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FORTHCOMING EVENTS :

OMNIBUS SOCIETY

- Sunday, 6th October 1957 - Northern Branch visit to Dee Line Roadways (Tees Side) Ltd. Meet at Depot, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, at 2.0 pm.
Sunday, 20th October 1957 - North Western & Yorkshire Branch visit to Hebble Motor Services. Meet at Walnut Street, Halifax, at 2.15 pm.
Saturday, 9th November 1957 - Annual General Meeting of the North Western & Yorkshire Branch, to be held at the Y.M.C.A., Peter Street, Manchester, commencing 4.0 pm.

TROLLEY BUS SOCIETY

- Sunday, 6th October 1957 - Tour on an ex-Darlington Corporation single-decker. Meet at Thornbury Depot, Bradford, at 2.30 pm. W.Y.I.S. members interested should contact [REDACTED], [REDACTED], without delay.

P.S.V. CIRCLE

- Saturday, 2nd November 1957 - A meeting has been arranged for this date - time and place will be notified next month. It is hoped to have as Spenker [REDACTED], Managing Director, Wallace Arnold Tours.

LEEDS & DISTRICT TRANSPORT NEWS

- Sunday afternoon in late October or early November 1957 - Tour of existing and scrapped bus and tramway routes in Leeds. Vehicle will be an ex-Leeds Corporation single-decker bus (probably GNW 704 or GNW 706). The tour will depart from Leeds Parish Church at 1.15 pm and last for about 4 hours. Cost should not exceed 4/-. W.Y.I.S. members interested should contact [REDACTED], without delay.

PRESS DAY FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE - SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER

1. STOCK CHANGES

(c) Delicensed

SG 23,55,64,72,74,76,85,93 - 31/8/57

FLEET TOTAL - 1/9/57

The licensed Fleet Total for 1st September is 506, comprising 91 coaches, 147 single-deckers and 268 double-deckers.

3. DEPOT CHANGES

(a) Allocations and Transfers

SG 23,55,64,74	from	HARROGATE	(delicensed)	31/8/57
SG 72,85,93	"	YORK	(delicensed)	31/8/57
SG 76	"	BRADFORD	(delicensed)	31/8/57
SG 62	"	BRADFORD	to HARROGATE	1/9/57
SG 70,82	"	KEIGHLEY	" HARROGATE	1/9/57
SG 81,88	"	LEEDS	" YORK	1/9/57

Once again KEIGHLEY & LEEDS lose their 32-seaters !

(b) Temporary Loans

Tilling	-	LYM 730	AEC Regal IV	ECW	C39F	LEEDS	10/8/57
Tilling	-	PYO 758	Bristol LS6B	ECW	C39F	LEEDS	17/8/57
Wilts & Dorset	275	EMW 184	Bristol L6B	Bendle	C32R	LEEDS	18/8/57
Tilling	-	OJJ 751	Bristol LS6B	ECW	C39F	LEEDS	24/8/57
Eastern Counties LS	755	CAH 755	Bristol LS5G	ECW	C39F	LEEDS	31/8/57
Tilling	-	OLJ 753	Bristol LS6B	ECW	C39F	LEEDS	31/8/57
Tilling	-	LYM 728	AEC Regal IV	ECW	C39F	LEEDS	7/9/57
Wilts & Dorset	526	JAM 305	Bristol LS6G	ECW	S41F	LEEDS	7/9/57

4. VEHICLE NOTES.

(b) Repaints

August 1957 : EB 4, EB 7.
1020 (green)

CUG 10 & EUG 34 now carry fleet numbers on the front.

Vehicle fleet number plates are now being fitted to all vehicles on overhaul. CUG 15 - the first coach to be so fitted - has a maroon background; the other vehicles so far observed have a red background. These plates are only readable at very short range and it is difficult to see how they can possibly fulfil the purpose of fleet numbers, which are presumably intended to enable the Company's staff to identify the vehicles easily, quickly, and with certainty.

5. OPERATING DETAILS.

Bradford : For the past two or three months Lodekkas have appeared regularly on the afternoon journey to Scarborough (43). The morning trip continues to be worked by an EUG.

The DG which formerly operated the 5.20 pm Bradford-Leeds (30) on Monday to Friday (see Issue 68) has now given way to a DBW, whilst the 7.49 am Leeds-Yeadon-Bradford (55) journey on Saturdays, last reported to be a Lodekka working (see Issue 59), is now being worked by a Roe-bodied DG.

Once again Lincolnshire provided the vehicle for the 2.30 pm Bradford-Skegness service. On Saturday, 10th August, Lincolnshire 2601 appeared. This is a Bristol SC41K coach with the 1957 frontal style.

Leeds : During their month's stay at Leeds, SG 81/88 were used mainly on the Farsley (29) and Coal Road services. SG 31 (E) worked from LEEDS during the last week in August.

EUG's have again worked the through service to Scotland, although the odd EB was used early in the season. The 9.55 pm departure on Friday nights has consisted of one EUG to Kendal and one EUG to Glasgow, with the exception of 16th August when the EUG to Kendal was accompanied by a Ribble Royal Tiger (859). The 8.15 am departure on Saturdays has produced:-

	<u>Glasgow</u>	<u>Edinburgh</u>	<u>Keswick</u>
Aug. 10th	EUG 32	EUG 33	EUG 10, 26
Aug. 17th	EUG 34	EUG 32	EUG 27
Aug. 24th	EUG 34	EUG 46	EUG 27
Aug. 31st	EUG 33	EUG 34	EUG 26, 27

EUG 32/33 (L), seen returning from Glasgow on Saturday, 3rd August, were displaying "X30" on their blinds.

The "regular" vehicles for the Leeds-Pudsey-Blackpool and Leeds-Bramley-Blackpool services have been EG 1 & EG 2 (both L).

Vehicles noted on the 3.25 pm Leeds-Llandudno service on Saturday, 10th August, were Crosville UG 298, UG 308, KW 250 & KW 256.

An ex-Lincolnshire Bedford OB was again on hire to West Yorkshire during August. This was GFU 856 (ex-Lincolnshire 1175) now owned by Waddington, Leeds 9. There were many other interesting hirings during this month: On Saturday, 10th August, a most unusual vehicle was on hire from J.H. Thorne, Bubwith, Nr. Selby. This was SN 6309, a Bristol JO5G of 1955, with chassis number JO5G.2, and is thus slightly older than K901 (JO5G.16). On Saturday, 17th August, TKT 226, a Bedford SB - Duple "Vega" coach of A.F. Braybrooke & Son, Swaffham, Norfolk, was used on the 10.0 am Scarborough express service. This vehicle had previously arrived in Leeds on Friday night, having brought H.M.F. personnel on weekend leave.

On Saturday, 31st August, four vehicles of J.B. Midgley & Sons Ltd., Leeds, were used on Leeds-Scarborough. The vehicles were: WUM 447, WUM 448 & YUB 555 (all Bedford SEB - Plaxton) and MUB 777 (Albion Valkyrie - Windover). Kildare Coaches, Knottingley, turned up in force on the last two Saturdays in August - NWW 271 (Bedford SB - Duple) and KYG 379 (AEC Regal IV - Burlingham) were among vehicles seen. Most have had repaints since last hired to West Yorkshire.

The new Beadle "Canterbury" coach of Shepherd's (Bluebird Coaches), Scholes, (see Issue 78), is KKT 792, and is a demonstrator. It was new in 1956, and Shepherd is the first known operator to put it into operational use.

Scarborough : The X192 Liverpool-Scarborough service (joint West Yorkshire - Ribble) is again being worked by a Scarborough Depot EUG and a Ribble Royal Tiger. Duplication on Saturdays has followed the pattern of previous years.

OPERATING DETAILS (Contd)

York : During their stay at York, the three 39-seaters loaned from KEIGHLEY for Bank Holiday week, appeared frequently on the coastal services, these being the most suitable routes from the point of view of indicator blinds.
The York-Blackpool service (43/J9) was seen twice during August. On Saturday, 17th August, it consisted of EUG 18,23,25 (YK), and on Saturday, 24th August, EUG 16,24 & CBW 2 (YK). DG 1 (YK) was noted twice on Leeds-York (43) during August.

Fawdon Service : During the peak summer months West Yorkshire vehicles have appeared regularly on both the day service and the night service. Twice during August four EUG's were used in one day, the latter occasion being Saturday, 17th August, when EUG 26,57 (L) duplicated the 12.43 pm Leeds-Birmingham, and EUG 15,21 (L) the 9.15 am departure from Birmingham. EUG 26,57 had previously worked to Scarborough on the early morning express service.

The north and southbound services both have a break for refreshments at Barnsley at the same time. On Friday, 9th August, the following were noted:-

Southbound:-
Coventry: YWD 687, YTC 972.
Birmingham: EUG 15 (L), YWD 685, YTC 873, NGT 1492.
Northbound:-
Newcastle: EUG 21 (L), YWD 683, YWD 745.
Leeds: YWD 744, YTC 973, NGT 1490.

Yorkshire Services : This year the service car on the London night service has been provided by West Yorkshire (YWD last year), with the other "Pool Companies" duplicating. The night service to Brighton has again been worked by a YTC Leyland Tiger Cub.

Tilling vehicles have again been used on the Friday night service from London to Leeds and then on the 10.0 am express service to Scarborough on Saturdays. Needless to say, there have been exceptions e.g. on August Bank Holiday Saturday, the Harrogate-Worthing coach failed between Harrogate and Leeds, and Tilling LYM 731 was switched to take its place.

Through services from Harrogate, Bradford & Leeds, to Worthing, Eastbourne & Hastings, were again operated this season, the operators involved (West Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, Southdown and Maidstone & District) using the same type of vehicle as last year.

From the table published below, one can get some idea of the pattern of workings on this complex group of services.

	9th Aug.	16th Aug.	23rd Aug.	30th Aug.
10.30 pm ex-Leeds				
Brighton:-	YTC 1032	YTC 1033	YTC 1034	YTC 1033
London :-	CUG 7, CUG 11 YWD 682, YTC 900	CUG 12 CBW 11, CBW 12	CUG 12, CBW 12 YWD 697, EY 620	CUG 10, CUG 11 YWD 687
7.55 am ex-Leeds	10th Aug.	17th Aug.	24th Aug.	31st Aug.
Birmingham:-	EY 520,624,627	EY 520,616	EY 616,627	EY 626,629
London :-	YTC 1034	CBW 10, YTC 1030	YTC 1031	YWD 740
Hastings :-	M&D CO.327	M&D CO.345	M&D CO.327	M&D CO.327
10.15 am ex-Leeds	3rd Aug.	17th Aug.	31st Aug.	
Worthing :-	Tilling LYM 731	CUG 10	CUG 15	
Birmingham:-	YTC 1026	YTC 1028, EUG 55	YTC ENR 922	
London :-	CBW 4, CUG 8 YWD 686	CBW 4, CUG 7 YTC 1027	CBW 4/6, CUG 14 YWD 685	

On Saturday, 13th July, the 9.15 am Keighley-London service was worked by YTC 1033, with Wilts & Dorset (on hire to WY) 536 to Doncaster; CBW 3 (K) left Keighley for Birmingham.

Middlesbrough - Blackpool Service :

Vehicles noted on this service on Saturday, 24th August, were:- United BU 133, BU 174, BU 196, BU 198, BU 253, BU 254, with Eastern Counties LE 701 on hire.

Blackpool - Scarborough (X15) Service :
(Joint Ribble - West Yorkshire)

On Saturday, 6th July, when seen on arrival in Scarborough, this service was operated by four Ribble Royal Tigers.

5. OPERATING DETAILS (Contd)

Newcastle - Lowestoft Service :
(Joint United - Eastern Counties)

The service cars on the day service have been LS 760 (Bristol LS5G - ECW) of Eastern Counties and an LUT (Leyland Royal Tiger - ECW) of United, working alternate days. The night service produced United BUT 6 (Bristol LS6B - ECW) with a varying number of West Yorkshire vehicles. In past years most of these have been supplied by Leeds Depot, but this season the responsibility passed to Harrogate Depot who provided the following:-

August 2nd: EUG 50,51,52,53 August 16th: EUG 53
August 9th: EUG 52,53 August 23rd: CB 3

6. SERVICE CHANGES.

The following variations have been applied for:-

YEADON AIRPORT SERVICE:

The route schedule to be amended to include a picking up and setting down point at the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE - BLACKPOOL SERVICE:

If aircraft from the Isle of Man are late, additional journeys to be operated to Leeds, as required.

LEEDS - KESWICK (J67) SERVICE:

Fully loaded vehicles to proceed direct from Wellington Street Bus Station, Leeds, to Sipton via Otley and Ilkley.

7. SOLD STOCK.

- EMT 800 (ex-WY 106, Bristol J05G, sold North's 10/55). Both these vehicles were at
- AWW 35 (ex-WY Y330, Bristol G05G, sold North's). Castleford Feast, 6/57.
- EMT 767 (ex-WY 972, Bristol J05G, sold Seely, Hayes). Showman's vehicle, Richmond, Surrey, 4/57.
- EMT 791 (ex-WY 996, Bristol J05G, sold North's 10/55). Showman's vehicle, Great Yarmouth, 4/57.
- CWT 856 (ex-WY SG 6, Bristol L5G, sold P.V.D., Marton, 12/55). Monk (Contractor), Northwich, -/57.
- CWT 863 (ex-WY SG 13) Bristol L5G, sold North's 10/55). To Kitson, Water Lane, Leeds, for scrap, 6/57.
- DWV 583 (ex-WY SG 69, Bristol L5G, sold P.V.D., Marton, 2/56). Monk (Contractor) -/57
- DWV 604 (ex-WY SG 90, Bristol L5G, sold P.V.D., Marton, 2/56). Showman's vehicle, Wanstead, 4/57.
- WV 7126 (ex-WY K259, T.S.M. B10A2, sold Boswell, Leeds). Showman's vehicle, Great Yarmouth, 4/57.
- WX 2106 (ex-WY 423, Leyland TDI, sold North's 1937). Showman's vehicle, Hamilton, Lanark, 4/57.
- EMT 770 (ex-WY 975, Bristol J05G, sold North's 10/55). All these vehicles were
- EMT 777 (ex-WY 982, Bristol J05G, sold North's 10/55). taken from North's, Leeds,
- EMT 783 (ex-WY 988, Bristol J05G, sold North's 10/55). to Blamires, Bradford, for
- EMT 802 (ex-WY 100, Bristol J05G, sold North's 10/55). scrap, in August/September 1957.

8. OTHER INFORMATION.

Fare Increase : Application has been made to the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners for fare increases affecting services operated by the West Yorkshire, York-West Yorkshire and Keighley-West Yorkshire Companies.