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PERSONAL Our best wishes and congratulations are offered to [REDACTED], the Company's new Chief Engineer. [REDACTED] was previously Assistant Chief Engineer with Ribbles and before that was with Midland Red.

HARROGATE MEETING - Saturday 19th April 1980 - 6.45pm.
A meeting has been arranged for the above date at the Company's Training School, Moss Grange, Regent Parade, Harrogate (off Skipton Road Stray), by kind permission of the Company. At this meeting, the General Manager, [REDACTED], will give a talk on a subject of his own choosing, and all members will be welcome. Please give the meeting your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HVCV YORKSHIRE SECTION The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March at 7.45pm in the Leeds Transport Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street.

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

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

1. FLEET CHANGES

		NEW VEHICLES			KILOS
2577	KUB551V Leyland PSU3E/4R ?	Plaxton	7911LX546 DP49F	9017	
2578	KUB552V ?	..	7911LX547 ..	9017	
2579	KUB553V 7904172	..	7911LX548 ..	9017	
2580	KUB554V ?	..	7911LX549 ..	?	
2581	KUB555V ?	..	7911LX550 ..	9017	
2582	KUB666V ?	..	7911LX551 ..	9017	
2583	KUB667V ?	..	7911LX552 ..	?	
2584	KUB668V ?	..	7911LX553 ..	?	
2585	KUB669V ?	..	7911LX554 ..	?	
2586	KUB670V ?	..	7911LX555 ..	9017	
2587	KUB671V ?	..	7911LX556 ..	9017	
-	LUM787V Ford Cortina. Chief Engineer.		New 1/2/80		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2577-9 arrived early in January and the others (except 2584) later in the month.

2586/7 were collected from Scarborough on 26th January by York drivers and taken initially to York Depot. 2584 had not arrived on 5th February.

Chassis numbers - 2571 = 7903829; 2573 = 7903857; 2574 = 7903852; 2576 = 7904013; 1491 = 06538.

Body Numbers: - 2567 - 76 = 7911LX536-45.

Unladen Weight - 2576 = 8884 kg.

In response to our request last month the Plaxton body numbers are on a plate inside the rear luggage boot, and in addition some (of which 2572/86 are the only two noted so far) carry them above the entrance door. However, at least 2568/9/73 - 6/8/9 do not have them in this position. Body numbers quoted above are from documents, and it will be seen that they run in sequence. The numbers of 2569/71-3/86 have been confirmed from observations on the vehicles.

2577-81 are in red/white, but 2582-7 are in National White, in exchange for 2545-9 which are receiving dual purpose livery. The change of registration at 2582 is caused by a mistake by the Leeds LVLO, who failed to allocate as many registrations as they had been asked for and not for any other reason, although by pure coincidence the same six were subsequently requested to be painted in white.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

2577	New	to York	22.1.80
2578	..	Bradford	..
2579	..	Malton	..
2581	..	Skipton	..
1122	From Wetherby	(delicensed)	31.1.80
1127	Bradford	..	..
1154	Malton	..	..
1256	Leeds	..	..
1261	Wetherby	..	..
1263/4	Bradford	..	..
1003	Malton	York	1.2.80
1268	Malton	Leeds	..
1372	York	Bradford	..
1377	Leeds	Wetherby	..
1400	Skipton	Bradford	..
2580	(new)	Malton	7.2.80
2582/3/5	..	Harrogate	..
2584	..	York	..
2586	..	Wetherby	..
2587	..	Bradford	..
1237	York	Malton	..
1266	Bradford	CRW Spare	..
1268	Leeds	CRW Spare	..
1272	Harrogate	CRW Spare	..
1274	Harrogate	CRW Spare	..
1280	Ilkley	CRW Spare	..
1377	Wetherby	Leeds	..
2560	Harrogate	Bradford	..
2578	Bradford	Ilkley	..

NOTES:-

1. The Short stay of 2578 at Bradford will be noted.
2. This is the first move since new for 1003 and indeed for any "Baby National".
3. These are also the first moves since new for 1372, 2560, 2578 and 1377, though the last hardly qualifies (nominally 7 days away from Leeds).
4. The transfers shown as 7th February are officially dated 1/2/80, but are dependent on the licensing of 2580/2-7 which did not take place until at least the 7th of the month.
5. 1122/7 are the first of the ex United RESL's to be withdrawn. 1122 was run into at the back by 1918 in York Road, Leeds on 9/1/80, but the reason for the demise of 1127 is not known.

6. Last days of service were:- 1256 - 30/1/80; 1261 - 21/1/80 and 1263 - 28/1/80 due to C of F Expiry.

STORED VEHICLES

BRADFORD

1782/5 were finally collected by Rollinson by 13th January and by that date 1776 had also been moved, but to Harrogate. 2106 and 1159 were not inside the depot on 1st January but at Grove Park.

HARROGATE Behind Grove Park on 2nd February were 1159, 1269, 1777, 2106 whilst down the side were 1166, 1253, 1776 and 2104. On the forecourt was 1295.

KEIGHLEY

1777 was not stored here on 1st January but at Grove Park.

LEEDS 1255 was moved from here to Grove Park during January, leaving 1162, 1260/2 outside and 1206 inside. These were later jointed by 1256/61, but by 6th February 1260/1/2 had gone, leaving 1162 outside, with 1122, 1206/56 inside.

YORK 1269 was not at York on 1st January and has not been there since withdrawal. It moved from Leeds to Harrogate during December and is still at Grove Park.

WITHDRAWALS

January 1980 - car XDN 683R

31st January 1980 - 1122/7/54, 1256/61/3/4 all to "Held for disposal".

SALES AND DISPOSALS

January 1980 - car XDN 683R to NBC Northern Region, Darlington on the appointment of [REDACTED] as Chief Engineer (Regional Duties).

2. VEHICLE NOTES

OVERHAULS

January 1980:- 1383/4/5/6

February 1980:- 1411

REPAINTS

December 1979:- 1396

January 1980:- 2315/20/8/31/5, 1313, 3328, 1342, 4050 also 3820 (partial).

Sale Livery:- 1206/53/5/69, 1159, 1776/7, 2104/6. The "Sale Livery" of 2104/6 comprises the painting out of fleetnumbers, fleetnames etc in green.

UNLADEN WEIGHTS

1383 - 6 all 7633kg. 4050 - 1680 kg (ex 1-18-3).

1320 is confirmed as being 7680 kg; Both 1245/47 still show 7-12-1 and not 7734 kg as previously reported.

LIVERY CHANGES

Large Fleet Numbers:- 1281, 1396, 3430, 1473, 3820/30, 3955/6, 2331/5, 2558, 1447, 1904, also 2509 (front only).

New logo:- 1281, 1396, 1904 4025.

The large rear fleet number of 1281 is in the old position on the engine cover.

1451 is designed to confuse the unwary; it has new logo at the offside but not at the nearside! Following overhaul by United at Darlington, 1371, which had new logo, now has a plain white logo at least at the offside. 3457 has additional white across the front contrary to the report in issue 345.

GENERAL NEWS

1341 has received a brand new front grille and as a result no longer has Bristol RE, ECW or NBC logo badges.

1802 is confirmed as having had an engine change in late December. 1343 has no aluminium trim across the front.

Following its exhibition in the Queens Hall, Leeds, during November, 1715 now carries a "National Transport Fest" attendance plaque on the dashboard.

1122, 1776/7 have all had their engines removed as spares;

Our supposition last month was wrong; other YVR's have had their rear indicators removed and plain panels inserted i.e. 3932/51/2/63. A survey of the current position is:-

Painted red all over - 3927/30/1/3/43/53/4/64

Glass only painted red - 3928/56

Glass only painted black - 3929/42/50/7

Blinds set to black blank - 3934/67/8

White plate inserted behind glass - 3955

Removed and plain panel fitted - 3932/51/2/8/9/60/1/2/3

3961 has a plain engine cover which has no vents. Because of a serious shortage of blinds at Leeds, at least 2569/76/86 (all Leeds/Wetherby) have Harrogate blinds of the latest (1979) variety fitted.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS

The side advert at York for Wrights Pork Sausages has ceased, as has that for York Theatre. Royal Panto "Dick Whittington".

A new Littlewoods side advert features two of their "1/2 Millionaires".

3957 has received a "Come Home to a Real Fire" side advert.

The inside advert for "Dalesrider" tickets has ceased.

A new inside advert refers to the recent "fares increase".

1285, which took over from 1214 as the "Allens of Harrogate" bus, with all external advertising positions used for this firm, has now had them painted out and ordinary adverts for other advertisers substituted.

3. SERVICE CHANGES

The following applications have been made:-

Stage Carriage

S.886 BW 25/253 57/8 Harrogate-Aldbrough

Mon-Fri (School Terms): To revise the route of the 0752 Roecliffe to St. Aidans in Knaresborough

S.887 BW 25/751 776/7 Harrogate-Ilkley

Mon-Fri (School Terms): To revise the route of the 0840 New Inn to Pannal Station to operate via Church Lane.

S.888 BW 25/655 779 Otley (Bus Stn) - Weston Estate

Mon-Fri: To introduce an addl journey at 1835 Otley - Weston - Otley and retime the 1850 Otley - Weston - Otley to 1905.

S889 BW 25/656 775 Otley (Bus Stn) - Newall Estate

Mon-Fri: To retime the 0827 Otley - Newall - Otley to 0815

S.890 BW 25/152 80 York-Thirsk

Mon-Fri (School Terms Only):- To introduce an additional journey at 0835 Skelton (Grange Park Estate) to St. Wilfreds Primary School on which only pupils will be carried.

The following routes are to be revised in Bradford:-
667: 653/4; 659: 649: 647: 690/1: 655/755: 660: 661: 665.

EXCURSIONS AND TOURS

T 114 BW 25/459 From Skipton (Bus Stn) (joint with Pennine),

To introduce the following excursions:

- 144 Funningley (Air Display)
- 145 Beamish Museum
- 146 Biggleswade
- 147 Barlaston (Wedgewood Potteries)
- 148 Castle Donington (Car Collection)

4. OPERATING NOTES

Leeds Car 59 works the entire Leeds-Airport (X30) service all day and then does 2245 Vicar Lane - Aberford (743) and 2320 return (743), before running off to the Depot at 0005.

The Wetherby car which works on 36/78 during the day (M-F) has been noted working the 1715 Harrogate-Bishop Thornton (24A).

An interesting Saturday duty at York is Car 86 which is a SD(OMO) rota. However the first three journeys are operated with a Conductor 0735 York-Tockwith (79A); 0801 Tockwith - York (79); 0900 York-Foston (82); 0945 Foston-York (82); 1145 York- Nun Monkton (85); 1225 Nun Monkton-York (85); 1318 York-Malton (83); 1640 Malton-York (83); 1740 York-Tockwith (79); 1810 Tockwith-York (79A).

The new Malton Leopards are, as can be expected, regularly working Malton Cars, 1, 2 and 3 (i.e. Leeds-Scarborough) along with 2546/7.

5. UNUSUAL WORKINGS

December 31st - 1363 (B) on Bradford-Scarborough (43)

January 2nd 1296 on route 7

3rd - 1397 on route 19

4th - 1314 on routes 7/8

5th - 1371 on route 11, 1012 on routes 7/8, 1358 (B) on Bradford-Scarborough (43), 2509 (CRW loan B) on route 670, 1715 (L) on 1710 Leeds-Scholes (747).

7th 3172 on route 19A, 1296 on route 10

8th - 1296 on route 19A

10th - 1267 on route 19A

11th - 2569 on route 3B, 3172 on route 9, 3431 on route 80

14th - 3457 on route 43 to Scarborough

16th - 1267 on route 7

17th - 1177 (L) on 1010 Leeds-York (43A)

19th - 1372 worked the journeys on routes 14/80 in place of the usual VR

21st - 3461 on route 10, 2557 on 0755 York-Wetherby (double deck working)

23rd - 3171 on route 11, 2311 (B) on Bradford-Scarborough (43)

24th - 3330 on route 7, 1267 on route 8, 3172 on route 11

25th - 1003 on route 19, 3171 on route 10

29th - 1268 on route 19

30th - 1003 on routes 7/8.

6. SOLD STOCK NEWS

NWU 540K (Ford Escort car, sold Mr. R. Kirk, WY Staff 5/1/78)

This has been bought, in January 1980, by Mr. David Gill of Harrogate and is used by his family as a second car.

831 BWY (Ex 1131, MW6G, sold Sykes, Barnsley 8/75)

To Orpington and District Omnibuses by 2/76, withdrawn 12/78.
Reported in the February issue of Buses as being "returned to a dealer" - i.e. Sykes?

7. OTHER INFORMATION

OTHER BRISTOLS We are grateful to the member who has informed us that Bristol MW CHY416C belongs to Royds School, Pennington Lane, Oulton, Rothwell.

Seen leaving Leeds towards Oulton on 24th January was another MW6G with DP43F body, 268 HNU, now with Dowsett (Contractor). New to Midland General as no 270, this passed to Mansfield District (also 270) in 1968 and in 1973 went to Western National as no. 3003. It was withdrawn by them in 1978.

DEPOT ALLOCATIONS The following amendments need to be made to the allocation list published last month:-

1. ONLY 1303/7-12 are at Harrogate; 1313 is correctly shown under York
2. 1366-9 are at Leeds, not Harrogate.
3. 2317 is at York not Harrogate
4. 1374 is at Leeds not Keighley

In addition, 4065 was shown in issue 336 as being allocated to Keighley. In fact, as a learner bus it is attached to the Training School at Moss Grange, Harrogate. The Keighley Instructor uses 4065 and it normally garages at Keighley but it should be regarded as being based at Harrogate.

PUBLICITY 1371 was featured in the YTV new programme "Calender" on 14th January.

YORK WEST YORKSHIRE: A recent report to York Policy and Resources Committee by the Joint Committee says that the cost of improving York depot may be as much as £600,000, with a further £100,000 to rebuild premises in Rougier Street. In addition there was a net loss of £9,928 on services from October 7th to December 1st 1979 compared with a £14,500 surplus for the same period in 1978. Passengers carried were 2,429,107 compared with 2,613,446 in 1978.

Discussions on the Barbican Road depot improvements looked at the following:- Partners to inject new capital equally; One partner to provide capital and receive interest; The sale and "leasing back" of the Barbican Road or Fulford Road depots; Mortgaging one or both depots; Borrowing on the open market;

Disposal of the Fulford Road depot and leasing vehicles to release the renewals fund balance.

"The bus company was already taking steps towards leasing new vehicles".

There are also to be urgent joint talks with Yorkshire General Assurance, British Rail, YWY and the City Planning Officer over land in Rougier Street.

Several interesting points come out of this report, not least the fact that Fulford Road depot (ex York Corporation) is evidently still owned by the City Council or Joint Committee.