

EDITORIALHampshire Coach Tour, Sunday September 24

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 !

Visit to Eastern National Central Works, Chelmsford, Saturday morning, October 7

A booking form for this visit is included with this news sheet. Please note that pre-booked participants only will be allowed on this visit.

Visit to Sudbury, Saturday afternoon, October 7

A booking form for this visit is enclosed with this news sheet. An excellent afternoon out at minimal cost which may be combined with the above event.

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :

E.P.3 Fleet list of Colchester Transport price 8p (post extra)

Orders may be sent free of postal costs with the next news sheet, or with October 7 visit confirmations.

Please note that E.P.1 is at present out of stock. Both E.P.1 and E.P.7 will be revised before the end of the year when certain fleet changes have been completed.

Vacations 1978

Will members please note that the Secretary and the Tours Organiser will both be on holiday during the period 25 August - 10 September and hence correspondence received during this period will be subject to delay.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1881	BN0671T	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05465	Leyland National	B49F
1882	BN0672T	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05467	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates : 1881 - 8.78 1882 - 8.78

Bedford YMT 1202 (BN0688T) is still outstanding. The Bedford YMT's are to be DP53F (O.M.O.) - please note corrected designation from NS172. They are equipped with a tip-up luggage seat on the front offside.

Vehicles on Order

The fleet numbers given in NS172 are confirmed. The Bristols will be VRTSL6L and will be bodied by Eastern Coach Works.

Withdrawn Vehicles

7.78	1349 (209 YVX)	1439 (00 9547)	2779 (992 K00)
	1351 (211 YVX)	1441 (NWC 15)	2787 (938 LWC)
	1411 (2736 VX)	1442 (NWC 16)	2793 (BVX667B)
	1432 (JHK456C)	1450 (BPU 24B)	2803 (BVX679B)
	1433 (JHK457C)	2712 (92 TVX)	2932 (184 XNO)
	1435 (00 9543)	2741 (E00 583)	2933 (186 XNO)
	1436 (00 9544)		

These withdrawals include the first time expired Bristol FLF's with suffixed registrations.

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

7.78 2843 (MVX880C) to FLF6G

Service Vehicles

7.78 9001 (MOO 177) has now ceased driver training duties.

Correction to NS172 : 2982 (RHK347D) should have read 2862. This conversion is still in progress. Bristol FLF 2863 (RHK348D) is also to be converted. Leyland National 1702 (WNO551L) is also expected to join the training fleet.

Allocations & Transfers

8.78 1200-D/L, 1201-D/L, 1203-D/L, 1204-D/L, 1205-D/L, 1206-D/L, 1207-D/L, 1208-D/L, 1209-D/L, 1210-D/L, 1211-D/L, 1434-D/L(D), 1519-CN, 1702-CF(D.T.), 1852-BN, 1866-CF, 1868-SD, 1873-SD, 1874-D/L, 1875-D/L, 1876-D/L, 1877-D/L, 1878-D/L, 1879-D/L, 1880-D/L, 2749-SD, 2772-CF, 3050-BD.

Additional later allocations of new vehicles : 1200-DT, 1203-CN, 1205-CR.

The Bedford YMT's are expected to be allocated to Brentwood (3), Braintree (1), Clacton (3) and Colchester (3) with a further 2 yet to be decided.

With the allocation of a Bristol VRT to Brentwood, the 3000 class becomes the only type to be allocated to all garages. (There are no Bristol FLF's at Silver End, whilst neither Bishops Stortford or Wood Green have any Leyland Nationals and Wood Green also have no Bristol RE's.)

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 26 Sunday service to be withdrawn.
- 316 To be extended from CHELMSFORD (Bus Station) to CHELMSFORD (Multi-Storey Car Park) via Market Road South, Victoria Road and Parkway.
- 315 Additional service to be introduced on Thursdays.
- 329 NEW SERVICE : BISHOPS STORTFORD (Rail Station) - BRAINTREE (Bus Park).
Route as services 326/7 to Dunmow thence via Braintree Road, St. Edmunds Lane, Church End, Bran End, Stebbing and Stebbing Green to Rayne as thence as services 326/7. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only)

General

Some notes are now available concerning the livery and bodywork details of open top Bristol FLF 2300 (RWC 608).

The vehicle has a top deck front windshield, formed by the original front windows and a new swept down front offside and nearside windows. Handrails are provided around the rest of the vehicle and the top of the stair well.

A predominantly white livery is carried, with green radiator grille, mudguards, central band and mirrors. The fleetname is in green and normal red/blue N.B.C. logo are carried next to the fleetname and on the grille. The vehicle operates on service 67 which normally requires three vehicles. (Southend Transport operate service 68 with three vehicles.)

With reference to the fitment of overhead luggage racks to Leyland Nationals (see NS172) it would appear that this is a new standard feature. All Leyland Nationals from 1847 (YEV305S) are so equipped. There is one style of luggage rack but these are fitted at two different heights, viz high (9" from roof) and low (15"), these heights have also been quoted as 11" and 17" respectively. A mixture of high and low positions are applied to the Leyland Nationals fitted to date (it is not proposed to list which type is carried by each individual vehicle), examples are provided by 1865 (YEV323S) which has a low rack, and 1872 (ANO271S) which has a high rack.

Bedford YMT 1205 (BNO691T) was the first Bedford to be allocated, it arrived at Colchester on August 1 and was first used on service 82 on August 3. On August 13/14 it was used on National Travel express service and operated return journeys between Colchester and London and between London and Sheffield.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

Normal peak hour train services were restored between Liverpool Street and Chingford from August 7. (see also NS172) The special bus service has accordingly ceased.