

EDITORIALPostal Dispute

We must apologise for the non-appearance of the February news sheet. This was due to the postal dispute and consequent lack of reports of information. The present news sheet covers both February and March and gives all information available at the time of writing. Certain information was not available (due to continuing postal delays) and this will be published next month.

The Secretary would like to thank all those members who called at 7 Cambridge Drive to collect their news sheets and also especially to thank Mr. P. J. Snell who arranged for the delivery of news sheets to Southend and Basildon area members. If the strike had lasted into March arrangements would have been made for personal delivery of all news sheets to members in Essex. (This was not possible beforehand because of insufficient funds.)

Decimalisation

In accordance with other organisations the Group converted to decimal currency on February 15th. All payments made to the Group should therefore be made in decimal currency only. With payments that involve $\frac{1}{2}$ p these should preferably be made with an odd $\frac{1}{2}$ p stamp. Complete payments may be made with stamps provided that these do not include any denominations greater than 3p. A new circular giving details of the new prices of publications will be available soon.

Coach Tour

Due to the postal dispute it is now too late to operate our usual tour in April. It may be possible to organise a tour in May, if so details will appear next month.

New Publications

The following new publications will be available from April 1st:-

E.P.1	Fleet list of Eastern National Omnibus Co.Ltd. and Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd.	Price.... 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ p
E.P.R.4(70)	Amendments and corrections to other fleet lists for 1969 and 1970	Price.... 2p

The prices above do NOT include postage, please add 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p or 3p per order. Orders may be sent with the April news sheet at no extra cost.

New Photograph

An additional print is now available for the photograph list, this is as below:

Ref. E23 170 XNO Eastern National, ~~1996 2725~~ Bristol FLF6B OF

This view is rather scratched but it has been included because of the location. It shows the vehicle on service 251 entering Tylers Avenue garage, Southend on the last day of operation into that terminal.

The price of this (and other) photographs is 4p, postage extra.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1530	MHK912J	Bristol RELH6G	3/1424	E.C.W.	B53F	19227
1531	MHK913J	Bristol RELH6G	3/1429	E.C.W.	B53F	19228
1532	MHK914J	Bristol RELH6G	3/1430	E.C.W.	B53F	19229

Delivery dates: 1530 - 22.2.71 1532 - 12.2.71
1531 - 26.2.71

These vehicles operated initially without fleetplates.

The Bristol RELH6G coaches on order for Eastern National and Tillings Travel (9423-9427/428-434/9435-9438) will be registered LWC974-989J inclusive. These vehicles are not due until May, the registrations have been reserved early to facilitate completion of documentation for continental tour operation.

These vehicles will be the fourth batch to carry the registration letters LWC. The WC mark was allocated to Essex C.C., along with OO, when the other Essex marks were exhausted in late 1961. Since the WC mark was first issued the Company have now used the LWC combination in all possibilities, i.e.

364(LWC 869) in 1963
2783-7(934-8 LWC) in 1963

2833-40(LWC 659-660) in 1965
and the above (LWC974-89J) in 1971

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.71	2359(VNO 857)	2367(VNO 862)	2375(VNO 473)
	2360(VNO 856)	2368(VNO 863)	2376(VNO 476)
	2362(FJN 161)	2370(VNO 865)	

These withdrawals see the last of the covered top Bristol KSW's and the last P.S.V. vehicle in the fleet registered in Southend. (There are some vehicles in the service fleet registered in Southend)

1.71(to be confirmed)	2012(8935 NO)	2013(8936 NO)
2.71	2600(184 XNO)	2605(RWC 608)
	2601(186 XNO)	2606(BVX668B)
	2602(185 XNO)	2607(BVX669B)
	2603(RWC 604)	2608(KNO949C)
	2604(RWC 607)	2609(KNO950C)
		2610(AVW401F)
		2611(AVW402F)
		2612(AVW403F)
		2613(AVX974G)
		2614(AVX975G)

These vehicles were transferred to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd. in mid-2.71.

Loaned Vehicle:

Full details of JEV348H which was loaned to Eastern National last summer (see NS80) are as follows:-

JEV348H	A.E.C. Reliance	6MU3R7394	Plaxton	C41F	708893	new 6.70
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Rebuilt Vehicle

400/1/22 have now returned to service, converted to DP45F (O.M.O.) saloons and renumbered 1611-3. Details of the vehicles are now as follows:

1611	AVX961B	Bristol RELH6G	212.007	E.C.W.	DP45F	13721	new 1964
1612	AVX962B	Bristol RELH6G	212.008	E.C.W.	DP45F	13722	1964
1613	A00 18B	Bristol RELH6G	212.025	E.C.W.	DP45F	13679	1963

These conversions were completed in the weeks ended 20.2.71, 2.1.71 and 16.1.71 respectively.

1.71	1221(567 CTW)	1222(568 CTW)	to B45F (O.M.O.)
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The 1200 class is now completely O.M.O. re are now only 3 saloons that are not equipped for O.M.O. viz. 1608-10.

Following the notes in the last news sheet the Bristol VRT's will also have their rear destination indicators panelled over. 3002(CPU980G) has been treated to date.

Vehicle Re-engined

2499(1844 F) to LD5G previously LD6B. Date of conversion to follow.

Allocations & Transfers

2.71 341-BN, 343-CR, 344-HD, 350-D/L, 364-D/L, 383-D/L, 386-BD, 1221-CN, 1222-BN, 1305-D/L, 1315-CN, 1420-HD, 1438-SD, 1507-KN, 1526-CN, 1527-CN, 1528-CR, 1529-SD, 1612-CY, 2012-D/L, 2013-D/L, 2414-D/L, 2415-D/L, 2441-BN, 2442-D/L, 2444-D/L, 2453-BD, 2500-D/L, 2502-SD, 2507-SD, 2508-SD, 2604-D/L, 2605-D/L, 2606-BD, 2707-SD, 2708-SD, 2716-BD, 2816-D/L.

3.71 364-CF, 367-SD, 384-D/L, 407-D/L, 409-WG, 1301-SD, 1305-BD, 1307-D/L, 1316-SD, 1334-CN, 1530-BN, 1531-CF, 1532-CN, 1611-BN, 1613-WG.

1611-3 are allocated for use on X10, 1437/8 are now not so allocated.

Service Vehicles - Withdrawn Vehicle

2.71	0846 (GBE 846)	Transferred to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd.
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General

2378-30/2 (VNO474/5/8/83) were equipped as Decimal Training Units and were in use as such visiting various garages. Further details will follow.

The vehicles which are now on the disposal list, after the final demise of the covered top Bristol KSW's, will be the Bristol Lodekka's with Bristol engines.

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

New Vehicles

Registrations for 9423-7/9435-8 have been reserved, for details see Eastern National notes.

Acquired Vehicles

9600	184 XNO	Bristol	FLF6B	181.118	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	12521	1962
9601	186 XNO	Bristol	FLF6B	181.119	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	12522	1962
9602	185 XNO	Bristol	FLF6B	181.120	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	12523	1962
9603	RWC 604	Bristol	FLF6B	210.010	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13151	1963
9604	RWC 607	Bristol	FLF6B	210.013	E.C.W.	CLD37/18FD	13149	1963
9605	RWC 608	Bristol	FLF6B	210.014	E.C.W.	CLD37/18FD	13150	1963
9606	BVX663B	Bristol	FLF6B	217.139	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13957	1964
9607	BVX669B	Bristol	FLF6B	217.140	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	13958	1964
9608	KNO949C	Bristol	FLF6B	224.178	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	14936	1965
9609	KNO950C	Bristol	FLF6B	224.179	E.C.W.	CLD37/22FD	14937	1965
9610	AVW401F	Bristol	FLF6G	236.333	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16980	1968
9611	AVW402F	Bristol	FLF6G	236.334	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16981	1968
9612	AVW403F	Bristol	FLF6G	236.335	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16982	1968
9613	AVX974G	Bristol	FLF6G	236.336	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16983	1968
9614	AVX975G	Bristol	FLF6G	236.337	E.C.W.	CLD37/16FD	16984	1968

Acquired from Eastern National Omnibus Co.Ltd. in mid-2.71.

According to our records, 2600/1 were still CLD37/18FD at the time of takeover, but these were shown as CLD37/16FD on the official record of the takeover, clarification next month.

These vehicles are to be used on Coach/Air Services rather than express services such as X10. Coach/Air services previously licensed to Eastern National will in future be licensed to Tillings Travel.

Allocations & Transfers

2.71 9358-D/L, 9414-D/L, 9415-D/L, 9416-D/L, 9418-CP, 9419-CP, 9420-CP.

3.71 9414-L, 9417-L, 9418-D/L, 9419-D/L, 9420-L, 9603-WG, 9606-D/L, 9608-BS, 9609-D/L, 9612-WG, 9614-WG.

L - Licensed (operating from PL)

Service Vehicles - Acquired Vehicle

0846 GBE 846 Bristol K5G 78.168 Publicity Vehicle New 1950

Acquired from Eastern National Omnibus Co.Ltd. in mid-2.71. As Tillings Travel have taken over operation of extended tours they will also be responsible for the publicity as well. The vehicle is allocated to TT.

General

Correction to notes in NS84, page 4.

The new fleetnumbers are being applied in the form of transfers, these look like pseudo-standard Eastern National fleetplates.

Further details about Tillings future operations will be given next month.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicle

1.71 110 (WPU 732)

Vehicles on Hire

81	AEX 81B	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RA5505	Pennine	B39F	new 1964
83	AEX 83B	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RA5507	Pennine	B39F	1964
84	AEX 84B	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RA5508	Pennine	B39F	1964
86	AEX 86B	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RA5510	Pennine	B39F	1964

On hire from Great Yarmouth C.T. (Nos. 81/3/4/6) from 1.71. These are being used on certain services which were converted to O.M.O. with the service revisions introduced on 24.1.71. The Great Yarmouth fleetnumbers are being used by Colchester C.T.

Service Revisions

Two new services have recently been applied for, both are to be operated by O.M.O. vehicles:

COLCHESTER (Greenstead Estate, Avon Way) - STALWAY ZOO. Via Harwich Road, Cowdray Avenue, North Station, Cymbeline Way, Lexden, Straight Road, Dugard Avenue, Pear Tree Road, Blackberry Road, Warren Lane and Maldon Road.

OLD HEATH (Speedwell Road) - STANWAY ZOO. Via Old Heath Road, Barnhall Estate, Mersea Road, Monkwick Avenue, Berechurch Hall Road, St. Michaels Estate, Shrub End Estate, Walnut Tree Way, Shrub End Road and Maldon Road.

Both services are to be operated on Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, and on Sundays and Bank Holidays from mid-May until mid-September.

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