

# Bygone Buses

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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## WHITE. Walter 177 Adnitt Road NORTHAMPTON

Walter White is believed to have started business as a taxi operator after the first World War and in March 1921 he was advertising trips to Leicester and Warwick Races by touring car.

On 18th June 1921 White ordered a Ford T charabanc from Messrs Henry Oliver Ltd of George Row, Northampton, the local Ford agent. This was delivered on 29th July 1921 but its registration number has not been identified, although NH 3860 is a possibility. The very next day Walter White set off to Oxford with his new Ford T and advertised a programme of excursions for the Northampton Town Holiday week as shown below.

HOLIDAY CHAR-A-BANC DAY TRIPS			
	START	RET.	FARE
Sat., July 30—Oxford .....	8.0	7.0	12/-
Sun., .. 31—Aspley Guise	9.0	8.0	7/-
Mon., Aug. 1—			
Birmingham Races...	9.0	6.0	12/6
Tues., Aug. 2—Bedford.....	8.30	7.30	7/-
Wed., .. 3—Hunstanton.	6.0	3.30	20/-
Thur., .. 4—Woburn .....	8.0	7.30	7/6
Fri., .. 5—Bedford .....	8.30	7.30	7/-
Sat., .. 6—Oxford.....	8.0	7.0	12/-
Sunday Next, July 24—Aspley Guise			
Start 2.30, return 8, fare 5/-			
Please Book Early. 'Phone 1060			
W. WHITE., ADNITT & CLARKE-ROADS			

*The destinations of Aspley Guise, Bedford, Birmingham Races, Hunstanton, Oxford and Woburn all featured in Walter Whites' first advertisement for charabanc tours in the Northampton Daily Chronicle in July 1921.*

It is understood that White's tours at first started from his premises at the corner of Adnitt and Clarke Roads but in June 1922 White applied to the Northampton Borough Watch Committee for a fourteen-seater coach to ply for hire from Abington Park Gates on the Wellingborough Road, just a short distance from his operating address.

For the next few years Walter White continued to advertise his tours in the local press, using a combination of his 14-seater Ford charabanc and touring cars. White's last advertisement that has been noted, appeared in 1925 but it is known that he offered the

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Ford charabanc for sale in the Motor Transport magazine in May 1927. This machine was replaced by a second-hand Bean charabanc registered RW 6469, which had been new to a Coventry operator a year earlier.

Not much further is known of Walter White after this time save that in the 1928 edition of Mark's Northampton Directory he was shown as a Cab, Taxi & Motor Car Proprietor. It is likely that the 1927 season was White's last as a charabanc tours operator.

#### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Nts
							New	S/H	W/D			
(NH3860?)	Ford	T	?	?	Ch14	—	7/21	—	5/27	Supp H Oliver Ltd, Northampton	?	
RW 6469	Bean	?	2275	?	Ch14	—	3/26	c4/27	c-1/27	Braithwaite, Coventry	?	1

Notes: 1 - RW 6469 scrapped 3/35.