

EDITORIALNew Publications

The following new publications are now available :

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| E.P.4  | Fleet List of Ipswich Transport                   | price ... 5p |
| E.P.5  | Fleet List of Premier Travel Services             | price ... 5p |
| E.P.34 | Eastern National - Garage Vehicle Output Analysis | price ... 8p |

Postage is extra on all the above publications. E.P.34 is a companion publication to E.P.33 announced last month and gives details of the total numbers of each type of vehicle operated by each garage each day.

Also available is :

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| E.F.B. | Eastern National Fleet List Booklet - 1977 edition | price ... 23p<br>(post free) |
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This booklet is to the same format as last year, it has 16 printed pages and the cover illustration is of Ford saloon 1001 (MAR776P).

Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd., photographs

We are pleased to announce that this collection of photographs is now available. They will be on sale at the Southend Bus Rally (see below) at our present price of 9p per print. A Circular detailing the photographs will be circulated with the June news sheet. Owing to another increase in the price of monochrome prints, the cost of all black & white photographs will be increased to 10p from June 6.

Colour photographs of Silver Jubilee vehicle

By kind courtesy of The Chief Engineer we are able to offer members the facility of purchasing copies of the official Company prints of 3053 (LJN648P). Two colour prints are available, an offside and a nearside, the latter being the better quality, both views were taken at Central Works, Chelmsford. Prints are available in silk finish at prices of 25p (enprint) or 90p (5" x 5" size). Orders should be sent to the Secretary, this offer will close on 30 June.

Supplement to May news sheet

This supplement, dealing with Eastern National paint dates (see General section) is available, free of charge, from the Secretary. Copies may be dispatched with the June news sheet or with any publication or photograph order.

SOUTHEND BUS RALLY, Sunday June 5

At Southchurch Park, Lifford Way, Southend from 0930, admission 15p. This event is organised by the Eastern National Preservation Group. Our own Group will have a stand at the rally (open from ca. 1100) and all Group publications and photographs as well as our vast stock of other items will be on sale. Be sure to have your E.N.E.G. membership card with you to secure lower members prices, as all prices on our stand will be shown at the higher non-members rates. The Eastern National Company and Southend Transport have entered vehicles and there will be about another 100 vehicles on display. See you there !

Eastern National Company Driver of the Year Competition, Sunday June 26

This event will be held at the D.O.E. Heavy Goods Vehicle Testing Centre, Widford Industrial Estate, Robjohns Road, Widford, Chelmsford from 1000 until 1500. Our Group will have a stand at the event and members are invited to attend. Please bring your membership card with you for security check purposes.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

Delivery of the first Leyland Nationals of the 1977 programme is imminent. 15 vehicles are initially expected, these will be 1796 - 1810 (TJN495 - 509R)

Delivery of the first of the 12 11.3 metre Leyland Nationals which replaced the original order for short 10.3 metre Leyland Nationals is also expected to commence shortly with the appearance of 1826-9 (UHK155-8R).

### Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

### Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

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|------|----------------|----|--------------------|
| 2.77 | 2860 (RHK345D) | to | FLF6G              |
| 4.77 | 2799 (BVX675B) | to | FLF6G              |
| 5.77 | 2928 (AVW397F) | to | LD37/30FD (O.M.O.) |

### Service Vehicles

Conversions of the Bristol FLF6G's to driver training vehicles has now commenced. (see NS157) The Bristol MW6G to be converted to a driver training vehicle will probably be 1356 (MOO 177).

### Allocations & Transfers

5.77 1322-CN, 1323-D/L(D), 1410-CR, 1436-MN, 1450-HH, 1528-D/L, 1766-SD, 2379-CF, 2384-SD, 2716-SD, 2726-D/L(D), 2742-HH, 2822-CN, 2849-D/L, 2860-CN, 2928-MN. 2379/82 (WNO 475/83) were licensed for special private hire duties. 2379 for a run for Brighton on the occasion of the H.C.V.C. rally whilst 2382 featured in the May Day Parade in London.

### Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 58 To be withdrawn on Sundays.
- 93 To be extended from ALTHORNE to ST. LAWRENCE BAY via Huntsmans Corner, Mayland and Steeple.
- 95 Revised route to be as authorised to Latchingdon then unclassified via Mayland to re-join existing route at Huntsmans Corner.
- 97 Service via St. Lawrence Bay to be withdrawn.
- 99 New Service : STEEPL (Post Office), Mayland, Huntsmans Corner, Latchingdon, Cold Norton, Stow Maries, SOUTH WOODHAM (Rail Station) (Mondays to Fridays)

301/3 To be withdrawn on Sundays.

In addition, revised inward and outward routes have been applied for services using Southend Central Bus Station, these to be introduced when a further pedestrianisation scheme is implemented in central Southend.

### General

The Eastern National entrant at the Southend Bus Rally will comprise Bristol KSW open topper 2382 (WNO 483); Bristol FLF 2849 (NTW942C) - back for its third appearance; Bristol VRT 3053 (LJN648P) - the Silver Jubilee bus; and one of the blue Bristol FLF driver training vehicles.

The VRT operated O.M.O. on service 251 from Wood Green is used as an O.M.O. vehicle all day. The journeys operated by the vehicle are the 0602 and 1502 ex. Wood Green and the 0947 and 1917 ex. Southend on Weekdays. On Sundays the vehicles operates the 1002 ex. Wood Green and the 1437 departure from Southend.

Bristol FLF 2928 (AVW397F) has been converted back to O.M.O. operation and is in use as such on a limited basis at Maldon.

Bristol FLF 2708 (88 TVX) is in use as an Inspectors Office at Basildon during re-building work at the garage.

A list of Eastern National paint dates, collected by personal observation, has been submitted. The list is almost complete and continues from the information previously published in NS138/41/8. The list is available as a supplement to the news sheet. (see also Editorial)

On the occasion of the F. A. Vase Final between Billericay Town and Sheffield at Wembley Stadium on Saturday April 30 twenty nine vehicles were provided by National Travel (South East) Ltd. for the carriage of supporters. Several hired vehicles were used including Eastern National 1418, 1610, 2771/83, 2818/29/41/4/8/55/8/9/93, 3035/40 (804 WWV, GVW980H, VWC 51, 934 LWC, HEV994B, KN0952C, MVX878/81/5C, OP0824/3D, RHK344D, WNO981F, NPU982M, PWC515M). Bristol MW saloon 1418 was a late substitute for a damaged National Travel coach. Other hired vehicles were from Eastern Counties (4), London Country (1) and Maidstone & District (3), with National Travel (South East)(6) providing the remainder.

#### COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

##### New Vehicles

67-76 TPU 67-76R Leyland AN68A/1R (to follow) E.C.W. H43/31F

Despite the first of these vehicles being delivered almost five weeks ago no reports of any chassis numbers have yet been received. Details please !

##### Withdrawn Vehicles

Some vehicles have been withdrawn as a result of the new deliveries (we anticipate numbers 29-38) - reports and dates please !

##### General

An application has been made for increased fares.

#### IPSWICH TRANSPORT

##### New Vehicles

Correction: The delivery date of 27 (SDX 27R) was 2.77.

##### Withdrawn Vehicles

Correction: The withdrawal date of 51 (PPV 51) was 7.76.

All A.E.C. Regent V's with Park Royal bodywork are now withdrawn. The last example in service was 36 (HPV 36) which was withdrawn in 12.76. (see NS156)

##### General

With the delivery of the new Leyland Atlanteans only routes 3/9/9B (Whitton - Rushmere Heath) are still crew operated using A.E.C. Regent V's and also the E.C.W. bodied Leyland Atlanteans, 73-6 (LDX 73-6G). On Mondays to Fridays certain journeys on other services (e.g. 2A, 4/4A, 6A, 6B) are still crew operated with A.E.C. Regent V's.

#### SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

##### General

Daimler Fleetlines 387/8/90 (JTD387/8/90P) have now been fitted with curved windscreens.

Albion Lowlanders 327/31 (7091/5 HJ) previously in use as store rooms at London Road garage have been removed to Tickfield Road works.

One of the open top Leyland PD3's was used by the Billericay Town football team for a victory parade on May 8, following the teams successful retainment of the F.A. Vase trophy.

It now transpires that the special out-of-area Christmas services on routes 11, 251 and 400 were also licensed for additional operation on January 3 1977. As New Years Day fell on a Saturday, the 3 January was declared a Bank Holiday and it was not known whether Eastern National would provide a service on this day. In the event, a Sunday service was provided by Eastern National on 3 January and the special Southend Transport services were not required.

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DON'T FORGET : Sunday June 5 - Southend Bus Rally.