

EDITORIALSUBSCRIPTIONS 1973

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Vacations 1973

Will members please note that the Secretary will be on holiday from 30 June until 22 July and hence correspondence received during this time will be subject to delay. As a result the July news sheet will also be slightly delayed.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1715	WNO564L	Leyland National 1151/1R/0401	00646	Leyland National	B50F*
1717	WNO566L	Leyland National 1151/1R/0401	00648	Leyland National	B50F*

Delivery dates : 1715 - 5.73 1717 - 5.73

These vehicles (and also the other Leyland Nationals operating from Basildon) are at present operating as B50F + 22. They are to be converted to B50F + 8 at a later date. (see notes below)

Correction to NS110: The body number of 451 (X00881L) is 733192.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Rebuilt Vehicles

6.73 1609 (GVW979H) to DP45F (O.M.O.)

5.73 2928 (AVW397F) 2930 (AVW399F) to LD40/30FD (O.M.O.)

These conversions were carried out by Marshalls of Cambridge.

Vehicles on Loan/Lease

5.73 2383 (WNO 479) 2384 (WNO 480) 2386 (WNO 484)

On loan to Southend Corporation for the summer period to operate service 67.

6.73 9610 (AVW401F) which has previously been on lease to Tillings Travel has been returned to Eastern National, it is now undergoing conversion to LD38/32FD.

Allocations & Transfers

5.73 Corrections to NS110 : 1608-LWA, 2898-LWA.

6.73 309-CR, 344-BD, 347-D/L(D), 348-D/L(D), 349-CN, 350-D/L(D), 364-CN, 365-BS, 366-BN, 367-CF, 386-CN, 393-CN, 407-MN, 408-CF, 410-BS, 412-BN, 447-SD, 448-SD, 449-CF, 450-CF, 451-CN, 452-BN, 1224-D/L(D), 1227-D/L(D), 1229-D/L(D), 1307-CY, 1315-CY, 1317-CF, 1328-CR, 1337-CR, 1338-CR, 1407-CY, 1501-HH, 1503-KN, 1608-WG, 1711-BN, 1712-BN, 1713-BN, 1714-BN, 1715-BN, 1716-BN, 1717-BN, 2379-CN, 2382-CN, 2383-SD, 2384-SD, 2386-SD, 2436-D/L(D), 2437-D/L(D), 2440-D/L(D), 2441-D/L, 2445-D/L(D), 2446-D/L(D), 2447-D/L(D), 2448-D/L(D), 2449-D/L(D), 2450-D/L(D), 2453-D/L, 2454-D/L(D), 2455-LWA, 2456-D/L(D), 2457-D/L(D), 2460-D/L(D), 2461-LWA, 2462-D/L, 2463-LWA, 2464-D/L(D), 2478-D/L, 2479-D/L(D), 2480-CF, 2481-LWA, 2484-LWA, 2490-CR, 2510-CR, 2512-BE, 2513-CR, 2520-BN, 2522-LWA, 2531-BN, 2532-CR, 2534-BS, 2538-HH, 9610-D/L, 9611-KX, 9612-KX, 2714-BE, 2718-BN

2735-HH, 2803-BS, 2898-CN, 2924-KN, 2926-CN, 2927-MN, 2929-SD,
2932-MN, 2939-DN, 3002-BE. By members observation(6.73): 449-BE.

Note: LWA - Licensed awaiting allocation

With the above allocation the total number of vehicles allocated to Halstead (HD) is reduced to 10, which is the smallest allocation of any garage. The inclusion of Bristol LS saloons (1200 class) and Bristol MW coaches (300 class) on the disposal list should be noted.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 331 Certain journeys to operate via Wethersfield Air Base on Weekdays.
- 351 Certain journeys to be extended to Romford (St. Edwards Way) on Mondays to Fridays for an experimental period

There have been some amendments to the Market Day return fares introduced recently (see NS105). These are now available in either direction on the days specified. The services affected are 231 (Pitsea, Rail Station) and 35, 94/A, 234/5 (Basildon Bus Station) to and from Wickford (White Swan) on Saturdays only.

General

The Leyland Nationals allocated to Basildon are operated on service 26 (Romford - Basildon - Southend). It was originally planned to operate this service with new Bristol VRT O.M.O. double deckers, however, since delivery of these vehicles was delayed, Leyland National with increased standing capacity are being used temporarily. These vehicles will revert to normal standing capacity and will be transferred to other services at a later date.

Certain of the Bristol FLF's which are equipped for O.M.O. are operating in service with 2-man crews. 2927 (AVW396F) has been noted operating as such from Maldon on service 31 and 95. 2924 (AEV818F), another O.M.O. FLF, was allocated to Bishops Stortford for a short period in May.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

<u>Withdrawn Vehicle</u>	5.73	20 (1298 F)	
<u>Vehicles on Hire</u>	5.73	206 (2717 HJ)	207 (2718 HJ)

from Southend Corporation, pending delivery of new vehicles.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Vehicles on Hire

5.73 206/7 (2717/8 HJ) to Colchester Corporation, 2383/4/6 (WNO 479/80/4) from Eastern National. (see other operators notes for details)

General

348 (WJN348J) was repainted in 5.73. It now has a cream roof and the Corporation coat of arms and legal lettering is situated on the panel above the entrance forward of the advertisements, these are placed in a similar position on the offside. The cab has been repainted in a matt black colour. 349 (WJN349J) and 375/6 (GHJ375/6L) have been similarly treated.

INDEPENDENTS

Yet another operator has applied for a stage carriage service into Colchester : Rule, Boxford has applied for a service from Boxford via Polstead, Hadleigh, Raydon and Holton to Colchester. One operating condition is that no passengers are to be carried locally between Holton and Colchester. The service is to operate on Wednesdays only.