

## THE VILLAGE TODAY

The population is now about 250, amongst whom there are still many whose names can be traced back for hundreds of years. Many prominent people in varied spheres of public life have retired and made their home in Teffont in recent years. Agriculture has always been, and still is, the chief industry of the village, and there is at the present time no marked drift to the towns. When the central school in Wilton opened the older children went there, and the younger ones went to Dinton, and the village school was closed. About 1896 water was piped from Springhead, and there are "standpipes' all the way down the village street.

Teffont enjoys amenities of electricity, also two thriving grocery stores, and a Post Office. The Black Horse Inn, welcoming and attractive is a popular centre of village life.

When the British Legion was started in 1920, the adjoining villages of Dinton and Chilmark asked to be included, and they have remained incorporated since then with the Teffont branch. The membership consists of men and a few women who served in both World Wars. A clinic is held every month in the Old School Hall and serves the large and thriving number of babies and young children in the village, and from Wilton the mobile library comes every fortnight.

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