
Dorton Halt

Until this reminder I had totally forgotten this quite important part of our local transport system at the beginning, so will include it at this point.

Dorton was on the Great Western line which ran from Ashendon Junction to Bicester and the small trains that stopped at the Halt travelled between Princes Risborough, and Banbury.

They consisted of small units comprised of a carriage, with a guardsvan/goods van pulled by a small engine, and were variously known as "The Puffing Dart" or "The Motor", but in point of fact were very useful to some people as it gave you the added chance of going to Bicester or Banbury, though the walk to Dorton was probably all of two miles. The guard would issue tickets, and so no station staff was employed.

There was a "Club" at Dorton which was often used by the Ashendon people on summer Sunday evenings. This being considered to be a reasonable distance to walk, so perhaps it was also reasonable for travellers to walk this same kind of distance.