

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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BURROWS. Albert Edward Hind Hotel, Sheep Street, WELLINGBOROUGH

Reference to paper NN-DU3 concerning the activities of Jackie Durrant of Wellingborough indicates that a horsebus service had been operated for many years from the Hind Hotel to the Midland Railway Station in that town. In 1920 Jackie Durrant came along with his Sunbeam and provided a motorised alternative to the Hotel's horsebus service, with a resulting loss of patronage to the latter.

The proprietor of the Hind Hotel, it is assumed, was one Albert Edward Burrows as it was he who acquired a Ford T with which to compete against Durrant's operation by providing his own motor service between the Hind Hotel and the Midland Rail Station. A postcard showing the Hind Hotel and the Ford T has survived and a reproduction is shown below. On the side of the bus can be seen the words "MIDLAND RAILWAY", and the vehicle's



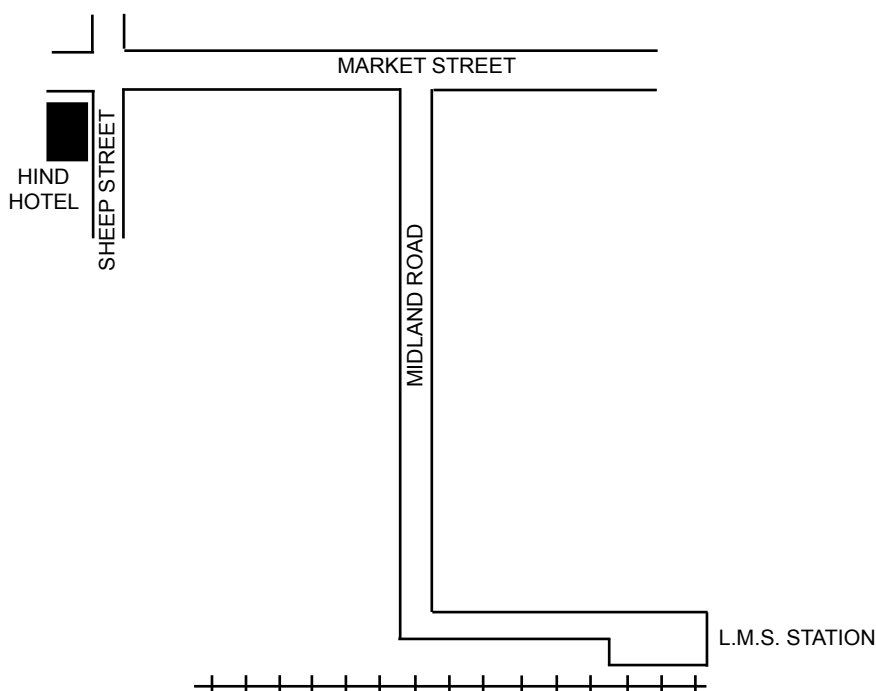
The green and white Ford T - BD 1846 - at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough

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BURROWS A.E. - WELLINGBOROUGH

registration number is BD 1846. It is almost certain that the passenger compartment of this vehicle was constructed from the former horsebus coachwork.

The registration number BD 1846 indicates the chassis was probably new in 1919 and it is most likely that Albert Burrows acquired it second-hand early in the summer of 1920, soon after Durrant began operating. It is understood the service ran only for a year to eighteen months and the Ford T ended up as a goods vehicle with a Kettering firm.



Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS			BODY			DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	TYPE	NO.	MAKE	TYPE/ SEATS	NO.	NEW	S/H	W/D			
BD 1846	Ford	T	4574447		B8?		-/19?	c6/20?	c12/21?			1

NOTES:- 1 - Last licensed to C A Davidson, Kettering as a goods vehicle and last licensed 4/32. The bodywork of BD 1846 appears to have been adapted from an earlier horsebus.