

GOESMERE COTTAGE



MALCOLM & EILEEN HARRIS

Map Reference D11

We moved here from Salisbury in 1982, our daughter Louise was born in 1983. Malcolm's family lived in Damerham for many



years and he spent a lot of his childhood in the village with his grandparents, so we were delighted when his uncle and aunt offered us the chance to buy this cottage. We have a very friendly dog and a most bad-tempered ginger cat.

Our cottage was built over 100 years ago and was called Church Cottage. Built originally for the minister of the chapel next door, it was modernised by the previous owners. We extended it about ten years ago to make three bedrooms and a garage. Because of the chapel next door, it is written into our Deeds that we are not allowed to make a lot of noise on Sundays!

We have never regretted moving here. Damerham is a very friendly village. There is always someone willing to help if you need it. We have made some good friends here, enjoyed some good gossip and joined in things we would not have thought of doing when we lived in a city.

GOESMERE GARDENS



JIM & MARGARET READ

Map Reference D12

Robert S.J. (Jim) Read. Born in Damerham. Margaret Read. Came here in 1961 to marry Jim. Hobbies - gardening. One cat, 1 dog as pets.

We built the bungalow in 1963 to our own design. The land it is built on used to be allotments belonging to the Church hence the origin of the name "Goesmere Gardens". Goesmere was the original name of the land adjoining now known as "Spring Meadow".

Years ago householders grew their own vegetables etc. There were no supermarkets as we know them today. Most had large families so the allotments were needed as extensions to the gardens attached to their cottages.

We feel we are fortunate that little or no development is allowed to take place, it means that life in the village is so much pleasanter!



HILLTOP COTTAGE



TIMOTHY YETMAN & CATHERINE BRYAN

Map Reference E16

When we moved into Hilltop in August 1990 there were two of us, Catherine Bryan and Timothy Yetman. Since then we have been escaping to our haven of calm from our hectic life in London and now bring with us our two children, Olivia and Alexander. We enjoy walking all the local footpaths and seeing so much change as the seasons unfold. We believe the cottage is around 200 years old. It is located next to an old Chalk Pit, so may well have been occupied by Pit workers. We

have a deep well in the garden which during very wet weather has had some water in it, but clearly provided water to the household in the past. The garden is very simple and we have 5 varieties of apple and 2 varieties of plum to feed on.

One aspect of life in Damerham which thrills our children and ourselves is the range of wildlife; deer, badgers, owls, heron, bats, pheasant, hares, woodpeckers - and lots of rabbits! We hope this never changes.

