

EDITORIALVisit to Lowestoft, Saturday 3 December

Full details of this visit may be obtained from M. R. Hodson Esq. (address given last month). Picking up times are - Chelmsford, 0800; Braintree, 0830; Colchester, 0915.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1823	VAR900S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	04783	Leyland National	B49F
1824	VAR901S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	04784	Leyland National	B49F
1825	VAR902S	Leyland National 11351A/1R	04785	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates: 1823 - 11.77 1824 - 11.77 1825 - 11.77

1832/3 (VAR898/9S) are now the only remaining vehicles outstanding from the 1977 order, these are expected in December. Vehicles of the 1978 programme will commence delivery as under :

Bristol LH	:	from September 1978
Leyland National	:	from April 1978

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

10.77 2842 (MVX879C) to FLF6G

Conversion of 2807 (BVX683B) is in progress.

Service Vehicles

Conversions of 9001 (MOO 177) and 9007 (95 TVX) are almost complete, these vehicles are expected to enter service during December.

Conversion of 9001 (MOO 177) has only involved repainting the vehicle into blue driver training livery, there are no educational facilities. The vehicle will be used for saloon familiarisation. "Driver Training in Progress" lettering is carried on the sides and rear, no lettering appears on the front, apart from an 'L' plate.

Allocations & Transfers

11.77 1350-D/L(D), 1353-D/L(D), 1359-D/L(D), 1431-CR, 1502-SD(PLDS), 1606-D/L(D), 1700-CF(CWDS), 1701-CF(CWDS), 1702-CF(CWDS), 1703-CF(CWDS), 1704-CF(CWDS), 1705-CF(CWDS), 1720-SD(PLDS), 1721-SD(PLDS), 1748-D/L, 1813-BE, 1816-CR, 1819-CF, 1821-HH, 1828-CR, 1834-CN, 1835-HH, 1836-SD, 1837-BD, 2750-CF(CWDS), 2751-CF(CWDS), 2753-SD(PLDS), 2759-D/L(D), 2773-SD(PLDS), 2780-D/L(D), 3002-CF(CWDS), 3006-SD(PLDS), 3009-SD(PLDS), 3017-CF(CWDS), 2765-D/L(D).

CF(CWDS) - Chelmsford (Central Works Docking Spare)

SD(PLDS) - Southend (Prittlewell Works Docking Spare)

The Docking Spare vehicles are temporarily allocated to any garage in lieu of a vehicle sent from that garage to Works for docking or overhaul. Previously a certain proportion of the normal allocation of vehicles at CF or SD had been used as docking spares but this had the effect of exaggerating the number of spare vehicles at these garages. The Docking Spare allocations may become intermixed with normal vehicles allocated to CF and SD. No special allocation codes are displayed. Revised allocation totals are now as follows :

CF (incl. DW)	:	63	(	CF(CWDS) - 10	)
SD	:	67	(	SD(PLDS) - 7	)

Service Revisions

The following service revision has recently commenced (31.10.77) :

48 Slightly revised route introduced in Sandford Road area for inward journeys to Chelmsford only.

General

An application for revised fares has recently been made. (a cognate application has also been made by Southend Transport)

Experimental day return fares (in conjunction with Essex County Council) have been introduced on services 95-98 from 6 November. These are available for all journeys, except those commenced before 0900 on Mondays to Fridays, where the single fare is 13p or more. The day return fare is the single fare plus 10p.

During the period that Soils Bridge, Great Oakley is closed to all traffic (to allow for re-construction work) services 80/A, 106 which normally operate via the Back Road between Great Oakley and Little Oakley are re-routed to operate via the Main Road.

The special works services operated between Maldon and Bradwell Power Station are numbered 95X, 97X and 98X. (see also NS161)

A new issue of the South West area timetable booklet has recently been introduced, it is dated 30 January 1977 until further notice (amended to include revisions up to 5 September 1977), it has a pale blue cover as used for the earlier issue. Revisions to service 251 introduced on 5 September are not included in the timetable - these are available in a separate leaflet. Service 151 is still shown as terminating at Romford (St. Edwards Comprehensive School) during term times as it is hoped to reinstate this working at a later date (see also NS162). The list of picking up points in the London area has been modified to apply to service 251 only and re-sited directly after the service 251 timetable (see also NS156). The list of services provided by other operators has been partially altered but still includes mention of London Country Green Line route 721, and London Transport route 150 operating to Lambourne End.

IPSWICH TRANSPORTGeneral

An application for revised fares has recently been applied for, the new scale is :

0.6 mile - 6p, 0.8 mile - 8p, 1.0 mile - 10p, 1.5 mile - 12p, 2.5 mile - 14p,
3.0 mile - 15p, over 3.0 miles - 16p.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (Continued from NS163)

- 101 (577 FVW) - Sheahy, London, E.8, 3/75 and later Thompson, London S.W.19, 4/75 (as caravan), previously Wicks, Braintree. Scrapped by Thompson, 3/77.
- 351 (YBD 202) - Monk (contractor), 10/73.
- 380 (VYO 767) - Jennings & Caten, Leigh, 3/77.
- 391 (OWC181D) - Williams & Davies, Wrexham, 3/77, ex. Hamlett, Middlewich.
- 403 (AVX964B) - Bailey (Axe Vale Coaches), Biddisham, 5/77, ex. National Travel (SE).
- 510 (19 P00) - Carter (contractor), Kings Lynn, 4/76.
- 1001 (YAL 369) - Now fully re-seated and returned to service by Stokes, Carstairs, by 9/77.
- 1125 (RHK 133) - Believed withdrawn by Hanson (contractor), Goole.
- 1130 (SHK 517) - Believed withdrawn by Hanson (contractor), Goole.
- 1221 (567 CTW) - Jeannie Denver Band, Bradford, as caravan, by 6/77.
- 1302 (1864 F) - Whittal, Birtley (N-PSV), by 8/77.
- 1304 (1866 F) - Breaker, Barnsley, 4/77, ex. Jarvis, Maltby.
- 1328 (1266 EV) - Westminster Plant, London S.E.1, (N-PSV), 12/76.
- 1330 (1268 EV) - Barraclough, Carlton (N-PSV), 5/77.
- 1331 (1269 EV) - Barraclough, Carlton (N-PSV), 5/77.
- 1335 (2725 VX) - Breaker, Carlton, 3/77.
- 1344 (2734 VX) - Breaker, Barnsley, 4/77.
- 1402 (217 MHK) - Eastern National Preservation Group, 2/77.
- 1403 (1251 EV) - Evans (contractor), Sunderland, (N-PSV), 12/76.
- 2014 (19 PVX) - Dealer, Hornchurch, 6/77, ex. promotional tour for Grey-Green.
- 2353 (UEV 841) - Noted in grounds of Cheam Community Centre, 6/77, believed used as a store.

TO BE CONTINUED (When space permits)