



Granborough Road Station

It seems hard to imagine now, but there was once a busy railway line that served North Marston and Granborough. Granborough Road Station lay on the road from Granborough to Botolph Claydon (the Hogshaw Road) and was opened in 1868. It must have been a boon for local farmers and tradesmen. The single track line ran from Aylesbury, via Quainton Road to Verney Junction and in 1891 was absorbed by the Metropolitan Railway. Local passenger services ceased in July 1936, but the line continued to carry freight and through-trains until 1947.

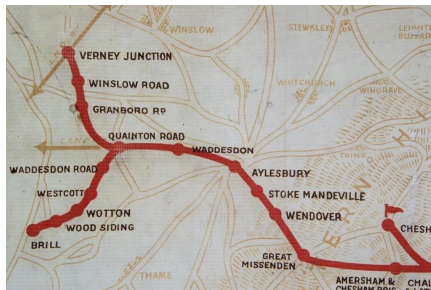
In 1994 Ewart Dancer wrote about Granborough Road Station for the parish magazine. This is an extract from his article:

"On this line there were trucks to carry cattle and sheep to markets or hay bound for London. Perhaps the carriage of milk, some to local creameries, was the most regular service. Horse drawn floats from local farms would have to arrive in time to catch an early train, this on a cold winters morning was almost an endurance test. A regular driver was the late Mr Charles Brazier, then of Brook Farm, North Marston, who would run beside his horse for the last half mile in order to thaw out."

The line's association with the Metropolitan Railway means Granborough Road station is considered to be one of the closed London Underground stations, and was referred to as such in the 2012 James Bond film, Skyfall.



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A section of a railway map showing Granborough Road station in relation to neighbouring stations.



Granborough Road Station in 1933 looking towards Winslow Road from the footbridge