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PERSONAL

The Editor is pleased to announce the safe arrival on 7th October 1977 of [REDACTED], a 7lb 8oz sister for [REDACTED].

JOINT MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Yorkshire Post contained an item on 28th October which reported that a new body to co-ordinate and plan bus services operated in West Yorkshire by the PTE and NBC subsidiaries has been recommended by the County Council's Transportation Committee. It would be known as the West Yorkshire Metro-National Transport Co.Ltd. The proposal now goes to the County Council and the NBC board for approval on Nov. 17th 1977.

Directors would be drawn from the PTE and the NBC subsidiaries and would be the first joint management company of its type in Britain.

Its role would be "to simplify the job of translating into action the County Council's transport policy. Until now, the lack of formal ties has prevented the benefits of full co-operation being passed on to bus users".

LEDGARD ANNIVERSARY TOUR

It is understood that this took place, but in very poor, foggy weather. However, no report has been received from any member who took part and no further details are therefore known,

LEEDS MEETING - Saturday 26th November 1977

As announced last month, this meeting will be held in Committee Room No.1, 2nd floor, YMCA, Albion Place, Leeds 1, at which our well-known member [REDACTED] will give an illustrated talk on vehicle preservation. All members will be most welcome.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HCVC YORKSHIRE SECTION The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th December at 7.45pm in the Metro Leeds Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds 1. This will be a Ledgard evening, with slides./ film and photographs.

PSV CIRCLE The next meeting will be on Thursday 1st December 1977 from 7pm in meeting room no. 1, second floor, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

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

1. FLEET CHANGES

4054 280 BWU Bristol FS6B 205052 ECW 12978 7-14-1

Rebuilt Vehicle

Loaned Vehicle

686 SUP 686R Bristol VRTSL6G 3/425 ECW 21782 H43/31FD 8949KG.

Additional Information

Full details of United 686 are now to hand and are given above for the record.
C of F expiry day is 17-8-83.

Allocations and Transfers

1156/7/68	from	PATELEY BRIDGE	to	HARROGATE	1.1.77
1381	"	PATELEY BRIDGE	"	HARROGATE	"
1169	"	GRASSINGTON	"	SKIPTON	1.3.77
1233	"	GRASSINGTON	"	SKIPTON	"
1373	"	GRASSINGTON	"	SKIPTON	"
4054 (ex 1756)	(delicensed)		"	HARROGATE	10.10.77
1024/5	from	LEEDS		(delicensed)	31.10.77
1026/7/8/9	"	BRADFORD		"	"
1076	"	HARROGATE		"	"
4027	"	HARROGATE		"	"
1001	(delicensed)		to	LEEDS	1.11.77
1768	from	C.R.W.SPARE	"	HARROGATE	"

- Notes:- 1) 1001 is relicensed at its former depot after being off the road since 31/12/76.
2) Pateley Bridge and Grassington depots ceased to have their own allocations with effect from 1.1.77 and 1.3.77 respectively. They are now regarded as dormitory garages based on Harrogate/Skipton respectively. This explains the query regarding 1233, referred to last month.

Stored Vehicles

Harrogate 1217 is behind Grove Park.

Withdrawals

10th October 1977:- 4027 to Held in Reserve. This was licensed until the end of October, but was not used after about the 10th of the month.
31st October 1977:- 1076 also to Held in Reserve.

Fleet Total

	<u>WY</u>	<u>YWY</u>	<u>1.11.77</u>	<u>1.11.76</u>
Licensed:	440	84	524	522
Delicensed:	8	2	10	14
	<u>448</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>536</u>

2. VEHICLE NOTES:

All OCTOBER 1977:

Overhauls: 1314/7/34, 3956/7.

Heavy Docks: 1806.

Repaints: 1039/40/2, 1115/6, 1220/2/7/63, 1367/8, 4050, 1918, 1385.

Rebuilding

Before its re-entry into service 1001 was after all converted to semi-automatic transmission, although at one stage this had been doubtful. The lettering on the fleetname is smaller than standard - approximately 4" instead of 5".

1756 has been rebuilt into a permanent tuition vehicle as 4054. The alterations are as with previous learner buses, except that the rear indicator has been blacked out from the inside and the new NBC logo is carried before each fleetname.

1001 - 8420
both - 8-1

Unladen Weights

1001- 8420 KG; 1314/7 both - 7633 KG; 1334 - 7836 KG; 1806 - 7941 KG; 3956/7 both - 8865 KG. The unladen weight of 1415 since repaint in 4/77 is 8-17-2 (ex 8-12-0), and that of 4045 is now 1-56-0 (ex 1-56).

Livery Changes

New Logo:- 1039/40, 1220/2/7/63, 1314/7/34/67/8, 1806, 1918, 1385.
Dual Purpose Livery:- 1039/40. Also, of course, 1334 as before.

1039/40 are the first Plaxton bodied coaches to receive dual purpose livery; only 1037-41 are to be so treated at present and 1042 (also repainted during October) remains in National white.

Chauffeur coaches 1115/6 were repainted exactly as before and do not carry the new logo; neither does 4050.

General News

1165 is being used for towing at York depot, but presumably still appears in service at other times.

After overhaul 1311 still retains the two rectangular vents on the rear engine cover.

1263 was towed to Harrogate for repair and repaint by 4044 on 4th October; similarly 1049 was towed there by 4037 on 25th October.

1204/11 have both been in the chassis shop during October to have their engines removed for use as spare units.

Advertisement News

New paper side adverts include "What you'll always find in people's pockets - Handy Andies" and "Get the Wendy Knit Knack".

The Pinborough Motors target advert at York has ceased. A new inside advert for National Express Services is "I'm the 207 call at:- etc". There is a series covering various express services.

The latest "Racing at Wetherby" target advert is for "....11/12th Nov."

3.SERVICE CHANGES

The following applications have been made:-

S.660 BW25/116 674 BRADFORD (Interchange) - HARROGATE (Bus Station).

To revise the timetable in the Bradford to Harrogate direction alone.

S.661 BW25/520 43 BRADFORD (Interchange) - SCARBOROUGH (Valley Bridge).

To amend the route in the City of Bradford and to introduce a pick up point at East Parade.

S.662 BW25/360 3/3A/3B KNARESBOROUGH/BILTON - ST.GEORGES ROAD.

Mon-Fri: To retime the 07.50 Bus Station-St.Georges Road to 07.48.

To withdraw the 08.45 Bus Station to St.Georges Road and the 08.55 St.Georges Road to Bus Station.

To retime the 08.10 Bus Station-St.Georges Road to 08.05.

S.663 BW25/861 6 BUS STATION - DUCHY ESTATE (Harrogate Local).

Mon-Fri: To delete reference to the diversion of the 08.15 Bus Station to Cornwall Road journey previously applied for and granted.

S.664 BW25/39 71 SKIPTON (BUS STATION) - BUCKDEN (BUCK INN).

Mon-Fri: To retime the 16.05 Skipton-Grassington to 16.15 from High School (School Terms) and Bus Station (Not School Terms).

S.665 BW25/483 741 LEEDS - WETHERBY.

Mon-Sat: To introduce an additional journey 06.00 Leeds-Thorner.

S.666 BW25/628 KNARESBOROUGH - THISTLE HILL HOSPITAL.

Mon-Fri: To withdraw the 14.15 Knaresborough - Thistle Hill Hospital and return.

S.667 BW25/834 70 SKIPTON-SILSDEN.

Mon-Fri: School Terms: 16.15 to Cross Hills to start at 16.05 from High Sch. Girls.

S.668 BW25/861 6 BUS STATION - DUCHY ESTATE (Harrogate Local)

Mon-Fri: School Terms only to withdraw the additional journey 08.50 Bus Station to Birklands School.

S.669 BW25/253 14/15 HARROGATE - ALDBOROUGH

Mon-Fri: To introduce a journey at 07.20 Harrogate-Scotton.

S.670 BW25/535 20 KNARESBOROUGH - BREARTON

Mon-Fri: To retime the 07.40 Scotton-Knaresborough to 07.47.

S.671 BW25/837 715 KEIGHLEY-DENHOLME

Mon-Fri: To introduce an additional journey at 17.42 Denholme to Keighley via Marsh and Howarth.

EXCURSIONS AND TOURS

T.100 BW25/90 FROM LOW HARROGATE (COACH STAND).

77.FIVE YORKSHIRE DALES TOUR.

To vary the route to be out via A61. A59. B6161 unclass. Birstwith. B6451. . B6165.Pateley Bridge.B6265.Grassington.Threshfield.B6160.Aysgarth.A684. Bainbridge.unclass.Askrigg.Carperby.Redmire.Bellerby Moor.Grinton into Northern Traffic Area.Return via East Appleton.Hackforth.Crackenhall.A684.Bedale.A684. B6268.unclass.Snape.Well.A6108.West Tanfield.A6108.A61.

The temporary rerouting of all services through Knaresborough recorded last month did not actually take place on 5th September, the date shown on the leaflet, but on 17th October, for which another leaflet was issued.

Further to issue 317, S620 was not introduced on 18th July at the time of the other Harrogate changes were implemented, but may have been by now.

In early September the roadworks in Shipley detailed in Issue 317 were not complete but by mid September the closed section of Market Street was reopened, leaving the section between the turn for Central Avenue and Otley Road closed, although work was carried out in two sections. Thus buses from Shipley returned to normal routes, but workings to Shipley were (a) from Branch Hotel via Otley Road, Manor Lane and the whole of Central Avenue to the Market, (b) from Valley Road into Otley Road towards Branch Hotel, thence into Manor Lane and as (a), and (c) route 678 to West Royd Crescent via Kirkgate and anti clockwise round Market Square. One bus stop on Otley Road was suspended and an additional stop made at the Police Station in Manor Lane. The diversion was still in force on 27th September.

4.OPERATING NOTES

BRADFORD A most unusual sight on 1/11 was of United LH6L 1692 of Pickering Depot, arriving in Bradford on route 655 (Leeds-Bradford).

HARROGATE 1949 (H) appeared to be a rare vehicle working on Oatlands/Woodlands (9) at 6.05pm on 7/11, although it is possible that this is still DD worked, 9/9A normally being SD operated. 1385 (L loan H) was on routes 25/24 on 3/10, and also noted on that day was 1949 parked in the Bus Station with "36/RIPON" on the indicator. Since their transfer on 1/10, 1218/1233 have worked mainly on local services. 1233, however, worked the 17.50 to Pateley Bridge (24) on 3/10 and on 10/10 worked the 07.10 to Scarborough (84). On 12/10, 1376 (B loan H) was on rts. 14/16/24. On 17/10, 1223 was on route 36, as was 1153 (M loan L) and 1481 (Yk) worked the 11.10 to Scarborough (84). 1813 (O) has been in use here throughout October. Working on Harrogate-Tadcaster (78) have been the following:- 1/10-1233 (H); 5/10-1241 (L loan H); 8-10/10-1312 (H loan W); 11/10-1225 (L loan W); 21,24/10-1007 (H). Further to the notes on service 84 in the July issue, the following is the correct Saturday rota:- 05.55 Harrogate-York (84); 07.35 York-Copmanthorpe (Y15); 07.59 Copmanthorpe-York (Y15); 08.25 York-Wetherby (79); 09.15 Wetherby-York (79); 10.35 York-Harrogate (84); 13.10 Harrogate-Scarborough (84); 16.40 Scarborough-Harrogate (84); 21.05 Harrogate-Pateley Bridge (24); 22.00 Pateley Bridge-Harrogate (24).

LEEDS

Noted on Leeds-Scarborough (43) have been the following:- 26,27/9,14,18/10-1481 (Yk loan M); 28/9-1209 (M loan Yk); 15/10-1153 (M loan L); 15,18/10-1043 (Yk loan M); 21/10-1011 (L); 22,29/10-1009 (L); On Leeds-York (43/43A) have been:- 17.25 ex York- 28/9-1009 (L); 4/10-1008 (L); 5/10-1009 (L); 11/10-1008 (L); 12/10-1025 (L); 17/10-1003 (L); 25/10-1005 (L). On the 07.15 Leeds-York have been 1315 (Yk loan L) on 10/10; 1297 (Yk loan L) on 18/10; 1153 (M loan L) on 19/10; 1335 (M loan L) on 25/10; 1396 (Yk loan L) on 27 and 28/10. On 29/10, 1049 (L) was on 12.05 Leeds-York, whilst on 18.05 Leeds-York have been 1022 (L) on 29/9; 1025 (L) on 13/10; 1335 (M loan L) on 24/10 and 1021 (L) on 26/10. On 7/10, 3328 (Yk loan L) was on 19.25 York-Leeds (43) whilst on 27/10, 1003 (L) was on 20.35 Leeds-York. On Leeds-Bridlington (44) have been 1008 (L) on 29/9, 1011 (L) on 19,24 and 27/10 and 1005 (L) on 27/10. On 29/10, 1396 (Yk loan L) was on Leeds-Wetherby (739). On 1/10, 1230 (K loan L) was on Leeds-Knaresborough (740) as was 1219 (H loan L) on 15/10. On 24/10, 1224 (L) was on Leeds-Tadcaster (742). On Leeds-Keighley (760) have been 1177 (L) on 1/10 and 1219 (H loan L) on 17/10. On 7/11, 1056, with hinged entrance door, was on Wetherby-Leeds (740).

MALTON

During a visit on 22/10, the following were noticed being used by Malton Depot- 1297/1333/45/401 all on 43 Leeds-Scarborough; 1154/3174 on 83 Malton-York; 1267 on route 92; 1296 on route 94; 3175 on route 95 with 1153 and 3171 in the garage. On Harrogate-Scarborough (84) were 1268/1403 (possibly working for York Depot).

SCARBOROUGH

A trip to Scarborough on 25/10 resulted in the following observations on the York-Scarborough route:- 1401/1340 and 1057 on "43/LEEDS"; at Scarborough 1375 was on the 12.40 to Harrogate (84) and noted in Valley Bridge Bus Station at 14.45 were 1315/45 both showing "43/LEEDS".

WETHERBY

1230 (K) spent much of October working from here.

YORK

On 1/10, 3985 made its debut on Y8, whilst 1226 was on Y13. On 2/10, 1067 was on 43 Bradford and on 3/10 3985 was on Y12 and 3983 on Y11. On 4/10, 1296 was on Y9 and 3986 on Y12. On 5/10, 3983 was on Y1. On 7/10, 1335 was on Y9. On 8/10, 1020 was on 291. United 2796 (DNU 21C ex Midland General) was on route 143. On 10/10, 1009 was on 43A and 1398 on 84. On 11/10, 3458 was on Y2. On 12/10, 1154 was on Y24, 3951 on Y19 and 1007 on 84. On 13/10, 3921 was on 84, 1262 on 79, and 1267 on Y11. 1155 was on Y24 on 14/10. On 17/10, 1267 was on Y13 and 1438 on 84. On 18/10, 3958 worked on Y2, 1370 on Y13 and 3796 on 80. On 19/10, 1335 was on Y13, and the following day 1378 was on 43A, 3330 on 84, 1011 on 43, 1403 on 82, and 1392 on 43 (Bradford-Scarborough). On 21/10, 1360 was on 84 and 3956 on Y4B (ex overhaul). On 24/10, 1367 was on 43A and 1005 on 80. On 25/10, 3829 was on 46A and 1381 on 84 whilst the following day 3833 was on 80 and 1311 on 84. On 28/10 1285 (H) was on Y24 and on 29/10, 3171 was on Y13 and 1481 on Y14. On 31/10, 1335 was on Y13.

LONG DISTANCE.

Unusual observations on 14/10 were United 1292 on 07.50 Harrogate-London (302) and United 6103 on the West Yorkshire duty on 359 (Leeds-Sunderland).

5.SOLD STOCK NEWS

HW 884 (Ex KDB 57, K6B sold Norths, Sherburn 9/70)

Very surprising news is that this vehicle, previously believed sold for scrap in 10/70, is in Holland, and is still in use with a social work and careers advice group in Roermond. No other details are known.

- OWX 174 (Ex DX 30, LD6B sold Clayforth, Guiseley 9/69).
To Norths, (dealer), Sherburn 9/71. Exported to Holland VN 36.51 in
Antique and Classic Cars, Hooffdorp, , -/74. 5/72.
Beyer Hoffddorp, Holland 7/76 still in Clayforth livery.
Still running for Classic Cars, Hooffdorp, nr. Haarlem, 8/77.
- MWY 118 (Ex 1609, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 7/72)
Exported to Canada (Vancouver Island Limousine), 2/73.
With Oak Bay Double Decker Tours Limited, Vancouver by 7/74.
Being used by Marguerite Tours, Victoria, British Columbia,
Canada by 8/77.
- RWY 825 (Ex DX 47, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 4/71)
To H.Wray (Ideal), Hoyle Mill 6/71.
Askin (breaker), Barnsley 3/74.
Norths (Dealer), Sherburn 6/74.
With Oak Bay Double Decker Tours Ltd., Vancouver, 7/74.
Being used by Marguerite Tours, Victoria, British Columbia by
8/77, but owned by British Double Decker Tours Inc., of Vancouver.
- TWY 610 (Ex 1668, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 10/73)
Exported to Canada 6/74 (Oak Bay Tours, Vancouver).
Again, being used by Marguerite Tours by 8/77.
- UWV 741 (Ex 2671, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn 7/72)
Exported to Canada 6/74 (Oak Bay DD Tours).
Owned by Marguerite Tours, Victoria, British Columbia by 8/77, but
being used in Vancouver by British Double Decker Tours Inc. It is
painted green and carries a broadside display reading "The Green
Double Decker", the title of a Canadian Broadcasting Company TV
series for children in which the bus takes part on various
occasions.
- 2225 WW (Ex 3691, FS6B sold Norths, Sherburn 10/73)
To Petter Engines, Staines, Middx., 1/74.
- 8126 WX (Ex 1069, MW6G sold Sykes, Barnsley, 8/75)
Licensed by W.L. and G.Davies, Leeswood, 4/76 (left Sykes 10-11/75.

6.TEN YEARS AGO

The major part of the November 1967 issue was of course taken up with the Ledgard takeover. It was also the 200th edition, and a special issue was therefore produced which, with a supplement, ran to 13 pages. Full details were given of the vehicles acquired from Ledgard and in addition a large number of allocation changes had taken place.

The first ex Ledgard vehicle DAW2, had left works in red and cream. The 8 pages of the main Bulletin were followed by a further 5 page supplement which outlined the history of the Ledgard Company from its beginning until the last few days of operation. Full details were given of operations on the last Ledgard day and the first West Yorkshire day, and also included were notes on service vehicles retained by Ledgard for disposal, together with a list of hired coaches which had been returned immediately prior to takeover.

7.OTHER INFORMATION

Study of 1470- October- 1st, 3rd-8th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th - all on route 11/11A; 20th on routes 2/3/29; 21st on route 11; 24th on route 36 and then later on routes 11 and 78B; 26th- route 36; 29th- route 11A.

Other Bristols

The National Coal Board are using at least three Bristol SUL4A's still in poppy red (ex Devon General?), and based at their North Yorkshire Area HQ at Allerton Bywater.

Bus Stop The bus stop in Station Road, York, reads "12,STRENSAL". There are, of course, two L's in Strensall.