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PERSONAL

We are sorry to have to record the deaths, both on 29th February, of [REDACTED] foreman at Grove Park, and [REDACTED] the stores lorry driver. We extend our sympathy to their families.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HCVC YORKSHIRE SECTION

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th April 1976 at 7.30 p.m. in the Metro Leeds Sports & Social Club, Concordia Street.

PSV CIRCLE

The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 1st April 1976, from 7.00 pm. in the Metro Bradford Staff Canteen, Forster Square.

WYIS members will be welcomed at both the above meetings.

PRESS DAY for the April issue will be on Saturday 3rd April and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [REDACTED].

SPRING TOUR - Sunday May 9th 1976.

Arrangements are currently being made for our Spring Tour, which it is hoped will be as follows:- Depart Leeds (Vicar Lane) 9.30. am. Chester St Bradford 10.00 am. then via M62 to Chester. Lunch break in Chester Bus Station then visit Crosville Works and visit to Chester Corporation, followed by a visit to Lancashire United at Atherton. Tea break in Atherton, returning to Bradford by about 7.00 pm. and Leeds 7.30. pm. The cost will be £2-25, dependant on support. A booking form is enclosed with this issue and should be returned to [REDACTED] as soon as possible. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope in case the Tour has to be cancelled; this will be returned to you on the Tour if it has not been required. Please give this Tour your support to make it a success.

1. FLEET CHANGES

NEW VEHICLES

1462	NUA 906 P	Leyland National	11351/1R	03085	B52F	9020 KG
1463	NUA 907 P	Leyland National	11351/1R	03086	B52F	9020 KG
1464	NUA 908 P	Leyland National	11351/1R	03087	B52F	9020 KG
1465	NUA 909 P	Leyland National	11351/1R	03088	B52F	9020 KG

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1462-5 were all delivered to Grove Park between 1st and 7th February. They arrived in all red, without fleetnames or numbers but with legal ownership panel and registration plates. Their capacity was shown as 75 - 52 seated and 23 standing but this was amended to 52 when fleetnames, numbers and white waistbands were added.

New car MWN 995 P is white in colour and is based at Ilkley;

OCX 636 P is a "bluish" colour and is based at York, whilst MVX 156 P is also based at York.

The Fleet Number of the new Ford Transit pick-up is confirmed as 4051.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS

1292	from Bradford	(Delicensed)	29.2.76.
1721	" 2/3/5	"	"
1305	" (Delicensed)	to Bradford	1.3.76.
1462	" 3/4	" (New)	"
1465	"	" Keighley	"
4051	"	" Skipton	"
1737	" 9/41	" Harogate (corrected date)	"
1738	"	" CRW Spare	"
1776	"	" Skipton	"
	"	" Bradford	"

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1. Fleet Changes (CONT)ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS (Cont)

- Notes:-
1. 1305 was delicensed from Keighley.
 2. These are the first moves since new for ex Keighley-West Yorkshire 1737/41
 3. 1738 had been at Skipton since it was one month old on 1st November 1962
 4. 4051 was first licensed on 1st March and not 1st February as shown last month.
 5. All of 1736-9/41 are now on Central Repari Works allocation. The reason why 1740 continues in service at Keighley is no doubt because it was only overhauled in September 1975.
 6. Although 4051 technically replaces Ford Transit 4039, the latter remains licensed at least for the time being.

STORED VEHICLES

LEEDS 1451 (not delicensed) was towed to the British Leyland Service Agents Garage in Hull on 4th March for mechanical repairs.

HARROGATE Behind Grove Park are 1146 and 1219/31.

KEIGHLEY At least one of the new Leyland Nationals was moved from Harrogate on Trade Plates on 29th February.

YORK 1145 and 1735 are confirmed as being the only occupants of the field.

WITHDRAWALS.

29th February 1976 - 1721/2/3/5 all to Held in Reserve.

FLEET TOTAL

	WY	YWY		
Licensed	423	84	1.3.76.	1.3.75.
Delicensed	29	-	507	514
	452	84	29	34
			536	548

* The Fleet Total excludes 1721/2/3/5.

2. VEHICLE NOTESOVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS

November 1975:- 3931

February 1976:- 1151/3, 3923, 1925/6, 1776.

REPAINTS AND TUV'S

February 1976:- 1016/22, 1758.

PLANT DATES

1007 - W4/66. This only leaves us with 1.65/6 to be checked - does no member ever see either of these vehicles?

CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS

1057-60 all 31.12.82; 1061 - 4.1.83; 1151/7/8 - 1.4.81; 1159/60 - 26.3.81; 1462/4/5 - 31.1.83; 1463 - 30.1.83; 1771 - 22.12.79; 1772 - 16.12.79; 3792 - 24.6.80; 1910 - 12.1.81; 1908/9 - 17.12.80; 1911/4 - 7.1.81; 1912 - 10.2.81; 1913 - 8.1.81; 1915 - 20.1.81; 3916 - 16.1.81; 3917 - 14.1.81; 1918/3919 - 22.1.81; 3920 - 27.1.81; 3921 - 21.1.81; 3923 - 19.2.81; 1925 - 19.2.81; 3927 - 30.1.81; 3929 - 4.3.81; 3930 - 15.4.81. 3931 - 29.11.80; 3932 - 16.3.81.

GENERAL NEWS

1726 and 3747 are now the only Lodekkas running with the old style of radiator grille, other than those in the learner fleet.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS

1218 has a new rear "Clunk Click" paper advert.

3931 has a paper side advert "Whichever Hotpoint" which replaces "A Morphy Richards and a Happy New Year".

3923 on overhaul obtained a paper side advert for "National Express to London". Various vehicles including 1403 have a side advert for "National Ensign Holidays make your money go further".

3. SERVICE CHANGES

The following applications have been made:-
Stage Carriage.

S 516 Bf 25/520 43 Bradford-Scarborough

Mon-Fri To retime the 16.25 York-Scarborough journey to leave Barton Hill at 16.55 and operate 5 mins later throughout from there. This journey operates via Haxby Road.

S 517 Bf 25/824 74 Bus Station-Horse Close (Skipton local)

Mon-Fri To retime the 16.10 Skipton-Horse Close to 16.15 and operate 5 mins later throughout.

S 518 Bf 25/253 14/15 Harrogate-Aldborough

Mon-Fri To introduce a revised timetable.

3. SERVICE CHANGES (Cont).S. 519 B/25/254 14 Boroughbridge - Rocliffe.

Mon-Fri: To retine the 07.32 Rocliffe - Boroughbridge to 07.30.

Longster Bros. have surrendered their licence from 1st Jan. 1976, and it has been taken over by Burton of Pateley Bridge.

Although unless otherwise notified all applications published in this section are granted, we would appreciate details of when the alteration or new service comes into operation. We would also be interested to know what the alteration is where the applications read simply "to revise route" or "to amend timetable".

In particular, we would like to know the outcome of S 428/9 (issue 292 - new Bradford - Yeadon and Leeds - Yeadon services to replace 50 and 54); S 485/7/8/90 (issue 297 - revision of certain Keighley routes) and S 492 (issue 298 - revision of Baildon services).

The following applications have been made:-

Express.E. 175. B/190/147 Hillards Supermarket and Various Points.

This is an application for a substantive licence for a service which has been operating for a considerable time on a short term licence. It is interesting to note that it is an express licence. The service was revised as from 12 Jan. 1976 and now operates as follows:-

- Monday:- Wigginton to Hillards via Haxby. New Earswick and Dodsworth Ave., Woodlands Grove to Hillards via Heworth Green and Fifth Ave.
 Tuesday:- Strensall to Hillards via Huntington and Dodsworth Ave., Fulford to Hillards via Heslington and Badger Hill.
 Wednesday:- Acomb (Front St) via Chapelfields, Foxwood and Dringhouses.
 Thursday:- Bur Dyke Ave via Rowntrees, Elmfield Ave and Woodlands Grove, South Bank via Skeldergate Bridge
 Acomb (Front St) via Chapelfields, Foxwood and Dringhouses.
 Friday:- Poppleton Road School via Viking Road Chapelfields and Acomb Rd., Fulford via Heslington and Badger Hill
 Wigginton via Haxby. New Earswick and Dodsworth Ave.,
 Saturday:- Cornlands Road via Askham Lane Foxwood and Dringhouses.
 Ashley Park via Tang Hall.

The service is free.

E. 176 B/25/436 X78 Leeds - Bridlington (joint with EYMS).

To amend the route and introduce an alternative route.

The Hull-Leeds service via M62 which is joint with East Yorkshire and National Travel (N.) has been granted and commenced 1st March 1976, numbered 346. The ~~ph~~ and ~~sd~~ at Hull (King George Dock) is deleted and the service operates between Hull (Perensway Coach Station) and Leeds (Wellington St.) Only one vehicle is allowed per departure with no duplication.

The National Travel application in issue 298 should have read "National Travel (NE) Ltd., have applied for a Bridlington - London service via Scarborough, Malton, York, Selby and Doncaster which would replace the present Scarborough - London service and they have also applied for a Scarborough - London service via Filey, Bridlington, Hull, Howden, Goole, Thorne and Doncaster which would replace the present Scarborough - Dartford service".

A leaflet has been issued to summarise express services from York and includes photographs of East Yorkshire 241 and a United RE.

The following applications have been made:-

Excursions and Tours.T. 98 B/25/90 From Harrogate.

To introduce the following excursions:-

- Kenilworth - Warwick Castles (Day) Fare £2.40p.
 Kirkby Fleetham (Half Day) Fare 95p.
 Llandudno and Conway Castles (Day) Fare £2.55p.
 Matlock Bath and The Well Dressings (Day) Fare £2.10p.

A new leaflet has been issued for the City of York Tour and this includes a drawing of the route and a photograph of 1077 working on the Tour.

The recent fare increase granted to the Companies was implemented from 29th February. As a result the rates for adult contract tickets was increased, except for journeys made wholly within West Yorkshire Metropolitan County. From the same date the issue of quarterly contract tickets was discontinued

3. Service Changes (Cont).

Although not directly affecting West Yorkshire, the Ripon area services of United were revised from 29th February 1976. Fares have been increased, although by less than is necessary to cover the deficit being incurred in the area, and services have been reduced mainly during the evenings. A booklet was issued containing timetables for all services in the Ripon area.

4. Operating Notes.

Bradford. 1284/92, 1352/4/83/9 (all B) have been used on Bradford - Keighley (67) on occasions in February. On 26/2, 1352(B) worked 1245 Bradford - Skipton and was working this turn all day.

Harrogate. On Harrogate-Tadcaster (78) have been 1222(H) on 26 and 27/1; 1221 (H) on 30/1; 1342 (L loan W) on 1/2; 1435 (O loan H) on 6/2; 1213 (H) on 7/2; 1214 (H) on 16/2; 1224 (L loan W) on 17/2; 1223 (H) on 23/2 and 1046 (H) on 26/2. On Thorp Arch - Harrogate (W78) on 23/2 was 1009 (H). On 7/2, 1381 (FB loan H) was on Harrogate - York (84)

Keighley. On 1/3, its first day in service, 1464 worked 12.40 Leeds-Keighley (31)

Leeds. On 20/2, 1182 (O) was on the 32 group of services. On the 07.15 Leeds-York (43) have been 1003(L) on 11/2; 1178(L) on 16/2 and 1002(L) on 19 & 20/2. On Leeds-Scarborough have been 1341 (L loan M) on 1/2; 1243(L) on 17/2; 1002(L) on 20/2. On Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been 1268 (M loan Y) on 29/1; EYMS 796 (a Drifffield vehicle) on 8/2; 1107(Y) on 12/2 and EYMS Panther Cub 864 on 14/2. On 20/2 1154 (M loan L) was on Leeds-Rawdon/Yeadon (54). On 23/2, 1342 was on Leeds-Wetherby(39). On 9/1, an ERG was on Scarborough-Leeds(43) at lunchtime. On 16/1 a VR was on the Rowntree Mackintosh/Terry's Works Special usually worked by a RE, but in the last week of February it was worked every day by a Leyland National. On 17/2, 1443 worked into York showing "Harrogate/84" from Scarborough. On 24/2, Paul Madeley bus 1918 worked Leeds-Harrogate(36), in Harewood at about 07.50, an unusual sight. Vehicles working on Leeds-Bradford (30) have been 26/2 - 1005(L) 19/2 - 1073 (L); 16/2 - 1805(L); 17/2 - 1936(L). For the first time since 26/9/75 a Lodekka worked all day on 30 on 24/2, the vehicle being 1774(L). On 25/2, 1725(U) worked all day for Leeds depot. On 27/2, 1725(U loan B) was on 30, along with 1227(B) and 1212/40(both L). On the 4.45pm ex Bradford that day was 1906(B); 5.05pm - 1227(B); 5.25pm - 1218 (L). 5.45pm - 1212 (L); 6.05pm - 1290 (L) and 5.35pm Bradford-Horsforth (30A) - 1180 (B). The 4.55pm - Leeds - Bradford (30) is an interesting duty. The crew from the 2.25pm Bradford - Leeds (30) take a bus (50% DX, 50% saloon) to Otley on 34 at 3.40pm. This vehicle leaves Otley at 4.15pm to Leeds (34) - thus explaining the appearance of a DX in Otley on 34, not as surmised a school special. The vehicle then works to Bradford at 4.55pm with the same crew. On the 5.10pm Leeds - Alwoodley (36 dup), double deckers continue to appear - 1918 on 17/2/2 and 1814/5, both during February. On 1/2, 1936 was on Leeds - Knaresborough (38). On 10/2, Bradford Depot used 1008 on 3.40pm Bradford - Yeadon (Westfield) (50). Bradford used 1228 on 3.05pm Bradford - Leeds (55A) on 27/2, usually VR worked. The 2.05pm and 2.35pm Bradford - Leeds and DX worked by Bradford Depot; the 3.05pm and 3.35pm are VR worked from Bradford depot; the 4.05pm is either Leyland National or old SRG worked by Leeds Depot and the 4.35pm is worked by a Leeds SRG. On 10/2, 1757 (L loan B) was on 30; on 11/2 it worked the 66/66A for Bradford but by 4.05pm it appeared on the single deck worked Bradford - Leeds (55A) for Leeds.

York. On 1725 York - Leeds (43A) have been 1043 on 2/2; 1368 on 5/2; 1218 on 6/2 and 10/2; 1043 on 11/2; 1005 on 12/2; 1355 on 16/2; 1049 on 17/2; 1285 on 23/2 and 1277 on 26/2. On 09.55 York - Leeds have been 1243 (2/2); 1378 (3/2); 1343 (4/2); 1368 (5/2); 1378 (9/2); 1241 (10/2); 1390 (11/2); 1590 (12/2); 1242 (13/2); 1178 (16/2); 1349 (17/2); 1353 (18/2); 1002 (19/2); 1002 (20/2); 1366 (23/2); 1349 (24/2); 1367 (25/2) and 1357 (27/2). EYMS 759 an ABC Bridgemaster, was on 1605 46X on 2/2 and the same day 1164 (U) was on 80. On 3/2, 1164 (U) was again on 80 whilst 1335 (H) was on Y15 and 1365 on 1455 York - Bradford (43). On 6/2, 1439/43 were on 84. On 9/2, 1365 was on 1455, York - Bradford (43) and was on this route again on 11/2, 12/2, 13/2 and 17/2, with 1364 appearing on 17/2. On 11/2, 3955 was on 80. On 12/2, 1045 was on Y15. On 13/2, 3173 was on Y20 and 1287 on 82. On 14/2, 3433 was on Y13. On 16/2, 3968 was on Y19. On 18/2, 1355 was on 1255 York - Leeds, 3930 on Y21 and 3746 on 79. On 20/2, 1315 was on Y19. On 23/2, 1346 was on Y15 and 1077 on 80. On 24/2, 3172 was on Y9 and 1001 on Bridlington (44). On 25/2 1275 (H) was on 80. On 26/2, 1396 was on Y24, 1275 (H) on 82, 1164 (U) on Y21 and 1403 on 43.

SOLD STOCK NEWS.

- MAR 618. (ex 1602, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 11/71).
To R. Beyer, Hoofddorp, Netherlands, 11/74. Not sold for scrap as previously reported.
- MAR 977. (Ex SNG 52, LS5G sold North, Sherburn 9/71).
To Laycock, Barnoldswick (no 94), 10/71. Pennine, Cargrave 3/72 but not operated. Martin, Weaverham (dealer) 1/73 and previously reported as scrapped. Noted in yard 1/2 mile east of Prestatyn Railway Station 3/74; owner unknown.
- MAY 824/36. (ex 1646/58, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 10/73, 2/73)
Both exported to Troxall, Newark, U.S.A. 12/73.
- 7909 NY. (ex 1096, M/6G sold Sykes, Barnsley 8/75). To Rollinson (breaker) Carlton 12/75.
- 807 B/R. (Ex 2181, SUL4A, sold Norths, Sherburn 2/73). To Dawson Manufacturing, Parkside Mill, Royton, 5/75. Not sold for scrap as reported in issue 29.
- JUN 414C, JUB 304E. (both ex Ldgard vehicles).
To Burton, Pateley Bridge 1/76 on the takeover of Longster's of Pateley.
- MAR 874. (Ex DB47, K6B sold Norths, Sherburn 11/64)
To culling, Claxton, Norfolk 12/64.
Kiverway, Harlow 10/72.
Marsden, Bradford (preserved) 5/73.
Jannaway and Partners, Bookham, Surrey (preserved) 11/74.
Advertised for sale in Historic Commercial Vehicle Club February 1976 Newsletter as "Currently MOT'd; body needs painting but adequate paint and a full set of transfers as well as many spares are included in the asking price of £450. Owner requires quick sale. Please contact A.P. Kidwell, 47 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. Tel 72389 after 6pm."
- 827 B/Y. (ex 1127, M/6G sold Sykes Barnsley 8/75).
To Phillips, Shiptonthorpe 1/76.

6. TEN YEARS AGO.

A number of new vehicles had entered service in March 1966; these were DX206 (Leeds); DX 207/8/9 (Malton); DX210 (York); and KDX 222/3 (Reighley). These had replaced SGL10/2, SGW1/7/8/12 and LDB15/31. Also withdrawn were KSG118/9/22/3, which had been replaced by SUL4A's KSEAL 1, which had been transferred from the main fleet.

York Depot Report recorded that SGW6 had been used on York-Scarborough (43) a very unusual sight.

The 7 page issue ended with Sold Stock News, which reported on SGL14, SGL18, GBL5, DG2/5 and G05G Y330.

7. OTHER INFORMATION.PUBLICITY.

The Company has had several items on BBC TV's "Look North" programme during the past month. One concerned the saga of the Spofforth bus shelter that was built by the local council 100 yards from the nearest bus stop. Look North's reporter John Burns visited the bus shelter on 10th February and failed to board 1309, which was bound for Tadcaster on 78. The following day it was reported that a meeting between interested parties had been held, and a bus stop was to be provided at the bus shelter, at least in one direction.

The news that rail fares are to be increased from the end of March resulted in a report on 18th February on long distance coach services. This was filmed in Wellington Street Coach Station, Leeds, and although a North Western Leopard was featured, in several of the shots a West Yorkshire new type SNG, presumably on one of the East Coastals, was seen.

A photograph of 1447(L) showing "1/etherby/40" standing alongside Metro Leeds 6064, appears in the March issue of "Buses".

PORTABLE LETTER BOXES.

An item in the Yorkshire Post reported that the postal facility on the last Pateley Bridge - Harrogate had been withdrawn over the weekend 7/8 February.

However, an item on BBC TV "Look North" on 27th February covered the event and included a view of 1444. Apparently it was the last portable post box in the North East and was costing the Post Office 24p a letter. Nevertheless it was a little publicised legacy of pre-war days when vehicles carried the box on special brackets under the Autovac.

7. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT).FREE TRAVEL FOR UNDER 5'S.

From 29th February 1976 all children up to the age of 5 can travel free on all WY and YWY services provided that not more than one child accompanies any fare-paying passenger. Additional children irrespective of age must still be paid for. The fare for children of 5 and up to 14 years of age remains at half the adult fare.

TL/M 17.3.76.