ford Transit 100 Van - presumed white livery, to be allocated to BE.
Full details of the above vehicles will be given when available.

Acquired Vehicles

9008	RHK347D	Bristol FLF6G	231.155	E.C.W.	15586	Driver Tr. Veh.
9009	OPU823D	Bristol FLF6G	231.076	E.C.W.	15582	Driver Tr. Veh.
9015	WNO552L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00359	L.N.	Driver Tr. Veh.

9008/9 (RHK347D, OPU823D) were new in 1966 and were acquired 10/78, they were previously in the Eastern National passenger fleet, nos. 2862/58.

9015 (WNO552L) was new in 1973 and was acquired 10/78, it was previously in the Eastern National passenger fleet, no. 1703.

The next batch of vehicles converted for driver training will be numbered in the 9008 - 9015 series. Since the Leyland National is expected to be the only saloon to be converted it was allocated the fleet number at the end of the batch to avoid any possible confusion.

9015 (WNO552L) is in blue livery with central white band and standard Eastern National fleetname and N.B.C. logo. It retains all interior seating and also destination blinds which carry the legend "Driver Training". No special Driver Training Vehicle lettering is to be carried.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.78 OVV337M Ford Transit van

Allocations & Transfers

10.78 9008-CF.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

36, 94 } 233 }	Revised terminal at South Woodham to be Town Centre. Route to be extended via Hullbridge Road, Inchbonnie Road, Ferrers Road and Town Centre Service Road.
236	Revised terminal at Outwood Common to be Outwood Common Road (Elm Green). Route to be as present to Meadow Rise, thence Hill Way and Outwood Common Road.

General

An application for revised fares has been made.

The rear end of Leyland National 1715 (WNO564L) is being modified at Central Works to accommodate an advertisement. This modification is similar to that carried out on 1846 (WJN566S) except that the registration plate is not to be enclosed behind glass. (see also NS168/9)

Experimental 'rear view scopes' have been fitted to a number of vehicles in order to evaluate this revised form of backward vision. The conversion involves fitment of a window which contains a large lens at the rear of the (lower) saloon as an alternative to small external mirrors. The vehicles involved are 1001 (MAR776P), 1869 (YEV327S), 3000 (CPU979G) and 3059 (LJN654P). These vehicles will be evaluated at several different garages in order to assess drivers opinions of the equipment.

The frequent transfers involving these vehicles will have been evident from recent allocations. The Ford saloon, however, is expected to remain at Bishops Stortford.

Owing to further re-building work of the bridge at Wickham Bishops and the consequent weight and width restrictions (see also NS155), Bristol LH saloons 1101/2 (UVX 5/6S) have been on loan to Silver End during September.

INDEPENDENT OPERATORS NOTES

COUNTRYBUS

The services detailed last month (see NS174) commenced operation as follows :

Little Henny - Halstead : Tuesday 19 September (operates Tuesdays only -
correction)

Sturmer - Braintree : Wednesday 20 September

Ranks Green / White Notley - Witham : Thursday 20 September

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of The P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS172)

- 324 (617 JPU) - Scrap dealer, Carlton, by 6/78, ex. Seven Kings Sea Scouts (N-PSV).
- 407 (YHK724F) - Lincolnshire R.C.C., 1426, 1/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 408 (YHK725F) - Thomas, Upper Llandwrog, 5/78, via dealer, Grays, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 409 (YHK726F) - Lincolnshire R.C.C., 1427, 1/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 410 (YHK727F) - Lincolnshire R.C.C., 1428, 1/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 411 (YHK728F) - Lincolnshire R.C.C., 1429, 1/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 412 (YHK729F) - Lincolnshire R.C.C., 1430, 1/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 415 (YTW539F) - McLeish, Epworth, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 419 (GVW981H) - Dartford Football Club (N-PSV), 8/78, via dealer, Grays, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 420 (GVW982H) - Gardiner, Spennymoor, 7/78, via dealer, Grays, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 421 (GVW983H) - Dealer, Grays, 6/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 428 (LWC979J) - Eastern Counties O.C., RE 844, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 429 (LWC980J) - Eastern Counties O.C., RE 845, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 430 (LWC981J) - Eastern Counties O.C., RE 846, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 431 (LWC982J) - Eastern Counties O.C., RE 847, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- "452" (RPU868M) - Eastern Counties O.C., RE 847, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- "453" (RPU869M) - Eastern Counties O.C., RE 849, 5/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd.
- 1001 (YAL 369) - Delicensed, 12/77, and used for spares, by 2/78, by Stokes, Carstairs.
- 1134 (EJN 635) - Alexander, Sheffield, 35, 12/66, ex. Costain (Contractor).
- 1229 (29 ENO) - Withdrawn by London Borough of Waltham Forest, 7/78.
- 1230 (30 ENO) - Withdrawn by London Borough of Waltham Forest, 7/78.
- 1231 (31 ENO) - Withdrawn by London Borough of Waltham Forest, 7/78.
- 1242 (438 FEV) - Withdrawn by London Borough of Waltham Forest, 7/78.
- 1244 (1859 F) - Withdrawn by London Borough of Waltham Forest, 7/78.
- 1245 (1860 F) - Withdrawn by London Borough of Waltham Forest, 7/78.
- 1308 (203 MHK) - Ensign (N-PSV), Grays, 7/78, ex. Nelson, Wickford.
- 1312 (207 MHK) - Ensign (N-PSV), Grays, 2.
- 1317 (212 MHK) - Withdrawn by North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross, 5/78.
- 1336 (2726 VX) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 4/78, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
- 1337 (2727 VX) - Industrial Personnel Services, London S.W.5, by 7/78, ex. Jarvis, Maltby.
- 1339 (2729 VX) - Dealer, Sherburn, 2/78.
- 1342 (2732 VX) - Dealer, Sherburn, 2/78.
- 1343 (2733 VX) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 4/78, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
- 1348 (208 YVX) - Dealer, Sherburn, 2/78.
- 1350 (210 YVX) - Dealer, Sherburn, 2/78.

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