

## ROUNDAABOUT VERWOOD

# PAST and PRESENT

### Gregory's Store & Post Office, Three Legged Cross

Early 20th Century



In the distance in the old picture the road rises over the former railway bridge towards Horton whilst the signpost points to Verwood. It is thought that Mr and Mrs Gregory's Store and Post Office belonged originally to the Stickland family. Father William Stickland who was left The Travellers Rest by an uncle built an imposing house "Oakdene" on the site now occupied by the nursing home of the same name and it appears that one of the sons Walter Stephen became a baker and grocer in the corner shop before it passed to the Gregory's.

Gregory's Store was famous for its appetizing smell of baking bread whilst Mrs Gregory made wonderful cakes! They eventually moved to Verwood Post Office.

The corner shop was demolished in 1983 and replaced by today's flats.

Today's view is somewhat different to the rural view above. The

bridge has gone, the road flattened and the telegraph pole has probably been replaced by a ubiquitous green telecoms tin box!

Even since 2007 when we last featured this location the old Texaco garage now sells exotic sports cars instead of petrol and the Travellers Rest has also recently been demolished and replaced by Acorn Lodge - part of the Oakdene Nursing Home.

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