

EDITORIAL

Committee Membership

The committee elected at the eleventh A.G.M. to serve for 1976 is A. G. Osborne, M. L. Weyell and R. Delahoy.

Annual Report for 1975

Correction The General Manager of Eastern National should, of course, have read O. C. Mercer and not R. G. Roberts. Our apologies for this error and our thanks to Mr. Mercer for his kind assistance during 1975.

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :

E.P.10 Eastern National garage and outstation directory Price ... 8p
(postage extra)

Copies of this publication may be sent with the next news sheet at no extra postal cost.

Photographic Service

A new range of colour and black & white photographs was introduced at the A.G.M. Details of these will be circulated with the February news sheet.

Southend Meeting, Tuesday 17 February

At 58, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff commencing at 1930.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

Correction (to NS140) : The chassis number of 1753 (LJN661P) should have read 02763.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

It was stated last month that the conversion of 2608 (KN0949C) to a stage carriage vehicle was nearing completion. This is not entirely correct and the current position is as follows : the mechanical side of the conversion is under way, including the re-engining of the vehicle to FLF6G but the bodywork has not yet been started on.

Conversion of 1603 (BN0104B) to B49F (O.M.O.) is in progress. 1609/10 (GVW979/80H) will not be converted to B49F (O.M.O.) and will retain their dual-purpose seating.

Allocations & Transfers

1.76 1301-D/L(D), 1302-D/L(D), 1304-D/L(D), 1323-D/L, 1331-D/L, 1341-D/L, 1407-O/H, 1535-MN, 1603-D/L, 1612-BN, 1718-CF, 1755-DT, 2501-D/L(D), 2502-D/L(D), 2503-D/L(D), 2504-D/L(D), 2505-D/L(D), 2506-D/L(D), 2512-D/L(D), 2513-D/L(D), 2515-D/L, 2535-D/L, 2709-CF, 2711-CR, 2743-SD, 2744-SD, 2818-SD, 2884-WG, 2914-D/L, 3052-SD, 3053-SD, 3054-BN, 3055-SE, 3056-BD, 3057-WG, 3058-HD, 3059-HD, 3060-HH, 3061-HH, 3062-BE, 3063-BE.

1407 (1255 EV) is on hire to Basildon Hospital. It has the word 'HOSPITAL' transferred on the first nearside window.

There are now only 9 Bristol LD's licensed, with none in the Southend area.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

46A New Service : ONGAR (Two Brewers) - ABBESS RODING (School) via Fyfield, Birds Green and Beauchamp Roding. (Weekdays only)

70/B Terminals to be Colchester (Bus Station) and Braintree (Bus Park).
Section of route to Bishops Stortford to be covered by new services 326/7. Service 70B to be withdrawn.

- 79 Route between Great Bromley and Hare Green to be via Parsons Hill and Harwich Road instead of via Back Lane.
- 84 Wednesday and Saturday service to be withdrawn.
- 86 Sunday service to be withdrawn.
- 302 Revised route to be via Stansted, Ugley Green, and Elsenham and thence as present route. Journeys to Stansted (Maitland Road) and to Birchanger to be withdrawn. (see also NS141)
- 304 New Service : BISHOPS STORTFORD (Station Road) - STANSTED (Maitland Road) via Start Hill, Birchanger, Stansted, Chapel Hill and Park Road. (weekdays)
- 310-3 Revised terminals to be Chelmsford (Bus Station) and Halstead (Churchill Avenue). Section of route to Sudbury to be covered by new services 322/3.
- 315 Revised period of operation to be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday only. Journeys on service 329 to be transferred to this service.
- 322 New Service : HALSTEAD (Old Rail Station Yard) - SUDBURY (Bus Station), direct route via A131.
- 323 New Service : HALSTEAD (Old Rail Station Yard) - SUDBURY (Bus Station) via Buntings Green, Colne Engaine, Pebmarsh and Twinstead Green. (weekdays only)
- 324 Saturday service to be withdrawn.
- 325 Service to be withdrawn.
- 325/333 Terminals to be HALSTEAD (Old Rail Station Yard) - BRAINTREE (Bus Park) via Greenstead Green, Tumblers Green and Stisted. Sections of route to Countess Cross and Pattiswick to be withdrawn. Service 333 to be re-numbered 325.
- 326 New Service : BRAINTREE (Bus Park) - BISHOPS STORTFORD (Rail Station) via Rayne, Felsted, Little Dunmow, Dunmow and Takeley. (daily)
- 327 New Service : BRAINTREE (Bus Park) - BISHOPS STORTFORD (Rail Station) via Rayne, Crix Green, Bannister Green, Felsted and thence as service 326. (weekdays)

A revised route for outward journeys only has been applied for, to apply in Bishops Stortford. This is in order to allow for a common picking up point in Bridge Street. All outward services which previously operated from Market Square via North Street and Northgate End are to be revised to operate via Bridge Street, The Causeway and Link Road to Northgate End and thence as at present.

General

Following the allocation of 3058/9 (LJN653/4P) to Halstead, Bristol FLF6G 2942 (AVW401F) is now in use as a crew operated vehicle once again. (previously used as O.M.O.)

The proposed service revisions to occur in the Colchester, Braintree, Halstead and Bishops Stortford areas (see recent NS's) are planned to be introduced on 21 March.

2816 (HEV994B) was recently repainted incorporating the new style green grille. However, it has since been re-painted locally in a cream-grey colour using wheel trim paint.

1343 (2733 VX) has been converted for use as a towing vehicle when required at Bishops Stortford. Clips have been fitted for the installation of flashing amber lights and a 'TOWING' plate when required, an additional horn has also been fitted.

Application has also been made for revised fares.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

General

An application has been made for revised fares. The 3p, 8p and 10p are to be increased by 1p whilst the 5p fare would be increased by 2p. All other fares are unaffected.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTVehicles on Lease

204	432 FXX	Leyland L2	L01457	Harrington	2811	C41F	new 1963
205	VDB 915	Leyland PSU3/1R	620038	Alexander		DP49F	new 1962

These vehicles are on lease from Ensign, Hornchurch.

204 (432 FXX) was originally owned by Ewer, N.16 (Grey-Green) and 205 (VDB 915) by North Western Road Car Co. Ltd., Stockport, although each have had subsequent owners. VDB 915 was one of the earliest examples of single deck vehicles built to the extended 36' length.

The vehicles arrived during December and are currently being prepared for service. They are to be used on school contracts only and are not expected to operate in normal passenger service. The school contracts concerned are at present operated by coaches hired from Brightways, Southend.

Withdrawn Vehicles

317-9 (KCK 879, LCK 739, KCK 920) are confirmed as being acquired by the China Motor Bus Co., Hong Kong.

General

Application has been made for revised fares, in accordance with the Eastern National application. (q.v.)

358 (WJN358J) has now been re-painted into normal blue livery. (previously Circus Tavern overall advertisement vehicle)

327 (7091 HJ) is now in use as a store at London Road garage.

373 (WJN373J) has acquired a SOUTHEND TRANSPORT fleetname in plain white lettering.

The Leyland PD3's have had additional fleetnumbers added in the positions used by London Transport for its fleetnumbers. (side of bonnet, forward of drivers door) Following this change, it has been reported that hiring of vehicles to London Transport will finish on 28 February.

Service vehicle JXW 122 now carries fleetnumber 596, in place of its former number, 010.

Services 63/69 (Football Specials) were also operated on Boxing Day in addition to the services detailed in NS141.

PREMIER TRAVEL SERVICES LTD.

As we have some space in this news sheet we have taken the opportunity of publishing some information on Premier Travel Services Ltd. The information below amends and up-dates the information contained in our fleet list of the operator and in NS130 and NS132. A new fleet list of Premier Travel Services Ltd. will be issued next month (publication E.P.5)

New Vehicles

251	JVE370P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR31648	Plaxton	C49F	1975
252	JVE371P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR31782	Plaxton	C49F	1975
253	JVE372P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR31797	Plaxton	C49F	1975
254	JVE373P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR31862	Plaxton	C49F	1975
255	KVE906P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR32392	Plaxton	C49F	1976
256	KVE907P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR32490	Plaxton	C49F	1976
257	KVE908P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR32479	Plaxton	C49F	1976
258	KVE909P	A.E.C. Reliance	6U3ZR32617	Plaxton	C49F	1976

Withdrawn Vehicles (additional to NS130) : 198/200/2-8/16/7/22/3/5-9.