

EDITORIAL

The Secretary has available a number of fleetnumber plates. These are priced at 13p per set, postage extra. For a list of the plates available send an S.A.E.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

447	XO0877L	Bristol RELH6G	4/540	Plaxton	C47F	733190
448	XO0878L	Bristol RELH6G	4/541	Plaxton	C47F	733192
1707	WNO556L	Leyland National 1151/1R/0401	00458	Leyland National	B50F*	
1708	WNO557L	Leyland National 1151/1R/0401	00459	Leyland National	B50F*	
1711	WNO560L	Leyland National 1151/1R/0401	00462	Leyland National	B50F*	

Delivery dates: 447 - 2.73 1707 - 3.73 1711 - 3.73
 448 - 2.73 1708 - 3.73

These Leyland Nationals, like 1700-5 (WNO549-54L) were delivered as B52F (with 22 standing). The vehicles are being modified at Central Works to B50F (with 8 standing) with the addition of a luggage pen and a white band. For ease of presentation and to avoid duplication of notes we will in future report these vehicles in their modified form as B50F*. All this batch of Leyland Nationals will be similarly treated.

Rebuilt Vehicles

3.73 2604 (RWC 607) to LD38/32FD, renumbered 2936

2600-9/13/4 are to be similarly treated and are to be renumbered 2932-41/5/6 respectively. 2942-4 have been reserved for the eventual conversion of Tillings Travel 9610-2 to 70-seaters. Work has now commenced on the conversion of 2601 (186 XNO).

3.73 2924/6/7 (AEV818/20F, AVW396F) to LD40/30FD (O.M.O.)

Vehicles on Loan

In addition to the vehicles detailed last month, 2613/4 (AVX 974/5G) are also on loan to United Counties, all from 2.73. The vehicles are all operating from Northampton and Kettering garages.

Allocations & Transfers

3.73 306-BE, 308-D/L, 309-D/L, 310-CN, 344-D/L, 345-D/L, 346-BN, 347-D/L, 348-BN, 350-D/L, 365-BE, 367-D/L, 383-CN, 384-CN, 425-D/L, 431-D/L, 432-BD, 433-CF, 447-D/L, 448-D/L, 452-D/L, 1248-D/L(D), 1335-CN, 1422-CF, 1540-BD, 1549-HH, 1700-CF, 1702-CF, 1703-D/L, 1704-D/L, 1705-D/L, 2405-D/L(D), 2406-D/L(D), 2427-D/L(D), 2429-D/L(D), 2433-D/L, 2434-D/L, 2438-D/L, 2445-D/L, 2447-D/L, 2448-D/L, 2457-HH, 2463-BN, 2484-BE, 2532-SD, 2600-UC, 2602-UC, 2603-UC, 2605-UC, 2606-UC, 2608-UC, 2613-UC, 2614-UC, 2709-D/L, 2820-SD, 2835-CY, 2837-HH, 2854-CF, 2855-BN, 2856-BN, 2924-BN, 2926-BN, 2927-CY, 2928-SD, 2929-D/L, 3002-BE, 3005-BN, 3007-BN, 3018-BN, 3020-WG, 3021-WG, 2439-D/L(D)

Note UC - On loan to United Counties

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 7B To operate via Manners Way, Oaken Grange Drive and Rochford Road to Warners Bridge. (Services 7/A/8/A to continue to operate via Prince Avenue and Rochford Road)
- 7C To be withdrawn.

- 9 Terminals to be Southend (Pier Hill) and Eastwood (Eastwood Rise, Gravel Road) to operate via Victoria Avenue, Prince Avenue, Rochford Road, Eastwoodbury Crescent, Eastwoodbury Lane, Whitehouse Road, Rayleigh Road and Bosworth Road.
- 9B Revised route to be from Manners Way via Oaken Grange Drive, Rochford Road, Warners Bridge, Southend Road, Sutton Road and Shopland Road.
- Revised period of operation for services 9/B to be daily.
- 10/2/3 To operate from Manners Way via Oaken Grange Drive to Rochford Road, Warners Bridge thence as authorised. Introduction of service numbers 10A and 10B for variations in the Paglesham area. Terminal point of service 12 to be Wallasey Island (Yacht Marina).
- 16 Service to be re-numbered 65.
- 88 To be extended in Tidings Hill, Halstead from White Horse Avenue to Conies Road.
- 254/5 Section of route between Basildon, Bus Station and North Benfleet, The Harrows to be withdrawn and to be covered by new service 233.
- 453 The last limited stop 453 journey (0810 ex. Clacton) to be withdrawn and be replaced by normal service 53 journey.
- 478 All journeys to cease to be limited stop journeys and be re-numbered 78A.

General

A section of the yard of Basildon garage is at present being used by a contractor engaged on the construction of the new British Rail Station at Basildon. As a consequence vehicles are at present being garaged at a car park near the town centre. It has also been reported that the present garage at Basildon is to be closed, and be replaced by new larger premises on the Industrial Estate.

The Victoria Circus underpass, Deeping, in Southend, was opened to one-way traffic on Sunday March 11th. As a result all services which previously operated from the Ring Road into Chichester Road have been re-routed via Deeping. Consequently, the buses-only contra-flow lane in Chichester Road has been closed and Essex Street is no longer used. Buses proceeding in the opposite direction are unchanged. Deeping links Victoria Circus with Southchurch Road and is used by services 1, 2/A/H, 3/A, 5/A, 7/A/B/C, 8/A, 9/B, 10, 12, 13, 20, 22/A/B, 25/A, 29/A/B, 66, 251, 400, 401. There are a total of five bus stops set aside from the main traffic lanes in the underpass. Access to the bus stops is from the overhead shopping precinct, Churchill Square South.

Further details are now available concerning the overall advertisement bus for Bambergers Ltd., 2804 (DVX680B). It is painted on the nearside to represent a house being constructed and the offside depicts rooms in the house being decorated. Included are the various D.I.Y. activities of Bambergers with wood panels of various types and figures engaged in painting, tiling etc. There is also an imitation tiled roof painted on. Fleetnames do not appear to be carried although legal lettering etc. is shown. It has been suggested that the bus resembles an advertisement for the conversion of buses to 3 up, 3 down caravans !

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

Acquired Vehicle

9703	750 DCD	Leyland L2T	I02115	Harrington	C28F	2841	(1963)
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Acquired in 2.73 ex. Southdown Motor Services Ltd., Brighton, Sussex., no. 1750.

This is an additional vehicle to those reported previously. It is to remain as C28F which is shown in the legal lettering carried. The vehicle is in 'National' livery with the fleetnumbers in yellow transfers on maroon plates.

Rebuilt Vehicles

2.73 9411 (YHK728F) to C47F

3.73 9351 (YBD 202) 9357 (12 DLY)
 9356 (10 DLY) 9358 (13 DLY) all to C41F

9351/6-8 were resealed with seats from Bristol FLF double deck dual purpose vehicles, 2601/4 et al.

The seats used in the reseating of the former Southdown coaches (8735-7/40-2 CD) were from the Park Royal bodies from East Kent AEC Reliances which were recently rebodied.

Vehicles on Loan

SGF482/3L are at present on loan to Tillings Travel are being operated from Prittlewell. These are Samuelsons vehicles which were previously 39/40 WMN in the Isle of Man Road Services Ltd. fleet, nos. 39/40. They are both Bristol RELH6L's with Plaxton C51F bodywork and were new in 1971.

Allocations & Transfers

3.73 9351-KX, 9356-KX, 9357-KX, 9358-KX, 9411-PL, 9426-PL, 9437-PL,
 9438-PL, 9439-PL, 9443-PL, 9444-PL, 9445-PL, 9446-PL, 9703-D/L,
 9610-KX, 9611-KX, 9612-KX.

Note KX - Kings Cross (official code used on allocation)

Service Vehicles

A new Austin van, JHJ314L, has been delivered. Further details to follow.

0846 (GBE 846) the publicity vehicle was withdrawn in 3.73 despite being repainted recently. Its place is to be taken by 9436 (PWC 343K) which has been modified for publicity duties.

General

It should be noted that the vehicles in 'National' livery with Tilling fleetnames have TILLINGS fleetnames (i.e. in the plural, previously only the singular had been used).

COLCHESTER CORPORATIONService Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for :

- 2 To be extended from St. Johns Estate via St. Christopher Road and St. Johns Road to Magdalen Wood.
- 9A To be diverted from Ipswich Road via St. Johns Road to Magdalen Wood. (Service 9 is to continue to terminate at Severalls Lane)

IPSWICH CORPORATIONNew Vehicles

83	WPV	83L	Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R	7201784	Roe	H43/29D
84	WPV	84L	Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R	7201785	Roe	H43/29D
85	WPV	85L	Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R	7201786	Roe	H43/29D
86	WPV	86L	Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R	7201787	Roe	H43/29D
87	WPV	87L	Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R	7201788	Roe	H43/29D
88	WPV	88L	Leyland Atlantean AN68/1R	7201789	Roe	H43/29D

Delivery dates: 83 - 3.73 85 - 2.73 87 - 3.73
 84 - 3.73 86 - 2.73 88 - 3.73

These are the first Roe bodied vehicles ever to be owned by Ipswich Corporation.

Withdrawn Vehicles

The new vehicles will replace 2 (ADX 2) and 13-6 (CDX513-6) which will be withdrawn in the near future.

SOUTHEND CORPORATIONService Revisions

Cognate applications have been made by Southend Corporation in respect of services 7B, 7C, 9, 9B, 10, 10A, 10B, 12, 13 and 16 as applied for by Eastern National. (see Eastern National notes for details).

General

Services operated by Southend Corporation also commencing to use Deeping underpass in Southend as from Sunday 11th March. (see Eastern National notes for details).

INDEPENDENT OPERATORS

Another operator has applied for a stage carriage service in Essex. Details of the proposed service are :

Gemini Cabs, Great Canfield, DUNMOW, Essex

Stage service: LEADEN RODING, High Roding, DUNMOW.

To be operated on Saturdays only, 2 return journeys.

SOUTHEND COLUMN

For the benefit of our large number of members in the Southend area we are commencing this month a new series of articles and information relating to operations within the Southend Joint Transport area.

Each month we hope to give fleet lists and acquisitions and disposals and any other notes of interest about PSV and non-PSV operators. Other items regarding Eastern National and Southend Corporation will be included such as unusual vehicle workings when they are of local interest.

We start this month with two local fleet lists and some notes of general interest to give you an idea of the sort of information which is likely to be of interest.

WHITWELL, 157 South Avenue, SOUTHEND-on-SEA

THJ292H	Bedford VAM70	466602	Duple	C45F
YKY 777	Bedford SB5	91737	Plaxton	C41F
LKG 668	A.E.C. Regent V	MD3RV206	Park Royal	H61RD

PARSONS (Bluebird Coaches) Hall Crescent, HADLEIGH

OEL890G	Ford R192	BC0453314	Plaxton	C41F
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UNUSUAL VEHICLE WORKINGS

Shortage of crews in the Southend area has lead to a number of unusual vehicle workings in the Southend area.

On service 21 the normal service is operated by saloons from Eastern National SD garage, with some operation by Bristol VRT's. However, recently Southend Corporation Daimler Fleetlines have been employed and also two man operated Eastern National Bristol LD's and FLF's.

A very unusual working occurred on service 6A which is normally maintained by Bristol LD's from Southend garage. On 26th February a morning departure from Kent Elms Corner was worked by two vehicles, one a Bristol LD from Hadleigh and the other a Southend Corporation Daimler Fleetline.

A number of Southend Corporation vehicles were hired by Grey Green in early March.

Members interested in this column are asked to send their notes to the Southend Area Representative :

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