

EDITORIALCommittee Membership

The committee elected at the twelfth A.G.M. to serve for 1977 is A. G. Osborne, M. L. Weyell and P. J. Snell (M32).

New Publications

The following new publication is now available :

E.P. 30 Eastern National Essex area bus services as at August 1931

Price ... 18p
(postage extra)

This publication, compiled from the August 1931 timetable, lists terminals, frequencies, periods of operation and through fares. A xerox map of services is also included.

Photographic Service

A new range of colour photographs was introduced at the A.G.M. A new circular detailing all colour prints available is being prepared and will be circulated with the March news sheet.

London Transport bus stop route number plates

These plates, which are made of enamel and are ca. 3" square and portray Eastern National service numbers in green, are now available. The plates cost 30p each, and since they weigh ca. 250 g. each, postage is an additional 20p per plate. Many different service numbers are available, some plates contain more than one service number. When ordering please specify service number required and if possible give second and third choices. Alternatively a list of plates available may be obtained from the Secretary, price 5p (Copies to be sent with the next news sheet).

Eastern National timetables

A stock of old Eastern National timetables (1957 - 1973) has been acquired, these are mainly official issues, some faretables are also available. A list of timetables available may be obtained from the Secretary, price 5p (Copies to be sent with the next news sheet).

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1785	PEV697R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04054	Leyland National	B49F
1786	PEV698R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04055	Leyland National	B49F
1787	PEV699R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04056	Leyland National	B49F
1788	PEV700R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04057	Leyland National	B49F
1789	PEV701R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04058	Leyland National	B49F
1790	PEV702R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04059	Leyland National	B49F
1791	PEV703R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04060	Leyland National	B49F
1792	PEV704R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04061	Leyland National	B49F
1793	PEV705R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04062	Leyland National	B49F
1795	PEV707R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	04064	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates:	1785 - 12.76	1789 - 1.77	1792 - 12.76
	1786 - 1.77	1790 - 12.76	1793 - 12.76
	1787 - 12.76	1791 - 12.76	1795 - 1.77
	1788 - 12.76		

The above vehicles complete the 1976 vehicle programme for Leyland Nationals.

The 4 Bristol LH's diverted to Eastern National (see NS153) will be delivered. They will have B43F bodywork and will be numbered 1100 - 1103. Delivery is expected in mid 1977.

Withdrawn Vehicles

12.76 2942 (AVW401F)
 1.77 1604 (BN0105B)

2942 (AVW401F) has been transferred to the service vehicle fleet, whilst
 1604 (BN0105B) has been acquired by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd.,
 Norwich.

Re-built/Re-Seated Vehicles

12.76 2844 (MVX881C) 2936 (RWC 607) to FLF6G

2928 (AVW397F) has had its O.M.O. equipment removed recently. Although Bristol FLF's are no longer operated as O.M.O. vehicles it is not policy to especially remove the equipment.

1435 (00 9543) has now entered service with modified doors and destination equipment, 1437 (00 9545), the final vehicle to be treated under this programme is now almost complete.

Driver Training Fleet - Acquired Vehicle

9006 AVW401F Bristol FLF6LX 236.233 E.C.W. Driver Training Vehicle
 new 1968

This vehicle was acquired in 12.76 and was previously 2942 in the passenger fleet.

General

Bristol FLF Driver Training Vehicle 0668 (BVX668B) is still referred to as 0668.

The blue driver training vehicle livery is to be amended to include a white band.

Allocations & Transfers

1.77 1333-D/L(D), 1339-D/L(D), 1352-SD, 1357-CF, 1410-SD, 1413-BS, 1435-BN,
 1437-D/L, 1543-BE, 1602-D/L(D), 1604-D/L(D), 1750-D/L, 1785-D/L, 1787-D/L,
 1788-D/L, 1790-D/L, 1791-CN, 1792-CN, 1793-CR, 1784-BN, 2510-CW(R),
 2706-CW(R), 2715-CW(R), 2716-CW(R), 2718-CW(R), 2734-CW(-), 2755-CW(HH),
 2768-D/L(D), 2776-SD, 2787-CF, 2936-BN.

CW(R) : (R) - Rail Emergency - see General notes.

The following allocations (1.77) of D/L(D) vehicles have been noted by personal observation :

BS - 2700.
 HD - 1321, 2714/25/36/63.
 SE - 1318/44/52, 1414/20, 2746/8, 2934.

The Bristol LDLX6G, 2510 (236 LNO) licensed for the Rail Emergency was also used at Southend in service for one day, it was noted on service 6 in early January.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

400 Revised turning movement at Kings Cross to be from York Way via
 Wharfedale Road and Caledonian Road to Pentonville Road.

New services 3B (NS150) and 27A (NS152) were introduced on 6 September. Details will be found in the appropriate news sheets specified.

General

The arrangements for Christmas/New Year bus services were subject to a late change. (see also NS153) The revised arrangements meant that no services were operated on Boxing Day, December 27. In addition certain additional journeys to meet local traffic requirements were operated on January 1 and 3. On many services in the Basildon area normal Monday services were operated on January 3.

Revised fares have been applied for to co-ordinate with London Country Bus Services Ltd. over common sections of route on the following services :

2, 40, 46, 47, 49/A, 59, 152 - 156, 260, 266, 267, 402.

Revised concessionary fares have also been applied for on services within the areas of the following District Councils :

Brentwood, Castlepoint, Chelmsford, East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow, Southend, Thurrock and Rochford.

Following a landslide on the railway line between Hockley and Rayleigh which occurred just after Christmas a revised rail service was operated for the remainder of the Christmas/New Year holiday period. For the return to work on 4 January a special bus service was proposed to operate between Rayleigh and Benfleet Rail Stations using vehicles supplied by Eastern National (from the Traffic Surplus pool), Southend Transport and National Travel (South East). In the event, normal rail services were restored and the special bus service was not required.

It is interesting to note that the leaflet detailing the revised services in the Basildon and Thurrock areas commencing on 5 December 1976 included a central map based upon that produced by Essex County Council. (see also additional notes in this news sheet)

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicle

9.76

2 (682 HEV)

This was the last A.E.C. vehicle in the passenger fleet.

General

The date of introduction of the revised fares was 14 November. (see also NS153)

A gradual start has been made on the replacement of ticket machines on crew operated vehicles by new Almex machines. O.M.O. vehicles are already equipped with Almex machines.

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

12	RDX 12R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603319	Roe	H43/29D
13	RDX 13R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603323	Roe	H43/29D
14	RDX 14R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603470	Roe	H43/29D
15	RDX 15R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603472	Roe	H43/29D
16	RDX 16R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603491	Roe	H43/29D
17	RDX 17R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603494	Roe	H43/29D
18	RDX 18R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603611	Roe	H43/29D
19	RDX 19R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603623	Roe	H43/29D
20	RDX 20R	Leyland AN68A/1R	7603631	Roe	H43/29D

Delivery dates:	12 - 9.76	15 - 9.76	18 - 9.76
	13 - 9.76	16 - 9.76	19 - 9.76
	14 - 9.76	17 - 9.76	20 - 9.76

Despite these vehicles being delivered in September, the first report we had of their existence was not received until early January - more reports please !

General

The application for revised fares (see NS152) has been granted, to come into effect on a date not before 2.1.77. Please report the date of commencement.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicle

by 30.1.77

328 (7092 HJ)

The last Albion Lowlander in the fleet, please report the date of withdrawal.

Rebuilt Vehicles

It has been reported that subject to Council approval Leyland Leopards 208/9 (GJN508/9D) are to be converted to dual purpose vehicles using seats acquired from Eastern National and previously fitted to 1600 class vehicles.

Daimler Fleetline 392 (JTD392P) has been fitted with a curved windscreen and also with extra ventilators placed on either side of the front destination indicator.

Hired Vehicles

It has been reported that the hire of the Leyland PD3's to London Country at Harlow is to cease after January 29. An O.M.O. conversion of London Country routes 452/7 at Windsor on the above date will release some vehicles which may then be transferred to Harlow. In this connection an RML was noted at Harlow in late January undergoing training duties. Leyland PD3's at Harlow on 23 January were 333*/4/6/9/40*/2-4/6/7 (CJN433/4/6/9/40/2-4C, MHJ346/7F). * - not in service.

General

Following the late change to the arrangements for Eastern National Christmas services, Southend Transport operated services outside the co-ordination area additionally on December 27.

The services operated outside the co-ordination area over the Christmas period were - 400 (Southend - London, Kings Cross, December 25 - 27), 251 (Southend - Wickford, December 26/27) and 11 (Southend - Chelmsford, December 26/27). Thus Southend Transport operated service 400 into London on three consecutive days. The vehicle used on Christmas Day was Daimler Fleetline 384 (GHJ384L).

Within the co-ordination area special services were operated on services 1, 3, 4A, 6, 7, 8, 17, 22, 23, 23A, 24, 25A, 27 and 29 on December 26. Similar services were operated on December 27 except that normal Sunday services were instead operated on services 23/A and special football services 63 and 69 were also operated.

ESSEX BUS ROUTE MAP

A copy of the above map, published by the Essex County Council, is included with this news sheet. This map is the first edition (January 1977) and further editions will be published at about six-monthly intervals.

The map covers the whole county of Essex including almost the complete operating area of Eastern National. Also included are certain services of other major operators viz Eastern Counties, London Transport and London Country. The services of many independent operators are also shown. Town plans of Chelmsford, Grays/Tilbury and Ockendon, Colchester, Basildon, Brentwood, Clacton, and Harlow are given, a plan of Southend is not featured since such a map is available in the Southend & District bus timetable.

The map is very current, including certain changes introduced by London Transport from 7 January 1977 (variations to routes 175A/247/247B/250).

This map will admirably fill the gap left by the cessation of publication of the map in the Eastern National timetable.