

Bygone Buses

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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H. TAYLOR & Sons Ltd

Station Road

KETTERING

(Also at 52 Finedon Road, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)

The principal business of Harry Taylor & Sons Ltd was that of motor engineers, repairers and suppliers of a variety of makes of motor vehicles. Precisely when the firm was established has not been confirmed but a new garage was opened in Station Road, Kettering in May 1919.

TAYLOR & SONS, LTD. (Phone 33)
MOTOR ENGINEERS,
Station Road, Kettering.

NEW GARAGE NOW COMPLETED
AND
Open to Motorists.

Prompt & Careful Attention Given to All Requirements.

SOLE COUNTY AGENTS For—

STUDEBAKER CARS.

AUTHORISED DISTRICT AGENTS For—

HUMBER, CUBITT, SWIFT & SINGER CARS.

For Early Delivery—Order Now.

This announcement regarding the opening of Harry Taylor & Sons Ltd new garage in Station Road, Kettering was made to the public in the Kettering Evening Telegraph of Wednesday, 21st May 1919.

Bygone Buses of Northamptonshire is compiled by R M Warwick, "Forestyn" 101 Broadway East, Northampton NN3 2PP, who would be pleased to be advised of any additional information relating to the above operator. The records of the PSV Circle and the Omnibus Society have been consulted extensively for this series and acknowledgement and thanks are due to these organisations.

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The firm also occupied premises at 52 Finedon Road, Irthlingborough and it would seem that Taylor & Sons bought a job lot of twenty-five ex-War Department Daimler lorry chassis with a view to rebuilding and refurbishing them for resale. Harry Taylor & Sons used several of these Daimlers themselves and maybe hired them to others as well.

Towards the end of 1919 and during 1920 the Taylors applied to the Streets, Buildings & Sanitary Committee of Kettering Urban District Council for Hackney Carriage licences to use a number of the Daimlers as omnibuses. In fact two such licences were granted by the Council in March 1920, another one in May and a further two for an omnibus and a charabanc in July 1920. A driver's licence was also granted to a John William Adams of Kettering in December 1919 and another to a W Scott Wilson of Irthlingborough in March 1920.

As far as vehicles were concerned it is known that Harry Taylor & Sons Ltd operated eight Daimlers and these are listed in the Rolling Stock schedule on page 3, together with a Studebaker that, as far as it is known, was not licensed as a public conveyance. Of the eight Daimlers BD 4799, BD 4800, BD 5215, BD 6006 and BD 6146 were all licensed for joints goods and passenger use. The remaining three, BD 4269, BD 4493 and BD 3386 may not have been so licensed but some may have been if the Hackney Carriage licences issued by Kettering Council were put into effect.

If Harry Taylor & Sons operated any regular bus services, such as Kettering to Irthlingborough, then details have not come to light. They did, however, operate an excursion from Kettering to Epsom Races on 1st June 1921 as confirmed by the appended advertisement that was displayed in the Kettering Evening Telegraph of Tuesday, 31st May 1921.

A FEW SEATS VACANT FOR
EPSOM,
Return Fare, £1.
BOOK BEFORE 8 THIS (TUESDAY)
EVENING AT
TAYLOR & SONS, Ltd.,
STATION ROAD, KETTERING, or
52, FINEDON ROAD,
IRTHLINGBOROUGH.
START AT 3 a.m. FROM KETTERING.

Quite what happened to Harry Taylor & Son Ltd after 1921 has not been discovered by the Author. From the withdrawal dates shown in the Rolling Stock table it would seem that all bus and charabanc operation had ceased by the end of 1921. Two of the Daimlers subsequently passed to W Scott Wilson, now of Stamford, and this gentleman was earlier based at Taylor's Irthlingborough Depot.

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Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Dates			Former Owner	Initial Disposal	Nts
						New	S/H	W/D			
BD 4269	Daimler	40hp	?	Lorry	—	3/20	—	c9/20?	—	?	1
BD 4493	Daimler	Y	5241	Lorry	—	5/20	—	by 6/23	—	?	2
BD 4799	Daimler	Y	5238	Lorry/ Bus	32?	5/20	—	1/22	—	No further owner	
BD 4800	Daimler	40hp	?	Lorry Bus	32?	8/20	—	?	—	?	
BD 5215	Daimler	Y	17570	Lorry/ Bus	B32	12/20	—	by 12/22	—	?	3
BD 145	Studebaker		24615	Lorry	—	10/21	—	by 9/23	—	?	4
BD 3386	Daimler	Y	6481	Lorry	—	1/22	—	?	—	No further owner	5
BD 6006	Daimler	?	4556	Lorry/ Bus	B32	4/21	—	12/21	—	No further owner	
BD 6146	Daimler	?	76047	Bus	B32	10/21	—	?	—	?	6

- Notes:**
- 1 - BD 4269 not recorded as being used as a public conveyance. Believed to have had a very short life and registration reissued 11/20 to a Ford car.
 - 2 - BD 4493 not recorded as being used as a public conveyance. Last owner W S Wilson, Stamford and last licensed 6/23.
 - 3 - BD 5215 last owned by W S Wilson, Stamford and last licensed 12/22.
 - 4 - BD 145 not used as a public conveyance. Probably first registered c1919/20. Last owned by F E Cann, Osbournby and last licensed 9/23.
 - 5 - BD 3386 not recorded as being used as a public conveyance.
 - 6 - BD 6146 last licensed 1/32 to an unknown owner.