

Bygone Buses

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MIDLAND MOTOR CO.

“Stonehurst”

High Street,

RUSHDEN

The Midland Motor Company of Rushden is a bit of a mystery. Stonehurst was a large three-storey house situated in High Street and abutted the pavement but had a large yard which could conceivably have housed quite a number of buses. However, there is no indication and it is unlikely that any buses were actually operated from these premises.

Evidence that the Midland Motor Company operated buses at all comes from an advertisement that was placed in the Grantham Journal of Saturday 4th October 1924 and which is reproduced on the next page. It states that three bus services would be inaugurated from Saturday 11th October 1924 running from Oakham to Uppingham; from Oakham to Melton Mowbray and from Oakham to Greetham. The Grantham Journal appears to have incorporated an Oakham and Uppingham Journal and hence the relevance of the proposed services to the main publication. Two buses would have been required to operate the three services.

It is presumed these services ran as advertised on Saturdays and Sundays from 11th October 1924 at least for a few weeks but thereafter no information about them has been found. The buses used on the operation are also unknown. It is strange that a bus operator apparently based in Rushden should decide to provide services in an adjacent County and some 30 or so miles from its main base.



Bygone Buses of Northamptonshire is compiled by R M Warwick, "Torestyn" 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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'BUSES FOR OAKHAM.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 'BUS SERVICES will be inaugurated between
Oakham and Uppingham.
Oakham and Melton Mowbray.
Oakham and Greetham.

These services will run on Saturdays and Sundays only at present, but they will be extended according to the requirements of the public. Any extension will be notified through the medium of the "Grantham Journal."

TIME TABLE.

SERVICE 1.

OAKHAM TO UPPINGHAM.

Buses leave OAKHAM from "THE CROWN."
Buses leave UPPINGHAM from MARKET PLACE.

Saturdays and Sundays.

| | a.m. | p.m. | p.m. | p.m. |
|------------------|--------|------|------|-------|
| Oakham depart | 10.0n | 2.30 | 6.30 | 10.0 |
| Manton | 10.15n | 2.45 | 6.45 | 10.15 |
| Preston | 10.25n | 2.55 | 6.55 | 10.25 |
| Uppingham arrive | 10.40n | 3.10 | 7.10 | 10.40 |
| Uppingham depart | 10.45n | 3.15 | 7.15 | 10.45 |
| Preston | 11.0n | 3.30 | 7.30 | 11.0 |
| Manton | 11.10n | 3.40 | 7.40 | 11.10 |
| Oakham arrive | 11.25n | 3.55 | 7.55 | 11.25 |

—Not on Sundays.

SERVICE 2

OAKHAM TO GREETHAM,

Via LANGHAM, ASHWELL, and COTTESMORE.

| | a.m. | p.m. | p.m. | p.m. |
|-----------------|--------|------|------|-------|
| Oakham depart | 10.0n | 1.15 | 5.0 | 9.0 |
| Langham | 10.10n | 1.25 | 5.10 | 9.10 |
| Ashwell | 10.20n | 1.35 | 5.20 | 9.20 |
| Cottesmore | 10.30n | 1.45 | 5.30 | 9.30 |
| Greetham arrive | 10.40n | 1.55 | 5.40 | 9.40 |
| Greetham depart | 10.40n | 1.55 | 5.40 | 9.40 |
| Cottesmore | 10.50n | 2.5 | 5.50 | 9.50 |
| Ashwell | 11.0n | 2.15 | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| Langham | 11.10n | 2.25 | 6.10 | 10.10 |
| Oakham arrive | 11.20n | 2.35 | 6.20 | 10.20 |

n—Not on Sundays.

SERVICE 2.

OAKHAM TO MELTON,

Via WHISSENDINE.

| | p.m. | p.m. | p.m. |
|----------------|-------|------|------|
| Oakham, depart | 12.30 | 4.30 | 8.0 |
| Langham | 12.40 | 4.40 | 8.10 |
| Whissendine | 12.55 | 4.55 | 8.25 |
| Burton Lazars | 1.15 | 5.15 | 8.45 |
| Melton, arrive | 1.30 | 5.30 | 9.0 |
| Melton, depart | 1.30 | 5.30 | 9.0 |
| Burton Lazars | 1.45 | 5.45 | 9.15 |
| Whissendine | 2.5 | 6.5 | 9.35 |
| Langham | 2.20 | 6.20 | 9.50 |
| Oakham, arrive | 2.30 | 6.30 | 10.0 |

All Buses leave MELTON from the "HABOND" Horse, Burton Street.

Parcels.

Whilst every endeavour will be made to ensure the safety of parcels entrusted to the conductors, the Company cannot accept any responsibility for loss of or damage to same.

COMPLAINTS.

All communications should be addressed to the MANAGER,

MIDLAND MOTOR Co.,

"STONEHURST,"

HIGH STREET, RUSHDEN.

Advertisement taken from the Grantham Journal for Saturday 4th October 1924.

The left-hand side of the advertisement is both distorted and made partially illegible by superfluous "noise". For clarity the announcement under the headings for the three services reads:- "These services will run on Saturdays and Sundays only at present, but they will be extended according to the requirements of the public. Any extension will be notified through the medium of the "Grantham Journal." The towns and villages listed for the Uppingham service read Oakham, Manton, Preston and Uppingham and are then repeated in reverse. Similarly for the Greetham service the timing points are Oakham, Langham, Ashwell, Cottesmore, Greetham and vice versa.