

## ROBINSON. George Bantam Cock, Wood Street WELLINGBOROUGH

George Robinson was the licensee of the "Bantam Cock" P H situated in Wood Street, Wellingborough and, to supplement his income, George ran a bus in the 1920s, operating excursions and private hires only.

It was on 11th April 1922 that George Robinson bought his fourteen seat Fiat registered BD 6419, described by Robinson as a "Pullman Saloon". In the following year he was advertising an extended excursion to Yarmouth, outward on Saturday 15th September and returning on Friday 21st September 1923. Below is a facsimile of his advertisement that appeared in the Kettering Evening Telegraph on Saturday 8th September.

**RIDE IN COMFORT.**

Luxurious 14-Seater Pneumatic-Tyred  
**PULLMAN SALOON**  
FOR HIRE. TIME and DISTANCE NO  
OBJECT.

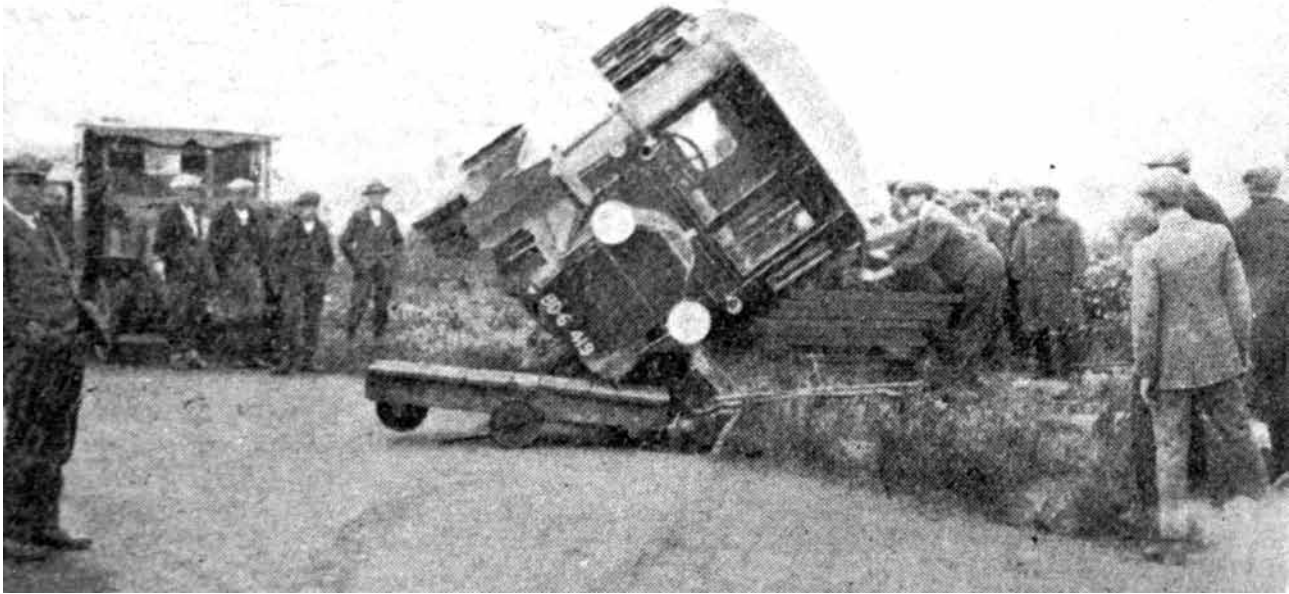
Will run to YARMOUTH, via RUSHDEN,  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 15th. Return FRIDAY,  
SEPT. 21st. Fare 27/6 Return. Seats  
booked.

**GEO. ROBINSON,**  
"BANTAM COCK," WOOD STREET,  
WELLINGBOROUGH. W10

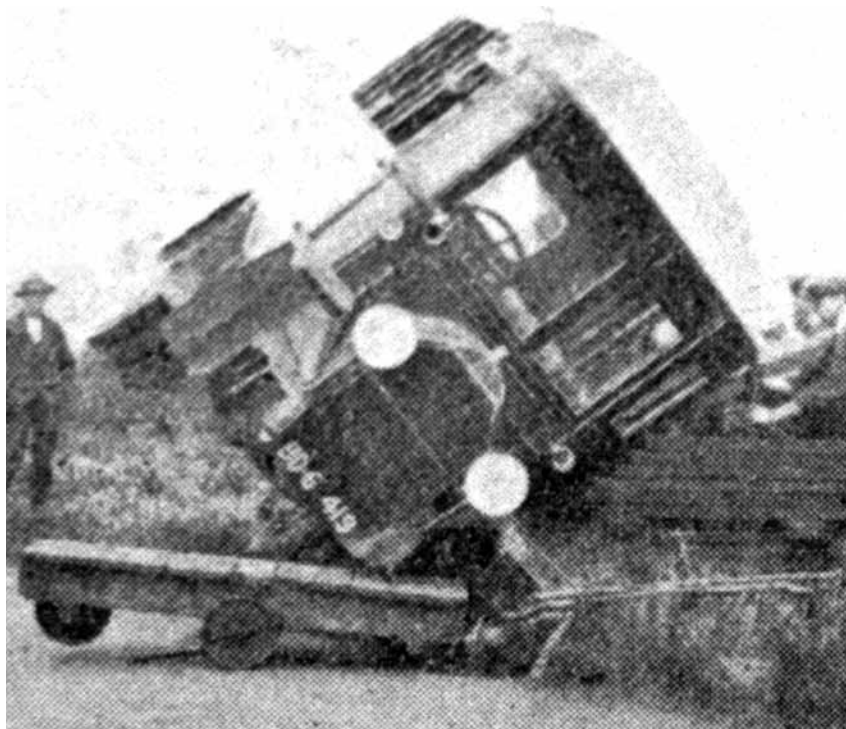
George Robinson ran many trips to the "Cobblers" football matches at Northampton and in July 1924 took a Wellingborough Bowls Team to Market Harborough for an away match. The return journey ended rather ignominiously as was recorded by the Kettering Leader at the time and reproduced on the next page.

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### Unnerving Experience of Wellingborough Bowls Players.



*As reported in another column, the members of the Wellingborough Swanspool bowls team, returning from a match at Market Harborough on Saturday, suffered an alarming experience. The saloon 'bus in which they travelled overturned on the Finedon-road, and our photo shows the vehicle being raised on Sunday. The tracks made by the wheels when the 'bus swerved and toppled over can be seen in the picture.*



Whilst the picture suggests that Fiat BD 6419 was not seriously damaged, it is believed that George Robinson did not operate it following this accident. It was sold for further use and ended up with a Coventry Showman who last licensed it in April 1930.

*Left: An enlargement of Fiat BD 6419.*

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#### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 6419	Fiat	?	3495-15T	?	B14F	4/22	—	c 7/24?	—	?	1

Notes: 1 - Last owned by E Ellis, Coventry and last licensed 4/30.