

1 PARK VILLAS



WILLIAM & ELAINE DRAKE

Map Reference G4

We lived in Rockbourne for over 25 years, where we brought up our two sons and one daughter and moved to Damerham in 1988. We now spend most time near our widowed elder son and his children but retain and visit many friends in the Damerham area, Our younger son lived in Damerham for 3 years while retraining but is now married and lives in Wiltshire.

Built as a late Victorian estate cottage it still has the brick bread-oven as an outhouse. Mr Silverthorne lived here for over 50 years. He had a wonderful garden, larger than the present one, filled with flowers and vegetables. There was no running water in the house, just a tap and sink outside. It was modernised just before we came in 1988.

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JANET BURNELL

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Janet Burnell. Hobbies - gardening, riding, tennis.

Bought in 1986, east extension 1987, started garden 1987, flowers that still exist from previous garden:- aquilegia, daffodils, snowdrops, and 3 violas.

GREEN CLOSE COTTAGE



BRIAN & MARIE MCLEAN

Map Reference E6



We have only lived in this lovely village for three years, having moved from Cheshire.

After the great fire, which destroyed our cottage, the then Parish Vicar the Rev. Owen, collected money to rebuild ours, along with three other cottages in 1865.

It became a Post Office after the turn of the last century. Prior to ourselves moving in, a Mr. Reg Budd had lived here for 35 years, he was a real character and we were lucky enough to meet him. He used to keep a pig and sty in the garden, which Michael Jerrard's grandfather would slaughter for him. Reg was also a bird lover and would hold a robin in his hand while it took some cheese from his mouth.

WOODVIEW



LILLIAN MARTIN

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I came to live here 48 years ago to be near my sister and her family.

The house is about 130 years old. It was the blacksmith's house, with the blacksmith's work place the other side of the garage of the house and was for many years known as Forge Cottage. I changed the name to "Woodview" when I altered it 48 years ago, when I had a kitchen and bathroom put in.

Originally the main living room had a red brick floor with kitchen range and old washing copper in the front corner, where the small window on the side of the house was opened to let the steam out on washday