

EDITORIALItems available from the Group

Members may not be aware of the following items which are available from the Secretary:

1. Eastern National fleetnumber plates - 13p per set of two, postage extra. List of plates available on request.
2. Eastern National Departure Posters - Chelmsford, Maldon, Bishops Stortford, Colchester, Clacton and Halstead areas available, dated 1958 - 1964. Price 2p each, postage extra.
3. Buses Illustrated - Large selection of back numbers available, from No. 43 (Sept. 1958) to No. 188 (Nov. 1970), price 10p each, postage extra. Complete sets available for 1965 (116 - 129), 1966 (130 - 141) and 1969 (166 - 177), price £1.20 per annum, postage extra.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

The Leyland Nationals on order will not now be numbered in the Leyland series from 1002 after the acquired Tiger Cubs. They are now to be numbered in a new 1700 series and will therefore become 1700 - 1717. Delivery of the vehicles has now been further delayed and is not now expected until late November (subsequent information to NS101). The remaining Bristol vehicles on order (7 REL and 5 VRTSL) are expected by the end of October.

Withdrawn Vehicles

|      |                |                |                |
|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 8.72 | 2418 (210 BPU) | 2423 (882 CEV) | 2466 (268 GVW) |
|      | 2419 (211 BPU) | 2424 (883 CEV) | 2470 (817 HNO) |
|      | 2420 (212 BPU) | 2425 (884 CEV) | 2473 (820 HNO) |
|      | 2421 (213 BPU) | 2426 (885 CEV) | 2474 (506 HTW) |
|      | 2422 (214 BPU) |                | 2477 (509 HTW) |

Allocations & Transfers

- 9.72 341-D/L(D), 1000-D/L, 1248-MN, 1355-CR, 1501-D/L, 1507-CR, 1511-KN, 1516-KN, 1525-MN, 2378-D/L, 2379-D/L, 2382-D/L, 2405-D/L(D), 2406-D/L(D), 2427-D/L(D), 2429-D/L(D), 2434-D/L(D), 2445-D/L(D), 2457-BD, 2512-CR, 2515-BN, 2520-MN, 2522-HH, 2534-KN, 2788-KN, 2825-MN, 2831-BE, 3004-BN, 3020-BE.

Note: D/L(D) - D/L for disposal. (Total 7)

Coaches 340-3 (3385-8 VH) are scheduled for disposal at the end of the season.

Service VehiclesWithdrawn Vehicles - 8.72

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Ford Transit vans

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have been applied for recently:

- 22 Terminal point in S oeburness to be Cambridge, Towerfield Road. (A cognate application has been made by Southend Corporation)
- 75 etc. On Saturdays only journeys to East Mersea to terminate at the 'Dog & Pheasant', Shop Lane.
- 123 To be extended from Manningtree to Lawford Place via Colchester Road, Long Road, B1352 and A137.
- 124 To be extended from Clacton to Walton (Bus Station) via B1032, B1033 and B1336.

Special cheap Market Day returns are to be introduced in the Basildon area. These will be available on market days only on journeys commenced after 0900 on specific services between the following points:

|     |     |                      |
|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 26  | WS  | Basildon to Romford  |
| 35  | M   | Basildon to Wickford |
|     | TFS | Wickford to Basildon |
| 231 | M   | Pitsea to Wickford   |
| 231 | WS  | Wickford to Pitsea   |

234/5 M. Basildon to Pitsea  
TFS Wickford to Basildon

Although the special fares are available on service 35 on MTFs between Wickford and Basildon, the service only operates on Saturdays!

### General

We are now able to give further details concerning the revised livery of double deck vehicles. This involves the deletion of the upper cream band and repainting of the wide cream waist band in white. The Company fleetname is being deleted from the side panels and as an interim measure is being re-positioned on the front panels above the radiator grill.

Single deck vehicles are to have the main band painted white and the Company fleetname re-positioned at the front of the vehicle.

All vehicles are being dealt with as a campaign change to be completed as quickly as possible, hence some vehicles are being completely repainted into the new livery whilst the remainder are simply having their existing livery altered at their respective garage.

The following vehicles had been noted in the revised livery by early September:  
2442/57/79/96, 2500/3/4/32/3/8/9, 2707/21/31/3/40/7/64/9/73/8/90/7,  
2803/4/35/44/51, 2904, 3007/12.

The final livery to conform with the N.B.C. Corporate image will involve painting with a lighter shade of green paint ('National' green), with a white band and fleetname in large white letters and incorporating the 'National' emblem in white, with all other lettering in grey. One such vehicle, 2742(EOO 584) has already been so treated. (8.72)

The following ex-Alexander (Midland) Bristol VRT's are now in the green livery, 3007/12 also incorporate the latest livery with a white band:

3006/1/9-12/9 (SMS 32/3/5-8/45H)

These vehicles are at present to be seen in three different liveries, the original Alexander blue, Eastern National green and cream and now green and white:

Bristol FLF 2898(WVX525F) which has been delicensed since April 1972

following accident damage is in the process of conversion at Prittlewell for one man operation. Details are not known at present but will be published when they are available. If the conversion proves successful further modifications are envisaged.

Bristol LD 2401(XVX 26) is now owned by the Sports and Social Club of Redland Purle (Eastern) Ltd., a waste disposal company of Rayleigh, Essex. It has been repainted in a light green and white livery and is to be used for Social Club functions. Details of disposals of other Eastern National vehicles would be welcomed.

The Bristol FLF's which passed to Alexander (Midland) have now all entered service, repainted into Alexander (Midland) blue livery. However, close inspection of the vehicles recently has shown that the interiors remain virtually unaltered, the seating moquette is still the same but naturally the advertisements have been changed. One interesting fact is that although the vehicles have been equipped in the interior with their new Alexander (Midland) fleetnumber they still retain the original Eastern National number as well. Thus MRD 200/3/8 (RNC 942/5D, UEV220E) were observed in Glasgow operating from Kirkintilloch garage still showing their Eastern National numbers 2870/2/82 in early September.

### TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LTD.

#### Allocations & Transfers

9.72 9402-HD, 9604-PLu, 9605-PLu, 9606-PLu, 9607-PLu, 9608-PLu, 9609-PLu.

### General

An item of topical interest is that several Bristol FLF coaches have been used recently to transport incoming Ugandan Asians from Stansted Airport to the transit camp at Stradishall, Suffolk.

### COLCHESTER CORPORATION

### General

An application has been made to revise fares as follows:

3p, 4p, and 5p fares are to be increased by 1p and the new fare scale to be:

| <u>Mileage</u> | <u>Fare</u> | <u>Mileage</u> | <u>Fare</u> |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 0.5            | 2p          | 3.5            | 7p          |
| 1.0            | 4p          | 4.5            | 8p          |
| 1.5            | 5p          | 6.0            | 9p          |
| 2.5            | 6p          | over 6.0       | 10p         |

## SOUTHEND CORPORATION

### New Vehicles

The new Daimler Fleetlines are now not expected until 12.72. It is anticipated that these will be operated on service 1.

### Withdrawn Vehicles

- 6.72                                      214 (FYS 672)                                      (Correction to NS101)  
210 (FYS 677) returned to service in 7.72. (see NS101)  
306 (OHJ 76) was demoted to non-PSV tuition vehicle in 8.72.  
315 (PHJ 954) has recently been repainted.

### General

The note concerning services 4 and 10 given in NS101 was not completely correct. Southend Corporation still operate all of services 4/A and occasional service 4B journeys. Some journeys on 10/2/3 are operated by Southend Corporation single deckers although Daimler Fleetlines have been used.

### Historical Section

#### Eastern National Services into Ipswich (By A. G. Osborne)

Saturday, April 29th, 1972 was the last day that Eastern National vehicles operated into Ipswich on stage carriage bus services. To mark this event, we present a short history of Eastern National operation into the county town of Suffolk.

Operation into Ipswich for the greater period of the history has concerned two services, these are the 123 (Ipswich - Clacton) and the 207 (Ipswich - Colchester).

Service 123 was started by Eastern National after the acquisition of the services in the Clacton area formerly operated by the Silver Queen Motor Omnibus Company. Operation of the service necessitated a vehicle being outstationed from Clacton at Ipswich, where it was stabled in the Eastern Counties garage. The route was later supplemented by a 123A service which commenced in 1950 and operated between Clacton and Manningtree only via Weeley, Tondring and Bradfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, this service was shortlived and was withdrawn shortly afterward.

Service 207 was initially operated only by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company, although Eastern National did apply to operate the service jointly with Eastern Counties but were not granted a licence. This service also required a vehicle being outstationed to operate it. Thus an Eastern Counties vehicle was outstationed from Ipswich at Colchester and kept in the Eastern National garage.

This system of operation was not very economic and so in 1961 a change in the pattern of operation of the services was introduced. Both services 123 and 207 became jointly operated by each Company which meant that the need for outstationed vehicles was eliminated.

Eastern Nationals foothold in Ipswich was strengthened sometime later. On April 11th, 1965 Eastern National instituted a major service revision which included a new service to serve Ipswich. It was numbered 212 and operated between Ipswich and Harwich via Manningtree, and it too was jointly operated with Eastern Counties. However, a little over five years later in September, 1970 this new service was curtailed at Manningtree and was then operated by Eastern National only. In June of the next year the service was withdrawn completely.

Finally, on April 30th, 1972, service 123 was curtailed to operate from Clacton to Manningtree by Eastern National only, the section to Ipswich being covered by Eastern Counties service 221. At the same time service 207 reverted to Eastern Counties operation only, although without the need for an outstationed vehicle based at Colchester.

Thus Eastern National operation into Ipswich has ceased, however, the Company still maintain services into the county of Suffolk in the form of service 86 and to Sudbury.