

Bygone Buses

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COLLIS. Charles G Tresham Street KETTERING

The town of Kettering seems to have had an extraordinary number of horsebus operators in the early part of the twentieth century and one of them was Charles G Collis who applied to the Kettering Urban District Council for two omnibus licences in June 1910. These were duly granted for one bus seating fourteen passengers and the other seating ten. Drivers' Licences were granted at the same time to C G Collis and C Collis.

On the same date another fourteen omnibus licences were granted and whilst services between the main hotels and the railway station to meet most trains would account for a number of these buses it is difficult to imagine that there would be enough trade for fourteen vehicles. Charles G Collis was also a Coal Merchant so perhaps horsebus operating was just one of his sidelines?