

"WEST YORKSHIRE INFORMATION SERVICE".

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A monthly Bulletin of news concerning the "West Yorkshire Fleet" compiled from the notes and comments of various Observers throughout the Company's area of operation.

YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS ARE WELCOME.

(Please address them to the Editor).

NEW VEHICLES.

Fleet No.	Regd. No.	L/NL	Chassis No.	Body No.	Weights.	S.C.
415	JWU 885	NL	83184	4827		39
417	JWU 887	NL	83198	4829	6.11.3.	39

Additional information to that already given in Issue No.1.

Fleet No.	Chassis No.	Body No.	Weight.
405/6/9	-	-	6.12.2.
412	83181	4824	-
413	83182	4825	-
414	83183	4826	-
416	83185	4828	-
808	-	-	7.13.3.
809	-	-	7.13.1.

Notes:-

- Other than 410-6, all other 400 class vehicles were first stored at Harrogate and subsequently moved on.
- Latest additions to the Fleet, 415 and 417, are stored at Leeds and Harrogate respectively. This now brings the total number of vehicles stored to 19.
- 804/5 actually entered service 11/50 and not 12/50 as previously stated.
- 806-9 have white driving wheels. This enables the driver to know that he is driving on 8' wide vehicle.
- 804-13 Class have a C.A.V. fuel pump replacing the "Auto Vac".

2. TRANSFERS.

Approx. Date.	Fleet No.	Depots concerned.	
		From.	To.
3.12.50.	126	Harrogate.	York.
1. 1.51.	360	Ilkley.	Bradford.
15.1.51.	952	Harrogate.	York.
1. 2.51.	644	Bradford.	Leeds.

Note:-

A brief history of the whereabouts of 707-9 during January, 1951 is given below. It is now understood that these three vehicles are allocated to Harrogate. 707, however, is on loan to York.

1.1.51.	707	in Bradford on "55"	14.1.51.	708	Noted in Harrogate on "53"
2.1.51.	707	in Bradford on "55"	15.1.51.	709	Ran on "43" as York Depot vehicle.
3.1.51.	708	in Leeds on "43"	20.1.51.	707	Noted on "74" - Harrogate.
6.1.51.	708	in Leeds on "43"	21.1.51.	707	Noted on "43" as a York Depot vehicle.
9.1.51.	707	in Leeds on "36"	22.1.51.	707	Noted in York on Y.10. (Hexby).
13.1.51.	707	in York on Y.1A, and later on "43" Scarborough.			
23.1.51.	708	Noted on "36"			
25.1.51.	707	Noted on "43"			
30.1.51.	707	In York (School Special)			
31.1.51.	709	Noted on "36"			
31.1.51.	707	In York on "80".			

OPERATING
15th FEBRUARY

3. DELICENSED.

and withdrawn from service.

31.1.51. Harrogate - 104
31.1.51. Leeds - 640

It has now been established that 924/7/31/6/48/89 are in Parkbian Road Depot, York. 935/44/55 have joined 315, 905/10/2/4/6/7/9/26 at Yendon warehouse.

Correction to items given in Issue 1.

One of our York observers states that only Y.371/2 were delicensed for re-bodying on the 31st October, 1950. The other four vehicles were actually delicensed on 30th September, 1950.

A further correction has also been pointed out. In item (c) delicensed vehicles at Harrogate are shown as:- 934/40/2/56. This should read:-
934/40/3/56.

4. RE-BODYING.

Y.368-78 Class.

Y.370 has now left for Eastern Coach Works. Y.377's chassis left York for Harrogate Works on 19.1.51 and a week later was under-going overhaul there. On the 10th February, 1951 both Y.376/7 were noted in Grove Park Depot, Harrogate ready to go down to E.C.W. soon.

5. ACCIDENTS AND OVERHAULS.

(a) ACCIDENTS.

Correction:-

For 347 in last issue read 361.

Members are requested to send any reports on accidents to the Editor, though it will not be possible to publish them for the time being. A further statement may be made on this subject in the near future.

(b) OVERHAULS.

January, 1951.

182, 192, 196, 217,
Y.241, 359, K.720, Y.758.

February, 1951.

158, 354, 711
657, 752.

In Works 15th February
1951

348, 640, 641.
132.

6. SOLD STOCK.

The following vehicles have been sold since August 1950:-
K.613, 685/8-93, 883-8

Of these, the following were observed at Stourton Yard on 22nd January, 1951:-

688/90/3, together with a Dennis "Oiler".
The Bristol "J" reported there in our last Issue appears to have gone.

III

OPERATING DETAILS.

- 15th January 1951 - Additional journey commenced 5.40 a.m. Knaresboro' to Harrogate (16) to replace a train journey withdrawn owing to coal shortage.
- 17th " " - All vehicles running on "34, 76/7" operated via Menston owing to floods. Water in some parts between Burley and Ilkley was over the platform of the vehicles.
- 18th " " 189/95. Noted on "32". Both vehicles are thought to have been on loan from Harrogate.
- 24th " " 128/86. Noted as extras on "63".
249. Noted as extra on "30".
250. Noted as extra on "67".
- 27th " " 206. Noted in Bradford on "58" with correct blind. Probably she was on loan to assist the vehicle shortage in Bradford.
334/5. Both vehicles formed the 11.20 a.m. Keighley to Leeds (31) service run.
- 31st " " 261. Arrived in Leeds from York on "Pantomime Special".
- 2nd February 1951 262/3. Arrived in Leeds from York on "Pantomime Special".
- 2nd " " 331. Noted on 5.30 p.m. Leeds to Coal Road, Seacroft. This is the first time double deckers have been seen on this particular run.
- 3rd " " 110/38. Noted in Leeds on "Private Hire".
207. Appeared out of Bradford Depot (Where it later returned), with blinds displaying - front "74"; rear "51". Probably she was on loan like 206 previously mentioned.
360. Noted on "67" running through to Skipton. It is thought that she was replacing 351 as a Skipton Depot vehicle; the latter being observed later on Keighley Local Services 18 & 22.
K.364. Noted in Keighley operating on "Spring Bank". This service recently changed over to a double decker one and as a result K.364 was displaying "Keighley-West Yorkshire" on the intermediate blind.
K.718. Observed in Bradford operating "53" Otley. The intermediate blinds were "blank".
- 6th " " 615. Noted in Harrogate 'Bus Station on Service "7" - Cornwall Road. This was the first route this vehicle was tried on when new.
- 10th " " 131. Noted on 10.30 a.m. Leeds to Boston Spa (42). This vehicle is allocated to Keighley.
K 717. Noted in Harrogate running "76" presumably due to the fact that 354 was undergoing overhaul.
- 12th " " 333. Noted on 7.55 a.m. Leeds to Scholes (48) - normally a Leeds Depot turn. The 'bus returned on the 8.50 p.m. trip to Bradford - again normally a Leeds turn. Possibly a Leeds Depot vehicle had failed at some time and 333 was substituted.
K.205. Both these vehicles were noted in Leeds on
Y.802. "Private Hire".
- 14th " " 267. Noted as extra on "31" in morning. This trip is usually a double decker of the "G" Type.

7. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd.)

An increase in the number of Bradford Depot K5G's on service "30" has been noticed lately. It is very unusual for these vehicles to be used on this run. Details are as follows:-

19.1.51. - 394; 30.1.51. - 392; 31.1.51. - 394; 1.2.51. - 393.

A few York highbridge vehicles have been observed on "43" (York to Leeds), recently. Amongst them were:-

10.2.51. - Y.797; 11.2.51. - Y.758; 12.2.51. - Y.758; 14.2.51. - Y.761.

These plus one or two other vehicles are the only highbridge vehicles which have visited Leeds this year. The service is practically equipped with vehicles recently transferred from Leeds of the lowbridge class.

Service 1 - Starbeck to Outlands has been changed to a double decker one. This is the first time ever that double deckers have been used on Local Services in Harrogate. Vehicles operating this service are 708/9.

Yardon Depot have been allocated a double decker ("G" type), but only from a Saturday night to Monday morning. This results from a new schedule being worked from Leeds.

336 was substituted for 174 weekend 3/5 February, 1951, and again for 953 weekend 10/12 February, 1951.

8. OTHER INFORMATION.(a) INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE NOTES.

- 138 - The handles for operating the drop windows on this 'bus have been removed leaving only the sliders operative.
- 158 - An experimental type of springing has been introduced on this vehicle recently overhauled. The shackle pin, instead of going through one leaf in the spring now goes through 3. Reports indicate that there is a tendency for the vehicle to bounce more when unloaded.
- 353 - Route number is now on one blind only. Noted 7.2.51.
- 618 - Vehicle undergoing repairs at Grove Park Depot, Harrogate. It is understood that she has been off the road for some three weeks awaiting spares for the front axle, which is missing.
- K.717 - Is thought to have acquired its broken chassis (mentioned in Issue No.1.) near the Malt Shovel, Burley, probably on 8.1.51.
- 750 - Has a handrail across the bottom of the upstairs front windows. This is a recent addition as other vehicles of the GWX class have not got this rail. It is thought that it was added when last overhauled or possibly at Bradford Depot.
- 751 - This vehicle was admitted into Harrogate Works early in the New Year and is now being converted into a double decker coach. The front indicator has been cut down and when completed it is thought that it will take a 20" blind. The rear indicator has been removed as have the windows and seats. Luxury seating is expected to be installed giving the vehicle a seating capacity of approximately 43. Two jack-knife doors have been fitted at the rear and flashes placed on either sides. It is further understood that the vehicle will be fitted with a five speed gearbox, and painted in the existing coach livery. 751 is at present delicensed.
- 822 - This vehicle was operating with the Crosville Motor Services from the 6th to 28th January, 1951 from Crews. It has now moved on to the Cumberland Motor Services at Whitehaven.
- 906 - Still operating from Skipton Depot and has a good external appearance.
- Y.1005 - The cut down body on this vehicle is off K.302 (originally of Brush design).
- 1009 - A Harrogate observer reports that this vehicle (at the moment un-licensed) is only used at Harrogate when 1010 is off the road.

J. OTHER INFORMATION (Contd.)(a) INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE NOTES (Contd.)

- 1015
(DVG 23) - Vehicle does not display fleet number at present time, though it did last year.
- 1016
(DVG775) - Further to the comments on this vehicle in Issue No.1, it is now understood that this vehicle has never been seen with its fleet number displayed since first delivered.

(b) DEPOT ALLOCATION - LICENSED VEHICLES ONLY.
(Correct to date)

<u>DEPOT.</u>	<u>No. of vehicles allocated.</u>	<u>List of vehicles at present operating from Depot.</u>
<u>BRADFORD.</u>	74.	103/6/710-2/4/33/6/8/50/71. 222-5/49/50/70/1. 304/10/33/40/9/58-60/85-94. 402. 710/11/30-3/49/50/74-7. 930/41/6/59/60/4/5/7/9/70/3/7-80/4/ 5/90/3/4/7-9.
<u>HARROGATE.</u> (inc. Pateley Bridge)	75.	101/9/13/7/8/29/37/9-46/53/9-61/3/ 4/75/6/9/81-3/9/95/8/9. 206-13/45-8/52-6. 615/8/9/41-3. 707-9/52/3/78-83. 925/8/37/8/40/2/50/2/7/95.
<u>ILKLEY.</u>	16.	103/28/34/48/86; K169. K205. 353/4. K717/8; 745. 806-9.
<u>KEIGHLEY.</u>	53.	131/49/55/84/5; K165/7. K341/62/4-7/79-84; 356. 614; K616/7. K719-22/38-43/64-73/92-5; 728/9. 788-91. K961-3.
<u>LEEDS.</u> (inc. Wetherby and Yeadon).	89.	120/2-5/30/2/5/51/4/6-8/70/3/4/7/ 90-3/7. 201/14-21/57/8/67-9. 311/2/4/31/2/4-9/47/8/52/5/61. 401/3/4. 644/50-3/6/8/9. 712-6/34-7/46-8. 804/5/10-3. 933/45/7/53/4/72/96.
<u>SKIPTON.</u> (inc. Grassington).	15.	152/72; K166/8. 202/4/59/60. 351; K363. 744. 906.
<u>YORK.</u> (inc. Melton and Scarborough).	104.	102/5/15/6/9/21/6/7/47/62/78/80/7/8/ 94/6. 203/61-6; T236-45. Y317-30/43-6/68/74/95-9; 350/7. Y701-5/23-7/54-63/96-9; 784-7. Y800-3. 911/3/8/20/2/3/49/52/66/71/5/91.

8. OTHER INFORMATION (Contd.)

(c) GENERAL NOTES.

Rev. Counters. have been fitted to 253, 355, and 312. As a result of this 355 is running on "36" and when operating Penny Pot Lane carries a board placed behind the "Auto Vac" as this service does not appear on the vehicle's destination blind.

Exhausts. The new type of open exhaust referred to in Issue No.1. is, we understand, aimed to reduce back pressure in the exhaust and to cut down on fuel consumption.

Repaints. Recent Depot repaints include:-
113 (H) ; 117 (H) ; 261 (V) ; 655/9 (L) ; 662 (H) ; 929 (Y).

Washing Plants. Two more have been observed at Grove Park Depot, Harrogate.

Visit to "West Yorkshire". The Omnibus Society have fixed a provisional date (27th May '51) for a visit to the Company.

RELICENSED. The following vehicles have been relicensed:-

<u>Fleet No.</u>	<u>Date of re-licensing.</u>	<u>Depot allocated.</u>
644	1st February '51	Leeds.
940	"	Harrogate.

644 is operating without a conductor on Moracembo, and thereby replaces 640 at Leeds which is in Works for an overhaul. 940, previously delicensed on 31st October, 1950 has replaced 104 at Harrogate.

9. QUERIES.

The Depot queries given in Issue No.1. have now been cleared up as 149 was observed in Keighley (its allocated Depot) on the 3rd February, 1951.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

It would be a great help if members could address their correspondence in future as follows:-

- SUGGESTIONS, GENERAL. -
- NEWS SHEET, SUBSCRIPTIONS
- OLD AND SOLD VEHICLES -
- PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION. -



Those people whose subscriptions are still outstanding are asked to note that no further copies will be sent to them after the March issue unless their subscriptions have been paid.

New members are still very welcome, they should preferably be of age 15 or over. Correspondents are particularly required in Keighley, Melton and Scarborough.