

EDITORIALGroup Membership

The Group's 150th member was enrolled recently. He is Mr. A. McCausland of Kingswood BASILDON, Essex.

Photograph List

A second photograph list, on similar lines to the first but also containing some modern views, is in the course of preparation. It is hoped to publish details of this list with the July news sheet.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

3003 CPU982G Bristol VRTSL6G VRT/SL/134 E.C.W. LD39/31FD 17267

This long awaited last Bristol VRT has now been delivered, the delivery date is not known at present (probably 5.69), and will be given next month. The vehicle is fitted with a special experimental feature, a Dean's electrical apparatus to indicate to the driver the number of vacant seats on the upper deck. 3000(CPU979G) has been fitted with Smith's apparatus for the same purpose.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Rebuilt & Renumbered Vehicles

4.69 359 has been converted to a DP41F saloon and has been renumbered 1439.
Details of the vehicle are:

1439 00 9547 Bristol MW6G 195.027 E.C.W. DP41F 12814 New 1962

This is the fifth such conversion, the previous four (1435-8) were completed in January. All the 32-seat coaches have now been converted to dual-purpose saloons. It was decided to convert the above vehicle when it became obvious that the vehicle would not be required for coaching operations. Some coaches will become surplus as a result of the 1970 replacement programme, but in view of the number of Bristol RELL saloons which will be in service by the end of the year it is doubtful if any more conversions to saloons will take place. (Additional information to NS58, November 1968)

Allocations & Transfers

5.69 The official vehicle allocation sheet for May 1969 had not been prepared at the time of writing. Details of the 5.69 allocations and transfers will therefore be published next month.

Allocations by members observations: 2602-SD, 2612-SD.

Service VehiclesNew Vehicles

CWC986G	Ford Transit	BC05JJ 48096	Van	1969
RJN542G	Morris Mini Minor	MAV4/1284798	Van	1969

RJN542G is finished in dark green and is allocated to CW, CWC986G is finished in green and cream - allocation to follow. The Morris Mini Minor was obtained from a motor dealer in Southend - hence the Southend C.B.C. registration mark.

Withdrawn Vehicle

HWC 399 - Austin J4 van.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions are due to take place with effect from the under-mentioned dates:

Clacton area - Saturday, 24th May

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| 110/126 | Inward to Holland-on-Sea; services to continue along Canterbury Road into Fernwood Avenue to a new terminal at The Chase. The outward route to be from The Chase into Kings Parade and Fernwood Avenue thence as present route. |
| 112 | Service to be extended in Holland-on-Sea from Fernwood Avenue to new terminal at The Chase. The outward route to be from The Chase to Kings Parade thence as present route. |
| 125 | Service to be extended to Great Clacton, Carisbrooke Avenue. To operate from Thorpe Road via Chilburn Road and Lymington Avenue to Carisbrooke Avenue/Woodland Close. |
| 130 | To be re-routed via Coopers Lane between St. Osyth Road and Rush Green Road and will therefore <u>not</u> serve Coppins Green. |

Basildon area - Sunday, 25th May

- 15/A Service to be renumbered 2B and to operate between Laindon (Fortune of War) and Southend only. (Section of service to Romford to be covered by new service 26A)
- 22B/22C To be renumbered 20A/20 respectively.
- 26A New service: Romford - West Horndon - Basildon (Marconi's) - Pitsea (Broadway). (Monday to Friday peak hours)
- 34/34A/34C To be renumbered 234, 235 and 34 respectively.
- 53A To be renumbered 249. To be diverted via Woodside Estate in Grays to Basildon direction only.
- 230 Service to be withdrawn. (Covered by extension of services 255 and 256)
- 233 Service to be withdrawn. (Covered by extension of service 254)
- 248 To be diverted via Woodside Estate in Grays to Basildon direction only.
- 254/255 To be revised to operate as follows:
- 254 Billericay - Great Burstead - Basildon - Pitsea - North Benfleet
- 255 Billericay - Little Burstead - Basildon - Fobbing - Corringham - Stanford-le-Hope
- 256 Billericay - Great Burstead - Basildon - Fobbing - Corringham - Stanford-le-Hope
- 256 Service to be renumbered 236. (Thus service 256 which serves Billericay is renumbered and a new service 256, which also serves Billericay is introduced - all very confusing!)

A leaflet with an excellent map giving details of the revisions in the Basildon area is available from the Company.

- 262 The extension of certain journeys on this service to Sawyers Hall Lane on Schooldays only commenced on 28th April.

Express Services

The following revisions to express services have been applied for recently:

- X8 Service to be operated jointly with Tillings Transport Ltd.
- X23.X26 Southend terminal to be Southend, London Road Bus Station.

East Anglian Express Service

With reference to the revisions detailed in last month's news sheet the following additional information has now come to hand:

All the services are to be prefixed by an "X" to become:
X1, X2, X3, X12, X35, and X52.

The new express service replacing former Eastern National service X52 will retain the former number. The other new express service from Hemsby to Clacton has been incorporated in service X12.

All these services are due to commence on Saturday, 24th May.

General

A Bristol VRT has now been observed operating on service 22 (Southend - Hullbridge)

Due to the closure of Manor Road, Great Holland services 107/108/109 now operate along the Main Road and not via Manor Road, The Ship and Rectory Road. This diversion commenced on April 16th.

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.General

Application has been made to operate the following new express service:

- X8 London (Victoria) - Southend (Seaway)
- Service to be jointly operated with Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd. (q.v.)