

ROUNDAABOUT VERWOOD

PAST and PRESENT

Woolsbridge Farm



Early 20th Century

Previously the Old Barn Farm Inn and currently The Three Legged Cross, Woolsbridge Farm was the farmhouse where John Henry Joy (1845 - 1922) and his first cousin and wife Mary Jane Orman brought up their nine children. John was an uncle of James Joy.

Branches of the Joy family lived in several other parts of Three Legged Cross,

amongst them Gundry's farm and the site of the Joy's Farm housing Estate. Three Legged Cross was a sparsely populated hamlet until the 1960's and 1970's when the site of the former Joy's Farm between Verwood and Church Road became one of the housing estates built here.

Confusingly Woolsbridge Manor Farm which was opposite Woolsbridge Farm on the north side of Ringwood Road and

followed on south of Potterne Farm, was also sometimes known as Woolsbridge Farm.

Today the farmhouse has become a very welcoming and popular, watering hole with an attractive garden at the front and numerous extensions which have been added over the years. No doubt a far cry from the undoubtedly more basic farmhouse in the original photo but still easily recognisable in its present guise.



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