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### LEEDS MEETING - Saturday, 21st November 1959 :

Time: 6.30 p.m. for 6.45 start. Place: Wellington Street Bus Station Cafe, Leeds (by kind permission of the Company). This will be an important business meeting and members are asked to make every effort to attend. If time permits, the evening will conclude with a quiz conducted by [REDACTED].

### HARROGATE DISTRICT TOUR - Sunday, 27th September 1959 :

29 members and friends took part in this tour, the first part of which, on one of the Road-bodied Bristol K5G vehicles (DG 33), covered route 1 to Starbeck, 16 to Knaresborough, 14 to Boroughbridge and Aldborough, and 14A to Roecliffe, before returning to Harrogate where a change was made to DX 1, the second prototype Lodekka. DX 1 traversed Harrogate local routes 12 to Bilton, 13 to St. George's Road, 1 to Oatlands, and then went to Spofforth over route 76, before returning to Harrogate at the close of the tour.

Both vehicles had been touched up for the occasion and were of very smart appearance. Driver [REDACTED], of Harrogate Depot, drove both vehicles, and our thanks go to him, and to the Company for their kind co-operation throughout the tour. (JBP)

### BULLETIN ITEMS :

Notes for inclusion in the November issue of the Bulletin, and until further notice, should be sent to [REDACTED]. We were pleased to receive notes from one or two new members last month, and we hope that this will continue, as well as inspiring other new members to contribute items of interest. Please send them to arrive by "Press Day".

[REDACTED], Assistant Secretary of the West Yorkshire Road Car Co. Ltd., has been appointed Secretary as from 1st October 1959. He succeeds [REDACTED].

### PERSONAL :

We offer our congratulations to [REDACTED] on his marriage to [REDACTED] at Calverley Parish Church on 5th September. Two other members, [REDACTED], acted as groomsmen.

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PRESS DAY FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE - TUESDAY, 27th OCTOBER  
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### 1. FLEET CHANGES

#### Allocations & Transfers

	(delicensed)	to	BRADFORD (delicensed)	4/9/59 30/9/59
DG 13	YORK			
YSG 125	LEEDS			
SG 148	YORK			
SGL 15,17	BRADFORD			
SUG 40-45	LEEDS			
SUG 46-49,51	ILKLEY			
EB 2	BRADFORD			
EB 4,15,16	LEEDS			
EB 5-7,9,10,12	HARROGATE			
EB 8,14	KEIGHLEY			
EUG 59	LEEDS			
EUG 61-63,76,77	YORK			
EUG 67	SKIPTON			
EUG 68	BRADFORD			
EUG 72-74,78,79	HARROGATE			
EUG 75	YORK			
CP 1	KEIGHLEY			
CUG 11	BRADFORD			
CUG 15	HARROGATE			
CUG 19	YORK			
KDB 15	KEIGHLEY			
DB 4,41	BRADFORD			
DB 42,60	LEEDS			
DEW 22	BRADFORD			
DEW 34	YORK			
LGW 7	KEIGHLEY			
DX 54	HARROGATE			
DX 55	BRADFORD			



VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls

August 1959 : DB 1.  
 September 1959 : SBW 26, SUG 2, SUG 5, DB 8, KDB 31,  
 YDB 84, DEW 20, DGW 1, DX 12, DX 53.

General News

Alterations have been made to the seating arrangements in 965 & SG 101, at present at WETHERBY. A number of seats have been removed, others have been re-arranged; and tables have been fitted so that the vehicles may be used for rest and canteen purposes. SG 101 has had the indicator glass painted over.

DEW 29 now has YORK discs (see Issue 101).

DX 49, which lost its off side fleet number plate (see Issue 101), now has transfers.

DX 78 is not fitted with air brakes as stated in Issue 103; Frankmann lubrimatic equipment is fitted and further deliveries of Lodekka vehicles are expected to be so equipped.

SUG 52, SUG 53 and SUG 54 have recently been fitted with an exhaust boiler; further vehicles are to be done totalling 11 in all.

3. SERVICE ALTERATIONSStage Carriage RoutesSERVICE 19SERVICE 20

KNARESBOROUGH - SCOTTON - LINGERFIELD - BREARTON  
KNARESBOROUGH - SCRIVEN GREEN

The alterations to these services (See Issue 99) were introduced in May of this year.

Express ServicesYORKSHIRE - BLACKPOOL

The refreshment halt on the Doncaster-Blackpool service, previously the Penbryn Cafe, Billington Whalley, will in future be the Fielden Arms, Mellow Brook.

LEEDS - WETHERBY

The express service which operates between Leeds and Wetherby (Market Place) on the occasion of race meetings, is to be extended via High Street, North Street, York Road and the new A.1 to the Race Course. This will save race-goers a considerable walk from the Market Place to the Race Course. The return route will be via the new A.1, old A.1, to the Market Place, then old A.1, A.58, Collingham, Bardsley, then as authorised, with a condition that fully loaded vehicles for Leeds may by-pass Wetherby.

4. OPERATING DETAILSLoadmeter Checking

<u>Week Commencing</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Services</u>
Aug. 30th	YORK	DX 54,56,58,60,61	(9)	York Local Service(s)
Sept. 6th	YORK	DX 54,56,58,60,61	(10)	" " "
Sept. 13th	YORK	DX 54,56,58,60,61	(12)	" " "
Sept. 20th	YORK	DX 54,56,58,60,61	(various)	" " "

Depot Reports

**Bradford** : DB 40 (B) replaced the usual DX on Shipley-Wrose (64) on the evening of 1st August. Substitution by non-DX's is very rare.

DG 4 (L) was working for BRADFORD depot on Bradford-Keighley (67) on 31st August.

DX 68 (B) replaced DG 34 (B) on Shipley-Forster Square (66) on the evening of 8th September. This is an unusual changeover as DB's and the occasional DEW are used to replace DG's on this route.

SUG 17 (B) was on the 5.15 p.m. Bradford-Ilkley (68) on the tea-time of 8th September. The driver was heard to remark that "someone had 'pinched' his bus from the stand" !!

DX 78 (B) first appeared on 5th September working on Bradford-Harrogate (51/53), but was without destination blinds. It received blinds by 8th September, however. In the week commencing 20th September it was noted on Shipley-Wrose (64), and will probably spend three weeks on this route and three weeks on Services 51/53 alternately with DX 48 (Gardner 6LX).

DX 54 (H) worked for BRADFORD depot on Services 30/31 on 14th September. It was replaced at Seltaire at 4.24 p.m. by DX 47 (SK) - somewhat unusual to find a SKIPTON bus replacing a HARROGATE car on a BRADFORD duty running from LEEDS to KEIGHLEY !! How did it get from YORK to BRADFORD ?!

DX 67 or DX 68 (B) are often used on Shipley-Wrose (64) on Sundays, there being no service on X67.

4. OPERATING DETAILS

Depot Reports  
(contd)

Harrogate : SUG 8,9 (H) were working on local routes 4/5 (Raglan Street-Harlow Hill) during September. They also appear on 2/3 and 8 at varying intervals.

Ilkley: SUG 50 (I) or SUG 22 (until transferred away) were used most weekends on the Skipton-Scarborough or Skipton-Bridlington services. The vehicle was changed-over at Otley on Fridays at 5.35 p.m. usually with SG 137 (SK). The reverse change was usually effected in the following way - SUG 50 (or SUG 22) was sent 'light' to Keighley on Saturday nights with a Skipton driver, who then travelled passenger to Ilkley to collect SG 137 (or whatever vehicle had been loaned) and returned with it to Skipton. The SUG was returned from Keighley to Ilkley on Sundays.

EB 2,3 (I) were used on coastal duplication from Leeds on most Saturdays, though on occasions they went to other destinations among them Manchester.

Leeds : DG 44 (L) was noted on Service 31 on 14th September, and on Service 30 on 15th September - both rare observations. DG 30 (B) was similarly noted on 17th and 15th September respectively.

The allocation of the Leeds Depot EB's on Saturday, 5th September was as follows -

EB 5	-	7.35 a.m.	Leeds-Bramley-Rodley-Blackpool	(J.5)
EB 6	-	7.20 a.m.	Leeds-Pudsey-Farsley-Blackpool	(J.5)
EB 7	-	7.35 a.m.	Leeds-Newcastle	(TTM)
EB 9	-	8.35 a.m.	Leeds-Middlesbrough	(TTM)
EB 10	-	8.35 a.m.	Leeds-Newcastle	(TTM)
EB 11	-		Leeds-Scarborough	(PH)
EB 12	-		Leeds-Yeadon Airport	
EB 13	-		Leeds-Yeadon Airport	

This is fairly representative of the duties of these vehicles on a Saturday during the summer season. (TTM = Tyne, Tees, Mersey Service; PH = Private Hire).

Skipton : DK 47 (SK) has spent some time during September away at Keighley, and also Bradford. Replacements have included KDB 28, KDB 29 & DX 19 (K).

York : The annual meeting of the British Association was held here from 2nd to 9th September, and [redacted], the Company's General Manager, acted as Honorary Transport Officer. There was a good deal of extra activity during this period. Approximately 150 excursions were operated, some by York Pullman and H.C. Fawcett, West Yorkshire using CBW 2 & EUG 67 (YK), CBW 7,8,9,10 & EUG 56,64 (H loan YK), CBW 11,12 & EUG 62,63 (L loan YK). A special service (fare 6d) was also operated, starting at St. Johns College in Lord Mayor's Walk. Stops en route were at Bootham School, Queen Anne School, St. Peter's School, St. Leonards, Guse Bridge, Clifford Street, Castle Museum, St. Anthony's Hall, St. Maurice's Road, and back to St. Johns College (Service 'W') and in the reverse direction (Service 'Y'). Departures were at 10.45 & 11.20 a.m., 12.20 & 1.0 p.m. in each direction, journey time 30 minutes. YDX 72,73,74, and on one occasion YDG 83, operated these services.

Loadmeter activity has continued throughout the month - all York-West Yorkshire services YL-YL2 have been covered during recent operations, for the second time in the case of Y5/5A/6 and Y9.

Many DEW & DGW types have been seen on town services also, and MALTON Depot has used YDB's extensively.

On 10th September, SGW 9 (L) was on the 8.10 p.m. Thirsk (80) !

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

AWW 35 (ex-Y330, Bristol G05G, Sold W. North (dealer) Leeds 3/52)  
Still in use as a showman's vehicle - Hunslet Feast, Leeds 8/59.

AWW 165 (ex-925, Bristol J05G, Sold Radcliffe (showman) Leeds 10/52)  
Still in use as a showman's vehicle - Newcastle 6/59.

CWT 859 (ex-SG 9, Bristol L5G, Sold P.V.D. (dealer) 12/55)  
Still in use as a showman's vehicle - Newcastle 6/59.

DWW 586 (ex-SG 72, Bristol L5G, Sold G.Groves (dealer) 3/58)  
Now in use as a showman's vehicle - Newcastle 6/59.

\* THE OMNIBUS SOCIETY - NORTH WESTERN & YORKSHIRE BRANCH \*

Saturday, 14th November - Annual General Meeting at the Holdsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester at 4 pm followed by paper by [redacted], Assistant General Manager, Ribble Motor Services Ltd.