

FROM MR. WILLIAM ROWE FOR THE SUM OF £4500.00. IN SEPTEMBER, 1968 NICK MARRIED HILARY GOULD AND THEY HAVE LIVED HERE EVER SINCE. THEY CAN BOTH BE CONSIDERED 'LOCALS' IN THAT NICK WAS BORN IN SANDLEHEATH (HIS MOTHER HAPPENED TO BE VISITING HER MOTHER THAT DAY) BUT WAS A SIXPENNY HANDLEY MAN, THE ADAMS FAMILY HAVING LIVED THERE FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS. HILARY WAS BORN AND BROUGHT UP NEAR WIMBORNE AND WAS LIVING AT CRANBORNE WHEN THEY MET. THEY WERE MARRIED IN CRANBORNE CHURCH. THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE HAS SOME VERY INTERESTING BEAMS WHICH ARE THOUGHT TO BE OVER 400 YEARS OLD. THE UPSTAIRS AREA CONTAINS JOISTS WHICH ARE ORIGINAL OLD TREE BRANCHES. IN 1985 A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE WEST OF THE COTTAGE WAS PURCHASED FROM THE NEIGHBOURING FARMER, MR. W. PERRETT AND THIS ADDITIONAL SPACE ALLOWED FOR A WING TO BE ADDED TO THE COTTAGE. THIS WAS BUILT IN 1987 BY M.W. CORDINA, FROM SIXPENNY HANDLEY. THE THATCHING WAS CARRIED OUT BY DAVID LAITY FROM BOWERCHALKE.

THE DEEDS SHOW THAT IN 1958 THE COTTAGE WAS CALLED 'DORSETTE' AND WAS SOLD TO MR. W. ROWE, A RETIRED POLICEMAN, BY MR. W. PERRETT OF WEST FARM. AT THAT TIME IT WAS PRACTICALLY DERELICT AND MR. ROWE SPENT A LOT OF TIME RE-BUILDING IT. THIS INVOLVED REPLACING THE COB WALLS WITH CAVITY WALLS AND LOWERING THE FLOOR LEVEL.

THE GARDEN HAS A DEEP DITCH RUNNING AROUND IT WHICH IS USUALLY DRY BUT FAIRLY FREQUENTLY IN THE WINTER THE WINTERBOURNE RISES AND TWO OR THREE FEET OF WATER FLOWS THROUGH THE GARDEN FOR A FEW WEEKS.