

## The History of the Village Green.

Originally house on the green was the vicarage, similar to Yeoman's Cottage, cobbled yard with outbuildings also with a hand pump. The Langton family were the tenants. On the north side of the green there was a mud wall, some tall elm trees along this (our side) down to the corner by Dorris's. The back Lane was just a stone road. All pavements were cobbled and granite kerbs. Up to 1939. During 1939 the vicarage was pulled down. The Higgs family owned the green plus Dorris's house. The family ploughed the green, they grew cereals to feed their cows and pigs. Eventually Mr Sawford bought the Green, may be 1943 time, he then let the Green to Mr Joe Hallam who was licensee of the "Bath Hotel". Mr Hallam grew potatoes on the Green for several years. He gave up the tenancy 1953 time, and 1954 it became derelict and very overgrown and at that time Mr Sawford asked John if he would like to rent it in with the farm but did say he would like to see it as a play area for people and children if he wasn't interested. It was agreed John would tidy it, he ploughed it and this brought a lot of rubble to the surface, with help of volunteers one weekend the rubble was put on a trailer. As Mr Sawford was concerned about the well it was decided to fill the well with the rubble. Mr Illson of "Knappoft Hall" gave a bag of grass seed which was broadcast on the green and harrowed in.

Believe at this time Mr E Illson was representative on Lutterworth District Council.