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EDITORIAL

London Transport bus stop route number plates

A stock of the above plates, which are made of enamel and are ca. 3" square, is being acquired. These plates portray Eastern National service numbers in green. Further details will be given next month.

Eastern National lapel badges

For the benefit of newer members, the Group has a stock of Eastern National lapel badges (pre N.B.C. style) available for sale. The badges cost 20p each, postage and package extra, please add 8p per badge. Orders to the Secretary.

News sheet envelopes

Members with membership numbers below 183 will have received their news sheet this month in a non-standard envelope. This is not a change of policy, when this particular stock of new envelopes was acquired, envelopes containing a transparent window were supplied in error, which was not noticed. These will be replaced for the December dispatch.

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New Vehicles

NIL

The Bristol VRT's on order for 1977 will be series 3 models of type VRTSL6L, and will be powered by the Leyland 501 engine.

The 10.3 metre Leyland Nationals on order for 1977 will be numbered 1200 - 1211.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

11.76 2859 (RHK344D) to FLF6G

Allocations & Transfers

11.76 1318-D/L(D), 1319-D/L(D), 1321-D/L(D), 1323-D/L(D), 1344-D/L(D), 1347-SE, 1353-BE, 1360-CR, 1405-D/L(D), 1419-D/L, 1426-D/L, 1436-BD, 1447-D/L, 1748-SD, 1777-BE, 1778-CF, 1779-BE, 1780-CN, 1781-DT, 1782-HD, 1783-D/L, 1784-D/L, 2700-TS, 2704-TS, 2714-TS, 2719-TS, 2729-TS, 2730-TS, 2731-TS, 2732-TS(CF), 2740-TS, 2746-TS, 2747-TS, 2752-HH, 2753-SD, 2755-TS(HH)*, 2757-TS(CF), 2763-TS, 2783-CF, 2798-CF, 2812-CF, 2832-SD, 2835-CF, 2852-BE, 2895-BD, 2942-TS(CF), 3028-SD, 3043-D/L, 3062-SD.

TS - Traffic surplus from 7.11.76 at home garage.

TS() - Traffic surplus from 7.11.76 at re-allocated garage.

* - on temporary loan to HH.

Newer vehicles shown as TS will be re-allocated for further service next month, whilst older vehicles will be placed on the disposal list.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

27A NEW SERVICE : CANVEY (Eastern Esplanade, Seaview Road) - CANVEY (Charfleet Industrial Site) via Eastern Esplanade, Furtherwick Road, Long Road and Canvey Road.

- 90 Revised to operate : MALDON (Bus Station) - Mundon Road - MALDON (Bus Station) via High Street, Farnbridge Road, Washington Road, Essex Road, Dorset Road, Viking Road, Essex Road, Washington Road, Farnbridge Road, Cross Road, Mundon Road, Shakespeare Drive, Masfield Road, Milton Road, Farnbridge Road, Washington Road, Essex Road, Dorset Road, Viking Road, Essex Road, Washington Road, Farnbridge Road and High Street. (weekdays) Certain journeys to operate direct via High Street, Mill Road, Mundon Road and thence as normal route.
- 233 Certain journeys to terminate at Wickford (Rail Station), also certain journeys to proceed from line of route via Cranfield Park Road to Fanton Avenue. (additional notes to NS150)
- 242 To be extended from Basildon (Bus Station) to Basildon (Hospital) and from Pitsea (Broadway, Railway Hotel) to Pitsea (Rail Station).

General

Revised fares have been applied for on services at Colchester, to co-ordinate with revised fares which have been applied for by Colchester Transport.

Following a fatal accident at Colchester Bus Station, O.M.O. saloons at CR are being equipped with reversing horns and flashing signs, eight Bristol MW saloons have been dealt with to date.

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

General

Application for revised fares has recently been made as follows :

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Fare</u>
0.6	5p	2.05	11p
0.8	7p	3.05	12p
1.25	10p	over 3.05	14p

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Service Revisions

Service 400 will again be operated by Southend Transport on December 26 this year. It will terminate at Kings Cross (York Way/Pentonville Road) and will use the terminal movement introduced by Eastern National from 10 October.

General

Some further information is now presented concerning the former Ribble Leyland PD3/4's which were leased by Ensign, Hornchurch to Southend Transport and were numbered 317-9 (KCK 879, LCK 739, KCK 920). After withdrawal in 11.75 the vehicles passed to the China Motor Bus Co. Ltd., Hong Kong by whom they were re-numbered T7, T6 and T5 (BK 1611, BK 1081, BK 653) respectively, and used as driver training vehicles. The front destination blind has been panelled over and the staircase removed to provide better access to the driving cab. The vehicles are painted in a special livery of red with a central white band with the words Driver Training Bus and the China Motor Bus fleetname in both English and Chinese on the sides, front and rear of the vehicle in white. Incidentally, the normal C.M.B. livery is a halved colour scheme, consisting of red below, and white above, a division about 1' above the lower deck windows.

The vehicles are all allocated to Chai Wan depot on the eastern side of Hong Kong Island and are used on driver training duties radiating from North Point Ferry. Chai Wan and North Point Ferry are connected by C.M.B. bus service 82 which is mainly operated by former Southdown Leyland PD3's. North Point may be reached by bus service 20 from central Hong Kong, this service is mainly operated by former London Transport XA class Leyland Atlanteans.