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NORTH-COLLINE EVENTS.

Members are reminded of the Keighley Area tour on Sunday 30th September 1962. Details were given last month. If you have not completed your booking form, please do so and send it to [redacted] as soon as possible.

As also announced last month, the Junior Branch first anniversary tour will take place on Sunday 9th September. Full details and booking form were enclosed with the July bulletin.

PERSONAL

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to our well-known member [redacted] on his marriage to [redacted]. The wedding was at All Saints Church, Bradford on 7th July. [redacted], who was a founder member of the Service, at present is fleet historian, and was for several years editor of this bulletin.

GLASGOW HEE-DASH TRAM FUND.

For sale in aid of the fund to preserve Glasgow tram NO.22, W.Y.I.S. Bulletins Nos.54 (August 1955) to 95 (January 1959) complete, and a copy of Part II of the Fleet List. Offers should be made to [redacted]

PLESS DAY

Please send items for the September issue to the Hon. Editor, [redacted] by Tuesday, 4th September.

1. FLEET CHANGES.

Allocations and Transfers.

DX 68		(delicensed)	to	BRADFORD	16/7/62
DX 50	from	BRADFORD	"	THURLEY	"
YDG 89	"	YORK		(delicensed)	31/7/62
KTB 13	"	KEIGHLEY		"	"
DB 20	"	LEEDS		"	"
DEW 23	"	HARROGATE		"	"
DEW 30	"	BRADFORD		"	"
KTB 35		(delicensed)	to	KEIGHLEY	1/8/62
BE 61		"	"	LEEDS	"
YDE 73		"	"	YORK	"
FEW 16, 32		"	"	LEEDS	"
DX 10, 53, 67		"	"	BRADFORD	"
SG 102	from	YORK	"	HARROGATE	"
SEW 19	"	KEIGHLEY	"	BRADFORD	"
SUG 22, 38	"	LEEDS	"	YORK	"
DEW 2	"	BRADFORD	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DEW 18	"	BRADFORD	"	HARROGATE	"
DX 18	"	LEEDS	"	YORK	"
DX 61	"	BRADFORD	"	YORK	"
DX 104	"	BRADFORD	"	KEIGHLEY	"

Note: All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots!

Fleet Total.

	<u>C.</u>	<u>SD.</u>	<u>DD.</u>	<u>1/8/62</u>	<u>1/8/61</u>
Licensed :	36	199	287	522	517
Unlicensed :	--	--	5	5	8
	<u>36</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>527</u>	<u>525</u>

VEHICLE NOTES.

Overhauls.

April 1962	:	SUG 22
May 1962	:	SEW 29, SUG 52
June 1962	:	YDG 55
July 1962	:	DE 61, YDE 73.

2. VEHICLE NOTES (Contd)

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Repairs.

Delete CUG 31 in June issue - it is still painted Grey.

July 1962 : SUG 43 Red and Cream to Red.

General News.

SB 13 no longer carries the special B.K.S. head and side-boards described in Issue 100. YDX 72,73 were fitted with flashing trafficators on overhaul (3/62).

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

Stage Services

Alterations to certain Harrogate local services came into effect on 17th June:-

1.2 WOODFIELD ROAD/BACHELOR GARDENS - STARBECK.

The route between Starbeck and Bus Station is unaltered but it is then extended to Woodfield Road or Bachelor Gardens, the frequency to these two termini being half hourly. As the service to and from Starbeck runs every ten minutes, two journeys per hour start or terminate at the Bus Station. Timings are such that through journeys from Harrogate Hotel or Gawthorn Avenue operate alternately to Woodfield Road or Bachelor Gardens, thus making four one-way routes. Buses show service 1 when operating to Harrogate Hotel or to Woodfield Road and service 2 when proceeding to Gawthorn Avenue or Bachelor Gardens. (This is similar to the arrangement which exists in York on the Ashlan Lane/Chapel Fields - Hull Road/Osbaldwick, but here four route numbers are used 3, 34, 11, 114).

3. BACHELOR GARDENS - HARLOW PARK.

The frequency of operation to Harlow Park has been reduced from 20 to 30 minutes. The timetable incorporated journeys between Bachelor Gardens and Bus Station on services 1,2.

4. HARLOW HILL - FOREST LANE

5. NEW PARK - OATLANDS.

Service 4 has been retimed to give, with services 3 and 7, more even timings for the Harlow Park area.

Timings on route 9 after 7.0pm have been amended.

11/12 BILTON - WOODLANDS.

All buses now run along King Edward's Drive, which now has a 15 minute service. Woodfield Road is now served by routes 1/2.

4. OPERATING DETAILS.

On Saturday 14th July a survey was made of operations at Bradford Chester Street Bus Station and in the Shipley area between 3.0pm and 5.0pm. Observations made were:-

Routes 30/31 Bradford - Leeds - Keighley - Leeds - Bradford.

DB 40, DBW 4, DX 23 (all B); KDB 55/7, DBW 5 (L) see Keighley Depot; DB 58, DX 5 (K), DX 7, 12, 13 for Leeds Depot. Another Keighley and another Leeds Depot vehicle would be working on these services.

Route 43 Bradford - Scarborough.

SUG 53 worked 2.30pm to Scarborough.

SUG 40 arrived at 4.10pm from Scarborough having worked the 8.30am from Bradford.

Route 50 Bradford - Yeadon - Otley.

DB 24/5.

Routes 51/53 Bradford - Yeadon Moor - Harrogate. Bradford - Otley - Harrogate.

DX 24, 30, 64, 78, 100 (all B); DX 56, 99, 114 for Harrogate Depot.

Route 53 Bradford - Shipley - Otley.

DBW 14, 20, DX 104 (all B).

Routes 53/63 Menston Hospital - Shipley - Bradford.

SG 120, SBW 32, SUG 14, DB 45, DGW 8 (all B).

Route 55 Bradford - White Cross - Yeadon.

Routes 59/61 Bradford - Shipley (Duplicates)

Route 60 Shipley - Coach Road.

DB 2, 37, 38, DBW 22, DX 11 (all B).

Route 56 Bradford - Thornton - Denholme.

EB 7, DBW 3 (both B).

Route 57 Bradford - Denholme - Keighley.

DX 4 (B) and DX 27 (K) for Keighley Depot.

Routes 59/61 Bradford - Baildon - Bradford-Baildon Green - Baildon.

DB 3, 16, 21, 22, 39, 50, DBW 10, DGW 1 (all B). SG 112 (B) duplicate.

Route 63 Bradford - White Cross - Ilkley.

LBW 30, DX 21, 22, 29, 50, 60 (all B); DX 38, 80 for Ilkley Depot.

OPERATING DETAILS (Continued)

Bradford Survey (Contd)

Route 66 Forster Square - Shipley.

EB 9, 18. SG 120 after working from Menston Hospital went on to Route 66 as a duplicate, as did SG 112 after duplicating on Route 59.

Route 66A Saltaire (Hirst Wood) - Shipley - West Royd Crescent.

SBW 31 (B), SG 148 (B) duplicate.

Route 67 Bradford - Keighley - Skipton.

DX 48, 110 (B), DX 47 (Sk), KDX 93 plus one vehicle for Keighley Depot.

Route 67 Bradford - Keighley.

EB 62, DBW 18, DX 16, 55, 61, 111 (B), KDB 11, 32, DX 26, 83 for Keighley Depot.

Route 64 Shipley - Wrose.

DX 3, 8 (B)

Route X67 Bradford (John Street) - Keighley.

DX 105 (B) and DX 102 (K) for Keighley.

Route 50 Bradford - Greengates - Woodlands Hospital (Rawdon).

SG 109, SGL 2, 3 (B).

After their return the above three vehicles were used as follows:

SG 109 - 5.0pm Bradford - Baildon (duplicate) - Belmont Avenue (Route 59)

SGL 2 - 4.55pm Bradford - Shipley - Hawksworth (Route 65)

SGL 3 was dropped in at Bradford on the 4.45pm Bradford - Skipton, to work as far as Bingley where it would be met by a vehicle from Keighley.

The above accounts for all Bradford's double deckers except:-

DB 8 which was on Route 50 until 3.10pm when DB 25 replaced it.

DBW 2 which had apparently come on at 10.30am on Ilkley but was replaced at 12.30 by DX50

DX 15 which had been replaced on Route 57 by DX 4.

The above three were therefore out of service at the time of the survey.

The disposition of vehicles given above was very typical eg. all DX's on the Harrogate services and on Shipley - Wrose: DBs on Forster Square - Shipley (66) and 50; DXs of course on X.67. Other routes provided the normal assortment of types. SUGs, EUGs and CUGs were of course mostly out of the city at the time of the survey on coastal services etc., although the following were noted :- EUG 78(L) Morecambe - Leeds (X88): EUG 76(L) on 12.55pm Blackpool - Leeds (J1) with Ribble 369 (stopped at Bradford for 7.0pm return departure): SUG 41(B) and SUG 50(K) arrived from Morecambe.

The 4.15pm departure for Kewick with Ribble 840 and 276 (showing 'Ambleside') both started from Bradford. Ribble 407 started at Bradford on the 5.00pm departure to Blackpool.

The 3.0pm Bradford - Scarborough (Express) was worked by 6002 BT of Boddy's Motors.

A number of 'foreign' vehicles have been seen on Bradford duties recently, including KDB 57 on the 8.25am Bradford - Keighley (67) on 12th July, SG 142 (Yk) on the 8.35am Whitty (91), possibly to York only, on 13th July, KDG 18 (K) on 57 (Bradford - Denholme - Keighley) and later 67 on 17th July.

Further to the note in the last issue about the Grassington (69) service SBW 1 (B) took the 12.30pm departure from Bradford on 18th July. Three SUGs still normally work the Sunday journey.

With the return of DX 50 to Ilkley, this depot has now regained a duty it lost some 12 months ago, 7.45am Ilkley - Bradford (68), then 8.45am and two hourly to 8.45pm Bradford - Ilkley (63) on Monday to Friday.

At York, DBW 31s long reign on the Scarborough route seem to have ended. It is now used mainly on the Thirsk (80) and Wetherby (97) routes, and associated duties. Most depots provide Lodeckas or semi-luxury vehicles for the coastal services nowadays. This is also true of the York - Leeds service so it was notable that DB 20 was on this service on 29th June.

York CUGs 1 and 4 have been used on the Friday night Yorkshire - London service on several weekends this year. SBW 6(Yk) usually operates the 7.0am York to Blackpool on Saturdays.

Several SUG and EUG vehicles were loaned to York during June, some in connection with a journalist's conference. GP 1 was used to take the former Housing Minister on a tour of York's slums when he visited the city recently - no doubt a different route from the usual sightseeing tour!

Random observations on various parts of the Company's territory include:-

12th July - On a trip from York to Scarborough, the following were noted - the outward journey was made on DX 33 on the 11.20am from York. DX 33 was accompanied by YDX 85. Passed on route were EUG 67 on 10.15am Scarborough - Liverpool (X192), DX 32 on 10.30am Scarborough - Leeds with DX 113 duplicating from Malton, DX 127 on 11.30am Scarborough - Leeds and SUG 52 on the 12.30pm Scarborough - Bradford. Evening departures from Scarborough were 5.30pm Leeds 43 32, 6.0pm York - DX 113, 6.30pm Bradford - SUG 35, 7.0pm York - DBW 9 and DX 112, 7.30pm Leeds - DX 127, 8.0pm York - DX 45, 8.30pm York - DX 58 and YDX 85, 9.0pm York - YDX 132. At Malton DBW 25 was on the Hovingham service and SUG 53 was on the 5.45pm Leeds - Whitty. 13th July - DBW 9 (Yk) was seen at Thirsk on the 2.20pm to York (80) and sister vehicle DBW 6(H) was on the 5.32pm to Harrogate from Boroughbridge. SUG 22(L) was seen heading

4. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd)

North through Northallerton on X99 (2.35pm Leeds - Middlesbrough). Also on the Limited Stop route but in the opposite direction United's BU 200 of Ripon Depot was noted displaying 'Liverpool'. DX 62 and DW 5 were on Leeds - Knaresborough (38).

30th July - EUG 77 was noted at Doncaster on Yorkshire Services.

6th August - At Ripon a DX, believed to be 58, was assisting United in transferring racegoers from the Station to the Course.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

EWY 429 (ex SG 113, Bristol L5G, sold W. North (EV) Ltd., 4/62)

This vehicle and at least one ex West Yorkshire double decker were in a park of old vehicles at Sherburn in Elmet in August. A vehicle of the SG 151-156 series was here during April.

6. OTHER INFORMATION.

A new Bristol single deck chassis, the RE, has been produced. Details appeared in the July edition of 'Bus and Coach' and in 'Modern Transport'.

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18th August 1962.