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INFORMATION SERVICE

EDITORIAL We are always pleased to receive reports for inclusion in the Bulletin, and when these reports are accompanied by requests for reasonable amounts of information, we always endeavour to oblige. Where a letter does require a specific reply, however, it would be appreciated if a stamped, addressed envelope could be included, in order to keep costs to a minimum. Press cuttings and leaflets are especially welcome, in order to keep up with the smaller items of news.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN TOUR - SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 1974

We are sorry that last month the address to which the booking forms should be returned was not given - it is, of course, [redacted],

[redacted] Further details are that the Tour will commence at Vicar Lane, Leeds, at 9.30am (connecting with the 43 from York at 9.31am), leaves Chester Street, Bradford, at 10am, and Keighley Bus Station at 10.30am. Service 71 will only be followed from Skipton as far as Kettlewell, but otherwise the details are as shown in issue 280. Expected times of return are Keighley 7.40pm, Bradford 8.10pm and Leeds 8.40pm. RELL6G 1203 is to be used from Leeds for the main part of the Tour, with VR 1919 of Skipton Depot for the middle part. Seats are still available, and members are asked to give this Tour their support.

REV. CIRCLE. The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd October, from 7pm, in the Bradford City Transport Staff Canteen, Forster Square.
HGV YORKSHIRE SECTION. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm, in the Leeds City Transport Sports and Social Club, Concordia Street.

PRESS DAY for the October issue will be on Saturday 5th October, and all items should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to [redacted]

1. FLEET CHANGES

Allocations and Transfers		
1250	from LEEDS (delicensed)	31.8.74
1265	" OTLEY "	"
1269	" HARROGATE "	"
1420	" BRADFORD "	"
1775	" OTLEY "	"
4030	" LEEDS "	"
1238	(delicensed) to HARROGATE	1.9.74
1243	" " LEEDS	"
1249	" " OTLEY	"
1754	" " OTLEY	"
1274	from UNITED COUNTIES " BRADFORD	"

- Notes**
- All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except 1243 and 1754 (both ex Bradford).
 - 4030 was the last Land Rover in the fleet.
 - All the SRG's loaned to United Counties have now returned.

Stored Vehicles

Harrogate. On 15th August, 1413(L) was stored at the side of Grove Park, with 1094, 1121/35, 1678/99, 1720 and either 1065 or 1070 behind. The other of 1065 or 1070 is inside.

Leeds On 7th August, 1247 was stored in the yard, and 1068/95, 1245, and 1700 all inside. By the 14th August, 1247 had moved.

General Two Leyland Nationals, probably 1417 and 2429, were noted on 28th July in Reliance Garage, Brighouse.

Withdrawals

31st August 1974 - 4030

	Fleet Total				
	WY	KWY	YWY	1.9.74	1.9.73
Licensed:	390	51	80	521	520
Delicensed:	15	1	5	21	17
	405	52	85	542*	537

*The Fleet Total includes 1274, 3457/8.

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

OVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS.

August, 1974 :- 1238, 2741, 1754.

REPAINTS AND TUV'S.

? 1974 :- 2159.

August, 1974 :- 1378, 1703, 1941 & 3951.

PAINT DATES.

1086 - W.12/66.

LIVERY CHANGES.

Poppy Red Livery :- 2159, 1238, 1703, 1754, 2741 & 1941.

1378 was already in poppy red.

With the delicensing of 1700, 1703 now becomes the oldest bus in the fleet in poppy red/white.

Further to last month, 2159 is in poppy red/white, and 1166 is therefore, the only LH still in Tilling Red/Cream.

According to our records, the following vehicles are not in poppy red/white :- 2102-4/8/9/11, 1138/9/66, 1204/6/13/55/60/5/1/71-3/8, 2295, 3297, 2332, 1362, 2695/6, 1702/6-8/24, 3731, 2733/4/8/40, 1756, 2764/6, 1768/9/73/5/7/82/5/7/9, 3792/3/5-8, 2822, 3828-31, 1908/13, 3927/9/30/2/3/52-5, (Total 69). Doubtless some of these are in new livery, and we would welcome information from members to bring the list up-to-date. Some of the vehicles in the list are, of course, in Tilling Red with a white band and new fleetname.

GENERAL NEWS.

The latest saga in the overall advertising controversy that seems to follow Baywell bus, 1936, around, comes from Harrogate, where a citizen tried to invoke a Harrogate Town Council Order of 1947, which prevents vehicles being used in certain areas of Harrogate for purposes which include exclusively or principally for displaying advertisements. As the main purpose of the bus is to carry passengers, it does not come under the jurisdiction of the Order.

The Bradford Ford Transit van, 4043, now sports chromium wheeltrims.

1270, which, for a long time, had a black painted "Bristol RE" badge, has now had this repainted back into its original colours (5/74).

1941 is a further vehicle to be noted with a three-piece engine cover.

1071 has had its seating arrangements temporarily altered to cater for a periodic contract to transport cripples.

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS.

A target advert. at Leeds and other Depots was for "York Races", 20/21/22 August.

Further to last month, 1412 (L) is another Leeds National with an "Audion" upper rear advert. 1413, at present delicensed, is thought not to have one.

A paper side advert. at York is for Cilla Black, appearing at the Scarborough Futurist Theatre. This replaces the previous Jimmy Tarbuck version.

3729 now has a Tyne-Tees-Mersey Express illuminated offside advert. in place of a Clarks' Shoes advert.

3821 has received a side advert. for Littlewood's "Half-millionaire".

3952 has managed to retain its "Guernsey Toms" side advert. until at least the latter part of July, all the rest being withdrawn early in the month.

A number of short-period interior adverts. have appeared, including Church Fenton Air Display, (18th August), York Races (20/21/22 August), and How Not to Use your Senior Citizens free pass on Special Services, such as Races/Football. No adverts. of a permanent nature have appeared inside York buses since the "I'm a Great Knit" of last Autumn.

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

Further to last month's notes concerning the new York timetable, there is, in fact, one other Company's service included - the United Ripon-York (143). Also, surprisingly, the York City Tour is not advertised, nor are Malton Local Services 92, 94, 95, 95A. From the 4th August, 1974, Malton Local Services 92, 94 & 95 were revised, and a leaflet issued.

4. OPERATING NOTES.

BRADFORD.

1257, newly returned from United Counties, was on Bradford-Harrogate (51) on 31/7, although not officially back from loan until the following day. On 10/8, 3331, (Yk.), which has been on Scarborough-Bradford (43), presumably replacing a Bradford car, worked the 11.50 Bradford-Bingley (X.69), showing "Blank/69 M." On 18/8, 1227/8 (both B) and 1395 (I) were used by Bradford Depot Social Club to transport employee's children on a day's outing to Twycross Zoo.

HARROGATE.

On the morning of 26/8, 1725 & 1807 were both at Vicar Lane on Leeds - Harrogate (36). Excursions to the Church Fenton Air Display on August 18th., consisted of 1938 (H) "Private/1" & 1948 (H) "Private/2". On 2/8, 1265 (B.loan H) was on Harrogate-Tadcaster (78), and on 18/8, 1259 (B.loan W) was on this route. On 28/8, a most unusual vehicle on the 07.20 Harrogate-Leeds (36) was 1086 (H), with a two-man crew. This journey is normally worked by an OMO SRG/Leyland National. On the same day, 1778 (H) was noted heading for the Bus Station on A, normally a saloon route. On 20/8, 1343 (H) worked the 18.15 Harrogate-Ilkley (76) and 19.10 return.

ILKLEY.

2696 finally left Ilkley for Keighley on 4/8, when 1937 (I) returned. On 5/8, 1382 (P.B) was working the 18.15 Harrogate-Ilkley, and 19.10 return. On 12-13/8, 1158 (W) was in Ilkley Depot. 2159 has also been at Ilkley since 14/8, having worked on K.5 on 23/8, and X.72 on 24/8. 2293 has also been at Ilkley on 9/8, as have 2281 on 34 on 1/8, 9/8, 10/8, & 26/8, 2332 (on 72A on 5/8), 2294 (on 34 on 12/8, 13/8 & 28/8), 2160 (on 34 on 15/8), and 2300 (on 63B on 20/8). On Sunday, all journeys from Ilkley to Grassington (72) are crew-operated, usually by 1152. On 18/8, 1004 (L) was brought from Leeds to Ilkley and garaged overnight, in preparation for an Ilkley driver working the 10 Cities Express Service on 19/8. On 20/8, 1217 was on the 32/33/35 services, 1935 (L) was in Ilkley Depot on 18/8, and 1808 (supplied in exchange) worked for Leeds for several days afterwards. On 23/8, 1217 was on 32/3/5 group of services, as were 1347 & 1182 (both working for Otley). Noted on 33 during August have been 1151 (13/8), 1169 (13/8), 1182 (16 & 23/8), 1202 (23/8), 1217 (23/8), 1224 (C.9) 1264 (10/8), 1275 (6/8), 1278 (6/8), 1317 (21/8), & 1394 (10 & 22/8). On 22/8, 1181 was on 63, and on 24/8, 1144 (L) worked on X.72 to Muker. 1936 re-appeared on 33 on 25/8. Visitors to Ilkley have included Eastern National 9434 (PWC 341 K) in the Depot on 23/8; Thos. Tilling 9444 (XVI/ 632 L) on the Car Park on 2/8; a Midland Red HHA 144 L in Ilkley on 23/8, and two Lincolnshire, 1435 (LFE 144 H) & 1438 (PFE 715 K) on 26/8, all in National white livery.

LEEDS.

On 3/8, 1206 (K) was on 31; on 11/8, 1217 (I) was on 35; on 4/8, 1342 (H) was on 36; on 7/8, 1786 (B.loan L) was on 40, as was 1177 (L) on 24/8; on 19/8, 1703, (U) was on 40/41 to Wetherby, as was 1137 (U) on 20/8; on 17/8, 1414 (L) was on 42. On 27/6, 1040 was on Leeds-Hull (46). On 3/7, 1727 (B.loan L) was on Leeds-Bradford (30), and on the following morning worked the Leeds-Alwoodley (36), followed by a Leeds-Red Hall (38). At lunchtime, Lincolnshire LH, KVL 451 H & RELH, 1438 were in Roseville Road Depot. On 10/7, 2736 (K) was used by Leeds Depot on a School Special, and then returned to Keighley on 31 at 1-10 p.m.

4. OPERATING NOTES, (cont.)

LEEDS, (cont.) On the same day, 1346 worked the High Royds Hospital Special (32) in place of the usual double-decker. On 17/7, Plaxton-bodied 1040 was again on Leeds - Hull (46). On 23/7, 1240, newly transferred, was on Farsley (49) without destination blind. A most unusual sight on 13/8 was Baywell bus 1936 nearing Harewood on the 07.25 Leeds - Harrogate (36), which includes a trip to Bilton and return (11). However, 1725 (L) worked the same duty on 29/8. On 13/8, 1786 (B.loan L) worked the morning Leeds - Alwoodley (36 dupl.) and return, showing "Leeds/36" in both directions. On the following day, 1936 worked this duty, and the 07.25 to Harrogate was an SRG. On 20/8, 1725 (L) was on the morning Alwoodley, but was on Leeds - Keighley (31) at lunchtime, no doubt as a changeover. On the morning Alwoodley on 22/8 was 1202 (B.loan L), showing "Leeds/36" in both directions. Also on 22/8 was 1164 (Yk.loan L) showing Wetherby - Leeds (40) at lunchtime. On 21/8, 1703 (U) was in Leeds Depot, and on 23/8, this worked the morning Alwoodley. On 5/8, 1137 (U) was on York - Tadcaster (44) at 5.10 p.m. On 20/7, 1181 (B) worked the 11.30 Leeds - Harrogate (36). On 13/8, the 7-00 p.m. Bridlington - Leeds (44) was worked by 1137 (U). This is still a 2-man duty, as is the 9.05 a.m. Leeds - Bridlington (44) on Sunday, which returns at 4-00 p.m. on X.44. East Yorkshire have been using two-man coaches quite often on 44/45 recently, e.g., 736 on 10/8 & 16/8 (2-30 p.m., Bridlington - Leeds (44), and 736 again on 17/8 on the 10.30 Bridlington - Leeds (44). On 19/8, 1703 (U) was on 41; 1182 (O) on 33, and 1137 (U) on the 4.15 p.m., to York, (43), a two-man duty. On the same day, 1372 was on 38 to Red Hall. This York vehicle then arrives at Wellington Street from Bridlington at 3.41 p.m. The driver then takes the vehicle back to Vicar Lane, from where a Leeds crew take it to Red Hall and back. The York driver then returns the vehicle to Wellington Street, to work the 4.55 p.m., to York. Noted on 22/8 were 1712 (U) on the 4.45 p.m. Leeds - Thorne (41); 1814 (L) on the 4.50 p.m., Leeds - Farsley (49); 1164 (Yk.) on the 4.55 p.m., Leeds - Ilkley (33); 1004 (L) on the 5.05 p.m., Leeds - Red Hall (38), and 1725 (L) on the 5.10 p.m., Leeds - Alwoodley (36). On 5/8, 1909 (K) was in Vicar Lane, complete with "Farobox" signboards. On 6/8, the 16.50 Farsley (49) was worked by 1005 (L). On 20/8, 1703 (U) was on the 32/33/35 services for Leeds. On 22/8, the 16.55 Leeds - Ilkley and 18.00 return was worked by 1164 (Yk.loan L). 1259 (L) worked the early morning Leeds - Alwoodley on 28/8.

OTLEY.

On 5/8, 1143 (B) was in Otley Bus Station, working the 09.15 Bradford - Otley, and returning at 10.08.

WETHERBY.

Outside Wetherby Bus Station on 6/7, was Eastern Scottish YH 521 W (BSG 521 L) on an 8-day Tour to Eastbourne. On 3/8, an East Midland D.P., RELH garaged overnight, and then worked to Luton (?) on Sunday or Monday. On 10/8, a coach belonging to an Essex Independent was at Wetherby, and on 17/8, 1007 (H) garaged overnight. On 24/8, 1164 (Yk.) was at Wetherby showing "Leeds/40".

YORK.

Excursions to the Church Fenton Air Display on 18/8 consisted of 3798 "Private/Blank" & 3959 "Private/55A". On 6/8, 1288 was on York - Tadcaster (87), and on 8/8, 1813 (Yk.) was on Y.12. 3329 worked on Y.2, normally a YDX route, on 12/8. On 16/8, 3172-4 were all noted on Works Specials. On 9/8, 1145 worked the 07.45 Leeds - Hull (46). On 8/8, 3331 (Yk.loan B) was on Bradford - Scarborough (43) - see also under Bradford. On Leeds - Scarborough (43) have been 3329 (Yk.loan M) on 3/8 & 6/8; 1346 (L.loan Yk.), 1268 (M.loan Yk.) on 12/8; 1300 (B) on 13/8; 1379 (V.loan L) on 19/8; and 1287 (Yk.loan K) on 25/8. On 43/43A (Leeds - York) have been 1414 (L) on 1/8; 1178 (L) on 2/8; 1161 (W.loan L) on 8/8; 1215 (L) on 14/8; 1225 (L) on 16/8, & 1137 (U) on 19/8. On Leeds - Bridlington (44) have been 1252 (M.loan Yk.) on 24/8, and East Yorkshire Leopards, including 772 on 3, 13, 17/8 and 736 on 18/8. On 7/8, 1337 (M.loan Yk.) was on York - Wetherby (79). On 24/8, 1372 (Yk.) was on Y.4, in place of the usual VR.

4. OPERATING NOTES, (cont.)

LONG DISTANCE.

On 10/8, Midland Red TMMO 5885 was on X.43, whilst on 17/8, 1091 (H) was on X.44. Noted on Whitby (291) have been 1091 (H) on 3/8, 3331 (Yk.loan B) on 5/8, 1093 (Yk.) on 10/8, and United MW 2437 on 24/8. On 28/8, Hutchinsons' QAJ 499 M was on Bridlington (44) with a West Yorkshire conductress, accompanied by 1336. On 24/8, 1343 (H) was on Newcastle (390).
 On 19/7, 1053 was on 302 to London at Vicar Lane, and 1036 was standing at Moortown Corner, Leeds, showing "302/London" at about 7.45 a.m. On the same day, 1023 worked to Késwick (287), 1006 (H), showing "Private" was noted in Eastgate, Leeds, and 1036 was in Leeds, showing "307/Excursion". On 23/8, 1007 (H) worked from Harrogate to Leeds on 302, and is presumed to have continued to London. On 20/7, the L2.20 Leeds - Liverpool (390) was worked by Western Scottish YSD 349 L. On 18/8, United 1204 (GHN 204 J) was on Harrogate - London (302). On 21/8, Northern CCN 621 D was on Ripon - Clacton (352) with a United driver. This is a United/Eastern Counties worked route. On the evening of 22/8, 1071 (H) was in Vicar Lane at 20.20, showing "291/Bradford". 1079 parked overnight on 22-23/8 in Ilkley Depot. On 24/7, 1043 was at Victoria Coach Station, loading for Leeds, Bradford and Hull. On 26/7, 1078 worked a South-West Clipper feeder to and from Barnsley and York. On 3/8, 1039 was noted at Gisburn on Blackpool. On 26/7, 1041 was on 302.

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5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

Still at Norths, Sherburn, on the 25th July, were :-
 SUG.5, SUG.68/9, CUG.16, KSMA.1/4, SMA.6, YSMA.7/9, DX.2/6/8/14/7/25/36/50/2/6,
 DX.59/60/2/6/81/2/110/1/7, KDX.69/70 & YDX.72/3/4/92.

WVY 829 (Ex.1651, LD6B, sold Norths, Sherburn, 10/73).

This vehicle was never noted at Sherburn, and in view of its poor condition when withdrawn, it must be presumed that it was sold for scrap by Norths.

YAT 293 (Ex.SUG.78, MW5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71).

To Hedingham & District, No.L.72, 10/71.

To Smith, Garswilt, 6/74.

KWU 384 (Ex.SEW.24, LNL6B, sold Harrogate High School, 1/68).

To Audenshaw Diesels, Manchester, 12/68.

To Denham Heating, Manchester, by 3/9, as mobile show room.

To Audenshaw Diesels, Manchester c.3-4/70.

West Riding MW6G's.

During August, the Featherstone vehicles (103-5) have not been used on 131/2, though they still appear on Works Specials. The Castleford vehicles (100-2/6) have been seen on Castleford - Ferry Fryston (156), Castleford - Leeds (167/9), Castleford - Sharlston Circular (180/1) and (Saturday Service only) on Castleford - Aberford (176).

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6. TEN YEARS AGO.

Four new vehicles were recorded in the September, 1964, Issue. DX.177/8 were new to Leeds on 1/9/64, DX.179 to Harrogate on 1/9/64, and 1029, a new Land Rover, was new on 1/5/64.

DB.36/39/40/1 had been transferred to York - West Yorkshire as YDB's. This was the first transfer between Companies since the BLO's were rebodied in 1935/6, apart from the transfer of a Dennis Ace.

KDB.12 was the only vehicle to be withdrawn from the fleet.

Application had been made for a new service, Leeds - Red Hall Way. A short period licence had been granted to operate between York (Rougier Street) and the York Corporation Works at Naburn, on the 25th July, 1964, the occasion of an open day at the Sewage Disposal Works. A new licence had also been applied for York - Appleforth College, as a result of the closure of the railway line between Malton and Gilling.

The last two items in the Bulletin of just over 7 pages were that drivers' running boards had gone over to the 24-hour clock, and that a recent fares increase application, the second of the year, had been refused by the Traffic Commissioners.

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7. OTHER INFORMATION.KEIGHLEY - WEST YORKSHIRE SERVICES, LTD.

An item in the National Bus Company Report and Accounts for 1973/4 refers to the Company as follows :-

"A subsidiary, the West Yorkshire Road Car Company, Limited., has a 50% interest in Keighley - West Yorkshire Services, Lt . All profits or losses are credited or charged (as the case may be) to the shareholders, and none are retained.

An agreement was signed in November, 1973, providing for this Company to become a wholly owned subsidiary, with effect from the 1st. October, 1973. Pending finalisation of the position, this investment has continued to be treated in these accounts as an associated company, and the results to the 30th. September, 1973, have been consolidated on this basis."

NEW SIGNS.

New signs were erected during July on Harrogate Bus Station, the Chassis and Body Shops. These incorporate red lettering and the N.B.C. "Double N" emblem.

By mid-August, a glass "double N" sign had also been fitted to Wetherby Bus Station, although in this case, the existing "West Yorkshire Road Car Company" wording is retained.

A new sign of a different nature appeared at the terminus of Services 34, 34B & 34M in Cookridge Street, Leeds, during August. This is a new bus stop sign, which reads "34, 34M" (note no 34B), and covered up with tape "54, 54A, 55, 55A". The timetables in the adjacent case also now include the 54/55 group, so a change of route is apparently planned, since these routes at present use Albion Street.

ANY MORE MARKS, PLEASE ?

The following item appeared in the Harrogate Herald on the 21st August :- "A total of 160,000 German Reich marks was found on a bus in Harrogate by a bus conductor recently, and now the bus company, the West Yorkshire Road Car Company, is waiting for the owner to claim the notes. A spokesman for the Company refused to divulge any other details to a staff reporter, because it was felt this might cause difficulty in deciding who the owner was.

The notes were described as being virtually worthless by Mr. Geoffrey Morgan of Knaresborough. To illustrate how worthless the notes were, he quoted an example of a photograph of a stack of Reich marks 15 feet high, which was worth the equivalent of one U.S. dollar, and the story of a woman shopper who left a basket full of notes outside a shop whilst she chatted. When she went out, she found that although the money was still there, the basket had been stolen. This was the result of the collapse of the German currency shortly after the end of the second World War".

NEW UNIFORMS.

Over the past few months, the new style uniforms have appeared at all Depots.

FARES INCREASE

An increase in fares has been granted, and came into effect on 1st September. Arising from this, the following item appeared in the Yorkshire Post on 30th August - "The County P. T. E. announced yesterday that it is to subsidise the local operations of the National Bus Company to the tune of £10,000 per week, following the NEC's successful application for fares increases. Under the plan, only the more expensive fares will be allowed to rise."

NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM

It has now been announced that the new system for vehicle registration and licensing will commence on 1st October. At first only vehicles registered on or after 1st October will be affected, but eventually so will existing vehicles. 81 new Local Vehicle Licensing Offices will progressively take over from the present local authority offices. The new centres are due to open for advance applications of registration numbers from 17th September, and local authority issued registrations cannot be used for new vehicles after 1st Oct. According to "Buses" last year, the following offices and registrations will apply in this area:- Leeds- NW, UA, UD, UG, UM, WR, WT, WU, WW, WX, WY, YG. York- BT, DN, VY. Otherwise, the nearest offices are at Lurhan, Middlesbrough, Hull, Huddersfield.