

LOBSTER COTTAGE



WILLIAM & LESLEY NORRIS

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William and Lesley Morris bought Lobster Cottage (formerly Greenbank) in 1980 having previously rented a cottage in Woodgreen. We moved in 1987, and have two



daughters, Charlotte born 1988, and Emily born 1990. We were married, and they were christened, in Damerham Church. William works as a barrister (made QC in 1997) which

takes him to London on average 2 or 3 days a week. Both girls are at Forres Sandle Manor. We run a local wandering cricket team called The Lobsters.

This cottage was originally a single storey 3 room cob building which used to house a family of 12. At about the turn of the century, a second storey was built onto the original walls and remained as such until the 1980s. We acquired 10 adjoining acres in 1983 and in 1987/1988 extended the original cottage, with a further extension in 1997/1998, providing us with five bedrooms. We now also own Ragged Robin and the 31/2 acres between our cottage and the road, purchased in 1999. Our land to

the West is an important heritage site with a rare mixture of orchids and wetland flora.

TWIN OAKS FARM



JOHN & RHODA HASKELL

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We, John, Rhoda Haskell and Juliette live at Twin Oaks Farm. We farm on a small basis, beef cattle & sheep, and contract locally general farmwork & fencing. Our two dogs share the home at Twin Oaks, Becki the cocker spaniel now 9 years and still not slowing down and Skye the border collie defiantly 'one man & his/her (Juliette's) dog'. We enjoy country sports, shooting and beating. Juliette attends quite a lot of the villages social events and has played darts in the Compasses for a number of years now. Ladies darts on a Wednesday evening - enter at your own risk! The family have been always local, but this May we moved into our own dwelling after renting a cottage for 30 years, the first home for John & Rhoda as a married couple.

The chalet style bungalow at Twin Oaks Farm, is one of the most recently built dwellings in the Damerham Parish. It was started in May 1998 and completed in May 1999. It was the hardest 12 months work of our lives, after several planning applications and continual Parish support we got the home we always wanted. It is situated in a perfect location.

The village people of Damerham have always been friendly, & have worked together in the organising of many social events. Many memories of the Flower Show & the evening dance in the tent, the Easter Duck Races - Michael, Maurice, John, Derek, Paul just to name a few that chased them plastic yellow



ducks down the river. The New hall and the Old hall - the last 'do' in the Old hall every wall and floor board shook; it must have nearly come down on its own that night.

Entering into this new century hopefully, this local community will continue its existing friendly approach to others, organising of events & there will be many more happy memories for the next generations to enjoy from village life.

FOXHILL



MARTIN & JACQUELINE INGRAM

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Martin Cleo Ingram
Jacqueline Susan Ingram

Children -

Jack Henry Cleo, born 11/93.

Christopher Ross, born 7/97

Scott Charles, born 1/99

Each child born in a different county - Jack (Odstock Hospital) Wiltshire, Christopher (Poole Hospital) Dorset, Scott born at home! Hampshire.

Our home was built in 1974 and we have made many changes to it over the years. This is our second home since our marriage in 1981. Obviously all of our children have been born whilst we have been living here, so it holds special memories for us. Foxhill stands on the site of an old cottage. We are in possession of the Deeds dating back to 1891 when the original cottage was sold for £40. Damerham was then in the County of Wiltshire. When the cottage was sold in 1914, it was valued at £50 and by then was in the County of Southampton. The final sale was in 1971 when the purchase price was £1,700. The cottage was later demolished and Foxhill was built in 1974.

We really love the rural 'way of life'. We feel that the children are very fortunate to be brought up in such a beautiful area and to attend a small village school - we are both from Birmingham; quite a contrast.

Scott is the last baby to be born in Lower Daggons this side of the millennium.

LOPSHILL FARM



WILFRED & ENA ZEBEDEE

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Wilfred Zebedee, now living with his wife Ena at Lopshill Farm, had four children, one boy and three girls, who all attended Damerham Village School.



Our house was built in 1882. The bricks for the house was hauled with horse and cart from Sandleheath Brickyard by George Elliott, who

was the grandfather of Wilfred Zebedee, now living at Lopshill Farm, 1999. Ian Zebedee, son of Wilfred Zebedee, who is taking over the farm, will be the fifth generation to have lived at the property of Lopshill.

Down the bottom of our track stands a Methodist Chapel which George Elliott also hauled the bricks for, in the year 1870. Before the new Chapel was an old building stood there, which was used for the daily school and Chapel, of which Wilfred Zebedee's grandmother was the school mistress. Folk from around took their children to school and had to pay one penny a day. The plot outside of the Chapel used to be called Playgate because it was the children's playground. The plot was given to the Chapel by W. Zebedee in 1976, for the parking, etc.

YEW TREE FARM



PAUL DAUWALDER

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My name is Paul. I live here with my children Christian (9) and Sasha (5) together with our housekeeper Donna. My wife died last year. We keep a few sheep and ducks and have two dogs. We have lived here for three years and like it very much.

Our neighbours are kind and friendly and we love our little chapel (Methodist) I have a business in Salisbury and manage woodland at Alderbury. We plan to live here a long time.

My family background is Anglo-Swiss and that of my late wife Polish. My children have a mixed pedigree.



The house was (I believe) originally a replacement to a derelict cottage and was constructed about 30 years ago. It has been added to several times - not by us - and is quite spacious for the four of us. The house is rather stark from the outside and I plan to soften the appearance of it. We are great tree planters. We have reconstructed the pond in one of the paddocks and planted around it with a view to making it more receptive to birds and small mammals. We like it here.

We have no family history here other than my wife. She loved it so it will always have bittersweet memories. Lopshill is on the outer edge of Damerham so our affinity is more towards Crendell than Cranborne. What we know of Damerham we like. It would be nice,

but probably impractical, for Damerham to have one community shop. Like all small villages Damerham is very short on public

transport. Maybe central government will recognise this one day and encourage or create rural transport services that match more with village peoples life styles.