EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Ilford Meeting, Tuesday May 17

At 7, Farley Drive, Seven Kings, commencing at 1930. A full range of Group publications and photographs will be available at this meeting.

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :

E.P.33 Eastern National - Allocation of Vehicles to Services

Price ... 16p (postage extra)

This publication lists, in order of route numbers, the operating garage(s) and the types of vehicles scheduled for service on Mondays to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Eastern National Fleetnumber Plates

A small number of fleetnumber plates, mainly from Bristol FLF's, is still available from the Secretary. The plates cost 15p each, with postage 10p extra.

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New Vehicles

In answer to members query the total number of Leyland Nationals on order for 1977 is 42 (original order for 30 plus 12 replacements for the 10.3 metre Leyland National order which was subsequently cancelled). The vehicles will be numbered 1796 - 1837.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

NIL

Service Vehicles

Allocations 9005-CF, 9006-CF. (these allocations are for maintainence purposes only, the vehicles are used throughout the area as required.)

General Conversion of 0668 (BVX668B) to 9005 has now been completed and the vehicle is now in operation.

The actual Bristol MW to be used for the driver training school fleet has still not yet been finally decided upon, however, it will be a MW6G model. Conversion of 2701/4/5 (81/4/5 TVX) to driver training vehicles will be undertaken only when works capacity permits. (additional notes to NS153)

Allocations & Transfers

4.77 1322-D/L(D), 1350-SE, 1413-D/L(D), 1435-BE, 1750-MN, 1767-BN, 2727-SD, 2742-D/L(D), 2755-HH, 2764-D/L(D), 2774-D/L, 2810-BS, 2816-CF, 3055-D/L.

The temporary loan of 2755 (JWC 715) to Hadleigh has been terminated.

The following allocations of D/L(D) vehicles have been noted by personal observation :
CN - 1425, 2701; CR - 1322; PL - 2706, 2767.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

33 Additional journeys introduced on Mondays to Fridays between Chelmsford and Howe Street to replace withdrawn service 316 journeys. Journeys operating between Thaxted and Saffron Walden via Main Road to be re-numbered 33A.

76,78/A) 81,84) Revised route to be as authorised to North Hill thence Middleborough and Sheepen Place to North Station Road. (for journeys from Colchester to Colchester North Station and beyond only)

124 Journeys between Braintree and White Notley (Cross Keys) to be withdrawn on Tuesdays and Fridays and to operate instead on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

249 Revised route to be from Rectory Road via Burnt Mills Road, Archers Field, Courtauld Road to Eastmayne, Cranes Farm Road. (to replace operation via Ashlyns)

316 Monday to Friday journeys between Felsted (Watchouse Green) and Chelmsford to be withdrawn. Period of operation to be Fridays only.

General

Bristol VRT, 3036 (NPU983M), at present on loan to United Automobile Services (see NS156) has had its EASTERN NATIONAL fleetnames painted over (apparently with old 'Durham District' green paint) and replaced by UNITED fleetnames.

Bristol VRT, 3053 (LJN648P) the Silver Jubilee Bus (see NS156) now regularly works the 0605 and 1200 service 400 journeys from Southend and the 0830 and 1430 departures from Kings Cross. The vehicle will also attend a number of special Silver Jubilee functions when required.

The vehicle selected by South Wales Transport Ltd., Swansea for their Silver Jubilee Bus is 500 (WNO 484), the former Eastern National Bristol KSW5G open topper.

1602/4 (BNO103/5B) are being cannibalised by Eastern Counties at Silver Road works, Norwich. (additional notes to NS154-6)

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

21	SDX 21R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605384	Roe	H43/29D
22	SDX 22R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605537	Roe	H43/29D
23	SDX 23R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605609	Roe	H43/29D
24	SDX 24R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605635	Roe	H43/29D
25	SDX 25R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605778	Roe	H43/29D
26	SDX 26R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605784	Roe	H43/29D
27	SDX 27R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605792	Roe	H43/29D
28	SDX 28R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605860	Roe	H43/29D
29	SDX 29R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605894	Roe	H43/29D
30	SDX 30R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605917	Roe	H43/29D
31	SDX 31R	Leyland AN68/1R	7605989	Roe	H43/29D
32	SDX 32R	Leyland AN68/1R	7606124	Roe	H43/29D
33	SDX 33R	Leyland AN68/1R	7606366	Roe	H43/29D
34	SDX 34R	Leyland AN68/1R	7606369	Roe	H43/29D
35	SDX 35R	Leyland AN68/1R	7606392	Roe	H43/29D

Delivery dates:

21 - 2.77	26 - 2.77	31 - 3.77
22 - 2.77	27 - 3.77	32 - 3.77
23 - 2.77	28 - 3.77	33 - 3.77
24 - 2.77	29 - 3.77	34 - 3.77
25 - 2.77	30 - 3.77	35 - 3.77

The vehicles are identical to previous batches, the unladen weight is 9382 Kg.

Withdrawn Vehicles

2.77	38 (LDX 38)		40 (LDX 40)
	39 (LDX 39)		41 (MPV 41)
3.77	42 (MPV 42)	47 (OPV 47)	54 (PPV 54)
	43 (MPV 43)	48 (OPV 48)	55 (PPV 55)
	44 (MPV 44)	49 (PPV 49)	56 (SDX 56)
	45 (OPV 45)	51 (PPV 51)	57 (SDX 57)
	46 (OPV 46)	52 (PPV 52)	

Note SDX 56/7 were ousted by SDX 21-35R

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