

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Southend Meeting, Wednesday 5 December

At 58, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff commencing at 1930. This is an experimental meeting in the Southend area, so please give it support if you can, services 6/A pass nearby.

Destination Blinds

The Group have recently acquired a stock of destination blinds, from Colchester garage. Any member interested in the purchase of these should contact the Secretary. (S.A.E. please)

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicle

1724 NEV681M Leyland National 1151/1R/0402 01025 Leyland National B49F
Delivery date: 1724 - 11.73

Withdrawn Vehicles

10.73	2830(KN0953C)	2839(LWC665C)
	2836(LWC662C)	2840(LWC666C)
11.73	2846(MVX883C)	2847(MVX884C)

These vehicles have been acquired by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich and have been numbered FLF423-8 (previously 2846/7/30/6/9/40). Several of the vehicles have entered service with Eastern Counties in full Eastern National livery, FLF424/7/8 at Norwich and FLF426 at Peterboro'.

Acquired Vehicles

3042	LFS287F	Bristol VRTLL6G	108	E.C.W.	LD47/36FD	17326	1968
3043	LFS292F	Bristol VRTLL6G	113	E.C.W.	LD47/36FD	17331	1968
3044	LFS295F	Bristol VRTLL6G	116	E.C.W.	LD47/36FD	17334	1968
3045	NAG583G	Bristol VRTSL6G	218	E.C.W.	LD43/32FD	18021	1969
3046	NAG586G	Bristol VRTSL6G	221	E.C.W.	LD43/32FD	18024	1969
3047	OCS576H	Bristol VRTSL6G	252	E.C.W.	LD43/32FD	18035	1969

3042/3/7 were acquired in 11.73 and 3044-6 in 10.73. They were all acquired from the Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich. The vehicles were never operated by Eastern Counties, they acquired them from Scottish Bus Group Companies in exchange for Eastern Counties Bristol FLF's. The original owners of the vehicles were:

3042-4 - Eastern Scottish (Scottish Omnibuses Ltd.), Edinburgh, nos. AA287/92/5.

3045-7 - Western S.M.T. Co. Ltd., Kilmarnock, nos. 2262/5/46.

3044/5(LFS295F, NAG583G) were to have been numbered VR313/34 respectively by Eastern Counties, 3042/3(LFS287/92F) were to have been numbered VR314/5 (or vice versa) and 3046/7(NAG586G, OCS576H) were to have become VR335/6 (or vice versa).

3042-4(LFS287/92/5F) are of chassis type VRTLL6G, and are 33' long. All of 3042-7 are to be repainted before entering service, they are at present at Central Works.

(We are indebted to the Eastern Counties Omnibus Society for many of the above notes.)

Rebuilt Vehicles

10.73 1428(M00 973) to MW6G

Delete reference to conversion of 1349(209 YVX) to MW6G.

{ BVX668B, the Bristol FLF which has been repainted dark blue to advertise staff

recruitment is still referred to as 2606 and not 2938 as stated last month. The vehicle still retains the original coach style layout with luggage compartment. The seating is now CLD37/12FD as two pairs of seats have been reversed and another two removed to provide space for interviews etc. The vehicle is in a deep blue livery and carries the slogan "I'm blue because I have no driver" in large red letters edged with white. It carries no fleetnumber plates on the exterior, the only number carried is 9606 on the small plastic plate inside. It was noted at Southend in November.

Allocations & Transfers

11.73 310-D/L, 386-D/L, 393-D/L, 407-CN, 432-D/L, 450-D/L, 1313-CN, 1315-BD, 1409-BD, 1506-D/L, 1508-BD, 2455-D/L(D), 2460-D/L(D), 2465-D/L(D), 2481-D/L(D), 2482-D/L(D), 2484-D/L(D), 2485-D/L(D), 2486-D/L(D), 2487-D/L(D), 2505-SD, 2511-CF, 2518-BE, 2522-CR, 2528-SD, 2719-CF, 2730-CF, 2742-HD, 2749-CR, 2928-D/L, 2942-D/L, 3023-SD, 3027-CF, 3029-CF, 3031-BN, 3032-BN, 3033-BN, 3034-BN, 3035-CF, 3036-BN, 3044-D/L, 3045-D/L, 3046-D/L.

3029 was operated for a short period from SD in 10.73.

Service Revisions

The following service revision has commenced with effect from October 8th :

5 Extended from Canvey(Haystack) to Canvey(Leigh Road). (compare NS115)

An application has been made by London Transport to extend a service into Eastern National territory, details are as follows :

175A Certain journeys to operate from Chipping Ongar (Red Cow) via Fyfield Road to Chipping Ongar (Comprehensive School) on Schooldays only. This section of route was previously served by Eastern National service 30 only.

General

2441(976 DEK), a Bristol LD allocated to driver training duties, has been repainted into a dark blue livery similar to that applied to 2606(BVX668B). It carries similar wording to that used on 2606 and has large "L"s painted on the front, a normal NBC style fleetname is carried. The other vehicles allocated for driver training duties, 2462/4/78/9 (324 GPU, 882 GVX, 538/9 HVX) are to be similarly treated.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Service Revisions

Further details are now available concerning the proposed new express service between Southend and London. (see NS113) The proposed route is as follows :

SOUTHEND(Central Bus Station), Westcliff, Leigh, Hadleigh, Thundersley, Benfleet, Pitsea, Basildon(Last picking up point), Arterial Road, Gallows Corner, Romford, Ilford, Stratford, Bow, Aldgate, Tower Bridge, Tower Bridge Road, New Kent Road, Elephant & Castle, Newington Butts, Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, Bessborough Street, Belgrave Road, Ecclestone Bridge to LONDON(Buckingham Palace Road). Return route to be via Elizabeth Bridge, St Georges Drive, Belgrave Road and as outward route reversed. There are initially to be two return journeys per day, daily.

Application has also been made to operate services beyond the co-ordination area on Boxing Day, 1973. The services are to be the same as those operated in 1972, and are as shown below (E.N./S.C.T. 1972 route numbers in brackets) :

(11/31/19)	Southend - Chelmsford - Maldon - Colchester
(2)	Southend - Basildon - Grays
(2/151)	Southend - Basildon - Romford (this could now become 26)
(251)	Southend - Rayleigh - Wickford