



HALLOW HISTORY ARCHIVES

The oldest home in Hallow?

Residents of Hallow past and present would be familiar with Windsor Cottage, being the black and white cottage opposite Hallow School. It is remembered as the cottage where Mr and Mrs Moon lived. From 1959 – 2008 Miss Sheila Anderson was the owner, the sister of Jean Anderson, who played a lead in the TV programme “Tenko”. On the tithe map of 1841 Windsor Cottage was known as “Windsor Castle House”. It is a Grade II listed building thought to have been built in 1650.

Hallow History Group wishes to thank the owners who enabled us to invite Stephen Price, the Buildings historian, to look at the house in 2017. He kindly carried out a detailed survey of the property both inside and out.

The Summary of the Report states “The earliest phase of this timber-framed house is represented by the two southernmost bays. Its central truss uses the interrupted tie-beam truss with a doorway between the two upper rooms. Due to access restrictions it has not been possible to establish whether one bay was originally an open hall. Equally possible the building may have always been floored and the end stack could be contemporary. A date in the second half of the 16th century is proposed, replacing the earlier dating of the building to the 17th century. The building was extended northwards by two more bays in the late 17th or 18th century and retains a tie-beam truss with raking struts.”

Stephen identified a particular use of straight up-braces between the wallplate and the posts which is paralleled in a house in Ombersley parish which has been timber carbon-dated to the 1570s or 1580s, while a late 16th century date for the same feature has come from a house in Severnside North at Bewdley. The interrupted tie-beam truss mentioned in his summary, “has a broad date range, being well documented from the 16th through to the 18th century”.

(“Wallplate” - A timber laid lengthwise at the wall top to receive the ends of the roof rafters and other joists and “Tie-beam” - The horizontal transverse beam in a roof, tying together the feet of pairs of rafters to counteract thrust.)

Further research showed John Stanton living at the cottage in 1579 when it was part of the Bishop’s Hallow Estate. From Stephen Price’s research on Hearth Tax records we know that William Tedd/Tead lived at the cottage in 1662 and had one hearth compared to Hallow Park which had ten.

Windsor Cottage was Copyhold 24 and can be traced through the Manor Rent books, Court Rolls and later deeds and conveyances. There are other early properties in Hallow that have yet to be researched back before the mid-17th century, but Windsor Cottage maybe the oldest surviving home in the village.

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Thanks Jacquie,
This will go into the July/August mag.
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From: Jacquie Hartwright <j.p.hartwright@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 June 2019 10:17
To: Anne Stark <anne.stark18@btinternet.com>
Subject: Parish magazine article - Whatever happened to Hallow's common land?

Hello Anne
Attached an article for the Parish Mag. Not certain a) that you have room for a photo or b) that it would come out OK! It doesn't really show the strip and it needs a caption as the property in the foreground is Rose Cottage then Flatten Bank and Rosedale. I tried taking a photo with Rosedale nearest to the camera and that didn't work.
Best Wishes
Jacquie