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LEEDS MEETING - Saturday 18th March 1978 7pm

A meeting has been arranged for the above date in Committee Room No. 1 YMCA, Albion Place, Leeds 1, at which our well known member [REDACTED] will give an illustrated talk which will include much of West Yorkshire interest.

All members are invited to attend this meeting, which will be well worth seeing. For the benefit of our Chairman and anyone else in cars who are not familiar with the one way system in Leeds, the YMCA may be reached from Boar Lane, by turning up Albion Street, through the precinct (which is not closed to cars at the time of the meeting) and proceeding to Albion Place where ample space for parking exists.

"WEST YORKSHIRE ROAD CAR CO LTD"

This book will be available very shortly and details of price etc are now available. The retail cost in the shops will be £7.95 (plus 60p postage if ordered from the publishers) but a special rate of £6.95 (plus 60p postage if collection cannot be made) has been negotiated for WYIS members and for Company staff. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this worthwhile reduction should write to [REDACTED], saying whether or not the book can be collected and enclosing a cheque (for £6.95 if you are collecting the book, or for £7.55 if it is to be sent by post), made payable to [REDACTED]. Full details of the publication were given in issue 321 and those who have seen other Transport Publishing Co. publications will know that they are excellent.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FSV CIRCLE The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 2nd March from 7pm in meeting room No. 1, Second Floor, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

HCVC YORKSHIRE SECTION The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March. At this meeting a speaker from Bradford Industrial Museum will give a talk on "The Makings of an Industrial Museum."

PRESS DAY for the March issue will be on Saturday 4th March and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date to [REDACTED].

1. FLEET CHANGES

NEW VEHICLES

1991	WVY121S	Bristol VRTSL6G	?	ECW22736	H43/31FD	9020kg
1992	WVY122S	Bristol VRTSL6G	?	ECW22737	H43/31FD	9020kg
1993	WVY123S	Bristol VRTSL6G	?	ECW22738	H43/31FD	9020kg
1994	WVY 124S	Bristol VRTSL6G	?	ECW22739	H43/31FD	9020kg
-	WUM664S	Ford Escort Car Area Engineer (West)		New 12/77		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1992 was delivered during Christmas week; 1994 on 4th January and 1991/3 later in January, all to Grove Park

The Company have kindly supplied information explaining the acquisition of the Bedford coaches from Trent. They were surplus to requirements at Trent and have very low mileages, it is hoped that they will help out with short distance work, York City Tours etc.

The cost of new coaches, which do not attract any bus grant, was £29,000 in 1977 and this means that unless a substantial workload exists for such coaches, the price required is more than the selling price that can be obtained. By having a small number of coaches purchased cheaply it is hoped to be able to do more business because the selling price will not have to include high depreciation charges. This is in the nature of an experiment and, if successful, the vehicles would be replaced by similar low mileage coaches released from other companies. The Company are not acquiring the three Trent Leyland Leopards 60-2 (JCH60-2D).

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

1047	from KEIGHLEY	(delicensed)	31.1.78
1212	from WETHERBY	"	"
1213	from C.R.W. SPARE	"	"
1214	from HARROGATE	"	"
1416	from HARROGATE	"	"
1991/2/3/4	(NEW)	to KEIGHLEY	1.2.78
1159	from KEIGHLEY	to BRADFORD	"
1206/7	from LEEDS	to C.R.W. SPARE	"
1224	from LEEDS	to HARROGATE	"
1225	from LEEDS	to WETHERBY	"
1261/4/74/9	from KEIGHLEY	to LEEDS	"

NOTES

1. This is the first move since new for 1159, a former Keighley - West Yorkshire vehicle.

STORED VEHICLES

HARROGATE 1214 stored behind Grove Park since mid November, has at last been delicensed, Presumably it has a mechanical defect to account for its inactivity. 1078, "missing" last month, is now behind Grove Park. The two stored in York field must therefore be 1080 (ex Keighley) and 1081 (ex York).

WITHDRAWALS

31st December 1977:- NWU 540K (Car); XWT 448L (Bedford CF van)
 31st January 1978:- 1208/12/3/4 all to "Held in Reserve".

SALES AND DISPOSALS

5th January 1978:- NWU540K to [REDACTED] (West Yorkshire Staff).
 " 4042 and XWT 448L both to [REDACTED]

	<u>FLEET TOTAL</u>			
	<u>WY</u>	<u>YWY</u>		
Licensed:-	428	84	1.2.78	1.2.77
Delicensed:-	20	2	512	504
	448	86	22	37
			534*	541

*The Fleet Total excludes 1208/12/3/4.

2. VEHICLE NOTES

OVERHAULS

December 1977:- 1091/2/3/4
January 1978:- 1337/8/41

REPAINTS

December 1977:- 1089/90, 1215/21/45/60, 1378
January 1978:- 1946

UNLADEN WEIGHTS

1220 now carries an unladen weight of 7-11-0 (ex 7-11-2).
1337/8/41 all 7836 kg. The unladen weight of 1413 is 8-17-2
(ex 8-12-0) following repaint in March 1977.

LIVERY CHANGES

New logo:- 1215/21/45/60, 1307/37/8/41/78, 1946
Red/White:- 1946 (ex Silver).
White band under windscreen:- 1428

The situation with 1301/7, queried in the September 1977 issue, has now been clarified. 1301 has plain white NBC emblems, whilst 1307 has the new logo.
1428, although having received a white band below the windscreen, does not carry the new logo and retains fleet numbers in the old positions.

GENERAL NEWS

The fitting of small white plates bearing the red/blue NBC logo to the dual purpose SRG'S appears to be standard, all those overhauled so far having been done.

Perhaps resulting from 1448's fire, all Leyland Nationals now have emergency engine stop buttons; these are thought in at least some cases to have been fitted since the vehicles were new.

1041, due to have been repainted into dual purpose livery in October/November 1977, is still running in National White.

Tree lopper 4025, 41 years old this year (nearly as old as the Company itself!) was, as usual, pressed into service as a snowplough during the January snows. It also featured in what must be the most embarrassing sight of February, when on the 7th it had to tow the Leeds towing lorry, 4037, to Harrogate for repairs.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS

The "Wright and Harris" garden merchants side advert has ceased in York.

New adverts at York include "Are you Game" a lower rear for Newitts Sports Shop; "Good Old Fashioned Security" a side advert on LH/RELL/Nationals for Scarborough Building Society, and "The White Garage for your new Volvo" on the rear of 1212. 3821 and 3962 have lost their "Guardian Royal Exchange Insurance" side adverts, whilst the "Sundella" soft drinks rear advert appears on 1370/96 as a lower and on 3923/69 as an upper advert.

New inside adverts are for "Scarborough Building Society" (at York depot); "More than a driving force"; "Go Home with National"; "See more of Britain with National" and "50 years Anniversary of West Yorkshire". There are two versions of the last, one showing a Leyland National and the other a 1932 Leyland Tiger TS4 coach, in 4 colours.

3. SERVICE CHANGES

The following applications have been made:-

VARIATIONS

STAGE CARRIAGE

S.687 BW25/425 92 Malton (Rowan Ave) - Norton (Beverley Road)

To extend the service from Beverley Road to Langley Drive, Hambleton Estate.

NEW SERVICES

ERTS:

T.102 BW 25/910 From Airton (Newfield Hall)

To take over without modification the licence held by Ribble Motor Services Ltd BR 21/145

T.103 BW25/911 from Hellifield (Black Horse Hotel)

To take over without modification the licence held by Ribble Motor Services Ltd BR 21/205.

4. OPERATING NOTES

HARROGATE: 1068 was noted on route 10 at 0810 on 3/1 and the same day 3171 (Yk loan H) worked the 1330 to Farnham (16) and 1615 to Kettlesing (24). On 4/1, the 0810 Penny Pot Lane (10) was worked by newly transferred 1038, and 3171 was on the 0910 York (84). On 13/1 an unusual visitor to Harrogate was Metro Bradford Fleetline 2277 on learner duties! 1037 was on routes 7/776 on 14/1. Coaches observed on 27/1 were 1063 on London (302), 1068 on route 653, 1033 on route 23A and 1060 on Leeds - Sunderland (359).

ILKLEY In Ilkley garage on 22/1 were 1105 (B) and 1220 (CRW).

LEEDS Noted on Leeds - Scarborough (43) have been 1240 (L loan M) on 11 and 12/1; 1414 (L) on 8/1; 1379 (W loan L) on 17/1; 1373 (L) and 3331 (YK) on 19/1 and 1209 (M) on 21/1. York West Yorkshire RELLS are not uncommon on this route on Sundays. On 2035 Leeds - York on 24/12 was 1254 (K loan YK) whilst on 1805 Leeds - York on 26/1 was 1015(L). On 0715 Leeds-York on 3/1 was 1370 (YK loan L) and on 6/1 1345 (YK loan L). On 1725 York-Leeds (43A) have been 1158 (W loan L) on 28/12; 1353 (L) on 9/1; 1056 (L) on 11/1; 1015 (L) on 17/1; 1444 (L) on 25/1; 1011 (L) on 26/1; 1053 (L) on 27/1 and 1247 (L) on 30/1. On Leeds - Bridlington (44/45) have been 1283 (W loan L) on 29/12; EYMS 158 (DBB158C), Leyland Leopard/Alexander also on 29/12, and 1449 (L) on 12/1. On 21/1, 1251 (H loan L) was on Leeds-Pocklington (44B). 1011 (L) was on Leeds-Wetherby (740) on 21/1. 1252 (H loan L) was on Leeds-Knaresborough (740) on 28/12 and On 17/1, 1370 (YK loan L) was on Leeds-Tadcaster (742). On 12/1, 1371 (YK loan L) was on Leeds-Scholes (745).

MALTON A visit on 28/12/77 found 1153(M), 1209(M), 1262/97 in the garage 1356/72/96 (all YK loan M) on Leeds-Scarborough, 1296 (YK) on Malton-Huttons (83), 1315 (YK) on 94 and 1345 (YK in Scarborough on 84, having worked 1105 ex Harrogate, usually a Harrogate car. During January, Malton have used the following vehicles on Leeds-Scarborough (43):- 1209/1334/5/9/1403 (all M); 1240 (L), 1267/96/7, 1315/33/45/56/70/1/2/96, 1481 (all YK), 1334 and 1403 have been used the most frequently.

YORK On 3/1, 1318 was on 79, 1396 on Y14, 3461 on Y13 and 1335 on Y24. 1268 was on 79 on 4/1. On 5/1, 1226 was on Y14, 3431 on Y13, 1466 on 84 and 3832 on 80. 3171 was on Y9, 3174 on Y13 and 1207 on 79 all on 6/1. On 9/1, 3175 was on Y24, 3818 on 80, and 1437 on 84. On 10/1 1339 was on Y15, 3330 on Y21 and 1390 on 0955 York-Leeds (43A). On 11/1, 1262 was on Y21, 3174 on Y24 and 1209 on 80. 1315 was on 85 on 12/1 and on 15/1, 1345 was on Y13. On 13/1 1335 was on Y13, 3950 on Y21, 3929 on 46A and 3459 on Y2. On 16/1 3832 was on 80 and 3921 on Y20. On 17/1 1240 was on 43 and 1262 on Y19. On 18/1, 1268 was on Y13 and 3838 on 80. On 20/1 1335 was on Y9 and 1262 on 82. On 23/1, 1401 was on Y13 and 1413 worked 0955 York-Leeds (43A). The following day 1005 was on this duty and also on 24/1, 1267 was on Y9, 1770 on Y2 and 3829 on Y11. On 25/1, 3916 was on 79 and on 26/1, 1226 was on Y9, 1411 on 84, 3836 on 46A and United 1608 on Scarborough (143). On 27/1 1268 was on Y13 and 1267 on Y9. 1443 was on 84 on 30/1. The last day of January found 1770 on Y10, 1401 on Y13 and 3171 on York-Tadcaster (43). On 5/1, 1254 (O loan YK) was on 1650 York - Warthill (Y14); 3174 (YK) worked 1795 to Strensall (Y12) and 1153 (M loan YK) was on Y11A/21. On 6/1, 1335 (YK) was on Leeds-Bridlington (44), showing Leeds/Wellington Street.; 1411 (H) was at Nessgate, York, heading for York Depot, and West Riding RELL6G 291 in Silver Jubilee Livery was on 1609 York-Whitley (495). On 20/1, East Yorkshire Leyland Leopard/Alexander 157 (ex North Western) was on 1325 York-Hull (46C) with East Yorkshire 880 on the 1530 journey. The same day 1011 (L) was on Leeds - York (43A) 1267 on Leeds - Scarborough (43); United RELM 6127 was on Ripon (143), 1262 (YK) on Y15A; 1382 (H) on Harrogate-Scarborough (84) and 1043 on Y11A on 1600 Station - Hungtington N. Moor duplicate - this duty then goes on to Rowntrees Works Special. Also on 20/1, 3955 was at York Station showing "Haxby/Oaken Grove", this vehicle having a new blind. On 21/1, Eastern Scottish Seddon/Alexander ZS684C was on the Humber Scot (322). On 24/1 1088 (YK) was on 1650 York - Warthill (Y14) and an unidentified YVR was on 82.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

957 BWR, 281/3/5 BWU, 574 EWX, AWU 467B (Ex 1743/57/9/61/3/5, FS6B, sold Hartwood Exports (Machinery) Ltd, Barnsley 9/77). All being overhauled by "British Double-Deckers Ltd", Charfield, Gloucestershire, 11/77, prior to export.

6. TEN YEARS AGO

Preliminary details were given in the February 1968 issue of the Spring Tour which has to be to Staffordshire, using an ex Ledgard Ford Coach.

Three new vehicles entered service - SRG 74 at Bradford, SRG 75 at Keighley and SRG 76 at York. A further 3 SEW's and a DBW had been withdrawn. The first 37 Ledgard vehicles had been sold, mostly to Norths, but 5 to H & C Transport, Garston, and a Leyland Tiger Cub to Eddie Brown, Helperby. Only one Bristol had been sold, this being SBW 24 which had gone to Harrogate High School and was being prepared for a tour of Israel and Turkey.

The Most interesting working of a large number recorded was probably the use of YDG 86 on 27th January on York - Leeds (43) and return as a replacement for an SRG.

A large amount of Sold Stock News was included much of which was the date of scrapping of a number of K6B's and L5G's.

7 OTHER INFORMATION

STUDY OF 1470

January: 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16th on route 11; 17th on routes 2/3/29/School Special 215 in the morning; 18/20th on route 11; 28th on route 12; 30th on route 11; 31st on routes 25/24.

February: 2nd on routes 24/78/10.

31 "Destination Blind (Otley) - as fitted to 1254

White blank; Private, School Special; Works Special: Crompton
Parkinson; StoneTrough; Yeadon; Horsforth; Weston Circular;
Otley; Newall Circular; Dyneley Arms; Arthington; Ben Rhydding;
Eurley; Ilkley; Leeds; Otley; Menston; Rawdon; Bradford; Skipton;
Tadcaster; Harrogate; Scholes;

White Blank. This blind also has "Keighley" and "Pool" added in
ink.