

2 ORCHARD



MALCOLM, SUSAN, THOMAS AND SAMUEL DUDLEY

Malcolm and Susan Dudley live at 2 The Orchard with children Thomas and Samuel, pet dogs George and Billy plus gerbles Super Sam and Super Buz ., Malc and Sue moved into the "Arie" design ex council house on the 31st January 1992 with their six month old son, Thomas. Malolm is a self employed builder working under the business name of 'Dudley Home Service' and Sue is a full time mother. They moved from a mobile home near Shaftesbury into their second home and first house in April 1992. Shortly afterwards they acquired a six month old Labrador called George,

Samuel was born on the 7th July 1995. They own two vehicles the business van a Nissan Vanett and a Volvo 340 for Susan to learn to drive. The only public transport in the village are two weekly buses to Blandford on Saturday and Thursday which Susan uses to do the weekly shopping .

Thomas thoroughly enjoys attending Hazelbury Bryan School which he started in September 1997 aged four and is picked up by the school bus which stops outside the house.

In June 1997 we adopted Billy, a lively black mongrel from Dorset Animal Rescue .

Malcolm finished the Dudley Home Service business in September 1988 to begin training as an Addictions councillor based in Plymouth during the week and travelling home a weekends. Susy glling completed the twelve month course and now runs the biggest day programme in the world,

Susan eventually passed her driving test just in time to take our second son Sam to school.

When we asked Tom and Sam if they liked living in Ibberton they both said "it is fun". Malcolm loves it and doesn't want to live anywhere else, he enjoys playing cricket, trained as a cricket coach and runs the youth section of the local club.

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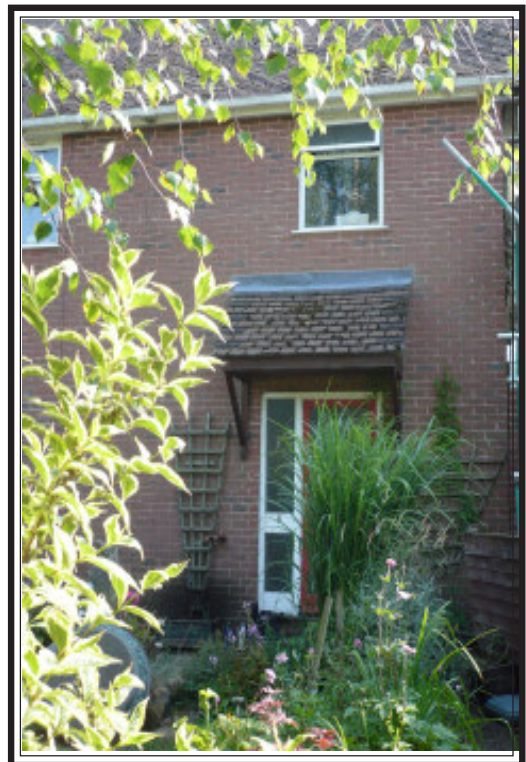
Phil and Sue. Ayres lived in Ibberton with their five children from May, 1999 and remained until 2001 when they moved to Hazelbury Bryan.

The house in which they lived was one of four semi-detached Cornish Prefabricated houses built in the forties with an estimated lifespan of twenty years. Two of the four houses have been reclad in brick in recent years by North Dorset District Council because the concrete had been found to be suffering from cancer and the steel reinforcements rusting.



Before - 2 The Orchard

After - 3 The Orchard



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MARY HOWELLS

I have lived in Ibberton all my life, spending my childhood at Church Farm and attending the village school. I find it a very peaceful village with lovely views all around.

I ran the Post Office in my home for forty years, until my husband's death in 1995 when I gave it up. I enjoyed meeting customers who, in the main, were always ready for a chat.

The house was built just after the second World War on a site of an orchard, one of many in the village in those days, and my husband and I, who were the first and only tenants, bought the house from the Council.

Now retired, I have a Sheltie Shetland collie called Max for company, and many kind friends to take him for walks.

I have no transport of my own, and am unable to use the few buses that serve the village, so my two daughters (who live elsewhere) bring my shopping.

Leisure time is taken up with reading books selected from the Library Van that visits the village once a fortnight. I also enjoy drawing with pencil and charcoal.

HOLMWOOD

*NB ((In June 2000, John and Olga sold the bungalow and left the village to live near
Dorchester)*

JOHN AND OLGA KIRTLEY

Built just before the war and originally called 'Little Hills' the bungalow stands near the top of a knoll by Leigh Lane, facing south and catching the sun from early morning to sunset. It started life as a 'square' four roomed house (each room measures 12' x 12') but in 60 years, has grown into a three bedroom house with sun lounge and patio. It is particularly cosy since the installation of Calor gas central heating in 1982, and this is complemented by cavity wall insulation and full double glazing.

The garden occupies approximately a quarter of an acre, and is mainly lawn with small vegetable and flower beds. There is also a greenhouse measuring 12' x 8' and a fruit cage. A particular feature is a 9' high palm tree planted by John and Olga, eighteen years ago.

John and Olga Kirtley moved into Holmwood in July 1982 after inspecting some fifty or so properties in Dorset and Devon. This proved the ideal retirement home, being sunny, manageable, peaceful, affordable, and without immediate neighbours.

John is retired, after an entire working life on the technical side with a major petroleum group, Olga and he married in 1953 and shared the delight of living and working in South Africa, Jamaica and Zimbabwe and finally, London.

They count themselves lucky to have their three children and five grandchildren living no more than an hour or so's drive away.

In between family activities and of course gardening, John and Olga are keen ramblers. The travel bug still bites and they visit South Africa for two to three months every few years. They also enjoy motoring on the continent as often as they can.

The Economics of Living in Ibberton in 1999

The following are the basic overheads that John and Olga incur excluding running expenses such as food, car, petrol and servicing, personal insurances, and holidays.

| ITEM | ANNUAL COSTS | COMMENTS |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| | £ | |
| Council Tax | 784 | |
| House Insurance | 190 | |
| Car - Road Fund Tax | 150] | Car essential. Due to narrow roads |
| Insurance | 206] | a small car, Fiat Punto selected |
| and Depreciation | 2000] | is ideal. |
| Water | 106 | |
| Calor Gas | 426 | |
| Electricity | 216 | |
| Telephones [House phone & mobile] | 252 | Rentals only |
| | — | |
| Total | 4330 | |
| | — | |

Initially John and Olga joined the pub crib and darts teams respectively, but these activities have been superseded by short mat indoor bowling at a nearby Village Hall. John was for some years an umpire with the Ibberton Cricket team, until his varicose veins gave trouble, but he still supports the club as a Vice President.

Two years ago John and Olga found themselves Parish Right of Way Liason Officers, looking after the 39 footpaths and bridleways in the Parish. Fortunately they are now supported by six volunteers who have adopted some of the paths. A special Millennium project of which John is proud is the development of a network of public footpaths in the village where he raised funds to have old stiles replaced by a total of fourteen kissing and pedestrian gates, all but one paid for by local residents.

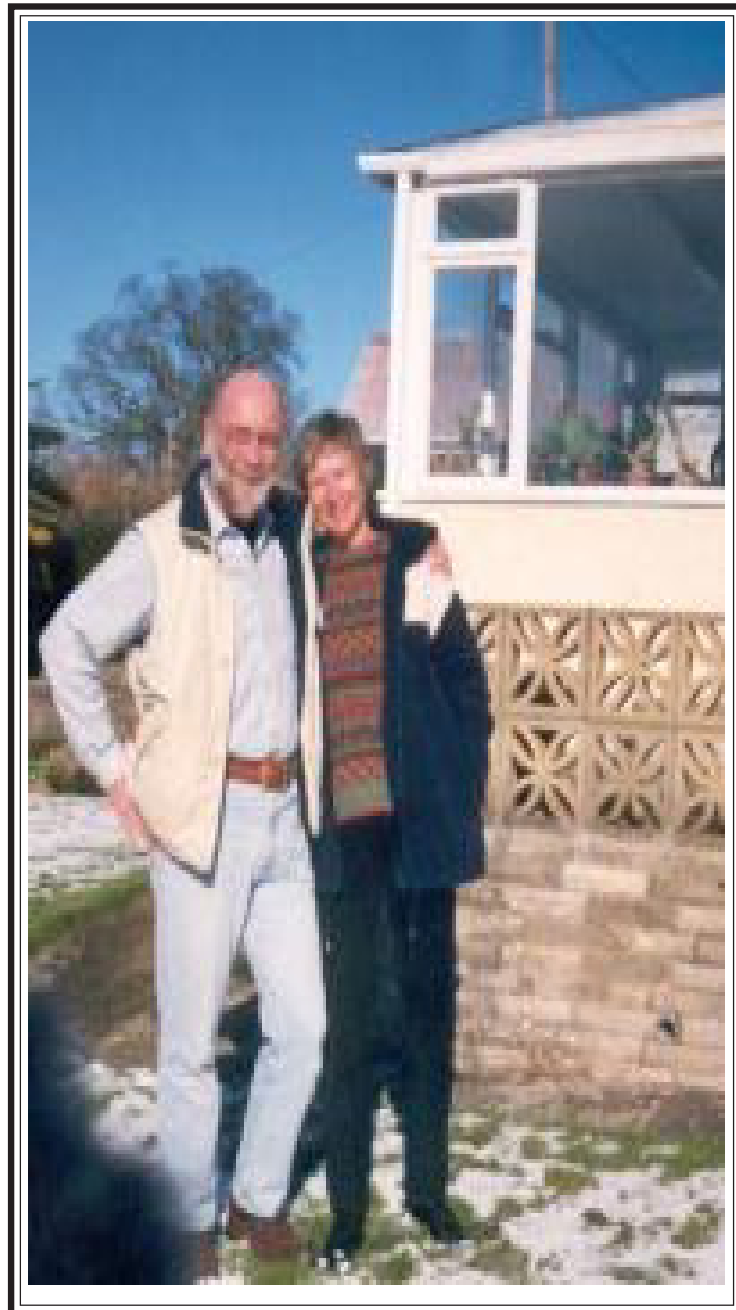
John also acts as Independent Examiner for the accounts of Ibberton church and the Village Hall.

John and Olga chose Holmwood not only because the bungalow offered the best view in Ibberton, but because of the friendly atmosphere in the village. It was still a 'working' village, not a retirement village (they had already tried that!) nor was the place populated almost entirely by weekenders and died, therefore, out of season; there were farming activities, and village activities such as the Fete, and soon after their arrival the Cricket Club was reformed. Their children became parents, and they assumed the roles of grandad and grannie.

The Crown Inn was the friendliest of pubs where one could find good company and draught Bass in good condition. There was even a sub Post Office right opposite. Inevitably things change, more than half the properties in Ibberton have changed hands twice, and many once, since John and Olga arrived in the village. Fortunately, enough of the newer arrivals and "part-timers" have supported the original core of active villagers so as to maintain a true village atmosphere.

May it remain that way, and may the Millennium activities help to foster this feeling.

HOLMWOOD



JULIAN FITTER

I moved into Holmwood on June 1st 2000, so I must qualify as one of the most recent arrivals to contribute to the Millennium Book. The previous owners John and Olga Kirtley have already contributed, so I will try not to be repetitious.

I have lived in the Blackmore Vale for the last 20 years, moving here in 1980 after 18 months in Cambridgeshire. Prior to that I spent 15 years in the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador, a truly wonderful place and a real privilege to have been fortunate enough to live there.

I have three children, John the eldest lives in California and does wonderful things with computers, 32 year old Daniel lives in Galapagos and works as a guide and photographer, and Jeanette the youngest, lives at Sturminster Newton, is married to a local man and works just down the road at Webbs!

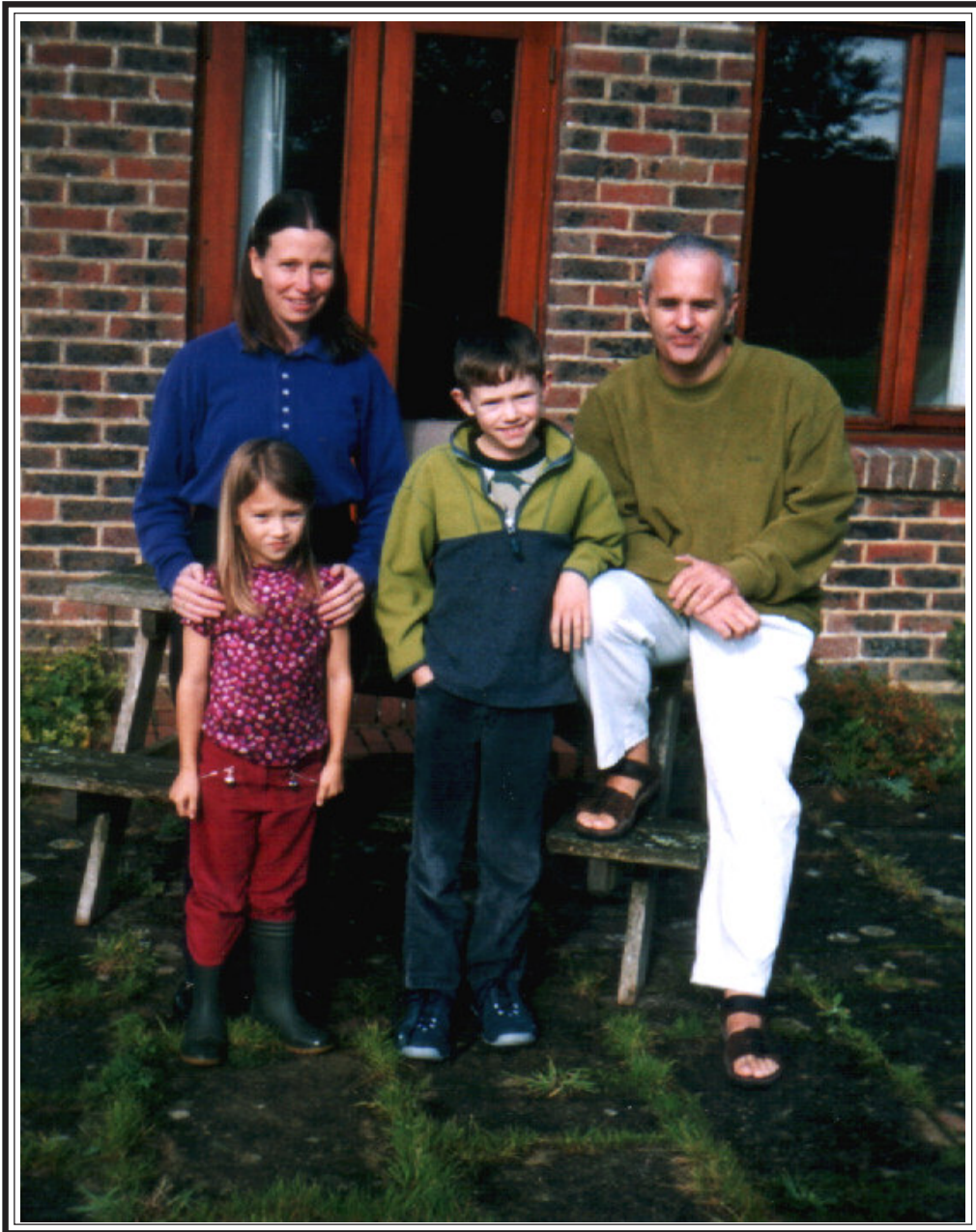
When I came back from Galapagos, where I had run a yacht charter business, I set up a company to develop tourism in the Falkland Islands, that however was before the 'conflict' and no one really knew where they were. So I started working as a salesman for Hambro Life, now Allied Dunbar. After a short while there I joined a firm of Independent Financial Advisers in London, but after a couple of years I decided to set up in business on my own. That was 16 years ago and I have been based in Shaftesbury since 1990. The business is now owned by Savoy Asset Management Plc.

While being a financial adviser is how I earn my living, my real interest is in the environment, and in particular conservation and the need to include people in the conservation of their own environment. I was instrumental in setting up the Galapagos Conservation Trust and was involved from the outset with the Falklands Conservation, two organisations that seek to protect small oceanic archipelagos. I am still involved with both and expect to be more so once I can manage to retire from the boring bit, business!

As a recent arrival I have not had a chance to become involved in the village but I was immediately attracted to it when I came to look at Holmwood. It is quiet and off the beaten track, but at the same time it is a community. I look forward to being able to contribute to the village and to the community.

My leisure pursuits are generally related to the outdoors. I run to keep reasonably fit, play cricket, walk and work in the garden. I enjoy DIY around the house and travel, especially to sunnier climes. I have just finished a book on the Galapagos Islands, my first but I hope not my last.

GLEBE HOUSE



JOHN, GERALDINE ('Gerry'), ADAM AND KATHERINE ('Katie') JAMES

Glebe House, is a brick-built detached house constructed around 1960 and situated on the top of a slight rise above the main village, approximately 116 metres (377 feet) above sea level. The position provides stunning views of the surrounding hills and countryside, but also considerable exposure to the prevailing weather. The house is set back from the lane at an angle; facing roughly southwest whilst the garden lies approximately east-west. The garden largely consists of grassland with a few mature trees and some rather aged fruit trees dotted about. More recently a small orchard, and along the rear boundary of the garden, a small vegetable plot and a linear wood of mixed native trees and shrubs have been planted. The garden contains a very small pond, originally dug to accommodate a gift of frogspawn

from the children's nursery school but now containing considerable wildlife, including a newt. Longer-term ambitions for the garden include a much larger wildlife pond, a greenhouse and the time to do some real gardening.

The Diocese of Salisbury constructed the house, built of Broadmayne brick, in 1960 as a replacement for the original Rectory (now the Old Rectory) in the village centre. John, Gerry and family moved in December 1991 and renamed it for the former glebe land on which it is built. The field to the south of the house, between Glebe House and Holmwood forms the remains of the glebe land, and is rented from the Diocese by the Olds of Manor House Farm. Before the house was built the land in which it now stands was given over to allotments, after which the lane Allotment Hill is named, although the name currently appears to have largely fallen into disuse. There are people who live in the village today, like Barbara Smith who kept and remember the allotments.

In 1991, John, Gerry and Adam moved to Ibberton having lived in Wendover (Adam's birthplace) for four years and, prior to that, locally in Sutton Waldron for a further four years. "Katie" was born in 1993 in Poole hospital. When they first came to the village they had two cats, William and Penny, both of whom have since died. Today their pets are a colony of four guinea pigs, all female and imaginatively named 'Daddies' 'Mummies', 'Adam's' and 'Katie's'. Katie also claims to have a pet spider living in her bedroom.

Both Gerry and John work for Barclays Bank, based in Poole. Gerry works for Barclays Africa, where she helps develop and support the computer systems that run in Barclays African operations. John is a Management Consultant with Barclays internal consultancy, which often requires working away from home. They have both worked for Barclays for the past 16 years, in Poole and elsewhere, though Gerry has taken some time out on career breaks to have the two children.

Adam and Katie both attend Hazelbury Bryan County Primary School. Adam is in Class 2, Year 4 and is taught by Mr. Lossaso. Katie is in Class 1, Year 1 and is taught by Mrs. Foster. They travel to school by bus, which picks them up outside Cutlers Close for the 40 minute ride to school.

Living in a small village with very limited public transport, and working away from the area, means that running two cars is an absolute necessity. They own a Rover 216 and a Fiat Punto. They also have a bicycle each, and in extremis they could always resort to the Lawn Tractor!

Adam is a member of Sturminster Newton Cubs, and both he and Katie attend swimming lessons in Blandford Forum. John has been attempting to learn to play the guitar for the past three years, but has come to realise that he is 30-odd years too late. Both John and Gerry play football, Gerry in a ladies five-a-side business league and John with a group of friends at Clayesmore on Sunday evenings. Gerry also does circuit training and occasionally runs, recalling the day when she successfully completed the second London Marathon. John has run, when forced, and has a medal from the Hemel Hempstead Fireman's Fun Run to prove it. More recently he acquired an English Longbow - a long-held ambition - and a new sense of respect from the children. As a family they enjoy walking and cycling around the local countryside. Cutting all that grass is quite time-consuming too.

John and Gerry are as active in village and school life as work and family commitments allow. John has been involved with the village cricket club, both in playing and committee capacity, and has played for the village pub quiz team in the past. He organises occasional quiz nights for the club, the school Parent Teachers Association and, this year, for the village Millennium celebrations. Both John and Gerry actively support the school PTA and Governors.

ALDERSGATE



BARRY AND LINDA DUNNING

Sited close to the road opposite Woolland View and the Methodist Chapel, Aldersgate is a small extended cottage and small holding standing in 1.25 acres of garden and agricultural land. Title Deeds do not reveal the exact age of the building but it is believed to have been built circa 1800 as a single storey, one room shepherd's hovel! Over the years an extra storey has been added to the original building plus a kitchen and bedroom extension to the side.

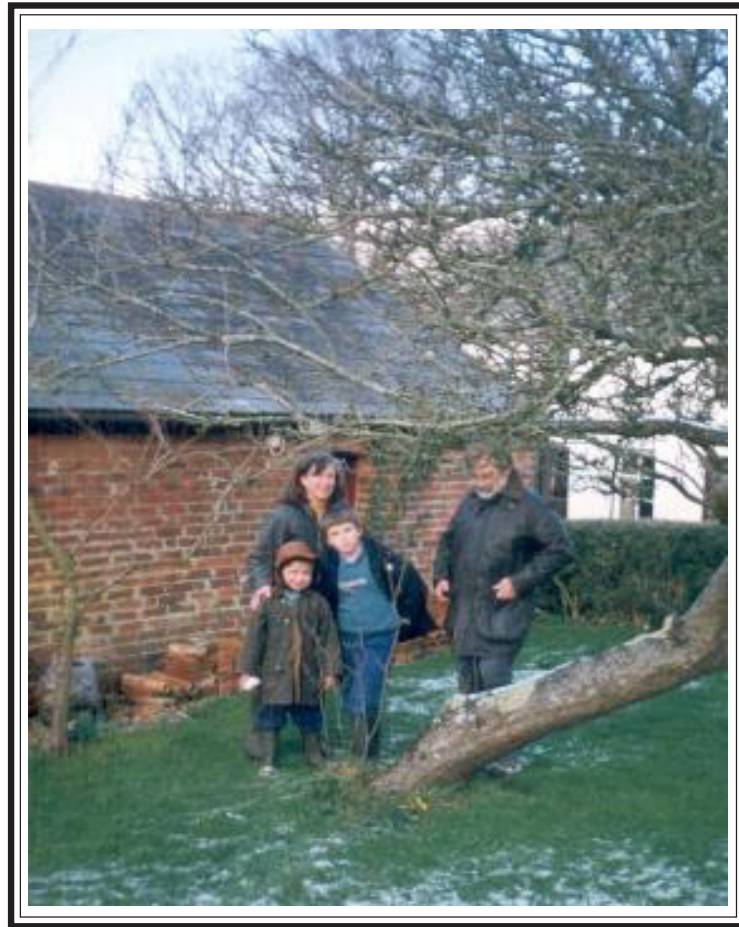
Barry and Linda moved to Ibberton from Bournemouth in October 1993. They have a daughter, Teresa, and two grandchildren, living in Bournemouth. Three cats share (or rather rule) the cottage with them.

Until August 1999 both Barry and Linda ran their own business in Blandford which sold computer supplies. Having sold the business much time is now spent cultivating their own food and rearing livestock on the small-holding. 80% of all their fruit, vegetables and meat is produced on the premises.

Linda is very keen on cross-stitch and spends most of her leisure time with needle and thread. Barry's main interest, other than growing things to eat, is the breeding of bantams.

“Up until the cottage was modernised in the late 1960's, there was a large corrugated shed where the kitchen now stands. This contained a water pump and an old fashioned copper that was once used to do the laundry. Mrs. Harry Miller, the occupant at the time, took in washing to earn a penny or two.

WOOLLAND VIEW



MIKE, ANNETTE, DAVID AND JAMES NEWMAN

Woolland View is situated in Leigh Lane, next to the Ibberton Methodist Chapel. It has a flint and brick front elevation under clay tile roof housing a second floor. Woolland View was once two cottages; the old doorways can be seen either side of the front door. It is difficult to date the original house from building features but the house appeared on 18th century maps. In the 19th century a large brick barn was built adjoining the house, with two loose boxes and four stalls for use as a hunting box. During the Victorian Period the house was repaired and updated. About fifty years ago a little thatched cottage that adjoined the house fell down. Some of the foundations of the floor still remain in the garden to the west of the house. There are other foundations in the garden to the south. Approximately twenty years ago a single storey kitchen, utility and toilet extension was added to take the place of a garage and scullery. In the fifteen years that Mike and Anette have owned the house they have renovated both the barn and the house, and created a second bathroom on the 2nd floor. They have also extended the property by acquiring further land, some of which has been planted with fruit trees, and four years ago they built a bridge to join the garden to their paddock behind the Methodist Chapel.

Michael and Annette moved to Ibberton in 1986, and their two boys David and James were born in 1991 and 1994 respectively. The boys attend Shillingstone Church of England V.A. Primary School. The family also have two cats, Elijha and Pippin. Annette is a Primary School teacher who has coordinated Art and Technology in a Bournemouth Primary School for twelve years. Michael retired from teaching ten years ago due to a back injury and has subsequently had treatment and undergone many operations for his condition.

Annette is a member of the Parochial Church Council, secretary of the Village Hall Committee and helps with the cricket teas. David and James attend the family service one a month, and compose and read prayers. On special occasions they decorate a Church window ledge.

Michael is currently learning to drive tandems, and regularly attends Tai Chi Chuan, Baguazhang, and Xing Yi Chuan. Annette is involved in singing, dancing and art and craft activities. She enjoys walking on the fields and is particularly grateful of the new gated footpaths as it has made it easier for the boys to get from field to field. David and James both attend a dance group in Okeford Fitzpaine where David learns tap and jazz. Both boys go to Watch (nature and wildlife group) and Museum Club events which occur on Saturdays once a month. David is also learning to play the guitar and football. They both enjoy walking and riding their bikes around the village. The family attends Artsreach events and the boys take part in drama and music workshops.

David says he likes Ibberton because it is quiet, peaceful and there is no litter. James says the people are friendly and he knows who most of them are.

“My favourite places in Ibberton:- the stream at “The Crown” as I remember throwing my stones in there as a toddler; the church because I enjoyed ringing the bells on January 1st. 2000. I’d like to climb the tower next as I’m told that the view is spectacular. I used to take my mum and brother there on a Sunday and pretend to be the Vicar.”

David Newman

“My favourite places in Ibberton.:- Ibberton Hill and the cowslip field because of the lovely views and lots of flowers; the church because people go to church who know me.”

James Newman

BERWICK HOUSE



MIKE, JILL AND CAMILLA OWENS

Berwick House, formerly Leigh Cottage, is constructed from two former farm cottages. There is evidence that the original houses were thatched. The Stewarts did extensive work on the house and lowered the downstairs floors. The Butlers continued this and installed central heating. Mike and Jill intend to focus on improving the garden and converting the garage to an Art Studio for Mike.

There are three humans in the house and a varied assortment of animals. At the moment this consists of one cat, two fish, two gerbils, three rabbits (only!) and a pony.

Mike is Head of Art at Bryanston and is Chief Examiner for Art for OCR. Jill teaches part-time at Gillingham, Camilla attends Child Okeford school and is kept busy looking after her animals.

We all use the car to go to work and school, although Camilla would like to travel by pony!

The family are pleased to be part of a community and have found everyone very friendly.

Leisure Time! Mike says “What leisure time?” We are usually gardening, decorating or exercising the pony in our leisure time.

“When I go out I always like to talk to people. When we moved I was very happy because we have a big garden which is very lucky because I’ve got a pony. Everyone here is really nice. I like the next-door neighbours. I particularly like our village. I like our house because it is very big and large. It is so big I once got lost in it.”

Camilla Owens