

## Red Rover – Newspaper articles

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Searching 1950-1959, Surrey - Red Rover (returns a lot of car advertisements!)

1950-1959, all publications – “Red Rover” Watney London Southampton (42 results)

1951 22 Sept, Surrey Advertiser p.8 col.2. Coach and four comes back to Surrey roads. Red Rover arriving in Guildford from Farnham on Monday. Tour of Surrey to offer towns and villages a breath of the spirit of the old coaching days (see copy).

1951 26 Sept, Surrey Advertiser p.1. Picture. Red Rover, a four-in-hand coach, arrived at the Prince of Wales, Woodbridge Road on Monday. Owned by Watney, Combe, Reid & Co and driven by Mr Sanders Watney (see copy).

1952 2 May, Torbay Express. (Red Rover runner in a horse race.)

1952 29 May, West Sussex Gazette p.3. Fareham festival, Mr Watney will be there.

1952 13 June, Chelsea News p.4. Journey in August, Red Rover London to Southampton.

1952 6 Aug, Surrey Advertiser p.9. Stage coach to run through Surrey. Red Rover London to Southampton, 100 years ago it ran daily. On Monday the coach is to run again on its original route. Watney Combe Reid and Co the present owners of the coach are responsible for this ‘revival’. Help and cooperation from members of the Coaching Club and team owners who are lending teams. Nine teams are involved. Mr Sanders Watney a director of the brewery will horse and drive the team for two stages out of London.

Friends will be among the passengers.

The guard throughout is Mr Harry Love, one of the last of the professional coach guards. The coach was seen in the recent Guildford carnival procession (see copy).

1952 8 Aug, Chelsea News p.5. A colourful 120-year old coach pulled by a team of horses will leave the Stag Brewery, Allington Street, Victoria on Monday. Taking the reins will be Mr Sanders Watney, director of Watney Combe and Reid who bought the coach 18 months ago and had it restored to its original glory. With him will be members of the Coaching Club of 66 Sloane Street, Chelsea. The last of the old professional coach guards, Mr Harry Love, will give warning of its approach with a fanfare on a long coaching horn.

1952 8 Aug, Westminster & Pimlico News p.5. Article very similar to others, no pic.

1952 11 Aug, Hartlepool Northern Mail p.1. Set off from London this morning (pic) (see copy)

1952 12 Aug, Birmingham Daily Gazette p.2. Picture – London-Southampton by four-in-

hand, leaving London (see copy).

1952 12 Aug, Birmingham Daily Post p.5. Picture – Red Rover passing through open country at Ripley yesterday on the London-Southampton run (see copy).

1952 Weds 13 August, Surrey Advertiser p.1. The Red Rover ran to time. Picturesque 150-year old vehicle. Drew up at the Marlborough Head, Farnham at lunchtime on Monday. Luncheon provided by the licensee Mr George Huddle. Mr Sanders Watney, a director of Watney, Combe Reid and Co the present owners of the coach. At the Anchor Normandy the Royal Artillery and Royal Military Academy team of bays took over. Lt Col HCR Gillman RA drove the team on to Farnham (see copy).

1952 15 Aug, Diss Express p.7. Short article.

1952 16 Aug, Surrey Ad p.4. When coaches plied the royal road. Grim facts behind the Christmas card scenes. Spectacle of elegance and beauty. Long article about the perils of stagecoach travel in the winter in Victorian times.

1952 16 Aug, Dumfries & Galloway Standard, p.7. Mr S Watney staged this coaching revival.

1952 20 Aug, Newark Advertiser p.6. Small article.

1952 21 Aug, West Sussex Gazette p.2. Change of horses at Alton Swan Hotel. There was an unscheduled holdup by two youths in 16<sup>th</sup> century costume near Four Marks.

1952 2 Sept, Portsmouth Evening News. Fareham farmers show at Leigh Park on Saturday. One of the entries was Red Rover driven by Mr S Watney, recently made runs to Southampton.

1952 3 Sept, Illustrated Sporting News, London, p.28. Red Rover's drive, long article by Mrs Sanders Watney (picture between Normandy and Ripley) (see copy).

1952 15 Nov, Birmingham Daily Post p.6. Members of the exclusive Coaching Club have been invited to drive coaches in the Coronation procession. Among them are Sir Dymoke White, Mr Sanders Watney and the circus owner Mr Bernard Mills. Mr Sanders Watney often to be seen driving his magnificent Red Rover which formerly ran between London and Southampton.

1953 26 June, Portsmouth Evening News p.1. Coaching procession along the seafront.

1953 9 July, Bradford Observer p.5. Coaching marathon at Blackpool. Red Rover won the second place award.

1953 7 Aug, Aldershot News p.5. Red Rover will pass through the outskirts of Aldershot

on its way from Normandy to Farnham on Aug 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> on the way from London to Southampton. Whole route described including – Guildford bypass, right at Wooden Bridge to Normandy and Ash, turning left at Prince of Wales Aldershot, lower Farnham Road to Farnham. Nearly all the horses played some part in the Coronation proceedings. Mr Sanders Watney's second team of greys pulled the lord Mayor of London's coach (see copy).

1953 7 Aug, Esher News p.3. Famous coach off again. All the horses played a part in the Coronation. Throughout the trip the guard will be Mr Harry Love (see copy).

1953 8 Aug, Surrey Ad p.4 col.4. To run again next week. Red Rover was the last coach to compete on a route served by railways. Plied until 1843 between the Bolt in Tun, London and the Red Lion, Southampton (see copy).

1953 14 Aug, Esher News p.5 col.5. Last of the stagecoaches stops at Esher to change horses. Gleaming red and black in the sunshine at the Wheatsheaf Inn. Travelled from London at seven miles an hour. Inside the coach the narrow seats hold four slim companions and unwanted top hats could be fastened to the ceiling by black silk cords. Few of the onlookers noticed the modern shooting brake following unobtrusively carrying Mr JF Wells with his tools "just in case the whole lot breaks down" (see copy).

1953 22 Aug, The Sphere p.30. Pictures on the road and at the Wheatsheaf Inn (see copy)

1954 16 July, West Sussex County Times p.10. Red Rover will call at the Red Lion, Handcross, on the way to Brighton.

1954 31 July, The Sphere p.29. London to Brighton, picture at Burford Bridge Hotel. Driven by Mr Watney.

1954 20 Aug, Aldershot News p.1. Aldershot Show on Saturday. Red Rover coach which made regular runs from London to Southampton passing through Normandy, Ash, Aldershot and Badshot Lea, won its class in the coaching marathon and won the coaching championship of the show, driven by Mr S Watney.

p.7. Aldershot Show results – class 39 coaching marathon, road coaches – 1 Watney Combe Reid & Co Red Rover (Mr S Watney).

1956 28 June, Cornish Guardian p.3. First visit by Red Rover to Cornwall on July 14, driven by Mr Watney.

1956 3 Aug, Aldershot News p.9. Britain's most famous stagecoach the Red Rover takes to the road again on Aug 13 when it sets out from London to Southampton. Mr Watney says the modern slippery road surface precludes the coach achieving anything like the speed which old-time coaches achieved on grit macadam roads.

1956 8 Aug, Illustrated Sporting News, p.21. Red Rover to take to the road again on Monday Aug 13, to Southampton.

1956 10 Aug, Esher News p.3. Red Rover off again. Red Rover was owned in 1843 by Mr Robert Gray who was 'Carrier in Ordinary' to King William IV and Queen Victoria. It was acquired by the brewery in 1950 and has had innumerable successes in coaching marathons and made eight London-Southampton trips and four London-Brighton journeys and has a fine record for punctuality. Mr S Watney, vice president of the Coaching Club of Great Britain (see copy).

1956 10 Aug, Westminster & Pimlico News p.4. Mr Sanders Watney will drive Red Rover next Monday from the Stag Brewery to Southampton.

1956 17 Aug, Esher News p.2. Red rover runs again (picture, poor quality) (see copy).

1956 22 Aug, Illustrated Sporting News p.19. Article on George Mossman, coachman (pics, no Red Rover).

1956 24 Aug, Hampshire telegraph p.2. Last week three trips along the run. Sound of a coaching horn at the junction of Winchester High Street and Southampton Road.

1957 31 May, Kentish Express. Red Rover coach carried the Mayor through the streets of Dover to the seafront.

1957 8 Nov, Esher News p.5 col.3. Film about the Red Rover's last journey to Southampton shown at Silver Hound riding club, introduced by Mr Watney (see copy).

1957 12 Sept, West Sussex Gazette p.6. Stagecoach welcomed outside the Royal Pavilion by Mayor of Brighton. Mr Watney repeated the trip he made in 1954 with goodwill message from the Mayor of London. Two return journeys Monday to Thursday.

1957 11 Dec, Illustrated Sporting News p.47. Silver Hound club in Surrey. Mr Sanders Watney showed a film of his Red Rover coach journey to Southampton and back.

1958 18 July, Peterborough Standard p.1. Coaching marathon at Peterborough Show (see copy).

1958 5 Sept, Esher News p.6 col.5. Red Rover runs again next week. On return journey Mr Watney will present the people of Winchester with a Georgian coaching horn. Has made nine London-Southampton trips and four London-Brighton journeys. Fine record for punctuality. Mr Watney is a member of the Coaching Club of Great Britain (see copy).

1958 12 Sept, Esher News p.7 col.3. Luckiest boy in Esher, Mr Watney invited him to ride on the coach from Esher to Ripley. Red Rover was on its way to Southampton (see copy).

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1960 4 Mar, Esher News p.7. Disastrous fire at old inn. 300-year old Wheatsheaf Inn, Esher Green. Red Rover coach makes the London to Portsmouth (sic) run every other year, stops at the Wheatsheaf to change horses and for travellers to have breakfast.

1962 17 Aug, Esher News p.3 col.7. Red Rover will stop in Esher to change horses. Established a new world record for coaching changeover at the International Horse Show in 1960 (see copy).

Also -

1973 1 June, Surrey Ad p.8 col.1. First coaching marathon at the [Surrey?] Show. Most colourful spectacle was the Red Rover driven by Mr J Corbett (see copy).