

Bygone Buses

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MILES. B. H. 10, Newland Street KETTERING

The principal occupation of B H Miles of Newland Street, Kettering was that of a Fish Merchant. It is far from clear to the Author whether Miles actually operated his own vehicles, acted as an agent for Bagshaw & Sons, or did both.

SKEGNESS.

Owing to the enormous success and over-booking of our Motor 'Bus "Excelsior," we have decided to run our Motor Charabanc "Knight of the Road" on SUNDAY, SEPT. 14th.

Leave Newland-street, 6 a.m.

YARMOUTH.

FIVE DAYS AT THE SEASIDE.

Leave Newland-street 7.30 a.m. MONDAY, SEPT. 15th; return Friday. Few Seats open.

Book now. B. H. MILES, Newland-street.

This advertisement placed in September 1919 suggests Miles was running "Excelsior" and "Knight of the Road" on his own account and makes no reference to Bagshaw & Sons. This latter firm was, however, running to the same destinations at the same times and fares, and was advising potential passengers to book their seats at B H Miles premises in Newland Street. Neither "Excelsior" nor "Knight of the Road" are names known to have been used by Bagshaw & Sons.

In June 1921 the advertisement shown on the following page was placed in the Kettering Evening Telegraph by Bagshaw & Sons.

Bygone Buses of Northamptonshire is compiled by R M Warwick, "Forestyn" 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.

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Telegrams: "Civility," Kettering.

Phone 264.

Bagshaw & Sons, NEWLAND ST. & TANNER'S LANE, KETTERING.

As previously advertised by B. H. MILES, Newland Street,

BAGSHAW'S THREE NEW & UP-TO-DATE CHARABANCS

WILL (AS USUAL) RUN TO

YARMOUTH, July 30th to Aug. 8th. Return Fare 35/-

PLEASE NOTE For the Pleasure and Convenience of Passengers, a SPECIAL LORRY will run to take Luggage FREE OF ANY EXTRA CHARGES.

Book Your Seats Now at 10, NEWLAND ST., KETTERING.

WE SPECIALISE in all kinds of MOTOR HAULAGE Open or Closed Motors, from 1 ton to 22 tons loads

CHARABANCS to carry from 19 to 85 Passengers Any Distance Estimates Free.

Complete Overhauls to cars Tyres, etc. stocked. Solid Tyre Press installed, etc., etc.

Open or Closed Cars for Hire. Write, Phone, or call. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Although not a very clear reproduction, it will be noted that the advertisement says:- "As previously advertised by B H Miles, Newland Street, Bagshaw's three new and up-to-date charabancs will run" etc.

Bagshaw's are not known to have acquired three new and up-to-date charabancs in June 1921. Were these vehicles really new or were they taken over from B H Miles? These questions cannot be answered at the present time. The same advertisement states that Bagshaw's could cater for parties from 19 to 85 passengers, indicating that they could have been running no more than four vehicles at that time.

B H Miles continued as an Agent for Bagshaw's until 1923 when the latter firm opened their own office in the yard of the Fleur De Lys Hotel in Newland Street, Kettering.