

ROUNABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

“Hazeldene”, Coopers Lane



This issue's Past and Present is from the roundabout at virtually the same location as the previous article - only we have turned 90 degrees clockwise and are now facing down Coopers Lane. The photo above which dates from around the turn of the 20th century shows what was the home of the Andrews family.

"Hazeldene" was located in Coopers Lane on the corner of Edmondsham Road but has long since been demolished and replaced by bungalows.

Around 1887 Mrs Joseph Andrews lived here with her children Bertha Winifred, Albert Cecil and Alice Beatrice. Mrs Andrews was a pupil teacher at the Church of England School in Verwood before her marriage and both daughters also became teachers.

Albert Andrews continued to live in Hazeldene using the land for his workshop and yard. The photo right shows Albert Andrews in later life examining the results of his home produced cider - Albert who never married, be-



came a well liked and respected Verwood craftsman and is remembered as one of nature's true gentlemen.



Today the same location is difficult to accurately find with the position of the bungalows seemingly bearing no relation to the position of the original cottage. Although the shape of the tree branches do look remarkably similar and the access on the left on the bend seems to have been retained. Trinity First School has now been built in the field to the left of the photograph and the new Rosemead housing development is nearing completion on the immediate left.