

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular' - Saturday, October 31st.

Members are reminded that the Group's sales stand will be present at this year's L.O.T.S. 'Transport Spectacular', which is being held at a new venue, the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1. The sale will be open from 1100 hrs. to 1600 hrs. and the admission charge is only £0-30p.

Southend Meeting - Wednesday, November 4th.

This meeting will feature the Group's annual Photographic Competition and will be held in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend commencing at 1930 hrs. The competition rules were published in last month's news sheet and members are reminded that their entries should be either sent by post to P.J. Snell Esq., ENEG, 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex to arrive by November 2nd., or handed in at the meeting by 2000 hrs. Do not forget to include the appropriate entry fee with your photographs. The Committee look forward to seeing a large number of members at the meeting, which should prove to be a very enjoyable evening.

East Ham Model Railway Exhibition - Saturday, November 29th.

The Group's sales stand will also be present at this event, which is being held at East Ham Town Hall, High Street South, East Ham on Saturday, November 29th from 1000 hrs. to 1900 hrs. Our full range of publications and photographs will be available including stocks of the latest black and white and colour photographs.

New Colour Photographs

Six new colour photographs have been produced recently, and these are now available at £0-30p each plus postage (£0-12p up to 15 photographs) from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ.). Full details of these photographs are as follows :-

- CPE71 - 2944 HH on last day in service (1.8.81) at Shoeburyness, East Beach.
- CPE72 - 2944 HH on its final journey from Canvey, Leigh Beck (1.8.81).
- CPE73 - 2944 HH entering Hadleigh depot at 0010 hrs. on 2.8.81 after its final journey.
- CPE74 - 1300 PL on National Express service 124 on 1.8.81.
- CPS21 - Southend Transport 347 on service 6 on 31.7.81.
- CPS22 - Southend Transport 347 on service 1 on 31.7.81.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

3114	XHK219X	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/3030	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24899	Delivered 14.9.81
3116	XHK221X	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/3032	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24901	Delivered 14.9.81
3123	XHK228X	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/3043	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24908	Delivered 14.9.81
3128	XHK233X	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/3087	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24929	Delivered 8.10.81
3129	XHK234X	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/3088	E.C.W. LD43/31FD	24930	Delivered 28.9.81

The body number for 3122 listed in last month's news sheet should have read 24907.

The delivery of the above vehicles completes the orders for Bristol VRT's. The delivery of the three Leyland Olympians (4000-2) has been delayed and these vehicles are now expected to arrive during November.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.81	2874 (STW762D)
10.81	3043 (LFS292F)

2874 has been sold to the Gwent After Care Probationary Service, Gwent, possibly for use as a playbus, whilst 3043 has been sold to Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd., Sible Hedingham, Essex. This vehicle was repainted into Hedingham & District livery by Eastern National at Central Works during early October, and the vehicle left Central Works during the week ending 17.10.81.

Allocations & Transfers

9.81 (correction) - the transfer of 1926 from HD to BE listed in last month's news sheet was incorrect and should have read 1924 HD-BE.

10.81 1204 DT-SD, 1208 DT-CN, 1213 CN-CR, 1217 CN-BD, 1500 CF-D/L (D), 1501 CR-D/L (D), 1504 CN-D/L (D), 1505 SD (DS)-D/L (D), 1507 CR-D/L (D), 1519 DT-D/L (D), 1521 DT-CR, 1522 DT-CF, 1527 CN-DT, 1530 ED-SD (DS), 2300 CN-D/L (D), 2301 CN-D/L (D), 2302 CN-D/L (D), 3005 BS-D/L (P), 3006 SD (DS)-D/L (P), 3007 HH-CR, 3008 SD-SD (DS), 3009 SD (DS)-D/L (P), 3010 SD-SD (DS), 3014 HH-D/L (P), 3017 CR-D/L (D), 3044 SD-D/L (D), 3046 BE-D/L (P), 3065 EN-SD, 3114 D/L-BS, 3115 D/L-BE, 3116 D/L-HH, 3117 D/L-HH, 3119 D/L-SD, 3120 D/L-BN, 3122 D/L-SD, 3123 D/L-SE, 3124 D/L-CR, 3128 D/L, 3129 D/L.

Following the closure of Prittlewell Works the Company has still retained an allocation of vehicles at Southend (SD) depot for use as Docking Spares. The code SD (DS) has been used in the above list of vehicle allocations to identify these vehicles, and the full allocation of SD (DS) vehicles currently comprises 1518/30, 1720/1/9, 3008/10.

The main changes resulting from the allocation and transfer of vehicles during October are that the three remaining open-top Bristol FLF6G's have all been delicensed for disposal, and also that a considerable number of the former Scottish Bus Group Bristol VRT's have now been delicensed. New Bristol VRT's have been allocated to a number of depots to replace these vehicles, and the allocation of 3114 to BS represents the first allocation of a new double deck vehicle to that depot since November 1964 when 2810 was allocated there.

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 NS210 :-

September : w/e 5.9.81 - 1757 at CW.
 w/e 12.9.81 - 1851 at CW.
 w/e 19.9.81 - 1744 at CW, 1874 at CW.
 w/e 26.9.81 - 1754 at CW, 1876 at CW.
 October : w/e 3.10.81 - No vehicles repainted.
 w/e 10.10.81 - 1887 at CW.
 w/e 17.10.81 - 1715 at CW.

A second Leyland National is currently being repainted to incorporate a 'unibus' advertisement. The vehicle concerned is 1860 and full details of its new advertisement will be published in next month's news sheet.

Temporary Loans

Routine Loans of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles to other depots during October have included 1506 (BD), 1516 (BS), 1522 (CR), 1549 (MN), 1710/24/34 1841 (all EN), 1851 and 3033 (both SD). Of these vehicles 1710 was noted on service 230 on October 5th and 1734 was noted on service 230 on September 16th and on service 234 on October 8th. 1905 was at Great Dunmow (outstation) on October 11th, whilst on the same date 1700, 1705, 1860 and 1873 were at Central Works.

Only one report of a Southend (SD) vehicle on loan to another depot has been received during October. The vehicle concerned was 1518, which was noted at Silver End (SE) on October 10th.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during September were 1050, 1217, 1504/20/37, 1761/8/92, 1826/58 and 3031. In addition 1210 CR was loaned to DT on September 11-12th to replace 1204, which was at CR. From October 1st the allocation at DT was reduced by four vehicles. In addition, 1402 (CN), which had been on loan to cover the Highwayman services (802/6), was transferred back to CN.

General

Following the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the last workings of the Bristol FLF's at Chelmsford (CF), it can now be confirmed that the last vehicle to operate in service was in fact 2916, and not 2891. Two members have kindly supplied details of some of this vehicle's last workings, which included operation on services 57, 152 and 154 on September 10th. However, the last known service journey is now believed to have been on the 0805 hrs. (Schooldays only) service 57 journey from Woodham Mortimer to Chelmer Valley School on Friday, September 11th.

Service Developments

As reported briefly in last month's news sheet the Winter timetable for the Highwayman services was introduced from Monday, October 5th. A new timetable leaflet listing all the Winter services (except 806 - see below) has been published and is available from the Company's offices. The main revisions to services are as follows :-

- 801 - Service now operates on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with revised timetable; operates from Bishop's Stortford (Station Approach) to Huntingdon via Stansted Airport and Cambridge; and the stops at Harlow and Peterborough (Rail Station) are no longer served.
- 802 - Service withdrawn.
- 803 - Minor revisions to timetable.
- 804 - Minor revisions to timetable involving alterations to certain picking-up points, and revised route in Rayleigh.
- 805 - No changes.
- 806 - This service now operates from Colchester to Milton Keynes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with a revised timetable incorporating additional picking-up points at Lexden and Stanway. (It is understood that this may be only a temporary arrangement).
- 807 - New terminals are Southend (Victoria Bus Station) and Canterbury (St. Georges's, East Kent Bus Station); revised timetable and revised route in Rayleigh.
- 809 - Service suspended.

Also now available from the Company's offices are details of the Winter programme of excursions. The leaflets have an attractive cover featuring a Bristol RELH/Plaxton (14XX class) coach at Finchingfield, and amongst the many excursions being offered are visits to Birmingham, the Calais Hypermarket, and Ghent/Brugge in Belgium.

Revised Winter timetables were introduced from Monday, September 21st on the East Anglian Express group of express services jointly operated with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd., Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. and Norfolk Motor Services Ltd. The picking-up points at Aldgate, Mile End and Harold Wood have been deleted, whilst an additional stop at Marks Tey (lay by near Rail Station) or (Post Office bus stop) has been introduced. A Winter timetable was also introduced from Sunday, September 20th on National Express service 609. There are now three journeys from London (Victoria Coach Station) to Southend which operate Daily, and two journeys from Southend to London which operate Daily. There are two further journeys from Southend to London, one of which (0700 hrs.) operates on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays, and the other (1100 hrs.) operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. This service will be re-numbered 109 from November 1st.

The Company has recently applied for a large number of revisions to stage services, many of which will affect services in the Chelmsford area, and brief details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

- 32/A - Revised timetable.
- 35 - Revised route via Meadgate Estate and revised timetable.
- 35A - Revised route in Stock and revised timetable.
- 40 - Revised terminals to be North Melbourne (Copperfield Road) and Westlands Estate (Savernake Road), revised timetable and revised route via Oliver Way, Patching Hall Lane, Broomfield Road, Duke St., Market Road, Multi-Storey Car Park, Bus Station and Rainsford Road. Revised route for Oxney Green and R.H.P. Works journeys.
- 41B - Revised route via Meadgate Estate and revised timetable.
- 41C/44C - NEW SERVICES (previously listed in NS206) - revised timetable.
- 42 - Revised timetable.
- 43 - Revised timetable incorporating route revisions for Wicklow Avenue and Widford Industrial Site journeys. Section of route between Moulsham Schools and Elm Road (school journeys only) to be withdrawn.
- 44 - Revised timetable and certain journeys to operate direct via Broomfield Road; revised route for some school and works journeys.
- 44A/B - Revised timetable with certain journeys extended to North Melbourne (Copperfield Road).
- 45 - Revised terminals to be Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Galleywood (Skinners Lane) and revised timetable. Section of route to Woodhall Estate to be withdrawn.

- 46 - Revised timetable and certain journeys to be extended to Chelmsford (Multi-Storey Car Park).
- 48 - Revised timetable.
- 48A - NEW SERVICE from Chelmsford (Bus Station) to Chelmer Village (Chelmer Village Way) via Victoria Road and Springfield Road.
- 48B - NEW SERVICE from Chelmsford (Bus Station) to Chelmer Village (Chelmer Village Way) via Duke Street, High Street and Springfield Road. Certain journeys on services 48A/B to operate via Dukes Park Industrial Estate.
- 50 - To operate on Fridays only with revised timetable.
- 50A - NEW SERVICE from Chelmsford (Multi-Storey Car Park) to Terling (Rayleigh Arms) via Little Waltham, Russell Green, Great Leighs, Church End and Muller Street; will operate on Fridays only.
- 50B - To be withdrawn.
- 51 - Revised terminals to be Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Galleywood (Keene Hall) and revised timetable.
- 51B - To operate via Westland's Estate and revised timetable.
- 54/A - Revised timetable.
- 55/A - Revised timetable.
- 56 - Revised timetable and revised route for London Road school journey.
- 56A - Revised timetable and revised route for Victoria Road school journey.
- 56B - To operate on Weekdays from Chelmsford (Bus Station) to Chelmer Village (Chelmer Village Way) via Springfield Road, Arbour Lane, Church Lane, Lawn Lane, Waveney Drive, Lawn Lane, Brackenden Drive, Pump Lane and Cuton Hall Lane.
- 57 - To operate on Mondays to Fridays only and will operate via Baddow Road instead of via Meadgate Estate.
- 58 - Revised timetable and revised route for short journeys terminating at Hatfield Broad Oak.
- 58A - NEW SERVICE from Chelmsford (Bus Station) to Bishop's Stortford (Station Road) via Roxwell Village, with one journey operating via RHP Works.
- 58B - Revised timetable and will operate via Hatfield Broad Oak and not via Roxwell Village.
- 59 - Revised timetable and revised route for journeys to Hatfield Broad Oak.
- 59A/B - Revised timetable and will operate via Hatfield Broad Oak.
- 145 - NEW SERVICE from Pitsea (Rail Station) to Basildon (Cranes Farm Road, Fords Tractor Factory). Route to be as for service 147 to A1235, thence Miles Gray Road, Chester Hall Lane and A1235 to Fords Tractor Factory.
- 147 - Revised route as authorised to Chester Hall Lane and thence Miles Gray Road; revised timetable.
- 307 - Saturday service to be withdrawn.
- 314 - To be withdrawn.
- 326/7 - Services to be re-numbered 70/A (see also below).
- 402 - Revised picking-up points at Camberwell and Peckham.
- 726 - Service to be re-numbered 770.

Other proposed revisions to stage services will involve journeys withdrawn on services 11A (Mondays to Fridays), 19A (Saturdays), 33 (Mondays to Fridays, Schooldays and Saturdays), 38 (Saturdays), 90 (Saturdays) and 97A (Saturdays). Additional journeys are proposed for services 31 (Schooldays), 33 (Mondays to Fridays), 38 (Mondays to Fridays) and 318 (Weekdays), whilst there are other minor timetable changes proposed for services 19A (Weekdays), 52 (Weekdays), 70 (Weekdays), 123 (Weekdays), 317 (Mondays to Fridays and revised timetable on Saturdays), 330 (Weekdays), 331 (Saturdays), 332 (Mondays to Fridays), 335 (Schooldays and Sundays) and 501 (Weekdays, with a revised terminal at Laindon, Durham Road - Blacknores).

The recent closure of Bank Street, Braintree has necessitated a number of changes to services in the Braintree area, and certain services now incorporate additional running time to take account of revised routes. The services affected are 310/1/2/3, 315, 320, 321, 326/7, 331 and 345.

It is also understood that service 2B (Southend-Basildon, Gardiners Lane-York Factory) will be withdrawn after operations on Friday, October 30th. Details of any replacement services that may be provided are not available at the present time.

Unusual Workings

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

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| <p>4.9-1053 CR noted at Newbury Park heading eastward and carrying Trade Plates.</p> <p>13.9-1839 ED and 1903 BD both noted on service 251 at Gants Hill.</p> <p>18.9-1201 MN noted on service 98.</p> <p>23.9-1500 CF noted on service 59.</p> <p>28.9-3065 BN noted on service 230.</p> <p>29.9-3115 LE (new vehicle) noted on service 311.</p> <p>2.10-3015 MN noted on an ASDA service from Rayleigh to South Woodham.</p> <p>3119 SD (new vehicle) noted on service 11A.</p> <p>3.10-1215 CR noted on National Express service 609.</p> <p>1910 SD noted on services 19 and 402.</p> <p>3119 SD noted on service 251.</p> <p>4.10-ST 241, 3014 HH and 3061 HH noted on a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Southend.</p> | <p>7.10-3072 SD noted on service 25A.</p> <p>8.10-1204 SD (but not carrying depot allocation plates) noted at Leigh.</p> <p>10.10-1050 CN noted on service 118.</p> <p>1053 CR noted at Clacton (CN) depot.</p> <p>1764 MN, 1825 CN, 1920 DT and 1923 CR were all operating on service 119 on this date.</p> <p>11.10-1212 MN noted on service 98.</p> <p>ST 237, 3024 HH and 3100 BD noted on a rail replacement service from Rayleigh to Southend.</p> <p>12.10-3057 SD noted on the 1300 hrs. service 400 journey from Southend, which is normally a BN working.</p> <p>14.10-3122 SD noted on service 251.</p> <p>Driver training VRT 9021 BN noted in Rayleigh.</p> <p>17.10-1530 SD (but not carrying depot allocation plates) noted on service 25A.</p> |
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Allocations of D/L (D) and D/L (P) Vehicles

The Company has again kindly provided some information on the latest allocations of delicensed vehicles and this should be used to update the information published in recent news sheets.

MN - 1000-2 1500/38 1608 2908 3005.

PL (Depot) - 1003 1501/2/4/5/7/14/9 2300-2/83/4 2885/6/8/9/91/2/7 2916/22/5/43/4/6 3006/17/42/4/6 and the remains of 2303/82 2902/19. Of these vehicles 2301 was noted at Walton (WN) depot on October 10th.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet it is understood that 2884 2913/45 and 9009 are all at WG, whilst 1538 remains at MN (see above).

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTGeneral

The only news to report this month is that Bristol BELL6L 20 (OWC720M) was re-seated from B53F to B50F during August.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The two Leyland Tiger coaches (209/10) are now unlikely to be delivered before December. This delay has been caused by production difficulties at Duple Coachbuilders Ltd.

General

Two Daimler Fleetlines remained on loan to Lesney Products & Co. Ltd., Rochford during late September and early October. 358 remained on loan throughout the period, whilst 365 replaced 367 on September 28th.

A new timetable leaflet was published for the limited stop service X1 in the late Summer, and from August 22nd it is now possible for passengers to travel shorter distances over the section of route between Southend and London.

A considerable number of Daimler and Leyland Fleetlines now carry broadside, 'T'-style or overall advertisements. A full list of these vehicles and their advertisements is as follows :-

Broadside advertisements

- 369 (WJN369J) - Rectory Kitchens (nearside only)
- 381 (GHJ381L) - Hoagey's Cafe (nearside only)
- 222 (XTE222V) - New World Kitchens (both sides)

'T'-style advertisements

- 221 (XTE221V) - World War II Shop (offside only)
 231 (MRJ231W) - Jessups (offside only)
 232 (MRJ232W) - Jessups (offside only)
 233 (MRJ233W) - Jessups (offside only)
 234 (MRJ234W) - Jessups (offside only)
 235 (MRJ235W) - B & R Barnes - decorating shop (offside only)
 358 (WJN358J) - Young Bros. (offside only)
 360 (WJN360J) - Bent Wick Lighting Co. (offside only)
 379 (GHJ379L) - Bent Wick Lighting Co. (offside only)
 381 (GHJ381L) - Homeplan (offside only)

Overall advertisements

- 393 (JTD393P) - Beeves Jeans - see NS201 for details.
 394 (JTD394P) - Safeway Supermarket - basically white, and designed as a shopping trolley full of goods.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS210).

There are a number of corrected disposal dates to report this month. For the sake of brevity the news sheet number and brief corrected details only are given.

NS202

- 1361 (OWC 610) to 2940 (KNO949C) inclusive to dealer, Grays, 9/80.
 2379 (WNO 475) and 2936 (RWC 607) to E.N.P.G., 9/80.

NS203

- 2701 (81 TVX), 2704 (84 TVX), 2715 (95 TVX), 2862 (RHK347D) and 2942 (AVW401F) to breaker, Carlton, 11/80.

NS210

- 1318 (213 MHK) to 2768 (VWC 48) inclusive to dealer, Ingham, 3/77.
 1335 (2725 VX), 1344 (2734 VX) and 2730 (177 XNO) to dealer, Ingham, 3/77.
 2714 (94 TVX) and 2744 (EOO 583) to N.B.C. (Eastern Region) Disposal Centre, 3/77.
 1332 (1270 EV) to dealer, Carlton, 7/77.

1954-1964 numbering scheme

- 16x/17x (NVX 52x/53x) - This Beadle-Bedford vehicle passed to Companhia de Autocarros 'Fok-Lei' Limitada, Macau and was numbered BB147 and registered M-20-72. The exact identity of the vehicle is unknown; it was one of the batch 163-71 (NVX525-33). It was later re-built as an open lorry for the service fleet and re-registered M-34-64. The vehicle was still operational in 10/81. A COLOUR PRINT WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GROUP.
 437 (607 JPU) - S.P.A. Davies, Pontybokin (N-PSV), for spares, 4/79, ex. Phillips, Holywell.

1964 numbering scheme

- 1340 (2730 VX) - Eastern National 1407 Preservation Group, 9/80. (additional information to NS210).
 1414 (2739 VX) - Went to Hanson, Goole (N-PSV), ex. Stanlake, Ipswich. (see also NS188/99).
 1418 (804 WVV) - Dealer, Carlton, 7/77. (correction to NS210).
 2386 (WNO 484) - Still in use with South Wales. Took part in Mumbles Carnival, 7/81.
 2734 (181 XNO) - Confirmed as Dealer, Carlton, 7/77. (additional information/correction to NS210).
 2735 (182 XNO) - Confirmed as Dealer, Carlton, 7/77. (additional information/correction to NS210).
 REMAINDER HELD OVER TO NEXT MONTH (NS212)

News Sheet Contributions

Contributions to this news sheet were received from A.G. Osborne (C&F), P.J. Snell (M32), M. Lake (M136), R. Delahoy (M180), A.P. Toms (M202), A.W. Meadows (M209), P.W. Harvey (M219), S.D. Barham (M313), W. White (M320), L. Thorington (M352), J.G. Collins (M405) and J. Harvie (M409). Notes and information for the November news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor (address below) by Wednesday, November 18th.