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GALLAGHER, Patrick t/a AVONLEY COACHES 102 Studfall Avenue CORBY

The Author has discovered very little about this operator save that he was in business shortly after the second World War until about October 1956.

Patrick Gallagher placed an advertisement in the Kettering Evening Telegraph on 24th March 1947 advising the public that he had a thirty-two seater coach available for hire. At this point in time Gallagher was trading as Avonley Coaches from 102 Studfall Avenue, Corby. The identity of his thirty-two seater coach has not been discovered.



The next information regarding this operator comes some four years later when Patrick Gallagher was residing at 34 Beechwood Gardens, Corby and circa May 1952 he acquired a 1948 Bedford OB registered HTJ 748 with a twenty-nine seat S.M.T. body. HTJ 748 was purchased from Stockwood Motors Ltd of Corby, in this case trading as a motor dealer rather than as an operator - (see paper NN-ST4). This acquisition was followed three years later by another similarly bodied Bedford OB, this time carrying the registration number BBV 896. Possibly the original 32-seater and the first Bedford OB were operated in tandem and probably the second Bedford OB replaced the 32-seater. HTJ 748 and BBV 896 were certainly in the fleet at the same time.

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Two years later in May 1956 Patrick Gallagher purchased a Daimler CW6A Duple bodied double-deck vehicle registered CCX 734, presumably for a contract operation which does not seem to have lasted for long. In October 1956 both the double-deck and the Bedford OB registered BBV 896 passed to Shelton Coaches of Wollaston (NN-SH6) and as far as it is known Patrick Gallagher ceased to trade at this time.

It is assumed that private hire work and a possible contract for the double-deck vehicle provided Gallagher with his income.



The Duple bodied Daimler CW6A at one time operated by Patrick Gallagher is seen here a little later in life with contractor Adkins & Shaw of Northampton.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis			Body			Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
	Make	Type	Number	Body	Type & Seats	Number	New	S/H	W/D			
?	?	?	?	?	C32	?	?	by 3/47	4/54?	?	?	
HTJ 748	Bedford	OB	60717	S.M.T.	C29F	?	1/48	c5/51	10/56	Stockwood Motors, Corby	Williams, Mountain Ash	
BBV 896	Bedford	OB	56849	S.M.T.	C29F	?	10/47	c4/54	10/56	Barnes, Rishton	Shelton Coaches Wollaston	
CCX 734	Daimler	CW6A	11882	Duple	L27/28R	40631	11/44	5/56	10/56	Liss & District	Shelton Coaches Wollaston	