

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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TURNER. Alfred The Nurseries, MILTON MALSOR

Alfred Turner was a nurseryman based at Milton Malsor and, quite unusually for a man in his occupation, turned to bus operation in 1924 or possibly even earlier. His first passenger vehicle was a Ford T 23-horsepower machine registered NH 1654, but nothing further is known of this vehicle.

In July 1924 Alfred Turner invested in a new A.E.C. charabanc which he had painted dark blue and named "Milton". This machine was registered BD 9783 on 14th July and it could accommodate thirty passengers. It was not long before Turner applied to Northampton Borough Council for a Hackney Carriage Licence for BD 9783 but, on 26th September 1924, the Watch Committee declined to grant the required licence in view of the Council's resolution that, in their opinion, the local services were adequate and further competition would be dangerous by reason of the narrowness of the streets. It is assumed that Turner was proposing to run a local bus service between Milton and Northampton, which he eventually did and also continued the route to Gayton.

Have You Seen It? What?

The New Chara, "MILTON," with Pneumatic Tyres, which has been pronounced to be the Easiest Riding 30-Seater on the road,

We are now Booking Parties for AUGUST WEEK, and this includes a run to

WEMBLEY, on WEDNESDAY, at 8/- per head.

(Please Book Early for this Trip).

We are also running CIRCULAR TOURS, starting just off the Market Square.

For further particulars see later advertisement.

BOOKING OFFICES:—3, Alton-street, Far Cotton; The Nurseries, Milton; and
Turner's Fruit Stall, Market-square, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Alfred Turner's advertisement placed in the Northampton Daily Chronicle in July 1924.

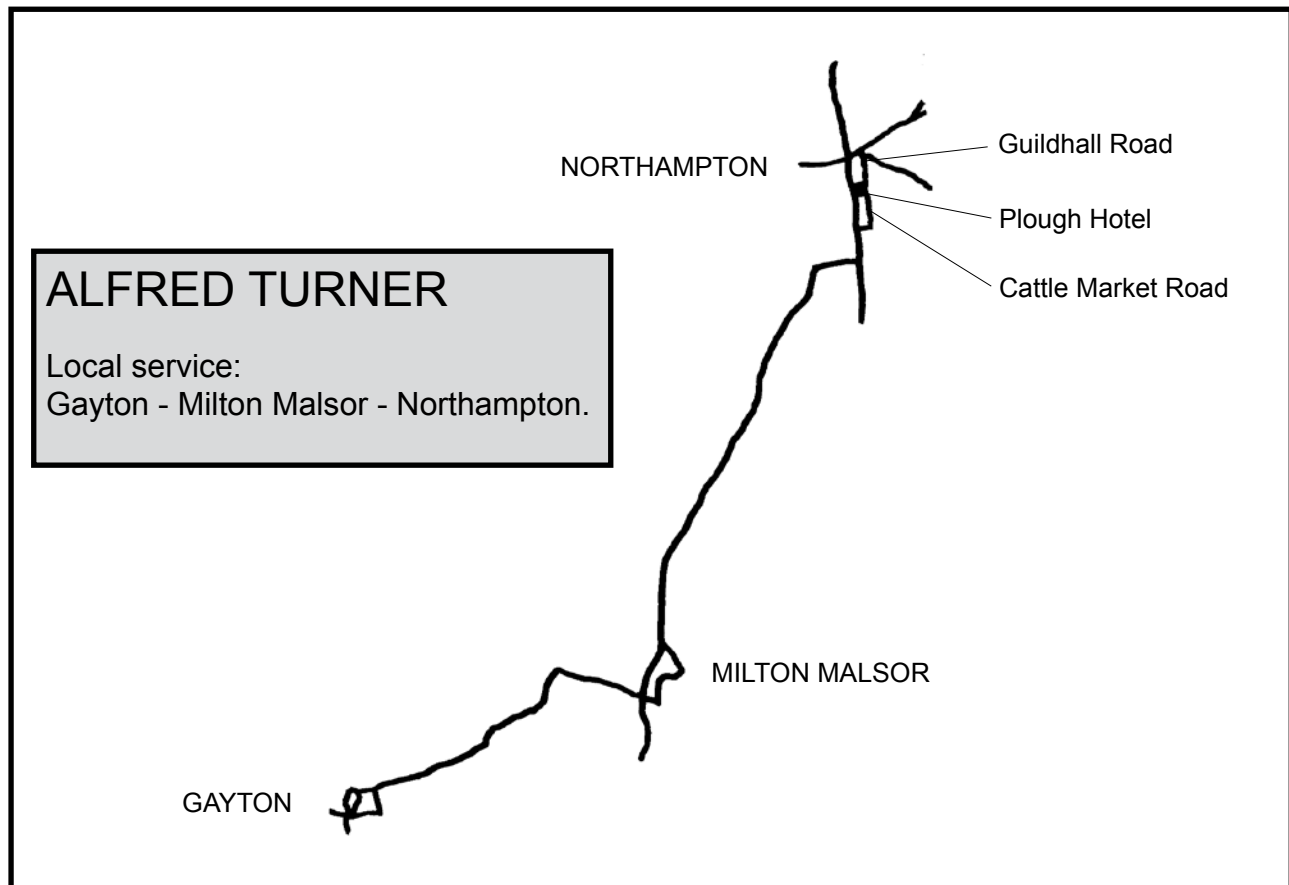
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Alfred Turner was not deterred and soon established his local bus service from Gayton via Milton to Northampton, Plough Hotel. By terminating on private property this precluded the requirement for a Hackney Carriage licence to ply for hire on the highway as originally envisaged.

Eventually Alfred Turner was granted Hackney Carriage licences by Northampton Borough Council and in March 1927 he was able to use a twenty-six seater picking up at Guildhall Road or Cattle Market Road and in September 1927 was granted a licence for a thirty-two seater charabanc. The identity of this latter vehicle is unknown and it would have replaced the A.E.C. registered BD 9783 which was withdrawn at this time.

The only other bus Alfred Turner is known to have owned was a light blue A.E.C. saloon which was supplied to him by St.Giles Garage, Northampton (the local A.E.C. Agent) on 29th May 1925 when it was registered RP 1198. Unfortunately its seating is not known for sure but presumably it was twenty-six as mentioned in the Council Minutes. This A.E.C. - RP 1198 - had a surprisingly short life with Turner, being last licensed in June 1928, indicating that it may have been around this time that Alfred Turner ceased operating and thereafter concentrating on his core nurseryman's business.



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Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
NH 1234	Ford	T	?		Van		-/19	?	11/28	?	No further owner	1
NH 1654	Ford	T	?		?		-/21?	—	?	—	No Further owner	2
BD 9783	A.E.C.		202		Ch30		7/24	—	9/27	—	No further owner	3
RP 1198	A.E.C.		202175		B26		5/25	—	6/28	Supp St.Giles' Garage, N'pton	No further owner	
?	?		?		Ch32		?	8/27	?	?	?	

Notes: 1 - There is no indication that NH 1234 was licensed as a public conveyance.

2 - NH 1654 Licensed as a Hackney Carriage.

3 - Named 'Milton'.