

EDITORIALNew Group Administration

The new Group administration has been established and is now in operation. Full details are shown in General Circular E.C.14 which is enclosed with this news sheet. It is most important that you contact the correct officer for your requirements. For your convenience we have attempted to keep the number of addresses to a minimum; if you do not write to the correct person, your order will create additional work and will be subject to delay.

Photograph Services

Included with this news sheet are details of the recent additions to the range of Group colour photographs (NS178), as shown in General Circular E.C.7E. Another circular, General Circular E.C.7 (i), dealing with the photograph service is also enclosed. This contains a complete prospectus of the photograph lists and replaces the introductory information given in existing General Circulars E.C.7, E.C.7A, E.C.7B, E.C.7C and E.C.7D. Revised ordering procedures and postal rates have been introduced. In addition it has been found necessary to increase photograph prices following similar price rises by our suppliers. A further increase in the price of colour prints may also have to be introduced at a later date.

Ilford Meeting, April 10

At 7 Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford on Tuesday, April 10th commencing at 2000. Farley Drive is close to Seven Kings Rail Station where there are regular services to Liverpool Street, Romford and Brentwood with connections to Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester and Southend.

Suffolk Coach Tour, Sunday, April 22

A booking form for this tour is enclosed with this news sheet. Please book seats with the Tours Organiser as soon as possible. Both tours that we operated last year carried capacity loads and some latecomers could not be accommodated - so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tour to British Coach Rally, Saturday, April 21

There are still seats available on the above tour, which is being organised by Group members Richard Delahoy and Lyn Watson, using a Southend Transport Leyland PD3/6 double decker. The tour departs from Southend at 0800 and additional pick ups can be made by prior arrangement. Please contact Richard Delahoy (Southend 42894) to book your seat.

There are also seats available for a trip on Saturday, April 14th to the Windsor Safari Park, Richmond ice rink and London laser show using Southend Transport Leyland PSU3/1R coach 208 (GJN508D). Further details are also available from Richard Delahoy.

Notices and Proceedings - Group Stocks

The Group has subscribed to Notices and Proceedings (Eastern and Metropolitan Traffic Areas) since December 1964 (commencing with issues F890 and N909 respectively) in order to obtain information on service revisions for the news sheet. It has now become desirable to dispose of the back numbers of these publications (which are each issued fortnightly) up to December 1977. Would any member (or any other interested person) who might be interested in the gratis acquisition of the above back numbers please contact the Chairman & Founder by April 12. The applicant must also be able to arrange collection. If no offers are received, the issues will be donated as waste paper to a suitable deserving charity.

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New Vehicles

1213 BNO6

1213	BNO699T	Bedford	YMT	HW451014	Duple	918/2755	C53F
1901	DAR123T	Leyland	National	11351A/1R	05996	Leyland National	B49F
1902	DAR124T	Leyland	National	11351A/1R	05997	Leyland National	B49F
1903	DAR125T	Leyland	National	11351A/1R	06009	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates : 1213 - 2.3.79 1902 - 3.79
1901 - 3.79 1903 - 3.79

1901-3 were delivered to Central Works, Chelmsford during the week ending 10.3.79. The delivery of 1213 (BN0699T) leaves 1217 as the only outstanding vehicle of the order for 18 Bedford YMT originally placed by National Travel (South East) Ltd., (NS170).

Acquired Vehicles.

1416 GJD199N Bristol RELH6L 4/762 Plaxton C--F 7411BCR006 new 1974

This vehicle was one of the two coaches with executive style seating which were retained for use by National Travel after the main transfer of coaches to Eastern National on 8.10.78, (NS175). The vehicle was delivered to Central Works, Chelmsford during the week ending 10.3.79 with all seats removed. It is anticipated that it will be re-seated to C53F by Eastern National.

The remaining vehicle of those acquired from National Travel (South East) Ltd. is 1419 (GJD195N) which is expected to be received shortly.

Withdrawn Vehicles

3.79 2810 {FWC428B} 2829 {KNO952C} 2864 {RHK346D}
 2820 {JHK452C} 2855 {OPU824D} 2941 {KNO950C}

The sale of 2810/20/9/55 2941 is extremely interesting. These vehicles which are all Bristol FLF6Bs have been acquired by Spirit of '76 Tours, Washington D.C., U.S.A., for sightseeing tours. The vehicles, which were in store at Halstead and Prittlewell, were moved to Central Works during early March for mechanical checks prior to their sale. They were officially handed over on Friday, March 9 and driven to Southampton Docks for shipping to Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. According to the Chelmsford Weekly News (22.3.79) which carries a feature on this sale, the vehicles will be fitted with wall to wall carpeting and new luxury seats. They will also be repainted in London Transport livery in typical American style.

2861 (RHK346D) has been converted into a Driver Training vehicle and the vehicle entered service in the Driver Training fleet during early March, (NS179).

Vehicles on Loan

Two vehicles have recently been loaned to United Counties Omnibus Company Ltd. to cover a temporary shortage of vehicles. The vehicles concerned are Bristol FLF6G 2801 (BVX677B) and Bristol FLF6LX 2928 (AVW397F). Both were collected during early March (2801 - 7.3.79) (2928 - 8.3.79) and the period of loan is at present unknown.

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

The conversion of Bristol F1F6G 2861 (RHK346D) to a Driver Training vehicle is now complete and the vehicle entered service during March re-numbered 9010.

Open-top Bristol FL6G 2301 (RHK348D) has now been completed and the vehicle only awaits the addition of sign writing.

The conversion of Bristol FLF6G 2850 (NTW943C) to open-top is now well advanced at Pritttlewell Works and the vehicle has now been repainted white with green relief. Bristol FLF6G 2848 (MVX885C) has also entered Pritttlewell Works and conversion to open-top is now in progress.

Allocations & Transfers

3.79 1212-D/L, 1213-D/L, 1214-D/L, 1215-D/L, 1216-D/L, 1347 CN-D/L (D),
1414 CR-D/L, 1449 D/L (D)-CN, 1896-BN, 1897-D/L, 1898-BN, 1899-CF,

1900-HH, 1901-D/L, 2783 BS-MN, 2807 BN-MN, 2811 CF-D/L (D),
2928 HH-D/L (D), 2939 BN-CF.

Following a request from a member at the last Annual General Meeting the previous allocation for re-allocated vehicles will now also be listed in this section. For example in the allocations above Bristol FLF6G 2939 (BVX669B) moved from Basildon (BN) to Chelmsford (CF) during March.

The most interesting transfers this month are the move of two Bristol FLFs to Maldon with the result that MN is now operating four Bristol FLFs for the first time since June 1978. However the transfer of 2783 (934LWC) is only likely to be on a temporary basis to cover a shortage of vehicles at Maldon. This vehicle was originally destined to be delicensed for disposal but has now been relicenced. A further two Leyland Nationals have been allocated to BN bringing the total at that depot to 50. In most cases they are replacing Bristol FLFs and only one manual gearbox FLF (2936 RWC607) remains allocated to BN following the transfer of 2807 and 2939 this month. The transfer of 1449 (BPU 23B) to CN only lasted until March 20 when 1347 (207YVX) was reinstated to replace it.

A complete fleet allocation incorporating the transfers listed above appears at the end of this news sheet.

Vehicle Repaints

A number of members are known to be interested in vehicle repaints and it is now hoped to be able to publish regular details of repainted vehicles. The Company has kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during January and February 1979 and these are listed below. Personal observations of vehicles repainted during March are also listed.

January

w/e 6.1.79 - 1608 at CW, 2905 at CN.
w/e 13.1.79- 2909 at PL, 3007 at CW, 3036 at PL, 3056 at PL.
w/e 20.1.79- 1755 at CW, 2861 (9010 - Blue Driver Training livery) at PL.
w/e 27.1.79- 1772 at PL, 2845 at CW, 2864 at CN, 3060 at PL.

February

w/e 3.2.79- 1407 at CW, 1725 at PL, 1774 at PL, 2907 at CW.
w/e 10.2.79- 1521 at CW, 2838 at CN.
w/e 17.2.79- 1717 at PL, 1753 at CW, 2863 (2301 - Open-top livery) at PL, 2901 at PL, 3054 at PL.
w/e 24.2.79- 1762 at CW, 1769 at CW.

March (by personal observation)

w/e 3.3.79- 3040 at CW.
w/e 10.3.79- 1538 at CW.
w/e 17.3.79- 1776 at CW.
w/e 24.3.79- 2834 at CW.

Bristol VRTSL6L 3053 (LJN648P), the Phillips overall advertisement vehicle, entered Prittlewell Works during February for repainting in green livery.

Unusual Workings

This new feature will depend upon your contributions and these should be sent to the News Sheet Editor. Details of unusual workings which have been received during March are as follows :-

24.1.79-2921 SD on service 253 in Brentwood; 20.2.79-2927 BN (Tesco overall advertisement) on service 236 in Billericay; 26.2.79-2915 WG on Brentwood local services.

General

Bristol FLF6G 2859 (RHK344D) will not be converted into a Driver Training vehicle and is now expected to re-enter normal service during April, (NS178).

Two Leyland Nationals, 1867 (YEV325S) and 1892 (BN0682T), have been equipped with experimental adjustable Setright machine tables. Both vehicles are being tested at various garages with 1867 visiting Braintree and Clacton during March, and 1892 being used at Southend.

Bristol FLF6G 2838 (LWC664C) allocated to Halstead was involved in an accident at the 'St. Anne's Castle' P.H., Great Leighs whilst operating on service 311 between Halstead and Chelmsford on March 16. The vehicle was extensively damaged and its future is uncertain. Rather unfortunately it had also been recently out-shopped from Clacton after a body dock and repaint.

Bristol FLF6LX 2929 (AVW398F) allocated to Southend has recently been fitted with a front grille from an older FLF (believed to be 2749 (E00591)) and is thus easily recognisable.

A considerable number of Leyland Nationals have now been fitted with the modified rear end first introduced on 1846 (WJN566S) in January 1978. Vehicles are being modified at both Central Works and Prittlewell Works and the following examples have been modified to date :

1700/15/7/22/7/44/53/9/62/3/8/9/70/2/4/6/80

Additionally 1713 (WNO562L) is in the process of modification at Central Works.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

80B (Colchester - Harwich) - to operate via Stones Green Road and Wix Road between Little Bentley and Wix Cross.

The dates of operation for this summer's express services (ex-National Travel (South East)) have also recently been confirmed (NS177) :

113 (Fri/Sat 25.5.79-29.9.79), 114 (Fri/Sat 25.5.79-29.9.79), 119 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 120 (Fri-Mon 25.5.79-24.9.79), 122 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 122 (Southend-Folkestone) to be suspended until further notice, 123 (Southend-Eastbourne) to be suspended until further notice, 124 (Fri-Mon 25.5.79-22.9.79), 125 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 126 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 129/131 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 132 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 134 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 137-London terminal to be East Croydon (Dingwall Road)-(Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 182 (Sats 26.5.79-22.9.79), 183 (Daily).

Service Vehicles

9010 (RHK346D) entered service during March and the Driver Training fleet at present consists of 1 saloon and 9 double deckers. The conversion of 2859 (RHK344D) to a driver training vehicle will not now take place.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Hire

The hire of Leyland Leopards 2717/8 HJ from Smith & May, Benfleet ended on February 23 by which time Reading Transport 292 (NDP292G) had also been returned. However the fire damaged Reading vehicle, 288 (NDP288G), remains at the Tickfield Road works.

General

The Metropolitan recently noted at Tickfield Road Works was the last Metropolitan to be built and has been sold to the Ensign Bus Co., Grays, Essex. The vehicle was at Southend for checks prior to being taken to the Maidstone Borough Transport works for completion to PSV standards.

Other visitors to the works during March have been 80 HBC, an ex-Leicester Leyland PD3A/1, possibly for conversion to a 'playbus'; Brighton Borough Transport Leyland PD3/4s 32 (LUF132F) and 35 (MCD135F) for conversion to open-top; and Colchester Transport Leyland PDR1/1 53 (AVX53G) possibly for a repaint.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS178)

- 338 (285 NHK) - Mobile caravan /78, ex. Paragon Anglers, Tottenham, London.
- 358 (13 DLY) - Dealer, Ingham, 10/78.
- 9416 (YTW540F) - Dealer, Ingham, by 12/77.
- 419 (GVW981H) - Dack, Terrington St. Clement, 2/79, ex. dealer, Grays, 1/79, and Dartford Football Club (N-PSV).

REMAINDER HELD OVER DUE TO LACK OF SPACE

EASTERN NATIONAL fleet allocation

This allocation is correct as at 1st March 1979 and includes the transfers listed in this news-sheet.

<u>BASILDON</u> (BN)	: 1513/4/30/8/45/8/50/1/4 1704/9/11/2/4-7/23/32/6/8/40-2/6/63/7 1772/6/86/94/5 1808/18/20/2/30/43/4/7-9/52-4/74/7-80/3/4/6/7 1889/91/2/6/8 2886 2908/26/7/31/6/45 3007/8/10/6/34/6/44/51/4 3056/66	(77)
<u>BISHOPS</u>		
<u>STORTFORD</u> (BS)	: 1000-4 1361 1543/53 2798 2834 3005/41/7	(13)
<u>BRAINTREE</u> (BE)	: 1203/7 1542 1731/48/77/9 1813/57/63/82 2778/81/99 2824/53/76 3001/4/43/6/63	(22)
<u>BRENTWOOD</u> (BD)	: 1239-11 1402 1500/6/8/10/1/7/24/31/40 1608 1751/4/60/85/96/7 1800/9/10/23/37-40/5/6/59/76/81 2906/16	(35)
<u>CHELMSFORD</u> (CF)	: 1509/15/6 1610 1710/8/28/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8 1801/2/4/5/11/5 1819/27/9/32/41/2/50/1/5/6/60/6/7/9/70/85/99 2797 2804/9/12/4 2816/26/31/2/5/7/45/51/4/6/7/75/7/85/7/9 2905/19/39 3018/9/29 3033/5	(67)
<u>CLACTON</u> (CN)	: 1404/5/15/40/8/9*/51 1505/19/20/3/6/7/9/32 1756/68/80/91/2 1825/6/34/58 2774/84/96 2802/6/8/19/22/60/4/98 3003/31	(37)
<u>COLCHESTER</u> (CR)	: 1100-3 1205/6 1417 1503/7/12/28 1609 1724/33/69/89/90/3 1803/16/28/65/72/88 2813/5/27/8/43/74 2913 3022/32/50	(34)
<u>HADLEIGH</u> (HH)	: 1501/18/37/41/6/9 1719/25/6/37/43/53/65/84 1817/21/35/71/96 1900 2805/17/25/49/90/1/4/7/9 2900/2/7/9/22/4/5/43/4 3014/20/45/60/1	(43)
<u>HALSTEAD</u> (HD)	: 1201 1401 1544 1757/9/82 2838/52 3058/9	(10)
<u>HARWICH</u> (DT)	: 1208 1521/2 1755/61/81/3 2753 2842 3027	(10)
<u>MALDON</u> (MN)	: 1202 1403/43 1525/35/9 1722/50/8/64 1806/31/3/64 2807/21 2935 3000/15/30/40/9	(22)
<u>PRITTLEWELL</u> (PL)	: 1400/6-15/3 1744/55	(10)
<u>SILVER END</u> (SE)	: 1204 1534/6 1727/39/45/9 1812/61/2 3037/9/55	(13)
<u>SOUTHEND</u> (SD)	: 1504/33/47/52 1729/35/44/7/66/70/3/87/8/98/9 1807/14/36/68/73 1875/93-5 2752/75/90-2/5 2818/23/33/41/4/84/8/92/3/5 2901/3/4 2918/20/1/3/9/32/40/6 3011/3/23/4-6/8/38/42/52/3/62/4/5	(65)
<u>WOOD GREEN</u> (WG)	: 2910-2/4/5/7 3021/4/57	(9)
<u>CENTRAL WORKS DOCKING SPARES</u> (CF-CWDS)	: 1700-2/5/7*/8 1824 2771/2 3002/17	(11)
<u>PRITTLEWELL WORKS DOCKING SPARES</u> (SD-PLDS)	: 1502 1720/1 2773/6 3006/9	(7)
<u>DELICENSED FOR MAINTENANCE</u> (D/L)	: 1200/12-6 1414 1713 1897 1901 2300/82-4 2848/50/9/61-(9010)/3-(2301)/96 3012	(21)
<u>DELICENSED FOR DISPOSAL</u> (D/L (D))	: 1340/7*/58/62 1423/9/31/4/8/45-7 2379 2749/54/61/70/85*/5 2801*/11 2928*	(22)

NOTES

Chelmsford (CF) allocation includes Danmow outstation (DW) - 1 dd omo.

Clacton (CN) allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN) - 3rd and 2dd.

VEHICLE NOTES (* see above)

1347 was reinstated at CN on March 20th replacing 1449.

1707 is an accident pool vehicle.

2783 was relicensed during March for service at MN.

2801 and 2928 are on loan to United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd.

ALLOCATIONS OF D/L (D) VEHICLES - by personal observation

PL - 1423/47 2379 2749

SE - 1340/62 1429/31 2785

News Sheet Contributions

Contributions to this news sheet were received from B. Pope (M248) and A. Sugden (M365). Notes and information for the April news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor by April 25th (address below).

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