

# Wargrave Local History Society

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## Annual General Meeting and Memorabilia

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 2006-7 programme given to members.

For the rest of the evening, members had brought along a photograph or an object of local interest to talk about. These included many old postcards of village streets and buildings - many of places that no longer exist, or have been greatly altered since - such as Chiltern Towers or the Chalk Pit Cottages, whilst others showed 'events' such as the aftermath of the Church fire or the use of the Woodclyffe Hall and Hostel as a hospital. Other pictures included a painting of a cottage in Ferry Lane, photographs of the ferry man at the George and Dragon, and the gardens at Ouseleys, as well as a number of photographs of 'families' in Wargrave in time past. Members were also able to see an item of pottery, marked with a Wargrave crest and 'Bon Marche', Wargrave on the base, a model of a counterbalanced wooden stile, made at Easterling's many years ago, the 1865 volume of the Parish Magazine, and the 1947 volume of the Village Produce Association bulletins.



*Wargrave Village  
Produce Association  
Bulletin for 1947*



*The Woodclyffe Hall  
in use as a hospital in  
the early part of WWI  
- after the Battle of the  
Somme, extra beds  
were added down the  
middle.*



*Chiltern Towers Hotel -  
later renamed as  
Hillands. It had  
previously been a  
military college, but was  
replaced by housing in  
the 1960s.*

As noted above, there are many interesting old photographs and other items that relate to the village. Maybe you also have something of historic interest, or maybe a 'family member' does.

If so, the history society would be interested in adding copies to the archive, so that these are preserved for the future. If you prefer, we are happy to copy them, at our expense, and return to you. You might even consider leaving any historic material to the society in a will - sadly, relatives may not recognise the historic significance of old pictures and ephemera, and all too often such treasured memories are thrown away.