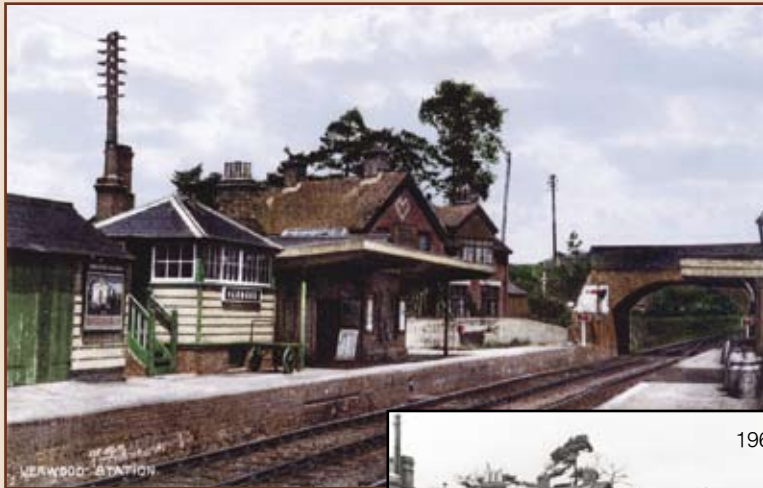


ROUNDBOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Verwood Station



The photo above shows a very smart Verwood station and the Albion Inn immediately behind with its white Ebblake brick heart pattern visible on the end gable.

This early colour photo is an excellent example of the Southern Railway colour scheme used between 1923 and 1948. Buff for the woodwork and planking, bright chrome green for doors, framing and canopies etc, apple green for canopy brackets and white window bars and glazing frames. The Southern Railway headed poster is also an indication of this period.

In 1948 the railways were nationalised with the creation of British Railways. The b/w inset photo was taken towards the end of the B.R era when closure of the line was imminent and the station had a general air of neglect and delapidation.



The photo below is taken from almost the same position (housing prevents the view from any further back). It is hard to believe that standing here 60 years ago you would be waiting on the down platform with the train to Bournemouth just arriving!

The road to Cranborne now runs where it did originally 160 years ago before it was diverted over the railway bridge and the old isolated bridge arch is now a useful all weather seating and storage area.

