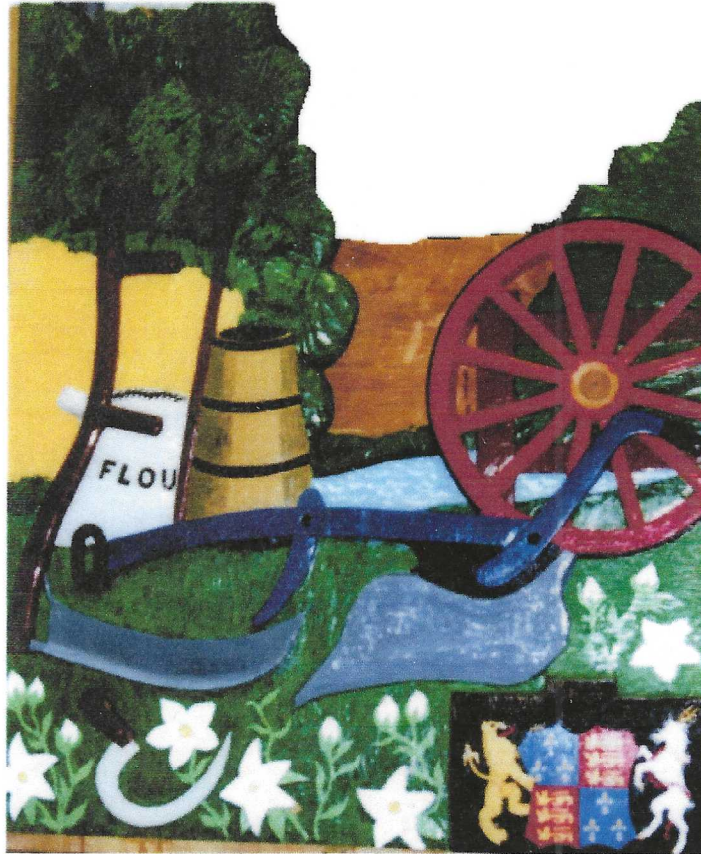


Great Wrattling Village Sign



Standing on the green in front of Great Wrattling Hall, (by kind permission of Thurlow Estates), the Village Sign was erected by Great Wrattling Parish Council in the year 2000. Although partially funded by Great Wrattling Parish Council, its production was largely the work of Parish Councilor Bernard Condon, who had it completed shortly before he retired to his native Ireland. It is made of painted English Oak in a welded steel frame, and is thatched with local straw. It is based on an earlier plywood design donated in 1978 by residents Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Harrison in commemoration of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

The Royal Crest denotes our village's connection with Edward IV and his wife Elizabeth Woodville.

The pale blue water depicts the River Stour and the large number of streams & wells that are here in the village.

The flowers portrayed are wortweed, relating to one theory of the origin of the name of "Wrattling".

The scythe, sickle & butter churn relate to the dairy industry that used to flourish in the village...and you may also notice a few yards behind the village sign, the ramp resembling a horse mounting block, that was used to help load the milk churns on to the milk carts, and later on to lorries

The plough and the flour sack are more symbols of the arable agriculture that has now taken over, and for which the land is now mainly used.

There is a golden-yellow field representing the cereals widely grown, while another field is brown, as it has been ploughed awaiting the sowing of the seed.