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EDITORIAL

Vacations 1971

Will members please note that the Secretary will be on holiday from 27 August until 20 September, and hence correspondence received during this period will be subject to delay as will the September news sheet, any inconvenience caused is regretted.

Change of Address

Will members please note as from 1 September 1971 Cambridge Drive is to be re-named Farley Drive to avoid confusion with nearby Cambridge Road. Will members please use this new address from the above date viz:

7 Farley Drive, Seven Kings, ILFORD, Essex.

Ewer Group Fleet List

This publication by the Ewer Group Enthusiasts Club is available to members of this Group. It also contains a brief history of the Company together with details of garages, liveries, and services. A fleet list of the van hire fleet is also included. Copies are available from K. Bateman Esq., Hon.Publications Officer, 52a Annis Road, LONDON E.9 5DD, price 7½p (post free).

Eastern Counties Omnibus Society Publications

The following publications are available to members of the Group, all prices quoted include postage.

EC 1 — Fleet summary and yearly analysis of Eastern Counties Omnibus Co.Ltd. — Price ... 35p

EC 2 — List of current Eastern Counties depots, offices and outstations. — Price ... 5p

Orders should be sent to B.Simpson Esq., 76 Canterbury Road, Penn, WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs. WV4 4EJ.

Autumn Transport Sale

This has been arranged by the London Omnibus Traction Society and is to take place at Caxton Hall, LONDON S.W.1 on Monday 13 September commencing at 1900, admission 10p. Further details may be obtained from L.O.T.S., 118 Shortlands Road, BROMLEY, Kent.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

429	LWC980J	Bristol RELH6G	4/412	Plaxton	C47F	713395
430	LWC981J	Bristol RELH6G	4/413	Plaxton	C47F	713396
431	LWC982J	Bristol RELH6G	4/414	Plaxton	C47F	713394
1536	OHK226K	Bristol RELL6G	3/1553	E.C.W.	B53F	19233

Delivery dates: 429 - 7.71; 430 - 7.71; 431 - 7.71; 1536 - 8.71

The seven coaches which are still outstanding (432-4, 9435-8) will be delivered later in the year. 432-4 and 9435/6 will be delivered during December and the remaining two in February 1972.

425(LWC976J) which was to have been a Tilling vehicle is owned by Eastern National. It is allocated to Wood Green to operate N.B.C. tours.

Allocations & Transfers

8.71 — 347-CF, 425-WG, 428-CF, 429-CF, 430-CN, 431-CN, 1247-D/L, 1307-CN, 1308-CF, 1334-CF, 1404-D/L, 2384-SD, 2403-D/L, 2488-CF, 2500-HH, 2512-CN, 2513-CN, 2523-BN, 2787-WG, 2896-SD, 2901-D/L.

It will be noted that Wood Green now has a Bristol FLF bus which is not fitted with a semi-automatic gearbox, the first one so allocated for several years.

Only one open topper, 2380(WNO 478) is still employed on driver tuition duties.

Rebuilt Vehicles

1.71 — 2604 (RWC 607)
4.71 — 9609 (KNO950C)
3.71 — 9605 (RWC 608)

all to CLD37/16FD.

The above dates have previously not been given, it should be noted that 2604 was converted before transfer to Tillings Travel (see NS88).

Service Revisions

The route numbers were unfortunately obliterated from the top of page 2 of last months news sheet. For the record these were: 6/A/B; 9A; 14/A/B.

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

20	Journeys from Coryton to be re-routed via unclassified road, A.1014, The Manor Way, Corringham Road, Giffords Cross Roads, B.1420, A.13 and London Road.
40	To operate between Brentwood (White Horse) and Tilbury (Riverside Station) only.
102	To be withdrawn on Sundays during the winter period.
153	Section of route to be defined as Giffords Cross Road, Springhouse Road, Gordon Road, The Sorrells, A.1014, Rectory Road, Orsett High Road, B.188, A.13, A.1013 to Grays (War Memorial).
319	To be operated on Saturdays only.
329	To be withdrawn between Willows Green and Felsted.
351	Certain journeys to be operated to Warley (Fords).

General

Following the success of the T.V. series "On the Buses", a film version has recently been released. The T.V. series featured "Luxton & District" using green Eastern National Bristol FLF's, the film version also features Eastern National buses. These, however, belong to the "Town & District Bus Co. Ltd." and are former Eastern National Bristol KSW's painted red. Noted in the film were VNO 857, VNO 862, VNO 866 and VNO 476. VNO. 857 was featured most frequently and carried the fleet-number 7143.

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

New Vehicles

Please refer to Eastern National notes for details of future new vehicle deliveries.

9423/4 (LUC974/5J) only have been fitted with Smiths ACB air conditioning equipment. A further two vehicles due next year (9437 will also be similarly equipped. The vehicles are fitted with 3 M's Scotch Tin erial on the windows.

General

Most of the coach fleet now have new fleetnumber plates as previously described (see NS87). They carry their new fleetnumbers in the form of a yellow transfer over the fuel filler cap but still retain the old E.N. ivory fleetnumber plates inside (i.e. 9351 carries 351 inside).

INDEPENDENTS

Ward, Epping

The service detailed in NS89 is now in operation. Details appear in the local time-table dated 7 August 1971 issued by London Country Bus Services for Bishops Stortford, Harlow, Epping, Loughton and District.

The service mainly operates between Epping Green and Coopersale Common on Weekdays with certain journeys extended to Toot Hill.

Thames Weald, West Kingsdown

Further details of the service to Crawley are now available (see NS88). Details appear in the local timetable dated 3 July 1971 issued by London Country Bus Services for Romford, Brentwood, Grays, Tilbury and District. There are two return journeys daily with an extra journey from Romford to Crawley on Weekdays. The running time for the service is 2hr. 55 mins., a remarkably long service for an independent operator.

Kelvedon Coaches, Kelvedon

Following the notes on the proposed service from Kelvedon to Earls Colne (see NS88) another new service is proposed. Details are:

Great Braxted (Du Cane Arms) - Maldon (Warrick)

To operate on Fridays and Saturdays only. This is in place of Eastern National service 92 which was withdrawn recently.

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