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### 1978 ORDERS

It is understood that the WY main fleet order for 1978 has been amended yet again and is now for 17 Bristol VRTSL3/6LXB (Previously 11), no LH6L buses (Previously 7) and 4 Leyland Nationals (Previously 10). No mention is made of any coaches; perhaps the order for 3 (or was it 10?) Leyland PSU3/Plaxton has been cancelled for this year pending evaluation of the experiment with the second hand Bedfords. It will be interesting to see if WY receive any of the recently announced 'B' series Leyland Nationals in place of the cancelled LH'S.

### LEEDS MEETING - Saturday 18th March 1978

It was a shame that only 17 members felt like attending this meeting, which was held in the Leeds Y.M.C.A. All those who could not be bothered to make the effort missed a very interesting slide show by [REDACTED], and would certainly have learnt something from the evening's entertainment, which as might be expected contained many interesting West Yorkshire views most dating from pre-war days, but also had some fascinating shots of elderly buses converted to static caravans or showman's transport, etc, all now a thing of the past. We are very grateful to [REDACTED] for planning and giving this excellent show, and can only apologise to him for the poor attendance.

### SPRING TOUR - Sunday 21st May 1978

United have now given permission for us to visit their premises as set out in the last issue and there is therefore every hope that at last we shall be able to run the tour as planned.

For us to be able to do so, of course, depends on good support from members, otherwise the costs would be prohibitive, and you are therefore asked in all sincerity to make every effort to come along. Those who have been before will know that these tours are always worthwhile and those who have not will be made more than welcome.

A booking form was enclosed with the last issue and should be

returned as soon as possible to [redacted]. If you have lost the booking form, please drop a line instead to [redacted] saying how many seats are required and where you will join the Tour (Bradford, Leeds or Harrogate).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PSV CIRCLE The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 4th May in meeting room No. 1, Second Floor, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

HVCV YORKSHIRE SECTION The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th May at 7.45pm in the Metro Leeds Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds 1. This meeting will be an illustrated slide show by Geoff Lumb entitled "A Yorkshire Miscellany of Body Builders and Hauliers".

PRESS DAY for the May issue will be on Saturday 6th May and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [redacted]

1 FLEET CHANGES

NEW VEHICLES

1487	YWW 8085	Leyland National	11351A/IR	05101	B52F	9020kg
1488	YWW 8095	Leyland National	11351A/IR	05102	B52F	9020kg
1489	YWW 8105	Leyland National	11351A/IR	?	B52F	9020kg

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1487-9 were all delivered in early March to Grove Park, in all over red livery as usual. They differ from previous Nationals in having an interior luggage rack above the seats at the offside only, a welcome improvement. The unladen weight remains unchanged. The logo at the front is slightly larger than before.

The chassis numbers of 1991-4 are 3/1149-52.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

1048	(delicensed)	To	Keighley	1.12.77
1014/91/2	from UNALLOCATED	to	HARROGATE	20. 3.78
1018	from UNALLOCATED	to	OTLEY	"
1019/20/93/4	from UNALLOCATED	to	BRADFORD	"
1021/2	from UNALLOCATED	to	LEEDS	"
1047	from UNALLOCATED	to	KEIGHLEY	"
1089/90	from UNALLOCATED	to	YORK	"
1005	from LEEDS	(delicensed)		31. 3.78
3962	(delicensed)	to	YORK	1. 4.78
1487/3	(new)	to	LEEDS	"
1489	"	to	HARROGATE	"
1037	from HARROGATE	to	KEIGHLEY	"
1088	from YORK	to	BRADFORD	"
1105	from BRADFORD	to	ILKLEY	"
1106	from BRADFORD	to	LEEDS	"
1107	from BRADFORD	to	KEIGHLEY	"
1264	from KEIGHLEY	to	BRADFORD	"
1284	from LEEDS	to	BRADFORD	"
1307	from KEIGHLEY	to	HARROGATE	"
1359	from ILKLEY	to	BRADFORD	"
1770	from CRW SPARE	to	LEEDS	"
1401	from YORK	to	HARROGATE	3. 4.78
1473	from HARROGATE	to	YORK	"

- NOTES:-
- 1048 and 3962 were relicensed at their former depots  
1014 was delicensed from Keighley
  - These are the first moves since new for 1401 and 1473

3. The "Golden National" starts its Tour of the Depots by moving to York for a spell.
4. 1805 had been at Leeds all its life.
5. 1770 returns to its original depot which it left on 1/7/75
6. The situation existing before the landslip at Cross Roads in November is substantially restored, except that 1107 was previously at Skipton and was exchanged with 1266 which now remains at Skipton as a result. However, undaunted, 1107 is currently back at Skipton but must, nominally at least, be "on loan" from Keighley.

STORED VEHICLES

HARROGATE The situation at the back of Grove Park is as reported last month except that 4026 has now been moved to the back (still licensed) to make room for 1008 down the side. The yard can be regarded as virtually full with 10 vehicles behind the depot and 3 down the side.

WITHDRAWALS

31st March 1978:- 1805 to Held in Reserve. This has been withdrawn due to damage to the top deck caused by a collision with a filling station canopy on or about 10th March.

The "Held for Disposal" category is currently not being used, as such vehicles as burnt out 1448, learner bus 4027 and accident damaged 1805 are all "Held in Reserve".

FLEET TOTAL

	<u>WY</u>	<u>WVY</u>	<u>1.4.78.</u>	<u>1.4.77</u>
Licensed:-	446	85	531	519
Delicensed:-	10	1	11	17
	<u>456</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>542*</u>	<u>536</u>

\*The Fleet Total excludes 1805, but includes 1995 - 2000.

2. VEHICLE NOTES

OVERHAULS

March 1978:- 1101, 1319/43, 3329

April 1978:- 1102

REPAINTS

March 1978:- 1031/2, 1249, 1414

UNLADEN WEIGHTS

1101/2-7517kg; 1319-7633kg; 3329-7658kg; 1343-7836kg

LIVERY CHANGES

New logo - 1101/2, 1249, 1319/43, 1414, 1775, 1943

Neither 1775 nor 1943 have been fully repainted.

GENERAL NEWS

At York delicensed 3176 has been noted on towing duties (on trade plates) in place of 1165. Neither of the two L5G towing lorries (4032 at York and 4033 which should be at Keighley but has been at Grove Park for some time) seem to be receiving much use at present, but the same could not be said about 4037 at Leeds or 4044 at Bradford.

The seats removed from 1008 have now been fitted in 1005, which previously had the very old style moquette seats.

ADVERTISING NEWS

A short side advert for "Spanish Wine" has appeared on a few Bradford depot VR'S. This appears to be an advert intended for saloons, hence the shorter length.

1369 has a lower rear advert for Peter Cox for protection against damp, woodworm and dry rot.

3629 has obtained a rear advert for "A Society for all Reasons" - Huddersfield and Bradford Building Society. It is the first lower rear of this kind to appear in York. 3953/6/70/4 have each obtained a new design PVC side advert for the same society.

New inside panels are for "Don't Risk a Fare Cop" "Wendy Knit Knack" and "Smokers please use rear seats". The interior advert showing a Leyland Tiger for the 50th Anniversary referred to in issue 323 does not show a 1932 Tiger TS4, but is of 1929 TS1 504.

1415(H) has a (painted?) upper rear advert for Massingberd a Harrogate garage.

A new lower side advert on saloons at Harrogate is for "Harrogate Herald - for the Facts".

### 3. SERVICE CHANGES

The following applications have been made:-

#### NEW LICENCES:-

S.703 BW25/921 LEEDS (Vicar Lane Bus Stn)-Ilkley (Brook St)

via Stanningley, Bradford, Shipley. Guiseley  
To operate throughout the year  
Vehicle allowance 1.

On grant BW25/475 X70 Leeds-Keld will be surrendered

S.704 BW25/922 Buckden (Buck Inn)-Keld (Butt Rigg)

via Thoraby. Aysgarth. Bainbridge. Hawes  
Alternative route via West Burton  
To operate throughout the year  
Vehicle allowance 1

On grant BW 25/475 X70 Leeds-Keld will be surrendered

S.705 BW25/923 Buckden (Buck Inn) - Leyburn (Market Place)

via Thoraby. Palmer Flatts. Swinithwaite. West Wilton.  
Wensley

To operate Tue & Fri (or Market Day) from 3rd Tues in May to 2nd Fri in Oct.

Vehicle allowance 1

On grant BW25/70 71A Skipton-Leyburn or Hawes will be surrendered.

#### VARIATIONS

S.706 BW25/263 772 Ilkley (Brook St)-Grassington (Bus Stn)  
To revise the Saturday-Summer Sunday Timetables and Faretables.

S.707 BW25/718 1/1A Bachelor Gdns-Carnires Ave/Aspin Lane  
BW25/720 2/2A New Park-Carnires Ave/Aspin Lane

Mon-Fri To revise timetable.

S.708 BW25/719 11/11A Starbeck-Bilton  
Daily: To revise timetable

S.709 BW25/731 4 Bus Station -Starbeck (The Avenue)  
Daily: To retine 0800 Bus Stn-The Avenue to 0755 & 0810 The Avenue-Bus Station to 0805

S.710 BW25/154 27 Pateley Bridge-Middlesmoor  
Mon-Fri: To withdraw the 1815 Pateley Bridge-Lofthouse and return

Wed : To withdraw the 1315 Pateley Bridge-Lofthouse and return

S.711 BW25/39 71 Skipton-Buckden/Hebden  
Daily: To revise time and faretables

S.712 BW25/169 23/23A Pateley Bridge-Harrogate  
Mon-Sat:- To retine 0750 Pateley Bdge-Harrogate to 0745

S.713 BW25/171 24 Pateley Bridge-Harrogate  
Mon-Sat:- to revise timetable

S.714 BW25/172 25 Harrogate-Markington  
Mon-Sat:- to retine the 0745 Markington-Harrogate to 0740

S.715 BW190/142 Y11 Woodthorpe-Huntington(Asda)  
Mon-Fri:- To introduce an additional journey at 0820 Anthea  
Drive to York.

S.716 BW25/120 64 Harrogate-Scarborough  
BW25/520 43 Bradford-Scarborough  
To revise the timetable(in the Scarborough direction only)  
between Rillington(Fieece)-Mayfield  
To introduce a minimum fare

S.717 BW25/723 12/13 Harlow Hill-Crossways  
Mon-Fri:- To retine the 0835 Crossways-Harrogate to 0830

S718 BW25/862 7/7A Harrogate-Pannal(Railway Stn)  
Mon-Sat:- To retine the 17-11 Pannal-Harrogate to 1709

APPLICATION has been made to introduce a bus only and bus/  
rail day ticket.

It would be valid for travel on stage carriage services of  
West Yorkshire PTE. West Riding Auto. West Yorkshire Road  
Car. Yorkshire Traction. Yorkshire Woollen. WR&P Bingley-  
South Yorkshire PTE within West Yorkshire County only  
The ticket would be available after 0900 Mon to Fri and all  
day Sat-& Sun.

Price would be Bus Only £1 Adult 50p child £2.00 Family  
Bus Rail: £1.50 Adult 75p Child £3.00 Family

S.719 BW190/141 Y12 Strensall-Dringhouses  
Y20 Acomb-Wigginton

School Terms

Only: To introduce the following journeys:-  
0340 Strensall Camp Robert Wilkinson Primary School  
1535 Robert Wilkinson P.S. Strensall Camp  
1600 Ditto

Commencing 12/3/78, morning peak hour journeys on routes  
1/1A/2/2A between Harrogate and Knaresborough were retimed as  
an aid to better timekeeping. From the same date routes 11/11A  
(Starbeck-Bilton) were also retimed with the result that on  
Weekdays until 1800 hrs, vehicles operate from Starbeck  
(Wedderburn Rd) to Bilton every 20 mins on an hourly cycle  
whilst the 10 min frequency between Bus Station and Bilton is  
maintained by the three journeys each hour from Starbeck plus  
three journeys an hour which work Bus Station-Bilton-Bus  
Station. The short workings between Bus Station and Bilton  
are worked on Mon-Fri by no less than 15 different vehicles!

A new service from York Railway Station to York District  
Hospital, numbered 124, commenced on 19th March.

4. OPERATING NOTES

BRADFORD On 20/3, on Bradford-Shipley (677) and Hirst Wood-  
rose (676) were 1776/87 (both B) and 1159 (B). On 21/3,  
1943 (B) was on Lucy Hall Drive (659) while 1779 (B) was noted  
on 660 Bradford-Baildon(Station Road), showing "Baildon";  
although the full destinations for the Baildon group of services-  
"Lucy Hall Drive", "High Baildon" and "Baildon(Station Road)"  
are carried by most vehicles at Bradford depot they are very

seldom used. Also on 21/3, 1159 (B) was again on 676/677, 1987 (K) was on Bradford-Haworth(665) and 1982 (B) the Bradford-Skipton (668). On 22/3, 1227 (CRW loan B) was on Bradford-Leeds (670), 1775 (B) on Bradford-West Royd Crescent (673), 1784 worked the 0855 First Wood-Wrose(676) and on 665 were 1429 and 1944 (both K) with 1906/48 (both B). The 659/660/661 were worked by 1779/86/83 (all B) the sameday. Also on 22/3, 1815 was on Bradford-Leeds(655 and 1309(H) and 1257(B) were on 653. Working on Bradford-Eldwick(690/691) were 1939 (B) on 23/3 and 1907 on 24/3. Also on 24/3, 1181(B) worked the 1610 Bradford-Rawdon(674 dup) and 1161 was seen in Shipley on the Keighley-Leeds (760). On 16/3 1107(B) was in Skipton Bus Station.

HARROGATE On 14 and 15/3 1223(H) worked the 0625 Harrogate-Bradford (674). On 18/3, 1156 (H) was working Ripon-Harrogate (129) for United Ripon Depot. On Easter Saturday (25/3), 1007 (H) was in use on route 11A. On 29/3, 1314 (H loan B) was on route 674 whilst 1372(YK loan H) was also on the same route. Since being repainted gold, 1473 has worked mainly on routes 11/11A and also since 13/3 on routes 7A/12/13 on Mon-Friday. On 7/3 however it worked routes 24/25 and on Easter Sunday it was noted on the Grassington-Skipton road working route 34B Kettlewell-York. On 23/3, 1060(H) was on Harrogate-Tadcaster (78). On 11/3, 1221(H) garaged at Wetherby Bus Station.

KEIGHLEY On 16/3, 1105 (B loan I) was on Keighley-Ilkley(765)

LEEDS Noted on Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been 3331(YK) on 16/3, 1412(L) on 22/3 and 3955 (YK) with at least one other VR on Easter Monday (27/3). On Leeds-York(43/43A) have been 1226 (YK loan L) on 1/3 on the 0725 ex Leeds, 1049(L) on 20/2 on 1725 ex York, 3461 (YK) on 3/3 on 2245 ex Leeds, and on the 1805 ex Leeds, 1049 (L) on 4/3, 1053 (L) on 7/3 and 1053 (L) on 22/3. On Leeds-Bridlington(44) have been 1056 (L) on 9/3, 1412(L) on 16/3, and ETMS Ford 171 (loan L) on 21/3. On 22/3 this vehicle was on Tadcaster School Special 202 in the morning, and in the early evening was noted heading eastwards, empty, through Tadcaster. On 14/3, 1009 (L) was on Leeds-Wetherby (741). On 3/4, 3460 worked the 1235 Leeds-Scarborough (43).

MALTON At the end of February, Malton had used two additional vehicles not previously reported:- 1397 (YK) and 1010(L), the latter being used on 27/2. The following vehicles have been used by Malton on Leeds-Scarborough (43):- 1209/68/335/9/403 (all M) - 1209 being used on 11/3 and 18/3, 1042/226/67/96/77/8/315/33/45/70/1/2/96/7. 1401, 3431 and 1481 (YK). 3431 was used on 11/3 and 12/3, 1226 on 22/3 and 1042 on 20/3. 1450(L) was observed on 20/3. On Good Friday, 1153, 3171/4, 1209/26 and 1333 were in Malton Garage, with 1155 standing in the Bus Station and 1297 on 94; 1335/9/45 were on 43 Leeds-Scarborough. The York vehicle on 84 was 1396 and the Harrogate car 1347. Further to the details of Malton Car 6 on Saturdays the following vehicles have been noted so far on this Saturday working; 1153/65, 3171, 1262/7/8/98, 1371 and 1401, 1209(M) was on this turn on 31/12/77. On 1/3, 1267 was on 92, whilst 1371 was on 83 Huttons Circular Wednesday only and 94; 1298 was in the garage receiving attention. 1297 was the vehicle on the 1715 Leeds-Malton (43A).

SCARBOROUGH A visit here on 1/3 saw 1268/1372 and 1481(for M) on 43 Leeds-Scarborough; 1403(M) in Scarborough having worked the 1110 ex Harrogate to Scarborough, a York working.

YORK On 10/3, 1057 (YK) was on York-Tadcaster-Woodlands Estate(43). On 17/3, it had been on York-Thirsk (80). By 19/3 1039 had made its appearance on York: City Tour. On 1/3 1355 was on 79 and 1309 on 84. On 2/3, 1372 was on Y11 and 1226 on 82. On 3/3, 3175 was on Y13, 1274 on 79 and 3792 on 46A. On 5/3, 1308 was on Y13. On 6/3, 1043 was on 79, 1260 on 43 and 3831 on 80. On 7/3 1226 was on Y12, 3461 on Y20, 3976 on 79 and 1005/56 on 43A. On 8/3, 3930 was on 79, 3921 on 80, 1471 on 84 and 1368 on 43A. On 9/3, 3175 was on 85, 3955 on 79, 1371 on Y13, 1372 on 79 and 1312 on 84. On 10/3 3792 was on Y15 and 1274 on 43. On 11/3, 1371 was on Y13 and 3835 on Y8. On 13/3, 1005 was on 44. On 14/3, 1390 was on 43 1259 on 84 and 1371 on 80. On 15/3, 1450 was on 43, 1375 on 84, 3461 on 43 to Tadcaster, 3795 on 80, 1066, on 83, 3821 on 46A and 1481 on 79A. On 16/3 1226 was on Y13, 1335 on Y12 and 1403 on Y15. On 17/3, 1346 was on 43 and 1403 on Y15. On 19/3, 1371 was on 84 and 43A. On 20/3, 1369 was on 43A, 1450 on 43, 1334 on Y13, 1339 on 82 and 1268 on Y9. On 21/3, 1333 was on Y13 3792 on 80 and 1481 on Y9. On 22/3, 1412 was on 43, 3173 on Y12A and 1088 on Y15. On 23/3, 1279 was on 79, 1318 on 84 and 1241 on 43A. On 26/3, 1466 was on 84. On 28/3, 3954 was on 84 and 1334 on Y13. On 29/3, 3829 was on Y15 and 3832 on 79. On 30/3, 3430 worked the Hillards free service. On 24/2 1165 (YK) was on York-Scarborough. On 27/2, 1153 was on York-Weithill (Y14). On 2/3 1088 (YK) was on this route. On 8/3 1043/54 were on Private Hire to York Racecourse in connection with the High Speed Train. On 11/3, 3171 was an interesting vehicle on Y19 as a replacement. On 13/3, 1088 was again on Y14 and also on 16/3. On 25/3 an unusual vehicle on Leeds-Bridlington (44) was 3171. On Easter Monday United Counties 872 an RELH was in York on an Excursion

LONG DISTANCE On 22/3 1016 worked to Luton on 300. On Easter Saturday 1068(H) was on 0840 Leeds-Sunderland(359) and was duplicated by 1037(H) and West Ridng/ZWD 34. On the same day 1344(I) was duplicating 357 (Leeds-Newcastle). On Good Friday the Newcastle-Oxford (314) service was worked from Newcastle by two National Travel (East) vehicles, one to Oxford and one to Coventry and London County P7 (BLA594H) which had a Leeds sticker on the windscreen. East Yorkshire have recently acquired some second hand Leyland Leopards from National Travel (West) and these have been appearing in York. 37 (JDB237E) was on 46C on 6/3 and 7/3; 41(JDB241E) was on 46A on 7/3 and was with 64 (KJA264F) on 45 the sameday. On 21/3 the 0750 Harrogate-London (302) was worked by Tent Leopard/Plarxon 17(VCH17G) The cause was possibly the noting of 1034(H) on 17/3 being towed up the M1 behind, it is believed 4037(L).

#### 5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

284 BWU (Ex 1760, FS6B sold Hartwood Exports, Birdwell, 9/77)  
To M. Meynell(breaker) Carlton 11/77.

EYG 500C (Ex 1205, RELL6G sold Hartwood Exports, Birdwell 9/77)  
To D. Rollinson (breaker) Carlton 9/77.

IMT 806D (Ex 1824 FS6B sold Hartwood Exports, Birdwell 9/77)  
To D. Rollinson (breaker), Carlton 9/77.

WWU 269 (Ex 1048 MW5G sold Lincolnshire R.CC 2271, 6/72)  
Withdrawn by Lincolnshire 12/77. This was the last ex West Yorkshire vehicle with Lincolnshire, and is quoted by the PSV Circle as IM6G, though this is thought to be incorrect; the error is perpetuated in A.M. Whittons "Fleetbook" covering Eastern England.

2019 YG (Ex 1723, FS6B sold United A.S. 222, 5/76)  
The FSV Circle kindly tell us that this vehicle was with Booth, Rotherham, by 6/77 (see last month).

EWT 385C (Ex 1196, SUL4A sold Norths(dealer) Sherburn 10/73)  
Last months note was incorrect. The sequence of owners from Norths was:

Knightswood, Watford 12/73

Laing, Greenford 9/75, withdrawn 9/76

This vehicle has not been owned by Redpath, Dorman Lmg - their vehicles were 1193/4/5

#### 6. TEN YEARS AGO

The April 1968 showed that March had again been a busy month. A Leeds meeting had attracted 35 members (where were the other 16 a few weeks ago?)

CRG6-10 were new and were spread fairly evenly around the depots, whilst ex Ledgard Ford/Duple coaches CF1/2 were allocated to Harrogate.

DEW 29 had been reinstated following withdrawal 3 months previously and CUG31 achieved distinction by being possibly the first coach ever allocated to Ilkley. The ex Ledgard AEC Reliance coaches had been sold, one to Tony Edwards, Horsforth, where it was to start the present thriving Independent Coachways concern, and the other to Lyles of Batley who has as reported last month, recently acquired an ex Ledgard Bedford VAM 14. The SRG class was rapidly being fitted out for OMO whilst at Keighley KDX 164 had run for 5 months with grey allocation discs. These were, of course, not fitted to vehicles in the subsidiary fleets.

At Ilkley service changes to routes 34/63 had taken place and details of the resulting duty changes were given.

Sold Stock News recorded that ex Ledgard RT KXW 494 had entered service with Isleworth Coaches in full Ledgard livery complete with fleetnames and was operating a service between Richmond Station and Richmond Hill.

The 10 page issue ended with details of changes in the fleets of operators hiring vehicles to West Yorkshire.

#### 7. OTHER INFORMATION

Study of 1470

MARCH 2-4/6-11/13-18th - routes 11/11A; 19th - routes 16/653/650; 21-23rd - routes 11/11A; 24th - routes 11/11A/776.

#### SERIES B LEYLAND NATIONAL

This new version of the National was announced at the beginning of March, and is intended for us on the lighter, non-urban, routes. Initially it will be available only in 10.3m form, with 44 seats and 16 standees, and the cost at about £25,000, is 10 per cent lower than the standard National. The new model is powered by the Leyland 510 turbocharged engine which produces 150 bhp at 1800 rpm, and a torque of 485 lb ft at 1200 rpm. The 150 bhp engine gives significant fuel economy improvements over the standard 160 bhp version, and the lower engine speed means an oil cooler is unnecessary. A 4 or 5 speed semi-automatic pneumocyclic gearbox can be specified, as can a totally enclosed CAV 60 amp alternator, due to lower electrical demands resulting from changes in the heating system. These changes have involved the removal of the heaters from the roof-mounted pod, and a revised system consisting of a separate heating and demisting unit in the cab and two Clayton Dewandre passenger heater units, one amidships and one at the rear. To cater for these, vents have been introduced into the front

bulkhead for the windscreen heater and demister, and at the side for the floor heater. Other modifications are to the exterior access doors and interior trim, and the side windows are glazed in 4mm glass instead of 5mm. Bumper bars are painted black instead of white.

The prototype series B has been operating with Ribble as their no. 461 (GCW 461S), but substantial orders have apparently been placed by the NBC, particularly for Companies with a need to replace Bristol MW's or early LH's. It may be that this new model will result in the demise of the LH as far as NBC are concerned, although of course it is popular with Independent operators as a coach chassis.

#### ILKLEY CAR 5 (Mon-Sat) OMO

Rebuilt RELH 1025 was being used as from 6th March on this duty which is as follows:- Ilkley (Railway Stn) depart 0535 and every odd hour until 1735 arrive Leeds (Cookridge St) 0630 and every even hour until 1830; depart Cookridge St 0635 and every even hour until 1835; Ilkley (Railway Stn) arrive 0730 and every odd hour until 1930.

#### YORK BUS SURVEYS

The Yorkshire Evening Press of Tuesday February 7th 1978 reported that "Surveys to be carried out this year could result in changes to the pattern of York bus services, [REDACTED] told the City Council last night.

"Replying to written questions from [REDACTED], Liberal group leader, he said it was also intended to introduce a "City Traveller" ticket to help regular bus users.

"On a possible bus subsidy for York urban areas, Coun. Clout said that last year, the bus service was maintained without a subsidy. The situation would be reviewed on merit each year".

#### OTHER BRISTOLS

It has not previously been reported that the ex Bristol Omnibus FSF6B 712 JHY now owned by Pynes, Harrogate, and which was running in "as acquired" condition was repainted during the November 1977 half-term school holidays into purple with a single white band in the usual position. The Bristol area advert on the white band at the back is retained.

Baildon Motors, Guiseley (formerly Grange) recently acquired HCU 521G, an RE5L6L/B45D ex Tyne and Wear 1981, but originally South Shields.

#### "WEST YORKSHIRE ROAD CAR CO. LTP"

All members who ordered this publication should have received their copy by the time this issue is published.

#### WEST YORKSHIRE OPEN DAYS

As announced at the Leeds Meeting, the Company are hoping to hold an open day at most of their main depots during the year, as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The dates, which are now believed to have been fixed, are as follows:- Bradford 14th May; Leeds 18th June; Keighley 23rd July and Harrogate 10th September. Unfortunately, details have not been finalised in time for this issue, and as far as the Bradford event is concerned, members are advised to watch their local newspaper and bus enquiry office for more information. We hope to have full details for the other depots in the next issue.