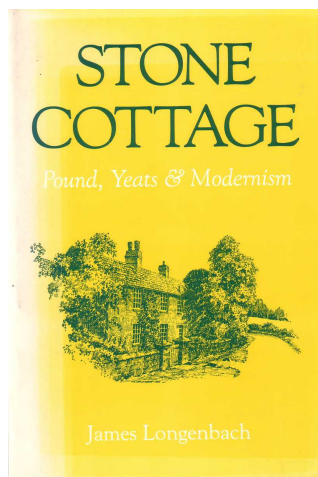


Umbrella Pine *Pinus pinea* (Stone Pine)
To the honour of Alice Welfare

Stone Cottage where Pooh sticks
and perhaps their other consummations
plain speaking over complex thinking
the embodiment of words apparelled

what last pounding heart's breath
exhalation of misty condenseries
Mr Tucker I accept your offer
though may I suggest *Oombhraah*

13 November 2009



Stone Cottage: Pound, Yeats & Modernism
by James Longenbach, Oxford, N.Y. 1988

Stone cottage stands at the edge of the Ashdown Forest where Christopher Robin invented pooh-sticks.

I had just bought a copy of Pound's *Umbra* from a lady in Painswick, a local retirement village.