

Bygone Buses

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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RUSHDEN & WELLINGBOROUGH MOTOR CAR & CHARABANC Co. Ltd. 14 Market Square, (128931) WELLINGBOROUGH

Reference to papers NN-AS1 and NN-NI0 reveal that Arthur Asbery of the Exchange Hotel, 14 Market Square, Wellingborough and David Nicholson of 36 Higham Road, Rushden were together operating a 36hp charabanc in the locality and also owned a 40hp charabanc chassis. These two gentlemen decided to form a limited company under which their operations could shelter and, accordingly on 10th May 1913, the Rushden and Wellingborough Motor Car and Charabanc Co Ltd was registered to take over the business being carried on by Asbery and Nicholson.

The following are notes taken from Public Record Office documents:-

Subscribers:

David Nicholson, 36 Higham Road, Rushden - Motor Engineer.

Arthur Asbery, Exchange Hotel, Wellingborough - Hotel Proprietor. (Secretary).

To carry out the business of proprietors of Motor Cars and Motor Char-a-bancs, Motor Buses and other public or private conveyances of every description and carriers of passengers and goods by any motive power whatever.

Memorandum of Agreement 17th May 1913...

...between A Asbery and D Nicholson of the one part (vendors) and the Rushden & Wellingborough Motor Car & Charabanc Co. Ltd. of the other (the Company) whereby agreed:

1. Vendors shall sell and Company shall purchase from 1st May 1913 for £400 the 36hp motor char a-banc complete and also the 40hp chassis now the property of the vendors.
2. The said purchase price of £400 shall be satisfied by the allotment to each of the vendors of 200 shares of £1 each in the Capital of the Company credited as fully paid.

Return of Allotments 17/5/13:

Shares allotted payable in cash	10
Nominal amount of the shares so allotted	£10
Amount paid or due and payable on each share	£1
Number of Shares allotted for consideration other than cash	400
Amount to be treated as paid on such Shares	£400

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205 Shares issued to each partner - Ten more Shares issued by 10/5/14.

The Rushden & Wellingborough Motor Car & Charabanc Co Ltd commenced an hourly service from Wellingborough to Finedon and Irthlingborough from 12.30pm onwards on Saturdays only commencing on 10th May 1913. To avoid disappointment and overcrowding, return tickets were issued from the Company's office at the Exchange Hotel, Wellingborough, half-an-hour prior to the time of starting each journey and would be available only for the times stated on the tickets. Interestingly this service commenced four days prior to that of the Wellingborough Motor Omnibus Co Ltd although this latter company's services were already being provided by the New Central Company and had been for several months.

For quite how long this Wellingborough - Finedon - Irthlingborough service was maintained is not known but during the summer and autumn of 1913 several excursions were advertised by the Motor Car & Charabanc company, the destinations including The Derby at Epsom, Woburn, Towcester Races, Sandy Show, Yarmouth Races and the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket.

THE RUSHDEN AND WELLINGBOROUGH MOTOR CAR AND CHARABANC CO.
Intend running to
EPSOM
For the Derby, through the heart of London. Book early and get the best seats.
On SUNDAY NEXT, MAY 25th, a Charabanc will run to
WOBURN
Starting from the railway bridge, Rushden, at 2 o'clock.
Fare 3s. 6d. return. Tickets only will ensure seats.
Tickets can be obtained at Nicholson's Garage, Rushden, and the Company's Office, 14, Market-square, Wellingborough. These tickets are limited.
Breakfasts and Factory Outings a speciality. No dust. No noise. A23

This advertisement which appeared in the Kettering Evening Telegraph in May 1913, in addition to advertising Epsom and Woburn, intimates that Beanfeasts and Factory Outings were a speciality. No dust. No noise!

Little is known of the vehicle(s) used by the Rushden & Wellingborough Company. On formation a 36hp complete charabanc and a 40hp charabanc chassis were taken over from Asbery and Nicholson and the likelihood is that no further vehicles were used. Public Record Office documents show that the Company ceased to carry on business of any sort after 1914 and it was dissolved on 21st May 1920.