

THE WHEELING WORLD
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ⁱ Dick's article points somewhat transparently at this malefactor being Victor Cowan.

ⁱⁱ **John Grant:** this brings a lump to my throat – returned from military service in 1945, my railwayman father had been automatically promoted to porter-signalman, and over the years progressed to be a Southern Region senior relief signalman, having “passed-out on every frame” (learned every signal-box) in the triangle Fratton Park – Redhill - Preston Park. Throughout his service he did the odd shift at this very toll. It is no more: the modern A27 by-passes the Old Shoreham Road wooden bridge, and is a fast multi-lane highway running to the north of it. The branch-line to Steyning was Beeching'd years ago.