

## ASHLEY PARK FARM



DAVID & HELEN DAMPNEY

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David is a retired farmer. Our hobbies are hunting, shooting, gardening & sailing.

We have owned the farm since 1966

A pair of Victorian cottages rebuilt and modernised about 30 years ago. Turned into one house 5 years ago. The deeds of the sale of Manor Farm dated 1856 show no buildings in Cornpits Lane when the Shaftesbury Estate sold it to Mr John Silley. (Who changed his name to Egremont).

John Ashley, who came from Ashley in Wiltshire, had land in Damerham in 1518. This land was subsequently owned by the Servingtons and then by Sir John Cooper, who married the Ashley heiress from Wimborne St. Giles. It remained in the ownership of the Earls of Shaftesbury until it was sold to John Egremont in 1856.

## LAUREL COTTAGE



JANICE & TOM HARRIS

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My husband and I have been married 39 years and have 3 daughters. My eldest daughters have 2 children each, and live near each other in Verwood. My husband and I play golf, and together with our son-in-laws joined Crane Valley Golf Club. Our 3rd daughter is completing her degree (Psychology) at Portsmouth University. We have 2 cats which were rescued cats (now 14 years)

My husband and I bought Laurel Cottage



in 1977 when there was a dereliction order on it. Over the years we have made many improvements returning it to its original charm of many years ago. We do not know of the date or history of its origin. We now live here in retirement having moved from our previous home in Ashford, Middx. where we started a

business 30 years ago. We moved to Laurel Cottage in September 1997. We have had an extension built on and have re-landscaped the garden into a pretty cottage garden.

Having travelled up and down the motorway for the last 22 years we are delighted to finally settle in this lovely village. We feel privileged to be living in such a lovely spot. In our view the Village is unspoilt - the pretty lanes are "littered" with snowdrops and primroses, and we feel the village folk really care about their village.

## MANOR FARM COTTAGE



'GINGE' & AMANDA EAMES,  
LEILA CORNFORD

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Ginge - Design engineer - draughtsman.

Lived in Damerham since December 1st 1997 at Colt Green – moved here December 1999

Hobbies - horse riding, walking. Interested in history, archaeology, rugby (Ginge), reading.

We own 3 dogs. One pedigree rough coated collie (not a very good pedigree!), one rough coated collie cross and a small

black and tan mongrel from a rescue centre, who was found by the side of the road, injured. Consequently, had to have a leg amputated but can keep up with other dogs - no trouble! Also, we own a Welsh Cob and a Welsh Cob X Dales.

The cottage is one of four, built some time after 1856, when the Manor Farm Estate was sold by the Shaftesbury family to the Egremonts. The estate passed through the Lush families before being purchased by the Dampneys in 1966. The cottage was extended in 1968, providing a sitting room, bedroom, and bathroom. Having moved



from an East Sussex village, we found people in Damerham really friendly. Having an O.A.P. in the house who does not drive, we find only one bus a week is totally inadequate.

## ENDWOOD



TREVOR & JEAN BIDDLE

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A 1960's bungalow. Moved in in September 1998 and have added three more rooms and detached garage.

We have found people very helpful and friendly and interested in what we are doing to our bungalow.

*Cornpits Lane was called after the Cornpits which were to be found at the end of the lane where Ashley Park Farm now stands*