

# Bygone Buses

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## JONES & ALLEN

### 75 Tanfields Grove

### CORB Y

The history of Messrs Jones & Allen, as far as coach operation is concerned, remains largely a mystery to the Author. They operated from premises at 75 Tanfields Grove, Corby and were in business by April 1947 when they were advertising a thirty two-seater bus for hire. This machine was almost certainly EKV 739, which was a Bedford OWB with utility Mulliner bodywork seating thirty-two passengers when new to Park & Bunty Coaches of Coventry in January 1943. A month later Jones & Allen were advertising a thirty-seater bus for hire so presumably they had removed a couple of seats from EKV 739 soon after acquisition.

#### FOR HIRE

#### 30-Seater BUS

Write or Call:  
75, TANFIELDS GROVE,  
CORBY.

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*A facsimile of Jones & Allen's advert of May 1947.*

As far as it is known, Jones & Allen operated only private hire and possibly contract services. The firm's next reported acquisition was ATB 233 which was a 1935 Bedford WLB coach purchased in the post-War period. By February 1949 Jones & Allen were advertising "Luxury Coaches" for private hire, so presumably by this time they had acquired one or more newer vehicles for their fleet, but details are so far unknown.

*A facsimile of Jones & Allen's advert of February 1949.*

#### LUXURY COACHES

Available for Private Hire.

Let Us Quote for Your Summer  
Outings

Write, call or phone:

#### JONES & ALLEN'S

75, TANFIELD GROVE, CORBY

Phone CORBY 2396

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In February 1952 the Bedford WLB registered ATB 233 was sold to a London operator who extracted another year's work from it. This Bedford was replaced by an Austin CXB registered KRO 658 carrying a twenty-nine seat Thurgood body. Just eight months later, in October 1952, the coach business of Messrs Jones & Allen was sold to Seamarks (Motors) Ltd of Rushden, along with Austin CXB - KRO 658.

**IT'S NEW & NEWS FOR CORBY**

**SEAMARKS (Motors) Ltd.**

106, HIGH STREET, RUSHDEN  
HAVE PURCHASED THE BUSINESS OF  
**JONES and ALLENS**  
COACH PROPRIETORS, CORBY,  
AND OFFER THEIR FLEET OF  
**PULLMAN COACHES**

TO YOU FOR YOUR  
**Private Parties, Works Contracts,  
Football Fixtures, Etc.**

Seating from 25 to 39 in Comfort  
Applications for this Service to:—  
75, TANFIELDS AVENUE, CORBY  
Phone 2396, and  
**RUSHDEN—Phone 2541**  
"DISTANCE NO OBJECT" Ac17

*A facsimile of Seamarks' advertisement placed in the Kettering Evening Telegraph in October 1952.*

### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
							New	S/H	W/D			
EKV 739	Bedford	OWB	11329	Mulliner	B32F		1/43	by 4/47	c-/48	Bunty Chs., Coventry	Cooper, Rothwell	1
ATB 233	Bedford	WLB	110052	E. Lancs	C20F		5/35	c8/49	2/52	Lazzell, Ewhurst	Goodman, London SE1	
KRO 658	Austin	CXB	139984	Thurgood	C29F	575	8/49	2/52	10/52	Premier, Watford	Seamarks Rushden	

Notes: 1 - EKV 739 resealed B30F - 5/47.