

## Tom Aldwinckle

Tom takes part in Civil War re enactments and is a member of the Sealed Knot. He has a huge collection of 17th century artefacts (as well as weapons), most of which he has made himself using tools, skills and materials appropriate to the 1600s.

The Old Hall in Keyston Road dates from the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century. We have Hearth Tax records for the village, also from this period, which show the relative sizes of the houses at that time as it counted the number of hearths as the basis for taxation. We find 'post medieval' pottery in the fields, most of which would have got there when the strips were manured with waste from the homestead. We also have a detailed 'terrier' from 1614 which lists who owned which strip in each of the 5 fields in the village.

Tom's knowledge of the skills necessary for everyday life, together with our archaeological and historical clues, helps us understand what it was like to live in Covington in the seventeenth century.

Do visit his tent, at the top of Cross Street! Ask him what the artefacts were for and how they were made.