

EDITORIAL

1976 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions are in many cases due on 1 January 1976 and those wishing to renew for a further year should do so as soon as possible. Owing to increased postal charges introduced during 1975, and also due to further increases in the costs of stationery and duplicating supplies, we regret that subscriptions have had to be raised for 1976. The new subscription rates to apply from 1 January 1976 will be £1.25 (second class postage) and £1.50 (first class postage). Subscriptions are now accepted for one year only. Remittances may be sent by any one of the following techniques :

1. By crossed postal order or cheque, made payable to the 'Eastern National Enthusiasts Group'.
2. By Bank Credit Transfer direct to the Group bank account, details of which are :

Code No.	77-91-02	Bank	London T.S.B.
Branch	Finsbury	Account No.	9102/067031/14

3. Subscriptions may also be paid in cash at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups eleventh A.G.M. will be held at Seven Kings Baptist Church Hall, Farley Drive (formerly Cambridge Drive), Seven Kings on Saturday 24 January 1976 commencing at 1515 (doors open at 1430). There will be a sales stand (see especially below) at the meeting and refreshments will also be provided. A copy of the Annual Report for 1975 has been circulated with this news sheet and the committee will welcome members questions and suggestions at this meeting, so please come along.

Committee Membership

In accordance with the tenth A.G.M. we hereby invite applications for the post of third committee member, which may be held by any fully subscribed member of the Group. The position will be decided by ballot at the A.G.M. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, the closing date will be 10 January 1976.

Photograph List

Additions to the photograph lists (both colour and black & white) are at present being prepared. These will be available at the A.G.M. The black & white additions include some views of Campbells Motor Services, Pitsea.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1755	LJN663P	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	02765
3053	LJN648P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/179	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21192
3054	LJN649P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/180	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21193
3055	LJN650P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/181	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21194
3056	LJN651P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/182	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21195
3059	LJN654P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/185	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21198
3060	LJN655P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/186	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21199
3061	LJN656P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/187	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21200
3062	LJN657P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/188	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21201
3063	LJN658P	Bristol	VRTSL6L 3/189	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	21202

Delivery dates :	1755 - 12.75	3056 - 12.75	3061 - 12.75
	3053 - 12.75	3059 - 12.75	3062 - 12.75
	3054 - 12.75	3060 - 12.75	3063 - 12.75
	3055 - 12.75		

3063 (LJN658P) is the last of the 1974 order for Bristol VRT's. For the first time for very many years there are no Bristol vehicles on order.

Withdrawn Vehicles

11.75	347 (YBD 200)	2018 (581 A00)	2496 (1841 F)
	1225 (832 CVX)	2019 (582 A00)	2497 (1842 F)
	1226 (833 CVX)	2453 (36 ENO)	2499 (1844 F)
	1228 (967 DHK)	2480 (540 HVX)	2500 (1845 F)
	1238 (860 ETW)	2483 (296 JHK)	2508 (1853 F)
	1241 (437 FEV)	2488 (77 JNO)	2517 (354 LPU)
	1243 (439 FEV)	2489 (78 JNO)	2523 (360 LPU)
	1300 (1858 F)	2490 (79 JNO)	2526 (49 PPU)
	1303 (1865 F)	2491 (80 JNO)	2527 (50 PPU)
	1314 (209 MHK)	2492 (81 JNO)	2528 (51 PPU)
	1320 (1258 EV)	2494 (1839 F)	2530 (53 PPU)
	1404 (1252 EV)	2495 (1840 F)	2531 (54 PPU)
	1452 (2 BXB)		

The above date is the date of sale of these vehicles, and hence their official removal from the fleet strength. Not all of the vehicles have yet been collected by their new owners.

These withdrawals see the end of the 300 class, and also the eventual demise of the Eastern National coach fleet. The 2000 class is now extinct too, with the withdrawal of the last Guy vehicles. The 2400 series is also extinct, but some Bristol LD's in the 2500 series still remain. The first of the original 1400 class, 1404, has been withdrawn and also the last of the small sub-class, 1452-4.

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

11.75 1602 (BN0103B) to B49F (O.M.O.)

12.75 1611 (AVX961B) to B49F (O.M.O.)

The conversion of 2608 (KN0949C) to LD38/32FD is nearing completion.

The intended conversion of 1425/6 (204 YVX, MOO 178) to B45F (see NS128) has now been abandoned.

Allocations & Transfers

12.75 1309-D/L(D), 1311-D/L, 1324-D/L(D), 1331-SD, 1341-D/L, 1357-BE, 1362-CR, 1405-CF, 1407-D/L(D), 1409-D/L(D), 1416-BD, 1432-MN, 1609-CR, 1709-BN, 1752-CF, 1753-CY, 1754-BD, 1757-HD, 2502-SD, 2503-SD, 2505-SD, 2511-D/L(D), 2520-MN, 2537-D/L(D), 2743-BD, 3043-D/L, 3052-LWA, 3057-LWA, 3058-LWA.

Later allocations (mid-12.75) : 3052-SD, 3057-WG, 3058-HD.

The CW pool again has no vehicles allocated.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 30 Section of route between Leaden Roding (King William IV) and Ongar to be withdrawn.
- 46 Revised to operate : CHELMSFORD (Bus Station) - Roxwell - Willingale - Fyfield - ONGAR (Two Brewers).
- 47 Revised route to be from Old Harlow via Matching Tye, Matching Green, High Laver, and Moreton to Ongar.
- 58 Diversion of certain journeys via Roxwell Village to be withdrawn.
- 59 New Service : CHELMSFORD (Bus Station) - Roxwell - Leaden Roding - White Roding - Hatfield Heath - Sheering - Old Harlow - HARLOW (Bus Station). (Weekdays). Additional service also to operate between Harlow, Hatfield Heath and Hatfield Broad Oak.
- 302 Sunday service to be withdrawn.
- 303 Revised terminals to be Bishops Stortford and Stansted Airport (Passenger Terminal). Section of route to The Hall Caravan Park transferred to service 317. (q.v.)

317 Section of route to Bambers Green to be withdrawn. Certain journeys to operate via Stansted Airport on Saturdays. Service to The Hall Caravan Park transferred to this service from service 303. (q.v.)

347 To be renumbered 307.

The following revision to services commenced on 3.11.75 :

82 Certain journeys operate to/from and via Houds Farm, Fordham.

General

The following pattern of services will generally operate during the Christmas and New Year period. There are certain exceptions, these are detailed in special leaflets available from Company offices.

Christmas Day/Boxing Day	- No service
Saturday 27 December	- Sunday service
Thursday 1 January	- Sunday service

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

The report that 30 (MWC 130) was withdrawn in 7.75 (see NS140) seems to have been somewhat premature. The vehicle was noted in service in late November and has been in regular service throughout the year.

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

General

Application for revised fares, in accordance with the scale below, has recently been made :

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>
0.4	4p	2.05	9p	4.05	11p
0.6	6p	3.05	10p	over 4.05	12p
1.25	8p				

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

393 (JTD393P) has body number 7986. Other delivery dates were : 386 - 16.11.75, 387 - 16.11.75, 388 - 12.11.75, 393 - 18.11.75.

Vehicles on Order

It has also been reported that the two coaches on order will be numbered 200/1. (see also NS140)

Withdrawn Vehicles

11.75 317 (KCK 879) 318 (LCK 739) 319 (KCK 920)

The last day of operation for these vehicles was 22.11.75, they were shipped to Hong Kong the following week.

Service Revisions

The special services to be operated beyond the co-ordination area on Boxing Day (Friday 26 December 1975) are to be as follows :

2	Southend - Basildon	(hourly)
11	Southend - Chelmsford	{ 3 journeys }
251	Southend - Wickford	(hourly)
400	Southend - London(Kings Cross)	(approx. 2 hourly)

Services operated within the co-ordination area on this day are to be : 1,3,4,4A,4B,6,7,8,12,17,22,23A,24,25A,29.

General

Service 1 was converted to double deck O.M.O. operation from Sunday 30 November.

POST OFFICE

Further details are now available on the Post Bus service which replaced Eastern National service 77 (Colchester - Lawford) recently.

The service commenced on 1 September and is known as the Stour Valley Post Bus, a Commer minibus being employed. The route is COLCHESTER (Post Office) - Parsons Heath - Ardleigh - Little Bromley - Lawford - Dedham - Stratford St. Mary - East Bergholt - Flatford - EAST BERGHOLT (Post Office). The service operates on Weekdays only with departures from Colchester at 0540 (operates direct - not via Lawford) and 1330, and from East Bergholt at 1030 and 1700.

EASTERN NATIONAL PAINT DATES

We publish below a continuation of the information commenced in NS138.

Vehicles painted into N.B.C. liveryAt Central Works, Chelmsford (additional vehicles)

4.73	1610, 2913.	7.75	2935.
11.73	1329, 2944.	9.75	1438, 1707, 2744/81/3.
3.74	2379/84.	10.75	1338, 1700, 2816/33.
11.74	1325.	11.75	2822.
3.75	3014.		

At Clacton (additional vehicles)

8.75	2701.	10.75	1700.
9.75	2877.	11.75	1512.

At Prittlewell (To save space, the month only is given, full details (see NS138) are available from the Secretary if required. (S.A.E. Please))

10.72	2741, 2877.	11.74	1547, 2820/3, 3009.
12.72	2717/45, 2813.	12.74	2705/15, 2856, 3012.
2.73	2769.	1.75	1330, 1533, 2524, 2875.
3.73	2833.	2.75	1337, 1416, 2739, 2934, 3017.
4.73	1412, 1604, 2718, 2889/90.	3.75	1550, 1613, 2738/46/71.
5.73	1307, 1601/12, 2527, 2844/84, 2929.	4.75	1551, 2743, 2926.
6.73	1310, 1433, 2482, 2530, 2806/45, 2888.	5.75	1553, 2510.
7.73	1362, 2707, 2904.	6.75	1437, 1502, 3013.
8.73	1302/6/16/57, 2778, 2897, 2908.	7.75	1524, 2779.
9.73	1409, 2782, 2902/3/10.	8.75	2706/80, 2810, 3006.
10.73	1405, 2539, 2775, 2804/99, 2909/12.	9.75	2821.
11.73	2731.	10.75	2817/43.
12.73	1321, 1506, 2525.	11.75	1334, 2741, 3019.
1.74	1305, 1604, 2915, 3046.		
2.74	1406, 1608, 2786/93.		
3.74	1327, 1424/6, 2538, 2794/7.		
4.74	1605, 2795, 2837, 2918/23.		
5.74	1301, 1422, 1534, 1603, 2917, 3021.		
6.74	1313/23, 1427, 2735.		
7.74	1504, 2886.		
8.74	1328, 1537, 2721/40/99, 2807/18, 2907.		
9.74	1341/7, 1539, 2713/32, 2811.		
10.74	1408, 1500.		

Vehicles repainted into blue driver training livery.

0048 (2525)	CW - 10.74	0324 (2462)	PL - 12.73	0539 (2479)	CW - 1.74
0052 (2529)	CW - 1.75	0538 (2478)	PL - 12.73	0882 (2464)	No date -
					believed to be 12.73.

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