

EDITORIALThames Valley Coach Tour, Sunday, 27th April, 1969

A booking form for this tour is enclosed with the news sheet. Will members intending to participate in this tour please book their seats as soon as possible. The support from members from outer Essex was not sufficient to merit the coach starting from Liverpool Street station to connect with the train from Colchester and Chelmsford. However, members from the county town may join the tour at Brentwood by travelling on service 40 from Chelmsford.

Ewer Group Enthusiasts Club publications

The publications listed below can be obtained from the Hon. Publications Officer, E.G.E.C., 52a, Annis Road, London, E.9. Postal Orders should be made payable to the Ewer Group Enthusiasts Club. All prices INCLUDE postage.

FL/1 1968 Fleet List (includes brief history of the Company and lists of vehicles and services as at January 1969) 2/-

FL/2 1969 Fleet List (supplement to FL/1 and also includes details of haulage fleet) 1/-

Special offer - FL/1 and FL/2 2/6

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1500-4 (CVW854-8G) the Bristol REEL6G saloons delivered last month have green leather seating. These vehicles initially entered service with transfers pending the arrival of fleetplates, which have now been fitted.

3003, the last of the Bristol VRTSL6G double deckers has not yet been delivered. This vehicle has been delayed and the delivery date is not yet known.

Withdrawn Vehicles

2.69	2340 (UEV 833)	2349 (FJN 158)
	2344 (FJN 157)	2350 (FJN 159)

Rebuilt Vehicles

1435-8 (OO 9543-6) still retain the service number and destination indicators below the windscreen.

3000-2/4 (CPU979-81/3G) have been repainted in dual purpose livery and are thus now classified DPLD39/31FD.

The repainting was carried out at Central Works and the revised livery is as follows:-

Green - bottom panels, cant rail and roof.

Cream - window pans and band below upper deck windows.

The completed livery is similar in appearance to the original batches of Bristol FLF dual purpose vehicles.

The dates of repainting are as under:-

3000 : week ending 1/3/69	3002 : week ending 8/2/69
3001 : week ending 22/2/69	3004 : week ending 1/3/69

The original bus-type seating in these vehicles has been retained.

The fifth Bristol VRTSL6G, 3003, when delivered will be repainted in the same dual purpose livery at Central Works before entering service. This vehicle will also be equipped for O.M.O. operation and subsequently 3001 and 3002 will be similarly converted by the Company to O.M.O. specification.

Allocations & Transfers

3.69 323-BE, 329-HD, 331-CR, 333-BS, 335-D/L, 336-D/L, 339-D/L, 345-D/L, 349-BS, 350-BS, 359-D/L, 364-CF, 366-D/L, 381-D/L, 382-CF, 383-D/L, 400-SD, 408-D/L, 415-CP, 416-CP, 1232-CY, 1233-BN, 1318-BE, 1327-BE, 1336-SD, 1345-HD, 1360-SD, 1362-MN, 2345-D/L, 2346-D/L, 2505-BN, 2608-D/L, 2610-D/L, 2821-KN, 2831-CF, 2832-CF, 2842-CN, 3000-SD, 3001-SD, 3004-SD.

With the above allocations Halstead becomes the third garage to possess an all-FLF double deck allocation. The other garages with similar allocations are Canvey and Wood Green.

Allocation of vehicles

In the allocation of vehicles published last month the allocation of Central Pool (CP) was unfortunately omitted. We now wish to rectify this:

CP : 406

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Service Revisions

- 48 The extension of this service to Brook End on Saturdays commenced on 15th March.

Express Services

Modifications to express services applied for recently are as follows:

- X2 To be renumbered X14. Terminal in Sudbury to be Sudbury (Bus Station)
X3 To be renumbered X13.
X5 To be renumbered X16.
X11 Terminal in Enfield to be re-designated Enfield (Sydney Road). Service to be jointly operated with Tillings Transport Ltd. (q.v.)
X45 Terminal in Sudbury to be Sudbury (Bus Station).

General

The Bristol RELL saloons, 1500-4, first entered service on 1st February. The vehicles are operating O.M.O. and are being used on the longer services, they have been observed on services 11 and X10.

The Bristol VRTSL double deckers first entered service on 1st March. The vehicles are operating on express services and have so far been observed on services X8 and X10. These vehicles are at this stage additional to the 2600 series of Bristol FLF dual purpose vehicles and the latter will still continue to be used on express services and also on airport charter service.

Revised fares in the Borough of Colchester have been applied for on services entering the town in accordance with the fares increase proposed recently by the Corporation Transport Department. (q.v.)

Destination blinds on the latest vehicle deliveries show Southend Bus Station whereas the destination blinds on earlier vehicles do not. Vehicles terminating at the Bus Station with the older destination blinds still show Southend Victoria Circus.

(We are indebted to I.R.Kydd Esq., Chief Engineer for much of the information in this section)

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.

Fleet Changes 3.69

Licensed: T307/8, 541/2, 2606.

Delicensed: T309/14, 440, 543, 2605/7.

General

Application has been made to operate the following new express service:

X11 ENFIELD (Sydney Road) - SOUTHEND (Seaway, E.N. Terminal)

Service to be jointly operated with Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

General

Revised fares have been applied for as below:

Mileage	Fare	Mileage	Fare
up to 0.7	3d	up to 4.2	11d
1.4	5d	5.6	1/1d
2.1	7d	7.0	1/3d
2.8	9d		

IPSWICH CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.69

3 (ADX 3)

5 (ADX 5)

4 (ADX 4)

6 (ADX 6)

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

General

The undertaking has recently ordered 26 Daimler Fleetline double deckers. These vehicles will be 33-feet long and will be the first rear-engined buses for the Corporation. It is expected that these vehicles will be delivered towards the end of 1970, and they will be operated O.M.O.