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John Wylde began his career in public transport in the offices of London Transport, both Central Road Services and Country Buses, just after the loss of the trams in 1952. After training and while practising as a teacher in the sixties, he was instrumental in creating and operating what was probably the first Community Bus scheme before forming a partnership to operate then-unconventional minibuses on conventional bus routes. He became Public Transport Officer of two County Councils (before and after the 1974 reorganisation of local government), after which he took advantage of the deregulation of bus services in 1986 to operate taxibuses, and acted as a rural transport consultant for the Rural Development Commission. After &#x201c;retirement&#x201c; he wrote his memoirs (Wylde&#x201c;s Adventures in Busland) and Wylde&#x201c;s Reflections on Public Transport, which he is now revising, combining and enlarging under the title &#x201c;Experiments in Public Transport Operation&#x201c;, and then went to Oxford Brookes University to obtain the qualifications with which he should properly have begun his career (MSc in Transport Planning). Following completion of his course he felt the need for a book to help young entrants to the transport industry, or those anxious to study how we have arrived at the present situation, as the intention of the incoming government in 1997 to &#x201c;integrate&#x201c; transport seems to have proved almost as elusive as previous attempts, of which there were several in the last century. To match his practical experience of road passenger transport he has a lifelong interest in railways, his father having been in railway offices and his son having &#x201c;hands-on&#x201c; experience of freight and test-train operation. He is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK).