

The firemen

vintage 1913

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A marvellous picture of Sawbridgeworth fire brigade probably taken at Fair Green in the summer of 1913. The old manual pump is on the right and the steam-powered one on the left. Standing, left, of local dignitaries, officers and the table laden with trophies is Billy Collins, the 11-year-old mascot.

Almost a farewell

LEFT: Church Street scene which has now gone into the history books. Sawbridgeworth firemen drive out of the old station on a fire call a few days before it closed for the last time.



Nighttime scene at the Church Street fire station as Sawbridgeworth firemen practice for a call-out.



A solid-tired fire engine used at Sawbridgeworth in the 1930s preceded the more up-to-date Leyland which fought fires in the early years of the second world war, pictured here.

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Station X, says the notice on the wall of the Church Street fire station. National Fire Service personnel pictured during the second world war. Second from left in the front row is Mr Jack Searle, who retired in 1960.