

60 WEST PARK LANE



DAISY NICKLEN

Map Reference E1

Mrs Daisy W Nicklen. Born and lives in Damerham am now 91 years old.



Hobbies:- Knitting, tapestry, gardening, cooking.

Have lived in NFDC bungalow last 30 years, previously in no 3 West Park Lane (old numbering). I like my bungalow very much. Am not planning any changes.

My husband Mr Herbie Nicklen (known as Herbie to everyone) spent over 40 years in the village shop. Then owned by Mr Rogers, starting at the age of 12 years delivering bread with a hand cart around the village and outlying houses such as West Park House and Bowlesbury Farm. It was getting dark one night when he got there and the old lady gave him a candle in a glass jar to see his way home, he then learnt to drive a Ford T Ford Van and he delivered bread and groceries to other villages and on Good Friday getting up at 3 o'clock to deliver hot cross buns. Then the 2nd World War came and he had to join up, he was in the Rifle Brigade for 5 years, teaching men to drive Bren-gun carriers, one he taught to drive was the Hon Gerald Lascelles. After being demobbed, he returned to the shop, until his retirement. Then the village gave him a wonderful party in the old village hall. In 1974 he received the Maundy Money from the Queen in Salisbury Cathedral. Life in the village has been wonderful, sadly only very few real Damerham people remain, but we still love our village.

Damerham 1913 - 1914

The highlight of our School holidays was our trip to Salisbury with horse and van, almost like a gypsy caravan. A dear old lady Mrs Annie Brown owned it and drove it to Salisbury twice a week. She collected various goods to take to market including Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Rabbits, Chickens and Eggs all put in the back of the cart. One can imagine the smell (not too good) but it didn't put us off, we sat on board resting on boxes and if it rained we could get quite wet with rain coming in. We had all to get out and walk up the hills,

the horse being quite old, we left very early in the morning and returned quite late and being children we really enjoyed it.

Another happy thing for us children was the little sweet shop in the High Street, it was owned by William and Mary Ambrose, (known as Cutty Ambrose, don't know why). We only had Pennies and Halfpennies to spend but just to stand and gaze in the window at all the bottles of sweets and biscuits, one called "Parliament" a 4 inch square ginger biscuit which was a great favourite.

We had great freedom as children just roaming the woods and lanes looking for birds nests and picking wild flowers. Money was very short but we were happy making up our own games and fun and being content with what we had.

One more happy time we had was to go leazing or gleaning as it was called. After the farmers had finished harvesting we were allowed to go in the harvest field and pick up the corn that was left on the ground, we tied it in the bundles and we were able to pick up enough for my Father to take to the mill at Alderholt to be ground for flour which my mother used to make our own bread which she baked in the old bread oven in our cottage and really delicious it was too.

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JOHN & ALICE RESTELL

Map Reference E1

We are a retired couple. Our family is distributed in Kent, Wiltshire, Gloucester and Devon. Moved to Damerham in October 1987.



Pets. 1 aged cat.

I have always wanted to live in the New Forest area.

Our abode is a Council bungalow. Kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms. Large garden at rear, overlooking farmland. Suitable front garden

with drive overlooking, lane, farmland, and stream. We like it here for peace and quiet.

Views on village life in the past only by hearsay from the elders of the village. Views on the present again by association with other residents and other activities.

AVALON 39 WEST PARK LANE



TIMOTHY & AMANDA HERRINGTON

Map Reference E3

Timothy, Amanda, Elizabeth and Benjamin Herrington. Elizabeth and Benjamin go to the local school. Timothy works at Damerham Garage, which he runs with his Dad. I help run the Post Office with Tim's mum.

I moved to Damerham when I married Tim in September, 1988. We have two cats, Marmalade and Sukie, and two goldfish.

Moved to 39 West Park Lane in 1995 from 2 West Park Drive. The house was built by the Council in 1972. We have changed the inside since moving here.



CORNERSTONES



AUDREY LUSH

Map Reference D1

My family - parents, came to Hill Farm in 1932, where I lived until my marriage in 1951 to Jack Lush from Manor Farm. I have lived in Damerham ever since.

Built in 1960. One owner before me in 1990.

Past - mostly farming community. Most of village belonged to West Park Estate. Very few houses were owner occupied before second world war. It was a hard working, happy village.

