

# WEST YORKSHIRE

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Service who have contributed towards the production of the Bulletin in 1961, and I hope that they will continue their good work in 1962.

There have been unfortunate delays which have affected the production of the Bulletin. I refer to the November and December issues which had to be combined. I cannot refer to the reasons for this delay, but I can assure you that this should not happen again. To the small minority of members who have shown their dis-satisfaction about this matter, I would like to point out that the production of the Bulletin is voluntary, and if any members will offer to help in producing the Bulletin, or help in any other way, I shall be very pleased to find them something to do.

The attendance at the Jubilee Celebrations proved to me that the W.Y.I.S. has a hard core of good supporters, and that the Service is very much alive. Consequently a meeting has been arranged in March with the kind approval of the Company. It will be held at 7 o'clock on Saturday March 24th in the Cafe at Wellington Street, Leeds. I hope that we may also have a tour arranged for some time in the Spring. More details will follow in the February Bulletin.

In conclusion I would like to ask all members to continue to send their contributions for the bulletin to their Depot Correspondents, and not to be too despondent if their contribution does not appear at their first attempt. Please remember, every little helps, and after all the success of the Service does depend on YOU.

### PERSONAL

We wish Members and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please send these to [redacted] as soon as possible. As announced last month the Subscription for 1962 is 7/6d. No further bulletins will be sent to Members who do not renew by 31st January.

### PRESS DAY

For the February issue this will be Tuesday 30th January. Please send items to [redacted].

### 1. FLEET CHANGES

#### New Vehicles.

In line with the policy of other similar organisations it has been decided to revise certain of the symbols used to describe body types. In future 'L' will denote a body of lowbridge type with offset upper deck gangway, and 'H' will apply to all bodies with the Normal upper deck design. In other words the designation will apply to the design rather than the height of the body. Thus the Lodekka body will in future become just 'H'. The chassis description indicates that the body must be of the 'Lodekka' design. The figure '8' to denote an 8' wide vehicle will be used only to describe an 8' wide body mounted on a 7'6" chassis - as far as "West Yorkshire" is concerned, this applies to SGW 1-8. Here again the chassis type indicates the width of the vehicle. Finally 'DP' - dual purpose will be used instead of 'S' - semi luxury. These revised symbols are being incorporated in the new edition of Part I of the Fleet List which is now in course of preparation.

DX 120 2016 YG Bristol FS6B 170029 ECW 12436 H 33/27 RD

(DX 120 was delivered in November and stored at HARROGATE depot).

#### Allocations and Transfers.

The Editor apologises for a number of errors and omissions in the previous issue. DX 46 was delicensed from HARROGATE. CUG 31 was transferred from BRADFORD to HARROGATE on 11/11/61 (this vehicle was used on our tour on 25th November). DX 31 was not transferred to ILKLEY - it remains at LEEDS.

Allocations and Transfers  
(Continued).

DX 79, 80					1/11/61
DX 8	from	LEEDS	to	ILKLEY	1/12/61
DX 120		(delicensed)		BRADFORD	"
SG 106		(now)		HARROGATE	31/12/61
SG 109	from	KEIGHLEY		(delicensed)	"
SGW 9	"	BRADFORD		"	"
SUG 20	"	LEEDS		"	"
SUG 59	"	YORK		"	"
CUG 31	"	KEIGHLEY		"	"
KDG 16, 26	"	HARROGATE		"	"
DB 1	"	KEIGHLEY		"	"
DB 5	"	LEEDS		"	"
YDB 67, 70	"	HARROGATE		"	"
DBW 19	"	YORK		"	"
SGW 11	"	LEEDS		"	1/1/62
KDG 51, 52		(delicensed)	to	KEIGHLEY	"
DB 19		"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
KDB 26		"	"	LEEDS	"
DBW 3		"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
SUG 31	from	HARROGATE	"	BRADFORD	"
				YORK	"

- Notes: (a) All vehicles are relicensed at their former Depots.  
(b) KDG 51, 52 have been off the road since 31/10/59.

	<u>Fleet Total</u>			<u>1/1/62</u>	<u>1/1/61</u>
	<u>C</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>D</u>		
Licensed	6	157	276	439	428
Unlicensed	30	47	22	99	98
	<u>36</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>526</u>

The totals published last month were incorrect. The correct figures were:  
Licensed - 7 coaches, 161 single deckers and 278 double deckers, total 446.  
Unlicensed - 29 coaches, 43 single deckers and 20 double deckers, total 92.

2. VEHICLE NOTESOverhauls

- October 1961 : SG 103, SG 146, SUG 10, SUG 28, SUG 30, CUG 1, DB 51  
YDB 78, DX 6, DX 49, DX 51.  
November 1961 : YSG 121, SUG 29, SUG 36, CUG 18, YDG 91, DBW 3, DBW 31,  
DX 8, DX 50.  
December 1961 : SB 12, SGW 11, SUG 48, DB 19, DB 24, KDB 26.

Livery Changes

- December 1961 : SUG 31, 48 Red and Cream to Red.

General News.

DX 120, KDX 133-135 are generally similar to YDX 128, 129 : they have black rubber surrounds to windows etc.,  
DBW 31 was fitted with an external front indicator handle on overhaul - all double deckers now have this feature.  
DX 30 was fitted with a short fibre glass radiator grille in November.

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SERVICE ALTERATIONSStage Carriage ServicesSERVICE 64A SHIPLEY - WROUSE (Whitton Lea)

This service was discontinued after 19th December. The timetable remains unchanged but all journeys now terminate at Westfield Lane, the service 64 terminus.

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OPERATING DETAILS.Loadmeter Checking.

November 1961	:	York - Warthill	(574)	SUG 8 (York Depot)
		York - Wetherby	(57)	DX 54 (York Depot)
November/December 1961	:	Leeds - York	(43)	DX 56 (Leeds Depot)
				DX 54 (York Depot)

Depot Reports.Bradford

SGL 7 and SUG 52 both appeared on Bradford - Otley (53) on 26th October due to a shortage of double deckers.

The Bradford - Scarborough route is maintained normally by SUGs but on 18th October EUG 74 (B) was noted, and on Christmas Eve SBW 31 (B). Even more unusually SG 110 (B) worked the 2.30pm from Bradford on 27th December.

Until being relicensed EUGs were regular performers on the 8.30am Calverley - Bradford (30 Dup), but since November SG, SBW, and DBW types have been noted and on 28th November KSG 21 (K) was observed. On 28th November both full day duties on Bradford - Leeds (30) were, unusually, worked by Lodokkas, DX 46, 60. This type are the regular vehicles for the Harrogate routes, but on 4th December DB 45 (B) was on the 5.25pm to Harrogate (53) and DBW 18 (B) on the 5.40pm departure on 51. The following day DGW 1 (B) and DX 62 (L) respectively were on these two duties. The latter vehicle was also seen working for Bradford on routes 30/31 and 53 during the same week. The car which works the 6.25am Bradford - Leeds and 7.20am Leeds - Bradford (30) has for some time then worked empty to Wrose, 8.27am Wrose - Shipley (64 Dup) followed by school special duties between Shipley, Baildon and Saltaire, returning to Bradford as a duplicate on 67. With the introduction of the increased frequency to Wrose, this vehicle now proceeds direct to Shipley as a duplicate to the 8.25am Bradford - Harrogate (53) to take up its rota from there. The inaugural service on the short lived 64A route was worked by DX 23 (B). SBW 14 (K) was on 64 on 25th October and SB 134 (B) on 22nd November.

Although relicensed to Harrogate on 1st December DB 49 worked the 4.30pm and 5.30pm Denholme (56) departures on this date. It had no indicator blinds fitted.

On Christmas Day the following vehicles were noted:-

- 30 (Bradford - Leeds) DX 4
- 55 (Bradford - Leeds) DX 15, DX 55
- 66 (Forster Square - Shipley) DX 48
- 59/61 (Bradford - Baildon) DX 32
- 50 (Bradford - Otley) DX 22
- 63 (Bradford - Ilkley) DX 23
- 67 (Bradford - Keighley) DX 29, DX 104.

The following hospital specials also ran:-

Grassington : SUG 14, SUG 52, Henston: DX 60, DX 68.

Middletown : DX 46: Woodlands : SEW 16, SEW 22.

It will be noted that all double deckers in service on Christmas Day were Lodokkas.

Harrogate

SB 14 began duplicating the 5.40pm Bus Station - Pannal Ash (7) again during October. It will be recalled that it shared this duty with SB 11 last Winter. During the Summer the regular duplicates were SG 8, SG 154-6, but SUG 8, 9 were observed on occasions. The last day of DG operation of Harrogate routes was on 30th November a survey of the double deck routes on this and the following day revealed the following observations:-

Route	30th November	1st December
1/2 (Harrogate - Starbeck)	DE 30, 33 DB 5.	DB 46, 52, DX ?
3 (Bachelor Gardens - Harlow Park)	LB 39, 43	DB 5, 63.
9 (New Park - Oatlands)	EB 47, 63	DB 41, 43
11/12 (Hilton - Woodlands)	EG 34, 37, 43	DB 39, 49, 53

The observer reader will notice that DB 49 was recorded as working for both Bradford and Harrogate depots on 1st December.

It is of interest to note that services 1/2 are worked by single deckers between 10.0am and 3.0pm on early closing day, Wednesday.

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Depot Reports (Continued)Harrogate (Continued)

On 25th November YDX 88 (YK/H) was noted on the 2.5pm departure to Scarborough - an unusual working during Winter. "United" have re-introduced double deckers on Ripon - Harrogate (UAS 126 WX 36). Loddicks BL 13, 22, 23 have been seen. Some years ago 500s (BCL) were used but were later replaced by BU 45 seaters.

Keighley

KD3 17 (SK) worked the evening duties on Keighley - Skipton (67) on 16th October.

The 67 route has also provided other interesting observations. EX 87 (SK) was on the 8.25am Pingley - Keighley (Dup) on 26th October and on this and the two subsequent days KDB 28 was operating from Skipton. Similarly KDX 71 was used by Skipton on the 11th to 14th November. KDB 28 was on X.67 on 30th December.

EX 35 (SK) was working from Keighley on 31 (Leeds) on 28th October and on 2nd January EB 23 (L) was on a Keighley duty which covers the 3.20pm Leeds - Bradford (30), 4.13pm Bradford - Keighley (67 Dup), 5.30pm Keighley - Bradford (67) 6.25pm Bradford - Leeds (30), then 7.35pm Leeds - Keighley and back, and the 10.5pm Leeds - Keighley (31). DX 79 (I) and DX 103 (K) worked routes 31 (Keighley - Leeds) and 57 (Keighley - Bradford) respectively on Christmas Day.

Leeds

DBW 17 made an appearance on the 9.15pm Leeds - York (43) on 29th November, an unusual route for this type these days.

Skipton

SUG 2 was noted on the 11.30am Skipton - Tadcaster (76) on 28th December.

Wetherby

A Leeds double decker appears to have taken over from the Wetherby single decker on the 7.23am Tadcaster - York (88). It evidently returns from York on the 8.5am to Rufforth (95) and 8.35am Bilton (Wesleyan Chapel) to Wetherby (96). DGT 9 was on this duty on 16th October and DBW 13 on 2nd November.

York

SG 107/36, SGW 7, 10, EDW 4, 7, 8 were noted on race specials on 4th and 5th October. New Loddicks YDX 128/129 worked on South Bank - Fulford/Broadway (Y4/4A) on their first day in service.

Christmas Day is the easiest day of the year to conduct a survey of operational. There were 14 vehicles in service, all Loddicks: YDX 72, 73, 84, 86 - 92, 128/129 on local services and DX 34 on Scarborough (43) and DX 113 on Harrogate (74).

5. SOLD STOCK NEWSWX 8408

(ex 692 A.E.C. Regal)  
Caravan Fraddon 11/53; ex Bennett, Fraddon.

DWT 776

(ex 981, Bristol J05G)  
Showman's vehicle, noted Laisterdyke 6.10.61.

6. OTHER INFORMATION.

Western National No. 651, 420HDV, Bristol SUL44 (i.e. Albion engine), Chassis Number 190020 with E.C.W. B36F body was on loan for about a week at the beginning of December. It visited York on 1st December and was at Harrogate the following day. It is thought to have gone to Grassington also. This vehicle, which is one-man operated, was then returned to Western National's Taunton depot. A similar vehicle is used by Western National on its Lymouth - Minchod service, which involves negotiating the 1 in  $\frac{3}{2}$  of Foxlock Hill.

Another visitor, on 8th October, was Tillings 5BXB, Bristol MW, chassis 184048 with a new style BCW coach body (G34F, No.12223) which was at Grove Park, Harrogate for demonstration purposes.

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6. OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

Harrogate

Bus Shelters have been erected on the Lower Station Parade side of the Bus Station. One is already in use for New Park, Bilton and Bachelor Gardens. The three large doors in the side of the depot at Grove Park have been removed and the openings bricked up. A small door has been made at the lower end.

Bristol Chassis Types

In issue 109, March 1960, we published some information on the SUS and SUL chassis. Fuller details are as follows:-

Type SUS 'Small capacity, Underfloor-engined Short' - 12'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wheelbase for 30 seater stage carriage body (24'4" x 7'6")  
(Photograph: 'Bus and Coach' April 1960, page 143).

Type SUL 'Small capacity, Underfloor-engined Long' - 15' wheelbase  
(a) for 36 seater stage carriage body (28'2" x 7'6")  
(b) for 33 seater coach body (27'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7'6").  
(Photographs of both these appeared in 'Bus and Coach' August 1961 page 306)

Note: the extra length of the SUL is not that of the luggage boot, as was stated in issue No. 109.

DEPOT ALLOCATION - 1st JANUARY 1962

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<u>BRADFORD</u> :	SG 104/10/12/14/20/34/48	
B: - 24 51	SGL 2/3/7	
	SEW 16/20/22/31/32	
	SUG 13/14/35/36/39/40/41/52/53	
	DB 2/3/7/8/9/16/18/21/22/25/37/38/40/45/61/62	
	DEW 2/3/4/10/16/20/22/30	
	DGW 1/3	
	DX 3/4/8/10/11/15/16/21..24/29/30/32/46/48/50/55/60/64/67/68	
	DX 78,104/05	<u>Total = 75</u>
	Service vehicles :- 1002/06	
	Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 109/53/55, SB 2/11/16, EEW 5, EUG 65/66/71-74, CUG 5/11/22/29/30/32, DG 6.	
<u>GRASSINGTON</u> :	SG 103	
G: - 4 -	SUG 2/3/5	<u>Total = 4</u>
<u>HARROGATE</u> :	SG 105/08/19/39/47/49	
H: 3 30 36	SGL 11/12/13/15	
	SEW 30/35	
	SUG 6/8/9/24-28/30/32/34/42/54/55/56	
	EBW 4/6	
	EUG 82	
	CUG 12/13/19	
	DB 39/41/43/46-49/51/52/53/59/63	
	DEW 7/8/23/26	
	DX 2/53/54/56/59/61/63/65/66/97-100/09/10/11/14/15/16/20	
	Service vehicles :- 1015/16/18/21/22/24/25	<u>Total = 69</u>
	Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 154/56, SB 8/14, EEW 7/8/9, EUG 70, (Grove Park) CEW 10, CUG 3/4/10/23-28/31, DG 30/33/34/37/43/46, DB 5, DX 1.	
	(Works) :- SUG 20, CUG 2/21, YDG 92, DB 24/50.	
<u>ILKLEY</u> :	SGL 14	
I: - 5 6	SEW 17/26/33	
	SUG 50	
	DX 38/52/79/80	
	KDX 40/42	
		<u>Total = 11</u>
<u>KEIGHLEY</u> :	SG 137/38/41/44/50	
K: 3 17 50	KSGL 18/20-23	
	SGW 11/12	
	SEW 13/14/19/28	
	SUG 4	
	CUG 15/16/18	
	KDG 18/19/21/23/51/52	
	KDB 10-15/26-35/54-57	
	DX 5/26/27/28/83,101/02/03	
	KDX 39/41/43/69/70/71/75/76/77/93-96,133/34/35	
	Service vehicle :- 1020	<u>Total = 70</u>
	Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 106, SB 3, SUG 59, EEW 3, EUG 68, CUG 14, KDG 16/20/24/26.	

COLOURED DISCS - DEPOT CODE

BRADFORD ... ..	Blue	KEIGHLEY	
HARROGATE		(including Grassington,	
(including Pateley Bridge)	... Green	Ilkley and Skipton) ...	... Grey
LEEDS		YORK	
(including Wetherby)	... .. Maroon	(including Melton	
		and Scarborough)	... .. Yellow

C. S. D.

LEEDS : SG 107/36/46  
 L: - 31 50 SGW 1/4-3/10  
 SGW 15/18/27/29  
 CP 13/15  
 SUG 17/16/21/22/37/38/43-47/49/51/57/58  
 DB 1/2/19/20/23/36/42/44/58/60  
 DEW 1/6/12/13/15/16/17/21/24/28/29/32  
 LGW 2/5/6/9/10  
 BX 7/10/13/14/17-20/31/44/49/51/62/81/82, 106/07/08/17/18/19  
 Service vehicles :- 1001/23 Total = 61  
 Stored (unlicensed) :- SGW 9, SB 5/6/10/12, SUG 48/60-63,  
 EBW 1/2, EUG 76-79, CBW 11/12,  
 CUG 6-9/17/20, DG 9/12, DB 1, DEW 19.

PATELEY BRIDGE : SGL 4/5/6  
 PB: - 5 - SUG 1/7 Total = 5  
 Stored (unlicensed) : EUG 64/75.

SKIPTON : SGL 8/9/10  
 SK: - 5 3 KSEL 19  
 SUG 10  
 KDG 17  
 DX 35/47 Total = 8

WETHERBY : SGW 2/3  
 W: - 4 5 SUG 11/12  
 DEW 33  
 LGW 2/4/7  
 DX 25 Total = 9

YORK : SG 102/13/35/40/42/43/45  
 (including YSG 121-30  
 Malton and SGL 1/16/17  
 Scarborough) SBW 21/23/24/25/34  
 SUG 17/18/19/23/29/31/33  
 YK: - 32 75 YDG 55-65/82-91  
 YDB 64/71-91  
 DEW 9/11/14/25/27/31/34  
 DX C/9/33/34/36/37/45/57/58,112/13  
 YDX 72/73/74/84-92,128/29 Total = 107  
 Service vehicles :- Y1005,1017  
 Stored (unlicensed) :- EUG 67, CP 1, CUG 1, YDB 67/70.

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SUMMARY OF VEHICLE TYPES

Bedford OB : CP 1	(1)	Bristol K5G : DG 6/9/12/16-21/23/24/ 26/30/33/34/37/43/46/ 51/52/55-65/82-92	(42)
Bristol L5G : SG 102-10/12-14/19-30/ 34-50/53-56	(45)	Bristol K6B : DB 1-57/64/67/70-81	(71)
Bristol LL5G : SGL 1-23, SGW 1-8	(31)	Bristol K86B : DB 58-63/82-91	(16)
Bristol LWL5G: SGW 9-12	(4)	Bristol KSW6B: DEW 1-34	(34)
Bristol L6B : SB 2/3/5/6/8/10-16	(12)	Bristol KSN6G: DGW 1-10	(10)
Bristol LWL6B: SBW 13-35, EBW 1-9, CBW 10-12	(35)	Bristol LD6B: DX 1	(1)
Bristol LS5G : SUG 1-63, EUG 64-68	(68)	Bristol LD6B : DX 2/5-47/49-81/83	(78)
Bristol LS6G : CUG 1-20	(20)	Bristol LD6G : DX 3/4/48	(3)
Bristol MW5G : EUG 70-80/82	(12)	Bristol FSP6B: DX 82	(1)
Bristol MW6G : CUG 21-32	(12)	Bristol FSB6B : DX 84-120/27/28/33-35	(42)
		<u>Total = 538</u>	