Swiss Cottages High Street Farnborough

The two almost identical cottages opposite the village park appear in many old photographs of the village and are still remembered as forming the Cosy Nook Tea Rooms. They were built before 1861, but were not always mentioned as Swiss Cottages in the village censors or directories until the 20th century, though their situation close to the New Inn may assist their identification. However, there is documented evidence of their history as listed below, which also draws attention to other aspects of the village history. William Owen was the builder of the Village Hall. Arthur Anthony's mother had been the landlady of the George in 1889 and Beatrice Wells (nee Eades of Green Street Green) opened the Cosy Nook Tea Room.

1861 Wedding gift to Neville and Harriet Lubbock 18 acres of land and buildings

1871 Census: No.1 Swiss Cottage…….. Issac W Laslett (1830-1877)
Builder & Brick/Tilemaker

No.2 Swiss Cottage……. Robert Sessions (1840- 1916) Farmer

1874 Land and buildings sold to Edward Plumbridge(d.1917)

1889 Bromley Directory: Swiss Cottage……..Robert Sessions Farmer

Swiss Cottage	**No. 1**	**No.2**
1898	William Owen	
1900	William Owen	Arthur Anthony
1901	William Owen (1854-1922) Builder & Undertaker	David Gurr(1840-1908) Retired Blacksmith
1902	William Owen	David Gurr
1903	William Owen	David Gurr
Swiss Cottage	**Cosy Nook**	**No.2**
1904	Joseph Hoppe Decorator	David Gurr
1905	Joseph Hoppe	David Gurr
1906	Joseph Hoppe	Alfred Bee
1907	Joseph Hoppe	Alfred Bee
1911	David Booth Landscape Gardener	Joseph Downing Farrier & General Smith
1922	George Miles	Walter Wells, Carpenter

1929 Swiss Cottages bought by Beatrice Caroline Wells(1880-1948) Caterer

1932Swiss Cottages bought by Anthony Razzetti(1879-1961) Caterer

1965 No.81 sold to Wards Flexible Rods Company

1966 No.85 (No.2 Swiss Cottage) sold to Mr & Mrs Miles

1969 No.83 (no.1 Swiss Cottage) sold to Mr & Mrs Mitchell