



WROUGHTON HISTORY GROUP

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ABOUT US

The object of the Wroughton History Group is to study, discuss and disseminate knowledge of matters relating to history, and especially the history of Wroughton village, and surrounding areas.

Evening meetings are held every other Thursday at 7.30p.m in St Joseph's Church Hall, Devizes Road Wroughton, SN4 0RZ

Everyone is welcome – first visits are free, then returning non-members will be charged £2 per event. Anyone wishing to become a member pays a yearly membership fee (currently £15.00)

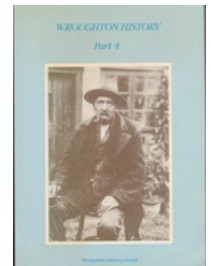
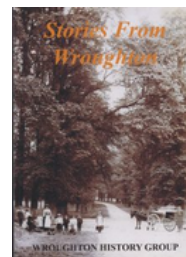
Open evenings are for everyone to get together over tea/coffee and chat about events – members often bring items of interest, such as old photographs, for a group discussion.



STORAGE FACILITIES

A successful Wroughton Community Trust grant application meant that the group could finally obtain some storage facilities for all the books, historical objects and research papers which had hitherto been kept in various members' homes.

This grant provided funds for racking to be fitted in a small room within the Ellendune Centre (which was installed thanks to volunteer work from members). It will keep items belonging to the group safe and easily accessible.



WROUGHTON CALENDAR

One of the group's aims is to photograph parts of Wroughton at different points in time, so that we have a record of how the village is changing.

We chose 12 locations around Wroughton for our 2025 calendar. The group's archives provided us with 'Then' pictures and several group members took photos of these same locations during 2024 for the 'Now' picture.

100 calendars were printed and quickly sold out.



OUR SPEAKER PROGRAMME

APRIL 2024–MARCH 2025

April 11th Speaker – Bill King “Toast Racks and Egg Cups”



May 9th Speaker– David Dawson, Director, Wiltshire Museum
“Gold from the Time of Stonehenge”

June 6th Speaker – Tony Strafford “The Ladies of the Tower”

July 4th Speaker – Captain Alan Smith “Reminiscences of a Concorde Test Pilot”

September 5th Speaker – Catherine Kemble “Wroughton and the Home Front during WW2”

October 3rd Speaker – John Fell “History of the Royal Mail since 1516”

October 31st Speaker – David Lewis “On the Square – Bootmakers and Masons”

November 28th Speaker – Ken Ivie “Berlin – The Siamese City”

January 23rd Speaker – John Clarke “Aqueducts of the Roman Empire”

February 20th Speaker – Helen Rayner “Are you sitting comfortably?”

March 20th Speaker – Captain Alan Smith “Rex Warneford VC”



Other Activities

- Regular attendance at the Friday Market to sell the group's books.
- Display board in Wroughton Library with pictures from our photo archive.
- Attendance at meetings of the Swindon and District History Network.
- One of our Honorary Members writes articles about Wroughton History for the Wroughton Monthly magazine.
- We laid wreaths at the cenotaph for Remembrance and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.
- The group had a stall at Wroughton Carnival – people always enjoy looking through the photo albums.



Trips and Visits

June 1st – The group visited the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum in Bournemouth.

August 15th – Visit to St Mary's Church, Lydiard.

August 22nd – Annual croquet game hosted by Swindon Croquet Club.