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EG Buxton came to the Derby area from Devon, where his father was a shoemaker, to be a chauffeur pre the 1914 – 18 war. As a result of service in the war he was gassed, and was sent to Ashbourne to convalesce. At Ashbourne he met *Fred Roulstone*, and the two started a bus service in 1920 between Spondon and Ockbrook with a Crossley which had wire wheels. The bus was garaged on the site of the present B&Q DIY building. In 1925 EG Buxton bought a Guy fitted with a body by a Wolverhampton firm. This bus was reputed to be the first vehicle in the area to have an electric bellpush, and a hooter. Roulstone and Buxton also ran a fourteen seater model T Ford in 1927-8. In 1929, Buxton operated *Vincent's Reliance* (maroon and cream livery); Roulstone operated *Vincent's Devonian*, and with Harry Oxenham (Buxton's uncle) ran separate timetables on the Derby (Albert Street) – Ockbrook service. *Reliance* and *Devonian* ran a joint service on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets were interchangeable between *Reliance*, *Devonian*, *Oxeham*, *Liewesley and Spondon Ex-Service* on the Derby – Spondon – Ockbrook service. Buxton and Roulstone sold out to Trent in April 1932.

Chapman of Campbell Street, Belper, ran red and cream liveried buses on the Derby – Holbrook – Belper; Belper – Heage – Ripley; Belper – Kilburn – Ripley services as well as colliery workers buses to Kilburn. Buses included Leyland Tigers, and a big Dennis which E Bell, who later set up on his own, drove. The services and some of the buses were taken over by Trent in February 1929. Chapman's garage in Campbell Street became Trent's Belper depot.

Josiah Clewes of 45 Park Road, Spondon, ran his Ex-Service bus on the Derby – Spondon (White Swan) service in the 1920s. The operation was taken over by Trent on 8 May 1932.

City Coaches Limited who had a booking office at 175 Boer Street, ran private hire and excursions buses which were garaged at the Rising Sun in Friar Gate. The goodwill and the buses were bought by *Kingfisher Services Limited* on 29 April 1933.

George Collis of the Malt Shovel Inn at Aston-on-Trent ran a charabanc.

TC Cox of 389 Uttoxeter Road, in 1919 started operating a Derby (Cheapside) – Duffield – Belper (Triangle) service using bus bodies fitted to the chassis of racing cars. During the 1920s Cox Bros of 23 Roe Street operated the service in association with his brother-in-law Tom *Pollard* (separately financed), in competition with Trent. Tickets were interchangeable with those of Alts. In 1928 a fire at Cox's garage destroyed two new Thorneycroft buses, as well as one of *Pollard's* buses. Cox, as a result, ceased to run the Derby – Belper service, and a service to Skegness (7/6d return), with occasional runs to Blackpool. He finally ceased to run from 1 June 1930, handing over the Celanese service to *Pollard*.