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THE F.S.V. CIRCLE :

Wednesday, 2nd December 1959 - Meeting of members at Briton's Protection Hotel, Manchester.

Friday, 20th November 1959 - Informal meeting in the B.C.T. canteen, 1, Forster Sq., Bradford.

PRESS DAY FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE - TUESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER

1. FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicles

KDX 75	XYG 831	Bristol LD6B	150215	E.C.W.	11094	LD 33/27	RDS	7-18-2
KDX 76	XYG 832	Bristol LD6B	150216	E.C.W.	11095	LD 33/27	RDS	7-18-2
KDX 77	XYG 833	Bristol LD6B	150242	E.C.W.	11096	LD 33/27	RDS	7-18-2
DX 79	YWW 74	Bristol LD6B	154045	E.C.W.	11089	LD 33/27	RDS	7-18-2
DX 80	YWW 75	Bristol LD6B	154046	E.C.W.	11090	LD 33/27	RDS	7-18-2
DX 81	YWW 76	Bristol LD6B	154049	E.C.W.	11091	LD 33/27	RDS	7-18-2

(KDX 75-77 were delivered during August and stored at Keighley)
 (DX 79-81 were delivered during October)

Allocations & Transfers

SUG 37,38	from	LEEDS	(delicensed)	31/10/59
SUG 39	"	BRADFORD	"	"
SUG 50	"	ILKLEY	"	"
EB 11	"	LEEDS	"	"
EUG 64,70	"	HARROGATE	"	"
EUG 65,66,71	"	BRADFORD	"	"
CBW 1,11,12	"	LEEDS	"	"
CBW 2	"	YORK	"	"
CBW 3	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"
CBW 5	"	BRADFORD	"	"
CBW 7,9,10	"	HARROGATE	"	"
CUG 1-6	"	BRADFORD	"	"
CUG 7-9,18	"	LEEDS	"	"
CUG 10,12	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"
CUG 13,17,20-23	"	HARROGATE	"	"
DG 1,4,15,44,47	"	LEEDS	"	"
DG 3,8	"	HARROGATE	"	"
DG 13	"	BRADFORD	"	"
KDG 48,50-53	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"
KDB 28	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"
YDB 87	"	YORK	"	"
DBW 29	"	YORK	"	"
DX 57	"	HARROGATE	"	"
1008	"	HARROGATE	(withdrawn)	"
YSG 125	(delicensed)	to	YORK	1/11/59
SUG 51	"	"	LEEDS	"
CUG 19	"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DB 4	"	"	LEEDS	"
DB 8	"	"	BRADFORD	"

1. FLEET CHANGES (Cont.)

Allocations & Transfers (Cont.)

KDB 15	(delicensed)	to	KEIGHLEY	1/11/59
DBW 22	"	"	BRADFORD	"
DBW 34	"	"	YORK	"
DGW 1,8	"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DGW 2	"	"	LEEDS	"
DX 54	"	"	HARROGATE	"
DX 55	"	"	BRADFORD	"
KDX 75-77	(new)	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DX 79-81	"	"	LEEDS	"
SG 132	from	KEIGHLEY	"	ILKLEY
SGW 12	"	ILKLEY	"	KEIGHLEY
SBW 31,32	"	LEEDS	"	BRADFORD
CUG 16	"	HARROGATE	"	KEIGHLEY
DG 31,32	"	BRADFORD	"	HARROGATE
DBW 24	"	ILKLEY	"	BRADFORD

- Notes :
- (a) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except CUG 19 (ex-HARROGATE), DB 4 (ex-BRADFORD), and DGW 2 (ex-KEIGHLEY).
 - (b) The ILKLEY Depot allocation is reduced by 1 DD & 1 SD and is now - 5 SD's & 7 DD's.
 - (c) At KEIGHLEY the WY DD allocation is up by two, while the KMY DD allocation is down by the corresponding number.
 - (d) DG 15, now delicensed, has worked at LEEDS since 1/1/39; DG 44 & 47 have worked at LEEDS since new in 3/46 & 5/47, respectively. Of the KEG's, 48 (along with 49) worked until 1954 for Ilkley depot, the other four delicensed this month having worked for KEIGHLEY alone. DG 13 has worked for only BRADFORD depot since 24/8/40, and DG 31 & 32, transferred this month to Harrogate, had previously worked for BRADFORD Depot only since new on 1/1/39. Of the above, DG 47, KDG 50 & 53 have given continual service, while DG 32's only 'break' was of five months for rebodding in 1950. DBW 20 (transferred last month to Keighley), and DB 4 (to Leeds this month) had previously only worked for BRADFORD since new (apart from one week in 5/55 when DB 4 served at Leeds). CUG 19, now at Keighley, had previously only been allocated to HARROGATE Depot.

Temporary Loans

For Loadmeter Checking -

DX 56	HARROGATE	to	YORK	-	30/8/59	to	25/10/59
DX 60	LEEDS	to	YORK	-	7/6/59	to	25/10/59
DX 61	HARROGATE	to	YORK	-	30/8/59	to	25/10/59

Notable hiring during October -

Tilling OLU 753 Bristol LS6B E.C.W. C 39 F

Stored Vehicles

DG 13 left BRADFORD for HARROGATE by 31/10/59.
 DG 3 & DG 8, and 1008 were moved from HARROGATE to LEEDS by 6/11/59.
 KDG 48, and KDG 50 were moved from KEIGHLEY to LEEDS by 6/11/59.
 KDG 51, CUG 11, EUG 59 were moved from KEIGHLEY to ILKLEY by 4/11/59.
 KDG 51 - 53 had arrived at Skipton by 7/11/59

Fleet Total

	C	SD	DD	=	1/11/59	1/11/58
Licensed :	6	154	268	=	428	420
Unlicensed:	30	56	22	=	108	103
	36	210	290	=	536	523

VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls

October 1959 : YSG 125, SG 148 ; DB 4, KDB 15, DB 41,
DBW 22, DBW 34, DGW 2, DGW 8, DX 54, DX 55.
November 1959 : KDB 28, YDB 87.

Livery Changes

EB 12 has been repainted RED and CREAM, as EB 14 (see Issue 97)

General News

The new Lodekkas, KDX 75-77 and DX 79-81, are powered by Bristol BVW engines, as DX 78.

YDB 84 (overhauled 9/59) has received a new style "YORK-WEST YORKSHIRE" similar to the "WEST YORKSHIRE" on DX 10 (see Issue 102). Likewise, the nearside of KDB 31 (also overhauled 9/59) has a new style "KEIGHLEY-WEST YORKSHIRE". The off-side is unchanged.

SUG 51 & 55 were each fitted with an exhaust boiler during October, as SUG 52-54 (Issue 104). CUG 19 is also being so fitted. The purpose of the boiler is to re-heat the water, so providing additional saloon heat. It is believed to have been optional equipment since the introduction of the MW chassis.

CUG 16 & 19 have been varnished in addition to being repainted. (Neither were previously varnished.) Also, both coaches have had their seat-tops re-trimmed.

Further YDG's and YDB's are being fitted with new York local intermediate blinds, as YDG 57 (see Issue 103). DG 6 (B) has received a rear intermediate blind.

3. SERVICE ALTERATIONS

Express Services

YORKSHIRE - LONDON

The Company is considering asking permission from the Traffic Commissioners to divert duplicate vehicles along the newly opened M.1 motorway. Service vehicles would, of course, have to follow the set route.

Excursions & Tours

From BRADFORD

An application to run an excursion to Grimsby for football matches, has been refused. A similar request made by Wallace Arnold Tours has been granted. Both applications were opposed by British Railways.

4. OPERATING DETAILS

Loadmeter Checking

<u>Week Commencing</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Services</u>
October 5th	YORK	DX 56,58,60,61	10	York Local Services
October 19th	YORK	DX 56,58,60,61	5/5A/6	" " "

Depot Reports

Keighley: Following the increase by two in the WY 'decker allocation at Keighley, DX's have occasionally been seen on Keighley-Bradfd. (57) and Keighley-Leeds (31), formerly DGW 'strongholds'.

4. OPERATING DETAILS (Cont.)

Leeds: The new DX's, 79-81, are being used on Leeds-Harrogate-Ripon (36). As previously stated in Issue 93, Leeds Depot have had four CUG's allocated during the summer, in place of the one of previous years. They have been used on excursions from the City, these receiving more publicity than in previous seasons.

On Leeds-Whitby (91) United have been using BUE-type coaches since the introduction of the winter time-table.

York: During the week commencing October 12th, DX 56, 58, 60, & 61 were working on services 5/5A/6. Loadmeter checking was abandoned following delays of up to 90 minutes due to the closure of Skeldergate Bridge.

On Wednesday, 7th October, CBW 6, 7 (H), SG 136/52/54 (L) were on loan to York for the Race Meeting. On the same day, DBW 9 (YK) was summoned to take over the EYMS 9.30 a.m. York-Leeds (46) turn, because the EYMS Wecker had failed near York. DBW9 was seen arriving back in York at 1.20 p.m. proudly displaying "HULL 46" on the blind, but here it was duly changed back again!

On 6th October SG 102 (YK) worked on service Y9, taking many intending-double-decker passengers by surprise. Three days later SUG 52 (H) worked the evening journey on York-Warhill (Y.14), a very unusual occurrence.

Skipton: DX 47 (SK), the regular car on Skipton-Keighley-Bradford (67) has been up to further antics! During the weekend of 27th September it worked for Keighley Depot. On Thursday, 29th October, it failed in Bradford and was replaced by DX 22 (B), which worked for Skipton for the rest of the week. The following day, Friday, KDB 55 was working the rota, and was changed over at 1 p.m. in Keighley with DX 35 (SK), the regular car on Skipton-Tadcaster (76). Meanwhile, DX 47 was working the Bradford turn on "67 Skipton", i.e. one hour earlier throughout than its regular times, and DX 22 worked DX 35's usual turn on 76. On Saturday, 31st October, DX 47 was working on Bradford-Ilkley (63). Please note that the reference, under "Op. Details - Bradford" in Issue 104, "How did it get from York to Bradford?" did not refer to DX 47, but to DX 54 - the mischevous Harrogate bus, which should have been on loan to York Depot, checking on route 12.

Bradford: From November 1st Bradford Depot took over one DD and one SD duty from Ilkley Depot, due to staff shortage at that depot. The former rota, for which DBW 24 was transferred, although this no longer works the same, involves the 6.30 a.m. from Otley to Bradford (53), and then 55/63 (dup) Bfd. to Burley, 8.10 a.m. Burley to Bradford (68), and the 11.40 a.m., 1.5, 2.40, 4.5, 5.40, 7.55, & 9.55 p.m. Bradford-Otley (53). The car, now normally a DX, works out 'light' to Otley, and returns at night as a duplicate. The SD rota is believed to be an ex-Yeadon turn comprising work in the Rawdon area, and school specials in the Ilkley district.

DX 78 (B) has not been working full three-week shifts on Shipley-Wrose (64), as suggested in Issue 104. DX's 3, 46, 48, & 78 seem to take it in turns to work the rota six days in one week, while DX 67 or 68 continue to work the Sunday turn. DX 4, the other 6LW-powered vehicle to DX 3, has spent the most part of last month working on Bradford-Keighley (67). This latter route seems to have had fewer Bradford Depot DX's working on it, in favour of DBW's. These latter vehicles may have been displaced from Bradford-Leeds (30), which has been having a higher proportion of DB's of late. DB's have also been seen on Forster Square-Shipley (66) since the beginning of November, when Bradford's DG allocation was almost halved.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

- BWT 772** (ex-977, Bristol JO5G, Sold W. North (dealer) Leeds 9/55)
Now in use as a showman's vehicle - 6/59.
- BWT 774** (ex-979, Bristol JO5G, Sold W. North (dealer) Leeds 9/55)
Now in use as a showman's vehicle - Caerlon, Monmouthshire, 5/58.
- QWY 960** (ex-SG2L, Bristol L5G, Sold P.V.D. (dealer) 2/56)
Now in use by Lehane, McKenzie and Shand (contractor) - seen near Watford 9/59.

Reminder : W.Y.I.S. - LEEDS MEETING
 Saturday, 21st November — 6.30 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. start
 Wellington Street Bus Station Cafe, Leeds
 (by kind permission of the Company)
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 Members are asked to make every effort to attend.
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