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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.

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