

WEST YORKSHIRE

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

AUTUMN TOUR - Sunday, 29th. September, 1974.

Plans are now well advanced for this Tour, which will be along the lines set out in the last Issue. A booking form is enclosed with this Issue, and should be returned to [REDACTED] as soon as possible. We hope to use 1203, one of the first batch of RELL's for West Yorkshire and now 10 years old, with 1919 for the middle part of the Tour. The fare should not exceed £1 with half-fare for children, dependent on the support received. Book NOW and help to make the Tour a success.

P.S.V.CIRCLE. The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday, the 5th. September, from 7-00 pm., in the Bradford City Transport Staff Canteen, Forster Square.

H.C.V.C., YORKSHIRE SECTION. The next Meeting will be on Wednesday, the 11th. September, at 7-30 p.m., At the meeting, a talk, illustrated by an epidiastope, will be given by [REDACTED], on the subject of his preservation projects.

TRANS-PENNINE RUN. I would like to thank all those W.Y.I.S. members who played a part in marshalling or programme selling at this event, and to the Company for kindly making the Information Bureau available as the Rally Control. (E.D.)

PRESS DAY for the September Issue will be on Wednesday, the 28th August. Please make a special note of this date, which is due to holidays. All items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED].

1. FLEET CHANGES.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

1204.	(Delicensed)	to GRASSINGTON	19.7.74.
1236/56.	"	" HARROGATE	"
1206.	from GRASSINGTON	" KEIGHLEY	"
1240.	" HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
1244.	" ILKLEY	(Delicensed)	31.7.74.
1245/7.	" LEEDS	"	"
1320.	" HARROGATE	"	"
1413.	" LEEDS	"	"
1417.	" BRADFORD	"	"
2429.	" KEIGHLEY	"	"
1700/79.	" LEEDS	"	"
1237.	(Delicensed)	to HARROGATE	1.8.74.
1248.	"	" OTLEY	"
1774.	"	" LEEDS	"
1137.	from LEEDS	" C.R.W.SPARE	"
1241/56.	" HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
1242.	" OTLEY	" ILKLEY	"
1257.	" UNITED COUNTIES	" BRADFORD	"
1258/69.	" UNITED COUNTIES	" HARROGATE	"
1262.	" UNITED COUNTIES	" OTLEY	"
1703.	" BRADFORD	" C.R.W.SPARE.	"
1813.	" OTLEY	" YORK	"
1936.	" HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"

- Notes :-
1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former Depots. Those vehicles returned from United Counties were all previously at Bradford.
 2. 1137 & 1703 introduce a new classification - "Central Repair Works Spare" - these vehicles will be used to cover shortages at various Depots.
 3. The delicensing of 1700 is due to Certificate of Fitness expiry on 12/8/74.

STORED VEHICLES.

YORK. In the field are 3684/5/90, 1701, S.L.1-4, 1061/3/72/84/96, & 1122/3/4/6/7/31/2, whilst in the Depot are 1064, 1163 & 3172/3/4.

1. FLEET CHANGES, (cont.)

	<u>FLEET TOTAL.</u>				
	<u>W. Y.</u>	<u>K.W.Y.</u>	<u>Y.W.Y.</u>	<u>1.8.74.</u>	<u>1.8.73.</u>
Licensed :-	390	51	80.	521	522.
Delicensed :-	14	1	3	18	11.
	<u>404</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>539</u> *	<u>533.</u>

* The Fleet Total includes 1257/8/62/69.

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

OVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS.

July, 1974 :- 1237/48/9, 1774 & 3746.
August, 1974 :- 1243.

REPAIRS & TUV'S.

July, 1974 :- 1308/9/47/74, 1276, 3934 & 1940.
August, 1974 :- 1168.

CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS.

1211 - 20/5/77; & 1706 - 7/4/76.

LIVERY CHANGES.

Poppy Red Livery :- 1168, 1237/48, 1308/9/47, 1243/76, 3934 & 1940.
Already in Poppy Red were 1374, 1249, 1774 & 3746.

In early August, the only Harrogate vehicles in Tilling Red were 1138/9, 1213/55, 1362 & 1702. Of these, 1213/55 have white waistbands and new fleetnames. 1166 (0) is the only main fleet LH still in original livery, with cream window surrounds, although 2159 is in a similar condition.

GENERAL NEWS.

1398-1400 are still without foglights, although 1401-3 have had these from new.

Several York VR's, including 3931/4/61 have had their rear fleet number raised to the top of the Year engine cover, between the grilles. This enables a larger rear advert. to be applied.

At the P.R.T.A. Conference at Scarborough recently, Mr. George MacKay, Director of Technical Services for the National Bus Company, said that in 1955 West Yorkshire had 205 breakdowns and 45 tyre failures involving passengers in a change of vehicle. Last year (1973), there were 198 breakdowns and 18 tyre failures.

1918 (L) was fitted with a new engine on 19/5/74.
1801 (B) now has a radiator grille with a red surround.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS.

3961, having had its fleet number raised (see above), has now received a larger "Newitt's for Sport" lower rear advert.

Several Leeds vehicles have the latest "Clunk Clunk" rear advert. and several others have a rear advert. for "Castrol Girling Brake Fluid".

Two York VR's and a DX have received Littlewoods' Pools adverts., in addition to those vehicles already possessing them.

Several Leeds and Harrogate Leyland Nationals have now received their first adverts. All the Harrogate ones (1411/5/6) have upper rear adverts. for Dentons' - Menswear, whilst at least 1414 at Leeds has an upper rear advert. for Audion Car Radio.

1209 (L) has acquired a painted lower rear advert. for P.S.B. Boston Spa.
;712 (L) now has an illuminated offside advert. for South-West Clipper in place of its previous Littlewoods.

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

N. & P., 1134, (5th July, 1974.)

The following applications have been made to the Traffic Commissioners :-

STAGE CARRIAGE.

NEW SERVICES.

S.389 - W.25/861 - HARROGATE (Bus Station) - CORNWALL ROAD (Moor Gates).
via Station Parade, Victoria Avenue, West Park, Parliament Street, Ripon Road, Duchy Road, Cornwall Road, to operate Monday to Saturday. Vehicle allocation One, with duplication in accordance with Traffic demands.

S.390 - W.25/862 - HARROGATE (Bus Station) - PANNAL (Railway Station).
via 1, Station Parade, York Place, Otley Road, Pannal Ash Road, Pannal Ash, Crown Lane, Rossett Green Lane, Yew Tree Lane, Burn Bridge Road, Westminster Drive, Spring Lane, Rosedale, Main Street, Station Road.

2. Journeys to Pannal Ash via Harlow Hill - as route 1 to Otley Road, then Beckwith Road, Pannal Ash. To operate Mondays-Saturdays. Vehicle allowance, One, with duplications in accordance with Traffic demands.

Variations of Licences :

S.391 - W.25/752 - 34/3M - LEEDS - SKIPTON.
To introduce a supplementary fare table.

S.392 - W.25/828 - X.34 - LEEDS - YADON AIRPORT.
To introduce a revised timetable and route.

S.393 - W.25/441 - 28 - HARROGATE - GLASSINGTON.
To introduce a revised timetable.

S.394 - W.25/830 - OTLEY - LOFTHOUSE.
To amend the route schedule, to provide for certain journeys to operate to Thruscross Reservoir.

S.395 - W.25/831 - HARROGATE - BOLTON BRIDGE.
To introduce a revised timetable.

S.396 - W.25/169 - 23 - HARROGATE - PATELEY BRIDGE.

1. To vary route to provide for certain journeys to be diverted via Brinham Rocks.
2. To revise Sunday timetable, diverting some journeys via Brinham Rocks on Summer Sundays.
3. To revise faretable.
4. To extend Dalesrider availability to cover the Harrogate - Brinham Rocks section.

EXPRESS CARRIAGE.

NEW SERVICES.

E.162 - W.25/861 - NEWCASTLE (Garrowgate Coach Station) - OXFORD (Glooucester Green Bus Station),
jointly with East Midland (BE2/529); East Yorkshire (BE3/485), National Travel (North-East), (BN.79/8), National Travel (North-West) (BN.82/1), Northern General (BN.20/79), United (BU1/537), & Yorkshire Traction (BY3/499).
Route 1: From N.T.A. Ripon, Harrogate, Leeds, Dewsbury, M.1, Sheffield to EMTA.
Route 2: As route 1 to Dewsbury, Wakefield, A.61, Barnsley, Sheffield to EMTA.
Route 3: Halifax, Elland, Huddersfield, Leeds, Wakefield, then as route 2.

E.163 - W.25/860 - LEEDS (Wellington Street) - MORECAMBE (Ribble Bus Stn.)
via Stanningley, Bradford, Shipley, Bingley, Keighley, Cowling into N.T.A. To operate winter. On grant, W.25/78, 288, Leeds - Morecambe (joint with Ribblesdale) will operate during Summer only.

Revised services came into operation from the 4th August on many York City routes. The new timetables are shown in detail in the York area timetable, but a brief summary is as follows :- Route 1 - minor change of routes only; routes 2/2A/2B - basic timetable unchanged, but minor route variations on 2/2A to give a better service; route 3/3M - minor timing alterations; route 4/4A/4B - at certain times one journey per hour between Station and Fulford will be diverted to operate to and from Broadway, also minor timing alterations; routes 5/6/6A/6B/8 - no change; routes 9/9A - weekday timings unchanged, but 9A re-routed. Sunday frequency reduced to 30 minutes; routes 10/10A - new service linking Bishopthorpe with a new terminus in Haxby; route 11 - this links Huntington with Woodthorpe; route 11A - minor timing alterations; route 12 - minor timing and route alterations; route 13/13A - 13A diverted via Leeman Road and Water End in the daytime, but all journeys in the evening and on Sundays via Longridge Lane to Poppleton, returning via Upper Poppleton; route 14 - minor timing alteration; route 15 - unchanged; route 19 - basic timetable unaltered, but a Sunday service introduced, together with an alteration of route between Hougier Street and Hull Road; route 20 - a new service linking Dringhouses with Wigginton; routes 21/21A - basic frequency unaltered, but all journeys re-routed via Clifford Street, Tower Street and Heslington Road, in both directions; route 24 - an additional journey introduced, and a minor timing alteration.

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4. OPERATING NOTES.

HARROGATE. 1936, the Baywell bus, spent much of June on routes 1/2, apart from occasional appearances on routes 4/14/15/78. 1072 worked the 08.35 Harrogate - Leeds (36) on 5/6, and on the same day, 1168 & 1222 were on 11/11A. On 6/6, 1222 was on 76, 1343 on 6/6A (morning peak) and 1234/5/40/9 & 1398 were on 6/7/12/13. On 8/6, 1214 was on 9/9A. 1360/1 were both working on 76 on 10/6. On 15/6, 1223 was on 15, and 1361 (H) worked the 20.25 York - Wetherby (79). United LH 1582 was on 36 to Leeds on 17/6. On the afternoon of 18/6, 1343 was on St. Aidan's School Special (364), and 1411 was on the 15.50 to Great Ouseburn (18). A Leeds SRG/Leyland National on Monday-Friday works the 07.25 Leeds - Harrogate (36), then on duplicate to Bilton and back to the Bus Station (11) before returning to Leeds at 08.35 from Harrogate. On 20/6, 1774 (L) was the vehicle on this duty. On 24/6, 1088 was on a route 10 duplicate, 1086 on 5, 1091 on 11/11A, and 1343 on 36 to Ripon, all in the morning. Later in the day, 1091 had moved on to route 9A. The 08.45 Harrogate - Beckwithshaw (5) is normally worked by an SMG with conductor. On 25/6, however, 1802 was used, followed by 1810 on 27/6, and 1803 on 5/7, thus re-introducing double-deckers on this route. 1097 was used by Pateley Bridge Depot on route 24 on 25/6. On 27/6, Eastern Counties RE 891 was used by United on the 08.30 Harrogate - Ripon (36 duplicate). On 3/7, 1921 (O) was in use on 11/11A during the morning, but at 6.30 pm., in the evening was noted receiving attention from 4037 at Rawdon traffic lights. 1249 (O) was on loan to Harrogate from 3/5, until delicensing on 30/6. On 5/7, 1400 was on 76/24, and 1342 on 53 in the evening. On 6/7, 1921 (O loan H) was on 11/11A, and 1342 (H) on 5/23A. 1097 (H) was on 11/11A, and 1170 (H) on the 17.15 Leeds - Ripon (36) on 9/7. Noted working Bus Station - Show Ground specials for the Great Yorkshire Show were: - 9/7 - 1007/32/3/86, 1214/5 (all H), also 1316 (H) in between turns on Car 43; 10/7 - 1007/32/3/46/87/94, 1251, 1319, 1702/13/4 & 1949 (all H), 1074 (O) & 1303 (H). 1145 (K. H.) 1233 & 1412 (both L); 11/7 - 1018/9/26/33/75/81/6/97, 1713, 1949 (all H), 1074 & 1272 (both O). Also noted at the Show ground, along with hundreds of private coaches, were Hebble LJX 820/14, DHD 240 E, JHD 376 J, MHD 770/2/3/5 L, YVE 499/501/3/i/8-12 M; Yorkshire Traction 11 & 118; Sheffield United Tours 361/86/8/94/406; Sheffield Corporation 399 & 414; Northern 2638; Leeds Corporation 1062/3/4/5 & 171, Bradford Corporation 2129/33/98; Lincolnshire 1668, and West Riding 734/5/6 (Bristol VR's!). On 8/7, United 1261 and Northern 891 were at Grove Park, and 1178 was on 36. On 10/7, 1251 worked the 13.15 to Ilkley (75) after Show Ground duties, 1142 worked the 17.00 to Ilkley (76A) in place of the usual SRG, and 1097 & 1347 were on 11/11A. On 11/7, 1272 (O loan H) worked on Car 50 (routes 6/13/4/350), before going on to Show Ground duties, and a very unusual working these days was 1752 (B) duplicating the 09.10 Bradford - Harrogate (51). On 11 & 12/7, 1251 worked on X.99, whilst on the same days, 1343 was used on 24/76 in the afternoons. Also on 12/7, 1342 worked the 15.50 to Great Ouseburn (18). During the last two weeks in July, 1265 (O) has been on loan to Harrogate, being used mainly on 6/7/12/13. 1342 worked the 17.35 to Ripon (36 dupl.) on 22/7. and the 17.40 to Ripon (129) on the same day was worked by 1255 (H), on loan to United's Ripon Depot. On 25/7, the Harrogate duty on X.99 was worked by 1382 (P.B.), and the same day United 6049 was on 36 (Ripon - Leeds). 1097 (H) was on 1/2 on 29/7. Noted in Harrogate Bus Station on Excursions on 30/7, were Northern 1178 (on hire to United), and Crosville CVT 690 (Bedford VAM/Plaxton). On 29/7, Northern 2834 was at Grove Park, and 1920 (O) on 11. Stores lorry 4034 was noted in Cirencester on 9/7, no doubt on its way to Bristol for spares. Chauffeur coach 1116 was in Vicar Lane at 20.20 on 9/7, showing "Private". Noted on Harrogate - Tadcaster (78) have been 1802 (H) on 5/7, 1366 (L loan H) on 9/7, 1142 (H) on 10/7; 1168 (H) on 16/7, and 1381 (P.B. loan H) on 17/7.

ILKLEY. The 07.05 Ilkley - Crompton Parkinsons' (463), normally an OMO SRG, was worked by 1010 on 4/6, and 1137 on 5/7. 2740 (K loan I) was on 33 on 7/6, and next day 2281 (K loan I) was on this route. The use of double-deckers on the 15.30 to Hebers Ghyll (72A) appears to have ceased, as 1244 was noted on this journey on 3/7 as OMO. 1137 (L) was on loan to Ilkley from 28/6, and was returned on 15/7, working dead via Otley and Bramhope. On 9/7, 1343 (H) worked the 18.15 Harrogate - Ilkley (76) and return. On 15/7, this was worked by 1342. On 12/7, 1937 returned to Ilkley from Keighley, and 1804 was sent back

4. OPERATING NOTES, (cont.)

ILKLEY (cont.) to Keighley. On the same day, 1217 returned to Ilkley, having been at another Depot, possibly Grassington. 2160 spent some days at Ilkley from 20/7. 2696 has been at Ilkley since 21/7, to replace 1937, and was on the 32/3/5 group of services on 22/7, and on the evening of 30/7. Visitors to Ilkley Depot have included Eastern National HVR 242H on a Scottish Tour on 26/7, Midland Red 184 on 17/7, and on the same day, Southdown RUF 804H. Garaged here overnight on 30-31/7 was Trent 242, which had been used by an Ilkley driver on the 10 Cities run. It was returned to Leeds by an Ilkley driver on the morning of 31/7. Southdown 1821 (UUF 321 J) was at Ilkley on the evening of 31/7 on a "Grand Tour of Britain", and 1052 (K) was garaged overnight on 31/7-1/8. Single-deckers on normal double-deck routes have included 1394 on 33 on 2 & 4/7; 1393 on 33 on 15/16/24/7 and 1275 on 33 on 10/7. Keighley vehicles on unusual routes have included 2280 on 34 on 1 & 2/7; 2281 on 34 on 8/7; 2293 on 34 on 9, 15, 16/7; 2108 on K.5 on 26/7; 2102 on K.5 on 11/7; 2160 on X.72 on 2/7, and 2159 on 72 on 13 & 27/7. Unusual vehicles noted have also included 1169 on 34 on 2/7; 1152/79 on X.72 on 14/7; 1182 on 34 on 19/7; and on 33 on 26/7, 1152 on 72 on 25/7; 1010 was on Private Hire in Ilkley on 14/7, and 2696 in Ilkley on 24/7. Other visitors to Ilkley have included a further Southdown on 1/7; Hebble YVE 499M on 11/7; East Yorkshire MKH 050H on 14/7, and Tillings' 9444 (XWV 632L) on 2/8.

LEEDS. On 28/7, 1375 (H.loan O) was on the 32 group of services. On Leeds - Wetherby (41) have been 1144 (L) & 1158 (M.loan L) on 5/7; 1144 (L) on 17/7, and 1144 (L) was also working for Wetherby on 24 & 25/7. On Leeds - Tadcaster (42) have been 1412 (L) on 6/7; 1723 (L) on 8/7, and 1935 (L) on 10/7. The 09.25 Tadcaster - Leeds seems to be a double-deck working, hence the appearance of 1723 & 1935. Working the 07.15 Leeds - York (43) have been 1229 (L) on 3/7; 1224 (L) on 4/7; 3172 (Yk.loan L) on 17/7; 1153 (M.loan L) on 18/7; 1215 (L) on 25/7, and 1240 (H.loan L) on 29/7. Working on Leeds - Scarborough (43) have been 1263 (M) on 3/7; 1276 (Yk.loan M) on 4/7; 1263 (M) on 6/7; 1226 (Yk.loan M) on 7 & 8/7; 1252 (M) on 17/7; 3329 (Yk.loan M) on 20 & 22/7; 3328 (Yk.loan M) on 24 & 25/7; 1263 (M) on 27/7; 1226 (Yk.loan M) on 28/7, & 29/7. On Leeds - Bridlington (44) have been 1252 (M.loan Yk.) on 8/7; & 13/7; 1226 (Yk.) on 20/7, and East Yorkshire Motor Services Leyland Leopard 737 with conductor on 21/7.

YORK. Noted on York - Wetherby (79) have been 1162 (M.loan Yk.) on 5/7, and 1145 (Yk.) on 18/7. In the evening of 8/7, 1050/2 passed through York on a Private Hire. On 12/7, 1399 (H) was noted heading towards York at 13.45 from Scarborough, without passengers. Either 1340 or 1341 was on 45 in the afternoon of 12/7. 1286 was on a Rowntrees' Special in the City direction at 12.33 on 16/7. On 17/7, 1336 was on Y.20, and 3433 on a Rowntrees' Special. On 18/7, 1078 deputised for 1077 on the City Tour, but 1077 was back on the Tour by evening. Also on 18/7, 1333 was on Y.51 and 1334 to Malton on 83. 3107 was on Y.9/9A on 24/7. 1312 was on 84 to Scarborough on 19/7, and 1400 worked this duty a few days later. On 23/7, the 16.05 York - Ripon was worked by United 2719, possibly of Scarborough Depot.

LONG DISTANCE. On 13/7, 1086 (H) was on 291 to Whitby. 1050 (H) worked a duplicate to Middlesbrough (X.99) on 20/7. United vehicles have been noted duplicating 398 (Newcastle - Leeds), as follows: 4246 (RELL6G) and 6081 (RELL6G) on 26/7, & 4200 (RELL6G) on 27/7. On 16/7, 1010/36/46 were on Victoria Coach Station, London, and on 22/7, 1056 arrived there at 12.40 on 302. On 20/7, 1097 (H) was in Vicar Lane at 09.40, heading for Whitby. On 1/8, Ribble Leopard 756 (TRN 156) was parked in Vicar Lane at 09.15. On 2/8, 1143 was in Wellington Street at 09.30, on Scarborough (X.43). Crosville RELL6G/DP 50F (bus shell), E.G.283 (YFM 383L) was noted on 22/6, travelling North on the A.19 from towards Thirsk. This may have been the one referred to under "York" last month. Various Plaxton coaches have been noted on stage carriage, particularly 43/4/6. 1050 was apparently recovered by Northern from north of Durham, and taken to Chester-le-Street, on either the 5th or 6th June, whilst on Express. Working on 291 to Whitby have been 1097 (H) on 6/7, 1056 (L) on 13/7, and 1091 (H) on 27/7, all as duplicates to the Bradford vehicle, which is usually 1338 or 1339 on Saturdays; on other days, 1017/75/80/1 have all been noted. On 11/7, 1145 (Yk.) worked a South-West Clipper feeder.

4. OPERATING NOTES, (cont.)LONG DISTANCE, (cont.)

The Wetherby coach, 1006, has been away for several periods, and the following have been there instead; 1025 (L) on 10/7; 1042 (B) on 23/7, and 1088 (H) on 24/7. In York Depot on 30/7 was 1054 with "223" on the blind (York - Cheltenham, South-West Clipper), and 1018 showing 'Ye Old' (Hull - London). On 3/8, a United M/ semi-coach was seen in York (St. Maurice's Road) showing "York 291". This not on the A.1 route, and the bus was empty.

DALESRIDER TICKETS.

On the first day of operation of the new ticket, member Brian Whitaker took advantage of the facility, and the following is a short account of the trip. "I caught the 11.15 Bradford - Harrogate (53) at Charlestown, and rode to Harrogate, 1354 (D) was the car. The next leg was the 13.20 Harrogate - Pateley Bridge (36B) via Brinham Rocks, one of the new services, introduced that day. 1382 (P.B) was this vehicle, having come through from Leeds, and paper stickers "Pateley Bridge" and "Via Brinham Rocks" were carried.

1312 (H) then took me on the 14.15 to How Stean (27) and 14.46 return. 1271 (O) worked the 15.40 Pateley Bridge - Otley (34B), yet another new service. I baled out in Otley, but it is in fact a through journey to Leeds.

I then took the 16.45 to Ilkley (76) worked by another RE 1361 (H). The next journey produced IH 2159 (K), which made a change, but not for the better. This journey was the 17.15 to Grassington (72), the object being to try and catch the 17.30 Bolton Bridge - Harrogate (5B). This was rather a dubious connection, which I did not make, so instead, I carried on to the Strid, and there made a quick change on to the car running in the opposite direction, the 17.05 ex. Grassington; 1137 (L) was the bus, and surprisingly was crew-operated. The 18.30 Ilkley - Leeds (33) produced the only 'decker' of the day, 1923 (L), alighting at White Cross, to round off the day with fish and chips, and a few pints. The ticket I took was the "Dalesrider Day Out, the cost being 85 p., an ordinary Setright ticket issued from the machine, and bearing "Special" as the ticket category."

Noted by another observer on this day were Metro-Leeds 1301 at Thruscross Reservoir on route 34B (for some reason better known to Metro-Leeds their vehicles insist on showing route "434"). 1141 (H) and 1398 (H.loan P.B) on route 28, 1137 (L.loan I) on route 72, and 1169 & 1373 (both Sk.), on route 71. One of the Harrogate duties on the new Sunday services appears to be as follows:- 12.05 Harrogate - Bolton Bridge (5B)²/₃ 13.05 Bolton Bridge - Ilkley (72); 13.30 Ilkley - Grassington (72); 14.35 Grassington - Pateley Bridge (28); 16.15 Pateley Bridge - Grassington (28); 17.35 Grassington - Buckden (71); 18.30 Buckden - Ilkley (72); 20.10 Ilkley - Harrogate (76). Vehicles noted on this duty have been 1141 (7/7); 1091 (21/7); & 1136 (28/7). On 28/7, vehicles noted in the Dales included Leeds Metro 1065, which parked at Longsters' garage in Pateley Bridge due to bridge works. 1156 (P.B) worked to How Stean (27) and return. The 16.40 Kettlewell - Skipton was 2281, with 2160 "Blank/72", and 1373 in Grassington Bus Station. On 34B, the 9.25 Leeds - Pateley Bridge and return, and the 14.25 Leeds - Thruscross Reservoir return are operated by Leeds Metro., the remainder by West Yorkshire.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

YG.5727, (Ex.860, Dennis Lancet I, sold Norths, Leeds, 19.8).

To Caravan, Pool Bank, by 1949.

After this vehicle had been advertised as for sale for preservation for several years, we regret to record that it was burnt earlier this year, and the metal from the body sold to a scrap man, believed to be called "Allott" in early July. It can now be published for the record that the vehicle was owned by a Mr. Fearnley, and was on Fair Mead Farm, Pool Bank. It was visible from the main Harrogate - Pool road, from Pool Bridge to about Red House Garage.

TWT 115, (Ex.SUG.62, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71.)

To Thistle, Doncaster, 1/72.

To Sykes, (Dealer), 11/72.

We have an unconfirmed report that this was loaned out by Sykes to an unknown firm, was damaged in an accident, and written off.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS, (cont.)

TWT 120, (Ex.SUG.67, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71.)

To Thistle, Doncaster, 11/71.

To Sykes, (Dealer), 11/72.

To Carnell, Sutton Bridge, 11/72.

A report, again unconfirmed, states that a tree fell on this vehicle, with Carnell, resulting in its being written off.

If anyone can confirm these reports or supply dates, we should be grateful.

9767 WU, (Ex.1709, FS6B, sold Norths, Sherburn, 10/73.)

To O'Connor & Davies, (Contractors), Llanelli 12/73.

JUB 303 E, (Dedford VAM 14, returned by Ledgard to S.Hughes, (Dealer), 10/67.

To Bracewell, Colne, 4/68.

To Travis, Droylsden, 12/73.

Returned to S.Hughes, (Dealer), by 6/74.

YAM 77, (Ex.DX.82, FSP6B, sold United Automobile Services, 3/67.)

Further to last month's notes, this vehicle has now been transferred from Hartlepool to Scarborough (virtually back on home ground), where it was noted on service 103 on 18/7. It is now in poppy red livery, and the rear indicators have been panelled over, vents having been fitted for use with the Dawson Cyclone cleaning equipment.

YWT 294, (Ex.SUG.79, MM5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71.)

To Hedingham & District, L.73, 10/71.

To Courtenhan Fruit Farms, Blackmore End, 4/74.

809 BWR, (Ex.2183, SUL4A, sold Norths, Sherburn, 2/73.)

To unknown-School in Leeds, 7/74.

MAY 620, (Ex.EUG.94, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 4/71.)

To West, Morley, by 12/71.

To Norths, Sherburn, 11/73, re-registered 244 GYG.

Sold for scrap, 7/74.

8579 YG, (x.1026, Commer 15 cwt., sold R.L.Diesels, 9/69.)

To W. Hardisty, Harrogate, 6/71.

Noted in the Car Park at the Trans-Pennine Run in Harrogate on 4/8/74. Now painted dark red, with a white roof, and taxed privately in Harrogate.

334 HMC, (Ex.4031, Land Rover, sold R.L.Diesels, 6/72.)

To Cars & Commercial, Franklin Road, Harrogate, 7/72.

Noted in a yard off Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, on 28/7/74, still in green/grey. The yard is thought to belong to Farrods, Ltd., (Water Engineers).

ONX 182, (Ex.1638, LD6B, sold Norths, Sherburn, 5/72.)

Now reported as being with Hildenborough Evangelical Trust, Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent, by 10/73. Previously given as exported to U.S.A., 3/73. Can anyone comment on this, please?

ONX 154/6, (Ex.SMG.42/4, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 11/69.)

To Hedingham & District, 4/70.

To Smith, Ammanford, 3/73.

To Davies, Morriston, 5/74.

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6. TEN YEARS AGO.

Only one new vehicle entered service in August, 1964, this being SMG.36 at York. SUG.32 had been fitted with flashing trafficators, whilst DX.173 had received a rear wheel trin.

Leeds Depot report gave a survey of operations on Leeds-Hawdon (33), which had included such veterans as Ledgard JNU 131 and MXX 179, DGN 7/9, DEN.16/24/28 and SIM.21.

Sold Stock News gave details of two of the "Queen Mary" coaches, SIM.6/10, now with Pemberton of Upton, and news of the wartime SG's in Northern Ireland, of which one was still active.

The final 2 pages of the 7-page Issue were devoted to an article by our old friend, John Mawdesley, of Thornton, on the various alterations that had taken place over the years to service 55.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION.

OTHER BUSTOLS.

Visitors to York during July have included 357 EDV, an SUL4A, now belonging to Laporte, Immingham, and 355 EDV, an identical vehicle, but with no marks of ownership.

Also in York in late July, was an open-topped Leyland Atlantean in a black and white "humbug" striped livery.

YORK BUS STATION.

An item appeared on this subject in the York Evening Press of the 31st. July. "Plans for a central bus station in York would depend on the outcome of the inner ring road inquiry. Highways and Transportation Committee Chairman, Councillor [redacted] (this can't be a coincidence!) told the North Yorkshire County Council today. Replying to a question by [redacted] [redacted] said that the investment programme for bus operations in the county had not yet been compiled. [redacted] said the county could not have a transport programme without knowing the bus companies' plans. The question of the bus station was one of the most burning issues in York, and it was in the interests of the bus companies to submit their plans as soon as possible."

NEW TIMETABLE.

The latest timetable to appear is No.5, York Area, which was published to coincide with the service alterations made in York from the 4th August. Only West Yorkshire services are included in this timetable, although the map at the front shows all the other operators' services in the area. One item of note is that the York - Malton service via Claxton and Huttons Ambo is now numbered 83 instead of 43B, and has certain Sunday journeys through to Scarborough in the Summer. Also one journey on Monday-Friday operates through to Flaxton as 83D.

The only timetable still to appear is part 3, Harrogate Area, which at present is due at the end of August. It appears that there will now be no part 6.

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