



Waldringfield History Group April 2024

The Waldringfield History Group is a small group, though growing all the time with a number of “out of Town & International” members. In these days of the internet we are often contacted asking for information on perhaps a grandmother who once lived in such & such a cottage. Recently a lady from Australia contacted Alyson asking about the Cavell family (late Rector of Waldringfield & Hemley). Alyson was able to help the lady with pinpointing her branch of the Cavell family in Essex, and the lady sent over some 18th Century wills which helped us enormously with the family

10 of us gathered at the Hold in Ipswich for a very enlightening “Behind the Scenes” tour. It was a very good introduction to this Research Facility. I certainly feel more confident in using it.

The work of recording the Oral Histories of long time residents who were bought up in the village is continuing with Gareth & John Ogden.

The final Village Winter Talk of the year was the History Group’s **Splits, Spies and Snatchers** talk. This was the result of the summer researching the local churches, & various surprising incidents & facts which we discovered. Some of these provoked food for thought & of course more research. Why was the church not mentioned in the Domesday book? nor in ‘Suffolk’ by Arthur Mee in the Kings England Series. One explanation could have been that this book was published in the 1940’s when it was difficult to access the village. Why did the angels on the font survive intact after Smasher Dowsing’s 15th century destruction of iconography in Churches of Suffolk, Norfolk & Cambridgeshire. Hopefully the audience were as surprised with some of these stories as we were. and of course lots of material had to be left out just to keep the talk to a reasonable length

We meet from September to March in the Kennedy Room at the Village Hall usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2.00 p.m. and our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th September at 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the Kennedy Room. A lot of information is to be found on our website www.Waldringfieldia.com, though some of it is available to members only

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