

WROUGHTON HISTORY GROUP

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MUSEUM

Over the last few months WHG have been busy setting up a WHG Museum – showcasing the history of the village. It is located at Maunsell Way Pavilion.

We are open on most Saturday afternoons throughout the summer and by arrangement for groups and schools.

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, non-members will be charged £3 per speaker event. Anyone wishing to become a member pays a yearly membership fee (currently £20.00)

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.



GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Running Museum at Maunsell Way Pavilion.
- Regular attendance at the Ellendune Centre 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.
- Articles about Wroughton History for the Wroughton Monthly magazine.
- A WHG representative laid a wreath at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day.
- We produce and sell a calendar featuring historic pictures of Wroughton.
- A stall at the Duck Race and at the Carnival – selling books and providing information about the group and our museum.
- We are creating an oral history archive – interviewing older people from the village and recording their memories of life in Wroughton.



One of our members painting the new museum space

TRIPS AND VISITS

As well as our usual monthly meetings we also arrange various trips and events. This year we have a trip on Saturday 6th June (destination is to be decided – last year we went to Winchester). We also have an annual croquet game hosted by Swindon Croquet Club.

Reminders and details of our events are posted on the website and on the Wroughton History Group Facebook page.

PROGRAMME (MAY TO DECEMBER)

May 7th	Open Meeting
May 21st	Speakers– Sara Steel & Jenny Ackrill “Women in Swindon”
June 4th	Open Meeting
June 18th	Speaker – Clare Randall – Cotswold Archaeology “TBA”
July 2nd	Open Meeting
July 16th	Speaker – John Farrow “The Wilts and Berks Canal”
July 30th	Open Meeting

Summer Break

Sept 10th	Speaker - David Dawson – “Un/Common People: Folk Culture in Wiltshire”
Sept 24th	Open Meeting
Oct 8th	Speaker – Tony Hearn “The Commonwealth War Graves Commission”
Oct 22nd	Open Meeting
Nov 5th	Speaker – Dr. Rosa Matheson “TRIP Swindon Works Annual Holiday”
Nov 19th	Open Meeting
Dec 3rd	Speaker – John Clark
Dec 17th	Christmas Crimble (starts at 7pm)

MUSEUM OPENING

Open 2pm to 5pm Saturday. Located at the Maunsell Way Pavilion. Parking is available, but the gates will be locked at 5pm. Entrance is free, but a small charge will be made for teas/coffees.

April 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	August 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
May 2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th ,	September 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th
June 13 th , 20 th , 27 th (closed for outing on 6 th June)	October 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th 31 st
July 11 th , 18 th , 25 th (closed Carnival weekend)	Closed until Spring 2027



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