

ROUNABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Corner of Margards Lane and Horton Way



Demolished in 1960, this house and workshop stood on the corner of Margards Lane and Horton Way. From the early 1890s it was home to Charles and Fanny Hibberd and family who had moved there from Bishopstone, Wiltshire.

A granddaughter of the Hibberds, born 1921, who used to enjoy childhood visits has given these reminiscences. *"I don't remember the cottage having the part joined onto it with the tiled roof,*

maybe it was added later. The tinned roof outhouse was where granny did the washing, plucked and prepared chickens and cleaned and hung chitterlings (Prepared food usually made from the small intestines of a pig).

Grandad was disabled and walked with a crutch as one of his legs was shorter than the other. He was a Master Boot and Shoemaker and all the farm workers in the area came to him to have their boots made. The window on the left of the old photo was where his shop and workshop were. His son Sidney Hibberd's farm was at the back of the cottage but it didn't have a name that I know of. We just used to call it "Uncle Sid's Farm!"

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The bungalow which replaced the house and workshop is situated in a very pleasant and still rural part of Verwood and despite being situated at a crossroads, all of these roads are still unmade tracks so it is remarkably quiet.