

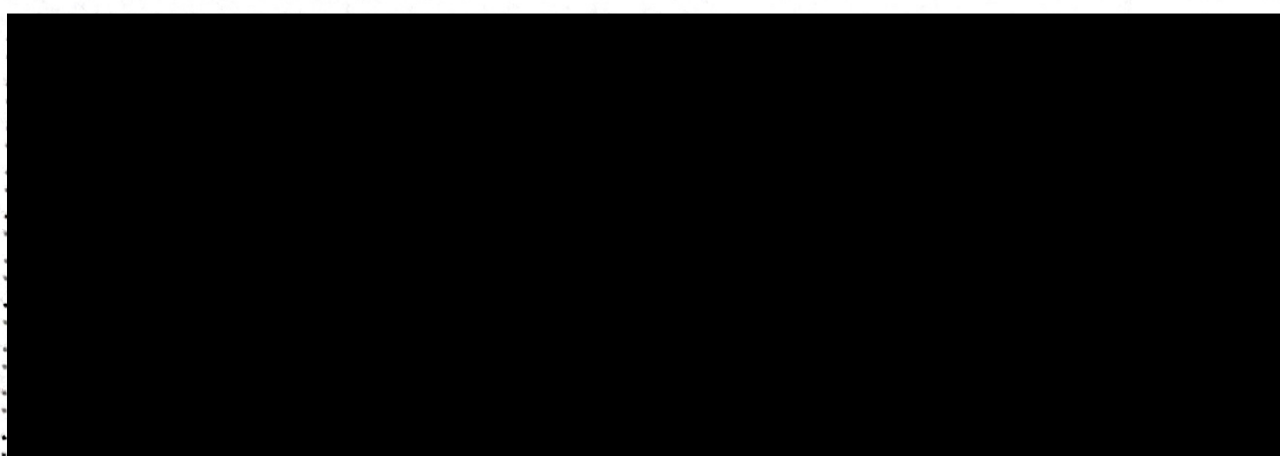
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### AUTUMN TOUR – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Arrangements are well in hand for this year's Autumn Tour, which will be to East Yorkshire and North East Lincolnshire. Full details will be given on the booking form, which will be in next month's issue, but meanwhile please make a note of the date.

### BOLTON DEPOT

It became known during June that subject to licensing, Blazefield has agreed terms for the sale of the Lancashire United depot and operations to Blue Bus of Horwich at the end of July. Only 24 of the 50 buses currently operated from Bolton are to transfer; this includes 12 Dennis Lance/Alexanders and some step entry double deckers, and other vehicles based there (including the new B10BLEs) will be reallocated within the Blazefield Group.

Lancashire United will continue to operate from Blackburn depot as before.

### HARROGATE TRANSPORT TOURING SOCIETY

The above Society is organising a visit to the Scottish Bus Museum at Lathalmond on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, departing Leeds (West Yorkshire Playhouse) at 0630 and Harrogate (Betty's Café) at 0700. The fare (including admission) will not be more than £20 and this will reduce if there is a full coach. WYIS members are welcome. To book contact [REDACTED]

Other forthcoming trips are Sat/Sun 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September - East Anglia Weekend; Overnight at Great Yarmouth and includes Carlton Colville. Depart Friday evening, times to be announced. Cost £80 incl. B & B (Visits to places of bus, tram, trolleybus, railway and aircraft interest) and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Duxford - Showbus.

Future meeting:- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August - Maurice Craven, of Bradford, with his own personal view of the West Riding City. 8.00pm at the Majestic Hotel, Harrogate.

### SHOWBUS – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Independent Coachways are once again running an excursion to Showbus International at Duxford on the above date. This event is billed as Britain's biggest vintage and modern bus and coach rally.

The excursion will depart Horsforth, Harrogate and Leeds at a cost of £15 each, which includes admission to the event. Please ring [REDACTED] to reserve your seat.

**PRESS DAY** for the August issue will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED]

## Harrogate & District

### FLEET CHANGES

#### Acquired Vehicle

157	L157 BFV	Dennis Javelin 11SDL2133/913	Plaxton 9311HZM1461	DP47F	9933 Kg
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#### Additional Information

The latest Javelin was new to Ribble in January 1994, spent some time with Stagecoach Burnley & Pendle and reached Blazefield from Stagecoach Ribble. Latterly it has been in use for training with Sovereign London, for which purpose it was downgraded to non-PSV. It was painted overall yellow at Keighley and as we closed for Press was being prepared for service at Harrogate, which includes upgrading to PSV status once again. It may, therefore, not see use prior to the schools breaking up for their summer holidays.

Javelin 139 has, as forecast last month, been reinstated to the operating fleet. The chassis numbers of the Javelins have previously been given as 11SDA21xx but they are in fact 11SDL21xx.

#### Stored Vehicle

Lancashire United Dennis Lance 179 remained at Starbeck on 8<sup>th</sup> July, but Sovereign Volvo 349 has now left.



## VEHICLE NOTES

### General News

Major detail changes are being made to vehicles in the Harrogate fleet over the next month or two. Volvo B10BLE 305 is the first to be fitted with a McKenna Brothers "Bright Tech" electronic destination display at the front; this is light sensitive and much brighter and more easily read than conventional dot matrix systems. The side and rear retain Mobitec dot-matrix displays. It is understood that this system will be fitted initially to the 101/102 route branded B10BLEs used on the Knaresborough services (305-9).

For more general adoption, vehicles are to be fitted with an "Info Tech" real time information screen, above the "bus stopping" display at the rear of the driver's screen. This works in conjunction with a GPS (Global Positioning System) and the screen, as well as displaying a range of information about ticket products, fares and general items, will also tell the passenger what route the bus is on; its scheduled time of arrival and where the next bus stops are. Again, the Knaresborough Road vehicles (305-9) are being done first, along with 302 and 521, but the fitting programme envisages a roll-out in four phases across the whole of the normal operating fleet.

Along with other Group companies, the trade plates held by H&D, 603 WT, have recently been surrendered.

### SERVICE CHANGES

Notices & Proceedings 1864      14/6/02  
Nil

Notices & Proceedings 1865      28/6/02

PB 0001746/28      647 BILTON [Knox Avenue]---**ROSSETT HIGH SCHOOL**  
via Bachelor Gardens, Hill Top Mount, Low Harrogate. From 10/6/02. Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/29      645 SANDHILL DRIVE at BILTON LANE--**ROSSETT HIGH SCHOOL**  
via Knaresborough Road, Wedderburn Avenue, Woodlands Corner From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/30      601 STOCKELD PARK--**GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL**  
via Follifoot, Spacey Houses. From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/31      614 SICKLINGHALL--**HARROGATE [Bus Station]**  
via Kirkby Overblow, Spacey Houses. From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/32      648 BILTON [Library]--**ROSSETT HIGH SCHOOL**  
via Tennyson Avenue, Sandhill Drive, Low Harrogate From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/33      649 KNOX AVENUE--**ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL**  
via Bachelor Gardens, Sandhill Drive. From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/34      643 BILTON [Cricket Club]--**ROSSETT HIGH SCHOOL**  
via Tennyson Avenue, Skipton Road, Woodlands Corner. From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

PB 0001746/35      644 NEW PARK---**ROSSETT HIGH SCHOOL**  
via Jennyfield, Knox, Bilton, Low Harrogate. From 10/6/02 Schooldays only One journey each direction

Notices & Proceedings 1866      12/7/02  
Nil

### Timetables

The now usual timetable booklets from North Yorkshire County Council have been reissued for the summer. Among them are Transport Times for Hambleton District (from 8 April); Transport Times for Harrogate District (from 3 June) and Dales and Moors Explorers, also both from 3 June. In addition, new "Travel Guides" (network maps) for 2002 cover Harrogate and the Dales; Tadcaster and Selby and East Coast and the Moors. The Harrogate map shows that the North Yorkshire County Council "Travelinks" project, giving two hourly feeder services from Otley and Pateley Bridge linking in to an hourly Harrogate-Skipton service at Kettlesing Head will have route number 59X (Harrogate-Skipton) and 60 (Otley-Pateley Bridge). The tender for these is understood to have been won by H&D, which will use three Dennis Dart MPDs on the services (2 for 59X, 1 for 60), introducing the model to the Yorkshire Blazefield Companies.

### OPERATING NOTES

On both 19 and 20/6, B10B 514 was working on route 36. Also on 20/6, B6BLE 605 was on the Knaresborough Road (101/102) services.

B6BLE 602 was on school service 614 in place of a Javelin, whilst on 29/6 Javelin 139 (returned to the operating fleet) worked at least two trips on service 780, though it was not on all day. Javelin 166 was in Tadcaster on driver training duties on 1/7.



On 30/6 B10BLEs 303/4, in 36 livery, were used on a service for the Ripon Motor Show, between Ripon Race course and the Bus Station.

Keighley & District Olympian/NCME 336 paid a visit to Starbeck on 30/6; it is understood this was in connection with its video equipment – it is the sister of Harrogate's 394/5/7/8 which are not yet so equipped.

## **KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT**

### **FLEET CHANGES**

#### **Rebuilt Vehicle**

Javelin 159, which since October 2001 has been undergoing rebuilding at Keighley into a 60 seat (3 + 2) school bus at Keighley, is now almost completed. It will be undergoing a tilt test at Wigan, followed by recertifying and testing and repaint into yellow, but is then understood to be destined for the Sovereign fleet. If this proves to be the case, the vehicle will never have been part of the K&D fleet and should therefore be deleted as an acquired vehicle in issue 607.

### **VEHICLE NOTES**

#### **Repaints**

June 2002:- H&D 157  
July 2002:- Olympians 389, 975

#### **Livery Changes**

Javelin 157 received H&D yellow livery.

The repaint of older Olympians into yellow has now ceased with the completion of 392. Following that, 975, the last example in "toothpaste" livery, received the current Blazefield "Coastliner" style. The revised painting schedule then envisages the elimination, possibly by the end of the year, of the "red stripe" livery and accordingly 389 has now gained current K&D livery. One forthcoming additional repaint into yellow, however, is to be a B10B/Strider saloon, probably 501, which will gain the Harrogate & District shade of yellow prior to the new school year in September for a special K&D contract.

937, the Olympian which joined the Company already in yellow livery after duty as a driver trainer with Sovereign London, differs from the "native" yellow Olympians in not having the window pillars and surrounds in black.

#### **General News**

The K&D trade plates, 240 UA, have been surrendered under the new Group policy referred to under Harrogate & District.

### **SERVICE CHANGES**

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### **OPERATING NOTES**

At the Keighley Transport Festival on 16/6 were representatives of all the Northern Blazefield Companies, in the form of Coastliner 439, K&D 561, H&D 309, B&P 2702 and a Lancashire United B10BLE believed to be 1080. Control vehicle was K&D 923.



### **FLEET CHANGES**

#### **New Vehicle**

9454 MK02 WOY Vauxhall Corsa

car

#### **Additional Information**

The new Vauxhall Corsa, used for staff transfers, etc, is bright blue in colour.

### **VEHICLE NOTES**

#### **Livery Changes**

Further vehicles to receive thin fleet numbers all round are 1702/21/6/25, 3021/7/8/32, in theory leaving just 1722 to be done, whilst 1731 has had side numbers added. There is also 1712 which has thick front numbers on its Norwich Union ad. All 16 of the Park & Ride B7s have white fleetnumbers on either side at the rear.

Both Solos now have a side fleetnumber on the offside, in the rearmost window, in white.



B7 decker 5820 has had the 0 replaced on its rear fleetnumber.

Route branding continues to be applied as follows: Orange Line 5 branding: 1715/6/7/8/9/20, of these, at least 1716/8/20 have rear branding too; Purple Line 6 branding: 3025/6 and 3023/4, which have windscreen, side and back branding; Claret Line 10 branding: 1721/3/4/5/6/7, all with rear branding. 1727 is (so far) the only 02 registered vehicle with route branding. Note that whereas only one vehicle from routes 1, 4 & 12 has rear branding, several from Orange and two from Purple have been so treated. It is not known if the branded vehicles on the 1s, 4s and 12s (only one for each has rear branding) will be retro fitted with the seemingly standard rear route branding.

The confirmed route branding is on: Blue Line 1: 5809-16 (rear - 5809 only); Turquoise Line 4: 1703-10 (rear & windscreen - 1705 only); Orange Line 5: 1715/6/8-20 (all have rear branding too); Purple Line 6: 3023-6 (rear only confirmed on 3023/4 so far); Claret Line 10: 1721/3-6 (all have rear branding too); Pink Line 12: 3019/20 (rear - 3019 only). All B6s branded for lines 6 & 12 have windscreen branding.

Vehicle 1732 was in service on Route 1 on 6/7 with branding on both sides for a Nottingham service, UniLink 63 City Centre - City University - Riverside College. Alongside the branding were logos for the National Union of Students and University of Nottingham. It is understood that it was done as an exercise to show First managers from Aberdeen, but having briefly re-entered service with the vinyls still applied, the vehicle was quickly recalled to James Street to have them removed - to avoid confusion for the public.

## Advertisement News

Olympian 5195 has received a rear advertisement for Ruby Arts tattooists, with a gold rear chunky fleetnumber. The advertisement is not applied over the windows.

B7 Saloon 1737 has gained a full contravision rear advertisement for Smith Brothers at Osbaldwick. The advert seems nearly identical to the one on 3216 and refers to "Bathrooms - Kitchens - Bedrooms; Smith Brothers elegant interiors". On this advert there is a bead of what looks like silicone adhesive around the cut-aways on this advert around the registration plate, rear lights and destination number box, presumably to prevent the advert coming away at the edges in the wash.

The long running side streetliner for Waterworld has re-appeared again..

New upper adverts on double deckers are for Yorkshire Water on the off side, together with Women on a mission - Nailware, and Rowntrees Fruit Rush on the nearside.

Side adverts on saloons are as follows:- 1. Thirsty? Drink a glass of cool Yorkshire Water (*followed by a glass with blue 'liquid' with Yorkshire water in white on it*). This is also on the deckers as is 2. Thirsty, and in London? Come home (*followed by the above symbol - but if you were in London you would not be able to see this advice!!*); 3. Some people have it, some people do not (JVD) below this in small letters JV trainers; 4. Just For You - Free estimates call 01904 626883. Professional fitting of all laminated and hardwood flooring; 5. Planet York - (*various suggestions on 'Saving energy, money and environment. Illustrations show hot water drips, switching off unnecessary electrics and loft insulation. States 'Grants available'*); 6. The Exhibition that takes off - Yorkshire Museum in the Museum Gardens. (*shows a plane and flying prehistoric reptile*); 7. FREE great day out at the National Railway Museum; 8. Gym, Swim or Workout - Monks Cross (*The same place as Waterworld*); 9. Ready for a new concept in hotels. Ramada Encore open June 2002. (*Thought to be the one at the corner of Micklegate and George Hudson Street*); 10. Earth - Amazing adventure (*advertiser unknown - not an advert with a clear message*)

Rear Adverts on saloons include 1. Cheaper Car Insurance - Churchills; 2. A white based advert which includes the number 5 but again without a clear message; 3. Be star and clean up your car - Planet York - Transport Action.

New small rear adverts are:- 1. 24 carat financial advice - Hallmark IFA (*Independent Financial Advisers*); 2. Focus in style - Focus Fireplaces - Stockton - on - Forest; 3. Buying or selling a house? - get moving - Crombie and Wilkinson Solicitors and 4. Castle Howard - Bringing our history to life.

## SERVICE CHANGES

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Nil

## OPERATING NOTES

B7 1737 seems to be allocated to P&R duties with ticket machine fitted and 1713/4 also seem to be allocated to the P&R.

Olympian 5521 was working on service 21 on 9/7 (Acaster Malbis to York District Hospital) As it is unable to show the destinations, it only had a service number displayed. The following day it was working on Line 1 from Wigginton / Haxby to Acomb in lieu of a B7 decker.

B7 1701 with the 5 adverts (Mega rear, two streetliners and two skyliners) for Whitby Oliver furnishing store is a regular on Line 10 ( Poppleton to Stamford Bridge). The Hudson Moody advert (1734) is also often on this route.

Head of First, [REDACTED] was in York on 10/7 to present the 10 millionth P & R passenger ([REDACTED]) with a smart card giving her a year's free travel in a ceremony at Grimston Bar. [REDACTED] said that... "P & R has been a fantastic success story. We are absolutely delighted with everything that has been put into it. This is probably the most successful Park and Ride in the country. York's position is very special. It is a very important city and that makes sure we provide good quality travel" He added "What really drives investment is growth and patronage. We are seeing that here. If that continues, we can afford to look at how much more we can invest" [REDACTED] said she was delighted to be First's ten millionth customer. "I use Park & Ride every day. The service is excellent and the drivers are friendly." A



City of York Council spokesman said the authority was pleased to join First in celebrating the ten millionth P & R passenger. Use of York's P & R service has increased by 20 per cent each year since 1995. First said that they operate 20 P & R sites in cities including Aberdeen, Norwich and Bristol, but it is York where it has had the most success.

On 13/7, the following were noted with 197 Race Special on their blinds:- 5195, 5196, 5521, 5813 and 5817. In addition 5197 was seen leaving the depot in the morning showing F6 School special with Race stickers in the window, and was still showing F6 on the evening of 14/7 (F6 being Fulford School contract no. 6).

## Yorkshire Coastliner

### VEHICLE NOTES

#### General News

The first B10BLE, 441, was fitted with a larger luggage pen by Coastliner during June; seating capacity is unchanged.

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Nil	

### OPERATING NOTES

The newest B10BLE, 446, being intended for Lancashire United, has less luggage rack space as already reported, but it is also slower than the other YC B10BLEs. As a result it tends to be used less than the others and during June was only noted on a few journeys west of York, as follows:- on 10/6 it did two trips on Leeds-Thornton Dale via Castle Howard; on 19/6 it worked 1245 Whitby-Leeds (840) and return; on 20/6 it worked Leeds-Whitby (840) and return; on 25/6 it replaced Olympian 426 at Tadcaster Union Corner on 1015 Leeds-Thornton Dale (842) and on 28/6 it was on the 1630 Malton-Leeds via Castle Howard and 1850 Leeds-Scarborough (843).

## SOLD STOCK NEWS

**D41 MAG** (Ex 91, Iveco sold London Country (NE), 4/89)

This again appeared at the Southsea Rally in June, having also been there in 2001.

**D555 HNW** (Ex 148, Iveco sold Yorkshire Rider, 8/89)

Last reported with S.M. Travel, Roydon, Essex. Now reported as "Gone by 5/02" from W.G. Services, Harlow.

**PWY 582W** (Ex 1015, Leyland National 2 sold Norths, dealer, Sherburn, 6/90)

Further to our note in the last issue 613, Nash uses Shearer (Fleetwing) to prepare and MOT vehicles and they are therefore often on the premises or loaned to them.

**UWY 66X** (Ex 1524/H&D 341, Leyland National 2 sold Kelvin Central, 8/94)

Latterly with First Hampshire/First Provincial, no. 420. Withdrawn by 5/02 after engine failure.

**FWR 218T** (Ex 1721, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Cambus Bus & Coach, 4/90)

Last reported with Hyde (t/a Red Kite), Tilsworth, Beds. Now reported as moving from Williams, Sturminster Marshall, Dorset, 4/02 to Holland, Poole.

**DWW 927Y** (Ex 1802/K&D 352, Bristol Olympian transferred to Sovereign B&C, 5/98)

Still in Cambridge Regional College livery (white) complete with lettering, this was seen entering York via the A64/A19 on Monday 8/7, presumably conveying a school party to the City.

**FUM 483Y** (Ex 1808/K&D 358, Bristol Olympian transferred to Sovereign B&C, 8/99)

To Thome (APT), Rayleigh, by 12/01 ex Sovereign (83). Said by Buses magazine to be in white with house colour splashes in vinyl. It is also said to have Voith transmission, but this was not from the Voith batch and had Leyland LVA, later changed to LVS, transmission. West Yorkshire 1818-27 were the Voith-fitted vehicles.

**FUM 486/7/91/2/9Y** (Ex 1811/2/6/7/24, FY 5186-9/93, Bristol Olympians transferred to First Western National, 1/02)

These have been numbered 1764/3/2/1/0 respectively (i.e. in reverse order!) by FWN.

**FUM 488Y, A189 RUM** (Ex 1813/28, K&D 360/H&D 317, Bristol Olympians sold Fleetmaster, dealer, Horsham, 12/00)

Both to Fleetmaster, dealer, Horsham, 4/02 ex Aventa. Further to last month's note about these vehicles, it should be noted that Aventa ceased stage carriage services, but continue with coach operations.

**C481 YWY** (Ex 1859/H&D 392, Leyland Olympian transferred to Burnley & Pendle, 3/02)

This is numbered 2392 in the B&P fleet.

**KUB 544V** (Ex 2570, Leyland Leopard sold Dodsworth, Boroughbridge, 11/93)

To Stainthorpe (Skelton Hire), Skelton, Cleveland, by 3/02, ex Winn, Brompton, Northallerton.

**KUB 546V** (Ex 2572, Leyland Leopard sold London Country NE, 1/89)

Now running as RNV 413V, further to last month this is running for D.A.Pye, t/a Worthern Motors, Minsterley, Salop, painted all over white and looking quite smart despite having no destination or route number blinds. It is now a regular on a school contract to Newtown High School, 6/02, with a regular driver and is sometimes outstationed, not returning to the Minsterley depot each night.



**KUB 671V** (Ex 2587, Leyland Leopard sold Yorkshire Rider, 4/90)  
 Last reported withdrawn by Arriva North Midlands, 3/00. This is now operating for Est Bus Ltd, Llandow, Vale of Glamorgan, S.Wales. Painted into their allover cream livery, with a maroon band and used on school contracts (usually 520 and P122) by 6/02. It looks quite tidy, and carries a Leyland badge at front and rear. For some time, however, there have been suggestions that school transport is to change significantly in Wales, with operators having to paint all school vehicles yellow and to update them, so KUB's future may be in some doubt. The Leopard was acquired in a large batch of vehicles from Arriva North Midlands in -/00, but there have been suggestions that Serverse of Mile Oak had a hand in the onward sale of this vehicle at least.

**GWU 562T** (Ex 2590, Leyland Leopard sold South Wales Transport, 5/88)  
 Last reported with Porthcawl Omnibus, by 5/91. This has now joined KUB 671V in the fleet of Est Bus Ltd, Llandow, Vale of Glamorgan, S.Wales. It has been repainted into Est livery, but with a wider maroon band than on KUB and no fleetnames. However, it has not yet entered service with Est and is parked in their storage yard (full of withdrawn Leyland Nationals) without seats, awaiting attention, 6/02.

**EWV 945Y** (Ex 2702, Leyland Tiger sold Yorkshire Rider, 4/90)  
 Latterly with First Cymru, fleet no. 162. By 6/02 this had been withdrawn and was at Carmarthen depot with various parts removed including windscreen, radiator grille, etc. It carries the two tone green, red and white First Cymru livery. It will now be used for spares to keep other Tigers running.

**A908 LWU** (Ex 2708, Leyland Tiger sold Dorset Travel Services, 4/89)  
 Gone by 5/02 from Globe, Bamsley.

**CSU 244** (Ex RY 1587, Leyland Leopard sold Brewer, South Wales, 9/96)  
 As reported in the December 1999 issue, this was donated to Weston super Mare Sea Scouts during 1999. It is still operating for WSM Sea Scouts, 6/02, painted allover white with large blue lettering for the Group down the sides. On the rear in black are the sponsors for the organisation, including "First Group plc" and a thank you from the Cadets. The rearmost windows are blanked out in white. It has regained its original registration of REL 402R, CSU 244 having been transferred off it. Usually it is kept in a locked compound next to the cadets' other vehicle, a DAF minibus, at the rear of WSM railway station.

**LOI 6690** (Ex RY 1592, Leyland Leopard sold Brewer, South Wales, 9/96)  
 Sister vehicle to CSU 244 (above), latterly with First Cymru, fleet no. 702 and withdrawn over 2 years ago, this vehicle has now been moved from Carmarthen depot after use for spares and has been dumped at Port Talbot depot along with a motley collection of other vehicles including withdrawn Darts, Olympians, Metrobuses, Bristol VRs, Tigers and other Leopards, 6/02. Now heavily stripped, it is thought the vehicle will be sold for scrap very shortly as First Cymru has just taken its last Leopards out of service and hence spares will no longer be needed. It remains in the red, yellow and white "Brewers" style livery.

**CUB 29/39/41/7Y** (Ex FY 5029/39/41/7, Bristol Olympians transferred to First Leeds, 1/02)  
 All these have now been transferred to Midland Bluebird, which is part of First Edinburgh, 5/02 (ex 5029 not previously reported). There they rejoin ex FY 5047/112/3. Of the latest transfers, ex 5039/41/7 are now Midland Bluebird 906/5/4 respectively.

**EWR 656Y** (Ex RY 1656, Leyland Tiger sold South Lancs Transport, 1/96)  
 To Est Bus, Llandow, South Wales, 5/02 ex Stagecoach Red & White.

**JIL 2216** (Ex H&D 307, Leyland Tiger sold Ripley, dealer, Carlton, 3/00)  
 Now operating for Hawkes Coaches, Waunarlwydd, West Swansea. Still being used in H&D livery without fleetnames, 6/02, on tours, contracts and limited use on their service 98 into central Swansea from Waunarlwydd. The operator is very impressed with this Tiger, which was always a good example of the type when with K&D/H&D, but has no immediate plans to repaint it just yet. He also still operates B264 KPF, ex H&D Tiger in an allover white livery.

**A605 KYG** (Ex RY Dodge van)  
 Further to the note in issue 558 (September 1997), new houses have now been built on the site and field where this vehicle was dumped. The owner also owned a scrapyards and the van was probably taken there for scrapping when the site was cleared some time ago.

**A213 SAE** (Ex H&D 308, Leyland Tiger sold Ripley, dealer, Carlton, 5/98)  
 Further to issue 609, this is now being used for spares by Burtons, Haverhill (Status Group).

**E961 NMK** (Ex H&D 201, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 2/97)  
 Now in service with Tantivy Blue, registered J 14675, in Tantivy Blue livery, C39F seating and used on contracts and tours with fleet no. 47.

**E962 NMK** (Ex H&D 202, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 7/96)  
 Now in service with Tantivy Blue, registered J 14610, in Tantivy Blue livery, C39F seating and used on contracts and tours with fleet no. 68.

**E963 NMK** (Ex H&D 203, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 4/96)  
 Now in service with Tantivy Blue, registered J 14656, in Tantivy Blue livery, C39F seating and used on contracts and tours with fleet no. 52.

**F172 SMT, G113 VMM** (Ex H&D 172/206, Leyland Swifts sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 11/99)  
 These were never used by Pioneer, but passed to Tantivy Blue Coach Tours when Pioneer was taken over. Again, they were not used and are now only shells, having been cannibalised by both Pioneer and Tantivy. What remains of the vehicles are now dumped at the Georgetown Park works, St.Clement, just outside St.Helier, still in H&D livery. They are due to pass to a scrapyards at the Bellozanne waste disposal plant very soon for final scrapping. Neither ever received Jersey registrations.

**F173 SMT** (Ex H&D 173, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 11/99)  
 Now in service with Tantivy Blue, registered J 91574, in Tantivy Blue livery, B41F seating and used on contracts with fleet no. 70.

**G111 VMM** (Ex H&D 204, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 7/98)  
 Now in service with Tantivy Blue, registered J 89654, in Tantivy Blue livery, B41F seating and used on contracts with fleet no. 71.

**G112 VMM** (Ex H&D 205, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey, 9/98)  
 Having run for Pioneer registered J 19732, as with most ex Pioneer vehicles, this was initially placed in storage on a farm track at the rear of the Living Legend attraction on the island when Tantivy took over. However, when it was due to be resuscitated it



suffered major engine failure on start up. As a result it was used for spares instead by Tantivy and the remains sold to the same scrapyards that F172 SMT and G113 VMM are destined for (see above), where it was scrapped.

**G296 KKY** (Ex K&D 204, Leyland Lynx transferred to Sovereign Bus & Coach, 3/97)

Last reported with Lancashire United; now reported as withdrawn by Bumley & Pendle and sold to Ensign, dealer, Purfleet, -/02.

**G300 KKY** (Ex K&D 208, Leyland Lynx transferred to Lancashire United, 7/01)

Transferred to Sovereign Bus & Coach, no. 200, 4/02 (previously with Sovereign from 12/00 to 5/01)

**G278 MWU** (Ex K&D 194, Iveco sold Ripley, dealer, Carlton, 11/95)

Latterly operating with Howells Coaches Ltd, Gelligaer, Caerphilly, S.Wales. Withdrawn by 6/02, but probably much earlier. Now parked up on a small farm called Ffos-yr-Hebog, high up in the valley hills above Deri near Rhymney and being used for spares after major engine problems, 6/02. Interestingly, the operator acquired a batch of ambulances with Iveco engines for donor engines but these were quickly used up as the G/MWU Iveco minibuses "don't like the same engine in them for more than 6 months", according to the operator. It is painted all over white, with red HOWELLS COACHES fleetnames and HOWELLS in the destination glass.

**G279 MWU** (Ex K&D 199, Iveco sold Ripley, dealer, Carlton, 1/95)

This is currently also operating for Howells Coaches Ltd, Gelligaer, Caerphilly, S.Wales, but was under repair in 6/02, the operator reflecting the experience of Harrogate & District and Keighley & District engineers in losing patience with it, to the extent that if anything else major goes wrong with it, the vehicle will be withdrawn before its planned withdrawal date of next year. It is also painted all over white, but with larger red HOWELLS fleetnames than G278 MWU mentioned above. It is interesting to note that of the small batch of former H&D/K&D "revised" Ivecos, G275 MWU - H281 SWW (275-81), only the above two have ventured any further than the North West in the resale market...

**L655 MYG** (Ex K&D 104, Mercedes 711D sold Ripley, dealer, Carlton, 8/00)

To D & G, Stafford, no. 34, 3/02 ex Gibson Direct, Renfrew. Interestingly, also owned by D & G is L708 LKY, a Mercedes 811D/Wright, which those with long memories may recall was loaned to Keighley & District by Mercedes for a spell from November 1994 whilst the K&D Mercedes, which of course included 104, underwent remedial work.

**M229/31 VWU** (Ex FY 2229/31, Mercedes transferred to First Manchester, 5/02)

These are in the First Pioneer fleet at Rochdale and are numbered 1823/4.

**M231/49-51 VWW** (Ex FY 3231/49-51, Dennis Darts transferred to First Eastern Counties, 4/02)

These are numbered 333/4/5/7 respectively by FEC.

**P304 AUM** (Ex FY 3304, Dennis Dart transferred to First Badgerline, 3/02).

Noted in use with First at Bristol, operating from their Marlborough Street depot/bus station, still in overall white with fleet number 271 and looking a little "tatty".

**P836 YUM** (Ex FY 3323, Dennis Dart transferred to First Cymru, 2/02)

As previously suggested, this did not enter service with First Cymru and has moved on to First Southern National, in which fleet it is numbered 846.

**R121 FUP** (Ex FY 3377, Dennis Dart transferred to First Cymru, 3/02)

This is numbered 677 by First Cymru.

**T356 VWU, V154 LUA** (Ex FY 3356/74, Dennis Dart transferred to First Beeline, 4/02)

These are numbered 247/51 by First Beeline.

## PROPERTY

### KNARESBOROUGH

The Bus Station has now finally closed and buses are departing from temporary bus stops on the High Street and York Place. Redevelopment work has started to create a number of residential buildings and new departure bays. The work is expected to take about 12 months to complete.

## WEST YORKSHIRE HISTORY

### DRIVERS' AND CONDUCTORS' INSTRUCTION BOOK

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#### 52. LIVESTOCK

##### CHARGES FOR DOGS—STAGE CARRIAGE SERVICES

Dogs accompanying passengers on the Company's vehicles will be charged for at the following rate. Halt the adult single fare up to and including 1/-. Fractions of 1d. to count as 1d. Where the adult single fare is over 1/- the charge will be 6d. for the first shilling plus 1d. for every additional shilling or part thereof. No return tickets are issued. No charge is to be made for guide dogs which accompany blind people.

##### LIVESTOCK IN CONTAINERS

There is no charge for any livestock which is carried in a container, this includes small dogs carried in either baskets or bags. No charge should be made for small dogs carried on the lap of the passenger. Dogs will not be allowed on the seats.

#### 53. PARCELS.

No luggage, parcels, prams or goods of any description to be carried in the gangway or impede the exit door of any omnibus.



**(a) ACCOMPANIED PARCELS**

Light luggage or parcels which may be carried without inconvenience to others will be carried free. Other large and bulky articles accompanying passengers will only be carried if accommodation permits without causing discomfort or inconvenience to the other passengers or without obstruction to the Driver or Conductor in their duties.

Bicycles and perambulators will not be conveyed.

**(b) UNACCOMPANIED PARCELS OR GOODS**

These are not to be accepted for conveyance unless arrangements have been made for their collection from the Conductor.

Parcels must not be accepted for destinations not served by the bus on which you are operating unless arrangements have been made for the transfer of the parcel by the sender. When such a parcel is handed to you it should be explained that your bus is not going through to that destination and that you can only carry the parcel to the nearest point served by your bus.

Parcels or goods which are of an objectionable nature or very bulky or improperly packed are not to be accepted.

The weight of the parcel to be declared by the consignor

Unaccompanied parcels to be charged as under, irrespective of distances

Up to 11lb. 6d. 1 lb. to 7lbs., 1/-. Then 6d. for every additional 7lbs. or fraction thereof. The maximum weight permitted is 56lbs.

Issue to the person who gives you the parcel an emergency ticket with the price in the Single Section, the letters P.C.L. in the Ordinary Return Section, the time the parcel was put on your bus in the Workman Return Section and the stage number in the normal way.

Parcels or goods addressed to the Company are carried free of charge.

No charge is made for unaccompanied parcels carried on the through buses from Bradford to Grassington Sanatorium, provided they are addressed to patients at the Sanatorium.

The consignor's Parcel Book should be signed on request.

Parcels or goods, if not met, to be handed in as soon as possible to the nearest Enquiry Office or Parcel Agency to which the parcel or goods are addressed.

**Parcel Agencies:** [REDACTED] The Stores, Rillington.

Parcels or goods cannot be carried carriage forward.

- (c) PARCELS CARRIED UNDER CONTRACT** The Yorkshire Evening Post, Northern Echo, Perio News Ltd., Wakefield Express, Yorkshire Herald, Evening Press, Yorkshire Evening News, Bradford Telegraph and Argus, Kemsley Newspapers Ltd., Scarborough and District Newspapers Ltd., Messrs. Smethurst (Knaresborough), Gray and Co. Ltd. (York), Leonard Page Ltd. (Leeds), the Craven Herald Ltd., the Yorkshire Gazette, F. Lupton, Linton (Skipton), M. Richards (Harrogate)—all have contracts for the conveyance of parcels bearing their labels.

Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son have a contract with us for the conveyance of newspapers from their Keighley and Bradford branches.

Messrs. C. H. Pickles Ltd., have a contract with us for the conveyance of newspapers from their Keighley, Bradford, Leeds and York branches.

Where we hold contracts as stated, parcels so carried bear a label to the effect that the parcels are carried under contract. When operating on Service 91 parcels bearing United parcel tickets or contract labels will be carried.

- (d) MAIL BAGS, POST BOXES AND LETTERS.**

Conductors are to accept all letters addressed to the Company or to officials of the Company. Letters other than those must not be accepted.

Conductors acting in contravention of this instruction are liable to be prosecuted by the Postal Authorities.

Where a Post Box is carried the Conductor must allow the sender of the letter to place it in the Post Box. (If a child brings a letter and is unable to reach the Post Box, the Conductor may assist).

An entry should be made on the waybill when a Mail Bag or Post Box is conveyed. The time of the journey and stages over which it is conveyed are to be entered.

**54. CHARGES FOR FOLDING PRAMS—STAGE CARRIAGE SERVICES**

Folding prams or push-chairs will be conveyed at owner's risk providing they can be accommodated on the luggage racks or in the boot. A charge of 3d. to be made.

On through services where passengers have to book twice, only one charge of 3d. is made for the folding push-chair.

(On York—West Yorkshire Services a 3d. transfer may be issued for a folding push chair providing the passenger also books a transfer).

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