



WIMBLEDON VILLAGE - A history told through its street names

NEW BOOK: The Wimbledon Society's Museum of Wimbledon is proud to announce the publication of Neal Ransome's new book charting Wimbledon's unique and charming history told through the stories and reasons behind the street names of Wimbledon Village.

Price £7.99 illustrated 206 pages

Book Synopsis: Wimbledon Village has a long and illustrious modern history, beginning in 1500 when the Archbishop of Canterbury built the Old Rectory. This book weaves together that history by recounting the origins of the Village's street names. The Village has grown from fewer than 15 streets in 1750 to over 140 today. Many of its street names document the development of the Village, referencing the manors and estates that once dominated the landscape, and the individuals who populated them. Some streets are named after Wimbledon residents of national importance, whilst others commemorate local dignitaries. The origins of a few street names are rather more obscure. For example, the names of two streets derive from river-dwelling creatures, and a further two are named after popular novels. In explaining the origins of the Village's street names, this book constructs a patchwork of the characters and incidents that have combined to make up the rich tapestry of Wimbledon's past.

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Availability: The book can be purchased from the Museum of Wimbledon, 22 Ridgway, Wimbledon SW19 4QN. Open weekends 2.30pm to 5pm or online at www.wimbledonmuseum.org.uk

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