

EDITORIALWeekend Rail and Coach Tour to South Wales, Friday 20 - Sunday 22 September 1974

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet, please try to support this ambitious venture. In view of the need to finalise the accommodation arrangements early, bookings for the complete tour cannot be accepted after 5 September.

Facilities for Southend area members

Peter Snell (Southend Area Representative) and Richard Delahoy (Committee Member) meet almost every Sunday afternoon at Southend Central Bus Station at about 1500. They would be pleased to meet any other local members for an informal chat and exchange of news. Also included with this news sheet, for Southend area members, is issue no. 4 of the 'Southend Busman'. For those members who would like to be included in the circulation of future issues of this publication please contact Peter Snell (address in NS118). The 'Southend Busman' can be sent to any member, it is published bi-monthly and is circulated gratis with the main Group news sheet.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

The Bristol LD's withdrawn recently, 2445/81/2/5-7 (434 FEV, 541 HVX, 295/8 JHK, 75/6 JNO) were sold directly to Hants & Dorset Motor Services Ltd., Bournemouth in May.

Rebuilt/Re-seated Vehicles

7.74 2928 (AVW397F) to LD37/30FD (O.M.O.)
This vehicle has been converted to the Mark II specification (see NS122)
Work is progressing on the conversion of the Bristol MW coaches to saloons. Most of the vehicles have now had their quarter-drop windows removed and re-panelled and have had bus seats fitted from LS saloons and Bristol LD's. They will shortly be sent to Marshalls of Cambridge for modifications to their doors and destination equipment.
1454(569 UVX) has been noted in service in late July, it has been repainted into bus livery and carries small temporary grey fleetnumber transfers.

Allocations & Transfers

Correction to NS123: transfers given should read 6.74.

7.74 366-BN, 1316-BN, 1723-D/L, 2496-D/L, 2499-D/L, 2504-CN, 2509-CN, 2779-CN
 2926-BN, 2927-BN, 2928-CN.

344(569 UVX) still shown as such on the July allocation sheet. 366(BN0116B) is allocated to BN (on a temporary basis for contract work) as a 39-seat 2 man saloon.

Service VehiclesWithdrawn Vehicles

6.74 - AJN639K

7.74 - JVX 555

Although withdrawn for some months, this vehicle has now been sold to the Eastern National Preservation Group for use as a static store-room. (Sold without an engine).

HFA 27E is also out of use at the moment, pending disposal.

Service Revisions

The following additional service revision was introduced with the publication of the new timetable on 16 June :

335/6

Journeys between Braintree and Witham direct via Main Road are now numbered 334. (These journeys operate on Mondays to Fridays only).

General

Bristol FLF 2790(AVX958B), the overall advertisement vehicle for Typhoo Tea, was repainted green by early June.

1301(1863 F), which has for a long time sported a non-standard livery has now been repainted into standard N.B.C. style livery with a white band below the windows.

2379/82/4(WNO 475/83/0), Bristol KSW open toppers, are again on hire to Southend Transport to operate sea front service 67. (q.v.)

Application has been made for increased fares, a cognate application has also been made by Southend Transport :

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>
0.7	3p 2	4.5	14p 15	10.0	25p 23
1.2	5p 4	5.0	15p 14	11.0	26p 24
1.7	7p 6	5.5	16p 15	12.0	28p 26
2.2	8p 7	6.0	18p 17	thence 1p per mile to	
2.7	9p 8	6.5	20p 18	20.0	36p
3.2	11p 10	7.0	21p 19	21.0	38p
3.7	12p 11	7.5	22p 20	thence 1p per mile to	
4.0	13p 12	8.0	23p 21	58.0	75p
		9.0	24p 22		

There are also to be further increases consequent upon the granting of further threshold payments after July 1974, these are to be as follows :

- 1) In the event of one 40p increase, all return fares for distances up to 12 miles to be withdrawn.
- 2) In the event of a further 40p increase, the remainder of return fares to be withdrawn.
- 3) In the event of a further 40p increase, the proposed 16p - 22p fares to be increased by an additional 1p.
- 4) In the event of a further 40p increase, the proposed 13p - 15p fares to be increased by an additional 1p.

The premises at Silver End, which have recently been used by National Travel (South East) for vehicle storage, are in the course of being modified for use as a bus garage by Eastern National. It is intended that operations from Kelvedon will be transferred there later in the year so that Kelvedon may be used exclusively by National Travel.

The two large garage bays at Prittlewell have been rented to National Travel (South East) and are being used by that concern. The Eastern National vehicles which were stored there have been moved to the yard at Prittlewell by the side of the works, and also to Canvey. The works at Prittlewell are still being used by Eastern National.

Further to the notes on the new timetable booklets published last month, the colours of the covers are somewhat difficult to define exactly but may be described as follows : North East (Purple), Central (Scarlet/Purple), South West (pale Scarlet). The North East timetable is bluer, and the South West redder, than the Central timetable. Regulations and Conditions are not included in the timetables and are now published separately. The timetables are all of almost the same size viz. North West (88 pp), Central (88 pp), South West (80 pp).

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTGeneral

Application has been made to increase 5p fares for journeys between 2 and 2½ miles to 6p. A cognate application has been made by Eastern National for services entering the borough.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTVehicles on Hire/Loan

207(2718 HJ) has now returned from Alder Valley. 318/9(LCK 739, KCK 920) have still not entered service. Three Bristol KSW's are on hire from Eastern National for sea front service. (q.v.)