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### HARROGATE MEETING :

This will now take place on Saturday, 29th March. PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE.  
Place: Head Office, East Parade, Harrogate (By kind permission of the Company).  
Time: 6.45 pm for 7.0 start. Speaker: [REDACTED], Chief Engineer, West Yorkshire Road Car Company Ltd. Subject: "Some recent vehicle developments". [REDACTED] talk will be illustrated. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE PRESENT.

### MR. J. NIBLOCK :

We offer our congratulations to [REDACTED] on his appointment as Traffic Manager, Crosville Motor Services Ltd.  
[REDACTED] succeeded [REDACTED] as Traffic Manager, West Yorkshire Road Car Company Ltd., some 2½ years ago, and was previously with the Brighton, Hove & District Omnibus Company Ltd.  
Members will recall his talk to the West Yorkshire Information Service in May 1957.

W.Y.I.S. SUMMER TOUR - Sunday 1st JUNE 1958: Please book this date for our main Tour, which will be an interesting and scenic one, in the Malton, Apleforth, Rievaulx Abbey, Castle Howard area; we hope to use LUG 70 the advance production Bristol 1F5G.

### OMNIBUS SOCIETY NORTH WESTERN & YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

Wednesday, 19th March - Visit to Gannan Corporation Passenger Transport Department. Meet at Transport Offices, Wallshaw Street, at 2.15 pm.  
Sunday, 13th April - Visit to Mexborough & Swinton Traction Company Ltd. Includes tour of trolleybus system.

### PERSONAL :

Many members and friends will be interested to learn that [REDACTED], our Chairman's mother, is making good progress following a recent operation. We extend to her our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

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PRESS DAY FOR THE MARCH ISSUE - SATURDAY, 8th MARCH  
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### 1. STOCK CHANGES.

#### New Vehicles

DX 65	TWY 607	Bristol LD6B	134219	E.C.W.	9592	LD 33/27 RDB	7-15-3
DX 66	TWY 608	Bristol LD6B	134220	E.C.W.	9593	LD 33/27 RDB	7-16-0

(DX 65/66 were delivered during January and stored at Grove Park, Harrogate)

#### Delicensed

SEW 28	-	31/1/58
EB 3/8	-	31/1/58
EUG 19/35	-	31/1/58
DG 9/46	-	31/1/58
DB 23/46	-	31/1/58
YDB 66	-	31/1/58
DX 18-20/26/56	-	31/1/58
KDX 39	-	31/1/58

#### Relicensed

SG 133	-	1/2/58
SU7 9/11/12 (ex EUG 9/11/12)	-	1/2/58
EUG 36	-	1/2/58
DG 5/13/43/54	-	1/2/58
DB 43	-	1/2/58
YDB 65	-	1/2/58
DHW 5	-	1/2/58
DX 28	-	1/2/58
KTX 42	-	1/2/58

1. STOCK CHANGES (Contd)Renumbering

EUG 9/11/12 to SUG 9/11/12 - 1/2/58

Sales & Disposals

December 1957: KSG 56/58/60 - Lansdowne Luxury Coaches (dealer), London E.11.  
 December 1957: DG 38-42 - G. Groves (breaker) Merton Abbey, London S.W.19.  
 January 1958: SG 23 - Whitby C. Oliver & Sons Ltd., York.

Fleet Total - 1/2/58

The licensed fleet total for 1st February is 420, comprising  
 32 coaches, 126 single-deckers and 262 double-deckers.

2. REBUILDING.

Three more EUG's have been converted to buses, and these have now entered traffic as SUG 9/11/12.

DG 43, relicensed this month, has undergone extensive repairs to the bodywork. It had been in Works for more than six months, during which time the body was stripped down and rebuilt. The side indicator box has been removed.

An A.E.C. "Matador" chassis was purchased last year for conversion into a major breakdown and repair vehicle. This has now entered service as 1022, and further details will be given in next month's issue.

3. DEPOT CHANGES.Allocations & Transfers

SEW 28	from	LEEDS	(delicensed)		31/1/58
EB 3	"	BRADFORD	(delicensed)		31/1/58
EB 8	"	LEEDS	(delicensed)		31/1/58
EUG 19	"	YORK	(delicensed)		31/1/58
EUG 35	"	BRADFORD	(delicensed)		31/1/58
DG 9	"	HARROGATE	(delicensed)		31/1/58
DG 46	"	LEEDS	(delicensed)		31/1/58
DB 23/46	"	LEEDS	(delicensed)		31/1/58
YDB 66	"	YORK	(delicensed)		31/1/58
DX 18-20	"	BRADFORD	(delicensed)		31/1/58
DX 26	"	KEIGHLEY	(delicensed)		31/1/58
KDX 39	"	ILKLEY	(delicensed)		31/1/58
DX 56	"	HARROGATE	(delicensed)		31/1/58
SG 133		(delicensed)	to	BRADFORD	1/2/58
SUG 9		(delicensed)	"	HARROGATE	1/2/58
SUG 11/12		(delicensed)	"	LEEDS	1/2/58
EUG 36		(delicensed)	"	BRADFORD	1/2/58
DG 5/43		(delicensed)	"	LEEDS	1/2/58
DG 13		(delicensed)	"	BRADFORD	1/2/58
DG 54		(delicensed)	"	HARROGATE	1/2/58
DB 48		(delicensed)	"	LEEDS	1/2/58
YDB 65		(delicensed)	"	YORK	1/2/58
DFW 5		(delicensed)	"	BRADFORD	1/2/58
DX 28		(delicensed)	"	KEIGHLEY	1/2/58
KDX 42		(delicensed)	"	ILKLEY	1/2/58
DX 65/66		(new)	"	HARROGATE	1/2/58
SGL 15	"	LEEDS	"	YORK	1/2/58
DX 37	"	HARROGATE	"	BRADFORD	1/2/58
1022		(new)	"	HARROGATE	1/2/58

- Notes:-
- (i) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except  
 SG 133 (ex-Ilkley), SUG 9 (ex-Ilkley as EUG 9),  
 SUG 11 (ex-Harrogate as EUG 11), SUG 12 (ex-Bradford as EUG 12),  
 DG 5 (ex-Bradford), DB 48 (ex-Harrogate), DX 28 (ex-Skipton) &  
 KDX 42 (ex-Keighley).
- (ii) SUG 11/12 are sub-allocated to WETHERBY.

DEPOT CHANGES (Contd)

Temporary Loans

DX 59 from HARROGATE to BRADFORD 26/11/57 to 4/1/58  
DX 59 from HARROGATE to KEIGHLEY 5/1/58 to date

(In exchange for DX 59, a KEIGHLEY Lodekka is on loan to HARROGATE)

Movements of Delicensed Vehicles

SG 23 left YEADON during January.

DG 2/28 were moved from PATELEY BRIDGE to ILKLEY, and not as stated in Issue 83.

DG 4/54 were moved from GROVE PARK, HARROGATE to ILKLEY by 15th January. (DG 54 since relicensed).

DG 9 was moved from GROVE PARK, HARROGATE to ILKLEY on 6th February.

4. VEHICLE NOTES.

Overhauls

January 1958 : SG 133, YDG 80, DB 48, YDB 65, DEW 5,  
DX 28, CBW 12, CUG 14.

February 1958 : EUG 19, DB 23, DX 19.

Repaints

January 1958 : CUG 4, CBW 12, EUG 15, EUG 49,  
DX 5, YDB 71, YDB 70, YDB 72.  
EUG 12.

Within a week of being repainted at Leeds, CBW 12 had been admitted to Works for overhaul !

DG 43 has been fitted with an external front indicator handle; DG 11 & KDG 50 have yet to be similarly converted.

CUG 15, one of the first vehicles to be fitted externally with fleet number plates, is the first to revert to transfers - on overhaul.

5. OPERATING DETAILS.

Bradford : DX 57 (H) worked the afternoon journey on Bradford-Scarborough (43) on Saturday, 4th January. Towards the end of the month, EB's were seen on the morning journey.

Since the week commencing Monday, 13th January, BRADFORD Depot vehicles have been working the 5.19 pm Leeds-Greengates (31) duplicate journey on Mondays to Fridays. Normally an EB is used, but on 5th February DG 34 (B) was noted.

Towards the end of January, BRADFORD Depot Lodekkas frequently appeared on Service 30 (Bradford-Leeds). DX 11/22/55 were among vehicles to be so noted.

Harrogate : All four Harrogate EUG's were in Leeds on Friday night, 17th January. Two were on Private Hire (EUG 54/56); the others (EUG 52/70) had completed their duties on the Limited Stop service and were preparing to return to Harrogate as duplicates on Service 36.

An SUG is being used on the Bachelor Gardens service.

The Keighley Lodekka on loan to Harrogate is again being used on Bradford-Harrogate. DX 30 was on loan up to going to press, and on 4th February, it was noted on the Bilton - St. George's Road (13) service.

EUG 70 - the Bristol MW - has recently been working on the Pateley Bridge route.

Keighley : DB 47 (K) is spending most of its time on routes 57 (Keighley-Denholme-Bradford) and 67 (Keighley-Shipley-Bradford), with occasional appearances on Service 31 (Keighley-Leeds). On Wednesday, 29th January, it was working for ILKLEY on Service 63; DX 3 (I) was on 67.

DX 4 (I) was seen on K17 (Oakworth) on 7th January.

DX 59 (H loan K) arrived at Keighley on Sunday, 5th January, by working the 10.50 am ex-Bradford (57) journey. It commenced regular operation on 67 (Bradford-Keighley-Skipton) on Monday, 6th January, and was so employed for 1 month. As from Sunday, 2nd February, it was transferred to the K1 local service (Utley-Spring Bank). A label "UTLEY - SPRING BANK" is carried on the indicator.

KDB 57 (K) is being used on K12 (Ilkley-Keighley-Haworth) in lieu of a KDX.

5. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd)

Leeds : As from mid-January Loddkas have been used regularly on the Leeds-Boston Spa-Tadcaster (42) service.

Since the last week in January, EB's have been used on Monday to Friday on Leeds-Whitby (91), with the SBW's appearing only at weekends (see Issue 83).

"East Yorkshire" are using their Tiger Cub - Willowbrook coaches on the Leeds-Bridlington (44/45) services - EYMS 617-19 (PAT 409-11) are frequently seen.

Leeds Depot regularly provide a duplicate to the 7.15 am journey to Ilkley (34). The duplicate works as far as Burley and lays-over until 8.20 am when it returns, duplicating the 8.10 am ex-Ilkley. It may be remembered that some years ago Leeds duplicated the 5.15 pm journey to Ilkley right through with a double-decker. This vehicle stayed at Ilkley overnight and duplicated the 8.10 am journey to Leeds the following day. Two vehicles of note used in 1951-52 were 822 (now EX 1) and 336 (the last G05G).

Skipton : DX 35 (SK) failed at Otley on the 6.30 am journey from Skipton to Tadcaster on 3rd February. It was replaced by SG 141 (I) which worked to Harrogate.

Wetherby : The SUG's are being used on the Wetherby-Leeds (39) service.

York : Double-deckers commenced working the 4.10 pm York - Sheriff Hutton (81) on Monday to Friday as from 13th January. All types of 'deckers, WY & WYV, have been noted so far. The 7.10 am journey may also have been converted, but none of the Saturday and Sunday services has, although some duties have been altered.

A York vehicle now duplicates the 6.0 pm York-Ripon (United 143), as required, on Monday to Friday. "United" run one 45-seater on this journey instead of two vehicles as formerly. EUG 13 (B) was on loan on 25th January, and DBW 18 (H) & EG 4 (L) on 1st February. EG 4 was noted on Clifford Street - Broadway (Y4A) duplicates; DEW 18 operated Pavenent - Dringhouses (Y5) duplicates.

DGW 10 (L) worked the 7.5 am York-Wetherby (96) on 27th January, having garaged overnight at York. It returned to Leeds (43) at 12.0 noon, replacing DX 2 (YK) which had worked the 8.30 am York-Leeds (43), also a Leeds duty.

With reference to last month's bulletin, DG 1 is used quite frequently on York-Leeds (43) on Sundays, when its regular route, - York-Wetherby (95/97), is single-deck operated.

SBW 25 (YK) worked on service Y2 (Bur Dyke Avenue - Cornlands Road) on 1st February. It was later replaced by DX 5 (YK) which itself had failed on York-Thirsk (80) earlier in the day.

Limited Stop Service : During the past few months the AEC "Reliance" - Weymann "Fanfare" coaches of "Yorkshire Woollen" have been appearing regularly on the Limited Stop Service. Vehicles from the 1955 and 1956 batches have been noted.

Yorkshire Services : A "Yorkshire Woollen" Royal Tiger is used for the Dewsbury-Barnsley feeder.

7. SOLD STOCK.

FWW 598 (ex-WY CP 3, Bedford OB - Duple, Sold Comberhill Motors 10/56). (See also)  
FWW 599 (ex-WY CP 4, Bedford OB - Duple, Sold Comberhill Motors 10/56). (Issue 82)  
 It has now been confirmed that both these vehicles are owned by EFSTATHIOS KYRIAKOU & SONS LTD, Nicosia, Cyprus. They have been re-registered TAD 121/22. We have received a letter from our Bristol member, G.J. Brookes, who is now in Cyprus, and he tells us that ex-CP 3/4 are used, together with Bedford's from Southern/Western National, Eastern Counties, Lincolnshire, Hants & Dorset, and Bristol Tramways, to transport married service personnel from G.H.Q., M.E.L.F., to their homes in Limassol. One of the ex-West Yorkshire Bedford's is to be seen at 1.0 pm each day outside G.H.Q., at Episkopa.

YG 90C1 (ex-WY 906, Bristol J05G, Sold Dundas 6/53, and later reported in Cyprus).  
AWW 162 (ex-WY 922, Bristol J05G, Sold Dundas 6/53, and later reported in Cyprus).  
BWF 791 (ex-WY 905, Bristol J05G, Sold Dundas 6/53, and later reported in Cyprus).  
 These three vehicles, now re-registered TK 692/93/90, and reported owned by Lefkaritis Ltd., Lamaca (see Issue 56), are still running around Lamaca and Dkokolia (about 40 miles away), in company with many other single-deckers mainly ex-L.T.E.

KW 5441 (ex-WY 13, Albion PMA 28, Sold Hoer, Kildwick 8/46).  
 This was acquired by Parkers, Doncaster (No.1), in 1948, but was burnt out in 7/48.

SOLD STOCK (Contd).

- KW 6959 (ex-WY 608, Leyland Lion IT 1, withdrawn 1936).  
This was operated by Jones Omnibus Services, Ltd., Aberbeeg, Monmouthshire, at some unknown period.
- WX 8098 (ex-WY 656, Daimler CH6, Sold Norths -/38).  
This ran for Rossie Motors, Rossington, until 8/44, when it met with an accident. Rossie Motors have always operated an all-Daimler fleet.
- YG 5711 (ex-WY Y844, Dennis Lancet I, Sold Norths 1/49).  
This was operated by S. Brown (contractor), Wilmslow, Cheshire, and has recently been found at Sutton End Farm, Near Cleulon Cross, Macclesfield. It was previously reported to be in a scrapyard at Macclesfield in 2/55.
- YG 5717 (ex-WY 850, Dennis Lancet I, Sold Norths 2/48).  
This was operated by W. Rowbottom, Harrishead, Stoke-on-Trent, as their No.5. It was found in a farmyard at Kent Green in 1957.
- YG 5720 (ex-WY 853, Dennis Lancet I, Sold Norths 3/48).  
This also operated for Rowbottom (see above) as their No.7. But this chassis (170605) was used with registration number BRP 916 (of 1933) - another marriage !! It later went to Machin and Allan, Congleton, Cheshire, was derelict by 1956, but was still there up to 28/4/57.
- CWT 852 (ex-WY SG 2, Bristol L5G Sold P.V.D., Marton 12/55).  
Previously reported with J. Billig & Son Ltd., Norwich and London (see Issue 77), is now a fully-fronted van.
- CWT 864 (ex-WY SG 14, Bristol L5G, Sold Norths 10/55).  
This has been found in a farmyard at Knedlington, East Yorks., 12/57.
- CWY 962 (ex-WY SG 23, Bristol L5G, Sold Whitby C. Oliver & Sons Ltd., York, 1/58).  
This firm, which already operates CWT 868 (ex-WY SG 18) converted to a removal van, has acquired ex-SG 23 for spares.
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| <u>EWU 987</u> | (ex-WY DG 38, Bristol K5G, Sold Groves (breaker) London 12/57). |                            |
| <u>EWU 988</u> | (ex-WY DG 39, Bristol K5G, Sold Groves (breaker) London 12/57). |                            |
| <u>EWU 989</u> | (ex-WY DG 40, Bristol K5G, Sold Groves (breaker) London 12/57). |                            |
| <u>EWU 990</u> | (ex-WY DG 41, Bristol K5G, Sold Groves (breaker) London 12/57). | Had arrived by<br>19/1/58. |
| <u>EWU 991</u> | (ex-WY DG 42, Bristol K5G, Sold Groves (breaker) London 12/57). |                            |

6. SERVICE CHANGES.

During the past few weeks quite a number of variations have been applied for. Among those granted are:-

Stage Carriage RoutesSERVICE 43 LEEDS - YORK - MALTON - SCARBOROUGH.

Introduction of an additional journey, Sundays only, during the winter period - 4.5 pm Malton to York.

SERVICE 53 - BRADFORD - SHIPLEY - OTLEY - HARROGATE.

To operate the Winter Saturday service on all Saturdays throughout the year.

SERVICE 76 HARROGATE - TADCASTER.

Retiming of the 5.35 am Section 10A, Thorp Arch, to Harrogate journey to 5.40 am, and to operate from the Admin. Gate instead of Section 10A.

SERVICE 78 LEEDS - HAWES.

Retiming of the 2.35 pm Hawes-Skipton journey, Tuesday only, to operate 15 minutes earlier throughout.

SERVICE 79 SKIPTON - LEYBURN.

Retiming of the 2.37 pm Leyburn-Skipton journey, Friday only, to operate 15 minutes earlier throughout.

SERVICE 81 YORK - STRENSALL - SHERIFF HUTTON.SERVICE 82 YORK - FOSTON - SHERIFF HUTTON.

As from Sunday, 12th January 1958, the above services were re-routed via St. Leonards Place, Gillygate and Lord Mayor's Walk, York, to avoid Monk Bar and thus permit double-decker operation. (See "Operating Details").

6. SERVICE CHANGES (Contd)

SERVICE 96 YORK - BICKERTON - WETHERBY.

SERVICE 97 YORK - WALSHFORD BRIDGE - WETHERBY.

To operate the 8.35 am Bilton-Wetherby journey on Monday to Friday via Bickerton village.

SERVICE K9 KEIGHLEY - COWLING - COLNE.

To withdraw the 4.55 pm Cowling-Glusburn Mills journey on Monday to Friday.

SERVICE K12 HAWORTH - KEIGHLEY - SILSDEN - IRLLEY.

To introduce additional journeys as follows:-

8.30 am Keighley - Dradishaw Road, Silsden; 8.50 am Dradishaw Road - Keighley. to operate on Sundays throughout the year.

SERVICE K27 KEIGHLEY - MARSH - OXENHOPE.

To withdraw the 6.30 am Keighley-Moor-side & 6.55 am Moor-side-Keighley journeys on Monday to Friday.

To introduce a journey at 6.55 am Oxenhope-Keighley on Monday to Friday.

In addition to the above, the following variations have been applied for:-

Stage Carriage Routes.

SERVICE 16 HARROGATE - KNARESBOROUGH.

To introduce an additional journey, 5.10 am Harrogate-Knaresborough, on Monday to Saturday.

SERVICE K15 BINGLEY - MORTON.

To re-route the 1.15 pm Bingley-Morton journey on Saturdays only via Morton Lane. To operate the 12.0 noon & 4.0 pm Morton-Bingley journeys via Swine Lane on Monday to Friday, and Morton Lane on Saturday. (See also Issue 83).

SERVICE K26 KEIGHLEY - HAWORTH - STANBURY.

To introduce the following journeys on Sunday:-

10.10 am Keighley-Stanbury; 10.40 am Stanbury-Keighley to operate from the Sunday before Whitsuntide to the Sunday before the last Saturday in September.

To introduce the following journeys on Sunday:-

8.0 pm Keighley-Stanbury; 8.30 pm Stanbury-Keighley to operate on all Sundays throughout the year.

To delete the 12.25 pm & 6.10 pm Haworth-Stanbury journeys on Monday to Friday, and to introduce journeys as follows on Monday to Friday:-

12.10 pm Keighley (Bridge Street) - Stanbury & 5.47 pm Keighley (Coulbourne Street) - Stanbury.

8. OTHER INFORMATION.

Keighley Bus Station

During the latter part of 1957 the bus shelters in Keighley Bus Station were rebuilt. Certain services were affected, some left from temporary stands elsewhere in the Bus Station while others started from points nearby. The Thwaites Brow (K20) service started from Cavendish Street; the Colne (K9) service from the Regent Cinema in Skipton Road; and the Morton (K14) service from outside the Bus Station near the Blackpool stand.

Free Push-Chair Service

What is believed to be a unique system among bus companies started on 5th December, when the West Yorkshire Road Car Company Ltd., introduced their free-of-charge push-chair service. By showing a ticket proving they have travelled into Harrogate by bus, mothers will be able to borrow a push-chair: no charge is involved - not even a deposit. Designed to assist those mothers who have to walk into town pushing prams, or those who have to travel with children in arms and then carry them about while shopping, this experimental service will operate between 9.0 am & 5.0 pm Mondays to Fridays.

Keighley - West Yorkshire

The Yorkshire Post dated 28/12/57 published the following information. "...Keighley Corporation will receive £7,495 as their share of the year's profit from Keighley-West Yorkshire Services Ltd., which they own jointly with the West Yorkshire Road Car Co., Ltd. This shows an increase of £37 on the figure for the previous 12 months, even though receipts of £50,527 were down by more than £2,000. The difference is accounted for by the fact that last year £2,000 was transferred to the revenue reserve whereas in 1957 the profit and loss account shows no such transfer."