

EDITORIALMain Committee of the Group

Following the notice in the February news sheet concerning the vacancy for a fifth committee member NO applications for the post were received. It was therefore not possible to elect a fifth committee member at the Special General Meeting held at Seven Kings on Saturday, 21st March. The A.G.M. required a committee of 5 members so at the S.G.M. the following committee was elected to serve for 1970:

A.G.Osborne (Secretary), H.L.Weyell (M.10) and B.M.Barrett (M.2)

the above will be the organising committee, and together with

T.L.Murphy (M.1) and one vacancy will form the new committee of 5.

The vacancy for the fifth committee member will remain open and applications for this post are still invited (subject to the preferences and conditions as detailed last month), any applications will be considered and elected by the organising committee above.

Weekend Coach/Rail Tour, Friday, May 8th to Sunday, May 10th.

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please book seats as soon as possible.

Mid Essex Coach Tour, Sunday, April 26th.

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please book seats as soon as possible.

New Publication

The following new publication will be available at the time of dispatch of this news sheet:

E.P.R.3 (69) Amendments to fleet lists during 1969.

This publication gives all corrections and additions to publications E.P.1/2/3/4/6 and 7 until December 1969.

Price: 9d (post free). (6d if sent with next news sheet)

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

420	GVW982H	Bristol RELH6G	4/271	E.C.W.	C42F	18143
421	GVW983H	Bristol RELH6G	4/275	E.C.W.	C42F	18144
1608	GVW978H	Bristol RELH6G	4/276	E.C.W.	DP47F	18145
1610	GVW980H	Bristol RELH6G	4/278	E.C.W.	DP47F	18147

Delivery dates: 420 - 2.89.70 1608 - 2.89.70
421 - 3.69.70 1610 - 2.89.70

The livery of the dual-purpose vehicles incorporates much more cream than previously. Details would be appreciated.

Acquired Vehicles

In the list of vehicles acquired from Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd. given on page 1 of last months news sheet T440-2 should have read T441/2/0.

By mid-March many of the ex-Tilling vehicles had appeared in Eastern National livery and all have new fleet plates fitted with WG allocation plates. Where the new Eastern National fleetnumber was the same as the old Tillings number less the "T", and this had simply been painted over, these plates have also been removed and new plates fitted. (See NS73)

Allocations & Transfers

3.70 300-WG, 301-WG, 306-D/L, 307-D/L, 308-WG, 309-WG, 310-WG, 337-WG, 338-D/L, 340-CN, 382-SD, 383-HD, 384-WG, 391-CP, 392-CP, 400-D/L, 402-SD, 403-HD, 404-HD, 405-HD, 408-SD, 411-WG(X), 412-WG(X), 415-CP, 416-CP, 419-D/L, 420-SD, 421-SD, 422-WG(X), 509-D/L, 510-D/L, 511-D/L, 1232-BN, 1356-MN, 1362-CF, 1402-D/L, 1408-D/L, 1420-CY, 1424-BN, 1609-CF, 2368-HH, 2402-D/L, 2408-D/L, 2525-HH, 2605-D/L, 2606-WG, 2764-SD, 2877-SD, 2888-SD.

It will be seen that the ex-Tilling vehicles are now allocated to the Eastern National garage at Wood Green. Certain vehicles are outstationed at Kings

Cross from Wood Green and these are shown on the allocation sheet as (X). It will be recalled that vehicles outstationed at Harlow from Bishops Stortford are similarly coded BS(H).

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

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| 16A | To be re-numbered 16. |
| 70,87,123) | Revised fares to co-ordinate with Eastern Counties Omnibus |
| 207,212) | Co.Ltd. |
| 123,207,212 | Revised fares within the Borough of Ipswich. |

Express Services

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| X20,X45 | To be extended from Worthing to Littlehampton (East Street). |
| X24 | Terminal in Ramsgate to be International Hoverport. |
| X27 | To be extended from Walton-on-Naze to Harwich (Bus Station) via Thorpe-le-Soken, Beaumont, Great Oakley and Dovercourt. |

East Anglian Express

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| X1 | To be extended from London (Victoria Coach Station) to Heathrow Airport. |
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General

The maintenance area at Kings Cross has been gutted and all fittings have been removed. Maintenance of the ex-Tilling coach fleet is now carried out at Wood Green.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

General

The Atlanteans, 73-6(LDX73-6G) have all been equipped for O.M.O. operation.

SOUTHEAST CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicle

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| 12.69 | 200(SJN 634) |
| | This is the first of the Albion Aberdonians to be withdrawn. |
| | It was new in 1959. |

Vehicles on Order

There are another 12 Daimler Fleetlines on order making a total of 38 in all that are now expected.

General

Albion Lowlander 327(7091 HJ) has been equipped for O.M.O. operation.

Several vehicles have been observed with their registration number plates moved from the base of the radiator to a new position just below the windscreen. The numbers and letters are now in a single line, before they were in two lines. Vehicles so far noted are from the 287-98(LMJ 389-400) batch of Leyland PD2/12 and from the 311-6(PHJ 950-5) batch of Leyland PD3/6.

Alterations to Hockley Railway Station overbridge caused an interesting operating situation recently. The bridge is too low for the new Daimler Fleetlines on order to pass under and so the road beneath the bridge is in the process of being lowered. This is being performed one carriageway at a time with the result that there is only 7'6" width clearance on the open section of the road and so Corporation vehicles cannot pass under the bridge which is on service 7. The journeys to Hockley Spa are being curtailed at Hockley Station and a special shuttle service is being maintained between Hockley and Rayleigh. The usual Corporation vehicles operate on service 7 as far as Hockley Station where passengers and crew transfer to either FKG 977 or FKG 979. These lowbridge vehicles (Leyland PD2/1 ex. Western Welsh 977/9, acquired for the Corporation by P.V.S. dealers) are only 7'6" wide and can thus pass under the bridge. In the peak hours extra vehicles are required and so some of the open toppers have been licensed for this purpose. FKG 977/9 have labels indicating "on hire to Southend Corporation Transport" and "service 7 Shoeburyness - Southend - Rayleigh". They are referred to by the Corporation as 977 and 979.