

Allocations and Transfers

1066	(New)	to	YORK	18.7.77
1067	"	"	BRADFORD	"
1068	"	"	HARROGATE	"
3457	from YORK		(delicensed)	31.7.77
3171	(delicensed)	to	YORK	1.8.77
1037	from LEEDS		HARROGATE	"
1041	" HARROGATE	"	LEEDS	"
1043	" BRADFORD	"	YORK	"
1045	" YORK	"	BRADFORD	"

- Notes:- 1. 1037/41/5 all return to their original depots.
 2. 1066-8 had to be licensed during July in order to keep their booked registrations but were only used towards the very end of the month.

FLEET TOTAL

	<u>WY</u>	<u>YWY</u>	<u>1.8.77</u>	<u>1.8.76</u>
Licensed:-	444	84	528	524
Delicensed:-	3	2	5	7
	<u>447</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>531</u>

Temporary Loans

1946 (B) was loaned to Harrogate on 13/7 for working to the Show Ground for the visit of H.M. The Queen to the Great Yorkshire Show. Following its duties at Harrogate, 1946 moved to United's Middlesborough depot for, it is understood, a period of six weeks. In exchange, United VR 686 (SUP 686R), painted poppy red/white and overall advertisements for Camerons Beers is working for West Yorkshire at Harrogate. United 686 was returned to Middlesborough on 5th August in exchange for 1946, to enable the latter to appear on the Trans Pennine Run on Sunday 7th August. Unfortunately 1946 had to be withdrawn due to mechanical problems but was due to be returned to United on 8th or 9th August and United 686 was expected back again. Meanwhile 1949 (H) is at Bradford to cover the absence of 1946.

1949 on loan to United recently, 1949 worked on services 274/5 to Redcar and sometimes on 271 to Billingham and Wolviston. Presumably 1946 will be used on these routes as well.

1289 and 1813 (both O) have been at Harrogate throughout July, whilst 1231/85, 1398 (all H) have been at Otley.

2. VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls: 1301/7/12, 3952/4 - July 1977.

Heavy Docks:- 1788 - July 1977.

Repaints:- 1241/59, 1411/16/23, 1822, 1270, 1166 - July 1977.

Paint Dates:- 1978-81 all K1/77.

Certificates of Fitness

1005- 23/11/80; 1036- 3/5/82; 1064- 18/5/84; 1065- 22/5/84; 1299/1300- 12/8/82; 1302- 24/1/82; 1305- 24/5/82; 1306- 28/6/82; 1308- 23/9/82; 1482- 23/3/84; 1483- 24/3/84; 1484- 4/4/84; 1787- 4/1/81; 1803- 21/9/81; 1805- 3/5/81; 3950- 3/5/82; 3951- 30/5/82; 3953- 30/6/82.

Unladen Weights

1301 - 7658 KG; 1307/12 - 7633 KG; 1788 - 7916 KG; 3952/4 - 8865 KG.

In addition, 1411/23 both now show 8-17-2 (ex 8-12-0); 1440 shows 8-3-0 (ex 8-13-0) and 1081 shows 7-3-0 (ex 7-7-0). For some reason 1308 still shows 7-10-1 after overhaul and has not been converted to metric, whilst 1320 has been checked and still shows 7-10-0 (see last month).

Livery Changes

During July, the new NBC logo started appearing on vehicles other than Leyland Nationals after repaint. Thus 1241/70, 1166, 1411/6/23 and 1822 are all now fitted, though only in front of the fleetnames. The Nationals also had their white band extended round the front.

Livery changes cont.)

1259 carries plain emblems. It is not known yet whether the other vehicles listed above were fitted with the new logo, but this will be checked as soon as possible.

It is now standard practice for the fleet numbers to be applied to new vehicles in the centre at front and rear although so far only Leyland Nationals are receiving this treatment after repaint.

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General News

Following recent Heavy Dock, 1803 now has straight cut front wings instead of the curved variety that it previously had. It is understood that 1003 visited Midland Red only for mechanical attention and did not receive an overhaul or heavy dock. It later entered Myrtle Road and received the best of the green seats formerly in 1001, which is to receive seats covered in different material at Willowbrooks.

The latest VR's, 1978-82, have nearside foglights and offside spotlights instead of twin foglamps.

1901 has been fitted with windscreen washers.

1318/20 have both been to Willowbrooks recently for attention to the front end of the body. 1320 was there just after Easter and 1318 during July. The front end (only) of 1320 was spraypainted after completion of the repairs, as probably was that of 1318 which also only received a front end repaint.

1275 has most nearside windows glazed in black rubber, leaving only about two bays still in cream. Apparently cream rubber for windows is now unobtainable.

1206 has for some reason gained old style tail lamps with chromium surrounds.

Advertisement News

A new side advert at York is for "Scarborough Zoo and Marineland".

The "Rothmans King Size" advert has ceased in York.

A new inside advert is for "Ticket Inspection".

3791 has received a "Rose and Co" rear advert whilst 3924 has had its "Rose and Co" advert removed.

A new inside advert is for "Peckitts Store".

A new side advert at most depots is for "Celebrate with National", in silver.

The "Wrights Cost of Living Slicers" advert on York Nationals has ceased after 1 month.

A new rear advert is "Watch out for Billy behind a parked car".

A new inside advert is for "Parklink", the bus and train service linking the Dales National Park.

The latest York Races Target adverts have been for "...8/9 July" and ".....16/17/18 August".

1434/46/73/84 have all appeared during July with "Vapona" side adverts pasted on the nearside. These are thought to be the first adverts for Leyland Nationals carried in this position.

3. SERVICE CHANGES

Market Street, Shipley, between Central Avenue and Market Square has been closed for 3 weeks from 25th July and routes have been varied as follows:- buses from Bradford normally entering Market Square via Market Street are operating via Central Avenue.

Buses to Wrose (676) and to Bradford encircle the Square and leave via the Kirkgate and except for some Baildon services which are leaving via Central Avenue.

The adjustments to services 647 and 364 (8629, 631 in issue 316) have been in operation since May.

Commencing 11th June, a number of journeys on service 71 were extended to and from Skipton Railway Station to connect with trains from Leeds and Bradford. Operating as "Parklink", passengers from Buckden, Kettlewell and Grassington or Hebden can travel through to Bradford or Leeds or vice versa by bus and train at a special day return fare of £1.70 adult, 85p child. Journeys operating to and from Skipton Station are 08.50 ex Grassington (Mon-Sat), 17.35 ex Kettlewell (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.), 17.45 ex Buckden (Weds), 19.00 ex Buckden (Sats), 09.28 ex Skipton (Sats), 09.58 ex Skipton (Mon-Fri), 16.28 ex Skipton (sats), 17.05 ex Skipton (Mon-Fri), and 19.28 ex Skipton (sats). Vehicles operating these journeys show a "Parklink" board in the windscreen.

A number of revisions recently applied for in the Harrogate area came into effect on 18th July- S610 (Issue 313), S615/6/20 (Issue 315), S632 (Issue 316). Traffic notices publicising these changes are not displayed at Harrogate Bus Station, but are shown in full at Otley Bus Station!

S640 (Issue 316) which is an application to retime the 19.35 York-Harrogate to 19.40 (Daily) is believed to have become effective on 19th June and is to enable connection to be made at York Station with National Travel 291 (Whitby-Bradford).

4. OPERATING NOTES

BRADFORD On 24/7, 1948/65/77 were on route. 655 and on 23/7 1965 was on the Baildon services. On 29/7, 1982 was on 677 and an unidentified Plaxton on the 17.25 route 677. On 1/8, 1380 was on the early morning 671 Horsforth-Bradford at 07.59; this vehicle then works 08.55 to Scarborough (43). 1940 was on 19.30 Bradford-Leeds (670) replacing 1257 which had arrived from Leeds (18.30 ex Leeds). On 2/8, 1805 (L loan B) was on 16.10 route 678 to West Royd Crescent. On Friday 19/8 on 670 Leeds provided 1805 and 1901 (B) and Bradford provided 1304 and 1260 (L loan B). On 23/8, on 15.25 670 was 1822 (L) but this was replaced in Leeds by 1814 leaving 1822 to work again to Bradford from Leeds at 16.55. The same day on 670 saw 1905 work the 16.45 to Leeds instead of the 17.05 as it should have done, this was because of vehicle shortage and 1786 worked a late 17.05 to Leeds. 1368 (L) failed in Rodley on the 16.15 Leeds-Bradford 670.

HARROGATE On 6/7, 1215 (L) was working route 36 Leeds-Ripon; 1423 (B) was used on routes 1/2 on 8/7, following repaint. Noted working to the Showground for the Great Yorkshire Show were 1007/16/60/76/87 and 1157 on 12/7; 1007/35/50/63/86/87, 1270, 1314, 1471, 1810 and 1946 on 13/7 and 1007/28/41/51/52/64, 1802 and United 686 on 14/7. On the first two days of the Show, 12 and 13/7, North Eastern BRS hired a West Yorkshire coach to transport their guests between the BRS depot in Dragon Road and the Showground. 1086 was used on the 12th, and 1062 on the 13th. A most unusual working was the appearance of 3819 (Yk loan W) on the following Wetherby duty on 13/7:- 07.23 Wetherby-Boston Spa (78), 07.35 Boston Spa-Harrogate (78), 08.15 Harrogate-Pannal Ash (7A), 08.27 Pannal Ash-Harrogate (72), 08.40 Harrogate-Wetherby (78B). United VR 686 is mainly working routes 1/2 but has also been noted on Boroughbridge and Beckwithshaw. On 26/7, 1483 (O loan H) was on route 776. On 11 th July, one of the new Leyland Leopard/Duples was noted passing Harrogate Bus Station. On 3/8, 1068 was in the Bus Station showing "Excursion". On 14/7, 1305 (B loan L) was on Leeds-Harrogate (36). On Harrogate-Tadcaster (78) have been:- 27/6- 1162 (H); 28/6- 1217 (H); 6/7- 1270 (O loan H); 16 and 22/7- 1265 (O loan H); 28/7- 1217 (H). On 12/7, 3790 was working on route 1.

LEEDS On 25/7, 1772 (K loan I) was on Leeds-Ilkley (733). On Leeds-Wetherby (741) on 28/6 was 1011 (L) was was 1037 (L) on 5/7. On 20/7, 1207 (L) was on Leeds-Tadcaster (742). In late July/early August, Ilkley had 1772 (K) and Leeds had 1776 (B) on Leeds-Otley/Ilkley duties, although 1776 did put in an appearance on 670. 1807 (L) was on 759 on 3/8. A member reports that with regard to the notes on the special working on 784 and then the 16.55 to Bradford (670) being revised, Car 23 was revised in July and works both journeys on 784 and 670 referred to. Certainly since school holidays started a school holiday rota on Car 18 works only the 16.55 ex Leeds and 18.05 ex Bradford on 670 and it is therefore possible that our notes referred only to school holiday workings. As has been widely reported, 1178 whilst working on X70 with 1244 on 30/7, had to be replaced at Hawes by United LH 1680 (NGR 680P) of Richmond Depot, which later returned to Leeds on X70. Meanwhile 1244 had to go over the 1726 ft. Buttertubs Pass to Keld with only 3 spare seats.

YORK On 23/7, 1252 (H loan Yk) was on York-Tadcaster (Woodlands Avenue). Noted on Leeds-York (43/43A) have been- 1207 (L) on 19.55 ex York on 26/6; 1011 (L) on 07.25 ex Leeds on 12/7; 1164 (L) on 14.05 ex Leeds on 9/7 and on 07.15 ex Leeds- 1011 (L) on 29/6 and 1396 (Yk loan L) on 11/7.

1355 (L) on 14/7; 1355 (W loan L) on 20/7; 1056 (L) on 21/7; 1343 (L) on 25/7 and 1290 (L) on 26/7. On 09.55 York-Leeds on 4/7 was 1008 (L) and on 13/7 was 1390. On Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been:- 29/6- 1229 (L loan Yk); 3/7- 1229 (L loan M); 5/7- 1229 (L loan Yk); 9 and 11/7- 1377 (L loan M); 20/7- 1155 (M loan Yk) and 23/7- 1451 (L). On Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been:-

On 18.05 Leeds-York have been:- 1024 (L) on 29/6; 1161 (W loan L) on 25/7, and on 17.25 ex York - 1021 (L) on 13/7; 1024 (L) on 30/6; 1215 (L) on 6/7; 1008 (L) on 11/7; 1021 on 27/6; 1355 (L) on 14/7; 1283 (W loan L) on 20/7; 1056 (L) on 21/7; 1343 (L) on 25/7 and 1290 (L) on 26/7. On 09.55 York-Leeds on 4/7 was 1008 (L) and on 13/7 was 1390. On Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been:- 1229- 29/6 (L loan Yk); 3/7- 1229 (L loan M); 5/7- 1229 (L loan Yk); 9 and 11/7- 1377 (L loan M); 20/7- 1155 (M loan Yk) and 23/7- 1451 (L). On Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been:- 1353 (L loan Yk) on 9/7 and 1305 (B loan L) on 16/7. On 8/7, 1216 (W loan L) was on York-Scarborough (83). On 24/7, 1268 (M loan Yk) was on York-Kettlewell (84B); On 1/7, 3459 was on Y13 and 1345 on 83. On 4/7, 1372 was on Y2, 3174 on Y19 and 3798 on 79. On 5/7, 1335 was on Y10 and the following day 1315 was on Y13. On 7/7, 1397 was on 85 and 1333 on 80, with 3837 on 80 on 8/7. On 11/7, 3953 was on Y21, 1217 on 84 and 1439 on 84. On 12/7, 3459 was on Y13. On 13/7, 1226 was on Y13. 1481 was on 84 and 1268 on Y13 both on 14/7, and the same day United 2718 of Scarborough Depot was on 143. On 15/7, 3797 was on Y19 and 1297 on Y9 whilst on 18/7, 3331 was on Y21, 3816 on 80 and 1291 on 84. On 19/7, 3832 was on 46A and 1770 (U) on 80. On 20/7, 3974 was on Y2. On 21/7, 3329 was on Y2, 1017 on 80, 1287 on 83 and 3974 on Y8. On 22/7, 3793 was on 80. On 25/7, 1252 (H) was working in York. On 26/7, 3458 and 1262 were on Y15. On 27/7, 3172 was on Y13, 3829 on 80, and 1262 on Y14. On 28/7, 3176 was on Y9 and 3838 on 80. On 29/7, 1252 was on 82 and 1770 (U) on Y20. On 31/7, 1965 was on 755, 1376 on 43, 1341 on 43A and 1343 on 44.

LONG DISTANCE.

On 30/7, 1343 was on 282. 1010 (Sk) was noted on 285 (Skipton-Blackpool) on 20/7. On 29/7, 1076 (H loan I) worked X44 (Leeds-Bridlington). The same day, United 1293 (RELH/Plaxton) was noted heading towards Scarborough through Ganton at about 18.55 showing "206/York". On 1/8, the 07.50 Harrogate-London was worked by 1007/33 (H). On 2/8, 1060 (H) was noted on Harrogate-Middlesborough (399 Dup.) at 14.10. The service car to Sunderland was 1037(H). New Duple bodied 1068 has also been working on Leeds-Sunderland (399), although of course it is not in National white livery. On 2/7, 1041 (H) was on Keighley-Whitby (291).

5.SOLD STOCK NEWS

- TWT 119 (Ex SUG 66, LS5G sold Norths, Sherburn 5/72)
To Wylie, Thorne 2/73; Norths, Sherburn 3/73;
Evans (Contr.), Sunderland 4/73.
Norths, Sherburn 1/77.
Sold by Norths 6/77 and noted 8/7/77 in the yard of an unknown breaker, Carlton (still intact).
- 144 CWR (Ex 3746, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 3/77).
To Wakefield Shirt Company (Double 2), 4/77.
Noted 8/7/77 on Double 2's premises still in red with white band (ie. not in sale livery) but with fleetnames painted out.
- 145 CWR (Ex 3747, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 3/77)
To Wakefield Shirt Company (Double 2), 3/77.
- 2029 YG (Ex 3730, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 1/76)
To Wakefield Shirt Company (Double 2), 3/76.
This is confirmed as only having been at Norths for repair (see Issue 313). It had left Norths by 7/5/77 and was on Double 2's premises on 8/7/77 and 4/8/77.
- 7902 WY (Ex 1098, MW6G sold Lincolnshire R.C.C. 2275, 5/73)
To Norths, Sherburn 3/77. Sindall Plant, Cambridge 7/77.

- 275 BWU (Ex 1751, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 3/77)
Left Norths 4/77. No further details known.
- YWT 292 (Ex SUG 77, MW5G sold Norths, Sherburn 9/71)
Currently with Garnham, Woodbridge. This is reported by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Society's Bulletin "Terminus" to have been re-seated with seats taken from a VR of Eastern Counties National which was formerly owned by Alexander (Midland).
- 7904 WY (Ex 1091, MW6G sold NBC Cannibalisation Centre 9/75).
Further to last month's notes, a Bedford SB/Duple, possibly in use as a stock car transporter, was noted in Tadcaster on 30/7/77 bearing registration number 7904 WY! Comments please!
- TWT 123 (Ex 1047, MW5G sold Lincolnshire R.C.C. 2270, 6/72)
To Martin (Dealer), Middlewich 11/76.
Noted on M1 near St.Albans on 17/7/77 with an unknown school, still in Lincolnshire livery but with yellow lettering bearing the name of the school.

6.TEN YEARS AGO.

August 1967 was a quiet month, with no withdrawals and no new vehicles. A new style of Setright Speed ticket had appeared, which is still the current design. YDX 191 had been used at Harrogate on Great Yorkshire Show Specials. Sold Stock News reported that SGW 3 had been noted in Otley working for Minter (Contractor), whilst YDB 39 had entered service with Voy of Newton Aycliffe. A fares increase had been granted and was to take effect from 30th August.

7.OTHER INFORMATION

Study of 1470

July- 1-2- route 11; 4/7- routes 18/78; 7-9/7 and 15/7- 11; 23/7 and 25/7- on loan to Otley working route 733; 29/7- route 36.
August- 1/8- route 11; 3rd- routes 7436/78/84.

Other Bristols

Ripon has become a very interesting town recently, with the acquisition of a number of second hand vehicles by United. Some are also transfers.

United 1451 (NDL 768G) is a Bristol L7S6L/Marshall B35F ex Southern Vectis 832, which is still in green with a white band but carrying United fleetnames and numbers.

1452 (NDL 769G) is a similar vehicle but repainted red with a white band.

2303 (352 MFM) is an ex Crosville MW6G, painted all green without fleetnames and with only a chalked "2303" at the front. It is in atrocious condition.

2304 (306 PFM) is also ex Crosville with a coach body converted with bus seats and painted all red with United fleetnames and number and with the new logo.

2305 (851 RFM), another ex Crosville, has a bus style body painted red with a white band, new logo etc., and looks quite smart.

2306 (853 RFM) the last of the Crosville quartet, is still in green, but with a white band and United fleetnames, whereas 2777 (7433 HN) is an ex Durham District MW6G, with dual purpose seats.

All these vehicles appear regularly in Harrogate, often on 129, although the ex Southern Vectis have been on 36 as well, the first having been seen on 9/7. It is reported that one of the green ex Crosville MW's did a trip on Harrogate-Knaresborough (1/2) recently but no more details are available and it is possible it was on 129. Scarborough is also worth a visit: ex Southdown VR's, an ex Mansfield District FLE, an ex Alder Valley LH and East Yorks and Ribbles Leyland Leopard are all operating. The ex United AEC Matador reported last month is at Monkton Moor Garage, Wormald Green.