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EDITORIAL

New Publications

The following new publications will be available from 1st June :

E.P.1	Fleet List of Eastern National	Price 7p
E.P.4	Fleet List of Ipswich Corporation	Price 3p
E.P.7	List of Eastern National service vehicles	Price 3p

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

449	X00879L	Bristol RELH6G	4/542	Plaxton	C47F	733195
450	X00880L	Bristol RELH6G	4/543	Plaxton	C47F	733194
451	X00881L	Bristol RELH6G	4/544	Plaxton	C47F	733195
1712	WN0561L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00643	Leyland National	B50F*
1713	WN0562L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00644	Leyland National	B50F*
1714	WN0563L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00645	Leyland National	B50F*
1716	WN0565L	Leyland National	1151/1R/0401	00647	Leyland National	B50F*

Delivery dates :	449 - 5.73	1712 - 5.73	1714 - 5.73
	450 - 5.73	1713 - 5.73	1716 - 5.73
	451 - 5.73		

It is expected that some of the above Leyland Nationals will be allocated to EN.

Withdrawn Vehicles

4.73	425 (LWC976J)	2435 (970 DHK)	2443 (978 DHK)
	2433 (968 DHK)	2438 (973 DHK)	2444 (501 EEV)
	2434 (969 DHK)	2442 (974 DHK)	

{ 425 (LWC976J) was transferred to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd. in 5.73, it has been renumbered 9425.

Rebuilt Vehicles

5.73	2600 (184 XNO)	to LD38/32FD and renumbered 2932.
	2607 (BVX669B)	to LD38/32FD and renumbered 2939.
5.73	1608 (GVW978H)	1610 (GVW980H) both to DP45F (O.M.O.)
	1609 (GVW979H)	is also to be similarly converted. When it is finished the complete saloon fleet will be equipped for O.M.O. operation.

Some details are now available concerning the conversion of 2898 (WVX525F) to O.M.O. operation.

A Setright ticket machine with an electrically operated power pack has been installed in the cab together with a change giver, change chute and a periscope. The driving seat has been moved back which necessitated rebuilding the cab floor. In addition, the main front bulkhead was lowered and reformed to allow passengers clear access to the window at the rear of the cab to tender their fares. After operation in service for a trial period, further modifications were then instituted which involved fitment of an amplified communication system. Also, in the partition between the cab and the lower passenger saloon a vertical panel (sliding) has been fitted to stop passenger access to the change giving equipment and to reduce draughts.

Allocations & Transfers

5.73 306-CN, 307-CN, 308-CR, 310-KN, 345-BN, 348-CN, 350-BS, 365-BD, 384-BE, 385-CN, 409-HD, 412-CF, 431-BD, 1224-D/L, 1227-D/L, 1229-D/L, 1402-CF, 1518-HH, 1545-BN, 1548-BN, 1608-D/L, 1708-CF, 1709-CF, 1710-CF, 2455-CF, 2456-CR, 2480-MN, 2504-BE, 2529-CF, 2703-CF, 2898-D/L, 2927-CF, 2933-CY, 2941-CY, 3002-CY.

late 5.73 (by members observation) : 2510-CR.

1706 (WN0555L) has entered service, however, it was involved in an accident after only two days operation and is now at Central Works awaiting attention.

The allocation card for May 1973 makes no reference to Tillings Travel. However, 9610-2 (AVW401-3F) are included and are allocated to PL. These vehicles are owned by Eastern National and are at present leased to Tillings Travel.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 2A/2H To be withdrawn. (to be covered by services 2, 26 and 152)
- 2B To be curtailed at Basildon (Paycocke Road). Saturday service to be withdrawn.
- 20 To operate via Rawreth (Carpenters Lane) instead of via Rawreth Lane.
- 26 To be extended from Basildon to Southend (Pier Hill, Church Road) via Pitsea, Thundersley, Hadleigh, Leigh and Westcliff. (to replace services 2A and 2H)
- 72 To be extended from Tolleshunt Knights to Kelvedon.
- 152/3 Revised terminal in Grays to be Derby Road (inward) and Orsett Road (outward).
- 400 To be withdrawn between Kings Cross and Victoria. Terminal at Kings Cross to be re-designated "National Coach Station".
- 402 Terminal in Southend to be Seaway.
- 403 To be withdrawn.
- X16 To be withdrawn. Passengers to be conveyed by service X13 between Southend and Salisbury, thence forward to Ilfracombe by connectional facilities provided by Western National.

The Maidstone & District express service which is to operate to Wood Green (see NS 109) commenced operation at the end of April.

General

The outstation at Harlow is no longer operational.

Increased fares came into operation on 20 May.

Another overall advertising bus has been completed. The vehicle concerned is 2790 (AVX958B) which entered service on service 251 on 20.5.73 advertising Typhoo Tea. The vehicle was prepared in Prittlewell workshops and is in a dark red livery with a grey roof. The bodywork has a number of Typhoo Tea symbols on it with a collection of cups and saucers. There is one large cup and saucer on the nearside which is about 15 feet wide but the effect is somewhat lost since it is split up by the lower deck windows. Also in Prittlewell workshops in May was a London Country AN (Leyland Atlantean) which was being painted into a similar livery. It should be noted that both these repaints were performed by British Transport Advertising using facilities available at Prittlewell, and that they were not painted by Eastern National.

A famous landmark disappeared during April. This was the Public Convenience situated at the Railway Station end of Chelmsford Bus Station. It was erected early in the century and is to be seen in a photograph of Chelmsford Bus Station

dated 1919 which featured in the publication "Essex Scene" which was issued by Eastern National to mark 60 years operation. The convenience has been replaced by a new facility provided in the remodelled frontage of Chelmsford Bus Station which is now nearing completion.

(Copies of the "Essex Scene" publication are available from the Secretary. These are gratis with publication orders, or they will be sent on receipt of a 2½p stamp to cover return postage.)

A new timetable was introduced from 27 May until further notice. It is the same size as the last issue, but the price has been increased to 12½p. It incorporates a revised cover design to the standard N.B.C. format. The top third of the cover portrays the Company name (associated with the National Bus Company) and the double 'N' symbol which are all in black on a white background. There is also a map (in dark red) of mainland Britain with the Company operating area shaded in a lighter red. The lower portion incorporates an enlarged map of the Company operating area (also in red) with the larger towns indicated. The internal format of the timetable is largely the same as the last issue, the map at the rear of the book has been revised and incorporates the changes introduced with the timetable.

The timetable incorporates a number of modifications introduced on 27 May 1973, these are detailed below :

Services withdrawn : 20, 2A, 2H, 7C, 11A, 143, 248, 249, 403, 453, 478.

The revisions to the services shown below also commenced on 27.5.73, details will be found in the appropriate news sheets indicated :

2B (NS110), 3A (NS109), 5A (NS109), 9 (NS108), 20 (NS110), 26 (NS110),
28 (NS109 - introduced 5.7.73), 72 (NS110), 78A (NS108), 88 (NS108),
106/121 (NS109), 400 (NS110).

The following revisions to services were also introduced in the timetable (but may not necessarily have commenced on 27.5.73) but these either have not been previously detailed in the news sheet, or have only been mentioned in part :

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| 2, 154/5/6 | Revised terminal in Grays. (Similar to that for service 152 - see this news sheet) |
| 5 | Curtailed at Canvey (Haystack). Operates via Canvey Village instead of via Winter Gardens. |
| 7 | Journeys operated between Southend (Kursaal) and Ashingdon (Schools) withdrawn and transferred to service 7B. |
| 7A | Curtailed at Southend (Pier Hill). |
| 7B | Revised to operate Southend (Pier Hill) - Oaken Grange Drive - Ashingdon (Schools) with certain journeys extended to South Fambridge. (see also NS108) |
| 9B, 10/2/3 | Curtailed at Southend (Pier Hill), diverted via Oaken Grange Drive. (see also NS108) |
| 10 | Journeys which do not serve Canewdon are numbered 10B. |
| 10A | Extended from Ashingdon to Golden Cross. |
| 24A | To operate : Rayleigh (Rail Station) - Thundersley - Hadleigh (Church). (see also NS106) |
| 27 | To operate via High Street, Long Road and Winter Gardens, Canvey. Also extended to Hadleigh (see also NS109). |
| 73/A | Journeys via Hardys Green also operate on Monday to Thursday. |
| 88 | All journeys now operate via Aldham Village and are numbered 88. Service 88A withdrawn. |
| 152 | Extended from Basildon to Grays on Sunday. (to cover withdrawal of service 2H) Revised terminal in Grays. (see NS110). |

- 240 New Service: LAINDON(Rail Station) - Great Hnighleys -
Basildon(Bus Station) - Chalvedon - PITSEA (Rail Station).
Daily.
- 249 New Service: PITSEA(Rail Station) - Industrial Estates 1 & 2
- LAINDON(Fortune of War). Monday to Friday.
- 339 Operates between Braintree and Black Notley Hospital only on
Sunday.

Additional Information (to NS 106/7)

Route numbers recently introduced on service 76 are detailed as under :

- 76B Colchester - Fingringhoe - East Mersea via Mersea Road and
Peldon.
- 76C Colchester - Fingringhoe - East Mersea via Mersea Road and
Langenhoe.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

New Vehicles

14	YWC 14L	Bristol RELL6L	3/1943	E.C.W.	B53F	20812
15	YWC 15L	Bristol RELL6L	3/1944	E.C.W.	B53F	20813
16	YWC 16L	Bristol RELL6L	3/1945	E.C.W.	B53F	20814
17	YWC 17L	Bristol RELL6L	3/1946	E.C.W.	B53F	20815
18	YWC 18L	Bristol RELL6L	3/1948	E.C.W.	B53F	20816

Delivery dates : 14 - 4.73 15 - 4.73 16 - 5.73 17 - 5.73 18 - 5.73

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Withdrawn Vehicles

- 4.73 13 (1295 F) 19 (1297 F)

Number 13 did not remain as such for very long !

Renumbered Vehicles

- 4.73 15 (681 HEV) to 55 17 (1295 F) to 13
16 (682 HEV) to 23

General

2 (TRJ 102) and 3 (TRJ 103) were still in former Salford livery in May and were
both D/L in the garage. 1 (TRJ 109) which is in Colchester livery was also D/L
in the garage.

A new timetable was introduced on 6 May 1973. It is similar in format to the
previous issue, and incorporates a purple printed cover.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

- 3.73 13 (CDX 513) 14 (CDX 514)

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicle

- 5.73 324 (7088 HJ)
This vehicle is being used to provide spares.

General

208 (GJN508D) has had its doors repainted similarly to 209 by 4.73. (see NS109)

REMAINDER OF NOTES WITHHELD DUE TO SHORTAGE OF SPACE