

# Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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## Givons Grove Service Station - Leatherhead By-Pass



Above: Advertising Card 1930s  
Right: Givons Grove Service Station  
c:1940s

How many of you can remember the days when a Service Station looked like the one in the advertisement it just sold petrol, checked the tyre pressures and topped up the water level in the radiator?

With the odd exception gone are the days when a petrol pump attendant would rush out to fill your tank and hopefully received a tip for doing so.

The first reference I could find for the above was in the 1936 Street Directory for Leatherhead and District and it is listed as Ziegler's Service Station, Dorking Road.

Maybe when the By-Pass was opened it then became known as Givons Grove Service Station, Leatherhead By-Pass.

You can see the tower and outbuildings were thatched, a rather hazardous roofing material for a petrol station. Building regulations seemed not to matter in those days. I wonder what the health and safety people would say to-day!

I believe the above buildings remained until the late 1960s or early 1970s before being demolished and modernised.



To-day the Garage is a Texaco Star franchise with the now-a-days essential food outlet, theirs being a Co-operative Store. Before the store arrived it was a short lived Burger King outlet.

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