

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Eastbourne/Brighton Open Top Tour, Sunday, 31st July, 1966.

Members are invited to participate in this tour arranged by the M & D and East Kent Bus Club. The Clubs Leyland PD.1 is to be used and will depart from Maidstone at 0850, connecting with the 0730 train from London (Charing Cross). The PD.1 will travel to Eastbourne where a change will be made to a Southdown open-topper which will visit Eastbourne Corporation, Brighton, Hove & District and Southdown. Full details and a booking form may be obtained from P.J. Hollingsbee, 28, Queen Elizabeth Square, MAIDSTONE, Kent.

Group Notepaper

A new edition of Group notepaper was introduced recently, replacing the original issue produced by the M & D and East Kent Bus Club. The new notepaper incorporates the Company fleetname in the heading and a photograph of a Bristol Lodekka coach.

Outdoor meetings

Following the non-response of members to organise meetings in the Chelmsford and Colchester areas it is hoped to start outdoor meetings in the autumn. These will be in the nature of pre-arranged gatherings at Company Bus Stations on Saturday afternoons. The future of these meetings will depend upon members support. Full details of the first of these meetings will appear in the near future.

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New Vehicles

2861	RHK346D	Bristol	FLF6B	231.151	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15585	8.6.1.
2862	RHK347D	Bristol	FLF6B	231.155	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15586	8.6.1.
2863	RHK348D	Bristol	FLF6B	231.156	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15587	8.6.1.
2864	RVW390D	Bristol	FLF6G	231.177	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15588	8.4.2.
2865	RVW392D	Bristol	FLF6G	231.179	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15590	8.4.2.
2867	RVW393D	Bristol	FLF6G	231.180	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15591	8.4.2.

Delivery dates: 2861 - 17.6.66 2864 - 15.7.66
 2862 - 17.6.66 2866 - 15.7.66
 2863 - 17.6.66 2867 - 15.7.66

2861-3 entered service without fleetnumber plates, but have since had them fitted, they had fleetnumbers painted or transfered on the positions normally occupied by the plates. The reasons for this is unknown, presumably the plates were not available at the time of delivery since the Company were not expecting any new vehicles for some time.

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.66	2230(1302, NNO 93)	2235(1307, DHJ 21)
	2231(1303, NNO 94)	2240(1312, CJN 327)

Former Withdrawn Vehicles

1217/9/23 (473/5 BEV, 569 CTW) have been numbered LM 919/21/2 by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd.

Allocations & Transfers

Corrections: 1.66 2535 should have read MN not SD.
 6.66 1314 should have read CF not CR.

7.66 318-CP, 328-CN, 356-CN, 385-CP, 1225-D/L, 1232-BN, 1237-BD, 1246-CN, 1303-CN, 1349-MN, 1355-CN, 1357-MN, 1358-MN, 1359-CR, 1403-BE, 1423-D/L, 1425-MN, 2236-CF, 2244-CY, 2368-CN, 2403-BN, 2438-BN, 2524-BD, 2702-CN, 2825-BE, 2831-CF, 2859-CN, 2860-SD, 2861-CF, 2862-CF, 2863-CY.

Starting with the July allocation the allocation of Southend garage does not include certain vehicles which are allocated only to services 151/251. This practice has been in existence since the former City garage at Tylers Avenue, Southend was closed and the allocation transfered to London Road. For the record the vehicles last allocated to services 151/251 at Southend were as follows:- 2720/1/31-3/5/6/40/6/59/69/90/809. (Total..... 13)

Summer Allocation

The total number of vehicles allocated to the Companies garages at July, 1st is recorded below. The totals in brackets are the winter figures (January 1st) included for purposes of comparison.

Brentwood	50 (49)	Halstead	22 (17)
Braintree	35 (33)	Hadleigh	47 (50)
Basildon	89 (80)	Kelvedon	21 (21)
B.Stortford	20 (17)	Maldon	26 (27)
Chelmsford	76 (74)	Southend	121 (105)
Clacton	75 (44)	Wood Green	10 (11)
Colchester	43 (40)	Coach Pool	9 (---)
Canvey	9 (9)	D/L	2 (87)

Total fleet strength 655.(664)

One Man Operated Vehicles

In response to members requests we publish a list and allocation of one man operated single deckers.

Bristol LS saloons	:	NIL
Bristol MW saloons	:	1301-62
Bristol MW dual purpose	:	1400/1/11/2/23/9/30/2-4

Total.....72

Allocation of one man vehicles (6.66)

BD : NIL	BS : 7	CR : 77	HH : NIL	SD : 6
BE : 6	CF : 9	CY : NIL	KN : NIL	WG : NIL
BN : NIL	CN : 20	HD : 7	MN : 9	D/L : 1

Route Workings

Through journeys on services 95-8 to Chelmsford which were previously operated by FLF vehicles are now maintained by MW saloons. (See this months allocation changes).

GENERAL

2859(RHK344D) was featured on the Company stand at the Essex show. Due to continuing staff shortage at Chelmsford garage, since 18th June two double deck vehicles and crews have been hired from Heddingham & District to operate journeys which would otherwise not operate. It is believed that this is the first time that another operator has been hired for normal stage carriage work.

1423(202 YVX) was badly damaged in an accident near Bishops Stortford on 16th June and it is expected that the vehicle will have to be returned to E.C.W. and Bristol C.V. for repair.

1301(1863 F) was noted working Eastern Counties service 211 (Ipswich - Sproughton) on 5th July.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

It is reported that an order has been placed with Leyland Motors for the delivery of three PD3's and four PSU3's.

INDEPENDENTS

Young, Barkingside (Redbridge & District)

The stage carriage service 19 (Chadwell Heath - Woodford Bridge) was withdrawn after operation on Saturday, 14th May.

Heddingham & District

New Vehicle: L45 OVW550D Bedford VAM5 1016 Plaxton C45F

This is the first new vehicle ever purchased by Heddingham & District and is the only Bedford currently in the fleet. 476 BEV, Bristol LS5G ex. E.N.O.C. 1220 has been numbered L46.

Broadway, Wickford

This operator has acquired another ex. London Transport vehicle, KXW 401, ex. RTW 301 which has joined former RT 4790 (OLD 827).

REGISTRATION NOTES

Latest marks noted in mid July were:	Essex	:	SEV-D
	Ipswich(m/c	:	EPV180D
	Ipswich(cars etc)	:	EPV800D