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HALFORD. Endor t/a "The Naseby" School Lane NASEBY

Endor Halford, who was born in January 1884, learned the profession of tailoring with the intention of joining his father's business run from the Halford family home in School Lane, Naseby. Endor's father had also opened up a Post Office in the front room of his house and Endor Halford concentrated on this aspect of the business rather than on tailoring. He also took up photography in the early years of the century and sold thousands of post cards depicting local views of the countryside.

In due course Endor Halford served in the Army during the first World War and upon demobilisation returned to the Post Office at Naseby where he expanded the business to include the sale of stationery items.

Endor Halford was interested in motor vehicles and circa 1920 he opened a garage in School Lane, a short distance from his home. The main activity of the garage was the sale of Shell petrol in two-gallon cans rather than the repair or sale of motor vehicles. On 6th February 1922 Halford bought a model T Ford registered BD3252 which was supplied by Heeps Garages of Guilsborough and fitted with a locally constructed bus body. The bus was painted blue and carried the legend "The Naseby" on its sides. Endor Halford operated private hire trips with his Ford T and, as far as can be ascertained, did not operate any local bus services.

Halford ran BD3252 for three or four years and then sold it to Amy Ayres of Hardingstone, with whom it was last licensed in March 1928. Endor thereafter continued to run the Post Office until 1946 and he died in April 1978 at the grand old age of 94 years.

An interesting story is told that, during the early 1920s, Endor Halford's driver eloped with his girlfriend and the Ford T to the coast! Evidently the bus, if not the driver, returned to Naseby as BD3252 survived to be sold to Amy Ayres of Hardingstone. If the story is correct, it is possible that this incident was the catalyst that caused Endor Halford to cease operating his bus and to sell the vehicle.

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Rolling Stock:

BD3252 - Ford T - 4681290 - B14F - Supplied new by Heeps Garages, Guilsborough
6/2/22. Last licensed to Amy Ayres, Hardingstone 3/28.



School Lane Naseby showing the Post Office and, on the right, Endor Halford's Garage. The Ford T registered BD3252 also features on the picture.



An enlargement of the section of photograph depicting BD3252.