

EDITORIALMid Essex Coach Tour, Sunday October 7

There are still a few seats available on this tour. To avoid disappointment please book seats as soon as possible.

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :

E.P.11 List of United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. omnibus services as at April 1947 and subsequent renumbering in 1953.

This publication lists the services operated by United Counties before the takeover of the Midland Area of Eastern National. Also included are details of their later renumbering and hence this publication becomes a companion publication to E.P.16. Price....5p (postage extra)

East Kent, Maidstone & District and Maidstone Corporation fleet list booklet

The above publication, correct to July 1973, is available from the M&D and East Kent Bus Club, 92, The Avenue, Aylesford, MAIDSTONE, Kent. ME20 7RL. It is an excellent, pocket-sized booklet which contains 48 pages and gives fleet lists in the "Ian Allan ABC" style. Also included are short histories of each operator and lists of garages and liveries, in addition there are 16 illustrations. The price of the booklet is 40p (post free).

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1718	NEV675M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0402	00793	Leyland National	B49F
1719	NEV676M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0402	00794	Leyland National	B49F
1721	NEV678M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0402	00796	Leyland National	B49F
1722	NEV679M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0402	00797	Leyland National	B49F
1723	NEV680M	Leyland National	1151/1R/0402	00798	Leyland National	B49F
3027	NPU974M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/574	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20487
3028	NPU975M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/575	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20488
3029	NPU976M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/577	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20489
3030	NPU977M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/578	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20490
3031	NPU978M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/579	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20491
3032	NPU979M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/580	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20492
3033	NPU980M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/581	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20493
3034	NPU981M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/582	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20494
3035	NPU982M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/589	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20495
3036	NPU983M	Bristol VRTSL6LX	VRT/SL/2/592	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	20496

Delivery dates:	1718 - 9.73	3027 - 9.73	3032 - 9.73
	1719 - 8.73	3028 - 9.73	3033 - 9.73
	1721 - 8.73	3029 - 9.73	3034 - 9.73
	1722 - 9.73	3030 - 9.73	3035 - 9.73
	1723 - 8.73	3031 - 9.73	3036 - 9.73

Correction to NS113 : 1720(NEV677M) is also B49F

The Leyland Nationals of the present batch seat 49 and accommodate 8 standing passengers. The change in the seating capacity has been caused through the introduction by Leyland National of a luggage pen on the nearside which occupies the space of three seats as opposed to the two seats on the offside which were removed to accommodate the luggage pen when fitted by Eastern National. The vehicles differ from the previous batch in the manufacturer of the gearbox. The Leyland Nationals will be registered in one block (NEV675-92M) and are to be allocated to BD, CY, HH, MN and XD. The Bristol VRT's are equipped for O.M.O.

Withdrawn Vehicles

8.73 1706 (WNO555L)

This vehicle has been withdrawn following a very serious accident. The vehicle only operated in service from Chelmsford for 1½ days, and it has been at Central Works for some time awaiting a decision on its future.

Vehicles on Order

Details of vehicles on order for 1974 are as follows :

- 2 Bristol RELH / ECW coach bodywork
- 19 Leyland National
- 16 Bristol VRTSL / ECW bodywork

Vehicles on Lease

9611/2 (AVW402/3F) which were previously on lease to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd. were returned to Eastern National on 31.8.73. There are now no vehicles on lease to Tillings.

Allocations & Transfers

9.73 306-D/L, 349-D/L, 383-D/L, 1222-BS, 1241-BE, 1243-CN, 1244-D/L(D), 1245-D/L(D), 1246-D/L(D), 1340-KN, 1613-SD, 1718-D/L, 1719-D/L, 1720-SD, 1721-SD, 1722-D/L, 1723-D/L, 2379-D/L, 2382-D/L, 2386-D/L(D), 2441-BN(T), 2455-CF, 2463-D/L(D), 2464-BS(T), 2479-CF(T), 2490-CR, 2512-BE, 2513-CR, 2606-LWA, 2705-BN, 9611-D/L, 9612-D/L.

It will be noted that an open-topper, 2386(WNO 484) is on the disposal list. This is as a result of an accident that the vehicle was involved in whilst on loan to Southend Corporation. Consideration is being given to the replacement of the open-topper fleet.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 42 One early a.m. journey to commence from Danbury (Eves Corner). (MF)
- 102 Certain journeys to be extended to Clacton (County High School) on Schooldays only.
- X51 Terminal in Southend to be London Road, Bus Station in place of Seaway.

A number of service revisions came into effect on Sunday 2 September, these are detailed below :

- 71 Extended from Kelvedon to Tiptree. Revised timetable provides rail connections at Kelvedon to and from Coggeshall and Tiptree. (see also NS106)
- 107 Limited stop journeys previously operated on Wednesday and Sunday withdrawn.
- 155 Picking up and setting down restrictions between Chadwell St. Mary (Waterson Road) and Tilbury Ferry withdrawn.
- 337 Witham Town Services revised to operate as under (weekdays only):
 - 337 : Forest Road/Ebenezer Close - Allectus Way
 - 338 : Forest Road/Ebenezer Close - Howbridge Estate
 - 339 : Forest Road/Ebenezer Close - Powers Hall Road
- 338 Renumbered 90. (this is the original number given to the Maldon Local Service in 1955 !)
- 339 Renumbered 330.

The revisions to the services below also commenced on 2.9.73, details will be found in the appropriate news sheet indicated :

42 (NS114), 73 (NS106), 80 (NS113), 102 (NS114), 124 (NS112),
331 (NS111), 351 (NS111).

General

We are now able to give details of the conversion of Chelmsford Bus Station to a "sawtooth" design. (see NS112)

The re-development has included provision of a maintenance area at the rear of the garage with pit facilities which can be sealed off from the main garage area. Sawtooth departure stands have been provided in the main garage area and a number of services will depart from these new stands although some will continue to use the front forecourt.

The re-building has also provided increased office accommodation, a staff canteen, a public cafe, shops and toilet facilities all within the building at the front of the Bus Station.

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.D.C.) LTD.

General

The legal address of Tillings Travel is now 175, Rushey Green, Catford, LONDON S.E.6. which is the former Head Office of A. Timpson & Sons Ltd. Samuelsons New Transport also now have Catford as their legal address. Since Tillings Travel is now based out of the Eastern National area we will in future not be reporting future developments, except when Eastern National is also implicated.

One item of news in this latter category is that Tillings Travel are to move from Prittlewell to the Eastern National garage at Kelvedon in October.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Vehicles on Loan

The following vehicles were noted on loan in mid September :

Southend Corporation 206 (2717 HJ) - Leyland L1
Great Yarmouth Corporation 72/4 (PEX 172/4K) - A.E.C. Swift
Hedingham & District L71/2 (YWT 292/3) - Bristol MW5G

Service Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for :

6/A Certain journeys to operate on Schooldays only from Old Heath to Eastward School via Old Heath Road, Wimpole Road, Brook Street, East Street and Greenstead Road, returning via Hythe Station Road.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

328 (7092 HJ) is at present only out of use and is not withdrawn, however, owing to difficulties in the supply of spares it may be withdrawn in the near future.

General

342/4 (GJN442/4C) have appeared in the new livery (7.73) with the crest and legal lettering between decks. The transfers have been moved to the new location in order to minimise transfer replacements when lower panels are damaged.

381 (GHJ381L) has has its seats retrimmed with a mustard coloured imitation plastic leathercloth trimmed in black. This is an experiment to attempt to dispense with dust problems associated with the traditional moquette.

There have been reports of changes in standing capacities of certain saloons. 206(2717 HJ) is now B43D + 18, 208/9(GJN508/9D) are now B49D + 21, and 218 (MJN218F) is now B51D + 18, other vehicles are unchanged. Could a check please be kept on these standing capacities.