

EDITORIAL1966 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The management committee regret to announce that owing to already increased duplicating costs, the rate of annual subscription has had to be increased. The new rate will be 7/6d. per year but members who have already enrolled for next year or part year will have their subscriptions honoured at the old rate. The Groups finances have been running into the red recently and it is hoped that the extra revenue from the increased subscriptions will aid the Groups running and provide assets for more publications. Members are reminded that subscriptions are in many cases due on January 1st and those wishing to re-new for 1966 should do so as soon as possible. This news sheet being the last before the festive season the committee wish to convey to all members the Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 1966. We would also like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group and especially those who have assisted in its running and have sent in reports.

Publications

The following new publications will be available from January 1st, 1966.

- E.P.1. Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd. Fleet List 1/3d. post free
E.P.6. Tillings Transport Ltd. Fleet List 6d. post free

The following publication listed below will be introduced as soon as outstanding new vehicles are delivered.

- E.P.2. Southend Corporation Fleet List.
E.P.3. Colchester Corporation Fleet List.
E.P.4. Ipswich Corporation Fleet List.

Also,

- E.P.7. Eastern National & Tillings Service Vehicles.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups first, A.G.M. will be held at 7, Cambridge Drive, Seven Kings on Saturday, January, 22nd 1966 commencing at 14.30. After the meeting there will be a colour slide show. A copy of the Groups Annual Report has been circulated with this news sheet and the committee will be glad to answer members queries at the meeting.

South Essex Coach Tour

Details of this tour, to be run in February will be given in the January news sheet.

Examinations, 1966

The Secretary apologises to members for delays to news sheets and correspondence over the recent months which is due to important examinations. This delay will, regrettably, continue until March, 1966.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Vehicle Orders

2851 was the last of the 1965 vehicle programme. The fleet numbers of the 32 FLF vehicles expected next year will therefore be 2852-2883,

Withdrawn Vehicles

12.65	308(368,UEV 846)	314(376,FJN 169)	369(- ,OJJ 750)
	309(369,FJN 164)	315(380,VVX 367)	370(- ,OJJ 751)
	310(370,FJN 165)	316(381,VVX 368)	371(- ,OLU 752)
	311(371,FJN 166)	317(382,VVX 369)	373(- ,OLU 753)
	312(374,FJN 167)	318(389,XTW 152)	374(- ,OLU 755)
	313(375,FJN 168)	368(- ,OJJ 749)	375(- ,OLU 756)
			2209(1281,MPU 3)

315-8 are now with United Counties Omnibus Co., Ltd., Northampton.

318 received the highest fleet number (4233) under the old National numbering.

Allocations & Transfers

12.65 102-D/L, 324-CN, 348-BD, 1208-SD, 1209-SD, 1210-SD, 1211-SD, 1212-SD, 1213-SD, 1214-SD, 1315-CR, 1327-BS, 1332-CR, 1358-BS, 1600-CR, 1601-SD, 2360-SD, 2379-D/L, 2380-D/L, 2531-SD, 2532-BN, 2849-CN, 2850-CF, 2851-WG.

Seating Changes

320/1 (613/4 JPU) are now C34F formerly C39F
349 (572 UVX) is now C39F formerly C34F
380-2 (VY0 767-9) are now C39F formerly C41F

Christmas Mails

The following vehicles have been loaned to the Post Office to assist in the conveyance of Christmas mails. These are:-

1203-14

Total.....7

It is presumed that Prittlewell garage has been cleared of vehicles and converted to a temporary sorting office, as usual, and that the vehicles are garaged in the adjacent yard.

Service Revisions

The service revisions outlined in recent news sheets were introduced on Sunday, 12th December and at the same time the garage at Silver End was closed down operationally. Full details will be given in the next news sheet. At the same time the service working of Dunmow outstation was changed from 70 to 33. (See below).

GENERAL

Kelvedon Garage

A new entrance and bus washer have been installed at the garage replacing the former Moores entrance which could only be approached from the Colchester direction, necessitating a turning movement in the Station yard for vehicles from the Chelmsford direction. Part of the premises is now used as a paint shop by Passenger Vehicle Sales, Ilford.

Outstations

The services maintained by the Companies outstationed vehicles are as follows:

Dunmow(DW) I double deck allocated to service 33 (Before December 12th, the outstation operated on service 70).

Walton(WN) Details to follow.

West Mersea(WM) 3 double decks and 1 saloon allocated to services 75 and 87.

Brightlingsea(BA) 2 double decks allocated to services 74/A, 76 and 78.

Harlow(HW) 1 saloon engaged on contract work.

DW and WN are Company codes, the other codes are unofficial Group abbreviations.

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.

Fleet Changes 12.65

NIL

General

The fleet is to be re-numbered at the beginning of the new year. Full details will appear when available.

New Vehicle - Lorry Fleet

GLN985C Ford Thames BC.03 ER.16150 Martin Walter 'Clearway' U.W. 2.13.2
Former lorry PYO 228 has been noted working for a coal merchant in Chelmsford.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

The chassis of the new Ipswich vehicles (2D2RA.1808-11) were delivered to Neepsend Coachworks, Sheffield in the period October 20-25th 1965 and delivery is expected in January, 1966.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

The road under the High Street bridge has been lowered by a few inches allowing the highbridge PD3's to pass under the bridge. This may see the end of these vehicles dominating service 3 since they may now operate on other services.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Delivery of the new Leyland PD2A/31's is imminent. Details of these vehicles would be appreciated when they enter service.

INDEPENDENTS

Wells, Hatfield Peverel

This operator has ex. Aldershot & District Dennis Lance, LOU 38 and ex. Eastern Counties Bristol K, KNG 371 employed on school contracts.

REGISTRATION NOTES

Latest mark noted in mid December was:- Ipswich: DDX550C

It is not known whether Essex C.C. started on OEV-C or PEV-C after finishing NWC-C.

The Secretary would be pleased to receive reports of the last marks issued in 1965 and the first marks issued in 1966 of each of the local authorities.