

# WEST YORKSHIRE

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### SILVER JUBILEE.

Last month the "Service" celebrated it's 25th anniversary, and as members will see, the 300th issue will appear next month. Over the years well over 1000 sides of foolscap has been filled with news of the Company's vehicles and operations and as one would expect, the 1951 picture of "West Yorkshire" is almost unrecognisable today. As an example, the fleet of 452 (251 saloons and 201 double deckers) was made up as follows:-

Bristol J - 64; Bristol L5G - 151; Bristol LL5G - 4; Bristol L6G - 6;  
Bristol L6B - 16; Bristol G - 34; Bristol K5G - 80; Bristol K6B - 86;  
Bristol Lodekka - 1; Bedford - 8; Morris Chassisless - 2.

It may be of interest to members to look back on the first issue and we are therefore including interesting extracts under "Other Information". Although in recent years the Company has had its share of reduction in the number of passengers, and the form that it will take in the future is by no means certain, there can be no doubt that there will always be a demand for public transport in the area covered by the Company, and we look forward to recording developments over the next 25 years.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

SPRING MEETING - SATURDAY 20TH MARCH 1976 6.30 P.M.

As announced last month, a meeting has been arranged for the above date at Moss Grange, off the Stray, at which [redacted] the Company's Assistant Secretary, will give a talk on the financial organisation of the Company. Please make every effort to support what promises to be a most interesting meeting.

### ENTHUSIASTS TOURS.

During 1975, two enthusiasts tours were held, using preserved Leeds single decker Leyland (28) and Burnley, Colne and Nelson single decker Leyland (41). These proved popular, and it is intended to operate a series of similar outings during 1976, using these and other preserved vehicles.

Will anyone interested forward a stamped, addressed envelope to [redacted], [redacted] when, in due course, further information will be provided.

### PSV CIRCLE.

The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 4th March from 7 p.m. in the Metro Bradford Staff Canteen, Forster Square.

### MCVC Yorkshire Section.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th March, at 7.30 p.m. in the Metro Leeds Sports Club, Concordia Street.

### PRESS DAY.

For the March issue will be on Saturday 28th February and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [redacted], [redacted].

### 1. FLEET CHANGES.

#### NEW VEHICLES.

4051	NUG 363P	Ford Transit	BDO5/ ?	Pic - up.
-	MWU 995P	Triumph 2000	New approx 1/2/76.	Area Architect.
-	MX 156P	Ford Escort	Blue new 1/2/76.	Area Engineer (East)
-	OCX 636P	Morris Marina	New 1/2/76.	Area Superintendent (East)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

The fleet number of the new Ford Transit is subject to confirmation. Can anyone supply the chassis number of this vehicle? We also need the colour of the new Triumph and Morris cars.

The unladen weight of 1378 is now 7.10.2. (ex 7.10.1.)

SERVICE CHA  
 106 BW 25/868  
 Mon-Fri

1. FLEET CHANGES (CONT.)

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

3962	(Delicensed)	to York	1.1.76.
3793	"	" York	19.1.76.
1201/5	from Bradford	(Delicensed)	31.1.76.
1219/20/31	" Harrogate	"	"
1006/8	(Delicensed)	to Bradford	1.2.76.
1009/10/1	"	" Harrogate	"
4051	New	" Harrogate	"

- Notes:-
1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except 1008/9/10 (ex Leeds) and 1011 (ex Otley).
  2. The delicensing of a number of early SRG's will be noted; there are now 7 of these off the road.

STORED VEHICLES.

Harrogate. 1146 is at present still behind Grove Park.  
Leeds. 1144 remains stored in Leeds Depot. 1022 was moved to Harrogate early on 4th February on trade plates 604 WT.  
York. The only occupants of the field should now be 1145 and 1735.

WITHDRAWALS.

31st January 1976 - Cars CWY 641H, NWU 540K and ONX 227K. The last was used by the NBC Area Architect and has not previously been shown as a West Yorkshire staff car.

SALES AND DISPOSALS.

January 1976 - 1134/7/9/42/3, 1695, 1702/5/6/12/3/4/33/4, 3729/30/1/2. (total 18) all to W.Norths (PV) Ltd. Sherburn in Elmet.  
 This leaves 1144/5/6 and 1735 as the only withdrawn vehicles - the least for a number of years. All are "Held in Reserve" although only 1735 still has a Certificate of Fitness.

FLEET TOTAL.

	<u>W.Y.</u>	<u>Y.W.Y.</u>	<u>1.2.76.</u>	<u>1.2.75.</u>
Licensed:-	423	84	507	491
Delicensed:-	29	-	29	59
	<u>452</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>536</u> x	<u>550</u>

x The Fleet Total includes 1057-61.  
 This is the first month since 1/4/74 that all York-West Yorkshire vehicles have been licensed.

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

OVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS.

January 1976:- 1158, 1912, 3920, 1160, 1911/5.

REPAINTS AND TUV'S.

December 1975:- 1413  
 January 1976:- 1288, 1807, 1021, 1291, 4040, 1346.  
 Sale Livery:- 1702/12/4.

GENERAL NEWS.

4040 was repainted in the special Tucan Acid paint.  
 1010 has now been fitted for OMO. All ERG's are now equipped.  
 1413/47 have both lost their British Leyland "L" badge from the front panel.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS.

1371 has received an upper rear advert for "Gladstone Garage".  
 The latest pools side advert is for "Littlewoods above all". A new paper side advert is for "A real fire - heating that's worth looking at" whilst the painted side advert for "Finch Batteries" has ceased on 3934/64. A new paper side advert for "Briggs and Hill Travel Agents" has appeared.  
 1776 has a new paper side advert for "Beam Yorkshire business consultants" and 3330 has a side advert for "Waterhouses Quality Sweets".  
 The latest "Racing at Wetherby" tar, et advert is for 7th Feb.

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

STAGE CARRIAGE.

The following applications have been made.  
S505 BW 25/520 43 Bradford-Scarborough  
 Mon-Fri: To retime 07-30 York-Leeds to 07-25  
 To withdraw 17-40 York-Tadcaster.

SERVICE CHANGES (Contd.).STAGE CARRIAGE (Contd.)

- 506 BW 25/868 9/9A Woodlands Circular  
 Mon-Fri: To retime 16-45 Ash Rd. to Bus Station to 16-38.  
 To operate 17-02 Ash Rd. to Bus Station on Mon to Fri.
- S507 BW 140/142 Y11/11A Huntington-Woodthorpe/Acomb  
 Saturday: To operate 08-47 Rougier St.-Woodthorpe from York Station.
- S508 BW/190/125 Y13/13A Ashley Park-Poppletons  
 Mon-Fri: To withdraw 15-35 Tang Hall Junior School-Ashley Park.
- S509 BW 190/90 Y15 York-Askham Richard  
 Mon-Fri: To curtail 16-34 Copmanthorpe-Rougier St. at York Station.
- S510 BW 190/143 Sp. Hillards Supermarket-Variou Points  
 To revise timetable and route.
- S511 BW 190/140 Y10/10A Bishopthorpe-Haxby  
 Sun: To withdraw 09-50 York-Bishopthorpe and return.
- S512 BW 25/752 34 Leeds-Skipton.  
 Mon-Fri: To retime 08-15 Ilkley-Skipton journey to 08-10.  
 To introduce additional journey at 08-50 Consort St. to Skipton Bus Station.  
 To amend alternative route into Skipton.
- S513 BW 25/840 K5 Keighley-Ilkley.  
 Mon-Fri: To retime 07-35 Keighley-Ilkley journey to 07-30.
- S514 BW 25/604 38 Leeds-Red Hall  
 Mon-Fri: To withdraw the 16-58 Red Hall-Leeds journey.
- S515 BW 25/717 18 Harrogate-Great Ouseburn  
 Mon-Sat: To retime 15-50 Harrogate to Great Ouseburn to 16-00 and discontinue operation via Devonshire Place.  
 Mon-Fri: To retime the 16-45 Great Ouseburn to Harrogate to 16-50.

EXCURSIONS AND TOURS.

The following applications have been made:-

T98 BW 25/89 Starting from Keighley.

To introduce addl. excursion 196 Linton Residential School. Fare 65p. To operate throughout the year.

T99 BW 25/89 From Keighley BW 25/90 From Harrogate

BW 25/91 From Bradford BW 25/246 From Leeds

To introduce addl. excursion to Bicken Hill National Exhibition Centre.

To operate throughout the year. Fares:- From Keighley, Harrogate, Leeds £2.50  
 From Bradford. £2.55.

4. OPERATING NOTES.

HARROGATE. Noted on Harrogate-Tadcaster (78) have been 1381 (PloanH)(29/12, 3, 15/1); 1237 (H)(12/L) and 1223 (H)(23/1). On 2/1, 1803 worked the 08.08 Ferrensby-Harrogate (16), this journey operating via Forest Moor and Woodlands between Knaresborough and Harrogate. On 6/1, 1237 worked the 08.00 Leeds-Harrogate (36). On 8/1, 1437 was on routes 9/9A and 1074 (L) on route 36. 1236 (H loan PB) worked route 23 on 9/1 and also noted on that day were 1049 (L) on route 36, 1041 on ICI- Bilton Lane (850). 1235 on 17.20 to Pateley Bridge (24) and 1007 on the 17.45 to Bradford (53). 1162 was on routes 7/10/12 on 12/1. Noted on route 36 have been 1053 (L) on 14/1 and 1004 (L) on 15/1. 1437 was on routes 11/11A on 15/1 and 1230 was on route 76. 1337 worked routes 7/10/12 on 22/1. On 26/1, 1320 worked the 13.10 to Scarborough (84), and again the following day, 27/1. 1334 was on the 12.50 to Pateley Bridge (23) on 27/1 and 1338 (B loan !!) was on route 53. On 28/1, 1007 worked to Sunderland (399) and 1337 (H loan PB) was on route 24. Noted on 29/1, 1334 was on the 07.05 to Leeds (36), 1336 on the 08.05 to Leeds (36) and 1223 on 08.00 to Boroughbridge (16). 1213 worked the 15.50 to Great Ouseburn (18) and 1217 was on the 16.10 dup to North Rilton (76A) whilst 1416 was on routes 11/11A. Fully automatic 1949 entered local service at Harrogate on 26/1, being used on 11A, etc.

LEEDS. On 2/1, 1274 (K loan I) was on Leeds-Ilkley(34). 1774 (L) was on Leeds-Knaresborough (40) on 6/1. On 10/1, 1343 (L) was on Leeds-Tadcaster (42).. Working on Leeds-York have been 1298 (Y loan L) on 7/1; 1386 (L loan Y) on 8/1; 1287 (M loan L) on 12/1; 1106 (Y) on 14/1; 1177 (Y) on 15/1. 1364/5 (B) appear to be working on Bradford-Scarborough (43) in place of 1338/9 at present. On Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been 3331 (Yloan M) on 2-3/1; 1210 (M) on 6/1; 1386 (L loan Y) on 11/1 and 1268 (M) on 16-17/1. On Leeds-Malton (43A) have been 1153 (M) on 5 and 9/1, and 1165 (Y) 14 and 16/1. On Leeds-Bridlington (44) on 11/1 was 1379 (W loan L). On 3/1, 1178 (L) was noted approaching Braham Cross Roads showing " Blank/48".

4. OPERATING NOTES (Cont.)

WETHERBY. Once again 1379 has been away from Wetherby for part of the month, the following vehicles have deputised:- 1390(L) on 29/12, 5,11,12/1; 1277 (L) on 30,31/12 and 1/1; 1240 (L) on 23/1 and 1366 (L) on 25/1.

YORK. On 2/1, 1387 was on 14.55 ex York (43) and on 3/1, 1758 was on Y21. On 5/1, 1334(H) was on 10.25 York-Leeds and 3962 on Y20 after a long absence. Noted on 17.25 York-Leeds (43A) have been 1074 (L) on 5/1; 1412 (L) on 6/1; 1440 (L) on 7/1; 1004 (L) on 8/1; 1355 (L) 9/1; 1805 (L) 12/1; 1004 (L) 13/1; 1245 (L) 15/1; 1776 (CRW) 19/1; 1218 (L) 21/1; 1005 (L) 22/1; 1005 (L) 23/1; 1357 (W loan L) 27/1; 1390 (L) 28/1 and 1299 (L) on 29/1. On 6/1, 1758 (Y) was on Y14 and 1364 on 14.55 (43). On 8/1, 3461 was on Y21; 3931 on Y10 and 3953 on Y12. On 9/1, 1369 (L) was on 12.55 Leeds and 1365(B) on 14.55 (43). On 12/1, 3960 was on Y19 whilst the following day 1364 was on 14.55 43 and 1333 on Y15A. On 14/1 3461 was on Y21 and 1365 (B) on 14.55 43. On 15/1 3459 was on Y2. On 16/1, 3176 was on Y11A and 1275 (H) on 84. On 19/1 1365(B) was on 14.55 43. On 09.55 York-Leeds (43) have been 1386 (L) 13/1; 1440 (L) 14/1; 1177 (L) 15/1; 1351(L) 16/1; 1448(L) 19/1; 1351 20/1; 1448(L) 22/1; 1385(L) 26/1; 1447(L) 27/1; 1340(L) 28/1 and 1385(L) 30/1. On 20/1, 3817 was on Y14 and the following day 1335 (M) was on 80. On 22/1, 1349 was on 12.55 York-Leeds (43) and 3916 on Y10. On 23/1, 1403(B) was on 14.55 Bradford(43); 3457 on 82 and 1165 (Y) on Y8. On 26/1, 1758(Y) was on Y11A, 1165(Y) on Y2 and 3172 on Y13A. On 28/1, 1365(B) was on 14.55 Bradford(43) and 1038 (M loan Y) on Y6B. On 29/1, 1761 was on Y1 and 3457 on Y2. On 30/1, 1761 was on Y20. On 5/1, 3959 (Y) worked a School Special from Tadcaster (Station Road) School to Stutton Village. This is unusual in that it is normally a Selby depot West Riding working in the afternoon ( the morning journey is worked by Featherstone depot which worked as usual on the following morning 6/1) 3959 returned empty from Stutton to York.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

MWY 115/7, OWX 158 (Ex DX 6/8/14, LD6B sold Norths Sherburn 4/71, 9/71, 9/71)

All left Norths during January, most probably for scrap.

9764 WU (ex 1706 FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 1/76)

By 31st January this was noted outside Norths with the main chassis frames almost the only items remaining, the body, engine and many other parts all having gone.

PYO 758 (Ex CUG 43, LS6G sold Norths, Sherburn 9/71).

To Contract Bus Services, Caerwent, probably in 10/71 when it left Sherburn. Sold by 1975.

821 BWY (Ex 1121, MW6G sold Sykes, Barnsley 8/75)

Scrapped by breaker at Carlton 12/75 (possibly J & J Car Dismantlers)

828 BWY (Ex 1128, MW6G sold Sykes, Barnsley 8/75)

To Bosworth, Worcester (as PSV) 11/75.

812 BWR (Ex 1186, SUL4A sold Norths, Sherburn 10/73)

To James Paper Sack, Nuneaton 5/75, (Not sold for scrap as shown in issue 291)

809 BWR (Ex 2183, SUL4A sold Norths, Sherburn 2/73)

To Temple Moor School, Halton, Leeds 7/74. Still owned 2/76 in sale livery.

TWY 606 (Ex 1664, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 10/73)

To Lingl (UK) Led Macclesfield 5/74.

Then, as reported in issue 292, to Cattybrook brickworks, Patchway, Bristol as mobile workshop, by 3-4/75. It is possibly still owned by Lingl.

TWT 117 (Ex. SUG 64, LS5G sold Norths, Sherburn 9/71)

To Smith, Ammanford 1/72

To Davies, Morrision by 2/74

To Peake, Briton Ferry 12/75.

6. TEN YEARS AGO.

Three new vehicles (YDX 228/9/30) had entered service on 1st February 1966 and three (YDG 58/9/63) withdrawn in consequence.

Five double deckers, one at each main depot, had been fitted with a sliding window behind the driving cab for use as learner driver tuition.

Leeds depot report recorded that during front entrance Lodekka DX 82's absence during January, DBW's had been used twice on the full day duty on Leeds-Ilkley (34), very unusual vehicles.

Ex Eastern National CUG 43 had been in Roseville Road depot still in green/cream.

Also noted there had been Wilts & Dorset WAM 441, a former Silver Star machine.

At York Friday 4th Feb found SMG 5 working the 08.15 York Station-Strensall Camp complete with "Caution, Driver under Instruction - L" boards both back and front. It was used later in the day on these duties.

The 7 page issue ended with news of SBW4, SGL19, DB7 and SG82.

OTHER INFORMATION.LOCATION AS AT 1st. JANUARY 1976.

In last month's list, 1313 should be at Ilkley and not at Keighley as shown. 1345 should be added at York.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FIRST ISSUE."7. OPERATING DETAILS"

- 2nd December 1950. 128 noted in Leeds as an extra on "34".  
270 noted in Bradford with Leeds Depot blinds.
- 7th December 1950. 920 noted in Leeds on 7.10 pm Leeds to Scarborough.
- 9th December 1950. Y376 arrived Wellington Street Leeds 10.0pm. It is thought that this vehicle was completing the 7.25 pm turn from Scarborough to Leeds, the Leeds depot vehicle having failed at York. Y376 returned to York on the Leeds turn at 12.15 pm, the following day and was replaced by a Leeds depot vehicle, of the 746 class later in the afternoon.
- 16th December 1950. 149 noted in Keighley using chains on "20"  
353 noted in Keighley as extra on "67".
- 20th December 1950. 340 noted in Leeds as extra on "30".
- 23rd December 1950. 350 observed on service "80" in York.
- 27th December 1950. 185 observed in Leeds running as extra on "38"
- 30th December 1950. 250 observed in Harrogate Bus Station on "Limited Stop" service.
- 5th January 1951. 304/10 both arrived in Harrogate at 3.5 pm; 304 without board was apparently working on the "51" due at 2.45 pm presumably after another vehicle had failed. She returned on the 3.10 pm "53".  
310 was on "53" due at 3.6 pm and returned to Bradford on the "51" at 3.20 pm.
- 7th January 1951. 911 noted on "74". It is understood that this vehicle frequently visits Malton. She sags in the middle.  
386 was noted to have developed considerable diesel knock.
- 12th January 1951. 126 was observed in Leeds on the Scarborough service and appeared to be operating as a Scarborough depot vehicle.
- 14th January 1951. 952 noted in Harrogate on "74" running through to Scarborough.
- 15th January 1951. 262 observed in Leeds with blinds displaying "46-Hull". She is thought to have been operating the 2.0 pm Leeds to Hull. This service is usually operated by Leeds depot.  
728 observed in Leeds operating the 5.25 pm Wetherby turn.  
Blinds were turned to "Blank" as this vehicle has only Keighley type. Presumably she had failed on "31" earlier in the day.

(c) INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE NOTES.

- Y 317/8. It is understood that only essential repairs are to be carried out to these vehicles.  
351 Front off-side transfer is coming off and shows only 3 l.  
614 Has recently been granted a C.of F. up to the end of 1952.  
619 Has recently undergone further repairs to the body which tends to move "crabwise" and so warps the steering.
- K 717 It is understood that this vehicle was in Myrtle Road Harrogate on the 8th January 1951, with a broken chassis. The break is believed to be in front of the rear axle.
- 734 Has a small side - light on the off side.  
813 Was observed on "36" on 9th December 1950 and caused some concern when it was discovered that both Ripon and Penny Pot Lane were not on front destination blind. This evidently is not the first time this has happened.
- 822 It has been reported that this vehicle is now running with its third transmission set and has been on Leeds depot fleet strength since November 1950. It has never at any time arrived at Leeds and Latest information states that it is certain she will not come. 822 has been observed lately as follows 23/13/50 service 74; 29/12/50 services 51/53; 30/12/50 services 51/53. These plus "16" are her main routes with an occasional "36".
- 1008 Paid a visit to Leeds in early October for tree cutting duties. This revives many memories to those who remember her operating from Leeds depot when on service as 439.
- 1010 Displays "Grove Park" on her destination indicator panel. Noted 5/1/51
- DVG 775 It has been observed that this vehicle is running without its fleet Number 1016 (noted 5/1/51).

7. OTHER INFORMATION (Cont.)EXTRACTS FROM THE FIRST ISSUE (Cont.)(d) General Notes.

A new washing plant was observed in operation at Leeds depot on November 18th 1950. This sprays water over the vehicle at a high pressure and ensures a thorough and quiet wash-down. A further plant was installed later and another has been observed at Bradford.

TML/WM 12.2.76.