

JONES & ALLEN 75 Tanfields Grove CORBY

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ORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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. E7

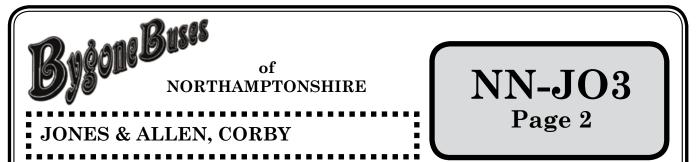
A facsimile of Jones & Allen's advert of May 1947.

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.



Bygone Buses of Northamptonshire is compiled by R M Warwick, "Torestyn" 101 Broadway East, Northampton NN3 2PP, who would be pleased to be advised of any additional information relating to the above operator. The records of the PSV Circle and the Omnibus Society have been consulted extensively for this series and acknowledgement and thanks are due to these organisations.



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.



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

Rolling Stock:

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

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