

WEST YORKSHIRE

INFORMATION SERVICE

ISSUE NO. 121

MARCH 1961

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday P. S. V. Circle meeting in Sheffield.
12th April : [redacted] will give a talk on the Isle of Man Road Service.

Sundays The Tramway Museum Society is organising tours of the
23rd April Blackpool tramways on these dates. Full details from Mr.
& 4th June : [redacted], [redacted] Leeds S. Please
enclose a foolscap stamped addressed envelope.

1. FLEET CHANGES

Allocations & Transfers

SC 108,109	(delicensed)	to	HARROGATE	10/2/61
SG 136,150	"	"	LEEDS	"
SG 144	"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
SG 145	"	"	YORK	"
SGL 9	from GRASSINGTON	"	SKIPTON	"
SUG 2	" SAFTON	"	GRASSINGTON	"
SUG 22	" HARROGATE	"	YORK	"
SUG 33	" YORK	"	HARROGATE	"
DB 59	" LEEDS	"	HARROGATE	"
DBW 5	" LEEDS	"	BRADFORD	"
SUG 16	" LEEDS	"	(delicensed)	28/2/61
YDG 58,59	" YORK	"	"	"
KDX 39	" KEIGHLEY	"	"	"
DX 45	" YORK	"	"	"
SBW 18	(delicensed)	to	LEEDS	1/2/61
CUG 12,13,17,20	"	"	HARROGATE	"
KDB 27	"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DB 43	"	"	HARROGATE	"
DB 48	"	"	LEEDS	"
DX 36	"	"	YORK	"

- Notes: (a) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except SC 144 (ex BRADFORD)
(b) Apart from SC 103 (one-man) all vehicles allocated to GRASSINGTON are now SUG's.
Temporary Loans

For Loadmeter Checking -

DX 55 (B), DX 60 (L)	to	HARROGATE	from	29/1/61	to	4/2/61
DX 56 (YK)	to	HARROGATE	from	29/1/61	to	11/2/61

Other Loans -

SUG 22, 23 ceased to be on loan to YORK & HARROGATE respectively on 10/2/61, from which date they were permanently transferred (see above).

Fleet Total

	C	SD	DD	1/3/61	1/3/60
Licensed :	8	161	270	439	437
Unlicensed :	22	53	14	86	101
	30	211	284	525	538

8. VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls

February 1961 : SEW 16, KDB 27, DB 42, DB 48, YDB 77, DX 36.

Rebuilding

It is now confirmed that SUG 18 has not been converted to one-man operation. According to the 'Fleet Disposition Card' for February the following 14 vehicles are indicated as one-man operated :-

SG 103; SUG 6, 10, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34.

Of these, SUG 27 has not been recorded in these notes whereas several others have, including SUG 32 which was used for one-man work when allocated to York. For this purpose it was necessary to 'borrow' the specially-adapted door from SUG 22.

General News

DX 14, 27 have had flashing trafficators fitted.
DB 40, DX 18, DX 21 lost external fleet number plates in favour of transfers at their recent overhauls.

SUG 14 (B) has an indicator blind which displays BRADFORD for use LEEDS

when working Scarborough-Bradford (43).

DB 53 (B) now has a painted front registration number plate.

Livery Changes

February 1961 : SB 9, 10 RED & CREAM to RED
EBW 4 CREAM to RED & CREAM
SUG 59 CREAM to RED

SUG 59 retains the 'WEST YORKSHIRE' transfer at the rear.

9. OPERATING DETAILS

Loadmeter Checking

The recently revised Harrogate local services were checked during February, and DX 58, 59 were used for the first time for over a year. Details are as follows -

Bus Station-Starback	(1/2)	-	DX 58, 61
Bachelor Gardens-Harlow Park	(3)	-	DX 54, 55
Harlow Hill-Crossways/The Avenue	(4/4A)	-	SUG 8, 9
Cornwall Road-Burn Bridge/Pannal	(7/7A)	-	SEG 8, 9
Outlands-New Park	(9)	-	DX 56, 57
Bilton-Woodlands-Bilton	(11/12)	-	DX 54, 58-60

Depot Reports

Bradford :: DX 53 (H), reported last month as being on a duty from this depot, was on loan in exchange for DX 55, and had evidently exchanged blinds with the latter.

On 9th February, SB 5 (L) was noted on Bradford-Yeadon-Leeds (55) instead of the usual DE. On the same day, DG 11 (L) was seen on the other Bradford-Leeds route (2C); the regular vehicles for this service are DB, DEW or DX types.

SB 15 (B) worked a testime special on 64 (Shipley-Wrose) on 31st January, an example of one of the many varied duties on which these vehicles are found nowadays.

Harrogate : From 12th February, single deckers have worked on services 3, 9, 11/12 on Sundays. On that date SGL 11, 12, 15 were on 3 (Harlow Park) & 11/12; SEW 22 on 3 (Bachelor Gardens); SGL 13 on 9.

Shipley : Both Bradford and Harrogate depots have provided DB's for route 53 on many occasions lately. Lodekhas are the more usual vehicles on this route.

(contd.)

a. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd.)Depot Reports (Contd.)

Keighley : DX 15 (B) was noted on Keighley-Leeds (21) on the morning of 9th February. Later that day it operated on K23 (Utley-Bracken Bank Crescent).

Malton : A recent visit here revealed that Norton Road, between the Bus Station and the level crossing, was again open to traffic. It had been closed for some years, entailing the diversion of services 43, 74, 92, 92A, 95 through a very narrow street in the town.

York : A complete survey of WY, WYV and joint workings here and at Malton was made on 18th February. All but one (YDG 58, which was at Works) of the allocation of 107 was accounted for, and 21 WY, 7 BYMS & 1 United from other depots were seen. Only one duty (Leeds depot on Leeds-York) was not recorded. Details of observations are:-

York depot (92 vehicles)

Y1/8 : YDG 89, YDB 71, 76, 83, 85, 86, 88, YDX 72, 73, 85
 Y2 : YDG 55, 56, 57, 60, 62 ; Y3/3A/11/11A : YDG 59, 83, 91, YDB 84, 89,
 Y4/4A : YDX 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, YSG 121 (duplicates) (YDX 74
 Y5/5A/6 : YDG 61, 62, 65, 82, 85, 88, YDB 68, 72, 73, 82, 91, DEW 11, 16
 Y7/7A : YSG 124, 126, 127, 128 ; Y9 : YDG 63, YDB 77, 78, 90
 Y9A : YDG 84, 87, 90, 92 ; Y10 : YDB 74, 75, 80, 81
 Y12 : YDB 64, 67, 69, 70, 87.
 43 (Leeds-Scarborough) : SUG 19, SUG 37 (exchanging with DEW 32), DX 58
 43 (York-Malton) : YSG 122, 130
 74 (Harrogate-Scarborough) : DX 45 (exchanging with DX 37 (M))
 80 : DEW 17, 27, 30 ; 88 : SUG 23 (one-man) ; 97 : DEW 34
 Remaining duties on Y5B, Y13, Y14, Y15, Y16, Y17, 80 (duplicates), 81, 82, 83, 87, 96, 97, 97A shared by : YSG 125, SE 106, 142, 143, 145, SGL 16, SGW 1, SBW 15, 24, 34, SUG 22.
 SBW 21, SUG 28, DEW 31, DX 6 worked Rowntrees and football specials and duplicates, DEW 31 also doing the 5.10 p.m. Sheriff Hutton (81).
 YSG 129 was at Rougier Street but was not recorded on any duties.
 YDG 88 was on Y3/3A/11/11A before being replaced by YDB 84 ; YDB 79 was on 80 before DEW 30 took over.
 SC 113 (which was being repainted) and YSG 123 remained in the depot.

Malton (10)

43 (Scarborough-York) : YDX 84, DEW 25, DX 33 ; (Malton-York) : SGL 17
 74 (Scarborough-Harrogate) : DX 37 (exchanging with DX 45 (YK)).
 64 : DEW 9 ; 85/95 : SBW 25 ; 92/92A : SGL 1
 Other duties on 43 (duplicates), 84, 92/92A, 95, 98 shared by 23 135 and DEW 23.

Scarborough (4)

43 (Scarborough-Leeds) : DEW 32 (exchanging with SUG 37 (YK)), DX 34
 43 (Scarborough-York) : SUG 18 : 43 (duplicates) & 99 : DEW 2

Leeds (13)

43/44/45 : SUG 46, 47, 43, 49 : 46 : SUG 45, 51 : 91 : SUG 29
 43 (Leeds-York) : DB 23, DX 49, 51, 60, 64, 102 & one not recorded
 Wetherby (1) 88/97 : SGW 5 (L lean W)
 Bradford (2) 43 : SUG 26, 41

Harrogate (5)

74 (Harrogate-York) : SGL 12, DX 55 (B loan H), DX 57, 61, 63
 SGL 12 also worked the 4.0 p.m. York-Bun Monkton (87) and DX 63 garaged at York, as rostered.

W. Yorks. & S. (7)

47/48 : 620, 622 (Brillington) ; 669 (one-man - Pocklington)
 46 (Hull-Leeds) : 570 (Pocklington), 616 (Hull)
 46 (Hull-York) : 537, 641 (Hull)

United (1)

91 : BU2 522 (Whitby)

(Continued)

4. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd.)

Depot Reports (Contd.)

York (Contd.) : It is just twelve months since a similar survey, of town services only, was made. Since that time, YDG 77-81 and YDB 65,66 have been replaced by YDX 84-90. A year ago, only two Lodekkas, DX 11 & YDX 73 were on town services ; this time 9 of the 10 YWY ones were used, 5 of them on Y4/4A which last year was operated by 4 YDG's (including YDG 78,79,80) and 1 YDB. The appearance of 5 Lodekkas, by coincidence numbered consecutively, on Y4/4A was rather exceptional, 3 being the usual number.

Apart from the above exceptions, the pattern on other routes is not substantially different from a year ago. Then, service 13 (Nether Poppleton) was worked by YDG 60, but this route reverted to single-deck operation some time ago and SG 143 appeared this time.

5. OTHER INFORMATION

"Stacatrac" : This piece of equipment which was briefly mentioned last month, is a battery-electric fork lift truck, specially designed to remove heavy items of equipment, such as engines, gearboxes or axles, from buses in the course of overhaul. As a result these operations have been speeded up considerably.

The unit used by West Yorkshire' is the first of its kind. It is registered 8718 WM

An article on the "Stacatrac" appeared in "Modern Transport" for 21st January 1961.

PRESS DAY FOR THE APRIL "BULLETIN" - TUESDAY, 25TH MARCH
