

Wargrave Local History Society

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Wargrave Village Festival

The Wargrave Local History Society once again conducted 'Historic Village Walks' as part of the Wargrave Village Festival. Starting from the lych gate to St Mary's church, 77 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. The Society's booklet "Historic Wargrave Walks" contains 4 walks around parts of the village, including all the features mentioned on the festival walk. It is available at £2.50 from Victoria News. 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 Victoria News and Sheeplands Farmshop.

At the Festival Fete, a display looking at the history of Wargrave - particularly its medieval development - attracted a lot of interest. A very hot pair of medieval warriors (Secretary and Chairman!) presided. (right)



Another display panel featured photographs from the recently acquired Harriette Cooke Smith photograph albums. The Society archives have been built up over many years, and as part of a 'village' collection, rather than purely with kept by an 'individual', they are preserved for posterity.

If you have any old items or photographs that you would like added to the Society archives, or to allow a copy to be made, then please let us know.

Readers may like to know that the Society is hoping in due course to publish a book of village views - drawn from various 'collections' that are in our archives. We would be interested to hear of any other images that might complement our own collections that we might be able to borrow for this project. You may also like to watch out for details of the publication in due course!

Society members are making a visit to Milton Manor House on Tuesday, July 14th. The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 8th, when Martin Bishop will talk about *Bats Balls and Biscuits* - the social life of Huntley and Palmers and the related development of cricket locally, whilst on Tuesday October 13th, Sarah Charlton will tell us about *Berkshire Manorial Records*.

All are welcome to our meetings, which normally begin at 8 pm in the Hannen Room, Mill Green, Wargrave.

For more information about the Society, visit the webpages at www.wargravehistory.org.uk/