Wargrave Local History Society

Latest News - March 2000

Annual General Meeting

Wargrave Local History Society held its A G M at its March meeting, chaired by its President, Lord Remnant. The Society had had another successful year in 1999/2000, with a varied and interesting series of talks. These had included:

Locks and Weirs,

Town Museum to Heritage Centre (the Maidenhead Heritage Centre),

At the Heart of an Empire (the changing scene in the Thames Valley during Victoria's reign)

Madame Tussaud is Buried in Wargrave, Question Mark (a look at traps for unwary historians).

As contributions to the Millennium Village Festival, an historic walk of the Loddon area of Wargrave was arranged, one meeting had taken the form of a *Down Memory Lane* - when long-time residents shared their memories - and another had been a successful Antiques Roadshow, with Simon Jones of Simmons & Sons describing and valuing items.

During the summer, a visit was made to the Henley River & Rowing Museum

The Society had had an input to the successful Son et Lumiere held as part of the Village Festival.

The *Book of Wargrave* had been reprinted in softback in June. Both that and the *Second Book of Wargrave* had continued to generate interest in the village's history.

The Society was also now featured on the internet as part of the Wargrave website, which had produced responses from many parts of the world. Selected reports on these meetings are to be found in the Archive.

The following officers were elected for 2000-2001:-

Chairman - Brian Fennemore

Vice Chairman - David Williams

Secretary - Peter Delaney

Treasurer/Membership Secretary - David Ball

Committee members:-

Tony Barker

Helen deCarles

Geoff Briggs

Peter Halman

Richard Lloyd

Donald Close was elected as Auditor, and a vote of thanks was recorded to him for his work.

The programme for the coming year's meetings was outlined. The Society also plans several practical projects for members to participate in, and these were outlined to the meeting