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1954 marks the Bulletin's fourth year of publication, and although the Editorial Staff do not contemplate making any alteration in its general layout, it is more than likely that certain changes will be made as time goes on. Our aim is to keep the standard of the Bulletin as high as possible, and, in this connection, we welcome suggestions and criticisms.

During the past year, membership of the Service has continued to grow; consequently, the circulation of the Bulletin has been extended. As a matter of interest, we now have a member residing in Australia and, more recently, an enquiry has been received from someone in Egypt. The total membership at 31/12/53 was 66.

We should like to extend a few words of welcome to our new members. We hope they will derive some knowledge of our activities through the medium of the Bulletin, and we shall look forward to seeing some of them at future W.Y.I.S. meetings and tours. To our older members may we offer our sincere thanks for their continued support both in the preparation of information in connection with the Bulletin etc., and its final production. Lastly, a special word of thanks to [redacted] who so kindly duplicates it.

OMNIBUS SOCIETY, N.W. & YORKSHIRE BRANCH : Saturday, February 27th.

A meeting will be held in Bradford. Venue: Church House, North Parade. Time: 6.0 pm. W.Y.I.S. members who are not members of the Omnibus Society but who wish to attend this meeting, are requested to notify [redacted].

OUTSTANDING
SUBSCRIPTIONS :

No further copies of the Bulletin will be sent to W.Y.I.S. members whose 1954 subscription remains unpaid on the 31st January, 1954.

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1. STOCK CHANGES

(a) NEW VEHICLES

During the last week in December, MWR 618 (the second Lodekka), received BX 2 as its fleet number. It had been without one since its delivery last May.

(b) RELICENSED

433, 434,	-	1/1/54
439, 444, 445,	-	1/1/54
618, 662, 671,	-	1/1/54

(c) DELICENSED

111, 122,	-	31/12/53
131, 145,	-	31/12/53
163, 182,	-	31/12/53
660,	-	31/12/53

VEHICLE
in issue
on the
only 845, 846
positioned.

1. STOCK CHANGES (Contd)

(e) VEHICLE SALES & DISPOSALS

The two remaining G05G's in stock, 310 and K341, were sold in December last. K508 and the chassis of 1009 were disposed of during 1953.

3. DEPOT CHANGES

(a) ALLOCATIONS & TRANSFERS

		from	HARROGATE	to	LONDON	29/12/53
✓	1018,	"	BRADFORD	(delicensed)		31/12/53
x	111,	"	KEIGHLEY	(delicensed)		31/12/53
	122 & 131,	"	HARROGATE	(delicensed)		31/12/53
	145, 163, 182,	"	HARROGATE	(delicensed)		31/12/53
	.660,	"	HARROGATE	"	LEES	1/1/54
*	413,	"	HARROGATE	"	KEIGHLEY	1/1/54
	433 & 434,	(delicensed)	"	BRADFORD		1/1/54
	439,	(delicensed)	"	HARROGATE		1/1/54
	444 & 445,	(delicensed)	"	HARROGATE		1/1/54
	618, 662, 673	(delicensed)				

- * On loan to Harrogate since 25/9/53 (see issue 33).
- ✓ 1018 is in use as a temporary booking office at Euston Square, London. This site is being used by the B.E.T. and Tilling Companies instead of the Kings Cross Station, Judd Street, which closed on 31/12/53.
- x 111 did not run after 26/12/53 as its C of F expired on that day.

(c) MOVEMENTS OF DELICENSED VEHICLES

103 and 941 left BRADFORD in early January. A number of luxury coaches have visited HARROGATE for minor repairs, repainting, &c.

4. VEHICLE NOTES.

(a) OVERHAULS

December 1953 : Y398, 423, 618, 643, K766, K769, 828, 832,

January 1954 : 731, 732, 747,

(b) REPAIRS

December 1953 : 665, 713, 965, CUG 1,

January 1954 : 355, 677,

(c) HEATER

673 has had a heater fitted under the rear seat.

Like 645, 643 has also been repainted red. The perspex "West Yorkshire" flashes fitted to the sides of this vehicle on modernisation in 1952, were removed during its recent overhaul. Both 643 and 645 now display fleet numbers at the front, and carry the "West Yorkshire" transfer on the back (as 662 - see issue 34)

CUG 1, repainted in December, is now cream and maroon. It was previously cream and black.

Further KSW's to be fitted with staggered seating are 845, 847 & 850. All the 845-52 batch are now equipped except for 851, the double deck coach. The seating capacity of 965 formerly 44, is now 43. It has recently undergone a body overhaul and repaint. Sliding windows have been fitted, and it now carries its fleet number at the rear.

VEHICLE NOTES (Contd)

In issue 18 we stated that 845 onwards have the rear fleet numbers on the emergency door (i.e. offset to the nearside). This is not correct. Only 845, 846 and 847 have this arrangement. The remainder are centrally positioned.

As stated previously, roller blinds have been fitted to 707-11 and Y703. Only those in 707 are changed from inside the vehicle; the rest are worked from outside. As we go to press, we learn that Y398 has had its bible type indicator replaced by a roller blind.

5. OPERATING DETAILS.

The following vehicles were seen at the Coliseum Bus Station, Blackpool, on Sunday 27/12/53. Several were there overnight.

211/12/13/19/21/56/67, 404/05/08/09/12/29/30, 640/43/52.

Harrogate: 822, which had been awaiting repairs since October, re-entered traffic in late December. It is being used chiefly on route 36, though it has appeared on 1, 9, 12, & 53.

Now that twelve Harrogate pre-war L5C's have been withdrawn, the 35-seaters are appearing regularly on the local services. 404 is often seen on route 11 (Bus Station-Bachelor Gardens). The J's are running their mileage up on services 14, 15 & 16.

Leeds: Y754, Y762, and 417 (all YK) were seen in Leeds on 5/1/54. They were on private hire and probably brought pantomime parties to the City. 416 and 418 (both YK) were similarly noted on 8/1/54.

Unusual vehicles to appear on the peak 30/31 service recently have included:-

8/1/54 - K719; 11/1/54 - 356 (K); 12/1/54 - K741.

SINGLE DECKER SUBSTITUTION

More Harrogate depot single deckers have appeared on 36. 246 was noted on 6/1/54 and 212 on 8/1/54, while on 12/1/54, 215 appeared.

6. SERVICE CHANGES.

SERVICES Y1/1A - BECKFIELD LANE - TANG HALL.

As from 7/12/53, this service was further diverted owing to the closure of part of Fourth Avenue. It is now routed via Fifth Avenue and Helrosegate, where the normal route is re-joined.

SERVICE 81 - YORK - STRENSALL - SHERIFF HUTTON.

SERVICE 82 - YORK - THORNTON-LE-CLAY - POSTON.

SERVICE Y14 - YORK - STOCKTON-ON-Forest - WARTHILL.

As from 27/9/53, these services operate via Duncombe Place, Deangate and Goodramgate, instead of St. Leonard's, Gillygate, and Lord Mayor's Walk.

SERVICE Y9 - CLIFTON - TANG HALL LANE.

Between 11/12/53 and 31/12/53, Kent Street was closed owing to the laying of a water main. During this period, buses were diverted via Paragon Street and Barbican Road. From 1/1/54, part of Heslington Road was closed entailing a diversion of buses via Barbican Road and Wellington Street.

SERVICE 61 - BRADFORD - BAILDON GREEN - BAILDON.

From 4/1/54 buses have run via Cliffe Avenue and Baildon Road, i.e. they go on the left hand side of the Green and enter Baildon Road just below Station Road. The service now goes through the housing estate instead of round it, and a narrow section of road is avoided.

6. SERVICE CHANGES (Contd)

Changes in the York Local Services, approved by the City Council 7/12/53, and later authorised by the Licensing Authority, took effect 10/1/54. They are as follows:-

SERVICES Y1A/5A - TAING HALL - ACOMB - BURTON STONE LANE.

The diversion of alternate buses via Danebury Drive and Viking Road ceased and all journeys now operate via Knapton Lane End, as before the re-organisation of January, 1953.

SERVICE Y5 - ELMFIELD AVENUE - PAVEMENT - DRINGHOUSES.

On Sundays, in order that the County Hospital may be served, the service has been re-routed from Dodsworth Avenue via Heworth Green, Monkgate, St. Maurice's Road, Jewbury, Peasholme Green and St. Saviourgate to the Pavement. The frequency has been increased to every 20 minutes.

SERVICE Y5A - ELMFIELD AVENUE - ST. LEONARD'S - DRINGHOUSES.

SERVICE Y6 - VIKING ROAD - STOCKTON LANE.

These services have been linked up to give a circular service. The new portion of the route is from Viking Road via Danebury Drive, Greenside, Front Street, Green Lane, Stuart Road, Gale Lane, Thanet Road to Chaloner's Road. This circular service is the first in York that does not operate through the City Centre.

Alternate buses from Stockton Lane work through to Dringhouses and Elmfield Avenue and all buses on Y5A from Elmfield Avenue continue through to Viking Road and Stockton Lane. This gives a half-hourly service on weekdays and a 10 minute one on Saturdays. There is no circular service on Sundays and after 7.0 pm on weekdays. (The frequency on Y5A and 6 was increased to 10 minutes on Saturdays in the recent application)

An application to re-route Y5A via Monk Bar, Goodramgate, Deangate and Duncroft Place instead of via Lord Mayor's Walk, Gillygate and St. Leonard's was rejected by the Licensing Authority.

One extra vehicle is required for the revised service on weekdays and four on Saturdays. It would seem that the "cycle" of operations is as follows :- Stockton Lane - Viking Road - Dringhouses - Elmfield Avenue; Elmfield Avenue - Pavement - Dringhouses; 17 minutes wait; Dringhouses - Pavement - Elmfield Avenue; Elmfield Avenue - Dringhouses - Viking Road - Stockton Lane. Instructions have been issued to the effect that on Stockton Lane - Acomb - Dringhouses - Elmfield Avenue journeys, indicators are changed from "6 VIKING ROAD" to "5A ELMFIELD AVENUE" at Poppleton Road. In the opposite direction, the change is to be made in Mason View.

SERVICE Y12 - BISHOPSTHORPE - YORK - STRENSALL.

The Saturday service formerly operated between York Station and Strensall Camp has been extended to The Ship Inn at Strensall, and is retimed to give a 15 minute service between The Ship Inn and York Station with the normal Strensall Station - Bishopthorpe service.

SERVICE Y13 - YORK - WETHER POPPLETON.

The last bus on Sundays now runs 25 minutes later, leaving York at 10.30.

SERVICE Y15 - YORK - BISHOPSTHORPE

On Sundays, the 9.50 am and 7.50 pm journeys from York have been withdrawn, as have the return journeys at 10.5 am and 8.5 pm.

SERVICE Y16 - YORK - OSBALDWICK - HURTON.

Additional journeys are as follows :- 9.10 am York to Osbaldwick (Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. only) returning at 10.4 am. Also 6.10 pm (Monday to Friday) returning at 6.25 pm.

SERVICE 80 - YORK - EASINGWOLD - THIRSK.

The last bus from Easingwold on Sundays (10.0 pm) now leaves at 9.50 pm and runs 10 minutes earlier throughout.

SERVICE 81 - YORK - SH RIFT HUTTON.

The route taken through Thornton-le-Clay has been altered slightly.

SERVICE 96 - YORK - BICKERTON - WETHERBY.

SERVICE 97 - YORK - CATTAL - WETHERBY.

SERVICE 97A - YORK - COWTHORPE.

A revised timetable was introduced on these services. Departures which were at 35 minutes past the hour have been retimed to 25 minutes past. Later buses are now run to Tockwith.

JSC/KLM

23/1/54

FRASS DAY FOR THE FEBRUARY BULL TIN WILL BE
FEBRUARY 13TH

DEPOT ALLOCATION - 1/1/54

BRADFORD :

(Incl: Yeadon)

G. S. D.

B: 4 21 40
YH: - - 3

104/06/10/18/23/33/35/36/38/50.
222-25/49.
350/58-60/85-94.
428-30/35/39.
651/68/71.
730-35/49/74/76-79.
806/07/23-29/36/38-42/61/62.
983/94.

Total: 68

Service vehicles:- 1002/11

Stored (delicensed):- 103/11/12/71, 436-38/40/41,
669/70, 905/22/23/38/41/53
964/67/69/78/80/86/97/98,
CUG 1-3.

HARROGATE :

(Incl: Pateley Bridge)

H: 10 42 18
P.B: - 5 -

108/09/13/17/25/40/42/43/60/61/64/73/74/76/89
195/98/99.
206-15/46-48/51-56.
351/53/54.
404-06/14/45.
618/19/44/45/61-63/73.
707-11/52/53/82.
822/46/53-56.
965/74/75/82/86/90/96.
LX 2.

Total: 75

Service vehicles:- 1004/06/08/10/15/16/18
(1018 on loan to London
Coastal Coaches)

Stored (delicensed):-
Grove Park :- 114/45/63/82/83, 446, 646-49
660/72/74/75, 937/46/54/57/99,
CUG 5-8, 107 (Coronation
display vehicle)

Stored (unlicensed):-
Grove Park :- CUG 9/10

ILKLEY :

I: 1 4 7

130/34/72/86.
652.
K717/18, 745.
808-11.

Total: 12

KEIGHLEY :

K: - 25 43

128/29/49/52/55/78, K166-69.
202.
356, K362/64-67/79-84.
407/09/10/33/34, K419-22/42/43.
614, K616/17.
728/29/50/88-91, K719-22/38-43/64-73/92-95.
Total: 68

Service vehicles:- K1003, 1012.

Stored (delicensed):- 122/31/75, 431/32, 564/65.
South Street :- K962/63.

SKIPTON :

(Incl: Grassington)

SK: - 5 3
G: - 4 -

K165,
203/04/59/60.
K363.
408/11/12.
615.
744. 812.

Total: 12

Stored (delicensed):- K205.

L. DS :
(incl: Wetherby
and Yeadon).

G. S. D.

L: 16 28 37
S: - 6 -
W: - 5 2

120/12/48/51/54/56-58/70/77/84/85/90-93/97.
201/16-21/50/57/58/67/68.
347-49/52/55/57/61.
401-03/13-15/23.
640-43/53-59.
712-16/36/37/46-48/51/80/81.
804/05/13/30-35/37/48-50/52/57-60/64.
970/77/79/92.
EUG 2-5.

Total: 94

Service vehicles:- 1020.

Stored (delicensed):- 101, 424/50-58, 676/77,
851, 928/73/93, 1001.
CUG 4, EUG 1.
at Yeadon :- 137/39/41/44/46/53/59, 1014.

YORK :
(incl: Malton &
Scarborough).

YK: 3 29 62
M: - 9 -
SO: - 2 2

105/15/16/19/21/24/26/27/47/62/79-81/87/88/94/96
Y238/40/42-45, 261-66/69-71.
Y368-78/95-99.
416-18/25/26.
650/66/67.
Y701-06/23-27/54-63/96-99, 775/83-87.
Y800-03/14-21/43/44. 845/47/63.
976/81/85.

Total: 107

Service vehicles:- Y1005/19, 1017.

Stored (delicensed):- 102, Y236/37/39/41,
427/47-49, 968/71/84,
989 (rest bus), 1014.

STOCK CHANGES - 1953

ADDITIONS

WITHDRAWALS

Single deckers :-

Single deckers :-

CUG 6-8 (coaches) - 3
EUG 1-5 (semi's) - 5
Total: 8

111/12/14/22/31
137/39/41/44/45
146/53/59/63/71
175/82/83, K205 - 19

Double deckers :-

851 (coach) - 1
853/54/56-64 - 11
DX 2 - 1
Total: 13

646-49 (coaches) - 4
984/89 - 2
Total: 25

GRAND TOTAL - 21

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N.B. The ultimate fate of the L50's and the Bedford coaches has yet to be decided. Some will probably be re-instated.

TOTAL OPERATING FLEET

1/1/54

1/1/53

Coaches:	34	25
Single deckers:	105	201
Double deckers:	<u>217</u>	<u>204</u>
TOTALS:	<u>436</u>	<u>430</u>

N.B. 751, included in the coach total last year, appears in the D.D. total this year. During the year several routes were converted to double deck operation: 9/12 (3 vehicles), 41/42 (3 vehicles), 50 (2 vehicles). The 66 circular was introduced (2 vehicles) and an extra WY 2.2, 2A at York. Thus absorbing eleven of the twelve additions.