

WRAMBLER

The newsletter for Wreltonians everywhere

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Contact Details for Village Hall

Please note any queries or help regarding the Village Hall please contact Chair Don McFarlane on 01751-467102 or for bookings Wendy Brooks on 07904 293181

History of Europe : Hall Yale University MOOC Lectures Free Course 7 Weeks : Evenings at Wrelton Village

If you fancy attending a course delivered by Yale University Lecturer Professor John Merriman covering the periods from the Thirty Years War to WW2 FREE please contact me and if there are enough interested people we'll give it a go.

All sessions in the evenings at the Village Hall. Further details re course, the provider, arrangements etc. see www.wreltonvillage.uk

1 ½ hrs weekly, evenings, No exam Just interest, Prof Merriman is an inspirational teacher ("There will be weekly discussion sections, several recommended superb films")

The course needs an early response to bring about so contact me soon please.

Contact: andrew.s.clark@gmail.com

Wrelton Village Archive

An archive is being compiled by villager Helen Young which will ultimately provide both a visual and a digital history of Wrelton. As part of that archive Helen would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to share some memories of their time in the village. You may have gone to school here or grown up in Wrelton and remember characters and interesting anecdotes. You may have lived in Wrelton for a considerable time or you may know someone who might be willing to share their memories who no longer lives in the village. Ideally Helen would like people to write down their experiences but she is willing to visit anyone and have a chat and take some notes. Please contact Helen on 01751 473841 or email her at helenyoungy52@hotmail.com



Wreton

Rustic Village of Wreton in the county of North Berkshire

The village is mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086) and probably had between 30 and 40 inhabitants with 4 acres of meadow and 3 furlongs of woodland. Present day Haulgrath could date from this period and may be on part of the footprint of the Manor Hall and be the village's oldest property. The name of the village is thought to derive from the old English 'Wreyg' 'hill' suggesting the full name would translate as 'farm by or on Gallows Hill'. The site of Gallows Hill is unknown.

Evidence of early roads is scanty but the village may have developed along an east-west route (present A170) and at a point where other roads lead northwards (e.g. to the Roman camps at Cressford). Wreton has had at least 3 public houses namely The Red Lion (first about 1548), The White Hart (first about 1840) and The Bull Inn, known as 'Manball's Inn' in the 17th century. Local folklore suggests there may have been other unlicensed houses. Cress Head, which has a strange 'reverse' mounting block, is a possible site of one of these. Until recently there was the Hutantam Restaurant on Main Street. Vinery Farm may have produced wine.

The village has had a General Store/Post Office, cycle shop, Turnbull's Haulage, 2 egg packing stations (Turnbull's and Bennett's) and 2 garages. A school founded in 1843 closed in 1962. Isaac Hartas set up Wreton Foundry. It ran from about 1850 to 1884. The Home Guard (WHG) met in the grounds of what is now Orchard House. There was a Wreton Ltd football team in 1899 and a cricket team from at least 1857 until the mid 1970's. There were 2 chapels, the Wesleyan (1840) and the Primitive Methodist (1897) (both now closed, are private houses). A carved face on Rose Cottage and some timbers within support stories of links to the coast and seafarers even including Captain Cook!



Captain Cook

Typical Village pump

Smokker Cottage
Primitive Highway
Cottage and Gate

Hall Lane

Main Street

Rod Lane

White Hart

Horse Remount

Mane Gate

Which replaced Hall Cott's
as the main building in the
village.

Cress Hill

Graben

Wesleyan Chapel

Foundry

Cress Head

Kings Street

Black Inn

Kings Street



Wreton School 1900



Wreton Foundry



Wreton School 1900



Cress Head Farm
There is some evidence to suggest
that these premises were used when
a Stage Coach Halt on the building



1665 on kneeler stone from Cruck Cobble.



Wreton Foundry



Wreton Foundry



Wreton School 1900



Picturing



Wreton Foundry



Wreton Foundry

The Artist wishes to thank Mr Mike Wilson and Helen and Richard Young for their assistance in compiling this map.

October 2004

The Buck Inn Supper Club

THE BUCK INN
— at Wotton —

Get together with your friends and neighbours for supper club on
Wednesday 2nd April

Arrival 6.30pm for food at 7.00pm. Two courses £20, Three courses £25

Menu:

Starter

Tomato, mozzarella & basil bruschetta

Main

Beef lasagne with a green salad

OR

Smoked haddock with a tomato orzo pasta & green salsa

Dessert

Orange & lemon pavlova

(Please enquire about vegetarian options or any dietary requirements)

New Lunchtime deal – available Thursdays & Fridays 12-3pm

Choose a delicious main course for £10:

Small fish & chips / Sausage & mash / Cottage pie / Wild mushroom risotto [v]

Add a starter or dessert for £5

“Thank you to all who attended the **New Year's Ladies Lunch** last month. We had a lovely time catching up with everyone and getting to know our new neighbours, whilst enjoying Chris's delicious food and Ellen and Lucy's warm hospitality. The raffle raised a total of £81 and Ryedale Next Steps wishes to thank all the kind participants.” *Anne and Bathsheba*

“On behalf of the ladies that attended the recent Ladies Lunch, may I take this opportunity of extending our thanks to the Anne and Bathsheba, along with Ellen, Chris at their staff at The Buck for yet another fabulous lunch. It's a great opportunity to get together with those we don't see on a regular basis, and also enables us to support our local pub. Thank you once again.” *Sandra Snell*

LOCAL AND RELIABLE HANDYMAN

For your local and reliable handyman/DIY requirements incl. painting, decorating and property maintenance.



Contact David Pickles at Whitegates Services

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VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	START	END
02/03/2025	Conversations over Coffee	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
04/03/2025	Woodcarvers	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
04/03/2025	History of Europe Lectures (Provisional)	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
05/03/2025	Little Stars Playgroup	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
06/03/2025	Craft Group	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
06/03/2025	Table Tennis - all Villagers welcome	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
07/03/2025	Line Dancing	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
09/03/2025	Conversations over Coffee	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
11/03/2025	Woodcarvers	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
11/03/2025	History of Europe Lectures (Provisional)	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
12/03/2025	Little Stars Playgroup	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
12/03/2025	Fitness Class	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
13/03/2025	Table Tennis - all Villagers welcome	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
14/03/2025	Line Dancing	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
16/03/2025	Conversations over Coffee	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
18/03/2025	Woodcarvers	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
18/03/2025	History of Europe Lectures (Provisional)	7:00 PM	9:30 PM
20/03/2025	Table Tennis - all Villagers welcome	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
21/03/2025	Line Dancing	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
23/03/2025	Conversations over Coffee	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
25/03/2025	Woodcarvers	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
25/03/2025	Parish Council Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM
26/03/2025	Little Stars Playgroup	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
26/03/2025	Fitness Class	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
27/03/2025	Table Tennis - all Villagers welcome	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
28/03/2025	Line Dancing	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
30/03/2025	Conversations over Coffee	10:00 AM	11:00 AM

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by latest 23rd of month (for publication following month)

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