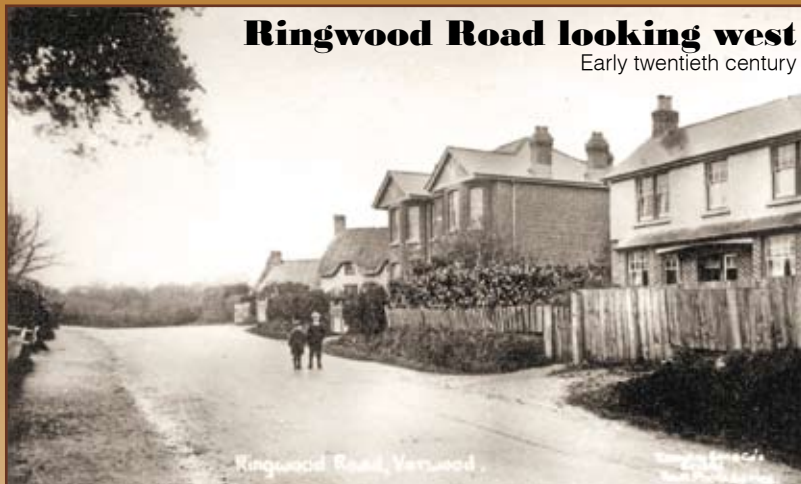


ROUNABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT



The main thoroughfare through Verwood, from Ringwood to Cranborne was still unsurfaced when this photo was taken in the early 1900s with the children adding a period touch to the scene.

Newly built brick houses began to be interspersed with earlier cob dwellings. The prominent white, thatch cottage was that first lived in by William Sims born Moor Crichel about 1782. He

came to Verwood as a young man and with his wife, Sarah Bailey, had nine children, several of whom married into other village families thus founding a dynasty still very much in evidence today.

The white cottage still exists and is just visible left of centre beyond the double fronted red brick house. Apart from a few missing chimneys and the abundant vegetation this scene is remarkably similar to the photo taken a hundred years ago.

