

EDITORIAL

Publications

Owing to an error in last months news sheet, reference to E.P.R.1. (66) was unfortunately omitted. The price of this publication is 6d. (Post free).

East Kent Depot Tour, Sunday, 19th March.

Members are invited to participate in this tour, organised by the M & D and East Kent Bus Club. The tour starts from Maidstone at 0830, and passes thro' Gillingham at 0920 visiting seven East Kent garages and two independents. Full details and a booking form may be obtained from P.H. Hollingsbee, 28, Queen Elizabeth Square, MAIDSTONE, Kent. (S.A.E. please).

Questionnaire

We include on our supplement sheet the results of the questionnaire. We would like to thank all the members who replied.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles NIL

The vehicle going to Australia is 2255, it departed in Mid-January, but is not transporting a local pop Group as stated previously.

Allocations & Transfers

2.67 ~~332~~-BN, 330-D/L, 345-HD, 363-D/L, 380-CF, 382-SD, 383-D/L, ~~384-D/L~~, 400-D/L, 1226-D/L, 1227-D/L, 1420-HH, 1428-CF, 2302-D/L, 2305-BN, 2364-HH, 2402-SD, 2450-BN.

Service Revisions

The following new services have been applied for recently:

58A/B BISHOPS STORTFORD(Station Road) - Dunmow Road - Haymeads Lane, Linkside Road, Beldams Lane, Hallingbury Road - BISHOPS STORTFORD(Station Road). Circular route, different route numbers apply to each direction.

Other service revisions are as follows:

11E Revised route from A1015 via Snakes Lane, Eastwoodbury Lane, Eastwoodbury Crescent, Airport, Manners Way to Southend. Also route for journeys to Chancellor Road via Southchurch Avenue, Porters Grange Avenue, Bankside and Corshan Road. In Chelmsford, inward route from Friars Place is now via the new Parkway, to Victoria Road South (formerly Market Street) and Duke Street.

14 Non-peak service Monday to Friday between Southend and Rayleigh to be withdrawn.

47/9 Certain journeys to be routed via Priory Avenue and Old Road, Old Harlow.

250 To be extended in Brentwood from White Horse to Station.

Express Services

X1 Southend terminal to be Southend, Seaway.
(X2 Sudbury (Market Hill) - Brixham (Bank Lane)
(X3 Southend (Pier Hill) - Brixham (Bank Lane)

For economy of operation passengers on the above services may interchange vehicles at Wood Green, E.M. Terminal. Interchange facilities also to be available between the above services and a new service applied for by Biss Bros. as below:

Bishops Stortford(Sun Garage, Rye Street) - Brixham(Bank Lane)
All these services are jointly operated by Western National.

Colchester(Bus Station) - Ilfracombe (Bus Station) to be X4
Southend (Pier Hill) - Ilfracombe (Bus Station) to be X5

Both services jointly operated with Southern National.

For economy of operation passengers on the above services may interchange vehicles at Palmers Green, Clock House Cafe, North Circular Road.

X28 New through service: Southend(Pier Hill) - Birmingham(Digbeth)
Jointly operated with Midland Red.

X45 Sudbury - Worthing. To be jointly operated with Southdown.

Service Vehicles

New Vehicle UEV493E Austin mini-van B.M.C. standard fawn livery.
(previous minis have been black).
Allocated to Harlow.

The A.E.C. Matador 7198 RO is in an advanced state of completion, the RV type front is now in position.

General

The prototype Bristol VR was on demonstration recently. It was noted on demonstration in Chelmsford on 25th January and was inspected and road tested but not operated in service. Details are:

HHW933D Bristol VRX6G VRX.002 E.C.M. LD45/33FD EX.11 Green/Cream
(Owned by Bristol Commercial Vehicles Ltd.)

An extension is being built on the east side of Brittlewell garage to provide for more covered space. Delicensed vehicles currently at Prittlewell include:
1221/2/5/8/31/46 2241/5.

Part of the garage at Canvey is being used by P.V.S. of Ilford for vehicle storage.

Historical Section (By B.M. Barrett)

Service 31. Chelmsford - Great Baddow - Danbury - Maldon.

This service developed from the Chelmsford to Danbury Road service of the Great Eastern Railway which first operated in September, 1905. In July, 1913 the Chelmsford area road services of the Great Eastern Railway passed to the National Stearn Car Company Limited (Known as the National Omnibus and Transport Company Limited from February 1920), who extended the route from Danbury to Maldon via Runsell Green on Fridays only by 1915. A daily service commenced soon after the end of World War I and control passed to the Eastern National Omnibus Company Limited in 1929. The Maldon(High Street) terminal was amended to the Ship & Anchor in 1933 and to the Hill Road, Recreation Ground in 1934, but was transferred to the Bus Station on completion. Very little change to the service has occurred since, but mention should be made of several route variations. Several peak-hour journeys operate to, from, or via Messrs. Hoffmann's Works in Chelmsford and also via Crompton Parkinson's or Harconi's factories, but present day services are nothing compared with those operated just after the end of the Second World War, when one Hoffmann's works journey operated to Danbury Common via Danbury and another operated to Maldon via Hatfield Peverel over the Moore Brothers route. (This journey was subsequently transferred to service 38 after Moore Bros were taken over in February 1963). The Danbury Common journey was withdrawn in 1951 and at the same time most journeys to and from Great Baddow (Maltings Estate) were transferred to Chelmsford Town Service 2B. In 1963 certain schools journeys were extended to and from Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford.

The original route number, 1, was renumbered 31 in 1955, presumably to avoid confusion with the Southend Co-ordinated Services route 1 (Southend - Rayleigh). Express journeys to Hill Beach were introduced in 1966 and numbered 31E.

Today the service is maintained by Bristol FLF 70-seaters from Maldon garage, with certain single deck O.M.O. workings.

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.

Fleet Changes 2.67 Delicensed : T302
Changes 2.67 Licensed : T311

IPSWICH CORPORATION

Vehicle Rebuilt 9 to O.M.O. operation.

General 1-6 (ADX 1-6) have been re-certified until February, 1969 and are due to remain in service until that date.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Vehicles Withdrawn 258/61 (EHJ 442/5) The last A.E.C. Regents.

REGISTRATION NOTES

This section will not appear in future. A summary of marks issued will be published each October, the new changeover suffix date.