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LEEDS MEETING - Saturday 26th November 1977. 7.pm.

A meeting has been arranged for the above date at which our member [REDACTED] will give an illustrated talk on vehicle preservation. The talk will be held in Committee Room No. 1, 2nd floor, YMCA, Albion Place, Leeds 1, and all members and their friends are invited to what is certain to be an interesting talk.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

HCVC YORKSHIRE SECTION. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November at 7.45pm in the Metro Leeds Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds 1. This meeting will be the Section Annual General Meeting.

PSV CIRCLE The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd November from 7pm in Meeting Room No. 1, second floor, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

PRESS DAY for the November Issue will be on Saturday 5th November and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [REDACTED].

1. FLEET CHANGES

		<u>New Vehicles</u>				
3983	WWR 417S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/988	ECW 22771	H43/31FD	9022 KG.
3984	WWR 418S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/989	ECW 22772	H43/31FD	9022 KG.
3985	WWR 419S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/990	ECW 22773	H43/31FD	9022 KG.
3986	WWR 420S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/991	ECW 22774	H43/31FD	9022 KG.
1987	WVY 117S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/992	ECW 22732	H43/31FD	9020 KG.
1988	WVY 118S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/995	ECW 22733	H43/31FD	9020 KG.
1989	WVY 119S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/996	ECW 22734	H43/31FD	9020 KG.
1990	WVY 120S	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/997	ECW 22735	H43/31FD	9020 KG.

Additional Information

3983 arrived on 5th September and the remaining new VR's between 11th and 18th September. All have Gardner 6LXB engines derated to 170 BHP.

The unladen weight of 1066 has now been checked and is 9-3-0, in line with the others in the batch. The unladen weights of Plaxton bodied 1064/5 have not yet been reported - can someone oblige, please? We also need the "chassis" numbers of 1485/6. Stores lorry 4052 is of type EJ4BCO and has chassis number EW 116446. The unladen weight is 5 tons 18 cwt 0 qtr 12 lb.

Allocations and Transfers

1057	from	LEEDS	to	YORK	25.9.77
1061	"	YORK	"	LEEDS	"
4040	"	HARROGATE		(withdrawn)	27.9.77
1048	"	KEIGHLEY		(delicensed)	30.9.77
3176	"	YORK		"	"
1204	"	C.R.W SPARE		"	"
1217	"	HARROGATE		"	"
3749/90/1/3	"	YORK		"	"
3173		(delicensed)	to	YORK	1.10.77
3983/4/5/6		(new)	"	YORK	"
1987/8/9/90		"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
1206	from	LEEDS	"	C.R.W SPARE	"
1218	"	LEEDS	"	HARROGATE	"
1220	"	KEIGHLEY	"	C.R.W SPARE	"
1233	"	SKIPTON	"	HARROGATE	"
1912/18	"	KEIGHLEY	"	LEEDS	"
1938	"	KEIGHLEY	"	SKIPTON	"

- Notes:-
- 1938 joins 1937 at Skipton to give this depot 2 DD's again.
 - 1918 returns to its original depot, which it left on 1/4/76. The allocation of 2 VR's to Leeds is interesting since their numbers had been whittled down to 1 (London and Manchester 1936).
 - 1057/61 both make their first moves since new.
 - 1233 has previously been recorded as being at Grassington; it is hoped to resolve this discrepancy next month.

Stored Vehicles.

HARROGATE By 17th September the stored vehicles behind Grove Park (1754 and 1824) had gone. We have had an unconfirmed report that burnt out Leyland National 1448 was seen going away from Grove Park on 28/9, but no confirmation is at hand as yet.

Withdrawals.

27th September - 4040.

30th September - 1152, 1204/11/7, 3749/90/1/3 all to Held in Reserve.

The withdrawal of the first LH (overhauled in 3/76, and with a C of F until 1/4/81) is noteworthy (a prospect for United perhaps?).

Sales and Disposals.

7th September - 1077/9, 1205, 1741/3/4/5/52/4/5/7/9/60/1/3/5, 3748, 1824. (Total - 18) all to Hartwood Exports (Machinery) Ltd., Hangmanstone Depot, Birdwell, Barnsley.

27th September - 4040 to [REDACTED]. This was not delicensed but was sold with a current license.

FLEET TOTAL

	<u>WY</u>	<u>WYV</u>	<u>1.10.77</u>	<u>1.10.76.</u>
Licensed:-	446	84	530	522
Delicensed:-	3	2	5	14
	<u>449</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>535*</u>	<u>536</u>

* The Fleet Total excludes 1152, 1204/11/7, 3749/90/1/3.

Temporary Loans

1946, on arrival at Tees-side on 14/7, was used on that day in a parade at Hartlepool when HM The Queen named a new lifeboat, bought by scouts and cub scouts throughout Britain, "The Scout". Also in the parade were Hartlepool 4 (a new LN), 99 (a Leyland PD2/Roe open topper) and a Bristol RELL with a state coach and horses representation on the roof.

2.VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls - September - 1311/5.

Heavy Docks - September - 1813/4.

Repaints - August - 1240.

Sept. - 1774, 4037, 1223/8/31/48/88.

Oct. - 1398.

Rebuilding

Since its return from Willowbrooks, 1001 has received further attention at Myrtle Road. This has included the removal of the Duple windscreen and the refitting of its old windscreen. Basically, therefore, it has received a new front dome, doors, radiator grille and lights. It is not intended now to convert it to semi-automatic, due to cost, but it is currently in the chassis shop undergoing overhaul.

Unladen Weights.

1813/4 - both 7941 KG; 1311/5 - both 7633 KG.
Recent changes to Imperial unladen weights, usually after a repaint, include 1369 (10-7-3, formerly 7-10-3), 1440 (8-3-0, formerly 8-13-0), 4047 (16-2, formerly 0-16-1). The unladen weight of 1312 following overhaul is now "8-5-1" (ex 7-10-1) and not 7633 KG as previously reported. The unladen weight of 1231 is now 7-10-3 (ex 7-11-2), whilst 1810 shows 7-12-6 (ex 7-16-2).

Livery Changes

New logo:- 1223/8/31/40/88, 1311/5, 1774, 1813/4, 4037, 1248, 1398.

General News.

1936 has now been checked and is confirmed as having a three piece engine cover. Only 1938/44 remain to be checked. 1948, already reported as having a 3 piece cover, has the centre one divided into two horizontally.

1310 following overhaul now has a reflective front number plate but the back one remains white on black.

1810 is still running without Cave - Browne - Cave covers.

A number of Harrogate vehicles are running without destination blinds; in particular 1259 has been without blinds since at least July.

The burnt out Leyland National, 1448, is understood to be a write off, and any parts still usable are being removed. Already the engine has been taken out and once the few other parts have gone it can be expected to be withdrawn officially and disposed of.

Advertisement News

The "Spa Theatre, Bridlington" side advert at York has ceased, as has the "Futurist Theatre" advert.

A new side advert at York is "Howard Neil", where all the best jeans 'hang out'.

New inside adverts are "Don't be fooled by Imposters", which is a Solid Fuel Advisory Service feature, "Your Lively Entertainment Guide", featuring the attractions of the Grand Theatre, Leeds, and finally "Knit Knacks" for Wendy Woolls.

1473 (and presumably 1434/46/84) which carried a "Vapona" side advert has had this removed.

The latest 'Racing at Wetherby.....' target advert was for "...12th October".

3.SERVICE CHANGES. The following applications have been made:-

Stage Carriage

S.649 BW25/328 79/79A WETHERBY-YORK.

Mon-Fri: To retime the 08.00 York to Wetherby to 07.55.

Service Changes cont.)

S.650 BW25/353 10 HARROGATE-PENNY POT LANE

Mon-Fri: To introduce an additional journey at 08.20 Penny Pot Lane to Harrogate (Bus Station).

S.651 BW25/834 70 SKIPTON-SILSDEN

Mon-Fri School Terms Only: To introduce the following additional journeys: 08.30 Ings Lane Bottom to Aireville School Skipton. 15.45 Aireville School Skipton to Ings Lane Bottom.

S.652 BW25/483 741 LEEDS-WETHERBY

Mon-Fri: To extend the 15.15 Leeds-Bramham through to Boston Spa. To retime the 08.50 Wetherby to Boston Spa (Comprehensive School) to 08.45 and operate via Thorp Arch Trading Estate. To introduce a journey during School Holidays at 08.45 Wetherby to Thorp Arch Trading Estate. To retime the 16.25 Boston Spa (Comp. School) to Thorne journey to 16.10. (School Terms) To introduce the following additional journeys:- 08.45 Bramley Grange - Boston Spa (Comp. School). 08.40 Bramham - Boston Spa (Comp. School).

F. 653 BW25/717 18 HARROGATE-GREAT OUSEBURN

Mon-Fri: To retime the 07.10 Harrogate to Great Ouseburn to 07.05. To retime the 08.03 Great Ouseburn to Knaresborough to 07.55.

S.654 BW25/862 7 HARROGATE-PANNAL

Mon-Fri: To retime the 15.20 Harrogate to Pannal to 15.17 and the 15.39 Pannal to Harrogate to 15.36.

S.655 BW25/253 14/15 HARROGATE-ROECLIFFE

Mon-Fri: School terms only to introduce an additional journey at 08.38 Lingerfield School to Knaresborough. To withdraw the 15.25 Knaresborough to Boroughbridge and return. To retime the 15.34 Boroughbridge to Harrogate to 15.37 and operate via Aldborough at 15.40.

S.656 BW25/628 12/12A HARLOW HILL - KNARESBOROUGH (Heathfield Road).

Mon-Fri: To curtail the 08 02 Harlow Hill to Park Grove Top at Knaresborough Bus Station - to start the 08.47 Park Grove Top to Harlow Hill from Gracious Street at 08.50. To introduce an additional journey at 08.47 from Heathfield Drive to Knaresborough Bus Station.

S.657 BW25/696 78 HARROGATE-TADCASTER

Mon-Fri: To delete the supplementary timetable between Harrogate and Thorp Arch Trading Estate.

S.658 BW190/134 Y11A ACOMB-HUNTINGDON (NORTH MOOR).

To revise timetable and route and amend Huntingdon terminal to be either Morth Moor or Asda Hypermarket.

S.659 BW190/142 Y11A WOODTHORPE-HUNTINGDON (ASDA).

To revise timetable.

After operation on 26/8, the 07.20 Harrogate-Thorp Arch (W78) was withdrawn, and the 07.10 Harrogate-Boston Spa was retimed to 07.15 and diverted via Thorp Arch Trading Estate. Also withdrawn from the same date was the 15.50 Harrogate-Shaw Mills (Mon-Fri)/Burnt Yates (Sat)(23A) and return.

From 5th September 1977 for approximately 3 months, one way traffic was introduced in High Street, Knaresborough. All buses into Knaresborough from Harrogate travel via Boroughbridge Road and Stockwell Road to the Bus Station. Service 12 turns right at Gracious Street traffic lights and travels via Chain Lane, ptc.

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to a temporary terminus at Manor Road. All services operate via their normal route into Harrogate.

Starting Sunday 14th August 1977 Service Y11A terminates at Huntingdon New Lane instead of Huntingdon old Village. This affects evening services on Mondays to Saturdays and all Sunday services. All journeys operate two minutes earlier from Acomb. The return journey from Huntingdon New Lane into the City Centre leaves New Lane three minutes earlier than they did before from North Moor. On service Y11 the half hour shuttle service between the City and Huntingdon was reduced to an hourly service. Journeys were retimed to run alternately with the altered service Y11A to give an half hourly service between Asda Stores and the City. Also starting on the above date, all services starting from York Railway Station on service Y21A at 56 minutes past each hour to Askham Lane were retimed to operate two minutes earlier throughout.

4. OPERATING NOTES

HARROGATE 1336 was on route 11 on 12/9; on the same day, 1060 worked the 16.05 duplicate to Ripon (36). On the occasion of the Middelale Show (Monday 19/9), 1062/3/78/86 all worked duplicates to Pateley Bridge. Also on 19/9, 1007 worked the 17.35 Ripon - Harrogate (129). The following day (20/9), 1007 was on route 12. 1483 (O) has been operated by Harrogate, mainly on local routes, since mid-Sept. Since 22/9, 1982 (B) has been on loan to Harrogate, mainly on routes 15 1/2 as did 3974 when on loan from York earlier in the year. Also on loan has been 1813 (O) from 26/9. Recent changes to Car Rotas have resulted in route 10 (Penny Pot Lane) being worked by various vehicles throughout the day and no longer interworked with routes 7/7A/12/13, also journeys on route 4 (The Avenue) at 16.30, 16.50, 17.10, 17.30 are no longer worked by vehicles arriving from Bilton (11) at 16.28, 16.48, 17.08 and 17.28. New School Specials introduced at the start of the School Term are Gascoigne Crescent-Rossett High School (223), Woodlands-Cawthorne Avenue-Rossett High (224) and Cawthorne Avenue/Fairfax Avenue-Rossett High (225). On 22/9, 1209 (M loan H) was on Leeds-Harrogate (36). On Harrogate-York (84) have been 1355 (L loan Yk) on 3/9 and 1209 (M loan H) on 15/9 as a replacement for 1361 (H). From 30/8 Wetherby and Harrogate have exchanged some workings on Mon to Fri due to service revisions.

LEEDS On Bradford-Scarborough (43) have been 1486 (B) on 17/9 and 1249 (B) on 18/9. On Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been 1353 (L loan M) on 30/8, 31/8 and 1/9; 1037 (H loan M) on 31/8; 1009 (L) on 6/9; 1450 (L) on 10/9; 1361 (H loan M) and 1452 (L) on 17/9; and 1481 (Yk loan M) on 23,24 and 25/9. On 14/9, 1240 (L loan M) was on Leeds-Malton (43). The 17.15 Leeds-Malton has recently been worked by LH's-3172/3/4 all having been noted. On Leeds-York (43/43A) have been the following: 09.55 York-Leeds - 1290 on 19/9 and 1355 on 30/9; 1106 (L) on 07.15 ex Leeds on 30/8; 1226 (Yk loan L) on 07.25 ex Leeds on 3/9 and 1009 (L) on the same duty on 20/9. 1009 (L) was on 14.05 ex Leeds on 17/9. On 17.25 ex York - 1386 on 2/9; 1053 (L) on 4/9; 1049 on 7/9; 1022 on 8/9; 1053 (L) on 14/9; 1021 (L) on 16/9; 1011 (L) on 20/9; 1056 (L) on 23/9; 1366 on 26/9 and 1025 on 28/9. On 10 and 12/9 1106 (L) worked 20.35 ex Leeds. Working on Leeds-Brillington (44/5) was EYMS VR932 on 17/9. On 15/9, 1053 (L) was on Leeds-Wetherby (741). On 7/9, 1225 (L) was on Leeds-Tadcaster (742).

YORK On 1/9, 3749 was on 80, 1314/35 on 84 and 3934 on Y21. On 2/9, 1226 was on Y14A, 3930 on Y2 and 3460 on Y13. On 5/9, 1770 (CRW loan Yk) was on 80 and 1240 on 43. On 6/9, 1240 was on Leeds-Scarborough (43). On 7/9, 1770 (CRW loan Yk) was on 80 and 3930 on Y2. On 8/9, 3962 was on Y2. 1335 was on Y15 on 9/9 and the same day 1338 was on Y13. On 9/9, United 2010 (VPT 673L), an ex Gilet Bros. vehicle, was on 16.05 143. On 19/9, 1356 was on Y14. On 20/9, 3955 was on Y12 and 3933 on Y21. On 21/9, 1333 and 3461 were on Y13. On 22/9, 3974 was on Y2 and 1398 was on 84. 3964 worked on 46 on 23/9. On 26/9, 1481 was on 84, 3794 on 79 and 1370 on Y13. On 27/9, 1315 was on Y11A and 1319 on 84. 1770 (CRW loan Yk) was on 80 on 28/9 and the following day 1319 was on 84.

LONG DISTANCE On 21/9, 3328 (Yk) worked a York-Barnsley (223) feeder. During Sept. Yk. vehicles worked dups. on 206 between York and London.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

OWX 136 (Ex CUG 19, LS5G sold Norths, Sherburn 5/72).

To Asian Greyhound, Win'sor as C35F and LS6G, -/72.

With unknown breaker, Carlton 8/77.

HWW 874 (Ex DB 47, K6B sold Norths, Sherburn 11/64).

With Thornton (breaker), Cundy Cross, Barnsley 5/77 as reported last month.

This was broken up in 6/77 and some remains still on premises in 7/77.

951 BWR (Ex 1737, FS6B sold United Auto Services 226, 5/76).

Withdrawn approx. 8/77 from Scarborough depot.

7910 WY (Ex 1097, MW6G, sold BC Cannibalisation Centre 9/75).

As recorded in Issue 316, this was with an unknown Carlton breaker in

12/76, probably via Pickersgill and Laverack, Carlton. Subsequent to this,

it was with Rollinson (breaker), Carlton in 1/77.

EWY 387C (Ex 1198, SUL4A sold Norths, Sherburn, 10/73).

To Knights Road, Watford 12/73 and withdrawn 10/75.

Kingfisher, Weston 2/76. Withdrawn by 4/77.

837 BWY (Ex 1137, MW6G sold Norths, Sherburn 1/76).

Left Norths 6/7.

JUB 303E (Bedford VAM 14, returned by Ledgard to Hughes (dealer), 10/67).

To Bracewells, Colne, 4/68. Wain and Flatley, Heckmondwike.

Rushforth, Birstall, 4/77.

6. TEN YEARS AGO.

The October Issue had a new Editor, which means that I have been doing this job for ten years now!

Amongst new vehicles entering service were the four ill-fated Bedford VAM 14/ECW's, SML 1-4, which were allocated to York (SML 1-2) and Malton (SML 3-4). They were the first non-Bristols since Morris/Beadle 619 (SM 2) in 1950, and the first Bedfords since 615, K 616/7 (SP 2, KSP 3/4) in March 1948.

More mundane new vehicles were SRG 44/6 (Leeds) and SRG 48/9 (Ilkley), though here again SRG46 was fated to be written off after only a short time (this time due to fire damage).

At Leeds, the last month of Ledgard operation had provided a surprise in the use of ex Ribble lowbridge Leyland PD2 CRN 866 of Yeadon depot on Rawdon-Leeds 33 and return on 22/9 as a replacement for an RT.

News was given in Sold Stock News of the fate of a number of Bristol L's and KS's, but one of the few not to have been broken up was SGL 16 which had gone to Buxted Chickens, Thirsk, from where it has fairly recently been purchased for preservation. Ten Years Ago reported that EUG 70, the first MW, had arrived at Harrogate, which means that this event occurred 20 years ago, although it does not seem so long. The last few lines of the 8 page Issue were given to changes in the fleets of firms hiring to the Company.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

Study of 1470 SEPTEMBER 6- route 25; 8th- 1/2 in morning peak, 10/7A teatime; 10th- route 11; 13-16th- 11/14/16/3A/Sch.Spec./24 (same rota daily); 17th- 9/14/16/78B/742/36; 19th- 36(Ripon dup.) 9/9A/4/23ASch.Specs./3/29; 20th- 11; 24th - 11; 27th - 11; 30th - 11. OCTOBER 4th- 11; 5th- 11. Slight accident damage has occurred on the offside front corner, below the windscreen and just above the offside flasher and sidelight.

Other Bristols Seen for several days running in late September travelling from Leeds to Harrogate and return was ex Bristol Omnibus MW 870 RAE. This is still in Bristol livery but with seats rearranged and lettering "Mobile Diner. TV film location" along the white band. Ownership is not known. A second hand United Bristol that was missed in last month's list at Scarborough was ex WY 256 (YWW 77). 226 (951 BWR) has now been withdrawn, as has East Midland 227 (561 ERR), which is now being used at Scarborough on learner duties. 1490/1 are ex Southern Vectis 825/6 (LDL 262/3F).

The Booking Office Trailer is of WY design (see last month); but as 4028 was the only one built at Myrtle Road, the National Travel one must have been built elsewhere to the West Yorkshire design.