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EDITORIAL

New Publication

The following new publication is now available :

E.P.29 Route map of Silver Queen and Enterprise - 1931 Price ... 6p

This publication gives an indication of the pattern of services in the Clacton area before the acquisition of the above operators by Eastern National in 1931.

Thamesdown Coach Tour - Sunday, September 26

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please book seats as soon as possible, remember that our last tour was full up ! Bookings must close on September 18 due to insurance/administrative reasons.

Transport Spectacular 76, Saturday, September 11

At Central Hall, Westminster, London S.W.1 (opposite the Abbey), organised by The London Omnibus Traction Society, open from 1100 until 1500, admission 30p. The Group will have a stand (number H6) at this event.

Vacations 1976

Will members please note that the Secretary will be on holiday from 27 August - 5 September and will be away on business from 13 - 17 September and hence correspondence received during these periods will be subject to delay.

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New Vehicles

Correction to NS141: Bristol VRT's 3059-63 (LJN654-8P) have chassis numbers 3/205 to 3/209 inclusive and not 3/185 to 3/189 as previously given. The latter numbers are allocated to East Midland VRT's, MAU141-5P.

The first nine Leyland Nationals of the 1976 order are now due for imminent delivery.

Withdrawn Vehicles

7.76	1302 (1864 F)	1334 (2724 VX)	2515 (352 LPU)
	1304 (1866 F)	1337 (2727 VX)	2519 (356 LPU)
	1315 (210 MHK)	1341 (2731 VX)	2532 (55 PPU)
	1316 (211 MHK)	1403 (1251 EV)	2533 (56 PPU)
	1328 (1266 EV)	2514 (351 LPU)	2539 (62 PPU)

The above date (31.7.76) is the actual date of sale of the above vehicles, not all may yet have been removed. Only one Bristol FS, 2538 (61 PPU) now remains in stock, whilst the number of Bristol LD's has now diminished to 8.

Rebuilt Vehicles

7.76 2809 (FWC427B) 2822 (JHK454C) 2874 (STW762D) to FLF6G

The conversions of 2937/40 (RWC 608, KNO949C) to stage carriage vehicles is now complete and the vehicles will enter service as soon as final certification has been completed.

1438/9 (00 9546/7) have now entered service with modified doors and destination equipment. The next vehicles to be dealt with under this programme will be 1435/6 (00 9543/4).

Allocations & Transfers

8.76 1312-D/L(D), 1317-D/L(D), 1326-D/L(D), 1335-D/L(D), 1344-DT, 1345-D/L(D), 1353-DT, 1358-CN, 1401-D/L(D), 1436-D/L, 1438-CN, 1439-BS, 1736-BN, 1743-HH, 1769-CR, 1771-CF, 1772-LWA, 1773-SD, 1774-CF, 1775-CF, 2702-D/L(D), 2707-SD, 2710-D/L(D), 2711-D/L(D), 2713-D/L(D), 2721-D/L(D),

2722-D/L(D), 2734-BN, 2743-D/L(D), 2745-D/L(D), 2780-CR, 2805-D/L, 2822-MN, 2831-BS, 2834-D/L, 2859-D/L, 2874-CR, 2895-D/L, 2939-D/L, 3028-WG, 3044-BN.

2874 (STW762D) has now returned to service having been delicensed since 7.75 following accident damage.

All of the later Bristol FLF's placed on the disposal list (2709-11/3, 2721/2/43/5) are Bristol engined.

A complete fleet allocation appears elsewhere in this news sheet.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

- 34 Service to be withdrawn.
- 86 New Service: SUDBURY(Bus Station) - GREAT CORNARD(Shopping Centre) via existing service 86A route. (Weekdays only)
- 86/A Services to be withdrawn.

General

Bristol FLF's 2702/3 (82/3 TVX), the only Gardner engined examples currently on the disposal list, have had their engines removed and are also being used to provide other spare parts.

Six Bristol FLF6B's, 2710/1/3/22/43/5 (90/1/3 TVX, 803 WWV, E00 585/7) have been loaned to United Automobile Services Ltd., Darlington. The vehicles left Essex on 17 August.

An application for revised fares has been made.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

The chassis type of the new Leyland Atlanteans has also been reported as AN68A/1, comments please. (see also NS147)

Withdrawn Vehicles

1 (TRJ 109) and 6 (TRJ 106) were withdrawn in 5.76. (Additional notes to NS147)

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

6	MRT 6P	Leyland AN68/1R	7600015	Roe	H43/29D
7	MRT 7P	Leyland AN68/1R	7600016	Roe	H43/29D
8	MRT 8P	Leyland AN68/1R	7600017	Roe	H43/29D
9	MRT 9P	Leyland AN68/1R	7600018	Roe	H43/29D
10	MRT 10P	Leyland AN68/1R	7600019	Roe	H43/29D

Delivery dates: 6 - 5.76 8 - 5.76 10 - 5.76
 7 - 5.76 9 - 5.76

These vehicles are virtually identical to the previous batch, 1-5 (HDX904-8N). The U.W. of the new batch is 9382 Kg.

Withdrawn Vehicles

3.76 - 5.76	26 (FPV 26)	29 (GPV 29)	32 (GPV 32)
	27 (GPV 27)	31 (GPV 31)	

26 was the last A.E.C. Regent V with exposed radiator in the fleet. 27/9/31/2 are the first examples of the standard A.E.C. Regent V to be withdrawn.

General

All one man operated vehicles, both single and double decked, in the fleet were converted to EXACT FARE ONLY, NO CHANGE GIVEN ticket issuing system from 16 May. All O.M.O. vehicles now carry EXACT FARE ONLY signs in red. This system had previously been in use on services 12/A/B (Chantry Estate), which is operated by saloons only.

A new Bus Station was opened at Tower Ramparts on Sunday 20 June. This is at Electric House (which has now been taken over by the local B.B.C. radio station, Radio Orwell) and makes use of the area within the old turning area previously used as a car park. The new Bus Station contains three bays, the first contains 4 stances and is used by services 4/A, 7/B, 8, 9/B this is effectively a lay-by in Crown Street. The middle bay, situated in the original car park area, contains 5 stances and is used by services 2/A, 5, 6A/6B. The third bay is not used for departures, it is on the north side of Tower Ramparts and provides parking for about 6 vehicles which may lay-over when not required for service. The original terminal in Tower Ramparts now contains only three stances and is used by services 1/A, 12/A/B. The lay-by outside the Cricketers Hotel, in Crown Street opposite the new Bus Station is still used by services 3 and 11/A. Each stance in the new Bus Station contains a bus shelter, painted green and cream, displaying service number(s), destination(s) and timetable(s). Following the opening of the new Bus Station the previous bus stops in Lloyds Avenue have been discontinued, at present vehicles still show 'Electric House' on destination displays when terminating at the new Bus Station. The remaining area of the former car park, at the Electric House end, has been converted into a pedestrian area with seats, flower beds, telephones and improved entrances to the existing toilets. Services 3, 7/B, 8, 11/A operate directly along Crown Street, services 2/A, 4/A, 5, 6A/B execute a turning movement through the Bus Station via Tower Street, Lloyds Avenue and Crown Street, services 4/A pass along a new bus lane connecting Crown Street and Tower Ramparts on the edge of the new Bus Station in the course of the turning movement. Services 9/B also use this new bus lane and depart via Tower Ramparts and a bus only slip road into Lloyds Avenue to operate via Cornhill. Services 1/A, 12/A/B also use this buses only slip road and depart via Lloyds Avenue. Service 5 enters the Bus Station via Crown Street and Tower Street and then departs as above to resume its route along Crown Street, thus passing over a short section of Crown street twice. All services now use the new Bus Station except services 9A/9C (Maidenhall - Castle Hill) which pick up at Cornhill. The reverse working of this route, however, does use the new Bus Station as service 1A (Castle Hill - Maidenhall)

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTVehicles on Loan

The vehicles on loan to Tyne & Wear P.T.E., 368/85 (WJN368J, GHJ385L) were returned in early June.

Service Revisions

Application has recently been made for 12 new express services to operate between Southend and London. These services are alternatives, in the event of one application being granted the remaining 11 applications will be withdrawn. The new service will only be operated if the London terminal of Eastern National service 400 is altered from Kings Cross to Aldgate. (see NS 146/7)

The service will operate from Southend (Central Bus Station) via existing Eastern National service 400 to London to the following alternative terminals :

Kings Cross, Midland Road
Kings Cross, Pancras Road
Kings Cross, Northdown Street
Kings Cross, York Way
Kings Cross, Caledonia Street
Euston Square

Baker Street, Allsop Place
Fitzroy Street, Tottenham Court Road
Paddington, Chilworth Street
Paddington, Eastbourne Terrace
Marylebone Rail Station
Portland Place, opposite B.B.C.

Application has also been made for revised fares to co-ordinate with Eastern National.

EASTERN NATIONAL vehicle allocation

This list is correct as at 1 August 1976 and includes the transfers listed in this news sheet.

Basildon (BN)	: 1339/52/4, 1419/21/4/6/33/7/45, 1513/4/30/8/45/8/50/1/3/4, 1603-5/11/2, 1709/11-7/32/6/8/40-2/46/63, 2705/18/34/55/6, 2776/9/99, 2807/29/45/55/8/86/9, 2908/19/20/2/6/7/31/6/41/5, 3005/7/8/10/5/6/22/31-4/6/44/48-51/4/6. (85)
Bishops Stortford (BS)	: 1000-4, 1343, 1439, 2762, 2803/10/6/31. (12)
Braintree (BE)	: 1321/40/57, 1411/29/41, 1542, 1731/65, 2714/46/52/3/9/70/7/81, 2824/38/53, 3001/4/43/62/3. (25)
Brentwood (BD)	: 1323/32/49/55, 1413/6/7/27/42/4/6/9, 1500/6/8/17/9/24/31/40, 1606/8, 1751/4, 2738, 2833/85/7/91-3, 2905/6/16, 3040/1. (36)
Canvey (CY)	: 1719/25/37/53, 2890/6, 2900/24/5/44. (10)
Chelmsford (CF)	: 1336/56/60, 1402/5/6/18/22/8/30/43, 1509/15, 1610, 1700-5/7/8, 1710/8/28/30/4/52/62/71/4/5, 2704/6/15-7/9/30/7/9/47/51/60/5, 2771/4/85/7, 2804/9/11/4/7/9/26/35/7/50/1/4/6/7/60-2/75/7, 3002/17-9/27/9/35. (75)
Clacton (CN)	: 1319/51/8, 1410/4/5/20/5/38/40/8/51, 1505/20/3/6/7/32, 1602, 1756/68, 2701/20/5/6/36/57/8/66/72/84, 2800/2/6/8/64/98, 2928/42, 3003. (40)
Colchester (CR)	: 1318/22/33/8/42/6/8/59/62, 1412/23, 1503/7/12/28, 1609, 1724/33/60/9, 2510, 2727/9/48-50/61/80/94/6, 2813/5/27/8, 2843/63/74. (37)
Hadleigh (HH)	: 1501/18/37/9/41/6, 1726/43/66/7, 2712/24/31/5/41/2, 2825/49, 2894/7/9, 2902/7/9/43, 3014/20/45-7/60. (31)
Halstead (HD)	: 1543/4, 1757/9, 2763/89, 2876, 3058/9. (9)
Harwich (DT)	: 1344/53, 1434, 1521/2, 1607, 1755/61, 2728/54, 2842. (11)
Maldon (MN)	: 1347/50/61, 1431/2/50, 1525/35, 1722/3/58/64, 2783/98, 2801/12/21-3, 2932/5, 3000/30. (23)
Silver End (SE)	: 1511/6/34/6, 1727/39/45, 2788, 2832/52, 2934, 3037/9/55 (14)
Southend (SD)	: 1447, 1502/4/10/29/33/47/52, 1600/1/13, 1720/1/9/35/44/7-50, 1770/3, 2379/82-4, 2700/7/8/23/32/3/40/4/64/7-9/73/5/8/82/6, 2790-3/5/7, 2818/20/41/4/8/84/8, 2901/3/4/18/21/3/9/30/3/46, 3006/9/11-3/23-6/38/42/52/3. (79)
Wood Green (WG)	: 2910-5/7, 3021/8/57. (10)
Licensed awaiting allocation (LWA)	: 1772. (1)
Delicensed for maintenance (D/L)	: 1435/6, 1549, 2805/34/59/95, 2937/9/40, 3061. (11)
Delicensed for disposal (D/L(D))	: 1308/10-2/7/25-7/9-31/5/45, 1400/1/8, 2507/9/16/8/20/34-6/8, 2702/3/9-11/3/21/2/43/5. (35)

Total fleet strength 544

NOTE

Chelmsford allocation includes Dunmow outstation (DW, 1 dd),
Clacton allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN, 3 sd, 4 dd).