

EDITORIALIlford Meeting, Tuesday November 20

At 7 Farley Drive, Seven Kings commencing at 1930. A number of transport items recently acquired by the Group will be on sale at this meeting.

Photograph Section

There have been a number of difficulties associated with the photographic section over recent months. Firstly, Mr. Jones who supplies certain prints to the Group suffered a heart attack some time ago and consequently has been unable to supply recent orders, he hopes to resume at a later date. Secondly our regular printer of Group negatives, Mike Comfort, has now ceased to operate his service which means we require to find another printer soon. Before approaches are made to professional photographers (which will result in an increase in the cost of Group prints) is there any member who is willing to take on the job of printing for the Group. About 300 - 500 postcard prints are required annually from 35 mm., 120, 126 or 127 sized negatives. The Group can undertake glazing if necessary. Please write to the Secretary if you are able to help, any assistance would be most welcome.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

The order for Leyland Nationals for 1973 has now been reduced to 14, consequently 1732-5 (NEV689-92M) will now not form part of the 1973 order. The 1974 order for 19 Leyland Nationals is in fact made up of an order for 18 and 1 replacement for 1706 (WNO555L).

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Acquired Vehicles

Eastern National are to acquire a further 6 Bristol VRT's from the Scottish Bus Group. These are part of a batch of 43 originally destined for Eastern Counties, 6 Eastern National Bristol FLF's will accordingly be transferred to Eastern Counties. Further details will be given next month.

Vehicle on Loan

U00660L Ford R192 BCO4MA47000 Alexander B45F new 1973

This vehicle has been on loan since 9.73 and is in an orange livery, it has been used at CF, BN and CR at least. Since the present Chief Engineer was previously with Midland Red (a large operator of Ford saloons) this event takes on a new significance !

Rebuilt Vehicles

10.73	348 (YBD 201)	350 (573 UVX)	to MW5G
	1349 (209 YVX)	1356 (MOO 177)	to MW6G

The 5LW and 6LW Gardner engines in these vehicles have been exchanged pending the sale of the coaches. 347 (YBD 200) is also to be similarly treated before disposal.

10.73 2606 (BVX668B) to LD40/30FD and renumbered 2938.

This vehicle is at present in the process of being repainted into an overall blue livery to advertise staff recruitment.

Allocations & Transfers

10.73 308-D/L, 344-D/L, 345-D/L, 346-D/L, 364-D/L, 365-D/L, 367-D/L, 385-D/L, 408-D/L, 447-D/L, 448-D/L, 1222-D/L(D), 1308-BS, 1310-CY, 1315-D/L, 1347-SD, 1407-CF, 1524-BD, 1600-D/L, 1718-CR, 1719-CY, 1722-MN, 1723-HH, 2383-D/L, 2384-D/L, 2453-D/L, 2461-D/L(D), 2464-BD(T), 2481-CR, 2504-D/L,

2717-CF, 3027-SD, 3028-BN, 3029-D/L, 3030-MN, 3031-D/L, 3032-D/L, 3033-D/L, 3034-D/L, 3035-BD, 3036-D/L.

1600 (BN0101B) is D/L following accident damage which occurred near Hullbridge on service 22. In the list of garages to which Leyland Nationals are to be allocated the second mention of SD should be ED.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 5 All journeys at present terminating at Canvey(Haystack) to be extended to and from Canvey(Furtherwick Road roundabout). Also service to be extended from Canvey(Haystack) via Furtherwick Road, Eastern Esplanade, Seaview Road, High Street, and Point Road to Canvey(Leigh Beck).
- 82 Additional journeys to operate on Schooldays only between Eight Ash Green(Wood Lane/Heath Lane) and Stanway(Secondary School).
- 260 Certain journeys to operate on Tuesdays from Bentley Corner via Mores Lane and Snakes Lane to Navestockside.
- 401 Revised terminal in Enfield to be Cecil Road, Evangelical Church.

Owing to the introduction of a new one-way system in Braintree on October 7 the routes of services using the town have been revised.

General

Following the move of Tillings Travel from Prittlewell to Kelvedon which took place in early October, Prittlewell garage has now reverted to Eastern National ownership, and is now being used to store delicensed vehicles. Kelvedon garage is now owned by Tillings Travel although Eastern National vehicles will continue to operate from there.

2804(BVX680B), the overall advertising vehicle for Bambergers (Eastern) Ltd. has now been repainted in National green livery.(10.73)

Vehicles in the 1600 class are now appearing with advertisements below the windows.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

8.73 2(TRJ 102) 3(TRJ 103) These vehicles never appeared in Colchester Corporation livery.

Vehicles on Loan

The loan of vehicles has been necessary in an attempt to overcome staff shortage by conversion of services 1/A to O.M.O. operation. Additional vehicles on hire to those reported last month are Southend Corporation 207(2718 HJ) and Great Yarmouth Corporation 71(PEX171K).

IPSWICH CORPORATION

New Vehicles

East Lancs. body numbers for 89-93(DDX 89-93L) are 7256/4/7/5/8.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicle

8.73 330 (7094 HJ)

General

328(7092 HJ) was returned to service on 1.10.73 using spare parts from the withdrawn 330(7094 HJ). (Clarification of information in NS113/4)

Leyland PD3 open-toppers are still used in regular service, mainly on service 62 which is often operated exclusively by these vehicles, they are effectively B33R in inclement weather.