



WAY IN... the tunnel entrance at the rear of the Grove.

Saddened by closure

I HAVE had the chance to explore and take photos of the inside of the Fox and Crane writes John Brookes.

This includes the maze-like attics, with hidden doors leading out onto the roof, to the upstairs function room and down to the original cellar and the outside stables.

I shall be adding these images to the www.weddingtoncastle.co.uk website in the next week.

I have also had a number of local residents emailing me with old photos and memories of the Grove since news broke that it is to close, to the degree that I am planning to expand the section on the Grove into a mini-website of its own.

This website went live yesterday and will be located at www.weddington

grove.co.uk.

I will be making further additions to this site over the next few weeks, including adding a number of old photos which I have acquired, which were found under the floorboards of the Grove when it was converted into the Fox and Crane in 1996.

They are obviously very old and most likely of Henry Nigel Shawe and his family who lived at the Grove (Shawe Avenue in Weddington was named after his father).

Everybody I have spoken to is extremely saddened to hear of the closure of the building. I think often people don't realise the fondness they have for such places until they are threatened.



BRICKED UP... the tunnel in the Fox and Crane cellar which legend says led to Weddington Castle.