

EDITORIAL1969 SUBSCRIPTIONS

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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 1969. We would also like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group and especially to those who have assisted in its running and have sent in reports.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups fourth A.G.M. will be held at 7, Cambridge Drive, Seven Kings on Saturday, January 25th 1969 commencing at 1430. 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 questions at this meeting.

Publications

The following new publication will be available from 1st January, 1969 :

E.P.1 Fleet list of Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd.

Price 1/6d (post free)

Special Offer

For members who wish to purchase one of each of the publications which have been offered for sale in the November and December news sheets (i.e. E.P.1-4/6/7) a special price of 2/9d (post free) is available.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

12.68 2387(WNO 485)

This vehicle is at present being converted at Central Works Chelmsford to a permanent tree-lopper to replace the existing tree-lopper, CAP 131.

Allocations & Transfers

12.68 406-CP, 416-CP, 1221-SD, 1229-SD, 1238-CF, 1403-BE, 2341-D/L, 2349-D/L, 2501-BD, 2509-SD, 2520-KN, 2532-CF, 2536-CF, 2720-CN, 2749-CF, 2821-CF, 2831-KN, 2832-CN, 2842-CF.

1221/9 are on loan to the G.P.O. for conveyance of the Christmas mails.

The following vehicles are at present operating on extended tours:
406/13-6.

Rebuilt Vehicles

12.68 340-3(3385-8 VW) are now C39F previously C41F.

352-5 (00 9543-6) the vehicles which are being converted to DP41F saloons by Eastern Coach Works are to be renumbered 1435-8 when they are completed and returned to service.

Service Revisions

The following service revision came into effect on 9th December :

253 Consequent upon the closure of the intersection of road at Front Lane, Cranham, journeys from Upminster to Brentwood will operate westwards from Front Lane via the Arterial Road to Hall Lane Flyover, then eastwards via the Arterial Road to the existing route at junction of Beredens Lane, Front Lane.

General

A new holiday brochure, "Holidays 69" has recently been published by the Company. Portraying a sketch of 416(YTW540F on the front cover, details are given inside of the Companies coach touring holidays in Great Britian and in Europe. The continental holidays have been continually extended in recent years and in 1969 tours will be operated in eleven European countries and will venture as far as Milan in Italy, Budapest in Hungary, and Lofthus in Norway.

A new series of weekend coach tours has also been introduced recently under the collective name ENsign tours.

The new Bus Station at London Road, Southend was opened earlier in the year and as yet we have not published any details of this. The new Bus Station is formed from the eastern half of the London Road garage and is thus covered in. It is of the saw-tooth type, vehicles drive on to the stands and reverse out. Additional hard standing has been provided at the side of the former garage to provide for vehicle accommodation to replace the space lost in the garage by the new Bus Station. Two new entrances from the Ring Road have been constructed, one serves as an entrance to the Bus Station, the other to the garage. Details of the services using the new Bus Station are as follows :-

Introduced on Sunday, 28th July, 1968 :

Services 10,11/A,12,13,14/A/B,19/A,X9 -

Inward via Ring Road, outward via London Road.

Limited Stop Services 311, 411, 419, 446 -

Inward direct to Seaway, not via Bus Station, outward via Bus Station and London Road.

Express Services X8/10/11 -

Inward direct to Seaway, not via Bus Station, outward via Bus Station.

Introduced on Sunday, 8th September, 1968 :

Services 1,2/C,15,402 -

Inward via Ring Road, outward via London Road.

Services 3/A,24,25,151 -

Journeys from Leigh direction operate via existing route, not via Bus Station, return journeys towards Leigh operate via Bus Station and London Road.

The following services in the Southend area have recently been operated by dual-purpose Bristol RMLH saloons:

11/A,14/A/B,15/A.

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.

Fleet Changes 12.68

Delicensed : T300/1/6

Licensed : T310

IPSWICH CORPORATION

New Vehicles

73	LDX 73G	Leyland PDR1/1	802807	E.C.W.	H43/31F	17198
74	LDX 74G	Leyland PDR1/1	802808	E.C.W.	H43/31F	17199
75	LDX 75G	Leyland PDR1/1	802809	E.C.W.	H43/31F	17200
76	LDX 76G	Leyland PDR1/1	802810	E.C.W.	H43/31F	17201

Delivery dates	73 :	22.11.68	74 :	12.68
	76 :	22.11.68	75 :	12.68

These vehicles will enter service during December. A.E.C. Regent III's 3/6 (ADX 3/6) will shortly be withdrawn and 1/2 (ADX 1/2) relegated to training buses as a result of these new deliveries.

(We are indebted to R. Chandler Esq., Transport Manager for the above information).

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

General

The following vehicle was operated on demonstration recently on services 3/A. It was operated with a conductor although it is equipped for OMO.

KWK 26F Daimler CRG6LX 62646 E.C.W. H45/27D 16738

(Owned by Coventry Corporation).