

THE COMPASSES INN



JAMES KIDD

Map Reference F5

James Stephen Kidd. I am the proprietor of The Compasses Inn and have been for the last 7 1/2 years. I have 2 dogs (Dobermans), Meggie and Max and 3 cats, Tetley, Togs and Rudi. I play football and cricket for Damerham but, due to commitments of work, not as often as I'd like to.

The Compasses appears to date back to the 1680's. It is supposed to be haunted by a number of ghosts (old ladies in rocking chairs, coach and horses, etc.). I, myself, have never experienced anything, but have spoken to people who have. The Compasses is a successful country Inn (freehouse) that we have (we, being my family, parents Trevor and Dene Kidd, who live in Fordingbridge, elder brother and family, Jeremy, Janet, Andrew, Jeni and Chris) built up over the last 7 1/2 years. We have refurbished The Compasses, making all the letting en-suites (including a four poster bed). We have achieved recognition from major guides for the quality of the food, accommodation and drink. We have even won awards for the quality and cleanliness of our toilets. Over the next few years we aim to keep things moving in the same direction - we have



to in order to survive. We have to make The Compasses a destination pub. You cannot support the business on local trade alone.

Damerham as a village, has a good spirit. It is a live village, i.e. people who live all year round and not just holidays and weekends, which has become the norm in lots of other villages. The only problem with weekend cottages is that they inflate house prices making it very difficult for locals to stay in the village. In order to keep the sense of community it is essential to keep people in the village of all age groups.

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EAST END COTTAGE



RAYMOND & SHARON HISCOCK

Map Reference G4

Ray, Sharon and Matthew Robert Hiscock, who is 1 year old, live here. We have a dog and a cat and moved here three years ago. We are landscape contractors and run a small digger. Our work covers a large area and is varied. Our hobbies include walking and gardening and we have rented an allotment in the village.

East End Cottage was built in 1850 and is mainly cob walls. There have been two small extensions built on over the years, which have not altered the character of the house, which has exposed beams and is much as it was years ago. It is cosy and comfortable to live in and well suited to today's lifestyle.

Damerham is a lovely, picturesque village to live in and has a good community spirit. We are lucky to have a good school as well as the post office, shop and garage, which well support the needs of the villagers. They in turn need to be supported to be able to continue into the next century.

