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OMNIBUS SOCIETY - FORTHCOMING VISITS :

1. Sunday, 26th May 1957 - N.W. & Yorkshire Branch visit to Rotherham Corporation Transport. Meet 2.15 pm at Transport Offices, Municipal Buildings, Rotherham.
2. Saturday/Sunday } - N.W. & Yorkshire Branch weekend visit to the Isle of Man with
 22nd/23rd June 1957 } organised visit to Douglas Corporation Transport.
3. Sunday, 30th June 1957 - Northern Branch visit to Doncaster Corporation Transport. Meet 2.0 pm at Transport Offices, Leicester Avenue, Doncaster.

W.Y.I.S. members who are not members of the Omnibus Society, but who would like to take part in any of these visits should notify:-

[REDACTED], if interested in events 1 & 2, or
 [REDACTED], if interested in event 3.

TROLLEY BUS SOCIETY :

- Sunday, 26th May 1957 - Visit to Derby. Owing to lack of support a special coach will not be hired. The most convenient train from Bradford (Forster Square) leaves at 9.35 am; and from Leeds (City) at 10.5 am.

W.Y.I.S. members wishing to take part should contact [REDACTED], without delay.

PERSONAL :

[REDACTED], General Manager of the West Yorkshire Road Car Company Ltd. from 1935 to 1950, has retired from a similar position with the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Company Ltd. [REDACTED], who was Traffic Manager of the United Automobile Services Ltd. before coming to West Yorkshire, helped to build what is now the United Counties Omnibus Company Ltd., and served originally with the L.C.O.C. His successor at Bristol is [REDACTED], previously Secretary and Assistant General Manager of Crosville Motor Services.

 PRESS DAY FOR THE JUNE ISSUE -- SATURDAY, 8th JUNE

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1. STOCK CHANGES.

(a) New Vehicles

DX 53	RWY 831	BL	LD6B	130066	ECW	8661	LD 33/27	RDB	7-15-0
DX 54	RWY 832	BL	LD6B	130071	ECW	8659	LD 33/27	RDB	7-14-3
DX 55	RWY 833	BL	LD6B	130093	ECW	8662	LD 33/27	RDB	7-15-0

(These were delivered in January 1957, stored at Grove Park, Harrogate, and later Pateley Bridge.)

(b) Relicensed

CB 3-6	-	1/5/57
CBW 1-3/6-12	-	1/5/57

(c) Delicensed

DG 5,38,46	-	30/4/57
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3. DEPOT CHANGES.

(a) Allocations and Transfers

DG 5,38	from	HARROGATE	(delicensed)	30/4/57
DG 46	"	LEEDS	(delicensed)	30/4/57
CB 3,4	(delicensed)		to HARROGATE	1/5/57
CB 5,6	(delicensed)		" BRADFORD	1/5/57

3. DEPOT CHANGES (Contd)

(a) Allocations & Transfers
(Contd)

CBW 1,2	(delicensed)	to YORK	1/5/57
CBW 3	(delicensed)	" KEIGHLEY	1/5/57
CBW 6-10	(delicensed)	" HARROGATE	1/5/57
CBW 11,12	(delicensed)	" LEEDS	1/5/57
DX 53,54	(new)	" HARROGATE	1/5/57
DX 55	(new)	" LEEDS	1/5/57
DEW 3,4	from ILKLEY	" HARROGATE	1/5/57
DX 3,4	" HARROGATE	" ILKLEY	1/5/57

Notes:-

- (i) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots.
- (ii) With the delicensing of DG 38, all five war-time double deckers are now withdrawn.
- (iii) DX 3,4, with Gardner 6LW engines, join DGW 1,2,7,8 under KEIGHLEY maintenance. Apart from DGW 9, all other DGW's are at LEEDS.
- (iv) The Fleet Disposition Card for April (which contains a number of inaccuracies) gives the MALTON allocation as 1 coach, 4 single deckers, and 4 double deckers; this represents a reduction of one double decker on the previous figures.

(b) Temporary Loans

The following "Tilling Group" vehicles operated for West Yorkshire during the Easter holiday period:-

Wilts & Dorset	519	JAM 151	Bristol LS6G	ECW	S41F	LEEDS
Wilts & Dorset	549	JMV 262	Bristol LS6G	ECW	S41F	LEEDS
Eastern Counties	LE 749	MAH 749	Bristol LS4G	ECW	S39F	LEEDS
Eastern Counties	LS 755	CAH 755	Bristol LS5G	ECW	C39F	LEEDS

All the above were used on express and excursion work. Eastern Counties LE 749 worked an afternoon excursion into Wharfedale on Easter Monday - an interesting journey, no doubt, on a 4-cylinder engined vehicle!

SEW 18,19 were on loan from HARROGATE to LEEDS over Easter, with SG 149 on loan from LEEDS to HARROGATE.

(c) Movements of Delicensed Vehicles

SG 83 was in use as a mobile office at Saville Street, Leeds, for the Easter holiday traffic. It had been docked for the occasion and looked quite smart with its newly painted BLACK radiator grille.

SG 6 left YEADON on 20th April for BRADFORD, where it is being used as a towing lorry whilst 1002 is under repair.

4. VEHICLE NOTES.

(a) Overhauls

April 1957 : SG 132, DG 2, DB 5, YDB 88, DGW 4.
May 1957 : YDB 89, DEW 2.

(b) Repaints

April 1957 : DG 44, SEW 31, SEW 28, SGL 17, SG 87,
YSG 122, CUG 15, CUG 19.
1004 (green, formerly red).

An external front indicator handle has been fitted to DG 3.

CUG 13,15,17,19, repainted at Myrtle Road, have received fleet numbers at the front, similar to the SUG's mentioned previously. Other coaches which have been repainted at the depots have not received numbers. In previous years most of the coach repainting has been done at Harrogate.

4. VEHICLE NOTES (Contd)

All buses operating from LEEDS depot now have red radiator grilles. DB 42,58 & EB 9 were the last to be done. SG 23,55,66 (all H) and SG 87 (YK) have also had their radiator grilles painted red. SG 23 has had several seats re-covered with L.T.F. style moquette.

Lod kkas DX 9-13 of the first production batch have much smaller rear windows on the lower deck than the remainder of the Lodekkas in service.

5. OPERATING DETAILS.

Once more, Easter brought many vehicles on hire to West Yorkshire. This year was notable for the number of fleet changes that have taken place during the "close" season. Quite a few new vehicles were noted. Changes amongst the usual "regulars" are detailed below:-

A. Wray & Sons, Summerbridge:

(See also Issue 29)

Sold: KTB 504 Maudslay Marathon III - Duple
Purchased: LAK 662 Bedford SBG - Burlingham C36F (ex-Baldon Motors)

Longster Bros., Pateley Bridge:

(See also Issues 29,30,64,68)

Sold: ?
Purchased: TWT 262 Bedford SBG - Burlingham C41F (new 1957)

Simpsons, Ripon:

(See also Issues 43,54)

Sold: HWT 531 Bedford OB - Duple

T. Burrows & Son, Wombwell:

(See also Issues 43,54,64)

Purchased:-

91 SWU 914 AEC Reliance - Burlingham B41F (New 1956)
92 TWT 50 Bedford SBG - Burlingham C41F (New 1957)

(91 was exhibited at the 1956 Commercial Motor Show)

H. Poskitt, Whitley Bridge, Nr. Goole: (See also Issue 43)

Sold: JWX 599 Albion Victor - Scottish Aviation (to Holling, Askern)

J.E. Robinson, Thirsk:

(See also Issue 44)

Sold: ONO 85 Bedford OB - Duple

Samuel Ledgard, Armley:

(See also Issues 54,56,64,66)

Purchased: FBU 77, KUP 949, JP 7221 (Leyland PS1); FBU 896 (Leyland PS2);
GVA 289 (Leyland Royal Tiger); FJW 938 (AEC Regal);
JP 7865, JP 8146 (AEC Regal III); MTJ 357 (Maudslay Regal IV).

(Some of the above nine vehicles were on hire to West Yorkshire during Easter).

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Bradford : SUG 6 (B) has been observed on the Bradford-Cookridge (54) service. It was so noted on 17th April.

SG 116 (YN) worked the afternoon excursion to Fountains Abbey on Easter Monday with Eastern Counties LS 755 from Leeds.

Harrogate : Double deckers have again been operating the Bilton-St. George's Road service. SUG's now often work the 7.30 am Harlow Hill (4) journey. SUG 1,7,8 have all been noted.

DG 28 (H) was noted on learner duties on 15th April. Both this and DG 29 (H) were seen on Harrogate-Bradford (51) on Easter Monday.

CB 1/2 (L) were on loan to HARROGATE on Good Friday for conference work.

Ilkley : Since 734-37 (now DB 6-9) were new in July 1948, K6B's have been the regular vehicles on Leeds-Ilkley (34). Following complaints on cold mornings, however, vehicles fitted with rear doors have been used since 14th April. DEW 13 (L) was used on 15th April, followed by DEW 14 (L) until 29th April. DGW's were used from then onwards.

5. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd)

Ilkley : Over 100 people were waiting for the 10.55 am Ilkley-Grassington (75) on Easter Saturday. In addition to the service car - SGL 12 (SK/G) - ILKLEY provided SG 133 and SG 138 as far as Bolton Abbey.

On Easter Monday, DB 62 (L) was duplicating DEW 14 (L) on 34 (Ilkley-Leeds). DX 27 (K) & KDB 12 (K) were loaned to ILKLEY and ran Ilkley-Bradford (63). DEW 24 (I) worked the hourly service on 77 (Ilkley-Otley) until 4.30 pm when Ledgard took over.

Leeds : The 10.0 am express service to Scarborough on Good Friday consisted of: EUG 33 (L), EUG 36,37 (B) & CUG 14 (K); while that to Bridlington had: SG 104/08 (H), SGL 16 (YK), SGW 4 (YK) & SBW 35 (H).

Easter Monday was a popular day for trips to the Coast and some 24 West Yorkshire vehicles, together with at least 18 hired coaches, were noted on their way to Scarborough, Bridlington or Whitby.

The usual "holiday time happenings" again occurred: a K5G (DG 45) ran on Leeds-York; YSG's were seen on York-Leeds and York-Scarborough; YDB's & DG's were used as extras on Leeds-Harrogate (36) &c.

Double decker duplicates were much in evidence on Service 43 on Easter Monday and Tuesday.

Among those noted on Scarborough-Leeds on Easter Tuesday were: DB 42,43 (L), DEW 18 (H), DGW 1,2 (K); furthermore, four LEEDS DB's were scheduled to do evening duplicates on Eridlington-Leeds.

DG 9,10 (L) were noted on learner duties towards the end of April.

Crosville coaches UG 310,316,322 were garaging at Leeds depot on Good Friday. Each carried a board on the front with the words "Canadian Pacific Railway Pioneers from Canada".

Scarborough : The 5.35 pm Scarborough-Flixton (99) was operated by DEW 32 (YK/SG) on Easter Tuesday. This is the first recorded appearance of a double decker on this route, but it is thought that they have been used on several occasions previously. Among the many vehicles on hire to West Yorkshire on this same day were two belonging to Barley Coaches, Burnley, Lancs. These were: UPD 879 Leyland Royal Tiger - Burlingham C41C new 1955, and 794 ETB Bedford SEG - Duple C41F now 1957.

Yeadon : A survey of YEADON duties was made on Saturday, 27th April.

- Service 32 : DB 3,24.
- 33 : DB 9.
- 50 : DB 7,49.
- 32A: SG 112,114, SGW 9.
- 72/22 : SG 23, SG 116.
- 54&c: SG 112,113,115.

DB 3 & DB 49 (both B) were working from YEADON in place of DB 8 & DB 18 which were working BRADFORD depot turns on 55.

DB 3 was running as a duplicate to DB 24.

SGW 9 (B) replaced SG 115 which was used on Private Hire.

SG 23 (H) was exchanged at Kettleasing for SG 116 both in the morning and afternoon.

During its layover at Otley, it worked from Otley to Ilkley, Ilkley-Saltaire (63) and Saltaire to Otley (59) prior to leaving Otley for Fewston at 2.10 pm (72). Correct bible indicator was shown.

Prior to working on 32A, SG 112 operated the 8.15 am Cookridge-Bradford (54); 9.40 am Bradford-Yeadon Fountain (51-Dup); 12.25 pm Yeadon-Bradford (50-Dup) and 1.10 pm Bradford-Cookridge (54) Sat.O. journeys.

On the Leeds-Rawdon (33) service, Ledgard provided GHA 968, this being the first recorded appearance of an ex-Midland Red Daimler on this route.

York : Double deckers now work the 9.10 am York-Nether Poppleton (Y.13) regularly on Saturdays (See Issue 74). The same vehicle also runs to Heslington (Y.17) at 9.56 am.

DEW 27 (YK) was noted on the 5.50 pm York-Wetherby (97) on Saturday, 27th April. This is normally a single decker duty, the car used having previously done the 4.15 pm York-Foston (82).

DG 29 (H), which as 386 was a YORK depot vehicle several years ago, was on the 5.35 pm York-Harrogate (74-Dup) on 30th April, probably its first appearance in York since rebuilding.

SG 144 (YK) was observed on learner duties on 10th April and SG 110 (H) on the following day. After a spell on this work DG 1 (YK) has now returned to the York-Wetherby (96/97) route.

At Easter, both YORK's 32-seaters (SG 85,87) ventured to Leeds on the Tuesday, SG 87, repainted and with red radiator, being noted on Leeds-Scarborough.

SGL 16 (YK) was on the 8.5 am Leeds-Hull (46) - a LEEDS depot working - on 29th April.

On 3rd April, DEW 31 was noted working the 7.0 am York-Wetherby (96), 7.45 am Wetherby-York (96) and 8.40 am Dringhouses - Hob Moor School (School special).

Fawdon Service : West Yorkshire participated in the operation of this service during Easter. On 6th May, CBW 12 (L) was detailed to run Barnsley-Coventry (Dup).

6. SERVICE CHANGES.

SERVICE K4 COOKE STREET - BRAITHWAITE AVENUE (Keighley Local Service)

Extended to operate to the junction of Braithwaite Avenue with North Dean Avenue, as from Sunday, 17th March 1957. On Monday to Friday, during the morning and evening peak periods, additional journeys will operate to the traffic island in Braithwaite Avenue.

SERVICE Y2 BUR DYKE AVENUE - ACOMB (York Local Service)

As from 7th April 1957, the Acomb terminus was moved from Stuart Road to Cornlands Road.

SERVICE Y5/Y5A ELMFIELD AVENUE - DRINGHOUSES (York Local Service)

These routes were extended from Chaloners Road to Stuart Road as from 7th April 1957. All journeys on route 5A, except after 7.0 pm on Monday to Friday, previously ran to this point as they operate through to Viking Road and Stockton Lane.

SERVICE Y16 YORK - OSBALDWICK - MURTON

As from 25th March 1957, inward journeys are operated via Walmgate and Piccadilly instead of Paragon Street and Clifford Street. It thus reverts to the route followed prior to the Castle Mills Bridge diversions introduced in August 1955.

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Certain express services, reduced or suspended because of fuel restrictions, have been restored recently. They are:-

- Service X.88 Leeds-Morecambe - restored on 18th April 1957.
- Yorkshire - London service - restored on 14th April 1957.
- Yorkshire - Blackpool service - restored on 18th April 1957.

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On Sunday, 2nd June, most bus routes through Shipley will be diverted through the new Central Area, where loading bays have been constructed. The present Shipley circular service is to be discontinued, and two separate services introduced; one direct to Forster Square, the other via Windhill. It has been proposed that the Hirst Wood - West Royd Crescent service should be re-routed, but this has met with considerable opposition. Full details of the changes will be given in the next issue.

7. SOLD STOCK.

- BWT 765 (ex-WY 970, Bristol J05G, Sold Norths 10/55)
- BWT 778 (ex-WY 983, Bristol J05G, Sold Norths 10/55) (See also June 1956 issue)
- BWT 787 (ex-WY 992, Bristol J05G, Sold Norths 10/55) (See also May 1956 issue)
- BWT 800 (ex-WY 106, Bristol J05G, Sold Norths 10/55)
- BWT 806 (ex-WY Y345, Bristol G05G, Sold Williams, Sheffield 8/52) (See also 11/56 issue)
- CWY 999 (ex-WY SG 50, Bristol L5G, Sold Comberhill 10/56)

All the above were noted at Wakefield Fair on Easter Monday 1957.

- CWY 966 (ex-WY SG 27, Bristol L5G, Sold Norths 10/55) (See also December 1956 issue)
- This vehicle has been cut up by Blamire, near St. Dunstan's Station, Bowling, Bradford).

- WV 7112 (ex-WY Y245, TSM B10A2, Sold Norths 1946, later to W.A. Pearson, Hetton-le-Hole)
- YC 3052 (ex-WY 819, Dennis Lancet I, Sold Norths, later to Trimdon Motor Services No. 34, withdrawn by 1953)

Both the above vehicles were noted at Barnard Castle in April 1957 in use as caravans.

- WX 2136 (ex-WY 280, T.S.M. B10A2, Sold Norths 1938, to Trimdon Motor Services and later to Westwell, Felling)
- This vehicle was noted at a Sunderland garage in April 1957 in use as a caravan (non-runner?).

- WV 7124 (ex-WY K257, TSM B10A2, Sold Norths 1946, Last reported with R. Preston, Ferryhill in 1952). Noted in use as living quarters on a caravan site at Hunstanton, Norfolk, in August 1956.

- CWT 860 (ex-WY SG 10, Bristol L5G) Was the only ex-West York hire vehicle left at Diesel Engine Exporters, Rothwell, in April 1957).