

EDITORIALEastern National Calendars

The Traffic Manager has kindly given the Group some copies of the Company calendar for 1968. This is in the form of monthly tear-offs with an illustration of a different vehicle each month and is an excellent publication. The number of copies is limited and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. They can be obtained on application to the Secretary, free of charge, but each application must be accompanied by 1/6d. in stamps to cover the cost of postage and carriage.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

2910-6 have all been operating with small yellow transfers, as carried over the fuel filler cap, in lieu of the normal fleet number plate.

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.68	2304(DJN 559)	2310(SHK 518)	2314(SHK 525)
	2309(SHK 513)	2313(SHK 523)	2381(WNO 482)
			2385(WNO 481)

2381/5 have been sold to Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich. In addition a third open-top vehicle (2387, WNO 485) will be withdrawn but is still in stock at present at Basildon as a tree lopping vehicle in order to assist in the large volume of such work at present necessary. We are indebted to the Chief Engineer for this information.

2.68	318(SLA 763)	325(OBD 902)	327(SLA 761)
	319(OBD 901)	326(SLA 760)	

Allocations & Transfers

2.68 322-CR, 323-BE, 324-CR, 329-BD, 330-BS, 331-D/L, 332-BN, 333-BN, 334-D/L, 335-D/L, 337-D/L, 338-SD, 339-D/L, 342-D/L, 343-BS, 344-CN, 345-D/L, 346-CF, 349-D/L, 350-D/L, 364-D/L, 365-D/L, 366-D/L, 367-D/L, 380-MN, 381-D/L, 382-BN, 384-SD, 1226-D/L, 1228-D/L, 2365-BN, 2370-CN, 2374-D/L, 2387-BN, 2435-SD, 2506-BE, 2602-BN, 2603-D/L, 2606-D/L, 2607-BN, 2788-KN.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have been applied for recently:

- 2A Service to be withdrawn. All journeys to be diverted via Orsett Hospital and be re-numbered 2.
- 46 Certain journeys to operate through to and from Southend on summer Sundays and to operate as limited stop between Chelmsford and Southend.

Express services

- X9 The existing service between Weston-super-Mare and Southend operated jointly with the Bristol Omnibus Co. is to be numbered X9.
- X10B To be re-numbered X7. (Canvey - Kings Cross)
- X46 To be extended from Norwich to Sheringham (Dolphin Hotel), period of operation to be Thursdays and Saturdays.
- X50 To be diverted via Stansted Airport if required by pre-booked air passengers and airline employees.

Concerning the revisions which were introduced on 7th, January, 1968 services 150 and 249 were to operate via Wickford (Industrial Estate) but due to objections by residents they will operate via Southend Road until further notice.

Service Revisions

The highbridge Bristol K5G, GBE 846, acquired from Lincolnshire Road Car Co. in 3.67 in exchange for 2250 (ONO 63) has now emerged from Central Works as a Mobile Publicity Bus for Eastern National tours and express services. It has been completely rebuilt with a full front with fixed windscreens with cream surrounds and the current FLF radiator grille; platform doors have been fitted and there is a small illuminated front destination box displaying 'HOLIDAYS 1968'. The lower saloon is laid out with display space for leaflets and publicity matter while the upper deck is converted into a mobile cinema complete with black out curtains, with a screen at the front and projection room at the rear. The audience sit on a longitudinal bench on the offside.

Externally it is mainly cream with light green relief.

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.

Fleet Changes 2.68 Licensed : T.305-7, 540, 1481.
Delicensed : T.300/4/13, 541, 1480.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

New Vehicles

45-7(WEV745-7F) which were delivered recently are of type FDR1/1 and have Massey body numbers 2728/7/6 respectively.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

New Vehicles

69	HPV69F	A.E.C.	Reliance	6MU2R6317	Massey B40,14D	
70	HPV70F	A.E.C.	Reliance	6MU2R6318	Massey B40,14D	2732
71	HPV71F	A.E.C.	Reliance	6MU2R6319	Massey B40,14D	2730
72	HPV72F	A.E.C.	Reliance	6MU2R6320	Massey B40,14D	2731

Delivered 12.67. Licensed on 1.1.68.

These vehicles have front entrances and centre exits (they were originally ordered with rear exits). The U.W. is 6.6 0.
Could the body number of 69 be reported please.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

General

203/60-2 have been advertised for sale.

The recent strike of Southend Corporation crews ended on 16/12/67, and normal services were resumed on the next day. Whilst the strike was on vehicles were hired from independent operators in order to maintain emergency services and also certain Corporation vehicles were operated, driven by inspectors, office staff and other volunteer staff. The operations are shown briefly below (additional details are available from the Secretary on request).

Southend Corporation vehicles operated were 206-9, 317-32 and certain others. (some of the Lowlanders were operated O.M.O).

Independent operators:

Broadway, Wickford	:	3 D/D & 3 C	
Button, Hadleigh	:	1 C	
Caten, Southend	:	1 C	
Ellis, Barking	:	8 C	
Essex Coachways, E.15	:	3 C	
Kirby, Rayleigh	:	1 C	
Midas, Brentwood	:	2 D/D & 4 C	
Parsons, N.22	:	2 C	
Pathfinder, Chadwell Heath	:	2 C	C - Coach
Rebridge Luxury, Barkingside	:	1 C	D/D - Double deck
Reliance, South Benfleet	:	3 C	
Stock, Hockley	:	1 C	
Thorne, Rayleigh	:	2 C	
Wells, Hatfield Peverel	:	2 D/D	
Weston, Wickford	:	1 C	
Westway, Maldon	:	1 D/D	
Whitewell, Southend	:	4 C	
Highways, Southend	:	1 C	

These independent vehicles together with the Corporation vehicles maintained a service on the following routes :

1,3,4A,4B,6,6A,7,7A,8,16A,18,21,22,22A,23,23A,25,29

On some services only a few journeys were operated, but on main routes almost the complete service was in operation.

In addition service 17 was operated by vehicles supplied by Upminster & District and in all 5 D/D and 10 C were noted, School contracts were generally maintained by Channel Airways using their entire fleet of 9 coaches (HJN572-4D, KJN818-23E).