

EDITORIAL

Stour Valley Railway Preservation Society (Southend Branch) Model Railway and Transport Exhibition, Saturday 18 March.

At Trinity Road Methodist Church Hall from 1000 until 2000, admission 20p. The Group and the Southend Busman Photo Service will each have a stand at this event.

Eastern National Staff Changes

Mr. R. J. Hawkins, Chief Engineer, has been appointed Chief Engineer and Assistant General Manager of Alder Valley with effect from 1 February. The Committee and Members of the Group wish to thank Mr. Hawkins for his considerable assistance over recent years and to wish him every success in his new position.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

We wish to correct an error which was reported last month (see NS166) concerning the 1978 vehicle programme. The correct situation is as follows :

The nine Leyland Nationals which were diverted from East Kent, 1838-46 (WJN558-66S) were additional to the 1977 programme. The 1978 programme consists of 49 Leyland Nationals which will accordingly be numbered 1847 - 1895.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

12.77

2856 (OPU825D) *FLF66*

The report of this conversion being 'in progress' in January 1978 was obviously in error. (see NS166)

Allocations & Transfers

2.78 1411-D/L(D), 1443-MN, 1450-D/L(D), 1748-BE, 1790-D/L, 1832-CR, 1833-MN, 1839-BD, 1841-CY, 1842-CF, 2932-D/L, 3040-MN.

Later allocations during 2.78 : 1843-BN, 1844-BN.

Allocations of D/L(D) vehicles noted by personal observation are :

Clacton - 1350/3, 1415, 2727/8. Wood Green - 1600.

The inclusion of 1450 (BPU 24B) on the disposal list was due to serious accident damage.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 146 NEW SERVICE : BASILDON (Bus Station) - BASILDON (Industrial Estate, Miles Gray Road) via Southernhay, Roundacre, Uppermayne and Cranes Farm Road. (Mondays to Fridays only)
- 147 To be extended from PITSEA (Broadway) to PITSEA (Rail Station) via Station Lane.
- 156 To operate via Haterhill in place of via Great Knightleys, Ballards Walk and St. Nicholas Lane.
- 500 NEW SERVICE : PITSEA (Rail Station) - LAINDON (Rail Station) via Station Lane, High Road, Rectory Road, Wickford Avenue, Pitsea Road, Ashlyns, Broadmayne, Timberlog Lane, Long Riding, Southernhay, Roundacre, Laindon Link, Great Knightleys, Ballards Walk, St. Nicholas Lane and High Road. (Daily, route as existing service 240)

501. NEW SERVICE : PITSEA (Tyefields) - LAINDON (Durham Road) via Tyefields, Rectory Road, High Road, Sandon Road, Luncies Road, Timberlog Lane, Long Riding, Southernhay, Roundacre, Laindon Link, Great Knightleys, Laindon Link, Hatterhill, High Road and Durham Road. (Daily)
- 502 NEW SERVICE : PITSEA (Tyefields) - LANGDON HILLS (Westley Road) via Tyefields, Ashlyns, Broadmayne thence as service 501 to High Road, thence via Westley Road. (Daily)
- 503 NEW SERVICE : BASILDON (Northlands Estate) - LAINDON (Victoria Road) via Northlands, Felmores, Whitmore Way, Ghyllgrove, Southernhay, Roundacre, Nether Mayne, The Knares, Staneway, Laindon Link, Hatterhill, High Road, King Edward Road, Devonshire Road and Victoria Road. (Daily, route substantially as existing service 243)
- 504 NEW SERVICE : PITSEA (Rail Station) - LAINDON (Victoria Road or Rail Station) via Station Lane, High Road, Clay Hill Road, Timberlog Lane, Broadmayne, Lincoln Road, Whitmore Way thence as service 503. Also additional route via High Road to Laindon (Rail Station). (Daily, route covers existing service 244)
- 505 NEW SERVICE : BASILDON (Industrial Area No. 1) - LAINDON (Victoria Road or Rail Station) via Paycocke Road, Gardiners Lane, Cranes Farm Road, East Mayne, Whitmore Way thence as service 504. (Peak hours only, route substantially as existing service 143)

General

Further Alder Valley vehicles noted undergoing maintenance at Eastern National premises are Bristol RESL's 407/8/10 (LJB334/5/7F).

Bristol FLF 2783 (934 LWC) was inspected at Maidstone on 19 December with a view to the possible transfer of such vehicles to Maidstone & District. However, no such transfers are now envisaged.

Some additional notes are now available concerning the London Transport Multi Ride ticket scheme to operate in the London Borough of Havering. (see also NS166) The scheme will also apply to the section of service 151 between Romford, Southern Way and Market Place, however, the lowest level fare will not be available over this section. The scheme is to commence on 26 February, however, according to the latest London Transport publicity issued, the tickets will not be available on Eastern National service at the start of the scheme, but it is expected that the tickets will extend to Eastern National services in due course. Further details will be given next month when the scheme has commenced.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (Continued from NS165)

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| 2416 (208 BPU) | - Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), ca. 11/72. |
| 2467 (883 GVX) | - Anderson, Iver (N-PSV), 1/73. |
| 2473 (820 HNO) | - Mobile caravan, Walsall (N-PSV), by 9/76. |
| 2720 (801 WVW) | - Maw, West Butterwick (N-PSV), 8/77. |
| 2738 (EOO 580) | - Scrap dealer, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 2739 (EOO 581) | - Breaker, Carlton, 9/77. |
| 2742 (EOO 584) | - Scrap dealer, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 2757 (JWC 717) | - Scrap dealer, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 2764 (RWC 606) | - Scrap dealer, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 2767 (VWC 47) | - Scrap dealer, Barnsley, 8/77. |
| 336 (283 NHK) | - Breaker, Barnsley, 10/77, ex. Robinson, Brigg. |
| 337 (284 NHK) | - Withdrawn by Sue Ryder Foundation, 12/76. |
| 379 (SLA 762) | - Withdrawn by Asian Greyhound, Windsor, 6/77. |
| 380 (VYO 767) | - Withdrawn by Jennings & Caten, Leigh, by 1/78. |
| 404 (AVX965B) | - Walker, Anderton, 12/76, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd. |
| 405 (AVX966B) | - Bailey (Axe Vale Coaches), Biddisham, by 12/77, ex. Black Prince, Morley. |
| 406 (AVX967B) | - Walker, Anderton, 12/76, ex. National Travel (S.E.) Ltd. |

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