

# Wargrave Local History Society

## *From the archives*

We look back well over 100 years for this item from the WLHS archives. The postcard was sent on 8th October 1906, and shows the inside of the church before the fire of June 1914. The pews are of the enclosed variety, with a door at each row. The pulpit, on the left, was replaced in the rebuilt church by one of a similar style, and the brass eagle lectern - seen in the middle of the picture, was rescued, and returned to use in 1916, although now standing further to the right. Although posted in 1906, the picture must be a little earlier than that, as candles are still in use for lighting the church. One of Harriette Cooke Smith's gifts to the village was electric lighting for the church, and this was installed over the winter of 1905 - 6. The reverse of the postcard shows that it carried a Wargrave postmark, and was sent to Hare Hatch - in the days before either telephones or email were available, postcards were frequently used to send messages, there being 3 deliveries of post on weekdays, and one on a Sunday.

