

1. STOCK CHANGES (Contd).

Fleet Total - 1/1/58

The licensed fleet total for 1st January is 420, comprising 33 coaches, 125 single-deckers and 262 double-deckers.

2. REBUILDING.

Further EUG's are being converted to buses. SUG 10 (formerly EUG 10) is the first to be done, and this has now re-entered traffic. The seating conversion is again being done by Eastern Coach Works at Lowestoft.

It will be remembered that several double-deckers were delivered new with side indicators; later, these were sheeted over, but the indicator box remained. A recent check has now revealed the fact that some of these vehicles have since had their indicator boxes removed completely - DG 44 & DB 1 are two such vehicles.

3. DEPOT CHANGES.

Allocations & Transfers

	from		to		
DB 36	BRADFORD		LEEDS		9/12/57
DB 63	LEEDS		BRADFORD		9/12/57
DB 9	YEADON		BRADFORD		16/12/57
DB 18	YEADON		BRADFORD		16/12/57
DB 61	BRADFORD		YEADON		16/12/57
DB 63	BRADFORD		YEADON		16/12/57
SG 133	ILKLEY		(delicensed)		31/12/57
EG 3	LEEDS		(delicensed)		31/12/57
EB 6/7	LEEDS		(delicensed)		31/12/57
DG 4/54	HARROGATE		(delicensed)		31/12/57
DG 13/33	BRADFORD		(delicensed)		31/12/57
DB 48	HARROGATE		(delicensed)		31/12/57
YDB 65	YORK		(delicensed)		31/12/57
KDX 42	KEIGHLEY		(delicensed)		31/12/57
SUG 8/10	(delicensed)		HARROGATE		1/1/58
YDG 61	(delicensed)		YORK		1/1/58
DB 43	(delicensed)		LEEDS		1/1/58
DX 2	(delicensed)		YORK		1/1/58
DX 17/18	(delicensed)		BRADFORD		1/1/58
KDX 43	(delicensed)		KEIGHLEY		1/1/58
DX 64	(new)		LEEDS		1/1/58
SG 135	HARROGATE		LEEDS		1/1/58
SG 143	YORK		ILKLEY		1/1/58
DG 9/10	LEEDS		HARROGATE		1/1/58
DX 11	LEEDS		BRADFORD		1/1/58

Notes:-

- (i) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except SUG 8 (ex-Pateley Bridge).
- (ii) DB 61/63 have been sent to Yeaton as their 24 volt batteries make them easier to start in cold weather (two of Yeaton's double-deckers have to stand out in the open overnight).

Temporary Loans

In exchange for DX 59, BRADFORD loaned HARROGATE DX 29, but this was later replaced by DX 10 which was still at HARROGATE up to 4th January.

Movements of Delicensed Vehicles

CP 1 had been moved from GROVE PARK, HARROGATE, to YORK by mid-December.
 DG 2/28 had been moved from GROVE PARK, HARROGATE, to ILKLEY by mid-December.
 KSG 56/58 had left GROVE PARK, HARROGATE, by 21st December.
 KSG 60 had left YEADON by 23rd December.
 DG 38/39/41 had left GROVE PARK, HARROGATE, by 23rd December.
 DG 40/42 had left GROVE PARK, HARROGATE, by 4th January.

VEHICLE NOTES.

Overhauls

December 1957 : YDG 55, YDG 61, KDX 43.
January 1958 : EG 5, CUG 15, KDX 42.

Repaints

December 1957 : YSG 130, SEW 33, CB 1, CB 2, CB 3,
CB 4, CEW 6, CEW 10, CUG 16.

In recent months there has been a tendency to delicense vehicles, double-deckers in particular, for overhaul. As will be seen from this month's transfers, this policy is continuing.

It is pleasing to see that the Company have had second thoughts on the fleet number plates, which are almost invisible even under the most favourable lighting conditions. Vehicles returning from overhaul now have transfers as formerly, but plates are being fitted in the cab, and on the side of the staircase i.e. above or below the body number plate.

Of the new Lodekkas only DX 61-63 have fleet number plates; CEW 6/10 & CUG 16 received theirs on repainting.

CB 4 now has a fleet number (in transfer form) on the front, but DX 2 has had its front fleet number transferred to the bonnet side! DX 26, on the other hand, carries a fleet number on the body side, similar to some of the later YDG's.

To cater for the through service between Skipton and Wetherby (20/76), suitable additions have been made to the blinds of certain Lodekkas at Harrogate, Ilkley and Skipton.

The SUG's are receiving advertisements, thus playing their full role as buses.

5. OPERATING DETAILS.

Bradford : November 1957 saw the return of an EUG to the afternoon journey on Bradford-Scarborough (43), but double-deckers continue to be used on occasions.
SEW 16 (B) worked the morning trip on Saturday, 7th December 1957.

On 22nd November 1957, DX 32 (B) failed at Harrogate after working the 3.40 p.m. journey from Bradford (51). The only available vehicle at Harrogate was EUG 70 (H) which worked the return trip.

DX 59 - on loan from Harrogate - is working on Service 67 (Bradford-Keighley-Skipton).

Harrogate : On its return from Keighley, DX 59 was put on to Harrogate local service 1 (Starbeck-Catlands).

SUG 10 (H) is being used on Service 8 (Harrogate-Scriven).

Ilkley : On 27th November 1957, KDX 39 (I) was observed on the Bradford-Ilkley (63) service. Normally, this vehicle is used on the K12 route.

Leeds : For the winter service on Leeds-Whitby (91), "West Yorkshire" are once again providing an SEW (EB's were used during the summer), but "United" are using their BU's (45-seater buses).

The two vehicles which run to Cawood Wharton's (see Issue 64) are now EB's. During November 1957, CB 1/2 (L) were often used.

Early on Saturday morning, 21st December 1957, "West Yorkshire" were called upon to help out British Railways who, because of a derailment between Cross Gates and Neville Hill on the York-Leeds railway line, were unable to run services in the York, Selby, Micklefield and Church Fenton areas. Six "West Yorkshire" vehicles were hired out (SG 150, DBW 28/29, DGW 4-6), and carried an "On Hire to British Transport Commission" label.

The six vehicles required to maintain the Leeds Depot schedules on Christmas Day were:- SEW 29, DX 51/52/60/61/62.

Pateley Bridge : Soon after SUG 8 was delicensed, EUG's began to appear regularly on the Harrogate-Pateley Bridge route.

York : Harrogate Depot now provide a double-decker for the 2.5 p.m. Harrogate-York (74) duplicate, consequently a York vehicle now works the 4.0 p.m. Nun Monkton (87) duty. The Harrogate car is used on football specials before returning as a duplicate to the 5.35 p.m. York-Harrogate (74).

A direct bus is again operated from Malton to the City Ground for York City's home matches. YDG 59 was noted on this duty on 23rd November, but YDB's or DEW's are regular vehicles.

OPERATING DETAILS (Contd).

York : The 12.5 p.m. Leeds-Hull (46) journey was worked by EYMS 556 (Leyland Olympic) from (Contd) Pocklington Depot, instead of the usual Hull double-decker coach, on 14th November, 1957.

The delicensing of YSG 121 has led to the appearance, for a time during December, of "West Yorkshire" vehicles on route Y14 (York-Stockton-on-the-Forest-Warhill).

SG 87 & SG 94 have been used when Y1005 was under repair.

DG 1 (YK) was used on Service 43 (Leeds-York) on Sunday, 1st December 1957, and again on Sunday, 15th December.

Fawdon Service : YWD 774-76 (CHD 359-61), 41-seater Beadle "Rochester" coaches, are licensed for use on the Fawdon Service - 1 northbound, 1 southbound, 1 spare.

They take the place of the 740-45 batch of Royal Tiger - Windover coaches, most of which have been delicensed.

Limited Stop Service : The Bristol MW (EUG 70) is being used on the Limited Stop Service, in conjunction with the other EUG's. SBW's continue to put in occasional appearances.

SERVICE CHANGES.

Stage Carriage Routes

BUS STATION - ST. GEORGE'S ROAD (See Issue 80)
(Harrogate Local Service)

The Licensing Authority have now granted a licence to operate this service.

SERVICE 56 BRADFORD - DENHOLME - HAWORTH
SERVICE 57 BRADFORD - DENHOLME - KEIGHLEY

With effect from Monday, 13th January 1958, all journeys from Bradford to Keighley and return were re-routed via Long Causeway, and all Bradford to Denholme and return journeys were re-routed via Brighouse Road and Denholme Road (See also Issue 80).

Certain journeys have been retimed, and the following withdrawn:-

Monday to Friday: 10.55 pm Denholme-Bradford (56).

Saturday: 10.30 pm Bradford-Denholme (56) & 10.55 pm Denholme-Bradford (56).

SERVICE 73A GREATWOOD AVENUE - BUS STATION - HORSE CLOSE ESTATE. (See Issue 80)
(Skipton Local Service)

A short term licence was granted to operate this service from 29th September to 23rd November 1957, i.e. to open the service before public hearing. The application has now been heard and a licence granted.

SERVICE K14 KEIGHLEY - MORTON

An application to introduce through fares between South View authorised on this service and all stages on the Morton-Bingley service (see Below), has recently been granted.

SERVICE K15 BINGLEY - MORTON

With effect from Sunday, 29th September 1957, all journeys except two were re-routed via Morton Lane. The amended route is via Park Road, Main Street, A650, Morton Lane and Carr Lane. The two journeys which continue to operate via Swine Lane are the 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. Morton-Bingley.

Since this application was granted, the Company has applied to re-route the 1.15 p.m. Bingley-Morton journey on Monday to Saturday via Swine Lane, and this has been granted.

Express Services

KEIGHLEY - SKIDNESS

The Company has made application to the Licensing Authority to amend the period of operation to all Saturdays in June, July and August, except the last Saturday in August.

Excursions & Tours

The Company has made application to the Licensing Authority to increase from 4 to 10 the number of vehicles authorized on Excursions and Tours from Town Hall, Skipton. (A similar application was recently made by "Ribble" and "Pennine", but affecting Excursions and Tours from Halifax).

DEPOT ALLOCATION - 1st January 1958

C. S. D.

BRADFORD :

B: 3 14 44

SG 112/14/20/34/44.
SGW 8/9.
SBW 15/16/17.
SUG 6.
EB 1/3/4.
EUG 13/31/35.
DG 12/14/30-32/34/36/37.
DB 2-6/9/16/18/38-41/49.
DEW 4/6/7/10/11/20-22.
DX 10/11/15/17-23/25/29/31/32/55.

Total: 61.

Service vehicles :- 1002/06.
Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 7/37/76, EUG 14/20/36-45, DG 5/13/33,
DEW 5, CB 5/6, CBW 4/5, CUG 1-6/11/12.

HARROGATE :

H: 6 28 29

SG 101/03-10/17-19/31.
SGL 13.
SBW 18-23/30-35.
SUG 8/10.
EUG 52/54/56/70.
CUG 9/13.
DG 3/6-10/29.
DB 25/37.
DEW 3/18/23/26/34.
DX 1/16/37/38/44-46/50/53/54/56-59/63.

Total: 63.

Service vehicles :- 1004/08/15/16/18/21/24.
Stored (unlicensed) :-
Grove Park :- SG 102/32, SM 1, SUG 11, CB 3/4, CBW 6-10,
CUG 15-20, EUG 51/53/55/62/65/66, 965,
DG 4/54, DB 48.
Myrtle Road :- EUG 12/64/68, DG 43, 1022.

ILKLEY :

I: 1 5 8

SG 138/39/41/43.
EB 2.
EUG 50.
DEW 24.
DX 3/4/6/7/33.
KDX 39/40.

Total: 14.

Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 17/32/35/86, SG 133, DG 2/28.

KEIGHLEY :

K: 3 13 48

SGL 7, KSGI 18/20-23.
SGW 11/12.
SBW 13/14.
SUG 3/4.
EB 5.
CUG 7/8/10.
DB 47.
DGW 1/2/7/8.
DX 24/26/27/30.
KDG 16/18-27/48-53.
KDB 10-15/26-35/54-57.
KDX 41/43.

Total: 64.

Service vehicle :- K1003.
Stored (unlicensed) :- CBW 3, CUG 14, EUG 22, DX 28, KDX 42.

C. S. D.

LEEDS :

(incl: Wetherby)

L: 13 18 54
W: - 6 -

SG 111/35-37/46-50.
SGL 2/3/15.
SGW 2/3.
SEW 27-29.
EB 8-10.
EG 1/2/4/6.
EUG 26/30/32-34/46/47/49/57/58/60.
CB 1/2.
DG 11/15/35/44-47.
DB 1/17/19-23/36/42-46/50-53/58-60/62.
DEW 12-17/19/28/29.
DCW 3-6/10.
DX 8/9/12/13/46/49/51/52/60-62/64.

Total: 91.

Service vehicles :- 100L/20.
Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 83, EG 3/5, EB 6/7, CBW 11/12, EUG 15/21/27-29/48.

PATLEY BRIDGE :

P.B: - 5 -

SGL 4-6.
SUG 1/7.

Total: 5.

Stored (unlicensed) :- EUG 61/63/67.

SKIPTON :

(incl: Grassington)

SK: - 4 3
G: - 4 -

SGL 8-12, KSGL 19.
SUG 2/5.
KDG 17.
DX 35/47.

Total: 11.

Stored (unlicensed) :- KSP 3, EUG 59.

YEADON :

YN: - 5 5

SG 113/15/16.
SGW 7/10.
DB 7/8/24/61/63.

Total: 10.

Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 23/31/55/62/64/66/67/70/74/82.

YORK :

(incl: Malton & Scarborough).

YK: 4 19 65
M: 1 4 4
SC: 2 - 2

SG 140/42/45.
YSG 122-30.
SGL 1/14/16/17.
SGW 1/4-6.
SEW 24-26.
EUG 16-19/25-25.
DG 1.
DEW 1/2/8/9/25/27/30-33.
DCW 9.
DX 2/5/14/34/36.
YDG 55-65/77-92.
YDB 64/66-91.

Total: 101.

Service vehicles :- Y1005/19, 1017.
989 (rest bus).
Stored (unlicensed) :- SG 40/72/81/35/87/88/93/94, YSG 121, CP 1, CBW 1/2, YLB 65.

AT EASTERN COACH WORKS, LOWESTOFT. :- SUG 9.

TOTAL OPERATING FLEET

	<u>1/1/57</u>	<u>1/1/58</u>
Coaches	33	33
Single-deckers	145	125
Double-deckers	262	262
	<u>440</u>	<u>420</u>