

# Bygone Buses

of  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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**F. R. HARRIS Ltd (166206)**

**Old Towcester Road**

**NORTHAMPTON**

It is not known to the Author precisely when Frederick Reginald Harris started his motor and general engineering business under the title "The London Road Garage" with an address in Old Towcester Road, Northampton which ran off London Road. However, on 9th April 1920 the limited company F. R. Harris Ltd was incorporated to take over and continue the former business of Mr Harris.

Probably soon after the company was formed a twenty horsepower Austin twelve-seater charabanc was acquired and registered NH 3060 and, by August 1920, F R Harris Ltd was advertising a one-ton Austin van and charabanc for hire. The Company probably had only NH 3060 and exchanged the van and charabanc bodies according to needs.

**F. R. HARRIS, Ltd.**

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**FOR SALE.**

1920 DODGE BROS 5-Seater, Dy-  
namo Light and Starting,  
perfect condition ..... **£530**

1916 MAXWELL, 5-Seater, com-  
plete. Bargain ..... **£200**

1919 LEVIS, 2½, 2-Speed, Model,  
excellent condition ... .. **£55**

HIRE—Austin 1-Ton Van and 12-Seater  
Chr-a-Banc.

**ALL KINDS OF MOTOR REPAIRS**  
Carried Out by Skilled Mechanics.  
Reasonable Charges.

London-rd. Garage, Cotton End  
'Phone 536.

*A facsimile of the F R Harris advertisement that was placed in the Northampton Daily Chronicle in August 1920.*

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For Easter Monday in the following year, 1921, Harris advertised a shuttle service from his garage to Towcester Races, with four departure times and a fare of 2 shillings.

<p><b>TOWCESTER RACES</b></p> <p><b>EASTER MONDAY.</b></p> <p>AUSTIN, Seating 12, starting from the Garage, Old Towcester-road, Far Cotton, 8.30, 10.0, 11.30, and 1 o'clock.</p> <p><b>FARE: 2s.</b></p> <p><b>F. R. HARRIS, Ltd., London-road Garage.</b></p>
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*A facsimile of the F R Harris Ltd advertisement of Towcester Races trips on Easter Monday 1921, utilising the twelve-seater Austin charabanc NH 3060.*

As far as it is known, no further excursions were advertised and it seems reasonable to assume that NH 3060 was thereafter used as the Company's works van, being retained until the end of May 1933.

F R Harris Ltd continued in being as a garage business and in due time was awarded a David Brown Tractor Dealership. This agricultural connection became of interest to Peter Chapman of Heeps Garages and Premier Coaches of Guilsborough, who, with associates, bought F R Harris Ltd in 1955. The Company was eventually dissolved in 1996.

### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body Number	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
NH 3060	Austin	20hp	?	?	Ch12	—	c8/20	—	5/33	—	No further owner	