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Group Membership

The Group's 250th member was enrolled recently. He is Mr. M. R. Walden from Witham.

Visit to Eastern National Central Works, Chelmsford, Saturday 12 July

This visit will commence at 1000 and will last for about two hours. There is no charge for the visit but places must be booked in advance with the Secretary, this may be done either by letter or by telephone, Monday to Thursday evenings, after 2000. Bookings must close on Tuesday July 8.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1744	JNO193N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002316
1745	JNO194N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002317
1746	JNO195N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002318
1747	JNO196N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002319
1748	JNO197N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002320
1749	JNO198N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002321
1750	JNO199N	Leyland National	11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	002322

Delivery dates: 1744 - 6.75 1747 - 6.75 1749 - 6.75
1745 - 6.75 1748 - 6.75 1750 - 6.75
1746 - 6.75

These vehicles complete the 1974 order for Leyland Nationals. It is interesting to note that the arrival of 1744-1750 (JN0193-9N) have ousted 2490-92 (79-81 JNO) to the disposal list.

Withdrawn Vehicles

5.75 1313 (208 MHK)

This is the first Bristol MW saloon to be withdrawn. I suppose that with a fleetnumber like that it just had to be !

Rebuilt/Re-seated Vehicles

6.74 1424 (203 YVX) to B45F (O.M.O.)

This conversion was carried out some time ago, but it appears to have evaded the records. Hence the note in NS128 regarding this vehicle should be disregarded. Could the seating capacity of 1428 (MOO 973) be checked please.

5.75 2857 (OFU822D) 2932 (184 XN0) Both to FLF6G

5.75 2613 (AVX974G) to LD40/30FD and re-numbered 2945.

Allocations & Transfers

5.75 Correction : 2386 should have read 2384.

6.75 1306-CY, 1321-D/L, 1356-SD, 1404-D/L, 1405-D/L, 1452-D/L, 1509-CF, 1600-D/L, 1604-BN, 1610-CF, 1701-CF, 1738-BN, 2379-SD, 2382-SD, 2383-SD, 2384-SD, 2490-D/L(D), 2491-D/L(D), 2492-D/L(D), 2494-D/L(D), 2495-D/L(D), 2496-D/L(D), 2497-D/L(D), 2499-D/L(D), 2500-D/L(D), 2517-D/L, 2520-CN, 2521-D/L, 2523-D/L(D), 2524-BN(T), 2526-D/L(D), 2528-D/L(D), 2531-D/L, 2537-D/L, 2759-BE, 2761-CR, 2762-BS, 2766-CN, 2767-SD, 2798-MN, 2804-CF, 2816-BS, 2821-MN, 2826-CF, 2832-SE, 2856-CF, 2859-SD, 2889-BN, 2902-HH, 2932-MN, 2945-BN, 3047-D/L, 3048-BN, 3049-BN, 3050-BN, 3051-BN.

2524 (47 PPU) is only allocated for driver training duties as a temporary measure. It will return to normal service at a later date.

There are now no vehicles allocated to the Central Works pool (CW). However, this pool will remain in existence and vehicles allocated to it as occasion demands.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

58C To be withdrawn.

(In order to partially cover the withdrawal of this service, the existing service operated by J. W. Lodge & Sons of High Easter between High Easter and Chelmsford is to be modified. Application has been made by this operator to vary the service as follows :

GOOD EASTER(Southern Cross), Clatterford End, High Easter, Mashbury, Chignall St. James, CHELMSFORD (Plough).

80 Sunday service to be withdrawn.

Revised services came into operation on 18 May 1975 with the introduction of two new timetable booklets (q.v.). The booklets incorporate revisions for the under-mentioned services, the details of which have been given in the news sheets specified:

22A/B (NS132 - In Southend area booklet); 32, 35 (NS134); 36 (NS134, with note that the former terminal will continue to be used until the new one is available); 37 (NS133); 40 (NS134); 58C (NS135); 105 (NS133); 124 (NS130 - commenced 11.4.75); 143 (NS134, operated on weekday peak hours); 144, 154, 155, 156, 233, 237/8 (all NS134 - 237 operates outward via Rettendon whilst 238 operates in the reverse direction); 242, 244 (both NS134, also withdrawn between Basildon and Laindon); 250, 252, 254/5, 261/6, 262, 264 (all NS134); 265 (NS134 - through facility to Basildon in conjunction with service 257 withdrawn, Sunday service also withdrawn); 316 (NS133).

In addition the following services also appeared in the new timetables in revised form, reference is given to the appropriate news sheet where applicable.

2 Withdrawn between Basildon Hospital and Grays on Sundays.

33 Certain additional journeys diverted via Debden Green and Debden Village on Weekdays. This is to provide a shopping facility from the above mentioned localities into Saffron Walden following the withdrawal of Dons Coaches service between Henham and Saffron Walden. This commenced on 7.4.75, see also NS130 & NS132.

34 Appears in timetables as a separate service. (previously combined with service 152)

94A Withdrawn between Wickford and Basildon.

148 Withdrawn between Basildon (The Knares) and Basildon (Bus Station).

153 This service is not withdrawn. It still operates between Basildon and Grays via Corringham but is reduced to a few special journeys at Monday to Friday peak hours and a regular service on Sunday when it is co-ordinated with service 152. (see also NS153)

231/2 Timetables and pattern of operation combined.

234/5 Services do not operate via Gooseberry Green. (Covered by diversion of service 154)

- 256 Service withdrawn. (Covered by diversion of service 155)
- 260/7 Service 267 operates between Stondon Massey and Brentwood(White Horse) in that direction only. (Service to Ongar via A128 withdrawn, this was shown incorrectly under service 261 in NS134)
- 305/6 Section of route between Clavering and Langley Lower Green/Langley Upper Green withdrawn. Services revised to operate from Clavering via Wicken Bonhunt and Arkesden to Audley End (Rail Station). Service 306 now operates via Rye Street, Stansted and Bentfield Green to Manuden thence as service 305. Langley is now no longer served by Eastern National whilst Arkesden and Wendens Ambo which lost their previous Eastern National service (307) after 18 January 1975 are now served once again.
- 315 Schooldays only journey to Dunmow withdrawn. Service to Dunmow is now Tuesdays only.

The following service revision was also introduced from 18 May :

- 71 Operates between Earls Colne and Kelvedon only on Monday to Friday only, service also much reduced. (see also NS134)

The revisions to certain of the services included in the new timetable booklets were not introduced on the proposed dates but were postponed. It is thought that these revisions will be introduced during June, with certain modifications. In the meantime the previous timetables are still in operation. The services affected are as follows :

32, 40, 250, 252, 257, 260, 261, 262, 264, 265, 266, 267.

General

New timetable booklets have recently been introduced. These are dated 18 May 1975 until further notice and are priced at 9p each. The new South West area booklet has a green cover whilst the new Central area booklet has a red cover. It will be recalled that the revised North East area booklet issued in January had a yellow cover and hence the three current booklets are readily distinguished. When the area timetable booklets were first issued in 1974 they all had covers with various shades of purple, separated by only a few millimicrons in the visible spectrum, which rendered rapid identification difficult. Hence the new colours are a welcome change. Certain timetables in the Halstead and Witham areas have changed booklets as a result of boundary alterations (see NS131). The timetables do not include the services provided by independent operators nor do they contain a route map. The maps are now sold separately, price 5p, and also include town plans of Basildon, Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester, Dovercourt and Harwich, and Southend.

The open top vehicles at Southend are being operated by Eastern National. (see NS134) No open top services will operate at Clacton this year.

All of 1452-4 (2 BXB, 572/69 UVX) are now delicensed. It is anticipated that these vehicles will be withdrawn later in the year unless suitable work for them is obtained.

Some details are now available concerning Bristol KSW open-top vehicle 2386 (WNO 484) which was sold to South Wales Transport Co. Ltd. in 1974. The vehicle has entered service (23.5.75) with fleetnumber 500. It is in poppy red livery with a white band. The vehicle has retained its green beading and T type destination blinds but has been fitted with new green plastic seats. The vehicle is allocated to Swansea (Brunswick) garage and is operated on service 1 (Morrison - Swansea - Limeslade) which runs alongside Swansea Bay.

Eastern National had a very interesting exhibit at the Southend Bus Rally which was held on 1 June. Two vehicles were exhibited, 3051 (JNO192N) and 2849 (NTW942C), together with a service vehicle, 0102 (7198 RO), an A.E.C. Matador breakdown vehicle. In addition service lorry NVW561M was present but was not in the rally. The exhibit featured a P.S.V. Quiz (which involved identification of fragments of pre-war and post-war vehicles), many interesting war-time posters and a working model showing the Bristol FLF brake and suspension system. There was also a series of photographs depicting "A Day in the Life of 2849" being a resume of bus operation.

The star of this particular part of the exhibit was also present on the stand and it had been very thoroughly overhauled and repainted to an exceptionally high standard. The vehicle duly won the prize for the best modern vehicle in the rally and so the Chief Engineer and his staff are to be congratulated for their endeavours.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

3.75	4 {TRJ 104}	8 {198 GJF}	12 {652 GVA}
	7 {197 GJF}	10 {ABC196B}	

NATIONAL TRAVEL (SOUTH EAST) LTD.

We publish below an allocation of National Travel (South East) vehicles which are stabled at Eastern National garages. The vehicles are allocated to the East Anglian division which has a total of 80 coaches. The divisional allocation also includes National Travel premises at Kelvedon and Prittlewell and also certain vehicles allocated to Ipswich and Norwich, these are not included in the list below.

National Travel (South East)

East Anglian division vehicles stabled at Eastern National garages as at June 1975.

Basildon	:	YHK727F, VYM504M.	(2)
Braintree	:	YHK726F.	(1)
Brentwood	:	YHK724/5F.	(2)
Chelmsford	:	YHK728F, LWC980/1J.	(3)
Clacton	:	YTW539/40F, VYH493/4/6M, KGJ475/7K.	(7)
Colchester	:	PWC339/40K.	(2)
Dovercourt	:	VYH498M.	(1)
Halstead	:	LWC982J.	(1)
Maldon	:	YHK729F.	(1)

The complete East Anglian allocation includes Ipswich (2), Kelvedon (32), Norwich (10) and Prittlewell (16).

It is interesting to note that National Travel still refer to the premises at Harwich as Dovercourt.