

EDITORIAL1973 SUBSCRIPTIONS

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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 1973. We would like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group, especially those who have assisted in its running and/or who have sent in reports.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups eighth A.G.M. will be held at 7 Farley Drive (formerly Cambridge Drive) Seven Kings on Saturday 20 January 1973 commencing at 1430. After the meeting there will be a colour slide show, free refreshments will be provided. A copy of the Groups Annual Report for 1972 has been circulated with this news sheet and the committee will be pleased to answer members questions at this meeting, so please come along.

Committee Membership

We hereby invite applications for the post of fifth committee member, a position which may be held by any member of the Group. The post was held by Mr. McKee during 1972. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, the closing date will be 10 January 1973.

Eastern National Midland Area Items

Mr. Graham Ledger is interested in acquiring Eastern National Midland area timetables and destination blinds. He is prepared to purchase these items or to exchange them for similar Eastern area items. Would any members who are interested please write to Mr. Ledger direct. His address is :

90, Rosethorpe Road,
Kingsthorpe,
NORTHAMPTON.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1549/51-4 (WNO 538/40-3L) were delivered in National green livery with new fleetnames. However, they incorporated yellow legal lettering, seating capacity and unladen weight descriptions, these were changed to the new grey style before the vehicles entered service.

Withdrawn Vehicles

11.72	340 (3385 VW)	342 (3387 VW)	1000 (YAL 368)
	341 (3386 VW)	343 (3388 VW)	1001 (YAL 369)

The 1000 class is now extinct once again and for a short while (we hope !) there are no Leylands in the fleet.

When the Leyland Nationals arrive, it is anticipated that they will displace Bristol LS saloons.

Allocations & Transfers

12.72	347-BN, 365-BN, 410-WG, 412-WG, 432-SD, 433-SD, 1222-D/L, 1227-D/L, 1229-D/L, 1243-D/L, 1309-D/L, 1339-BN, 1342-CR, 1355-BE, 1362-SD, 1501-CR, 1549-SD, 1551-CF, 1552-SD, 1553-BN, 1554-BN, 2433-BN, 2445-CF,
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2480-CF, 2481-BE, 2482-SD, 2494-SD, 2507-CN, 2523-CF, 2527-SD,
2530-SD, 2532-BD, 2533-BD, 2535-BD, 2538-BN, 2920-D/L, 2924-D/L,
2927-D/L, 2928-D/L, 3002-BN, 3004-BE.

Threecoaches are at present on loan to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd.,
these are 410-412 (YHK 727-729F).

2538(61 PPU), one of the two Bristol FS's used for driver tuition at
Southend has been transferred to Basildon.

A new official allocation card was introduced this month to replace the former
duplicated sheet. Garages are now arranged alphabetically in order of codes
and not in areas as previously. Although the Clacton area is shown to include
Harwich (DT) and Walton (WN) (although without specific vehicles allocated to
DT or WN), no reference to other outstations is made, as was on the old allocation.
For the first time on the allocation sheet vehicles are arranged under seating
capacities, the classes used are :

DOUBLE DECK	Two man O.M.O.	60-seat, 70-seat (includes 67-seat Guys) 70-seat
SINGLE DECK		41-seat (The 1400 class, includes also 1432-4 which are B43F) 45-seat (The 1200, 1300 and 1600 classes) 52-seat (Will be Leyland Nationals) 53-seat (The 1500 class)
COACH		34-seat, 39-seat 42-seat (includes 425 which is C40F) 47-seat (includes 1608-10)

Reference is made on the allocation to the anomalies indicated above. Delicensed
vehicles are shown in two categories :

D/L and Stored (D/L); D/L for Disposal (D/L(D)) (Group codings in brackets)

Tillings Travel vehicles are included separately on the same sheet on the reverse
side, for details see under Tillings Travel notes.

Service Vehicles

0846 (GBE 846) the publicity vehicle which has recently been repainted into
'National' livery (see NS 103 & 104) has now received a TILLING fleetname
underlined with a small green band, and also Tilling legal lettering.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

3/A, 5/A, 27, 404	Journeys to Canvey, Leigh Beck to operate from Furtherwick Road via Knightswick Road, Eldertree Road to High Street thence as present route. (A cognate application has been made by Southend Corporation)
351	Terminals to be Warley(Eagle Way) and Chelmsford (Bus Station)

The availability of the special cheap Market Day return fares is to be amended.
These return fares (see NS102) are now to be available on the day the market is
held to the market town only, for example :

From Basildon to Wickford on days when Wickford market is held.

From Wickford to Basildon on days when Basildon market is held.

They are also to be available between these points on services 94 and 94A.
Market Day return fares are also to be available on service 78 from Brightlingsea
to Colchester on Saturdays.

General

The first batch of Leyland Nationals are expected to be allocated to Chelmsford
for operation on service 351.

Advertisements are now being placed where the rear destination indicators were on
double deckers. One vehicle noted to date is 2539 (62 PPU).

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LTD.

Acquired Vehicles

The Leyland Leopards acquired from Southdown are fitted with Eaton twin-speed
rear axles, and so should be designated as Leyland L2T.

Allocations & Transfers

12.72 9351-WG, 9417-PL, 9418-PL, 9420-PL, 9421-PL, 9426-D/L, 9436-D/L.

As mentioned under Eastern National notes, a new allocation card was introduced this month. Tillings Travel is shown separately from Eastern National under its own heading (for the first time) and the garages included on the allocation sheet are PL, BS(H), HD and WG (in that order) as well as the two categories of delicensed. Vehicles are also shown under seating capacities, the following divisions are used :

DOUBLE DECK DUAL PURPOSE 53-seat
COACH 34-, 36-, 42-, 44-, and 47-seat.

Since no 44-seat coaches are owned at present presumably this refers to future new vehicles or to the intended capacity of the former Southdown coaches. In addition, air-conditioned coaches (9413, 9423/4, 9437/8) are so indicated.

General

A Bristol FLF double deck dual purpose vehicle was used recently to bring supporters of the victorious new Liberal M.P. for Sutton and Cheam, Graham Tope, to the House of Commons.

COLCHESTER CORPORATIONService Revisions

The following revisions to services has recently been applied for :

12 To be withdrawn on Saturday.

IPSWICH CORPORATIONService Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for :

1B/9A To be extended from Stoke Park Drive (Prince of Wales Drive) via Stoke Park Drive to the Shopping Centre.

SOUTHEND CORPORATIONNew Vehicle

384 GHJ384L Daimler CRL6-33 66684 N.C.M.E. H49/31D + 18 7344
Delivery date: 384 - 11.72

This leaves only 377 outstanding as at early December.

Corrections

Some body numbers of new Daimler Fleetlines have become confused in earlier news sheets. Corrected numbers are shown below, previous information on these vehicles should be deleted :

378 - 7332, 379 - 7338, 380 - 7342, 385 - 7341.

Withdrawn Vehicles

10.72 329 (7093 HJ) - owing to mechanical defect.

11.72 305 (OHJ 75) 306 (OHJ 76) - corrected date

305/6 (OHJ 75/6) had previously been in use as driver tuition vehicles and have now been replaced by 315/6 (PHJ 954/5). The conversion of the latter vehicles involved alteration to the offside bulkhead behind the driver which has been stepped in order to enable the instructor to reach the handbrake. The lower deck seating capacity has been reduced from 33 to 32 since the rear facing bench seat for five has been modified to a rear facing double seat on the nearside and a forward facing double seat on the offside. Brackets have been fitted at the front and rear to hold L-plates and the vehicles are still licensed as a P.S.V.

Vehicles on Order

A further batch of 12 Daimler Fleetlines is on order for delivery in early 1974. These will be fitted with low height East Lancs bodywork.

INDEPENDENTS

Platform One Services, Whitehaven - Application for services withdrawn. (see NS 101)