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EDITORIAL

Eastern National Souvenirs

The prices of the souvenirs detailed last month are as follows : cap badges and lapel badges - 20p each, uniform buttons - 15p each, bus stop signs - £3 each. Postage on the above items is extra, please add 10p for orders of badges and/or buttons (up to 6 items) and increase proportionately for larger orders, any excess postage will be refunded with the order. Postal costs for the bus stops is 75p each, alternatively these may be collected from Seven Kings by prior arrangement with the Secretary.

Transport Spectacular 75, Saturday November 1

At Central Hall, Westminster, London S.W.1. Details of opening times were given last month, the Group will have a stand at this event.

Ilford & West Essex Model Railway Club exhibition, Thursday 6 - Saturday 8 November

Note corrected dates. At Ilford Town Hall, the Group will have a stand at this event this year. The opening times are Thursday & Friday : 1200 - 2100, Saturday : 1000 - 2000, the admission charge is 20p.

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New Vehicles

1751 LJN659P Leyland National 11351/1R Leyland National B49F 02761
Delivery date: 1751 - 13.10.75

This is the first of the 1975 order for Leyland Nationals, another six vehicles are to follow shortly.

Seven chassis of the 1974 order for Bristol VRT's were passed to Eastern Coach Works for bodying during September, details are chassis numbers - 3/178 to 3/184, body numbers - 21191 to 21197 inclusive. The completed vehicles are expected by the end of the year. All of the remainder of the 1974 order for Bristol VRT's will be series 3 models and all will be fitted with Leyland engines.

It has been reported in the technical press that five Ford R1014's with Duple Dominant saloon bodywork have been allocated to Eastern National. These are expected to arrive in Spring 1976. Further details will follow.

Withdrawn Vehicles

10.75 1453 (572 UVX) 1454 (569 UVX)

These vehicles have passed to the vehicle cannibalisation centre at Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln.

Rebuilt Vehicles

9.75 2862 (RHK347D) to FLF6G

Allocations & Transfers

10.75 1600-SD, 2379-D/L, 2382-D/L, 2383-D/L, 2384-D/L, 2503-D/L, 2505-CW(SD), 2507-CN, 2514-D/L, 2520-D/L, 2522-D/L(D), 2530-D/L(D), 2743-CW(BD), 2745-CR, 2519-D/L.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

35 Revised terminals to be Chelmsford(Bus Station) and South Hanningfield (Windmill Corner). Revised route to be as authorised to West Hanningfield Road, thence East Hanningfield Road, A130, Rettendon Common and South Hanningfield Road.

330 Sunday service to be withdrawn.

The following revisions to services commenced on the undermentioned dates, the details of the revisions have previously been given in the news sheets specified where applicable :

- 35 7.10.75 (NS139)
- 37 7.10.75 (NS137 - redefined as the route between Beeleigh Corner and Curling Tye Green via Brook Farm Corner in place of previous route via Cut-a-Thwart Lane)(additional notes to NS137)
- 77 8.9.75. Service withdrawn, replacement facilities between Little Bromley and Colchester will be provided by a Post Bus service - details to follow.
- 237/8 8.9.75 (NS139)
- 330 5.10.75 (NS139)

General

A revised edition of the Central area timetable has been published (again with a red cover). It is dated 18 May 1975 (amended to include revisions to 5 October) and is mainly a reprint of the earlier edition. Many minor modifications have been included, particularly to Chelmsford local services, these are to running times and departure times which have been varied by 1 or 2 minutes. In addition, revisions to the following services are also included, details of which will be found elsewhere in this news sheet where indicated :

- 35, 330 (NS139)
- 237/8 Journeys on Mondays are transferred to the other service.
(i.e. the 0858 departure is now service 238, whilst the 1120 departure is now service 237)

Revised fares came into operation on Sunday 19 October.

Bristol LD's 2514/9/20 (351/6/7 LPU) were loaned to Eastern Counties at Ipswich for a short period in September. This was to cover a temporary vehicle shortage at Norwich which was in turn covered by the loan of Bristol FS's from Ipswich thus necessitating the loan. The vehicles operated on services 202, 204, 205, 209 and 221.

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 4 To be extended (weekdays only) from Broke Hall Estate to Heath Road Hospital (as route 4A) via Penshurst Road, Bixley Road and Heath Road.
- 12A/12B Additional facility to be provided (as route 12) between Ipswich and Chantry Estate (Birkfield Drive - via Cambridge Drive). Route to from Electric House via Lloyds Avenue, Princes Street, Ranelagh Road, Ancaster Road, Gippeswyk Avenue, Birkfield Drive, Cambridge Drive and Birkfield Drive.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Hire

The Leyland PD3's which are on hire to London Transport to operate route 190 (see NS138) will be periodically changed when maintainance etc is required. It is not proposed to list individual changes in the news sheet, but complete lists of vehicles on hire at Croydon will be given at intervals.

Service Revisions

Application has recently been made for a new service, to be operated on 26 December 1975 only, between Southend (Central Station) and London (Kings Cross). Presumably this will be numbered 400, in accordance with the other special services on this day.