



HISTORY

Many millions of years ago, Much Wenlock was washed by shallow tropical seas. In these waters lived the tiny animals whose myriad skeletons formed the coral reef, 14 miles long, which is now the Wenlock edge.

Later about a quarter of a million years ago, the whole of Much Wenlock and beyond lay under a rushing sheet of ice. The advancing ice craved out the spectacular scenery seen on the approach to the town. When the ice retreated the land, eased of its burden, began to spring back into shape, forming the hills and valleys.

Much Wenlock itself is a treasure trove of historical interest with its narrow streets of limestone cottages and timber framed houses, and its museum, Tudor Guildhall and medieval church. The ruined Abbey, founded by Nun St Milburga in the seventh century, was destroyed by the Danes and rebuilt by Lady Godiva. All are within a few minutes' walk from the Talbot inn.

The Talbot Inn is a listed building and was already an inn in 1361, when visitors to the Abbey were accommodated here. In the 15th century it was part of Wenlock Abbey and was thought to be the Almoners House. Most notably of its guests is James II, who stayed here in 1687. The Talbot Inn is run by the Sarah & Paul it is a residential inn and has built up an excellent reputation for food service and accommodation.

The Talbot Inn has been mentioned in many guides including the which guide to country pubs and the good pub guide.

There is a wide choice of food each lunchtime and evenings and on Sundays a traditional lunch is served.
