

EDITORIALHistory of United Counties - Part 6

This volume in the illustrated history of United Counties series deals exclusively with the acquisition of the Midland area of the Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd. in May 1952. A fleet list, allocation, list of services with route maps and a description of the vehicles and premises acquired is given with copious illustrations. A fitting tribute to the loss of the Midland area, the book is highly recommended. Copies may be obtained from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.) at a price of £2.75 (which includes postage).

Showbus 82 Rally - Sunday, September 5th.

This rally is being held at Woburn Abbey on Sunday, September 5th, and the Group's sales stand will be present with a range of publications, photographs and other items. A free bus service to the rally will operate from Aylesbury Station.

ECOS British Bus Weekend - Sunday, September 12th.

This rally is being held over two days (September 11/12th) at the Royal Norfolk Showground, Costessey, Norwich. The Group's sales stand will be present on Sunday, September 12th and our full range of sales items will be available.

The 'Southend Busman'

Will members please note that there is not an August edition of the 'Southend Busman'. The next edition (No. 51) will be published in September and will be distributed with next month's news sheet.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

1302	LLT343V	Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R	7902393	Duple C53F	033/5158	New 3.80
1303	LLT344V	Leyland Leopard PSU3E/4R	7902441	Duple C53F	033/5159	New 3.80

Acquired 7.82

These two coaches have been acquired from Arlington Motors Ltd., Potters Bar, and they were previously owned by Fox, Hayes. The vehicles were delivered to Central Works on July 19th, and were then quickly repainted into the latest style of coach livery before entering service at CF (1302) and SD (1303) at the end of July.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Further news of recently withdrawn vehicles is that the four Bristol LH6L's (1100-3) sold to Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. are in the process of being repainted into Hedingham & District livery by Eastern National at Central Works. 1100 was noted at Central Works in Hedingham & District livery on Friday, August 13th. Other news (again kindly supplied by Mr. W.N. Barlow, Chairman of the Crosville Enthusiasts Club) is also available regarding the Bristol VRT's sold to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. At least another three vehicles have been noted in service; DVG555 (SMS 34H) and DVG562 (SMS 43H) are now both at Caernarfon, although it is possible that these vehicles are only on loan for the duration of the peak summer period, whilst DVG559 (SMS 38H) was noted on service between Bangor and Holyhead on August 17th. The engine has been removed from 3044 (LFS295F) at Sealand Road Works, Chester, and this vehicle has now been moved to the vehicle disposal area at the Works and will presumably not enter Crosville service.

A number of former Eastern National vehicles were present at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet during early August. The vehicles concerned were 2301 (RHK348D), 2302 (MVX885C), 2775 (988 K00), 2783 (934 LWC), 2804 (BVX680B), 2825 (JHK460C) and 2940 (KN0949C).

Allocations & Transfers

8.82 1054 DT-BE, 1302 Acquired Vehicle-CF, 1303 Acquired Vehicle-SD, 1406 SD-CN, 1407 CN-SD, 1414 SE-CN, 1416 CF-SE, 1512 CR-D/L (P), 1522 BN (P)-D/L (P), 1524 CN (P)-PL (P), 1552 BE (P)-CR, 1783 DT-SE, 3014 BN (P)-D/L (P), 3016 BN (P)-D/L (P), 3021 SD-CF, 3037 SE-SD, 3045 SD (P)-D/L (P), 3065 D/L-SD.

The above re-allocations include the movement of two vehicles (1054 and 1783) from DT and the allocation at that depot has now been reduced to 10 vehicles. 1054 was transferred to BE on July 25th, whilst 1783 moved to SE on July 23rd. Additionally, the loan of 1101 BD (P) (and since sold) to DT ended on July 23rd when the vehicle was moved to Central Works. Five vehicles (1512/22, 3014/6/45) are now Delicensed Pool vehicles, and it is understood that the one Licensed Pool vehicle at PL (1524) remained at CN for Summer season work during August. 3018 and 3047 have been transferred to normal Pool duties at SD, and there are now no vehicles classified as Pool vehicles on special duties.

A full fleet allocation is published on page 7 of this news sheet.

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 NS220 :-

July : w/e 17.7 - 1791 at CW.
w/e 31.7 - 1302 at CW, 1303 at CW.
August : w/e 7.8 - 3065 at CW.

General

Recent news from the Braintree and Halstead area is that 1552 BE (P) (and now allocated to CR) operated from HD during the period July 9th-15th. 3019 BE also operated from HD from July 10th to July 17th, and operated on service 311 on July 12th and July 17th. Other fairly unusual vehicles noted on this service during recent weeks have included 3004 BE on July 22nd, 1863 BE on July 27th and 1544 HD on August 6th. Amongst the last reports of the Bristol LH6L's being noted in service were two interesting sightings on July 14th. 1100 BS (P) was noted on service 344, and 1103 BE (P) was noted on service 314; this was the last occasion that 1103 was noted in service from BE.

Two additional vehicles (3109/20) have now been fitted with tachographs, and this updates the information previously published in NS212.

Members may be interested to know details of some of the contracts operated during the recent rail strike. The main contract work was for Overseas Containers Ltd. (OCL) and involved nine vehicles operating from the following depots :- BD-1, BN-1, CF-1, CR-1, HH-2 and SD-3. Wherever possible coaches were used on this contract, although in some cases Leyland National vehicles were used. Additional contracts were operated from CF (Bank of Scotland), CR (Bank of Canada) and SD (T. Miller & Sons).

Service Developments

The Company has published a new range of Explorer leaflets, which have been updated and amended to include details of current Summer season services, and these are available from the Company's offices.

A new timetable leaflet has also been published for service 68 (Southend Sea Front open-top service), and a round trip fare of £1.00 is available on this service, which is operated normally by Southend Transport's open-top Daimler Fleetlines. Also at Southend, a new low cost Family Ticket has been introduced for travel within the Southend & District Joint Services area. The ticket is now available and is priced at £2.15 (for one adult and up to two children) or £2.65 (for two adults and up to two children) and is available after 1800 hrs. on Mondays to Fridays, all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays and on services throughout the day during August.

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

36 - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys to be introduced, and one timetable revision. Saturdays : two minor timetable changes.

- 44A/B - Weekdays : two evening journeys to operate via Chignall Estate with a revised route for these journeys.
- 53 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 74 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 74B - Service to operate via Coach Road and Alresford Crossroads with revised timetable.
- 102 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to operate direct between Thorrington and St. Osyth, and not via Great Bentley.
- 106 - Schooldays : one additional journey to be introduced.
- 108 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn, and one additional journey to be introduced.
- 111 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn. Schooldays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 112 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn. Schooldays : one journey to be withdrawn. Two additional journeys to be introduced on Mondays to Fridays.
- 123 - Saturdays : two journeys to be withdrawn. Schooldays : one journey to operate via Thorpe School.
- 158 - NEW SERVICE to operate from Basildon (Bus Station) to Stanford-Le-Hope (Victoria Road) over the same route as service 155 to The Sorrells, thence via Corringham Road, The Green and Church Hill in Stanford-Le-Hope. One journey to operate on Schooldays from Vange (Five Bells P.H.) to Stanford-Le-Hope (Victoria Road), and one journey to operate on Mondays to Fridays from Stanford-Le-Hope (Victoria Road) to Basildon (Bus Station) replacing a service 155 journey.
- 229 - Schooldays : two additional journeys to be introduced between Basildon (Bus Station) and Noak Bridge, and two minor timetable changes to journeys operating when schools are closed.
- 303 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 304 - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys to be introduced.
- 331/2 - Revised route via Wethersfield Air Base, (see NS220).
- 335 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 347 - Mondays to Fridays : one additional journey to be introduced.
- 350 - Mondays to Fridays : three journeys to be extended to/from Warley (Eagle Way). This revision was introduced from August 9th.
- 351 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be extended to Warley (Eagle Way). This revision was also introduced from August 9th.
- 353 - Mondays to Fridays : one additional journey to be introduced.
- 505 - Fridays only : four journeys to be withdrawn, and one additional journey to be introduced.
- 520 - One additional journey to operate on Schooldays, and one minor timetable change and route revision to one journey operating on Mondays to Fridays.
- 546 - Mondays to Fridays : two journeys to operate via Great Knightleys and not via Uppermayne.
- 547 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to operate via Uppermayne.
- 548 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn. Fridays only : two journeys to be withdrawn and be replaced by one additional journey.
- 549 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be extended to Vange (Bardfield), and one journey to be extended to Basildon (Bus Station).
- 701 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 726 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 805 - Revised timetable

Other proposed revisions to stage services will involve minor timetable changes to services 95A, 97, 97A and 309. Short term licences have been granted for services 11E, 53E and 70E (see NS220) from July 25th to January 24th, 1983.

Proposed changes to express services will affect certain journeys on services 081, 083 and 084 and will incorporate additional picking up and setting down points at East Bergholt, Lexden, Witham and Springfield.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during July were 1053, 1207, 1512/7/21, 1892 and 3001. Additionally, 2200 CF was also on loan

from July 29th for a private hire contract. An extremely interesting loan occurred from July 26th to July 30th when a Royal Blue Plaxton-bodied Leyland Leopard, 2434 (LDV174P), operated from DT. The coach was used on excursions on July 26th/27th/29th and on National Express services on July 28th/30th before moving to CR on July 30th, being replaced at DT by 1202 DT (which had been at CR since July 23rd). The Royal Blue coach was on loan to Eastern National from July 24th to August 6th and was replacing a failed Bristol RELH6L (1418).

Unusual Workings

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

- 16.6-1101 BD (P), 1203 BD, 1524 BN (P), 3014 BD (P) and 3128 BE noted at Chelmsford on a rail replacement service to Shenfield and Witham. 1507 was noted parked at Chelmsford Bus Stn. on this date, possibly awaiting collection after sale.
- 28.6-3016 SD (P) noted on service 400; 3072 SD noted on National Express service 109.
- 29.6-3104 SD noted at Victoria on National Express service 109.
- 30.6-3072/89 (both SD) noted on National Express service 109.
- 5.7-3018 SD (P), 3025 SD and 3073 SD all noted on the 1400 hrs. service 400 journey from Kings Cross.
- 7.7-3085 HH and 4000 SD noted at Victoria on private hire work.
- 9.7-3021 SD noted on National Express service 109.
- 10.7-1055 BD and 1057 BS both noted on National Express services at Colchester. Also of interest was the sighting of East Staffs. D.C. 1 (221 BTP) and 4 (220 BTP) (on hire to Grey-Green) on National Express services to/from Clacton.
- 12.7-1301 CR noted at Flint on National Express service 854 between North Wales and London.
- 13.7-3025 SD, 3034 SD and 3047 SD (P) noted on National Express service 109; 3045 SD (P) noted on service 400.
- 14.7-1711 BN seen on an OCL contract (and again on 15.7 and 16.7).
- 15.7-1408 SD (on loan to HH) and 1928 HH seen on OCL contract work (and again on 16.7).
- 16.7-1206 HD noted on an excursion to R.H.S. Wisley Gardens; 1404 SD noted on Highwayman service 803; 3014 BN (P) noted on a duplicate service 2 journey; 3025 SD and 3045 SD (P) seen on National Express service 109; 3106 CF seen on an ASDA service at Wickford.
- 17.7-1100 BS (P) (and since sold to Hedingham & District) noted at CR depot; 1200 BE, 1203 BD and 1215 CR noted on National Express services at Colchester, and 1051 BE noted on service 095 at Victoria; 1547 HH noted on service 151; 1938 SD and 3047 SD (P) noted on National Express service 109; 3016 BN (P), 3036 SD, 3047 SD (P) and 3117 BN all noted on service 400; 3085 HH operated a private hire trip to Chalfont St. Giles; 3121 SD noted on service 402; ST 204 (on hire to Grey-Green) noted on National Express service 083 at Victoria.
- 19.7-1301 CR noted on National Express service 854 from Caernarfon to London; 3126 CF noted on service 42; Hedingham & District L103 (BAR103X) noted at Victoria on Highwayman service 809.
- 20.7-1524 CN (P) noted on service 19 (and again on 21.7); 3047 SD (P) noted on service 20.
- 21.7-1215 CR noted on service 344; 2200 CF seen on a journey from Althorne to N. Farnbridge.
- 22.7-1204 SD noted at South Woodham Ferrers on National Express work; 1547 HH noted on service 400; 1782 HD and 3063 BE both noted on local schools services in Braintree displaying service number 410; 1861 SE noted on service 70.
- 23.7-1902 BE noted on service 53.
- 24.7 and 25.7-The Wickford-Southminster branch line was closed due to the construction of a pedestrian subway at South Woodham Ferrers. A substitute bus service was operated mainly by Eastern National vehicles, and 3014 BN (P) and 3051 MN were two vehicles used on 24.7.
- 24.7-3020 CF noted at BS depot displaying service number 49; 3021 SD on service 11A was replaced at Chelmsford by 3037 SE in order to re-allocate these vehicles to their new depots (see above); 3045 SD (P) noted on service 400; 3085 HH noted on a private hire working to Kew Gardens.
- 25.7-1939 CF seen on new service 53E.
- 26.7-1515 (sold vehicle) noted still at SE together with 1783 (see under Temporary Loans); 3016 BN (P) noted on a duplicate service 400 journey; 3018 SD (P) seen on service 17; 3115 BE seen on new service 11E.
- 27.7-1818 BN noted on a duplicate service 400 journey; 3123 SE noted on service 70.
- 29.7-3074 BN noted on service 153; 3112 CF noted on service 41; 3116 BN noted on service 400.

- 30.7-1202 DT (service 080), 1215 CR (service 084) and 1904 BN (private hire working) all noted at Victoria Coach Stn.; 1303 SD noted on National Express service 126 on its first day in service; 1938 SD noted on National Express service 109.
- 31.7-1302 CF noted at SD depot; 1711 BN noted on a duplicate service 400 journey; 1741 BN noted on service 401; 3055 SE, 3056 BE and 3063 BE all noted at Gosfield on a private hire working; 4000 SD noted on service 11A; United Counties 947 noted at Westcliff Sea Front and also at SD depot.
- 1.8-1204 SD replaced Southern Vectis 432 on a National Holidays tour to the Isle of Wight. The Southern Vectis coach was noted at HH depot on 3.8, and was still there on 17.8; 3109 HH seen on a private hire working to Thorpe Park.
- 2.8-Services in London Road, Leigh-on-Sea were diverted from 2015 hrs. to 2200 hrs. following an accident involving a ST vehicle. Journeys to Southend used Hershell Road and Eton Road, whilst journeys from Southend used Burnham Road and Hadleigh Road; 1205 BE noted on service 11E; 1830 BN noted at HH depot; ST 358 replaced a DMU for a journey on the Wickford to Southminster branch.
- 4.8-1205 BE seen on service 11E; 1527 CN noted at Chelmsford on service 53E.
- 5.8-3018/47 (both SD (P)) seen on duplicate service 400 journeys.
- 6.8-3109 HH noted on service 251.
- 7.8-1303 SD noted on National Express service 115; 1799 SD seen on service 19 (and again on 9.8).
- 8.8-1938 SD and 3070 SD seen on National Express service 109 journeys.
- 9.8-1205 BE noted on service 11E.
- 11.8-1787 SD noted on service 19.
- 12.8-ST 234/7 operated rail replacement services over sections of the Wickford to Southminster branch line following the derailment of an engineering train.
- 13.8-1204 SD noted on National Express service 109.
- 14.8-2384 D/L (D) took part in the Walton carnival and was decorated as a stage coach with two wooden cut out horses attached to the front; a decorated Bristol KSW (presumably 2383) took part in the Southend carnival on the same date together with 1546 HH and the E.N.P.G.'s FOP 429; 1504 CN (P) noted at Walton-on-Naze depot.
- 15.8-1302 CF (on loan to HH) operated an excursion to Leeds Castle from Canvey Island.
- 16.8-1211 SE noted at SD depot having worked service 11E.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

The only news to report this month is that Colchester Transport has applied for a number of service revisions, and these proposed changes will affect certain journeys on services 2 (Mondays to Fridays, Weekdays and Schooldays), 2B (Schooldays), 5/5A (Mondays to Fridays, Weekdays and Daily), 6 (Daily), 8 (Schooldays), 9A (Mondays to Fridays), 9B (Schooldays, and revised route via Harwich Road and East Bay) and 12A (Schooldays).

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

Further to last month's notes regarding the reinstated Daimler Fleetlines, there were a number of changes to the situation during late-June and July and the full position is as follows :-

- Vehicles reinstated on June 28th : 348-50/2-4/7/61/4/5/6 (this information corrects NS220).
- Vehicles withdrawn on June 30th : 348-50/2-4/7/61/6.
- Vehicles reinstated on July 5th : 348-50/2-4/7/61/6.
- Vehicles withdrawn on July 20th : 350/2-4/7/61/6.
- Vehicles withdrawn on July 24th : 348/9.

The current situation is that 348-50/2-4/7/61/6 are now withdrawn, but 364/5 remain in service and are now unlikely to be withdrawn until the refurbishment of other Daimler Fleetlines is completed (see below).

Vehicles On Hire

All of the vehicles listed in last month's news sheet as being on hire to Southend Transport have now been returned to their respective owners. The Thamesdown Transport

vehicle (FAM 1W) was returned on July 20th, the Northampton Transport vehicles (UNH 4/20L) were returned on July 24th, whilst the Ipswich Borough Transport vehicles (RGV 39/40W) were returned on July 10th as previously reported.

However, a number of extremely interesting vehicles have been on hire during recent weeks for evaluation and comparative purposes and full details are as follows :-

Fleet No. E15 FME291V Leyland-DAB articulated bus with AB55T + 65 standing bodywork. This vehicle, which was originally South Yorkshire PTE 2008, has been on loan from Ensign Bus Company, Purfleet since July 23rd. To date, the vehicle has appeared in Southend Transport service on routes 1, 4A/B, 6, 9A, 16, 18, 23/A, 25 and 29A and it is crew operated at all times.

Fleet No. E16 EFW855X Neoplan N122/3 Skyliner CH53/18DT.

This vehicle was on loan from Excelsior, Drifffield on July 29th for that day only, and operated the 0625 hrs. service X1 journey from Southend to Green Park and return, and the 1230 hrs. X1 journey from Southend to Heathrow and return.

Fleet No. E17 WUT449X Bova integral coach (with DAF running units).

This vehicle was on loan from Moseley (dealer) on August 18th, and it is understood that this hire was for that day only. The vehicle also operated various X1 journeys between Southend and Green Park/Heathrow.

General

A number of additional journeys were introduced on the X1 service from Monday, August 16th, and they will operate on Mondays to Fridays only. The additional journeys are between Southend (Central Bus Station) and Green Park Station and depart from Southend at 0530 hrs. and 0730 hrs., and from Green Park Station at 0755 hrs., 0955 hrs. and 1755 hrs. A timetable leaflet detailing these journeys is available from Southend Transport offices. Duplicate vehicles are also now operated on a number of early morning departures from Southend to Central London on Mondays to Fridays.

The planned programme of refurbishing certain older Daimler Fleetlines has now been changed, and it is understood that 374-7/9 (of the 1972 batch) will not be refurbished, and that 383 has only been repainted. Some vehicles from the 1975 batch will now be refurbished, and the vehicles concerned are 388-92/5-7. 388 is already undergoing refurbishment work at the Tickfield Road works, and upon completion this vehicle will carry an overall advertisement for Dansk Design Furniture stores.

Members may be interested to know further details of the recent express services (both during and after the rail dispute) that were operated by Southend Transport on behalf of National Travel Ltd. and W. Alexander & Sons (Northern) Ltd. The various services and vehicles operated are as follows :-

- 13.7-210 on service 203 from London to Sunderland (National Express)
 - 14.7-210 on service 203 from Sunderland to London (National Express)
 - 17.7-204 on service 083 from London to Great Yarmouth (National Express) (see also under Unusual Workings), and on service 178 from Great Yarmouth to Aberdeen (Alexander (Northern)).
 - 20.7-204 on the Alexander (Northern) service from Aberdeen to London.
 - 21.7-204 on the Alexander (Northern) service from London to Aberdeen.
 - 22.7-204 on an afternoon excursion from Aberdeen to Crathes Castle, and the second ST driver operated a return working from Aberdeen to Glasgow in Alexander (Northern) vehicle NPE63.
 - 23.7-203 on the Alexander (Northern) service from London to Aberdeen, and 204 on service 178 from Dundee to Great Yarmouth.
 - 25.7-203 on the Alexander (Northern) service from Aberdeen to London.
 - 26.7-204 on the Alexander (Northern) service from London to Aberdeen, and this vehicle returned on the same service to London on 28.7.
 - 29.7-204 on the Alexander (Northern) service from London to Aberdeen.
 - 31.7-204 on service 807 from Aberdeen to Coventry (Alexander (Northern)).
 - 7.8-209 on service 178 from Great Yarmouth to Aberdeen (Alexander (Northern)).
 - 9.8-209 on service 807 from Aberdeen to Coventry (Alexander (Northern)).
- All of the above workings were duplicate vehicles to the normal service coaches operated by Alexander (Northern).

As noted above under the Eastern National heading, a new timetable leaflet for the Summer season open-top service 68 has recently been published.

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Eastern National Fleet Allocation - August 1982

Basildon (BN) : 1550 1702(DS)/4/9/11-7/21(DS)/3/32/6/8/40-2/6/8/55/63/7/72/6/86
 1794/5 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7/9/91/6/8 1904/6-9/18/9/22/34
 3067(DS)/8/9/74/6- 3116/7/20 (72)
 Bishops Stortford (BS) : 1057/8 1532-4/41/51 1749/59 1914/6 3041 3114 (13)
 Braintree (BE) : 1051/4 1200/5 1542 1863/82 1902/24/9/30/2 3004/19(DS)/29/56/63
 3115/28 (19)
 Brentwood (BD) : 1055 1203/17 1540/3(P) 1700(DS)/22/54/60/85/96/7 1809/10/23/37-40
 1845/6/59/76/81 1903/12/3/33 3026/91-4 3100 (34)
 Chelmsford (CF) : 1209 1302 1516(DS)/49 1701(DS)/7*/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2/4/5
 1811/5/9/24(DS)/7/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/3/85/97/9 1905/15/7*/39 2200
 3002/20/1/33/5/77/8/80-2 3106/8/10-3/25/6 (63)
 Clacton (CN) : 1050 1208/16 1300 1402/6/12/4/5/8 1504(P)/11(P)/23/7/9/30(DS)/53
 1705(DS)/50/1/6/61/3/9/79/80/9/91/2 1800/3/25/6/34/58 1911 3003/31 (38)
 Colchester (CR) : 1053 1207/10/5 1301 1517/21/8/36/52 1710(DS)/90/3 1816/28/65/72
 1888/92 1923/5/35/6 3001/22/3/32/50/95 3124/7 (31)
 Hadleigh (HH) : 1546/7 1703/18/9/20(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 (38)
 Halstead (HD) : 1206 1413 1510(P)/44 1782 3048/58/9/66 3118 (10)
 Harwich (DT) : 1056 1202/13/4 1554 1901/20 3000/27/61 (10)
 Maldon (MN) : 1052/9 1201/12 1539 1708(DS)/28/64 1806/31/3 1921/7/31 3030/8
 3040/9/51/79 (20)
 Silver End (SE) : 1211 1416 1545 1745/83 1812/3/61/2 3039/55/60 3123 (13)
 Southend (SD) : 1204 1303 1400/1/3-5/7-11/7/9 1548 1724/9(DS)/44/7/66/70/3/87/8
 1798/9 1807/14/36/68/75/93-5 1910/37/8 3018(P)/24(DS)/5/8/34/6/7/47(P)/52-4/7/62/4
 3065/70-3/5/83/4/6-90/6 3101/2/4/5/19/21/2/9 4000-2 (76)
 Delicensed For Maintenance (D/L) : 1926 (1)
 Licensed Pool Vehicles (PL (P)) : 1524 (1)
 Delicensed For Disposal (D/L (D)) : 1520 2383/4 (3)
 Delicensed Pool Vehicles (D/L (P)) : 1512/22 3014/6/45 (5)

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.

1204/13/6 are at present attached to the Coaching Department.

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

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS219).

1954-1964 numbering system

1199 (FOP 429) - Eastern National Preservation Group (for preservation), 1/82, ex.
 Northern Counties Bus Preservation Group.

1441 (NWC 15) - Still with Toc H, Leigh, Lancs., 4/82. Date of acquisition was
 12/79. (additional information to NS199).

1509 (EPU190G) - Scrapped by dealer, Purfleet, 4/82.

2836 (LWC662C) - Dealer, Bracebridge Heath, 5/82, ex. Eastern Counties FLF423.

2843 (MVX880C) - Basildon District Council (N-PSV) (as playbus), 10/81. Purchased
 and converted by Essex County Council (see also NS207).

2846 (MVX883C) - Dealer, Bracebridge Heath, 5/82, ex. Eastern Counties FLF426.

2861 (RHK346D) - Noted in Monmouth, 4/82, possibly undergoing conversion to a
 caravan.

2889 (WNO977F) - Dealer, Sherburn, 10/81.

1142 (TTW 573) - The report regarding 1144 (TTW 575) should refer to this vehicle. (see
 also NS189).

1332 (1270 EV) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/82, ex. dealer, Carlton, 1/82, formerly North
 Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross, 5.

1443 (NWC 17) - Broken up by breaker, Carlton, by 9/81.

1446 (BNO116B) - Breaker, Carlton, by 9/81, ex. dealer, Carlton.

- 221/8
- 1610 (GVW980H) - Williams & Lewis, Blaina, 4/82, ex. Gwent After Care Probationary Service.
 - 2381 (WNO 482) - Abel International, Watton (N-PSV), 4/82, ex. Red Car, Norwich. The report of disposal to dealer, Swindon (see NS216) would appear to be an error.
 - 2780 (993 K00) - Now reported as broken up by dealer, Carlton, 1/82, and this conflicts with the report in NS218 that the vehicle was still in use in 2/82. Clarification required, but personal observations of vehicles at Carlton suggest that the vehicle broken up in 1/82 was 2778 (991 K00) and not 2780 (993 K00).
 - 2799 (BVX675B) - Exported to Canary Islands, 4/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
 - 2865 (RVW391D) - Noted in disposal park at Arbroath garage of Alexander (Northern), 4/82. (additional information to NS202).
 - 2866 (RVW392D) - Cumbernauld Development Corporation (N-PSV), by 8/81, ex. Alexander (Midland) SCOTMAP bus. Intended use not known.
 - 2903 (WVX530F) - Also reported as Bus Fare, Albury (N-PSV), 12/81. (additional information to NS219).

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Corrected disposal dates - original NS reference given in parentheses :-

- 1608 (GVW978H) - 12/81 (NS214).
- 1610 (GVW980H) - 12/81 (NS214).
- 2885 (WNO973F) - 12/81 (NS217).
- 2886 (WNO974F) - 12/81 (NS217).
- 3043 (LFS292F) - 9/81 (NS214).

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Allocation of fleetnumbers to vehicles sold to Crosville Motor Services (see NS219) :-

- 3005 (SMS 31H) - DVG552.
- 3008 (SMS 34H) - DVG555.
- 3009 (SMS 35H) - DVG556.
- 3012 (SMS 38H) - DVG559.
- 3013 (SMS 39H) - DVG560.
- 3015 (SMS 41H) - DVG561.
- 3017 (SMS 43H) - DVG562.
- 3046 (NAG586G) - DVG563.
- 3044 (LFS295F) - will probably only be used to provide spares.

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Details of some recent personal observations of former Eastern National vehicles are also now available, together with details of some disposals reported by other sources, and these are summarised as follows :-

- 432 (PWC339K) - Still with Morris, Swansea, 7/82, (see NS183).
- 433 (PWC340K) - Still with Morris, Swansea, 7/82, (see NS183).
- 9434 (PWC341K) - Still with Morris, Swansea, 7/82, (see NS183).
- 9435 (PWC342K) - Still with Morris, Swansea, 7/82, (see NS183).
- 9436 (PWC343K) - Still with Morris, Swansea, 7/82, (see NS183).
- 1001/2/4 (MAR776/7/9P) - Exported to Ireland, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
- 1432 (JHK456C) - Still with Silcox, Pembroke Dock, 7/82.
- 2818 (HEV996B) - Noted on loan to Ewer, London, N.16 on June 28th-29th, ex. dealer, Purfleet, but apparently not used.
- 2844 (MVX881C) - Noted at yard of Tunnel Truck Sales, Grays, 7/82, and carrying 'On hire to Harris Coaches' labels and also Harris Coaches, Grays legal lettering. Clarification required.
- 2858 (OPU823D) - Being used as driver training vehicle by South Wales Transport Co. Ltd., still in E.N. driver training livery. This vehicle was noted at Port Talbot depot, 7/82, and it can be confirmed that it carries fleet number 57.

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