

SPRING TOUR - Sunday 15th May 1977

The arrangements for the tour have to be altered. Because of alteration work at both Bishop Auckland and Hartlepool depots of United, we are not able to visit these premises until later in the year. As these are among the more interesting places we were to visit, it has been decided to hold the County Durham tour in the Autumn instead.

A Spring Tour has therefore been planned at short notice to visit more local places of interest. The tentative programme is as follows:- Depart Leeds (Vicar Lane) 9.30am; Bradford 10.00am. Then a visit to the new Bradford Transport Interchange followed by a visit to National Travel at Liversedge. Lunch would be held at Dewsbury Bus Station, followed by a visit to the Yorkshire (Woollen District) works at Savile Town. From Dewsbury the route would be to Halifax (PTE Depots), Todmorden (PTE Depot), Keighley (WY Depot and Tea Break), followed by a return to Bradford for about 7pm and Leeds 7.30pm. The vehicle to be used should be the Silver Jubilee bus, 1946 (B), which will therefore be an added attraction to the Tour. The fare should be around £1, but obviously the more members support the Tour, the less the fare will be. A booking form is enclosed with this issue and should be returned as soon as possible to [REDACTED]

LEEDS MEETING - 26 th March 1977, 7pm.

Details of this meeting were given last month, and all members are invited to the YMCA, Albion Place, Leeds 1, to see an excellent slide show on a wide range of transport subjects by [REDACTED].

PSV CIRCLE The next social meeting will be on Thursday 7th April, from 7pm, in meeting room number 1, second floor, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

HCVC Yorkshire Section The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th April at 7.45pm in the Metro Leeds Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds 1, at which [REDACTED] will give an illustrated talk on Leeds Tramsways.

PRESS DAY for the April issue will be on Saturday 2nd April, and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date to [REDACTED]

1. FLEET CHANGES

Additional Information

On full repaints and overhauls, vehicles are now receiving metric unladen weights the first examples being as follows:- 1031/3/5 - all 8505KG; 3175 - 5506KG; 1292 - 7530KG; 1789 - 7916KG. Details of further vehicles as they are treated would be welcome.

Two new Leyland O680 engines have now been made up in order to convert 1038/9 to RELH6L. Accordingly, 1038 was altered during February, although this actually received the engine from 1047 and presumably the latter will receive a new engine. 1039 is now delicensed for engine change; this is the last of the Plaxton bodied coaches with a Gardner engine. As a point of interest the Gardner 6HLX engine from 1038 was derated to 130BHP and is now running in 1341.

Allocations and Transfers

1003	from	LEEDS	(delicensed)	28.2.77
1039	"	BRADFORD	"	"
1210	"	MALTON	"	"
1745	"	CRW SPARE	"	"
1005		(delicensed)	to	LEEDS
1031		"	"	KEIGHLEY
1038		"	"	BRADFORD
1208		"	"	CRW SPARE
1209		"	"	MALTON
1029	from	KEIGHLEY	"	BRADFORD
1042	"	BRADFORD	"	YORK
1044	"	YORK	"	BRADFORD

Notes:- 1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except 1208/9 (both ex Leeds).

Stored Vehicles

Harrogate:- A number of vehicles have recently been sent to Willowbrooks at Loughborough for attention. 1362 was there during February but has now returned and is back in service. 1001 was moved from Leeds to Harrogate at 8am on 11/2 on trade plates 339 WR, and either this or 1003 is now at Willowbrooks undergoing overhaul and rehabilitation. 1036 was also at Willowbrooks in early March undergoing accident repairs.

The damaged 1824 is now behind Grove Park. On the spare land at the rear of Head Office are 1202/3, both in very poor condition without engines and several windows. The grill of 1202 is also missing. 1201 is in similarly poor condition behind Grove Park and the sale of all three for scrap is expected shortly.

YORK In the field are 1144/5, 1204, 1721/38/9/41/3 and 3746/7.

Withdrawals

31st January 1977:- Car OWX 227K (Austin 1800).
28th February:- 1745 to Held in Reserve.

Sales and Disposals

8th February 1977:- OWX 227K to Mr. D. Savage (West Yorkshire Staff). This car was taken over by West Yorkshire when they became responsible for the NBC Area Architect.

Fleet Total

	WY	YWY	1.3.77	1.3.76
Licensed:-	420	85	505	507
Delicensed:-	38	2	40	29
	458	87	545*	536

* The Fleet Total excludes 1745 (for the second time) but includes 1978 - 82.

2.VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls and Heavy Docks

February 1977:- 1031/3, 3175, 1292, 1789

Repaints and TUV's

February 1977:- 1053/4/6, 1102, 1349, 3457

Also several other YWY Nationals, believed to be 3430-2.

Livery Changes

Further details are now to hand of the Silver Jubilee Bus 1946 and its livery. It was painted silver-grey with a blue band where the normal white band is. It is being sponsored by Camerons Ales, and carries their advertisements on each side of the destination box (the first WY vehicle with this feature) and two target adverts at the rear. On the skirt panels it reads "Queens Silver Jubilee 1977", and carries a new NBC emblem on the front, with the fleetname between decks towards the front of the vehicle. On 5th February it returned to Northern General at Gateshead to be repainted into a more prominent silver and had returned by the 20th February.

The YWY Nationals noted above as being repainted have not had their white band extended round the front.

General News

On overhaul at least 2 of 1031-6, (probably all of 1034-6) are receiving black headrolls since supplies of the old colour have run out.

1296 after sustaining accident damage whilst on 87 gravitated into York field for a time. Following repairs it now has a reflective number plate at the front only.

The recent withdrawal of 3747 means that there are now no Lodekkas in the passenger fleet with the old type of radiator grille.

Vehicles at Skipton depot have at last received new blinds as follows:- White Blank; Private; School Specia; Emsay; Appletreewick; Bolton Abbey; Eastby; Ilkley; Harrogate; Addingham; Skipton; Leeds; Otley; Skipton; Bradford; Cononly; Croshills; Sutton; Silsden; White Blank; Skipton; Short Bank Road/Bus Station (on 2 lines); Hurrs Road/Bus Station; Greatwood Avenue/Bus Station; Horse Close/Bus Station; Greenacres/Bus Station; Skipton; Grassington; White Blank; Hebden; Kilnsey; Kettlewell; Buckden; Hawes; Leyburn; Skipton; Oakworth; Haworth; Keighley; Bradford; Skipton; Skipton via Airedale Hospital (on 2 lines);

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Advertisement News

With the allocation of 1214 to Central Repair Works Spare, 1285 (H) has taken over as the "Allens" vehicle, and now carries a lower side advert at each side and a lower rear and ann offside target advert, all for this firm.

3921/51/4 and 3790 have each received a side advert for "Come home to a Real Fire".

A new rear advert is for "Scarborough Building Society".
3331 now has a rear advert for "Unwins 'or Food".

New inside adverts are "Better Catch National", "Make Sightseeing a National Event" and "Enjoy your National heritage".

Some YVR's have as many as 8 inside adverts at present, and most YDX's have six, all being neatly displayed.

"Big and little Knits" is the latest Wendy Wool's inside panel.

3. SERVICE CHANGES

East Yorkshire have made the following applications:-

S.603 BE3/222 X78 BRIDLINGTON-LEEDS

To retime the 14.00 Bridlington-Leeds journey Friday only to 14.30.
To amend the period of operation of the 08.05 Leeds-Bridlington Sunday only journey to operate from Easter Sunday to last Sunday in October.

S.604 BE3/44 45 BRIDLINGTON-LEEDS

To amend the period of operation of the 16.00 Bridlington-Leeds Sunday only journey to operate from Easter Sunday to last Sunday in October.

WEST YORKSHIRE have made the following applications:-

S.605 BW25/751 776/7 HARROGATE-ILKLEY

Mon-Sat: To divert the 09.10 Ilkley to Harrogate journey via North Rigg and to delete the route deviation via Stray Rein on this journey.

S.606 BW25/672 36 LEEDS-RIPON

Mon-Sat: To introduce a revised route on the 09.00 Leeds-Harrogate journey.

S.607 BW25/50 44 LEEDS-BRIDLINGTON

BW25/51 45 LEEDS-BRIDLINGTON
To introduce local fares within Bridlington.

S.608 BW25/834 70 SKIPTON-SILSDEN

Mon-Fri: To extend the 16.15 Skipton-Bradley journey to Croshills arr.16.39.
Application has been made to amend the terminal point in Bradford to be the Transport Interchange.

A fares application has been made included in which is an application to increase the Dalesrider ticket to £1.40 (Day) and 95p (Half Day).

York-West Yorkshire have applied to alter the travel Concession for Old Age Pensioners. In addition to purchasing the pass from the York District Council each separate journey undertaken will be charged at a flat fare of 2p. The Concession is still available within the York City boundary with the exception of Y4 to Fulford, Y24 to Naburn Hospital and Y19 to Heslington (Y4A to Heslington is only available to boundary).

York-West Yorkshire have also applied for a York Tourist ticket. This would cost £1.50 and would give two days unlimited travel on York-West Yorkshire routes plus one journey on the York City Tour (this is of course licensed to West Yorkshire BW25/473).

Other applications are:-

S.609 BW25/324 739/40 LEEDS-KNARESBOROUGH

Thursday only: To divert the 09.10 Leeds-Wetherby and the 12.03 Wetherby-Leeds via Bardsey village.

S.610 BW25/834 70 SKIPTON-SILSDEN

Mon-Fri: To extend the 16.15 Skipton-Bradley journey to Croshills arriving at 16.35. (This replaces a previous application).

4. OPERATING NOTES General Logically the abbreviation for vehicles allocated to Central Repair Works should be 'CRW' rather than 'U' (unallocated) and henceforth 'CRW' will be used for these vehicles.

HARROGATE Noted on Harrogate-Knaresborough (1/2) have been 1166 (O loan H), 1206 (CRW), 1257 (B loan H), 1289 (O loan H) and 1756 (CRW) all on 15/2, and 1289 on 19/2. On 1/2, 1396 (Yk loan L) was on Leeds-Harrogate (36). Working on Harrogate-Tadcaster (78) have been:- 2/2- 1441 (L loan H); 4/2- 1221 (H); and 1289 (O loan H) and 21/2- 1237 (H). 1289 (O loan H) was on Harrogate-Wetherby (78M) on 26/2. On 2/2, 1213 (CRW) was on Harrogate-York (84). London and Manchester 1936 (L) has been noted a further twice in Knaresborough on 7/0, on 8 and 28/2. 1206/13/4 and 1756 (all CRW) have all been in use here during February, mostly on local routes, although 1214 was on route 36 Leeds-Ripon on 10/2, and 1213 on route 24 on 11/2. Although 1470-3 spend most of their time on 11/11A, other vehicles have appeared occasionally during February, viz - 1222/58 on 3/2, 1411 on 4/2, 1206 (CRW) on 18/2 and 1157 on 28/2. 1344 (I loan H) was on route 776 on 3/2. 1166 (O loan H) was on route 36 (dup.) to Ripon on 4/2. An unusual vehicle on the 15.10 to Scarborough (L) on 5/2 was 3461. Also noted on that afternoon were 1223 on routes 1/2 (OMO) and 1251 on "653/OTLEY". On 10/2, 1166 (O loan H) was on routes 9/9A and 1156 was working Harrogate-Boston Spa (78B). On 14/2, 1206 (CRW) was on routes 7/10/12/13 along with 1291 (O loan H). On 15/2, 1166 was in use on routes 1/2. 1257 (B) has been in use on routes 1/2 during most of February as has 1754 (O). The most interesting loans of the month were 1298 and 3974 from York commencing 28/2. 1298 has been used on various "out-district" services whilst 3974 has worked the following duty on 28/2, 1-3/3:- 07.05 Harrogate-Aldbrough (15); 07.51 Aldbrough - Harrogate (14A); 08.45 Harrogate-Beckwithshaw (5); 09.00 Beckwithshaw-Harrogate (5); 15.45 Bus Station-St. Aidans (-); 1550 St. Aidans-Knaresborough (Stockwell Road) (235); 16.05 Stockwell Rd-Knaresborough Bus Station (-); 16.12 Knaresborough-Bachelor Gardens (1); 18.02 Bachelor Gardens-Aspin Lane (2A); 18.35 Aspin Lane-Harrogate (2); by the third day of the loan (2/3), 3974 had been fitted with a Harrogate destination blind. It is possible that the loan of 3974 to Harrogate is for the purpose of balancing mileage as opposed to vehicle shortage at Harrogate. On 28/2, 1170 was on route 776 to Ilkley. On 28/2, 1156 was on Ilkley-Harrogate (776). On 10/2, 1106 (L) had to be towed from Harewood by the veteran tree lopper 4025. The same day 1356 (Yk) was on Harrogate-Leeds (36). On 6/3, 3974 was on the 16.3 Bachelor Gardens-Knaresborough (2).

KEIGHLEY On 21/2, 1946 (B) was on Keighley-Scripton (666).

LEEDS Noted on Leeds-York (43/43A) have been: 07.15 ex Leeds- 1008 (L) on 14/2; 1005 ex Leeds- 1106 (L) on 5/2; 1205 ex Leeds- 1049 (L) on 15/2; 16.55 ex York- 1037 (I loan Yk) on 11/2; 17.25 ex York- 1025 (L) on 1/2; 1008 (L) on 2/2; 1003 (L) on 10/2 and 1053 (L) on 14/2. 3331 (Yk loan M) worked Leeds-Scarborough (43) on 5/2 and sister 3329 (Yk) was on Leeds-Malton (43A). Working on Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been 1015 (L) on 1/2 and 1396 (Yk loan L) on 16 and 21/2, but by 26/2, 1396 was working for Malton. On 14/2, 1745 (CRW) was on Leeds-Ilkley (733). 1049 (L) was on Leeds-Wetherby (741) on 9/2 and on 23/2, 1342 (L) was on Leeds-Keighley (760). On 2/3, 1208 (CRW) was working on 36. 1474 (Sk) was on Ilkley-Leeds (784) on 1/2 and 15/2. On 14/1, 1108 (K) was in Roseville depot showing "Leeds/740".

WETHERBY At Wetherby have been 1163/4 (both CRW) and 1078 (L) on 19 and 20/2, and 1078 (L) on 25 and 26/2.

YORK On 2/2, 1045 (Yk) was on York-Thirsk (80). On 2/2, 1276 (H loan Yk) was on Y14, but this may be a regular fill-in turn. The same day 1399 was on 84, 1268 on Y13 and 3748 (CRW) on Y2. On 3/2, 3174 was on Y13 and 1262 on Y11. On 10/2, 3431 was on Y13. On 11/2, 1260 was on Y9, 1372 on Y13, 1349 (L) on 17.25 York-Leeds (43A) and 1761 on Y12. On 12/2, 3457 was on Y13. On 15/2, 1399 was on 84, and 1003 (L) on 17.25 York-Leeds (43A). On 17/2, 3959 was on Y2, 1401 on 87 and 3748 (CRW) on 80. On 18/2, 3924 was on Y2. On 21/2, 3431 was on Y13, 1165 on Y14 and 3942 on 80. On 23/2, 3929 was on Y19 and 1443 on 84. 1241 worked 17.25 York-Leeds (43A) on 25/2. 1054 was noted on the Hilliards Shoppers Service on at least one occasion in January. The vehicle shortage in York has resulted in LH's appearing on Y9/9A/19 in place of RE's and Ley Nat's. They have also been noted working OMO on Y13/13A. The new YVR's seem to work all routes and have not been allocated to farebox duties especially. An un-timetabled Farebox working is 16.56 York Station to Strensall (Fridays only); anyone not expecting this duplicate and requiring change is asked to wait for the service vehicle. 1341 worked to Bridlington on 27/2. West Riding are working double deckers on part of the York by-pass, coming off on Selby Road. 1017 worked a duplicate to Haxby or Strensall on 24/2 at about 17.00 (possibly the above 16.56 duty).

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1088 has also appeared at other times. An 'R' registered East Yorkshire VR was noted on 2/3 leaving York at about 08.05 for Bridkington (44A). Eddie Brown of Helperby is running an ex Merseyside PTE/Liverpool Corporation Atlantean 542 KD on School Specials in the York area. It has been repainted red with cream window surrounds. Indicators are set to "A15" with "School Bus" in the other aperture on red paper.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS

YWT 292 (Ex SUG 77, MW5G sold Norths, Sherburn 9/71)

To Hedingham and District, L71, 10/71.

Partridge (Claireaux), Hadleigh 9/76.

Garnhams (Woodbridge Coaches), Essex 9/76.

A photograph of this vehicle in its Partridge livery appeared in the March edition of "Buses" page 110.

TWT 123 (Ex 1047, MW5G sold Lincolnshire RCC 2270, 6/72)

Withdrawn 1/77.

2018/9 YG, 950 BWR (Ex 1722/3/36, FS6B sold United 221/2/5, 5/76).

All withdrawn by United 12/76. This may explain the sighting of ex 1736 referred to in issue 310 (en route to a Barnsley breaker?)

6. TEN YEARS AGO

The first page or so of the March 1967 issue gave a report of a Works visit that had taken place on 4th March 1967. It is interesting to note that membership was then only 85 whereas we now have well over 100.

The new MW coaches, CUG 46-8, had entered service at Harrogate, as had a surprise "new" vehicle, CRG 1, which was actually new in 1963, but had been used for experimental purposes by Bristol Commercial Vehicles prior to being brought to full coach standard.

Allocations and Transfers had produced a few items of note, with the first move since new of DBW 15, the relicensing of DBW 27, the delicensing of pre-production Bodekka DX 2 (which subsequently surprised everyone by being overhauled for 4 1/2 years further service) and the withdrawal of CUG 7, only a year after an overhaul.

KDB 33/4, YB 73/6-81 had all gone to Hartwood Finance, Barnsley, where they were subsequently scrapped.

The beading of the waistband of SRG 8 had been altered to give more cream, and the fleetname had been moved to the waistband, where it became standard for single deckers until the advent of the BC corporate livery, although without the altered beading.

A new limited stop, peak hour, rail replacement service jointly operated with United had been introduced over two routes between Harrogate and Thirsk and there were also a large number of timetable alterations on other services.

During redecoration of the canteen at Chester Street SBW 26 had been used as a temporary rest room, with seats removed and wooden tables and chairs substituted.

The 7 1/2 page issue ended with a booking form for the Spring Tour, which was to Durham.

7. OTHER INFORMATION

Study of 1470

1/2- on 11A in the early afternoon; 2/2- on 11/11A and also on the 16.30 to Starbeck (1); 4/2- on routes 15/653; 5/2- on routes 11/11A; 6/2- on 11/11A; 8/2- on 11/11A; 10/2- on route 653 and route 7; 12/2- on 11/11A; 14/2- on 11/11A; 16-19/2- on 11/11A; 22/2- on the 17.00 Leeds-Harrogate 36; 23-26/2- on 11/11A; 28/2- on routes 1/2; 1/3- on routes 9/9A; 2/3- on 11/11A; 3/3- on 11/11A and also on the 17.40 Boroughbridge (14); 6/3- on the 16.40 Harrogate-Boroughbridge (14A) At the end of February/early March the vehicle appeared to have a fault with its destination blind or winding gear as it was permanently showing a white blank, but this had evidently been repaired by 6/3. It has received a slight scrape at the nearside, towards the rear wheel.

Service Reductions

Much publicity has been given during February to possible effects of the planned support cutback of the North Yorkshire County Council, which could fall £700,000 short of needs. A list of villages and towns which could be affected and left without a bus service at all has also been given as follows:-

Appletreewick, Askwith, Bickerton, Blubberhouses, Bolton Abbey, Bradley, Buckden, Burnshall, Claxton, Fewston, Flaxton, Forest Moor, Foston, Gilling East, Halton East, Hessay, Kettleasing, Kettlewell, Kilnsey, Markington, Menwith, Norwood, Nun Monkton, Nunnington, Oswaldkirk, Sand Hutton, Sheriff Hutton, Sowerby, Starbotton, Stonegrave, Thirsk, Thornthwaite, Thornton le Clay, Tumble and West Lilling. Besides these 35 a further 50 could suffer reductions in services, many at peak hours, and the Harrogate Chauffeur Coach service, which is so popular with its passengers, is also in jeopardy.

The situation should have become clear after a meeting of the county highways and transport committee on March 11.

TIMETABLES Our Publications Officer, [redacted], wishes to dispose of a number of timetables:-

- East Yorkshire: Winter 1967/8; 1971/2; 1972/3; 1973/4; 1974/5; 1975/6.
- United: Winter 1967/8; 1973; 1974 (North Yorkshire).
- West Riding: Nov 1967; Sept 1969; March 1975; March 1973.
- Yorkshire Woollen: Feb 1974.
- Eastern National: 1967 (except Southend).
- Eastern Counties Norwich area: 1968; 1969.
- North Western: 1966/7. Ribble: Central Lancs 1966/7; South Lancs 1967/8.
- Crosville: Area 5 Summer 1964; 1973/74; 1974/75. York. Traction: Jan 1973; March 1975.
- Lincolnshire: May 1975.
- Alexander (Northern): Summer 71; 72; 73; 75; Winter 72.
- (Midland) : Summer 72; 73; 74; 75.
- (Fife) : Summer 71; Winter 72.
- Eastern Scottish: Summer 74; 73; 75; Winter 72. Sheffield: 1969 (New).
- Leeds: Jan/Feb 70.
- W.Y. PTE Leeds District: April to June 1974.
- " Kirklees District: Aug 75.
- " Bradford District: June 74.

Anyone interested in any of these timetables should contact [redacted] direct.

OTHER BRISTOLS

W. Pyne of Harrogate has acquired 712 JHY, an FSF6B ex Bristol Omnibus 06013, which is being used on a daily school contract from Alwoodly to Rossett High School at Harrogate. It is still painted green and carries adverts for Bristol firms.

Noted in Leeds recently was 374 GWN, ex RELH6G ex South Wales 155, with BCW coach body, now with Walkers of Hexthorpe. This must be one of the very first ex NBC Bristol RE's to be bought by an Independent.

LIVERY CHANGES One of our members has compiled the following list of notable livery changes, etc., since the War:-

First vehicle in red and cream- presumed to be 707 (DG39)	11/44
First in red and cream with two cream bands- 715 (DG46)	5/47
First with smaller fleetname - DX10	6/59
Last with old style fleetname - 4025 (tree lopper)	1/75
First with only one cream band - DX9/107	2/70
First in National red/white- 1949	9/72
First in National white - 1035	9/72
First in service in National red/white DP livery - 1006	1/75
Last with two cream bands - 3796	1/75
Last in Tilling red/cream - 1278	6/75
Last in Tilling red (with white band) - 1740	8/75
Last in maroon / cream coach livery - 1086	12/73

Confirmation that 707 was the first vehicle in red and cream would be welcome.

C.C.P. / T.M.L.

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