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LEEDS MEETING - Wednesday 26th November, 7pm.

Members are reminded of the above meeting, which takes place on a Wednesday evening rather than a Saturday and at a different venue on this occasion, namely room 205A at the Yorkshire Rider offices in Swinegate, Leeds, by courtesy of our speaker for the evening, [REDACTED]. Please make every effort to attend.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PSV Circle. The next Social Meeting will be held from 7pm on Thursday 4th December in Meeting Room no.4, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

HCVS Yorkshire Area. The next meeting will be at 7.45pm on Wednesday 17th December in the Yorkshire Rider (formerly Metro) Sports & Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds. At this meeting, [REDACTED] will be presenting a show covering stationery engines, Trojans, etc.

PRESS DAY for the December issue will be on Saturday 6th December and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED].

1. FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicles

138	D545	HNW	Iveco A49.10	002286	Robin Hood	10159	B21F+7	2900kg
139	D546	HNW	"	002287	"	10160	"	"
140	D547	HNW	"	002288	"	10161	"	"
141	D548	HNW	"	002289	"	10162	"	"
142	D549	HNW	"	002320	"	10163	"	"
143	D550	HNW	"	002321	"	10164	"	"
144	D551	HNW	"	002322	"	10165	"	"
145	D552	HNW	"	002323	"	10166	"	"
146	D553	HNW	"	002324	"	10167	"	"
147	D554	HNW	"	002325	"	10168	"	"
148	D555	HNW	"	002326	"	10169	DP21F+7	"
149	D556	HNW	"	002327	"	10170	"	"
150	D557	HNW	"	002328	"	10171	"	"
151	D558	HNW	"	002329	"	10172	"	"
152	D559	HNW	"	002330	"	10173	"	"
153	D560	HNW	"	002331	"	10174	"	"
154	D561	HNW	"	002332	"	10175	"	"
155	D562	HNW	"	002333	"	10176	"	"
156	D563	HNW	"	002334	"	10177	"	"
157	D564	HNW	"	002335	"	10178	"	"

Additional Information

The above vehicles started to arrive in mid October and entered service almost immediately. They are fitted with Fiat Turbo 8140-21 direct injection diesel engines and have seats in the same moquette as the 20 seat Ford Transits (i.e. the previous standard moquette). There are 7 grab straps on a rail at ceiling level. The driver has an offside cab door and unlike the Transits a 3 track route number box is fitted as well as a (special) destination blind. All have Tachographs and the reason why they are 21 seaters rather than 20 is because the emergency exit is at the offside rear rather than in the centre at the rear as on the Transits. All were delivered in pale blue and had 'Hoppa' lettering and stripes added in the Body Shop, as well as ticket issuing equipment, etc. The livery is basically that applied to the

Transits, except that the orange and cream bands stop at the front edge of the front wings - no orange stripes across the bonnet, unlike the Transits. At the rear, 'Hoppa' is across the back, but now has the addition of stripes, above and below 'Hoppa', diagonally, in orange and cream. On delivery, wheels were silver but all have now received a coat of black paint.

The 18 seat Transits are now, as forecast several months ago, being resealed to 20 seaters. On 18th October 111/4/6/20 were still 18 seaters but otherwise only 103/5/13/5/8/22 have still to be checked; all the others in the 103-22 batch now seat 20.

Allocations and Transfers

4075 from HARROGATE (correction) (delicensed) 31.7.86
4079 " YORK " "

(Both subsequently sold, as already reported).

There were major allocation changes from mid October onwards and full details are not yet to hand. It is hoped to be able to include them at the end of this issue, but otherwise they will have to be held over for a subsequent issue.

Temporary Loans

To complete last month's item on towing lorries, 4063 is now running on its "correct" set of Trade Plates, 240 UA. It had a long trip on 4th November when it travelled to Barry, South Wales, to tow 2701(k) home. Mileage for the day was 468.

1437 was noted outside United's Ripon depot on the morning of 7th November, still in WY livery; 1428 was noted in United's Whitby depot on 30th October still in WY livery with fleetnumbers but with United fleetnames; 1460 was in Whitby on 30th October still in WY livery with fleetnumbers but United fleetnames, including one at the front. It was working on Whitby-Goathland (95). 1461 was seen in Guisborough on 30th October and has been repainted into poppy red with white window surrounds. The front registration number is carried above the bumper rather than on it and the vehicle now carries United style fleet number plates, but still "1461". It was working on route 258 Middlesbrough-Guisborough-Lingdale. These and others may be on loan to United as opposed to having been sold, but details are not yet available.

Withdrawals

1st August 1986:- 4075/9 (disposals already given).

Stored Vehicles

Bradford. On 26th October, 1436/68/9/74 were all in the depot yard.

Harrogate. Inside the depot on 2nd November were 1433/4/9/43/4/53/67/70-3, with 1432 outside on the steam cleaning ramp and 1454 down the side of the depot.

Leeds. On 4th November 1440/50/1/2/63 and 2547 were in the depot yard, with 1429/56 inside, but 1456 has since re-entered service at Keighley.

Otley On 28th October, 1432/3/4/8/46 were all out of use behind the depot, but all had gone by the 30th; on 2nd November 1445/6 were noted delicensed on the Bus Station!

2.VEHICLE NOTES

Bi-Annual Service

October 1986:- 2565, 2608, 1762

Full Repaints

October 1986:- 1008, 1486/94/6, 1501/13/9, 1706/8/11, 1805/36, 1991

Livery Changes

There have been so many changes to fleetnames over the last few weeks that complete details are not available. We understand that the NBC logo is now to be omitted and the MetroBus fleetname has also started to disappear, in different ways.

Tilling Red Livery:- 1008, 1486/94, 1501, 1762, 1991 (ex MetroBus Green)
1496, 1513/9, 1706/8/11, 1805/36 (ex Poppy red)

Notable amongst these is 1519, which received a Citibus fleetname on repaint, though unfortunately it then received a "P.E.P." side advert at each side, which obliterates much of the cream band.

Also notable is 1762, which was the vehicle that started the green MetroBus livery episode.

1008 re-entered service without fleet numbers, but these were soon added.

With the above repaints and this month's withdrawals, the number of vehicles in MetroBus green livery is approximately 33, less than half the number earlier in the year.

National Express Livery:- 2608 remains in this after repaint.

White 5" West Yorkshire Fleetname on one line with NBC logo:-

1958/9/60/6/8/93/4, 1734/41/4 (all ex Citibus)

White 5" West Yorkshire Fleetname on one line without NBC logo:-

1488, 1728, 1981 (ex MetroBus)

"MetroBus" painted out completely, leaving just small "West Yorkshire" at front and rear (i.e. no side insignia):- 1735, 1979

"MetroBus" painted out to leave "WEST YORKSHIRE. The easy way from here to there in West Yorkshire", with no MetroNational logo:-

1703/56, 1815/6/21/4; 1971, 1727.

"MetroBus" painted out to leave 3" West Yorkshire with no MetroNational logo:-

1464, 1530

"MetroBus" painted out to leave small West Yorkshire with no MetroNational logo:-

1479

"Airporter" lettering painted out to leave a red/black/white livery with 5" white West Yorkshire fleetname with NBC logo:- 2591/2 (in effect DP livery with black side window pillars)

NBC logo only:- 1743 (ex Citibus)

Concessionary Fare Stickers:- Included here for convenience, to record that immediately before 26th October, vehicles working on routes where Metro Fare concessions (to the elderly and disabled) and ticketing (SaverStrip, MetroCard etc) are valid received cream stickers on the nearside front, below the windscreen to indicate the fact. The stickers (another typically Metro idea) have been applied to stage carriage vehicles (resulting in overall advert vehicles 1729/65 becoming "MRIKS" vehicles because the "A" is covered over) but they have also been applied to many vehicles in dual purpose livery and even some in National Express livery.

No Rear Fleetname:- 1009 (following a part repaint several months ago)

Unladen Weights

1731 - 9868 kg (ex 8968 kg); 1771 - 9330 kg (ex 9041 kg); 1518 - 9020 kg (ex 9120 kg); 1020 - 87760 kg (!)(ex 8760 kg); 1474 - 9232 kg (ex 9020 kg); 1494 (Gardner engined) - 9020 kg (ex 9320 kg).

General News

2577, which we recorded earlier this year as having a non-standard front grille, now has one of standard pattern.

Many of the Keighley VR's that were Farebox fitted have now been altered to ordinary OMO and appear on normal duties. This includes 1710/2/4/23/4/32/3, 1760/1/3/6 whilst 1989/90/1/8/9, 1711/8/2 were still Farebox fitted in late October and 1762 was away at Harrogate. Also altered from Farebox to ordinary OMO on transfer to other depots were 1741/3/4/47, 1997. 1764 is now OMO also.

1521 now has a nearside air intake on the roof cove panel.

2391 is not fitted with a SaverStrip Cancellor (see last month). Is 2390?

We reported in issue 425 that 2401/12 were Tempo 100 certificated; two others are 2403/4 but there may be others (2402/5/14/5, for example).

1457 was recently noted to be still in virtually original condition. It has a Leyland "L" circular badge on the front; no white band below the windscreen and retains an illuminated Pay as you Enter sign at the nearside. Non-original features include a plain rear engine cover and black painted bumpers rather than white but no other WY National even approaches 1457 in originality.

1830(k) was recently noted to have a larger "OLYMPIAN" badge in block letters below the Leyland scroll on the rear cover. The badge is similar to that carried by 1806 and 1850 on their front grilles.

New Iveco 140 ' was delivered and has entered service without an "Iveco" badge on the radiator grille.

1980 has recently been noted to be carrying the front grille formerly on 1981, and vice versa.

1805 now has upper deck opening front windows of the later style; the earlier ones continue to give trouble necessitating replacement.

A new Gardner 6LYT-330 engine (no. 238223) arrived at CRW on 6th October as a spare unit for the Plaxton-Neoplan coaches (2001-4).

Advertisement News

An interior advert in most WY vehicles reads "Sunday 26 October timetable changes. Please check before travelling". Below this is an underlined WY and this feature is now being used on timetables and leaflets.

Several vehicles in National Express livery recently had their rear boot vinyls removed, to reveal in some cases a large NBC logo on the boot lid. They soon received new vinyls in a new design in orange and white, featuring pictures of a Tiger/Paramount 3500. There are as usual several varieties, eg 2575 has Bradford/Leeds-London and 2600 Leeds/Bradford-Glasgow.

A new 'T' advert is for "What wouldn't you go through for Youngers Scotch Bitter" with a low bridge symbol.

The side adverts for Castle Howard, Hornsea Pottery and Rumbelows have now ceased.

Inside adverts for Moorsbus, York Tour and York-London Rapide have ceased; various vehicles still have adverts for Dalesbus, however.

A new lower rear advert is for "Night Rider", lights by Ever Ready.

Whilst York has received vehicles recently with inside adverts extolling the virtues of Claire Rayner and MetroBus, passengers in the Bradford and Keighley areas are being advised by adverts to ring York 24161 for Northern Rose and, on 1743, to "Keep York Tidy". No doubt all will be attended to in due course.

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3. SERVICE CHANGES

N & P 1456 24th October 1986

Bus Registration Variations

PB/1230/359 743/4/6/842/3 LEEDS (Wellington Street)-YORK (Rail Station)
To introduce an evening service between Leeds and York.

PB/1231/359 670 LEEDS (Vicar Lane) - BRADFORD (Interchange)
To vary the route.

Bus Registration Case D

These are tendered journeys or services and do not necessarily represent the whole service the bulk of which may have already been registered as viable.

PB/469/359 916 KEIGHLEY (Bus Stn) - GREENHEAD SCHOOL
via Spring Gardens Lane, Holy Family School.
Schooldays 0835 Keighley-Greenhead School.

PB/1470/359 911/918 UTLEY (Ferncliffe Road)-DREWRY ROAD HIGHFIELD SCHOOL
via Greenhead School
Schooldays: 0830 Keighley Bus Station-Greenhead School
0833 Utley-Highfield School

PB/1471/359 936 STOCKBRIDGE-SWIRE SMITH'S SCHOOL
via Keighley Bus Station.
Schooldays: 0840 Stockbridge-Swire Smith's School

PB/1472/359 928 HAINWORTH WOOD ROAD-BRONTE SCHOOL
via Bracken Bank
Schooldays: 0835 Hainworth Wood Road-Bronte School
1535 Bronte School-Hainworth Wood Road

PB/1473/359 704 KEIGHLEY (Bus Stn)-SWIRE SMITH'S SCHOOL
via Parkwood
Schooldays: 0815 Keighley-Swire Smith's School

PB/1474/359 717 BRONTE SCHOOL-KEIGHLEY (Bus Stn)
via Oakworth
Schooldays: 1535 Bronte School-Keighley

PB/1475/359 696 CULLINGWORTH (War Memorial)-BINGLEY (Grammar School)
via Harden
Schooldays: 0835 Cullingworth-Bingley Grammar School

PB/1494/359 733/994/995 ILKLEY (Rail Stn)-ADDINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
via Skipton Road, Sandbeds
Schooldays: 0840 Ilkley-Addingham Middle School
1615 Addingham Middle School-Ilkley
0840 Victoria Street, Ilkley-Addingham Middle School
1615 Addingham Middle School- Victoria Street, Ilkley
0840 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley-Addingham Middle School
1615 Addingham Middle School-Victoria Avenue, Ilkley

PB/1495/359 713 STANBURY (Hob Hill)-HAWORTH (Hartington School)
via Lumb Foot, West Lane
Schooldays: 0826 Stanbury-Hartington School

PE/1496/359 667/942 CROSSHILLS (South Craven School)-HARD INGS ROUNDABOUT
via Steeton, Eastburn, Crosshills, Utley
Schooldays: 1505 South Craven School-Utley
1505 South Craven School-Hard Ings Roundabout

FB/1497/359 CROSSFLATTS (Post Office)-KEIGHLEY (St. Annes School) Service 947.
Schooldays: 0830 Crossflatts PO-St Annes School

FB/1498/359 965 BINGLEY (Beckfoot School)-BRADFORD (Interchange)
via Saltaire, Shipley, Manningham Lane.
Schooldays: 1435 Beckfoot School-Interchange

FB/1499/359 A30 SHIPLEY (Branch Hotel)-COTTINGLEY (Manor School)
via Saltaire, Nab Wood
Schooldays: 0812 Branch Hotel-Cottingley Manor School

FB/1500/359 967 BRADFORD (Girls Grammar School)-KEIGHLEY (Bus Stn)
via Shipley, Saltaire, Bingley
Schooldays: 1235 Bradford Girls Grammar School-Keighley

Deregulation Day - 26th October.

Services being operated from 26th October by WY comprise those listed in issue 421 (April 1986) as having been registered for commercial operation, plus the following services which in general have been obtained by tender either wholly or in part. Other notes are also given where applicable.

- 13 operates from Pavement and is linked to 14/14A
- 14/14A is York Station/Piccadilly-Elmfield Avenue.
- 15/15A is Copmanthorpe-York-Crichton Avenue
- 17 is a new Hoppa route York-Acomb (Windsor Garth)
- 23 is Harrogate-Markington-Pateley Bridge (1 on Sat to Summerbridge operated by (Hoppa.
- 41-53 (Harrogate Locals) operate as A - S:-
- A & B Jenny Field
- D Bilton (Fieldway)
- E Bachelor Gardens and Carmires Avenue
- F Fountains Avenue and Eastfield
- G Aspin Lane
- H Knaresborough
- J Starbeck (Forest Lane)
- K & L Pannal Ash
- M Crossways
- P Wedderburn
- Q St. George's Road
- R Pannal
- S Penny Pot, Menwith Hill & Fewston.
- (During most of the day A, E, F, G, H and K, L, M operate as cross town services)
- 47 is Leeds (City Sq)-Temple Newsam (Evenings & Sundays)
- 54 is Harrogate-Green Hammerton-York (mostly to Green Hammerton only)
- 55 (not 258) is Harrogate-Green Hammerton-Great Ouseburn (Weds only)
- 56 is Harrogate-Knaresborough-Ripon (WY work 0734, 1135 ex Harrogate on M-F; United work remainder of service)
- 57 is Harrogate-Boroughbridge which was registered as Service 58 (United work 1335 (M-S) and 1705 (M-F) ex Harrogate, WY the remaining journeys)
N.B. Both 56/57 operate via Forest Moor between Harrogate & Knaresboro'.
- 62 is Harrogate-Dene Park
- 70 is Skipton-Silsden-Airedale Hospital
- 71 is Skipton-Grassington-Buckden (1 on Schooldays, 2 on Weds via Arncliffe to Kettlewell and 2 on Thurs to Buckden)
- 76 (not 276) is Skipton-Bolton Abbey-Grassington (1 on Mon/Wed/Fri)
- 77 is Harrogate-Sicklinghall-Wetherby (1 on Thurs, 1 on Fri and 1 on M-F which is extended to & from Pannal on Schooldays).
- 78C is Ainsty Estate-Wetherby-Boston Spa-Wetherby-Ainsty.
- 81 is York-Sheriff Hutton-Malton
- 83 is York-Leavening-Malton (Thursday only)
- 87 is York-Wighill-Tadcaster

88A/88B is York-Easingwold (2 on weekday evenings, 4 on Sundays)
 95 is Malton-Wintringham (Sat only)
 294 is Wetherby-Wike-Leeds
 478 is Wetherby-Aberford-Garforth
 500 is Keighley-Oxenhope-Hebden Bridge (shown on timetable as Yorkshire Rider
 649 is Bradford-Hawthornth-Menston (only.
 650/652/X65/X66 according to the timetable leaflet operate in & out of Ilkley
 via Leeds Road rather than Valley Drive.
 656 is Bradford-High Royds and Scalebor Park Hospitals (Sats only)
 659 is reported as operating via Frizinghall Road and not via Branch Hotel as
 shown in the timetable leaflet.
 660 is Bradford-Belmont Avenue.
 671 is used as before for Bradford-Leeds journeys on 670 which divert via
 689 is Bradford-Ponden Mill-Keighley (Horsforth.
 690 is Keighley-Harden-Bingley
 691 is Bingley-Duckworth Lane
 705 is Keighley-Parkwood Flats
 710 is Keighley-Laycock
 720 is Keighley-Harewood Road-Haworth-Oxenhope
 722/724 are evening & Sunday extensions of 692/694 from Bingley to Eldwick.
 727/729 are Keighley-Morton-Bingley-Denholme
 728 is Keighley-Parkwood Flats-Morton-Bingley
 730 is Leeds-High Royds Hospital
 741 Leeds-Wetherby is advertised as 741 via Moor End and 742 operating direct
 from Clifford to Boston Spa. However all journeys operate via Moor
 End as Service 741.
 747/748/X1 operate out of Bradford directly via Bolton Road
 769 is Leeds-Alwoodley Gates peak hours only.
 778 is Otley-Newall
 781 is Leeds-Harewood-Weardley-Otley
 824 is Malton-Whitby (2 on Sundays)
 830 is Otley-Menston-Yeadon-Headingley-Leeds and operates in and out of Leeds
 via Burley Road.
 831 is Otley-Menston-Yeadon-Rawdon (Evenings & Sundays)
 M1-M4 are Keighley-Haworth-Leeming
 M5 is Keighley-Hainworth
 M6 is Keighley-Oakworth-Haworth. All 6 routes are operated by a Hoppa.
 W1 is Ilkley locals, to Ben Rhydding (via Cow & Calf Rocks on Sunday), Hebers
 Ghyll and Middleton Hospital. Also operated by a Hoppa. Also
 referred to as route 773 in some sources.
 X1 is Bradford-Yeadon Airport-Otley Limited Stop
 X3 is Leeds-Yeadon-Menston-Otley Limited Stop
 X67 is Bradford-Keighley Limited Stop.
 Other Notes:-
 The Evening and Sunday service on 767 Leeds-Shadwell via Shadwell Lane is
 operated by Yorkshire Rider, but they also work two additional journeys, not
 shown in the timetable; the 0720 ex Shadwell (768) and the 1630 ex Infirmary
 Street (also 768) which are their only trips via High Ash. The Yorkshire Rider
 journeys bring their vehicles into Vicar Lane Bus Station for the first time.
 WY have recommenced Sunday journeys on 72 Skipton-Grassington (2 journeys).
 During Schooldays the 0710 ex Leeds (36) and 0734 ex Harrogate (36) operate
 through to Ripon City & Grammar Schools.
 Malton local service (ex 93) is being worked by East Yorkshire (Scarborough
 & District), who are also operating two evening journeys on 743.
 Malton-Hovingham (ex 94) is being worked by Thornton Dale Coaches.
 Bradford-Shipley via Gaisby Lane (679) is now being worked by Yorkshire Rider,
 still as 679 but as Bradford-Hirst Wood via Gaisby Lane.

The timetable leaflet for the Bradford-Bingley (692/694) services claims that they operate to and from Bingley Railway Station but in fact they continue to use Ferncliffe Road as before.

Service 24 (Harrogate-Pateley Bridge) is now subject to competition. On Mon-Sat, commencing 27th Oct, Wrays are operating (as route 007!) a single journey in each direction, at 0745 ex Pateley Bridge and 1715 ex Harrogate (Station). WY operate journeys at 0740 ex Pateley Bridge and 1720 ex Harrogate on route 24. Wrays are also operating a Market Service on Thursdays commencing 18th September to Ripon. Departing Hampsthwaite at 0930 the route is via Birstwith, Darley, Dacre, Summerbridge, Glasshouses, Pateley Bridge, Fellbeck to Ripon with a return journey at 1400 ex Ripon.

Timetable coverage of the changes has been varied - after a late start the Metro-produced leaflets for services within West Yorkshire became available about (and in some cases after) the 26th October whilst in North Yorkshire A4 sized duplicated single sheet timetables were produced for most services and are now being replaced by printed, folded, A4 sized timetables which so far cover services 36, 78, 743, 744, 746, 842 and 843.

The introduction of the new network was marred by a strike which closed Otley depot from Friday 24th until 29th October and meant that not only were services avoiding the town but vehicles were "trapped" and could not be transferred to other depots or for storage.

Changes in York to Hoppa services, prior to 26th October but the exact date is not shown on the leaflet, gave a Sunday service on route 21 to Acomb (with a better frequency than weekdays) and journeys to Murton (22B). These are presumably part of the routes put out to tender by NYCC. Further changes have extended the coverage of these Sunday services to include Sunday mornings (originally they started at lunchtime) and give Sunday services on routes 19 (Bur Dyke) and 20A (Fulford), as well as 22 (Osballdwick).

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5. UNUSUAL WORKINGS, ETC

It will be appreciated that because of the extent of the recent service changes, and the extensive transfers of vehicles that have taken place, it is not possible at the moment to recognise an unusual working; we are therefore omitting this item until the picture becomes clearer.

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6. SOLD STOCK NEWS

PHN 617F (Ex 1126, RESL6G sold NBC Disposal Centre, 7/80).

Last reported at the disposal centre in 1982, this vehicle appeared at PVS (dealer), Carlton, for scrap on 1/3/86. Has it been at Lincoln all this time?

EWT 386C (Ex 1197, SUL6P sold Norths, Sherburn, 10/73).

To Thornes, Bubwith, 1/74.

Withdrawn 3/86.

UWX 371L (Ex 1385, RELL6G sold North Devon, 2774, 10/84)

To Norths, Sherburn, 12/85.

The report in issue 424 is confirmed - the vehicle is now owned by Ellis, Llangefni, 5/86.

NWU 321M (Ex 1396, RELL6G sold North Devon, 2776, 8/84).

To Norths, Sherburn, 12/85.

Crowe, Jarvis, Jobson, Munday and Read, Stockton, 6/86.

NWU 325M (Ex 1400, RELL6G sold North Devon, 2777, 8/84).

To Norths, Sherburn, 12/85.

Plackett, Widecombe, Devon, by 4/86. (Obviously the West Country air suits it; it did physically reach Sherburn and has now returned to the South West).

BWU 552H, BYG 542H (Ex 1287/96, RELL6G sold Citybus, Belfast, 735/7, 7/81)

Delicensed on 21/8/86 and placed in the reserve fleet.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION

Destination Blinds

Further to last month, from observation it would appear that the York Hoppas did in fact enter service with the blind listed last month. As a result some vehicles used window stickers for "18 SOUTH BANK"; Heslington journeys were obliged to show "20B" instead of 20A and the Acomb service operated as 20/20A instead of 21. New blinds now appear to have been fitted but details are not yet to hand.

In issue 408 (March 1985) we referred to the appearance of a new blind at York in lower case and suggested that it may be the same as the previous, upper case, blind. It can now be confirmed that this is so; the lower case blind carries the same code (YK 12/81) and is identical to the upper case blind listed in issue 387 (June 1983).

The new Iveco midibuses carry 3 track route number blinds as well as a shallow destination blind. The route number blinds each carry 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,A,B,C,M,X; black blank. The destination blind is coded "Harrogate 8/86 Iveco" and is in the varying colours for an abbreviated Hoppa display; however it also has a reasonably extensive range of "ordinary" destinations of which the most interesting is perhaps "Ilkley Circular" for use on the services referred to variously as W1 or 773.:— White blank; white on green: A Jenny Field ; Penny Pot ;

A Jenny Field; A Bus Station; A Knaresborough; B Jenny Field; Penny Pot ; B Jenny Field; B Bus Station; B Knaresborough; white on blue: D Fieldway; D Bus Station; E Bachelor Gardens; E Bus Station; E Carmires; F Fountains Avenue; F Bus Station; F Eastfield; G Bus Station; G Aspin; H Bus Station; H Knaresborough; black on red: J Bus Station; J Starbeck; black on pink: K Pannal Ash; K Bus Station; L Pannal Ash; L Bus Station; M Crossways; M Bus Station; P Wedderburn; P Bus Station; normal white on black: Not on Service; Bachelor Gardens; Claro Road; Dene Park; Duchy; Granby High; Hornbeam Park; Pannal; Penny Pot; Rossett High; St. Aidans; St. George's Road; black blank; Boroughbridge; Boston Spa; Brearton; Farnham; Fewston; Grassington; Great Ouseburn; Green Hammerton; Harrogate; Knaresborough; Leeds; Menwith Hill; Middlesmoor; Otley; Pateley Bridge; Pool; Ripon; Roecliffe; Scotton; Summerbridge; Tadcaster; Thorp Arch; Wetherby; York; Not on Service; Private Party; Special; Conference Centre; Show Ground; Weston Circular; Newall Circular; Airport; Ilkley Circular; white blank.

Property.

The wooden building in Pateley Bridge Station yard, which served as the WY depot until the building of the present depot and bus station, and latterly housed Council vehicles, has now been demolished and a new building is being erected on the site.

Still at Pateley Bridge, the kiosk at the bus station, which we reported was open as a confectionery shop, was recently noted to be untenanted once again.

Bus Stops.

Following the withdrawal of the Otley-Harrogate (29B) service, the wooden timetable case at Askwith has now been removed; it is thought that this was the last example of the wooden WY timetable case, having outlasted a similar example at Markington by several years. Does anyone know of a case that is still in situ (whether in use or not)?

The Metro bus stop gang, having applied yellow "Metro" stickers to almost all Metro bus stops, have now moved on and are applying them to WY design bus stops. At Saltaire they have applied service numbers 622/3/5/6 (Yorkshire Rider) but no mention of 663/4/5/6/7/8/9/760 (WY), which use the same stop!

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We mentioned on page 2 that we hoped to include details of the wholesale changes to vehicle allocation that has taken place in late October. Official information is still not to hand, so we are including this page for members only, giving an unofficial list which has been compiled from observation. The details are thought to be substantially correct but the dates are in many cases approximations which may bear little resemblance to the Company's official date. There are still some details to resolve, which are outlined in the notes following the list.

Allocations and Transfers

138/9/41	New	to HARROGATE	17.10.86
1018/9/21	from KEIGHLEY	" YORK	20.10.86
1734/41	" YORK	" KEIGHLEY	"
1997	" YORK	" KEIGHLEY	"
2561	" KEIGHLEY	" OTLEY	"
145	New	" HARROGATE	23.10.86
1422/7/36/68/9/74	from BRADFORD	(Withdrawn)	26.10.86
1429/40/50/1/2/6/63	" LEEDS	"	"
1432/8/43/67/70/1/2/3	" HARROGATE	"	"
1433/4/45/6/53/4	" OTLEY	"	"
1457/9	" YORK	"	"
2547	" LEEDS	"	"
1011/2	" KEIGHLEY	to HARROGATE/OTLEY	"
1015/20	" KEIGHLEY	" YORK	"
117/8	" HARROGATE	" YORK	"
136	" YORK	" KEIGHLEY	"
1435/7/58	" HARROGATE	" UNITED (LOAN)	"
1449	" BRADFORD	" OTLEY	"
1455/65/6/98	" BRADFORD	" KEIGHLEY	"
1481/3	" HARROGATE	" KEIGHLEY	"
1494	" HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
1495/6	" WETHERBY	" KEIGHLEY	"
1509/24/5	" HARROGATE	" KEIGHLEY	"
1512	" WETHERBY	" KEIGHLEY	"
1707/17/25/6/7/34/41/7	" KEIGHLEY	" LEEDS	"
1743/4	" YORK	" BRADFORD	"
1958	" YORK	" HARROGATE	"
1988	" KEIGHLEY	" LEEDS	"
1993	" HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
1994	" YORK	" OTLEY	"
1997	" KEIGHLEY	" LEEDS	"
2545/59/72	" LEEDS	" KEIGHLEY	"
2586	" BRADFORD	" KEIGHLEY	"
2610	" LEEDS	" KEIGHLEY	"
147/55	New	" HARROGATE	1.11.86
2555	(Withdrawn)	" MALTON (Withdrawn from Yk)	"
1456	"	" KEIGHLEY (withdrawn from L)	4.11.86
1470	"	" HARROGATE	"
140/2-6/8/50-4/6/7	New	" HARROGATE	Various dates - to be checked.

- Notes:-1. 1011/2 have spent time at both Harrogate & Otley. They are thought to be intended for Newall & Weston Circulars (2 vehicles). 1993 has been working for Leeds but may not be allocated there.
2. Other vehicles thought to have been transferred are 2546/58/62 (all ex L), but they have not been seen anywhere. ~~xxxx~~
3. Malton's allocn is now 7, incl 2555. 1 vehicle has therefore been transferred away - probably another Leopard/Willowbrook to Yk.
4. 1959/60/6/8, shown last month as transferred to H on 5/10, finally arrived around the 20th or later, and brought 1958 with them!
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