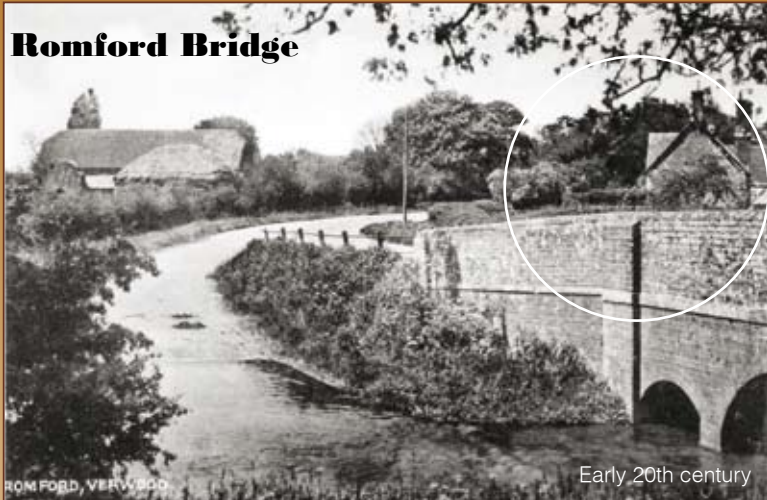


ROUNABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Romford Bridge



Prior to the Beeching cuts the road-leaving Verwood snaked towards Cranborne over the railway bridge, before it was realigned to pass in front of the Albion Hotel. Over the railway bridge and just past the Albion Hotel we come to the River Crane, the road leading on to West Farm on the left and East Farm on the right.

The ford which was in use both be-

fore and after the bridge was built can be clearly seen alongside in the old photo. Here at the parish boundary, we leave behind the now urban sprawl of Verwood.

The true story is told of an agitated delivery driver unable to find his destination who was eventually told that he was well over a hundred miles away from the better known Romford in Essex! (pre sat-nav of course!)



Today, the identical viewpoint is still there but I have had to wait until winter for a photo since the spot is just totally overgrown and it's hard to believe that the ford actually existed! The white circles might help to compare the photos. On closer inspection the bridge has hardly changed and the buildings at East Farm complete with chimney pots are still visible - just!

