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HARROGATE MEETING - Saturday 28th November, 6.45pm

We are sorry to have to advise members that due to a personal commitment that clashes with the date of the meeting, our speaker [REDACTED] is unable to attend and his talk has instead been rearranged for 20th March 1999..

For the current meeting we have therefore arranged for [REDACTED] to each present a short slide show of views from their respective collections. Each presenter has been given a free choice of slides which will no doubt mean that the subjects will range far and wide.

We apologise to members for this late change of plan, but hope that the alternative entertainment will still prove interesting and that members will also make a note of the new date for [REDACTED] talk.

BLAZEFIELD HOLDINGS

Those members with an interest in the remainder of the Group will be interested in the current new vehicle orders:-

Cambridge Coach Services are to receive 5 Volvo B10M/Plaxton Premiere 350's, with delivery in December.

London Sovereign will receive 8 Olympian/Northern Counties during November. These are to operate a new tender won by Blaze field, for route 22. They are likely to be in "Coastliner" livery.

SAMUEL LEDGARD SOCIETY

It is now 31 years since the well known local operator, Samuel Ledgard, sold out to West Yorkshire. Over the intervening years keen interest has remained in the Company to the extent that an annual reunion has been held in recent years, on the anniversary of the takeover. At this year's reunion, unfortunately notified to us too late to be mentioned in these pages, over 100 guests met at Otley for an evening of nostalgia.

During the evening, the opportunity was taken to form a new society, the "Samuel Ledgard Society", to cater for the appreciation, preservation and documentation of the life and times of the Ledgard empire by anyone who has an interest in Sammy's blue buses.

Open to all, the first year's membership fee is £5.00. It is planned to produce a regular newsletter, continue the annual reunion on a much larger scale and perhaps combine this with a vehicle rally within Ledgard's operating territory.

Application forms may be obtained from:

The Membership Secretary, [REDACTED]

This is also an opportune time to remind all our readers that the WYIS has produced a catalogue listing a large number of photographs of Samuel Ledgard vehicles that are available through the WYIS Photographic Section. Anyone requiring a copy of the catalogue should write to the Honorary Photographic Officer, [REDACTED]

PRESS DAY for the December issue will be on Saturday 5th December and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED]

HARROGATE & DISTRICT

FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicles

No new vehicles are currently on order.

Withdrawals

September 1998:- Swift 205

Stored Vehicles

Withdrawn Tiger 307 is still serving as a "road block" across the entrance to Manse Lane, whilst Mercedes 222 is in use as a rest/smoking room at the new Starbeck depot.

Sales & Disposals

September 1998:- 205 to Pioneer Coaches, Jersey

VEHICLE NOTES

Repaints

November 1998:- Olympian 392

Livery Changes

Olympian 392 was painted at Keighley and is in a revised livery, best described as Coastliner livery but with red relief in place of the blue.

B10B 362 was operating in H&D livery but without fleetnames or fleetnumbers on 6th November.

General News

New Wayfarer ticket machines were introduced from October 19th. To accompany these, notices were posted asking passengers (customers?) to state their destination. this allows the driver to enter a stage number to automatically show the fare. Some of the notices are, however, sited where they cannot be seen until the passenger has paid.

We reported some time ago that Transponders were to be fitted to vehicles on the Harrogate - Knaresborough corridor. These have apparently been fitted to every H&D vehicle, negating any need for separate identification by means of black discs as at Keighley. The appropriate equipment at traffic signals was introduced to the town centre in August and will be extended to include Skipton Road in December and Wetherby Road during 1999.

Advertisement News

Mercedes 216 has a Mobile Music full rear advert and 217 has one for Exquisite Lighting.

SERVICE CHANGES

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Variations

PB 10854/1746	23 MARKINGTON - GRANBY SCHOOL	1 November 1998
PB 9290/1746	M98 POOL - GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL	1 November 1998
PB 8515/1746	88 KNARESBOROUGH - WETHERBY	1 November 1998
PB 11523/1746	56/57 HARROGATE - RIPON	1 November 1998
PB 13835/1746	X42/142 GALLOWS HILL EST. - BORO'BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	1 November 1998

Cancellations

PB 10906/1746	4 HARROGATE South Parade - HARROGATE South Parade	8 November 1998
PB 11859/1746	X50 KING EDWARD STREET - YORK Rougier Street	8 November 1998
PB 12034/1746	X50 HARROGATE Bus Station - SKIPTON Bus Station	8 November 1998
PB 5202/1746	6 HARROGATE - PANNAL ASH	8 November 1998

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Operator Licensing

Change of Operating Centre to Prospect Park, Broughton Way, Starbeck, Harrogate, HG2 7NY

New Registration

PB 16855/1746 6/6A PANNAL ASH ROUNDABOUT - FAIRWAYS AVENUE

via New Inn, Harrogate Bus Station, District Hospital, Wreaks Road, Starbeck.

From 9 Nov. 1998 Mon - Sat; Mon - Fri. ¼hourly to Pannal Ash, hourly to Fairways, hourly to Starbeck; Saturday ½hourly Pannal Ash only.

Variations

PB 13837/1746	4 BACHELOR GARDENS - WEDDERBURN AVENUE	8 November 1998
PB 13838/1746	9 HARROGATE Bus Station - CROSSWAYS DRIVE	8 November 1998
PB 13839/1746	10 HARROGATE Bus Station - ASH ROAD	8 November 1998
PB 12554/1746	13 HARROGATE Bus Station - PANNAL VILLAGE	8 November 1998
PB 11858/1746	770/771 LEEDS Bus Station - WETHERBY Bus Station	9 November 1998
PB 5233/1746	24 HARROGATE Bus Station - PATELEY BRIDGE Bus Sta.	8 November 1998
PB 5221/1746	78/78A/78B/79 HARROGATE Bus Station - TADCASTER	8 November 1998
PB 5928/1746	79 WETHERBY Bus Station - YORK	8 November 1998
PB 5213/1746	36/36A RIPON - LEEDS	9 November 1998
PB 5238/1746	1/2 HARROGATE - KNARESBOROUGH	8 November 1998
PB 5215/1746	12 HARROGATE Bus Station - PENNY POT LANE	8 November 1998
PB 5236/1746	B5 HARROGATE Bus Station - HARROGATE Bus Station	8 November 1998

Recent issues of Notices & Proceedings, regrettably, have ceased to indicate whether the variation is to route and/or timings.

Cancellation

PB 12553/1746	H174 KNARESBOROUGH - BURTON LEONARD	1 November 1998
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Errata

New Registration (omitted from N&P 1762)

PB 16517/1746 X36 HARROGATE - LEEDS
From 2 August 1998

Notices & Proceedings 1770 6/11/98
Nil

Leaflets

Harrogate & District

Services 1/2/4/6/6A/78/79	From 9/11/98	(Printed leaflet)
Services 36/36A/36C	From 9/11/98	(Printed leaflet)
Services 56/57		(photocopied A4 sheet)
Service 142	From 2/11/98	(photocopied A4 sheet)
Services 143/152		(photocopied A4 sheet)
Services 10/11/12/13	From 9/11/98	(photocopied A4 sheet)

Metro

Service 88	From 1/11/98	(code 88/006)
Services 78/78A/78B/79	From 8/11/98	(code 78/004)
Services 36/36A/36C	From 9/11/98	(code 36/022)

Proctors of Bedale have cancelled their registration of 142 Ripon - York, which is now again being operated by H&D on Mon-Fri. from 2nd November as well as Saturday. There are four return journeys, some of which go via Grafton, Marton, Great & Little Ouseburns and Whixley.

The frequency on Service 36/36A on Monday to Saturday daytime is increased to 20 minutes with some journeys extended to serve Jennyfield as service 36C.

Alterations to services from 9th November now serve Harrogate District Hospital. Services 4 (Bachelor Gardens to Fairways) and 6 (Pannal Ash to Wedderburn) travel through the town centre and pass the hospital on Lancaster Park Road. The new routes give buses to and from the town centre and District Hospital every 15 minutes. In addition, services 1 and 2 (Jennyfield/Bilton to Knaresborough) run via Granby Corner (top of Lancaster Park Road) every 10 minutes; services 78 and 79 (Harrogate to Wetherby) run via the top of Lancaster Park Road (on Wetherby Road) every half hour. Service 5 already runs past the Hospital and stops on Lancaster Park Road.

Other changes see the withdrawal of Skipton - York (X50) and the withdrawal of Saturday buses on Fairways, Oatlands (10) and Pannal (13) and Sunday buses on Pateley Bridge (24).

A 4 page glossy leaflet has been produced, giving information about the latest service changes together with information about H&D itself and an "Underground style" route map. It records that the Company is now 10 years old - doesn't time fly?

OPERATING NOTES

In the last month of service X50, it continued to be worked by a variety of vehicles, often B10s, but with Tiger 244 and Lynxes 324 (14/10) and 382 (22/10) to provide some variety.

B6 664 was on 1035 service 56 to Ripon on 24/10.

Lynx 382 was on 1710 Leeds-Harrogate (36C) on 2/11.

Olympian 314 was parked in the Bus Station on 6/11, showing route 760.

The Summer only Park & Ride service at Knaresborough, operating from April to September on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, has been a success, with a 20 per cent increase in passengers over last year's figures.

Keighley & District Olympian 371 was on loan to H&D in early November for driver tuition duties and was joined during week ending 13/11 by K&D Tiger 250. Both had returned to Keighley by 14/11, but there was a possibility that 371 might be required again at Harrogate later.

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT

FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicles

The order for 12 Volvo B10BLE/Wright reported last month is confirmed, with delivery around March 1999. They will largely displace Olympians and will be used to upgrade the Keighley - Bradford corridor.

SERVICE CHANGES

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Nil

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Variations

PB 15115/1748	805 ILKLEY - GRASSINGTON	27 September 1998
PB 15114/1748	806 GRASSINGTON - BUCKDEN	27 September 1998
PB 15113/1748	808/809 KEIGHLEY Bus Station - GRASSINGTON	27 September 1998
PB 15017/1748	800 BRADFORD - INGLETON	29 September 1998

As mentioned under Harrogate & District, the Notices & Proceedings publication no longer differentiates between timing and/or route variations

Notices & Proceedings 1770 6/11/98

Nil

OPERATING NOTES

With the departure of the last Nationals and some Olympians, together with the arrival of more B10's, the "normal" pattern of operations has altered somewhat since our last summary. The Monday to Saturday workings between morning and evening peak are now as follows:-

Volvo B10s -	501-6 (Route branded for 697, 712, 762). 2 on 697, 2 on 762, 1 on 712 with 1 spare.
	507-10 (no route branding). All on 760/770.
	511-3 (Route branded for 66/68). All on 66/68.
	514 (Route branded for 669). On 669.
	515 (no route branding). Spare.
	524/6/7/9/31. (Route branded for 699, 717). All on 699, 717.
	521/2/30 (no route branding). 1 on 717/25/765. 2 spare.
Volvo B6s -	221-4. 1 on 70 (Mini on Sats); 2 on 727/729/70 and 1 spare.
Lynxes -	201-3/6-8. 3 on 663/664/665; 2 on 662 and 1 spare.
Mercedes -	101-8, 121-5. 1 on 78; 1 on 701; 2 on 704/707; 1 on 704/706; 2 on 706/716/720; 1 on 708; 1 on 705/711; 1 on 713; 1 on 715; 2 spare.

Double deckers. 901-4 (Alexanders), 336, 905-7/13-5 (Northern Counties). 9 on 760/770. 2 spare.
Other Olympians. 9 on 662; 4 on 702/703/718/719; 1 on 25.

The above is described as normal, or intended, but of course in practice it would be extremely rare for the "normal" to apply throughout, due to servicing of vehicles, repairs, etc. As an example, on 2/11, Olympian 383 was on the 1105 service 701 to Spring Bank and Ingrow in place of the "normal" mini.

Not previously reported is that buses leaving the Bus Station via Cavendish Street, Hanover Street, Worth Way have for some months now been operating via Cavendish Street and East Parade to Long Lee and Worth Way.

Following the splitting of route 760 Keighley-Leeds-Wetherby into 760 Keighley-Leeds and 770 Leeds-Wetherby, the car rotas saw some radical changes, not so much in "running time" but certainly in "recovery time" at peak periods in Leeds (as it is not now advertised as a through service) and in Keighley many vehicles have a scheduled 42 minutes standing time. This, of course, has led to a basic requirement of 11 vehicles instead of 10 as previously. 10 vehicles only, however, are used on Saturdays. The rotas appear to have settled down now for several months so perhaps it is safe to record them.

Rotas for Monday to Fridays on Schooldays:-

Car 41 - Volvo B10 (501-6 batch):- NOS 0640 Keighley-Leeds 0720; 760 0730 L-K 0843; 697 0905, 1105, 1305, 1505, 1710 K-Bradford; 697 1003, 1203, 1403, 1603, 1805 B-K.

Car 42 - Volvo B10 (501-6 batch):- NOS 0455 Garage-Thorner 0555; 770 0555 Thorner-L 0630; 760 0630 L-K 0743; 697 0747, 1005, 1205, 1405 K-B; 697 0903, 1103, 1303, 1503 B-K; 762 1610 K-Ilkley 1656; 762 1705 I-K 1751; 697 1805, 2005, 2205 K-B; 697 1903, 2103, 2303 B-K.

Car 48 - Double Decker (in all cases Double Decker indicates either Alexander or Northern Counties bodied):- NOS 0635 Garage-L 0740; 770 0745 L-Boston Spa Sec.Sch.Lay-by 0827; NOS 0827 Boston Spa S.S.-Garage 0940. MONDAY - NOS 1300 Garage-Boston Spa Sec.Sch.Lay-by 1420; 770 1435 Boston Spa Sec.Sch.-L 1523; TUES-FRI NOS 1400 Garage-Boston Spa Sec.Sch.Lay-by 1520; 770 1535 Boston spa Sec.Sch.-L 1623; MON-FRI 770 1635 L-Wetherby (via Infirmary Street 1645) 1748; NOS 1748 W-K 1903.

Car 49 - Double Decker:- NOS 0605 K-W 0720; 770 0720 W-L 0823; 760 0835 L-K 0948; NOS 0948 Bus Station-Garage 0958. NOS 1405 Garage - Bus Station 1415; NOS 1415 K-Ilkley Grammar School 1440; B93 1445 Ilkley G.S. Endor Crescent 1455; NOS 1455 Endor Crescent - Addingham M.Sch 1520; 993 1540 Addingham M.Sch - Ilkley Railway Station 1550; NOS 1550 Ilkley Railway Station - Kirkstall 1620; 760 1723 Kirkstall (Bridge Inn) - K 1824.

Car 50 - Double Decker:- 760 0620 K-L 0735; 770 0750 L-W (via Wetherby High School) 0848; 770 0900 W-L 1003; 760 1005 L-K 1118; 760 1200 K-L 1315; 770 1320 L-W 1418; 770 1425 W-L (Monday only via Boston Spa Sec.Sch.Lay-by) 1528; 760 1535 L-K 1648; 760 1730 K-L 1845; 760 1905 L-K 2018.

Car 51 - Double Decker:- 760 0730 K-L 0845; 770 0920 L-W 1018; 770 1025 W-L 1128; 1135 L-K 1248; 760 1330 K-L 1445; 770 1450 L-W 1548; 1555 770 W-L (via Wetherby High Sch) 1658; 760 1710 L-K 1823.

Car 52 - Double Decker:- 697 0625 K-B 0718; NOS 0718 B-Endor Crescent 0800; B93 0805 Endor Crescent - Ilkley Gr.Sch. 0815; NOS Ilkley G.S. - I Rail Sta. 0820; 993 0840 I.Rail Sta. - Addingham M.S. 0850; NOS 0850 Add.M.S. - K 0910; 760 0930 K-L 1045; 770 1050 L-W 1148; 770 1155 W-L 1258; 760 1305 L-K 1418; NOS 1500 K-South Craven Sec.Sch. 1510; 941 1515 S.Craven Sec.Sch - K 1531; 760 1600 K-L 1715; 770 1735 L-W (via Infirmary St. 1745) 1848; NOS 1848 W-K 2003.

Car 53 - Double Decker:- NOS 0545 K-Greengates 0610; 760 0611 Greengates-K (0653); 760 0700 K-L 0818; 770 0850 L-W 0948; 770 0955 W-L 1058; 760 1105 L-K 1218; 760 1300 K-L 1415; 770 1420 L-W 1518; 770 1525 W-L (Tuesday to Friday via Boston Spa Sec.Sch.Lay-by) 1628; 760 1640 L-K 1753.

Car 54 - Double Decker:- 697 0645 K-B 0738; 697 0740 B-K (via Parkside M.S. Cullingworth) 0837; 760 0900 K-L 1015; 770 1020 L-W 1118; 770 1125 W-L 1128; 760 1235 L-K 1348; 760 1400 K-L 1515; 770 1520 L-W 1618; 770 1625 W-L 1732; 760 1740 L-K 1853; 760 1915 K-L 2030; 760 2035 L-K 2148.

Car 55 - Double Decker:- 760 0640 K-L 0755; 770 0820 L-W 0918; 770 0925 W-L 1028; 760 1035 L-K 1148; 760 1230 K-L 1345; 770 1350 L-W 1448; 770 1455 W-L 1558; 760 1605 L-K 1718; 760 1800 K-L 1915; 760 L-K 2033.

Car 56 - Volvo B10 (507-10 batch):- 760 0540 K-L 0655; 770 0655 L-W (via Thorp Arch Trad.Est.) 0803; 770 0820 W-L (via Boston Spa Sec.Sch.Lay-by) 0923; 760 0935 L-K 1048; 760 1130 K-L 1245; 770 1250 L-W 1348; 770 1355 W-L 1458; 760 1505 L-K 1618; 760 1700 K-L 1815; 760 1820 L-K 1933.

Car 57 - Volvo B10 (507-10 batch):- 697 0605 K-B 0658; 697 0703 B-K 0758; 760 0800 K-L 0915; NOS 0930 L-K 1030; 760 1100 K-L 1215; 770 1220 L-W 1318; 770 1325 W-L 1428; 760 1435 L-K 1548; 760 1630 K-L 1745; 760 1805 L-K 1918.

Car 58 - Double Decker:- NOS 0535 K-W 0650; 770 0650 W-L 0753; 760 0805 L-K 0918; 760 1000 K-L 1115; 770 1120 L-W 1218; 770 1225 W-L 1328; 760 1335 L-K 1448; 760 1500 K-L 1615; 770 1620 L-W 1718; 770 1740 W-L 1843; 760 1850 L-K 2003.

Car 59 - Volvo B10 (507-10 batch):- 760 0510 K-L 0625; 770 0625 L-W (via Thorp Arch Trad. Est.) 0733; 770 0745 W-L 0848; 760 0905 L-K 1018; 760 1030 K-L 1145; 770 1150 L-W 1248; 770 1255 W-L 1358; 760 1405 L-K 1518; 760 1530 K-L 1645; 770 1705 L-W (via Infirmary St. 1715) 1818; 770 1820 W-L 1923; 760 1935 L-K 2048; 760 2120 K-L 2235; 760 2240 L-K 2353.

Car 60 - Volvo B10 (507-10 batch):- NOS 0442 K-W 0557; 770 0557 W-L 0700; 760 0700 L-K 0813; 760 0830 K-L 0945; 770 0950 L-W 1048; 770 1055 W-L 1158; 760 1205 L-K 1318; 760 1430 K-L 1545; 770 1550 L-W 1648; 770 1700 W-L (via Thorp Arch Trad.Est.) 1813; 760 1835 L-K 1948; 760 2015 K-L 2130; 760 2135 L-K 2248.

Interesting points arising from the above are:-

1. Previously the 10 vehicles required for the daytime service from 0830 to 1300 from Keighley were Car nos. 51, 54, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 in that order, i.e. consecutive except for 54. The present rotas from 0830 to 1330 from Keighley are 60, 54, 52, 58, 59, 57, 56, 50, 55, 53, 51.

2. Long days:- Car 42 from Garage 0455 finishing at 0008; Car 59 0455 to 0003; Car 60 0427 to 2258.

3. Variations on non-schooldays:- Car 48 does not operate in the morning and in the afternoon runs NOS K-L for the 1635 L-W. Car 49 in the afternoon runs NOS K-Kirkstall for the 1723 Kirkstall-K. Cars 50, 51, 53, 54, 56 do not divert to serve Wetherby H.S.; Boston Spa S.S. and Parkside M.S. Car 52 operates NOS 0718 B-K 0748 and lies over until the 0930 K-L and then lies over from 1418 to 1600.

4. All journeys on 697 K-B until 1605 are operated by vehicles involved, if only in a brief way, on 760, i.e. Cars 41, 42, 52, 54 and 57.

FIRST YORK

FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicles

3342	S342 EWU	Dennis Dart	SFD322BR1WGW12584	Plaxton	9810.7HLB8978	See below
3343	S343 EWU	Dennis Dart	SFD322BR1WGW12608	Plaxton	9810.7HLB8979	See below
3344	S344 EWU	Dennis Dart	SFD322BR1WGW12606	Plaxton	9810.7HLB8980	See below

Loaned Vehicles

4031	M431 VWV	Dennis Lance	11SDA3113/393	Plaxton	9511.9HAL3235	B49F
4043	N443 ENW	Dennis Lance	11SDA3113/405	Plaxton	9511.9HAL3247	B49F
6428	KPJ 257W	Leyland Atlantean	AN68B/1R 7905539	Roe	GO 8336	H43/30F

Additional Information

The new Darts are in a special livery for the service to the McArthur Glen Designer Outlet at Naburn Village. Base livery is white with a red roof to the top of the windows. On this a white line carries lettering for McArthur Glen Design Outlet - Rail Station - York City Centre - McArthur Glen Design Outlet. Below the windows is a double ended arrow with, above it in lower case lettering, "Designer Line 99" and, below it, five price tags in white with black edging. A corporate skirt in Magenta completes the livery. At the front, FIRST is in lilac with F in pink, but at the rear FIRST F is all in white. Other lettering in blue records that sponsorship by York City Council and that there are 90 stores offering real value on famous brand names, plus a rear advert for Naburn Village. Seating capacity is shown as 60, made up of B34+26F + 0 wheelchairs or B37+22F + 0 wheelchairs or B34+22F + 1 wheelchair. Unladen weight is 6740Kg and they have Cummins B145 20 engines.

Both the Lances were from Huddersfield. 4031 had Swiftlink motorway express branding and 4043 was in standard Huddersfield livery. Both were at York by 26th October but were only short term visitors and have since been returned. Atlantean 6428 appears to have remained after loan for York Races on 10th October and was still at York at the end of the month, though it has since returned to Leeds. Loaned Olympian 5095 and the three Mainline Atlantean driver trainers were also still at York at the end of October. In connection with the loan of the Mainline Atlanteans, that shown as being numbered 9108 last month is in fact physically numbered 108.

In early November a First Bradford double decker was sent to York on loan. It was found on arrival to be farebox fitted which precluded use at York and was returned almost immediately without having been used. No details of the vehicle are known.

VEHICLE NOTES

Repaints

November 1998:- Dart 3313

Livery Changes

3313 has received the special livery for the McArthur Glen Design Outlet service described above, in order to provide a fourth vehicle for the service.

In response to a query in the August issue, VR 755 has had its YR logo removed for some time.

General News

National 1333, referred to last month, has carried a radiator grill in reversed colours for some time, certainly before Nationals 1318 or 1319 were withdrawn.

National 1352 has a two coloured piece between radiator and bumper, the top being yellow, the bottom green.

Large style fleetnumbers have been applied to 333 (front only), 363 (yellow fleetnumbers front and rear), 371 (rear - this vehicle has been in service with no York branding on the sides); 1350 (front and rear) and 1353 (rear).

Advertisement News

Nationals 333 and 1345 have advertisements for Madtrax off road racing above their rear windows.

National 1329 has cantrail advertisements for Phoenix films (nearside) and Guinness (offside).

National 1368 has an advertisement for a Unisex hairdressers on the offside cantrail.

SERVICE CHANGES

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Errata

PB 16726/1747 MONKS CROSS - YORK Stonebow
Non Stop. From 17 Sep. 1998. Sun - Sat every 15 mins.

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New Registration

PB 16860/1747 99 McARTHUR GLEN DESIGNER VILLAGE - McARTHUR GLEN DESIGNER VILL.
via York. From 12 November 1998. Daily. Every 10 mins.

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Nil

General

The Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, Peter Mandelson, has decided not to refer the takeover of Glenn Line by First York in July to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

OPERATING NOTES

An additional loan for the October Races was of Lance 4039 from Huddersfield.
Loaned Atlantean 6428 was operating service 4 on 13/10, service 13 on 17/10 and service 47 on 19/10. Loaned Olympian 5095 was at Tadcaster Grammar School on 29/9 and was operating service 47 on 26/10. Loaned Lance 4031 was operating service 2 on 26/10 and Lance 4043 was on service 12 on the same day.
National 363 and Dart 3340 were visitors to York Historic Vehicle Rally on 18/9.

YORKSHIRE COASTLINER

FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicles

No new vehicles are currently on order.

Sales & Disposals

October 1998:- Mercedes 483 to Fleetmaster Bus & Coach, Horsham

VEHICLE NOTES

General News

B10's 452/5 are currently running without rear fleet numbers.

SERVICE CHANGES

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Nil

Leaflets

Metro

From 4 October 1998:- Services 840/842/843 (code 840/017)

Timetable

Not a Coastliner publication, but included here for convenience, a Winter edition of the "Moors Connections" timetable booklet has been produced, covering the period from 27th September 1998 to 29th May 1999.

OPERATING NOTES

On 30/9, Mercedes 410 was used on the customary winter timetable distribution duties throughout the area.

During the last week of operation of X40, B10s 453 (28/9), 456 (29/9) and 454 (2/10) were all noted in place of the usual Royale.

Mercedes 421 has had a busy month, being on service 81 on 29/9, 9, 12-14, 16, 23/10 in lieu of 404 and on 93 on 7/10 in place of 410.

Although displaying 842 Thornton Dale, the Mon-Fri. 1320 ex Leeds operates at 1505 to Norton School thence via Yedingham to Ganton, using a Royale. A B10 then takes up the 1505 842 Thornton Dale, 1535 Thornton Dale - Tadcaster, Tadcaster - York Station (NOS) and 1750 York - Malton (81).

Mercedes 411 was at the Harrogate & District depot on 11/11.

SOLD STOCK NEWS

YORKSHIRE RIDER

This heading makes a reappearance to record that an extra journey on Leeds-Halifax (508) has been introduced at 1710. This seems to run in off a school journey and during October and early November has occasionally seen ex WY Olympians including 5517, 5198 and 5199. Whilst on the subject of Calderline vehicles, confirmation that Olympian 5190 remains in "Yorkshire Rider" livery would be welcome.

OTHER OPERATORS

C89 AUB (Ex 111/YC&D 189, Ford Transit sold Yorkshire Rider, 11/90)

Last reported with First Choice, Woolston, Cambs, by 6/98; Ramm, dealer, Rochdale, 7/98 then to Shuttle Buses, Kilwinning, Scotland, 8/98.

D529 HNW (Ex 121, Ford Transit sold Yorkshire Rider, 129, 11/90)

Last reported with Huntley, Dover and withdrawn 9/97. Now with Dolphin, Norwich, by 2/98, but whether direct from Huntley is not known.

D532 HNW (Ex 125, Ford Transit sold Carlyle Group, Birmingham, 10/88)

To Wealden PSV (dealer), Five Oak Green, 9/98, ex Arriva Midlands North (not operated by them)

E457 TYG (Ex 185/K&D 185, Iveco sold Citibus, Manchester, 12/93)

To ? , dealer, Birkenhead, 8/98, ex Forrest, Liverpool.

FUG 325T (Ex 1009/K&D 259, Leyland National transferred to Sovereign Bus & Coach)

This was being used for driver training, but latterly became a uniform store. Moved to Cambridge Coach Services by 9/98 and in store there, full of Sovereign uniforms!

TWX 195L (Ex 1373, Bristol REL6G sold Citybus, Belfast, 5/83)

This passed to PVS, dealer, Carlton, 5/91 for scrap ex Northern Bus.

GUG 132N (Ex 1453, Leyland National sold Martin, Middlewich, 1/88)

This was with Wigley, Carlton, 11/98 for scrap. Our correspondent reports that it was from an operator with a name of four letters. Last reported with Nelson, Wickford, 10/93 - where has it been since?

AYG 849S (Ex 1706, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Wigley, Carlton, 11/89)

Contrary to last month's note regarding this vehicle with Express Motors, Penygroes, Gwynedd, it has not been repainted into the new light overall blue livery and remains in the earlier, now slightly worn, blue and white livery.

AYG 850S (Ex 1707, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 4/90)

Last reported as Eastern National 3225. Withdrawn and being used for spares at Clacton depot. Still there, 9/98.

AYG 851S (Ex 1708, Bristol VRTSL6G sold

Now reported as transferred to ITG, Anston, ex Northern Bus (3051). Previously reported as to Whiting, Carlton, 11/94.

FWR 216T (Ex 1719, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Cambus, no. 730, 4/90)

Last reported with Bailey, Hucknall. To Brown, Barway, Cambs, 8/98.

JWT 762V (Ex 1729, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 729, 4/90)

Last reported as Eastern Counties 232. Withdrawn by 9/98 and used for spares. To Spall, breaker, Dallinghoo, Ipswich, by 9/98. Currently stored near the village of Debach in a yard owned by Spall. The bus has to be scrapped rather than resold.

LUA 717V (Ex 1734/RV 734, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Eastern National, 3233)

Withdrawn and being used for spares at Clacton depot. Still there, 9/98.

LUA 718V (Ex 1735, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 735, 4/90)

As Eastern Counties 233, still active and allocated to Bury St. Edmunds, 9/98, but outstationed on a farm at Thetford. This was previously allocated to Ipswich and makes it's first move within Eastern Counties.

LUA 719V (Ex 1736, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 736, 4/90)
Still active as Eastern Counties 234, 9/98, at Lowestoft.

LWU 472V (Ex 1744, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 744, 4/90)
Still active as Eastern Counties 235, 9/98, at Bury St. Edmunds.

PUM 148W (Ex 1745, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 745, 4/90)
Still active in the Great Yarmouth "Blue Bus" fleet, 9/98, but retaining Eastern Counties red livery and fleet number 268.
Vehicles at Great Yarmouth are gaining blue livery.

PWY 37W (Ex 1751, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Cambus, 735, 4/90)
Last reported with Cambus and allocated to Haverhill depot. Stored at Ipswich Buses' Constantine Road depot in late September in full Cambus blue livery with front grille removed. Carter's Coaches of East Bergholt often store and park vehicles here and it may well be bound for Carter's, who already has DWU 293T (ex Fowler's).

PWY 42W (Ex 1756, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 756, 4/90)
Still active as Eastern Counties 260, 9/98, at Ipswich.

SUB 792W (Ex 1768, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Viscount B&C, 4/90)
Last reported with Stagecoach Viscount at Peterborough; due to a vehicle shortage transferred to Stagecoach Cambus at Cambridge. Painted in Stagecoach livery with Cambus fleetnames, 9/98. Allocated to Haverhill depot.

SUB 795W (Ex 1771, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Cambus, 737, 4/90)
Last reported with Stagecoach Cambus. Withdrawn -/98 and being used for spares at Cambridge depot. Still there 9/98. Retains Cambus blue livery, never having gained Stagecoach colours. Members will recall this vehicle at York in York Corporation commemorative livery.

SWW 305R (Ex 1980/RV 980, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Essex Buses, Colchester, 1/98)
Used only for spares and to Hardwick, dealer, Carlton, 7/98

WWY 118S (Ex 1988, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 988, 4/90)
Last reported as Eastern Counties 214, withdrawn by 9/98 and being used for spares. Stored at Felixstowe outstation due to lack of space at Ipswich.

WWY 122S (Ex 1992, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 992, 4/90)
Still active as Eastern Counties 212, 9/98, allocated to Ipswich but outstationed in a shed at Framlingham.

WWY 123S (Ex 1993, Bristol VRTSL6G sold Yorkshire Rider, 993, 4/90)
As Eastern Counties 213, allocated to Ipswich, but parked up in depot, 9/98, looking in very poor condition.

EWV 946Y (Ex 2703, Leyland Tiger sold Yorkshire Rider, 1624, 4/90)
Last reported as Essex Buses 1131. To Western National, Truro, 8/98.

EWV 948Y (Ex 2705/K&D 242/H&D 306, Leyland Tiger sold Lewis, Llanrhystyd, Wales)
This was on loan from Lewis, Llanrhystyd, to Jones, Llandeilo. It returned in 12/97 and then passed to Edwards (John's), Blaenau Ffestiniog, 5/98. Latterly JIL 2214 with K&D and H&D, it has now reverted to EWW 948Y.

G431 MWU (Ex K&D 231, Leyland Tiger transferred to Sovereign B&C)
This is numbered 331 with Sovereign.

G62 RGG (Ex K&D 240, Volvo B10M transferred to Cambridge Coach Services)
Still running as C.C.S no. 362, painted in their grey livery, 9/98.

SUM 129W (Ex Reynard Pullman 129, Bedford transferred to Yorkshire Rider, 12/90)
Still running 10/98 as 9410 in Calderline's driver training fleet.

KUJ 125W (Ex Reynard Pullman 145, Bedford transferred to Yorkshire Rider, 12/90)
Following a rear end accident this is now withdrawn from Calderline's driver training fleet, where it was numbered 9409, and was parked at the rear of Elmwood garage, 10/98.

ABR 869S (Ex Rider York 1597, Leyland Leopard transferred to Calderline, 9/98)
This has been converted into a training vehicle at Halifax and numbered 9397. It has been painted blue with yellow relief using Calderline colours.

GHD 725H (Ex 4063, ERF Towing Lorry sold Yorkshire Rider)
As 9402 in the Calderline fleet, this is still in regular use from Skircoat depot. It retains Yorkshire Rider livery.

E962 NMK (Ex H&D 202, Leyland Swift sold Pioneer Coaches, Jersey)
Now re-registered J 14610 and re-seated to C39F, this is named Lady Christine with Pioneer.

OTHER INFORMATION

YORKSHIRE COASTLINER FREEDOM TICKET by John Wright

Having recently used a Harrogate Freedom ticket I decided to use a Yorkshire Coastliner Freedom before the Winter timetable came into force on 4th October 1998 and with it cessation of services to Bridlington. I did this on Thursday 10 September 1998 which was a warm sunny day.

I left Bishopthorpe on the 0741 First York service 9 to York (Railway Station) arr. 0800 on 2231 (M231 VWU), a Mercedes Benz Plaxton Beaver minibus which was £1.55 return and this gave me ample time for my first Coastliner bus. This was the 0830 service 81 from York (Railway Station) to Malton (Bus Station) arr. 0940 on which I purchased my Senior Citizen Freedom ticket for £5.50 which gave me unlimited travel for the day on all Yorkshire Coastliner services.

The vehicle was 421 (G921 WGS), another Mercedes Benz minibus with Reeve Burgess Beaver body ex Welwyn Hatfield Line. The route was very interesting and meandered in every possible direction, even at one time heading west back towards York on the A64. It left from opposite the Railway Station leaving York via Nunnery Lane, Skeldergate Bridge, Piccadilly, Stonebow, Monkgate, Heworth Green and Malton Road then the A64 to the MAFF Laboratory where several passengers left. It then ran south of the A64 through Sand Hutton and Claxton to rejoin the A64 at Harton Moor where it ran west towards York for a short distance before turning off for Flaxton and Sheriff Hutton. It then ran through Thornton le Clay, Foston and the road through Castle Howard Park, which I would traverse later in the day, before turning off through Bulmer to rejoin the A64 near Cranbeck. The A64 was left again to serve Huttons Ambo before the final run into Malton.

A 25 minute break enabled me to have a coffee at Malton Railway Station before the next journey which was the 1005 X45 to Bridlington (Trinity Church) arr. 1110. This journey had started at Leeds. The vehicle was 429 (P429 UUG), a Volvo Olympian Alexander Royale coach seated. The route is the same as the 843 along the A64 through Rillington, Sherburn and Ganton to Staxton Roundabout where the 843 turns left and the X45 turns right through Flixton, Folkton and Muston to join the A165 Scarborough-Hull road. It immediately turned off to perform a double run to Filey Bus Station then rejoined the A165 via Reighton and the Dotterel to enter Bridlington via Sewerby Heads and Fortyfoot to terminate at Trinity Church which is some distance from the Town Centre.

I had 45 minutes in Bridlington before returning on the 1155 845 to Staxton Roundabout arr. 1235 on the same vehicle as on the outward journey this continuing to Leeds.

A half hour at Staxton was spent having lunch at the Little Chef before joining the 1303 843 to Scarborough (Railway Station) arr. 1325 on 423 (M423 UYG) another Volvo Olympian Alexander Royale coach and this follows the A64 with a diversion off to serve Seamer and Crossgates.

With only 20 minutes in Scarborough there was just time to visit the Scarborough and District offices for timetables before joining the 1345 843 to Malton (Bus Station) arr. 1435 on the same vehicle as outward which had been down to the terminus at Peasholm Gap. This was a through working to Leeds.

My next journey was on the 1505 X40 to Pickering (Eastgate) on 422 (M922 UYG) a Volvo Olympian Alexander Royale coach which started from Malton with connections from Leeds and the west provided off the 845 service. It works limited stop to Whitby and omits Goathland completely. Had I wished I could have continued to Whitby on this and would then have visited all the East Coast resorts served by Coastliner and had I done so I would have returned from Whitby at 1755 reaching York at 2020 with a change at Malton. The route to Pickering followed the A169 with a double run from Kirby Misperton Beansheaf to Kirby Misperton Village.

I had 15 minutes in Pickering before my final Coastliner journey which was the 1545 840 to York (Rougier Street) arr. 1715. It had worked down from Whitby and was going forward to Leeds. According to the timetable it was to call at Lady Lumleys School for which it was given an additional 10 minutes running time but in the event Lady Lumleys School was served by a Volvo Olympian which then ran as a duplicate as far as Malton. We therefore waited 10 minutes in Pickering Eastgate until the Olympian appeared from the School and we then followed it to Malton with the usual double run to Kirby Misperton. From Malton this was one of the journeys operating via Castle Howard Park for which it is given 10 minutes additional running time and we joined the A64 at Barton Hill then left it at Hazelbush Cross to operate into York via Stockton on the Forest.

My final bus of the day was the 1723 First York service 23 from Rougier Street to Bishopthorpe arr. 1746 on 1208 (K528 RJX), an Ikarus bodied DAF.

Thus ended a very enjoyable day with all the vehicles running to time and very comfortable. Yorkshire Coastliner is to be praised for its efficiency.

WEST YORKSHIRE HISTORY

LOANED VEHICLE

A vehicle recently withdrawn from the fleet of Arriva North East, Leyland National LUP 900T, has been sold to Essbee, Coatbridge. It has a connection with West Yorkshire in that it was loaned to the Company by United from July to October 1979, when brand new. It had automatic transmission, giving rise to speculation that it was performing a demonstration function. We are grateful to Mr. Bayliss, who was Traffic Manager at the time, for confirming for the record that there was no such motive. The vehicle happened to be one that United was able to loan to assist with WY's vehicle shortage at the time and the type of transmission was purely coincidental.

PRESERVATION CORNER

Bristol RESL6G 1109, preserved by [REDACTED] of Keighley, has been sold to [REDACTED] also of Keighley, on 14th November for continued preservation.

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