

## HINDS t/a CORBY COACHES 32 Cottingham Road CORBY

<u>g 155 USBS</u>

ORTHAMPTONSHIRE

In the years preceding the Second World War Major Edmund Herbert Allday trading as Disposals Ltd from Horton Motor Works, near Northampton supplied several Opel 8W coaches to various operators in the Midlands. One such vehicle was registered ARP 537 on 25th May 1939 when purchased by Corby Coaches.

Corby Coaches was run by a Mr Hinds of 32 Cottingham Road, Corby and during the few months prior to the onset of the War ARP 537 was used to convey families of the workers employed at the Corby Steel Works to Glasgow. Corby Coaches held no Road Service Licences to operate either a regular Corby to Glasgow express service of for Excursions & Tours. The operations must have been on a private hire basis with, perhaps, the Stewarts & Lloyds Social Club arranging the trips and hiring the coach. It is assumed that Corby Coaches lasted only until about 1940 when war-time conditions made it impossible to trade and, as far as it is known, this enterprise did not recommence after the War.

Fortunately a photograph of the Opel 8W coach registered ARP 537 has survived and is reproduced on the next page.

## **Rolling Stock:**

| REGN.<br>NO.                        | CHASSIS |        | BODY |                | DATES |     |       |                   |                                        |       |
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|                                     | MAKE    | NUMBER | MAKE | TYPE/<br>SEATS | NEW   | S/H | W/D   | PREVIOUS<br>OWNER | INITIAL<br>DISPOSAL                    | NOTES |
| ARP<br>537                          | Opel 8W | 7105   | Wise | C26F           | 5/39  |     | c-/40 | _                 | Farnworths Motor<br>Service, Blackburn | 1     |
| Notes: ARP 537 last licensed 12/48. |         |        |      |                |       |     |       |                   |                                        |       |

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Here Corby Coaches' stylish Wise bodied Opel 8W can be seen outside St. Andrew's Church in Occupation Road, Corby in 1939. It is showing Glasgow on its destination blind and will presumably be departing shortly for Scotland.