

# HRR NEWS



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The long awaited edition of the the newsletter which our staff would gladly give up a days' gratuities on Tour Operator work for! (Lets see how many bother to read the first few lines).

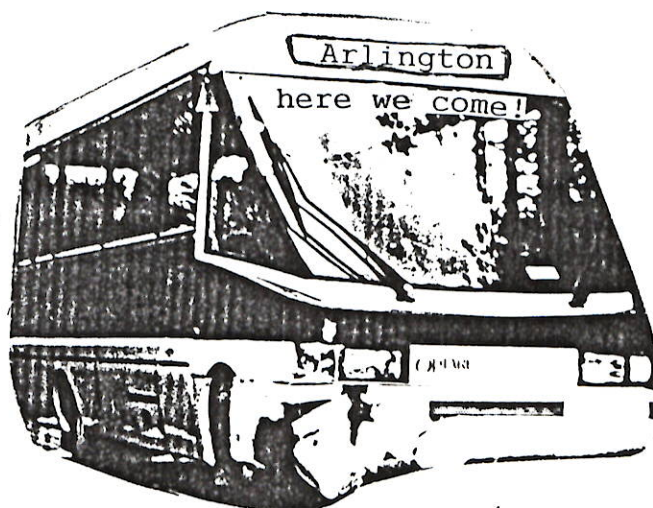
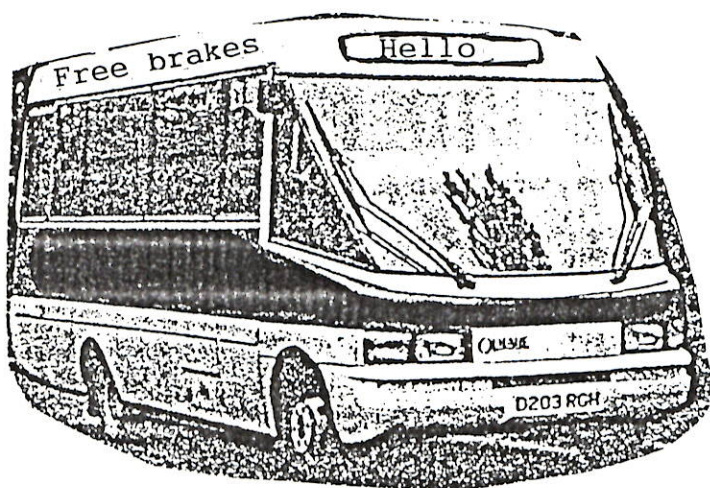
Many months have passed since the last edition and the contributions still seem to be coming from a certain quarter in the Coach Hire Department - so shall we make the next one even more interesting and get further input from people other than Keith.

Our congratulations must go to Roy Richmond on recieving his M.B.E. at Buckingham Palace on 30th November for services to the industry and to us, of course. Also we extend our thanks to the Directors for the provision of the Dinner and Dance in January at Bourne Hall.

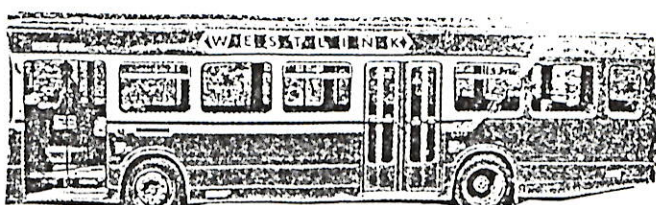
## ADVERTISING FEATURE

Spot the difference between these pictures of an Optare

- Steve already has !



Another local bus operator is shown here:



A photograph showing the new 568 service for those who enjoy exclusive travel.

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ANY MORE FARES PLEASE - ROOM ON TOP!

.....JOTTINGS BY KEITH PAYNE

Many of our staff seemingly have done things out of the ordinary (not so in the case of 2R's) and unfortunately they did not go unnoticed.

LAURIE 'Billabong' NORTON was held up in the literal sense when a passenger demanded to be taken on a bus to Whitechapel and refused to leave - the Police were called.

JOHN BIDWELL was placed in charge of removal of the old washing machine from the stores to be taken to the tip - did he take the right one?

GRAHAME (I'VE GOT A NEW CAVALIER) BATH gets new Vauxhall Cavalier on Surrey County Council - ask him about it (although Steve's CD is better) and gets the number plate F755 HRR - only he could get that number! WE ARE GOING TO USE IT ON CHANGE OVERS.

TONY CUCKOW unable to reach Tony at Heathrow Airport by radio, we ask the Airport Police to 'find' him, an A.P.B. is put out and every Policeman pulls him up and nearly arrests the much puzzled Tony.

DAVE (SHINIEST 36 SEATER IN THE FLEET KIRKBY) drives the VW into the garage and says 'I drove 361 in the wash and it shrunk!'

PHIL(MR CLEAN DASHBOARD) WEDLAKE spotted in the garage in a pair of very tatty old overalls, was it really him, or his brother?

ALAN (BETTER TYPIST THAN I AM) GRAHAM arranges with E.D.H. for the delivery of daughter Hanna to fit in with the Berlin trip - a medical first!

STEVE (HIGHLIGHTS) NEALE(Gert) goes round the agents at Christmas dressed as Santa is waiting for Tony Cuckow to come around at Twickenham and an old lady says to him 'You are a man of the world - where does the 291 bus go?' He replies 'I dunno dear, my reindeer takes me'.

JOHN (A3 KING) BIDWELL has written a book called 'How to look after your Tiger - or Lion tamer required'.

BOB (DULUX) CRAFTER does several silly things. He is spotted with a new method of cooling his tea down - holding it out in front of you and walk up and down outside the workshop. Also he broke the E.E.C. barrier by taking a school kid to France who only had a London Transport Bus Pass for a passport there and back again.

TONY (HOLE IN THE SUMP OF THE METRO) OWEN has Les as second driver to France, is the longest assessment on record?

LES (L PLATE) WERNHAM will get told off for telling me that his wife Lynn went to Hamburg and forgot to take certain items of undergarments to change into.

Pass right down the bus ..... further jottings by Keith Payne

Dave Shearring and Mervyn Tonkin never cease to keep me (at least) amused in the winter months. It is always a sure sign that Winter is here when you see Dave riding shotgun on the pallet truck with Mervyn driving. The best one known was when they took the Recovery van out for some reason on the A3 and came the message over the radio that 'The bloody thing is on fire, we're at Wisley and getting out' - and it was!

Ask Dave Shearring the way from Sidmouth to Exeter on a New Year's day, he got lost! Also in the winter months the coach wash was being repaired and John Reeves was in his wellies cleaning coaches - we now have our own 'WASH-DOG' and did you know that dustcarts in Epsom are called 'Revopak'!.

Alan Graham passes this useful piece of information to us by informing us that Pampers are more expensive in the French Hypermarkets than over here, indeed a lesson.

Robin Hood who made the new Mercedes buses also make ice cream vans, this is not 'Carte-Blanche' for drivers to pick up a bit on the side.

Allan Lewis has a startling resemblance to 'Boycee' in 'Only Fools and Horses'.

Is there a romance blooming? Who are Hilda and Archibald - to be continued.

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VOLVO 343 FOR SALE

Silver, have a Volvo car to match that Jacket/Coach. Suitable for one legged, one armed person - A.Palmer

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OPEL MANTA 'V' REG

Green 'new shape', only used on Sundays by local Vicar. Contact Alistair Scott - Tours Department.

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STUNNING XR3i FOR SALE

Black, overhauled (see MG Metro ad elsewhere in this issue) Contact Mark Doggett

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AUSTIN METRO FOR SALE

'W' registration, high mileage reflected in price. Free ventilation - hole in sump - £500 . Contact Tony Owen

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ALL ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN in double quick time. Contact 'Flying Sparks' - M. Golledge Epsom 25252

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FITTED KITCHENS by D.S. - Why not have your kitchen 'Shearring Shelved'. Ask for I. Rackemout

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PLUMBING, PAINTING AND BUILDING by the Steve Neale Band. Bright decorations done in a loud 'T' shirt.

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BROCHURE REMOVAL by unqualified pallet truck driver - anywhere, anyplace - contact M.Tonkin / Wales

## NEWS FROM THE TRAFFIC OFFICE

Our congratulations go to Barbara and Alan Graham on the birth of Hanna. Also our best wishes go to Laurie Norton who was married to Judith Bartlett on 4th February in Shantytown, Greymouth, New Zealand.

### Staff training

Driver assessments are now well under way. Both full and part time staff are being checked by Les Wernham and Andy Palmer. In total we expect to check the performance of about 110 staff.

We have had some success with PSV driving tests. A total of 12 tests have been booked, five have been taken with two failures. The successful candidates are :-

Bernie Halls David Blackmore Brian Field

Still to take their tests are :-

Terry Tipping John Davis Chris Greatley Roger Burns  
Andy Williams Les Ward

Good luck to all concerned!

As part of our training programme it is hoped to include talks on First Aid, customer care and basic mechanical principles during February.

### I.A.M. TESTS

We are again giving everyone the chance to take the Institute of Advanced Motorists test (Commercial). During January and February Andy Palmer is ensuring that everyone is up to scratch. 95% of our full time driving staff will have passed the IAM test by mid February. Those who have not will have the opportunity of taking the test later in the year.

### BUILDING WORKS

Once again the maintenance team are in action under Steve Whiteway's direction. Mervyn Tonkin, Maurice Golledge, Steve Neale and Dave Shearring are preparing for an internal staircase to be built to provide access to the first floor offices. This has involved the building of a new brochure store, relocating the ground floor kitchen and removing walls to provide a new office for the Accounts Department. They have also been responsible for re-concreting sections of the roads within the garage and the vehicle wash. It is hoped that work can soon be started on the staircase.

David Blackmore has taken up car maintenance classes, but after his experiences with his clutch he's not so sure that he did the right thing.

We welcome the following new staff:-

Tony Mundy Gordon (flash) Walter Dennis Stewart Brian Jupp  
Alan Wade Terry Green Brian Underwood Eddie Pepperall  
John Huxford Chris Dawson-Taylor

## Exam Howlers!

- We lose water by sweating and urinating. We gain our intake of water by reversing these processes.
- Lead can make you sterile – it is an antiknocking agent.
- Tapeworm has a large scrotum which attaches to the intestine wall.
- Tapeworm can be cured by killing the host.
- The waste products are removed by the coelenterate throwing its stomach and contents out of its mouth.
- The best methods to control malaria are to reduce the number of mosquitoes or kill off the intermediate host (man).
- The appearance of the anus in evolution was a breakthrough.
- Make sure no large trees are built near the house.
- Out in the desert animals either live or die – there is no in between.
- With cereals the practice known as crop rotation is carried out.
- The main constituents of sewage are: (i) Urine (ii) Faeces (iii) Nappies (from babies disposed into the toilet).
- As muscles work they produce carbolic acid.
- The louse breeds by nitting young ones.
- Genetic counselling is when you have two genes the same, they then council each other out.
- Meiosis results in 23 chromosomes which is a veritable blessing.
- *Give one additional difference between the male and female gametes.* Sperm are easier to pour.
- To get a calf, you either use a bull or Seaman which contains sperm.
- To prevent reproduction in rabbits, distract the male...
- *What does the potometer measure?* About 2½ inches.
- A good source of calcium in the diet is toothpaste.



A QUIET BACK LANE ON THE WAY TO EXETER, DAVE SHEARRINGS' COACH IS OUT OF VIEW HIDDEN (AS USUAL) IN A NEARBY PUB CAR PARK.

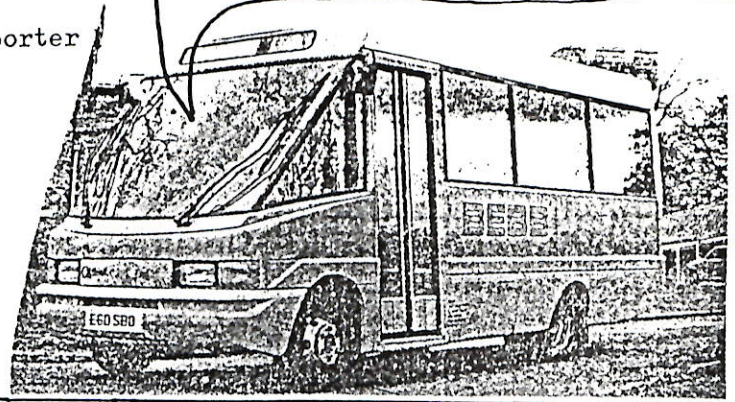


What has this man done with the rest of Christophers' Suitcase?  
answers on a post card please.

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Comment from Wales by resident reporter  
Mr Robert Cullen:

## BEBBS OPT FOR OPTARE



Comment from Grahame Bath (it does look like him doesn't it?)

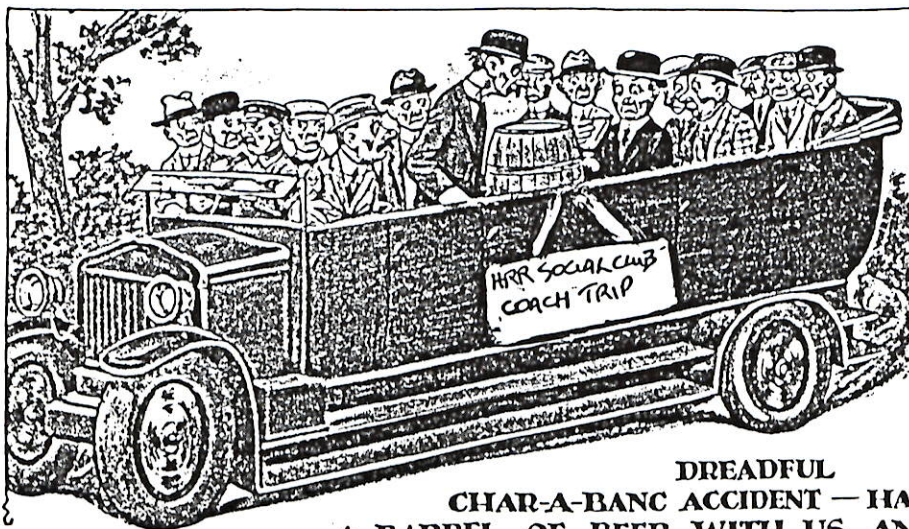


"I wish Adam would  
check his oil and  
water like everyone else!"

*Some of their brightest boys have been  
thinking up ways to entertain you.*



COMMENT FROM THE COACH HIRE DEPARTMENT:  
"We don't do Beanos' here sir!"



DREADFUL  
CHAR-A-BANC ACCIDENT — HAD  
A BARREL OF BEER WITH US, AND  
IT TURNED OUT TO BE GINGER ALE!

# HRR CLASSIFIED - MOTORING SECTION

<p>Why show the age of your coach?</p> <p><u>Buy my Private Plate</u> : TKR 5 R</p> <p>And get a <u>free</u> Austin Allegro for <u>only</u> £2000 (NO VAT)</p> <p>Suit enthusiast</p> <p>Apply - Bob Crafter</p>	<p><u>WANTED</u></p> <p>Set of dual controls to suit Volvo/Van Hool Coach</p> <p>Apply - Les Wernham</p>
<p><u>FOR SALE</u></p> <p>'P' REG AUDI 80 - AUTOMATIC</p> <p>SEE - GAYE IN TOURS</p> <p>N.B. The GT6 is now sold - Sorry!</p>	<p><u>WANTED</u></p> <p>Good home for my cat! 7 year old Tiger Answers to '345' One owner - must sell due to arrival of Volvo</p> <p>Apply - John Bidwell c/o A3</p>
<p><u>VAUXHALL CAVALIER DEMONSTRATOR</u></p> <p>Available early '89</p> <p>Book your test drive now!</p> <p>Ring <u>Grahame Bath</u> (Surrey County Council)</p>	<p><u>SORRY</u></p> <p>We regret to inform all potential buyers of the previously advertised Fiat Uno Diesel that has now been sold due to underwhelming demand</p>
<p><u>EPSOM STEAM RALLY</u></p> <p>Starring Epsom's own wrecker</p> <p>See it in action - five miles away</p>	<p><u>FORD SIERRA DIESEL ESTATE</u></p> <p>Blue - loads of stickers!</p> <p><del>SOLD</del> New Siek covers (should that be seat) DIAL 100 - ASK FOR <u>FREEPHONE TREVOR</u></p>
<p><u>WANTED</u></p> <p>Baby seat for Volvo Coach</p> <p><u>A.GRAHAM</u></p>	<p><u>SECONDHAND LEYLAND BUS JACKET</u></p> <p>Apply - John Bidwell</p>
<p><u>MG METRO - SILVER</u></p> <p>Spare car only used when XR3 breaks down</p> <p>Apply - Mark Doggett c/o Page Motors, Epsom</p>	<p><u>VAUXHALL ASTRA GTE</u></p> <p>'A' reg <u>immaculate</u> Kept in Surrey by Local Government Officer Must sell quickly owing to arrival of new (with sun roof) Cavalier</p>
<p><u>CLASSIC CAR HIRE</u></p> <p>Genuine Morris Minor van available for self drive from £30 per day</p> <p>apply <u>Steve</u></p>	<p><u>FREE TO COLLECTOR</u></p> <p>Quantity of 'How to start your Uno Diesel' brochures plus 'What to do if your Fiat breaks down - breaks down' - see <u>Keith</u></p>

# ANDY (N.H.S) PALMER SAYS:

## Safe driving is a **SERIOUS BUSINESS**

Andy Palmer - Epsom Coaches stuntman will be starting a first aid course by himself. He knows how to deal with broken teeth, pulled muscles and damaged fingers.

WHAT WILL HE BREAK NEXT...

Answers on a post card please.

What's got no teeth, limps and has a thumb stuck in the air?

It demands your skill and alertness to prevent accidents and avoid...

**INJURY and PAIN**



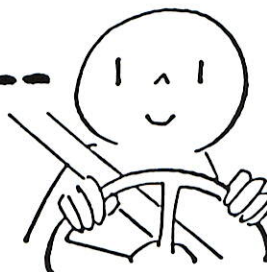
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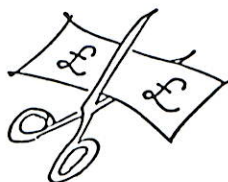
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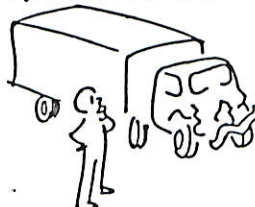
**SAFE DRIVING MEANS JOB SECURITY!**

**SAFETY HELPS THE COMPANY, TOO--**

**LESS INSURANCE COSTS**



**LESS VEHICLE EXPENSE and PROPERTY LOSS**



**AND**

the company runs more smoothly  
- has satisfied customers  
- has more equipment  
- keeps people at work.



BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE AN AUTOMATIC TO OTHER PEOPLE

A: ANDY PALMER AFTER A FOOTBALL MATCH