

Wargrave Local History Society

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Christmas Party

In December the Wargrave Local History Society had its traditional party. Geoff Briggs gave one of his most effective audio-visual presentations. On this occasion, we were able to see the village of Portmeirion, followed by a look at the Amberley Working Museum, and then a visit to Hampton Court. This was followed by a history of the Magic Lantern, and finally a look at the colours of Cliveden in the autumn.



*The Amberley Working Museum is located in an old chalk pit (left), and includes a variety of workshops and other displays showing crafts such as the wheelwright *below, left), a printer's shop, an ironmonger's shop, and a village motor garage (below right)*



An unusual item is this tyre sinking platform, (above) used by a wheelwright to fit a metal ring around a wooden wheel. The lettering on it says it was patented by Baker & Co, of Wargrave, Berkshire, but nothing further is known.



We were then treated to refreshments of mulled wine and home made mince pies and blackberry and apple pies provided by Wendy Smith.

The next meeting is on Tuesday January 12th in the Hannen Room, Mill Green., Wargrave, when Ted Fox will talk about My Life as a Countryman, whilst on Tuesday February 9th the speaker will be Dick Bush, Chairman of the Parish Council and on Tuesday March 9th the Society will hold its AGM (when the programme for the 2010-11 will be announced).

All are welcome to our meetings, which begin at 8 pm. For more information about the Society, visit www.wargrave.net/history