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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

LEEDS MEETING.

It is hoped to arrange a meeting, to be held in Leeds on Saturday, April 4th. Full details will appear next month, but meanwhile, members are asked to make a note of the date.

SPRING TOUR.

We also hope to arrange a tour on Sunday, the 7th. June. Further details will be given when available, but again, members are urged to make a note of the date.

P.S.V. CIRCLE MEETING.

The next P.S.V. Circle Social Meeting will be on Thursday, the 26th. February, at the Bradford City Transport Staff Canteen, Forster Square, Bradford, from 7-0 p.m., and all W.Y.I.S. members are welcome to attend.

PRESS DAY, for the March Issue will be Saturday, February 28th. Please note the date - we shall return to the first Saturday in the following month. All items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED],

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 1. FLEET CHANGES.

NEW VEHICLES.

SRG.91.	CWX 586 H.	Bristol	HELL6G	3/959	ECW-17691	B53F	7-7-3.
SRG.92.	CWX 745 H.	Bristol	HELL6G	3/960	ECW 17692	B55F	7-7-3.

RENUMBERING.

January, 1970 : EUG 76/82 to SUG.75/81.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

This month's new vehicles complete the 1969 orders. SRG.91 arrived during the week ending the 9th. January, and SRG.92 arrived on the 17th. January, both at Grove Park, though they were not there for long.

The chassis number of YDX.231 is 230015 - this corrects the entry in Issue 201. The chassis number of 1035 is 0G2999, the "body" number is 02974, and body type VH. Y 1032 is now running on Trade Plates 602 WT. A further Trade Plate is 605 WT, which is in use at Harrogate.

In answer to the request in Issue 224, DX.82 (456 LHN) entered service with United, as BL.56 in April, 1960. It became L.56 in 1964. In addition, CUG.42-5 entered service un-numbered with Millings Transport in 1955 (CUG.42/3) and 1957. They were numbered T.308-11 on 8/c/64, and transferred to Eastern National in 2/65, where they became 376-9.

The wheelbase of 1037 is now 16'-0"; the normal LML wheelbase is 19'-0".

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

SMG.71.	(delicensed)	to	PATELEY BRIDGE (Correction).	1.11.69.
SM.P.17.	"	"	KEIGHLEY	17.1.70.
SRG.12.	"	"	LEEDS	"
DX.34.	"	"	LEEDS	"
DX.201.	"	"	BRADFORD.	"
SRG.91.	( new )	"	OTLEY	"
SRG.92.	"	"	BRADFORD	"
SMG.6.	from	KEIGHLEY	" LEEDS	"
SMG.26.	"	HARROGATE	(delicensed)	31.1.70.
SRG.40.	"	BRADFORD	"	"
SRG.65.	"	OTLEY	"	"
EUG.78/9.	"	LEEDS	"	"
EUG.81/5.	"	HARROGATE	"	"
EUG.87.	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"
CRG.5.	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"

1. Fleet Changes, (cont). Allocations and Transfers, (cont.)

DX.151.	from BRADFORD	(delicensed)	31.1.70.
DX.172/99.	" LEEDS	"	"
Vk.36.	" LEEDS	"	"
SMG.38.	(delicensed)	to HARROGATE	1.2.70.
SRG.16.	"	" LEEDS	"
SUG.75 (ex.EUG.76).	"	" LEEDS	"
SUG.81 (ex.EUG.82).	"	" HARROGATE	"
EUG.86.	"	" KEIGHLEY	"
ERG.1.	"	" HARROGATE	"
CRG.11.	"	" KEIGHLEY	"
SRG.3.	From HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
SRG.5.	" LEEDS	" HARROGATE	"

- Notes :- 1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former Depots except SMG.38 (ex.Bradford); SRG.16 (ex.Wetherby); SUG.75 (ex.York as EUG.76); EUG.86 (ex.York) and ERG.1 (ex.Leeds).  
 2. This month sees the first move since new for SRG.16.  
 3. Last month was the first move since new for EUG.89.  
 4. SUG.75 (ex.EUG.76) has now returned to its original Depot, which it left for the first time on 7/7/69.

STORED VEHICLES.

HARROGATE. The situation regarding stored vehicles on the 31st January, was as follows :- Behind Myrtle Road - CUG.9/15, EUG.92/3/4, SUG.29 and DGW.4; outside Works - CUG.8, SRG.65, VR.24; inside Works - CUG.41, VR.22 & KDX.168 ?; Grove Park (front) - SRG.40, DX.15b; Grove Park (rear) - SUG.18, SMG.47, DX.20 & CUG.36. The chassis and cab of SEW.21 left Grove Park by January 18th., as did SEW.33.

LEEDS. CRG.7 (B) is now stored here, with CRG.8/9 (L). DGW.4 went to Harrogate in early January, not York. ERG.1 left Leeds for Harrogate, on the 31st January. DX.35 & SUG.16/38 are still outside, with DX.32 inside. EUG.90 now appears to have gone, probably to Harrogate. EUG.78 was steam cleaned on the 3rd February.

YORK. DGW.8 left the field during the week ending January 24th. SMG.50, reported as being in the field last month, is in fact inside the Depot, and has been since delicensing. Apart from the above, the stored vehicle situation is the same as last month, except that EUG.76 has now gone, to Leeds, as SUG.75.

WITHDRAWALS.

31st January, 1970 - DX.21/35.

SALES AND DISPOSALS.

13th January, 1970 - SEW.21/33 & DGW.8 to W.Norths (P.V.), Ltd., (Dealers), Sherburn in Elmet. (Note - SEW.21 was chassis and cab only.)

FLEET TOTAL.

	# C.	S.D.	D.D.	1.2.70.	1.2.69.
Licensed :	5	210	274.	489.	496.
Delicensed :	46	31	5.	82.	87.
	<u>51</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>279.</u>	<u>571.</u> *	<u>583.</u>

\* The fleet total excludes DX.21/35.

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

OVERHAULS.

November, 1969 : SUG.68.  
 January, 1970 : YDX.229 & SRG.16.

DEPOT REPAIRS.

January, 1970 : CUG.18/24/42 & SUG.75/81 (all at Works).

In addition, the cab and interior front of those vehicles delivered with an off-white finish (SRG.74-98, LH.1-26 & VR.1-49), are being repainted pale to medium semi-matt green, following complaints about reflection. So far noted have been LH.5, YVR.30/43 & VR.15/6/8/37/3/47.

PAINT DATES.

DX.212 - H.3/66; SRG.20 - Do.10/66; SRG.55 - H.11/67.

The number of paint dates published recently has dropped - we are still short of paint dates for the following :- DX.203/8, KDX.226, VR.8/10/1/22/44/5/8/9, SMG.26/33/4/7/8, SMA.14/5/8, SMP.17, SML.1/2, KLH.9/10, LH.20, YLH.22/3/6, EUG.81-5/7-9; CUG.21-3/5/6/8/30-3/5/7-41/6-8, ERG.1/6-8/11, CRG.1-12/4, SRG.8/14/23/9/31/4-8/44/3/9/53/7/9/61-3/5/70-2/5/9, KSRG.80/1, SRG.85/6/8-92, & KSRG.93-5.

If any member can give any of the missing details, we should be grateful. Several of the vehicles delivered with off-white interiors, have now lost their paint dates (see above), including LH.5, YVR.30/43 & VR.15/47, but VR.16/8 did not have their cab repainted (only the interior front), and still retain paint dates.

REBUILDING.

It is reported that SMG.2 has had part of the boot door removed, a towing bracket and hook added, and is being used on towing duties, using Trade Plates 605 WT. CUG.9 did not exchange engines with EUG.84; however, the CUG is confirmed as being an LS5G, and the LUG an MW6G now.

GENERAL NEWS.

VR.47 now has twin fog lights.  
 VR.7 has been fitted with a modified heater.  
 The additional beading fitted on overhaul to early SRG's is to stop drumming of the panels, and for extra support. SRG.16 is the latest vehicle to be fitted with this beading, on its recent overhaul.  
 SUG.68 has been re-upholstered, and is now in the new style paintwork. Only SUG.61 and possibly SUG.64 of the "WT" batch are still in the old livery.  
 DX.157 has now received a new radiator grille without chrome strips.  
 SUG.19 (B) can now show "Menston" on its blind; no doubt for use on Service 65.  
 DX.27, which had been without an offside fleetname for some months, has now received one.  
 YDX.229 did not have its CBC equipment removed on overhaul.  
 CUG.42/3 on repaint received a re-trim, one probably receiving the seats from CUG.9, which now has Eastern National seats.  
 VR.40 has received a new rear engine cover, without a Bristol "VR" plate.  
 VR.35 has now been fitted with fans, and additional air intakes at both offside and nearside of the engine cover. A transfer on each side reads :- "Engine cowl must not be lifted whilst engine is running". It also has an anti-glare panel in the saloon to stop glare from the saloon on the windscreen.  
 SUG.75 received an exterior repaint in the new livery, and a cab repaint, but retains old style upholstery.  
 Despite the note in last month's Issue, SRG.16, after overhaul, has a lower mounted fog lamp. It would appear that the new type SRG's are also delivered with low fog lamps, which are then raised to the higher level needed to clear kerbs, etc.  
 VR.41 (B) now has a small (round) interior mirror.

ADVERTISEMENT NOTES.

SRG.5 (L), mentioned last month, retained its Howdens' of Harrogate adverts. all January, and as will be noted, has now returned to Harrogate, its original Depot, after an absence of only one month. SRG.3, received in exchange, carries a painted rear "Harrogate Motors" advert.

Several Leeds Depot vehicles, including SUG.75, DX.10/34, have new lower rear adverts for Wallace Arnold Sales and Service.

VR.17 has a target advert for "The Loft", Kirkby Lonsdale (whatever that is!) (A reference to the "Dalesman" describes this as a "Culinary Corner".)

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

There have been no applications during January.

4. OPERATING DETAILS.

DEPOT REPORTS.

BRADFORD. DX.49 (K loan B) was on 12.36 Leeds - Bradford (55) on the 23rd. January; SRG.92 (B) has been used on Bradford - Harrogate and Bradford - Scarborough since entering service; on the 23rd. January it worked the 08.20 White Cross - Bradford (55) and the 08.35 Bradford - Scarborough (43) on the 24th & 29th. January. On the 29th. January, DX.100 (K) was on loan to Bradford, and DX.15 (O) was also on loan to Bradford for approximately two weeks in January, being used on Bradford - Baildon, and was seen on 53 on the 10th. January. DX.83 & SUG.26 (both B) have been noted in Wilden, working for Hebble, on various dates during January.

LEEDS. DX.48 (B) was in Leeds on the 10th. January, showing "School Special" front and "Leeds/35" rear. A shortage of vehicles here during January, which caused the re-licensing of SRG.12 & DX.34, also resulted in several loans. DX.152 (B) was used on 48A/49 and a Murrey Mills Special on January 12th. SRG.8 (Yk) was on Leeds - Tadcaster (4) on January 14th, SUG.55 (Yk) was in Leeds Depot yard on the 21st. January, showing "Leeds/43", and then worked the 13.00 Leeds - Wetherby (39). SRG.8 (Yk) worked on Leeds - Harrogate (36) at 12.32 on the 26th. January, for Leeds Depot. All these vehicles were on loan to Leeds at the time. An unusual vehicle on Leeds - Bradford (30) on the 12th. January was DX.25 (B). On the 15th. January EUG.85 (H) worked the 10.47 Leeds - Ripon (36) showing "Leeds/36", and carrying a "Ripon" sticker. SRG.12 was first noted back in traffic on the 19th. January, when it worked the 12.45 Leeds - Knaresborough (39), and DX.34 was so noted on Leeds - Otley (34) on the 23rd. January. SRG.19 worked the 12.30 Leeds - Wetherby (39) on the 26th. January, and on the same day SRG.18 worked on Leeds - Ilkley (32A).

4. Operating Details, (cont.)

LEEDS, (cont.)

SMG.6, newly transferred, was in Leeds Depot yard on the 21st. January, showing "Private". On the 19th. January, four L55G's were in the Headrow at the same time, approximately 4.30 p.m., SMG.55 (Yk.loan L) was on 35 outward, whilst SUG.21/61 & SMG.60 were heading for Vicar Lane. LH.11 (W) was in Vicar Lane, as were VR.14/9/21/44/5, also on the 19th. January SMG.60/1 were on 34, and LH.20 (K) was in City Square at 17.30 showing "34/Ilkley", full of passengers, again on the 19th. January. It is thought that the SMA referred to last month may be a S.M., which was probably on a Keighley or Ilkley turn on 31 or 32A. SUG.7; (L) was used on Leeds - Bradford (30) one day during the week ending January 29th. On the 28th. January, SMG.57 (L) was used on Leeds - Farsley (49). Further to last month's notes, on Service 36, the United vehicle now appears to work from Ripon at 07.15, 10.15, 13.15, 16.15 & 19.15, returning from Leeds at 08.47, 11.47, 14.47, 17.47 & (probably) 21.47. The vehicle arrives in Leeds at 20.35, and doesn't work either the 20.47 Ripon or 21.17 Harrogate. The 20.47 is performed by Leeds with the car working off 42 at 20.26. This probably only works to Harrogate, returning to Leeds at 22.20 from Harrogate, as an amendment from the 14th. December shows the 22.15 ex-Ripon to terminate at Harrogate. The 21.17 ex-Leeds appears to be worked by a Harrogate car, probably working 17.55 Middlesbrough - Leeds (X.99), arriving at Wellington Street at 21.00. This usually is worked by EUG's, (even EUG.95 has worked this duty), although SMG's & SKG's have been noted. The Leeds car ex Harrogate at 20.20 arriving in Leeds at 21.05 then works to Boston Spa at 21.22. Noted on 41 on the 24th. January, LH.11 (W) worked the 13.52 Leeds - Wetherby, and DX.157 (L) the 13.55 ex-Wetherby (41). On the 28th. January, a Leeds ERG was noted in Bridge Road, Kirkstall, during the morning peak, presumably on a 30 or 31 duplicate. DX.121 (H) was noted on 31, probably for Leeds, on the 30th. December. On the last day of January, SMG.5 (L), prior to transfer, was on Leeds - Harrogate (36), and was probably taken off at Harrogate in exchange for SMG.3. The latter vehicle worked the 12.32 Leeds - Harrogate (36), on the 3rd. February, having arrived from Tadcaster (42). SMG.16, newly relicensed, was used as a changeover on Leeds - Keighley (31) on the 3rd. February, this type being unusual on this route. The following day, this vehicle worked the 12.32 Leeds - Harrogate (36). EUG.79(L) was used on 32A/42 on January 30th.

OTLEY. Noted on Skipton - Harrogate (76) on Saturday, January 3rd., were 10.55 ex Harrogate, SMG.60 (0); 11.55, SMG.90 (H); 10.30 ex-Skipton, SMG.86 (Sk); 11.30 ex Skipton, SKG.75 (I), and SKG.86 then worked the 12.05 Penny Pot Lane (10), and later still, 19.55 Harrogate - Skipton, with SKG.75 (I) the 19.30 ex-Skipton. SMG.60 (0) was parked behind Otley Depot at 20.00. SMG.32 (0) was used as a service car on Ilkley - Leeds (32A), arriving at 12.55, on the 20th. January, whilst SMG.91, newly into service, was on Otley - Leeds (34) on the same day. DX.178 (L) was working for Otley Depot on the 7th. January, and for a few days after this. SMG.32 (0) was used on the 12.45 Leeds - Otley (35) on the 4th. January, and on the same day, DX.159 (B.loan 0) was on Ilkley - Leeds (32A), and then worked the 12.05 Leeds - Otley (32M).

WETHERBY. On the Harrogate - Tadcaster section of 76, SMG.21 (H) worked the 10.55 Tadcaster - Harrogate, and then took up position to work the 12.05 Harrogate - Leeds (36). SMG.77 (H) worked the 11.55 Harrogate - Tadcaster, with LH.8, duplicating to Wetherby. SMG.7 (L) worked the 13.55 Tadcaster - Harrogate (76).

YORK. SMA.16 worked on Y.27 on the 3rd. January, and DX.210 worked on York - Scarborough (43) at 16.30 on the 10th. January. On the 12th. January, SMG.55 worked 12.33, a Kcintrees - City Centre Special, and on the following day YSRG.96 was on 82 (OMO), YSRG.97 was on Y.9/9A, only the second time a YSRG has been seen on this route, YSRG.98 was on Y.12, YLH.21 on Y.4, YLH.26 on Y.15, SMG.87 on the 22.10 Easingwold (80), and SUG.69 (H) on the 22.30 York - Harrogate (84). On the following day, January 14th, found YLH.24 on 82 (OMO), and YLH.26 on Y.14. During the week commencing January 19th. the 12.33 York - Sheriff Hutton (82) was worked by an old type SMG, an LH, an SMA and a new type SMG. On the 20th. January, SMG.34 (F) was on Harrogate - Scarborough (84). The note last month, on the first line about SRM.20 should have been SMG.20. On Christmas Day, Lodekkas were booked out for all turns, but due to a shortage of conductors, some drivers had to return their vehicles, and take out LH's, etc., one being used on Y.9. On the 3rd. January YSRG.96 was on Y.10, EUG.88 (H) on York - Harrogate (84) and YLH.24 worked the last trip of the day to Easingwold (80). On the following day EUG.89 (Yk) was on York - Harrogate (84), and on the 8th., YSRG.98 was on Y.10. YSRG.97 was noted on Y.20 on the 9th. January, whilst on the 11th., YLH.21 worked on the Bishopthorpe section of Y.10, and DX.114 was on the last two trips of the day on this route. On the 12th. January, YSRG.98 was on York - Thirsk (80), whilst on the 14th., YSRG.97 was on Y.10/20; and on the 15th., YSRG.96 was on these routes. On January 16th. YLH.22 worked the last trip to Copmanthorpe (Y.15), and on the 17th., YSRG.97 was on Y.3. YDX.195 worked on York - Harrogate (84) on the 19th. January, and on the same day SML.4 was on Y.7. On the 20th. January, YLH.23 worked the last Copmanthorpe trip, and on the 22nd., YLH.21 was on York - Wetherby (79). DX.210 worked on Y.8 on the 23rd. January. On January 3rd., A York Depot DX was used on York - Leeds (43) in the evening. y.t.o..

Operating details, (cont.)

YORK. (cont.)

On the 26th. January VR.48 (H) was on York - Harrogate (P4), and YDB.08 was noted in the morning on Y.20 Woodthorpe, and in the afternoon Y.10 Bishophorpe. A YDB is very unusual indeed on Woodthorpe. On the 28th. January, SMG.21 was on Y.27.

LONG DISTANCE.

On the 19th. January, an unusual vehicle used on the Yorkshire - London service via the Motorway, on the morning journey, was Samuelson's XVB 467 G, which is thought to have replaced the West Yorkshire vehicle, as Yorkshire Woollen, Yorkshire Traction, and East Yorkshire vehicles were also seen. SRO 54 (L) worked to Newcastle on X.97 on the 12th. January. Unusual vehicles on Liverpool (X.97) recently have been Wakefield's 253 on the 21st. January, and 251 on the 23rd. January. In Leeds Depot on the 3rd. February was Lincolnshire 1602 (EFE 446 D), a Bedford VAM4/Duple.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

LWR 407. (ex. CUG.2, LS6B, sold Norths, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 6/66.)

To Reliance, Crayke, 6/66.

Withdrawn 12/69, and to Norths, Sherburn, 1/70.

HWW 883. (ex. KDB.56, K6B, sold Yorkshire Woollen District, No.151, 8/69.)

Withdrawn from passenger service on expiry of Certificate of Fitness in 12/69.

This vehicle has now been repainted in full "Yorkshire" colours, and has become Yorkshire Woollen District's new driver training vehicle. It replaces a former Yorkshire Woollen District's Levland P51 in this capacity, and is complete with painted "Learner" signs, which the P51 did not have. It is interesting that this vehicle should be kept, as it always seemed to the most popular of the ex-West Yorkshire Bristols with the Yorkshire Woollen drivers. Judging by the P51's, which have survived many years as service vehicles, it seems likely that KDB.56 will be kept in a near-operational state for some time to come.

EWY 762. (ex. 967, J05G, sold R.K.Dundas, 6/53.)

Thanks to an article in the "Bristol Magazine", the official publication of Bristol Commercial Vehicles, we now know that this vehicle was exported to Iraq, and was withdrawn by 1962, ending its days in a yard near Ur of the Chaldees, in Southern Iraq, with a further similar vehicle.

YG 9001. (ex. 906, J05G, sold R.K.Dundas, 6/53.)

Exported to Cyprus, as Lefkaritis, No.73, (TK 692) by 10/55.

Noted in scrapyard, Lanarca, 10/68, (see Issue 213.)

Again thanks to "Bristol Magazine", it can now be confirmed that this vehicle was withdrawn in 1961.

6. TEN YEARS AGO.

The February 1960 Issue began with an appeal for typists, and continued with a plea for more notes for inclusion in the Bulletin.

No new vehicles had entered service, and none had been withdrawn.

The overhauls for February, 1960, make interesting reading, covering as they do several of the older type of vehicle :- SG.112, SGW.1, SGW.7, KDG.19, DB.21 & DEW.1.

Depot reports recorded that SG.151 & 155 still retained intermediate blinds that had started life in the roller-indicator "J"s

The 5-page Issue closed with the news that the "Loadmeter" device was being used by London Transport.

7. OTHER INFORMATION.

OTHER BRISTOLS. Further vehicles to arrive with West Riding recently are :-

429 (KFW 319); 430 (813 MHW); 437-9 (210-2 NAE); 444 (EHT 851 C); 447 (GAE 882 D); 449 (HAE 275 D) and 455/6 (JAE 631/2 D). The "missing numbers" are accounted for by the following ex-Bristol vehicles still to come :- 431/2 (814/5 MHW); 433 (824 MHW); 434-6 (207-9 NAE); 448 (GAE 884 D); 450-3 (HHY 181-4 D); The ex-Bristol O.C. vehicles (430-56) are FLF6G's, and as most, if not all, have Cave-Browne-Cave heating systems, we extend our sympathies to West Riding in their forthcoming heating problems.

HIRED OPERATORS.

Ardertons, Keighley.

JWU 359/61 D. Bedford VAM 5/Plaxton C45F. To Fisher, Bromington, 3/69.

JWU 360 D. Bedford VAM 5/Plaxton C45F. To Roberts, Ceerphilly, 5/69.

Balme, Otley.

NWX 347 E. Bedford VAM 5/Duple C45F. To Stanfield, Figheldean, 5/69.

1. Other Information, (cont.)  
 Hired Operators, (cont.)

Boddy, Bridlington.  
 4777 Vm. Bedford SB5 / Duple C41F. Ex Anfield, Bridlington, 6/69.  
 319 FWB. Bedford SB5 / Duple C41F. Ex Anfield, Bridlington, 6/69.  
 FJS 907 F. Bedford VAM14/Plaxton C45F. Ex MacRae, Portrose, 9/69.

Brown, Helperby.  
 FPY 51 D. Bedford VAM 5/ Duple C45F. To Housder, Loughborough, 5/69.

Dobson, Bedale.  
 JVN 600. Bedford SBG / Duple C35F. To Cosy, Meadowfield, -/69.

Hollins, Askern.  
 JWU 799 D. Bedford VAM14/ Duple C45F. To Kinsman, Bodmin, 6/69.

Pyne, Harrogate.  
 300 AYG. Bedford VAS 1/Plaxton C29F. To Chivers, Elstead, by 4/69.  
 301 AYG. Bedford VAS 1/Plaxton C29F. To Redwood, Hemyock, by 4/69.  
 RWX 898 F. Bedford CALZ Martin Walter, C.11. To McCarthy, Droylsden, 1/69.  
 AWT 998 G. Bedford VAL70/ Duple C53F. New 6/69.  
 JWY 484 D. Bedford VAM 5/Plaxton C45F. Ex Hargreaves, Morley, 6/69.

Simpson, Ripon.  
 AND 605 B. Morris J.2 / Deansgate, 12. Ex Plant, Stone, 8/69.  
 USF 231. Morris J.2 / Morris, 11. Ex Acheson, Ripon. 10/69.

Steel, Addingham.  
 NWY 100 E. Bedford VAM 5/ Duple C45F. To Sharkey, Shotts, by 4/69.

Thirkell, Kirkby Malzeard.  
 OWT 315. Commer Avenger/Plaxton C35F. To car transporter, on Kirkstall Road, Leeds, 10/69.

ROUTE 63.

by John Gill.

The following article is a survey of vehicle workings by Bradford and Ilkley Depots on Route 63; Bradford - Ilkley - Ben Rhydding, and Routes 63 & 63A; Bradford - Ilkley. The survey is based on "On the spot" observations in the Bradford/Ilkley areas, and any comments on or additions to the following information by other members would be welcome.

Service 63 operates from Bradford to Ben Rhydding via Canal Road, Shipley, White Cross, Burley, Valley Drive, Ilkley. Service 63A operates from Bradford to Ilkley via Manningham Lane, Shipley, then as Service 63. Service X.63 operates from Bradford to Ilkley via Canal Road, Bolton Junc., Greengates, Apperley Lane, Guiseley, White Cross, and then as Service 63.

Service 63 has a basic frequency of 30 minutes, Sunday to Friday, and 20 minutes on Saturdays; Services 63A & X.63 operate only on Monday to Friday, 63A having one journey from Bradford and one from Ilkley, and X.63 having two journeys each way; 63A also works from Ilkley, at 08.15 on Saturday morning. In addition various journeys are operated for Schools, particularly in the Ilkley area. Service 63A operates primarily for schoolchildren attending Bradford Boys' Grammar School, St. Bede's School and St. Joseph's College.

The majority of journeys are OMC workings, and are so indicated after the vehicle types of each duty.

BRADFORD DEPOT.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY DUTIES.

- Vehicle No.1.- DX. 06.30 Bradford - Ilkley (63), 07.15 Ilkley - Wharfedale Mill (76), 07.30 Wharfedale Mill - Ilkley (NOS), 07.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63). This vehicle is then believed to work the Windhill - Belmont Avenue (Sch.Special) during School Terms.
- Vehicle No.2.- SRG.(OMO). 06.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63), 07.45 Ilkley - Bradford (X.63), 08.45, 10.45, 12.45 & 14.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), 09.40, 11.40, 13.40 & 15.40 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), 17.05 Bradford - Ilkley (X.63), and 18.00 Ilkley - Ben Rhydding (NOS), 18.10, 20.10 & 22.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63) and 19.15, 21.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63).
- Vehicle No.3.- SRG.(OMO). 06.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63 dup.), 08.05 Ilkley - Bradford (X.63.)
- Vehicle No.4.- SRG/SMG.(OMO). 07.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), 08.10 Ben Rhydding - Ilkley (63).

Site 63, (cont.) Bradford Depot.

Vehicle No.5.- SRG.(OMO). 07.23 Bradford - Hare & Hounds (53 dup.), 07.56 Hare & Hounds - Bradford (65), 09.15,11.15,13.15 & 15.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), 10.10,12.10,14.10 & 16.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), 17.33 Bradford - Ilkley (X.63), 18.30 Ilkley - Ben Rhydding (NOS), 18.40 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), 19.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63) & 20.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63).

Vehicle No.6.- DX. 06.20 Bradford - Peate's Mill (Guiseley), then Rawdon - Crompton Parkinsons' (Wkm), Crompton Parkinsons' - Ilkley (NOS), 08.05 Ilkley - Ben Rhydding (63 dup.), & 08.10 - Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63A).

Vehicle No.7.- DX. 16.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63).  
17.10, Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63).

Vehicle No.8.- DX. 16.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63); 17.36 Ben Rhydding - Otley (NOS), & 17.55 Otley - Bradford (53).

ILKLEY DEPOT.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY DUTIES.

Vehicle No.1.- SRG (OMO). 06.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63), 07.45,09.45,11.45,13.45, 15.45,18.15,20.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), 08.40,10.40,12.40, 14.40,16.40,19.10,21.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), & 22.15 Bradford - Ilkley.

Vehicle No.2.- SRG.(OMO). 07.15 Ilkley - Bradford (63), 08.15,10.15,12.15,14.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), 09.10,11.10,13.10,15.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), 16.15 Bradford - Ilkley (63A), 17.35 Ilkley - Ben Rhydding (NOS), 17.40,19.40 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), 18.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding, & 20.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63).

Vehicle No.3.- SMA.15 (OMO). School Terms only :- 07.45 Ilkley - White Cross (63 dup.) 08.10 White Cross - Ben Rhydding (63 dup.), 08.35 Ben Rhydding - White Cross (63 dup.), & 09.05 White Cross - Ilkley (63 dup.)

Vehicle No.4.- SMG.(OMO). After working 06.45 Ilkley - Silsden (K.12) and Silsden - Low Mill, Addingham, during School Terms works : 08.15 Ilkley - Burley (63 dup.), 08.25 Burley - Otley Grammar School, (School Sp.) & 08.50 Otley - Ilkley (34 Dup.)

Vehicle No.5.- DX. After working 08.30 Otley - Ilkley (76 dup.) works (School Terms only):- 08.50 Ilkley - Ben Rhydding (63), 08.55 Ben Rhydding - Wyvil Crescent (for Ilkley Secondary Modern School), and 09.03 Wyvil Crescent - Depot (NOS).

Vehicle No.6.- SRG. (Fridays only). 15.25 Ilkley - Wharfedale Mill (K.12 dup.), 15.43 Wharfedale Mill - White Cross (76/63), then White Cross - Leeds (32 dup.) & 17.22 Leeds, Vicar Lane - Ilkley (32A dup.)

Vehicle No.7.- DX. (School Terms). - 15.45 Ilkley - Burley (63 dup.), and 15.57 Burley - Ilkley (NOS).  
(Monday-Thursday) - 16.15 Ilkley - Addingham (K.12), 16.43 Wharfedale Mills - White Cross (76/63), and 17.15 White Cross - Ilkley (63 dup.)

NOTE :- The journeys from Wharfedale Mills on Vehicles 6/7 only operate when required by Wharfedale Mills.

Vehicle No.8.- SMG.(OMO) - (Monday-Thursday), 15.55 Ilkley Depot - Ben Rhydding School (Valley Drive), 16.00 Ben Rhydding School - White Cross (63), 16.20 White Cross - Crompton Parkinsons, 16.50 Crompton Parkinsons - Bradford (55), 17.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), and 18.36 Ben Rhydding - Depot.  
(Friday only). 15.55 Depot - Ben Rhydding School, 16.00 Ben Rhydding School - Burley (63), 16.10 Burley - Otley (76 dup.), 16.25 Otley - Bradford (53), then 17.45 to Ben Rhydding (63).

Vehicle No.9.- SRG/SMA (OMO). (School Terms only). 15.55 Depot - Ben Rhydding School, 15.00 Ben Rhydding School - Ben Rhydding (63 dup.), 16.10 Ben Rhydding - White Cross (63 dup.) & 16.40 White Cross - Ilkley (63 dup.)

Vehicle No.10.- SMG.(OMO). - 16.15 Ilkley - Bradford (63 dup.), 17.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), & 18.06 Ben Rhydding - Depot.

Vehicle No.11.- SMA/SRG.(OMO). After working 16.30 Ilkley - Hebers Ghyll (72A), works 16.42 Ilkley - White Cross (63 dup.), white Cross - Otley 17.08 (53 dup.), & 17.30 Otley - Ilkley (76 dup.).

BRADFORD DEPOT.

SATURDAY DUTIES.

Vehicle No.1.- SRG.(OMO). 06.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63), 08.00 Ilkley - Bradford (63).

- Vehicle No.2.- SUG. 07.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding, (63 dup.), & 08.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63).
- Vehicle No.3.- SRG.(OMO) 07.15,09.05,11.05,13.05,15.05,17.05,19.05 & 21.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), and 08.10,10.00,12.00,14.00,16.00, 18.10,20.10 & 22.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63).
- Vehicle No.4.(SRG.OMO) 08.45,10.45,12.45,14.45, & 16.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63), 09.40,11.40,13.40,15.40 & 17.40 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63). 18.45 & 20.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63), & 19.45 & 21.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63).

- Vehicle No.5.- DX. \* 10.25,12.25,14.25, & 16.25 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63). 11.20,13.20,15.20 & 17.20 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63).  
\* Before working the 10.25 ex.Bradsford, this vehicle is believed to work a Morton Lane - Bradford duplicate on Service 67.

ILKLEY DEPOT.SATURDAY DUTIES.

- Vehicle No.1.- SRG.(OMO) 06.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63); 07.45,09.45,11.45,13.45,15.45 & 17.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63); 08.40,10.40,12.40,14.40,16.40 & 18.40 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63); 19.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63).  
10.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63), & 20.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63).  
21.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63) & 22.40 Ben Rhydding - Ilkley (63).
- Vehicle No.2.- SRG.(OMO) 07.15 Ilkley - Bradford (63); 08.15,10.05,12.05,14.05,16.05, 17.00,19.10 & 21.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), and 22.15 Bradford - Ilkley (63).
- Vehicle No.3.- SRG.(OMO) 07.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63); 09.25,11.25,13.25,15.25 & 17.25 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63); 10.20,12.20,14.20 & 16.20 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), and 18.16 Ben Rhydding - Depot (NOS).

BRADFORD DEPOT.SUNDAY DUTIES.

- Vehicle No.1.- SRG.(OMO) 10.45,12.45,14.45, & 16.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63). 11.45,13.45,15.45 & 17.45 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63); 18.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63), & 19.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63).
- Vehicle No.2.- SRG.(OMO) 07.30,Bradford - Denholme (56) and return. 08.50 Bradford - Keighley (57) and return. 11.15,13.15,15.15,17.15,19.15 & 21.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63). 12.10,14.10,16.10,18.10,20.10 & 22.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63).

ILKLEY DEPOT.SUNDAY DUTIES.

- Vehicle No.1.- SRG.(OMO) 08.15 & 10.15 Ilkley - Bradford (63). 09.15 Bradford - Ilkley (63); 11.45,13.45,15.45 & 17.45 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63); 12.40,14.40,16.40 & 18.40 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63); and 19.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63).
- Vehicle No.2.- SRG.(OMO) 09.15 Ilkley - Bradford (63); 10.15,12.15,14.15,16.15,18.15 & 20.15 Bradford - Ben Rhydding (63); 11.10,13.10,15.10,17.10,19.10 & 21.10 Ben Rhydding - Bradford (63), and 22.15 Bradford - Ilkley (63).

NOTES.- 1/. Note the lay-over times at Bradford of Ilkley cars :-

- Vehicle No.1, (Monday-Friday) - 17.33 to 18.15.  
" No.3 { Saturday } - 08.33 to 09.25.  
" No.1 { Sunday } - 11.03 to 11.45.

- 2/. Although the Company's timetable for Service 63 states that "This Service is operated by One-man Buses", etc., it will be seen that out of a total of 32 vehicles duties throughout the week, 10 are worked by cars which are not One-man Buses. This is unusual when compared with the timetable for other Services, e.g. Service 72, Ilkley-Grassington, which is 100% OMO, and yet carries no footnote about One-man Buses.
- 3/. It will be seen that all journeys on Service X.63 are worked by Bradford Depot. When this Service operated as 63A Bradford - Ilkley via Canal Road, 4 out of the 5 journeys were worked by Ilkley Depot.
- 4/. In November, 1966, the vehicle allocation for the basic half-hourly Service on Monday-Friday was Ilkley 3 Full Day, 1 Part Day & Bradford 1 Part Day.
- 5/. Although only Bradford & Ilkley Depots work the Service at present, other Depots have occasionally operated on Service 63. Otley Depot until recently worked Ilkley Vehicle No.9 (Monday-Friday) with the exception of the first and last journeys. Several years ago, a Leeds Depot SBW used to work Otley Grammar School-Burley, Burley-Bradford (63 dup), 17.55 Bradford-Cookridge (34) and when Harrogate Depot worked Service 22 to Otley on Saturdays, an SG/SGL used to duplicate the 1.15 p.m. ex. Ilkley as far as Shipley, returning to Otley on R4.53 and Harrogate on R4.22.
- 6/. It has recently been stated in the Local press in Ilkley and Bradford that Service 63 is to be reduced in frequency, and the Ilkley picking-up and setting-down point is to be the Station Yard. Future developments will be awaited with interest.