

ROUNDAABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Primitive Methodist Chapel, Three Legged Cross.

At Three Legged Cross, a tiny brick Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in 1893 in a field in Ringwood Road on the site of a previous mud wall structure dating from about 1850. After some years, rain had got into the cob walls and conditions grew worse until one side of the mud building collapsed. The trustees replaced it with a brick wall but their efforts to save the rest of the building were in vain and so a new one was built in its place.

Up to the First World War, Camp Meetings were held regularly in the open air paddock alongside the church and as many as 150 to 200 men and women would meet. They then marched to the



Out of use.
post 1984.

public house (Travellers Rest possibly!) where they halted and gave their invitation to join them before marching back to the chapel, halting twice on the way.

A wagon was drawn up in the chapel ground, the pulpit and harmonium lifted onto it and from there a team of local-preachers conducted the service which lasted from morning until evening.

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In 1944 Three Legged Cross was transferred from the Poole Circuit to Wimborne. In later years, falling congregations led to the Chapel being taken out of use in 1984 after which it stood empty for several years before being sympathetically extended and converted into an attractive private dwelling.