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EDITORIAL

Essex & Suffolk Coach Tour, Sunday April 28

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please try to give the tour your support and please book seats as soon as possible.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

3037	PWC512M	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/707	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20497
3038	PWC513M	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/708	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20498
3039	PWC514M	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/709	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20499
3040	PWC515M	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/710	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20500
3041	PWC516M	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT/SL/2/711	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20501

Delivery dates: 3037 - 3.74 3040 - 3.74
3038 - 3.74 3041 - 3.74
3039 - 3.74

These vehicles complete the 1973 order for vehicles, they are all equipped for O.M.O. operation. The current expected delivery dates for the 1974 order for vehicles is as follows:

2 Bristol RELH coaches in 5.74, Leyland Nationals and Bristol VRT's to commence delivery in 9.74.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

3.74 1420(806 WWV) 1430(M00 975)

These vehicles are now B45F(O.M.O.) previously B41F(O.M.O.), they have been equipped with bus seats.

Reclassified Vehicles

1608-10(GVW978-80H) are in the process of having their roofs repainted green, in place of the former white, and are therefore reclassified B45F(O.M.O.), previously DP45F(O.M.O.). 1608 at least had been completed in early March. These vehicles are now allocated as buses and have in fact been so allocated for several months. The last allocation in which they were classified as coaches was as follows:

1608 - 4.73 1609 - 6.73 1610 - 5.73

There are now no dual purpose saloons left in the fleet.

Allocations & Transfers

3.74 307-DT, 433-MN, 1313-BN, 1328-BN, 1349-BD, 1400-DT, 1434-DT, 1513-D/L, 1517-D/L, 1521-DT, 1522-DT, 1523-DT, 1600-SD, 1604-BD, 1607-CN, 1608-SD, 1718-DT, 1723-MN, 1730-CF, 2507-DT, 2525-D/L, 2728-DT, 2737-CF, 2754-DT, 2842-DT, 2933-HD, 2942-MN, 2943-HH. (By members observation: 3038-HH)

It will be noted that Harwich (DT) now has its own allocation which is separated from that of Clacton (CN) in which it was included previously. The complete allocations for Clacton and Harwich for March 1974 are shown below.

Clacton (CN) - also includes Walton-on-Naze (WN).

309, 407/28, 1226/8/43, 1303/4/7/17/45/51, 1401/10/4/5/20/5, 1505/20/6/7/32, 1602, 2519, 2701/20/5/6/36/57/8/72/84/800/2/8/49/64/98/926, 3003. Total...42

Harwich (DT)

307, 1400/34, 1521-3, 1607, 1718, 2507, 2728/54/842.

Total...12

Service Vehicles

Withdrawn Vehicles

2.74	CWC986G	YHK969F	TJN346H
3.74	JVX 555 - Mobile Uniform Store		

Service Revisions

Application has recently been made for permanent operation of the service between Colchester and Gret Bromley previously operated by Vines Coaches of Great Bromley, and recently operated by Eastern National and Heddingham & District on a temporary basis. (see NS113) Details of the new service are as follows :

79 COLCHESTER (Bus Station) - GREAT BROMLEY (Ball Green) via Parsons Heath, Crockleford Heath, Burnt Heath, Great Bromley, and Hare Green. To be operated on Weekdays only jointly with Heddingham & District.

Application has been made for the following services to terminate at Southend Central Bus Station :

1, 2/402, 3A, 4/A/B/18, 7A/B, 8A, 9/B, 10/B/12/13, 20, 25A, 26, 29/A/B, 61/A, 62, 251, 400, 401.

These routes generally enter the Bus Station by way of High Street and York Road, departure is via Heygate Avenue, Grover Street, Tylers Avenue to High Street. In addition the following cross-town services in Southend are to be diverted to serve the new Bus Station :

3, 5, 7/8, 17, 22/A/B, 24, 66.

Former London Road Bus Station is to be re-named Victoria Bus Station and services to this point will be similar in pattern to those provided at the present time.

General

The four remaining Bristol KSW open-top vehicles are in the process of being re-painted into a modified N.B.C. livery and are to be used at Southend this summer. 2379(WNO 475) at least has been completed, the livery is mainly white, with a National green band above the lower deck windows, the vehicle carries an N.B.C. style Eastern National fleetname and 'double N' symbol in green.

3043(LFS292F) has now been repainted into National green livery, it previously operated in its original Eastern Scottish livery.

3002(CPU981G) the Bristol VRT which was decapitated at Braintree recently has now returned to service. It was noted working at Chelmsford on services 11/48 in early March.

1513(FVX615H) a Bristol RELL saloon suffered a fire whilst on service 235 on 20 February. The vehicle sustained extensive damage, but it is not to be withdrawn and will probably be re-bodied. Confirmation to follow.

2791(AVX959B) a Bristol FLF is at present being prepared at Central Works, Chelmsford as a further overall advertisement vehicle. It is in an orange livery (also described as tangerine) and is part of an advertising campaign for the National Coal Board which will feature other vehicles throughout Britain in its scope. Accordingly, an Eastern Counties Bristol FLF is also being treated at Central Works, this is reputed to be FLF457(JPW457D). A sure case of the N.C.B. by the N.B.C. !

The revised fare scales (see NS119) came into effect on 10 March.

331(7017 HK) a Bristol MW6G coach which was withdrawn by Eastern National in 1971 has been purchased by a Group member for preservation. It has recently been overhauled and repainted in the former cream and green livery at Central Works and grateful thanks are expressed by the owing member to Eastern National management and staff for their enthusiasm, help and encouragement which has enabled this vehicle to be restored to the same high standard that has been associated with all Company vehicles over many years. It is hoped that this vehicle may be used for a Group tour in the future.

Vehicles in store at Prittlewell in early March were as follows :

306/8/44-7/9/65/83/5, 447/8/50, 1222/7/9/45/6, 1712(accident damage),
2382/4/6, 2436/7/40/5/7-50/3-6/61/3/5/81/2/5-7, 2504.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

New Vehicles

93/5/6(TRT93/5/6M) are new Leyland Atlanteans with dual entrance/exit Roe bodywork which have recently entered service. Full details will follow.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Vehicle on Hire

319 KCK 920 Leyland PD3/4 572563 Burlingham FH41/31FD new 1958

On hire from Ensign Bus Co. Ltd., Hornchurch, Essex, previously
Ribble Motor Services Ltd., no. 1559. Noted 2/74.

317(KCK 879) is now in full Southend Corporation livery with Ensign Bus Sales as legal owner which is shown on the sliding door. The Southend Corporation fleetname and town crest are positioned between the decks.

General

209(GJN509D) and 218(MJN218F) have been repainted as described for 215(MJN215F) last month. In addition these vehicles incorporate the fleetname 'SOUTHEND TRANSPORT' next to the town crest. This is in equal height dark blue or black block capital letters which are about 3-4" high. 209 also carries the fleetnumber in white at the front, below the nearside windscreen, since the town crest now occupies the space where the fleetnumbers were positioned previously. Subsequently 313(PHJ 952) and 347(MHJ347F) have acquired Southend Transport fleetnames, that on 347 being between decks behind the town crest.

Another vehicle noted at the Corporation works in Tickfield Road in late February is shown below. The vehicle is in Nottingham City Transport livery and its fate is unknown at present, it was still at the works in late March.

10 ATO Leyland PD2/40 572929 Met. Camm. H37/28R new 1958 (ex. N.C.T., 10)

Several other vehicles, owned by Ensign, have been observed in the garage in London Road recently, although these are not believed to have been operated.

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LTD.

On 1 January 1974 Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd. was transferred along with Samuelsons New Transport Co. Ltd. and A. Timpson & Sons Ltd. to a newly formed Company, National Travel (South East) Ltd., with registered office at 175, Rushey Green, Catford, London SE6 4BD. It is anticipated the new Company will retain the former individual trading entities but that vehicles will portray National Travel (South East) as legal ownership. National white will of course be the livery used.

INDEPENDENT OPERATORS

Gemini Cabs, Great Canfield, DUNMOW, Essex

The service introduced by this operator between Leaden Road and Great Dunmow (see NS108) has now been discontinued.

Kings Cross Coach Station

Following the closure of the Coach Station at Caledonia Street, Kings Cross at the end of last year, services have been transferred to the nearby National Coach Station in Pentonville Road. Services which previously used the Caledonia Street terminal include those operated by Premier Travel Ltd., Jennings of Ashen, and Whippet of Hilton.