

## PACK. William Frederick Bridge Street and later New Inn, High Street BRIGSTOCK

It would appear that William Frederick Pack was born in Brigstock in 1889, the youngest of three sons to Simon and Charlotte Pack. The father, Simon, amongst other things operated horse-drawn wagons and it seems his son William did likewise.

It is presumed that William Pack had varied employment prior to the first World War but by May 1914 he was described as a carrier and was operating Hackney Carriages, but these were not buses. His name also appeared in the 1914 Kelly's Directory for Northants indicating that he provided a carriers service to Kettering on Fridays and to Oundle on Thursdays. It is believed he joined the armed forces during the War and upon demobilization in 1919 it is known that he worked on a farm at Brigstock. At some stage he got married and his wife's name was Bessie. It is assumed Bessie had money as some of the vehicles later acquired were registered in her name rather than that of her husband.

In the 1919/1920 period William Pack again purchased a taxi and after running this for a short time a former Maxwell ambulance was bought in Bessie Pack's name on 30th March 1920 when BD 4314 was registered. This vehicle was adapted to seat fourteen people. Next, in March 1923, Bessie Pack financed the purchase of a twenty-seat Crossley bus which carried the registration BD 167 and was painted dark blue. These first two vehicles were operated until July 1925 and July 1927 respectively.

At an unknown date William Pack bought a used Garford brewer's dray from John Elworthy's Kettering Crown Brewery and ran it until September 1928. Possibly Pack adapted this vehicle for passenger use but this is not known for certain.

The next known vehicle in William Pack's fleet was a fourteen-seater REO saloon supplied by Messrs. Allchin & Son of Northampton and this machine was registered RP 3615 on 7th January 1927. Nothing further is known to have been purchased until

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the end of 1931 when NV 727 was registered on 2nd December. This was a Bedford WLB both supplied and bodied by Messrs. Grose Ltd of Northampton and providing seating accommodation for twenty passengers. This was followed a year later by NV 1916, again supplied by Messrs Grose Ltd with the same combination of chassis and body, in December 1932.

Just one further vehicle joined the fleet when in December 1934 a secondhand Gilford 168OT coach registered RH 3421 was acquired, possibly as a replacement for RP 3615. This Gilford had a thirty-two seater body built by H C Motor Works of Hull who originally operated this bus, but it subsequently passed to East Yorkshire Motor Services and on to William Pack.

So far no mention has been made of the services provided by William Pack. As far as it is known he first provided a service from Brigstock via Stanion, Geddington and Weekley to Kettering on this latter town's market day of Friday and similarly on Saturdays and Sundays from the very early 1920s. As this decade progressed Pack added a Tuesday only market facility from Brigstock via Sudborough, Lowick and Islip to Thrapston and Friday shoppers journeys from Deene to Kettering Market routed via Weldon, Stanion, Geddington and Weekley. Additionally William Pack undertook whatever private hire work he could obtain and ran various excursions.

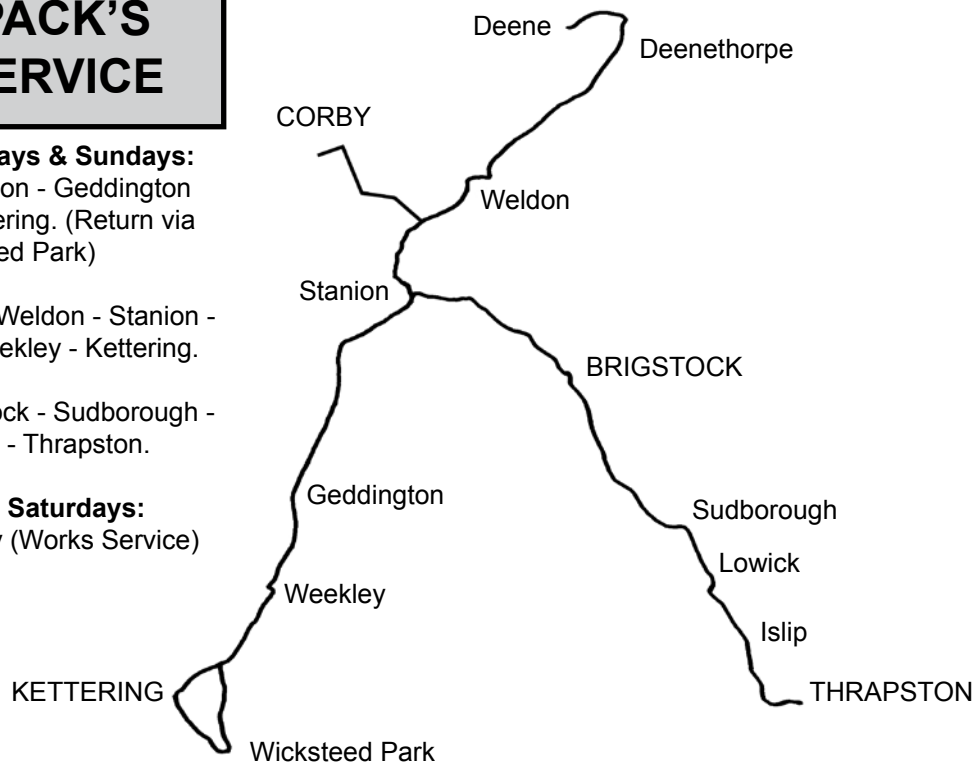
### W. F. PACK'S BUS SERVICE

**Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays:**  
Brigstock - Stanion - Geddington  
- Weekley - Kettering. (Return via  
Wicksteed Park)

**Fridays:** Deene - Weldon - Stanion -  
Geddington - Weekley - Kettering.

**Tuesdays:** Brigstock - Sudborough -  
Lowick - Islip - Thrapston.

**Mondays to Saturdays:**  
Brigstock - Corby (Works Service)



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Incidentally William Pack operated from his address in Bridge Street, Brigstock to begin with but later took over as licensee of the New Inn in High Street. He apparently garaged two of his buses at the Post Office and others at the New Inn.

When the time was due for William Pack to apply for Road Service Licences in the aftermath of the 1930 Road Traffic Act, he did so in November 1931. In fact he applied for and was granted five licences, the first being for a group of excursions from Brigstock. Surprisingly most of his excursions were very short-distance local trips to Corby, Deene, Kettering, Lowick, Northampton, Stanion, Sudborough, Thrapston and Wicksteed Park. His only seaside excursion was to Skegness and also he was permitted to operate to Whipsnade Zoo.

The other four licences granted to William Pack were for stage-carriage services, three of which covered his Deene to Kettering; Brigstock to Kettering and Brigstock to Thrapston routes. The fourth licence was for Brigstock to Deene which in reality comprised a positioning journey for the Deene to Kettering service. The Traffic Commissioners in due course allocated their reference numbers TER 1019/1, 1019/2, 1019/3, 1019/5 and 1019/4 respectively to the above services. Interestingly the Brigstock

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**FRIDAYS**

|           |          |            |           |      |            |          |
|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|------|------------|----------|
| Leave     | am       | Leave      | am        | pm   | Leave      | pm       |
| Brigstock | ... 9 0  | Deene      | ... 9 40  | 3 30 | Kettering  | ... 2 35 |
| Stanion   | ... 9 10 | Weldon     | ... 9 50  | 3 40 | Weekley    | ... 2 40 |
| Weldon    | ... 9 15 | Stanion    | ... 10 0  | 3 45 | Geddington | ... 2 45 |
| Deene     | ... 9 25 | Geddington | ... 10 10 | 3 55 | Stanion    | ... 3 0  |
|           |          | Weekley    | ... 10 15 | 4 0  | Weldon     | ... 3 5  |
|           |          | Kettering  | ... 10 25 | 4 10 | Deene      | ... 3 15 |

**FRIDAYS**

**SATURDAYS**

**SUNDAYS**

|            |           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |
|------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Leave      | am        | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm   | pm    | pm    | pm   | pm   | pm   |       |
| Brigstock  | ... 10 40 | 1 45 | 3 30 | 5 30 | 1 30 | 2 0  | 3 35 | 4 45 | 5 15 | 7 30 | 10 10 | 1 45  | 5 20 | 7 45 | 9 0  |       |
| Stanion    | ... 10 50 | 1 55 | 3 40 | 5 40 | 1 40 | 2 10 | 3 45 | 4 55 | 5 20 | 7 40 | 10 20 | 1 55  | 5 30 | 7 55 | 9 10 |       |
| Geddington | ... 11 0  | 2 5  | 3 50 | 5 50 | 1 50 | 2 20 | 3 55 | 5 5  | 5 30 | 7 55 | 10 30 | 2 5   | 5 40 | 8 5  | 9 20 |       |
| Weekley    | ... 11 5  | 2 10 | 3 55 | 5 55 | 1 55 | 2 25 | 4 0  | 5 10 | 5 35 | 8 0  | 10 35 | 2 10  | 5 45 | 8 10 | 9 25 |       |
| Kettering  | ... 11 15 | 2 20 | 4 5  | 6 5  | 2 5  | 2 35 | 4 10 | 5 20 | 5 45 | 8 5  | 10 45 | 2 20  | 5 55 | 8 20 | 9 35 |       |
| Kettering  | ...       | 2 35 | 4 30 | 6 35 | 8 30 | 2 45 | 3 40 | 4 15 | 6 25 | 7 35 | 9 5   | 11 10 | 2 40 | 6 10 | 8 25 | 9 40  |
| Weekley    | ...       | 2 40 | 4 40 | 6 45 | 8 40 | 2 55 | 3 50 | 4 25 | 6 35 | 7 45 | 9 15  | 11 20 | 2 50 | 6 20 | 8 35 | 9 50  |
| Geddington | ...       | 2 45 | 4 45 | 6 50 | 8 45 | 3 0  | 3 55 | 4 30 | 6 40 | 7 50 | 9 20  | 11 25 | 2 55 | 6 25 | 8 40 | 9 55  |
| Stanion    | ...       | 3 0  | 4 55 | 7 0  | 8 55 | 3 10 | 4 5  | 4 40 | 6 50 | 8 0  | 9 30  | 11 35 | 3 5  | 6 35 | 8 50 | 10 5  |
| Brigstock  | ...       | 3 10 | 5 5  | 7 10 | 9 5  | 3 20 | 4 15 | 4 50 | 7 0  | 8 10 | 9 40  | 11 45 | 3 15 | 6 45 | 9 0  | 10 15 |

This Service starts from Kettering, London Road Stand and travels via Wicksteed Park and Windmill Avenue

**TUESDAYS**

|            |           |            |          |
|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Leave      | am        | Leave      | pm       |
| Brigstock  | ... 11 15 | Thrapston  | ... 3 30 |
| Sudborough | 11 25     | Islip      | ... 3 35 |
| Lowick     | ... 11 35 | Lowick     | ... 3 40 |
| Islip      | ... 11 40 | Sudborough | ... 3 45 |
| Thrapston  | ... 11 45 | Brigstock  | ... 3 55 |

W. F. Pack will run the service to schedule time as near as possible, but will not hold himself responsible for any delays.

*Facsimile of William Pack's timetable commencing 1st December 1931.*



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**Rolling Stock:**

| Regn. No. | Chassis  | Type  | Chassis No. | Body                  | Seats  | Body No. | Dates |       |        | Former Owner                       | Disposal                 | Nts |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
|           |          |       |             |                       |        |          | New   | S/H   | W/D    |                                    |                          |     |
| BD 4314   | Maxwell  | ?     | E21348      | ?                     | B14    | ?        | ?     | 3/20  | 7/25   | —                                  | No further owner         |     |
| BD 167    | Crossley | ?     | ?           | ?                     | B20    | ?        | ?     | 3/23  | 7/27   | —                                  | No further owner         |     |
| BD 3104   | Garford  | 25hp  | 66092       | ?                     | ?      | ?        | 8/15  | 7/25? | 9/28   | J Elworthy Ltd,<br>Kettering       | No further owner         |     |
| RP 3615   | REO      | ?     | 140760      | ?                     | B14    | ?        | 1/27  | —     | 12/34? | Supp Allchin & Son,<br>Northampton |                          | 1   |
| NV 727    | Bedford  | WLB   | 108123      | Grose                 | B20F   | ?        | 12/31 | —     | 2/35   | Supp Grose Ltd<br>Northampton      | United Counties<br>(414) |     |
| NV 1916   | Bedford  | WLB   | 108706      | Grose                 | B20F   | ?        | 12/32 | —     | 2/35   | Supp Grose Ltd<br>Northampton      | United Counties<br>(416) |     |
| RH 3421   | Gilford  | 168OT | 11896       | H C Motor<br>Wks<br>? | B32R   | ?        | 5/31  | 12/34 | 2/35   | East Yorkshire<br>(196)            | United Counties<br>(415) |     |
| NV 3878   | Bedford  |       | 179401      | ?                     | Tipper | ?        | 5/34  | —     | 9/37   | Supp Grose Ltd<br>Northampton      | No further owner         |     |
| ABD 670   | Bedford  |       | 867521      |                       | Lorry  | ?        | 3/38  | —     | ?      | Supp Grose Ltd<br>Northampton      |                          | 2   |

**Notes:** 1 - RP 3615 last owned by H Roper (Showman), Spring Hill, Birmingham and last licensed 6/38.

2 - ABD 670 last owned by Weldon & Corby Transport Ltd, Corby and last licensed 12/45.