



On the right track — before the doctor came

JUST over a quarter of a century ago many villages still boasted their own railway stations.

Typical was Rockingham Station — pictured here in 1963.

But the station was a good walk from the village and the line didn't really go to any of the places villagers were most likely to want to visit.

It was far more convenient to travel by car. Cars were becoming more affordable — vehicles like the Mini, or,

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slightly more expensive, the Ford Anglia or Mark 1 Cortina.

So village stations were doomed — with Dr Beeching about to wield his famous axe.

But even now, all those years on, not everybody can afford a car or is able to drive one. So for some the convenience of a local railway station is still sorely missed.