

NEWS SHEET NUMBER 197August 1980EDITORIALCoventry Coach Tour - Sunday, October 5

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please book seats as early as possible to avoid disappointment - our tours are very popular! Will members please also note the new address of the Tours Organiser, which is included on the booking form.

London - Stansted Airport Tickets

These tickets have kindly been supplied to the Group by Lea Valley Coaches Ltd, Bishop's Stortford. They are £0-70p adult single tickets for the above mentioned service (X60) which was operated jointly by Eastern National, Biss Bros. and Dons Coaches. About 50 tickets in all are available. These will be supplied gratis by the Administrative Officer (37, Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 3DZ) upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Essex County Council Timetables

Stocks of Essex County Council timetables are now exhausted. However, a new series of E.C.C. timetables is now in course of preparation in connection with the Eastern National service revisions scheduled to be introduced on September 7th, and stocks of these new timetables will be advertised as soon as they become available.

Photographic Competition 1980

Members are reminded that the 1980 Photographic Competition will be held at the October meeting in Southend. Postal entries will be accepted as in 1979 and further details will be published in next month's news sheet.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Some sales of vehicles currently Delicensed for Disposal (D/L (D)) can be expected in the near future.

Allocations & Transfers

8.80 1203 CR-DT, 1209 BD-CF, 1213 DT-CR, 1549 CN-CF and subsequently CF-BD, 1553 CF-CN, 1910 SD-D/L, 2812 CF-CR, 2843 CR-D/L (D), 2898 SD (Driver Training Vehicle)-D/L, 3019 BE-CF, 3048 CF-MN, 3051 MN-BE, 3053 SD-D/L.

August has been a relatively quiet month for vehicle re-allocations. A further Bristol FLF6G (2843) has been delicensed for disposal and has been replaced at CR by 2812 from CF. 1553 was transferred from CF to CN for towing work being replaced at CF by 1549. At the end of August 1549 was transferred to BD and CF received Bedford YMT 1209. The Golden Jubilee VRT (3048) has spent August at MN with 3019 being transferred back to CF and 3051 moving from MN to BE as part of this transfer.

A complete fleet allocation, not including the transfers of 1209 and 1549 (to BD) which occurred at the end of August, appears on page 2.

Re-built Vehicle

The conversion of Bristol FLF6B 2863 (RHK348D) (now 2301) to FLF6G has not previously been recorded in the news sheet. This vehicle received the Gardner engine from 2761 (RWC602) in September-October 1978.

Vehicles on Hire

Open-top Bristol FLF6Gs 2300-3 are at present on hire to Southend Transport (see below) for operation on service 67. The vehicles continue to be maintained by Eastern National.

Other Vehicle Notes

Two further Leyland National 2s reported with luggage racks are 1925/6, and 1929/32 are reported without luggage racks.

EASTERN NATIONAL fleet allocation - August 1980, including transfers listed in this news sheet.

Basildon (BN) : 1500/13/4/38/45/8/50/1/4 1704/9/11-7/23/32/6/8/40-2/6/55/63/7
 1772/6/86/94/5 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7/8/9/52-4/74/7-80/83/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6/7-9
 1918/9/22/34 3008/10/6/34/67/8/74/5 (77)
 Bishops Stortford (BS) : 1000-4 1217 1914/6 3005/23/36/41/7 (13)
 Braintree (BE) : 1200/5 1542 1731/48/77 1813/57/63/82 1902/29/30/2 2853/9
 3001/4/43/6/51/6/63 (23)
 Brentwood (BD) : 1202/9/16 1510/1/7/24/30/1/5/40/3 1754/60/85/96/7 1809/10/23
 1837-40/5/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 2906/16 3021 (36)
 Chelmsford (CF) : 1509/16/49 1610 1718/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2/4/5/11/5/9/27
 1829/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/85/97/9 1905/15 2814/6/23/6/31/3-5/45/51/4/6/7
 2875/7/85-7/9/90 2905/19/26 3017/9/29/33/5 (67)
 Clacton (CN) : 1210/4 1415/8/9 1505/6/8/19/20/3/6/7/9/32/53 1608 1751/6/68
 1769/79/80/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 2382-4 2819/22/41/2/60/4 3003/31 (43)
 Colchester (CR) : 1100-3 1207/13/5 1414 1503/7/12/28 1609 1724/89/90/3 1816
 1828/65/72/88/92 1923/8/35/6 2812/27/8/74 2913 3022/32/50 (35)
 Hadleigh (HH) : 1518/37/41/6 1719/25/6/33/7/43/53/7/65/84 1817/21/35/64/71/90
 1900/25 2896/7/9 2900/7/9/10/22/4/5/43/4 3014/20/45/60/1 (39)
 Halstead (HD) : 1206 1405 1544 1759/82 1924/6 3058/9/66 (10)
 Harwich (DT) : 1203/4/8 1501/21/2 1761/81/3 1901/20 3000/27 (13)
 Maldon (MN) : 1201/12 1403/12/3 1525/39 1722/8/50/8/64 1806/31/3 1921/7/31
 3015/30/8/40/8/9 (24)
 Prittlewell (PL) : 1400-2/6-11/6/7 (11)
 Silver End (SE) : 1211 1404 1534/6 1727/39/45/9 1812/61/2 3037/9/55 (14)
 Southend (SD) : 1504/33/47/52 1735/44/7/66/70/3/87/8/98/9 1807/14/36/68/73/5
 1893-5 2300-3 2884/8/91-5 2901-4/18/20/1/3/7/9/30/1/46 3007/11-3/24-6/8/42/4/52
 3054/62/4/5/70-3 (66)
 Wood Green (WG) : 2908/11/2/4/5/7 3057/69/75 (9)
 Central Works Docking Spares (CF-CWDS) : 1515 1700-2/5/7/8/10 1824 1917 2809
 3002/18 (13)
 Prittlewell Works Docking Spares (SD-PLDS) : 1502 1720/1/9 2945 3006/9 (7)
 Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) : 2849 (1)
 Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L) : 1910 2898 3053 (3)
 Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D)) : 1340/7/61 1423/34/40/3/5-8/51 2379 2752/3/71-6
 2778/81/3/4/90/1/5-9 2801/2/4-8/13/5/7/8/21/4/5/32/7/43/4/52 2928/36/9/40 9004/56

Notes - Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Great Dunmow outstation (DW) - 1 dd omo, and Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 5 sd. 1707 and 1917 are accident pool vehicles.

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

Allocations of D/L (D) Vehicles - by personal observation

BE - 2781 2817 2936, CF - 2804/32 2939, CW - 2771, CR - 2815, SE - 2843,
 CN - 1440/8 2784 2806/8, HD - 2783/99 2825/52, WG - 2772.

General

Further information on the proposed allocation of the Golden Jubilee VRT (3048) to each of the Company's depots during the coming year is now available. Currently at MN, it will move to HD in September, CR in October, CN and DT in November and SD in December. In 1981 the vehicle will be allocated to BS in January, BD in February, BN in March, HH in April, SE in May, BE in June and finally to WG in July. Amongst the special events which the vehicle will attend is the Centenary of Public Transport in Ipswich on October 18th and 19th.

An interesting example of Eastern National assistance to Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. was noted on Saturday, July 26th. The 1145 hrs. service 081 departure from Victoria Coach Station to Felixstowe was formed by Grey-Green Bedford YMT XYK745T. This failed at Chelmsford and was replaced by Eastern National Bristol REEL 1549, which worked through to Felixstowe and which formed the 1550 hrs. return journey being replaced at Chelmsford by another Grey-Green Bedford. Grey-Green XYK745T was noted later in the day at Gidea Park having failed again on its journey back to North London.

A recent re-allocation of one of the ex-Eastern National Bristol FLF6Gs with Alexander (Northern) is NRD4 (RWC943D) from Montrose (M) to Elgin (E). There are now two of the FLFs at Elgin and none at Montrose.

Service Revisions

It is understood that the service revisions for which the Company have recently applied, and which were listed in last month's news sheet, were approved by the Traffic Commissioners during late July and that the revised services will be introduced on Sunday, September 7th.

Applications for service revisions during the last month have been as follows :-

Stage Services

- 31 Summer Sundays-additional journeys.
- 101 Winter Sundays-two additional journeys.
- 149 Revised timetable.
- 235 Weekdays-one minor timetable change, and one additional journey on Schooldays.
- 239/260 Revised terminal for four journeys to be Little Warley, Greyhound P.H.
- 251 Schooldays-two journeys to be withdrawn.

Express Services

Application has been made to introduce a surcharge on Single and Day Return fares only on services operated jointly with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd., Grey-Green Coaches Ltd., and Norfolk Motor Services Ltd. The Economy Return Fares on express services, which have recently been proposed, will be available on services 119/120/122/123/124/125/126/128/131/132/133/134/136/182/183/191.

Application has also been made to introduce the following new express service :-

- 129 South Ockendon (The Green) - Great Yarmouth (Beach Coach Station)
via Aveley, Belhus, Basildon and Billericay - to operate Saturdays only
from 24.5.80-20.9.80

Short term licences have been granted by the Traffic Commissioners for the new express services noted in last month's news sheet (131, 132 and 134 Ramsgate-Walton-on-Naze) which have replaced the previous express services 131, 132 and 134.

Other revisions proposed for express services are as follows :-

- 182 Walton-on-Naze (Coach Park) / Felixstowe (Docks)-Cheltenham (Coach Station)
- revised Summer timetable.
- 183 Ipswich (Grey-Green Coach Station) - Cheltenham (Coach Station) - revised Summer timetable and revised Winter timetable for 1980/81, with additional fares to be introduced between Colchester and Ipswich.

The Company's licence for express service 088 (Clacton, Butlins Holiday Camp - Hemsby, Pontins Holiday Camp) has not been renewed.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS196 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-

August 3rd : 1701 at CN, 1702 at HH, 1730 at BN, 1804 at CR, 1811 at BN and 3017 at CN. 1850 was at Great Dunmow (outstation), 1805 and 3002 were at Prittlewell Works and 1610 was on private hire work on this date.

August 10th : 1701 at CN, 1708 at SD, 1730 at BN, 1804 at CR, 1811 at BN, 1829 at CR, 1850 at SD and 3017 at CN. 1805 and 3002 were at Prittlewell Works and 1610 and 3019 were on private hire work on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan from Harwich (DT) during July were as follows :- 1.7-all DT vehicles were at Harwich; 2.7-1501 to CN with broken windscreen; 5.7-1751 replacing 1783; 7.7-1505 replacing 1521, 1526 replacing 1501; 8.7-1783 returned from CN; 10.7-1803 replacing 1901; 12.7-1901 returned from CN; 14.7-1501 returned from CN; 16.7-1549 replacing 1522; 19.7-1783 developed a fault at Colchester and was replaced by 1507; 21.7-1751 replacing 1781 and 1522 returned from CN; 22.7-1521 returned from CN; 23.7-1783 returned from CR and then to CN for inspection, and was replaced by 1781; 23.7-1204 to CN for coach work during the Summer; 26.7-1768 replacing 3000 for body dock and repaint at Central Works; 28.7-1529 replacing 1501; 31.7-1532 replacing 1529 CN.

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

12.7-2853 BE on loan to HD and used on services 310-3.

15.7-1100 CR on service 351 - almost certainly the first occasion that a LH has appeared on this service.

16.7-1507 CR on service 124 (normally operated by a LH).

- 16.7-1213 DT on loan to East Kent for Harwich to Folkestone express service and return to replace East Kent VJG474J which developed a fault at Harwich.
- 22.7-1208 DT on loan to National Travel East for express service 355 from Harwich to Sheffield and return to replace OKY54R which failed at Harwich.
- 23.7-Southend Transport 208 on service 251.
- 24.7-1538 BN on 2002 hrs. Wood Green to Southend service 251 journey.
- 25.7-1516 CF on 0937 hrs. Chelmsford to Southend service 11 journey.
- 26.7-1.8-3004 BE on loan to HD.
- 26.7-3067 BN (dual-purpose vehicle) on service 2.
- 26.7-Southend Transport 388 on service 251.
- 27.7-1709 BN on a private journey at Leigh.
- 27.7-Southend Transport 205 on service 251 - it is understood that Southend Transport vehicles on this service only proceed to and from Rawreth, Carpenters Arms roundabout.
- 29/30.7-1609 CR on loan to BE and operated on services 325 and 331.
- 29.7-3058 HD on service 57.
- 30.7-3048 CF (Golden Jubilee VRT) on service 56A; 3058 HD on service 152.
- 1.8-Cleveland Transit 400 (CVN400T) noted at Central Works.
- 3.8-1540 BD on service 251; 2913 CR (and also on 8.8) on loan to BE and operated on services 70 and 311.
- 4.8-1543 BD noted at Gants Hill on service 251 with one-man-operation.
- 4.8-Southend Transport open-top 373 on service 62; Southend Transport 224 on service 22.
- 6.8-2303 SD (on hire to Southend Transport) on service 68.
- 6.8-1500 BN (normally used for driver training) on service 251.
- 7.8-2913 CR noted on loan to HD, and used on services 310-3.
- 8.8-3043 BE noted on loan to CR replacing 2913 (see above).
- 9.8-Southend Transport 382 hired to Crown Coaches, Benfleet for private hire work.
- 10.8-1933 BD noted on 1847 hrs. service 251 journey from Southend (first observed working of this vehicle on service 251).
- 10.8-2382 officially allocated to CN but carrying SD depot code plates noted acting as a publicity vehicle and seating area at the Essex v Hampshire John Player League cricket match at Chelmsford. This vehicle is at present only being used for special events and is generally parked at the coach depot at Prittlewell (PL).
- 10.8-Southend Transport 207 noted on service 251.
- 11.8-3048 MN noted on service 31 - this vehicle is operating mainly on services 31 and 91 during its present stay at MN.
- 12.8-1515 CF-CWDS noted operating for MN on service 36; 2919 CF noted on service 56.
- 13.8-1813 BE noted in Southend (SD) depot - this vehicle had entered Central Works by 22.8.
- 15.8-1702 CF noted on service 25; 1732 BN (newly repainted at Central Works) noted on service 4B.
- 16.8-1805 CF noted in PL Yard newly repainted from Prittlewell Works.
- 17.8-Southend Transport 393 hired to Crown Coaches, Benfleet for private hire work;
- 1504 SD noted on service 402 to Dartford in place of the more usual Leyland National.

Amongst other news of vehicle movements, Eastern National's most successful rally entrant, Bristol FLF6G 2849 (NTW942C), is currently Licensed Waiting Allocation (LWA) and since the Southend Bus Rally on June 1st has been stored at Hadleigh (HH) depot. A number of vehicles have recently been involved in accidents, 1910 and 3053 from SD depot and both now delicensed with 3053 scheduled to be repainted into standard livery after repairs have been completed, together with 3012 also from SD depot and 3057 from Wood Green (WG). Of these vehicles 1910 and 3053 are at Prittlewell Works and the others are at Central Works. As a correction to last month's notes concerning 2817 and 2852, it should be noted that 2817 did carry BE depot code plates from 30.4.80-31.5.80, and that HD code plates were removed from 2852 on 14.6.80 with this vehicle not receiving BE code plates and continuing to operate from HD. 3066 was also first operated from HD on 13.6.80 on services 310-3 and not 19.6.80.

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 NS196 :-

- July : w/e 11.7.80-1833 at CW.
 w/e 18.7.80-1818 at PL.
 w/e 25.7.80-1102 at PL, 1519 at CW, 1834 at CW.
- August : w/e 1.8.80-No vehicles repainted.
 w/e 8.8.80-1819 at CW, 2916 at PL.
 w/e 15.8.80-1732 at CW, 1805 at PL, 1814 at PL.
 w/e 22.8.80-1524 at PL.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

88	RVW 88W	Leyland AN68A/1 - - - - -	E.C.W.	H43/31F - - - - -
89	RVW 89W	Leyland AN68A/1 - - - - -	E.C.W.	H43/31F - - - - -
90	RVW 90W	Leyland AN68A/1 - - - - -	E.C.W.	H43/31F - - - - -

The chassis and body numbers of these vehicles together with dates of delivery will be published as soon as they become available. All three vehicles entered service on August 1st.

Withdrawn Vehicles

Leyland Atlanteans 50 and 52 are reported as withdrawn and dates of withdrawal will be published when they become available. On May 30th Atlantean 46 (WEV746F) was noted at the premises of Hunting Ltd., Lowestoft, who appear to do some work for Eastern Coach Works, and it was unofficially reported that 46 is in the process of conversion to a driver training vehicle. All other Leyland Atlanteans were noted in service during July, with the exception of 51 (AVX 51G) which is delicensed.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The official chassis designation of Leyland Leopards 205-8 is PSU3E/4R. This has been confirmed by a check with Leyland records, which show that the vehicles were at one stage intended to be of the new PSU3F/4R designation. The standing capacity has not yet been confirmed.

The next batch of 12 Leyland Fleetlines will displace the remaining Leyland PD3s and 209 (GJN509D). Upon their arrival it is also reported that Daimler Fleetlines 386/7 (JTD386/7P) will become driver training vehicles. With the conversion of Leyland Leopards 215/7/8 to semi-automatic gearboxes the Southend Transport fleet will be composed totally of automatic gearchange vehicles following the proposed withdrawals.

Vehicles On Hire

Eastern National open-top Bristol FLF6Gs 2300-3 are on hire to Southend Transport for operation on service 67. The full timetable for this service is being operated (see NS196) and this requires three of the vehicles. The vehicles are being stored at the Southend Transport depot during the period of hire, although maintenance is carried out by Eastern National at their London Road depot.

General

Withdrawn open-top Leyland PD3s 311-4 are currently stored at the Tickfield Road works. Daimler Fleetlines 370-3/86/7 have been fitted with Tachographs for private hire work.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS195)

- 358 (13 DLY) - Bryn Alyn Community, Caergwrle (N-PSV), 9/75, ex. Hammer, Wrexham; Breaker, 10/78, ex. Bryn Alyn Community, Caergwrle (N-PSV).
- 380 (VYO 767) - Bonner, Fyfield, 3/80, ex. Jennings & Caten, Leigh, (reported as still C39F, see also NS172).
- 2710 (90 TVX) - Now at Greater Manchester Transport Museum; owned by Johnson, Stockport (previously of Durham City) (see also NS172).
- 2878 (SVX277D) - Dealer, Middlesbrough, 2/80, ex. Alexander (Midland), MRD204.
- 2881 (UEV219E) - Dealer, Middlesbrough, 2/80, ex. Alexander (Midland), MRD207; Exported to Belgium, 3/80, ex. Dealer, Middlesbrough.
- 1604 (BN0105B) - Dealer, Coltishall, 12/77, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. (for spares). Later to Breaker, Carlton, 2/80.
- 1611 (AVX961B) - Dealer, Coltishall, 2/78, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. (for spares).
- 2840 (LWC666C) - Dealer, Coltishall, 2/80, ex. Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., FLM420.

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