

## ROUNDAABOUT VERWOOD

# PAST and PRESENT

### Shearing's Cycle & Motor Cycle Repairs The Crossroads, Verwood



**A**t around the same time as the motor vehicle was invented but much more readily available came the advent of the bicycle. This ingenious machine instantly opened up a whole new world for communications, social activities and employment. Motor Cycles provided a more affordable alternative to the car as well as thrills for the younger generation.

One branch of the Shearing family found itself competent to move at the speed of the outside world and our last article described Fred Shearing diversifying from operating as a Blacksmith to a Cycle and Motor Cycle repair business as can be seen from the old photo above. The original forge behind the garage later became the motor repair works.

Another branch of the Shearing family delivered milk by horse and cart and later by motor bike and sidecar, for which a family repair business must have come in very useful!

Today it's hard to visualise the old corrugated iron garage which stood at this location near the edge of the pavement. The only indication that the recent photo left is from the same spot is the end of the old Victorian building on the left which is still visible beside the new Dukes Court apartments development.

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