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## PERSONAL

Our best wishes for long and happy retirements go to [redacted] (Inspector, Bradford Depot); [redacted] (Driving Instructor, Bradford Depot); [redacted] (Public Relations Officer, Harrogate); [redacted] (Chief Engineer's Secretary) and [redacted] (Chief Engineer NBC Eastern Region but formerly Chief Engineer of WY) who have all retired over the past few months.

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## BARO GATE MEETING -- 7th November 1981

We were pleased to see about 30 members at this meeting, which was held at Moss Grange by kind permission of the Company.

The brief business discussion covered such subjects as the proposals for 1982 Tours and the 1982 subscription. As regards the latter, expenditure has slightly exceeded income during 1981 and with a postal increase already announced, [redacted] suggested that a sensible subscription level would be £2.60 with a further 40p for those wishing to receive leaflets. This was carried without dissent and a renewal form will appear with the next issue.

Business over, we settled down to a presentation of four video films by [redacted], the Company's General Manager. Three of these covered the Transport Bill and the way that the NEC is facing us to the challenges that it is beset with. The fourth film was prepared with the intention of showing drivers the correct and incorrect ways of driving a bus. At the end [redacted] answered questions put to him by members.

We are very grateful to [redacted] for giving up his Saturday evening for us and to [redacted] for operating the video. We were also pleased to see [redacted], the Manager of the Seaton Tramway, and [redacted].

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## THE HISTORY OF KEIGHLEY -- WEST YORKSHIRE SERVICES LTD

This is the latest WYIS publication and in many ways our most ambitious. With a printed cover and two pages of illustrations, it runs to over 100 pages of which half are devoted to the story of the Company over the years and the remainder to detailed appendices covering Financial Results, Ticket Systems, Services (in Road Service Licence detail), Vehicles and Route Maps. The publication is intended to be the definitive history of the Company and contains much new research, the results of which alter much previously published information.

The book will be available shortly, it is hoped before Christmas, and will cost £2.00 post free to members and £2.30 post free to non members. The renewal form to be enclosed with the next issue will have space for the Keighley -- West Yorkshire book to be ordered, and stocks will also be held by [redacted], our Publications Officer.

## LEDGARD WAY

As announced in issue 366 an illustrated history of the Samuel Ledgard fleet is being published by Autobus Review Publications. The price of £6.95 is now confirmed and publication date is set for November 15th. The book contains over 200 previously unpublished photographs and is a "must" for the bookshelves of anyone even slightly interested in the Ledgard fleet. The book should be available at booksellers but in cases of difficulty the Publishers should be contacted at [redacted].

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EASTERN COUNTIES

The PSV Circle have just brought out the long awaited 2nd Edition of the Eastern Counties O. Co Ltd Fleet History. It includes approx. 50 illustrations and 286 pages and is obtainable (quoting ref 2271) from [redacted]. The price at present is £7.00 post free but this is a special price and after 1st January 1982 the price will be £8.50.

FORHCOMING EVENTS

MCVC YORKSHIRE SECTION. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 16th December at 7.45 pm in the Metro Leeds Sports & Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds.

PSV CIRCLE. The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 3 December from 7.00 pm in Meeting Room No. 4 Central Library, Princess Way, Bradford.

PRESS DAY for the December issue will be on Saturday 5th December and all items should be sent to arrive on or preferably before that date to [redacted].

FOR SALE. Our Publications Officer has for sale a copy of "State Owned Without Tears", the story of Crosville between 1948 and 1953. Anyone interested should write direct to [redacted].

1. FLEET CHANGES

New Vehicle  
1526 UMY 68X Leyland National ML 11.6A/L 11-1R 07544 B52F 9457KG

Additional Information  
1526 arrived on 6th October; it does not have an opening rear window as an emergency exit. The "chassis" numbers of 1528/9 are 07552/3.

1522-4 were to have been registered SWX 541-3W; 2600-8 were to have been registered IMG 657-65W and have Willowbrook body numbers 802351-9.

For the record, the six VR's ordered for York - West Yorkshire (3772-7) which were diverted to West Riding (469-74) have chassis numbers 3016/7/14/15/74/5 and body numbers 24879-84. As 474 is allocated to Selby, it is the only one of the batch to have a "West Riding" fleetname rather than "Metro Bus" and has appeared several times in York.

Rover 3500 VME 229S is used by the GM and Chief Executive.  
Dimensions of 2102/2 are length 10m (33'3"), width 2.5 m (8'2") and height 3.2m (10'9").

Allocations and Transfers

1475	from Keighley	to Harrogate	1. 3.81
1336/7	" Harrogate	(delicensed)	31.10.81
1338	" Malton	"	"
1345	" Bradford	"	"
1346	" Keighley	"	"
2520	" Harrogate (Special Duties)	"	"
1526	(new)	" York	1.11.81
1334	" Bradford	" Harrogate	"
1339	" Malton	" York	"
1443	" Harrogate	" Otley	"
1704	" Otley	" Harrogate	"

2541	from Bradford (coach)	to Bradford (DP)	1.11.81
2542/4	" York (coach)	" York (DP)	"
2543	" Bradford (coach)	" Keighley (DP)	"
2545/72	" York	" Malton	"
2575	" Harrogate (coach)	" Harrogate (DP)	"

- Notes:-
- 1336 was an accident victim.
  - 2520 is only delicensed and is not withdrawn; it is not, however, regarded as being in the operational fleet and has for several months been excluded from the operational fleet total.
  - 1443/75, 1704, 2543 and 2572 all make their first moves since new (2543 since new as 1055).
  - The coach/semi-coach "split" can now be summarised. The following vehicles are regarded as "coaches":-  
2101/2, 2328/9/30/1/5/6/46/7/8/9/50/87/8/9,  
2560/7/77/82/3/4/5/6/7/94/5/6/8.  
This leaves the following as "semi-coaches":-  
2525-52/7-9/51-4/8-76/3-81/9/9, 2600-8.  
It will be noted that there are a number of inconsistencies:-  
(a) 2567 in Leeds-Liverpool livery is a coach whilst 2599 in the same livery is a semi-coach.  
(b) 2594/5/6/8 of the Willowbrooks are coaches yet identical 2597/9 are semi-coaches.  
(c) 2560 by virtue of its white livery is a coach whilst identical sisters 2557-9/51-4 are all semi-coaches.  
Some changes of livery will occur during the winter to tidy up the division between coach and semi-coach.
  - The Lododka "fleet" is reduced to 6 - 4057/65/6/8 (licensed) and 4057/71 (delicensed).
  - The inroads into the 1971 batch of RELL's (both DP and 53 seaters) will be noted.
  - The transfer of 1704 means that Harrogate should again have two double deckers, though during late October Morrison's bus 1748 was on loan to Otley. Presumably 1704, which currently has a "Metro Bus" fleetname, should have NBC identity restored.

Stored Vehicles

- BRADFORD In the yard on 9th November were 1302/5/6/17/45/6, of which only 1306 was in sale livery.
- HARROGATE On 7th October 1303/11 and Stacatrue 8718/W were inside the depot; 1289/309/12 down the side and 2515, 1286/91/308/10/6/8 and 4054 behind.
- LEEDS In the garage on 11th November was 1307, with 1283, 1304, 2516/7/8, 4055/8/71 all in the yard.
- SHEPPHON Further to last month, 1300 had gone from here by the time 2513 arrived.
- YORK In the field behind the depot on 17th October were 3922/8/30/2/3/42/3, 3239/42/4/61 (all in sale livery) and 1301/14 (not in sale livery). Inside the depot was 4059.

Withdrawals

31st October 1981:- 1336/7/8/45/6, 4058 all to Held for Disposal. Also car WHD 65R (Triumph 2000).  
There are at present 49 vehicles Held for Disposal the most for some years.

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## 2. VEHICLE NOTES

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### Heavy Docks

September 1981:- 1344, 1429/44, 3950/65.

The Overhaul/Heavy Docks procedure is now being replaced by an 'Annual Service' and a "Bi-Annual Service", and these terms will be used henceforth. Note that these details refer only to vehicles treated at Central Works; others will be done at garages.

### Annual Service

October 1981:- 1104, 1417/27, 3433, 1486.

### Bi-Annual Service

October 1981:- 2102, 2551/67/8/70/2, 2350.

### Repaints

September 1981:- 1710/1

October 1981:- 1004/5, 1356, 1714, 1993, 3952/8/60/7/9, 2551/70/2, also 1341 and 2534 (both lower part only).

2102 was painted by Ribble/WF(W) on 5/2/73, 9/4/75 and 9/2/79.

### Sale Livery

? 1981 :- 1289

October 1981:- 1306

### Livery Changes

National Express Livery:- 2577 (white, ex red and white DP livery)

RetroBus Fleetname:- 1714/5/46, 1991/8/9.

If we assume that Skipton based 1730/3 will receive this fleetname, the only main fleet VR's to be excluded will be 1972(YK), 1748(W) and now 1704(II). Also excluded by virtue of all-over adverts are 1723/58/65. The following are not recorded as having RetroBus fleetnames:- 1990/2-5, 1701/7/18/24, 6/9-33/7/51-3/7/60/3/4. No doubt many of these have had their fleetnames changed and reports would be welcome.

Extra white:- We have not previously recorded that 2520 on repaint some time ago, had the waistband painted white rather than red. 2551 has now received extra white as on 2550/2. 'B' type Nationals 1004/5 have both now lost their front white bands on repaint; at least 1004 is also without a logo. However, 3433 has now received a logo at the front.

Large Fleet Numbers:- 1714, 1998 now has large front and side numbers, but retains a small rear fleet number.

Rear Fleetname:- Fitted to 1465/70 (see last month); 1447/9 are the two vehicles to lose this feature.

1439/87/92, 2570/2 now have rear fleetnames.

### Unladen Weights

4068-7789KG (ex 7-13 0); 1393-7633KG (ex 7-10-1)

### General News

During October, 1972(YK) was fitted up for farebox operation and 1973(L) was fitted up for ordinary OMO. All double deckers are now OMO equipped except at Bradford, where none are fitted.

The blind of 1339, at least, shows "Sherriff Hutton" - not surprising as many people have trouble spelling "Sheriff".

4065 has for several months been carrying "HEV - L" plates and has been working from Keighley and Leeds. Presumably tuition has been carried out in connection with driving of towing lorries, but 4065 is currently on PSV tuition again.

3967 has now had its rear indicator painted out.

#### Advertisement News

After 13th October, the Leeds Sainsbury's side advert was replaced by one reading "now open in LEEDS".

1751(L) appeared during October in "Off - Peaker" livery. In this Metro inspired scheme which has already been applied to several of their own Atlanteans, various stickers are affixed all over the bus, including the lower deck panels and on either side of the front indicator. The end result is not attractive.

The "Happy Easter" bus, 1520, has all its interior adverts devoted to that concern.

1440 (YK) had its "Flamingoland" adverts removed about 5th October.

The side adverts for Lois Jeans and Jackets have ceased.

The upper rear adverts for Leedhams Garages have changed design.

Two side adverts are for "Double 2 shirts" and "Flop, Slurp, Glop, Gallurp, Whoosh-Dynorod".

The side advert on 1972 for Pentel fibre tipped pens has been removed though several main fleet VR's still carry it at other depots.

1349 (now CHW) lost its lower rear advert for Barkers (of Leeds, for Peugeot on arrival at York.

New inside adverts are 'Knitability with Wendy Wools'; 'Your Move' - an advert aimed at assisting disabled passengers on and off buses and 'stage coach' - an advert offering Private Parties reductions at Harrogate Theatre.

Inside adverts for Castle Howard, South West Clipper and the Hull to Glasgow services have ceased.

1755(L) carries an upper rear advert "Hire for lower, Godfrey Davis car hire".

A new lower rear advert is "Bradford or Leeds to Birmingham for £3.50. Details from your local West Yorkshire travel office or agent".

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### 3. SERVICE CHANGES

N & P 1324

S. 190 B125/752 782 Leeds (Vicar Lane) - Skipton (Bus Station)

Mon-Fri: to introduce additional pick up and set down at Woodhouse Lane + Merrion Street respectively on the Limited Stop service between Leeds + Addingham.

S. 191 B130/176 Y16 Crichton Avenue - Badger Hill

Mon-Fri; (School terms only): to introduce an additional journey 1420 York (Railway Station) to Crichton Avenue via Manor School + in consequence amend route.

Amendments  
The application in N & P 1322 BW25/950 (52/3) has been amended to read  
"Daily to introduce a revised timetable + route."

N & P 1325

S. 192 BW25/974 25 Keighley (Bus Stn) - Padiham (Memorial Park)  
Daily to revise the intermediate running times between Keighley + Colne  
in the Keighley - Burnley direction only.

S. 193 BW25/155 659 Bradford (Interchange) Baildon (Lucy Hall Drive)  
Mon-Sat: to withdraw the 0521 Bradford-Shipley  
Sunday: to introduce a timetable.

S. 194 BW25/425 93 Malton-Borton Local  
Mon-Sat: to revise the evening service.

S. 195 BW25/482 742 Leeds (Vicar Lane) - Tadcaster (Bus Station)  
Mon-Fri: (School Terms only): to divert the 1550 Tadcaster Grammar School-  
Moort End via Kirkgate + consequently revise the route.

S. 196 BW25/483 741 Leeds (Vicar Lane) - Wetherby (Sandbeck Way)  
To retime the 0900 Wetherby-Leeds to 0855 on a Saturday only + to 0845 on  
Mon-Fri + divert via Thorp Arch Trading Estate + also Boston Comprehen-  
sive (School days only).  
Mon-Fri: to retime the 0745 Leeds-Wetherby to 0740

S. 197 BW25/618 678 Bradford (Interchange) - West Royd Cres.  
Mon-Sat: to introduce an additional journey at 0515 Bradford to Shipley.

S. 198 BW25/626 78 Harrogate (Bus Station) - Tadcaster (Bus Station)  
Mon-Fri: to withdraw the 0845 Wetherby-Thorp Arch Trading Estate.

S. 199 BW25/823 660 Bradford (interchange) - Baildon (Station Road)  
Mon-Sat: to amend terminal point at Baildon (Station Road) to read Baildon  
(Towngate) + in consequence to introduce revised timetable + route.

S. 200 BW25/904 Sch York (Station Road) - Tadcaster (Foulston Lodge Grammar Sch)  
Mon-Fri: School terms to withdraw the 1550 Foulston Lodge to Tadcaster.

N & P 1326

New Services

S. 201 BW25/984 Leeds (Vicar Lane Bus Station) - Boston Spa (Moort End)  
Via Edward St, Templar St, Bridge St, Gower St, Regent St, Sheepscar Street  
South Breakwater Passage, Mearwood Rd, Barrook St, Chapeltown Rd,  
Harrogate Rd, King Lane, Lingerfield, Approach Lingerfield Hill, Nursery  
Lane, Harrogate Rd, Wigton Lane, High Ash Drive, High Ash Ave, Plantation  
Gardens, Wigton Lane, Wike Ridge Lane, Backstove Gill Lane, Wike Lane,  
East Keswick, Crabtree Lane, A659 unclass Linton, Wetherby Road, Wetherby,  
Linton Avenue, West End, Westgate, Market Place, Bus Station, Market Place,  
High St, Victoria St, Walton Lane, Walton, Thorp Arch, Thorp Arch Bridge,  
Bridge Rd, Boston Spa, High St, A659, Moort End: RETURN via outward route to  
Chapeltown Rd, then Sheepscar Street South, Regent St, New York Rd, Vicar  
Lane, Lady Lane, Vicar Lane  
To operate Thursday only  
To operate for six months from 7 January 1982.

Variations

S. 202 BW25/717 65 Harrogate (Bus Station) - Great Ouseburn  
Mon-Fri: to introduce an additional journey at 1857 Knaresborough-  
Harrogate

S. 203 BW25/861 66 Harrogate (Bus Station) - Moort Gates (Cornwall Road)  
Mon-Fri: to retime 1615 Bus Station - Cornwall Road to 1610

S. 204 EW25/950 52/3 Penny Pot Lane - Carhises Avenue

Mon-Sat: To withdraw 1857 Knaresborough-Harrogate  
(replaced by journey on 65 see above)

S. 205 EW25/972 38/9 Harrogate-Pannal (Railway Station)

Mon-Fri: to retime 1534 Bus Station-Pannal + 1551 return to 1529+1546

S. 206 B25/674 38A Leeds (Vicar Lane) - Whinmoor Middle School

Mon-Fri: to introduce following additional journeys  
1632 Leeds-Whinmoor, 1705 Whinmoor-Leeds

S. 207 B25/253 57/8 Harrogate-Roecliffe

Mon-Fri: to divert 1826 Roecliffe-Harrogate via Starbeck instead of  
Crossways + St Aidans School

S. 208 B25/347 77 Harrogate-Wetherby

Mon-Fri: to retime 1640 Harrogate-Wetherby to 1635

S. 209 EW25/562 68 Harrogate (Bus Station) - Claro Road

Sat only: to introduce following additional journeys  
0935 1140 Bus Station - Claro Road  
0945 1150 Claro Road - Bus Station

S. 210 B25/63 Sp Bradford (Interchange) - Yeadon (Mod Depot)

Mon-Fri: to revise timetable.

S. 211 B1 25/116 674 Harrogate-Bradford

Mon-Fri: to withdraw 0725 Bradford-Yeadon (Ministry of Defence Depot).

S. 212 EW25/158 Wks Leeds (Vicar Lane) - Guiseley (Crompton Parkinson)

Mon-Fri: to withdraw 1646 Crompton Parkinson - Rawdon  
to retime 0744 Crompton Parkinson Leeds to 0734  
to divert 0640 Leeds-Crompton Parkinson via Rawdon.

S. 213 EW25/833 Sch Menston Village-Aireborough Grammar School

Mon-Fri (School terms): to revise timetable + route.

S. 214 EW190/166 Y2/2A Haxby/Oaken Gro - Danebury Drive

Mon-Fri: to retime 1641 Oaken Grove-Danebury Drive to 1646

S. 215 EW190/173 Y10/12 Beckfield Lane/Danebury Drive-Tang Hall

Mon-Fri: to retime 1716 Beckfield Lane-Tang Hall to 1721  
to retime 1733 Danebury Drive-Tang Hall to 1713  
to curtail 1746 Beckfield Lane-Tang Hall at Stonebow.

S. 216 EW190/175 Y11 Ashley Park-South Bank

Mon-Fri: to retime 1747 Ashley Park-South Bank to 1752  
to retime 1827 South Bank - Clifford Street to 1830

The withdrawal of route 676 to Wrose (Idle Moor) on 4th October and the resulting Metro - only service up Carr Lane has certainly not been well received by the general public. Seemingly the Metro vehicles often prove incapable of climbing the hill and the passengers then have to get off and walk up the steepest part of the hill! Several letters to the Telegraph and Argus have said how satisfied the writers were with the West Yorkshire service and how they wish it would return. We understand that commencing the second week of November, the 1555 Shipley - Wrose has been worked by WY.

Another day of cheap fares on York City Buses was held on Monday 26th October, this time with the fare fixed at 15p (8p half) rather than the 10p of the previous occasion.

From Monday 26th October a number of changes were made in York. Service 15A is a new circular service operating to Lawrence Street and Fifth Avenue to give a regular hourly service to Dringhouses and Bishopthorpe via Tadcaster Road on Monday to Friday during the day. From the same date the shoppers bus service 17, 18 and 19 were amended. Service 17 from Holly Bank to the City Centre runs 40 minutes earlier at 0925 returning from Piccadilly at 1120. The service from Holly Bank to Acomb is reduced to one journey giving 30 minutes shopping time in Acomb. Service 18 now runs on Thursdays instead of Fridays and Service 19 is retained 35 minutes later from Poppleton, returning from Acomb ten minutes later than formerly.

York Council continue to be reluctant to experiment with measures to speed bus journeys in the City. At a meeting on 15th October they rejected the Bootham bus lane and one along Layerthorpe; buses and access only on Cuse Bridge; closure of outgoing lanes through Walmgate Bar except to buses and cyclists and bus-only turns in Holgate Road and Blossom Street. They also refused to allow traffic lights that sensed buses arrival at the junction of Lord Mayor's Walk with Cillygate and Wigginton Road with Maxby Road. The suggestion that buses should be allowed to run along Parliament Street for a three month trial has also been rejected. One item of good news is that the public enquiry on the proposal to route buses through the Woodthorpe Estate has resulted in the Traffic Commissioners allowing the service to begin on 9th November for a six month experimental period but to be made permanent if no problems arise.

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A. OPERATING NOTES

During October, the double deck duty at Harrogate for which 1748 was normally detailed, was car 7 commencing 21/9/81 (Monday-Friday only). This worked Garage-Bus Station then 0715 Bus Station-Crossways(64); 0725 Crossways-Harrogate(64); then School Terms 0740 Harrogate-Weeton Station(NOS); 0756 Weeton Station-Claro Road(68A); 0839 Claro Road-Granby Corner(NOS); 0845 Granby Corner-Rossett High School(22A); 0905 Rossett High School-Bus Station(NOS); Bus Station-Grove Park(NOS). Then Daily (Mon-Fri) Grove Park-Bus Station; 1545 Harrogate-Great Ouseburn(65); 1642 Great Ouseburn-Harrogate(65); 1745 Harrogate-Pannal(39); 1801 Pannal-Harrogate(39); Bus Station-Grove Park(NOS). There were no Saturday duties. In late October, 1748 was sent to Otley and in return Barratt bus 1716 (0) was working this duty for Harrogate, but the transfer of 1704 to Harrogate from 1st October seems to have been the result of another double deck duty being generated; on 6th November 1704 was noted on route 51.

1755(L) has had at least two spells on hire to British Railways recently on 4/10 and 1/11. At least the first was on Leeds-Harrogate duties.

On 15th October United RBLHGG 6065 was seen in York at 0820 showing "743". Also at York, 2607 has been used on the City Tour throughout October.

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5. UNUSUAL WORKINGS

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|-----------|------|----|------------------|----|------|--------------------------|
| September | 30th | -- | 2599(L)          | on | 1615 | Leeds-Tadcaster(742)     |
| October   | 3rd  | -- | 1527(YK)         | on | 1300 | York-Tadcaster(87)       |
|           | 5th  | -- | 1012(YK loan H)  | on | 0655 | Malton-Leeds(843)        |
|           | 11th | -- | 1012 (YK loan M) | on | 1020 | Leeds-Scarborough(642)   |
|           | 16th | -- | 1011 (YK loan M) | on | 1925 | Leeds-Scarborough(743)   |
|           | 18th | -- | 1001 (H loan W)  | on | 1355 | Harrogate-Tadcaster(78A) |
|           |      |    | 1613 (YK loan M) | on | 1920 | Leeds-Scarborough(743)   |
|           | 23rd | -- | 1005(YK)         | on | 2005 | Scarborough-Leeds(743)   |
|           | 27th | -- | 3331 (YK loan M) | on | 0625 | Malton-Leeds(743)        |

October 28th -- 3331 (YK loan M) on 0655 Lel ton-Leeds(8/3)  
 2584 (YK) on 1010 York-Thirst(80; 1002 (H loan W)  
 on 1625 Tadcaster-Leeds(742)  
 29th -- 2530 (H loan YK) on 0809 Tadcaster-York(746)  
 31st -- 2530 (H loan YK) on 1245 Leeds-Scarborough(842)

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6. SOLID STOCK NEWS

FW220L (Ex 2001, Ford Transit sold N Y Social Services, 1/81)  
 This has now appeared in a revised livery of blue and white, but retains grey wheels. The present livery of ex 2002 is not known.  
DMU672B (Ex 1780, FS6B sold North Sherburn, 6/79)  
 As forecast in issue 366, this duly appeared in York (Union Terrace Car Park) on 7th September, when it had a foreign party on board. It had already been to the lighthouse at John O'Groats, Newquay and Aberystwyth, etc.  
8128WK (Ex 1071, MW6G sold Sykes, Barnsley, 8/75)  
 To Jones, Runcorn, 11/75 (withdrawn 11/78). Selwyn, Runcorn, date unknown (could be same firm as Jones). Site transport, Lower Whitley, C1/79.  
BYG 542/3H (Ex 1296/7, REEL6G sold City bus, Belfast, 7/81)  
 Numbered 737/8 and allocated to Ardoyne depot which has an "AD" prefix to the fleet numbers.  
DMU 552H, BAW 152H (Ex 1287/94, REEL6G sold city bus, Belfast, 7/81)  
 Numbered 735/6 by City bus; depot allocation not known.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION

Gardner 6LN engines  
 Further to last month, 93003 was in DGV 8 from 6/66 to sale (not 6/55).  
Destination Blinds

We have suspected for some time that ex NW(W) Leopards 2101/2 retain their old blinds and this is now known to be the case, probably because the width is non-standard. The destination blinds, in lower case lettering, are coded "Standerwick 3/D coaches" and the one in 2102 is as follows--  
 Whitehaven; Southport; Colne; Barrow; Blackpool; Coventry; Birmingham; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Manchester; Liverpool; Fleetwood; Keswick; Burnley; Manchester; Preston; Oxford; Rochdale; Oldham; Thanet Coast; Private; Tour; Excursion; Races; Evening Tour; Afternoon Tour; Morning Tour; Football Match; London; Whitehave; Southport; Colne; Barrow; Blackpool; Coventry; Birmingham; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Manchester; Liverpool; Private; Excursion; White Blank. The repeat of some destinations will be noted, however the blind has not been joined as could have been suspected.

Route "number" blinds are a misnomer. All three blinds are identical and start and finish with "STOP". They comprise: "0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, R, S, U, W, X, Y". There are no blanks in either the destination or route number blinds, other than at the beginning and end.

Other Bristol

After the recent reference to one of the Trent FLP's which were loaned to WY at Leeds in 1979, it is odd to find another in the news. SRB 76F, formerly, Trent 735, arrived with WY, on 10/7/79 and left in 8/79 due to impending C of F expiry and sale. It is now (10/81) in the yard of the Paul Sykes Organisation at Barnsley, still in poppy red. It would be interesting to know of its whereabouts for the last 2 years.

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OLD CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS (Continued from Issue 365).

SG77 - 9/10/54; SG78 - 8/5/54; SG79 - 10/4/54; SG80 - 4/7/56; SG81 - 29/5/54;  
 SG82 - 14/1/56, 14/7/57; SG 83 - 13/2/54; SG84 - 27/11/54; SG 85 - 24/6/56, 9/57  
 SG86 - 18/9/56; SG87 - 17/6/56, 9/57; SG 88 - 8/5/54; SG 89 - 22/7/54; SG90  
 - 10/12/55; SG91 - 4/6/55; SG 92 - 6/11/54; SG93 - 13/3/54; SG94 - 13/11/56; SG101 -  
 27/12/57; SG 102 - 12/58, 31/12/64; SG 103 - 2/61; 2/2/64; SG 104 - 12/58,  
 30/12/63 ; SG 105 - 10/58; SG 106 - 6/61; SG107 - 12/58; SG 108 - 9/58, 1/1/64;  
 SG 109 - 3/59, 14/4/63; SG110 - 3/59; SG111 - 7/59; SG 112 - 22/9/63; SG 116 -  
 9/59; SG 117 - 12/56, 6/59; SG118 - 12/59; SG 119 - 12/56; SG 120 - 7/61;  
 YSG 121 - 1/57, 7/59, 9/8/64; YSG 122 - 1/57, 1/60, 26/1/65; YSG 123 - 10/59,  
 1/1/64; YSG 124 - 6/59, 28/6/64; YSG 125 - 11/59, 3/11/63; YSG 126 - 11/59,  
 9/11/64; YSG 127 - 3/59, 14/3/64; YSG 128 - 8/59; YSG 129 - 2/60, 22/5/64;  
 YSG 130 - 1/60; SG 131 - 2/58; SG 132 - 1/58; SG 133 - 1/58; SG 135 - 9/59; SG  
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