

EDITORIALSubscriptions 1979

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1979 Black and White Photograph Collection

General Circular E.C.7F is enclosed with this news sheet listing the new range of black and white photographs which may be obtained from the Administrative Officer. No. 7910 is omitted and should be 1101 WH1551, Leyland TD1, ex.Hicks,NF.

Southend Meeting, Sunday July 15

At Southend Central Bus Station, commencing at 1500 hrs. It is proposed that an hour will be spent viewing the operations at this location, and then members can walk to the sea-front to see the Eastern National and Southend Transport open-top vehicles.

21st South East Essex Railway Society Model Railway Exhibition, Thursday July 26-Saturday July 28.

At Leigh Wesley Methodist Hall, Elm Road, Leigh on July 26th (1430-2100 hrs.), July 27th (1100-2100 hrs.) and July 28th (1000-1900 hrs.). It is anticipated that the Group will have a stand at this event and all Group publications and photographs will be available.

Excursion to Felixstowe, Sunday August 12

Arrangements for this Group excursion to be operated in the Eastern National Preservation Group (Braintree Branch) Bristol KSW5G (VNO 859) are in hand. A booking form will be included with next month's news sheet, in the meantime make a note of the date - Sunday, August 12th. Members may also be interested to know that this vehicle won the 'Best Bus in the Rally' award at the recent Southend Bus Rally, and this excursion will be an opportunity to travel on a well preserved vehicle.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

The chassis numbers of the recently delivered Bedford YMTs, 1212-1217 (BN0698T-BN0703T) should read JW451556 etc, (correction to NS179-181).

Acquired Vehicles

Bristol RELH6L coaches 1416 (GJD199N) and 1419 (GJD195N) entered service during June at Clacton.

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.79	1358 (OWC 607)	1438 (OO 9546)	2761 (RWC 602)
	1362 (OWC 611)	1449 (BPU 23B)	2770 (VWC 50)
	1429 (MOO 974)	2749 (EOO 591)	2785 (936 LWC)
	1431 (MOO 976)	2754 (JWC 714)	2792 (AVX960B)

2811 (FWC429B)
2838 (LWC664C)

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2876 (STW764D)

2935 (RWC 604)

Of these vehicles 1362, 1429, 2785 and 2838 were removed from Silver End (SE) on June 15th, with 1429 being removed on June 16th. 1358, 1438, 2761, 2770, 2811 and 2935 were still at Maldon (MN) on June 17th. All these vehicles have been sold to the Ensign Bus Company, Grays, Essex.

Vehicles on Loan

The loan of Bristol FLF6LX 2928 (AVW397F) to United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. has now ended. However this vehicle together with Bristol MW6Gs 1446 (BNO116B) and 1447 (BPU 22B) and Bristol FLF6Gs 2753 (JWC 713) and 2771 (VWC 51) have been loaned to the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. as from mid-June. Further details regarding the Alders Valley depots at which these vehicles are now operating will be given when available. Bristol FLF6G 2801 (BVX677B) remains on loan to United Counties.

Allocations & Transfers

6.79 1202 D/L-CF (CWDS), 1212 LWA-PL, 1213 LWA-BS, 1214 LWA-PL, 1215 LWA-CN, 1216 LWA-DT, 1217 LWA-CN, 1400 PL-BD, 1401 HD-PL, 1402 BD-PL, 1403 MN-PL, 1412 PL-MN, 1414 D/L-HD, 1416 D/L-CN, 1419 D/L-CN, 1446 D/L (D)-Alder Valley, 1447 D/L (D)-Alder Valley, 1906 D/L-BN, 1907 D/L-BN, 1908 D/L-BN, 1909 D/L-BN, 1910 D/L-BE, 2300 D/L-SD, 2301 D/L-SD, 2302 D/L-SD, 2303 D/L-SD, 2382 ex. hire to Braintree District Council-CN, 2383 D/L-CN, 2753 CF-Alder Valley, 2771 CF-Alder Valley, 2773 SD-D/L (D), 2775 SD-SD (PLDS), 2797 CF-CF (CWDS), 2805 HH-CN, 2886 BN-CF, 2908 BN-SD, 2926 BN-CF, 2927 (Tesco overall advert vehicle) BN-HH, 2928 UCOC-Alder Valley.

The most interesting transfers this month are the move of four Basildon (BN) Bristol FLFs to other depots. These vehicles include 2927, the Tesco overall advertisement, and the number of FLFs at BN is now two (2931 and 2945). Another FLF which has been delicensed for disposal is 2773, whilst a further three are on loan to Alder Valley (see above). The recently delivered Bedfords have now been allocated to depots, of which the allocation of 1213 (BNO699T) to Bishops Stortford is perhaps the most interesting. There have also been a number of re-allocations amongst the 14XX coach fleet. However of these 1401 (FWC345K) has been observed still carrying Halstead (HD) depot plates and working in the Braintree area. The two Bristol KSW5G open-top vehicles at Clacton are 2382/3 where they were licensed for service from June 17th. They are operating on service 121. An additional FLF (2805) has also been transferred to Clacton from Hadleigh for the increased summer services.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS182 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-

June 10th : 1515 at BS (temporarily allocated to BS - see NS182), 1700 at BD, 1728 at BE, 1867 at CN, 3017 at BS, 3029 at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 3033 at CN. At this date 1516, 1771, 2357 and 3035 were at Central Works and 2851 was at Prittlewell Works.

June 17th : 1515 at BS (see above), 1700 at BD, 1701 at CN, 1728 at BE, 1832 at MN, 3017 at BS, 3029 at Great Dunmow (outstation) and 3033 at CN.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan at Harwich (DT) during May were as follows :- 1.5-1526, 1792; 2.5-2802; 3.5-1532; 4.5-1756; 15.5-3003; 16.5-1780; 18.5-2822; 19.5-1526; 22.5-1520, 1792; 23.5-1858; 29.5-1826; 30.5-1527, 1756.

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

20.4.79-1203 BE on service 311 at Chelmsford;

23.4.79-1902 MN on service 38 - believed to be its first day in service - see NS182;

27.4.79-2936 BN on Brentwood local services;

2913 CR on a rail replacement service at Brentwood rail station;

9.5.79-1443 MN on service 31 at Chelmsford - a very rare occurrence;

10.5.79-1735 SD off service 351 at Chelmsford;

14.5.79-1735 SD on Brentwood local services;

18.5.79-1903 allocated to MN but without depot plates on service 31;

26.5.79-2891 HH on service 251;

1.6.79-2817 HH on service 251;

- 3.6.79-1552 SD on open-top service 67;
- 5.6.79-2791 SD on service 251;
- 5.6.79-2817 HH on service 251;
- 5.6.79-1700 BD on service 261 - this vehicle has been on temporary loan to BD, see above.
- 7.6.79-1711 BN on service 22 - vehicle had been out-shopped after a repaint at Prittlewell and was awaiting collection by BN;
- 7.6.79-2775 SD on service 251;
- 10.6.79-1504 SD on open-top service 67;
- 10.6.79-1552 SD on open-top service 67;
- 14.6.79-1818 BN on service 6;
- 16.6.79-1508 BD and 1510 BD (crew operated) on service 251;
- 17.6.79-1446 D/L (D) was observed outside Southend (SD) depot and 1806 MN was in the depot;
- 17.6.79-1898 BN on service 400;
- 17.6.79-2927 HH on service 23A;
- 17.6.79-Southend Transport 200 and 313 on E.N. open-top service 67;
- 18.6.79-Southend Transport 312 on E.N. service 22;
- 21.6.79-2940 SD on service 251.

General

New Bedford YMTs 1213/5 (BNO699/701T) were working in the Colchester area during late May prior to being allocated to BS and CN respectively during June. 1217 (BNO703T) was one of the Eastern National vehicles which were entered in the Southend Bus Rally on June 3rd, the others being 1419 (GJD195N) and the immaculate 2849 (NTW942C). Various preserved E.N. vehicles were also entered including Bristol MW6G coach 331 (7017HK) which also appeared on the Company stand.

Four open-top vehicles attended the Epsom Derby on June 6th. These were the Bristol FLF6G vehicles 2300-3, of which 2300 travelled from SD and 2301-3 travelled from CF. Other Eastern National vehicles noted in the coach parks at Epsom were 1200/14/7 1400/7/17/8 and 3060.

Open-top Bristol KSW5G 2382 (WNO483) was again hired by Braintree District Council on June 7th for use as a polling station in the European Assembly Election.

Vehicle movements in the Braintree and Halstead area continue to be interesting. Leyland National 1728 CF (NEV685M) was on loan to Halstead from May 22nd until June 11th, but has now moved to Braintree. 1779 BE (PEV691R) has been operating at Halstead replacing 1782 HD (PEV694R) which has been at Braintree. Bristol FLF6G 2783 (934LWC), recently allocated to Halstead, does not carry a fleet number plate at the rear and is thus easily recognisable. On June 15th Bristol FLF6B 2781 (994K00) was noted delicensed and stored at Braintree (BE) depot, whilst the other remaining FLF6B, 2778 (991K00), was still in service. Bristol FLF6LX 2928 (AVW397F) which was on loan to United Counties, was delicensed and stored in Braintree depot prior to being loaned to Alder Valley in mid-June. It has been reported that a number of the recently delivered Leyland Nationals including 1904/5/7/8 have a revised style of cab window incorporating a smaller sliding section. Further details will be provided when available. Bristol FLF6LX 2916 (WWC746F), allocated to Brentwood (BD), has recently received a new front panel, including an unpainted radiator grille, probably from an older FLF, and is now easily recognised.

Vehicle Repaints

The Company has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks and these are listed below :-

May

- w/e 12.5.79- 1704 at PL.
- w/e 19.5.79- 1724 at PL, 1764 at PL.
- w/e 26.5.79- 1414 at CW, 1419 at CW, 1760 at PL.

June

- w/e 2.6.79- 1002 at CW, 2900 at PL, 3030 at CW.
- w/e 9.6.79- 1711 at PL, 1758 at PL.
- w/e 16.6.79- 1766 at PL, 1791 at PL, 2857 at CW.
- w/e 23.6.79- 1527 at PL, 1771 at CW, 2851 at PL.

Service Vehicles

Vehicle Withdrawn - 6.79 - 9005 (BVX668B)

Service Revisions

There has been a very large number of applications for service revisions during recent weeks. Unfortunately a shortage of space does not allow full details of each revision to be listed and accordingly, where applications are of a relatively minor nature, only the service number and brief details are listed below.

An application has been made to increase all fares by 1p (up to £0-26p) and by 2p (over £0-26p), with similar increases proposed by Southend Transport. An application has also been made to increase the fares on express services, excursions and tours by a range of £0-05p-£0-40p, for all fares over £1-00p. In order to co-ordinate with Colchester Borough Transport and London Transport fare increases over common sections of routes with these operators have also been applied for.

Other revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

- 44A/B Timetable changes on weekdays.
- 53/72/124 Faretable changes.
- 56 One journey to operate from Patching Hall Lane (Catholic School).
- 67 Revised timetable.
- 78 Minor timetable change on weekdays.
- 87 Daily (to include Sundays) - revised terminals to be Colchester (Bus Station) and Manningtree (Skinners Arms).
- 95/8 Provision for vehicles to be hired as a whole for journeys between Burnham and Maldon.
- 100 Saturdays and Sundays during May, Daily 30.5.79-17.6.79 - to introduce Early Summer service.
- 103/4 Summer Sundays - return journey Colchester - Manningtree to be introduced.
- 107 Weekdays - minor timetable change.
- 117/8 Sundays - two 117 journeys to be renumbered 118 - minor timetable change.
- 121 Summer only - revised terminals to be Jaywick Sands (Meadow Way) and Little Clacton (Meadowview Caravan Park).
- 155 Revised terminals to be Basildon Hospital and Corringham (Social Club) - route between Corringham and Tilbury to be withdrawn.
- 156 Revised terminals to be Basildon (Bus Station) and Stanford-le-Hope (Victoria Road) - route between Stanford-le-Hope and Tilbury to be withdrawn.
- 251 Terminal at Wood Green for westbound journeys to be Wood Green (High Road).
- 311 Timetable changes and additional journey on Mondays to Fridays.
- 400 Daily - revised summer timetable.

Revisions to express services applied for are as follows :-

- 127 NEW SERVICE Maidstone (Lower Stone Street Bus Station) - Harwich via Dartford Tunnel, Colchester and Clacton (dates below).
- 133 NEW SERVICE Maidstone (Lower Stone Street Bus Station) - Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station) via Dartford Tunnel, Basildon, Chelmsford, Colchester and Clacton - Saturdays 26.5.79-22.9.79.

The following express services will be affected by the E.E.C. Drivers Hours Regulations and applications to revise the licences have been made in order that the East Anglian express service network can be operated as reliably and economically as possible :-

- 080, 081, 082, 083, 084, 088,, 089,, 090, 093, 095, 099,
- 104, 180, 181, 184.

The dates of operation of two further express services have recently been confirmed (see NS180) :-

- 189 Bishops Stortford (Rye Street - Biss Bros garage) - Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Sundays (27.5.79-2.9.79), Mondays (7.5.79/28.5.79-10.9.79), Tuesdays (3.7.79-4.8.79/18.9.79), Wednesdays (30.5.79-5.9.79), Thursdays (12.7.79-6.9.79) and Fridays (1.6.79/3.8.79)
- 191 Harlow (Potter Street) - Walton-on-Naze (Coach Park) - Sats/Suns (26.5.79-30.9.79), Mon/Wed/Fri (28.5.79-7.9.79), Tues/Thurs (31.7.79-30.8.79).

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The recently delivered Leyland Leopard coaches (101/2 DHK101/2T) are of the PSU3E/4R chassis type and have chassis numbers 7804122 and 7804215 respectively. Their Duple Dominant II bodies are of a C51F configuration and carry body numbers 834/5374 and 834/5375 respectively.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTNew Vehicles

The five Leyland CRL6 chassis which had been in store have now been sent to Northern Counties for bodying.

Vehicles on Hire

Ex-Nottingham Leyland Atlanteans 321-4, which are on hire from the Ensign Bus Company, now carry Southend Transport legal lettering above the front door but no crest.

For the first time in several years no buses were hired on Derby day (June 6th) to cover for vehicles which had travelled to Epsom. This year the Leyland PD3 open-top vehicles (311-4) and ten Daimler Fleetlines, which were hired to National Travel (London), attended the Derby.

On June 1st Daimler Fleetline 368 (WJN368J) was hired to the Ensign Bus Company to operate a special late evening rail replacement service between Wickford and Southminster. A similar service operated on June 2nd with 377 (GHJ377L) being used.

On June 9th Daimler Fleetlines 380/4/8/9/90/4 (GHJ380/4L, JTD388/9/90/4P) were hired to Crouch End Coaches, London to convey a party from Kings Cross to London Zoo and Wembley Stadium, for the schoolboy football international between England and West Germany. Also noted at Wembley on this occasion were Southend Transport Leyland Leopards 201/3 (LBN201P UTD203T) and Eastern National vehicles 1509 CF (EPU190G), 3039 SE (PWC514M) and 3055 SE (LJN650P).

General

Leyland Leopards 203/15 and Daimler Fleetline 397 have had their rear view scopes removed, and there are now no vehicles in the fleet fitted with scopes. The following vehicles have been fitted with alarms as described in NS182 :-
215, 348-54, 374/6-9/81/2/4-97.

Amongst the vehicles currently delicensed are Leyland Leopard 202 (LBN202P) with suspension and steering defects and Daimler Fleetlines 351/61/5/6 (WJN351J etc.) with accident damage.

Daimler CWA6 270 (GYE60), which had been stored in the depot for many years, has recently been towed to the Tickfield Road works where it is now standing alongside the hulk of Leyland PD3 344 (CJN444C). The vehicle still carries the original Southend livery and is now to be sold for scrap.

Also at the Tickfield Road works on June 2nd were Brighton Borough Transport Leyland PD3 34 (MCD134F) being converted to open-top, two London Transport SMS type AEC Swifts which indicates that the contract to re-certify these vehicles has not yet finished (see NS182) and the two ex-London Country vehicles (see NS181). Other vehicles which are still receiving attention at the works are ex-Leicester Leyland PD3 80HBC, which is in the process of conversion to a mobile exhibition centre for Shell U.K. Ltd., ex-Blackpool Leyland PD3 YFR351, which is to be a playbus in the Thurrock area, and ex-Western National Bristol FLF6G 139HU0 which has been repainted for Robinsons.

Recovery vehicle 010 (JXW122), an AEC Matador, has been out of use since the latter part of 1978 and has now been stripped down to a bare chassis at the works. It is to be completely rebuilt with a new engine and braking system together with a Southend Transport-built cab. Towing duties are at present carried out by a local garage, Stewart & Arden Ltd, as required.

Service Notes

In conjunction with the 'Tradex' trade fair, held at Southend Airport, three additional evening journeys were operated on service 9 on May 16th-19th, while on May 20th a special service of eight journeys to and from Southend was provided.

Unusual Workings

18.5.79-311 on 1 and 4A, DJG630C (Kemp, Rochford) on 18, 21.5.79-341 on 4A, 23.5.79-340 on 7 and 9B, 343 on 62, 24.5.79-DJG630C on 4 and 18, 25.5.79-various PD3s on 9, 10 and 18, 28.5.79-347 on 1, 204 on 24, 334 and 345 on 66, 2.6.79-354 and 391 on 27 (omo), 6.6.79-203 and 204 on 68, 200 on 22B and 340 on 5, 6, 7 and 12, 10.6.79-218 on 67.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS182)

- 346 (571 UVX) - Breaker, Carlton, 2/79, ex. Fairclough (Contractor).
- 350 (573 UVX) - North West Transport Museum (for preservation), ex. Kings School, Chester (N-PSV), by 4/79.
- 356 (10 DLY) - Cheshire Cheese Angling Club, Latchford, by 10/78, ex. Tesco Sports Club, Winsford, formerly I.C.L., Holmes Chapel.
- 364 (LWC 869) - Dealer 10/78.
- 432 (PWC339K) - Morris, Swansea, 3/79, ex. National Travel (South East).
- 433 (PWC340K) - Morris, Swansea, 3/79, ex. National Travel (South East).
- 9434 (PWC341K) - Morris, Swansea, 3/79, ex. National Travel (South East).
- 9435 (PWC342K) - Morris, Swansea, 3/79, ex. National Travel (South East).
- 9436 (PWC343K) - Morris, Swansea, 3/79, ex. National Travel (South East).
- 1302 (1864 F) - Whittall, Birtley (N-PSV), 11/76, to Breaker, Carlton 3/79.
- 1334 (2724 VX) - Dealer, 11/78, ex. Robinson, Appleby.
- 1341 (2731 VX) - Dealer, Sherburn, 3/79, ex. Whittall, Birtley (N-PSV).
- 1356 (MOO 177) - Dealer, 10/78, to 5th Bradford (Horton Grange) Scout Group, (noted at Morecambe, 5/79 ex. dealer by personal observation).
- 1360 (OWC 609) - Dealer 10/78.
- 1411 (2736 VX) - Scrapyard, 11/78, ex. dealer.
- 1417 (2742 VX) - Dealer, Sherburn, 10/78.
- 1430 (MOO 975) - Dealer, 10/78.
- 1435 (OO 9543) - McAlpine - Brand - Zschokke, Llanberis (N-PSV), 2/79.
- 1602 (BNO103B) - Scrapped, 4/77.
- 2407 (XVX 22) - Scrapped, 2/79, by Colas (U.K.) Ltd., after take-over of Bristow, Grantham, following years of disuse.
- 2435 (970 DHK) - Scrapped, 2/79, by Colas (U.K.) Ltd., after take-over of Bristow, Grantham, following years of disuse.
- 2750 (JWC 710) - Dealer, 10/78.
- 2751 (JWC 711) - Dealer, 10/78.
- 2779 (992 KOO) - Scrapyard, 8/78.
- 2780 (993 KOO) - Double Two Shirts, Wakefield (N-PSV), by 8/78.
- 2786 (937 LWC) - Dealer, 12/78.
- 2789 (AVX957B) - Dealer, 10/78.
- 2794 (BVX670B) - Dealer, 10/78.
- 2800 (BVX676B) - Osborne, Tollesbury, 2, 12/78.
- 2810 (FWC428B) - Exported to U.S.A., 3/79, (see also NS180).
- 2820 (JHK452C) - Exported to U.S.A., 3/79, (see also NS180).
- 2829 (KN0952C) - Exported to U.S.A., 3/79, (see also NS180).
- 2855 (OPU824D) - Exported to U.S.A., 3/79, (see also NS180).
- 2932 (184 XNO) - Walker, Anderton, 9/78, ex. dealer, Middlewich.
- 2941 (KN0950C) - Exported to U.S.A., 3/79, (see also NS180).

NATIONAL EXPRESS SERVICES

With the arrival of summer many additional National Express services are operating in the area. Amongst the more unusual vehicles noted at Chelmsford during recent weeks have been Maidstone & District Leyland Leopard 4146 (UKR146S) on 29.3.79 and South Wales AEC Reliance 181 (UCY181N) on 19.5.79. Additionally London Country coaches from Chelsham (CM) garage now have a regular Saturday working on the Essex Coast services.

News Sheet Contributions

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