

EDITORIALSouthend Bus Rally, Sunday June 4

At Southchurch Park, Lifstan Way, from 0930. This event is organised by the Eastern National Preservation Group. Our own Group will have a stand at the rally (open from ca. 1115) and all Group publications and photographs as well as our vast stock of other items will be on sale. Please ensure that you have your E.N.E.G. membership card with you to secure lower members prices, as all prices on the stand will be shown at the higher non-members rates. The Eastern National Company and Southend Transport have entered vehicles and there should be about another 100 vehicles on display. See you there !

Eastern National Company Driver of the Year Competition, Sunday June 18

This event will be held at the D. O. E. Heavy Goods Vehicle Testing Centre, Widford Industrial Estate, Robjohns Road, Widford, Chelmsford from 1000 until 1500. Our Group will have a stand at the event and members are cordially invited to attend. Other stands and preserved vehicles will be at the event.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

Correction to NS169 : 1847 etc. are registered YEV305S etc. and not TJN305S etc. as correctly stated in NS168 and in E.F.B. Our apologies for the error.

1856	YEV314S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05218	Leyland National	B49F
1859	YEV317S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05223	Leyland National	B49F
1860	YEV318S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05224	Leyland National	B49F
1861	YEV319S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05225	Leyland National	B49F
1862	YEV320S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05242	Leyland National	B49F
1863	YEV321S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05243	Leyland National	B49F
1865	YEV323S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05256	Leyland National	B49F
1866	YEV324S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05257	Leyland National	B49F
1867	YEV325S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05261	Leyland National	B49F
1869	YEV327S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05263	Leyland National	B49F
1871	YEV329S	Leyland National	11351A/1R	05269	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates :	1856 - 5.78	1862 - 5.78	1867 - 5.78
	1859 - 5.78	1863 - 5.78	1869 - 5.78
	1860 - 4.78	1865 - 5.78	1871 - 5.78
	1861 - 4.78	1866 - 5.78	

1852 (YEV310S) is still outstanding.

An order, which was originally placed by National Travel (South East) Ltd., for 18 Bedford YMT with Duple Dominant bodywork will now be delivered to Eastern National. The vehicles will be in dual purpose livery and equipped for O.M.O. operation. It is expected that the DP53F seating capacity will be altered before entry into service. The vehicles will be numbered 1200 - 1217 and delivery is expected to commence during June. (see also General notes)

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Allocations & Transfers

5.78 1432-D/L(D), 1433-D/L(D), 1439-BD, 1442-D/L(D), 1445-MN, 1719-HH, 1725-HH, 1737-HH, 1753-HH, 1765-HH, 1790-CR, 1832-CF, 1847-BN, 1848-BN, 1849-BN, 1850-CF, 1851-CF, 1853-D/L, 1854-D/L, 1855-D/L, 1857-D/L, 1858-D/L, 2379-SD, 2383-SD, 2793-D/L(D), 2819-HH, 2849-D/L, 2890-HH, 2896-HH, 2900-HH, 2924-HH, 2925-HH, 2932-D/L(D), 2944-HH, 3005-B.

Later allocations : 1854-BN, 1855-CF.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 3B To be extended from CANVEY (E.N. Depot) to CANVEY (Leigh Beck) via Point Road.
- 5 To be extended from CANVEY (Haystack) to CANVEY (Eastern Esplanade, Seaview Road) via Furtherwick Road. Revised route to be as authorised to Ferry Road thence via Canvey Road and Long Road.
- 7B To be withdrawn between ASHINGDON (Schools) and SOUTH FAMBRIDGE (Anchor).
- 8A To be extended from HAWKWEILL (Nursery Corner) to PLUMBEROW MOUNT (Appleyard Avenue) via Main Road, Southend Road, Spa Road, Plumberow Avenue and Plumberow Mount Avenue.
- 15 New Service : SOUTHEEND (Central Bus Station) - SOUTH FAMBRIDGE (Anchor) via Victoria Avenue, Fairfax Drive, Prittlewell Chase, Hobleythick Lane, Rochford Road, Warners Bridge, Rochford and Ashingdon. (Weekdays only)
- 17 To be extended from EASTWOOD (Woodcutters) to EASTWOOD (Kent Elm, Broomfield Avenue) via Eastwood Road North. Return route to be via Hurst Way, Bridgwater Drive, Arterial Road and Eastwood Road North. Service between Southend and Eastwood to be withdrawn on Weekday evenings and n Sundays.
- 21A New Service : SOUTHCHURCH (White Horse) - LEIGH (Rail Station) route as service 21 until Hobleythick Lane, then Prittlewell Chase, Kenilworth Gardens, thence as service 21. (Mondays to Fridays only)
- 22C New Service : SHOEBOURNE (Cambridge) - HULLBRIDGE (Anchor) route as service 22 until Victoria Avenue, then Fairfax Drive, Prittlewell Chase, Hobleythick Lane, Prince Avenue, thence as service 22. (Daily)
- 29B Service to be withdrawn.
- 44/45 Revised terminal amended to read NORTH MELBOURNE (Oliver Way). Revised route to be Oliver Way, Patching Hall Lane, Woodhall Road thence as described previously. (Revised terminal at Patching Hall Lane and route via Hollow Lane to be deleted - see NS169)

The revised services in the Brentwood, Chelmsford and Basildon areas commenced on 21 May. (see NS168/9) Further notes concerning these revisions are :

- 46A Service operates on Mondays and Thursdays only.
- 142 Service withdrawn, replaced by service 146.

General

Canvey (CY) garage closed after operation on Saturday 29 April. The last vehicle to enter the garage was Leyland National saloon 1725 (NEV682M). All vehicles have been transferred to Hadleigh (HH). The final allocation of vehicles to Canvey was :

1719/25/37/53/65, 2890/6, 1900/24/5/44. Total ... 11

Eastern National commenced participation fully in the London Transport Haverling Multi Ride ticket scheme from Sunday May 14. The sections of services involved are :

- 26 Romford (Market Place) - Cranham (Jobbers Rest)
- 151 Romford (Southern Way) - Harold Wood (Kenilworth Avenue)
- 251 Romford (Mawney Road) - Harold Wood (Kenilworth Avenue) and for journeys from this section to points between Mawney Road and Gants Hill Station.

Eastern National staff will also sell the tickets, they will be validated by insertion into the normal Setright Speed ticket machines. O.M.O. vehicles operating into and through Romford have been equipped with cancellers supplied by London Transport. These are carried by certain vehicles allocated to Brentwood, Basildon, Southend and Wood Green. Conductors cancel the tickets using special clippers, also supplied by London Transport. (see also NS166/7)

At Dunmow outstation (DW) one of the crew duties was replaced by O.M.O. operation in October 1977. Hence operation is now partially crew and O.M.O. in week by week rotation. Bristol VRT 3033 (NPU980M) is the most regular vehicle based at Dunmow.

Alder Valley Bristol RESL 407 (LJB334F) is still undergoing maintainance at Colchester, now in its fifteenth week !

Following the summer season, National Travel (South East) Ltd. is to be re-organised. A new concern, National Travel London, will concentrate on excursions, private hire, contracts and continental services. It will also service other N.B.C. coaches at Victoria and provide duplicate vehicles when needed. Operation will be from Victoria (30 vehicles) and Catford (40 vehicles). The National Travel (South East) Anglian Division is to be transferred to Eastern National. Operations will involve express services, excursions and private hire. Further details will be given when these become available.

At May 1978, the National Travel (South East) fleet consisted of 135 vehicles, comprising 1 double decker and 134 coaches, of which 29 are former Eastern National vehicles.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

Delivery dates : 77 - 4.78 78 - 4.78 79 - 4.78

Could dates for 80-2 (YNO 80-2S) be reported please

Withdrawn Vehicles

Vehicles to be replaced by the new Leyland Atleateans will be the remaining Leyland PD2A/30, 39-44 (OVX139-44D). Could withdrawal dates be reported please.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

Leyland Leopard coaches 201/2 (LBN201/2P) have been repainted with light blue windows in place of the previous dark blue.

Leyland Leopard 209 (GJN509D) has been converted for use as a driver training mobile classroom, it is now licensed as a private vehicle.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (by kind courtesy of The P.S.V. Circle)

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| 501 (BNO110B) | - | Holt, Newport, by 7/75, ex. Hood, Wold Newton. |
| 1332 (1270 EV) | - | North Cornwall Coaches, Langdon Cross, 10/77. |
| 1355 (MOO 176) | - | Grufferty, Horden, 11/77. |
| 1408 (1256 EV) | - | Robinson, Appleby, by 10/77. (for spares) |
| 1413 (2738 VX) | - | North Cornwall Coaches, Langdon Crss, 10/77. |
| 1420 (806 WVW) | - | Breaker, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 1427 (MOO 179) | - | Breaker, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 1603 (BNO104B) | - | Breaker, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 1606 (BNO107B) | - | Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich, 1/78. (for spares) |
| 1611 (AVX961B) | - | Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich, 1/78. (for spares) |
| 2014 (19 PVX) | - | Breaker, Carlton, 9/77. Was registered Z-65-12 whilst in Holland. |
| 2700 (80 TVX) | - | Sutton, Clacton, by 12/77. |
| 2711 (91 TVX) | - | Dealer, Rotherham, 7/77, ex. United Automobile Services Ltd., 302. Later noted proceeding northwards through Newcastle. |
| 2713 (93 TVX) | - | Breaker, Barnsley, 10/77, ex. United Automobile Services Ltd., 303. |
| 2717 (97 TVX) | - | Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich, 1/78. (for conversion to driver training vehicle) |
| 2729 (176 XNO) | - | Breaker, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 2769 (VWC 49) | - | Kirkby, Harthill, 10/77, ex. Alexander, Sheffield. |
| 338 (285 NHK) | - | Withdrawn by Paragon Anglers, Tottenham, 10/77, and advertised for sale. |
| 503 (BNO112B) | - | Hardy, Southend (N-PSV), 9/77, ex. Hyke, Lincoln. |
| 1233 (855 ETW) | - | Breaker, Carlton, 1/78. |
| 1312 (207 MHK) | - | Ensign, Grays (N-PSV), 12/77, ex. Nelson, Wickford. |
| 1414 (2739 VX) | - | Stanlake, Ipswich, 10/77. |
| 1418 (804 WVW) | - | Mobile shop, noted near Oxford, 12/77. |
| 2257 (ONO 60) | - | Withdrawn by Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), date unknown. |
| 2317 (SHK 529) | - | Withdrawn by Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), date unknown. |
| 2353 (UEV 841) | - | Worcester Park & Cheam Community Association, North Cheam (N-PSV), by 9/76, ex. Emprise, London W.1. (see also NS164) |