

ROUNDAABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Mace 'Super-Fayre', Ringwood Road, Verwood.



Early 1980's

Mace was one of Verwood's supermarkets before 1982 and as with many local shops, utilized the downstairs room of a house. There was no such thing as late night shopping in those days. You bought what you needed before 5.30p.m. and definitely nothing on Sundays!

Originally called "Twitchens", it was a grocery store on the south-western corner of Ringwood and Vicarage Roads adjoined by the Lloyds Bank. The name became synonymous with this corner and "Meet you at Twitchens" is still used by some of the older folk.

The shop was

later owned by Oliver Hill, then Pollards followed by Doughtys.

It became Mace 'Super-Fayre' run for many years by Mr and Mrs Everson and then the Geiger family before the opening of Safeway supermarket on 24th August 1982. This changed Verwood's shopping habits for ever, leading to the demise of Mace and other useful retail outlets. Shoppers from the early

1980's would be amazed at the new recently built Morrisons which replaced Safeway and now includes a cafe, toilets, fresh food counters and even a petrol station amongst its range of facilities!



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