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EDITORIAL

New Publications

The following new publications will be available from 1st. March :

E.P.2	Fleet List of Southend Corporation	Price 3p
E.P.3	Fleet List of Colchester Corporation	Price 3p

The prices indicated do NOT INCLUDE postage, orders may be dispatched with the next published news sheet at no extra postal cost. Remittances may, if desired, be made in the form of postage stamps, provided that these are in denominations of 3p or less.

Publications E.P.1 (Eastern National), E.P.4 (Ipswich Corporation), E.P.6 (Billings Travel) and E.P.7 (Eastern National service vehicles) will follow shortly as soon as certain imminent vehicle deliveries have been completed.

The following new publication will also be available from 1st. March :

E.P.20 (SSS 1-5)	Southend Corporation Transport Special Christmas Bus Services.
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This publication gives details of the special services operated over the Christmas periods in 1971 and 1972. Also included in the price are five special photographs SSS 1-5 depicting vehicles operating the services in 1971, these are as follows :

SSS 1	372(WJN372J) at Grays on service 2.
SSS 2	215(MJN215F) at Chelmsford on service 11.
SSS 3	218(MJN218F) at Maldon on service 19.
SSS 4	210(FYS 677) at Runwell Hospital on service 20.
SSS 5	365(WJN365J) at Wickford on service 251.

The cost of the publication and photographs (not sold separately) is 28p per set (post free).

Fleetname Transfers

There has been a delay in the dispatch of fleetname transfers, for which we apologise. This has been due to the original supply of transfers being sold out which has necessitated a further supply being obtained. Also required have been some special containers to send the transfers through the post. This has recently been solved by the use of special cylindrical cardboard containers. It is hoped that outstanding orders will be fulfilled within the next two weeks.

An Appeal

Does any member have available postcard sized photographs of the following vehicles, 3413-6, 425/8-33, 9423-42. If so please contact :

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

452	X00882L	Bristol RELH6G	4/545	Plaxton	C47F	733191
1700	WN0549L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00335	Leyland National	B52F
1701	WN0550L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00336	Leyland National	B52F
1702	WN0551L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00337	Leyland National	B52F
1703	WN0552L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00359	Leyland National	B52F
1704	WN0553L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00360	Leyland National	B52F
1705	WN0554L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00361	Leyland National	B52F

Delivery dates:	452 - 2.73	1702 - 1.73	1704 - 2.73
	1700 - 1.73	1703 - 2.73	1705 - 2.73
	1701 - 1.73	1704 - 2.73	

The batch of coaches will be numbered 447 - 452.

The Leyland Nationals were delivered in an all green National livery, a white band is being added at Central Works. The vehicles are also being modified to incorporate a luggage pen and will then be B50F. (correction to NS106) It is anticipated that the first batch will operate from Chelmsford on service 351 (Chelmsford - Warley, Eagle Way) where at Brentwood they will meet other Leyland Nationals recently placed in service by London Country Bus Services Ltd. on Green Line service 721.

The two Bristol VRT's recently diverted to United Counties (see NS106) will not be replaced. (these were to have been registered WNO 547/8L) Consequently the 1973 order for Bristol VRT's will be numbered from 3027.

Acquired Vehicles

2600	184 XNO	Bristol FLF6B	181.118	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	12521	1962
2601	186 XNO	Bristol FLF6B	181.119	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	12522	1962
2602	185 XNO	Bristol FLF6B	181.120	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	12523	1962
2603	RWC 604	Bristol FLF6B	210.010	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13151	1962
2604	RWC 607	Bristol FLF6B	210.013	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13149	1962
2605	RWC 608	Bristol FLF6B	210.014	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13150	1962
2606	BVX668B	Bristol FLF6B	217.139	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13957	1962
2607	BVX669B	Bristol FLF6B	217.140	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13958	1962
2608	KNO949C	Bristol FLF6B	224.178	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	14936	1965
2609	KNO950C	Bristol FLF6B	224.179	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	14937	1965
2613	AVX974G	Bristol FLF6G	236.336	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16983	1968
2614	AVX975G	Bristol FLF6G	236.337	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16984	1968

ex. Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd., nos. 9600-9/13/4 on 28.1.73.

These vehicles were previously only leased to Tillings Travel from Eastern National. They have regained their original Eastern National fleetnumbers.

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.73 411(YHK728F) 430(LWC981J)

Transferred to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd., nos. 9411/30 on 28.1.73.

Rebuilt Vehicles

2924/6/7 (AEV818/20F, AVW396F) are in the process of being converted for OMO operation. It is anticipated that a total of forty-five of the latest Bristol FLF's will be similarly converted.

2600-9/13/4 (registrations above) are to be modified and re-seated to LD38/32FD and will, accordingly, become part of the stage carriage fleet and, as such will be numbered into the 2900 series.

Vehicles on Loan

Pending conversion to 70-seaters a number of the recently acquired Bristol FLF double deck dual purpose vehicles are on loan to the United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. following an acute shortage of vehicles by the latter operator who still operates a number of elderly Bristol KSW double deckers. The vehicles reported to be on loan (2.73) are 2600/2/3/5/6/8 (registrations above) and possibly more. These vehicles are operating from the following garages:

Northampton : 2602/5
Kettering : 2603/6/8 (2600 unknown)

The Tillings Travel fleetnumber plates and garage allocations have been removed and replaced by small yellow transfers. 2602 however, is still referred to as 9602 at Northampton.

Allocations & Transfers

2.73 365-D/L, 386-MN, 407-SD, 408-SD, 428-CF, 429-D/L, 432-D/L, 433-D/L, 1309-CF, 1700-D/L, 1701-D/L, 1702-D/L, 2439-D/L, 2442-D/L, 2457-D/L, 2505-BN, 2600-D/L, 2601-D/L, 2602-D/L, 2603-D/L, 2604-D/L, 2605-D/L, 2606-D/L, 2607-D/L, 2608-D/L, 2609-D/L, 2613-D/L, 2614-D/L, 2898-SD, 3024-SD, 3025-SD, 3026-SD.

Service Vehicles

The conversion of 2378 (WNO 474) to a service vehicle was completed in 1.73, details are :

0474 WNO 474 Bristol KSW5G 98.094 Tree Lopper new 1953

0474 is painted in overall National green livery and incorporates a new style Eastern National fleetname.

Withdrawn Vehicle

2.73 0485 (WNO 485)

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 9 Service to Eastwoodbury (Historical Aircraft Museum) to be withdrawn and terminal to revert to Eastwoodbury (Vickers Road). (This revision became effective from 14.1.73)
- 75 Revised route in West Mersea to be as authorised to Kingsland Road then Barfield Road to High Street (Bus Stand). Return route to be via High Street, Yorick Road, Kingsland Road thence as authorised. (additional information to NS106)
- 76 Services to East Mersea (see NS106) to be numbered 76B/76C.
- 154 Revised terminal to be Tilbury (Riverside Station) in place of Grays (War Memorial).

Market Day return fares (see NS105) are also to be available on service 26 from Basildon to Romford on Romford market days.

{ The revisions to services 5/A (see NS106) came into operation on 21.1.73, other dates of introduction are 87 (see NS104) on 1.1.73 and 351 (see NS105) on 11.2.73.

Service 17 (Temple Sutton - Eastwood) has been converted to OMO operation as from 14.1.73, Bristol VRT's (including 3024-6) are used on the service.

General

1437 (00 9545) has been repainted in the new National livery. However, owing to the design of the bodywork the Eastern National fleetname and National symbol have been placed below the windscreen as on double deckers.

1603 (GW978H) has been repainted into the NBC dual purpose livery, viz. green below the waistrail and white above. Whilst on the subject of NBC liveries, coaches painted white carry the Eastern National fleetname in red.

{ The two overall advertising buses have now entered service in the Southend area, they are 2804 (BVX680B) and 2837 (LWC663C).
 { 2837 was the first vehicle to enter service. This advertises the Southend District IVCA Home Heating Group. The basic colour scheme incorporates an orange skirt and radiator cowl, thence yellow to above the lower deck windows with white above. Superimposed is a surrealistic country cottage and a liberal quantity of flowers.
 { The fleetnumber plates and garage code have been repositioned below the offside headlamp on the front so as to avoid clashing with the flowers. The fleetname and two "N's" symbol is carried in green on the front in the space above the destination blinds and below the upper deck windows. There is also a green fleetname and two "N's" symbol on the nearside toward the front and also at the rear in black. Legal lettering and unladen weight are in the usual places in National grey lettering.
 { The vehicle was on view at Southend Central Station forecourt on Saturday 3.2.73 and was official unveiled in the afternoon by actor Stephen Lewis (Inspector Blake of 'On the Buses') which was accompanied by a competition which involved the setting off of hundreds of balloons. The vehicle entered service from Southend on Sunday 4.2.73 on the 2 group of services to Grays, it has since been transferred to Hadleigh.
 { 2804 was first noted in service on 17.2.73 operating from Hadleigh. It advertises a local builders merchant, Bambergers (Eastern) Ltd. The livery involves an imitation red-brick work up to the lower deck windows with white above. The vehicle is mainly used on the 3 group of services.

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

9443	XVW631L	Bristol RELH6G	4/528	Plaxton	C44F	733188
9444	XVW632L	Bristol RELH6G	4/529	Plaxton	C44F	733186
9445	XVW633L	Bristol RELH6G	4/530	Plaxton	C44F	733187
9446	XVW634L	Bristol RELH6G	4/531	Plaxton	C44F	733189

Delivery dates	9443 - 2.73	9445 - 2.73
	9444 - 2.73	9446 - 2.73

These vehicles are in National white livery incorporating Tilling fleetnames in red.

Acquired Vehicles

9411	YHK728F	Bristol RELH6G	4/128	E.C.W.	C42F	17043	1968
9430	LWC981J	Bristol RELH6G	4/413	Plaxton	C47F	713396	1971

Acquired ex. Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd., nos. 411/30 on 28.1.73

9700	751 DCD	Leyland L2T	L02170	Harrington	C36F	2842	1963
9701	752 DCD	Leyland L2T	L02176	Harrington	C36F	2843	1963
9702	753 DCD	Leyland L2T	L02177	Harrington	C36F	2844	1963

The above vehicles are the only former Southdown coaches to be retained by Tillings. 9700 was re-seated with seats from 9351 (YBD 202), the other two were equipped with secondhand seats from another source.

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.73	9600(184 XNO)	9604(RWC 607)	9608(KNO949C)
	9601(186 XNO)	9605(RWC 608)	9609(KNO950C)
	9602(185 XNO)	9606(BVX668B)	9613(AVX974G)
	9603(RWC 604)	9607(BVX669B)	9614(AVX975G)

Transferred to the Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd., nos. 2600-9/13/4 on 28.1.73.

.73	8735 CD	8736 CD	8737 CD	8740 CD	8741 CD	8742 CD
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These vehicles have been re-seated to C41F and are to be transferred to Black & White Motorways Ltd., Cheltenham, Glos.

There are now no Bristol engined vehicles remaining in the Tilling fleet.

Reseated Vehicles

9351/6-8 (YBD 202, 10/2/3 DLY) are to be re-seated to C41F using seats displaced from the double deck dual purpose vehicles.
9411 (YHK728F) is being re-seated to C47F.

Allocations & Transfers

2.73 9411-D/L, 9430-D/L, 9610-WG.

General

9610-2 (AVW401-3F) are to be retained by Tillings Travel until September. These vehicles are to be retained as double deck dual purpose vehicles. Although shown as allocated from Wood Green these vehicles actually operate from Kings Cross.

COLCHESTER CORPORATIONService Revisions

10 To be withdrawn on Sunday.

INDEPENDENT OPERATORS

Osborne Tollesbury - Acquired Vehicle ex. Western S.M.T. no. 2251

27	OCS581H	Bristol VRTSL6G	VRT, 3L/261	E.C.W.	LD43/32FD	18040 (1969)
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