

# Wargrave Local History Society

## *From the archives*

This picture from the Wargrave Local History Society archive, is a view of the St George and Dragon hotel, seen from the opposite side of the River Thames. The hotel was run by the Wyatt family from the mid 19th century for many years, and the society archive also has two inventories that detail its contents - one is dated 1846, and the other, dated 1866, lists all the linen, cutlery and so on, room by room.

The Wyatts also ran a wharf here, handling coal and corn, for example, and they established a boat business, and a ferry operated from the St George and Dragon across to the Shiplake bank of the river. Wyatt's

Boathouse can be seen on the left of the picture - later, as Val Wyatt Marine, the boat business moved to Willow Lane, and Swancraft took over the boathouse by the St George & Dragon - our archive also has the 1961 deed of transfer between W F Wyatt and Swancraft for that.

This particular picture is dated April 26th 1908 - one of several that day which show the village to be covered with a thick layer of **snow** !.

