EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Main Committee of the Group

At the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 20 January 1973 the main committee of Group was elected as follows :

Organising Committee : A. G. Osborne (Sec.), T. L. Murphy, M. L. Weyell
together with : B. M. Barrett and B. Nichols (M.151) making a total committee of five.

A resolution was passed at the A.G.M. to the effect that the two positions on the committee outside of the organising committee may be held by any member of the Group.

The retiring committee for 1972 would like to express a vote of thanks to Mr. M. W. McKee (M. 95) for his work on the committee during 1972.

News Sheet Paper Size

Stocks of white foolscap duplicating paper have now been exhausted, and hence the December news sheet had to be prepared on green paper. With the start of a new year we have decided to change to metric international A4 sized paper which is more readily available. This will mean a slight reduction in the amount of space available, however, with cheaper news sheet production costs we hope to include an extra sheet when necessary. By the way, if you had'nt noticed this news sheet is A4 size.

Items available from the Group

The Group have acquired a stock of Eastern National fleetname transfers. These incorporate a large "E" and "L" and also "astern Nationa" underlined, the whole transfer being in yellow. There are directions on the reverse of the transfer for fixing on to a vehicle or on to any other surface if required. These transfers are available from the Secretary price 28p (post free).

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

3024	WNO544L	Bristol VRTSL6G	2/359	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	19961
3025	WNO545L	Bristol VRTSL6G	2/360	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	19962
3026	WNO546L	Bristol VRTSL6G	2/361	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	19963

Delivery dates 3024 : 12.72 3025 : 12.72 3026 : 12.72

These vehicles are in full N.B.C. livery and incorporate wrap-round windscreens.

Two Bristol VRT's originally ordered by Eastern National have been diverted in January 1973 to United Counties as their nos. 790/1, details of which are :

790	GRP790L	Bristol VRTSL6G	2/357	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	19959
791	GRP791L	Bristol VRTSL6G	2/358	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	19960

It will be noted that the chassis and body numbers are immediately previous to 3024-6. Further details of this diverted order will follow.

The Leyland Nationals on order will now be B49F, and will incorporate a luggage pen. Delivery of the first of these vehicles is imminent.

Withdrawn Vehicles

12.72 2378 (WNO 474)

This vehicle is to be converted to a service vehicle, details to follow.

Vehicles on Loan

410-2 (YHK727-9F) which were previously on loan to Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd., have now been returned to Eastern National. There are now no vehicles on hire to

Tillings Travel other than the double deck dual purpose vehicles (9600 - 9614) which are on extended lease from Eastern National.

Vehicles Re-classified

The Company have re-classified 1400 - 1439 and 1600 - 1607, 1611 - 1613 as no longer being dual purpose vehicles. The only dual purpose vehicles remaining in the fleet are 1608-10 (GVW978-80H), and hence these will be the only vehicles eligible to appear in the N.B.C. dual purpose livery.

Allocations & Transfers

1.73 306-D/L, 307-CR, 346-D/L, 349-BN, 364-HD, 365-MN, 366-D/L, 383-D/L, 384-D/L, 385-BD, 410-D/L, 411-D/L, 412-D/L, 1221-MN, 1227-BN, 1229-BN, 1243-SD, 1248-D/L, 2434-BE, 2920-BN, 2928-CF, 3024-D/L, 3025-D/L, 3026-D/L.

3024-6 (WNO544-6L) have been noted by several members as allocated to Southend and operating on service 11. (Southend - Chelmsford)

Some amendments to the new official allocation card introduced in December (see NS105) have been introduced. Reference is now made to the outstations omitted previously these are Dunmow (DW) under Chelmsford and West Mersea under Colchester. Harlow (H) is included under Bishops Stortford under Tillings Travel but not under Eastern National. This is because there are normally no Eastern National vehicles outstationed at Harlow during the winter period.
The special allocation of vehicles to operate service 400 is now discontinued. This is because other vehicles frequently operate on the service and therefore a specific allocation becomes superfluous. The last allocation of vehicles to service 400 as at 12.72 was : 1611, 3005/10/4-8 (Total...11)

Service Vehicles

The references made to 0846 (GBE 846) in recent news sheets should have been included under Tillings Travel notes since this vehicle is now operated by Tillings Travel on publicity duties.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

5 Certain journeys to operate via New Thundersley (Woodside Park & Cemetery).

5A Additional journeys to be operated between South Benfleet and New Thundersley (Woodside Park & Cemetery).

24A To be extended from Thundersley to Rayleigh Station via A129.

71 To be extended from Kelvedon to Tiptree (Factory Corner) via Inworth and Feering. Certain journeys to be extended from Coggeshall to Marks Tey and from Tiptree (Factory Corner) to Tiptree (Ship) and to Tolleshunt Knights. Period of operation also to include Saturdays.

73 To be withdrawn between Tiptree and Kelvedon.

75/A/B Revised terminal in West Mersea to be Melrose Road. Revised route in West Mersea to be as authorised to Kingsland Road thence Yorick Road, Melrose Avenue to Melrose Road. Return route to be via High Street, Bardfield Road and thence as outward route reversed.
Section of route to East Mersea to be withdrawn. (Covered by service 76)

76 To be extended from Fingringhoe via Abberton, B1025 and unclassified roads to East Mersea (Bus Terminus), to cover withdrawal of services 75.

87/A To be withdrawn on Sundays.

106 Journeys to be introduced to operate to Walton as service 106A. These journeys to operate from Thorpe-le-Soken via B1033, Elm Tree Avenue, Kirby Road and High Road to Walton (Bus Station).

311 To be extended from Halstead via Colne Engaine, Pebmarsh, Twinstead Green, and Bulmer Tye to Sudbury (Bus Station) to replace existing services 323 and 326.

Cognate applications have been made by Southend Corporation for the revisions to services 5/A and 24A detailed above.

Market day return fares (see NS105) are also to be available on services 31/A/B from Danbury to Chelmsford on Fridays and Saturdays.

The revisions to services 3/A, 5/A, 27 and 404 involving the new Canvey one-way system detailed in NS105 came into operation on 30th, October, 1972.
The revisions to services 311, 323 and 326 detailed above are scheduled to come into operation on 1st, January, 1973, subject to the approval of the Traffic Commissioners.

General

Two Bristol FLF double decker vehicles allocated to Southend are to be repainted into an overall advertising livery. It has been reported in a local Southend newspaper that one of the vehicles is to advertise Bambergers, a builders merchant with a branch in London Road, Southend. The vehicles are expected to enter service in February.

1300 (1858 F) one of the prototype Bristol MW saloons has been repainted into N.B.C. National green livery. However, due to its unusual design it has appeared in overall green with no white band.

No decision has yet been made as to the future livery of the open topper vehicles under the new N.B.C. regime.

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LTD.

Vehicles on Order

The four coaches on order will have Plaxton C44F bodywork. (see NS105)

Allocations & Transfers

1.73 9417-D/L, 9420-D/L, 9434-D/L, 9435-D/L, 9439-D/L, 9440-D/L, 9441-D/L, 9442-D/L.

Vehicles on Loan

410-2 (YHK727-9F) have now been returned to Eastern National. (q.v.)

General

The future livery of the double deck dual purpose vehicles will be white.

The following additional vehicles have been repainted into white 'National' livery :

9357/8/60/2/87/8/90-2, 9402-4/14/5/7/20/1/34/5/7

Contrary to original N.B.C. policy it would appear that all coaches are to be painted in the white livery. In the original statement of policy it was decided that only coaches less than seven years old would appear in the white livery.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

12.72 18 (1296 F)

General

The application for revised fares detailed in NS102 was not granted. Consequently a new application for revised fares has recently been submitted :

Mileage	Fare	Child Fare	
up to 0.5	2p	1p	This revision is not to apply to certain fares co-ordinated with H. C. Chambers & Sons on certain stages in West Bergholt.
1.0	4p	2p	
2.5	5p	3p	
3.5	7p	4p	
4.5	8p	4p	
6.0	9p	5p	
over 6.0	10p	5p	

Revised fares in the Colchester area have also been applied for by Eastern National to apply to services co-ordinated with the Corporation.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

New Vehicles

377	GHJ377L	Daimler CRL6-33	66677	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D+18	7345

Delivery dates: 377 : 12.72 384 : 12.72 (correction)

The vehicles fitted with screen washers, and consequently available for private hire, are 380-5 (GHJ380-5L).

General

207 (2718 HJ) has recently been repainted and hence will presumably remain in the fleet for some considerable time.

Further detail differences between the latest batch of Daimler Fleetlines (GHJ-L) and the earlier batch (WJN-J) are given below. This information has not been published earlier due to acute shortage of space.

The Fleetlines have a cream roof and also the panel between the cab and the lower saloon is fitted with a window. A public address system is not fitted. The new destination blinds fitted to these vehicles incorporate a number of destinations outside the co-ordination area which are displayed on special services. These destinations comprise the following :

WICKFORD STATION
BASILDON BUS STATION
GRAYS WAR MEMORIAL
ROMFORD ST EDWARDS WAY
CHELMSFORD BUS STATION
COLCHESTER BUS STATION

Special services were once again operated on boxing day outside the co-ordination area, since Eastern National did not operate any services on that day. The services operated were :

2	Southend - Basildon - Grays (every 2 hours)
2/151 (a)	Southend - Basildon - Romford (every 2 hours)
11/31/19	Southend - Chelmsford - Maldon - Colchester (every 4 hours)
251	Southend - Wickford (every hour)

Note (a) - on this service, since Eastern National service 151 does not operate into Southend any more, vehicles left Southend showing "Romford, service 2", this was changed at Tarpots Corner (where the 151 from Canvey is met) to "Romford, service 151". In the reverse direction destination blinds were altered from "Southend, service 151" to "Southend, service 2" at Basildon Bus Station.

These new services were operated by new Daimler Fleetlines (GHJ-L) since these carried the new blinds including the appropriate destinations required. Service 20, which was operated on 26th, December, 1971 was not operated on this occasion. Service 19 was not operate directly to Colchester as previously but a consortium of 11/31/19 was operated instead. The operation of service 151 to Romford created a memoral landmark in that this was the first time that a municipal operator had operated into the area served by the central area of London Transport.

POSTSCRIPT

We now have a POST CODE, which is IG3 8LT (No adverse comments please, there is no hope of this being changed to 8EN !).
Do you have a post code ? If so, does the Group Know it ? (If we do it will be on your envelope) If we do not know your code, please let us know.

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