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EDITORIAL.

We are pleased to announce that our new typist is [REDACTED] and we are very grateful to [REDACTED] for offering his services.

WEST YORKSHIRE FLEET HISTORY 1935 - 1975.

We are also pleased to be able to announce the publication of the long awaited Fleet History of the Company. This covers the period from 1935 to date, and is illustrated with 24 photographs of vehicles relevant to the period covered. (Part 1 of the Fleet History, covering the earliest days of the Company up to 1934 is in course of preparation and should be published in the New Year.)

A stock of the newly published Fleet History, which is a joint production between the WYIS PSV Circle and Omnibus Society is held by our Publications Officer [REDACTED] at 80p. post free and it can be recommended as essential reading for all those interested in the Company and its vehicles.

FOORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Autumn Tour 21st September, 1975.

It is to be regretted that only 14 members were sufficiently interested in the tour to send in bookings and as this is obviously insufficient support to cover costs, the tour has had to be cancelled. It is very disappointing to all those involved to have organised a tour and then be faced with such a total lack of support; indeed, quite a number of the few bookings were made by Committee members

H.C.V.C. YORKSHIRE SECTION.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30 pm in the Metro Leeds Sports & Social Club, Concordia St. At this meeting a talk will be given on the origins of Todmorden transport.

P.S.V. CIRCLE.

The next Social meeting will be on Thursday 2nd October from 7. pm in the Metro Bradford Staff Canteen, Forster Square.

PRESS DAY, for the October issue will be on Saturday 4th October and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [REDACTED].

1. FLEET CHANGES.

NEW VEHICLE.

KUB 796 N Austin Mini (Car) new in mid July 1975 for Chief Inspector.

RENUMBERING.

August 1975.- 3107/296/7/8 to 1107/296/7/8 on transfer to the main fleet.
1920/2/4 to 3920/2/4 on transfer to York-West Yorkshire.

ALLOCATIONS & TRANSFERS.

1902	(Delicensed)	to Keighley	7.8.75.
1947	from Otley	to Keighley	7.8.75.
3176	(Delicensed)	to York	14.8.75.
1134	from West Riding	(Delicensed)	31.8.75.
1143	" Skipton	{ " }	"
1305	" Keighley	{ " }	"
3330	" York	{ " }	"
1400	" Harrogate	{ " }	"
1438	" Harrogate	{ " }	"

p.t.o.

ALLOCATIONS & TRANSFERS (Cont.)

3728/9	from York	to (Delicensed)	31.8.75.
1733/40/57	" Keighley	" "	"
1770	" Bradford	" "	"
1822	" Keighley	" "	"
1906	" Bradford	" "	"
4041	" Harrogate	" "	"
1277	(delicensed)	" Harrogate	1.9.75.
1279	"	" Keighley	"
1759	"	" Keighley	"
1904	"	" Bradford	"
1722	from Bradford	" CRW Spare	"
1813	" York	" Keighley	"
1919	" Skipton	" CRW Spare	"
1920 (as 3920)	" Otley	" York	"
1922 (as 3922)	" Bradford	" York	"
1937	" Ilkley	" Skipton	"

- Notes :-
1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except 1277 (ex Leeds), 1279, 1759 (both ex Bradford) and 1902 (ex York).
 2. These are the first moves since new for 1759, 1922/47. Last month, 1276 and 1935 also made their first moves since new.
 3. 1696, withdrawn last month, had given continuous service at Keighley since new on 25/3/61.
 4. There are now no SMGs running either with WY or West Riding; 1143 was the last 41 seater in the fleet.
 5. The oldest bus in the fleet is now 1713 (new 1/7/61).
 6. 1740 did not run after 27/8/75, when its Certificate of Fitness expired.
 7. 3728/9 and 1733 had given continuous service at their respective depots since new on 1/12/61.
 8. All the RESL's which started life with the subsidiary companies, have now all found their way into the main fleet.
 9. The return of 1134 from West Riding was due to C of F expiry on 24/8/75.
 10. There are now only 12 M76G's in the fleet - all coaches.

WITHDRAWALS.

31st August 1975. 1143, 3728/9, 1733 to held in Reserve.
113, returned from West Riding and held for disposal.
There are at present 2 vehicles held for disposal and 25 held in reserve.

SALES AND DISPOSALS.

August 1975:- 1061/3/4/5/8/9/70/1/84/93/4/5/6, 1121/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/30/1/2/3
1135/6/47/8/9/50, 1678/99, 1700/1/7/20, 3684/90 (total 40)
All to Paul Sykes Organisation, Wakefield Road, Barnsley.
Included in these are the last LS, the Bedford VAM's and the last LD other than learner buses 4026/7.

FLEET TOTAL.

	W.Y.	Y.W.Y.	1.9.75.	1.9.74.
Licensed:-	443	81	524	521
Delicensed:-	12	3	15	21
	<u>455</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>539</u> *	<u>542</u>

* The Fleet Total excludes 1143, 3728/9 and 1733.

2. VEHICLE NOTES.OVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS.

August, 1975:- 1277, 1759/61 1904, 3932.

September 1975:- 1906, 1740, 1916.

REPAIRS AND TUV'S.

July, 1975 :- 3171, 3816, also 3729 (now withdrawn)

August, 1975 :- 4039, 3832, 3732, 3835, 1287.

September, 1975 :- 3951.

LIVERY CHANGES.

August, 1975:- With the delicensing of 1740 at the end of August, there are now no vehicles in Tilling Red or, indeed, anything other than NEC standard liveries. It has taken just 3 years to complete the whole fleet.

VEHICLE NOTES (C)
3609, withdrawn at
14th Aug; all
vehicles

VEHICLE NOTES (Cont).GENERAL NEWS.

3689, withdrawn a few months ago, was the last vehicle in the fleet with tungsten lighting; all vehicles now have fluorescent lighting.

Further to last months issue 4042 is confirmed as having white fleetnames; (issue 291) similarly 4045 can be confirmed as being in NBC green with new fleetnames.

4039, repainted during August, already had white fleetnames but has been painted in Tucan acid paint.

1702/12 have both had their engines removed as spares, and will therefore be sold without engines.

3728/9 have had their fleet numbers and adverts painted out in green paint but retain white bands. 3729 had only been repainted in July.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS.

1177(L) has a "PSB Boston Spa" painted upper rear advert.

1141 before withdrawal carried a "Enjoy your Hire Car Motoring" paper advert on the lower nearside (below the waistband).

A new target advert during August was for "York Races, 3/4 September."

"Your White Coach awaits - National Holidays," is a new lower rear paper advert to appear at least at Leeds depot.

1290 has a lower rear advert for "Philips Car Radio."

1273 has a side advert for "Save It" and a lower rear advert for "Glover Oils" of Leeds and York.

A lower side advert on SRC's reads "Join the big fuel saver" and is an advert for bus travel - NBC, of Course!

3. SERVICE CHANGES.STAGE CARRIAGE.

The following applications have been made.

S.447 - BW 25/752 - 34 LEEDS - SKIPTON.

To withdraw the 08-15 Ilkley - Otley journey.

S.448 - BW 25/856 - K4 THWAITES BROW - BRAITHWAITE.

Mon- Sat - To revise the timetable.

S.449 - BW 25/851 - K13A KEIGHLEY - BARLEY COTE.

Mon- Fri - To retime the 13-08 Barley Cote to Keighley to 12-41

S.450 - BW 25/840 - K5/12 HAWORTH - ILKLEY.

To revise the timetable.

S.451 - BW 25/828 - LEEDS - LEEDS/BRADFORD AIRPORT.

Daily to withdraw the 08-05 Leeds to airport. - 08-40 Airport to Leeds.

To introduce additional picking up and setting down points between Dyneley Arms and the Airport.

S.452. - BW/25/868 - 9/9A OATLANDS/WOODLANDS CIRCULAR.

To retime 1638 Ash Road to Bus Station to 1645

Mon to Thur. - To introduce addl journey at 17-02 from Ash Road to Bus Station.

S.453 - BW 25/705 - 64 HUDDERSFIELD - BRADFORD.

To retime 22-20 Bradford - Huddersfield to 22-15.

S.454 - BW 25/39 - 71 SKIPTON - BUCKDEN.

Summer Sundays. The following journeys will not operate Via Arncliffe.

14-00 Skipton - Kettlewell. 15-30 Kettlewell - Skipton. To retime 15-30 Kettlewell - Skipton to 15-55.

S.455 - BW 25/24 - 57 BRADFORD - HAWORTH.

To introduce an alternative route.

S.456 - BW 25/544 - 22 HARROGATE - OTLEY.

To introduce a revised timetable and route.

S.457 - BW 25/171 - HARROGATE - PATELEY BRIDGE.

Mon-Fri - To extend the 16-15 Harrogate - Birstwith(Broomfield) through to Kettlewelling.

Sats - To retime the 16-15 Harrogate - Birstwith to 16-20.

To introduce an alternative route.

3. SERVICE CHANGES (Cont)STAGE CARRIAGE (Cont).S. 458 - BW 25/730 - 56/56A BRADFORD - BINGLEY.

To introduce an alternative route.

S. 459 - BW 25/ 22 - 57A BRADFORD - KEIGHLEY.

To introduce a revised timetable.

S. 460 - BW 25/328 - 79 WETHERBY - YORK.

To introduce a revised timetable.

S. 461 - BW 25/861 - 6 HARROGATE LOCAL.

To withdraw 18-20 Bus Station - Cornwall Road and return.

Mon-Fri. To extend 17-45 Bus Station - Penny Pot Lane to Burley Bank Avenue.

S. 462 - BW 25/320 - 94 MALTON - NUNNINGTON.

Mon-Fri. To withdraw 21-40 Malton - Hovingham and return.

S. 463 - BW 25/828 - X34 LEEDS - LEEDS/BRADFORD AIRPORT.

To revise route and introduce additional picking up point at Cookridge Street.

S. 464 - BW190/134 - Y11A/Y21 HUNTINGTON - ACCOMB - TANG HALL LANE.

To revise route.

NATIONAL TRAVEL (NE) LTD. have applied for the express licences held by West Yorkshire as under.

BN 79/202	BW 25/78	Leeds - Morecambe
BN 79/139	BW 25/239	Leeds - Skipton
BN 79/140	BW 25/276	Harrogate - Blackpool
BN 79/142	BW 25/452	Bradford - Whitby
BN 79/143	BW 25/498	Keighley - Skegness
BN 79/144	BW 25/660	Armley - Blackpool
BN 79/145	BW 25/661	Bradford - Blackpool
BN 79/146	BW 25/710	Keighley - Bridlington
BN 79/147	BW 25/711	Skipton - Scarborough
BN 79/148	BW 25/713	Leeds - Southport
BN 79/149	BW 25/725	York - Skipton
BN 79/203	BW 25/726	York - Shipley
BN 79/150	BW 25/728	Harrogate - Skipton
BN 79/187	BW 25/753	Bradford - Glasgow
BN 79/151	BW 25/760	Leeds - Fleetwood
BN 79/152	BW 25/761	Leeds - Blackpool
BN 79/153	BW 25/762	Leeds - Blackpool
BN 79/188	BW 25/818	Leeds - Llandudno
BN 79/190	BW 25/860	Leeds - Morecambe
BN 79/191	BW 25/866	Sheffield - Keswick

From Sunday 3rd August fares on services extending into North Yorkshire were increased by 1p. This applied to WY fares of 19p and above and YWY fares of 14p and above.

4. OPERATING NOTES.

BRADFORD. On 26/8, 1105(B) was on Leeds-Bradford(30). On 27/7, 1293(K.loan B) was on 13-55 Bradford-Kettlewell (63).

HARROGATE. Noted on Harrogate-Tadcaster(78) have been 1275 (L. loan H) on 1/8, 1353 (L. loan W) on 10/11/16/8, and 1355 (L loan W) on 17,21,23/8. On 4 and 5/7, 1940 (B loan H) worked on services 1/2. For the Great Yorkshire Show, Show Ground specials included 1007/11/4/5/6/7/33/74/6, 1268 and 1810 on 8/7; 1007/11/4/9/54/74/6, 1156, 1230 on 9/7 and 1014/9/23/6/7/33/54/76/81/7, 1437, 1940/8 on 10/7. On 8/7 1805(L) was on Leeds-Harrogate (36) and on 15/7 1293 (K loan B) was on Harrogate-Bradford (53) On 27/7, 3107 (then unrenumbered) worked 1320 Ilkley-Bradford (63) and 14-15 Bradford-Harrogate (53). Highlight of July was the loan of 3 SRG's to United Ripon depot for about a week from 11/7. On 12/7, 220 was on 129, 1221 on 131 and 1231 on 125, together with "Ripon/131" and "Boroughbridge/130". On 20/7, 1217/21/30 were noted leaving Ripon for Harrogate in convoy and this was the end of the loan. On 3/9 p.t.o.

HARROGATE (Cont). - 1383 (B loan H) was on Harrogate-Leeds(36). On their last day in service (31/7), 1141/6 both worked routes 9/9A all day. On Sat. 9/8 the 1510 to Scarborough(84) was worked by 3927, this normally being an OMO REILL. Also on Harrogate-Scarborough was 1320 on 11/8. Amongst vehicles operating to the Showground for the ARMEK - 75 exhibition on Friday 15/8 were 1274 (K loan I), 1317 (I), 1319 (H), 1276 (L), 1802 (H), 1922 (B), 3930/55 (both Y). Early SRG's have been on loan to United at Ripon depot since July and one, believed to be 1220/1 or 2, was used on a Darlington to Btclins Holiday Camp at AYR working during August!

ILKLEY. 1105 worked Ilkley-Kettlewell, with a sticker on 25/8, duplicating 1374. On 31/8, 1338(B) was on K5. On 17/8, 1180 (B loan I) was on Ilkley-Grassington (72) 1180 (B) was on loan here on 4/8 and 14/8. On 3/8 the X72 to Keld was worked from Bradford by 1158 (W loan L) and 1436 (I loan B). 1436 however was changed at Ilkley for 1105 (B) which had been on loan to Ilkley.

KEIGHLEY. On 1/8, 1293 (K) was working on 51 for Bradford depot.

LEEDS. Noted on Leeds-York have been 1343 (H loan L) on 4/8, 1210 (M loan L) on 6/8 1162 (Y loan L) on 11/8, 1342 (H loan L) on 15/8, 1158 (W loan L) on 15/8, 1370 (Y loan L) on 19/8 and 1379 (W loan L) on 20/8. Noted on Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been 3296 (Y) on 31/7, 3328 (Y loan M) on 9/8, 3331 (Y loan M) on 10,11,12/8 3329 (Y loan M) on 15/8, 1260 (Y loan M) on 16/8 and 1260 (Y loan M) on 24/8. On Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been 1343 (H loan L) on 2/8 and 27/8. On 26/8, 1341 (L) was on Leeds-Yeadon (54). On 29/7 1455 (O) was on the 16-45 Leeds-Ripon (36) whilst on 5/8, 1342(H) was on a Leeds turn on 36. 1235 (H) was on a Leeds-Harrogate (36) duplicate and 1004 on the morning Alwoodley-Leeds (36 dup). Now that Leeds are reduced to 10 double deckers (8DX and 2VR) this turn is usually saloon worked, often SRG's but occasionally Nationals or LH's. On 3/7, 1177(L) was on 55A, On 28,29, 30/7, 1454 (O) worked 07-45 Leeds-Ripon (36). On the 17-25 York-Leeds (43A) have been 1161 on 4/8, 1286 on 5/8, 1073 on 14/8 and 18/8, and 1272 on 29/8. 1073 worked Leeds-Ilkley-Hawes-Maker (X72) on 16/8. Noted on Ilkley-Leeds (33) have been 1455 (4/8), 1393 (5/8), 1394 (29/8), 1165 (14/8), 1446 (22/8), 1182 (18/8), 1455 (25/8), 1209 (29/8), 1394 (4/8), 1393 (28/8), 1456 (11/8), 1393 (21/8), 1254 (18/8), 1262 (18/8), 1271 (25/8), 1435 (26/8), 1395 (30/8). This route can hardly be regarded as a wholly double deck route and longer although these do appear frequently.

OTLEY. An unusual appearance was Trent 218, a Leyland Leopard, on the 08-15 Horseforth-White Cross (32 dup) on 8/9 as the result of a complicated series of changeovers. This is an Otley Depot duty.

SKIPTON. On 26/8, 1179 (SK) was seen on the 71A to Hawes, 1159, 1281 (both K) were on 71 and 1074 (SK) worked through to Kilmsey at 13-30 for the show there. On 29/8 1179 was on the 71A to Leyburn and 1204 worked the 12-30 to Kettlewell (71)

WETHERBY. 1163(H) seems to have spent most of August at Wetherby, whilst on 21 & 22/8 1157 (PB) worked from here. 1003 (L) garaged overnight on 8/8 and 1015/7(YK) worked the excursion on 20/8.

YORK. 3922 was on 75 (fare box) towards the end of August several times. Now that WYV have more VR's, these have appeared more often on Y10/20 and Y12. Leyland Nationals are now less common on Y9 with main fleet SRG's 1260/87/96-8, 1315/45 being used instead. 1337(H) was on race specials on 19/8/75. On 4/7 1334 had to be used on the York City Tour for part of the day after a brick was thrown through one of the roof quarter lights of 1077 whilst it was at Clifford's Tower. No-one was hurt in the incident. It is presumed that 1078 would have been on a S.W.Clipper feeder, hence the use of a 36 footer as a replacement. On 25/8, 3928 (Y) was on York-Scarborough (43). On York-Wetherby (79) have been 3461 (Y), on 31/7, 1106 (Y) on 2/8, 1107 (Y) on 7/8, 3173 (Y) on 16/8, 1334 (Y) on 22/8 and 3457 (Y) on 27/8. On 4/8, 1391 (B) was on 1455 Scarborough-Bradford (43), 3173 was on 80, 1758 on Y8 and 1106 on Y13. On 5/8, 1813 was on Y19, 1758 on Y19, 1106 on Y20, 3917 on 80 and 1336 on 84. On 6/8, 1334 was on 44, 1344 on Y14, 1297 on 84, 3923 on Y12, 3917 on Y6, 3924 on Y4, 1813 on Y1 and 3173 on Y21. On 7/8 3174 was on Y15, 1296 on 43, 1813 on Y2, 1107 on 82 and 1041 on 44. On 8/8 1356 worked 09-55 Leeds, 3952 on Y10 1813 on Y2, 3729 on 80. On 9/8, 1164 was on Y13. On 11/8, 1161 was on 09-55 Leeds (43) and 3930 on Y21. On 12/8, 1758 was on Y8, 1371 on Y13, 3961 on Y2 and 3929 on Y20. On 13/8, 3924 was on Y20. On 14/8 1382 was on 84 and 1440 on 09-55 Leeds.

4. OPERATING NOTES (Cont).

YORK (Cont). On 15/8, 1153 was on 84, 1758 on Y2, 3917 on Y8, 3924 on Y6 and 3923 on Y4. On 18/8, 1287 was on Y9, 3461 on 82 and 1348 on 43. On 19/8, 1075 was on 291, 1813 on Y11, 1226 on Y9, 1334 on 84 and 1210 on 94A. On 20/8, 3917 was on Y6 and 1287 on Y9. On 21/8, 1813 was on Y10, 1210 on Y1, 1054 on 388, 3917 on Y6 and 3922 on Y20. On 22/8, 3917 was on Y1, 3922 on Y4, 1260 on 43, 3958 on Y2 and 1210 on Y9. On 25/8, 3920 was on Y2B and 3964 on Y8. On 26/8, 1153 was on Y21. On 27/8 1290 was on 43, 1287 on Y19, 3922 on Y6, 3923 on Y4 and 1334 on 84. On 28/8 1385 was on 09-55 43, 1758 on Y11A and 1813 on Y1. On 25/8, 1318/60/1/2/3/87/9 were all at Selby (excursion from Bradford) and on 23/8, 1345 was seen heading along the M18 to join the A1(M), heading north at about 9am. On 4/9, 3430 was on the Hillards special in place of 3461.

LONG DISTANCE. On 2/8, 1313 (I) was on Sunderland (399). On 29/7, 1226 (Y) worked the York-Barnsley (222) feeder, whilst on 10/7 this had been worked by 1162 (Y). On 13/7 1256 (L) was on Leeds-Morecambe and on 2/8, 1244 was on Newcastle. On 26/7 1313 (I) was on Sunderland (399) as a duplicate to the United car. On 19/8, 1159 was noted on Morecambe carrying a sticker. On 31/8, East Kent GJC 638D was noted leaving Leeds for London (306) in company with 1020. Noted on Sunderland (399) during August have been United 1235 (RELM) and 1585 (LH) on 4/8. West Yorkshire 1074, 1337 and United 1644 (LH) on 22/8 and on 15/8 Western SMT YSD 337L. Duplicating on 398 between Newcastle and Leeds on 16/8 was Alexander (Fife) FPE 63K passing through Harrogate at 17-00. On 8/8, 1079/87 (both H) duplicated Newcastle-Harrogate (398) and EYMS 883 worked to Leeds. Seen passing through Skipton at 16-05 on 10/8 was Southdown 1263 working Morecambe-Leeds (288). Crosville ENL826 was in York on 16/8 showing "Blank / 890". Hants and Dorset 1055 was on York depot pits on 4/9 with "Bridlington-On Hire to WY" stickers. A Ribblesdale VR double deck coach was on Scarborough-Liverpool during June. Southdown 1878 was in York depot on 4/9.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

EWT 382C (Ex 1193, SUL4A sold North Sherburn 10/73.)

To Redpath, Dorman Long (Contractor), Bedford by 4/75 (but probably in 1/74.)

All of 1193-5 are with this contractor, and all of 1193-8 have been traced to new owners.

8129 WX (Ex 1072, MW6G sold Lincolnshire R.C.C. 5/75.)

In scrapyards, Carlton, Barnsley 6/75.

MWY 231 (Ex SUG 20, LS5G sold Norths, Sherburn 11/68.)

To Ascough (dealer), Dublin 12/68

This has now turned up with Sarsfield G.F.C. (believed to stand for "Gaelic Football Club") of Derryvane, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland by 6/75 (although it was taxed in Co. Armagh from 7/69.)

858HUB (Bedford SB5, returned by Ledgard to S. Hughes 10/67)

To Towler, Brandon 2/68.

Stothard, Lockton 4/75.

334 HAC (Ex 4031, Land Rover sold R.L. Diesels Harrogate 6/72.)

To Cars and Commercials, Franklin Rd. Harrogate 7/72.

Noted in yard, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon 7/74 believed owned by Farrods Ltd. This has now turned up with Aldons Ltd of Darley, near Harrogate as a recovery vehicle. It was bought by Aldons some time ago from John Shepherd of Bishop Thornton and had to have its 2½ litre engine, which was in poor condition, replaced by a 3 litre unit. It has been fitted with a 30 cwt crane at the back and runs on trade plates 352 WT. It no longer displays its original registration.

NORTHS SHERBURN.

Sold for scrap 8/75 - DX 17/25/36.

It should be noted that as the new Fleet History contains previously unpublished disposals, only items not included in the Fleet History will appear in this section.

WANTED.

██████████, is anxious to obtain colour views of past and present WY vehicles both card and slides and would be pleased if anyone who can help in this direction could contact him direct at the above address. He is also still trying to obtain copies of any old Bulletins prior to the May 1966 issue.

TUL/WM 14.9.75.