

EDITORIALVacation, 1971

Will members please note that the Secretary will be on holiday from 24th May until 6th June and hence correspondence received during this period will be subject to delay.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicle

1534	MHK916J	Bristol REEL6G	3/1466	E.C.W.	B53F	19231
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Delivery date: 1534 - 5.71

1532(MHK914J) is still operating with small yellow fleetnumber transfers, whilst 1533(MHK915J) has fleetnumber plates.

Acquired Vehicles

1000	YAL 368	Leyland PSUC1/1	578076	Metro-Cammell	B44F	new 1958
1001	YAL 369	Leyland PSUC1/1	578215	Metro-Cammell	B44F	1958

Acquired 4.71 from East Midland Motor Services Ltd., Chesterfield nos. R 368/9.

These vehicles were acquired because of increased O.M.O. requirements and at the time spare Bristols were not available. (They have all been acquired by Thames Valley!) In future such acquisitions will depend on traffic requirements and vehicle availability. The life of these vehicles in the fleet will be dependent upon traffic requirements and upon delivery of new vehicles.

1000/1 entered service at Southend in early May (1000 on 4.5.71). They have been painted on the exterior in Eastern National livery but retain their red interiors and their interior East Midland fleet numbers. The livery is similar to that applied to the earlier prototype Bristol MW's such as 1300(1858 F), i.e. green with cream window surround, but with no cream band. The original East Midland P.A.Y.E. sign, which is sunk into the bodywork, is still carried. The destination screens have not been altered, a new destination blind is fitted showing several Southend area destinations but the original East Midland number blinds are still used. The vehicles have been fitted with standard Eastern National O.M.O. equipment.

The vehicles initially operated with small yellow transfers and standard garage plates, the transfers were replaced after a short while by standard fleetnumber plates. The vehicles are operating on services 10 and 12.

Allocations & Transfers

5.71 308-CF, 1000-SD, 1001-SD, 1340-BD, 1360-MN, 1533-SD, 1535-SD, 2380-BN.

Vehicles allocated to Harwich (DT) in early May were as follows:

1304/10/34/52, 1414/5/34, 2754, 2808/46. (10)

Service Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for:

250 Saturday service to be withdrawn.

Express Services

The following additional revisions to express services are planned for this year (see also NS86).

X29/X46 Eastern National participation to cease.

The revisions to service X10 (see NS86) came into effect on 18th April when the services became of the limited stop type. The new service numbers are as follows, old numbers are given in brackets:

400 (X10), 401 (X11), 403 (X7)

It should be remembered that 402 is the number used for the Southend - Dartford service.

(Note: services X8 & X9 via Southend Airport & Rayleigh are withdrawn)

General

Following last month's notes on the future of the "Tilling" fleetname, that on 306 (NWC 16) has now been replaced by an "Eastern National" fleetname.

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

Allocations & Transfers

5.71 9356-PL, 9360-PL, 9361-PL, 9363-PL, 9388-PL, 9389-PL, 9390-PL, 9391-PL,
9392-PL, 9404-HD, 9415-PL, 9418-PL, 9419-HD, 9601-PL, 9605-PL.

Several double deck dual purpose vehicles are being garaged at Kings Cross although these are not specifically allocated.

General

Most Tilling coaches have now received similar fleetnumber plates. These consist of yellow painted numbers on standard maroon plates. The double deck dual purpose coaches have small yellow transfers affixed directly to the bodywork.

The works at Prittlewell is still being used for Eastern National maintenance, vehicles from Braintree and Colchester were noted there during April.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Acquired Vehicles

The notes regarding the fleet numbers of 4 (TRJ 104) given last month were incorrect, new fleetnumbers were in fact carried. The present situation (early May) regarding 1 - 6 was as follows:

1/5 (TRJ 109/5)	In the garage undergoing maintenance etc., still in Salford livery with SELNEC fleet nos. 72/68.
2-4 (TRJ 102-4)	In service in Salford livery with new Colchester C.T. fleet nos. (see notes above).
6 (TRJ 106)	In service - repainted in Colchester livery. This is similar to that applied to 55 (652 GVA) and is mainly cream.

It would appear that all of 1 - 6 are to be fitted with clocks (a standard Colchester feature).

Great Yarmouth C.T. 81 (AEX 81B) was still on loan in early May.

General

Colchester Bus Station, which is owned by the Corporation, is in the process of being modified. A multi-storey car park is to be built over the bus bays and work was well under way on this in early May.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

New Vehicle

357	WJN357J	Daimler CRL6	63957	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D	7120
		Delivery date:	357 - 14.5.71.			

The vehicle has standing room for 18 passengers.

Withdrawn Vehicles

4.71 201 (SJN 635) 307 (OHJ 77)

Those vehicles have been withdrawn due to serious mechanical failure. 307 is being used for spares.

Rebuilt Vehicles

4.71 314 (PEJ 953) to 041/33R

Work on the conversion of 311 (PHJ 950) to open-top commenced in 3.71.

General

The address of the works is now TICKFIELD Avenue after the re-naming of Tonbridge Avenue to avoid confusion with the nearby Tonbridge Road.

(P.S. Cambridge Drive, Seven Kings is shortly to be subjected to a re-naming - details in August news sheet)