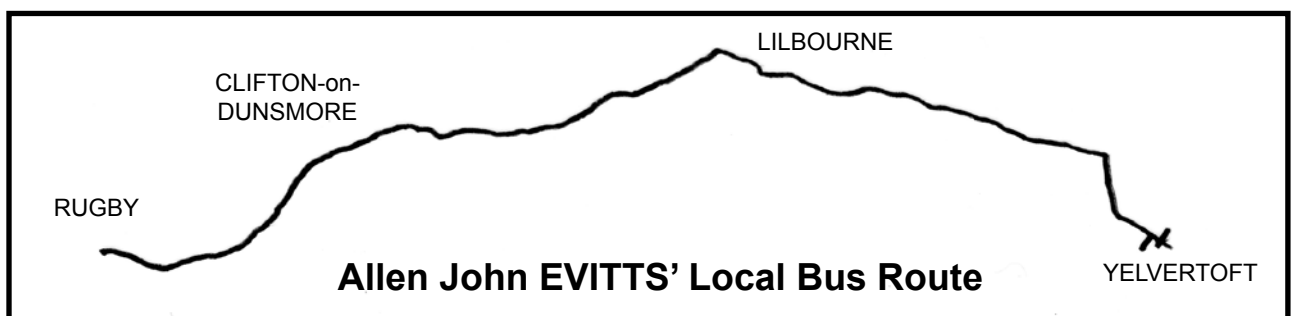


EVITTS. Allen John Elkington Road, YELVERTOFT

Little definite information has come to light regarding Allen Evitts of Yelvertoft save that he was born circa 1897 and the family came from the Braunston area. Rumour has it that he started in business in 1920 as a haulier, probably with a second-hand truck. By May 1924 he was in a position to buy a new Ford T lorry which was licensed as BD 9421 and described as a black/brown truck. No information has been discovered to suggest BD 9421 was ever licensed to carry passengers.

However, two-and-a-half years later, Allen Evitts bought another Ford T supplied through the Rugby Autocar Company. This was a fourteen-seater bus and it collected the registration RP 3442 on 6th October 1926. With this vehicle Evitts operated a Yelvertoft - Lilbourne - Clifton-on-Dunsmore - Rugby service, apparently on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays to start with but operating daily by 1928. The Ford T - RP 3442 - was retained by Evitts for only a short time before being disposed of directly or indirectly to Arthur Basford of Greens Norton (NN-BA9). Evitts must have purchased a replacement vehicle at the same time, probably trading RP 3442 in part exchange. Unfortunately the identity of the replacement vehicle has not been discovered.

Rugby Urban District Council's Highways Committee granted Hackney Carriage Licences to Allen John Evitts for one vehicle between 1928 and 1931. As far as it is known Evitts operated only one bus at a time and the vehicle he bought circa May 1927 may well have lasted him until 28th September 1931 when he sold the Goodwill of his service to Midland Red for £40.



EVITTS. Allen J. - YELVERTOFT

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
BD 9421	Ford	T	7948607	?	Truck	—	5/24	—	?	—		1
RP 3442	Ford	T	13794776	?	B14	—	10/26	—	c5/27	Supplied Rugby Autocar Co	A Basford, G. Norton	2
?	?	?	?	?	?	—	c5/27	—	9/31	—		3

Notes: 1 - BD 9421 last owned by H Appleton, Baughirst and last licensed 4/33.
 2 - RP 3442 last licensed to A Basford 6/29.
 3 - the identity of this vehicle is unknown.