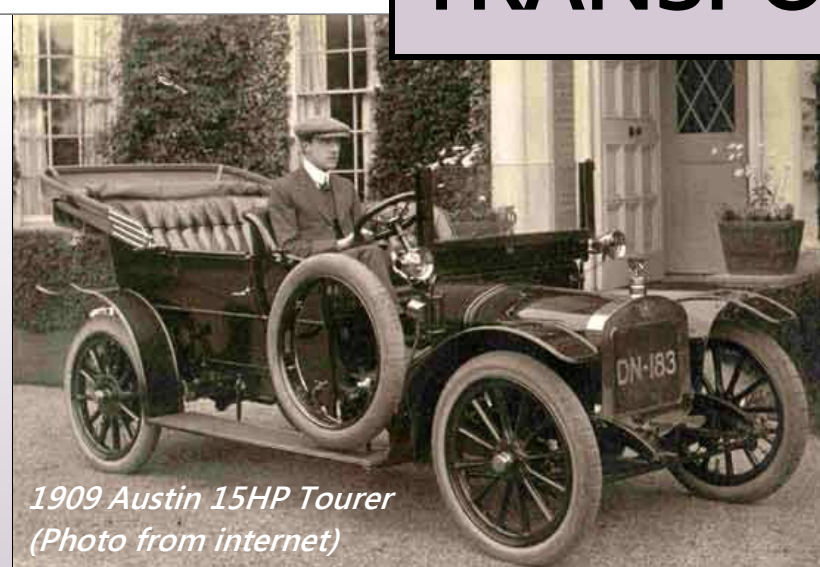


# After the Great War...

## POST WAR TRANSPORT

**MOTOR CARS** owned by wealthy people such as the Garnetts of Bleasdale Tower would have been the first ones to be seen in Bleasdale Parish in the early 20th century. Despite the unmade-up roads, as early as 1910 cars could drive up to Bleasdale School...



*20<sup>th</sup> January 1910: 'Motor car called for Polling Station.'*

*From the School Logbook:*



Even before the War the people of Bleasdale used **HIRED CARS** for special occasions.

This vehicle, possibly from the Kenlis Arms, must have caused quite

a stir when it drew up at St. Eadmer's Church for the wedding of Isobella Bullock (*middle front*) to Walter Lord (*front right*) on 23rd August 1913.

Less well-off young men with a mechanical bent, such as Leo and Walter Lord Jnr. of Admarsh Farm, took the opportunity to become drivers and motor mechanics. They enlisted into the Motor Transport section of the Army Service Corps and together they would have improved their skills whilst serving their country. Leo Lord had the first motor business in Bleasdale by the end of the 1920's.

As this 1923 advertisement for the sale of stock at Lower Fairsnape suggests, farm sales provided custom for new **MOTOR TAXI** businesses, such as Mrs Smith's Motors at the Kenlis Arms, appearing in the area by the 1920s.



Every possible assistance will be given with respect to delivery, and Cattle will be trucked at Garstang and Catterall Station if necessary. Mrs. Smith's (Kenlis Arms Hotel) motors will meet the train from the south, due at Garstang and Catterall Station 10 35 a.m.; and from the north, due at 10 17 a.m., and run forward to the Sale.



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