

## WHITE. Joseph Herbert Brixworth Lodge Harborough Road BRIXWORTH

Little has been traced of the personal history of Joseph Herbert White of Brixworth but it is possible that he was a carrier prior to becoming an operator of buses in the second half of the 1920s. The first vehicle Joseph White is known to have purchased was a Morris T-type supplied by the Derngate Motor Co. Ltd. of Northampton and registered RP 3316 on 1st October 1926. In all probability this was a lorry but it may well have been adapted for passenger work late in 1927. The reason for believing this might be the case is that Joseph White applied to the Northampton Borough Council Watch Committee for a Hackney Carriage licence to operate a fourteen-seater vehicle from Campbell Square. This licence was approved on 12th December 1927 and as far as it is known, the only vehicle in White's possession at this date was the Morris RP 3316.

Whether or not Joseph White immediately commenced operating a local bus service from Brixworth to Northampton and proceeding via both Pitsford and Boughton villages is not certain but, if not, he must have done so in 1928 and by 1930 he had built up a worthwhile timetable operating on a daily basis and keeping one bus busily employed for much of the day.

On 3rd May 1928 Joseph White treated his passengers to a new bus on which to ride, this time choosing a Chevrolet LO model which it is understood seated fourteen passengers. It is not known who supplied or bodied this vehicle but it took the registration number RP 5879. The supplier could have been Messrs George Hodgkinson & Sons of Buxton as Joseph White certainly turned to this supplier for his future purchases.

White's next new bus was delivered on 24th April 1929 as RP 7357, this time being a Dennis GL model with a seating capacity alternatively quoted as eighteen and twenty. It is presumed that this machine replaced the original Morris, at least as far as any passenger work may have been concerned although it may have continued to be used for

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**J. H. WHITE BUS SERVICE.**

**BRIXWORTH, PITSFORD, BOUGHTON and Regent Square, NORTHAMPTON.**  
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS.

depart	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	depart	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Brixworth.....	7	55	10 15	1 45	3 15	5 15	N'pton .....	9	0	12 15	4 15	6 30	8 45
Pitsford.....	8	5	10 25	1 55	3 25	5 25	Boughton ...	9	10	12 25	4 25	6 40	8 55
Boughton ...	8	15	10 30	2 0	3 30	5 30	Pitsford .....	9	15	12 30	4 30	6 45	9 0
N'pton arr. ...	8	25	10 45	2 10	3 40	5 40	Brixworth a.	9	25	12 40	4 40	6 55	9 10

**WEDNESDAYS.**

depart	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	depart	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Brixworth.....	7	55	10 15	1 45	3 05	5 15	N'pton .....	9	0	12 15	4 45	6 30	8 45
Pitsford.....	8	5	10 25	1 50	3 25	5 20	Boughton ...	9	10	12 25	4 55	6 40	8 55
Boughton ...	8	15	10 30	2 0	3 45	5 30	Pitsford ...	9	15	12 30	4 30	6 45	9 0
N'pton arr. ...	8	25	10 45	2 10	3 55	5 40	Brixworth ar.	9	25	12 40	4 40	6 55	9 10

**SUNDAYS.**

depart	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	depart	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	
Brixworth.....	10	0	1 45	5 0	6 45	8 45	N'pton .....	11	30	2 45	6 0	8 15	10 0
Pitsford.....	10	10	1 55	5 10	6 55	8 55	Boughton ...	11	40	2 55	6 10	8 25	10 10
Boughton ...	10	20	2 0	5 20	7 5	9 5	Pitsford .....	11	45	3 0	6 15	8 30	10 15
N'pton arr. ...	10	30	2 10	5 30	7 15	9 15	Brixworth ar.	11	55	3 10	6 25	8 40	10 25

**SATURDAYS.**

depart	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Brixworth.....	7	55	9 30	10 20	1 45	3 30	5 10	6 50	8 15	9 15	...	...
Pitsford.....	8	5	...	10 30	1 50	3 55	5 20	7 0	8 20	9 20	...	...
Boughton .....	8	15	5 45	10 35	2 0	3 45	5 30	7 10	8 25	9 30	...	...
N'pton arr. ....	8	25	9 55	10 50	2 10	3 55	5 45	7 20	8 30	9 40	...	...

depart	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
N'pton .....	9	0	10 12	15 2	45 4	15 6	0 7	45 8	45 10	30	...	...
Boughton .....	9	10	10 12	25 2	55 4	25 6	10 7	55 8	55 10	40	...	...
Pitsford.....	9	15	10 15	12 30	3 0	4 30	6 15	8 5	9 5	10 50	...	...
Brixworth arr. ...	9	25	10 20	12 40	3 10	4 40	6 25	8 15	9 15	11 0	...	...

*A facsimile of Joseph White's Brixworth to Northampton service timetable at December 1930.*

the carriage of parcels and other goods. Likewise in May 1931 it is believed that the services of Chevrolet RP 5879 were dispensed with and replaced by a new Bedford WLG with a twenty-seat Willowbrook body. Messrs Hodgkinson of Buxton supplied this bus which was registered NV 258 on 23rd May 1931, as well as RP 7357 mentioned above.

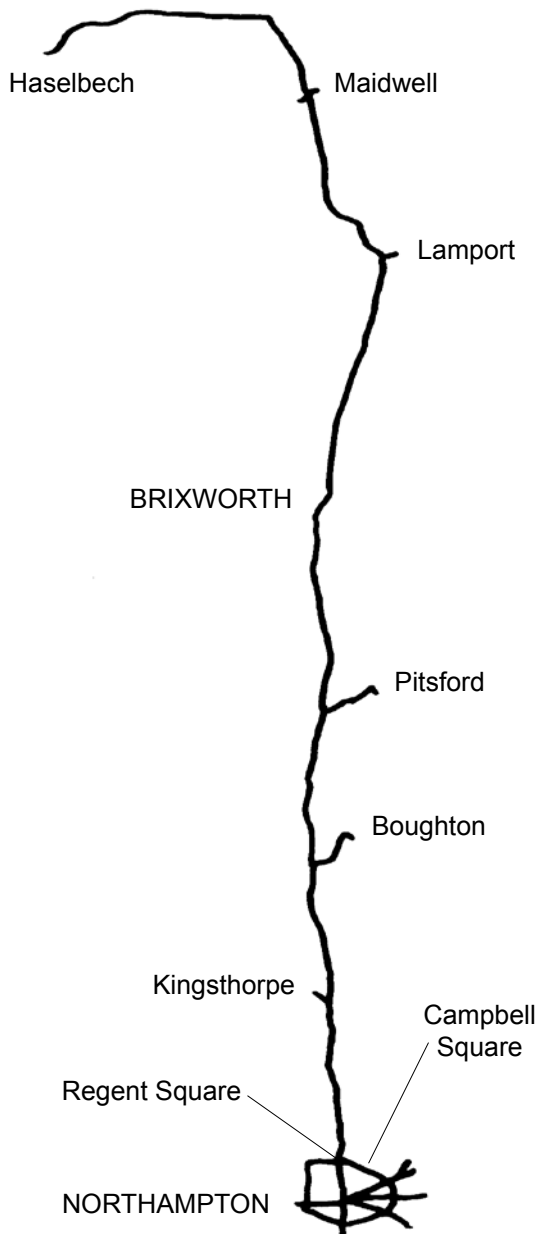
Just five months later Joseph White purchased another Chevrolet through Messrs Hodgkinson's but this may have been a van or lorry. Certainly the registration records that have survived for this machine - NV 658 - indicate that Joseph White was both a carrier and a bus proprietor at this time.

Inevitably the legislation contained in the 1930 Traffic Act led to Joseph White having to apply to the East Midlands Traffic Commissioners for Road Service Licences to cover his operations. Accordingly, in November 1931, he submitted applications for an Excursions & Tours licence starting from Brixworth to entitle him to run to Hunstanton, Skegness and elsewhere on special occasions. White additionally applied for two stage-carriage licences, one apparently operating between Kingsthorpe Cemetery and Northampton and

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presumably providing morning/evening or lunchtime facilities for shoe workers, and the other for a service from Haselbech to Northampton via Maidwell, Lamport, Brixworth, Pitsford and Boughton. This application indicates that at some time between December 1930 and November 1931 Joseph White had extended his service northwards from Brixworth to Haselbech. The Traffic Commissioners granted White his three licences in December 1931/January 1932 with restrictions on pick-up points on morning and evening workers' journeys.

In January 1932 Joseph White applied for, and was granted, licences for two additional shoe workers' mid-day services from the Dover Factory at St. James', Northampton and the Lotus Factory in Victoria Street, both to Kingsthorpe and return under references TER 373/4 and 5.

Very shortly afterwards, on 19th February 1932, Joseph White entered into an Agreement with United Counties Omnibus & Road Transport Co Ltd to sell the Goodwill of his Road Service Licences together with Dennis RP 7357 and Bedford NV 258 for the sum of £625. For the purposes of Stamp Duty the Goodwill was valued at £5 and the two vehicles and spare parts at £620. The Directors of United Counties, unusually, noted at their meeting of 18th April 1932 that both vehicles were in good condition. The agreement is also interesting in that it specified that none of the omnibuses belonging to and retained by Joseph White shall be used etc. etc., indicating that NV 658 may possibly have been a bus and that RP 5879 may still have been in use at March 1932.

Following the agreement United Counties duly applied to the Traffic Commissioners for new licences to cover the excursions from Brixworth and the Dover/Lotus lunch-time routes. The Company also applied to modify its existing services between Northampton

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and Market Harborough and Northampton and Naseby to incorporate White's other stage-carriage operations. The Commissioners approved the various applications from Thursday 24th March but it is understood United Counties did not take over until the following day, Friday 25th March 1932. The legal niceties were not completed until 21st April 1932 and the Hire Purchase Agreement on which White had bought one of his buses was settled by United Counties.

#### Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
RP 3316	Morris	T	10850T	?	Lorry/ B14	?	10/26	—	4/29?	Supp Derngate Mtr Co Ltd, Northampton	?	1
RP 5879	Chevrolet	LO	41370	?	B14F	?	5/28	—	5/31?		?	2
RP 7357	Dennis	GL	70428	?	B18F	?	4/29	—	3/32	Supp George Hodgkinson, Buxton	United Counties (239)	
NV 258	Bedford	WLG	113164	Willow- brook	B20F	?	5/31	—	3/32	Supp George Hodgkinson, Buxton	United Counties (240)	
NV 658	Chevrolet	?	75364		?	?	10/31	—	?	Supp George Hodgkinson, Buxton		3

**Notes:** 1 - RP 3316 may always have been a lorry rather than a bus. Last owned by J H Moisey, Northampton as a coal lorry 6/35.

2 - RP 5879 last owned by A E Newton, Warrington and last licensed 9/33. Seating capacity alternatively quoted as 20.

3 - NV 658 may always have been a lorry rather than a bus. Last owned by J W Wrench, Boughton and last licensed 12/36.