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EDITORIAL

New Publications

The following new publications are now available :

E.P.3	Fleet list of Colchester Transport	price 4p
E.P.4	Fleet list of Ipswich Transport	price 4p

Postage for these publications is extra, please add 3p to all orders, alternatively orders may be dispatched with the next published news sheet at no extra postal cost.

Members are also advised that the following publication is also available from the Group :

"Buses in Basildon", published by the Omnibus Society, 1971.

This publication gives a history of the development of bus services in Basildon from 1956, it is well illustrated and includes several maps.

Price 29p (post free).

Chelmsford meeting, Tuesday 11 June

At 1, Donald Way, Chelmsford commencing at 1930. Services 44A/B (Moulsham Lodge Estate) pass close by. The Secretary will be present and will present a colour slide show, publications and photographs will also be on sale. Please try to support this new local meeting.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

452/3(RPU868/9M) will now be delivered directly to National Travel (South East) Ltd.

Withdrawn Vehicles

5.74	407 (YHK724F)	412 (YHK729F)	432 (PWC339K)	449 (X00879L)
	408 (YHK725F)	428 (LWC979J)	433 (PWC340K)	450 (X00880L)
	409 (YHK726F)	429 (LWC980J)	447 (X00877L)	451 (X00881L)
	410 (YHK727F)	431 (LWC982J)	448 (X00878L)	452 (X00882L)

The above vehicles were transferred to National Travel (South East) Ltd., London S.E.6 on 19 May 1974. Further details to follow. The 400 class is now extinct.

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

5.74 1428 (MOO 973) to B45F (O.M.O.)

The other vehicles that will be similarly treated will be 1422/4-7/9 (201/3/4 YVX, MOO 178/9, 974).

As reported last month work has commenced on the conversion of 364 (LWC 869) for stage carriage work, part of the conversion (door remodelling) is being undertaken by Marshalls of Cambridge. The vehicles on completion will be renumbered as shown below (present numbers in brackets), the renumbering is in chassis number order.

1440 (1 BXB - 383)	1446 (BNO116B - 366)
1441 (NWC 15 - 384)	1447 (BPU 22B - 308)
1442 (NWC 16 - 306)	1448 (BNO117B - 367)
1443 (NWC 17 - 307)	1449 (BPU 23B - 309)
1444 (LWC 869 - 364)	1450 (BPU 24B - 310)
1445 (BNO115B - 365)	1451 (OWC183D - 393)

In addition two other vehicles are to be repainted into bus livery for use on contract work, but these will not undergo any other modification, they will be renumbered as :

1452 (2 BXB - 385) 1453 (572 UVX - 349)

The remaining Bristol MW coaches (344-8/50/86, 569-71 UVX, YBD 200/1, 573 UVX, 3 BXB)

are now on the disposal list and hence when the impending conversions and withdrawals have been completed the 300 class will be extinct.

The earlier conversions of Bristol FLF's to O.M.O. operation are referred to as Mark I and Mark IA conversions, and the later conversion of 2942(AVW401F) which involved the reversal of the staircase is referred to as a Mark II conversion. 2928(AVW397F) is at present under conversion from a Mark I to a Mark II.

Allocations & Transfers

5.74 344-D/L(D), 345-D/L(D), 346-D/L(D), 347-D/L(D), 348-D/L(D), 350-D/L(D), 366-BD, 386-D/L(D), 451-CR, 1221-D/L(D), 1309-BN, 1323-MN, 1330-MN, 1344-MN, 1349-BD, 1358-BS, 1359-BS, 1711-D/L, 1713-BN, 2379-SD, 2382-SD, 2483-D/L(D), 2495-MN, 2496-BN, 2504-BN, 2509-D/L, 2525-LWA(T), 2602-D/L, 2736-CN, 2779-D/L, 2791-BD, 2809-SD, 2831-CF, 2832-CF, 2835-CF, 2838-BE, 2841-SD, 2848-CY, 2942-HD, 3044-WG, 3047-CY. 2799-D/L.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 80/A/B Revised route for service 80A to be via Little Bentley and Horsley Cross, section of route between Little Oakley and Great Oakley via back road to be withdrawn. Service 80B to be withdrawn.
- 93 Revised to operate from Maldon via Fambridge Road, Purleigh, Cold Norton, B1012 and Fambridge to Althorne (Fords Corner).
- 110 Additional summer service between Clacton and St. Osyth Beach to be numbered 100.
- 150 New Service : Canvey(Leigh Beck), Eastern Esplanade, Furtherwick Road, Long Road, Canvey Road, South Benfleet, Tarpots Corner, Pitsea, Vange to Basildon(Bus Station).

The new Sunday service to Basildon Hospital (see NS121) commenced on 19 May. This is in fact an extension of existing service 20 (Southend - Runwell Hospital) via Wickford and Basildon.

General

The revised operation of Chelmsford Bus Station using the new saw tooth stands inside the garage commenced on 7 April.

The new Southend Central Bus Station will open on Sunday 19 May and a number of service revisions in the Southend area were due to commence on the same date, details to be given next month. A new Southend & District timetable has also been published to commence from this date.

Summer services and other service revisions in the Eastern National area will commence on 16 June, from this date three separate timetable booklets will be issued. Service 150 (see above) will also commence on this date, operation to be on summer Sundays only.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Hire/Loan

317(KCK 879) finally entered service on 19 April and has mainly been working on service 29A.

206/7(2717/8 HJ) and 325/6(7089/90 HJ) were loaned to Alder Valley during April, they were delivered during the easter period and were used from 16.4.74. They have been operating from Reading garage and one of the Leyland Leopards has been observed at London(Victoria) operating on express service 'B'.

STP 996, the Leyland PD3/6 which has been on hire from Ensign Bus Co., Hornchurch was also loaned to Alder Valley at the same time. Its place at Southend has been taken by the following vehicle which is also on loan from Ensign :

901 LRR	Barton Rebuild	BTL30/61/1061	N.C.M.E.	FL33/37FD
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