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EDITORIAL

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1975

Owing to impending postal increases all members are asked to read the note on subscriptions which accompanies this news sheet.

Main Committee of the Group

At the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18 January 1975 the main committee of the Group was elected as follows :

Organising Committee : A. G. Osborne (Secretary), M. L. Weyell and R. Delahoy
together with : B. M. Barrett and A. W. Meadows (M.209). making a
total committee of five.

A resolution was passed at the A.G.M. to the effect that from 1976 the committee of the Group will revert to three members only consisting of A. G. Osborne and M. L. Weyell (ex officio) and one other member to be elected by majority vote of the membership present at the A.G.M. This third member may be any member of the Group, the post to be advertised in the December news sheet.

The retiring committee for 1974 would like to express a vote of thanks to Mr. T. L. Murphy (M.1) for his work on the committee since the inception of the Group.

Chelmsford meeting, Monday 10 February

At 1, Donald Way, Chelmsford commencing at 1930. Services 44A/B (Moulsham Lodge Estate) pass close by. The Secretary hopes to be present.

Colour Photograph List

Included with this news sheet is a copy of our new colour photograph list. These colour prints have initially been introduced on a limited basis as an experiment and the extension of this service will depend upon the support received.

New Publications

The following new publications are now available :

E.P.22	Westcliff-on-Sea route map (1949)	Price 6p
E.P.23	Southend Corporation route map (1953)	Price 6p
E.P.24	Upminster & District route map (1964-6)	Price 6p

Publications E.P.22 and E.P.23 together show the pattern of bus and trolleybus services in the Southend vicinity before the formation of the Co-ordination area.

Postage of the above publications is extra, please add 4p to all orders. Orders may be dispatched with the next published news sheet at no extra postal cost.

New Eastern National fleet lists (E.P.1) and pocket-sized fleet booklets are in the course of preparation and should be available by April.

Publication available from the Group

The following publication is now available from the Group :

'Motor Buses in East Anglia, 1901-1931', by D. E. Brewster, published by The Oakwood Press, 1974, pp. 46.

This publication contains 77 photographs and a short, but interesting, text.

Price ... £1 (postage 7p extra)

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1735	HWC 86N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001846
1738	GJN998N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001849

Delivery dates: 1735 - 12.74 1738 - 12.74

The new Leyland Nationals incorporate the revised style, shorter roof pod and also feature different colour interior panels to the earlier models, these are patterned panels as opposed to plain white finish.

Vehicles on Order

The 8 Bristol LH's which formed part of the 1975 vehicle order (see NS128) are to be exchanged with the Bristol Omnibus Co. Ltd. for 5 Leyland Nationals. Hence the LH's will be delivered directly to Bristol. The 1975 vehicle order will now comprise 25 Leyland Nationals (1751 - 1775).

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Only two Bristol LS saloons (1228/43, 967 DHK, 439 FEV) now remain in service, these will be taken out of service at the end of the month. Vehicles on the disposal list following the demise of the Bristol LS's will be more Bristol LD's and also certain Bristol MW saloons which would require extensive overhaul before recertification. It is also anticipated that the two remaining Guy double deckers, 2018/9 (581/2 A00) will be withdrawn at the end of March.

Rebuilt/Re-seated Vehicles

1440	1	BXB	Bristol MW6G	184.015	E.C.W.	B41F(O.M.O.)	12221	new 1961
1442	NWC	16	Bristol MW6G	204.015	E.C.W.	B43F(O.M.O.)	13677	1962
1445	BN0115B		Bristol MW6G	213.143	E.C.W.	B43F(O.M.O.)	14462	1964
1448	BN0117B		Bristol MW6G	213.159	E.C.W.	B43F(O.M.O.)	14464	1964
1449	BPU 23B		Bristol MW6G	213.171	E.C.W.	B43F(O.M.O.)	14470	1964
1451	OWC183D		Bristol MW6G	233.024	E.C.W.	B43F(O.M.O.)	15757	1966

Renumbered from 383 (1.75), 306 (12.74), 365 (1.75), 367 (12.74), 309 (1.75), and 393 (1.75) respectively.

This batch of conversions is now complete.

1513 FVX615H Bristol RELL6G 3/841 E.C.W. (1974) B53F 21505 new 1969

This vehicle re-entered service (1.75) following re-bodying by E.C.W. It initially entered service indicating standing accommodation for 23 passengers but has now reverted to 8 standing passengers only.

1.75 1601 (BN0102B) to B49F(O.M.O.)

This conversion has been accomplished with the use of bus seats. All of the 1600 class are to be similarly treated.

2602 (185 XN0) is still undergoing conversion to a stage carriage vehicle. This work is being undertaken at Prittlewell as a "spare time" job and will only proceed when there is no other maintenance work to be carried out. Hence, the conversion will take some time to complete. The other vehicles of the 2600 class will follow.

Allocations & Transfers

1.75 1225-D/L(D), 1226-D/L(D), 1237-D/L(D), 1238-D/L(D), 1241-D/L(D), 1303-D/L(D), 1313-D/L, 1319-D/L, 1340-BE, 1353-CN, 1441-BE, 1442-BD, 1445-BN, 1448-CN, 1449-BD, 1513-BN, 1709-D/L, 1719-D/L, 1721-SD, 1732-CF, 1733-CR, 1734-CF, 1735-SD, 1736-MN, 1737-CY, 1738-CW(-), 1739-SE, 2491-CW(SD), 2496-CW(SD), 2499-CW(BN), 2527-CW(SD), 2603-D/L, 2605-D/L, 2613-D/L, 2614-D/L, 2932-D/L.

CW(SD) indicates vehicle allocated to Central Works float pool, and operating from Southend.

1739 (GJN999N) is the first new vehicle to be allocated to Silver End.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

33 Certain peak hour journeys on Mondays to Fridays to operate between Thaxted and Saffron Walden via Debden Green and Debden Village.

71 Service between Tiptree and Tolleshunt Knights to be withdrawn.

- 80 Section of route via Dovercourt Bay Rail Station to be withdrawn, service to operate direct via High Street.
- 78/A, Revised route in Brightlingsea to be via Church Road, Spring Chase,
102 Lower Park Road, Station Road, High Street, Hurst Green, Chapel Road, Barn Road (return Bellfield Avenue), and Regent Road.
- 105 One morning journey to be extended from Tiptree to Tolleshunt Knights.
- 124 Friday service to be withdrawn.

General

The Central Works pool of float vehicles has now been established (see NS129). At present it comprises four Bristol LD's and one Leyland National. The vehicles are identified by yellow hand painted CW allocations located above their fleetnumbers. The Leyland National has been added to the pool to cover 1700 class vehicles whilst they are undergoing docking. 1738(GJN998N) has been reported as operating from Chelmsford at present.

A playbus is in the process of being prepared for use in Chelmsford. The vehicle involved is 2401 (XVX 26), a former Eastern National Bristol LD, latterly with Fords Coaches of Althorne for use on school contracts. (The vehicle is not being prepared by Eastern National)

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicle

By 11.74

5 (TRJ 105)

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

It is proposed to introduce fare-boxes in the near future. The only apparent signs of an impending change is the fitment of plates below the windscreen bearing the words "No change given". 382/4 (GHJ382/4L) have to date been treated. The plates hinge down when out of use and are at present in that position, riveted down to prevent their use.

PREMIER TRAVEL LTD.

As we have some spare space in this months news sheet an opportunity has been taken to publish some information on amendments to the Premier Travel fleet since the publication of our fleet list of this operator in August 1973.

New Vehicles

245	OJE550M	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR27720	Alexander	C49F	1974
246	OJE551M	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR27762	Alexander	C49F	1974

Acquired Vehicles

239	BVO 1C	A.E.C. Reliance	4U3RA5855	Harrington	C51F	1965
240	BVO 3C	A.E.C. Reliance	4U3RA5857	Harrington	C51F	1965
241	BVO 6C	A.E.C. Reliance	4U3RA5860	Harrington	C51F	1965
242	BVO 7C	A.E.C. Reliance	4U3RA5861	Harrington	C51F	1965
243	BVO 9C	A.E.C. Reliance	4U3RA5863	Harrington	C51F	1965
244	BVO 10C	A.E.C. Reliance	4U3RA5864	Harrington	C51F	1965
247	HLP 10C	A.E.C. Reliance	2U3RA5945	Harrington	C51F	1965
248	HLP 11C	A.E.C. Reliance	2U3RA5946	Harrington	C51F	1965

239-44 ex. Barton, Chilwell nos. 1001/3/6/7/9/10 in 1973.

247/8 ex. Surrey Motors, Sutton nos. 52/3 in 1974.

Withdrawn Vehicles : 156/71/90-4/211-5.

Withdrawn, but still owned : 202/4/25/6.