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SPRING TOUR - Sunday 20th May 1979

The vehicle we used for this Tour, 1223, was almost full by the time we left Leeds en route for Scunthorpe. There we were met by [REDACTED], who gave us the freedom of the premises and in addition produced very welcome cups of coffee for everyone. Duly refreshed, we travelled to Lincoln and after lunch the Works Superintendent, who gave us a conducted tour of the premises and was only too willing to answer our many questions. From there we went to the Lincoln Vintage Vehicle Society premises and we can but feel sorry for the organisers who were doing their best amid a sea of mud. A number of interesting vehicles were to be seen, and an unusual opportunity was to ride on the ex Blythe and Berwick and West Yorkshire Leyland Lion, KW474, which was giving free rides in company with the ex Bolton Titan TDL. From Lincoln we returned via Scunthorpe to Yorkshire, a little earlier than usual in view of the poor weather. Our thanks are due to all who played a part in organising the tour, and to [REDACTED] for driving us, as well as to all those members and friends who supported it.

It is, however, necessary to comment on the behaviour of one or two individuals on the Tour. When a bus is chocked up with all four wheels off, it is irresponsible of anyone to jump on to the platform and move around the vehicle, yet this is what happened. Any slight movement could have dislodged the chocks and a serious accident could have occurred. Irresponsible behaviour like this can jeopardise future visits to garages and workshops. Members are asked only to board vehicles at the invitation of the company official who is escorting us on our visit. Our party is there by invitation and any actions by a small irresponsible minority of it reflects on the "Service" as a whole, and in future such behaviour will not be tolerated.

AUTUMN TOUR In view of the rapidly diminishing number of Lodekkas in the Main fleet, it is proposed to hold a last Lodekka tour of main fleet routes, probably on Sunday October 14th. The Tour will include visits to Leeds, Otley, Ilkley, Skipton, Keighley, Bradford, Harrogate, Ripon and Wetherby and local routes within the bigger towns, the emphasis being on routes worked by Lodekkas over the years. It is hoped that sufficient support will be received to enable us to use two Lodekkas throughout the day, and in this case one will start and finish at York and the other at Bradford, the two vehicles meeting up and separating at Leeds. Further details will be given shortly to give plenty of time for bookings, but meanwhile members are asked to make a note of the date.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PSV CIRCLE The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 5th July, from 7pm, in meeting room 4, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

HVCV YORKSHIRE SECTION The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th July at 7.45 pm in the Metro Leeds Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds 1.

PRESS DAY for the July issue will be on Saturday 7th July and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED]

TRANS PENNINE RUN Sunday August 5th 1979
 Programme sellers and marshals are required for the above event and anyone prepared to assist should contact:-
 Marshals - [REDACTED]
 Programme Sellers - [REDACTED]

1. FLEET CHANGES

NEW VEHICLES

2345 GWU 560T Leyland PSU3E4R 7901000 Plaxton ? C49F 9045 kgs
 2346 GWU 561T Leyland PSU3E4R 7901074 Plaxton ? C49F 9045 kgs
 - BRDN 516T British Leyland Mini Orange New. 1/3/79 for Chief Inspector.

RENUMBERING

May 1979 - 1089/90 to 2101/2; 1038/57/60 to 2526/45/8;
 1055/64 to 2321/30. According to our records only 1046/56/8/65/6/8/93/4 remain to be renumbered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1008 - 10/2/4 have "chassis" numbers 06061/2/78/87/9, whilst 2561-4 have 7806738/41/7198, 7900089. The unladen weight of 1150 is 5383 kg

United LH 1504 was not last allocated to Richmond Depot as reported in issue 337, having been transferred from there to Bishop Auckland some time in 1978. The United allocation for 1st March 1979 shows 1503 at Ripon, 1504 at Bishop Auckland and 1511 at Pickering. 2345/6 have the 1979 design of frontal styling and are the first of the 1979 order for Leopard/Plaxtons.

Mini LBT 43T is used by the Mobile Inspectors.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

2564	(New)	to Harrogate (confirmed)	4.5.79
1158	from Leeds	C.R.W. Spare	"
1255	Harrogate	Leeds	"
2103	Harrogate	Bradford	20.5.79
2301	Keighley	Leeds	"
2345	(New)	Harrogate	"
2346	"	Bradford	"
1149	York	(Delicensed)	21.5.79
1715	Leeds	"	"
1786	Bradford	"	"
2499	CRW Spare	"	"
1166	(Withdrawn)	Harrogate	1.6.79
1251	Harrogate	Bradford	"
1333	Keighley	Harrogate	"
1771	CRW Spare	Leeds	"
2328	Harrogate	Leeds	"
2501	Leeds	CRW Spare	"
2526	Harrogate	Keighley	1.6.79
2549	Leeds	York	"
2558	Bradford	Leeds	"

Notes:- 1. 1166 was withdrawn at Otley; it is for "Special Duties" - the carrying of Spastics with most of its seats removed.
 2. This is the first move since being acquired for 2103 - and, indeed, for any of the Bedfords.

3. These are the first moves since new for 2301 and 2558
 4. 2301 is the first RELH6L/ECW (ie CRL-class) to be allocated to Leeds who have, of course, a number of RELH6L's with Plaxton Bodies.
 5. There are now no RELH6G's in National White; no "ERG'S" in original condition; no RELH's with synchromesh gearboxes and only one RELH series-1 (2501).
 6. 1715 had its body destroyed by fire in Vicar Lane Bus Station in the early hours of Sunday 13th May; the chassis may be suitable for rebodging but this is not yet confirmed.
 7. Only one ex United LH (1150) remains in traffic.
- BRADFORD 2504 is on the ramp by the rear door.

STORED VEHICLES

HARROGATE On Grove Park forecourt on 2nd June was 2505, down the side were 1014, 1157 and 1231, whilst behind the depot were 1167, 1220, 1770, 2498 and 2502. This means that 1826 has now moved.

LEEDS 1715 is stored inside the depot.

SKIPTON In the field are two Lodekkas (1766 and 17997) and an RELL (1232) with possibly other vehicles.

YORK In the yard on 14/5/79 were 1148 (still United 1504), 1164, 2498, 2503/6, 1767/9, 1803/7/9/22, 3816/7/32 and 4023. This means that 1156 and 1210 have been moved since the end of April, whilst 2498 has since moved to Harrogate.

WITHDRAWALS

31st May 1979:- 1149, 1786, 2499/503 all to Held for Disposal.

REINSTATEMENTS

1st June 1979:- 1166 for Special Duties Only

SALES AND DISPOSALS

21st May 1979:- 1168 to Cumberland Motor Services Ltd. Whether for service or for spares is not known at present.

1st June 1979:- 1151, 1767, 1807/9/23/6, 3816/7/32, 2505, 4023 all to W. Norths (PV) Ltd, Sherburn in Elmet. 1151 was towed to Sherburn on 2nd June by a Norths lorry, but the others were still on West Yorkshire premises on that date (2505 at Grove Park and the others at York).

FLEET TOTAL

	WY	YWY	1.6.79.	1.6.78
Licensed:-	438	83	521	538
Delicensed:-	1	-	1	6
	439	83	522*	544

*The fleet total excludes 1149, 1786, 2499/503, but includes 1166, 2345/6 and 2564

OVERHAUS

May 1979:- 1111, 1370, 1241
June 1979:- 1235/40

REPAINTS

May 1979:- 1422, 1038 (to 2526), 1055 (to 2321), 1064 (to 2330), 1297 (by Lincolnshire), 1296, 1304, 1469, 3931, 1180

CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS

1008 - 21/3/86; 1009 - 25/3/86; 1010/1 - 29/3/86; 1012/4 - 11/4/86; 1013 - 30/3/86; 1108 - 26/4/84; 1110 - 3/5/84; 1238 - 3/9/83; 1242 - 13/6/83; 3331, 1332 - 14/2/84; 1366 - 7/3/84; 1369 - 13/7/84; 1716/7-3/2/86; 1718 - 22/2/86; 2561 - 11/3/86; 2564-26/4/86; 1149 - 21/5/75 & 21/5/81; 1150 - 23/7/76 and 9/9/82 (but shows 16/11/79 in the cab)

SALE LIVERY

May 1979:- 2505 (lettering painted out in red); 1157/67 (white bands and lettering painted out in red); 1231 (normal, white band painted out in green).

UNLADEN WEIGHTS

1111 - 7443 kgs; 1241 - 7734 kg; 1370 - 7658 kg, 1235 - 7697 kg; 1240 - 7734 kg; 1375 now 7-3-1 (ex 7-10-3); 1166 now 5-3-1 (ex 5-9-1).

LIVERY CHANGES

New Logo:- 1111, 1370, 1297, 1296, 1304, 1180, 1250, 1235 also 1940 (centre front only)

National White:- 1038 on repainting and renumbering 2526

Both 1180 and 1304 have logo on the rear roof dome. The only three vehicles so far noted (the above and 1159) are Bradford Depot Vehicles.

Large Fleet Numbers:- 1089/90 (later renumbered 2101/2); 1111/61/80; 1002; 1235/40/1/50/4/60/3/72/4/83/4/97/8, 1304/16/8/70/5; 1415/39/22/89/43/69, 3457/8, 1802, 1949/88, 3927/31/69, 2321/30, 2508/11/5/7/26, 1350, also 1771 (front only) and 1940 (front only). 1260 may also only have large numbers at the front.

GENERAL NEWS

1292 now carries a reflective front number plate as does 1234.

1379 was due to be towed to Lincoln (Bracebridge Heath) by the Leeds towing lorry 4037 on 1st June for engine repairs.

1982 was at Lincoln on 20th May for a gearbox change and it is understood that others have been so treated.

1349 was also at Lincoln on 20th May for repairs.

1250 has a new logo badge on the front grille.

A number of withdrawn vehicles have had their engines removed for use as spares. These include 1220/31, 1014, 1770, 2498, 2502/5.

The RELs in particular have been heavily cannibalised to provide parts for rebuilding the 1234-8 batch to single doorway.

The exhaust systems of Leyland Nationals are gradually being modified and are now of a different layout made of stainless steel.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS

Lincolnshire 2506 carried an upper rear advert for Kestevin Equipment Ltd, Grantham.

From 1st June, a number of vehicles received extensive advertising for British New Potatoes. 90 NBC vehicles throughout the country are to be treated, and West Yorkshire vehicles include 3460, 1439/71/87 and one other Leeds National.

Across the front reads "The Great British Taste", with pictures of new potatoes on the side and "British New Potatoes" across the back. The adverts are of a similar layout to the recent "National" adverts and, cover up the recently applied large fleet numbers at the back and front. They appear to be made of "Fablon" or similar material and are self adhesive.

A new York side advert features "Spa Theatre, Bridlington" and the star for the Summer Show, Lena Zavaroni, whilst several York REL's/LHs have a side advert "Royal Insurance looks after you fast".

3958 has a lower rear advert for "Hutton Bros" used cars. A new side advert is for "Futurist Theatre, Scarborough" and it stars Marti Caine and Bobby Knutt. A new version of the "Southwest Clipper" advert is on VR's. A new side advert is "Morrison's the better way to shop and save". Another new side advert is "Make your pins look sharper" for jeans, the advertiser not being shown. The only new inside advert is for West Yorkshire Summer services to the coast whilst a re-issued inside panel advert is "A job with a future", for West Yorkshire of course.

3. SERVICE CHANGES

Recent renumberings to Express Services have affected X43/44/45 which are now:-

X51 Leeds - Bridlington
X52 Bradford - Bridlington and Leeds - Bridlington - Hornsea
X54 Bradford - Leeds - Scarborough
X55 Bradford - Leeds - Scarborough - Filey.

As promised last month, notes on the revised Harrogate Area services are as follows:- All the Harrogate/Knaresborough locals are operated by SD's (mainly 040), whilst the DDs are only used on peak hour schools and works specials and certain out-district journeys. DDs have been noted on 1635 Harrogate-Ripon (36 dup), 1645 to Roecliffe (57), 1550 to Crossways (63A), 1550 St. Aidans - Chain Lane (215), 1645 Robert Hirst's - Jenny Field (69), 1725 to Boston Spa (78B) and 1603 to Pannal (775).

Interesting points noted from the timetable are the allocation of a separate route number (59) to the Harrogate - Knaresborough short workings. The United Ripon - Knaresborough - Harrogate route has been incorporated in the 10 minute frequency between Harrogate and Knaresborough and renumbered 56. However, the shortworkings between Ripon and Gallows Hill Estate are still using 129 as the route number. United have an interesting duty on this route on Mon-Fri mornings, viz:- 0718 Ripon - Knaresborough (56), 0815 Knaresborough-Boroughbridge (58), then 'dead' to Staveley and 0907 Staveley - Ripon (56). Although not stated in the timetable the 0637 Bilton-Pannal Ash on 62A is actually a 69 from Jenny Field to Pannal Ash, a 40 min journey via New Park, Bachelor Gardens, Bilton, Bus Station, Low Harrogate, St. George's Road, and Harlow Hill. Minor alterations have been made to times and routes in the light of operating experience during May, services 57/58/66 and 775 being involved.

From Monday 21st May United Service 91 was renumbered 92 and as a result Malton local service 92 was renumbered 93. Minor timing changes, including changes to running times, were made on routes 43/43A/44/44A/45/54 from the same date.

Between 6th May and 30th Sept, Leeds-Aberford (748) has been extended on Sundays to Lotherton Hall to replace the "Metro Leeds" tour to that point. Journeys affected are 1305 and 1705 ex Leeds, returning at 1405 and 1805 from Lotherton Hall.

The recent applications for a revised route in York for YWY locals and the Harrogate/Wetherby/Nun Monkton routes are caused by revised traffic arrangements in the Hålgate area which commenced on 17th April. All buses travelling out of town now operate via Blossom Street and Holgate Road. Inward journeys are via Holgate Road, Dalton Terrace, The Mount and Blossom Street.

4. OPERATING NOTES

HARROGATE Following our Tour, 1223 had (for it) a busy week. The next day, 21/5, it was put on a Harrogate duty at Bradford (presumably in place of their own vehicle) and spent the rest of the day on route 653 and two days later on 23/5 it was on Harrogate - Leeds (36) at 2200. On 21/5, 1153 (M loan H) worked the 1415 to Pannal (775) and return. Whilst on 3/6, 1154 (M loan L) was on route 36.

LEEDS York-West Yorkshire 3329 worked the 0950 and 2150 ex Leeds and the 2049 and 2249 ex Otley journeys on route 735 (Leeds Car 41) on 21/5. The first observations of the X70 service this year was on 20/5 when 1341 (L) was noted on the return journey. On 16/5, 2516 (L) worked a full day rota on routes 731-3/5/6. On 9/5, 2547 (L) was on Leeds-Wetherby (739); on 7/5, 1480 (B loan L)

was on Leeds Wetherby (741). On 22/5, 1058 (L) was on Leeds - Scholes (747) - on Saturdays the 1610 working is a York Car which works the 0805 44 Bridlington and the 1735 Leeds - Scarborough 43. On 19/5, 1061 (L) worked Leeds - Aberford (748).

MALTON Malton have used the following vehicles on Leeds - Scarborough (43) - 1003/10/335/9 (M); 1011/2/3/297/314/45/56/71/96/7 (all YK). On 8/5, 3916 was used on 1715 Leeds - Malton (43A) at least as far as York.

YORK On 8/5, 1401 was noted on route 79 and then later on Y21, whilst 1268 and 1011 were both on Y2. 1155 (M loan WK) was on Y1/8 on 15/5. On 18/5, 2561 was on route 79, and 3171/6 were both on Y2. On 30/5, 2320 was seen leaving the depot showing "207/London", apparently set to duplicate the United car on the London route; 2104 (H) was parked in the depot yard and 1004/5 were both noted on Y9. 10/5 United VR 712 (Scarborough depot) on Toft Green showing "Private". 14/5 - 3954 on 79, 15/5 - 1150 on Y19, 3792 on 29; 16/5 3958 on 79. 22/5 3985 on 80; 23/5 2303 on 43A, 30/5 3792 on 79, On 12/5 1046 (L loan H) was on Harrogate - Scarborough (54) as was 3331 (YK). On 7/5, 3928 (YK) was on York-Wetherby (79). On 21/5, 2545 (YK) was on Y20. On 18/5, 2303 worked a duplicate from Acomb Court to Station at 0810 showing "308/Wakefield".

LOANED VEHICLES

Lincolnshire 2501 1/5 - route Y2 5/5 - route Y11 3/5 - route Y11; 10/5 - route Y1; 12/5 - route Y8. This was returned to Lincoln by a York Depot driver on 16th May and on the day of our visit to Bracebridge Heath was being prepared for summer service at Skegness.

Lincolnshire 2506 This was returned to Lincoln on 3rd May and was also at Bracebridge Heath on 20th May. The C of F on this vehicle has expired, however, and it is being used for towing around the Works, prior to being broken up.

Ribble 957. This was last allocated to Ribble's Morecambe depot from where it was withdrawn on 31/10/78.

Ribble 958. Last allocated to Ribble's Aintree depot and withdrawn 30/9/78. Now transferred from York to Leeds and noted on 0825 Tadcaster - Leeds (742) on 2/5 and 10/5, and on 0640 Leeds-Scholes (747) and 0745 Leeds-Wetherby (741), both on 24/5.

Ribble 962 Last allocated to Ribble's Morecambe depot and withdrawn from there on 31/10/78. On Leeds-Pocklington (44b) on 5/5 and 0757 Alwoodley - Leeds (36) on 30/5.

RIBBLE 964 Last allocated to Ribble's Blackpool (Devonshire Road) depot and withdrawn from there on 31/10/78. On 0725 Leeds-York (43A) on 5/5, a Leeds-Scarborough (43) duplicate on 6/5 and a Copmanthorpe - Tadcaster School Special on 8/5 and 21/5.

Ribble 975 Last allocated to Ribble's Liverpool depot and withdrawn from there on 30/9/78 Moved to Aintree depot for storage by 25/10/78. On 1005 Leeds-York (43A) on 21/5, 1735 Leeds-Aberford (748) on 23/5 and 1510 Leeds - Bridlington (44) on 30/5. On the last occasion it was in Wellington Street with HRN 963G (sister to 962/4), which was transferred to National Travel (West) in 6/78 as number 63, allocated to Devonshire Road, Blackpool, which was on route 357.

STUDY OF 1470

May - 26th on route 51