

Bygone Buses

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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PRATT. W. P. Royal Oak CRICK

The Author has discovered only a little information about W. P. Pratt, the landlord of the "Royal Oak" at Crick. However, in November 1922, Pratt purchased a Ford T fourteen seater saloon bus, which was painted yellow and black, from the Rugby Autocar Company. It is understood that he ran a Saturday service from Crick via Hillmorton to Rugby. By 1927 this service ran daily except Wednesdays and in the following year Pratt was providing a service to and from Kilsby.

A study of Rugby Urban District Council's Highways Committee Minutes might produce additional information and it is known that this Committee granted a Hackney Carriage Licence to W. P. Pratt on 1st May 1928 for a fourteen seater bus.

As far as can be ascertained, Pratt ran one bus at a time and the original Ford T was replaced by at least one other vehicle as the 1920s progressed. Pratt did not continue operating into the post-Road Traffic Act, 1930 era.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 7082	Ford	T	6486689	?	B14	11/22	—	by 10/27	Supp. Rugby Autocar Company	C E Lewis, Pailton	1
?	?	?	?	?	B14	by 10/27	?	by -/31	?	?	

Notes: 1 - BD 7082 last licensed by Lewis 10/27.