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### "SG 7" TOUR - Sunday, 31st August 1958 :

Vehicle: SG 7, Bristol L5G single-decker, first licensed 1/7/38.

Route, Visits, Timings &c: Depart BRADFORD (Chester Street Bus Stn) at 2.30 p.m. for "Mystery Tour", which may include a depot visit. The Tour will last about 5 hours, and will cover a number of routes.

Bookings: These should be sent to [REDACTED], using the Booking Form enclosed with this issue. Members are respectfully reminded that any persons booking, and allowing their booking to stand, but not attending the Tour, will be liable, on request, for payment of the full fare.

General: The relicensing, on 1st July 1958, of 10 pre-war SG's has prompted us to arrange this Tour. This may well be the last opportunity we shall have of riding on a vehicle of this type, indeed it is possible that the date we have chosen for our Tour - 31st August - may prove to be their last day in service. SG 7 has been selected because it is the oldest SG in service, having just celebrated its 20th birthday.

### Mr. A. TERRY :

We should like to offer our sincere congratulations to [REDACTED] on his appointment as Traffic Superintendent at Bradford in succession to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was previously Assistant Superintendent at Leeds.

### Mr. J. BROOKFIELD :

Congratulations are also extended to [REDACTED], who takes [REDACTED] place at Leeds. [REDACTED] was previously at Bradford.

### THE OMNIBUS SOCIETY, NORTH WESTERN & YORKSHIRE BRANCH :

Sunday, 17th August - Joint visit with the Midland Branch to Potteries Area Independents.

### THE OMNIBUS SOCIETY, NORTHERN BRANCH :

Sunday, 24th August - Visit to Northern General Transport Company Limited. Meet at Chester-le-Street Depot at 2.15 p.m.

### TRAM ENTHUSIASTS: PLEASE NOTE :

Saturday, 26th July - The Bradford "Museum" Tram, 104, will be available for enthusiasts to inspect at Thornbury Works. The event marks the Diamond Jubilee of Bradford City Transport, and the car is available from 11.0 a.m. to the afternoon.

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PRESS DAY FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE - TUESDAY, 12th AUGUST  
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### 1. STOCK CHANGES.

#### New Vehicles

CUG 21	VWU 232	Bristol MW6G	135145	E.C.W.	10665	C 39	F	7-0-0
CUG 22	VWU 233	Bristol MW6G	135146	E.C.W.	10666	C 39	F	7-0-0
CUG 23	VWU 234	Bristol MW6G	139008	E.C.W.	10667	C 39	F	7-0-0

(CUG 21-23 were delivered during June and stored at Grove Park)

#### Delicensed

SEW 29	-	30/6/58
EUG 18	-	30/6/58
YDG 88	-	30/6/58
LB 6/19/22/50/52	-	30/6/58
KDB 14	-	30/6/58
DX 31	-	30/6/58

1. STOCK CHANGES (Contd)

Relicensed

SG 7/31/37/40/67/70/81/82/88/94	-	1/7/58
SG 102	-	1/7/58
YSG 121	-	1/7/58
EUG 13/20/23/27-29/31/43-45/53/61-63/65/66	-	1/7/58
DG 1/9/36/37	-	1/7/58
KDB 56	-	1/7/58
YDB 68	-	1/7/58
DBW 3/5	-	1/7/58

Fleet Total - 1/7/58

The licensed fleet total for 1st July is 504, comprising 98 coaches, 144 single-deckers and 262 double-deckers.  
(The licensed fleet total for July 1957 was 504)

2. REBUILDING.

SUG 10 & EUG 23 have been adapted for one-man operation, and fitted with reversing light and internal mirror.

DG 12 has had its side indicator box removed; this may have been done on its last overhaul (3/58).

DB 5 has been fitted with a new chassis side (6/58).

3. DEPOT CHANGES.

Allocations & Transfers

SBW 29	from LEEDS	(delicensed)	30/6/58
EUG 18	" YORK	(delicensed)	30/6/58
YDG 88	" YORK	(delicensed)	30/6/58
DB 6	" BRADFORD	(delicensed)	30/6/58
KDB 14	" KEIGHLEY	(delicensed)	30/6/58
DB 19/50/52	" LEEDS	(delicensed)	30/6/58
DB 22	" YORK	(delicensed)	30/6/58
DX 31	" BRADFORD	(delicensed)	30/6/58
SG 7/37	(delicensed)	to BRADFORD	1/7/58
SG 31/40/67/70/81/82/88	(delicensed)	" HARROGATE	1/7/58
SG 94	(delicensed)	" YORK	1/7/58
SG 102	(delicensed)	" LEEDS	1/7/58
YSG 121	(delicensed)	" YORK	1/7/58
EUG 13/20/31/43-45/65/66	(delicensed)	" BRADFORD	1/7/58
EUG 23	(delicensed)	" YORK	1/7/58
EUG 27-29/61-63	(delicensed)	" LEEDS	1/7/58
EUG 53	(delicensed)	" HARROGATE	1/7/58
DG 1	(delicensed)	" YORK	1/7/58
DG 9/36/37	(delicensed)	" LEEDS	1/7/58
KDB 56	(delicensed)	" KEIGHLEY	1/7/58
YDB 68	(delicensed)	" YORK	1/7/58
DBW 3/5	(delicensed)	" BRADFORD	1/7/58
CUG 21-23	(new)	" HARROGATE	1/7/58
CB 3	from HARROGATE	" LEEDS	1/7/58
EG 3/5	" YORK	" BRADFORD	1/7/58
SGL 12	" SKIPTON	" HARROGATE	1/7/58
SBW 15-17	" BRADFORD	" YORK	1/7/58
SUG 10	" HARROGATE	" SKIPTON	1/7/58

Notes:-

- (i) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except SG 40/81/88 (ex-York), SG 102 (ex-Harrogate), EUG 65/66 (ex-Harrogate), DG 9 (ex-Harrogate), DG 37 (ex-Bradford) & DBW 3 (ex-Harrogate).
- (ii) SG 62 is the only pre-war SG not to be reinstated.
- (iii) The Fleet Disposition Card for July shows SG 69 in the list of SG's at HARROGATE; this should read SG 67. The single-decker total, shown on the Card as 194, should read 144.
- (iv) There are no Bedford OB's on loan this year.

DEPOT CHANGES (Contd)Temporary Loans

SUG 9	from	HARROGATE	to	LEEDS	22/6/58	to	30/6/58
DX 56	from	HARROGATE	to	ILKLEY	15/6/58	to	28/6/58
DX 57	"	HARROGATE	"	ILKLEY	15/6/58	"	28/6/58
DX 58	"	YORK	"	ILKLEY	15/6/58	"	28/6/58
DX 59	"	HARROGATE	"	BRADFORD	15/6/58	"	(date)

DX 4 & DX 30 were on loan from ILKLEY to HARROGATE in exchange for DX 56/57.  
 DBW 23 is on loan from HARROGATE to YORK in lieu of DX 58.

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During June, the following "Tilling Group" vehicles were noted operating for West Yorkshire:-

Wilts & Dorset	530	Bristol LS5C	E.C.W.	S41F	LEEDS	15/6/58
Wilts & Dorset	544	Bristol IS6G	E.C.W.	S41F	LEEDS	21/6/58
Eastern Counties	LS 708	Bristol LWL63	E.C.W.	G35F	LEEDS	21/6/58

Movements of Delicensed Vehicles

DG 15 is being used as a mobile office at Saville Street, Leeds, on Saturdays.

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4. VEHICLE NOTES.Overhauls

June 1958 : DG 9, DB 53, YDB 68, DBW 3, DX 32.  
 July 1958 : SEW 29, DB 6, DB 22, KDB 14, DX 31.

Repaints

May 1958 : YDG 83.  
 June 1958 : SG 147, DB 7, DB 38, DX 51.  
 July 1958 : SG 111, SGL 14.

A complete list is now available of the vehicles fitted externally with fleet number plates. They are:-

YSG 123, SG 131, SGL 1/2, KSG 19, SEW 27, SUG 8/10/11, CRW 5/10,  
 CUG 5/10/13/15/16, EB 3, EUG 16/26/28/29/30/44/61, KDG 26, DG 35,  
 YDG 61/87, DB 25/39/40/41/47/49, KDB 26, YDB 78/79/80/81,  
 DBW 18/25, DX 15/17/18/21/22/35/49/61/62/63, KDX 40. Total: 52.

Of these, CUG 15 has since reverted to transfers (on overhaul); EUG 44 reverted to transfers on a T.U.V. and never actually ran with plates; and DB 40 had its rear plate removed as a result of accidental damage.

CB 3 has been fitted with special side boards and a head board which display "B.K.S. COACH". "OSTEND, DUSSELDORF, BELFAST, JERSEY" is painted on the louvres of the off side and near side windows, and the overall effect is rather imposing.

There is a growing tendency for "SERVICE" or "WEST YORKSHIRE" to be displayed on blinds, irrespective of whether or not the vehicle has the correct intermediate. On Saturday, 5th July, between 3.15 p.m. & 4.30 p.m. in Harrogate, no less than eight vehicles were seen with one or other of these captions, and in nearly every case the correct exposure could have been displayed.

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5. OPERATING DETAILS.

Bradford : Like its counterpart DX 67, DX 68 (B) has also been noted on the Bradford-Scarborough (43) service; it was seen on the afternoon journey on Sunday, 22nd June, and on the morning journey on Sunday, 29th June. SG 114 (B) was on the morning trip on 21st June.

The relicensed pre-war SG's are being used on Service 58 (Canal Road-Shipley) and on 66A (Saltaire-West Royd Crescent). Newly-painted bible indicators are in use. DG 11 (L) was observed on the Bradford-Denholme (56) service on 7th July!

Harrogate : SUG 8 (H) was working Service 17 (The Avenue) on 5th July, and SUG 9 (H) was seen on Service 16A (Woodlands Circular) on Sunday, 6th July. The new CUG's are being used on Excursions from Low Harrogate.

5. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd)

Harrogate : Interesting observations on Whit Sunday included SG 103 (H) on Harlow Hill (4/5) and DG 35 (L) on Leeds-Harrogate (36), the latter observation brings back memories of a few years ago when DG 35 (then 392) was a "regular" on this route.

On Saturday, 5th July, the pre-war SG's were accounted for as follows:-

SG 31/70	-	Services 4/5 (Harlow Hill)
SG 40	-	Service 18 (Forest Lane)
SG 67/81	-	In Grove Park Depot.
SG 82	-	Service 18A (Woodlands Circular)
SG 88	-	Service 17A (Woodlands Circular)

All five SG's in service carried newly-painted bible indicators.

Ilkley : DX 19 (K) was at ILKLEY for almost a month during May-June in place of DX 3 (I) which was away at HARROGATE for repair.  
During their recent stay DX 56-58 were used on Service 63 (Bradford-Ilkley-Ben Rhydding), with DX 59 running from BRADFORD.

On 16th June, the 5.30 p.m. Skipton-Harrogate-Tadcaster (76) journey - an ILKLEY duty - was worked by DB 25 (H).

Keighley : EUG 59 (K) was seen in Doncaster on the 8.0 a.m. Keighley-Skegness express service on 26th June, and again the following Saturday.

Leeds : United EG 480 worked the 9.5 a.m. Leeds-Whitby (91) on 11th June, presumably due to the failure of the West Yorkshire vehicle on the previous day.

SUG 8 & SUG 9 left Leeds for Harrogate on Saturday, 14th June, by working duplicates to the 8.35 a.m. Leeds-Middlesbrough & 9.35 a.m. Leeds-Newcastle, respectively. SUG 9 was soon to return to Leeds, however, and was used on the 8.5 a.m. Leeds-Scarborough from 23rd-27th June (inclusive).

The fine, sunny weather on Sunday, 15th June, produced many duplicates on Leeds-Harrogate, among them DE 44/60 (L) - not normally used on this route.

EG 5 (YK), EG 6 (L) & EB 10 (L) were all noted on the Leeds-Hull (46) service on Sunday, 29th June. Again, this type of vehicle is not normally used on this route.

On Sunday, 30th June, EUG 30 (L) was noted at Vicar Lane Bus Station, Leeds, with an "On Hire to Heaps Motor Tours Ltd" label stuck on the front window.

Skipton : On 14th June, SUG 5 (SK) was on the 8.30 p.m. Skipton-Harrogate (76) - a HARROGATE Depot working.

KSGL 19 (SK) & EUG 59 (K) worked a Private Hire trip to Arncliffe on Monday, 30th June.

Yeadon : For this year's Annual Outing of Old Folks, the Yeadon Charities Association chose Southport, and 14 coaches (2 less than last year) were made available on Saturday, 14th June. The coaches concerned were: CEW 4/5/6, CUG 2/3/4/5/9/11/12/15/16/18/20. They were numbered 1-12/14/15, so as to avoid the use of a number "13". 1018, the mobile information bureau, was in attendance.

York : Double-deckers are now being used to Sheriff Hutton (82) on Sundays, and on the 6.10 p.m. Monday to Friday journey.

EUG 39/40/41 (B) & CUG 11 (B) were loan to YORK from 9th-12th June.

During the period 8th-14th June, DX 56/57/59 were used on the YORK Depot turns on Service 74 (Harrogate-York-Scarborough), after having previously been used on the HARROGATE Depot duties.

On 13th June, CP 1 (YK) was on the 4.20 p.m. York-Rufforth (96-Dup) and CBW 2 (YK) was on a Rawcliffe workmen's duty. On the same day, EUG 34 (L) failed on Hull-Leeds (46) and was replaced by SEW 25 (YK). EUG 34 later duplicated to Rillington (43) at 4.17 p.m. and the following day was noted duplicating the 10.15 a.m. Scarborough-Liverpool (X192).

DBW 23 (H) has been on Harrogate (74), Leeds (43), Scarborough (43) and Wetherby (96/97) since it arrived at York.

Limited Stop Service : United BBT 4 (Bristol L6B - Harrington) was noted on Middlesbrough-Leeds on 25th June. This batch, when new, were used on the Tynes-Tees-Thames Service, but were 'demoted' a year or two ago.

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7. SOLD STOCK.

YG 4711 (ex-WY 835, Dennis Lancet I, Sold North's then Trimdon Motor Services as their no.6). This is now in use as a Caravan at Crimdon Dene, Co. Durham. Noted 6/58.

CWT 867 (ex-WY SG 17, Bristol L5G, Sold Groves 3/58). This is now a Showmans vehicle, and was seen at Epsom on 4th June 1958 (Derby Day).

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