

ROUNDBABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Manor Road Garage



Circa 1983

Manor Road Garage stood on the northern corner of Springfield Road opposite Burnbake Road. It has since been demolished and is now the site of "Foxes Court". No doubt in memory of the Fox family - probably previous owners of the garage. Unfortunately any accurate details of them are lost in the mists of time. In the 1930's the garage was owned by W. Vincent who advertised "Austin and Cowley Saloons for Hire - Any Distance".

He must have also been Verwood's first Travel Agent with "Tours arranged for England, Scotland, Wales and the Continent. Itinerary made out and can give the best terms".

One wonders how many local folk availed themselves of this offer.

Those of you with a long memory might just be able to remember that the price of petrol in 1983 was 37.3p per litre which equates to £169.70p per gallon. How times change with the price per litre unfortunately now fast approaching that figure!

Today, apart from the new apartments, the scene is not that different from the original photo - the

trees seen in the original photo in Burnbake Road have grown somewhat and three of the original building on the right are still recognisable.



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