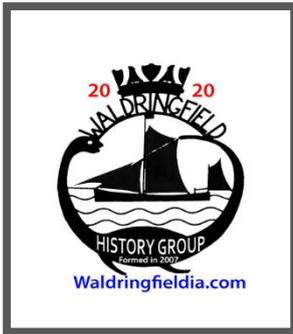


Waldringfield History Group Annual Report 2021-2022



The publication of our Book “Waldringfield – A Suffolk Village beside the River Deben” in September 2020 did not mean we could rest on our laurels. A lot of information started coming in to us, & subjects to follow up on. We kept being asked “Why haven’t you mentioned the Church?, Farms?, the older houses? The Cricket team” etc. We knew that there were plenty of subjects missed out, but we had originally aimed to concentrate on the river and it’s near surrounds. There was a limit to what could be fitted into one book. Selling the existing book and posting out, of course, took up a lot of time, but thanks to Alyson Videlo, Jane Hall & Gareth Thomas that task was carried out seemingly seamlessly. A new website has been set up and there has been plenty to keep everyone busy.

In the spring of 2021 following the publication of our book, Susan Cattermole gifted a family painting of Church Farm House, to be hung “where it can be enjoyed”. Susan’s mother, Rose, was born & bought up in Church Farm House. She married Hugh Leech and lived The Lilacs in the Village, and at the end of her life was buried in the Churchyard. This Painting is now hung in the Kennedy Room with the kind permission of the Village Hall Committee.

John & Caroline Ogden continued with their research into every inhabitant of the Village and surrounding area who served in the Armed Forces in WW2. There had been an exhibition originally planned for May 2020 to coincide with the 75th Anniversary of V. E. Day. This proved impossible because of Covid Restrictions and was re-scheduled for November 2021. This Exhibition was opened at the November Coffee Morning and John & Caroline were given permission to leave it up until Armistice Day to give the public and the school pupils the chance to study it. Caroline & John manned it every day and had a huge amount of interest, extra information, and photos as a result. If anyone still has new information or photos to pass to John & Caroline, they would be most grateful for them before they complete and archive all this work

Project 2020 Vision has collated survey responses from local residents as a record of life in the village in 2020, including our experiences of the pandemic. This work provides an up to date snapshot of village life building on the Millennium albums created by Kit Clark. A series of blogs can be found on the WHG website documenting the survey’s findings along with any other interesting information gathered from community groups. This is a work in progress so more blogs to follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, it is not too late if you decide you want to take part. Email waldringfield2020@gmail.com for a survey form.

The Group are now concentrating on researching various Village groups and there has been a suggestion of the group doing another talk in the Spring 2023 so watch this space.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our last meeting of the season, through too many with the dreaded virus.

If anyone is interested to join us we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to March at the Village Hall. For more information please don’t hesitate to contact the Hon. Secretary Margaret Lake at Waldringfieldhg@gmail.com