

# Wargrave Local History Society

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## Annual General Meeting - Bird's Eye View

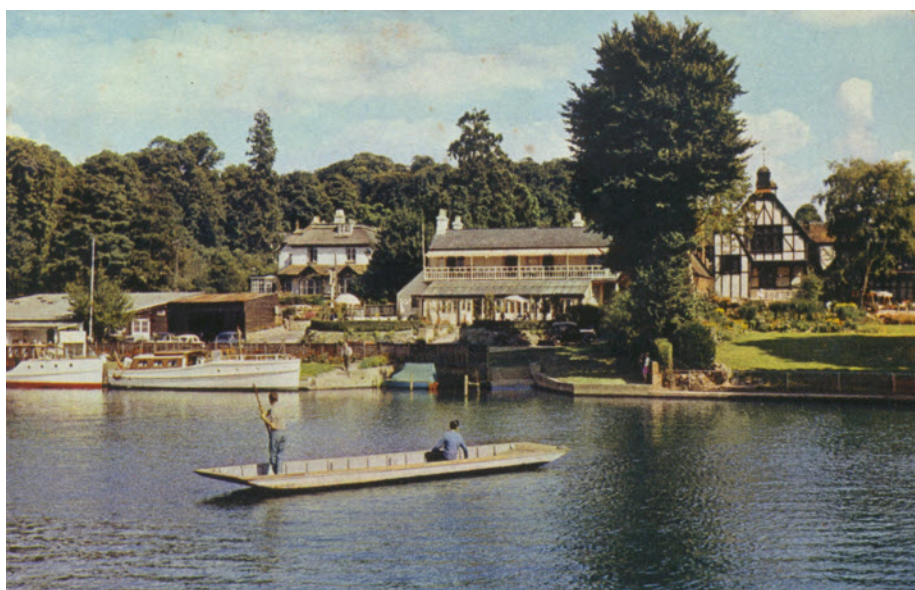
The March meeting of the Wargrave Local History Society began with the AGM, when the past year's activities were reviewed, the committee for the coming year elected, and details of the 2008-9 programme given to members.

For the rest of the evening, members were able to see presentation showing a selection from the 'Bird Collection' of postcards recording the village over the past hundred years or so. The collection had been added to the Society archives during the past year, and will provide a useful resource for future research.



*This is an early 1900s scene in the High Street*

The views shown included some 'familiar' scenes, and others that were far less common - and many have interesting messages on the back. The postal system in the heyday of the postcard was efficient enough to deliver messages that now-a-days might be sent as text - such as "we managed to get our bus at Maidenhead, and got a lift from Hare Hatch!"



*Some are relatively modern, colour photographs, like this one with the Ferry punt opposite the St. George and Dragon.*

Sequences of others show how an area of the village, such as the church or the High Street, have changed over the century. Some were even published by local Wargrave businesses, and many bore a Wargrave postmark, or were addressed to homes in the parish.



*This atmospheric scene of Camps Pool was published by William Sansom, oat the Post Office in the High Street*

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The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 13th, when a speaker from BBC Monitoring will tell us about *Caversham Park*, both the house and the work that BBC Monitoring do there, whilst on Tuesday, June 10th, Tony Barker will tell us of the history of the '*Wargrave News*' - this year celebrating its 30th birthday.

All are welcome to our meetings, which begin at 8 pm in the Hannen Room, Mill Green. See our website [www.wargrave.net/history](http://www.wargrave.net/history) for information about the Society