

EDITORIAL

1975 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions are in many cases due on 1 January 1975 and those wishing to renew for a further year should do so as soon as possible. Owing to impending increased postal charges to be introduced early in 1975, and also due to increased stationery costs, we regret that subscriptions have had to be raised for 1975. These increases are based on an expected 1p increase in postal charges, if the increases exceed this figure a further subscription increase will be necessary in July. The new subscription rates to apply from 1 January 1975 will be 85p (second class postage) and £1 (first class postage). Remittances may be sent by any one of the following techniques :

1. By crossed postal order or cheque, made payable to the 'Eastern National Enthusiasts Group'.
2. By Bank Credit Transfer direct to the Group bank account, details of which are :

Code No.	77-91-02	Bank	London T.S.B.
Branch	Finsbury	Account No.	9102/067031/14

Receipts will not be issued unless specifically asked for, and only if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

This news sheet being the last before the festive season, the committee would like to convey to all members the Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 1975. We would like to thank everyone for their interest in the Group, especially those who have assisted in its running and/or who have sent in reports.

Annual General Meeting

The Groups tenth A.G.M. will be held at Seven Kings Baptist Church Hall, Farley Drive (formerly Cambridge Drive), Seven Kings on Saturday 18 January 1975 commencing at 1430. There will be a sales stand (see especially below) at the meeting and refreshments will also be provided. A copy of the Group Annual Report for 1974 has been circulated with this news sheet and the committee will welcome members questions and suggestions at this meeting, so please come along.

Committee Membership

We hereby invite applications for the posts of fourth and fifth committee members, these positions may be held by any fully subscribed member of the Group. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, the closing date will be 10 January 1975.

Kelvedon Garage Plates

By kind courtesy of the Company the Group have acquired a stock of Kelvedon (KN) garage plates for disposal. These plates will be first offered to members at the tenth A.G.M. (see above), and will subsequently be offered (if stocks exist) in the January news sheet.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1732	HWC 83N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001823
1733	HWC 84N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001824
1734	HWC 85N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001825
1736	HWC 87N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001847
1737	GJN997N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001848
1739	GJN999N	Leyland National 11351/1R	Leyland National	B49F	001850

Delivery dates:	1732 - 12.74	1734 - 12.74	1737 - 12.74
	1733 - 12.74	1736 - 12.74	1739 - 12.74

1737/9 (GJN997/9N) carry former Southend C.B.C. registration marks and are the first vehicles to be delivered new to Eastern National with JN series marks. The last

vehicles with JN marks in the fleet were those in the FUN series which were acquired from Westcliff-on-Sea Motor Services Ltd.

Vehicles on Hire

Three of the Bristol FLF's which had previously been on hire to United Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd. have now returned and are at Central Works awaiting conversion to stage carriage vehicles. The fourth vehicle (at present unroadworthy) will return in due course.

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

Correction to NS129 : BPU 24B is 1450.

The remaining vehicles to be converted to saloons have now returned from Marshalls and are in the process of undergoing final modification at Central Works. Accordingly they are shown as 1440-2/5/9/51 on the allocation sheet.

Contrary to our earlier report last month it now transpires that all of 1435-9 (00 9543-7) are to have their roof quarter lights panelled over. To date 1435/7 (00 9543/5) have also been completed. An additional modification carried out simultaneously on 1436 (00 9544) was removal of the single reversing light at the base of the rear door and fitment of new style rear light displays on the nearside and offside which incorporate combined stop/indicator/reversing lights.

Allocations & Transfers

12.74 1300-D/L(D), 1412-CF, 1440-D/L, 1441-D/L, 1442-D/L, 1443-CF, 1445-D/L, 1447-CY, 1448-D/L, 1449-D/L, 1451-D/L, 1710-D/L, 1721-D/L, 2527-SD, 2832-HH, 2837-CF, 3009-SD, 3017-D/L.

1300 (1858 F) is the first Bristol MW saloon to be placed on the disposal list. It is anticipated that all of the remaining Bristol LS saloons will be displaced by the coach to bus conversions, and by the introduction of new vehicles. 1300 has been selected a little prematurely owing to slight bodywork structure failure.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 80 Sunday service between Colchester and Tendring Heath to be withdrawn.
- 2, 152/3, Terminal/timing point in Grays to be Grays (Bus Station).
- 402
- 103/4/6/A, Terminal point in Harwich to be Harwich (Bus Station). Section of
- 117/8/20/2 route to Harwich (Quay) to be withdrawn, this section will now become unserved by Eastern National services.

General

A Central Works pool of float vehicles to cover accident/breakdown of other vehicles has been established, initially with four Bristol LD's. These vehicles will operate from any garage as circumstances require and will be identified by CW garage allocations.

Application has been made for increased fares on routes serving Colchester to co-ordinate with revised fares recently applied for by Colchester Borough Transport.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

216 (MJN216F) has recently been repainted and has been fitted with reflective registration plates at the front and rear.

With reference to the special Boxing Day services, the service to Colchester has been considerably speeded up, with nearly one hour less journey time.