

# Bygone Buses

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## **AINGE. William Joseph** **13 Regent Square** **NORTHAMPTON**

William Ainge, a bootmaker who owned a cobbler's shop in Regent Square, lodged an application with Northampton Borough Council Watch Committee in May 1922 for permission to ply for hire from Guildhall Road with a twenty-six seater charabanc in connection with a proposed daily service from this point to Berrywood, presumably terminating at the Hospital on the road of this name leaving Old Duston towards Nobottle. Ainge also applied to use the Market Square for excursion departures on special occasions and his required Hackney Carriage licences were granted on 15th May 1922.

There seems no reason to suppose Ainge did not commence his service to Berrywood as planned although details of the times at which he operated have not yet come to light and nor has very much information regarding his vehicles.

However, In July 1922, Ainge was advertising a twenty-eight seater charabanc named "DINNA FORGET" as both available for private hire and operating an excursion from Regent Square, Northampton to Bedford on Saturday 29th July 1922.

Little further has been unearthed in relation to William Ainge so it is presumed he operated for the 1922 season only. However, this gentleman was concurrently a Shareholder of the Buffalo Motor Omnibus Co Ltd - See paper NN-BU4.