

Wargrave Local History Society

Latest News - March 2001

Berkshire Beyond the Obvious

The Society held its A G M at its March meeting. The Society had had another successful year, with a varied and interesting series of talks. These had included: *The Oracle Excavations*, *The Nineteenth Century Church*, *Crazies Hill*, *Local Geology*, *Water Mills on the River Loddon*, *Historical Issues Local Historians Might Address* (by the President of the Berkshire Local History Association, Professor Collins), *The Berkshire Fire Brigade and Hurley*. During the summer, a visit to *Dorney Court* had been enjoyed by members, and the Society had had a most enjoyable *Christmas Party* again.

In addition, the Society had progressed the survey of memorial inscriptions in the churchyard, and arrangements were being made to make the results available, not only in the village, but more widely through the Berkshire Family History Society. A further project in hand was the revision of the *Historic Walks* booklet. The existing edition will be updated for this year, but it is intended to replace this in 2002 with a more elaborate publication, including line drawings if possible.

The cataloguing of the Society archives is continuing, and an appeal was made for further volunteers to help with this. The Society sometimes hears of photographs, documents or objects that have 'Wargrave connections' that are disposed of by their owners. You may like to consider donating them to the Society archive, to help record Wargrave for the future. We are also interested in photographing or copying items of historical interest that you may have, and do not wish to part with.

Elected for 2001 - 2002 were:- Chairman - Brian Fennemore; Vice Chairman - Peter Halman; Secretary - Peter Delaney; Treasurer/ Membership Secretary - David Ball. Committee members:- Helen deCarles; Tony Barker; Geoff Briggs; Richard Lloyd. Michael Porter was elected as Auditor, and a vote of thanks was recorded to him for his work. David Williams, who had retired as Vice Chairman, was thanked for his service to the Society.

Members were given a copy of the programme planned for the coming year, which again includes a variety of topics.
