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EDITORIAL

Southend Outdoor Meeting, Saturday July 3

At Southend Bus Station commencing at 1430. The Secretary will be present and will have publications etc. for sale. All members are most welcome.

Ilford Meeting, Tuesday July 13

At 7 Cambridge Drive, Seven Kings commencing at 1930. The Secretary will present a colour slide show depicting his recent visit to Canada.

Photograph Sales

The Secretary is pleased to inform members that Mr. Jones has now fully recovered from his road accident and he has now printed a new stock of photographs for the Group. The Secretary hopes to fulfil outstanding orders for photographs in the near future and invites members to send in new orders. The Committee would like to thank members for their perseverance at this time.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

In answer to members query the delivery date of 1534(MHK916J) was 5.71, the actual delivery date was 3.5.71.

Rebuilt Vehicles

1.71 — 2608(KNO949C) to CLD37/16FD ex. CLD37/22FD

All of 9600-14 are now CLD37/16FD. Dates of conversion of 9604/5 (RWC 607/8) and 9609 (KNO950C) will be given next month. These latter conversions were performed whilst the vehicles were licensed to Tillings.

Allocations & Transfers

6.71 — 306-CR, 310-CF, 347-PL, 348-CN, 350-BN, 365-SD, 385-SD, 393-PL, 1340-SD, 1360-HD, 1410-CN, 1416-CF, 1522-CN, 1526-CN, 1534-KN, 1535-HD, 2019-KN, 2378-CN, 2379-CN, 2382-CN, 2383-SD, 2400-D/L, 2401-D/L, 2409-D/L, 2427-CN, 2442-CN, 2444-HH, 2468-BD, 2501-HH, 2536-CF, 2537-BE, 2716-CN, 2793-SD, 2816-BD, 2424-CN.

347(YBD 200) and 393(OWC183D) are on loan to Tillings Travel.

The following open-top vehicles are allocated for driver tuition duties: 2380/4/6.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions have recently been applied for:

82	Terminal in Great Tey to be Greenfield Drive.
91	To be withdrawn during winter period.
107-9	Short journeys between Clacton and Holland to operate via Valley Farm Camp to replace journeys withdrawn on service 129.
116	To be withdrawn.
121	Revised terminal in Little Clacton to be Edward Terrace. Operation to Meadowview Camp to be discontinued.
212	To be withdrawn, journeys to be transferred to service 104.
224	To be renumbered 124 on Fridays only. Friday service to operate between Colchester and Black Notley Hospital only.
326	To be withdrawn on Sundays.
335	Sunday journeys to Hawbush Green to be withdrawn.

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ditional notes concerning new limited stop services 400/1/3 (see NS87) are given low.

401	Revised period of operation to be Saturdays and Sundays only during the winter period.

403 To operate on Saturdays only during the summer period only. Revised route on Canvey Island to be Point Road, High Street, Furtherwick Road, Western Esplanade, Thorney Bay Road, Long Road, thence as authorised.

General

2380(WNO 478) was used by Simpsons of Piccadilly in the "Festival of London Stores" parade on 31 May. It was reported to have been painted overall with yellow and orange flowers.

The Southend sea-front services (67 and 68) commenced on 30 May. Service 68 is unchanged and is to operate daily from 30 May until 26 September. Service 67 has had its terminal points altered, it now operates from Temple Sutton (Cluny Square) to Eastwood (Kent Elm, Broomfield Avenue). It will operate on Sundays only from 30 May until 26 September. There will also be an additional service between Temple Sutton and Southend (Pier Hill) on Mondays to Thursdays from 19 July to 2 September. A special leaflet concerning services 67 and 68 has been issued, this has reverted to the use of a.m. and p.m. times rather than the 24 hour clock system.

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

New Vehicles

9423	LWC974J	Bristol RELH6G	4/385	Plaxton	C42F	
9426	LWC977J	Bristol RELH6G	4/387	Plaxton	C42F	713384

Delivery dates: 9423 - 6.71 9426 - 28.5.71

Allocations & Transfers

6.71 9351-PL, 9357-PL, 9358-PL, 9387-PL, 9426-PL, 9600-PL, 9605-BS, 9606-PL, 9608-PL, 9609-PL, 9610-PL.

General

Eastern National 347/93 are at present on loan pending delivery of new vehicles. Other vehicles have also been hired for short periods also. ELU599J, a Timpsons coach, has recently been observed in Prittlewell and may have been on loan.

Application has been made by Tillings Travel to operate excursions and tours previously licensed to Eastern National from the following points:

Norwich (Thorpe Station), Peterborough (Bus Station), Cambridge (Drummer Street), Southend (Bus Station), and Colchester (Queen Street E.N. Garage).

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Vehicles on Order

It has been reported that the municipality have ordered 15 E.C.W. bodied Bristol RELL6L's. These vehicles are to be delivered 5 per year between 1972 and 1974.

Service Revisions

The following service revision has been applied for recently:

10 Additional journeys to be operated to and from St. Johns Green School on Schooldays.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

New Vehicles

348	WJN348J	Daimler CRL6	63948	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7136
352	WJN352J	Daimler CRL6	63952	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7126
353	WJN353J	Daimler CRL6	63953	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7131
354	WJN354J	Daimler CRL6	63954	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7121
359	WJN359J	Daimler CRL6	63959	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7123
360	WJN360J	Daimler CRL6	63960	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7129
362	WJN362J	Daimler CRL6	63962	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7125
363	WJN363J	Daimler CRL6	63963	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7124
364	WJN364J	Daimler CRL6	63964	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7122
365	WJN365J	Daimler CRL6	63965	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7119
367	WJN367J	Daimler CRL6	63967	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7130
372	WJN372J	Daimler CRL6	63972	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7127

It will be noted that the last two digits of the fleet number, registration number and chassis number coincide.

Delivery dates: 348/52-4/9/60/7/72 - 6.71
362-5 - 5.71

The external blue livery is slightly darker than usual, the roof is blue and the cream reliefs thinner. The fleetnumbers are in the form of black transfers applied on the front offside and nearside. A route number blind only is provided at the rear. Two of the lower saloon seats are of the "tip-up" type to provide extra luggage space when required. The staircase is centrally situated and ascends forward. The vehicles are equipped with power assisted steering and fully automatic gearbox and have public address systems installed.

365/57/64 (body numbers 7119-21) have experimental blue floor coverings, whilst the remainder have brown floor coverings.

The vehicles first entered service on 6.6.71 on services 7 and 8 and are at present crew operated pending delivery of new 'Videmat' self-service ticket machines later in the year.

Delivery of the vehicles are apparently delayed by modifications to the chassis initiated by Teeside Municipal Transport, the only other operators of Daimler CRL6's at present.

With the entry into service of the Fleetlines several of the Lowlanders have been noted operating O.M.O. on services 4 and 4A.

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.71	205(WHJ 429)	294(LHJ 396)	308(OHJ 78)
	288(LHJ 390)	295(LHJ 397)	310(OHJ 80)

Rebuilt Vehicles

311(PHJ 950) and 313(PHJ 952) to 041/33R by 5.71. All of 311-4 entered service on 10.5.71.

INDEPENDENT OPERATORS

Two interesting applications for new services have been made by independent operators. These have not appeared before due to lack of space. Details are now given below:

Thames Weald, West Kingsdown

New Services: ROMFORD (Mercury Gardens) - CRAWLEY (Bus Station)
via Hornchurch, Aveley, Dartford Tunnel, Dartford, Horton Kirby, Fawkham Green, West Kingsdown, Otford, Sevenoaks, Edenbridge, Lingfield Common, Smallfield, Horley and Gatwick Airport.

To operate on Weekdays and Summer Sundays.

The service provides a new link to Gatwick Airport and also new facilities in the Smallfield area of Sussex.

(This service has now commenced, it is believed that there are three return journeys per day)

Kelvedon Coaches, Kelvedon

New Services: KELVEDON (Railway Tavern) - EARLS COLNE (The Lion)
via Coggeshall and B.1024.

To operate on Sundays only.

The service on Eastern National 71 between Kelvedon and Earls Colne was recently withdrawn on Sundays.

We would appreciate any notes on the subsequent operation of these services.

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