EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Weekend Coach Tour to South Wales - Friday, August 26th to Monday, August 29th.

Members are reminded that bookings are now being accepted for this tour, and if you wish to join the tour please return your booking form to the Tours Organiser as soon as possible.

Kings Lynn Tour - Saturday, September 24th.

The Group will be organising a further tour this year to the Kings Lynn area, and this will take place on Saturday, September 24th. Operators to be included in the itinerary will be Whippet Coaches Ltd. at Fenstanton, Canham Coach Services Ltd. at Whittlesey and G.E.W. Dack at Kings Lynn, and there will be photographic stops at Kings Lynn and Peterborough. A booking form will be included with next month's news sheet - in the meantime, keep the date free in your diary.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Colchester/Clacton/Harwich area (Area 2) dated June 1983 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 £0.67 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Bristol RELL6G 1504 (CVW858G), which has been sold to Ensign Bus Co. (dealer) (see NS231), is currently in use as a temporary canteen at Bishop's Stortford (BS) depot, and will pass to Ensign Bus Co. after completion of this work. This vehicle was noted being towed through Chelmsford by recovery vehicle 0101 on July 9th on route to Bishop's Stortford.

Allocations & Transfers

7.83 1540 BS (P)-CN (P), 3018 PL (P)-CR (P), 3047 PL (P)-CN (P).

2383/4 remain licensed as Private vehicles, whilst 3014 PL (P) has been on loan to Southend (SD) depot during recent weeks.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3000 (CPU979G) was damaged in an accident on July 14th, and this vehicle is currently at CR prior to receiving repairs at Central Works. Similar vehicle 3002 is still at Central Works awaiting repairs, whilst Leyland National 1747 is also currently at Central Works following accident damage. Leyland Leopard 1302 was repaired by Duple Coachbuilders Ltd. during early June, and this vehicle has now returned to service at CF, whilst 1404 has recently returned to Eastern Coach Works for body repairs.

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 NS231 :-

June : w/e 18.6.83 - 1773 at CW (additional to NS231).
July : w/e 2.7.83 - 1925 at CW.
w/e 16.7.83 - 1730 at CW, 1775 at CW.

As noted in last month's news sheet, the first batch of Bedford YMT dual-purpose vehicles is passing through Central Works for mechanical and body attention, including a full repaint. By July 15th, 1202-6/8/11 had been completed and placed in store at Prittlewell (PL). Repaint dates for these vehicles are as follows :-

Leisure Break Holidays - a revised leaflet has been published for Leisure Break Holiday LB310 (Isle of Man).

Keddies Bus Travel Voucher Scheme (see NS231) - a general leaflet with details of the Bus Travel Voucher scheme which operated from June 23rd to July 9th.

London Transport Golden Jubilee - the Company has published a special leaflet listing the services in the Havering area to mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations of London Transport and the recent open day at London Transport's North Street (Romford) garage.

General

The Company has introduced a special scheme this Summer enabling children to travel free on bus services. For each adult travelling on a Sunday, one accompanying child can travel free, and the scheme is operating every Sunday from July 3rd to September 4th.

Unusual Workings

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

5.6-3022 CR noted on a private hire excursion to Stansted Airport for the visit of the U.S. Space Shuttle; 3027 DT operated a private hire journey to London.

13.6-1054 DT operated an excursion from Harwich to Clacton and return.

14.6-1419 DT noted on service 53.

16.6-3061 DT operated the 2024 hrs. rail journey from Harwich to Manningtree and 2201 hrs. return journey to replace a failed D.M.U.

18.6-Members may be interested in observations of vehicles at Basildon (Bus Station) on express and Highwayman services. A full list is as follows :- 1110 SE - service 133; 1117 BD - service 136; 1411 SD - service 184; 1114 SD - service 801; 1407 SD - service 804; 1212 MN - service 809; 1205 BE - service 820; 1406 CN - service 821; 1120 BS - service 822; 1111 CR - service 823; 1118 BD - service 824; 1202 DT - service 825; Southern Vectis 300 - service 826; 1115 SD - service 827.

20.6-1834 CN noted on loan to BD replacing 1840 BD which was at CN for heater modifications.

24.6-1121 CF noted on National Express service 109; 1410 SD noted on service 809; 3045 DT (P) operated the 1704 hrs. rail journey from Harwich to Manningtree and 1738 hrs. return journey to replace a failed D.M.U.; Southern Vectis 300 noted on National Express service 083, and this vehicle returns to the Isle of Wight by operating Highwayman service 826 (see also above).

25.6-1052 MN and 1055 BD noted at SD depot; 1787 BD noted on loan to CN, whilst 1834 CN remained at BD and was noted on service 226; 1895 SD observed on services 31 and 38; 1901 DT failed at Great Oakley, and was subsequently towed to CR; 1937 SD noted on National Express service 109; 3045 DT (P) noted on services 106 and 126.

26.6-1415 CN operated a private hire journey to the Sudbury Old Tyme Steam Rally; 3091 BD, 3108 CF and 3111 CF noted on a rail replacement service from Tilbury to Pitsea.

28.6-1770 SD noted on service 58.

30.6-3005 HH operated a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster; 3095 CR noted on services 91 and 119; Southend Transport 223 noted at Barking Station.

2.7-1110 SE noted on National Express service 084; 1414 BD noted at MN depot; 1797 BD observed on Clacton area services; 1874 BN noted on service 400; 1927 MN failed at CN on service 119, and was replaced by 1911 CN - 1927 MN was later noted on services 101, 106, 108, 109 and 126. Essex Cubs held a Fun Day at the Towerlands Equestrian Centre, Braintree and vehicles noted on private hire duties were 1303 SD, 1915 CF, 3050 CR, 3078 CF, 3079 MN, 3080 CF, 3083 SD, 3120 BN and 4000 SD; Colchester Transport 87 and 90; Southend Transport 233; London Country AN256 (GY).

3.7-1797 BD returned from CN to BD, and was replaced at CN by 1846 with 1834 staying on loan to BD; 3099, 3103 and 3107 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Tilbury to Pitsea.

5.7-1764 MN observed on Clacton area services; 1834 CN (on loan to BD) noted on service 351; 1926 HD noted on service 321.
6.7-Southend Transport 371 noted on service 63, and this service is now licensed for open-top working replacing the clause previously included in the licence for service 62.
7.7-1810 BD noted on service 119.
8.7-1920 HH operated a private hire journey to Bassingbourn; Southend Transport 372 noted on a service 7 schools journey.
9.7-1304 SD noted at Bristol; 1770 SD noted at Braintree (Bus Park); 3085 HH operated a private hire journey to Southminster, with 3109 HH operating a similar journey to London.
10.7-1051 BE noted on service 321; 1412 CN noted on National Express service 086; 3085/97, 3103/7 (all HH) operated a rail replacement service form Pitsea to Upminster.
13.7-1760 BD noted on service 119; 3067 BN noted at Maldon on service 237.

Allocations & Transfers - Correction

In this month's Allocations & Transfers as printed on page 1 of this news sheet, fleet number 1540 is the vehicle re-allocated from BS (P) to CN (P).

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

The only news to report this month is that Leyland Atlanteans 59 and 63 are the latest vehicles to be repainted in the new livery style; 59 was repainted during June and 63 during May.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles On Hire

Colchester Transport 101 (DHK101T) was returned to Colchester on June 25th, and on July 9th two Leicester City Transport coaches were hired for an initial period of two weeks. The vehicles are as follows :-

Leicester Fleet No. 12 PJF 12R Leyland Leopard PSU3D/4R Willowbrook C49F
Leicester Fleet No. 13 PJF 13R Leyland Leopard PSU3D/4R Willowbrook C49F

These vehicles are in red and white livery with Gibson fleetnames, and they are operating duplicate X1 journeys. Both vehicles carry external advertisements for the new City Flyer (Blackpool-Dover) service, and they have been fitted with Southend destination blinds.

General

Leyland Leopard 212 (CHA443K) was loaned to Reliance Coaches of Benfleet from June 27th to July 1st. Van Hool Astromega 243 (JEV243Y) attended the Cardiff Rally on June 26th, and the Open Day at London Transport's Chiswick Works on July 2nd, where it was accompanied by open-top Daimler Fleetline 371 which operated tours to Heathrow.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

1609 (GVW979H) - Now confirmed as passing to Williams & Lewis, Blaina, prior to dealer, Barnsley (see also NS223/31).
2817 (HEV995B) - Now reported as with Lager Kitchens (N-PSV), by -/83.
2825 (JHK460C) - Breaker, Carlton, by 11/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.

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