

**ROUGHTON Bros. Harry & Ernest**  
**t/a "GRETTON BELLE"**  
**Rosary Farm,**  
**GRETTON**

Harry and Ernest Roughton's parents were dairy farmers at the village of Gretton which is situated some three or four miles north of Corby. Presumably the two sons were primarily engaged in the family's farming activities but on 3rd March 1924 Harry Roughton invested in a Chevrolet motor which was registered BD 8913. The vehicle came equipped with a 14-seater detachable bus body and it is understood Harry and Ernest Roughton used it to run from Gretton to Corby on certain days of the week. The Chevrolet was also available for private hire and was used for various village-based local outings. It is said that BD 8913 had the name "Gretton Belle" emblazoned on its side panels.

The Chevrolet was used for purposes other than the conveyance of passengers and various farm produce was collected and delivered, using the vehicle in its lorry format. Apparently Ernest Roughton got married in 1926 and afterwards ceased to be involved with the operation of the bus. Harry Roughton continued for a couple of years and BD 8913 was last licensed to him in May 1928.

**Rolling Stock**

BD 8913 - Chevrolet - 14 seater (detachable bus body) - New 3/24 - Last licensed 5/28