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Market Analysis Project

During November, work is due to start on the above (M.A.P. for short) in York. Teams of bus surveyors will be travelling on all services in and around York, including United, East Yorkshire and West Riding, distributing forms for completion by passengers. When all the information has been collected it will be sorted by the use of a computer and the results, will be used to design bus services in York for the future.

Autumn Tour - Sunday 14th October 1979

After a slow start to bookings, we eventually had about 70 passengers between the two vehicles used for the Tour, 3794 and 1801. The vehicles covered many of the routes associated in the past with Lodekkas and the day appeared to be enjoyed by all those who took part. Our thanks must be given to our two drivers, [redacted] (Bradford) and [redacted] (York) and to the Company and its representatives for making the necessary arrangements for us.

Harrogate Meeting - Saturday 24th November 1979, 6.30pm

As announced last month, the Company's Traffic Manager, [redacted], will be giving a talk on the above date at the Company Training School, Moss Grange, Regent Parade, Harrogate (Off Skipton Road Stray). All members are urged to make every effort to attend what promises to be an interesting evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HVC YORKSHIRE SECTION The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th December at 7.45 pm in the Leeds Transport Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street. At this meeting, [redacted] will be giving a talk.

PSV CIRCLE The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 6th December from 7.00pm in Meeting Room No. 4, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

PRESS DAY for the December issue will be on Saturday 1st December, and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [redacted]

FLEET CHANGES

NEW VEHICLES

| | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|------------------|------------|-------|----------|------|-----|
| 1492 | JUB | 643V | Leyland National | 113510A/1R | 06545 | B52F | 9020 | kgs |
| 1493 | JUB | 644V | .. | .. | 06546 | .. | 9020 | kgs |
| 1495 | JUB | 646V | .. | .. | 06586 | .. | 8020 | kgs |
| 1723 | JWT | 756V | Bristol VRTSL6G | 3/2007 ECW | 23897 | H43/31FD | 8968 | kgs |
| 1724 | JWT | 757V | .. | 3/2008 ECW | 23898 | H43/31FD | 8968 | kgs |
| 1725 | JWT | 758V | .. | 3/2009 ECW | 23899 | .. | 8968 | kgs |
| 1726 | JWT | 759V | .. | 3/2010 ECW | 23900 | .. | 8968 | kgs |
| 4069 | JWW | 506V | Ford Escort Van | ? | | | - | |
| 4070 | JWW | 507V | .. | .. | ? | | - | |

1123 PHN 204F Bristol ACQUIRED VEHICLE
RESL6G 5/108 ECW 16398 B46F 7252 kg

4071 MWT 803D Bristol REBUILT VEHICLE
FS6B 230033 ECW 15450 7784 kg

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The chassis number of 2350 is 7901286

When delivered, 1726 had its number in the middle with no logo badge, but this was corrected before entry into service. The new VR's are the first of the 1979 orders and differ from the 1978 vehicles in a number of ways. They have moquette seats instead of plastic, different steering wheels, the fluorescent lights are only enclosed at each end instead of having an overall diffuser, and the hopper windows are wider than before.

The Leyland Nationals are also the first of the 1979 orders for this model but they retain the brown plastic seats of previous batches (West Riding's recent Nationals have moquette seats). They arrived un-numbered and carried transfers giving a total capacity of 75 (52 seated 23 standing) but as usual this has been amended to a total of 52 before entry into service. They are quoted on official documents as 113510A/1R although the tendency recently has been to refer to them as 11351A/1R. All the new buses arrived during October; the two new vans arrived in late September and were painted and prepared for use in Central Works.

1123 was formerly United 2804 and arrived in early October. 1120, the former United 2801, was originally allocated registration PHN 201 E but it did not enter service until 1/8/67.

The allocation of the ex United vehicles on 1st July 1979 was as follows and it seems likely that these were their final bases:-

2801/2/4 (WY 1120/1/3) - Ripon; 2803/5 (1122/4) - Loftus; 2806 (1127) - Alnwick; 2807 (1125) - Stokesley; 2817 (1126) - Blyth; 6005/8 (1404/5) - Hexham.

We have omitted to record formally that the last of the Ribble Leopards, 964, which was still in Leeds Depot in early July, was returned to its owners either later in July or early August without re-entering service.

The West Riding FLF's were returned to their owners from Bradford Depot during October - 545 (HLY 184D) was outside Saville Street Depot, Wakefield, by 10th October and the other two had also returned about the same time, though to a different location.

The other FLF on loan, Trent 748 at Leeds, returned to Derby soon after the 5th of October, leaving the two Lincolnshire FS5G's, 2385 and 2526, which are now mostly used for peak hour and school journeys only.

The unladen weight of United 6022 which spent a short time at Bradford in September was 7759 kg.

The United Leyland National, LUP 900T, which had been on loan to Harrogate Depot for some months, left West Yorkshire for United on, it is believed, Tuesday 30th October. It has not been reported previously that this vehicle has G2 automatic transmission rather than the semi-automatic version fitted to all West Yorkshire Nationals.

It is also believed that Northern 4217 and the East Yorkshire

Leopard that were at Bradford may have been returned to their owners but no reports have been received to confirm this.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

| | | | |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| 4029 | from Harrogate | (delicensed) | 30.9.79. |
| 1123 | (acquired) | to Ilkley | 15.10.79 |
| 1723/4 | (new) | Bradford | 18.10.79 |
| 1725/6 | " | Leeds | " |
| 1492/3 | " | Bradford | 22.10.79 |
| 4069 | " | Keighley | " |
| 4070 | " | Harrogate | " |
| 4071 | (rebuilt) | Harrogate | " |
| 1150 | Leeds | (delicensed) | 31.10.79 |
| 1153 | Malton | " | " |
| 1159 | Bradford | " | " |
| 1163 | Ilkley | " | " |
| 1776/87/9 | Bradford | " | " |
| 1777 | Keighley | " | " |
| 3798 | CRW Spare | " | " |
| 1806 | Leeds | " | " |
| 1812 | Keighley | " | " |
| 4046/9 | Harrogate | " | " |
| 4047 | Keighley | " | " |
| 1495 | (new) | Leeds | 1.11.79 |
| 2546 | Leeds | Malton | " |

Notes:

1. There are now only 12 LH's and 9 Lodekkas in service in the main fleet (plus two Lincolnshires)
2. 1150 was the last of the three ex United LH's
3. 4029 was the last Lodekka with an old style radiator grille (except for Lincolnshire 2385 at Leeds).
4. 1495 was not delivered to Leeds Depot until the evening of 2nd November.

STORED VEHICLES

Harrogate - 1209 is stored behind Grove Park with one window and a corner panel removed. 4028 is down the side and 4046/7/9 are inside. Also inside is Matador 4022 which has been out of use for some months.

Leeds - 1161 is stored in the Depot yard, with 1150 and 1806 inside the Depot.

WITHDRAWALS

30th September 1979:- 4029

31st October 1979:- 1150/3/9/63, 1776/7/87/9, 1806/12, 3798, 4046/7/9 all to Held for Disposal.

SALES AND DISPOSALS

25th October 1979 - 1771, 2101/2, 3835, 4029 to W. Norths (PV) Ltd. Sherburn in Elmet.

27th October 1979 - 4044 to W. Norths (PV) Ltd; Sherburn in Elmet.

Tenders have been invited for 4046/7/9, with a closing date of 7th November.

FLEET TOTAL

| | <u>WY</u> | <u>YWY</u> | <u>1.11.79</u> | <u>1.11.78</u> |
|--------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Licensed:- | 437 | 83 | 520 | 526 |
| Delicensed:- | 1 | - | 1 | 5 |
| | <u>438</u> | <u>83</u> | <u>521*</u> | <u>531</u> |

*The Fleet Total excludes 1150/3/9/63, 1776/7/87/9, 1806/12, 3798 but includes 1120/1/3, 1492/3, 1723/4/5/6, 2350. It does not include 1495.

2. VEHICLE NOTES

OVERHAULS

October 1979 - 1251, 1372/5, 3961
November 1979 - 1250/2/4, 1371/9

REPAINTS

October 1979 - 2312, 4037, 2519/21/2/3/4, 1403, 1467 (below waistband only).

PAINT DATES

1725/6 - W 9/79.

CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS

1120 - 4/7/74, 3/10/80; 1121 - 4/7/74, 4/7/80; 1122 - 4/7/74, 13/3/80; 1123 - 4/7/74, 4/7/80; 1124 - 11/7/74, 11/7/80; 1125 - 18/7/74, 6/3/80; 1126 - 17/10/74, 1/11/80 or 19/12/80 (records conflict); 1127 - 18/7/74, 5/9/80; 1404 - 14/11/74, 9/1/81; 1405 - 22/11/74, 9/1/81; 1492 - 9/10/86; 1493 - 11/10/86; 1723 - 13/9/86; 1724 - 6 all 27/9/86; 2350 - 30/9/86; 1236 - 7/8/83; 1237 - 18/9/83; 1245 - 25/9/83; 1249 - 31/8/83; 1373 - 8/11/84; 1377 - 13/8/84; 2002 - 11/10/82; 3959 - 25/7/85.

REBUILDING

4071 was formerly 1814 and is yet another addition to the learner fleet. It lacks a surround to the radiator grille (as it did when it was a bus) but now has a "Lodekka" badge at the bottom (which is more than many in service have). There are now more Lodekkas in the learner fleet (10) than in service in the main fleet (9).

UNLADEN WEIGHT

1120-7 were all new as 7-2-3, but now show metric unladen weights as recorded last month; 1404/5 - new as 7-12-2; 1251 - 7697 kg (not 7734 kg as others of the batch); 1371/2/5 - 7658 kg; 3961 - 8902 kg.

LIVERY CHANGES

Dual Purpose Livery - 2519/21/2/3/4 (ex National White). Recently acquired RELL's 1404/5 are in this livery and with flat windscreens introduced a new RELL version to the fleet.

New Logo - 1160, 1284, 1371/2/5/99, 1403, 1801, 1910/37, 2519/21-4, Although shown above, 2523 has received an all red logo on at least the offside rather than the usual red and blue type.

1284 is yet another Bradford depot bus to carry the new logo on the rear peak. 1452 does not have the new logo and should be added to last month's list.

Large fleetnumbers - 1101/3/6/60, 3176, 1300/9/38/40/1/6, 3794, 1801 1910/5/66/87, 2105/6, 2311/3/6, 2507/19/20/3/8, 4037.

It was not clear in last months list that 1716/7 do not have large fleetnumbers.

GENERAL NEWS

4037, which has had a strenuous year, has been smartened up on repaint and had its yellow paint on the towing jaws and yellow/black hatching across the back renewed.

Lincolnshire 2385 brings tungsten lighting back into West Yorkshire service.

1238 and 1912 both have a painted front number plate.

Ex United 1120 carries the latest type of rear lights, as fitted to VR's, rather than the perspex type appropriate to its age; 1122 and 1405 (at least) carry the normal type.

3. SERVICE CHANGES

N & P 1273

The following applications have been made:-

S871 BW 25/426 773 Ilkley (Station Yard) - Hebers Ghyll
Mon-Fri: To retime the 1530 Ilkley - Hebers Ghyll and 1535 Hebers Ghyll - Ilkley to 1520 and 1525 respectively.

S872 BW 190/142 Y11 Woodthorpe - Huntington (Asda)
Mon-Fri: To divert the 0754 ex Asda and 1612 ex Woodthorpe via Tadcaster Road, York Technical College and Moor Lane.

S873 BW 190/123 Y19 Clifton - Heslington.
Suns Only: To retime the 0940 and 1040 ex Hull Road to 0930 and 1030 and the 1010 and 1110 ex Clifton to 1000 and 1100.

Commencing 28th October a new service from Leeds to the Leeds/Bradford Airport was introduced. Numbered X30, it operates hourly from 0630 until 2130 from Leeds (0700 to 2200 from Airport), via Kirkstall Road, Abbey Road, Rawdon Road, Leeds Road and A658 to the Airport, and passengers can board or alight at Rawdon Co-op, Horsforth Fleece or Kirkstall Lane, giving a fast service into Leeds. In Leeds, the route via Vicar Lane and Boar Lane to City Square is not used by normal WY service buses.

A leaflet detailing this service route 674 and details of daily flights from the Airport has been issued and special bus stop signs have been introduced.

4. OPERATING NOTES-

Harrogate The 0615 Harrogate - Ilkley (776) was worked by 1223 on 8/10 and by 2552 on 9/10 (quite a contrast). 1223 was on Harrogate-Pannal (775) on 20/10 and on Ilkley-Harrogate (775) on 22/10. On 15/10, the day after our Lodokka tour, another such vehicle appeared in Ripon when 1802 (H) worked in on School Special 236 from St. Aidans School at 1620. On 6/10, 3328 (YK) was on Harrogate - Scarborough (54) as was 3331 (YK) on 20/10; On 1259 (B loan H) was on Harrogate-Boroughbridge (58) on 14/10.

Leeds 1725/6 entered service at Leeds at Lunchtime on 18/10. The maiden trip of 1726 was the 1245 to Knarborough (740). 1206 (CRW loan L) continues to work hard - on 17/10 it was in Otley on 735; and on 22, 24 and 26/10 it worked the 0745 Leeds-Wetherby (741). 1122 (W loan L) worked the 1230 to Harrogate (36) on 17/10. On 12/10 this vehicle had been on routes 736 and 749 on 12/10. The other ex United RESL at Leeds/Wetherby 1120 (L) was on 749 on 23/10. On 3/10, 1010 (M loan YK) was on Leeds-Scarborough (43). On 25/10, 1177 (L) was on the 0740 Leeds-York (43/43A). On the

1735 Leeds-Barwick (748) have been 1988 (L) on 19/10, 1709(L) on 25/10 1804 (L) on 26/10, 2319 (L) on 22/10, 2547 (L) on 2/10, 2517 (L) and 2547 (L) on 4/10, 2515 (L) on 8/10, 1237 (YK loan L) on 16/10, 2515 (L) on 17/10, 1426 (K loan L) also on 17/10, 2501 (CRW loan L) on 18/10 along with 2515 (L) and 2516 (L) on 22nd 26/10. On Leeds-Aberford (748) have been 2501 (CRW loan L) on 4/10, 2516 (L) on 12 and 16/10, 2515 and 2516 (L) on 19/10 and 2308 (L) on 24/10. On 1/11, 1813 (L) was loading with passengers in Cookridge Street showing "Blank/784", at 1500. 1495 (L) had entered service by 5/11, when it worked the 0757 Alwoodley - Leeds (36 Dup).

York Baby Nationals are regularly appearing on Y11, for example on 2/10 both 1005/12 were on this route. On 4/10 the five vehicles on Y19/19A were 1153 (M loan YK), 1165 (CRW) 1267/97 (YK) and 3171 - no deckers. On 16/10 the 1715 Leeds-Malton was worked by 3830 as far as York in place of the usual YVR. 2336 (L) worked the 1525 York-Leeds(43A) on 18/10. On 2/11, 1346(L) was on Y13.

Loaned Vehicles

Trent 748 7/9 - route 732; 8/9 car 40 (1445 Otley 735); 10/9 - car 39 (0615 Otley 736, 0825 Ilkley 733, 1035 and 1245 Otley 732 and 735); 11/9 - car 38 (0625 Ilkley 733, 0835 Otley 732) then car 31 (1136 Bradford 755); 12/9 - car 39 (as 10/9); 13/9 - car 49 (0700 Moor End nos then 0737 Leeds 742, 0820 Scholes Nos, 0850 Boston Comp School PH11, 0910 Wetherby Nos, 0925 Leeds 742); 14/9 - car 46 (0655 Copmanthorpe 43A then 0745 Toulston Lodge 204, 0805 Bramham nos, 0810 Thorp Arch 741, 0830 Barwick nos, 0845 Boston Comp School PH16, 0910 Leeds 741); 15/9 - car 39 (as 10/9). 17/9 - car 45 (0630 Keighley 760 and return) then car 36 (0940 Keighley 760 and return); 18/9 - car 7 (1610 Wetherby 740); 19/9 - car 39 (1705 Otley 731); 20/9 car 39 (1245 Otley 732) then car 47 (1515 Boston Comp School nos, 1610 East Keswick PH4, 1625 Leeds Nos) then car 43 (1740 Scholes 749); 25/9 - car 49 (as 13/9); 26/9 - car 38 (0625 Ilkley 733, 0835 and 1045 Otley 732 and 735, 1255 Ilkley 733, 1505 Otley 731); 27/9 - car 51 (0640 Crompton Parkinsons 655, 0734 Leeds 735, 0817 Scholes nos, 0845 Boston Comp School PH19, 0910 Leeds 741); 28/9 - car 37 (1140-Keighley 760) then car 31 (1436 Bradford 755); 29/9 - on 1625 Leeds-Scholes 749; 1/10 - 1225 Scholes 749 3/10 - car 7 (1345 Knaresborough 740 and 1610 Wetherby 740); 4/10 - car 39 (1455 Ilkley 733); 5/10 - car 6 (0615 Knaresborough 740) (last day of service)

Lincolnshire 2385 3/9 - pn 1605 Harrogate-Leeds (36); 5/9 on 1230 Harrogate - Leeds (36); 6/9 - car 12 (1130 Harrogate 36); 10/9 - car 51 (0640 Crompton Parkinsons 655) then car 5 (1210 York 43A); 12/9 - 1336 High Royds 730; 14/9 - car 7 (0700 Red Hall 737, 0740 Knaresborough 740); 17/9 - on route 740; 18/9 - car 40 (1445 Otley 735) then on York - Leeds (43A); 19/9 - route 733; 25/9 - car 51. (as Trent 748 on 27/9); 26/9 - car 39 (0615 Otley 736, 0825 Ilkley 733, 1035 and 1245 Otley 732 and 735 and 1455 Ilkley 733); 27/9 Scholes to Boston Spa High School; 28/9 - car 46 (0655 Copmanthorpe 43A then 0745 Toulston Lodge 204, 0805 Bramham nos, 0810 Thorp Arch 741, 0830 Barwick nos, 0845 Boston Comp School PH16, 0910 Leeds 741); 22/10 Boston Spa H. S - Barwick (PH 8)

Lincolnshire 2526 An error occurred in issue 343. 2526 was on car 24 (1015 Thorner 742) on 17/8 and on 16/8 worked on car 20 (1145 Knaresborough 740) which was omitted. 3/9 0740 Barwick (748);

5/9 - on 740; 7/9 - on Harrogate 36; 10/9 - car 49 (0700 Moor End nos then as Trent 748 on 13/9, back to Leeds then car 5 (1050 Farsley 759); 11/9 - car 47 (0755 Wetherby 739); 15/9 - car 20 (1145 Knaresborough 740); later on 1445 Knaresborough (740); 17/9 - car 40 (735 and 732); 18/9 - car 51 (0640 Crompton Parkinsons 655, 0734 Leeds 735, 0817 Scholes Nos 0845 Boston Comp School PH19, 0910 Leeds 741) then car 41 (1315 Otley 736) then car 51 (1530 Boston Comp School nos, 1610 Scholes PH12, 1630 Leeds nos then 1645 Keighley 760); 19/9 - route 733; 20/9 car 8 (1545 Knaresborough 740). 26/9 - car 8 (0945 Knaresborough 740); 27/9 - car 48 (1010 York from Wellington Street to Vicar Lane only then taken off due to clutch failure); 5/10 - car 48 (0700 Thorp Arch T/E 741 then 0810 Wighill Nos; 0821 Toulston Lodge 87; 0835 Scholes nos; 0850 Boston Comp School PH10; 0910 Leeds 741) then car 18 (1445 Aireborough G.S. nos 1535 Woodside Tavern M63, 1555 Benton Park nos, 1610 Hawksworth Road M72, 1620 Leeds nos) then car 51 (1645 Keighley 760); 17/10 School Special then 1336 High Royds 730; 2/11 in Leeds Depot yard, later on 741.

United 6022 on loan to Bradford 10/9 on unknown Bradford duty from 0710 to 0940 then 0955, 1155 and 1355 Bradford - Leeds (670) (Possibly all the same duty).

Northern 4217 19/9 on Shipley-Wrose (676) then 1405 Bradford-Leeds (655), 1536 Leeds-Bradford (755); 17/9 on Bradford Car 31 (5 return trips on 655/755 starting at 0505 from Bradford); 25/9 - on route 678; 27/9 - on car 31 (above); 29/9 - on car 31 (above) 4/10 - on car 31 (above).

United 2807 - on 755 on 12/9 before acquisition

United 2805 - on 1805 Bradford - Leeds (655) (car 31) before acquisition.

United 3100 - on School Special 93M from Wigton Lane Shops to Harrogate on 25 and 26/9.

East Yorkshire 158 - on 1155 Leeds-Bradford 670 on 18/9

The above notes have all been supplied by Leeds members; reports from Bradford have been nil. We understand that East Yorkshire 158 was exchanged for another at some time but we have no details. Considering the number of members we have living in Bradford the lack of reports is regrettable.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

2030 YG (Ex 3731, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 1/76)

To Double 2 Shirts, Wakefield 3/76. With unknown Carlton Breaker by 4/79.

144/5 CWR (Ex 3746/7, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 3/77).

To Double 2 Shirts, Wakefield, 4/77, 3/77 respectively. Still running 10/79. A newspaperreport during October recorded that vandals had run amok in Double 2's yard and driven buses about, crashing them into doors, etc, resulting in 2 out of the firm's 7 vehicles being written off. Neither of the ex WY Lodekkas was involved.

NWR 721D (Ex 1226, RELL6G sold NBC Disposal Centre, 4/79).

To PVS Ltd, Barnsley 5/79 (for scrap).

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Your Hon. Secretary is moving house. From Monday 10th December his new address will be, [REDACTED]