

Postal Services

In 1846 according to White's Directory, Mrs Fowler was Langham's postmistress.

Slater's Directory 1850 records Frances Fowler as postmistress and declares that letters arrive from all parts every morning at nine.

From 1858 to 1864 various directories list Thos. Nettleship, John Hayes and Henry Hayes as postmasters.

Harrod's Directory 1870 states that sub-postmaster is Robert Bown, letters arriving at 8-00am and being dispatched at 6-00p.m. Mr Bown was also a baker and a miller - his daughter ran the postal services.

Kelly's Directory 1908 records Robert George Isaac as Postmaster and tells us that letters arrived from Oakham by mail cart at 6.45a.m. and 12.30p.m. And were dispatched at 11.55a.m. and 6.55p.m. With no delivery on Sunday.

The original Post Office site was at 33, Church Street but moved in 1910 to The Green (19 Church Street). The post mistress of that time was Mrs. Isaac, who, as well as being in charge of postal services, was responsible for the manual telephone exchange. When the number of telephone subscribers reached 20, and the switchboard had to be manned for 24 hours a day, the manual system was abandoned in favour of the automatic exchange.

Early subscribers to the Langham Telephone Exchange are listed as Col Brocklehurst, Ranksborough House; Earl of Cowley, Cold Overton Hall; H.H. Parry, Langham Brewery; G Ruddle, House near Brewery; H.R. Wyndham, The Old Hall.

After 43 years Mrs Isaac sold out to a couple from Yorkshire, Mr & Mrs Dawson, who according to village history "didn't really settle".

Jimmy Little made the move to the end of Well Street and on his retirement the business was taken over by his daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Bob Walker.

It was Bob and his assistant June Matlock who, in 1986, moved the Post Office almost back to its first home.

Carriers

Recorded Carrier Waggon

- 1836 Langham to Oakham Fri. Wm Cox
Langham to Stamford Mon. Fri. Wm Barsby
Langham to Uppingham Wed. Hubbard
- 1846 Langham to Nottingham Tues. Wm Barsby
Langham to Stamford Wm Cox
Langham to Uppingham Wm Barsby
- 1850 Langham (his house) to Oakham Sat. Charles White
- 1900 Langham to Oakham Sat. Mrs Rodgers of Whissendine

(Further information on Rutland Postal Services etc. can be found in "The Highways, Turnpike Trusts... Early Postal Service" Published by Rutland Local History Society)