

# Bygone Buses

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## **BOTTERILL, John F & HAUGHTON, Arthur Charles BUGBROOKE WHARF**

The early history of Jack Botterill and Arthur Haughton is rather confused but on 18th November 1921 both men applied to Northampton County Borough Council for a Hackney Carriage licence to operate a service between Bugbrooke Wharf and Northampton, setting down and picking up in St. Andrew's Road. This licence was granted for the period ending 25th March 1922 and a subsequent licence was granted for one vehicle on 16th January 1922 to ply for hire from St. Andrew's Road, its validity again expiring on 25th March 1922.

Thereafter, from June 1922, applications to Northampton Watch Committee were made in the name of John F Botterill only and no more were made after the period ending 25th March 1924. Harold L and John Thomas Botterill were both granted Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences in December 1922 and it is understood these gentlemen were sons of John Botterill.

It seems that Jack Botterill was essentially a Coal Merchant and ran at least two Ford T chassis fitted with lorry bodies during the week and coach bodies at the weekends. Whether or not the bus service from Bugbrooke Wharf via Bugbrooke Village and Kislingbury to Northampton ever ran on Mondays to Fridays has not been established. When the route finished, by 24th March 1924, it has been said that the timings passed to the Northampton Motor Omnibus Co Ltd, but corroboration has not been found.

Arthur Charles Haughton was apparently Jack Botterill's brother-in-law and after jointly working with Botterill, began a service from Foster's Booth (where he lived) via Bugbrooke and Kislingbury to Northampton. Indeed, Kelly's Directory for Northants in 1924 describes Haughton as an "omnibus and coach proprietor".

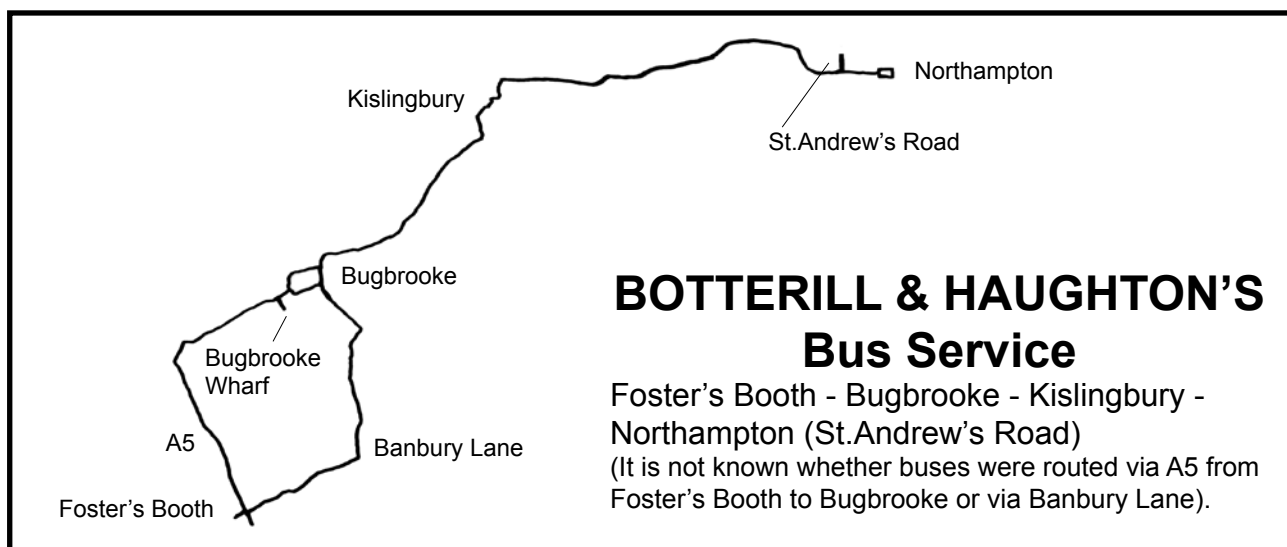
Haughton had two known buses registered in his name and these were BD 6457, a Daimler Y seating 26 passengers and registered in April 1922 and a Crossley registered BD 7707 a year later. It is also known that Haughton was still operating BD 6457 in May 1924 as he was stopped by the Police who found he was running it under the licence for XN 4838, whatever that was. A third vehicle owned by Haughton was BD 1055 which was basically a Ford T one ton truck which was probably used in connection with the coal business carried out at Bugbrooke Wharf.

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### BOTTERILL & HAUGHTON - B.WHARF

J T Botterill & Sons, Haulage Contractors of High Street, Bugbrooke later became a very well-known haulage firm, surviving well into the latter part of the 20th century.

For completeness, all the vehicles known to have been run by Botterill and Haughton are shown below, although much detail is missing. Clearly further research on these operators is required.



### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New		W/D			
BD 1055	Ford	T	?	?	Lorry	—	c6/19	S/H	c-/31?	—	Rhodes, N'pton L/L 1/33	
BD 6121	Ford	T	4672299	?	Lorry	—	9/21	—	?	—	No further owner	
NH 3860	Ford	T	?	?	B14	—	-/21	—	3/28	Possibly White, Northampton?	?	
BD 6457	Daimler	Y	4347	?	B26	—	4/22	—	c-/24?	—	West Yorks Road Car L/L 12/29	
BD 6601	Ford	T	5412670	?	Lorry	—	5/22	—	?	—	E P Stukes, Brampton L/L 3/31	
BD 7707	Crossley	X	?	?	B	—	5/23	—	2/24	—	No further owner	
NH 4929	Ford	T	?	?	Lorry	—	6/23	—	?	—	No further owner	
XN 4838	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	
NH 6174	Morris	?	?	?	Lorry	—	4/25	—	?	—	No further owner	
RP2045	Chevrolet	R	6445T	?	Lorry	—	1/26	—	?	Supplied Grose Ltd., N'pton	Hinton Bros., Silverstone L/L 10/31	
RP 6457	Chevrolet	LP	45602	?	Lorry	—	9/26	—	12/32	—	No further owner	

Black - Registered in the name of Botterill.

Red - Registered in the name of Haughton

General - Any of the lorries could also have been used for passenger traffic.