

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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The ADVANCE Motor Repair & Hire Company (Raunds) Ltd⁽¹⁵³⁹⁴⁷⁾ Grove Street RAUNDS

The Advance Motor Repair & Hire Company (Raunds) Ltd was incorporated on 29th March 1919 with a nominal capital of £3,000 divided into 3,000 Shares of £1 each. The company was formed by ten Raunds business men who each subscribed £300 as follows:-

CAMOZZI. Albert	Manor House, Raunds	Provisions Merchant
COGGINS. Thomas Lionel George	The Hall, Raunds	Currier
CORBY. William Fellowes	Hawarden House, Raunds	Assistant Overseer
GAUNT. Ernest	Lyndhurst, Raunds	Garage Manager
HALL. Jethro Woodward	Ivyhurst, Raunds	Man. Dir. Boot Company
HAZELDINE. Arthur	15 Red Row	Boot & Shoe Manufacturer
LAWRENCE. Amos	The Hall, Raunds	Boot & Shoe Manufacturer
PANTER. Alfred Edward	Thorpe Street, Raunds	Motor Mechanic
SMITH. George Ernest	Thorpe Street, Raunds	Builder & Contractor
WARTH. Thomas Herbert	The Grange, Raunds	Farmer

Of these, Amos Lawrence, Thomas Coggins and William Corby were Subscribers and Directors, with Corby being also Secretary. The Registered Office was at The Old Factory, Grove Street, Raunds.

Although formed principally as a motor garage and repair business, Advance also owned and operated passengers vehicles. A taxi or hire car known to have been used was BD 472, a Minerva registered on 29th January 1919 and licenced as a public conveyance at least until June 1920. More interestingly, on 15th March 1920, Advance purchased a Vulcan charabanc which seated eighteen persons, although it seems to have enjoyed only a short life, being last licensed to Advance at the end of September 1921.

All did not go according to plan for Advance as the company, in March 1923, passed the following Special Resolution:- "That the Company be wound up voluntarily under provisions of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, and that Mr Kenneth Hunnybun (Solicitor) of Huntingdon be and is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of winding up". The final winding-up meeting was held on 27th May 1924.

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A facsimile of an advertisement placed by The Advance Motor Repair & Hire Company (Raunds) Ltd in the Evening Telegraph for 10th June 1920, advertising their charabanc being available for hire

That was not quite the end of Advance and it is said that the firm was taken over by S. J. Heighton the well-known Thrapston garage owner. Certainly the Name "Advance", possibly as "Advance Motor Co." continued after 1923, but charabanc operation did not form part of the subsequent business.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 472	Minerva	?	?	—	Car	1/19	—	?	—	?	1
BD 4234	Vulcan	?	S329	?	CH18	3/20	—	9/21	—	No further owner	

Notes: 1 - BD 472 licensed as a public conveyance.

Advance also at one time owned a Karrier lorry registered NH 745 which could have dated from August 1912 and is recorded as being last licensed to Advance in June 1931. There is no suggestion that this vehicle was used as a public conveyance.