

# THE WELLS OF THE VILLAGE

Centuries before the tap and our mains water, wells were an essential element of life.

In addition to water for drinking and domestic use, and before they were common place and found in the gardens of most houses, the community well would have been a focal point for a given number of houses or hamlet. Somewhere you met neighbours and exchanged views and news, whilst drawing water.

In 1994 during the course of the History Day held at the village hall, a map was started of wells in the village, with residents being requested to locate on the map any known wells. On that map there are some 17 wells, one suspects a fraction of the number once in existence.

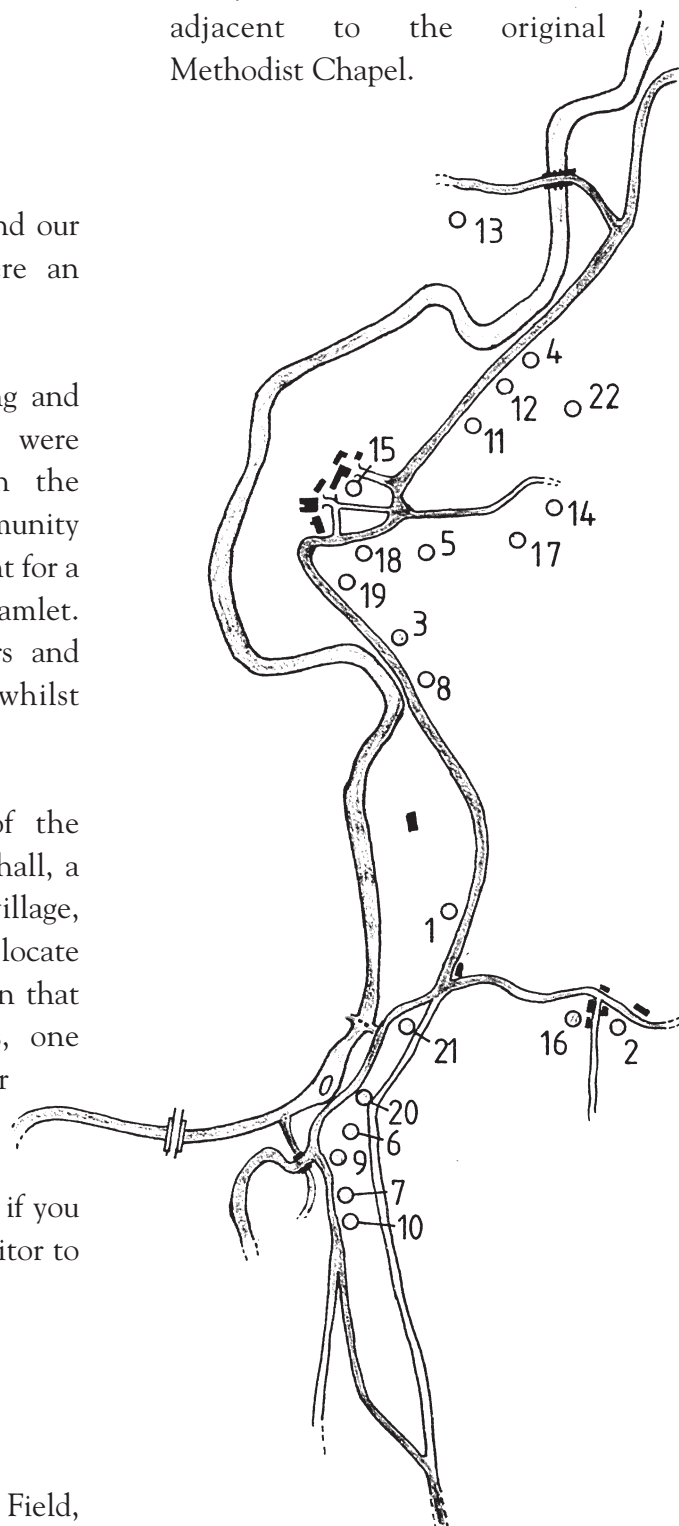
This map is still developing, and if you know of a well, please ask the Editor to add to the 'Well Map'.

Two of interest are:

'Trinity Well', near the Glebe Field, where the clerk to the parish (Church) would be sent to collect water for the font, and other church use;

and

'Holy Well', on Park Hill, adjacent to the original Methodist Chapel.



KNOWN WELLS, 2001