

EDITORIALSUBSCRIPTIONS 1974

For certain members who joined the Group during the later part of the year this will be the last news sheet that you will receive under your present subscription. Owing to increased postal charges shortly to be introduced and increased costs of paper we regret that subscriptions have had to be increased from July 1974. Those who wish to renew for a further year (new rates - 75p per annum, second class, or 90p per annum, first class postage) should do so as soon as possible. Postal Orders should be 'crossed' and made payable to the Group. Bank Transfers (see NS117) may also be used. Receipts will not be issued unless specifically asked for, and only if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Photographic Section

Included with this news sheet is a copy of our latest photograph list which includes both new and original views and replaces the last list (E.C.7) issued in March 1973, this brings the total number of photographs available for sale from the Group to 178. At the time of writing all the prints on this list are now available from stock. We are also pleased to announce that all outstanding photograph orders have now been fulfilled, if you have not received your order please inform the Secretary quoting reference number of order acknowledgement. Our other list of photographs (E.C.7A) listing prints from copy negatives of originals in the Eastern National collection has also recently been reprinted and includes a few additional views (previously detailed in NS101). Copies of this list will be dispatched with all photograph orders or otherwise will be sent on request to the Secretary.

Colour Slide/Print service

We are pleased to announce a further photographic service for members. Since it is too expensive to produce colour work on a large scale for sale to members, we are instead providing the alternative system below. This service has been in existence on a limited basis since the beginning of the year and has proved acceptable to those members who have participated in it. The Secretary has a collection of some 10,000 colour slides taken since 1964, the complete collection is thoroughly indexed. The Group will supply on request, duplicate colour slides or colour enprints of any vehicle in this collection, which members may specify. The work will be undertaken by Dixons Photographic Ltd. and the cost per item will be 22p (for a minimum order of 5 slides/prints), postage extra, the price will reduce progressively to 20p for larger orders, all proceeds will be added to Group funds. Since it would be labourious to produce a list of views available (there are over 250 views of Eastern National vehicles alone) members are asked to write stating their requirements, which may be for any operator in any part of this country and also for foreign operators in France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Malta and Canada. (S.A.E. please with all enquiries).

Weekend Coach/Rail tour to South Wales - advance notice

Will intending participants please note that the date of this tour will be Friday 20 September to Sunday 22 September, 1974. Full details and a booking form will be distributed with the July news sheet.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

5.74	2455 (434 FEV)	2482 (295 JHK)	2486 (75 JNO)
	2481 (541 HVX)	2485 (298 JHK)	2487 (76 JNO)

The coaches in the 400 class which were recently transferred to National Travel (South East) Ltd. (see NS122) have only undergone a change of ownership. Certain of the vehicles will continue to be operated from Eastern National garages and be driven by Eastern National staff. Observation of certain members of the batch in Chelmsford in early June showed no exterior signs of change and, as yet, no change of legal ownership.

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

5.74 1422 (201 YVX) to B45F (O.M.O.)

5.74 349 (572 UVX) to B39F and re-numbered 1453
 385 (2 BXB) to B39F and re-numbered 1452

These vehicles (1452/3) have been repainted into bus livery but have retained their coach seats, they are now regarded by the Company as buses. In addition, 344 (569 UVX) is also to be similarly treated and will be re-numbered 1454.

Allocations & Transfers

5.74 (307-D/L, 309-D/L, 365-D/L, 366-D/L, 367-D/L, 384-D/L, 1341-SD,
 1452-CN, 1453-DT, 2383-CN, 2384-SD, 2509-BN, 2538-SD, 2784-SD,
~~2791-CN~~, 2799-BN, 2809-BD, 3014-HH, 3017-CF, 3019-CF, 3038-D/L,
 3042-SD, 3043-SD.

Service VehiclesNew Vehicle

5.74 RVW978M Ford Transit 90 BD05PT67687 Stores Van CW

Withdrawn Vehicles

5.74 AJN637K OEV995K (Vans)

Service Revisions

Revised services were introduced in the Southend area on 19 May, the date of opening of the new Southend Central Bus Station. From this date all services which previously terminated at Southend Central Rail Station, Pier Hill and Seaway now terminate at the new Central Bus Station and the former terminals are now longer used. In addition, services 6/A (towards Southchurch only), 17/24 (towards Temple Sutton only) and 7/8/22/A/B also serve the new Bus Station.

The following service revisions were also effected from the same date :

- 5 Withdrawn between Canvey(Haystack) and Canvey(Leigh Road), and extended from Haystack to Canvey(Leigh Beck) via Newlands.
- 5A Revised route in Canvey from Leigh Beck via Haystack and Canvey Village, extended from Hadleigh(Church) to Southend(Central Bus Station) via Leigh, Chalkwell and Westcliff.
- 15A Service withdrawn on Sundays and replaced by extension of service 20.
- 20 Extended from Runwell Hospital to Basildon Hospital (see NS122).
- 26 Weekday evening service withdrawn between Southend and Basildon.
- 27 Revised route in Canvey from Leigh Beck via Eastern Esplanade, Haystack, and Winter Gardens, extended from Hadleigh(Church) to Southend(Central Bus Station) via Leigh, Chalkwell and Westcliff. Now operated additionally on Sundays.
- 150 New Service : Canvey(E.N. Depot) - Basildon(Bus Station)(see NS122). Operated on summer Sundays only.
- 151 Operates via High Street instead of Eastern Esplanade, Canvey.

The following service revision was introduced with effect from 20 May :

- 260 Special journeys on Tuesdays only between Brentwood and Navestock Side withdrawn(see NS118). Replaced by diversion of one journey in each direction of the main service via Navestock Side on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

The following service revisions were introduced with the publication of the new timetable booklets on 16 June :

- 53 Now operates between Chelmsford and Colchester only, section beyond to Clacton/Wivenhoe re-numbered 74/A. (correction to NS121)

- 74/A New services(re-numbering of northern section of service 53) :
- 74 - Colchester - Clacton
74A - Colchester - Wivenhoe
- 80 Withdrawn on Saturdays, through service withdrawn on Sundays, operates on that day in two sections.
- 80A Revised route (see NS122), operates as through journeys over complete route (Colchester - Harwich) on Saturdays only.
- 80B Withdrawn.
- 93/97 Service 93 revised to operate Maldon - Althorne(Fords Corner) (for route see NS122). Section of route to St. Lawrence Bay covered by spur working on service 97 on Thursdays only.
- 100 New Service : Clacton(Bus Station), Bockings Elm, St. Osyth Beach. (Summer only, previously covered by services 110/1).
- 110/1 Section of route between Bockings Elm and St. Osyth Beach withdrawn, replaced by new service 100.

Other service revisions (if any) in the Central and South West areas, for which details were not available at the time of writing, will be given next month.

General

New timetable booklets were issued on 16 June. There are now three area booklets (each price 6p) as follows :

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| North East Area (Purple cover) | : | Colchester, Clacton, Harwich, Sudbury and Witham areas. |
| Central Area | : | Chelmsford, Maldon, Braintree, Halstead and Bishops Stortford areas. |
| South East Area | : | Basildon, Brentwood, Grays and Wickford areas. |

Services in the Southend area will in future only be covered by the Southend and District timetable published by Southend Transport. The Eastern National services in this area will thus be unusual amongst those of other N.B.C. operators in that they will not be shown in their timetables under the 24 hour clock notation.

The open top service at Clacton (service 112) is to be operated this season. However, it will be on a limited basis only and will require one vehicle only.

The open top vehicles at Southend are again being operated by Southend Transport.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Hire/Loan

206(2717 HJ) and 326(7090 HJ) were returned from Alder Valley in early June. 318(LCK 739) was delivered in early June and 319(KCK 920) during late May, they are expected to enter service in late June.

General

It has been reported that the chassis numbers for the next batch of Fleetlines will be 68786 - 68797.

Details of revisions to services introduced on 19 May will be found under Eastern National notes.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

South Essex Vintage Bus Rally, Sunday 23 June

At Southchurch Park, Lifstan Way, Southend from 0900 until about 1700, admission 10p. This event is organised by the Eastern National Preservation Group. Our own Group will have a stand at the rally (from ca. 1100) and many items will be on sale.

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