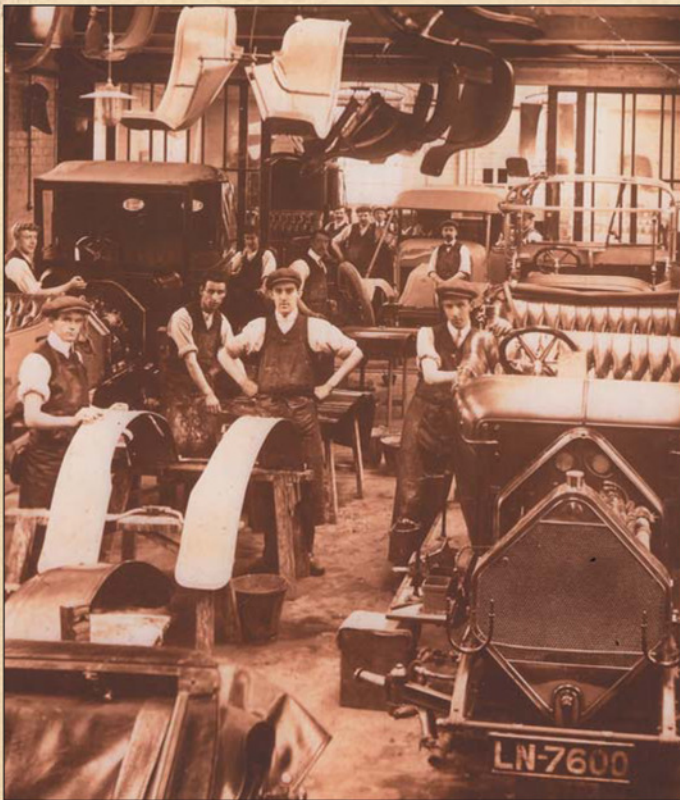


# IN THE NEWS

Looking back 100 years

## The Motor Car is on the Rise!

Local transport changes 1900-1920



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Car-body builders at the Salmon & Sons, Tickford Street works, c1917

A 1910 survey of Stony Stratford High Street has seen a weekly average of 1800 horse drawn vehicles, 41 traction engines – and 500 motor cars!

The fortunes of Salmon & Sons of Newport Pagnell are evidence of how the motor car is slowly taking hold in the area. The company started as a coach-body building business producing carriages but has developed into one of the foremost motor car firms in England with 350 employees in the Tickford Street carriage works (1914).

The first motorists hereabouts have included the Rev GM Capell of Passenham Manor, Mr 'Puffer' Atkinson of Cosgrove Priory and Walter Carlile of Gayhurst, MP for North Buckinghamshire.

One of the area's first garages, set up by Mr Negus in Stony Stratford, sells petrol at 5d a gallon (1902.)

Running a motor vehicle is an expensive business!



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A line-up of vehicles at the Swan Hotel c1908



Courtesy of Deanshanger Village Heritage Society

Going for a spin, a motorist outside The Mounts, Deanshanger, c1900



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A Reynard road train passing along Stony Stratford High Street on its way from the Daimler Motor Co. in Birmingham to London before the First World War