

# Bygone Buses

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## DUSTON GARAGE Ltd

Peveril Road (502677)

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Duston Garage had been established for many years prior to a Limited Company of that name being incorporated on 22nd December 1951 under the Directorship of William Miller and Albert Johnson of Duston - both described as Motor Engineers. The principal business of the company was the sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles.



*An illustration of Duston Garage in prewar days.*

In June 1954 a Commer Avenger coach registered BVV 379 that was being disposed of by nearby British Timken Ltd was taken into the Duston Garage's stock. It is not clear to the Author whether Duston Garage seriously intended to operate public service vehicles at this point or whether British Timken was a very good customer of the garage with the latter taking the coach for goodwill purposes rather than anything else. Whatever the reason, Duston Garage used the Commer for private hires for two years prior to selling it on to Peter Chapman of Heeps Garages, Guilsborough in June 1956. (NN-CH1).

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*By the time this photograph was taken the Harrington bodied Commer Avenger BVV 379 had passed to Heeps Garages of Guilsborough. (Photo courtesy D M Bailey).*

Thereafter Duston Garage operated no more full-sized coaches but six years later, in 1962, operated a minibus. In fact they operated six minibuses one at a time until August 1981, all seating eleven or twelve passengers. Details of these are shown in the rolling stock schedule below. The fact that only one minibus was operated at a time suggests that Duston Garage had a contract for its operations but the Author is unaware what that may have been.

### Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS			BODY			DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	TYPE	NO.	MAKE	TYPE/ SEATS	NO.	NEW	S/H	W/D			
BVV 379	Commer	Avenger 1	23A0556	Harrington	C32F	819	7/50	6/54	6/56	British Timken Ltd Duston	Heeps Garages, Guilsborough	
806 BBD	Morris	J2	BM88728	BMC	M11	—	3/62	—	8/65	—	?	
CNH 452C	Morris	J2M16	139270	BMC	M11	—	8/65	—	11/69	—	Heeps Garages, Guilsborough	
MNH 136H	Ford	Transit	BC05JC 44936	Wadham Stringer	M12	—	10/69	—	10/71	—	Stubbs, Manchester	
RVV 899K	Ford	Transit	BC05LT 51244	Wadham Stringer	M12	—	10/71	—	10/73	—	Woodforth, Scunthorpe	
YNC 813M	Ford	Transit	BC05NR 62105	Wadham Stringer	M12	—	11/73	—	7/77	—	Lynch, Boothville	
VRP 23S	Ford	Transit	BD05TM 59780	Wadham Stringer	M12	—	8/77	—	8/81	—	Walker, Bugbrooke	