EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Visit to Lowestoft, Saturday 3 December

Members are invited to participate in a visit to Lowestoft (on the final day of operation of Waveney Transport) which is being organised by the Eastern National Preservation Group (Braintree Branch). Transport will be provided by the Groups Bristol KSW5G, VNO 859, and the vehicle will pick up in Braintree, Chelmsford and Colchester, the load is limited to 25 persons. Members interested in this visit should contact : M. Hoebon Esq., Secretary, E.N.P.G. (Braintree Branch), 2, Kentish Cottages, Stisted, BRAINTREE, Essex. (please enclose S.A.E. for full details)

Essex County Council Publications

Another timetable booklet has recently been issued by the Essex County Council (see also NS160), this is for the Colchester, Clacton and Harwich area. Copies are available from Essex County Council, Planning Department, County Hall, CHELMSFORD, Essex CM1 1LF (price 25p, post free). Further timetables planned for this series are for Chelmsford and Maldon area, and for Epping and Harlow area.

Cowell Collection of Westcliff-on-Sea Photographs

A fresh stock of this range of photographs has now been secured and all outstanding orders have been honoured. If you have not received your order please inform the Secretary, quoting the original date of your order.

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New Vehicles

NIL

The outstanding Leyland Nationals of the 1977 programme, 1823-5/32/3 are to be registered VAR900-2/898/9S. Delivery of these vehicles is anticipated before the end of the year, however, due to industrial problems at British Leyland they may be delayed.

The four Leyland Nationals diverted from East Midland, 1834-7 (VAR894-7S) are expected to enter service in November, the delay being due to the need to change the Differential. Visually the vehicles are identical to current Eastern National models except that they are equipped with the short pod.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Rebuilt/Reseated Vehicles

10.77 2808 (FWC426B) 2827 (JHK462C) 2858 (OPU823D) 2875 (STW763D) to FLF6G.

Conversion of 2842 (MVX879C) to FLF6G is in progress.

Service Vehicles

Conversion of 9007 (95 TVX) is almost complete, the conversion of 9001 (MOO 177) is expected to commence in the near future.
Allocations of driver training vehicles are now included on the monthly allocation list. A complete allocation is therefore shown below and subsequent alterations will be shown in this section.

10.77 0539-CF, 0882-SD, 9002-BE, 9003-BD, 9004-SD, 9005-BE, 9006-CF.

Allocations & Transfers

10.77 1322-D/L(D), 1336-D/L(D), 1342-D/L(D), 1343-D/L(D), 1354-D/L(D), 1356-D/L, 1361-BS, 1411-BE, 1412-D/L(D), 1422-D/L(D), 1428-D/L(D), 1431-CN, 1437-D/L(D), 1516-CF, 1601-D/L(D), 1607-D/L(D), 1612-D/L(D), 1740-BN, 1811-CF, 1812-SE, 1813-D/L, 1814-SD, 1815-CF, 1816-D/L, 1817-HH, 1818-BN, 1819-D/L, 1820-BN, 1821-D/L, 1822-BN, 1828-D/L, 1829-CF, 1830-BN, 1831-MN, 1834-D/L, 1835-D/L, 1836-D/L, 1837-D/L, 2379-D/L, 2382-D/L, 2383-D/L, 2384-D/L, 2755-D/L(D), 2766-D/L(D), 3031-CN, 3032-CR.

The allocation of a Bristol VRT to Colchester should especially be noted.

The inclusion of 1437 (00 9545) on the disposal list should also be noted, however, this is a specific early withdrawal.

Allocations of D/L(D) vehicles noted by personal observation are :

MN (10.77) - 1322/48, 1422/37, 1601/5/7/12, 2756/60

Service Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for :

320 To be extended from Vauxhall Drive via Rayne Road and Springwood Drive to Springwood Industrial Estate. Certain journeys also to operate between Springwood Industrial Estate and Braintree direct via Rayne Road and not via Vauxhall Drive. Also to be extended from Braintree (Bus Park) via Coggeshall Road and Cressing Road to Stubbs Lane Estate (Chelmer Road).

The following service revisions have recently been introduced on the dates shown, details may be found in the appropriate news sheets specified :

33 (5.9.77, NS161); 48 (19.9.77, NS159/60 - extension to Chelmer Village introduced); 308 (3.10.77, NS162 - weekdays only, provided in collaboration with Hertfordshire County Council); 320 (3.10.77, NS163).

Other service revisions introduced recently are :

126 8.8.77 - Afternoon shopping journeys introduced.

151/251 5.9.77 - Improved early morning and late evening facilities introduced between Brentwood and Romford (as a consequence of the withdrawal of Green Line service 721 - ed.)

317 5.9.77 - Schooldays only facility from Takeley (Roseacre Road) withdrawn due to revised school timings enabling existing service 326 to be used.

General

Revised fares have been applied for to co-ordinate with London Country Bus Services Ltd. over common sections of route on the following services :

2, 32/A, 40, 46, 47, 49/A, 59, 152 - 156, 260, 261, 266, 267, 402.

In answer to members query, no date has yet been decided upon for the re-painting of Bristol VRT 3053 (LJN648P). It is expected that this vehicle will remain in Silver Jubilee livery until the end of 1977.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Loan

The pattern of vehicles on loan to Cardiff Transport has now been altered. Six vehicles, all Daimler Fleetlines, are now on loan, at present these are 361-6 (WJN361-6J).

General

The A.E.C. Merlins being overhauled by Southend Transport (see NS162) are in fact owned by Citybus Ltd., Belfast, Northern Ireland, these having been acquired from London Transport.

The new timetable booklet (see NS162) is a reprint to the same design as the previous issue which includes all local revisions, the two maps have also been revised.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

The following notes list subsequent information on disposals which have been published by the P.S.V. Circle (to whom we are indebted) in their July - September 1977 news sheets, and also information supplied by our own members.

NOTES 1. Corrections/additions to definitions of operators will be published.
2. Corrections to dates of acquisition will not generally be published unless they differ from that originally given by more than three months.
3. The last fleetnumbrr carried by the vehicles whilst with Eastern National will be given.

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