

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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SMITH R.A.P. KETTERING

All that the Author has ascertained about R A P Smith of Kettering is that he acquired a Leyland Lion LSC1 registered EC 7624 during the Second World War. Whether or not he operated it as a public service vehicle is far from clear. Smith had apparently bought the vehicle by February 1943 and retained it until the end of 1947 when it passed to a St Albans Showman who used it as living quarters. Whether Smith was also a Showman has not been established.

EC 7624 started life in April 1927 with the Kendal Motor Bus Company who in turn sold out to Ribble Motor Services in April 1930. Ribble withdrew it in 1938 and it then passed though the hands of a couple of Dealers before being purchased by R A P Smith.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
						New	S/H	W/D			
EC 7624	Leyland	Lion LSC1	45544	Leyland	B31F	4/27	by 2/43	12/47	Allsop (Dealer), Sheffield	Wood (Showman), St Albans	



This photograph shows Leyland Lion EC 7624 parked at Northampton circa 1958 whilst still owned by a St Albans Showman.

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