

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Mid Essex Coach Tour, Sunday, 26th April and Weekend Coach/Rail Tour, Friday, 8th May, to Sunday, 10th May

There are still seats available on each of these tours. Please book seats as soon as possible, booking forms were sent with last months news sheet.

East Kent Tour, Sunday, 24th May

Members are invited to participate in this tour organised by the M&D and East Kent Bus Club. The Clubs Leyland PDL will be used on the tour. It will depart from Maidstone and pick-up at Gillingham (rail connection from London) and will visit East Kent at Canterbury, Folkestone, Thanet, Dover and Folkestone. Full details and booking forms from P.J. Hollingsbee, 28 Queen Elizabeth Square, MAIDSTONE, Kent.

Eastern Counties Omnibus Society

Following our affiliation with the Ewer Group Enthusiasts Club last year we are pleased to announce that a similar arrangement has now been reached with the Eastern Counties Omnibus Society whereby there is an exchange of news and facilities between the two organisations. Eastern National Enthusiasts Group members are invited to become members of the E.C.O.S. The annual subscription is 18/- which covers the cost of their monthly journal 'Terminus'. Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, E.C.O.S., 26 Barnesdale Road, NORWICH, Norfolk, NOR 93D.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

Corrected delivery dates for the vehicles detailed last month are as below:

420	-	3.70	1608	-	3.70
421	-	3.70	1610	-	3.70

We are now able to give further details concerning 1608-10 (GVW978-80H). These vehicles are finished in coach livery (cream & green) and have dual purpose coach seats (non-reclining coach seats) and jack-knife doors. They are operated as, and allocated as, coaches.

The Company required dual purpose vehicles but E.C.W. policy over this type of vehicle for 1970 was that they would be based on the bus shell with additional embellishments rather than previous policy under which they were coach shells less certain embellishments. As the bus shell version did not suit the requirements the vehicles were ordered as coaches and the order later amended to dual purpose vehicles. Future such vehicles will be numbered in the 400 series initially. Dual purpose vehicles (including 1608-10) will in future operate as coaches for about five years and then be demoted to true dual purpose vehicles, be repainted green and cream and be re-numbered if required.

Vehicles on loan

3.70	AAH125B	Bristol RELH6G	212.023	E.C.W.	C47F	13719	new 1964
	GPW482D	"	232.004	"	"	15898	new 1965

These vehicles are on temporary loan from Eastern Counties Omnibus Co.Ltd., Norwich nos. RE377/82. They will be on loan until about mid-May and are at present operating from Chelmsford.

Rebuilt vehicle

4.70 2612 (AVW403F) is now CLD37/16FD

This vehicle is being used on coach-air express services and extra luggage space has been provided by the removal of the two rear single seats on the lower deck and extension of the present luggage area.

Allocations & Transfers

2.70	Additional:		2608 - BN
4.70	331-CR, 336-BE, 338-WG, 344-D/L, 345-D/L, 361-D/L, 380-D/L, 381-MN, 384-D/L, 387-SD, 410-CF, 419-HD, 1232-BE, 1318-D/L, 1402-BN, 1501-CR, 1504-SD, 1608-CN, 1610-D/L. /		

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

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| 33 | To be extended from Dunmow to Saffron Walden (Station Street) via service 33A. |
| 46/49 | Local fares to apply in Harlow New Town. |
| 46,49,153
151,251,351 | Certain fares to be increased to co-ordinate with London Country Bus Services Ltd. over common sections of route. |
| 310-3 | To be extended in Halstead from Old Rail Station to Churchill Avenue. |
| 322/3 | Section of route between Sudbury (Bus Station) and Great Cornard to be withdrawn. Service 322 to be renumbered 326. |

In addition the following new service has also been applied for:

BURNHAM (Clock Tower) - WICKFORD (Rail Station)
via Southminster, Althorne, Fords Corner, Kitts Hill,
Stow Maries, South Woodham Rail Station and Rottendon,
Turnpike Corner.
To operate on Summer Sundays only.
(The Sunday service on the Wickford-Burnham-Southminster
branch railway ceased last year)

Express Services

East Anglian Express

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| XI | Certain journeys to operate via Portman Road, Ipswich on the occasion of home matches of Ipswich Town F.C. |
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General

The overhaul area at Kings Cross is being incorporated into the passenger area of the Coach Station.

It has been confirmed that only the first batch of Bristol REL's (1500-4, CVW854-8G) have the destination number blind on the nearside and that the remainder of the batch (1505-19) have their destination number blinds on the offside.

Certain of the Bristol REL saloons have now been fitted with illuminated P.A.Y.E. signs in place of the former yellow discs. Those so far noted are 1501(CVW855G), 1507(EPUL88G) and 1516(FWC439H).

Certain Eastern Counties vehicles have recently been maintained at Clacton. This was only a temporary measure and has now ceased.

An application for increased fares has recently been made. New fares are proposed in both old and new currency. The proposed fares are as follows:

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Proposed fare</u>	<u>(d)</u>	<u>(p)</u>
Up to 0.7		5	2
1.2		7	3
1.7		9	4
2.2		1/-	5
2.7		1/3	6
3.2		1/5	7
4.0		1/7	8
5.0		1/9	9

Then at the following regular increments:

6.0 - 2/-(10p), 7.0 - 2/3(11p), 8.0 - 2/5(12p), 9.0 - 2/7(13p),
10.0 - 2/9(14p), 11.0 - 3/-(15p) up to a maximum of:

71.0	15/-	75
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SOUTHEAST CORPORATION

General

Albion Lowlander 326(7090 HJ) has been equipped for O.M.O. operation.

Corrections to last months notes:

Delete all reference to change in style of registration numbers, in addition vehicles from the batch of Leyland PD3/6,333-44(CJN433-44C) are having their front registration numbers moved to just below the windscreen.

The vehicles on service 7 are changed at Ashington Schools and not at Hockley Rail Station as originally reported.