



Light and Life in Crawley

CRAWLEY MUSEUM

If you come to Crawley you may wish to see, a very quaint old building which is aptly called 'The Tree'

The tree that gave the house its name back in the days of yore

Was very strange and ancient with a little wooden door

The tree alas was weather worn in September 1883

A furious storm beset the town, the tree was not a tree

A ten foot trunk was all but left of this old ancient elm

It stood for decades rotting till the 'New Town' tore it down

The house itself has seen many, owners old and new

The Ironmaster, the doctor the illustrator too

'The Crawley New Town' had visions for the building called 'The Tree'

This is where the rent was paid for most Crawley families

Today it stands majestic in its new refurbished gown

For it is the **museum** of historic Crawley town

Inside the ancient rooms you'll find treasures by the score

A Bronze Age sword found in Langley Green, a T Rex motor car

The museum began its journey at a place called Ifield Mill

There was sheer determination for the volunteers to fulfil

The restoration of the building began in 1974

To bring new hope and history back to Ifield Mill once more

The museum moved to Goff's Park House for a decade or more

But it seemed too far away for the townsfolk to explore

'The Tree' stands in the High Street an icon of local pride

So come along and visit you're in for a nice surprise!



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