

# WEST YORKSHIRE

## INFORMATION SERVICE

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### EDITORIAL

Members will have noticed that the last issue had 14 pages, the most for some time, and our thanks are due to the "Production Team" for their hard work in connection with it. Out of consideration for them, it has been agreed that there will not be a "Royal Baby Supplement" this month.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**PSV CIRCLE.** The next Social Meeting will be on Thursday 5th August from 7 pm in Meeting Room No. 4, Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford.

**HCVC YORKSHIRE SECTION.** The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 18th August at 7.30 pm and is an outside visit to Thwaites Mill, this is situated at Thwaite Gate, Hunslet; the road is opposite the old tram depot and is signposted opposite the road end.

### TRANS PENNINE RUN

This will take place on Sunday, 1st August and as always Programme Sellers and Marshals are needed both en route and at Harrogate. Any member who can help is asked to contact:-

Marshals at Harrogate:- [REDACTED]

Marshals elsewhere and Programme Selling anywhere:- [REDACTED]

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**PRESS DAY** for the August issue will be on Saturday 7th August and all items should be sent to arrive on or before that date, to [REDACTED].  
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### AUTUMN TOUR

Arrangements are in hand for our Autumn Tour, to take place on Sunday, 3rd October. We hope to visit United, Hartlepool, Borough Transport and Cleveland Transit. Full details will be given next month but meanwhile members are asked to make a note of the date.

### 1. FLEET CHANGES

#### Hired Vehicles

313 FRB 212H	Bristol VRTSL6G	2/133	BCW 18202	H39/31FD	8745	KG
314 FRB 213H	"	2/134	" 18203	"	8814	KG
315 FRB 214H	"	2/135	" 18204	"	8745	KG
510 UUF 110J	"	2/177	" 18932	"	8-15-1	
511 UUF 111J	"	2/178	" 18933	I38/31FD	8-15-1	
512 UUF 112J	"	2/179	" 18934	H39/31FD	8-15-1	

Additional Information

The six VR's listed on the front page were collected in late June and taken to Grove Park. 313-5 are Mansfield District vehicles new in 1970; they have four speed gearboxes and leatherette seats. 510-2 are southdown vehicles new in 1971; they also have four speed gearboxes but have moguette seating. All six vehicles are on loan for a few months and retain green livery with their owners fleetnames and numbers with yellow "On hire to WY" stickers in the windscreen. The Southdown vehicles have what appears to be an NBC logo pointing upwards, and is actually a device which consists of the NBC logo in blue (pointing upwards!) with, in red lettering, "chairmans award for innovation". After examination and some running repairs at Central Works the six vehicles were taken to York where at least five entered service on 1st July. All had arrived ready licensed.

In issue 232 we recorded TWW 800 as a Barford Atom 15 snowplough based at Wetherby. We now have evidence that TWW 800 was in fact an Allen machine which in March 1957 was based at Pateley Bridge.

Renumbering

1st July 1982:- 3430/1/2/3 to 1430/1/2/3 on transfer to the main WY fleet

Allocations and Transfers

1101	(withdrawn)	to	Keighley	8.6.82
1101/2/3/5	from Keighley		(delicensed)	30.6.82
3329/30	" York		"	"
1352	" Harrogate		"	"
Mansfield 313/4/5	(hired)	to	York	1.7.82
Southdown 510/1/2	"	"	"	"
1430/1/2(ex 3430/1/2)	from York	"	Keighley	"
1433 (ex 3433)	" "	"	Harrogate	"
1354	" "	"	CRW	"
2350	" Leeds	"	Harrogate	"

- Notes:-
1. RESL 1105 was taken out of use following an accident on 31/5/82; it was replaced from 8/6/82 by 1101, which had been stored in Skipton Depot yard following withdrawal on 31/3/82. However, 1101 was withdrawn again at the end of June, together with 1102/3
  2. 3329/30 were two more of the York-est Yorkshire RELL6G's. Both were new to Keighley-West Yorkshire and their departure means that only 3331 remains of the batch, the only RELL6G in the York fleet.
  3. As might be expected, 1430-3 (ex 3430-3) are making their first move since new, as is 2350.

Stored Vehicles

Bradford 1105 was towed from Keighley on 10/6/82 and is now stored in the yard at Hammerton Street. 1335 was the vehicle mentioned as being in the garage last month; it is now outside, whilst 1344 was being steam cleaned and was moved onto the pits in the garage on 2nd July.

Keighley 1102 is inside the garage with 1103 outside

Leeds The situation is unchanged except that the spare land adjacent to the depot has been cleared of rubble and the withdrawn vehicles have been moved onto it.

Skipton 1101 after its brief return to service is now back in the yard.  
York In the yard on 3rd July were 1301/14 (in slae livery) and 1339/49 3328/9/30 (not in sale livery).

Reinstatement

8th June 1982:- 1101 from Held for Disposal

Withdrawals

30th June 1982:- 1101/2/3/5, 1352 to Held for Disposal;  
3329/30 to Held in Reserve.

Sales and Disposals

12th May 1982:- 4071 to G. Ledger, Northampton (see also Sold Stock News in last issue; not that initial disposal was not to Rollinson)

13th May 1982:- 1338/48 to APT Ltd, Lincoln. (This is the date the paperwork was cleared rather than the collection date - 1338 was at PVC Ltd, Carlton, on 28/2/82).

1st June 1982:- 1307/40/6 to United Automobile Services Ltd, Darlington as 5038-40 respectively. All appear to be in the Scarborough/Whitby/Pickering area - th numbering in the United dual door-way series is interesting.

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2. VEHICLE NOTES

Bi-Annual Service

May 1982 :- 1412/51, 3940/1

June 1982 :- 1416/40/9/75, 1707/9

Full Repaints

May 1982 :- 2348

June 1982 :- 2544, 2606/7, 1426, 2536

Lower Half Repaints

June 1982 :- 1707/9

Unladen Weight

3965 - 8763 KG (ex 8764 KG)

Livery Changes

Metro Bus Fleetname:- 1737 (white). This leaves only 1704/7/50/7 and 1972 of the VR's with WY fleetnames (1972 was omitted from the list given last month). After recent lower half repaint, 1707 retains West Yorkshire fleetnames.

Dual Purpose Livery:- 2544 (ex National Express)

White Livery:- 2606/7 (ex Dual Purpose). 2607 is in National livery rather than National Express; as we closed for press 2606 had not received transfers. We understand 2604-8 are all likely to be repainted white.  
2575/8 are in National livery not National Express.

Rebuilding

1973 has now been fitted with a Gardner engine as forecast last month and should be back in service by the time this issue is published.

Rebuilding of VRT2's had reached 3965 by late June; all those treated so far have been done at APT Ltd, Lincoln.

### General News

1469/92 have plain rear engine covers; these have the Leyland National badge on on line instead of two as on the original cover. At least 2390 of the ECW Lodiéd Leopards has been fitted with curtains and PA equipment. Some readers will have seen reports in the trade press of problems with the rear end of this style of body (B51). The WY vehicles do not seem to have suffered unduly from this but will no doubt still need to be modified. At least 2391 retains its "8 standing" on the boot lid.

1105 damaged in an accident on 31/5/82, lost its gearbox to RELH/Plaxton 2543 on 8/6/82 and has also had its engine removed.

Southdown 511 was the only one of the three to retain typical Southdown two piece destination and intermediate blinds. The top blind exposure has been painted out to leave just the lower aperture; 512 was already like this and 510 has had its large single blind aperture reduced. All six loaned VR's have fitted with York destination blinds; the Southdowns retain their own route numbers (which mostly have O-9, A, B, C, X on each) but some of the Mansfields arrived blindness and have received standard WY number blinds.

Various vehicles are in the process of having new change machines fitted which can take, 1p, 2p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins.

### Advertisement News

A number of vehicles, including 1015/6/21 (K), have received lower rear adverts for Leeds-Durham-Newcastle service.

1706 (O) has lost its offside "T" advert for Thomson Local Directories, but additional vehicles to be noted with this advert are 1710/1 (K).

Of the hired vehicles the Southdowns in particular have a fine selection of South Coast adverts and Traffic Notices. Two of note are 512, which has adverts at each side of the front indicator and 511, which has a nearside cv advert for Southampton Show on 9, 10, 11 July.

The side advert for "York Heating Centre" has ceased. Now side adverts include one for "Explorer Ticket Days out by bus" and one that is longer than ordinary side adverts for "Get yourself a mate called Smith" for John Smith's Lager.

A new upper rear advert is for "Mann Egerton" (formerly North Riding Garage) The target adverts for "North Riding Motors" are still current at York, though probably not for long.

The upper rear advert on 3744 for "Clarion car radios" has ceased. 3331 and 1401 are the only RELH's at York to retain a "National Holidays" side advert.

New inside panels are for "Moorsbus services", "Helps West Yorkshire catch a vandal" and "Summer services to the coast".

There are no Southwest Clipper or Dalesbus adverts in York vehicles to date though they have been on display in Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford and Keighley buses for some time.

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### 3. SERVICE CHANGES

N+P 1342

New Service

S. 315 B/25/986 accrington (Peel St) or Hapton (Cambridge Dri) or Higham (Far Allslnn) or Padham (Memorial Park) to Colne (Bus Station) or Colne (Alkincoates) or Trawden (Lane House) or Keighley (Bus Station)

No route details given

To operate daily

Vehicle Allowance - 16

On grant B/25/974 (20-6) Keighley/Loneshawbridge/Traubleu-Padiham/Hapton will be surrendered.

Variations

S.316 EW25/880 75 Skipton - Eastby

Mon-Fri to introduce addl journeys at

0545 Skipton - Emsay

0555 Emsay - Skipton

S.317 EW25/752 782 Leeds - Skipton

To introduce an alternative route via A65 instead of Sandbeds

S.318 EW25/926 72 Skipton - Middlesmoor

Suns only to retime 0935 Grassington - Skipton to 0920

S.319 BW25/387 765 Keighley - Ilkley

To reinstate the section of route along Sandbeds + to introduce

an alternative route via A65

W+F 1343

New Service

S.320 BW190/184 Burton Stone Lane(Rowntree Ave)-Cornlands Road(The Knoll)

via Burton Stone Lane, Clifton, Bootham, St Leonards, Museum Street, Lendal Bridge, Station Road, Queen Street, Blossom St, Holgate Rd, Acomb Rd, York Rd, Front St, Green Lane, Tudor Rd, Cornlands Rd.

On grant BW190/172 (Y5/5A/6) will be modified

S.321 BW25/917/8 744 York - Eridlington

Mon-Fri (26/07-3/09) to extend 1425 York-Pocklington through to Eridlington + to introduce an addl journey at 1730 Eridlington to York.

S.322 EW25/914-6 743/843 Leeds - Scarborough

To revise timetable + introduce addl stop at Union Corner, Tadcaster on the Limited Stop service.

S.323 BW25/718 51 Bachelor Gardens - Aspin Lane

To extend operation of the Bus station - Dene Park service to Mon-Sat.

S.324 BW190/164 Y4 Huntington - Foxwood Lane

To revise timetable.

S.325 BW190/165 Y3/3A/3B Strensall-Foxwood Lane/Acomb Park

Daily to revise timetable.

S.326 BW190/177 Y16A Badger Mill/Naburn Hospital-Burton Stone Lane

Daily to revise timetable + amend terminal point at Burton Stone Lane to read Mitre Hotel, Clifton.

S.327 BW190/176 Y16 Badger Hill/Naburn Hospital - Crichton Avenue

Daily to revise timetable + route

S.328 BW190/170 Y14 Eshophorpe - Elmfield Avenue

Daily to revise timetable.

S.329 BW190/167 Y1/1A Wigginton - Beckfield Lane/Danebury Dri

Mon-Fri to extend 0708 Wigginton-Station through to Danebury Drive to withdraw the 0743 Station-Danebury Drive

S.330 BW190/174 Y8 Chapelfields - Burton

Mon-Fri to retime 0933 Osbalwick-Chapelfields to 0929

S.331 BW190/172 Y5/5A/6 Foxwood Lane/Cornlands Road - Clifton

Daily to revise timetable + route + amend Cornlands Road terminal to read Foxwood Lane (Otterwood Lane)

S.332 BW190/166 Y2/2A Danebury Drive-Maxby (oaken Gr/Lowthorpe Rd)

Mon-Sat to revise timetable

S.333 BW190/168 Y13 York - Nether Poppletoy

Mon-Fri to retime 0918 Leeman Road - Piccadilly to 0903.

From 12th July to 27th August a Summer Weekday service is being introduced on service 501 (Keighley-Todmorden), which is operated jointly with Metro Calderdale. Keighley Depot will be operating the 1015 and 1615 from Keighley, returning at 1130 and 1730, and will use two man double deckers. At present Keighley only operate on Saturdays, with the 0945 to Hebden Bridge, returning at 1050 and using a one man operated saloon.

More details are now to hand of the proposed new Worth Valley services. Service 664 would be Bradford-Keighley-Oakworth 698/699 would be Bradford-Denholme-Keighley-Ilkley; 709 would be Keighley-Riddlesden-Barley Cote. There would also be a Shoppers Service from Bingley (Station) to Keighley via Harden, Wilsden, Harrogate and Cullingworth on Wednesdays only. Service 502 (Keighley-Salisbury) would be increased to one per hour; 697 (Keighley-Denholme-Bradford); 667 (Bradford-Keighley-Skipton); 714/715 (Keighley-Oxenholpe/Denholme) would all be withdrawn; 710 Keighley-Barley Cote would operate with 708 and through journeys would be renumbered to 709 and service 765 (Keighley-Ilkley) would be renumbered 698/699 when linked through to Bfd.

Changes to York City bus services came into operation on 4th July. A new cross city route from Elifton to Fulford is route 17; the existing shoppers service 17 is renumbered 9. Buses on services 6 and 16 will use Kingsway North as a loop linking the two termini at Burton Stone Lane and Crichton Avenue. Timing changes also took place on other routes. The new route 17 and existing route 16 are being worked by double deckers with tickets and change being given - the loaned VR's being predominant. This has marked the departure of the last 35 conductors at York, who finished work on 3rd July. Some have taken early retirement and the others have been given the opportunity to transfer to driving duties.

The finances of the York undertaking continue to give cause for concern; although 4 new vehicles (Olympians) are due next year, second hand vehicles continue to be required as not enough money exists in accumulated funds for a brand new replacement policy.

#### 4. OPERATING NOTES

1750(H) was in Tadcaster on a Private Hire in the evening of 4th June. Following the heavy thunderstorms on 5th June a landslip occurred on the York-Malton section of the York-Scarborough railway. A shuttle bus service was operated with WY providing 2572(M) and 1354 (YK loan H), and Ingleby providing a further 2 vehicles.

The Friday only 0930 Healaugh-Tadcaster (J7) journey is a crew operated Leeds duty.

The Carrington Viyella contact from Tadcaster to Castleford has now been taken over by Wetherby depot on Fridays, departing at 1300.

The Tadcaster Infants School trip to Grosmont (North Yorks Moor Railway) on 20/6/82 used 1516(H).

2346/90, 2575(all H) and 2587(O) were all used on a Private Hire from John Smiths Brewery, Tadcaster on 24th June for the Pensioner's Annual Outing.

During Keighley Feast Holidays the usual alterations took place. On 26th June 2569(H) and 2571(YK) duplicated on Keighley-Scarborough(277) with service car 2580(K). The same day 2562(K) was on Keighley-Southport(275), 2536(K) on Keighley-Skegness(280) and 2543(K) on Keighley-Hithersea(293). Keighley town services operated at reduced frequency from 28/6/82 to 2/7/82 and from 5/7/82 to 9/7/82.

On 28/6/82 the 0823 Keighley-Leeds(76-), which is Leeds Cor 17, was worked by 1463(K), which then returned MOS to Keighley.

On 7/6/82, Bedford VLN70 No. 6451 of Midland Red (Express) was used on Works/schools car 281 of Keighley Depot for the morning peak. This works Bus Station-Magnet Works-Silsden-South Cravens School-Atley-Highfield School-Bus Station. It was then returned to the garage and was later used on the 1030 Keighley-Birmingham-Cardiff(320) service, on which it had arrived on 6/6/82.

Similarly, 2576 formerly a Keighley vehicle but transferred to Malton on 1/5/82, returned to Keighley on 23/5/82 on route 320. On 24/5/82 it worked the car 281 duty detailed above but so far as is known it was then sent to Bradford to work a London duty.

On 29th May, 2544(YK) worked a Leeds-Glasgow duplicate and on the same day, 233(B) was seen in Hamilton(Scotland) on a Tour. On 5th June 2600(L) was in Glasgow, presumably on a duplicate.

Wetherby Bus Station is host to a number of vehicles from other Companies on occasions, due to its proximity to the A1. An example of this was on the morning of 19th June when Trent 27 (Tour), East Yorkshire 162 (Tour) and Eastern Counties LL749 and RE 858 (both Private) all visited.

Leeds car 51 from 1st March, a double deck duty includes (School Terms) 1540 Vicar Lane-Leeds Girls' High School; 1550 Leeds Girls H.S.-Vicar Lane our 1605 (799) then daily 1610 Vicar Lane-Wetherby(799). On School Terms, the journey from Leeds Girls HS is a through journey to Wetherby, picking up only at Buckingham Road and Victoria Road prior to Vicar Lane. This was application 3267 (issue 371).

1750(H) was used on a Private Hire from York to a Scout Camp at Middlesborough on 12th June 2387(H) was used on a Private Hire from Harrogate/Leeds/York to RAF Leconfield for the Institute of Transport's annual visit on 9 June.

City Tour duties at York recently have included 2538/84/6 and 2607, but 2584 seems to be the regular vehicle; on 3rd July Ribble 1039 'XIFF 813L' was noted working a special City Tour, displaying the WY board in the windscreen.

On 1st July, Mansfield 312/4 were on route 4 and Mansfield 313/Southdown 510 were on route 16, with Southdown 511/2 used for school specials. These duties seem likely to be the regular haunts of these six vehicles during their stay routes 4/5/6/16/17 being involved.

Baldon Motors AHE 988T was noted on hire to WY in York, heading towards the East Coast, on 29th May.

On the second Saturday of Keighley Holidays, 2349(H) worked to Skegness; 2526(O) to Blackpool; 2531(I) to Morecambe. 2543(K) to Scarborough; 2562(K) to Southport and 2536(K) did a Bradford-Withernsea trip. 2580(K) worked NOS to Blackpool at 0700, returning on service. It then worked 1340 NOS to Bradford for the 1410 to London. Ribble 1137/80 worked from Scarborough to Keighley on Duplicate to service 277; 2543(K) was the service car.

RELL's are still used extensively on East Coastals; Baby Nationals are also used, eg. 1013 (YK loan H) on 3rd June, 1005 (YK) on 6th June; 1005 (YK loan H) on 8th June; 1010(H) on 8th June 1003 (YK loan H) on 12th June and 1005 (YK loan H) on 22nd June.

During June, 25(H) was garaged at Bradford for a few days.

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##### 5. UNUSUAL WORKINGS

- June - 2nd - 2608(B) on 356 Bradford-Lowestoft  
5th - 1735(B) on route 678  
8th - 2549(YK) on Copmanthorpe-Pavement(15...)  
11th - 2538(YK) on York-Leeds-London(309)  
13th - 1376(B) outside Wetherby Bus Station of the fortnight commencing  
14th June; also on 13/14th June 1437 (O loan L) was on Leeds-Shadwell (767/80).  
15th - 1736 on route 678

June - 19th - 1978(B) on Bradford-Wenston(649)  
20th - EYMS 519 (the navy blue VR) on Leeds-Bridlington(744)  
21st - 2583 (H loan B) on Bradford-Lowestoft(356) also 24th  
22nd - 3432(YK) on Leeds-Scarborough(743)  
23rd - 3432(YK loan L) on Malton-Leeds(843)  
24th - 142-(B) on 1555 Shipley-Five Lane Lnds(363 Dup)

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6. SOLD STOCK NEWS

AYG 581H (Ex 1939, VRTSL6G sold APT Ltd, 8/81)

Front radiator grille noted at PVS Ltd (breaker), Carlton, 12/6/82. It must be presumed that the rest of the vehicle was scrapped by PVS.

YVR 2043 (Ex 3922, VRTSL6G sold APT Ltd, 3/82)

As with 1939, above, the radiator grille was at PVS Ltd on 12/6/82 and it must be presumed that the vehicle has been scrapped by them. A further radiator grille from a York VR was at PVS on the same date.

YVG 217G (Ex 2514, RELH6G sold APT Ltd, 9/82)

Still in the yard of PVS Ltd, Carlton, 26/6/82.

841\_DYG (Ex 4058, F56B sold APT Ltd, 3/82)

Gone from the yard of PVS Ltd, Carlton, 12/6/82 and must be presumed to have been broken up.

OWT 241E (Ex 1014, RELH6G sold Norths, Sherburn, 6/79)

Still at Norths 12/6/82 and still basically intact.

LWR 424 (Ex 4044, KSW6G sold Norths, Sherburn, 10/79)

Still at Norths 12/6/82.

145\_CWR (Ex 3747, F56B sold Norths, Sherburn, 3/77)

To Wakefield Shirt Co (Double 2), 3/77.

At Norths 12/6/82 - whether for disposal or repair not known but in view of the comments in issue 372, the former seems more likely.

BYG 851H (Ex 1944, VRTSL6G sold APT Ltd, Lincoln, 3/81)

To Ensignbus, Pinfleet, by 3/82

Tillingbourne (Sussex) Ltd, Sevenoaks, -/82.

This has entered service with Tillingbourne (Metropolitan) Ltd, based at Orpington. It is in an all-over advertising livery for Safeways Supermarkets and operates on the services between Croydon, Forestdale and Orpington.

LDY 152H (Ex 1294, RELH6G sold Citybus, Belfast, 7/81)

As no. 736 this was initially allocated to Ardoyne depot but has now been transferred to Falls Road depot.

AYG 941H (Ex 194-, VRTSL6G sold APT Ltd, Lincoln, 6/81)

As reported in issue 374 this is now a mobile engineering training centre with British Rail. It has been seen in York and Doncaster and a Photograph appears in the July issue of Buses, from which it will be seen that the description lettering along the side reads "plant and Machinery Training Vehicle".

RYV 822 (Ex 1644, LD6B sold Norths, Sherburn, 2/73)

To Ratby Engineering Co, Ratby, Leics, 3/73

D J Roberts, Bradford, 11/79

As reported in issue 374, this was kept in the goods yard at Halifax Station in a deteriorating condition. A fire at the goods yard during June destroyed one preserved bus and damaged another, neither of which was 1644, but by the end of June the Lodokka had gone and its present location or fate is unknown.

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