EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

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This note was inadvertently omitted from last months news sheet, reminders have been included where necessary with this news sheet.

For certain members who joined the Group during the later part of the year this will be the last news sheet that you will receive under your present subscriptions. Those who wish to renew for a further year (50p per annum, second class, or 60p per annum, first class) should do so as soon as possible. Postal Orders should be 'crossed' and made payable to the Group. Bank Transfers (see NS83) may also be used. Receipts will not be issued unless specifically asked for, and only if an S.A.E. is enclosed.

Open Topper Tour, Sunday 22 August

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please book seats as soon as possible.

Letters to Newspapers, Periodicals etc.

Members are reminded that they are at liberty to write articles and/or letters to newspapers, periodicals etc. on any subject provided that these are signed in their own name. Should the name of the Group wish to be incorporated, either in the text, or in the signature, then the article and/or letter MUST be sent to the Secretary for reference before submission. Failure to comply with this procedure will mean forfeit of membership.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

425	LWC976J	Bristol RELH6G	4/390	Plaxton	C40F	713383
428	LWC979J	Bristol RELH6G	4/411	Plaxton	C47F	713393

Delivery dates: 14.7.71 428 - 7.71

It is anticipated that 429-31 (LWC980-2J) will be delivered by the end of July. The remaining coaches will be delivered later in the year and will be re-registered with "K" suffixes.

Allocations & Transfers

7.71 411-CN, 1239-BS, 1323-BS, 1327-CF, 1330-BS, 1341-BN, 1343-BS, 1358-BD, 1359-BN, 1362-MN, 1420-CN, 2400-SD, 2401-SD, 2415-SD, 2464-BS, 2492-BS, 2533-BN, 2535-BD, 2816-BS, 2830-CF, 2831-BN, 2832-BD, 2834-BS, 2835-MN, 2857-CF, 2870-CF, 2889-SD, 2893-D/L, 2896-D/L, 2897-D/L, 2923-SD.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions were introduced on 20 June.

82	Revised terminal in Great Tey is Greenfield Drive.
89/A	Most journeys on Mondays to Fridays and certain journeys on Saturdays to be operated by Hedingham & District.
92	Service withdrawn.
212	Re-numbered 104.
224	Re-numbered 124, withdrawn on Fridays between Colchester and Clacton.
321	Extended from Chaucer Crescent to Goldingham Drive in Braintree.
322	Service withdrawn. Of the three stage carriage services which previously operated into London: 30 (ex. Edward Hillman), 251 (ex. City) and 322 (ex. Hicks) only the 251 now remains.
326	Withdrawn on Sundays.

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for:

1	Terminal in Southend to be Pier Hill, Church Road.
2	Terminal in Southend to be Pier Hill, Church Road. Alternate journeys to operate via Broadmayne, Basildon in lieu of Clay Hill Road and be numbered 2A.
3/A	Certain service 3 journeys to operate via New Thundersley and be numbered 3B. Service 3A to terminate at Southend, Pier Hill, Church Road.

6/6A/6B	Revised terminal at Eastwood, Kent Elm to be Bridgewater Drive. Service 6B to be withdrawn.
9A	To operate between Priory Park and Ekco Works via Cuckoo Corner instead of via Priory Crescent.
14/A,	ections of route to be withdrawn: leigh (Weir - Station), service 14B and Basildon (Marconis - Bus ation) via Broadmayne, service 14.
17	Terminal at Temple Sutton to be Golden Goblet.
19	All journeys of service 20 to be incorporated in this service.
20	All journeys to be transferred to service 19.
20A/22/A	Terminals to be Southend (Central Station) - Lower Hockley (Dome Caravan Site), service 22A or Rawreth (Bedloes Corner), service 22B.
21	Terminals to be Leigh (Rail Station) and Southchurch (White Horse).
24	Terminals to be Temple Sutton (Golden Goblet) and Rayleigh (Rail Stn.)
25	Terminals to be Shoeburyness (East Beach) and Leigh (Church).
28	Terminals to be Southchurch (White Horse) and Highlands (Woodlands Park).
150	Journeys via Industrial Site to be numbered 15 and journeys via Broadmayne to be numbered 15A.

General

2380(WNO 478) used in the "Festival of London Stores" was decorated with wallpaper and was not painted as stated previously (see NS88).

The following vehicles are on loan to Southend Corporation for use on sea front services when the full summer services commence on 18 July:

2383/2384/2386 (WNO 479/480/484)

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

New Vehicles

9423	LWC974J	Bristol RELH6G	4/385	Plaxton	C42F	713381
9424	LWC975J	Bristol RELH6G	4/386	Plaxton	C42F	713382
9427	LWC978J	Bristol RELH6G	4/391	Plaxton	C42F	713385

Delivery dates: 9423 - 6.71 9427 - 6.71 9424 - 6.71

These vehicles have Plaxton Panorama Elite II bodywork.

Allocations & Transfers

7.71 9423-PL, 9424-PL, 9427-PL.

General

The Plaxton coaches have reflective registration number plates and red fleetnames which are placed slightly further back on the offside due to the position of the emergency door. They are fitted with air conditioning (similar to that installed on 9413) and there is an air vent on the roof. The destination indicator is set in the roof above the windscreen and consists of a destination blind and a 3-track number blind on the nearside.

The windows are tinted and the livery is similar to that applied to Duple coaches 9417 and 9418. The roof and window surrounds are cream and below this there is a thick green waist band enclosed in beading which is slightly thinner on the front. Below the green band are respectively a cream band, a chrome strip and another green band. The rear of the vehicle is predominantly cream.

9612 (AVW403F) and 9614 (AVX975G) now have standard fleetplates fitted (yellow painted numbers on a maroon background, see NS87). 9614 still has the small ivory 2614 plate inside, but that on 9612 has been removed.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Withdrawn vehicles

5.71 11 (WPU 733) - the last A.E.C. Regent III
14 (680 HEV) - the first A.E.C. Regent V

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

New Vehicles

349	WJN349J	Daimler CRL6	63949	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7141 08
350	WJN350J	Daimler CRL6	63950	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7135
351	WJN351J	Daimler CRL6	63951	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7139
355	WJN355J	Daimler CRL6	63955	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7133
356	WJN356J	Daimler CRL6	63956	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7134
358	WJN358J	Daimler CRL6	63958	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7143
361	WJN361J	Daimler CRL6	63961	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7140
366	WJN366J	Daimler CRL6	63966	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7138
368	WJN368J	Daimler CRL6	63968	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7137
369	WJN369J	Daimler CRL6	63969	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7144
370	WJN370J	Daimler CRL6	63970	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7142
371	WJN371J	Daimler CRL6	63971	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7128
373	WJN373J	Daimler CRL6	63973	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7132

Delivery dates: 350/1/6/8/61/8/71 - 6.71
349/55/66/9/70/3 - 7.71

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.71 287(LHJ 389) 289(LHJ 391) 290(LHJ 392) 291(LHJ 393) 298(LHJ 400)

7.71 303(MHJ 925)

Vehicles on loan

[redacted]/90 (NLJ 267/8) were returned to Bournemouth Corporation during June.

Three Eastern National Bristol open toppers are on loan to operate sea front services. Details are:

2383	WNO 479	Bristol KSW5G	98.140	E.C.W.	033/28R	6548
2384	WNO 480	Bristol KSW5G	98.141	E.C.W.	033/28R	6549
2386	WNO 484	Bristol KSW5G	98.174	E.C.W.	033/28R	6489

The Eastern National fleetnumbers are being used by the Corporation, special blinds have been fitted which include services 7, 25, 67 and 68 only.

Service Revisions

A revised leaflet has recently been issued concerning services 67 and 68, it still has a.m. and p.m. times. Service 67 will now operate daily between 18 July and 5 September over the full length of its revised route (see NS88). The previous Sunday service continues unaltered.

General

The Daimler Fleetlines were delivered initially with a blue roof but the specification was later altered to provide for the standard Corporation cream roof. Consequently the last Fleetlines completed (body numbers 7140 - 7144) have a cream roof, fleetnumbers of these vehicles are 349/58/61/9/70.

The Fleetlines have now appeared on all services except 67 and 68.

The taxi owned by the corporation viz:

YHJ 441 Austin Taxi -4- New 1961

This vehicle has been re-numbered 689 (ex. 389) and it is no longer licensed as a P.S.V. The vehicle is mainly used for staff transport but was licensed as a P.S.V. in order that passengers could be carried in an emergency.

INDEPENDENTS

Ward, Epping

This operator has applied for a stage carriage licence:
EPPING GREEN - TOOTHILL via Beaconsfield Estate, Epping Town and Coopersale.

This is to be operated in lieu of London Country Bus Services route 381 for which application for withdrawal is imminent.

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