

EDITORIALBristol KSW Tour, Sunday, 20th September

There are still a number of seats available on this tour. Please book seats as soon as possible.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

417	HVW241H	Bristol RELH6G	4/285	Duple	C42F	83547
418	HVW242H	Bristol RELH6G	4/286	Duple	C42F	83548
1522	KHK414J	Bristol RELL6G	3/1108	E.C.W.	B53F	18491
1523	KHK415J	Bristol RELL6G	3/1109	E.C.W.	B53F	18492

Delivery dates:	417	-	8.8.70	1522	-	24.7.70
	418	-	8.8.70	1523	-	24.7.70

The Duple numbers quoted for 417 and 418 are sales numbers, could the body numbers be reported please.

417 and 418 had been licensed from 1.7.70 and hence their "H" registrations.

1522 and 1523 were not licensed until 1.8.70 and hence their "J" registrations.

Vehicles on loan

DVW466G A.E.C. Reliance 6MU3R7167 Plaxton C43F 692873 New 1969

This vehicle was on loan from Harris, Grays and was used to operate continental tour 204 to the Austrian Tyrol which departed on 28.7.70. The vehicle was returned after the tour, its seating capacity was reduced to 41 for the tour.

DHK297G, The Leyland Leopard on loan from Harris, Grays (see NS78), was returned immediately after operation of continental tour 201. The seating capacity was reduced to 41 for the tour.

FVW705H Ford R226 58561 Plaxton C49F 702844 New 1969

On loan from the Ford Motor Co. Ltd., Warley from 10.8.70. The vehicle will be on loan for three to four weeks and is being used for general private hire and excursion work. The seating capacity was reduced from C53F to C49F by Fords before entering service with the Company. The vehicle is in a black and white livery and it appears on the August allocation sheet as 705 (q.v.)

Allocations & Transfers

70 331-D/L, 332-CN, 337-CN, 705-CF, 1323-CF, 1522-CN, 1523-CN, 2384-BE, 2452-SD, 2495-D/L, 2520-CN, 2523-CN, 2530-CN, 2605-SD.

2384 is allocated for driver tuition duties.

General

Increased fares were introduced on Sunday, 19th July, for details see NS75.

Revisions to the timetable of Eastern National/Eastern Counties jointly operated service 123 (Clacton-Ipswich) has resulted in crews being able to operate through, thus facilitating O.M.O. operation by Eastern National. O.M.O. operation is now maintained during the summer period, previously the service was operated by double deckers. Vehicles noted on the service so far have included dual purpose Bristol RELH 1600, several of the new Bristol RELL saloons including 1522 and also Bristol VR O.M.O. double decker 3003.

As a result of severe staff shortage at Basildon emergency Saturday timetables were introduced from 4th July. By a reduction of Saturday operation (up to 50% in certain cases) heavily used Monday to Friday peak hour and schools journeys are still maintained and the Saturday services will become more reliable. Previously journeys on Saturdays had to be withdrawn at very short notice which caused uneven patterns of service. The services affected in the Basildon area are 94/A, 231, 232, 234, 235, 241, 244.

Vehicles on Order

We give below details of the Company vehicle order for 1971. All vehicles will have Gardner 6HLX engines and 5-speed semi-automatic gearboxes.

- 4 Bristol VRT double deckers with E.C.W. LD39/31FD bodywork. These will be numbered 3005 - 3008 and will be equipped for O.M.O. operation. They will be delivered in stage carriage livery.
- 25 Bristol RELL saloons with E.C.W. B53F bodywork. These will be numbered 1530 - 1554.
- 5 Bristol RELH coaches with Plaxton C42F bodywork. These will be numbered 423 - 427 and will carry the 'Panorama Elite' body. They will be full luxury coaches with fully reclining Chapman seats.
- 11 Bristol RELH coaches with Plaxton C47F bodywork. These will be numbered 428 - 438 and will carry the 'Panorama Elite' body. They will be standard coaches with power operated doors (to facilitate their later transfer to the dual-purpose series) and will have standard Plaxton coach seats.

The above vehicles will be the first new vehicles ordered by the Company to be bodied by Plaxtons of Scarborough. They will not be the first Plaxton bodies ever owned, their predecessors were a batch of six Seddon Mark IV's with Plaxton B31F bodywork originally ordered by the City Coach Co. as their S1 - 6 (OEV 408-13) which later became Eastern National 220/16/15/17-19.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Acquired Vehicle

55 652 GVA A.E.C. Reliance 2U3RA4901 Plaxton 632693 B55F new 1963

Acquired in 6.70 from Hedingham & District, Sible Hedingham, No. L53, New to Irvine, Salsburgh, Scotland.

This is the first vehicle for the Corporation not to be purchased new, and the first single decker in the fleet since 1947.

General

The application for a revision in the fare scale was made on 27.4.70 and granted by the Traffic Commissioners on 24.6.70. (Correction to NS78). Details of the new fares are as follows:

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Decimal Fare</u>
up to 0.42	3d	1p
0.84	5d	2p
1.68	7d	3p
2.52	9d	4p
4.20	1/-	5p
5.88	1/2	6p
7.56	1/5	7p

The new fare of 1p (2.4d) is noteworthy.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have been applied for recently:

- 4 Sunday service to Berechurch Camp via Layer Road and Berechurch Hall Road to be withdrawn.
- 7/7A Revised routes in Mersea Road Estate to be as follows:
 - 7 To operate via Monkwick Avenue (whole length), Queen Elizabeth Way and Mersea Road.
 - 7A To be renumbered 8 and operate via Monkwick Avenue (south), Queen Elizabeth Way, Stansted Road and Mersea Road.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Rebuilt Vehicles

The following have been equipped for O.M.O. operation.

323(7087 HJ) 324(7088 HJ)

It has been reported that all the Albion Lowlanders have now been so equipped. We have not yet had reports concerning 330(7094 HJ) or 332(7096 HJ), could these be checked and reported please.

It has also been reported that some (4) or all (6) of the original batch of Leyland PD3/6's (311-6, PHJ 950-5) are to be converted to open-top to replace the existing Daimler CWA6's. As 312 and 314 have not yet been repainted it is probable that these will be the first to be so treated. Further details will follow.