

EDITORIALBristol KSW Tour, Sunday, 20th September

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. It is hoped that members will take advantage of this special tour in a Bristol KSW whilst these vehicles are still owned, and hence the fare has been kept low.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

The following vehicles for the Company were noted at E.C.W. on 16.7.70:

Bristol RELL6G	3/1108	E.C.W.	B53F	18491
Bristol RELL6G	3/1109	E.C.W.	B53F	18492

These will enter service in August as 1522 and 1523 (KHK414J and KHK415J). They incorporate the new standard wrap-round windscreen and are 36'5" long and 8'2½" wide. The unladen weight is 7. 8. 1.

Also noted in the fibre-glass workshop at E.C.W. were various pieces of the next two Bristol RELL's, which will have body numbers 18493/4.

417 and 418 had not arrived by mid-July.

Vehicles on loan

Eastern Counties RE877 and RE882 were returned on 22.5.70 (see NS75). They were used on general coach work from various garages.

The following vehicles have since been operated on loan:

JWN390E A.E.C. Reliance 8U3ZR6741 Plaxton C44F 673036 New 1967

On loan from South Wales Transport Co., Swansea No. 1051 from 26.5.70 until 25.6.70. The vehicle was used to operate continental tour 218 to Brittany on 31.5.70 and also operated to the East Midlands airport on 10.6.70 in connection with the Tour of Ireland.

DHK297G Leyland PSU3A/4R 900155 Plaxton C49F 693273 New 1969

On loan from Harris Coaches, Grays. This vehicle was used to operate continental tour 201 to Southern Switzerland and the Italian Lakes which departed on 30.6.70.

The following vehicle is shortly to be hired for use on a continental tour:

DVM466G A.E.C. Reliance 6MU3R7167 Plaxton C43F 692873 New 1969

On loan from Harris Coaches, Grays.

These loans have all become necessary due to non-delivery of extended tour coaches.

In addition certain vehicles of Black & White Motorways, Cheltenham have been hired for short periods to operate express services.

356(10 DLY) is not on loan to Eastern Counties (answer to members query). This vehicle is allocated to Surrey Street, Norwich E.C.O.C. garage to operate tours on licences taken over by Eastern National from Eastern Counties, the driver is an Eastern Counties employee. This operation first started in 1964 when 045 later 327 (SLA 761) was used. 356 was first used in the following year and has been similarly allocated each subsequent year. The vehicle usually does not carry any allocation plates, it carries CP plates at present since these were not removed before it left.

Rebuilt Vehicles

6.70 1600(BN0101B) 1604(BN0105B) 1606(BN0107B)

These are now DP45F(O.M.O.) previously DP47F. 1600 at least has an illuminated P.A.Y.E. sign at the front and a 'One Man Operated Bus' sign at the rear.

6.70 1601(BN0102B)

This is now DP47F(O.M.O.) previously DP47F. It will be converted to DP45F(O.M.O.) at a later date.

All of 1600-7 are now equipped for O.M.O. operation.

2813(GNO789B) had accidental damage repaired, including fitment of a new roof, by A.I. Body Finishers, Mundon (see NS73) in 5.70.
2793(BVX667B) is at present at the same body finishers having repairs carried out to extensive offside front damage caused when the vehicle collided with a tree.

Allocations & Transfers

In the vehicle allocation published last month, one error was made. (0.15%!)
The RELL's allocated to BD should have read: 1500/6/17/9;

7.70 384-CF, 2356-D/L, 2361-BN, 2380-D/L, 2382-D/L, 2384-CN, 2430-SD, 2452-D/L.

Due to serious staff shortage at Southend and Hadleigh service 67 has not been operated and the open toppers have therefore been deployed or delicensed as shown above.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to express services serving Romford have recently been applied for. The new picking up point is to be St. Edwards Way, bus laybys. The services affected are X7, X8, X9, X10, X11, X13, X16, X26, EAX and ECX. These services will now serve central Romford, previously they proceeded direct along Eastern Avenue and by-passed the Town Centre. The revised routes are as follows:

X7-11/3/6/26 As authorised to A127, then Main Road (A118), St. Edwards Way, North Street, A12 thence as authorised.

EAX/ECX As authorised to A12 then A1023, A12, Gooshays Drive, Farringdon Avenue, Straight Road, Main Road, St. Edwards Way, North Street, A12 thence as authorised.

The return routes are in both cases as outward reversed.

General

Following the revisions to service 111 at Clacton (see NS76), the Bristol VRT is now employed on service 125.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Acquired Vehicle

It has been reported that the municipality is to acquire 652 GVA, an A.E.C. Reliance with Plaxton B55F bodywork. This vehicle was new to Irvine, Salsburgh, Scotland in 1963 and passed to Heddingham & District as L53 in 1967. Further details will follow.

Service Revisions

Another application has been made for a service to extend beyond the borough boundary. Details are as below:

7/7A Terminals to be Monkwick Estate (Gosfield Road) and West Bergholt (Hall Road) or Severalls (Hospital).

Journeys at present terminating at Mersea Road (Cherry Tree) and Monkwick Estate (Gosfield Road) are now to operate from Mersea Road via Queen Elizabeth Way, Monkwick Avenue (South) and Berechurch Hall Road to terminate at Gosfield Road. They will return via Wethersfield Road to Berechurch Hall Road thence as outward route reversed.

The route is to be extended beyond North Station to operate as follows:

7 via Bergholt Road, St. Botolphs Hill, Colchester Road, Chapel Road, Lexden Road to West Bergholt (Hall Road).

7A via Mill End Road, Turner Road, Mill Road, Defoe Crescent, Nayland Road, Boxted Road to Severalls (Hospital Entrance).

Return via outward route reversed.

Fares to be charged on Colchester Corporation scale within the borough boundary and on H.C. Chambers & Sons scale beyond the boundary.

These variations are to be introduced consequent upon withdrawal of Eastern National services 76/76A between Colchester and Wormingford and after revisions have been made to Colchester Corporation services 2/2A and 5/5A.

General

An application was made during April for a revision in the fare scale. This was granted by the Traffic Commissioners on 26.4.70 and full details will be given next month.