



The English Village History and Traditions

Martin Wainwright

Keynote

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Description

A charming guide to the story of the English village, celebrating this beloved heart of the countryside.

The village remains a quintessential and much-loved treasure that is often representative of England. This rural idyll has inspired generations of great poets, novelists and artists including the likes of Constable, Hardy and Wordsworth.

The English Village champions all that is unique and loved about a typical village – the pub, the green, the school, the church, the pond, the local shop and more – as well as exploring how the village has changed over the centuries, and how it has adjusted to modern-day life.

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Sales Points

- Examines the history, traditions and typical features of a much-loved part of the landscape – the English village – from its origins in medieval times to the present day
- Celebrates all aspects of village life, from the church and green, to the fairs, customs and the working lives of villagers
- Beautifully illustrated with black-and-white drawings throughout
- The author, Martin Wainwright, was the *Guardian's* highly respected Northern editor and is the author of other books including *Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes*

Reviews

- 'A perfect introduction to the subject' - *Yorkshire Evening Post*
- 'Jam-packed with interesting facts ... celebrates all aspects of village life' - *Family History Monthly*
- 'A quirky and fascinating look at more than 15 centuries of rural dwelling, covering everything from cottage industries to rustic superstitions' - *Countryside Voice*

Author Biography

Martin Wainwright has been the Northern Editor of *The Guardian* for 16 years and broadcasts regularly on television and radio. Born in Leeds, the son of the Liberal MP Richard Wainwright, he co-wrote *The Which? Guide to Yorkshire and the Peak District*, and among his other books on northern or countryside topics are a biography of the English fellwalker and author Alfred Wainwright (no relation), *True North: In Praise of England's Better Half*, and a guide to the Coast to Coast Walk, as well as *A Gleaming Landscape: A Hundred Years of The Guardian's Country Diary*.

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