

Bygone Buses

of
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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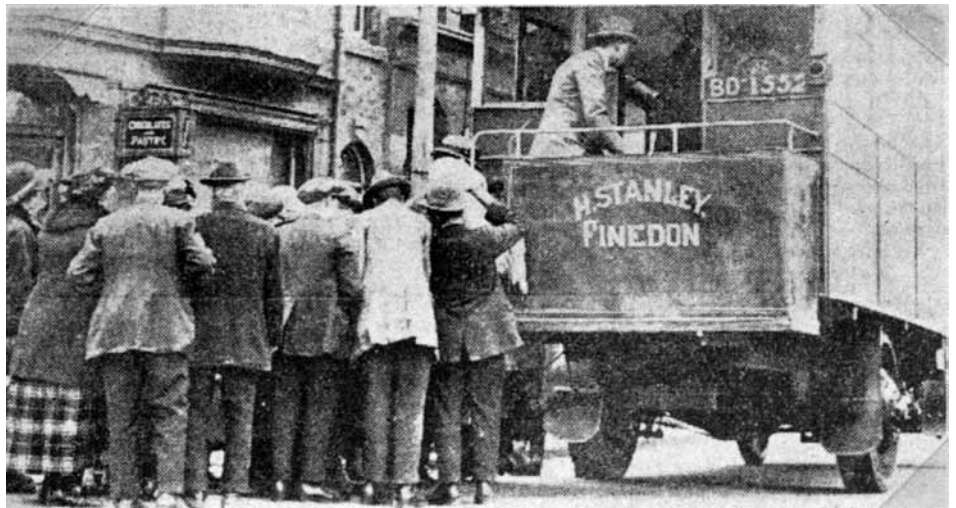
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STANLEY. Herbert Samuel & TREVOR. John William 7 Obelisk Road FINEDON

Information about Stanley and Trevor is sparse but Herbert Samuel Stanley first applied to Wellingborough Urban District Council in September 1920 and subsequently, on 6th October 1920, the General Purposes Committee granted a Hackney Carriage Licence for one bus seating thirty passengers, No doubt it was at this time that Stanley and Trevor, in partnership, commenced bus operations with a service from Finedon via Wellingborough to Northampton.

It seems likely, however that Stanley and Trevor started in business in April 1920 with an ex-War Department Leyland lorry as on 24th April 1920 a Leyland 35hp 3 ton lorry was registered to Stanley as BD 4417 but there are no records to suggest this machine was ever used for the conveyance of passengers. At an unknown date, but certainly by October 1920, Stanley and Trevor had acquired a Thornycroft J type single deck vehicle which had been registered BD 1552 in 1919. Its original owner is not known but it may not have started life as a bus. However, with Stanley BD 1552 carried a thirty-seat bus body with an unusual and extraordinarily high open rear platform, a far cry from today's low-floor buses!

Luckily a Kettering Leader photographer took a picture of Thornycroft BD 1552 whilst loading a waiting queue of passengers at Kettering town centre for Wicksteed Park on Whit Monday in May 1923. (Photo courtesy Kettering Leader)



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STANLEY H S & TREVOR J W - FINEDON

By 1922 or the early part of 1923 Herbert Stanley and John Trevor had dissolved their partnership with Stanley retaining the Thornycroft bus BD 1552 and Trevor taking the Leyland S4 lorry BD 4417. Thereafter Herbert Stanley continued running to Northampton and also provided a service from Finedon to Kettering. Fierce competition with United Counties suggests that Stanley ceased his passenger services around about Easter 1924 when BD 1552 became a goods vehicle and was retained by Stanley until the end of 1931. John Trevor continued in business as a haulier.

Herbert Stanley bought another Thornycroft lorry on 1st April 1924 and this was registered BD 8901. All three vehicles run by Stanley and Trevor were painted grey.

Rolling Stock:

Regn. No.	Chassis	Type	Chassis No.	Body	Seats	Body No.	Dates			Former Owner	Disposal	Notes
							New	S/H	W/D			
BD 4417	Leyland	A	3570		Lorry		c2/16	4/20	c-/22	Ex-War Dept.	J W Trevor, Finedon	1
BD 1552	Thornycroft	J	2073		B30R		c6/19	c10/20	c3/24	?	No further owner	2
BD 8901	Thornycroft		5533		Lorry		3/24	—	?	—	J Mills, Burton Latimer	3

Notes: 1 - Last licensed to Trevor as a lorry 9/25.
 2 - Last licensed to Stanley as a lorry 12/31.
 3 - Last licensed to Mills as a lorry 5/42.

H Stanley & John Trevor's

Local Bus services:

Finedon - Wellingborough - Wilby - Ecton - Northampton

Finedon - Burton Latimer - Barton Seagrave - Kettering

