

# Wargrave Local History Society

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## The 2005 Village Festival

As part of the Wargrave Village Festival, the Wargrave Local History Society conducted 'Historic Village Walks'. Starting from the lych gate to St Mary's church, about 65 people were able to hear about some of Wargrave's history, looking at the places and hearing of the people and events that have shaped our village over the past 900 years or more. The walk included the church and churchyard, and then across historic Mill Green to Church Street and the High Street, where the changes in the types of shops available was perhaps the most notable feature.

After the Tuesday walk, some of the walkers partook of a very appetising and enjoyable fish and chip supper at the White Hart.

The Wargrave Local History Society has published a booklet - "Historic Wargrave Walks" - that contains 4 walks around parts of the village, including all the features mentioned on the village festival walks. The booklet is available at £2.50 from either of the newsagent's shops in Wargrave. For those who would like to know more about the village history, The Book of Wargrave at £10, and The Second Book of Wargrave, at £16, are also available from village newsagents and Sheeplands Farmshop.

At the Festival Procession and Fete the Society deployed its mobile exhibition display (in the form of Peter Delaney's 1963 Royal Blue Coach) showing a number of newly acquired photographs and copies of recently found documents. (see pictures below) Visitors were invited to add the names of village school pupils from the 1930s - 1970s. Maybe YOU have pictures, memories or other information about the village in the past. We are always interested to borrow to copy, or provide a permanent home for, any Wargrave related items like this, so the history is recorded for the future. Please let us know if you have anything like this to offer.



*The Coach - note the Circus Giraffes sticking up through the roof!*



*Along Blakes Road - behind Tony Barker's Talbot*



*Down Wargrave Hill - Vice Chairman  
on camera, Treasurer watching!*



*In the High Street*



*On Mill Green - Coach with  
display boards and books for sale.*



*The boards with recently found  
information on St Mary's Church*