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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

P.S.V. CIRCLE The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 2nd June, from 7pm., in Meeting Room No,1, second floor, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bfd.

H.C.V.C. Yorkshire Section The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th June, at 7.45pm in the Metro Leeds Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds 1. At this meeting will be given an illustrated talk on the road vehicles of the North Eastern Railway, which promises to be very interesting.

WYIS members will be welcome at both the above meetings.

PRESS DAY for the June issue will be on Saturday 4th June 1977, and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [REDACTED]. Please note that because of holidays, any late reports cannot be included.

1. FLEET CHANGES

Allocations and Transfers

1754	from OTLEY (Correction)	(delicensed)	31.3.77
1211	" LEEDS	"	30.4.77
1007	(delicensed)	to HARROGATE	1.5.77
1021	"	" LEEDS	"
1036	"	" KEIGHLEY	"
1210	"	" LEEDS	"
1014	from HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
1033	" KEIGHLEY	" HARROGATE	"
1245	" LEEDS	" ILKLEY	"
1808	" ILKLEY	" LEEDS	"

- Notes:- 1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except 1210 (ex Malton).
 2. There are now no double deckers allocated to Ilkley.

Additional Information

The chassis type of 1062/3 is PSU3D/4R (see last month)

Stored Vehicles

LEEDS 1762 was seen on 2nd May on Leeds Ring Road, running on Trade Plates and probably en route for York field from Keighley or Bradford.

YORK Several Lodekkas arrived in the field during March but most disappeared in early April, and there are now only three (3748, 1741/3?) together with 1204, which may therefore not be due for heavy dock unlike others of the batch. 1145/6 have now gone from the field.

Fleet Total

	WY	YWY	1.5.77	1.5.76
Licensed:-	438	84	522	522
Delicensed:-	13	2	15	9
	451	86	537*	531

* The Fleet Total includes 1484.

2. VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls

April 1977:- 1036, 1300/2, 3950
 May 1977:- 1299, 1305

Heavy Docks

April 1977:- 1802
 May 1977:- 1805

Repaints

April 1977:- 1413/5, 1076, 1255.

Certificates of Fitness

1031/2- both 18/3/82; 1033/5- both 24/3/82; 1034- 28/3/82; 3174- 1/2/82; 3175- 15/2/82; 3176- 23/11/81; 1206- 8/12/80; 1209- 24/1/81; 1210- 9/5/81; 1286- 26/10/81; 1289- 30/11/82; 1290- 21/12/81; 1291- 8/2/82; 1292- 15/2/82; 1295- 19/10/81; 1296- 2/11/81; 1297- 8/12/81; 1298- 9/11/81; 1303/4- both 15/4/82; 1479/80- both 22/12/83; 1481- 21/12/83; 1784- 21/12/80; 1785- 2/11/80; 1786- 5/5/81; 1789- 8/3/81; 1800- 14/6/81; 1801- 25/1/81; 1802- 7/7/81; 1804- 12/5/81; 3828- 16/11/81; 3830- 10/1/81; 1944- 19/10/81; 1945- 10/11/81; 1947- 8/12/81.

Rebuilding

To tie up a loose end, the Leyland engine recently fitted to 1039 was the overhauled unit previously in 1031. The Gardner unit from 1039 has now been fitted to 1316.

Unladen Weight Changes

1036- 8505 KG; 1299/1300- both 7658 KG; 1302- 7620 KG; 1802/5- both 7916 KG; 3950- 8865 KG.

Livery Changes

At present the plain white double N emblem remains standard on all vehicles out-shopped after repaint, heavy dock or overhaul, with the exception of the Leyland Nationals. 1413/15 have both had the white band extended under the windscreen at the front. 1415 was first noted in service after repaint on 9/4/77, at which time it had plain white emblems. Ten days later on 19/4, it had these replaced by the new style emblems, including one at the front. No emblem is carried above the rear window of this vehicle as the space is occupied by an advertisement. The rear fleetnumber on this vehicle is now on the waistband, but on the nearside corner, whilst the front fleetnumber remains in the old position.

1253, referred to last month, has now had plain white NBC emblems affixed in front of each fleetname.

It is understood that Leyland National are now no longer fixing "L" badges at the front to enable the new white background emblems to be fitted immediately.

General News

1036 returned from Willowbrook's at Loughborough in early April, following accident repairs, and was then overhauled at Myrtle Road.

1005 has been fitted with standard, round, sidelamps on overhaul.

1302 has also been fitted with different front lights on overhaul, but in this instance a combined flasher / sidelamp unit (but with separate lenses) has been used.

1177 was noted on 24th April without any destination blind or route number indicator, and carrying a "54" sticker in the windscreen.

1775 is probably unique in the operational fleet in still carrying a "Bristol" scroll on the radiator grill. These scrolls were no longer fitted by the time the new style Lodekka radiator grill appeared, but 1775 was fitted with one some time ago.

Leyland Nationals are being modified so that instead of having a hinged flap on the rear waistband for access to the water filler, they now have a fixed flap with a circular hole.

1758 has a painted front number plate.

Advertisement News

A circular "Dalesrider" sticker has been introduced and is being applied externally on the nearside front of all classes of vehicle (including the front grille of Lodekka's). Even learner bus 4023 has acquired one.

Cartoon characters Mr. Brown and Conductor Jones continue their adventures with a theme on politeness.

An internal advert for "Dalesrider 1977" has appeared.

A new upper rear advert on RELL's is for Budget Rent a Car. 1315 is one of the vehicles to receive one.

A new Rothmans side advert has replaced the previous one.

At York the painted side advert for Challis Nurseries has ceased; the painted upper rear, lower rear and waistband versions remain.

1761 (now CRW) has had all its adverts removed; these were "Come Home to a real fire" (side); "Unwins for Food" (rear) and "Precious Toys and Games" (waistband).

A new lower side advert at Harrogate is for "Drive Kenning - Leyland Cars".

3. SERVICE CHANGES

The following applications have been made:-

S.612 BW25/757 692/4 BRADFORD-BINGLEY

Mon-Sat: To retime the 07.10 Bingley - Bradford journey to 07.05.

S.613 BW190/140 Y10 BISHOPTHORPE-HAXBY

Sat: To introduce an additional journey at 18.07 Haxby-York.

S.614 BW25/321 739/4 LEEDS-KNARESBOROUGH

Daily: To operate the 11.10 Knaresborough-Leeds journey through to Wellington Street Coach Station.

Mon-Sat: To start the 19.45 Leeds-Knaresborough journey from Wellington St. at 19.35.

Sun: To start the 19.40 Leeds-Knaresborough journey from Wellington St. at 19.30.

Publicity for the Dalesrider Services continues at a high level; and a folder has been issued which lists all Sunday Services in the Dales.

4. OPERATING NOTES

HARROGATE 3974 continues to work from here on the same duty as given in the March Bulletin on Mon-Fri and on routes 1/2 on Sat and Sun, On Sat 26/3, 1238 was noted on 07.35 Bradford-Harrogate (674), 1473 was on routes 36/78/18 and 1936 (L) was on Leeds-Harrogate rail replacement service. Other vehicles so noted have been:- 28/3- 1805 (L); 31/3- 1087 (H); 1/4- 1014/87 (H), 1804 (L); 2/4- 1014 (H); 5/4- 1014/86 (H); 6/4- 1014, 1804; 7/4- 1320/62 (H); 13/4- 1034/87 (H), 1809 (L); 14/4- 1035 (H), 1804 (L). The railway line was reopened to full traffic from 18th April and rail replacement services then ceased. On 31/3, 1337 was on routes 1/2. New vehicles noted in the Bus Station at 07.45 on 2/4 were 1479 (B) on route 653, and 1063 (H) which was to work an excursion to the Ideal Home Exhibition in London. Also on 2/4, 1480 (B) was on 674. On 8/4 (Good Friday), 3974 worked 09.05 to Penny Pot Lane (10). 1157 was working routes 7/10/12 on 13/4; the following day 1337 was on these routes. On 18/4, 1214 (CRW) was on routes 7/10/12 and 1219 (H) worked a full day OMO rota on routes 674/6/24/777/24/23A. On 27/4, 1231 was on route 36. 1389 (B loan H) was noted on route 24 on 28 and 29/4, whilst on 28/4, 1157 (H loan W) was on route 77. On 2/5, 1228 worked OMO journeys to Boroughbridge at 13.40, 15.40 and 17.40. On 7/4, United Leyland National "3716" (WPT 716R), a series II, was noted entering Ripon showing "Leeds 399". The earlier United Nationals are numbered 3001 and the reason for the change is not certain, although this may be one of the United vehicles fitted with G2 automatic transmission. On Harrogate-Tadcaster (78) have been 1435 (O loan H) on 2/4, 1166 (O loan H) on 4/4, 1445 (O loan H) on 8/4 and 9/4; 1258 (B loan H) on 15/4, 1453 (O loan H) on 27/4 and 1231 (H) on 29/4. On Harrogate-Wetherby (78B) on 27/4 was 1157 (PB loan H).

ILKLEY On 12/4, 1182 was on Ilkley-Leeds (733). On 19/4, 1159 was working a Works/School Special on Ilkley-Keighley (765).

LEEDS On 19/4, 1216 (W loan L) was on Leeds-Tadcaster (742). 1442 (I loan K) was on Leeds-Keighley (760) on 16/4. On 11/4, 1249 (B) was on Whitby (291). In Leeds depot on 4/4 was Royal Blue 2417 (RTT 417N), a Plaxton bodied Leyland Leopard. On Friday 29/4, at 16.25 the arrival from Keighley on 760 was 1822 (L) which was then put on 741 to Thorner at 16.30. The replacement on 760 was 1452 (L). The 16.15 to Bradford, a Leeds working, was worked by 1775 (B loan L). The 16.45 to Knarsborough (740) was 1801 (B loan L) and the 16.55 to Bradford (670) was 1785 (B loan L). On 12.55 Bradford-Leeds (670) on 9/5 was 1814 (L loan B). On 14/5, 1936 (L) was on Leeds-Ilkley (733).

WETHERBY On 29/4 and 30/4, 1162 (H) was at Wetherby, as had been 1163 (CRW) earlier in the month.

YORK 1481 worked an early turn on Y20 from Wiggington on 4/4. In contrast it worked Harrogate-Scarborough on 14/4, and at the end of April it worked the 12.33 Rowntree-Mackintosh to Hull Road. It has also been seen on Leeds-Scarborough (43) on 21/4; on Leeds-Malton on 22/4 (43A) (on loan to M), on York-Tadcaster (87) on 30/4, and on 43 on 26/4. 1081 is working the City Tour, and presumably may become another CP1 in longevity. On 9/4, several LH's seemed to be working Y9/19. 3175 worked on Y13 on 13/4. 1440 was on York-Leeds (43) on 11/4. The 12.55 York-Leeds, which comes through from Scarborough, has had several varieties of vehicle lately. Last year and during the winter, 1057/8/9 worked this, but recently 1390 and similar have been noted. On 28/4, 1022 worked this turn, 1009 on 2/5 and 1037 on 5/5. Also on 43 have been 1005 and 1340 on 15/4 and 1015 on 21/4. On 5/5, 1226 worked Rowntrees to City at 12.33, whilst 1206 (CRW loan Yk) worked Rowntrees to Hull Road at 12.33 via Tang Hall Lane at the same time. On 1/4, 3835 was on 46A. On 4/4, 1154 was on Y19 and 3461 on Y2. On 5/4, 1154 was on Y19 and 3831 on 80. On 6/4, 1396 was on Y9, 3431 on Y20 and 3459 on Y13. 3433 was on Y13 on 9/4 and the following day 1403 (B) was on 43. On 11/4, 3796 was on 84 and on 13/4, 1355 was on 44. On 14/4, 3953 was on Y2 and 1441 on 43. On 19/4, 3174 was on Y1 and the following day 1761 was on Y2. On 21/4, 1356 was on 44 and 1761 (CRW) on Y10. On 22/4, 3432 was on Y2A and 1481 on 79. 1761, now allocated to CRW, but still at York, now does Y1 2/10/19 or 21. On Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been 3330 (Yk loan M) on 8/4; 1008 (L) on 13/4; 3328/9 (Yk) on 17/4, 1206 (CRW loan M) on 19 and 20/4 and 1008 (L) on 30/4. On 22/4, 1206 (CRW loan Yk or M) was on Leeds-Malton (43A). Noted on Leeds-York (43/43A) have been 1009 (L) on 25/4 and 1008 (L) on 29/4, both on 07.15 ex Leeds; 1078 (L) on 2/4 on 14.05 ex Leeds; 1022 (L) on 30/4 on 12.05 ex Leeds; 1022 (L) on 19/4 on 18.05 ex Leeds and 1078 (L) on 1/4 on 17.25 ex Leeds. 1025 (L) was also on this route on 4/4. On 16/4, 1206 (CRW loan Yk) was on York-Tadcaster (Woodlands) (43). On Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been 1379 (W loan L) on 9/4 and 1008 (L) on 1/5. On 13/4, 3431 (Yk) was on York-Tadcaster (87). On Easter Monday United 1260 was in York on private hire together with an unidentified Northern coach. Also on private hire the same day were Standerwick ARN 801/50. Also on Easter Monday 3817 was on 84 to Scarborough at lunchtime and 3458 was on Y10. On 13/4, 3967 was on Y19, EYMS 968 on 13.25 Hull (46), 3175 on Y13 and 3962 on Y2. On 20/4, 3923 was on learner duties in Monkgate. The following day (21/4), 3458 was on Y13, 1339 (M) on Leeds (43), 3833 on Y11, 3836 on Y14 at lunchtime and 3431 on Y9. On 24/4, 1397 (Yk) was on the 08.10 York-Leeds (43A) and 1379 (W loan L) on Bridlington (44). On 28/4, 1247 (L) and 1297 (Yk) were on 43, 3792 on Y21 and Stockdales of Selby's PVY 500P was in York. On 29/4, 3968 was on Y1 and Primrose Valley WNK 474J in York. On 2/5, 1206 (CRW) was on 84.

LONG DISTANCE On Good Friday (8/4) the Newcastle-Oxford (314) service was noted passing through Harrogate worked by West Yorkshire 1025 (L) to Coventry, Midland Red 6234 to Birmingham, Yorkshire Traction 28 to Birmingham and National Travel (NE) JHD 377J to Oxford. On 9/4, three Harrogate vehicles were noted heading towards Leeds at approx 07.45, 1010 showing "Bridlington", 1063 showing "Blackpool" and 1086 showing "Scarborough".

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

MCY 408, NCY 455 (Ex DAW 2/4, AEC Regent V sold Norths, Sherburn 11/69)

To Smith's Luxury Coaches, Reading, 12/69.

Both withdrawn and sold for scrap 1/77.

NCY 453 (Ex DAW 3, AEC Regent V sold Norths, Sherburn 11/69)

To Smith's Luxury Coaches, Reading 12/69)

Still owned 1/77 but only in use for garage duties.

2225 WW, 2014 YG (Ex 3691, 1718, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 10/73)

To Petter Engines, Staines 1/74 and 7/74 respectively.

Both still running 3/77.

950 BWR (Ex 1736, FS6B sold United A.S. 225, 5/76)

This was sold to J. Watkinson, Keighley (for preservation ?) in 1/77, hence the sighting near Ripon referred to in issue 310.

2018/9 YG (Ex 1722/3, FS6B sold United A.S. 221/2, 5/76)

Both these are stored at Bishop Auckland, 2/77, and 1723 noted still there

2022 YG (Ex 1726, FS6B sold United A.S. 224, 5/76)

Noted in Newcastle, 1/77, being used for driver training.

9763 WU (Ex 1705, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 1/76)

Sold for scrap by 1/77 after being stripped for spares.

OWX 182 (Ex DX38, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 5/72)

To Hildenborough Evangelical Trust, Otford 3/73.

For Sale 8/76.

Noted in use as a caravan at Heyford, Oxfordshire 12/76.

WUW 269 (Ex SUG71, MW5G sold Lincolnshire RCC 2271, 6/72)

Noted on 28th March 1977 still running for Lincolnshire and working on their Ashby-Scunthorpe service.

6.TEN YEARS AGO

The May 1967 issue recorded the entry into service of CRG2 at Harrogate, and CRG 3/4 at Keighley. Also newly into service was a new DX 82, the ex United FS6B (456 LHN), whilst the original DX 82 (YWW 77) had gone in exchange to United and been seen in Redcar on 28th April on route 70 (Redcar - Middlesborough - Seaton Carew).

At Leeds, LDW 12/15 had been put back into service, the former after 6 months off the road. SBW 19/20 were stored at York and SBW 21/2 were to follow.

Details were given of the new DX 82, which had a number of "firsts" to its credit. It was the first second hand double decker ever, the first FS to be transferred to another Tilling Company, and the first vehicle since 1962 to enter service with a full indicator display.

The South West Clipper service had been launched amidst much publicity.

With the closure of Leeds Central Station on 30th April, and the concentration of all services to Leeds City Station a number of rail services had been cancelled or curtailed and replaced by buses. Also at Leeds, DGW 3 had been seen showing "Harrogate/36" at the rear raising the question of whether or not it had actually worked on that route.

A new timetable had been issued dated 16th April 1967, and had a new cover featuring SRG 16.

7.OTHER INFORMATION

Study of 1470.

March. 28/3- route 11; 30/3- route 36.

April. 1/4- routes 15/653; 2/4- route 11; 3/4- route 10/776; 4/4-7/4- route 11; 11/4- 13.10 Harrogate-Scarborough (84); 14/4- route 776; 15/4- route 2; 18/4- route 10; 20/4- 21.25 Harrogate-Tadcaster (78A); 21/4- route 11; 22-23/4- route 24; 25-30/4- route 11.

May 2/5- route 11; 3/5- route 10; 4-5/5- route 36 (Leeds-Ripon).

Joint Operating Company

After considerable delays, the plan to form a joint operating company between the West Yorkshire PTE and the local NBC operators, was finally approved by a PTE Passenger Transport Committee special meeting on 26th April.

The main effect will be the reorganisation of services in such a way as to avoid duplication of operating schedules. It should also mean better use of bus fleets, garages and bus stations. Although the new joint company will control all local services, the ownership of assets will remain with the present undertakings.

Talks on the formation of a joint company will have taken three years to complete and it is expected that the final legal formalities will be completed by mid May. It is believed that the joint company may become operative on 1st July.

New Timetables

New issues of the two area booklets covering North Yorkshire were published with effect from 20th March 1977 and now cost 10p. Area 1 is York, and also covers services in Malton, Selby and Tadcaster. A useful reappearance is a map of York City bus routes, which has been redrawn from when it last appeared. Area 2 is Harrogate and the Dales, also covering Ilkley, Ripon, Skipton and all Dales bus services. This contains one fairly serious error in that it retains the note concerning new route numbers, saying that the old numbers are still in use at present and that the new numbers will be introduced "during Spring".

Both timetables quote the Bradford enquiry office as Chester Street, which was at least correct for a week, whereas the PTE Bradford District timetable reissued to coincide with the opening of the Bradford Interchange on 27th March also quotes West Yorkshire as being at "Chester Street" !

Other Bristols

The North York Moors Railway recently purchased an ex Crosville SC4LK for use as a mobile exhibition and sales stand vehicle. It is ex Crosville SSG 647 (644 LEM) and should be on the road by the summer.

On 7th May, RTT 995, an LD6B Southern / ex Western National 1876 was parked on land adjacent to the long stay car park at Leeds / Bradford Airport. It is owned by Air Anglia Ltd., based at Norwich, and has a Fokker F27 Friendship painted on the sides. The use to which it is put by Air Anglia is not known but it may be a mobile office.

C.C.P. / T.M.L.

17. V. 1977