

EDITORIALPhotograph Section

Members will be aware of the difficulties we have been experiencing with the photographic section over recent months. (NS115 refers) Since no members volunteered to undertake photographic work for the Group we have now engaged the services of a professional photographer, with the result that the price of all Group prints will have to be raised to 6p with effect from 1 March 1974. All outstanding orders will be honoured at the former rates and it is hoped that these can be fulfilled in the near future. A new photograph list is in preparation and should be issued by April 1974.

An exchange

A member has for disposal a number of pre-war London Transport maps (1936-9 era). These are not for sale but may be exchanged for a quantity of postcard size Eastern National photographs. Any persons interested in this exchange should contact (please enclose S.A.E. for list) :

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicle

1730 NEV687M Leyland National 1151/1R/0402 01150 Leyland National B49F  
Delivery date: 1730 - 2.74

This completes the truncated 1973 order for Leyland Nationals.

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the notes on destination blind changes given last month, additional notes are as follows :

3042-4 (LFS287/92/5F) : Since the winding gear for the blinds on these vehicles was previously located such that the blinds needed to be altered from the upper deck the blind arrangement has been inverted to allow them to be adjusted from the cab. 3042/4 at least incorporate the re-modelled panel as described previously (see NS118).

3045-7 (NAG583/6G, OCS576H) : Since these blind arrangements can already be altered from the cab, no modification was necessary and hence the standard S.B.G. style destination blinds will be retained on these vehicles.

Rebuilt/Re-seated Vehicles

By 3.74 2943 (AVW402F) to LD40/30FD

All Leyland National vehicles are now to accommodate 22 standing passengers. Those vehicles still displaying alternative capacities will be altered in the near future.

Allocations & Transfers

2.74 309-CN, 410-CR, 432-SD, 433-D/L, 1242-D/L(D), 1328-D/L, 1427-BD, 1608-BD, 1713-D/L, 1723-D/L, 1726-HH, 1728-CF, 1729-SD, 1731-BE, 2488-D/L(D), 2489-D/L, 2491-BN, 2508-SD, 2811-CF, 2814-CF, 2924-CY, 2928-SD, 2941-CF, 2942-SD, 2944-CY, 3002-D/L, 3044-CY, 3047-WG.

Service VehiclesTransfers 1.74:

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Service Revisions

Application has been made for revised routes for several services in Chelmsford, consequent upon the opening of the extension to the inner ring road, Parkway.

General

1613 (A00.18B) has been noted operating in service with two pairs of seats on the nearside removed and hence is temporarily B41F.

Following the introduction of several Bristol LD's into the driver training fleet, the future of the Bristol SC's in the service fleet can now be clarified. The SC's are now employed as mobile classrooms and are not used for actual driving training on the road. They will continue to be used in this capacity, and therefore will not be displaced by the Bristol LD's.

Application has been made for increased fares on stage carriage services. The proposed new fares are shown below :

| <u>Mileage</u> | <u>Fare</u> | <u>Mileage</u> | <u>Fare</u> | <u>Mileage</u>        | <u>Fare</u> |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 0.7            | 2p          | 5.0            | 14p         | 10.0                  | 23p         |
| 1.2            | 4p          | 5.5            | 15p         | 11.0                  | 24p         |
| 1.7            | 6p          | 6.0            | 17p         | 12.0                  | 26p         |
| 2.2            | 7p          | 6.5            | 18p         | thence 1p per mile to |             |
| 2.7            | 8p          | 7.0            | 19p         | 20.0                  | 34p         |
| 3.2            | 10p         | 7.5            | 20p         | 21.0                  | 36p         |
| 3.7            | 11p         | 8.0            | 21p         | thence 1p per mile to |             |
| 4.0            | 12p         | 9.0            | 22p         | 58.0                  | 73p         |
| 4.5            | 13p         |                |             |                       |             |

Revised fares have also been applied for to co-ordinate with increased fares of London Country Bus Services Ltd. over common sections of route.

Increase fares have also been applied for on express services as shown below :

| <u>Existing fare</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Existing fare</u>                 | <u>Increase</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| £0.76-1.25           | 15p             | £2.76-3.25                           | 35p             |
| £1.26-2.25           | 25p             | thence at increases of 5p per 50p to |                 |
| £2.26-2.75           | 30p             | £6.76-7.25                           | 75p             |

COLCHESTER CORPORATIONWithdrawn Vehicles

|       |              |              |
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| 12.73 | 62 (194 MNO) | 63 (193 MNO) |
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Renumbered Vehicles

|       |              |    |    |              |    |    |
|-------|--------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|
| 12.73 | 21 (193 MNO) | to | 63 | 23 (682 HEV) | to | 60 |
|       | 22 (194 MNO) | to | 62 |              |    |    |

Vehicles on Loan

All vehicles previously on loan were returned during December, after delivery of 19 - 23 (OWC719-23M).

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 12 Revised route for journeys to Stanway Zoo to be as normal route to Walnut Tree Way thence Shrub End Road and Maldon Road, Stanway.
- 12A Service to be withdrawn.

SOUTHEND CORPORATIONVehicles on Loan

The vehicles on loan from Great Yarmouth C.T. (see NS118) were returned on 26 January.

General

215 (MJN215F) has been repainted in the revised Corporation livery. The town crest has been moved forward to a position immediately behind the front door and drivers window, it is now on the cream band as opposed to the blue panels as previously.