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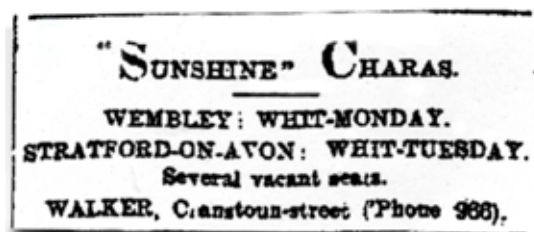
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The firm of Walker's Transport Services became well known in the Northampton District, with their vans being adorned with a picture of a lioness carrying a cub in her mouth. Rather less well known, however, is the fact that in the 1920s Walker's also operated passenger vehicles.

For reasons unknown, Arthur Walker's first application to Northampton Borough Council for a Hackney Carriage Licence, made in October 1924, was refused, but by February 1925 a licence for a fourteen seat charabanc to ply for hire from Campbell Square and the Market Square had been granted. In May 1925 a Ford charabanc was approved and in March 1929 a licence for an eighteen seat charabanc had been issued as a replacement for an earlier vehicle.



One of Arthur Walker's advertisements for his 'Sunshine' charabanc trips to Wembley and Stratford-on-Avon at Whitsun 1925.

Details of only four of Arthur Walker's vehicles are known and these were all Fords and all finished life as goods vehicles in Walker's ownership. The excursions operated by Walker were advertised under the 'SUNSHINE' banner and it is believed that at least one of his charabancs was named 'SUNSHINE'. Walker's final charabanc was a Ford AA registered NH 9024 in March 1929 and this seated eighteen passengers.

With a new vehicle in 1929 Arthur Walker continued to operate after the introduction of the Road Traffic Act, 1930. In August 1931 he applied to the Commissioners to continue the group of excursions and tours operate by him in the past and this group comprised

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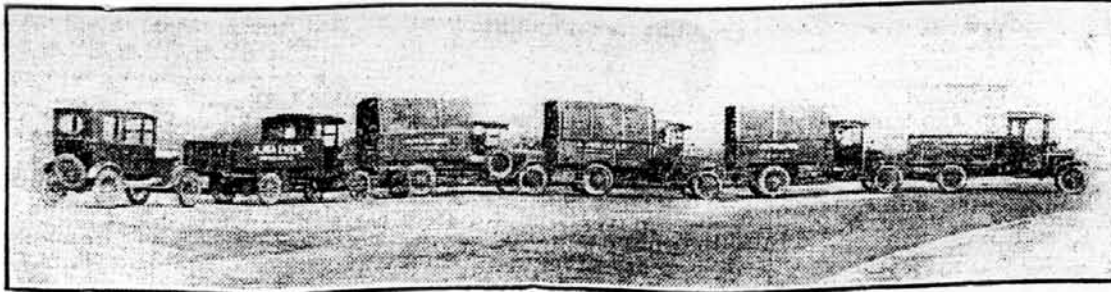
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only three destinations - Hunstanton, Yarmouth and Stratford-on-Avon plus a catch-all special occasion clause. The required Road Service Licence was granted to Walker's Transport services in November 1931 but was not renewed in the following year. Accordingly, either the summer of 1931 or 1932 saw Walker's final excursion being operated.

As mentioned previously, Arthur Walker was much more successful with the carrier's side of his business and this flourished for many years.



WALKER'S TRANSPORT SERVICE

Expert Removals to All Parts. Lorries, Charas. and Cars for Hire. Frequent Journeys to London.
6, Cranstoun Street and 54, Ashburnham Road. 'Phone: 966.

By May 1927 when this advertisement was placed in the Northampton Daily Chronicle, Walker was operating from 6 Cranstoun Street and 54 Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
NH 3073	Ford	T	?	?	Ch14	?	8/20	—	4/26	—	No further owner	
NH 7090	Ford	T	?	?	Ch14	?	6/25	—	10/33	—	No further owner	
NH 7704	Ford	T	?	?	Ch14	?	5/27	—	12/35	—	No further owner	
NH 9024	Ford	AA	597357	?	Ch18	?	3/29	—	12/36	—	No further owner	

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