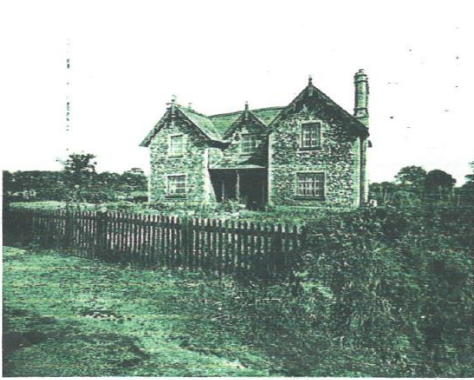


House history: Milestone House

Please note we have very little proof to back up what is in this article but is true to the best of our knowledge. Milestone House, formerly known as Milestone Cottages, was built in 1850.



The cottages were part of the Haveringland Hall Estate and named after a milestone which was close to the properties. The milestone was buried in the second world war. As far as we know it is still in the ground nearby.

The Head Carpenter from the estate lived in one of the cottages. His name was Mr King. I too am a Carpenter by trade so feel I have the right to live here!!!

The cottages were auctioned after the war as Lots 90 and 91.

Carole and I purchased the property in February 1989 from Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and immediately set about the renovation. The cottages were converted into one house before we became the owners. It had been modernised in the 1960/70's style with a bright yellow bathroom, black tiles, concrete roof tiles, aluminium windows, internal flush doors. A very sixties staircase completed the look.

Our first job in 1989 was re-roofing and rebuilding the chimneys. Unfortunately, it had lost all its original internal features such as fireplaces, doors, skirtings and architraves. It still had an old shed down the garden that used to house a generator before mains electricity was available.



By the early 1990s the roof was completed, with new barge boards and finials patterned from the originals, which were beyond repair. It was a time consuming but very rewarding job for me.

Our water is from a bore hole but I would like to think that there is a well in the garden somewhere but we haven't found one.

Carole (I take very little credit) has developed the garden over the years and it still continues to evolve. Over the next 20 plus years of hard work, tears and lots of laughter we have turned it into the very much-loved home that it is today.

Carole and Graeme King

