

EDITORIALBooks available from the Group

Stocks of the following publications have been acquired by the Group. These may be ordered from the Secretary.

- (1) "British Bus Fleets, No. 4, East Anglia", Ian Allan Ltd., 4th edition, 1967. This publication contains fleet histories, fleet lists and photographs of all Company and Municipal operators in East Anglia. Originally priced at 4/6d, copies are available from the Group at 2/4d (post free).
- (2) "Buses in Basildon" by David Domin, The Omnibus Society, 1970. This publication presents a detailed history of the bus services in Basildon from the takeover of Campbell, Pitsea until mid-1969. It is well illustrated with twelve photographs and four maps. Copies are available from the Group, price 5/4d (post free).

Ilford & West Essex Model Railway Club Exhibition

The Ilford & West Essex M.R.C. will be holding their 15th annual exhibition at Ilford Town Hall on October 29th - October 31st, 1970. The exhibition will open at 1500 on October 29th and 30th and at 1000 on Saturday, October 31st, until 2100 each day. The Group will have a stand at the exhibition and any members who wish to come along will be most welcome.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicle

9.70

510 (19 P00)

This vehicle was the last Bedford SB8 in the fleet.

Vehicles on loan

JEV348H	A.E.C. Reliance	T/F	Plaxton	C..F	T/F	New 1970
			T/F - to follow			

On loan from Harris, Grays from 25.7.70 until 12.8.70. It was used to operate continental tour 205 to the Swiss Lakes which departed on 26.7.70. The seating capacity was not specially reduced for the tour.

The seating capacity of DVW466G was not reduced whilst it was on loan, the seating capacity of DHK297G was reduced to 41 before it was loaned to Eastern National.

Allocations & Transfers

9.70 306-D/L, 307-D/L, 417-CP, 418-CP, 510-D/L, 1309-BN, 1316-BN, 1320-MN, 1327-BN, 1329-BE, 1358-BN, 1359-BN, 1362-BN, 2450-D/L, 2460-BD, 2461-D/L, 2465-D/L, 2492-BN, 2501-SD, 2502-D/L, 2509-SD, 2520-KN, 2523-BE, 2528-BN, 2530-HH, 2533-BN, 2535-BN, 2707-D/L, 2816-BD, 2831-BN, 2832-BN, 2833-BD.

The above allocations include more transfers to and from Bishops Stortford than there have been for the last three years! They include the first ever transfer of 2460, this vehicle (as 1491) was allocated when new in 1956 to Bishops Stortford and has been there ever since. Similarly 1309, 1316 and 1329 have always been at Bishops Stortford. All the vehicles transferred in are fitted with loadmeters.

Vehicles allocated to Harwich(DT) in mid-September were:

1239, 1303/4/7/52, 1400/1/14/34, 2726/54/8, 2800.

The official allocation gives 9 single-deck and 3 double-deck vehicles at Harwich. As 1239 was under repair at Clacton when this allocation was noted, one of the Bristol FLF's was a temporary replacement.

At the same time the vehicles allocated to Walton(WN) were:

1345 and 3 Bristol FLF's, which were exchanged daily.

In answer to members query, the garage plates used on certain coaches consisting of green letters on a cream background are not new but are in fact old ones from the past. Before 1964 under the old numbering scheme vehicles had fleet numbers and garage plates consisting of metallic numbers on a black background. Coaches had green numbers on a cream background since those blended with the livery of the coach. When re-numbering occurred all vehicles were given new plates and garage codes consisting of metallic numbers/letters on a maroon background. Some, but not

all, of the garages plates used on coaches were altered but a few have still survived. Incidentally some of the Bristol FLF coaches had fleet numbers and garage plates which were cream on a green background but these did not survive after the re-numbering.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

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| 49 | Revised route to operate in Harlow. |
| X7-X10 | Slightly revised route at Kings Cross to operate on inward journeys to London. |

Revised fares have been applied for to operate on the following services to co-ordinate with recent increases introduced by London Transport and London Country:

2,26/A,30,32/A,40,46,47,49,53,151,153,248,249,251,260,261,266,322,351.

The following revisions to services came into effect on 6th September:

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| 26/A | Terminal in Romford is now Mercury Gardens. |
| 212 | Section of route between Manningtree and Ipswich withdrawn. Terminals are now Harwich (Quay) and Manningtree (Skinners Arms) with certain journeys to Manningtree (Rail Station). The service is no longer operated jointly with Eastern Counties. (Since 17.5.70 Eastern Counties operation has been restricted to one return journey on Saturday only). |
| 351 | Revised route in Romford. Service now operated via the ring road, St. Edwards Way, in both directions. |

General

Postal codes have now been allocated to Chelmsford. Accordingly the Head Office at New Writtle Street is now classified CM2 OSD and the Bus Station in Duke Street is CM1 1JH.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Acquired Vehicle

55(652 GVA) is in a livery consisting of all cream with a maroon band about 18" wide below the windows.

Service Revisions

A new service came into operation on Monday, 3.8.70 which is operated in conjunction with G.W. Osborne & Sons, Tollesbury. The Great Wigborough - Layer - Colchester service of Osborne has been revised to serve St. Michaels Estate and Gurdon Road in Colchester and it will be supplemented by new Colchester Corporation service 10 between Kingsford Cross Roads and Colchester. The services operate via Berechurch Hall Road, Maypole Green, Berechurch Road, Baronswood Way, St. Michaels Estate, Fallowfield Road, Earlswood Way, Berechurch Road, Gurdon Road, Daniel Cole Road, Berechurch Road and Mersea Road on Weekdays only.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Rebuilt Vehicles

330(7094 HJ) 332(7096 HJ)

These vehicles have been equipped for O.M.O. (see NS79).

General

299(MHJ 921) and 301(MHJ 923) are now being used as driver training vehicles.

242(FOP 462) has now been out of use for some time following engine trouble and may be withdrawn.

The chassis of 349 (a new Daimler Fleetline) was tested on 3.9.70 on services 1, 3A, 7 and 8.

201(SJN 635) is the only vehicle left in the fleet displaying the old style fleet-name in bold black lettering. It does so on one side only.