

ROUNABOUT VERWOOD

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Verwood Station after closure



The change which brought most sadness to the people of Verwood was the closure of the railway line under the Beeching axe. Passenger services ended in 1964 and goods the following year.

The station had long been a focal point and the train used for shopping in Poole, mothers travelling with baby's pram in the Guard's van, trips to London, commercial usages and older children going to Grammar School, the boys to the Old Queen Elizabeth's at Wimborne and the girls to Parkstone, others to private schools and as weekly boarders to Weymouth Technical College. One of the boys who used to make the journey was Lionel Jeffries, the famous actor and

director, whose father ran the Central garage opposite the Recreation Ground.

The picture above shows the station looking pretty forlorn not long after its closure with the rails having been removed with almost indecent haste!

Today the photographer of the old picture would probably find himself in someone's back garden and apart from the angle of the Albion (and the railway bridge just out of the picture on the right) it is hard to believe that the railway was ever at this location.

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