

EDITORIAL1979 SUBSCRIPTIONS

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2. In cash at the Annual General Meeting. (see below)

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This news sheet being the last before the festive season, the committee would like to convey to all members the Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 1979. We would also like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group, especially those who have assisted in its running and/or who have sent in news sheet reports.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups fourteenth A.G.M. will be held at Seven Kings Baptist Church Hall, Farley Drive (formerly Cambridge Drive), Seven Kings on Saturday 20 January 1979 commencing at 1515 (doors open at 1430). There will be a sales stand at the meeting and refreshments will be provided. A copy of the Annual Report for 1978 has been circulated with this news sheet and the committee will welcome suggestions and questions from members at the meeting.

Annual General Meeting - A personal message from Alan Osborne

The fourteenth A.G.M. will probably be one of the most important occasions in the history of the Group, with the formation of a new enlarged administration. It would be of great benefit to the new committee if as many members as possible could attend this meeting to give the new administration their support. If you should possibly need another reason to come, may I suggest that the morning could easily be consumed by a last nostalgic look at the London Transport RT class which is to be withdrawn from service in spring 1979. These vehicles now operate only on route 62 which runs between Barkingside and Barking via Chadwell Heath. All of these places are within two miles of the A.G.M. venue, and Barking garage is just 1.25 miles distant. For more distant, and for less wealthy members, another facility has been arranged - see below.

Annual General Meeting - A personal plea from Peter Snell

As the next A.G.M. of our Group is to be a special event, I am putting pen to paper to encourage as many of you as possible to try to attend. You already know Alan Osborne is resigning as Secretary after so many years bearing the brunt of the organisation of our Group, and I think as many as possible should try to attend to show your appreciation and to hear first hand how our Group will function in the future. A good show of hands, when the members who have volunteered to take positions on the newly constituted committee have their names put forward for voting, will also be a great encouragement.

Don't forget - make it a date, all will be welcome.

Peter Snell.

Annual General Meeting - Free Transportation

In order to facilitate travel to the A.G.M. for more distant members, and to provide an opportunity to ride in an excellently prepared preserved vehicle, free transport has been arranged. The vehicle to be used will be the Eastern National Preservation Group (Braintree Branch) Bristol KSW5G, VNO 859 which will operate from BRAINTREE

(Bus Park, 1230); CHELMSFORD (Bus Station, 1305); BRENTWOOD (High Street, 1340); and ROMFORD (Ring Road, 1410) to arrive at the A.G.M. at 1430, intermediate picking-up points by arrangement. The vehicle will return to BRAINTREE after the meeting. No charge will be made for transportation (the cost is being met from E.N.E.G. funds) but intending passengers must inform the Secretary in advance of their intention to use the service. The closing date for applications will be 16 January 1979.

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. Application should be sent to the Secretary, the closing date will be 10 January 1979. (With the formation of the new Group administration the above position will be discontinued, however, this notice has to appear since it is a requisite of the Group constitution.)

New Publication

The following new publication will be available from 15 January 1979, and copies will also be available at the A.G.M.

E.P.1 Eastern National fleet list Price ... 29p (post free)

New Colour Photographs

The new range of colour photographs (see NS176) will be available at the A.G.M. A list of the new prints available will be circulated with the February news sheet.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Basildon area, and a new public transport route map for Essex, both dated November 1978, have recently been issued. The map is similar in format to earlier editions, except that it is produced on matt paper and is much larger (23" x 16") and the town plans on the reverse side have the roads marked in red.

History of service 164

The statement that the services of London Transport and Eastern Counties only ever met in Royston which was made in this article appears to be incorrect. It has been noted that such a meeting occurred in Hitchin between July and December 1933, following the acquisition of Leverett of Ashwell jointly with 'Ortona' of Cambridge. (My thanks for the additional information, it is amazing what can be uncovered when interesting statements are made.)

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1894	BN0684T	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05753	Leyland National	B49F
1895	BN0685T	Leyland National 11351A/1R	05754	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates: 1894 - 11.78 1895 - 12.78

The above vehicle complete the 1978 vehicle programme.

Registrations have been reserved for the first batch of Leyland Nationals for 1979 delivery, 1896 - 1912 will be registered DAR 118 - 134T. It should perhaps be noted that since the HJ registration mark was passed to Chelmsford L.V.L.O. it has still to be used for a batch of Eastern National vehicles.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

Work on the conversion of a second Bristol FLE to open top is expected to commence shortly.

Allocations & Transfers

12.78 1200-D/L, 1208-DT, 1414-CR, 1713-D/L, 1865-CR, 1869-CF, 1886-BN, 1889-BN, 1891-BN, 1892-BN, 1893-D/L, 1894-D/L, 2801-D/L(D), 2807-D/L(D), 2845-CF, 2922-CF, 3000-MN, 3039-SE, 3057-WG, 3059-HD.

Additional later allocation of new vehicle : 1890-HH.

Allocations of D/L(D) vehicles by personal observation : BE - 1340, CN - 1358, 2754, CR - 1430, MN - 1434/8/45/6, 2761/70, 2855, 2928, PL - 1423/47, SD - 2820.

Service Vehicles

Morris Marina van OJN479M was repainted into Driver Training blue livery in 12.78.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 337 Thursday service to WITHAM (Allectus Way) to operate additionally on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Discussions are currently taking place concerning transfer of certain services between London Country Bus Services Ltd. and Eastern National. It is expected that the section of L.C. 339 between Ongar and Warley will pass to Eastern National and E.N. 269 between Brentwood and Grays will be transferred to London Country. 31 March 1979 has been suggested as the possible date of the above alterations. Revisions in the Grays area are also under consideration.

Express Services

Application has been made to operate the following services previously licensed to National Travel (South East) :

- 080 London (Victoria) - Dovercourt (Caravan Camp) or Harwich (Parkeston Quay)
- 081 Felixstowe (Ferry Terminal) - Windsor (Parish Church)
- 084 London (Victoria) - Walton-on-Naze (Bus Station)
- 089 London (Victoria) - Stowmarket (Market Place)
- 113 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Brixham (Bank Lane)
- 114 Sudbury (Bus Station) - Brixham (Bank Lane)
- 115 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Ilfracombe (Bus Station)
- 119 Bury St. Edmunds (Bus Station) - Basildon (Bus Station)
- 120 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Worthing (Dome Coach Station)
- 122 Ipswich (St. Margarets Street Coach Station) - Folkestone (Bus Station)
- 122 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Folkestone (Bus Station)
- 123 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Eastbourne (Cavendish Place Coach Stn.)
- 123 Chelmsford (Bus Station) - Brighton (Pool Valley)
- 124 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Ramsgate (International Hoverport)
- 125 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Great Yarmouth (Bus Station)
- 126 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Bournemouth (Coach Station)
- 128 Southend (Victoria Bus Station) - Portsmouth (Coach Station) or (Broad Street, for Isle of Wight)
- 131 Great Yarmouth (Beach Coach Station) - Sittingbourne (Rail Station)
- 132 Clacton (Wash Lane) - Folkestone (Bus Station)
- 133 Harwich (Bus Station) - Eastbourne (Cavendish Place Coach Station)
- 134 Clacton (Wash Lane) - Ramsgate (International Hoverport)
- 136 Brentwood (High Street) - Dymchurch (High Street)
- 137 Great Yarmouth (Beach Coach Station) - Catford (Rushey Green)
- 138 Walton-on-Naze (Coach Park) or Jaywick Sands (Coach Stop) - East Croydon (Coach Station)
- 139 Clacton-on-Sea (Butlins Holiday Camp Coach Park) - St. Helier (St. Helier Avenue)
- 180 London (Pancras Road) - Dovercourt (Caravan Park) or Harwich (Parkeston Quay)

- 182 Walton-on-Naze (Coach Park) or Felixstowe (Docks or Bus Station) - Cheltenham (Coach Station)
- 183 Ipswich (St. Margarets Street Coach Station) - Cheltenham (Coach Station)
- 189 Bishops Stortford (Rye Street) - Southend (Victoria Bus Station)
- 191 Walton-on-Naze (Coach Park) - Harlow (Potter Street, White Horse)
- Wickford (White Swan) - Basildon (Bus Station) (feeder)

Certain of the above services are to be jointly operated as follows:

Biss Bros., Bishops Stortford : 114, 189.

Grey Green, London N.16 : 080, 084, 089, 139, 180, 182, 183.

Orgnge Luxury, London N.16 : 138.

Harris, Grays : 113.

Premier Travel, Cambridge : 182, 183.

Travel House (Luton) : 182, 183.

Application has also been made by Eastern National for excursions and tours licences from various terminals previously held by National Travel (South East) Ltd. These licences are for short duration operations (i.e. day and half day). (see also below)

The remaining licences of National Travel (South East) are to be transferred as shown below, with reference to services covering Essex destinations and terminals:

Application has been made by National Travel (East) of Liversedge, West Yorkshire for excursions and tours licences from Corringham (Harris's Garage), Colchester (Bus Station) and Southend (Victoria Bus Station) for extended tours from these points.

Application has been made by National Travel (London) to operate special services to Stansted Airport, Southend Airport and Tilbury Docks.

General

Resident maintainance staff have now been appointed to Halstead and Harwich garages to undertake routine engineering work. For engineering purposes these locations are now regarded as garages once again (rather than outstations) and accordingly the numbers of short period loans between Halstead and Braintree and between Harwich and Clacton to cover routine maintainance will now be reduced.

Bristol LH's 1101/2 (UVX 5/6S) were returned to Colchester in early October. (see also NS175)

Crosville Motor Services Ltd. Bristol RELH CRG493 (5454 FM) replaced Eastern National Bristol RELH 1609 (GVW979H) when the latter failed in Llanberis Pass during October.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

Leyland Leopard 203 (UTD203T) entered service on 1.12.78, it is not equipped for O.M.O. operation.

Chassis number - 7802061

The chassis number of 204 (UTD204T) and the body numbers of 203/4 are still required.

Vehicles on Hire

After inspection of the two former Eastern National Bristol FLF's 995 K00 and 937 LWC it was decided not to hire these vehicles. (see also NS176)

2717/8 HJ are being used, on Mondays to Fridays only. (see also NS176)

Also being used, on an occasional basis only as a "last resort" spare vehicle is DJG630C, an ex. East Kent A.E.C. Reliance owned by Kemp, Rochford. This vehicle has been used, crew operated, a few times since 11.78.

Service Revisions

Service 400 will be the only out of area service to be operated over the Christmas period. It will operate with one return journey on Christmas Day (with reduced running time compared with last year) and 2 hourly on Boxing Day. Skeleton services only will operate within the co-ordination area on Boxing Day, comprising services 1, 3, 7, 17 and 29 (each hourly, some part route only) and service 4A (2 hourly).

General

Leyland Leopard 215 (MJN215F) and Daimler Fleetline 397 (JTD397P) have been fitted with rear view scopes.

A new style fleetname with solid white lettering is to become standard. The new fleetname (which has previously been carried experimentally by 373 (WJN373J)) has been applied to Daimler Fleetlines 376-8 (GHJ376-8L) after overhaul.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of The P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS176)

- 2743 (EOO 585) - Dealer, Carlton, 3/78, ex. United Automobile Services Ltd., no. 305.
 - 2745 (EOO 587) - Breaker, Rotherham, 6/78, ex. United Automobile Services Ltd., no. 306.
 - 2767 (VWC 47) - Scrapped, 3/78. (see also NS167)
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- 3889 (KHK 513) - Dealer, London S.W.18, 11/63, ex. Laing (contractor).
 - 438 (608 JPU) - Bethlehem Pentecost Church, Cefn Cribbwr, noted 8/78, ex. Brewer, Caerau.
 - 440 (610 JPU) - Breaker, Barnsley, by 8/78, ex. Thomas, Upper Llandwrog.
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- 300 (VYO 765) - Breaker, Barnsley, 7/78, ex. Hodges, Sheffield (N-PSV).
 - 379 (SLA 762) - Harrison, ?, 6/77, ex. Asian Greyhound, Windsor.
 - 381 (VYO 768) - Breaker, Carlton, 9/78, ex. Tinline Cannery, Holbeach St. Matthews. (N-PSV)
 - 403 (AVX964B) - Dotesio, Winsley, 8/78, ex. Bailey, Biddisham.
 - 9419 (GVW981H) - Runnells, Townshead, 8/78, ex. dealer, Grays. (see also NS175)
 - 9423 (LWC974J) - Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 7/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.).
 - 9424 (LWC975J) - Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 7/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.).
 - 425 (LWC976J) - Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 7/78, ex. National Travel (S.E.).
 - 506 (6 BXB) - Burnt out, 8/78, ex. Crescent A.S., Seven Kings.
 - 1308 (203 MHK) - Ensign (N-PSV), Grays, 1.
 - 1311 (206 MHK) - Withdrawn by Peake, Pontypool, by 9/78.
 - 1317 (212 MHK) - Reinstated by North Cornwall Cars, Langdon Cross, 9/78.
 - 1339 (2729 VX) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 7/78, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
 - 1349 (209 YVX) - Martin, Middlewich, 8/78.
 - 1350 (210 YVX) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 7/78, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
 - 1351 (211 YVX) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 1353 (MOO 174) - Kinross Plant Hire (N-PSV), 7/78, ex. dealer, Sherburn.
 - 1355 (MOO 176) - Breaker, Carlton, 9/78, ex. Grufferty, Horden.
 - 1435 (OO 9543) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 1441 (NWC 15) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 1442 (NWC 16) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 1450 (BPU 24B) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 2741 (EOO 583) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 2787 (938 LWC) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 2793 (BVX667B) - Breaker, Carlton, 8/78.
 - 2932 (184 XNO) - Martin, Middlewich, 8/78.